

The Existence of the Approximate Solution for the Hamilton_Jacobi equation by Using the Dual Dynamic Programming

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ABSTRACT

Stability of an approximation of a minimum for a control problem of Bolza is investigated. The dual dynamic programming method is used. An \mathcal{E} -value function and a dual \mathcal{E} -value function are defined. Several properties of these functions are presented. The verification theorems are proved.

المخلص:- في هذا البحث تم تفحص استقرار اية الحل التقريبي لمشكلة بولزا والتي هي احدى مشاكل نظرية السيطرة المثلى عن طريق استخدام طريقة جديدة للتفحص هي طريقة البرمجة الديناميكية المواجهة. كما تم تعريف الدوال \mathcal{E} -value function وكذلك \mathcal{E} -value function وتم تقديم خواص جديدة لتلك الدوال. واخيراً تم برهان المبرهنة الاساسية في هذا البحث.

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1. Introduction

We shall study the Bolza functional

$$J(x, y) = \int_a^b L(t, x(t), u(t))dt + \ell(x(b)) \quad (1)$$

where the absolutely continues trajectory $x : [a, b] \rightarrow R^n$, the Lebesgue measurable control function $u : [a, b] \rightarrow R^m$, and ℓ is not identically to $+\infty$ are subject to



$$\dot{x} = f(t, x(t), u(t)) \text{ a.e. in } [a, b] \tag{2}$$

$$u(t) \in U(t), \quad t \in [a, b] \tag{3} \quad (C)$$

$$x(a) = c. \tag{4}$$

Here $f : [a, b] \times R^n \times R^m \rightarrow R^n$, $L : [a, b] \times R^n \times R^m \rightarrow R$, are given functions; $x : [a, b] \rightarrow R^n$, is absolutely continuous functions; $u : [a, b] \rightarrow U(t)$, is a measurable function and $U(t)$ is the set of controls with the initial condition $x(a) = c$ which is defined as:

$U(t) = \{u(t) \text{ measurables; such that } t \in [a, b] \text{ and } u(t) \in K, \text{ where } K \text{ is compact subset of } R^m\}$.

Throughout the paper we shall assume the following hypothesis:

(Z) $(t, x, u) \rightarrow f(t, x, u)$ and $(t, x, u) \rightarrow L(t, x, u)$ are continuous and bounded

functions on $[a, b] \times R^n \times K$; they are Lipschitz functions with respect to t, x, u .

A pair $x(t), u(t)$ is admissible if it satisfies (2),(4), and $L(t, x(t), u(t))$ is assumable function; then the corresponding trajectory $x(t)$ will simply be called admissible.

We are looking for an admissible pair $x_\epsilon(t), u_\epsilon(t), t \in [a, b], x_\epsilon(a) = c$ such that

$$J(x_\epsilon, u_\epsilon) \leq \inf J(x, u) + \epsilon(b - a) \tag{5}$$

Where the infimum is taken over all admissible pairs satisfying (4) and $\epsilon > 0$ is any given number.

It is clear that such a pair $x_\epsilon(t), u_\epsilon(t)$, satisfying (5) always exists if $\inf J(x, u) > -\infty$.

The main problem considered in the literature is how to existence of an approximate solution for the Hamilton-Jacobi (H-J) equation for the optimality problem by using the non-classical approach to dynamic programming (the dual dynamic programming) (see Nowakowski A. [7]).

The first answer for the first problem, at least partially belongs to Ekeland [3,4]. He formulated it in the form of the variational principle and it corresponds to the first variation in the ordinary extremum problem, i.e. for (1)-(4) it is simply the ϵ -maximum pontryagin principle.



However, from this principle we cannot infer that a pair satisfying it satisfies also (5). The situation is even worse: not every pair satisfying (5) satisfies the ϵ -maximum pontryagin principle. Nowakowski (1998-1990) there are described theories, basing an generalizations of filed of extremals and Hilbert’s independence integral, which allow us to state, under additional geometrical assumptions, that a pair $x_\epsilon(t), u_\epsilon(t)$ satisfying the ϵ -maximum principle satisfies (5) with some extra term on the right hand side.

The aim of this article is to describe the noclassical dynamic programming method for an approximate minimum of the Bolza functional and to use this method in order to existence of an approximate solution for the Hamilton-Jacobi equation.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows:

In section 2 we propose the dual dynamic programming method (see, Nowakowski, (1990)). We define a dual ϵ -value function in the dual space and show that it has properties analogous to the dual value function. Next we describe the necessary method used for the construction of dual ϵ -value function which is an approximation to the dual value function. Throughout the construction process we check whether the function under construction is a solution of the Hamilton – Jacobi equation.

