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Abstract

We introduce a new notion of pathwise strategies for stochastic differential games. This allows us to give a correct meaning to some statement asserted in [2].

1 Introduction.

In this short note we develop a new notion of strategies for stochastic differential games. We present our concept in the framework of two-player, zero-sum, differential games. The players are labelled Player I and Player II, Player I being minimizing while Player II is maximizing. We assume that the players have perfect monitoring, i.e., they observe each other’s action perfectly. The state of the game satisfies a stochastic differential equation, that we assume driven by a Brownian motion, and which is controlled by both players.

Nonanticipative strategies for deterministic differential games have been introduced in a series of papers by Varaiya [7], Roxin [6], Elliott and Kalton [3]: in this framework a strategy (for Player I) is a nonanticipative map from Player II’s set of controls to Player I’s. Adapting this idea to stochastic differential games lead Fleming and Souganidis in their pioneering work [4] to define a notion of strategy (again for Player I) as nonanticipative map from the set of *adapted* controls of Player II to the set of *adapted* controls of Player I. This approach has subsequently been used by most authors working on stochastic differential games, sometimes with some variants: see, e.g., Buckdahn-Li [1].

If the notion of nonanticipative strategies makes perfectly sense for *deterministic* differential games—because the players indeed observe each other’s action—one can object that, for *stochastic* ones, the players do not actually observe their opponent’s *adapted* control, but just a

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realization of this control in the actual state of the world: more precisely, assume that Player II plays the control $v = v(t, \omega)$. Then, in the state ω and at time t , Player I has not observed the full map $(s, \omega') \rightarrow v(s, \omega'_{[0,t]})$, but only the map $s \rightarrow v(t, \omega_{[0,t]})$. For this reason, the authors of the present paper introduced in [2] a notion of *pathwise* nonanticipative strategies, formalizing the fact that the players only observe their opponent's action in the actual state, as well as the path of the resulting solution of the stochastic differential equation.

Unfortunately handling such pathwise strategies is quite subtle and, in [2], we overlooked some difficulties (we explain this in details in section 3). In the present paper we show how to overcome this problem. We still keep the flavor of pathwise strategies, but require the stronger condition that the players observe the control actually played by their opponent *as well as the Brownian path* (instead of the trajectory of SDE). The key point is that the players can nevertheless deduce the resulting solution of the SDE: to show this we use the pathwise construction of stochastic integrals introduced by Nutz [5].

This note is divided into two parts: first we introduce the new notion of strategies and show the existence of a value and its characterization for a classical two-player zero-sum game with a final cost (to better explain our ideas, we have chosen to present our approach in this simple framework). The second part of the note is devoted to the erratum of the paper [2].

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2 The classical stochastic differential game revisited.

Let $T > 0$ be a deterministic time horizon. For all $t \in [0, T]$, let Ω_t be the set of continuous maps from $[t, T]$ to \mathbb{R}^d endowed with the σ -algebra generated by the coordinate process and P_t , the Wiener measure on it. We denote by W the canonical process: $W_s(\omega) = \omega(s)$. We introduce also the filtration $\mathbf{F}_t = (\mathcal{F}_{t,s} = \sigma\{W_r - W_t, r \in [t, s]\})$, completed by all null sets of P_t .

For any $t \in [0, T]$ we denote by $\mathcal{C}^0([t, T], \mathbb{R}^N)$ the set of continuous maps from $[t, T]$ into \mathbb{R}^N endowed with the sup norm and by \mathcal{B}_t the associated Borel σ -algebra.

The dynamic of the game is given by

$$\begin{cases} dX_s = f(X_s, u_s, v_s)ds + \sigma(X_s, u_s, v_s)dW_s, s \in [t, T], \\ X_t = x \in \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

with u and v two \mathbf{F}_t -adapted processes with values in some compact metric spaces U and V . The process u (resp. v) represents the action of Player I (resp. Player II). We denote by $X^{t,x,u,v}$ the solution of (2.1).

