

1 Inexact Arithmetic Considerations for Direct Control and Penalty  
2 Methods: American Options under Jump Diffusion \*

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5 **Abstract**

6 Solutions of Hamilton Jacobi Bellman (HJB) Partial Integro Differential Equations (PIDEs)  
7 arising in financial option problems are not necessarily unique. In order to ensure conver-  
8 gence of a numerical scheme to the viscosity solution, it is common to use a positive coefficient  
9 discretization for such PIDEs. However in finite precision arithmetic one often encounters dif-  
10 ficulties in solving the discretized nonlinear algebraic equations. In this paper we focus on a  
11 specific HJB PIDE, arising from pricing American options under jump diffusion. We use two  
12 formulations of this problem, the first a penalty method and the second a direct control formu-  
13 lation. In each case we use a positive coefficient discretization which implies that a fixed point  
14 policy iteration will converge when used to solve the nonlinear discretized algebraic equations,  
15 under very mild restrictions on parameters. However, when using finite precision arithmetic, we  
16 observe that convergence may not occur for either formulation, even if the theoretical conditions  
17 are satisfied. We estimate bounds for the penalty parameter (penalty method) and the scaling  
18 parameter (direct control formulation) so that convergence of the fixed point policy iteration in  
19 inexact arithmetic can be expected. Numerical tests verify that these bounds are conservative.  
20 The lower bound is of more practical importance, and conveniently this has a very simple form.  
21 We remark that similar issues also arise in more complicated HJB PIDEs in finance, for exam-  
22 ple when pricing American options under regime switching or guaranteed minimum withdrawal  
23 benefits (GMWB) under jump diffusion.

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26 **1 Introduction**

27 Penalty methods have been suggested for American option pricing problems in [15, 21, 35, 11, 26].  
28 These techniques have also been applied to singular [9, 17] and impulse [6] control problems,

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29 transaction cost problems [10], and other Hamilton Jacobi Bellman (HJB) PDEs in finance [32].  
30 Such methods are simple to implement, and make no assumptions about the connectedness of  
31 the controlled/uncontrolled regions. It is also straightforward to apply penalty methods to multi-  
32 dimensional problems [36, 21], jump diffusions [12] and regime switching [23, 18]. However, with  
33 penalty methods there is always the question of the selection of the dimensionless penalty parameter.

34 An alternative approach is based on a direct control formulation [4, 19, 33]. Superficially, a  
35 direct control method does not appear to require a scaling parameter as is required for the penalty  
36 method. However, since any iterative method for solution of the discretized equations requires  
37 comparing two (or more) terms and finding the maximum, there is an implicit scaling parameter  
38 [19] which affects convergence. This is particularly obvious if the terms being maximized have  
39 different units, which is often the case.

40 After discretizing the original HJB equation in the time and the space-like directions, a nonlinear  
41 set of algebraic equations must be solved at each timestep. In order to ensure convergence to the  
42 viscosity solution of the HJB equation, a positive coefficient discretization is used [14]. It is then  
43 straightforward to prove that policy iteration for the solution of the algebraic equations will converge  
44 [4, 19]. However, experimental computations show that in inexact arithmetic, the policy iteration  
45 may not converge for some choices of the penalty parameter or the direct control scaling parameter.

46 In the case of an American option with jump diffusion, a full policy iteration is not feasible,  
47 since the discretization of the jump term results in a dense matrix. The fixed point policy iteration  
48 algorithm [12] requires only a sparse matrix solve and a dense matrix-vector multiplication at each  
49 iteration. The matrix-vector multiply can be efficiently carried out using an FFT [13]. Provided a  
50 positive coefficient discretization is used, then convergence of the fixed point policy iteration can  
51 be guaranteed [12, 19], under very mild conditions on the scaling parameter, in exact arithmetic.

52 The objective of this article is to examine the effect of inexact arithmetic on the convergence of a  
53 fixed point policy iteration scheme for American options under jump diffusion. We focus exclusively  
54 on methods which do not require knowledge of the structure of the exercise region. Our analysis  
55 extends some of the results in [20] for the case of a singular control problem. Our main results are:

- 56 • We derive estimates for the upper and lower bounds for the penalty parameter (penalty  
57 formulation) and the scaling parameter (scaled direct control formulation) so that convergence  
58 of the fixed point policy iteration can be expected in the presence of inexact arithmetic effects.
- 59 • The lower bound estimate is of more practical importance than the upper bound estimate,  
60 and conveniently this bound has a very simple form. Numerical tests indicate that this bound  
61 is conservative, but not too restrictive.

62 In addition, as secondary results, we observe that the computed solution for the scaled direct control  
63 formulation is insensitive to the choice of scaling parameter over a very wide range (fifteen orders of  
64 magnitude) while the penalty formulation solution is affected by penalization error if the parameter  
65 is too large. Also, utilizing the properties of inexact arithmetic, it is possible to convert existing  
66 software (which uses a penalty method) to use the scaled direct control formulation in just a few  
67 lines of code. Finally, our analysis can also be applied to other HJB equations, such as singular  
68 control problems [20].

## 69 2 American Options under Jump Diffusion

70 Let the price of the underlying risky asset be  $S$ , which follows the risk neutral process

$$dS = (r - \lambda\kappa)Sdt + \sigma SdZ + (\xi - 1)Sdq , \quad (2.1)$$

71 where  $dZ$  is the increment of a Weiner process,  $r$  is the risk free rate, and  $\sigma$  is the volatility. Here  
72  $\lambda$  is the jump intensity representing the mean arrival rate of the Poisson process:

$$dq = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with probability } 1 - \lambda dt \\ 1 & \text{with probability } \lambda dt \end{cases} , \quad (2.2)$$

73 with  $\xi$  a random variable representing the jump size of  $S$ . When a jump occurs,  $S \rightarrow \xi S$ . We  
74 assume that  $\xi$  follows a log-normal distribution  $p(\xi)$  given by

$$p(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\zeta\xi} \exp\left(-\frac{(\log(\xi) - \nu)^2}{2\zeta^2}\right) , \quad (2.3)$$

75 with parameters  $\zeta$  and  $\nu$ ,  $\kappa = E[\xi - 1]$ , where  $E[\cdot]$  is the expectation, and  $E[\xi] = \exp(\nu + \zeta^2/2)$   
76 given the distribution function  $p(\xi)$  in (2.3).

77 Define  $\tau = T - t$  where  $t$  is the forward time, and  $T$  is the expiry time of the contract and set  
78  $V = V(W, A, \tau)$  to be the no-arbitrage value of the contingent claim. The no-arbitrage price of the  
79 claim is then given by

$$\min \left[ V_\tau - \mathcal{L}V - \lambda \mathcal{J}V, V - V^* \right] = 0 , \quad (2.4)$$

80 where  $V^*(S)$  is the payoff. Here the operators  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{J}$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}V &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2} S^2 V_{SS} + (r - \lambda\kappa) S V_S - (r + \lambda)V \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2} S^2 D_{SS} V + (r - \lambda\kappa) S D_S V - (r + \lambda)V \\ \mathcal{J}V &= \int_0^\infty V(\xi S, \tau) p(\xi) d\xi . \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

81 For computational purposes we localize the problem to the domain  $(S, \tau) \in [0, S_{\max}] \times [0, T]$ . The  
82 boundary conditions for equation (2.4) are

$$\begin{aligned} V(S, 0) &= V^*(S) & ; & \tau = 0 \\ \min \left[ V_\tau - rV, V - V^* \right] & & ; & S = 0 \\ V(S_{\max}, \tau) &= V^*(S_{\max}) & ; & S = S_{\max} \\ V_{SS} &\rightarrow 0 & ; & S \rightarrow S_{\max} . \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

### 83 2.1 Direct Control Formulation

84 We introduce a scaling parameter  $\Omega$  into equation (2.4) and rewrite (2.4) in control form [4, 19]

$$\max_{\varphi \in \{0,1\}} \left[ \Omega \varphi (V^* - V) - (1 - \varphi) (V_\tau - \mathcal{L}V - \lambda \mathcal{J}V) \right] = 0 . \quad (2.7)$$

85 Although the scaling parameter has no effect on the exact solution of (2.7), it does affect convergence  
86 of the iterative method used to solve the discretized equations in finite precision arithmetic.

## 87 2.2 Penalty Formulation

88 Penalty methods were first suggested for solution of equation (2.4) in [12] with the idea now applied  
 89 to various other problems in finance [9, 10, 21, 7, 26, 32]. The penalty approach rewrites equation  
 90 (2.4) in the form

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ V_\tau - \mathcal{L}V - \lambda \mathcal{J}V - \max_{\varphi \in \{0,1\}} \varphi \left( \frac{V^* - V}{\varepsilon} \right) \right] = 0 . \quad (2.8)$$

91 It is straightforward to show that equation (2.8) is consistent [22], in the viscosity sense, with  
 92 equation (2.4). For suppose  $\psi(S, \tau)$  is a smooth test function, with bounded derivatives of all  
 93 orders. Then replacing  $V$  in equation (2.8) by  $\psi$ , and removing the control  $\varphi$  gives

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[ \psi_\tau - \mathcal{L}\psi - \lambda \mathcal{J}\psi - \max \left( \frac{V^* - \psi}{\varepsilon}, 0 \right) \right] = 0 . \quad (2.9)$$

94 Rearranging equation (2.9), noting that  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then gives

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \min \left[ \psi_\tau - \mathcal{L}\psi - \lambda \mathcal{J}\psi, \psi - V^* + \varepsilon(\psi_\tau - \mathcal{L}\psi - \lambda \mathcal{J}\psi) \right] = 0 . \quad (2.10)$$

95 Taking the limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  gives an equation consistent with equation (2.4). A more precise argument  
 96 for consistency in the viscosity sense is given in [3] for a more general case of an impulse control  
 97 problem.