2. The Dual Dynamic Programming Approach

Let \mathbf{T} be a set covered by graphs of admissible trajectories but not necessary with nonempty interior. Next consider a set $P \subset R^{n+2}$ of points $(t, y^0, y) = (t, P), y^0 \leq 0$, with nonempty interior and a function $x(t, p)$ defined in P such that $(t, x(t, p)) \in T$ for $(t, p) \in P$; and assume that satisfies the following:

Define in P the dual value function as

$$S_D(t, p) = \inf\{-y^0 \int_t^b L(s, x(s), u(s)) ds - y^0 \ell(x(b))\}. \tag{6}$$

where the infimum is taken over admissible pairs $x(s), u(s), s \in [t, b]$ whose trajectories start at $(t, x(t, p))$ and their graphs are contained in \mathbf{T} . We assume further that $x(t, p)$ is a Borel measurable, locally bounded, Lipschitz function, and such that for each admissible trajectory $x(t)$ lying in \mathbf{T} there exists an absolutely continuous function $p(t) = (y^0, y(t))$ lying in P



such that $x(t) = x(t, p)$ and, if all trajectories $x(t)$ start at the same (t_0, x_0) , then all the corresponding $p(t)$ have the same first coordinate y^0 .

Now, since $S_D(t, p) = -y^0 S(t, x(t, p))$, $(t, p) \in P, t \in [0, b]$ is a lipschitz function for $(t, p) \in P$ and is a solution for the Hamilton-Jacobi equation (see, Nowakowski A., 1992)

$$-y^0 S_t(t, x(t, p)) + \min\{-y^0 S_x(t, x(t, p))f(t, x(t, p), u) - y^0 L(t, x(t, p), u), u \in K\} = 0$$

$$a.e., (t, x(t, p)) \in T, t \in (0, b) \tag{7}$$

with the boundary condition

$$-y^0 S(b, x(b, p(b))) = -y^0 \ell(x(b)), \text{ for all } (b, x(b, p(b))) \in T \tag{8}$$

By dual ε - value function we mean any function $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p)$ satisfying

$$S_D(t, p) \leq S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p) \leq S_D(t, p) - \varepsilon y^0 (b - a) \tag{9}$$

$$S_{\varepsilon D}(b, p) = -y^0 \ell(x(b)), \quad (b, p) \in P \tag{10}$$

We see that if $S_\varepsilon(t, x)$ is an ε - value function then $-y^0 S_\varepsilon(b, x(t, p))$ is a dual ε - value function. Thus we see that the dual ε - value function has properties analogous to ε - value function (see Nowakowski A., 1995). An admissible trajectory $x_\varepsilon(s), s \in [t, b], x_\varepsilon(t) = x$ is called an ε -optimal trajectory if there exists an absolutely continuous function $p_\varepsilon(s) = (y_\varepsilon^0, y_\varepsilon(s)), s \in [t, b], p_\varepsilon(t) = p$, lying in P , such that $x_\varepsilon(s) = x(s, p_\varepsilon(s)), s \in [t, b]$ and

$$S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p) \geq y_\varepsilon^0 \int_t^b L(s, x_\varepsilon(s), u_\varepsilon(s)) ds - y_\varepsilon^0 \ell(x_\varepsilon(b))$$

for a given fixed $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p)$.

According to Nowakowski A. and Jacewicz E., in the nonclassical dynamic programming the sufficient condition for optimality of the solution to the considered problem is expressed as the solution to the Hamilton-Jacobi equation so the following Theorem 2.1 holds.

Theorem 2.1: Let $V(t, p), (t, p) \in P, t \in [a, b]$, be a Lipschitz function satisfying the dual partial differential inequality of dynamic programming



$$0 \leq V_t(t, p) + \sup \{y f(t, -V_y(t, p), u) + y^0 L(t, -V_y(t, p), u) : u \in U(t)\} \leq -\frac{1}{2} y^0 \varepsilon \tag{11}$$

Let E denoted a subset of $[a, b]$ such that if $t_0 \in E$ then for all $(t, p) \in P$, $V_p(t, p)$ exists.

We assume that $\text{meas } E = b - a$, $b \in E$ and that $V(t, p)$ satisfies the boundary condition $y^0 V_{y^0}(b, p) = y^0 \ell(-V_y(b, p))$, $(b, p) \in P$ and the relation

$$V(t, p) = V_p(t, p)p - \frac{1}{2} y^0 \varepsilon (b - t), t \in E, (t, p) \in P. \tag{12}$$

Let $x(t), u(t)$ be an admissible pair whose graph of the trajectory $x(t)$ is contained in the closure \bar{T} of $T = \{(t, x) : x = -V_y(t, p), t \in E, (t, p) \in P\}$ and such that there is a function of bounded variation $p(t) = (y^0, y(t))$ lying in P , and satisfying $x(t) = -V_y(t, p(t))$ for $t \in E$.

