

# Convergence of some Mean Field Games to aggregation and flocking models

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# 1. Mean Field Games PDEs

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$m(x, t)$  = equilibrium distribution of the agents at time  $t$ ;

$u(x, t)$  = value function of the representative agent

**Data:**  $\nu \geq 0$ ,  $H = L^*$ , e.g.,  $H(p) = \frac{|p|^2}{2}$ ,

$F : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  = running cost,  $g$  = terminal cost,

$m_o \geq 0$  = initial distribution of the agents,  $\int_{\mathbf{R}^d} m_o(x) dx = 1$ .

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$\lambda$  = the discount factor in the cost functional associated to the HJB equation = "inter temporal preference parameter that measures the weight of anticipation for a given agent",

the dynamics of an agent in the MFG is the McKean-Vlasov equation

$$dy(s) = (\alpha(s) - Q[m_\lambda])ds + \sqrt{2\nu}dW(s), \quad y(t) = x$$

# The limit $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$

## Theorem (Bertucci-Lasry-Lions)

$Q : \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow Lip(\mathbf{R}^d)$ ,  $\|Q[m]\|_\infty \leq C, \forall m \implies$

*any solution  $(u_\lambda, m_\lambda)$  of (MF0) is bounded uniformly in  $\lambda$  and*

*for any  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $m_{\lambda_n} \rightarrow m$  the limit  $m$  is a solution of the continuity equation*

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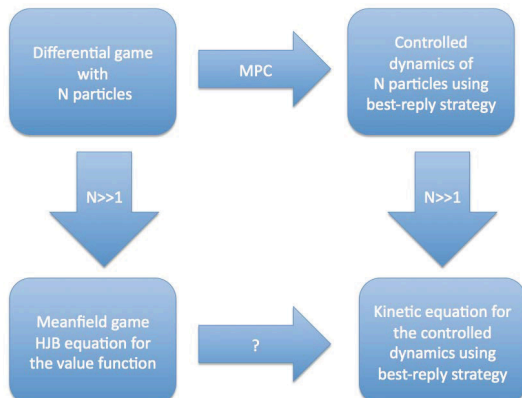
Idea: by estimates for **uniformly parabolic** equations  $u_\lambda, Du_\lambda \rightarrow 0$ .

So "any" ABM model **with diffusion**, driven by the vector field  $Q$ , has **at least one solution that is the limit of the solution of a MFG.**

# The setting of Degond-Herty-Liu 2017

Finite horizon, deterministic problems. The arrow MPC (Model Predictive Control) is for short horizon and cheap control.

We address the horizontal ?  $\implies$  ? for infinite horizon problems.





The control problem for a **single agent** is

$$\dot{y} = v(y) + \alpha, \quad y(t) = x, \quad \inf_{\alpha(\cdot)} \int_t^T \left[ \frac{|\alpha|^2}{2} + F(y(s), m(s)) \right] ds$$

MPC approximation:

$$y(t + \Delta t) = x + \Delta t(v(x) + \alpha), \quad \min_{\alpha} \left[ \Delta t \frac{|\alpha|^2}{2} + F(y(t + \Delta t), m(t)) \right]$$

Note that the scaling with  $\Delta t$  means that the **control is cheap**.

Taking the derivative w.r.t.  $\alpha$  we get the **optimal control**  $\bar{\alpha}$  if

$$\Delta t [\bar{\alpha} + DF(x, m(t))] = 0.$$

This suggests that, for **short horizon  $T$  and cheap control**, the optimal feedback should be approximated by the

**steepest decent of the running cost**  $\bar{\alpha} \approx -DF(x, m(t))$  .

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## 2 a). Convergence: the basic model

(MF1)

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$\lambda > 0$ ,  $\nu_\lambda \rightarrow 0+$ ,  $v \in W^{2,\infty}$ ,  $m_0 \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R}^d)$  has bounded density

$F : \mathbf{R}^d \times \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $D_x F$  continuous (on  $m$  with bdd. density)

$x \mapsto F(x, m)$  Lip and semiconcave uniformly in  $m$ .

Note:  $H(p) = \lambda|p|^2/2 - v(x) \cdot p \implies DH(p) = \lambda p - v(x)$ .