## 98 3 Discretization

99 Define a set of nodes  $S_1, \dots, S_{i_{\max}}$ , and discrete times  $\tau^n = n\Delta\tau$ . Let  $V_i^n$  be the approximate  
 100 solution of equation (2.4) and set  $V^n = [V_1, \dots, V_{i_{\max}}]'$ .

101 Let  $\mathcal{L}^h, \mathcal{J}^h, D_{SS}^h, D_S^h$  be the discrete forms of the operators  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{J}, D_{SS}, D_S$  and define

$$\mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^n = \begin{cases} -rV_i^n & i = 1 \\ \frac{\sigma^2}{2} S_i^2 D_{SS}^h V_i^n + (r - \lambda\kappa) S_i D_S^h V_i^n - (r + \lambda)V_i^n & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ \frac{\sigma^2}{2} S_i^2 D_{SS}^h V_i^n + r S_i D_S^h V_i^n - rV_i^n & \hat{i} < i < i_{\max} \\ 0 & i = i_{\max} \end{cases} . \quad (3.1)$$

102 We use standard three point central, forward and backward differencing so that the positive co-  
 103 efficient condition is satisfied [30, 14, 17] with central differencing used as much as possible [30].  
 104 Linear behaviour of the solution is assumed for  $i > \hat{i}$  [13, 29]. The integral term  $\mathcal{J}V$  is discretized  
 105 via transformation into a correlation integral combined with a use of the midpoint rule as described  
 106 in detail in [13, 29]. For notational convenience, we define  $\mathcal{J}_i^h$  as

$$\mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^n = \begin{cases} [\mathcal{J}^h V^n]_i & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} . \quad (3.2)$$

107 Let  $(\Delta S)_{\max} = \max_i (S_{i+1} - S_i)$  and  $(\Delta\tau)_{\max} = \max(\tau^{n+1} - \tau^n)$ . We suppose that the grid and  
 108 timesteps are selected so that

$$(\Delta S)_{\max} = \hat{C}h \ ; \ (\Delta\tau)_{\max} = \tilde{C}h , \quad (3.3)$$

109 with  $\hat{C}, \tilde{C}$  being positive constants.

110 Observe that the discretization method is at least first order correct. Hence, taking into account  
 111 the definitions (2.5) and (3.1), and noting that  $\mathcal{J}_i^h$  represents a discrete probability density (on a  
 112 truncated domain) [13, 29], we obtain the following results. If  $e$  is the  $i_{\max}$  length vector  $[1, 1, \dots, 1]'$ ,  
 113 then since  $D_S^h e_i = 0$  and  $D_{SS}^h e_i = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_i^h e_i &= \begin{cases} -r & i = 1 \text{ or } \hat{i} < i < i_{\max} \\ -(r + \lambda) & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ 0 & i = i_{\max} \end{cases} \\ \mathcal{J}_i^h e_i &\leq \begin{cases} 1 & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

### 114 3.1 Discretization: Direct Control Formulation

115 We use fully implicit ( $\theta = 1$ ) or Crank Nicolson ( $\theta = 1/2$ ) to discretize equation (2.7), using the  
 116 discrete forms of the operators as discussed in Section 3,

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \varphi_i^{n+1}) \left( \frac{V_i^{n+1}}{\Delta\tau} - \theta \mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^{n+1} \right) + \Omega \varphi_i^{n+1} V_i^{n+1} \\ = (1 - \varphi_i^{n+1}) \frac{V_i^n}{\Delta\tau} + \Omega \varphi_i^{n+1} V_i^* + (1 - \varphi_i^{n+1}) \lambda \theta \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^{n+1} \\ + (1 - \varphi_i^{n+1}) (1 - \theta) [\mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^n + \lambda \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^n] ; \quad i < i_{\max} \\ \frac{V_i^{n+1}}{\Delta\tau} = \frac{V_i^*}{\Delta\tau} ; \quad i = i_{\max}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

117 where

$$\begin{aligned} \{\varphi_i^{n+1}\} \in \arg \max_{\varphi \in \{0,1\}} \left\{ \Omega \varphi (V_i^* - V_i^{n+1}) - (1 - \varphi) \left( \frac{V_i^{n+1} - V_i^n}{\Delta\tau} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \theta (\mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^{n+1} + \lambda \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^{n+1}) - (1 - \theta) (\mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^n + \lambda \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^n) \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

### 118 3.2 Discretization: Penalty Method

119 If  $\varepsilon = C\Delta\tau$ , where  $C > 0$  is a constant, then the following is a consistent discretization of (2.8),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_i^{n+1}}{\Delta\tau} - \theta \mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^{n+1} + \frac{\varphi_i^{n+1}}{\varepsilon} V_i^{n+1} &= \frac{V_i^n}{\Delta\tau} + \frac{\varphi_i^{n+1}}{\varepsilon} V_i^* + \lambda \theta \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^{n+1} \\ &+ (1 - \theta) [\mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^n + \lambda \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^n] ; \quad i < i_{\max} \\ \frac{V_i^{n+1}}{\Delta\tau} &= \frac{V_i^*}{\Delta\tau} ; \quad i = i_{\max}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

120 where

$$\varphi_i^{n+1} \in \arg \max_{\varphi \in \{0,1\}} \left\{ \frac{\varphi}{\varepsilon} (V_i^* - V_i^{n+1}) \right\}. \quad (3.8)$$

## 121 4 Solving the Discretized Equations

122 At each timestep we must solve the nonlinear equations (3.5) or (3.7). We can write both sets of  
 123 equations in terms of nonlinear matrix operators. Let  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  be  $i_{\max} \times i_{\max}$  matrices, and  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  
 124  $i_{\max}$  length vector, which are defined for both the scaled direct control and penalty formulations  
 125 in Appendix A. For each timestep let  $U$  denote the vector of the unknown solution  $V^{n+1}$  and  
 126  $Q = [\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{i_{\max}}]$  be an indexed set of controls with each  $\varphi_j \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then, the discretized  
 127 equations (3.5) and (3.7) can be written as

$$(\mathcal{A}(Q) - \mathcal{B}(Q)) U = \mathcal{C}(Q)$$

$$\text{with each } Q_i \in \arg \max_{Q \in Z} \left[ -(\mathcal{A}(Q) - \mathcal{B}(Q))U + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right]_i \quad (4.1)$$

128 where  $Z$  is the set of admissible controls. Observe that  $\mathcal{A}$  is sparse, but  $\mathcal{B}$  is dense, since it represents  
 129 the discretization of the jump term  $\mathcal{J}$ .

130 **Remark 4.1.** Note that  $[\mathcal{A}(Q)]_{i,j}$ ,  $[\mathcal{B}(Q)]_{i,j}$ ,  $[\mathcal{C}(Q)]_i$  depend only on  $Q_i$ .

131 It is useful to note the following properties of  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ .

132 **Proposition 4.1.** Suppose a positive coefficient discretization [14] is used. Then

133 (a)  $\mathcal{B}(Q) \geq 0$ .

134 (b) The  $i^{\text{th}}$  row sums for  $\mathcal{A}(Q^k)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(Q^k)$  are

135 *Direct Control:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Row\_Sum} (\mathcal{A}(Q^k))_i &= \begin{cases} (1 - \varphi_i^k) \left( \frac{1}{\Delta\tau} + \theta r \right) + \varphi_i^k \Omega & i = 1 \text{ or} \\ & i = \hat{i} + 1, \dots, i_{\max} - 1 \\ (1 - \varphi_i^k) \left( \frac{1}{\Delta\tau} + \theta(r + \lambda) \right) + \varphi_i^k \Omega & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ 1/(\Delta\tau) & i = i_{\max} \end{cases} \\ \text{Row\_Sum} (\mathcal{B}(Q^k))_i &\leq \begin{cases} (1 - \varphi_i^k) \theta \lambda & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

136 *Penalty Method:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Row\_Sum} (\mathcal{A}(Q^k))_i &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Delta\tau} + \theta r + \frac{\varphi_i^k}{\varepsilon} & i = 1 \text{ or } i = \hat{i} + 1, \dots, i_{\max} - 1 \\ \frac{1}{\Delta\tau} + \theta(r + \lambda) + \frac{\varphi_i^k}{\varepsilon} & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ 1/(\Delta\tau) & i = i_{\max} \end{cases} \\ \text{Row\_Sum} (\mathcal{B}(Q^k))_i &\leq \begin{cases} \theta \lambda & 2 \leq i \leq \hat{i} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

137 (c) The matrices  $\mathcal{A}(Q) - \mathcal{B}(Q)$  and  $\mathcal{A}(Q)$  in equation (4.1) are strictly diagonally dominant  $M$   
 138 matrices [28].