Assume further that then $V_t(t, p(t))$ exists for almost every t . Then

$$-y^0 V_{y^0}(t_1, p(t_1)) + y^0 \int_{t_1}^b L(t, x(t), u(t)) dt \leq -y^0 V_{y^0}(t_2, p(t_2)) + y^0 \int_{t_2}^b L(t, x(t), u(t)) dt - \varepsilon y^0 (b - a) \tag{13}$$

for all $a \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq b$. Let $x_\varepsilon(t), u_\varepsilon(t), t \in [a, b]$, $x_\varepsilon(a) = c$ be an admissible pair with $x_\varepsilon(t)$ lying in \bar{T} and let $p_\varepsilon(t) = (y_\varepsilon^0, y_\varepsilon(t))$, $t \in [a, b]$, be a nonzero absolutely continuous function lying in P such that $x_\varepsilon(t) = -V_y(t, p_\varepsilon(t))$ for all $t \in E$. Suppose that, for almost all t in $[a, b]$,



$$0 \leq V_t(t, p_\varepsilon(t)) + y_\varepsilon(t)f(t, -V_y(t, p_\varepsilon(t)), u_\varepsilon(t)) + y_\varepsilon^0 L(t, -V_y(t, p_\varepsilon(t)), u_\varepsilon(t))$$

$$\leq -\frac{1}{2} y_\varepsilon^0 \tag{14}$$

Then $x_\varepsilon(t)$ is an ε -optimal trajectory for the dual ε -value function $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p) = -y_\varepsilon^0 V_{y^0}(t, p)$ relative to all admissible pairs $x(t), u(t), t \in [a, b], x(a) = c$, whose graphs of trajectories are contained in \bar{T} and where the corresponding function $p(t) = (y_\varepsilon^0, y(t)) (x(t) = -V_y(t, p(t)), t \in E)$ is of bounded variation.

Moreover $-y_\varepsilon^0 S_\varepsilon(t, x(t, p)) = -y_\varepsilon^0 V_{y^0}(t, p)$ with $x(t, p) = -V_y(t, p)$.

Proof: see (Nowakoski; A. and Jacewicz .E, 1995).

It can be seen that some regularity of the function $(t, p_\varepsilon) \rightarrow S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p_\varepsilon(t))$, being the solution to the dual partial differential inequality of dynamic programming (DPDIDP)(12), is required it must be at least a Lipschitz function (see Theorem 2.1).

3. Approximating The $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p)$ Function

This section presents some definitions and Lemmas which will be used in the proof the main theorem in this section.

Let us define the set W as follows:

$$W = \{H(t, p) = -y_\varepsilon^0 W_\varepsilon(t, x_\varepsilon(t, p)) \mid \text{is a Lipschitz for } t, p; (t, p) \in P, t \in [0, b], (t, x_\varepsilon(t, p)) \in T; \text{ with the boundary condition } H(b, p) = -y_\varepsilon^0 W_\varepsilon(b, x(b, p_\varepsilon)) \leq -y_\varepsilon^0 \ell(x_\varepsilon^0(b)) \text{ for all } x_\varepsilon(t, p) \in T, (t, p_\varepsilon) \in P; \text{ and } -\varepsilon \leq -y^0 (\partial/\partial t)W_\varepsilon(t, x(t, p)) + \min \{ -y^0 (\partial/\partial x)W_\varepsilon(t, x(t, p)) f(t, x(x, t), u) - y^0 L(t, x(t, p), u) : u \in K \} \leq 0 \} \tag{15}$$

And we define on the set W the following partial ordering:

$$H \leq \hat{H} \Leftrightarrow H(t, p) \leq \hat{H}(t, p), (t, p) \in P, t \in [0, b], \forall H, \hat{H} \in W.$$



Note, from the definition of the function $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p), (t, p) \in P$, in (9) we observe that the dual ε -value function $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p) = -y^0 S_{\varepsilon}(t, x(t, p)), (t, p) \in P$ belongs to the set W of all Lipschitz solutions for the dual partial differential inequality of dynamic programming (DPDIDP)(15), when there exists $x_{\varepsilon}(t) = x_{\varepsilon}(t, p_{\varepsilon}(t)), (t, p) \in P$, lying in T , as a multiplied solution for Bolza problem (C).

Now, let us formulate and prove three lemmas (3.1,3.2,3.3), which will simplify and shorten the proof of the main theorem in this section that the dual ε -value function $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p), (t, p) \in P$ defined in (9) is

$$H(t, p) - \varepsilon(b - t) \leq S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p) \leq H(t, p), \text{ for all } H \in W.$$

To formulate these lemmas, let us assume that $t_0 < b$ and consider $\delta > 0$ such that the interval $[t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ has a nonempty interior.

Now let $x_{0\varepsilon}(t_0) = x_{0\varepsilon}(t_0, p_{0\varepsilon}(t_0))$ be arbitrary and let it belong to $T, u(\cdot) \in U(t)$.

Since $(t, x, u) \rightarrow f(t, x, u)$ and $(t, x, u) \rightarrow L(t, x, u)$ satisfy assumption (Z), and since $x_{\varepsilon}(t, p), (t, p_{\varepsilon}) \in P$ is bounded and Lipschitz with respect to $t, x_{\varepsilon}(t, p), u_{\varepsilon}$ in $T \times K$, when $(t, p_{\varepsilon}) \in P$.

Therefore the response of the system $t \rightarrow x_{\varepsilon}(t) = x_{\varepsilon}(t, p(t)), t \in [t_0, b]$ with $x_{0\varepsilon}(t_0) = x_{0\varepsilon}(t_0, p_0(t_0))$, lying in T is bounded, i.e., $x_{\varepsilon}(t, p_{\varepsilon}(t)) \in Q$, for all $(t, p_{\varepsilon}(t)) \in \hat{Q}, t \in [t_0, b]$, where Q and \hat{Q} are compact subsets of T and P respectively.