Throughout the paper, the maps $f : \mathbb{R}^N \times U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ and $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^N \times U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N \times d}$ are supposed to be bounded, continuous, Lipschitz continuous in (t, x) uniformly with respect to u, v . The sets U and V are compact subsets of finite dimensional spaces. We denote by U_t (resp. V_t) the set of measurable maps from $[t, T]$ to U (resp. V), while $\mathcal{U}(t)$ (resp. $\mathcal{V}(t)$) denotes the set of \mathbf{F}_t -adapted processes with values in U (resp. V). In what follows, the sets U_t and V_t are endowed with the L^1 -distance and the Borel σ -field generated by it.

Definition 2.1. *A strategy for Player I at time t is a nonanticipative, Borel-measurable map $\alpha : \Omega_t \times V_t \rightarrow U_t$ with delay: there exists $\delta > 0$ such that, for any $t' \in [t, T]$, all $(v_1, v_2) \in V_t^2$ and for P_t -a.s. any $(\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \Omega_t^2$, if $(\omega_1, v_1) = (\omega_2, v_2)$ a.s. on $[t, t']$, then $\alpha(\omega_1, v_1) = \alpha(\omega_2, v_2)$ a.s. on $[t, t' + \delta]$. Strategies for Player II are defined in a symmetrical way. The set of strategies for Player I (resp. Player II) is denoted by $\mathcal{A}(t)$ (resp. $\mathcal{B}(t)$).*

Let us point out that, for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(t)$ and $v \in \mathcal{V}(t)$, $\alpha(v)$ is a process and belongs to $\mathcal{U}(t)$. In the same way, for all $\beta \in \mathcal{B}(t)$ and $u \in \mathcal{U}(t)$, $\beta(u)$ belongs to $\mathcal{V}(t)$. We denote by $\mathcal{U}_d(t)$ the subset of $\mathcal{U}(t)$ of controls $u \in \mathcal{U}(t)$ for which there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that, $(u_s)_{s \in [t, T]}$ is adapted to $\mathbf{F}_t^\delta := (\mathcal{F}_{t, (s-\delta) \vee t})$. The set $\mathcal{V}_d(t)$ is defined in a similar way. We remark that the elements of $\mathcal{U}_d(t)$ and $\mathcal{V}_d(t)$ are predictable for the original filtration \mathbf{F}_t .

Now we can state our fix point lemma:

Lemma 2.2. *For all $t \in [t, T]$, for all $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathcal{A}(t) \times \mathcal{B}(t)$, there exists a unique pair of controls $(u, v) \in \mathcal{U}_d(t) \times \mathcal{V}_d(t)$ which satisfies, P -a.s.*

$$u = \alpha(v), \quad v = \beta(u). \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. Let $\delta > 0$ be a common delay for α and β . We can choose δ such that $T = t + N\delta$, for some $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We define on Ω_t , \mathcal{U}_k (resp. \mathcal{V}_k) the set of \mathbf{F}_t^δ -adapted processes on the time interval $[t, t + k\delta)$ with values in U (resp. V).

By definition, on $[t, t + \delta)$, the control $\alpha(\omega, v)$ does not depend on (ω, v) : we can set, for all $(\omega, v) \in \Omega_t \times V_t$, $\alpha(\omega, v) = u_0$, where $u_0 \in \mathcal{U}_0$ (in fact u_0 is deterministic). And in the same way, there exists $v_0 \in \mathcal{V}_0$ such that, for all $(\omega, u) \in \Omega_t \times U_t$, $\beta(\omega, u) = v_0$.

Assume now that, for some $k \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$, there exists a pair $(u_k, v_k) \in \mathcal{U}_k \times \mathcal{V}_k$ such that, on $[t, t + k\delta)$, $\alpha(v_k) = u_k$ and $\beta(u_k) = v_k$ P -a.s. . We set, for all $\omega \in \Omega_t$, $u_{k+1}(\omega) = u_k(\omega)$ on $[t, t + k\delta)$ and, since α is non anticipative with delay δ , it makes sense to set $u_{k+1} = \alpha(\omega, v_k(\omega))$ on $[t + k\delta, t + (k+1)\delta)$. By assumption, u_k and v_k are adapted to \mathbf{F}_t^δ and α is nonanticipative. It follows that a u_{k+1} is also adapted to \mathbf{F}_t^δ . The process v_{k+1} can be defined in a similar way.

