# Optimal Control and MPC for the Fokker-Planck equation

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 $X_t$  random  $\Rightarrow$  deterministic objective results in a random variable, i.e. The cost functional  $\tilde{J}(X, u)$  is a random variable!

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Related works: deterministic objectives defined by the Kullback-Leibler distance (G. Jumarie 1992, M. Kárný 1996) or the square distance (M.G. Forbes, M. Guay, J.F. Forbes 2004, Wang 1999) between the state PDF and a desired one. However, stochastic models needed to obtain the PDF by averaging or by an interpolation

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where  $y: \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty[ \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \text{ is the PDF } (\int_{\mathbb{R}} y(x, t) dx = 1 \quad \forall t > 0),$  $y_0: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \text{ is the initial PDF } (\int_{\mathbb{R}} y_0(x) dx = 1), \text{ and}$  $\sigma: \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty[ \to \mathbb{R} \text{ and } b: \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty[ \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \text{ are given by the SDE}]$ 

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OCP on a long (possibly infinite) → time horizon Several iterative OCPs on (shorter) finite time horizons

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Choose a horizon  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and a sample rate T > 0. For each time  $t_n := nT$ , n = 0, 1, 2, ...:

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• Measure the current state y(n).

Set  $y_0 := y(n)$  and solve the optimal control problem on the current time horizon  $[t_n, t_{n+N}]$ .

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Observe the calculated optimal control sequence by  $u^*(\cdot)$  and apply its first value  $u^*(0)$  on  $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ .

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If  $t_{n+1} < T_E$ , set n := n + 1 and go to 1. Otherwise end.

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 $p(\cdot, t_{n+1}) = y(\cdot, t_{n+1}) - y_d(\cdot, t_{n+1}) \quad \text{in } \Omega$ 

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for some positive constants *c*, *C*.

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Let  $y_0 \in V$ ,  $y_d \in H$  and  $J(u) := |y - y_d|^2_{L^2(0,T;H)} + \lambda |u|^2_{\mathcal{U}}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ where y is the unique solution to

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such that  $\bar{y}$  is a solution of  $\mathcal{E}(y_0, \bar{u}, 0)$  and  $\bar{u}$  minimizes J in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Moreover, pair  $(\bar{y}, \bar{u})$  unique for small  $|y - y_d|_{L^2(0,T;H)}$  or for large  $\lambda$ 

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# Necessary Optimality Conditions (for u(x, t))

We derive the first-order necessary optimality system for u(x, t)

$$\partial_t y - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 \left( \sigma^2 y \right) + \partial_x \left( b y \right) = 0$$
 in  $Q_n$ 

$$y(\cdot, t_n) = y_n$$
 in  $\Omega$ 

$$y = 0$$
 in  $\Sigma_n$ 

$$-\partial_t p - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \partial_{xx}^2 p - b \partial_x p = 0 \qquad \text{in } Q_n$$

$$p(\cdot, t_{n+1}) = y(\cdot, t_{n+1}) - y_d(\cdot, t_{n+1}) \quad \text{in } \Omega$$
$$p = 0 \quad \text{in } \Sigma_n$$

$$\lambda u + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} D_3(b) \ y \ \partial_x p \, \mathrm{d}t = 0$$

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# Consider the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process from before, but with space-dependent control u(x, t) and $\lambda = 0.001$ instead of 0.1.

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With space-dependent control, larger class of objectives possible:

- region avoidance, without prescribing the shape of the PDF, e.g. try to force the state PDF into [0,0.5].
- Try to track non-smooth targets, e.g.

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