Now we define a set \bar{Q} as follows: $\bar{Q} = \hat{Q} + B_1(R^{n+2})$, where $B_1(R^{n+2})$ is the sphere centered at the origin having a radius of 1.

For shorter and simpler definition, we propose the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(t, p, u) &= f(t, x_{\varepsilon}(t, p), u) \\ \tilde{L}(t, p, u) &= L(t, x_{\varepsilon}(t, p), u) \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$



Since $f : [a, b] \times R^n \times K \rightarrow R^n$ and $L : [a, b] \times R^n \times K \rightarrow R$ are Lipschitz satisfies assumptions (Z), and $x_\varepsilon(t, p)$ is a Lipschitz function for $(t, p_\varepsilon) \in P$, then we deduce that $\tilde{f}(t, p, u)$ and $\tilde{L}(t, p, u)$ are also lipschitz functions in $P \times K$.

And since $H(t, p) = -y^0 W_\varepsilon(t, x_\varepsilon(t, p))$, $(t, p) \in P$ then the dual partial differential inequality of dynamic programming (15) becomes

$$-\varepsilon \leq H_t(t, p) + \min \left\{ H_x(t, p) \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) : u \in K \right\} \leq 0$$

a.e., $(t, p) \in P, t \in [0, b]$, (17)

with the boundary condition

$$H(b, p(b)) \leq -y_\varepsilon^0 \ell(x_\varepsilon(b)), (b, p) \in P.$$

Now we propose the function $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ which is defined as:

$$F(t, p) = H_t(t, p) + \min \left\{ H_x(t, p) \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) : u \in K \right\} \quad (18)$$

Since the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_t(t, p)$, $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(t, p, u)$ and $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{L}(t, p, u)$ which are used in the definition of the above function $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ are continuous, and since K is a compact set, then we deduce that $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ is continuous.

Then according to the basis of the weierstrass's theorem of $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ bounded on the set \hat{Q} . By denoting the infimum and supremum of $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ over \hat{Q} by h_ℓ and h_u respectively. We can estimate the value of the function $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ by:

$$h_\ell \leq F(t, p) \leq h_u, \text{ for all } (t, p) \in \hat{Q} \quad (19)$$

The function $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ may take values of different signs, and we are looking for dual ε - value function which must satisfy the dual partial differential inequality of dynamic programming (15) (see Nowakowski. A and Jacewicz.E, 1995). So we have to define a new function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ which depends on the function $H(.,.)$, where $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ should enable us to estimate non-positive close to zero values of a new



function $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ which is constructed in a similar way to $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$. The function $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ should also satisfy (15).

Now a new function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p), j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, q, r \in N$, must be defined on disjoint subsets \hat{Q}_j which covers completely the compact set \hat{Q} .

First, the domain of this function must be constructed. We shall divide the interval $[h_\ell, h_u] \subset R$ which is the set of values of function $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ into $q + r$ subintervals.

The points of the partition are determined as follows:

(a) if infimum h_ℓ and supremum h_u are of different signs, then:

$$h_\ell = z_{-q} < z_{-q+1} < \dots < z_{-1} < z_0 < z_1 < \dots < z_{r-1} < z_r = h_u,$$

where $z_0 = 0$ and $q, r \in N$;

(b) if infimum h_ℓ is non-negative, then:

$$0 = z_0 \leq h_\ell < z_1 < \dots < z_{r-1} < z_r = h_u,$$

where $r \in N$;

(c) if supremum h_u is not positive then:

$$h_\ell = z_{-q} < z_{-q+1} < \dots < z_{-1} < z_0 = h_u,$$

where $q \in N$.

We will take into consideration the first case (a) where h_ℓ and h_u are of different signs, while the other two cases (b) and (c) are not considered since they are simpler.

As in the definition of a Lebesgue integral, we will define subsets of \hat{Q} :

$$\hat{Q}_j = \{(t, p) \in \hat{Q} : z_j \leq F(t, p) < z_{j+1}\}, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$$

$$\hat{Q}_j = \{(t, p) \in \hat{Q} : z_{j-1} \leq F(t, p) \leq z_j\}, j = 1$$

$$\hat{Q}_j = \{(t, p) \in \hat{Q} : z_{j-1} < F(t, p) \leq z_j\}, j \in \{2, \dots, r\}.$$

It is easily seen that the sets $\hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ are disjoint for



all $i, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, i \neq j$, and they cover whole set \hat{Q} .

Moreover let \bar{Q}_j denotes the closures of the sets $\hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$. On such subsets $\hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ of \hat{Q} , we construct a new function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$.