139 *Proof.* Part (a) follows from the discretization method for  $\mathcal{J}$  [13, 29], and the definition of  $\mathcal{B}(Q)$  in  
 140 Appendix A. Part(b) follows from properties (3.4), equations (3.5), (3.7) and Appendix A. Since  
 141 a positive coefficient discretization is used [14], part (c) follows from (b) and [28].  $\square$

142 **4.1 Fixed Point Policy Iteration**

143 Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is dense, direct application of policy iteration to solve equation (4.1) is not feasible. Various  
 144 methods have been suggested for solution of equations of this type [12, 2, 27, 19]. For the purposes  
 145 of investigating floating point errors, we will focus on the fixed point policy iteration discussed in  
 146 [12, 19]. Fixed point policy iteration was also used for American options under regime switching in  
 147 [18]. The regime switching case has some similarities with the jump diffusion case, since full policy  
 148 iteration is not efficient for either problem. The fixed point-policy iteration is given in Algorithm  
 149 4.1.

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**Algorithm 4.1** Fixed Point-Policy Iteration

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$U^0 =$  Initial solution vector of size  $N$   
**for**  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  **until converge do**  
 $Q_\ell^k \in \arg \max_{Q_\ell \in Z} \left\{ -[\mathcal{A}(Q) - \mathcal{B}(Q)]U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right\}_\ell$   
 Solve  $\mathcal{A}(Q^k)U^{k+1} = \mathcal{B}(Q^k)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q^k)$   
**if**  $k > 0$  and  $\max_\ell \frac{|U_\ell^{k+1} - U_\ell^k|}{\max \left[ scale, |U_\ell^{k+1}| \right]} < tolerance$  **then**  
     break from the iteration  
**end if**  
**end for**

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150 The term *scale* in Algorithm 4.1 is used to ensure that unrealistic levels of accuracy are not  
 151 enforced. As an example, if options are priced in dollars, then a typical value of  $scale = 1.0$ . Each  
 152 iteration of Algorithm 4.1 requires a sparse matrix solve (in this case a tridiagonal system) and  
 153 a dense matrix-vector multiply  $\mathcal{B}(Q^k)U^k$ . This dense matrix-vector multiply can be carried out  
 154 efficiently using an FFT as described in [13].

155 **Theorem 4.1** (Convergence of Fixed Point-Policy Iteration). *Suppose:*

- 156 (a) The matrix  $\mathcal{A}(Q)$  is an  $M$  matrix [28].  
 157 (b) The matrices  $\mathcal{A}(Q)$ ,  $[\mathcal{A}(Q)]^{-1}$  and the vector  $\mathcal{C}(Q)$  are bounded independent of  $Q$ .  
 158 (c) There is a constant  $C_1 < 1$  such that

$$\|\mathcal{A}(Q^k)^{-1}\mathcal{B}(Q^{k-1})\|_\infty \leq C_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathcal{A}(Q^k)^{-1}\mathcal{B}(Q^k)\|_\infty \leq C_1 . \quad (4.4)$$

159 Then the fixed point-policy iteration in Algorithm 4.1 converges.

160 *Proof.* See [19]. □

161 **Corollary 4.1.** *The fixed point-policy iteration converges unconditionally for the penalty discretiza-*  
 162 *tion (3.7) and converges for the scaled direct control discretization (3.5) if*

$$\Omega > \theta\lambda . \quad (4.5)$$

163 *Proof.* This follows from the definitions of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  in Appendix A, Proposition 4.1, and  
 164 Theorem 4.1, following the same steps as used in [19] for a regime switching problem. □

## 5 Floating Point Considerations: Example

To motivate our discussion of the floating point issues surrounding the iterative solution of discretized HJB equations, we first consider the simple case of an American option with no jumps. Formally, we set  $\lambda = 0$  in equations (2.4-2.5) with the resulting discretized equations then of the form (4.1) with  $\mathcal{B} = 0$ .

In this case, it is trivial to verify that Algorithm 4.1 converges, since for  $\mathcal{B} = 0$ , this reduces to pure policy iteration. To be precise, policy iteration applied to equation (4.1) with  $\mathcal{B} = 0$  is given in Algorithm 5.1.

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### Algorithm 5.1 Policy Iteration

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 $U^0 =$  Initial solution vector of size  $N$ 
for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  until converge do
   $Q_\ell^k \in \arg \max_{Q_\ell \in Z} \left\{ -\mathcal{A}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right\}_\ell$ 
  Solve  $\mathcal{A}(Q^k)U^{k+1} = \mathcal{C}(Q^k)$ 
  if  $k > 0$  and  $\max_\ell \frac{|U_\ell^{k+1} - U_\ell^k|}{\max[\text{scale}, |U_\ell^{k+1}|]}$   $< \text{tolerance}$  then
    break from the iteration
  end if
end for

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For policy iteration applied to an American option problem with no jumps, we can obtain the following result [15, 4, 32].

**Theorem 5.1.** *If Algorithm 5.1 is applied to the discretized form of equation (2.4-2.5), with  $\lambda = 0$ , using either a penalty or a scaled direct control formulation, and*

(a)  $\mathcal{A}(Q)$  is an  $M$  matrix.

(b)  $\mathcal{A}(Q)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}(Q)^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{C}(Q)$  are bounded independent of  $Q$ ,

then the policy iteration Algorithm 5.1 converges in a finite number of steps. Furthermore, convergence is monotone, non-decreasing (after the first iteration), that is,

$$U^{k+1} \geq U^k ; k > 0 . \quad (5.1)$$

As an example, consider the problem given in Table 5.1. This problem was solved on a sequence of grids, as given in Table 5.2. Crank-Nicolson timestepping was used with the Rannacher modification [25] and with variable timestepping [15].

For the penalty formulation (3.7), we use a penalty factor of the form  $\varepsilon = C\Delta\tau$ , where  $C$  is dimensionless. In the case of the direct control method (3.5), the scaling factor  $\Omega$  should have the units of inverse time, so that quantities with the same units are being compared in the  $\max(\cdot)$  expression in equation (2.7). It is convenient to choose  $\Omega = 1/(C\Delta\tau)$  where  $C$  is dimensionless, so that  $\Omega = 1/\varepsilon$ .

Since the penalty method is consistent for any  $C$ , such that  $\varepsilon = C\Delta\tau$ , then any  $C > 0$  will result in convergence to the solution as  $\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0$ . Table 5.3 verifies this for three different choices



Expiry Time	.25
Exercise	American
Strike (Put) $K$	100
Risk free rate $r$	.02
Volatility $\sigma$	.20

TABLE 5.1: *Data for the an American put, no jumps ( $\lambda = 0$ ).*

Refine	$S$ Nodes	Timesteps
0	129	39
1	257	71
2	513	140
3	1025	276
4	2049	546
5	5097	1087
6	10193	2167

TABLE 5.2: *Grid/timestep data for convergence study, American put, no jumps ( $\lambda = 0$ ). Other data in Table 5.1. On each grid refinement, new fine grids are inserted between each two coarse grid nodes, and the timestep control parameter is halved.*

191 of  $C$ . Table 5.4 compares the performance of the penalty method and the scaled direct control  
 192 formulation, as a function of the scaling parameter  $\Omega$  or the penalty parameter  $\varepsilon$ , for a fixed  
 193 grid size. From Table 5.4, we can see that the scaled direct control method (when the iteration  
 194 converges) is unaffected by the size of  $\Omega$  over eight orders of magnitude. On the other hand, the  
 195 penalty solution is affected when  $\varepsilon$  is large, at a finite grid size. This is, of course, due to the error  
 196 induced by the term  $\varepsilon(\psi_\tau - \mathcal{L}\psi - \lambda\mathcal{J}\psi)$  in equation (2.10), which will be present at any finite grid  
 197 size.

198 Observe that for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$  or  $1/\Omega$ , the policy iteration for both penalty and scaled  
 199 direct control methods does not converge. From Theorem 5.1 we learn that policy iteration must  
 200 converge for this problem in exact arithmetic and so the lack of convergence in Table 5.4 is a result  
 201 of using floating point arithmetic. In particular, analysis of the cases where policy iteration did not  
 202 converge revealed that the iterates oscillated, at levels above the convergence tolerance, and so the  
 203 exact arithmetic convergence property (5.1) was violated.

204 We can rewrite Algorithm 5.1 in the form

$$\mathcal{A}(Q^k)(U^{k+1} - U^k) = \max_{Q \in \mathcal{Z}} \left\{ -\mathcal{A}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right\}. \quad (5.2)$$

205 The analysis in [14] shows that the right hand side of equation (5.2) is always non-negative for  
 206  $k > 0$ . However, in inexact arithmetic, we have verified that this is not always true, which results  
 207 in the oscillatory iterates and nonconvergence of the iteration. Consequently, the main source of  
 208 finite precision arithmetic error appears to be due to the computation of the right hand side of  
 209 equation (5.2).

