

NUMERICAL APPROXIMATION OF THE VALUE OF A STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL GAME WITH ASYMMETRIC INFORMATION

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ABSTRACT. We consider a convexity constrained Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman-type obstacle problem for the value function of a zero-sum differential game with asymmetric information. We propose a convexity-preserving probabilistic numerical scheme for the approximation of the value function which is discrete w.r.t. the time and convexity variables, and show that the scheme converges to the unique viscosity solution of the considered problem. Furthermore, we generalize the semi-discrete scheme to obtain an implementable fully discrete numerical approximation of the value function and present numerical experiments to demonstrate the properties of the proposed numerical scheme.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we consider the Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman-type obstacle problem

$$(1.1) \quad \min \left\{ \partial_t V + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(t, x) D_x^2 V) + H(t, x, D_x V, p), \lambda_{\min} \left(p, \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial p^2} \right) \right\} = 0, \\ V(T, x, p) = \langle p, g \rangle,$$

where $V \equiv V(t, x, p)$, $(t, x, p) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$, $\Delta(I)$ denotes the set of probability vectors $p = (p_1, \dots, p_I) \in (0, 1)^I$ that satisfy $\sum_{i=1}^I p_i = 1$ and the Hamiltonian H will be specified below. The convexity of the solution V with respect to the variable p is enforced via the obstacle term $\lambda_{\min} \left(p, \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial p^2} \right)$, which is the minimal eigenvalue of the Hessian matrix $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial p^2}$ on the tangent cone to $\Delta(I)$. More precisely, for a symmetric $I \times I$ matrix A we denote

$$\lambda_{\min}(p, A) := \min_{z \in T_{\Delta(I)(p)} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\langle Az, z \rangle}{|z|^2},$$

where $T_{\Delta(I)(p)} = \overline{\bigcup_{\delta > 0} (\Delta(I) - p) / \delta}$ is the tangent cone to $\Delta(I)$ at $p \in \Delta(I)$, cf. [4].

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Problem (1.1) describes the value of a class of zero-sum stochastic differential games with asymmetric information, cf. [15]. Since the seminal work by Aumann and Maschler (see [1]) in the framework of repeated games, the literature on games with asymmetric information experienced an increasing interest ([12, 19, 22], among many others), recently also in continuous-time differential settings (see, e.g., [7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 24, 25]).

As in [15], in our game both players can adjust the dynamics of a non degenerate Itô-diffusion by controlling the drift via regular controls taking values in some compact subset of a finite dimensional space. However, one player has more information than the other in the following sense (cf. [1] and [7]). Before the game starts, the payoffs of the game are chosen randomly with some probability p from a finite collection of size I , and the information on which payoffs have been realized is transmitted only to one player. Since we assume that both players can observe the actions of the other one, the uninformed player infers which game is actually played through the moves of the informed one. It turns out that it is optimal for the informed player to release information to the uninformed one in a sophisticated way aiming at manipulating the beliefs of the latter player (see [7]).

The numerical analysis of our paper hinges on the theoretical results of [7]. There it is shown (in a setting actually more general than ours) that the previously described game has a value V , whenever the so-called Isaacs conditions are satisfied and additional technical requirements on the problem's data area fulfilled. The value function V depends on time t , on the state variable x , and on a probability vector $p \in \Delta(I)$; this latter variable describes the initial value of the beliefs of the uninformed player about the game she is playing. Moreover, it is shown in [4], that V can be characterized as the unique continuous viscosity solution (in the dual sense) to a second-order partial differential equation complemented by a convexity constraint with respect the parameter p .

There exist only few results on numerical approximation of differential games with incomplete information. Numerical approximation of (deterministic) differential games with incomplete information was first studied in [5] and generalized to games with incomplete information on both sides in [23]. As far as we are aware the only work on numerical approximation of stochastic differential games with incomplete information is [15]. We note that all three aforementioned works only consider semi-discretization in the time-variable and the remaining variables are kept continuous, hence, the schemes are not implementable.

In this paper we generalize the probabilistic numerical approximation of [15] to include the discretization of the convex envelope, i.e., we propose a structure preserving probabilistic numerical approximation that is discrete in time and in the variable p and preserves the convexity of the solution. We show that the proposed numerical approximation converges to the unique viscosity solution of (1.1). The discretization in the probability variable p is constructed by approximating the lower convex envelope of the semi-discrete solution in p by its finite-dimensional counterpart. The discrete lower convex envelope is computed over a finite set of values which coincide with nodes of a simplicial partition of $\Delta(I)$. The resulting approximation is monotone and inherits the Lipschitz continuity properties of the solution. To further reduce the complexity of the numerical approximation we employ random walk instead of the usual Wiener increments to simulate the associated Itô-diffusion process. Furthermore,

we propose an implementable fully discrete numerical scheme by combining the semi-discrete probabilistic approximation in time and p with a spatial discretization that employs linear interpolation in the state variable x over a simplicial partition.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we collect basic definitions and assumptions on the considered problem. In Section 3 we introduce a probabilistic numerical scheme for the approximation of (1.1) which is discrete in the time variable t and the convexity variable p and summarize the regularity properties of the numerical approximation in Section 4. Convergence of the numerical approximation to the viscosity solution is shown in Section 5. Finally, an implementable fully discrete numerical approximation of the problem is introduced in Section 6 along with numerical studies which demonstrate the practicability of the proposed approach.

2. ASSUMPTIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

Throughout the paper, the scalar product of two vectors $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_d)$ of \mathbb{R}^d is denoted by $\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^d x_i y_i$ and the ℓ^1 -norm is denoted by $|x| := \sum_{i=1}^d |x_i|$; furthermore, we use $|\cdot|_\infty$ and $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ to respectively denote the ℓ^∞ -norm and the $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -norm.

2.1. Description of the game. Since the aim of this paper is to provide a numerical approximation of the solution to (1.1), we only provide here a brief and informal description of the stochastic differential game related to the problem (1.1) and simply refer to [15] for detailed discussion of the game and further references. We consider a two-player zero-sum differential game where two players control the d -dimensional Itô process defined for $t \in [0, T]$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ as

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} dX_s^{t,x,u,v} &= b(s, X_s^{t,x,u,v}, u_s, v_s) ds + \sigma(s, X_s^{t,x,u,v}) dB_s & s \in [t, T], \\ X_t^{t,x,u,v} &= x. \end{aligned}$$

Here $B = \{B_s : s \in [t, T]\}$ is a d -dimensional Brownian motion on a complete probability space, b and σ are suitable Borel-Measurable functions and the controls $(u, v) \in \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{V}$ and \mathbb{U}, \mathbb{V} are compact subsets of some finite dimensional spaces.

The game is characterized by I configurations with respective running costs $(\ell_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, I\}} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and terminal payoffs $(g_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, I\}} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and is played as follows. Before the game starts, one configuration $i \in \{1, \dots, I\}$ is chosen with probability p_i and the choice of i is communicated to Player 1. Player 2 only knows the probability distribution $p \in \Delta(I)$ of the respective configurations. Once the game has started, both players adjust their control to minimize, for the Player 1, and to maximize, for the Player 2, the expected payoff, cf. [4, Section 6.3]. We assume that both players observe their opponent's control.

2.2. General assumptions. The drift term b , the diffusion term $\sigma := (\sigma_{k,l})_{k,l}$, the running cost $(\ell_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, I\}}$, the terminal payoff $g := (g_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, I\}}$, and the Hamiltonian H , cf. (1.1), satisfy the following standing assumptions:

- (A₁) $b : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is bounded and continuous in all its variables and Lipschitz continuous with respect to (t, x) uniformly in $(u, v) \in \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{V}$.
- (A₂) For $1 \leq k, l \leq d$ the function $\sigma_{k,l} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded and Lipschitz continuous with respect to (t, x) . For any $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$ the matrix $(\sigma^T)^{-1}$, where the superscript T means transpose, is non-singular, bounded, and Lipschitz continuous with respect to (t, x) .

(A₃) $(\ell_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, I\}} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded and continuous in all its variables and Lipschitz continuous with respect to (t, x) uniformly in (u, v) .

$(g_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, I\}} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded and uniformly Lipschitz continuous.

(A₄) *Isaacs condition*: for all $(t, x, z, p) \in [t_0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$

$$\begin{aligned} H(t, x, z, p) &:= \inf_{u \in \mathbb{U}} \sup_{v \in \mathbb{V}} \left\{ \langle b(t, x, u, v), z \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^I p_i \ell_i(t, x, u, v) \right\} \\ &= \sup_{v \in \mathbb{V}} \inf_{u \in \mathbb{U}} \left\{ \langle b(t, x, u, v), z \rangle + \sum_{i=1}^I p_i \ell_i(t, x, u, v) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(A₅) In addition, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $t, t' \in [0, T], x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d, z, z' \in \mathbb{R}^d, p, p' \in \Delta(I)$, the following hold

$$(2.2) \quad |H(t, x, z, p)| \leq C(1 + |z|),$$

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} |H(t, x, z, p) - H(t', x', z', p')| &\leq C(1 + |z|)(|x - x'| + |t - t'|) \\ &\quad + C|z - z'| + C|p - p'|. \end{aligned}$$

2.3. Viscosity solution of (1.1). Under the assumptions in the previous section Cardaliaguet [4, 7] established that there exists a unique uniformly bounded viscosity solution of problem (1.1), which is convex and uniformly Lipschitz continuous in p . We recall the notion of viscosity solution as well as the corresponding notions of subsolutions and supersolutions to (1.1) below, cf. [4], [6].

Definition 2.1. *We say that V is a subsolution of (1.1) if $V = V(t, x, p)$ is upper semicontinuous and if, for any smooth test function $\phi : (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $V - \phi$ has a local maximum on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$ at some point $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$, one has*

$$(2.4) \quad \min \left\{ \partial_t \phi + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(t, x) D_x^2 \phi) + H(t, x, D_x \phi, p), \lambda_{\min} \left(p, \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial p^2} \right) \right\} \geq 0,$$

at $(t, x, p) = (\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$.

We say that V is a supersolution of (1.1) if $V = V(t, x, p)$ is lower semicontinuous and if, for any smooth test function $\phi : (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $V - \phi$ has a local minimum on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$ at some point $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$, one has

$$(2.5) \quad \min \left\{ \partial_t \phi + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(t, x) D_x^2 \phi) + H(t, x, D_x \phi, p), \lambda_{\min} \left(p, \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial p^2} \right) \right\} \leq 0,$$

at $(t, x, p) = (\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$.