Since the function $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ may have values of different signs in \hat{Q} , we have to consider the following two cases:

I. let $F(t, p) \geq 0, (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, which means that

$$h_\ell \leq z_{j-1} < F(t, p) \leq z_j \leq h_u, (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{1, \dots, r\} \quad (20)$$

We define on $\hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, a new function by shifting the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H(t, p)$ as follows:

$$H_{1,j}(t, p) = H(t, p) + \alpha_j z_j (b - t) \quad (21)$$

where $\alpha_j \in (0, 1), j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ are chosen to enable us estimate non-negative close to zero values of the new function $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ defined on $\hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ by the following formula:

$$F_{1,j}(t, p) = H_{1,jt} + \min\{H_{1,jx}(t, p)\tilde{f}(t, p, u) - y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) : u \in K\} \quad (22)$$

where $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p), (t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(t, p, u)$ and $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{L}(t, p, u)$ be as defined in (21), and (16) respectively.

By using (22) of $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ and (21) of $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$, we obtain the following formula which shows the relation between the functions $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ and $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ where both functions are defined on $\hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$. The following formula shows this relation:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1,j}(t, p) &= H_t + \alpha_j z_j + \min\{H_x \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) : u \in K\} \\ &= F(t, p) - \alpha_j z_j \end{aligned}$$



From inequality (20) and the above formula it follows that the following estimation holds:

$$-\mu_j \leq F_{1,j}(t, p) \leq -\eta_j, \quad (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, r\} \quad (23)$$

where $-\mu_j = z_{j-1} - \alpha_j z_j$, $-\eta_j = z_j - \alpha_j z_j$, $1 < \alpha_j < 2$, $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$.

It is obvious that this estimation will be better if we choose the numbers α_j sufficiently close to 1, i.e. $\alpha_j = 1.01$.

It is easily seen that the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ is defined and continuous on \hat{Q}_j , $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, so it may be extended in to $\bar{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}_j$, $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ by putting

$$H_{1,j}(t, p) = H(t, p) + \alpha_j(b - t)$$

for each $(t, p) \in \bar{Q}_j \setminus \hat{Q}_j$, $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ and $\alpha_j \in (1, 2)$.

Certainly such an extended function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ is also absolutely continuous in $\bar{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}_j$, $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, since the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H(t, p)$ is absolutely continuous. Furthermore we have noticed that $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(t, p, u)$ and $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{L}(t, p, u)$ are continuous functions in $\hat{Q}_j \times K$, so we deduce that $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ is also continuous on \bar{Q}_j .

II. Let $F(t, p) < 0$, $(t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}$, $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$, which means that

$$(t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}. h_\ell \leq z_j \leq F(t, p) < z_{j+1} \leq h_u, \quad (24)$$

Likewise as in the previous case we define on $\hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}$, $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$ a new function by shifting the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H(t, p)$ as follows:

$$H_{1,j}(t, p) = H(t, p) + \gamma_j z_{j+1}(b - t) \quad (25)$$

where the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H(t, p)$ was chosen earlier and can be seen in the definition of the function $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ satisfying (24).



Negative numbers $z_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$ are the points from the division of the interval $[h_l, h_u] \subset R$. The numbers $0 < \gamma_j < 1$ were chosen estimate the non egative values, close to zero, of a new function $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$. This new function is defined in subset $\hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$ as follows:

$$F_{1,j}(t, p) = H_{1,jt}(t, p) + \min\{H_{1,jx}(t, p)\tilde{f}(t, p, u) - y^0\tilde{L}(t, p, u); u \in K\} \quad (26)$$

where $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p), (t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(t, p, u)$ and $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{L}(t, p, u)$ be as defined in (25) and (16) respectively.

By using (26) of $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ and (25) of $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$, we obtain the following formula which shows the relation between the functions $(t, p) \rightarrow F(t, p)$ and $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ where both functions are defined on $\hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$.

The following formula shows this relation:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1,j}(t, p) &= H_t(t, p) - \gamma_j z_{j+1} + \min\{H_x(t, p)\tilde{f}(t, p, u) - y^0\tilde{L}(t, p, u); u \in K\} \\ &= F(t, p) - \gamma_j z_{j+1} \end{aligned}$$

From inequality (24) and the above formula it follows that the following estimation holds:

$$-\mu_j \leq F_{1,j}(t, p) \leq -\eta_j, (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \quad (27)$$

where $-\mu_j = z_j - \gamma_j z_{j+1}, -\eta_j = z_{j+1} - \gamma_j z_{j+1}, 0 < \gamma_j < 1$.

Notice that this estimation will be better if we choose the numbers γ_j sufficiently close to 1, i.e. $\gamma_j = 0.99$.

It is easily seen that the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ is defined and continuous on $\hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$ so it may extended into $\bar{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$ by putting

$$H_{1,j}(t, p) = H(t, p) - \gamma_j z_{j+1}(b - t),$$

for each $(t, p) \in \bar{Q}_j / \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$ and $\gamma_j \in (0, 1)$.



Certainly such an extended function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ is also lipschitz function, $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$, since the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H(t, p)$ is a lipschitz function.

Furthermore we have noticed that $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(t, p, u)$ and $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{L}(t, p, u)$

are continuous in $\hat{Q} \times K$, so we deduce that $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ is also continuous function on $\hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$.

In the first step of our work, we have constructed the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ on all subset $\bar{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ and $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ defined on the same domain and take only non-positive values which are close to zero, so $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ is approximating the dual ε – value function.