210 It is now desirable to carry out some analysis to explain the observations in Table 5.4. This

Refine	$\varepsilon = 10^{-6}\Delta\tau$		$\varepsilon = 10^{-2}\Delta\tau$		$\varepsilon = \Delta\tau$	
	Itns/Step	Value	Itns/Step	Value	Itns/Step	Value
0	2.54	3.765795756	2.56	3.765735290	2.58	3.760452288
1	2.72	3.767678056	2.72	3.767643630	2.65	3.764771892
2	2.70	3.768152726	2.68	3.768134992	2.64	3.766668367
3	2.68	3.768272342	2.70	3.768263624	2.55	3.767533565
4	2.57	3.768302463	2.51	3.768298209	2.20	3.767938281
5	2.20	3.768310012	2.13	3.768307954	2.04	3.768130740
6	2.03	3.768311910	2.03	3.768310918	2.05	3.768223491

TABLE 5.3: *Convergence study, American put, no jumps ( $\lambda = 0$ ). Other data in Table 5.1. Penalty method (3.7). Value at  $S = 100$ . tolerance =  $10^{-6}$ .*

$\varepsilon$ or $1/\Omega$	tolerance = $10^{-6}$		tolerance = $10^{-8}$	
	Direct Control	Penalty	Direct Control	Penalty
$10^{-2}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768307954	3.768310012	3.768307954
$10^{-3}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768309783	3.768310012	3.768309783
$10^{-4}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768309989	3.768310012	3.768309989
$10^{-5}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768310010	3.768310012	3.768310010
$10^{-6}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768310012	3.768310012	3.768310012
$10^{-7}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768310012	3.768310012	3.768310012
$10^{-8}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768310012	3.768310012	****
$10^{-9}\Delta\tau$	3.768310012	3.768310012	****	****
$10^{-10}\Delta\tau$	****	****	****	****

TABLE 5.4: *Option value at  $S = 100$ , refinement level 5. Comparison of penalty parameter  $\varepsilon$  and direct control scaling parameter  $\Omega$  for the penalty discretization (3.7) and the direct control discretization (3.5), no jumps ( $\lambda = 0$ ). Other data in Table 5.1. \*\*\*\* indicates failure to converge after 100 iterations in any timestep.*

211 analysis should give us

- 212 • a conservative, order of magnitude estimate of the largest value of  $\Omega$  (smallest value of  $\varepsilon$ )
- 213 which can be safely used in either the penalty or scaled direct control formulation,
- 214 • an estimate which depends on the convergence tolerance, consistent with results in Table 5.4.

215 We remind the reader that the consistency analysis in equation (2.10) indicates that a small value  
216 of  $\varepsilon$  is advantageous for the penalty method, but there is not any particular advantage (in terms of  
217 solution accuracy at a fixed grid size) in selecting  $\Omega$  large for the scaled direct control formulation.

218 **5.1 Floating Point Considerations: Analysis**

219 We return now to the case of American options with jump diffusion, where we use the fixed point  
220 policy iteration in Algorithm 4.1. We rewrite Algorithm 4.1 in the form

$$\mathcal{A}(Q^k)(U^{k+1} - U^k) = \max_{Q \in Z} \left\{ -[\mathcal{A}(Q) - \mathcal{B}(Q)]U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right\}. \quad (5.3)$$

221 The analysis in [19] shows that in exact arithmetic, this iteration always converges, hence the right  
222 hand side of equation (5.3) should converge to zero. However, we have observed in our numerical  
223 experiments that in any case where the Algorithm 4.1 failed to converge, the computed value of  
224 the right hand side of equation (5.3) oscillated in sign, with a non-decreasing magnitude. Define  
225 the residual of the solution of the linear system at iteration  $k + 1$  as

$$r^{k+1} = \mathcal{B}(Q^k)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q^k) - \mathcal{A}(Q^k)U^{k+1}. \quad (5.4)$$

226 Numerical examination of  $\mathcal{A}(Q^k)^{-1}r^{k+1}$  indicated that this was small compared to the convergence  
227 tolerance. This suggests that the main source of finite precision error is the numerically computed  
228 right hand side of equation (5.3).

229 Let  $fl(x)$  denote the floating point representation of a real number  $x$ , that is,

$$fl(x) = x(1 + \delta_x) \quad \text{with} \quad |\delta_x| \leq \delta, \quad (5.5)$$

230 where  $\delta$  is the machine precision. Define the floating point error vector  $\Delta e_\delta^k$  as

$$\Delta e_\delta^k = \max_{Q \in Z} \left\{ fl^{cum} \left( -\mathcal{A}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{B}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right) \right\} - \max_{Q \in Z} \left\{ \left( -\mathcal{A}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{B}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right) \right\}, \quad (5.6)$$

231 where  $fl^{cum}(\cdot)$  denotes the accumulated effect of floating point errors from all arithmetic operations  
232 in  $(\cdot)$ . Suppose that in exact arithmetic, Algorithm 4.1 would terminate at step  $k + 1$ . Let  $U^k$  be  
233 the iterates computed in exact arithmetic, and let  $\Delta U_\delta^k$  denote the floating point error in  $U^{k+1}$   
234 generated by  $\Delta e_\delta^k$ . Then, from equations (5.3) and (5.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(Q^k) \left[ U^{k+1} - U^k + \Delta U_\delta^k \right] &= \max_{Q \in Z} \left\{ -\mathcal{A}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{B}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right\} + \Delta e_\delta^k \\ \Delta U_\delta^k &= \mathcal{A}(Q^k)^{-1} \Delta e_\delta^k. \end{aligned} \quad (5.7)$$

235 Now, if

$$\max_i \left[ \frac{|\Delta U_\delta^k|_i}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] > tolerance, \quad (5.8)$$

236 then Algorithm 4.1 may not converge. Consequently, we should choose parameters such that

$$\max_i \left[ \frac{|\Delta U_\delta^k|_i}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] = \max_i \left[ \frac{|\mathcal{A}(Q^k)^{-1} \Delta e_\delta^k|_i}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] < tolerance. \quad (5.9)$$

237 **5.2 Approximation of Equation (5.9)**

238 If we attempt to provide a rigorous bound for equation (5.9), then the result will be far too  
 239 pessimistic to be useful. Instead we proceed in a somewhat more heuristic manner in order to  
 240 obtain a more practically useful bound.

241 We restrict attention to the typical situation where the grid spacing and timestep are reduced  
 242 proportionally to a discretization parameter  $h$ , as in equation (3.3), and consider the limit  $h \rightarrow 0$ .  
 243 Recalling that  $\mathcal{A}^k$  is a strictly diagonally dominant  $M$  matrix, we can write  $\mathcal{A}^k$  as

$$\mathcal{A}^k = D + P \quad \text{where} \quad [D]_{ii} = \text{Row\_Sum}(\mathcal{A}^k)_i. \quad (5.10)$$

244 Thus  $D$  is diagonal, with entry  $D_i > 0$  on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row, and if  $e = [1, \dots, 1]^T$ , then  $Pe = 0$ .  
 245 Consequently,  $[I + D^{-1}P]e = e$  which gives

$$e = [I + D^{-1}P]^{-1}e, \quad (5.11)$$

246 implying that  $\text{Row\_Sum}([I + D^{-1}P]^{-1})_i = 1$  for each  $i$ . Now, from equation (5.7), we have that

$$\mathcal{A}^k \Delta U_\delta^k = \Delta e_\delta^k \quad (5.12)$$

247 so that

$$D^{-1} \mathcal{A}^k \Delta U_\delta^k = D^{-1} \Delta e_\delta^k, \quad (5.13)$$

248 which gives

$$\Delta U_\delta^k = [I + D^{-1}P]^{-1} (D^{-1} \Delta e_\delta^k). \quad (5.14)$$

249 Let

$$g_{i,j} = \left[ [I + D^{-1}P]^{-1} \right]_{i,j}, \quad (5.15)$$

250 so that, since  $[I + D^{-1}P]$  is an  $M$  matrix, and noting equation (5.11), then equation (5.14) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \Delta U_\delta^k \right]_i &= \sum_j g_{i,j} D_j^{-1} \left[ \Delta e_\delta^k \right]_j \\ g_{i,j} &\geq 0 \quad ; \quad \sum_j g_{i,j} = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (5.16)$$

251 Let  $\|D^{-1}\|_\infty = \max_i |D_i^{-1}|$ , and let  $[\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_j$  be an upper bound estimate for  $|\left[ \Delta e_\delta^k \right]_j|$ . Then,  
 252 equation (5.16) becomes

$$\left| \left[ \Delta U_\delta^k \right]_i \right| \leq \|D^{-1}\|_\infty \sum_j g_{i,j} [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_j. \quad (5.17)$$

253 Define the computational domain  $\Phi = [0, S_{\max}]$ . At any iteration  $k$ , the domain can be consid-  
 254 ered to be the union of disjoint sets

- 255 •  $\Phi_a$  : the set of points where the American constraint is active. In this case if  $S_i \in \Phi_a$  then  
 256  $\varphi_i^k = 1$  for both penalty and direct control methods (see Section 3).
- 257 •  $\Phi - \Phi_a$ : the set of points where the American constraint is not active, that is, if  $S_i \in \Phi - \Phi_a$ ,  
 258 then  $\varphi_i^k = 0$ .

