

Stochastic Target Problems with controlled Loss

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- **Cons:**

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- Dual problem in incomplete markets is a control problem: how to solve it ?
- Relies heavily on the duality between super-hedgeable claims and risk neutral measures.

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Boundary in time

$$v(T^-, s, p) = p g(s)$$

Example: Quantile Hedging in Black Scholes

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(see Boyle and Tian 07 for dual approach in complete market)

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- $S^{\pi,1}$ an index. and X^π : wealth process.
- Portfolio optimization problem

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On $\partial_p D$ when v is not continuous: the constraint does not appear in the subsolution property.

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- Already proved:

On $\partial_p D$ when v is $C^{1,2}$: after a change of variable, the boundary is characterized, and leads to a Dirichlet condition on the boundary.

Remaining points to study

1. Comparison principle
2. Numerical schemes on PDE
3. Examples