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# Convergence: ingredients of the proof for (MF1)

Estimates for HJB, independent of  $\nu_\lambda$ ,

- $L^\infty$  :  $|u_\lambda| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda}(1 + |x|)$
- Lipschitz :  $|Du_\lambda| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda}$
- Semiconcavity :  $D^2u_\lambda \leq \frac{C}{\lambda}$

Estimates on the KFP equation, independent of  $\nu_\lambda$ ,

- 2nd moment :  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^2 m_\lambda(x, t) dx \leq C_T$ .
- $L^\infty$  :  $\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|m_\lambda(t)\|_\infty \leq C_T \|m_0\|_\infty$

Compactness of  $\{m_\lambda\}$  in  $C([0, T], \mathcal{P}_1) \Rightarrow F(x, m_\lambda) \rightarrow F(x, m)$  loc. unif.

Stability of viscosity solutions for HJB  $\Rightarrow \lambda u_\lambda(x, t) \rightarrow F(x, m(t))$ ,

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## 2. b) Convergence for controlled acceleration

First order MFG system

$$(MF2) \quad \begin{cases} -\partial_t u_\lambda + \lambda u_\lambda - v \cdot D_x u_\lambda + \frac{\lambda}{2} |D_v u_\lambda|^2 = F(x, v, m_\lambda(t)) \\ \partial_t m_\lambda + v \cdot D_x m_\lambda - \operatorname{div}_v (m_\lambda \lambda D_v u_\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^{2d} \times (0, T) \\ m_\lambda(0) = m_0, \quad u_\lambda(x, v, T) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbf{R}^{2d}. \end{cases}$$

$\lambda > 0$ ,  $m_0 \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbf{R}^{2d})$  with compact support,

$$F(x, v, m(t)) = k * m(x, v, t) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^{2d}} k(x - y, v - v_*) m(y, v_*, t) dy dv_*,$$

$$k(x, v) = |v|^2 / g(x), \quad g(x) = (\alpha + |x|^2)^\beta, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta \geq 0,$$

i.e.,  $k$  is the potential associated to the Cucker-Smale ODEs.

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# The variational approach

It originates from Lasry-Lions, continued by Cardaliaguet, Benamou - Carlier - Santambrogio, and many others....

Take  $\Gamma := C^1([0, T], \mathbf{R}^d)$  and for  $\eta \in \mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$

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where  $m^\eta(t) := e_t \# \eta$ ,  $e_t : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{2d}$ ,  $e_t(\gamma) := (\gamma(t), \dot{\gamma}(t))$ , and

$$\mathcal{F}(m) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{R}^{4d}} k(x - x_*, v - v_*) m(dx, dv) m(dx_*, dv_*).$$

is a **potential** of  $F$ .

We call **variational solution** of the MFG problem a **minimizer** of  $\mathcal{J}_\lambda$ .

# Existence of a variational solution

## Lemma

$\forall \lambda > 0$ , there *exists* at least a *minimizer*  $\bar{\eta}_\lambda$  of  $\mathcal{J}_\lambda$  subject to  $e_0 \# \bar{\eta}_\lambda = m_0$ .

It is a *weak solution* or an *equilibrium* of the *MFG problem* in the sense that

for  $\bar{\eta}_\lambda$ -a.e.  $\bar{\gamma}$ ,

$$J(\bar{\gamma}, m^{\bar{\eta}_\lambda}, 0) = \inf J(\gamma, m^{\bar{\eta}_\lambda}, 0), \quad \gamma \in H^2, \quad \gamma(0) = \bar{\gamma}(0), \quad \dot{\gamma}(0) = \dot{\bar{\gamma}}(0).$$

Link with the MFG system (MF2), at least formally: if

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then the pair  $(u_\lambda, m^{\bar{\eta}_\lambda})$  is a weak solution of (MF2), i.e.,  $u_\lambda$  is a viscosity solution to the HJB equation and  $m^{\bar{\eta}_\lambda}$  is a distribution solution to the KFP equation.

# The limit kinetic equation

In the limit we expect the kinetic equation describing the continuous version of Cucker-Smale model

$$(K) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t m + v \cdot D_x m - \operatorname{div}_v(m D_v F(x, v, m)) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^{2d} \times \mathbf{R}_+, \\ m(0) = m_0, & \text{in } \mathbf{R}^{2d}. \end{cases}$$

Following Canizo-Carrillo-Rosado 2011,  $m \in C^0([0, T], \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbf{R}^d))$  is a **measure-valued solution** to (K) if  $m(t) = \Phi^{x,v}(t) \# m_0$ , where  $\Phi^{x,v} = (\Phi_1^{x,v}, \Phi_2^{x,v})$  solves the "ODE" driven by the vector field in (K)

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