At the end it is sufficient to set $(u, v) = (u_N, v_N)$ to get the desired result. \blacksquare

The main issue with our notion of strategies is that it is not clear that the observation of the brownian path and of the realized control of the opponent up to some time t' suffices to compute the position of the system at time t' . The following Lemma—which is the main point in our approach—says that this is actually the case.

Lemma 2.3. *Fix $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^N$. For all $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{A}(t)$, there exists a measurable function $F := F_{\alpha_0, t, x} : (V_t \times \Omega_t, \mathcal{B}(V_t) \otimes \mathcal{F}_t) \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}^0([t, T], \mathbb{R}^N), \mathcal{B}_t)$ such that, for all $\bar{v} \in \mathcal{V}_d(t)$,*

$$F(\bar{v}(\cdot), \cdot) = X^{t, x, \alpha_0(\bar{v}), \bar{v}} \quad P_t\text{-a.s. .}$$

Furthermore the map F is nonanticipative, in the sense that there exists $\Omega'_t \subset \Omega_t$ with $P_t(\Omega'_t) = 1$ such that, for all $\omega, \omega' \in \Omega'_t$ and $v, v' \in V_t$, if $(v, \omega) = (v', \omega')$ a.s. on $[t, t']$, then, $F(v, \omega) = F(v', \omega')$ on $[t, t']$.

Proof. Let $\bar{v} \in \mathcal{V}_d(t)$ and $P_t^{\bar{v}}$ the law on $V_t \times \Omega_t$ of (\bar{v}, W) under P_t . We endow the set $V_t \times \Omega_t$ with the following filtration : let $V_{t, t'}$ be the set of measurable maps from $[t, t']$ to V and set $\mathcal{B}_{t, t'} = \{\{v \in V_t, v_{[t, t']} \in B\}, B \in \mathcal{B}(V_{t, t'})\}$. Set $\mathcal{F}_{t, s}^* = \bigcap_{\bar{v} \in \mathcal{V}_d(t)} (\mathcal{B}_{t, t'} \otimes \mathcal{F}_{t, s} \vee \mathcal{N}^{P^{\bar{v}}})$, with $\mathcal{N}^{P^{\bar{v}}}$ the set of null sets for the probability $P^{\bar{v}}$. Then $(\mathcal{F}_{t, s}^*, s \in [t, t'])$ is a filtration satisfying the usual assumptions and in which $(W_s(v, \omega) := \omega(s), s \in [t, t'])$ is a Brownian motion.

On the filtered probability space $(V_t \times \Omega_t, \mathcal{B}(V_t) \otimes \mathcal{F}_t, P_t^{\bar{v}}; (\mathcal{F}_{t, s}^*, s \in [t, t']))$, we consider now the following SDE:

$$\begin{cases} d\tilde{X}_s = b(\tilde{X}_s, \alpha_0(\mathbf{v})_s, \mathbf{v}_s)ds + \sigma(\tilde{X}_s, \alpha_0(\mathbf{v})_s, \mathbf{v}_s)dW_s, & s \in [t, t'], \\ \tilde{X}_t = x, \end{cases} \quad (2.3)$$

with

$$\begin{cases} W(v, \omega)_s = \omega(s), \\ \mathbf{v}(v, \omega)_s = v(s). \end{cases}$$

Then (2.3) has a strong solution $\tilde{X}^{t, x, \alpha_0}$ which law, under $P_t^{\bar{v}}$ on $V_t \times \Omega_t$ coincides with the law of $X^{t, x, \alpha_0(\bar{v}), \bar{v}}$ under P_t on Ω_t .