Thus we can estimate the values of the function $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ as follows:

$$-\mu_j \leq F_{1,j}(t, p) \leq -\eta_j, (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q} \tag{28}$$

where

$$\mu_j = \begin{cases} -z_{j-1} + \alpha_j z_j & \text{if } j \in \{1, \dots, r\} \\ -z_j + \gamma_j z_{j+1} & \text{if } j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}, \end{cases} \quad \eta_j = \begin{cases} -z_j + \alpha_j z_j & \text{if } j \in \{1, \dots, r\} \\ -z_{j+1} + \gamma_j z_{j+1} & \text{if } j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \end{cases}$$

where $1 < \alpha_j < 2$ for $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}, 0 < \gamma_j < 1$ for $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\}$. If all the numbers α_j and γ_j are sufficiently close to 1, then the numbers μ_j and η_j are non- positive and close to zero.

As the estimation of the values of the function $F_{1,j}(.,.)$ given by (28) is valid, the function $H_{1,j}(.,.)$ defined by (21) and (25) and being used in formula (22) and (26) for the function $F_{1,j}(.,.)$ would satisfy the dual dynamic programming inequality (15), i.e., it would approximate the dual ε – value function for the Bolza problem (C), if only it had been at least of a Lipschitz function. So the construction would have been finished.



Although the function $H_{1,j}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is defined and continuous on $Q_j \subset Q, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ and even continuous on their closures, they are only piecewise continuous in set Q and thus it could not be sufficiently regular.

In order to make the function $H_{1,j}(\cdot, \cdot)$ sufficiently regular, we have to define new function using convolution of the function $H_{1,j}(\cdot, \cdot)$ with a function of class $C_0^\infty(R^{n+2})$ having a compact support.

So we will define a new function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p), j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ for arbitrary fixed $\beta < \min(1, \delta), i \in N \setminus \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. To define new function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)$ we convolute a function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p), j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ with a function $(t, p) \rightarrow \rho_\beta(t, p)$ of class $C_0^\infty(R^{n+2})$ having compact support and then translating the convolution to the left as shown below:

$$H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) = (H_{1,j} * \rho_\beta)(t, p) - (i - 2/i)\eta_j(b - t), (t, p) \in Q_j \subset Q \quad (29)$$

where the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{1,j}(t, p)$ as defined in (21) and (25), $\eta_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$, is the upper bound of the function $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}(t, p)$ as in (27), $i \in N \setminus \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, when $i \rightarrow +\infty$, then $(i - 2/i) \rightarrow 1$; $\rho_1 : R \times R^{n+1} \rightarrow R$ is a function of class $C_0^\infty(R^{n+1})$ having compact support; $\int_{R^{n+2}} \rho_1(t, p) dt dp = 1$;

$\rho_\beta(t, p) = (1/\beta^{n+2} \rho_1)(t/\beta, p/\beta) \in C_0^\infty(R^{n+2})$; $\text{supp } \rho_1 \subset B_1(R^{n+2})$; $B_1(R^{n+2})$ is a sphere centered at the origin having a radius of 1.

As in the previous parts of construction we define a new function

$$(t, p) \rightarrow F_{1,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p), j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, \beta < \min(1, \delta), i \in N \setminus \{0, 1, 2, 3\},$$

on Q_j as follows:



$$F_{1,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) = (\partial/\partial t)H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) + \min\{(\partial/\partial x)H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)\tilde{f}(t, p, u) - y^0\tilde{L}(t, p, u) : u \in K\} \quad (30)$$

where the function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)$ is defined by (29). Clearly, this function $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)$ will also be a Lipschitz function, because the function $(H_{1,j} * \rho_\beta)(\cdot, \cdot)$ is Lipschitz for t, p .

We deduce that $(t, p) \rightarrow F_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)$, $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ $\beta < \min(1, \delta)$, $i \in N \setminus \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ is continuous on $\hat{Q}_j \subset \hat{Q}$, since $(t, p) \rightarrow H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)$ and $(\partial/\partial t)H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)$ are continuous on \hat{Q}_j , and since $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(t, p, u)$ and $(t, p, u) \rightarrow \tilde{L}(t, p, u)$ are continuous on $\bar{Q} \times K$.

In the next part of this paper we will estimate the values of the function $F_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\cdot, \cdot)$. It will appear that these values are close to zero, but of different signs. So the function $H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\cdot, \cdot)$ satisfy the DPDIDP(15). Thus, we will obtain a new function $H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\cdot, \cdot)$ that will approximate the dual ε -value function.

Let us formulate and prove three lemmas, which will simplify and shorten the proof of Theorem 3.1.

Because in theorem 3.1 we will make use of the fact that the functions $-y^0\tilde{L}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ and $-y^0(\tilde{L} * \rho_\beta)(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ have values arbitrary close to each other is needed.

Therefore lemma 3.1 should be proved first. This gives an estimate of the difference of the values between these two functions by arbitrary close to zero on $\bar{Q}_j \times K$, $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$.