We say that V is a viscosity solution of (1.1) if V is a sub- and a supersolution of (1.1).

Remark 2.2. *For a smooth test function $\phi : (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $V - \phi$ has a local maximum on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$ at some point $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$, we have that (2.4) is equivalent to*

$$(2.6) \quad \partial_t \phi + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(t, x) D_x^2 \phi) + H(t, x, D_x \phi, p) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{\min} \left(p, \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial p^2} \right) \geq 0;$$

and for the smooth test function $\phi: (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $V - \phi$ has a local minimum on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \overline{\Delta(I)}$ at some point $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \overline{\Delta(I)}$, (2.5) is equivalent to

$$(2.7) \quad \partial_t \phi + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(t, x) D_x^2 \phi) + H(t, x, D_x \phi, p) \leq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_{\min} \left(p, \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial p^2} \right) \leq 0.$$

3. NUMERICAL APPROXIMATION

To simplify the subsequent numerical approximation, we perform a change of measure via the Girsanov transform in the spirit of, for instance, [14, Lemma 3.8] or [17], and instead of the controlled process (2.1) we consider the simpler process

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} dX_s^{t,x} &= \sigma(s, X_s^{t,x}) dB_s & s \in [t, T], \\ X_t^{t,x} &= x, \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in [0, T]$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Notice that the dynamics in (3.1) is independent of the players' controls.

For a fixed $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and a step size $\tau := T/N$ we introduce an equidistant partition $\Pi_\tau := \{t_n\}_{n=0}^N$, $t_n = n\tau$ of the time interval $[0, T]$. We define the discrete process $(\bar{X}_n^{n',x})_{n'=n,\dots,N}$ as the weak Euler approximation of (3.1), that is

$$(3.2) \quad \bar{X}_n^{n',x} = x + \sum_{j=n'}^{n-1} \sigma(t_j, \bar{X}_j^{n',x}) \xi_j \sqrt{\tau},$$

where $\xi_n \sqrt{\tau} = (\xi_n^1, \dots, \xi_n^d) \sqrt{\tau}$, $n = 1, \dots, N$ is a suitable approximation of the \mathbb{R}^d -valued Wiener increment $[W(t_n) - W(t_{n-1})] \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau)$. Here, we take ξ_n to be a \mathbb{R}^d -valued binomial random walk, i.e. ξ_n^1, \dots, ξ_n^d are i.i.d. random variables with the law $\mathbb{P}(\xi_n^k = \pm 1) = 1/2$, for every $k = 1, \dots, d$; the analysis below can be easily modified to cover other choices such as, e.g., a trinomial random walk or the discrete Wiener increments. In the following we abbreviate $\sigma_n(x) := \sigma(t_n, x)$ and $\sigma_n^{-T}(x) := (\sigma^T(t_n, x))^{-1}$. The approximation obtained after one step of the Euler scheme (3.2) will be denoted as

$$(3.3) \quad \bar{X}_{n+1}^x := \bar{X}_{n+1}^{n,x} = x + \sigma_n(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Let $\{\mathcal{M}^h\}_{h>0}$ be a family of regular partitions of $\Delta(I)$ into open $(I-1)$ -simplices K (i.e., line segments, triangles, tetrahedra for $I=2, 3, 4$, respectively) with mesh-size $h = \max_{K \in \mathcal{M}^h} \{\text{diam}(K)\}$ such that $\overline{\Delta(I)} = \cup_{K \in \mathcal{M}^h} \bar{K}$. The set of vertices of all $K \in \mathcal{M}^h$ is denoted by $\mathcal{N}^h := \{p_1, \dots, p_M\}$.

The approximation of the value function $V(t_n, x, p_m)$ is denoted by $V_n^m(x)$ for $t_n \in \Pi_\tau$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$. The discrete numerical solution $V_n^m(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $n = 0, \dots, N-1$, $m = 1, \dots, M$ is obtained by the following algorithm.

Algorithm 3.1. For $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ set $V_N^m(x) = \langle p_m, g(x) \rangle$ for $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$, $m = 1, \dots, M$, set $\mathcal{V}_N(x) = \{V_N^1(x), \dots, V_N^M(x)\}$ and proceed for $n = N-1, \dots, 0$ as follows:

(1) Forward step: for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ compute:

$$(3.4) \quad \bar{X}_{n+1}^x = x + \sigma_n(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau};$$

(2) Backward step: for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $m = 1, \dots, M$ set

$$(3.5) \quad \bar{Z}_n^m(x) = \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^m(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}],$$

$$(3.6) \quad \bar{Y}_n^m(x) = \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^m(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x)] + \tau H(t_n, x, \bar{Z}_n^m(x), p_m);$$

(3) *Convexification:* for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ compute the discrete lower convex envelope $\{V_n^1(x), \dots, V_n^M(x)\}$ of $\{\bar{Y}_n^1(x), \dots, \bar{Y}_n^M(x)\}$ as

$$(3.7) \quad V_n^m(x) = \text{Vex}_p[\bar{Y}_n^1(x), \dots, \bar{Y}_n^M(x)](p_m) \quad p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h, m = 1, \dots, M.$$

We note that for $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)}$ the lower convex envelope in (3.7) is the solution of the minimization problem, cf. [10],

$$(3.8) \quad \text{Vex}_p[\bar{Y}_n^1(x), \dots, \bar{Y}_n^M(x)](p) := \min \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^I \bar{Y}_n^k(x) \lambda_k; \sum_{k=1}^I \lambda_k = 1, \lambda_k \geq 0, \sum_{k=1}^I \lambda_k p_k = p \right\}.$$

We will discuss efficient algorithms for the computation of the discrete lower convex envelope (3.8) in Section 6.1.

It is well known that the piecewise linear interpolation does not preserve the convexity of the interpolated data. Nevertheless, cf. [10, Corollary 2.3.], there exists a data dependent (regular) simplicial partition $\mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ of $\Delta(I)$ with nodes $\mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h := \{\pi_{n,x}^1, \dots, \pi_{n,x}^{M_{n,x}}\} \subseteq \mathcal{N}^h$ such that the piecewise linear interpolant of the data values at the nodes $\mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h$ over the partition $\mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ (for a precise definition see (3.9) below) agrees with the discrete data values $\{(p_m, V_n^m(x))\}_{m=1}^M$, $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ of the discrete lower convex envelope (3.7) for fixed $0 \leq n \leq N$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. We note that the partition $\mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ does not necessarily coincide with the original mesh \mathcal{M}^h .

We consider the set of piecewise linear Lagrange basis functions $\{\psi_{n,x}^i, i = 1, \dots, M_{n,x}\}$ associated with the set of nodes $\mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h$ of the partition $\mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$. We recall the following properties of the the Lagrange basis functions which will be frequently used throughout the paper: a) $\psi_{n,x}^i(\pi_{n,x}^k) = \delta_{ik}$, where δ_{ik} is the Kronecker delta and b) $\sum_{i=1}^{M_{n,x}} \psi_{n,x}^i(p) = 1$ for any $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)}$. We note that a) implies that at any point $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)}$ there are at most I basis functions with non-zero value at this point, hence the sum in b) reduces to $\sum_{i=1}^I$.

We define the convex piecewise linear interpolant $V_n^h(x, \cdot)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ of the discrete lower convex envelope $\{V_n^1(x), \dots, V_n^M(x)\}$ over the convexity preserving partition $\mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ as

$$(3.9) \quad V_n^h(x, p) := \sum_{i=1}^{M_{n,x}} V_n^m(\pi_{n,x}^i)(x) \psi_{n,x}^i(p),$$

where $m(\pi_{n,x}^i) \in \mathbb{N}$ is the index of $\pi_{n,x}^i$ in \mathcal{N}^h , i.e. $\pi_{n,x}^i = p_{m(\pi_{n,x}^i)}$ for some $p_{m(\pi_{n,x}^i)} \in \mathcal{N}^h$. We note that by construction $V_n^h(x, p_m) = V_n^m(x)$ for all $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$. For the analysis below we also consider the (possibly non-convex) interpolant over the fixed partition \mathcal{M}^h

$$(3.10) \quad \tilde{V}_n^h(x, p) := \sum_{m=1}^M V_n^m(x) \psi^m(p),$$

where $\{\psi^m, m = 1, \dots, M\}$ is the linear Lagrange basis associated with the set of nodes \mathcal{N}^h . By a slight abuse of notation in (3.8), we observe that

$$(3.11) \quad V_n^h(x, p) = \text{Vex}_p[\tilde{V}_n^h(x, \cdot)](p).$$

Furthermore, we define the time interpolant $V_\tau^h(t, x, p)$ of (3.9) which is continuous on $[0, T]$ as

$$(3.12) \quad V_\tau^h(t, x, p) := V_n^h(x, p) \left(\frac{t_{n+1} - t}{\tau} \right) + V_{n+1}^h(x, p) \left(\frac{t - t_n}{\tau} \right), \quad \text{for } t \in [t_n, t_{n+1}].$$

4. REGULARITY PROPERTIES OF THE NUMERICAL APPROXIMATION

In this section we study regularity properties of the numerical approximation obtained by Algorithm 3.1. We establish uniform boundedness, almost Hölder continuity in time and Lipschitz continuity in p , and x , respectively, of the numerical solution. Furthermore, we show that the numerical approximation satisfies a monotonicity property.

We recall the following properties of the discrete lower convex envelope which are a simple consequence of its definition (3.8).

Lemma 4.1. *We consider the set $\mathcal{N} := \{p_1, \dots, p_M\} \subset \overline{\Delta(I)}$ with associated scalar values $U(p_m), V(p_m)$, such that $U(p_m) \leq V(p_m)$, $m = 1, \dots, M$. We denote $\mathcal{V} = \{V(p_1), \dots, V(p_M)\} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ and $\mathcal{U} = \{U(p_1), \dots, U(p_M)\} \in \mathbb{R}^M$. The discrete lower convex envelope Vex_p satisfies the following properties for $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)}$:*

- i) *Monotonicity:* $\text{Vex}_p[\mathcal{U}](p) \leq \text{Vex}_p[\mathcal{V}](p)$,
- ii) *Constant preservation:* $\text{Vex}_p[\mathcal{V} + \theta](p) = \text{Vex}_p[\mathcal{V}](p) + \theta$ for any $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

 4.1. Lipschitz continuity in p .

Lemma 4.2. *There exists a constant $C > 0$ (which only depends on Assumptions (A₁)–(A₄)) such that for $n = 0, \dots, N$ and all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ the numerical solution is Lipschitz continuous in the variable p , i.e.,*

$$(4.1) \quad |V_n^h(x, p) - V_n^h(x, q)| \leq C|p - q| \quad \forall p, q \in \Delta(I).$$

Proof. For $n = N$, by linearity the function $V_N^h(x, p) := \langle p, g(x) \rangle$ is Lipschitz continuous in p for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with a Lipschitz constant L_N that only depends on g .