We now apply the main Theorem of [5] to the above filtered space and the processes

$$S_s = \begin{pmatrix} s \\ W_s \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_s = \begin{pmatrix} b(X_s^{t, x, \alpha_0(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{v}}, \alpha_0(\mathbf{v})_s, \mathbf{v}_s) \\ \sigma(X_s^{t, x, \alpha_0(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{v}}, \alpha_0(\mathbf{v})_s, \mathbf{v}_s) \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain that there exists a map $F : V_t \times \Omega_t \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^0([t, T], \mathbb{R}^N)$ which is adapted with respect to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_{t, s}^*)$, such that, for all $\bar{v} \in \mathcal{V}_d(t)$ and for all bounded test function $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^N \times \Omega_t \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$E_t[\varphi(F(\bar{v}(\cdot), \cdot), \cdot)] = E_t^{\bar{v}}[\varphi(F)] = E_t^{\bar{v}}[\varphi(\tilde{X}_t^{t, x, \alpha_0})] = E_t[\varphi(X_t^{t, x, \alpha_0(\bar{v}), \bar{v}})].$$

The nonanticipativity of F follows from the fact that F is adapted with respect to $(\mathcal{F}_{t, s}^*)$. ■

We now define the value functions of the game. Given a bounded and Lipschitz continuous terminal cost $g : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, an initial position $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^N$ and a pair of adapted controls $(u, v) \in \mathcal{U}(t) \times \mathcal{V}(t)$, we define the cost function

$$J(t, x, u, v) = E_t \left[g(X_T^{t,x,u,v}) \right].$$

It is well known that, for all pair of controls $(u, v) \in \mathcal{U}(t) \times \mathcal{V}(t)$, $(s, x) \mapsto J(s, x, u, v)$ is Lipschitz in x and Hölder in s , uniformly in (u, v) . It follows that, for all $(\alpha, v) \in \mathcal{A}(t) \times \mathcal{V}(t)$, $(s, x) \mapsto J(s, x, \alpha(v), v)$ is also Lipschitz continuous in x and Hölder continuous in s , uniformly in α and v . Furthermore, for all $(t, t', x) \in [0, T]^2 \times \mathbb{R}^N$ with $t \leq t'$, and $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $R > 0$ such that, if we denote by $B_R(x)$ the ball in \mathbb{R}^N with radius R and center x , we have, for all $(\alpha, v) \in \mathcal{A}(t) \times \mathcal{V}(t)$,

$$P_t[X_{t'}^{t,x,\alpha(v),v} \in B_R(x)] > 1 - \epsilon.$$

We introduce now the value functions of the game: for all $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^N$, we set

$$V^+(t, x) = \inf_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(t)} \sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}(t)} J(t, x, \alpha, \beta), \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$V^-(t, x) = \sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}(t)} \inf_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(t)} J(t, x, \alpha, \beta). \quad (2.5)$$

It is clear that $V^-(t, x) \leq V^+(t, x)$. Moreover we have the equivalent formulations

$$V^+(t, x) = \inf_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(t)} \sup_{v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t)} J(t, x, \alpha(v), v) \quad \text{and} \quad V^-(t, x) = \sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}(t)} \inf_{u \in \mathcal{U}_d(t)} J(t, x, u, \beta(u)).$$

Proposition 2.4. *The value functions V^+ and V^- are Lipschitz continuous in x , and Hölder continuous in t .*

Proof. The proof is a straightforward consequence of the regularity of J . ■

Now we are able to establish a subdynamic programming principle.

Proposition 2.5. *For all $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and $0 \leq t_0 \leq t_1 \leq T$, the following subdynamic programming principle holds:*

$$V^+(t_0, x) \leq \inf_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}(t_0)} \sup_{v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_0)} E_{t_0} [V^+(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0,x,\alpha(v),v})]. \quad (2.6)$$

In particular, V^+ is a viscosity subsolution of the following Hamilton-Jacobi-Isaacs equation

$$\begin{cases} V_t + H^+(D^2V, DV, x, t) = 0, & (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ V(T, x) = g(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

where $H^+(A, \xi, x, t) = \inf_{u \in U} \sup_{v \in V} \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\sigma \sigma^*(t, x, u, v) A) + \langle b(t, x, u, v), \xi \rangle \right)$.