Lemma 3.1: Let $\tilde{L}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ be a function as defined in (16) and satisfying the assumptions (Z), and $\rho_\beta(\cdot, \cdot)$ be the function of class $C_0^\infty(R^{n+2})$ defined above. Then for arbitrary $i \in N \setminus \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and η_j , $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ described during construction of the function



$H_{1,j}(\dots)$, there exist $\beta_i^j > 0$ such that for any $\beta \leq \beta_i^j$, and for all $(t, p, u) \in \hat{Q}_j \times K, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ $j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ the following estimation holds:

$$\left| -y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) - (-y^0 \tilde{L} * \rho_\beta)(t, p, u) \right| < \frac{1}{i} \eta_j.$$

Proof: For $(t, p, u) \in \hat{Q}_j \times K$, the following estimation holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| -y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) - (-y^0 \tilde{L} * \rho_\beta)(t, p, u) \right| \\ &= \left| -y^0 \left| \tilde{L}(t, p, u) - (\tilde{L} * \rho_\beta)(t, p, u) \right| \right| \\ &= \left| -y^0 \right| \left| \int_{B_\beta(R^{n+2})} [\tilde{L}(t, p, u) - \tilde{L}(t-s, p-p', u)] \rho_\beta(s, p') ds dp' \right| \\ &\leq \left| -y^0 \right| \int_{B_\beta(R^{n+2})} \left| [\tilde{L}(t, p, u) - \tilde{L}(t-s, p-p', u)] \rho_\beta(s, p') \right| ds dp' \\ &\leq \left| -y^0 \right| \sup_{\substack{u \in K \\ (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta] \\ (s, p') \in B_\beta(R^{n+2})}} \left| \tilde{L}(t, p, u) - \tilde{L}(t-s, p-p', u) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

because the function $\tilde{L}(\dots)$ is uniformly continuous in the compact sets $\bar{Q}_j \times K, t \in [0, b]$

$$\left| -y^0 \right| \sup_{\substack{u \in K \\ (t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta] \\ (s, p') \in B_\beta(R^{n+2})}} \left| \tilde{L}(t, p, u) - \tilde{L}(t-s, p-p', u) \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \beta \rightarrow 0,$$

and consequently,

$$\left| -y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) - (-y^0 \tilde{L} * \rho_\beta)(t, p, u) \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \beta \rightarrow 0.$$



Hence, for an arbitrary $i \in N \setminus \{0,1,2,3\}$ and $\eta_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ where exists $\beta_i^j > 0$ such that for every $\beta \leq \beta_i^j$ and for all $(t, p, u) \in \hat{Q}_j \times K, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ the following holds:

$$\left| -y^0 \tilde{L}(t, p, u) - (-y^0 \tilde{L} * \rho_\beta)(t, p, u) \right| < \frac{1}{i} \eta_j. \quad \blacksquare$$

The fact that the functions $(\partial/\partial x)H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\dots)\tilde{f}(\dots)$ and $[(\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j}\tilde{f}(\dots)] * \rho_\beta(\dots)$ have values arbitrarily close will be needed in the proof of theorem 3.1, so lemma 3.2 must be proved. This gives an estimate of difference between the values of these two functions by a real number arbitrarily close to zero.

Lemma 3.2: Let $H_{1,j}(\dots), H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\dots)$ and $\rho_\beta(\dots)$ be functions defined in $\hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ (see (29)) and let $\tilde{f}(\dots)$ be a function as defined in (16) satisfying the assumptions (Z). Then for an arbitrary number $i \in N \setminus \{0,1,2,3\}$ and $\eta_j \in \{-q, \dots, -r\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ described during the construction of the function $H_{1,j}(\dots)$, there exists $\tilde{\beta}_i^j > 0$ such that for all $\beta \leq \tilde{\beta}_i^j$ and for all $(t, p, u) \in \hat{Q}_j \times K, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ the following inequality hold:

$$\left| (\partial/\partial x)H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)\tilde{f}(t, p, u) - [(\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j}\tilde{f}(\dots, u)] * \rho_\beta(t, p) \right| < \frac{1}{i} \eta_j$$

Proof: Since the function $H_{1,j}(\dots)$ is a Lipschitz function, then it is satisfies the Lipschitz condition, i.e.,

$$\left| (\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j}(\dots) \right| \leq M_{1,j} \text{ for some constant } M_{1,j} > 0. \text{ Thus for all } (t, p, u) \in \hat{Q}_j \times K, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta], \text{ and by using the definitions of } H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\dots) \text{ and the convolution, the following holds:}$$