We proceed by induction and assume that $V_{n+1}^h(x, p)$ is Lipschitz continuous in p with a Lipschitz constant L_{n+1} for some $n \leq N - 2$. We consider $p, q \in \Delta(I)$ and assume without loss of generality that $V_n^h(x, q) - V_n^h(x, p) \geq 0$, otherwise p and q can be commuted.

Let $p \in \overline{K_p}$, where $K_p = [\pi_{n,x}^1(p), \dots, \pi_{n,x}^I(p)] \subset \mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ is the simplex given by the nodes $\pi_{n,x}^1(p), \dots, \pi_{n,x}^I(p) \in \mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h$. Hence, $p = \sum_{i=1}^I \pi_{n,x}^i(p) \psi_{n,x}^i(p)$, where $\psi_{n,x}^i(p)$, $i = 1, \dots, I$ are the linear Lagrange basis functions on $[\pi_{n,x}^1(p), \dots, \pi_{n,x}^I(p)]$.

We note that $\sum_{i=1}^I \psi_{n,x}^i(p) = 1$ and $\psi_{n,x}^i(p) \geq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, I$. Hence, by [18, Lemma 8.2], there exist vectors $\{\omega_{n,x}^1, \dots, \omega_{n,x}^I\} \in \Delta(I)$ (the vectors depend on $p, q, \mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ and are not necessarily in \mathcal{N}^h) such that $q = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_{n,x}^i(q) \psi_{n,x}^i(p)$ and

$$(4.2) \quad |p - q| = \sum_{i=1}^I |\pi_{n,x}^i(p) - \omega_{n,x}^i(q)| \psi_{n,x}^i(p).$$

By the convexity of V_n^h , since $q = \sum_{i=1}^I \omega_{n,x}^i(q) \psi_{n,x}^i(p)$ it directly follows that

$$V_n^h(x, q) \leq \sum_{i=1}^I V_n^h(x, \omega_{n,x}^i(q) \psi_{n,x}^i(p)).$$

Using the above inequality, (4.2), the representation $V_n^h(p)|_{K_p} = \sum_{i=1}^I V_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i) \psi_{n,x}^i(p)$ and $\text{Vex}_p[f] \leq f$ we get on recalling (3.6) that

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 \leq V_n^h(x, q) - V_n^h(x, p) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^I (V_n^h(x, \omega_{n,x}^i) - V_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i)) \psi_{n,x}^i(p) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^I \left(\mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \omega_{n,x}^i)] + \tau H(t_n, x, Z_n^h(x, \omega_{n,x}^i), \omega_{n,x}^i) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \pi_{n,x}^i)] - \tau H(t_n, x, Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i), \pi_{n,x}^i) \right) \psi_{n,x}^i(p), \end{aligned}$$

where we used that $V_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i) = \text{Vex}_p[\mathcal{Y}_n(x)](\pi_{n,x}^i)$, $i = 1, \dots, I$.

By the Lipschitz continuity of V_{n+1}^h , it follows from (4.3) using (4.2) and [15, Lemma 3.6] that

$$(4.4) \quad |V_n^h(x, q) - V_n^h(x, p)| \leq L_{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^I |\pi_{n,x}^i - \omega_{n,x}^i| \psi_{n,x}^i(p) = L_{n+1} |p - q|,$$

where $L_n = L_{n+1}(1 + C\tau) + C\tau$.

Recursively, we get that $L_n = L_N + Ct_n + C\tau \sum_{i=n+1}^N L_n$, $n = 1, \dots, N-1$ and by the discrete Gronwall lemma it follows $L_n \leq L_0 \leq (L_N + CT) \exp(CT)$. Hence V_n^h is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in p with a Lipschitz constant L_0 which only depends on the Assumptions (A₁)–(A₅). \square

4.2. Lipschitz continuity in x . The next lemma can be show analogically to [15, Lemma 3.3].

Lemma 4.3. *Let $\phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a uniformly Lipschitz continuous function with a Lipschitz constant L . Then, there exists a constant $C > 0$, depending only on the data of Assumptions (A₁)–(A₅), such that the following inequality holds for $n = 0, \dots, N-1$*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \mathbb{E}[\phi(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x)] + \tau H\left(t_n, x, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\phi(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}], p\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \mathbb{E}[\phi(\bar{X}_{n+1}^{x'})] - \tau H\left(t_n, x', \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\phi(\bar{X}_{n+1}^{x'}) \sigma_n^{-T}(x') \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}], p\right) \right| \leq C_{\tau, L} |x - x'|, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_{\tau, L} := L(1 + C\tau) + C\tau$.

Lemma 4.4 (Lipschitz continuity in x). *For $n = 0, \dots, N$ the interpolant V_n^h is*

(i) *Lipschitz continuous in x :*

$$|V_n^h(x, p) - V_n^h(x', p)| \leq C|x - x'| \quad \text{for all } x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d, p \in \Delta(I),$$

(ii) *uniformly bounded:*

$$|V_n^h(x, p)| \leq C \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d, p \in \Delta(I),$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant which depends only on Assumptions (A₁)–(A₅).

From the subsequent proof it follows that the non-convex interpolant \tilde{V}_n^h defined in (3.10) enjoys the same boundedness and Lipschitz continuity properties as V_n^h .

Proof. We fix $p \in \Delta(I)$ and consider $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d$. For $n = N$ we have $\tilde{V}_N^h(x, p) = V_N^h(x, p) = \langle p, g(x) \rangle$ and (i), (ii) hold since

$$\begin{aligned} |V_N^h(x, p) - V_N^h(x', p)| &= |\langle p, g(x) - g(x') \rangle| \leq L_N |x - x'|, \\ |V_N^h(x, p)| &= |\langle p, g(x) \rangle| \leq C_N, \end{aligned}$$

where L_N and C_N are positive constant which depend only on g .

We proceed by induction. We assume that $V_{n+1}^h(x, p)$, $\tilde{V}_{n+1}^h(x, p)$ are Lipschitz continuous in x with a Lipschitz constant L_{n+1} and bounded by C_{n+1} . We show that $V_n^h(x, p)$, $\tilde{V}_n^h(x, p)$ are Lipschitz continuous with a Lipschitz constant L_n and bounded by a constant C_n . On recalling (3.7), (3.11) we may write

$$(4.5) \quad V_n^h(x, p) = \text{Vexp}_p[\tilde{V}_n^h(\cdot)](p) = \text{Vexp}_p\left[\mathbb{E}[\tilde{V}_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \cdot)] - \tau H(t_n, x, \tilde{Z}_n^h(x, \cdot), \cdot)\right](p),$$

where $\tilde{Z}_n^h(x, p) := \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\tilde{V}_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, p) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}]$. Moreover, we recall that for $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ it holds by definition

$$(4.6) \quad \tilde{V}_n^h(p_m) = \text{Vexp}_p\left[\mathbb{E}[\tilde{V}_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \cdot)] - \tau H(t_n, x, \tilde{Z}_n^h(x, \cdot), \cdot)\right](p_m).$$

i) *Lipschitz continuity.* By Lemma 4.3 we have for $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[\tilde{V}_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, p_m)] + \tau H(t_n, x, \tilde{Z}_n^h(x, p_m), p_m) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[\tilde{V}_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^{x'}, p_m)] - \tau H(t_n, x', \tilde{Z}_n^h(x', p_m), p_m) + L_{n+1} |x - x'|, \end{aligned}$$

with $L_{n+1} := L_n(1 + C\tau) + C\tau$. On noting (4.6) it follows from (4.7) by Lemma 4.1 that

$$(4.8) \quad \tilde{V}_n^h(x, p_m) - \tilde{V}_n^h(x', p_m) \leq L_{n+1} |x - x'|$$

We recall (3.10) and obtain from (4.8) (note $\tilde{V}_n^h(x, p_m) = V_n^m(x)$) that for any $p \in \Delta(I)$ it holds

$$(4.9) \quad \tilde{V}_n^h(x, p) - \tilde{V}_n^h(x', p) \leq \sum_{m=1}^M \left(V_n^m(x) - V_n^m(x') \right) \psi^m(p) \leq L_{n+1} |x - x'|,$$

where we used that $\sum_{m=1}^M \psi^m \equiv 1$, $\psi^m \geq 0$ for any $0 \leq n \leq N$. Consequently by (4.5) and Lemma 4.1 it also follows that

$$(4.10) \quad V_n^h(x, p) - V_n^h(x', p) \leq L_{n+1} |x - x'|.$$

After commuting the role of x and x' and repeating the above steps we obtain for any $p \in \Delta(I)$

$$(4.11) \quad |V_n^h(x, p) - V_n^h(x', p)| \leq L_{n+1} |x - x'|.$$

Hence, we get recursively that $L_n \leq L_N + Ct_n + C\tau \sum_{i=n+1}^N L_i$. By the discrete Gronwall lemma, it follows that $L_n \leq (L_N + CT) \exp(CT)$. Consequently, V_n^h , \tilde{V}_n^h , $n = 0, \dots, N$ are Lipschitz continuous in x , with a Lipschitz constant $L := (L_N + CT) \exp(CT)$ depending only on the data in Assumptions (A₁)–(A₅).

ii) *boundedness.* Let $K_p = [\pi_{n,x}^1(p), \dots, \pi_{n,x}^I(p)]$ be a simplex of $\mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ such that $p \in \bar{K}_p$, i.e. $p = \sum_{i=1}^I \pi_{n,x}^i(p) \psi_{n,x}^i(p)$, where $\{\psi_{n,x}^i(p) : i = 1, \dots, I\}$ is the Lagrange polynomial

basis on K_p . In particular, $\sum_{i=1}^I \psi_{n,x}^i(p) = 1$ and $\psi_{n,x}^i(p) \geq 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, I$. On recalling (3.9) we may write

$$(4.12) \quad V_n^h(x, p) = \sum_{i=1}^I \left(\mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p))] + \tau H(t_n, x, Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)), \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) \right) \psi_{n,x}^i(p),$$

where $Z_n^h(x, p) := \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, p) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}]$. By (2.2), since V_{n+1}^h is bounded by C_{n+1} we estimate the right hand side of (4.12)

$$(4.13) \quad \left| \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p))] + \tau H(t_n, x, Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)), \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) \right| \leq C_{n+1} + \tau C (1 + |Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p))|).$$

