

# Duality for almost-sure hedging with price impact

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# Problem formulation and motivation

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We will focus on the case of covered options :

- The “premium” is paid at 0 in cash plus delta (number of stocks) asked by the trader.
- The trader delivers at  $T$  cash and stocks (evaluated at their current price).

⇒ Avoids jumps at 0 and  $T$ , and therefore important impacts on the stock price.

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$$V^n = \text{cash part} + Y^n X^n = \text{“portfolio value”}.$$

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Note that trading impacts the whole dynamics through the flow of the SDE. It will also impact the claim  $\Xi(X)$ .

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### Interpretation :

- $X$  : stock price,
- $Y$  : number of stocks in the portfolio,
- $V$  : cash value of the portfolio (at the current stock price),
- $F(\cdot, g)$  and  $\sigma(\cdot, g)$  : liquidity cost and price impact.

## PDE point of view



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with

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and terminal condition

$$v(T, \cdot) = \Xi.$$

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In general, the correct equation is

$$0 = \min\{-\partial_t v(\cdot, x) - \bar{F}(x, \nabla_{xx} v(\cdot, x)); \gamma - \nabla_{xx} v\}$$

and the terminal condition  $\Xi$  is replaced by the smallest function above  $\Xi$  satisfying the gamma constraint.



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If  $\nabla_{xx}g \leq \gamma - \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , + smooth coefficients, the gamma constraint propagates backward and there exists a smooth solution to

$$0 = -\partial_t v(\cdot, x) - \bar{F}(x, \nabla_{xx}v(\cdot, x))$$

satisfying  $\nabla_{xx}v < \bar{\gamma}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Perfect hedging strategy with  $Y = \nabla_x v$  + super-hedging price is a hedging price (actually the only, see later).

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Ok, if  $(\sigma^{-1} = \text{inverse w.t. second coordinate})$

$$\bar{F}^*(\cdot, s) = F(\cdot, \sigma^{-1}(\cdot, s)) \text{ i.e. } \frac{1}{2}(\partial_g \sigma^2)g = \partial_g \bar{F}.$$

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$$\sup_s \mathbb{E} \left[ \Xi(\bar{X}_T^s) - \int_0^T \bar{F}_t^*(\bar{X}_t^s, s_t) dt \right]$$

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