

Stochastic Targets and Optimal Control with Controlled Loss

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$\nu \in \mathcal{U}$, square integrable, prog. meas., valued in $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ (may be unbounded).

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