Next, we show that $Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p))$ is bounded. Since V_{n+1}^h is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in the variable x . On recalling (3.3), by the generalized mean value theorem [11, Theorem 2.3.7] there exists $\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|\Theta|_\infty \leq C$ such that

$$(4.14) \quad V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) = V_{n+1}^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle.$$

We multiply (4.14) with $(1/\tau) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n$ and take the expectation to get

$$(4.15) \quad \begin{aligned} Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) &= \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\langle \Theta, \sigma_n(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}]. \end{aligned}$$

By Assumption (A₂) σ_n and σ_n^{-T} are uniformly bounded. Hence, it follows from (4.15) that

$$(4.16) \quad |Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p))| \leq \frac{1}{\tau} \|\sigma_n\|_\infty \|\sigma_n^{-T}\|_\infty \mathbb{E}[|\Theta|_\infty |\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}|^2] \leq C.$$

We substitute (4.16), (4.13) into (4.12) and get that

$$|V_n^h(x, p)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^I C_n \psi_{n,x}^i(p) = C_n,$$

where $C_n := C_{n+1} + \tau C$. Consequently, $V_n^h(x, p)$, $n = 0, \dots, N$ is uniformly bounded by $C := C_N + CT$. \square

4.3. Almost Hölder continuity in t .

Lemma 4.5. *For any $\tau > 0$, $h > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $p \in \Delta(I)$ the interpolant V_τ^h defined in (3.12) satisfies the following inequality*

$$|V_\tau^h(s, x, p) - V_\tau^h(t, x, p)| \leq C|s - t|^{1/2} + C\tau^{1/2} \quad \forall s, t \in [0, T],$$

where the constant $C > 0$ depends only on Assumptions (A₁)–(A₄).

Proof. We consider the piecewise linear Lagrange basis functions associated with Π_τ as

$$\chi_n(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t - t_{n-1}}{\tau}, & \text{for } t \in [t_{n-1}, t_n], \\ \frac{t_{n+1} - t}{\tau}, & \text{for } t \in [t_n, t_{n+1}], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for $n=0, \dots, N$ and note that $\sum_{n=0}^N \chi_n(t) = 1$ for $t \in [0, T]$.

For $s, t \in [0, T]$ let $t \in [t_n, t_{n+1}]$ and $s \in [t_{n+n'}, t_{n+n'+1}]$. Hence, we deduce from (3.12) that

$$\begin{aligned} V_\tau^h(t, x, p) - V_\tau^h(s, x, p) &= \sum_{k=0}^1 V_{n+k}^h(x, p) \chi_{n+k}(t) - \sum_{k'=0}^1 V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p) \chi_{n+n'+k'}(s) \\ (4.17) \quad &= \sum_{k=0}^1 \sum_{k'=0}^1 (V_{n+k}^h(x, p) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p)) \chi_{n+k}(t) \chi_{n+n'+k'}(s). \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $p \in \Delta(I)$.

Since $\text{Vex}_p[f] \leq f$ we get for $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$, recall (3.6), (3.7), that

$$(4.18) \quad V_{n+k}^h(x, p_m) \leq \mathbb{E}[V_{n+k+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}, p_m)] + \tau H(t_{n+k}, x, Z_{n+k}^h(x, p_m), p_m),$$

with $Z_{n+k}^h(x, p_m) := \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_{n+k+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}, p_m) \sigma_{n+k}^{-T} \xi_{n+k} \sqrt{\tau}]$. Using (4.16), Assumption (A₅) we obtain from (4.18) that

$$\begin{aligned} &V_{n+k}^h(x, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m) \\ (4.19) \quad &\leq \mathbb{E}[V_{n+k+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m)] + \tau H(t_{n+k}, x, Z_{n+k}^h(x, p_m), p_m) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[V_{n+k+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m)] + C\tau(1 + C|Z_{n+k}^h(x, p_m)|) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[V_{n+k+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m)] + C\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Recursively, we estimate the first term on the right-hand side above using the corresponding analogue of (4.18) as

$$(4.20) \quad \begin{aligned} &V_{n+k}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}\left[V_{n+k+2}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+2}^{n+k+1, \bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}}, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m)\right] + C\tau. \end{aligned}$$

We substitute (4.20) into (4.19) and obtain on noting $\bar{X}_{n+k+2}^{n+k, x} = \bar{X}_{n+k+2}^{n+k+1, \bar{X}_{n+k+1}^{n+k, x}}$ (cf. (3.2)) that

$$V_{n+k}^h(x, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m) \leq \mathbb{E}\left[V_{n+k+2}^h(\bar{X}_{n+k+2}^{n+k, x}, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m)\right] + C2\tau.$$

Consequently, we get after $(n' + k' - k - 2)$ recursive steps that

$$(4.21) \quad \begin{aligned} &V_{n+k}^h(x, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m) \\ &\leq \left| \mathbb{E}[V_{n+n'+k'}^h(\bar{X}_{n+n'+k'}^{n+k, x}, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m)] \right| + (n' + k' - k)C\tau. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.4 and Assumption (A₂) we estimate the first term on the right hand side of (4.21) as

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \mathbb{E}[V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(\bar{X}_{n+n'+k'}^{n+k, x}, p_m)] \right| \leq C \left| \mathbb{E}[x - \bar{X}_{n+n'+k'}^{n+k, x}] \right| \\ &\leq C \left[\sum_{j=n+k}^{n+n'+k'-1} \mathbb{E} \left| \sigma_j(\bar{X}_j^{n+k, x}) \right|^2 \tau \right]^{1/2} \leq C |t_{n+k} - t_{n+n'+k'}|^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

and get

$$V_{n+k}^h(x, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m) \leq C |t_{n+k} - t_{n+n'+k'}|^{1/2} + C(t_{n+n'+k'} - t_{n+k}).$$

Since $t \in [t_n, t_{n+1}]$ and $s \in [t_{n+n'}, t_{n+n'+1}]$ it follows for $k, k' = 0, 1$ that

$$(4.22) \quad V_{n+k}^h(x, p_m) - V_{n+n'+k'}^h(x, p_m) \leq CT^{1/2} |t - s|^{1/2} + C\tau^{1/2},$$

for $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$.

On recalling that $V_n^h(x, p_m) = \tilde{V}_n^h(x, p_m)$ for $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$, $V_n^h(x, p) = \text{Vex}_p[\tilde{V}_n^h(x, \cdot)](p)$ for $p \in \Delta(I)$, we deduce analogically as in the proof of Lemma 4.4 (cf. (4.9), (4.10)), that the inequality (4.22) holds for any $p \in \Delta(I)$. Hence, substituting (4.22) into (4.17) for $p \in \Delta(I)$ implies the inequality

$$(4.23) \quad V_\tau^h(t, x, p) - V_\tau^h(s, x, p) \leq C|t - s|^{1/2} + C\tau^{1/2}.$$

After reverting the role of s and t and repeating the above steps we get the statement of the lemma. \square

4.4. Monotonicity.

Lemma 4.6. *Let $\phi_1, \phi_2: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two uniformly Lipschitz continuous functions that satisfy $0 \leq (\phi_1 - \phi_2) \leq C$. Then for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $p \in \Delta(I)$, $\tau > 0$, $n = 0, \dots, N-1$ it holds that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x)] + \tau H\left(t_n, x, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}], p\right) \\ & \geq \mathbb{E}[\phi_2(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x)] + \tau H\left(t_n, x, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\phi_2(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}], p\right) - C\tau\sqrt{\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant which depends only on Assumptions (A₁)–(A₅).

Proof. We set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} := & \mathbb{E}[(\phi_1 - \phi_2)(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x)] + \tau H\left(t_n, x, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\phi_1(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}], p\right) \\ & - \tau H\left(t_n, x, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\phi_2(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}], p\right). \end{aligned}$$

By Assumption (A₅) H is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in the third variable, hence using the generalized mean value theorem [11, Theorem 2.3.7] there exists a $\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $|\Theta|_\infty \leq C$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} (4.24) \quad \mathcal{H} &= \mathbb{E}\left[(\phi_1 - \phi_2)(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) (1 + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle)\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_{\{C\|\sigma_n^{-1}\|_\infty |\xi_n| \sqrt{\tau} \geq 1\}} (\phi_1 - \phi_2)(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) (1 + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle)\right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_{\{C\|\sigma_n^{-1}\|_\infty |\xi_n| \sqrt{\tau} < 1\}} (\phi_1 - \phi_2)(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) (1 + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that the second term of the right hand side of (4.24) is positive. Since $(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \geq 0$, it remains to examine the term $(1 + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle)$. We note that

$$1 + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle \geq 1 - \|\Theta\|_\infty \|\sigma_n^{-1}\|_\infty |\xi_n| \sqrt{\tau} \geq 1 - C\|\sigma_n^{-1}\|_\infty |\xi_n| \sqrt{\tau}.$$

For $C\|\sigma_n^{-1}\|_\infty |\xi_n| \sqrt{\tau} < 1$ it holds $(1 + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle) > 0$ and hence

$$(4.25) \quad \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_{\{C\|\sigma_n^{-1}\|_\infty |\xi_n| \sqrt{\tau} < 1\}} (\phi_1 - \phi_2)(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) (1 + \langle \Theta, \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle)\right] \geq 0.$$

Using (4.25) we deduce from (4.24) that

$$\mathcal{H} \geq \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_{\{|\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}|^2 \geq 1/R\}} \langle \Theta, (\phi_1 - \phi_2)(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \rangle\right],$$

where $R := C^2 \|\sigma_n^{-1}\|_\infty^2$.