259 If  $S_i \in (\Phi - \Phi_a)$ , then we denote the set to which  $S_i$  belongs by  $(\Phi - \Phi_a)_{S_i}$ , and the boundaries  
 260 of this region by  $\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_{S_i}$ . Note that the set  $\Phi - \Phi_a$  will consist (in general) of the union of  
 261 disjoint sets.

262 For  $S_i \in \Phi_a$ , then for the direct control method we have that  $g_{i,j} = \delta_{i,j}$ , and so equation (5.17)  
 263 becomes

$$\left| \left[ \Delta U_\delta^k \right]_i \right| \leq \|D^{-1}\|_\infty [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i ; S_i \in \Phi_a . \quad (5.18)$$

264 In the case of the penalty method things are somewhat more involved. In this case, from properties  
 265 (5.16), we have that

$$\left\| \sum_j g_{i,j} \left[ \Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k \right]_j \right\|_\infty \leq \|\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k\|_\infty . \quad (5.19)$$

266 As well note that  $(\Delta S)_{\min} = \min_i (S_{i+1} - S_i)$

$$| [D^{-1}P]_{i,j} | = O\left(\frac{\varepsilon \Delta \tau}{(\Delta S)_{\min}^2}\right) = O(C) ; S_i \in \Phi_a , \quad (5.20)$$

267 assuming that the penalty parameter is  $\varepsilon = C\Delta\tau$ ,  $C$  is small, and that the grid is refined as in  
 268 equation (3.3). Straightforward computation then shows that

$$\left[ [I + D^{-1}P]^{-1} \Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k \right]_i \leq [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i + O(C) \|\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k\|_\infty ; S_i \in \Phi_a , \quad (5.21)$$

269 and hence equation (5.17) becomes

$$\left| \left[ \Delta U_\delta^k \right]_i \right| \leq \|D^{-1}\|_\infty \left( [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i + O(C) \|\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k\|_\infty \right) ; S_i \in \Phi_a . \quad (5.22)$$

270 In the following, we drop the  $O(C)$  term in equation (5.22) and assume equation (5.18) holds  
 271 for both direct control and penalty methods. Consider the equation

$$[I + D^{-1}P]W = f \quad (5.23)$$

272 where  $f$  is an arbitrary vector. Examination of the discretized equations shows that, as  $h \rightarrow 0$  (see  
 273 equation (3.3)), for  $S_i \in \Phi - \Phi_a$ , we can consider the discrete equations  $[I + D^{-1}P]_{i,j} = g_{i,j}$  to be  
 274 a discrete approximation to the Green's function solution of the equation

$$W_\tau - \theta \left( \frac{\sigma^2 S^2}{2} W_{SS} + (r - \lambda \kappa) W_S \right) = 0 ; W(S, 0) = f(S) . \quad (5.24)$$

275 In equation (5.24) there is no term  $(r + \lambda)W$  since the scaling by  $D$  in equation (5.15) has effectively  
 276 removed this term. For  $S \in \Phi_a$ , we can consider equation (5.23) as specifying that

$$W = f \quad ; \quad S \in \Phi_a . \quad (5.25)$$

277 The Green's function  $G(S, \tau, S', \tau')$  of equation (5.24) [16] is the formal solution to

$$\begin{aligned} G_\tau - \theta \left( \frac{\sigma^2 S^2}{2} G_{SS} + (r - \lambda \kappa) G_S \right) &= \delta(S - S') \delta(\tau - \tau') \quad ; \quad S \in (\Phi - \Phi_a)_S \\ \lim_{(\tau - \tau') \rightarrow 0} G(S, \tau, S', \tau') &= \delta(S - S') \quad ; \quad S \in (\Phi - \Phi_a)_S \\ G(S^*, \tau, S', \tau') &= 0 \quad ; \quad S^* \in \partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S, \end{aligned} \quad (5.26)$$

278 where  $\delta(\cdot)$  denotes a Dirac function. The solution of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} W_\tau - \theta \left( \frac{\sigma^2 S^2}{2} W_{SS} + (r - \lambda \kappa) W_S \right) &= 0 \quad ; \quad S \in (\Phi - \Phi_a) \\ W(S^*, \tau) &= q(S) \quad ; \quad S^* \in \partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S \\ W(S, 0) &= f(S) \end{aligned} \quad (5.27)$$

279 for arbitrary  $q(S)$  is then given by

$$W(S, \tau) = \int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} G(S, \tau, S', 0) f(S') dS' + \int_0^\tau \int_{\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} P(S, \tau, S', \tau') q(S') d\tau' dS' , \quad (5.28)$$

280 where  $P(S, \tau, S', \tau')$  is the Poisson function [16]. The Poisson function allows us to handle non-zero  
 281 Dirichlet boundary conditions. We remind the reader that in this context, the Poisson function has  
 282 nothing to do with a Poisson process. The term *Poisson function* is an unfortunate but standard  
 283 terminology.

284 Note that

$$\begin{aligned} G(S, \tau, S', \tau') &\geq 0 \quad ; \quad P(S, \tau, S', \tau') \geq 0 \\ \int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} G(S, \tau, S', 0) dS' + \int_0^\tau \int_{\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} P(S, \tau, S', \tau') d\tau' dS' &= 1 . \end{aligned} \quad (5.29)$$

285 which is the continuous analogue of properties (5.16).

286 Now, as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we expect that (setting  $q(S) = f(S)$  from equation (5.25) )

$$\sum_j g_{i,j} f(S_j) \rightarrow \int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_{S_i}} G(S_i, \Delta\tau, S', 0) f(S') dS' + \int_0^{\Delta\tau} \int_{\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_{S_i}} P(S_i, \Delta\tau, S', \tau') f(S') d\tau' dS' . \quad (5.30)$$

287 From the property of the continuous Green's function [16] ( $S \in (\Phi - \Phi_a)$ )

$$\lim_{\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0} \left[ \int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} G(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) f(S') dS' + \int_0^{\Delta\tau} \int_{\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} P(S, \Delta\tau, S', \tau') f(S') d\tau' dS' \right] = f(S) , \quad (5.31)$$

288 we can conclude that, as  $h \rightarrow 0$  (from equations (5.30) and (5.31) ),

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sum_j g_{i,j} f(S_j) = f(S_i) \quad ; \quad S_i \in \Phi - \Phi_a . \quad (5.32)$$

289 More precise estimates of equation (5.32) are given in Appendix B.

290 Set  $f(S_i) = [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i$  in equation (5.32). We then obtain (using equations (5.17) and (5.32) ) that

$$\max_i \left[ \frac{||[\Delta U_\delta^k]_i||}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] \leq \max_i \left[ \frac{\|D^{-1}\|_\infty [|\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k|_i]}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] + \text{small terms} . \quad (5.33)$$

291 Assuming we are close to convergence, so that  $U_i^{k+1} \simeq U_i^k$ , then we obtain the final estimate for  
292 bound (5.9)

$$\max_i \left[ \frac{\|D^{-1}\|_\infty [|\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k|_i]}{\max(|U_i^k|, scale)} \right] < tolerance . \quad (5.34)$$

### 293 5.3 Bounds on Floating Point Errors

294 From equation (5.6), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta e_\delta^k| &\leq \max_{Q \in Z} \left\{ \left| fl^{cum} \left( -\mathcal{A}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{B}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right) - \left( -\mathcal{A}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{B}(Q)U^k + \mathcal{C}(Q) \right) \right| \right\} \\ &= \Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k . \end{aligned} \quad (5.35)$$

295 For the scaled direct control formulation, as  $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$ , the floating point error bound  $\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k$  (5.35)  
296 will be dominated by

$$\Omega(U_i^k - V_i^*) . \quad (5.36)$$

297 This is because near the exercise region,  $U_i^k \simeq V_i^*$ . In this case, we are subtracting two almost equal  
298 floating point numbers (which is highly prone to round off error amplification) and then multiplying  
299 by a large number.

300 Now, examine the error induced by computing term (5.36) in finite precision arithmetic

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i &\simeq \left| fl \left[ fl(\Omega) fl(fl(U_i^k) - fl(V_i^*)) \right] - \Omega(U_i^k - V_i^*) \right| \\ &\leq \Omega \delta (|U_i^k| + |V_i^*|) + 3\delta \Omega |U_i^k - V_i^*| + O(\delta^2) , \end{aligned} \quad (5.37)$$

301 where  $\delta$  is the unit roundoff. Ignoring the second order terms, and assuming that  $V_i^* = U_i^k(1 + a_i)$ ,  
302 then equation (5.37) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i &\simeq \Omega |U_i^k| (2 + |a_i|) \delta + 3|a_i| \Omega |U_i^k| \\ &= \Omega |U_i^k| (2 + 4|a_i|) \delta . \end{aligned} \quad (5.38)$$

303 Assume that  $|a_i| \ll 1$  (which will be true near the exercise region) so that equation (5.38) becomes

$$[\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i \simeq 2\Omega |U_i^k| \delta . \quad (5.39)$$

304 For the penalty formulation, we obtain (5.39) but with  $\Omega = 1/\varepsilon$ .

305 For the case where  $\Omega \rightarrow 0$ , the floating point error in  $\Delta\hat{e}_\delta^k$  (5.6) will be dominated by the term

$$\theta \frac{\sigma^2 S_i^2}{2} D_{SS}^h U_i^k, \quad (5.40)$$

306 since computing the numerical second derivative will produce the largest errors. Following a similar  
307 argument as used in the derivation of equation (5.39), we obtain

$$[\Delta\hat{e}_\delta^k]_i \simeq 2\theta\delta \frac{\sigma^2 S_i^2}{(\Delta S)_i^2} |U_i^k|, \quad (5.41)$$

308 where  $(\Delta S)_i = \min(S_{i+1} - S_i, S_i - S_{i-1})$ . For details of the derivation of equation (5.41) see [20].