Proof. Following [4] we set $\Omega_{t_0, t_1} = \{\omega : [t_0, t_1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \text{ continuous}\}$. For $\omega \in \Omega_{t_0}$, we define the pair $(\omega_1, \omega_2) \in \Omega_{t_0, t_1} \times \Omega_{t_1}$ by

$$\omega_1 = \omega|_{[t_0, t_1]}, \quad \omega_2 = \omega|_{[t_1, T]} - \omega(t_1).$$

The map $\omega \mapsto \pi(\omega) := (\omega_1, \omega_2)$ allows to identify Ω_{t_0} with $\Omega_{t_0, t_1} \times \Omega_{t_1}$ and we have $P_{t_0} = P_{t_0, t_1} \otimes P_{t_1}$, where P_{t_0, t_1} is the Wiener measure on Ω_{t_0, t_1} .

For $v \in \mathcal{V}(t_0)$, we denote by v_2 the restriction of v on $[t_1, T]$. We further set $\tilde{v}_2(\omega_1, \omega_2) := v_2(\omega)$ and remark that, if $v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_0)$, then $(\tilde{v}_2(\omega_1, \cdot), \omega_1 \in \Omega_{t_0})$ is a family of processes which belongs to $\mathcal{V}_d(t_1)$.

Let us now denote by $V(t_0, t_1, x_0)$ the right-hand side of (2.6). We fix $\epsilon > 0$ and consider $\alpha_0 \in \mathcal{A}(t_0)$ ϵ -optimal for $V(t_0, t_1, x_0)$: for all $v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_0)$,

$$E_{t_0}[V^+(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v})] \leq V(t_0, t_1, x_0) + \epsilon. \quad (2.8)$$

Let $\delta > 0$ be the delay of α_0 . We can suppose that $\delta \leq \epsilon^2 \wedge (t_1 - t_0)$. Let $R > 0$ be such that, for all $v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_0)$,

$$P_{t_0} \left[X_{t_1 - \delta}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v} \in B_R(x_0) \right] > 1 - \epsilon.$$

For $K \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough, let $\{O_0, \dots, O_K\}$ be a Borel partition of \mathbb{R}^N such that O_1, \dots, O_K have a radius smaller than ϵ and $B_R(x_0) \subset \cup_{k=1}^K O_k$. Pick, for each $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$, $x_k \in O_k$ and $\alpha^k \in \mathcal{A}(t_1)$ ϵ -optimal for $V^+(t_1, x_k)$. We fix $\alpha^0 \in \mathcal{A}(t_1)$ some arbitrary strategy. By lemma 2.3, there exists a measurable, nonanticipative map $F : \mathcal{V}_d \times \Omega_{t_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^0(\mathbb{R}^N)$ such that, for all $v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_0)$, P_{t_0} -a.s., $X_{t_1 - \delta}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}(\omega) = F(v(\omega), \omega)_{t_1}$. We define a new strategy $\alpha^\epsilon \in \mathcal{A}(t_0)$ by

$$\alpha^\epsilon(v, \omega)_s = \begin{cases} \alpha_0(v, \omega)_s, & \text{if } s \in [t_0, t_1), \\ \alpha^k(v_2, \omega_2)_s, & \text{if } s \in [t_1, T] \text{ and } F(v, \omega) \in O_k, k \in \{0, \dots, K\}. \end{cases}$$

Set, for all $k \in \{0, \dots, K\}$, $A_k = \{X_{t_1 - \delta}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v} \in O_k\} \subset \mathcal{F}_{t_0, t_1}$. Recall that the sets $\{F(v) \in O_k\}$ and A_k differs only by a P_{t_0} -null set, and that $P_{t_0}(A_0) \leq \epsilon$.