On noting that $|\xi_n| = |\xi_n^1| + \dots + |\xi_n^d| = (1 + \dots + 1) = d$ we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{1}_{\{|\xi_n|^2 \tau \geq 1/R\}} |\xi_n| \sqrt{\tau} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{1}_{\{d^2 \tau \geq 1/R\}} d \sqrt{\tau} = \mathbb{1}_{\{d^2 \tau \geq 1/R\}} R \frac{1}{R} d \sqrt{\tau} \leq \mathbb{1}_{\{d^2 \tau \geq 1/R\}} R \tau d^3 \sqrt{\tau} \leq R \tau d^3 \sqrt{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $-(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \geq -C$ we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &\geq -\mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{1}_{\{|\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}|^2 \geq 1/R\}} (\phi_1 - \phi_2)(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x) \|\Theta \sigma^{-1}\|_\infty |\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}| \right] \\ &\geq -C \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{1}_{\{|\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}|^2 \geq 1/R\}} |\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}| \right] = -C R d^3 \tau \sqrt{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

□

5. CONVERGENCE OF THE NUMERICAL APPROXIMATION

In this section we prove the convergence of numerical approximation, see [Theorem 5.1](#) below, in several steps. First, we show that, up to a subsequence, the sequence $\{V_\tau^h\}_{h, \tau > 0}$ admits a limit denoted by w . We then prove the viscosity super/sub-solution property of every accumulation point w . Hence, by the uniqueness property of the viscosity solution, see [\[4\]](#), we may conclude that the whole sequence $\{V_\tau^h\}_{h, \tau > 0}$ converges to the viscosity solution.

Theorem 5.1. *Under [Assumptions \(A₁\)–\(A₅\)](#) the numerical solution V_τ^h converges to the viscosity solution of [\(1.1\)](#) (uniformly on compact subsets of $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$) in the sense that for all $(t', x', p') \rightarrow (t, x, p)$ it holds that*

$$\lim_{\tau, h \rightarrow 0} V_\tau^h(t', x', p') = V(t, x, p),$$

where V is the unique uniformly bounded and continuous viscosity solution to [\(1.1\)](#) which is convex and uniformly Lipschitz continuous in p .

5.1. Existence of a limit.

Lemma 5.2. *The sequence $\{V_\tau^h\}_{\tau, h > 0}$ admits a subsequence which converges uniformly on every compact subset of $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$ to a uniformly bounded and continuous function w which is convex and uniformly Lipschitz continuous in p .*

Proof. The proof is a consequence of a slight modification of the the Arzelà–Ascoli theorem, [\[26, Section III.3\]](#). The equi-boundedness is granted by [Lemma 4.4](#) and the equi-continuity is granted by [Lemmas 4.2, 4.4](#) and [4.5](#). □

5.2. Viscosity solution properties and uniqueness of the limit. Below, we show that every accumulation point w of $\{V_\tau^h\}_{h, \tau > 0}$ from [Lemma 5.2](#) is a viscosity sub- and super-solution to [\(1.1\)](#) which by uniqueness of the viscosity solution V implies [Theorem 5.1](#).

5.2.1. Viscosity subsolution property of w .

Proposition 5.3. *Every accumulation point w of the sequence $\{V_\tau^h\}_{\tau, h > 0}$ is a viscosity subsolution of [\(1.1\)](#) on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I)$.*

Proof. Let $\phi: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Delta(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a smooth test function such that $w - \phi$ has a strict global maximum at $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$, where $\bar{p} \in \Delta(I)$. We have to show, that ϕ satisfies (2.6) at $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$.

As a limit of convex functions w is convex in p and (cf. [20, Theorem 1]) we have since $\bar{p} \in \Delta(I)$

$$(5.1) \quad \lambda_{\min} \left(\bar{p}, \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial p^2}(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) \right) \geq 0.$$

Similarly to [3, Lemma 2.4] we note that there exists a sequence $(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)_\tau$ such that $\bar{t}_\tau = l_n \tau \in \Pi_\tau$, $l_n \in \mathbb{N}$ converges to \bar{t} , $\bar{p}_\tau \in \mathcal{N}^h$ converges to \bar{p} , and \bar{x}_τ to \bar{x} for $\tau, h \rightarrow 0$; also $V_\tau^h - \phi$ has a global maximum at $(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)$ on $\Pi_\tau \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{N}^h$.

Define $\phi_\tau^h := \phi + (V_\tau^h - \phi)(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)$. Then for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ we have

$$(5.2) \quad V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, p_m) - \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, p_m) \leq V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) - \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) = 0.$$

Set

$$\bar{X}_{n+1} := \bar{x}_\tau + \sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau};$$

and for each $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$:

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{Z}_n^m(\bar{x}_\tau) &:= \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} [V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau}], \\ \bar{Y}_n^m(\bar{x}_\tau) &:= \mathbb{E} [V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m)] + \tau H(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{Z}_n^m(\bar{x}_\tau), p_m). \end{aligned}$$

We denote the non convex data set by $\mathcal{Y}_n(\bar{x}_\tau) := \{\bar{Y}_n^1(\bar{x}_\tau), \dots, \bar{Y}_n^M(\bar{x}_\tau)\}$. By definition $\text{Vex}_p[f](p_m) \leq f(p_m)$. Thus from (5.3) we have

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) &= \text{Vex}_p[\mathcal{Y}_n(\bar{x}_\tau)](\bar{p}_\tau) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} [V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau)] \\ &\quad + \tau H\left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} [V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau}], \bar{p}_\tau\right). \end{aligned}$$

We use Lemma 4.6 with $\phi_2(\cdot) := V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \cdot, \bar{p}_\tau)$ and $\phi_1(\cdot) := \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \cdot, \bar{p}_\tau)$. Then, by (5.2) and (5.4) it follows immediately that

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \mathbb{E} [V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau)] - V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \\ &\quad + \tau H\left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} [V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau}], \bar{p}_\tau\right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} [\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau)] - \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \\ &\quad + \tau H\left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} [\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau}], \bar{p}_\tau\right) + C\tau\sqrt{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

First, we calculate the expectation in the first term of the right hand side of (5.5). By the Taylor expansion

$$(5.6) \quad \begin{aligned} &\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) \\ &= \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left[\partial_t \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)) \right] \tau \\ &\quad + [D_x \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)] \sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau) + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{O}(\tau) \rightarrow 0$ when $\tau \rightarrow 0$. Taking the expectation of (5.6), we obtain

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau)] \\ &= \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left[\partial_t \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)) \right] \tau \\ & \quad + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau) + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Next, we calculate the expectation in the third term of the right hand side of (5.5). We multiply (5.6) with $(\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau}$ to get

$$(5.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} = \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \\ & \quad + D_x \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \\ & \quad + \partial_t \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \tau (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)) \tau (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \\ & \quad + (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \tau \sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{O}(\tau) + (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \tau \sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{O}(r) \rightarrow 0$ when $r \rightarrow 0$. Taking the expectation in (5.8) yields to

$$(5.9) \quad \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau}] = D_x \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau).$$

By substituting (5.7) and (5.9) into (5.5) we arrive to

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq & \partial_t \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)) \\ & + H(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, D_x \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \bar{p}_\tau) \\ & + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau) + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}) + C \tau \sqrt{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit $\tau, h \rightarrow 0$ we get on recalling $(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \rightarrow (\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$ that

$$(5.10) \quad 0 \leq \partial_t \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}, \bar{x}) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})) + H(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, D_x \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}), \bar{p}).$$

With (5.1) and (5.10), we conclude that the limit w of the sequence $\{V_\tau^h\}_{h, \tau > 0}$ satisfies (2.6). Hence, w is a viscosity subsolution of (1.1). \square

5.2.2. Viscosity supersolution property of w . To establish the viscosity supersolution property of the limits of the numerical approximation in Proposition 5.7 below, we construct in Definition 5.4 martingale processes that satisfy a one step dynamic programming principle Lemma 5.6, cf. [15].

For $n = N - 1, \dots, 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and a given $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)}$, we denote by $K_{n,x}(p) = [\pi_{n,x}^1(p), \dots, \pi_{n,x}^I(p)]$ the simplex in $\mathcal{M}_{n,x}^h$ such that $p \in \overline{K_{n,x}(p)}$, and denote by $\{\psi_{n,x}^i(p) : i = 1, \dots, I\}$ the Lagrange polynomial basis on $K_{n,x}(p)$. By (3.8) and (3.9), we write

$$(5.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & V_n^h(x, p) = \text{Vex}_p[\bar{Y}_n^1(x), \dots, \bar{Y}_n^M(x)](p) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^I \left(\mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p))] + \tau H(t_n, x, Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)), \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) \right) \psi_{n,x}^i(p), \end{aligned}$$

with $Z_n^h(x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) := \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \pi_{n,x}^i(p)) (\sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau})]$. The set of vertices of the triangle $K_{n,x}(p)$ will be denoted by $\mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h(p) := \{\pi_{n,x}^1(p), \dots, \pi_{n,x}^I(p)\}$.

Definition 5.4 (One-step feedback). *Let $n \in \{N-1, \dots, 0\}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and $p = (p_1, \dots, p_I) \in \Delta(I)$. We define the one-step feedbacks $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{i,x,p}$ as a $\mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h(p)$ -valued random variables which are independent of $\{\xi_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}$ such that*

- i) for $n = 0, \dots, N-1$
 - a) if $p_i = 0$ set $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{i,x,p} = p$
 - b) if $p_i > 0$: choose $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{i,x,p}$ among $\{\pi_{n,x}^1(p), \dots, \pi_{n,x}^I(p)\} \in \mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h$ with probability

$$(5.12) \quad \mathbb{P} \left[\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{i,x,p} = \pi_{n,x}^j(p) \mid (\mathbf{p}_{n'}^{i',x',p_{m'}})_{i' \in \{1, \dots, I\}, x' \in \mathbb{R}^d, m' \in \{1, \dots, M\}, n' \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \right] \\ = \frac{(\pi_{n,x}^j(p))_i}{p_i} \psi_{n,x}^j(p)$$

- ii) for $n = N$ set $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{i,x,p} = e_i$, where $\{e_i : i = 1, \dots, I\}$ is the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^I .

Furthermore we define $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p} := \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{\mathbf{i},x,p}$, where the index \mathbf{i} is a random variable with law $p = (p_1, \dots, p_I)$ (i.e. $\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{i} = i] = p_i$, $i = 1, \dots, I$), independent of $\{\xi_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}$ and of the process $(\mathbf{p}_n^{j,x,p})_{j \in \{1, \dots, I\}, x \in \mathbb{R}^d, p \in \Delta(I), n \in \{1, \dots, L\}}$.

Remark 5.5. *The probability p_i in Definition 5.4 is the i -th component of the probability vector $p \in \Delta(I)$, i.e., it is the probability of the “chosen” game. In this case, the optimal behavior of Player 1 at time t_{n+1} is derived from the one step feedback $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p} := \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{\mathbf{i},x,p}$. This feedback is the discrete version (in time and in p) of its continuous counterpart see [6, Lemma 3.2.], [15, Definition 3.9] and [5, Section 4.1] for more details.*

The one-step feedback $\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p}$ is a martingale and provides a representation formula for the discrete lower convex envelope.