### 309 5.4 $\Omega$ Large, $\varepsilon$ small

310 From equation (5.39), if  $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ), then

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta\hat{e}_\delta^k]_i &\simeq 2\Omega\delta |U_i^k| \\ &\leq 2\Omega\delta \max(|U_i^k|, scale). \end{aligned} \quad (5.42)$$

311 From Proposition 4.1, assuming that  $\varepsilon = 1/\Omega = C\Delta\tau$ ,  $C \ll 1$ , we can see that the worst case  
312 for equation (5.34) will occur when  $\varphi_i^k = 0$ , in which case, for both penalty and direct control  
313 formulations

$$\max_i |D_i^{-1}| \leq \Delta\tau. \quad (5.43)$$

314 Substituting equations (5.42-5.43) into equation (5.34), and assuming that

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{C\Delta\tau}, \quad (5.44)$$

315 we obtain

$$C > \frac{2\delta}{tolerance}. \quad (5.45)$$

316 Assuming that

$$\delta \simeq 10^{-16} \text{ ( double precision )}, \quad (5.46)$$

317 then we obtain from equation (5.45)

$$C > \begin{cases} 2 \times 10^{-8} & tolerance = 10^{-8} \\ 2 \times 10^{-10} & tolerance = 10^{-6} \end{cases}. \quad (5.47)$$

318 This estimate is consistent with the results in Table 5.4.



319 **5.5  $\Omega$  Small**

320 From equation (5.41) we have that, for the scaled direct control formulation with  $\Omega \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i &\simeq 2\theta\delta \frac{\sigma^2 S_i^2}{(\Delta S)_i^2} |U_i^k| \\ &\leq 2\theta\delta \frac{\sigma^2 S_i^2}{(\Delta S)_i^2} \max(|U_i^k|, scale) . \end{aligned} \quad (5.48)$$

321 From Proposition 4.1, for the case  $\Omega \rightarrow 0$ , the worst case will occur when  $\varphi_i^k = 1$ , so that we have

$$\max_i |D_i^{-1}| \leq \frac{1}{\Omega} . \quad (5.49)$$

322 Substituting equations (5.48) (5.49) into equation (5.34), and assuming that

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{C\Delta\tau} , \quad (5.50)$$

323 gives

$$C < \frac{1}{\Delta\tau} \left( \frac{tolerance}{\delta} \right) \min_i \left( \frac{(\Delta S)_i^2}{2\theta S_i^2 \sigma^2} \right) . \quad (5.51)$$

324 In addition, from equation (4.5), assuming equation (5.50) holds, then

$$C < \frac{1}{\theta\lambda\Delta\tau} . \quad (5.52)$$

325 Combining equations (5.51, 5.52) gives

$$C < \min \left[ \frac{1}{\theta\lambda\Delta\tau}, \frac{1}{\Delta\tau} \left( \frac{tolerance}{\delta} \right) \min_i \left( \frac{(\Delta S)_i^2}{2\theta S_i^2 \sigma^2} \right) \right] . \quad (5.53)$$

326 **5.6 A Note on Implementation**

327 We remark here that given a penalty method implementation, it is trivial to generate a scaled  
 328 direct control implementation. In this case, we can use the properties of inexact arithmetic to our  
 329 advantage. The discretized equations (3.7) are used in both cases, but for the scaled direct control  
 330 formulation,  $\varphi$  is determined from equation (3.6) (instead of equation (3.8)). In equation (3.6), we  
 331 define

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{C\Delta\tau} \quad (5.54)$$

332 with  $C$  satisfying conditions (5.45) and (5.53). In equations (3.7), we set

$$\varepsilon = C_2\Delta\tau , \quad (5.55)$$

333 with  $C_2 = \sqrt{\epsilon_{small}}$ , where  $\epsilon_{small}$  is the smallest positive double precision number, e.g.  $\simeq 10^{-308}$ .  
 334 We take the square root here to avoid any possible overflow problems. Effectively, when  $\varphi = 0$ , we  
 335 solve the unconstrained PDE. When  $\varphi = 1$ , the very small  $\varepsilon$  eliminates the other terms in equation  
 336 (3.7) (in finite precision arithmetic), so that this equation becomes  $V_i^{n+1} = V_i^*$ .

Expiry Time	.25
Exercise	American
Payoff	Butterfly
$K_1, K_2$	90, 110
Risk free rate $r$	.05
Volatility $\sigma$	.15
Jump Intensity $\lambda$	.1
Log jump mean $\nu$	-.90
Log jump stnrd dev $\zeta$	.45

TABLE 6.1: *Data for the an American butterfly*

### 337 5.7 Generality of Condition (5.34)

338 The condition (5.34) is general and can be applied to other HJB equations. We need the following  
339 properties to hold

- 340 • The discretized equations are of the form (4.1).
- 341 • The matrix  $\mathcal{A}(Q)$  can be split as in equation (5.10).
- 342 • The result (5.32) holds.

343 For each specific PDE, it is only necessary to estimate  $\|D^{-1}\|_\infty$  and  $\Delta\hat{e}_\delta$ . For an example application  
344 of condition (5.34) to a singular control problem, see [20].

## 345 6 Numerical Results: Jump Diffusion

346 We consider the case of an American option with jump diffusion, with the data in Table 6.1. We  
347 take the payoff to be a butterfly

$$V^* = \max(S - K_1, 0) - 2 \max(S - (K_1 + K_2)/2, 0) + \max(S - K_2, 0) , \quad (6.1)$$

348 and assume the existence of an American contract with payoff (6.1), which can only be early  
349 exercised as a unit. This contract has been used as severe test case by several authors [1, 26, 24].  
350 In the no-jump case, the exercise region is not simply connected to the boundary, hence the direct  
351 method in [5] cannot be used (at least in straightforward fashion) and an iterative method is  
352 required. A classical iterative method is described in [8].

353 The variable timestep selector described in [12] is used combined with Crank Nicolson timestep-  
354 ping and the Rannacher modification suggested in [25]. This problem is solved on a sequence of  
355 (unequally spaced) grids. At each grid refinement, a new fine grid node is inserted between each  
356 two coarse grid nodes, and the timestep control parameter is halved. Table 6.2 shows the number  
357 of nodes and timesteps for various levels of refinement. Table 6.3 shows a convergence study for the  
358 American butterfly case, which demonstrates approximately second order convergence. The value  
359 at  $t = 0$  is shown in Figure 6.1.

Refine	$S$ Nodes	Timesteps
0	129	35
1	257	70
2	513	137
3	1025	271
4	2049	537
5	5097	1068
6	10193	2130

TABLE 6.2: *Grid/timestep data for convergence study, American butterfly. Data in Table 6.1. On each grid refinement, new fine grids are inserted between each two coarse grid nodes, and the timestep control parameter is halved.*

Refine	Itns/step	Value	Ratio
0	3.2	5.249893574	N/A
1	3.0	5.251270846	N/A
2	2.98	5.251520409	5.5
3	2.98	5.251585969	3.8
4	2.91	5.251601866	4.1
5	2.65	5.251605835	4.0
6	2.43	5.251606872	3.8

TABLE 6.3: *Convergence study, American butterfly, data in Table 6.1. Penalty formulation (3.7) used. Value at  $S = 105$ . Penalty parameter  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}\Delta\tau$ . Crank Nicolson timestepping with the Rannacher modification used. Ratio is the ratio of successive changes in the solution.*

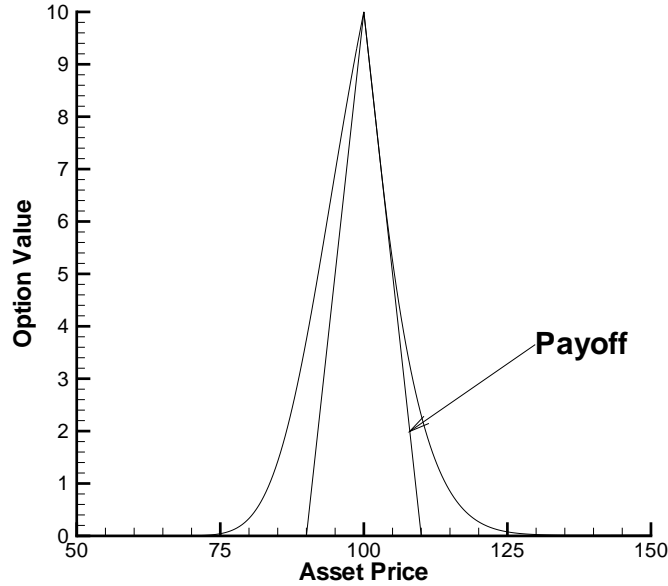


FIGURE 6.1: *American butterfly, jump diffusion. Data in Table 6.1.*

360 **6.1 Bounds on C**

361 The lower bounds for  $C$  for both penalty and direct control methods are given from equation (5.47).

362 For a level 5 discretization, we will estimate the upper bounds from the following data

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta &= .5 \\
 (\Delta\tau)_{\max} &= 3 \times 10^{-3} \\
 \lambda &= .1 \\
 \sigma &= .2 \\
 \left(\frac{(\Delta S)_i}{S_i}\right)_{\min} &= 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \\
 \delta &= 10^{-16} .
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