Since V^+ is bounded, Lipschitz continuous in x and Hölder in t , we get, for all $v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_1)$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{t_0} \left[V^+(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}) \right] &= E_{t_0} \left[\sum_{k=0}^K \mathbf{1}_{A_k} V^+(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}) \right] \\ &\geq E_{t_0} \left[\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{1}_{A_k} V^+(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}) \right] - \|V^+\|_\infty P_{t_0}(A_0) \quad (2.9) \\ &\geq E_{t_0} \left[\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{1}_{A_k} V^+(t_1, x_k) \right] - C\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

where C denotes a constant which changes from line to line.

Now let us come from the left hand side of (2.6): For any $v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_0)$, we can write:

$$J(t_0, x_0, \alpha^\epsilon(v), v) = E_{t_0} \left[\sum_{k=0}^K \mathbf{1}_{A_k} E_{t_0} [g(X_T^{t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}, \alpha^k(v_2), v_2)} ds | \mathcal{F}_{t_1})] \right]. \quad (2.10)$$

But, for all $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$, for P_{t_0} -almost $\omega \in \Omega_{t_0}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{t_0} \left[g(X_T^{t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}, \alpha^k(v_2), v_2)} | \mathcal{F}_{t_1}) (\omega) \right] &= E_{t_1} \left[g(X_T^{t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v(\omega_1), \alpha^k(\bar{v}_2(\omega_1)), \bar{v}_2(\omega_1)} \right) \\ &= J(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}, \alpha^k(v_2), v_2)(\omega). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Since J is Lipschitz continuous in x and Hölder in t and α^k is ϵ -optimal for $V^+(t_1, x_k)$, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} E_{t_0} \left[\mathbf{1}_{A_k} J(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x_0, \alpha_0(v), v}, \alpha^k(v_2), v_2) \right] &\leq E_{t_0} \left[\mathbf{1}_{A_k} (J(t_1, x_k, \alpha^k(v_2), v_2) + C\epsilon) \right] \\ &\leq E_{t_0} \left[\mathbf{1}_{A_k} (V^+(t_1, x_k) + C\epsilon) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Putting together (2.8)-(2.12), we get

$$J(t_0, x_0, \alpha^\epsilon(v), v) \leq V(t_0, t_1, x_0) + C\epsilon.$$

Taking the sup over $v \in \mathcal{V}_d(t_0)$ then gives the result.

The proof of the supersolution property from the subdynamic programming is standard (see [4]). ■

In a symmetrical way, we obtain a superdynamic programming principle for V^- and the fact that V^- is a subsolution:

Proposition 2.6. *For all $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and $0 \leq t_0 \leq t_1 \leq T$, the following superdynamic programming principle holds:*

$$V^-(t_0, x) \geq \inf_{\beta \in \mathcal{B}(t_0)} \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}_d(t_0)} E_{t_0} [V^-(t_1, X_{t_1}^{t_0, x, u, \beta(u)})].$$

Therefore V^- is a supersolution in viscosity sense of the following Hamilton-Jacobi-Isaacs equation

$$\begin{cases} V_t + H^-(D^2V, DV, x, t) = 0, & (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ V(T, x) = g(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^N, \end{cases}$$

where $H^-(A, \xi, x, t) = \sup_{v \in V} \inf_{u \in U} \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\sigma \sigma^*(t, x, u, v) A) + \langle b(t, x, u, v), \xi \rangle \right)$.

We can now follow [4] to obtain:

Theorem 2.7. *Under Isaacs' condition:*

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{S}(N), \xi \in \mathbb{R}^N, x \in \mathbb{R}^N, t \in [0, T], H^+(A, \xi, x, t) = H^-(A, \xi, x, t) := H(A, \xi, x, t),$$

the game has a value $V^+ = V^-$ which is the unique solution in viscosity sense of

$$\begin{cases} V_t + H(D^2V, DV, x, t) = 0, & (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^N, \\ V(T, x) = g(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^N. \end{cases} \quad (2.13)$$

3 Erratum to “Stochastic Differential Games with Asymmetric Information” [2].

The definition of strategy introduced in Definition 2.1 is mainly motivated by a gap in the paper [2]. This paper deals with two-player, zero-sum differential games in which the players have a private information on the game. The flaw in the paper is *not* with this information issue, but with some technicalities arising with the notion of strategy developed there.