$$\left| (\partial/\partial x)H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)\tilde{f}(t, p, u) - [(\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j}\tilde{f}(\dots, u)] * \rho_\beta(t, p) \right|$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left| (\partial/\partial x)(H_{1,j} * \rho_\beta)(t, p) \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - \left[(\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j} \tilde{f}(\dots, u) * \rho_\beta \right](t, p) \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_{B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})} (\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j}(t-s, p-p') \tilde{f}(t, p, u) \rho_\beta(s, p') ds dp' - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \int_{B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})} (\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j}(t-s, p-p') \tilde{f}(t-s, p-p', u) \rho_\beta(s, p') ds dp' \right| \\
 &\leq \int_{B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})} \left| (\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j}(t-s, p-p') \right| \left| \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - \tilde{f}(t-s, p-p', u) \right| \rho_\beta(s, p') ds dp' \\
 &\leq M_{1,j} \sup_{\substack{u \in K \\ (t,p) \in \hat{Q}_j, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta] \\ (s,p') \in B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})}} \left| \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - \tilde{f}(t-s, p-p', u) \right|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the function $\tilde{f}(\dots)$ is uniformly continuous on the compact $\bar{Q}_j \times K, t \in [0, b]$, then we obtain the last inequality tends to zero as $\beta \rightarrow 0$, that is

$$\sup_{\substack{u \in K \\ (t,p) \in \hat{Q}_j, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta] \\ (s,p') \in B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})}} \left| \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - \tilde{f}(t-s, p-p', u) \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \beta \rightarrow 0,$$

and consequently,

$$\left| (\partial/\partial x)H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - \left[(\partial/\partial x)H_{1,j} \tilde{f}(\dots, u) * \rho_\beta \right](t, p) \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \beta \rightarrow 0$$



Thus, for arbitrary $i \in N \setminus \{0,1,2,3\}$ and $\eta_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ there exists $\tilde{\beta}_i^j > 0$ such that for all $\beta \leq \tilde{\beta}_i^j$, and for all $(t, p, u) \in \hat{Q}_j \times K, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta], j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$, the following holds:

$$\left| (\partial/\partial x) H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) \tilde{f}(t, p, u) - \left[(\partial/\partial x) H_{1,j} \tilde{f}(\dots, u) \right] * \rho_\beta \right| (t, p) \leq \frac{1}{i} \eta_j. \blacksquare$$

In the proof of theorem 3.1, the uniform convergence of the sequence $\{H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p)\}$ to $H_{1,j}(t, p)$ as β converges to zero, for all $(t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ is also required as is shown in the following result.

Lemma 3.3: Let $H_{1,j}(\dots), H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\dots)$ and $\rho_\beta(\dots)$ be functions defined in $\hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ (see (29)). Then for all $(t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$, we have

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) = H_{1,j}(t, p),$$

and this convergence is uniform.

Proof: By definition of uniformly convergent sequence of functions to prove that this lemma holds, it is sufficient to show that for arbitrary $\varepsilon_j > 0, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$ a $\beta_i^j > 0$ exists such that for every $\beta < \beta_i^j$ and for all $(t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ the following holds:

$$\left| H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) - H_{1,j}(t, p) \right| \leq \varepsilon_j$$

Now by using the definitions of the function $H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(\dots)$ and the convolution, for all $(t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$, the following holds:

$$\left| H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) - H_{1,j}(t, p) \right|$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left| (H_{1,j} * \rho_\beta)(t, p) - H_{1,j}(t, p) \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_{B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})} [H_{1,i}(t-s, p-p') - H_{1,j}(t, p)] \rho_\beta(s, p') ds dp' \right| \\
 &\leq \int_{B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})} |H_{1,j}(t-s, p-p') - H_{1,j}(t, p)| \rho_\beta(s, p') ds dp' \\
 &\leq \sup_{\substack{u \in K \\ (t,p) \in \hat{Q}_j, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta] \\ (s,p') \in B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})}} |H_{1,j}(t-s, p-p') - H_{1,j}(t, p)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the function $H_{1,j}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is uniformly continuous in the compact $\bar{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$, then we have

$$\leq \sup_{\substack{u \in K \\ (t,p) \in \hat{Q}_j, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta] \\ (s,p') \in B_\beta(\mathbb{R}^{n+2})}} |H_{1,j}(t-s, p-p') - H_{1,j}(t, p)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \beta \rightarrow 0.$$

Consequently,

$$|H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) - H_{1,j}(t, p)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \beta \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, for an arbitrary $\varepsilon_j > 0$ a $\beta_i^j > 0$ exists such that for all $\beta \leq \beta_i^j$ and for all $(t, p) \in \hat{Q}_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}, t \in [t_0 + \delta, b - \delta]$ the following holds:

$$|H_{2,j}^{\beta,i}(t, p) - H_{1,j}(t, p)| \leq \varepsilon_j$$

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The main result of this work is formulated in theorem 3.1, which ensures that the dual ε -value function $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p), (t, p)$ belongs to set W and satisfies



$$H(t, p) + v_i(b - t) \leq S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p) \leq H(t, p) \quad \text{for all } H \in W.$$

Theorem 3.1: The dual ε -value function $S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p)$, $(t, p) \in P$, $t \in [0, b]$, for problem (C) (see (9) and (10)) satisfies the following

$$H(t, p) + v_i(b - t) \leq S_{\varepsilon D}(t, p) \leq H(t, p), v_i = -\mu + \frac{i-4}{i} \eta_j, j \in \{-q, \dots, -1\} \cup \{1, \dots, r\}$$

for all $H(t, p) \in W$, $(t, p) \in P$.

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