Lemma 5.6. *For all $n = 0, \dots, N-1$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ we have*

$$V_n^h(x, p_m) = V_n^m(x) = \text{Vex}_p[\bar{Y}_n^1(x), \dots, \bar{Y}_n^M(x)](p_m) \\ = \mathbb{E} \left[V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m}) + \tau H(t_n, x, Z_n^h(x, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m}), \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m}) \right],$$

with $Z_n^h(x, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m}) := \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} [V_{n+1}^h(\bar{X}_{n+1}^x, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m}) (\sigma_n^{-T}(x) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau})]$.

Proof. We consider $n = 0, \dots, N-1$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ and note that the law of the process \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m} is given by (5.12) and \mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m} is independent of \mathbf{i} . Hence it holds for any $f : \mathcal{N}^h \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{x,p_m})] &= \sum_{i=1}^I \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{\{i=i\}} f(\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{i,x,p_m})] = \sum_{i=1}^I \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{\{i=i\}}] \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{p}_{n+1}^{i,x,p_m})] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^I p_i \sum_{j=1}^I \frac{(\pi_{n,x}^j(p_m))_i}{p_i} \psi_{n,x}^j(p_m) f(\pi_{n,x}^j(p_m)) \\
 (5.13) \quad &= \sum_{j=1}^I p_i \sum_{i=1}^I \frac{(\pi_{n,x}^j(p_m))_i}{p_i} \psi_{n,x}^j(p_m) f(\pi_{n,x}^j(p_m)) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^I f(\pi_{n,x}^j(p_m)) \psi_{n,x}^j(p_m) \left(\sum_{i=1}^I (\pi_{n,x}^j(p_m))_i \right) \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^I f(\pi_{n,x}^j(p_m)) \psi_{n,x}^j(p_m),
 \end{aligned}$$

since $\sum_{i=1}^I (\pi_{n,x}(p_m))_i = 1$. On noting (5.11) the statement follows directly from (5.13) and the fact that $\mathcal{N}_{n,x}^h \subseteq \mathcal{N}^h$. \square

Proposition 5.7. *Every accumulation point w of the sequence $\{V_\tau^h\}_{\tau,h>0}$ is a viscosity supersolution of (1.1) on $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \overline{\Delta(I)}$.*

Proof. Let $\phi: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \overline{\Delta(I)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a smooth test function, such that $w - \phi$ has a strict global minimum at $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$ with $(w - \phi)(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) = 0$. We show that ϕ satisfies (2.7) at $(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$.

There exists a sequence $(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)_\tau$ such that $\bar{t}_\tau = l_n \tau \in \Pi_\tau$, $l_n \in \mathbb{N}$ converges to \bar{t} , $\bar{p}_\tau \in \mathcal{N}^h$ converges to \bar{p} , and \bar{x}_τ to \bar{x} for $\tau, h \rightarrow 0$; also, $V_\tau^h - \phi$ has a global minimum at $(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)$ on $\Pi_\tau \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{N}^h$.

Define $\phi_\tau^h := \phi + (V_\tau^h - \phi)(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)$. Then for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ we have

$$(5.14) \quad (V_\tau^h - \phi_\tau^h)(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, p_m) \geq (V_\tau^h - \phi_\tau^h)(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) = 0.$$

Set

$$\bar{X}_{n+1} := \bar{x}_\tau + \sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau};$$

and for each $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{Z}_n^m(\bar{x}_\tau) &:= \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau}], \\
 \bar{Y}_n^m(\bar{x}_\tau) &:= \mathbb{E}[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m)] + \tau H(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{Z}_n^m(\bar{x}_\tau), p_m).
 \end{aligned}$$

From the non convex data set $\mathcal{Y}_n(\bar{x}_\tau) := \{\bar{Y}_n^1(\bar{x}_\tau), \dots, \bar{Y}_n^M(\bar{x}_\tau)\}$, we define

$$V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) := \text{Vex}_p[\mathcal{Y}_n(\bar{x}_\tau)](\bar{p}_\tau).$$

We can assume that $\lambda_{\min}\left(\bar{p}, \frac{\partial^2 \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p^2}(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})\right) > 0$, otherwise (2.7) is always true. Thus, there exist $\delta, \eta > 0$ such that for all τ small enough we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.15) \quad &\left\langle \frac{\partial^2 \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p^2}(t, x, p) z, z \right\rangle > 4\delta |z|^2 \\
 &\forall (x, p) \in B_\eta(\bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \forall t \in [\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{t}_\tau + \tau], \forall z \in T_{\overline{\Delta(I)}(\bar{p}_\tau)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we assume without loss of generality that outside of $B_\eta(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)$, ϕ_τ^h is still convex on $\Delta(I)$. Thus for any $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ it holds

$$(5.16) \quad \begin{aligned} V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, p_m) &\geq \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, p_m) \\ &\geq \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, \bar{p}_\tau), p_m - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof consists of 4 steps.

Step 1. We prove that for any $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)}$, the following inequality holds

$$(5.17) \quad \begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, p)] \\ &\geq \mathbb{E}[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, \bar{p}_\tau)] + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, x, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle + \delta |p - \bar{p}_\tau|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Fix $(x, p) \in B_\eta(\bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)$ and $t \in [\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{t}_\tau + \tau]$. Since ϕ_τ^h is smooth, we expand ϕ_τ^h into a Taylor–Lagrange expansion up to the order 2 and obtain for some $a \in B_\eta(\bar{p}_\tau)$

$$\phi_\tau^h(t, x, p) = \phi_\tau^h(t, x, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(t, x, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{\partial^2 \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p^2}(t, x, a)(p - \bar{p}_\tau), p - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle,$$

which thanks to (5.15) gives

$$(5.18) \quad \phi_\tau^h(t, x, p) \geq \phi_\tau^h(t, x, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(t, x, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle + 2\delta |p - \bar{p}_\tau|^2.$$

For any $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)} \setminus \text{Int}(B_\eta(\bar{p}_\tau))$. We set $\tilde{p} := \bar{p}_\tau + \eta(p - \bar{p}_\tau)/|p - \bar{p}_\tau|$. Since the function V_τ^h is convex in the variable p , then the subgradient of $V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \cdot)$ at p , denoted by $\partial^- V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, p)$ is not an empty set. Let $\hat{p} \in \partial^- V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \hat{p})$, we have by definition of the subgradient

$$(5.19) \quad V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, p) \geq V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \tilde{p}) + \langle \hat{p}, p - \tilde{p} \rangle.$$

By (5.14) we have $(V_\tau^h - \phi_\tau^h)(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \tilde{p}) \geq 0$. Since $\tilde{p} \in B_\eta(\bar{p}_\tau)$, using the inequalities (5.18) and (5.19) we obtain

$$(5.20) \quad \begin{aligned} V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, p) &\geq \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \tilde{p} - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle + 2\delta |\tilde{p} - \bar{p}_\tau|^2 + \langle \hat{p}, p - \tilde{p} \rangle \\ &\geq \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle \\ &\quad + 2\delta |\tilde{p} - \bar{p}_\tau|^2 + \left\langle \hat{p} - \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \tilde{p} \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We show that the last term in the right hand side of (5.20) is positive. By taking $p = \tilde{p}$ in (5.16) and taking $p = \bar{p}_\tau$ in (5.19) we have

$$(5.21) \quad V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \tilde{p}) \geq V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \tilde{p} - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle,$$

$$(5.22) \quad V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \geq V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \tilde{p}) + \langle \hat{p}, \bar{p}_\tau - \tilde{p} \rangle.$$

We sum up (5.21) and (5.22). Then with the choice of \tilde{p} we made, it follows that

$$0 \geq \left\langle \hat{p} - \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \bar{p}_\tau - \tilde{p} \right\rangle = \frac{\eta}{|p - \bar{p}_\tau|} \left\langle \hat{p} - \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \bar{p}_\tau - p \right\rangle.$$

Thanks to the choice of \tilde{p} we note that $\left(\frac{|p-\bar{p}_\tau|}{|p-\bar{p}_\tau|+\eta}\right)(\tilde{p}-p) = (\bar{p}_\tau-p)$. It implies that

$$(5.23) \quad \left\langle \hat{p} - \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \tilde{p} \right\rangle \geq 0.$$

Thus, substituting (5.23) into (5.20) gives

$$\begin{aligned} V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, p) &\geq V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle + 2\delta|\tilde{p} - \bar{p}_\tau|^2 \\ &= V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), p - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle + 2\delta\eta^2. \end{aligned}$$

After taking the limit $\tau, h \rightarrow 0$, we obtain for all $p \in \Delta(I) \setminus \text{Int}(B_\eta(\bar{p}))$ that

$$(5.24) \quad w(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, p) \geq w(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p}(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}), p - \bar{p} \right\rangle + 2\delta\eta^2.$$

Next, suppose that (5.17) does not hold for a $p \in \overline{\Delta(I)}$. Thus there exists a sequence $(\tau, x_\tau, p_\tau)_\tau$ with $p_\tau \in \overline{\Delta(I)} \setminus B_\eta(\bar{p}_\tau)$ such that $(\tau, x_\tau, p_\tau) \rightarrow (0, 0, p)$ for $\tau, h \rightarrow 0$ and

$$(5.25) \quad \begin{aligned} &V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau + x_\tau, p_\tau) \\ &< \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau + x_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau + x_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), p_\tau - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle + \delta|p_\tau - \bar{p}_\tau|^2. \end{aligned}$$

For $\tau, h \rightarrow 0, p \in \overline{\Delta(I)} \setminus B_\eta(\bar{p})$ it follows from (5.25) that

$$w(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, p) < \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p}(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}), p - \bar{p} \right\rangle + \delta|p - \bar{p}|^2.$$

which contradicts the inequality (5.24). Hence, (5.17) holds.

Step 2. We prove that for any $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$ we have

$$(5.26) \quad \begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m)] \\ &\geq \mathbb{E} \left[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau), p_m - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \delta|p_m - \bar{p}_\tau|^2 \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_\tau| < \eta} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

With the estimates (5.17) and (5.14) we have for τ small enough and for all $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m)] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| < \eta}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| \geq \eta}\right] \\
&\geq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau), p_m - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle\right.\right. \\
&\quad \left.\left. + \delta |p_m - \bar{p}_\tau|^2\right) \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| < \eta}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| \geq \eta}\right] \\
&\geq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau), p_m - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle\right.\right. \\
&\quad \left.\left. + \delta |p_m - \bar{p}_\tau|^2\right) \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| < \eta}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| \geq \eta}\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau), p_m - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle\right. \\
(5.27) \quad & \left. + \delta |p_m - \bar{p}_\tau|^2 \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| < \eta}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) - \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau)\right.\right. \\
& \quad \left.\left. - \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau), p_m - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle\right) \mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_n| \geq \eta}\right].
\end{aligned}$$

We recall that ϕ_τ^h is convex in the variable p , which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.28) \quad & \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, p_m) - \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) \\
& - \left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau), p_m - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (5.28) and (5.27) the assertion (5.26) holds for all $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$.