In the framework of [2] a *strategy* for player I starting at time t is a Borel-measurable map $\alpha : [t, T] \times \mathcal{C}([t, T], \mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow U$ for which there exists $\delta > 0$ such that, $\forall s \in [t, T], f, f' \in \mathcal{C}([t, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$, if $f = f'$ on $[t, s]$, then $\alpha(\cdot, f) = \alpha(\cdot, f')$ on $[t, (s + \delta) \wedge T]$. With this definition, Player I only needs to observe the realization f of the solution of the stochastic differential equation. We can use this notion of strategy to define as in (2.4) and (2.5) the value functions V^+ and V^- via a fixed point argument very close to Lemma 2.2. The issue arises when one tries to prove that these value functions are Lipschitz continuous in space. Indeed, given a strategy α as above, an adapted control $v \in \mathcal{V}(t)$ and two initial conditions x and x' , there seems to be no way to build a new strategy α' such that the solutions $X^{t,x,\alpha,v}$ and $X^{t,y,\alpha',v}$ are sufficiently close (in particular, the idea consisting in choosing $\alpha'(s, f) = \alpha(s, f - x' + x)$ does not seem to work). As a consequence, there is a serious gap in the proof of Lemma 2.2 of [2].

In order to correct this, we have to change the notion of strategies and replace it with the one developed in the present note. This implies several changes, that we list below.

1. As in section 2, we assume that we work on the Wiener space $\Omega_t = \mathcal{C}([t, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ endowed with the Wiener measure P_t and consider, for all initial time $t \in [0, T]$, the canonical process $(B_s(\omega) = \omega(s), s \in [t, T])$. The filtration $(\mathcal{F}_{t,s}, t \leq s)$ is the one generated by the canonical process.
2. The definition of strategies (Definition 2.2 in [2]) must be replaced by the one in Definition 2.1. This new notion of strategy must also be used in the definition of random strategies defined in [2], p. 5.

3. The fixed point (Lemma 2.1 in [2]) has to be replaced by Lemma 2.2.
4. The Lipschitz continuity of the value functions (Lemma 2.2 in [2]) becomes straightforward because one can now use the same strategy for different initial positions and get an estimate as in Proposition 2.4.
5. In the proof of Proposition 3.1 in [2], the construction of the strategy has to be modified as follows: by Lemma 2.3, there exists a measurable map $F : U_t \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$, such that, for all $u \in U_t$, it holds that

$$X_{t_1-\delta}^\epsilon = F(u, \cdot), P\text{-a.s.}$$

Now, for $l \in L, l = (l_0, \dots, l_M)$, we define $(\beta_j^\epsilon)^l \in \mathcal{B}(t_0)$ by: $\forall (u, \omega) \in U_{t_0} \times \Omega_{t_0}, \forall t \in [t_0, T]$,

$$(\beta_j^\epsilon)^l(t, u, \omega) = \begin{cases} \beta^\epsilon(v, \omega)_t, & \text{if } t \in [t_0, t_1), \\ \beta_j^{m, l_m}(u|_{[t_1, T]}, \omega_2) & \text{if } t \in [t_1, T] \text{ and } F(u, \omega) \in E_m. \end{cases}$$

We set $\bar{\beta}_j^\epsilon := ((\beta_j^\epsilon)^l; s_j^l, l \in L) \in \mathcal{B}(t_0)$, and finally $\hat{\beta}^\epsilon = (\bar{\beta}_1^\epsilon, \dots, \bar{\beta}_J^\epsilon)$. Then we can check as in [2] that $\hat{\beta}^\epsilon$ gives the subdynamic programming.

6. In the proof of the Corollary 3.1 in [2], the strategy has to be changed in the following way: we set $\beta_0(v, \omega)_t = v_0$ for all $(t, v, \omega) \in [t_0, T] \times V_{t_0} \times \Omega_{t_0}$.

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