363 Bound (5.52) is then

$$C < \frac{2}{3} \times 10^4 \simeq 10^4 \tag{6.3}$$

364 while bound (5.51) gives

$$C < \begin{cases} \frac{75}{4} \times 10^3 \simeq 10^4 & \textit{tolerance} = 10^{-8} \\ \frac{75}{4} \times 10^5 \simeq 10^6 & \textit{tolerance} = 10^{-6} \end{cases} . \tag{6.4}$$

365 Table 6.4 shows that the lower bounds for  $C = \varepsilon/\Delta\tau$ , from equation (5.47), *tolerance* =  $10^{-8}$  are  
 366 fairly sharp for the penalty method, but conservative for the scaled direct control formulation. Table

367 6.4 also shows that the upper bound (6.4) is quite conservative for the direct control formulation.  
 368 Note that for the penalty method, the consistency error becomes quite large for  $C > 10^{-1}$  (see  
 369 equation (2.10)), hence results for  $C > 1$  are not shown. However, observe that the number of  
 370 iterations per step for the scaled direct control method increases sharply for  $C > 1$ . Recall that  
 371 condition (5.52) is sufficient but not necessary for convergence. It would seem that as we near this  
 372 upper bound, the rate of convergence degrades. Nevertheless, Table 6.4 shows the remarkable fact  
 373 that the computed solution for the scaled direct control formulation is unchanged (to 10 digits) for  
 374  $C$  varying by fifteen orders of magnitude.

375 From a practical perspective, it would seem that the lower bound for  $C$  is of primary interest.  
 376 To verify that the lower bound (5.47) has the correct behaviour as a function of the convergence  
 377 tolerance, Table 6.5 shows the results for  $tolerance = 10^{-6}$ . The observed lower bound for  $C$  does  
 378 decrease, relative to the values in Table 6.4, as expected.

379 The largest value of  $C$  where convergence occurs in Tables 6.4 and 6.5 should be about  $10^4$  from  
 380 equation (6.3) in both cases if the non-convergence was due to the violation of equation (5.52).  
 381 However, the maximum value of  $C$  where convergence occurs increases in Table 6.5 compared to  
 382 Table 6.4, which is what we expect if the non-convergence is due to floating point errors (i.e.  
 383 violation of condition (5.51) ). However, in both cases, non-convergence occurs at significantly  
 384 larger values of  $C$  than predicted from equation (5.51).

385 On the basis of numerous tests, a useful rule of thumb is to select the lower bound for  $C$  to be  
 386 two orders of magnitude larger than the bound (5.45). In several years of experiments, we have  
 387 never seen this fail. In the case of the penalty method, this size for  $C$  produces a consistency error  
 388 which is usually much smaller than the discretization error for typical grid sizes. In the case of the  
 389 Direct Control formulation, this choice of  $C$  seems to minimize the number of nonlinear iterations.

390 Table 6.6 shows the results for the American butterfly, with tolerance  $10^{-6}$ , and a coarser grid  
 391 (refinement 3) compared to Table 6.5. In this case, we expect that the lower bound for  $C$  should be  
 392 the same for both Tables, based on the bound (5.47). If the upper bound for  $C$  is determined by  
 393 equation (5.51), then it is expected that the upper bound will increase for the coarser grid. We can  
 394 observe this trend (approximately) in Table 6.5 and Table 6.6. However, for both Table 6.5 and  
 395 Table 6.6, we remind the reader that the upper bound is not sharp. Note as well that the average  
 396 number of nonlinear iterations per step decreases as the grid and timestep are refined. This trend  
 397 is consistent across many tests.

## 398 7 Conclusions

399 Discretization of the HJB PIDE for American options under jump diffusion gives rise to a system  
 400 of nonlinear algebraic equations at each timestep. If a positive coefficient discretization is used,  
 401 then in exact arithmetic a fixed point policy iteration method is unconditionally convergent for a  
 402 penalty formulation and conditionally convergent for a scaled direct control formulation. However,  
 403 in inexact arithmetic, the fixed point policy iteration may not converge, even though the theoretical  
 404 conditions are satisfied.

405 We have determined upper and lower bound estimates for the penalty parameter (penalty  
 406 formulation) and the scaling parameter (direct control formulation) so that convergence can be  
 407 expected in the presence of floating point errors. Numerical experiments show that these estimates  
 408 are the correct order of magnitude. In practice, the lower bound is more important, and the  
 409 expression for the lower bound estimate has a very simple form.

$\varepsilon$ or $1/\Omega$	Direct Control		Penalty	
	Itns/step	Value	Itns/step	Value
$10^7 \Delta\tau$	****	****		
$10^6 \Delta\tau$	8.95	5.251605841		
$10^5 \Delta\tau$	9.30	5.251605841		
$10^4 \Delta\tau$	9.90	5.251605841		
$10^3 \Delta\tau$	10.1	5.251605841		
$10^2 \Delta\tau$	9.91	5.251605841		
$10^1 \Delta\tau$	8.56	5.251605841		
$\Delta\tau$	4.65	5.251605841	2.63	5.247591885
$10^{-1} \Delta\tau$	2.75	5.251605841	2.65	5.251199230
$10^{-2} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	2.65	5.251562864
$10^{-3} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	2.65	5.251600928
$10^{-4} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	2.65	5.251605297
$10^{-5} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	2.65	5.251605786
$10^{-6} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	2.65	5.251605835
$10^{-7} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	2.65	5.251605841
$10^{-8} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	****	****
$10^{-9} \Delta\tau$	2.46	5.251605841	****	****
$10^{-10} \Delta\tau$	****	****	****	****

TABLE 6.4: *Option value at  $S = 105$ , refinement level 5, American butterfly, data in Table 6.1. \*\*\*\* indicates failure to converge after 100 iterations in any timestep. tolerance =  $10^{-8}$ .*

$\varepsilon$ or $1/\Omega$	Direct Control		Penalty	
	Itns/step	Value	Itns/step	Value
$10^{+8}\Delta\tau$	****	****		
$10^{+7}\Delta\tau$	8.33	5.251605841		
$10^{+6}\Delta\tau$	8.83	5.251605841		
$10^{+5}\Delta\tau$	9.18	5.251605841		
$10^{+4}\Delta\tau$	9.76	5.251605841		
$10^{+3}\Delta\tau$	9.95	5.251605841		
$10^{+2}\Delta\tau$	9.81	5.251605841		
$10^{+1}\Delta\tau$	8.42	5.251605841		
$\Delta\tau$	4.48	5.251605841		
$10^{-1}\Delta\tau$	2.49	5.251605841	2.19	5.251199230
$10^{-2}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.30	5.251562864
$10^{-3}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.31	5.251600928
$10^{-4}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.33	5.251605297
$10^{-5}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.33	5.251605786
$10^{-6}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.33	5.251605835
$10^{-7}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.33	5.251605840
$10^{-8}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.33	5.251605841
$10^{-9}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	2.33	5.251605841
$10^{-10}\Delta\tau$	2.12	5.251605841	****	****
$10^{-11}\Delta\tau$	****	****	****	****

TABLE 6.5: Option value at  $S = 105$ , refinement level 5, American butterfly, data in Table 6.1. \*\*\* indicates failure to converge after 100 iterations in any timestep. tolerance =  $10^{-6}$ .

$\varepsilon$ or $1/\Omega$	Direct Control		Penalty	
	Itns/step	Value	Itns/step	Value
$10^{+11}\Delta\tau$	****	****		
$10^{+10}\Delta\tau$	3.62	5.251585989		
$10^{+9}\Delta\tau$	3.62	5.251585989		
$10^{+8}\Delta\tau$	3.62	5.251585989		
$10^{+7}\Delta\tau$	3.66	5.251585989		
$10^{+6}\Delta\tau$	3.94	5.251585989		
$10^{+5}\Delta\tau$	4.11	5.251585989		
$10^{+4}\Delta\tau$	4.48	5.251585989		
$10^{+3}\Delta\tau$	4.78	5.251585989		
$10^{+2}\Delta\tau$	4.71	5.251585989		
$10^{+1}\Delta\tau$	4.71	5.251585989		
$\Delta\tau$	2.82	5.251585989		
$10^{-1}\Delta\tau$	2.27	5.251585989	2.46	5.249944409
$10^{-2}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251409455
$10^{-3}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251565568
$10^{-4}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251584012
$10^{-5}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251585791
$10^{-6}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251585969
$10^{-7}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251585987
$10^{-8}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251585989
$10^{-9}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251585989
$10^{-10}\Delta\tau$	2.25	5.251585989	2.43	5.251585989
$10^{-11}\Delta\tau$	****	****	****	****

TABLE 6.6: Option value at  $S = 105$ , refinement level 3, American butterfly, data in Table 6.1. \*\*\* indicates failure to converge after 100 iterations in any timestep. tolerance =  $10^{-6}$ .