Step 3. Next we establish an estimate for $\mathbf{p}_{n+1} := \mathbf{p}_{l_{n+1}}^{\bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau}$ where $\mathbf{p}_{l_{n+1}}^{\bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau}$ is defined as a one step martingale as in Definition 5.4 with initial data $(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)$.

Note that by Lemma 5.6 it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.29) \quad & V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) = \mathbb{E}\left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1})\right. \\
& \quad \left. + \tau H\left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}\left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}\right], \mathbf{p}_{n+1}\right)\right].
\end{aligned}$$

We replace the first term of the right hand side of (5.29) with (5.26) (for $p = \mathbf{p}_{n+1}$) and obtain using (5.14) for small enough $\tau, h > 0$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
(5.30) \quad & 0 \geq \mathbb{E}\left[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) - \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)\right] \\
& + \tau \mathbb{E}\left[H\left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}\left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}\right], \mathbf{p}_{n+1}\right)\right] \\
& + \mathbb{E}\left[\left\langle \frac{\partial \phi_\tau^h}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau), \mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_\tau \right\rangle\right] + \delta \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_{|\bar{X}_{n+1} - \bar{x}_\tau| < \eta} |\bar{p}_\tau - \mathbf{p}_{n+1}|^2\right] \\
& =: \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III} + \text{IV}.
\end{aligned}$$

We estimate the right-hand side of (5.30).

We note that since ϕ is smooth, from the Taylor expansion it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) - \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)] \\
 (5.31) \quad & = [\partial_t \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau))] \tau + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau) \\
 & \leq C\tau + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, using (5.31) we obtain

$$(5.32) \quad \text{I} \leq C\tau + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau).$$

From (2.2), for II we obtain

$$(5.33) \quad \text{II} \leq C\tau \left(1 + \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} \left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \right] \right) \leq C\tau.$$

Since \mathbf{p}_{n+1} is independent of the random walk $\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}$ and by the martingale property $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{p}_{n+1}] = \bar{p}_\tau$, we have

$$(5.34) \quad \text{III} \leq \left\langle \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\partial V_\tau^h}{\partial \mathbf{p}}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) \right], \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_\tau] \right\rangle = 0.$$

We recall that the random walk $\xi_n \sqrt{\tau}$ and the martingale \mathbf{p}_{n+1} are independent. By the Markov's inequality it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.35) \quad \text{IV} & = \delta \mathbb{P} \left[|\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}| < \eta \right] \mathbb{E} \left[|\bar{p}_\tau - \mathbf{p}_{n+1}|^2 \right] \\
 & \geq \delta \left(1 - \frac{1}{\eta} \mathbb{E} \left[|\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}| \right] \right) \mathbb{E} \left[|\bar{p}_\tau - \mathbf{p}_{n+1}|^2 \right] \\
 & \geq C(\delta, \eta) (1 - \tau^{1/2}) \mathbb{E} \left[|\bar{p}_\tau - \mathbf{p}_{n+1}|^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

We substitute the estimates (5.32), (5.33), (5.34), and (5.35) obtained for I, II, III, and IV into (5.30). And get

$$\mathbb{E} \left[|\bar{p}_\tau - \mathbf{p}_{n+1}|^2 \right] \leq C(\delta, \eta) \left(\frac{\tau}{1 - \tau^{1/2}} \right).$$

For $0 < \tau < 1/2$ small enough we have

$$(5.36) \quad \mathbb{E} \left[|\bar{p}_\tau - \mathbf{p}_{n+1}|^2 \right] \leq C(\delta, \eta) \tau.$$

Step 4. In last step we show that

$$0 \geq \partial_t \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}, \bar{x}) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})) + H(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, D_x \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}), \bar{p}).$$

By Lemma 5.6 it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.37) \quad & V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) = \mathbb{E} \left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right. \\
 & \left. + \tau H \left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} \left[V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_n \sqrt{\tau} \right], \mathbf{p}_{n+1} \right) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

We recall (5.14) and apply Lemma 4.6 with $\phi_1(\cdot) := V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \cdot, \mathbf{p}_{n+1})$ and $\phi_2(\cdot) := \phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \cdot, \mathbf{p}_{n+1})$ to estimate the right hand side of (5.37) from below as

$$(5.38) \quad \begin{aligned} V_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) &= \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \geq \mathbb{E} \left[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \tau H \left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} \left[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \right], \mathbf{p}_{n+1} \right) \right] - C\tau\sqrt{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

The stochastic process \mathbf{p}_{n+1} is independent of \bar{X}_{n+1} by construction. Since ϕ_τ^h is convex and arbitrarily smooth, thanks to (5.16) we obtain

$$(5.39) \quad \begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right] \\ &\geq \mathbb{E} \left[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) \right] + \left\langle \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial p}(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) \right], \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_\tau \right] \right\rangle \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, by the Taylor expansion in x and since the stochastic processes \mathbf{p}_{n+1} satisfies to the martingale property $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{p}_{n+1}] = p_m$ and is independent of ξ_{l_n} , we obtain

$$(5.40) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} \left[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E} \left[\phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} \left[(\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau)) \xi_{l_n} (\sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau))^{-T} \xi_{l_n} \right] \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

We substitute (5.39) and (5.40) into (5.38) to get

$$(5.41) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\geq \mathbb{E} \left[\phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) - \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \tau H \left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbb{E} \left[D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}), \mathbf{p}_{n+1} \right) \right] - C\tau\sqrt{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

Since ϕ is arbitrarily smooth, we can assume that $D_x \phi_\tau^h$ is Lipschitz continuous in p which with (5.36) imply that

$$(5.42) \quad \begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left[\left| D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) - D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \right| \right] \\ &\leq C \mathbb{E} [|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_\tau|] \leq C \left(\mathbb{E} [|\mathbf{p}_{n+1} - \bar{p}_\tau|^2] \right)^{1/2} \leq C\tau^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.3) and (5.42) we have

$$(5.43) \quad \begin{aligned} &H \left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \bar{p}_\tau \right) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[H \left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbb{E} \left[D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}), \mathbf{p}_{n+1} \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E} \left[\left| D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) - D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \right| \right] + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E} \left[H \left(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbb{E} \left[D_x \phi_\tau^h(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}), \mathbf{p}_{n+1} \right) \right] + C\tau^{1/2} + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

By the Taylor expansion we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{X}_{n+1}, \bar{p}_\tau) \\
 (5.44) \quad & = \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \left[\partial_t \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)) \right] \tau \\
 & \quad + [D_x \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)] \sigma(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau) + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to (5.43) and (5.44), we can derive from (5.41) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.45) \quad & C\tau^{1/2} + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}) + \tau \mathcal{O}(\tau^{1/2}) \geq \partial_t \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau)) + H(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, D_x \phi(\bar{t}_\tau + \tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau), \bar{p}_\tau).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $(\bar{t}_\tau, \bar{x}_\tau, \bar{p}_\tau) \rightarrow (\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})$ for $\tau, h \rightarrow 0$, it follows from (5.45) that

$$0 \geq \partial_t \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma \sigma^T(\bar{t}, \bar{x}) D_x^2 \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p})) + H(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, D_x \phi(\bar{t}, \bar{x}, \bar{p}), \bar{p})$$

which concludes the proof. \square

6. IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPUTATIONAL STUDIES

In this section we present an implementable fully discrete version of Algorithm 3.1 where the discretization in the spatial variable is realized via piecewise linear interpolation over a simplicial partition of the spatial domain. We also perform numerical simulations to demonstrate the properties of the proposed scheme.

6.1. Implementable full discretization. For simplicity we describe the algorithm for the case of a bounded spatial domain $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$. Let $\mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$ be a regular partition of \mathcal{D} into open simplices S with mesh size $\Delta x = \max_{S \in \mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}} \{\text{diam}(S)\}$ and denote the set of ‘‘grid’’ nodes of $\mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$ as $\mathcal{X}^{\Delta x} := \{x_1, \dots, x_L\}$. The piecewise linear Lagrange basis associated with the partition $\mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$ is denoted as $\{\varphi_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^L$.

Below we denote $\sigma_{n,\ell} := \sigma(t_n, x_\ell)$, $\sigma_{n,\ell}^{-T} := (\sigma^T(t_n, x_\ell))^{-1}$ and introduce the restriction of (3.3) on the grid nodes $x_\ell \in \mathcal{X}^{\Delta x}$ as

$$\bar{X}_{n+1}^\ell := \bar{X}_{n+1}^{x_\ell} = x_\ell + \sigma_{n,\ell} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau} \quad \ell = 1, \dots, L.$$

The fully discrete algorithm computes the numerical approximation at the nodes $x_\ell \in \mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$, $\ell = 1, \dots, L$. In general, the values \bar{X}_{n+1}^ℓ do not coincide with the nodes $\mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$ and we obtain the intermediate value of the solution by linear interpolation over the simplicial mesh $\mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$. Given the fully discrete solution $\{V_n^{m,\ell}\}_{\ell=1}^L$ at t_n , p_m , $\{x_\ell\}_{\ell=1}^L$ its piecewise linear interpolant on $\mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$ is expressed in terms of the piecewise linear Lagrange basis functions as

$$(6.1) \quad V_n^{m,\Delta x}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^L V_n^{m,i} \varphi_i(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Hence, we obtain the following fully discrete version of Algorithm 3.1.

