Some regularity results for a class of PPDE and applications

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 \Box Use $C^{1+\alpha}$ -regularity or show C^2 -regularity using PDEs.

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□ Derive a solution from a dual formulation of the form :

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by using Itô's lemma : $Y = v(\cdot, X)$, $Z = Dv(\cdot, X)$, etc.

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 \Box We define $\mathbb{C}^{0,1}$ and $\mathbb{C}^{1,2}$ accordingly.

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□ If v is **Dupire-concave**, one can define its super-differential

$$\partial \mathrm{v}(t,\mathrm{x}) := \{ z : \mathrm{v}(t,\mathrm{x}\oplus_t y) \leq \mathrm{v}(t,\mathrm{x}) + z \cdot y, \ \forall \ y \}.$$

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 \Rightarrow Enough to construct a solution to our second order FBSDE. See also B. and Tan [4] for an application to robust super-hedging with jumps (compare to Nutz 15).

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If it is $\mathbb{C}^{0,1+\alpha}$, then on can find the hedging strategy (and prove duality) by applying this version of Itô-Dupire's Lemma.

Theorem [B., Loeper and Tan [2]] : Let X be a semimatingale, $v \in \mathbb{C}^{0,1}$ such that v and $\nabla_x v$ are locally uniformly continuous and $[\cdots]$. Then,

$$\mathbf{v}(t,X) = \mathbf{v}(0,X) + \int_0^t \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v}(s,X) dX_s + \Gamma_t, \quad t \in [0,T],$$

where Γ is a continuous orthogonal process, if and only if

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\int_{0}^{\cdot} \{v(s+\varepsilon,X)-v(s+\varepsilon,X_{s\wedge}\oplus_{s+\varepsilon}(X_{s+\varepsilon}-X_{s}))\}\{N_{s+\varepsilon}-N_{s}\}ds \xrightarrow[\varepsilon\downarrow 0]{}, \text{ u.c.p.}$$

for all (bounded) continuous martingale N.

Remark : Compare with Bandini and Russo (17) and Gozzi and Russo (06). Here

$$[X,Y]_t = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t (X_{s+\varepsilon} - X_s) (Y_{s+\varepsilon} - Y_s) ds$$

Remark : The above condition holds as soon as for some $L \in BV$:

$$|\mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x}')| \leq C \int_0^t |\mathbf{x}_s - \mathbf{x}'_s| dL_s.$$

 \Box Similar result for càdlàg processes (B. and Vallet [5]).

 $\hfill\square$ It remains to show that the candidate solution to the PPDE

$$-\partial_t \mathbf{v} - \sup_{\sigma \in [\underline{\sigma}, \overline{\sigma}]} \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, \ \mathbf{v}(T, \cdot) = g$$

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Approximate viscosity solutions of PPDEs (A tool for regularity)

$$-\partial_t \varphi(t, \mathbf{x}) - F(t, \mathbf{x}, \varphi(t, \mathbf{x}), \nabla_\mathbf{x} \varphi(t, \mathbf{x}), \nabla^2_\mathbf{x} \varphi(t, \mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{0}, \ \varphi(T, \cdot) = g$$

B., Loeper and Tan [10].

Related works : Ekren, Touzi and Zhang (16), Ren, Touzi and Zhang (17), Ekren and Zhang (16), Cosso and Russo (19), Jianjun Zhou (21).

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(iii) Ends up with a sequence of backward PDEs on : $[t_{n-1}^n, T)$, $[t_{n-2}^n, t_{n-1}^n)$, and so on.

 \Box We say that v is a π -approximate-viscosity solution on D([0, T]) of

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 \Box Typical examples : Semi-linear PPDEs or HJB equations.

 \Rightarrow In both cases, amounts to replacing X by \bar{X}^n in the coefficients and payoff.

But we also want to consider general non-linear parabolic PPDEs.

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Theorem : Let g be uniformly continuous, then \exists a unique π -approximate viscosity solution v on D([0, T]).
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Regularity in the fully non-linear case

Recall that

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Remark : In the semi-linear case F = F(t, x, y, z), only needs $C^{1+\alpha}$ (in the Fréchet sense with respect to the path) : just differentiate the corresponding BSDE...

Regularization in the uniformly elliptic case (Bouchard and Tan [11])

We focus on the linear case (with d = 1) and consider

$$-\partial_t \mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x}) - \mu_t(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_t(\mathbf{x})^2 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \mathbf{v}(t,\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}, \ \mathbf{v}(T,\cdot) = g$$

with

$$(\mu_t, \sigma_t)(\mathbf{x}) = (\mu_t, \sigma_t)(\mathbf{x}_t, \int_0^t \mathbf{x}_s dA_s) \text{ and } g(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}_T, \int_0^T \mathbf{x}_s dA_s),$$

in which

 μ and σ^2 are Hölder (bounded), $\sigma^2 \ge \underline{\mathfrak{a}} > 0$ and g measurable (bounded).

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□ Still all can be well-defined if we appeal to the notion of Dupire's derivative :

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in which $(s, x) \mapsto \overline{f}_y(s, x; t, y)$ is smooth !

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□ **Assumption** : We have

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