410 The direct control solution is very insensitive to the choice of scaling parameter, compared to  
 411 the penalty formulation. However, the number of iterations per timestep required for the scaled  
 412 direct control formulation does depend on the scaling parameter. As long as the direct control  
 413 scaling parameter is selected within fairly large bounds, the effect on the computed solution and  
 414 the number of iterations per timestep is fairly small.

415 The number of iterations required for solution of the nonlinear iterations for the penalty method  
 416 is insensitive to the choice of the penalty parameter (see also [34]). Nevertheless, a poor choice  
 417 for the penalty parameter will result in poor convergence as the grid and timestep are refined.  
 418 However, with our recommended choice for the penalty parameter (two orders of magnitude larger  
 419 than the lower bound estimate), the consistency error due to the finite penalty parameter is small  
 420 compared to the discretization error at practical grid sizes and timesteps.

## 421 Appendix

### 422 A Matrix Form of the Discretized Equations

423 The discretized nonlinear equations (3.5) and (3.7) can be represented as nonlinear matrix equa-  
 424 tions. Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  be  $i_{max} \times i_{max}$  matrices, and  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $i_{max}$  length vector.

#### 425 A.1 Matrix Form: Direct Control

426 Equation (3.5) can be written in terms of matrices  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  and vector  $\mathcal{C}$  defined as operating on the  
 427  $i_{max}$  length vector  $U$  ( $i < i_{max}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathcal{A}(\varphi_i^k)U]_i = [\mathcal{A}^k U]_i &= (1 - \varphi_i^k) \left( \frac{U_i}{\Delta\tau} - \theta \mathcal{L}_i^h U_i \right) + \varphi_i^k \Omega U_\ell \\
 [\mathcal{B}(\varphi_i^k)U]_i = [\mathcal{B}^k U]_i &= (1 - \varphi_i^k) \lambda \theta \mathcal{J}_i^h U_i^{n+1} \\
 \mathcal{C}(\varphi_i^k) = C_i^k &= (1 - \varphi_i^k) \frac{V_i^n}{\Delta\tau} + \varphi_i^k \Omega V_i^* \\
 &\quad + (1 - \varphi_i^k)(1 - \theta) [\mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^n + \lambda \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^n] .
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

#### 428 A.2 Matrix Form: Penalty Method

429 Equation (3.7) can also be written in terms of  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  and vector  $\mathcal{C}$  defined as ( $i < i_{max}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\mathcal{A}(\varphi_i^k)U]_i = [\mathcal{A}^k U]_i &= \frac{U_i}{\Delta\tau} - \theta \mathcal{L}_i^h U_i + \frac{\varphi_i^k}{\varepsilon} U_i \\
 [\mathcal{B}(\varphi_i^k)U]_i = [\mathcal{B}^k U]_i &= \lambda \theta \mathcal{J}_i^h U_i^{n+1} \\
 \mathcal{C}(\varphi_i^k) = C_i^k &= \frac{V_i^n}{\Delta\tau} + \frac{\varphi_i^k}{\varepsilon} V_i^* + (1 - \theta) [\mathcal{L}_i^h V_i^n + \lambda \mathcal{J}_i^h V_i^n] .
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

#### 430 A.3 Dirichlet Condition

431 At  $i = i_{max}$ , we define (for both discretizations)

$$[\mathcal{A}^k U]_i = \frac{U_{i_{max}}}{\Delta\tau} ; \quad [\mathcal{B}^k U]_i = 0 ; \quad C_i^k = \frac{V_{i_{max}}^*}{\Delta\tau} . \tag{A.3}$$

## 432 B Approximation (5.32)

433 In this Appendix, we give a heuristic argument to show that approximation (5.32) is reasonable.

434 To make equation (5.32) more precise, we need the following results

- 435 (i) the rate of convergence as  $h \rightarrow 0$  in equation (5.30) is required; and  
 436 (ii) the precise form of the Green's function for equation (5.26) must be known.

437 We will use equation (5.32) to bound the effect of floating point errors. At this point, we will  
 438 now proceed in a very informal manner, to provide a non-rigorous justification of equation (5.32).  
 439 Assuming that a consistent finite difference method is used in equation (3.1), then we expect that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j g_{i,j} f(S_j) &= \int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} G(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) f(S') dS' \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\Delta\tau} \int_{\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} P(S, \Delta\tau, S', \tau') f(S') d\tau' dS' + O(h). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

440 Equation (B.1) simply states that our finite difference approximation converges at least at a  
 441 first order rate to the exact solution. The Green's function for equation (5.26) for the domain  
 442  $\Phi = [0, \infty)$ ,  $\Phi_a = \emptyset$  is well known, and is given by [31]

$$G_\infty(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) = \frac{1}{\sigma S' \sqrt{2\pi(\Delta\tau)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\log(S/S') + (r - \lambda\kappa - \sigma^2/2)\Delta\tau)^2}{2\sigma^2\Delta\tau}\right). \quad (\text{B.2})$$

443 Now, the actual Green's function  $G(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0)$  for  $S \in (\Phi - \Phi_a)$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} G(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) &= G_\infty(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) + (\text{terms required for boundary conditions}) \\ &= G_\infty(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) - \int_0^{\Delta\tau} \int_{\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} P(S, \Delta\tau, S'', \tau'') G_\infty(S'', \tau'', S', 0) d\tau'' dS''. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.3})$$

444 For any point  $S \in (\Phi - \Phi_a)$ ,  $G_\infty(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) \rightarrow \delta(S - S')$ ,  $\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0$ , hence from equation (5.31)  
 445 the integral term involving the Poisson function in equation (B.3) tends to zero as  $\Delta\tau \rightarrow 0$ . As a  
 446 result, there exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} G(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) f(S') dS' + \int_0^{\Delta\tau} \int_{\partial(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} P(S, \Delta\tau, S', \tau') q(S') d\tau' dS' \\ &= \int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} G_\infty(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) f(S') dS' + O((\Delta\tau)^\gamma). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

447 From equation (B.2), we have that  $G_\infty$  can be made arbitrarily small by choosing a  $C_3$  sufficiently  
 448 large so that

$$|\log(S'/S)| \geq C_3 \sqrt{\Delta\tau}, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

449 which implies that  $G_\infty$  is non-negligible only if

$$|S' - S| \leq C_3 S \sqrt{\Delta\tau} + O(\Delta\tau). \quad (\text{B.6})$$

450 Assume that  $f(S) > 0$  and  $f(S), f'(S)$  are bounded. Then we have that,  $\forall \eta > 0$ , and for  $\Delta\tau$   
451 sufficiently small, there exists  $C_4(\eta)$  such that

$$\int_{(\Phi - \Phi_a)_S} G_\infty(S, \Delta\tau, S', 0) f(S') dS' \leq f(S) + O(C_4(\eta) S \sqrt{\Delta\tau}) + \eta. \quad (\text{B.7})$$

452 Combining equation (B.1), equation (B.4), and (B.7) gives (for arbitrary small  $\eta$ )

$$\sum_j g_{i,j} f(S_j) \leq f(S_i) + O(h) + O((\Delta\tau)^\gamma) + O(C_4(\eta) S_i \sqrt{\Delta\tau}) + \eta. \quad (\text{B.8})$$

453 Letting  $f(S_i) = [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i$ , then equation (B.8) gives us

$$\sum_j g_{i,j} [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_j \leq [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i + O(h) + O((\Delta\tau)^\gamma) + O(C_4(\eta) S_i \sqrt{\Delta\tau}) + \eta. \quad (\text{B.9})$$

454 Substituting equation (B.9) into equation (5.17) gives

$$\left| [\Delta U_\delta^k]_i \right| \leq \|D^{-1}\|_\infty \left( [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i + O(h) + O((\Delta\tau)^\gamma) + O(C_4(\eta) S_i \sqrt{\Delta\tau}) + \eta \right); \quad S_i \in (\Phi - \Phi_a) \quad (\text{B.10})$$

455 From equation (5.18), the same result holds for  $S_i \in \Phi_a$ . As a result, for all  $S_i \in \Phi$ , (B.10) gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \max_i \left[ \frac{|[\Delta U_\delta^k]_i|}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] &\leq \max_i \left[ \frac{\|D^{-1}\|_\infty [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] \\ &\quad + \max_i \left[ \frac{\|D^{-1}\|_\infty (O(h) + O((\Delta\tau)^\gamma) + O(C_4(\eta) S_i \sqrt{\Delta\tau}) + \eta)}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right] \\ &\simeq \max_i \left[ \frac{\|D^{-1}\|_\infty [\Delta \hat{e}_\delta^k]_i}{\max(|U_i^{k+1}|, scale)} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.11})$$

456 which is equation (5.33).

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