Algorithm 6.1. For $x_\ell \in \mathcal{X}^{\Delta x}$, $\ell = 1, \dots, L$ set $V_N^{m,\ell} = \langle p_m, g(x_\ell) \rangle$ for $p_m \in \mathcal{N}^h$, $m = 1, \dots, M$ and proceed for $n = N-1, \dots, 0$ as follows:

(1) Forward step: for $x_\ell \in \mathcal{X}^{\Delta x}$, $\ell = 1, \dots, L$ compute:

$$\bar{X}_{n+1}^\ell = x_\ell + \sigma_{n,\ell} \xi_{l_n} \sqrt{\tau};$$

(2) *Backward step:* for $x_\ell \in \mathcal{X}^{\Delta x}$, $\ell = 1, \dots, L$ and $m = 1, \dots, M$ set:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{Z}_n^{m,\ell} &= \frac{1}{\tau} \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^{m,\Delta x}(\bar{X}_{n+1}^\ell) \sigma_{n,\ell}^{-T} \xi_n \sqrt{\tau}], \\ \bar{Y}_n^{m,\ell} &= \mathbb{E}[V_{n+1}^{m,\Delta x}(\bar{X}_{n+1}^\ell)] + \tau H(t_n, x_\ell, \bar{Z}_n^{m,\ell}, p_m);\end{aligned}$$

(3) *Convexification:* for $\ell = 1, \dots, L$ compute the discrete lower convex envelope $\{V_n^{1,\ell}, \dots, V_n^{M,\ell}\}$ of $\{\bar{Y}_n^{1,\ell}, \dots, \bar{Y}_n^{M,\ell}\}$ as:

$$V_n^{m,\ell} = \text{Vex}_p[\bar{Y}_n^{1,\ell}, \dots, \bar{Y}_n^{M,\ell}](p_m), \quad m = 1, \dots, M.$$

There exist several efficient algorithms to compute the discrete lower convex envelope in step (3) of the above algorithm. For $I=2$ one can directly solve the minimization problem (3.8) for $m = 1, \dots, M$, the corresponding algorithm is called Jarvis's march. For $I > 2$, where the direct minimization via (3.8) becomes inefficient, one can employ more efficient convex hull algorithm such as the beneath-beyond or divide-and-conquer algorithms, or the Quickhull algorithm, cf. [21] and [2].

6.2. Numerical experiments. In the numerical experiments below we take $I=2$, $d=1$, $T=0.5$. We eliminate one probability variable from the solution by parametrizing $\Delta(2) = (p, 1-p)$ for $p \in (0, 1)$ and consider the transformed solution $V := V(\cdot, \cdot, p)$ for $p \in (0, 1)$. We set $\sigma(x) = \sigma_0 x(1-x)$, ($\sigma_0 > 0$), and $H(x, p) = \sin(2\pi p) \cos(5\pi x) - \cos(5\pi p) \sin(3\pi x)$ and consider a simplified version of (1.1)

$$(6.2) \quad \min \left\{ \partial_t V + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2(x) \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + H(x, p), \lambda_{\min} \left(p, \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial p^2} \right) \right\} = 0.$$

Due to the choice of the diffusion σ we may restrict the spatial domain to the interval $[0, 1]$ which is partitioned uniformly into line segments, i.e., $\mathcal{T}^{\Delta x} = \{(x_{\ell-1}, x_\ell)\}_{\ell=1}^L$, $x_\ell = \ell \Delta x$ with the mesh size $\Delta x = 1/L$. Similarly, we partition the probability domain $[0, 1]$ uniformly into segments with mesh size $h = 1/M$ and nodes $p_m = mh$, $m = 0, \dots, M$ and the time interval $[0, T]$ with time-step size $\tau = 1/N$, $t_n = n\tau$, $n = 1, \dots, N$.

In the considered case, Algorithm 6.1 has a particularly simple form, where we denote $\sigma_\ell := \sigma(x_\ell)$ and express the expectations in step (1) below explicitly since $\xi_n = \pm 1$.

Algorithm 6.2. For $\ell = 0, \dots, L$ set $V_N^{m,\ell} := \langle p_m, g(x_\ell) \rangle$ and $n = N-1, \dots, 0$ proceed as follows:

(1) For $\ell = 0, \dots, L$, $m = 0, \dots, M$:

$$\bar{Y}_n^{m,\ell} = \frac{V_{n+1}^{m,\Delta x}(x_\ell + \sigma_\ell \sqrt{\tau}) + V_{n+1}^{m,\Delta x}(x_\ell - \sigma_\ell \sqrt{\tau})}{2} + \tau H(x_\ell, p_m);$$

(2) For $\ell = 0, \dots, L$, $m = 1, \dots, M-1$ compute:

$$V_n^{m,\ell} = \min_{k \in \{1, \dots, M-m\}} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) \bar{Y}_n^{m,\ell} + \frac{1}{k} \bar{Y}_n^{m+k,\ell} \right\}.$$

The numerical solution computed for $\sigma_0 = 0.5$, $N = 25$, $L = 100$, and $M = 100$ is displayed in Fig. 1a.

Since no analytic solution is known we determine the experimental order of convergence by using a reference solution $V_{\tau_{\text{ref}}}$ which is computed for small discretization parameters $\tau_{\text{ref}} = 1/384$ and $h = \Delta x_{\text{ref}} = 1/1024$.

To study the error in the spatial discretization we fix $\tau = 1/50$, $h = 1/1024$ and vary $\Delta x = 1/L$ for $L = 15, 30, 60, 150, 300, 600$. The maximum error over all $x_\ell \in \mathcal{T}^{\Delta x}$ at

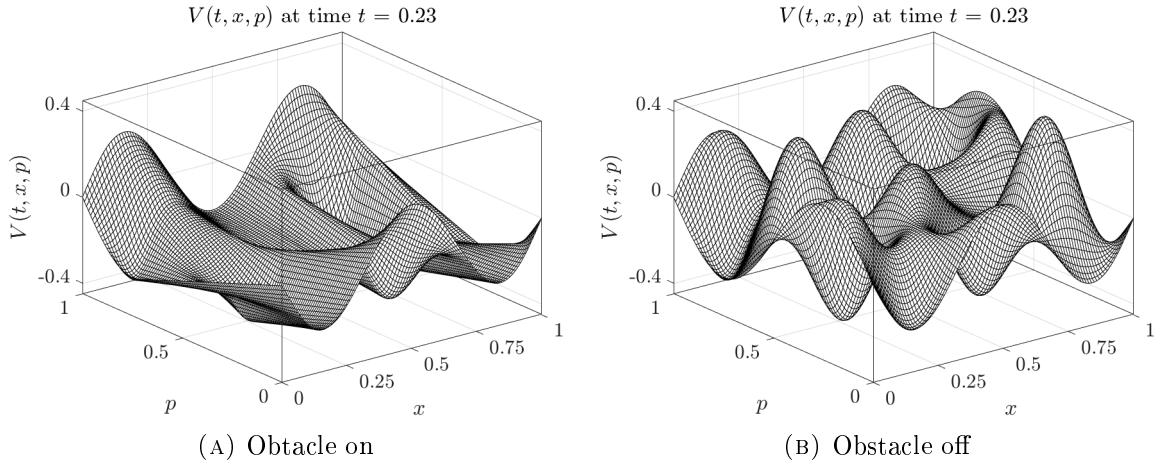


FIGURE 1. (left) Numerical solution of (6.2) computed with Algorithm 6.2. (right) Numerical solution of (6.2) without the obstacle term $\lambda_{\min}(p, \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial p^2})$, computed with Algorithm 6.2 without step (2).

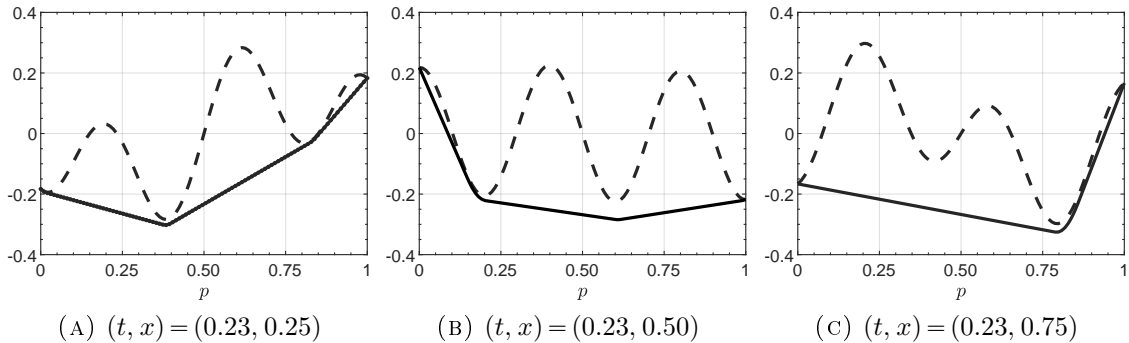


FIGURE 2. Cross-section of the numerical solution in Fig. 1a (solid line) and in Fig. 1b (dashed line) at $x = 0.5, 0.50, 0.75$

$(t, p) = (0, 0.5)$ plotted against Δx is displayed in Fig. 3a. We observe that the convergence in Δx is roughly of first order.

Next, we study the error in the discretization in p . We fix $\tau = 1/50$, $\Delta x = 1/1024$ and $h = 1/M$ for $M = 15, 30, 60, 150, 300, 600$. The maximum error over all $p_m \in \mathcal{N}_h$ at $(t, x) = (0, 0.5)$ plotted against h is displayed in Fig. 3b. Similarly as for the spatial discretization, we observe quadratic convergence in h .

Finally, to study the error if the time-discretization we fix $\Delta x = h = 1/1024$ and vary $\tau = 1/N$ for $N = 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 86$. The maximum error over all tile levels t_n , $n = 1, \dots, N$ at $(x, p) = (0.5, 0.5)$ plotted against h is displayed in Fig. 3c. The convergence of the discretization with respect to τ is of linear order.

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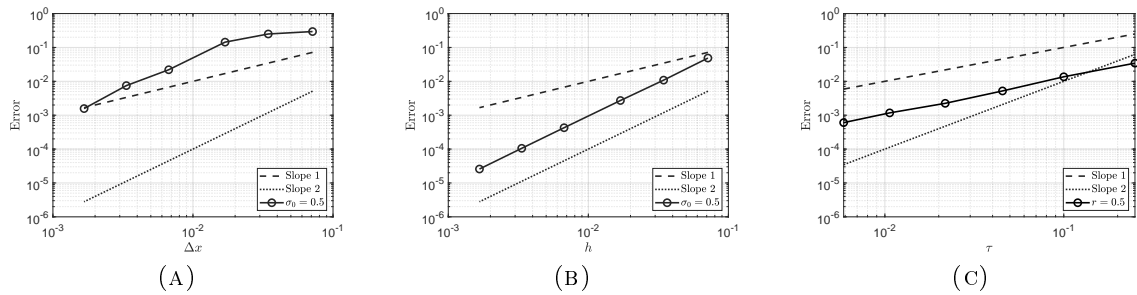


FIGURE 3. A log-log plot of the the error wrt. Δx , h , τ for $\sigma_0 = 0.5$.

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