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MEMORANDUM

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This memorandum investigates the differentiability of the optimal search plan m* for a <u>stationary</u> target. The principal result (Theorem 3) is that under suitable assumptions we may write (for almost all x)

$$\mathbf{m}^*(\mathbf{T},\mathbf{x}) = \int_0^T \mu(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{t},$$

i.e., m^{*} is absolutely continuous in the first variable. This is used in reference [a] to guarantee the existence of optimal search plans for a class of deterministically moving targets. These search plans are transformations of the functions μ .

Definitions and basic assumptions are presented in the first section followed in the second section by the investigation of differentiability. The last section provides illustrations.

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Basic Definitions and Assumptions

This section provides the basic definitions and assumptions used throughout the memorandum. We shall use Λ to denote Lebesgue measure on E^N and χ_S to be the indicator function of a set $S \subseteq E^N$. For any real function θ of a real variable, let $q(\theta, \kappa, \Delta)$ be the difference quotient

$$q(\theta, \kappa, \Delta) = \frac{\theta(\kappa + \Delta) - \theta(\kappa)}{\Delta},$$

whenever $\kappa + \Delta$ and κ are within the domain of θ . The right derivative $D^+\theta$, when it exists, is given by

$$\mathbf{D}^+\theta(\kappa) = \lim_{\mathbf{0} < \Delta \to \mathbf{0}} \mathbf{q}(\theta, \kappa, \Delta).$$

The left derivative, when it exists, is given by

$$D^{-}\theta(\kappa) = \lim_{0 > \Delta \to 0} q(\theta, \kappa, \Delta).$$

The limits are permitted to be infinite. When $D^+\theta(\kappa) = D^-\theta(\kappa)$, θ has a derivative at κ which is usually denoted $\dot{\theta}(\kappa)$ or $D\theta(\kappa)$. These notations are also used for the onesided derivatives at end points of intervals. In case θ is a real function of severa variables, then D_j^+ , D_j^- , and D_j denote the partial derivatives with respect to the jth argument. We use $inv[\theta]$ to denote the inverse of θ when it exists.

The local effectiveness function $b:[0,\infty) \rightarrow [0,1]$ is assumed to have the following properties:

- (1) b is strictly increasing with b(0) = 0 and $\lim_{z \to \infty} b(z) = 1$,
- (2) \dot{b} exists and is continuous and strictly decreasing on $[0,\infty)$. The right derivative $\dot{b}(0)$ satisfies $0 < \dot{b}(0) < \infty$, and

(3) $\ddot{\mathbf{b}}$ exists and is continuous for all $z \in [0, \infty)$ and the right derivative $\ddot{\mathbf{b}}(0)$ satisfies $-\infty < \ddot{\mathbf{b}}(0) < 0$.

A function $\Psi:(0,\infty) \rightarrow (0,\infty)$ is defined by

$$\Psi(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{inv}[\dot{\mathbf{b}}](\mathbf{u}) & \text{ for } 0 < \mathbf{u} \leq \dot{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{0}) \\ 0 & \text{ for } \mathbf{u} > \dot{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{0}) . \end{cases}$$

In view of the conditions on the local effectiveness function b, Ψ is continuous and strictly decreasing with $\lim_{u\to 0} \Psi(u) = \infty$ and $\Psi(b(0)) = 0$. The function Ψ is differentiable at every point except $\dot{b}(0)$. We have

$$\dot{\Psi}(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\dot{\mathbf{b}}(\Psi(\mathbf{u}))} & \text{for } 0 < \mathbf{u} < \dot{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{0}) \\ 0 & \text{for } \mathbf{u} > \dot{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{0}). \end{cases}$$

Moreover,

$$D^{-}\Psi(\dot{b}(0)) = \frac{1}{\ddot{b}(0)} = \lim_{u \to \dot{b}(0)} - \dot{\Psi}(u)$$

and

$$D^{+}\Psi(\dot{b}(0)) = 0 = \lim_{u \to \dot{b}(0)+} \dot{\Psi}(u)$$

The derivative $\dot{\Psi}$ is continuous on $(0, \dot{b}(0))$ and

$$\lim_{u\to 0} \dot{\Psi}(u) = \infty.$$

An explicit bound on Ψ may be obtained by letting

$$\beta(\mathbf{u}) = \sup\{|\dot{\Psi}(\mathbf{v})|: \mathbf{u} \le \mathbf{v} < \dot{\mathbf{b}}(0)\} \text{ for } 0 < \mathbf{u} < \dot{\mathbf{b}}(0).$$

The function β is finite since Ψ has a continuous extension on [u,b(0)] for $0 \le u \le b(0)$. By the mean value theorem of differential calculus,

$$\Psi(\dot{\mathbf{b}}(0)) - \Psi(\mathbf{v}) = \dot{\Psi}(\tau) [\dot{\mathbf{b}}(0) - \mathbf{v}]$$
 for $\mathbf{v} < \tau < \dot{\mathbf{b}}(0)$,

and since $\Psi(\dot{b}(0)) = 0$,

$$|\Psi(\mathbf{v})| = |\dot{\Psi}(\tau)|$$
 [b(0) -v] $\leq \beta$ (u) [b(0) -v] for $\mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{v} \leq \mathbf{b}(0)$.

The target location probability density function $f: E^{N} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is assumed to be essentially bounded by $\Gamma < \infty$, i.e., $\Lambda(\{x:f(x) > \Gamma\}) = 0$ and for $\gamma < \Gamma$ $\Lambda(\{x:f(x) > \gamma\}) > 0$. We denote by κ_0 the product $\kappa_0 = \dot{b}(0) \Gamma < \infty$.

For $0 < \kappa \leq \kappa_0$, we define $S(\kappa)$ by

$$S(\kappa) = \left\{ x: f(x) \geq \frac{\kappa}{\dot{b}(0)} \right\}$$

and define $\theta:(0,\kappa_0] \rightarrow (0,\infty)$ by

$$\theta(\kappa) = \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa)} \Psi(\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

Note that $0 \leq \Lambda(S(\kappa)) < \infty$, since $\int_{E^N} f(x) dx = 1$.

It is not difficult to show that under the assumptions on b and f, θ is continuous and strictly decreasing with $\lim_{\kappa \to 0} \theta(\kappa) = \infty$ and $\theta(\kappa_0) = 0$.

It can be shown (see, for example, reference [b]) that under assumptions (1) and (2) for b,the search plan $m^*:[0,\infty) \times E^N \to [0,\infty)$ which maximizes detection probability is given by

$$\mathbf{m}^*(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \Psi(\frac{\lambda(\mathbf{t})}{f(\mathbf{x})}) & \text{for } f(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0, \text{ and} \\\\ \mathbf{0} & \text{for } f(\mathbf{x}) = 0. \end{cases}$$

The function $\lambda:[0,\infty) \rightarrow (0,\kappa_0]$ is defined by $\lambda = \operatorname{inv}[\theta] \circ C$ where $C:[0,\infty) \rightarrow [0,\infty)$ is some differentiable (finite derivative) strictly increasing function with C(0) = 0. It follows immediately that λ is continuous and strictly decreasing; $\lambda(0) = \kappa_0$ and $\lim_{t\to\infty} \lambda(t) = 0$. For each fixed $x \in E^N$, $m^*(\cdot, x)$ is continuous since it is the composition of continuous functions.

Differentiability of m*

Differentiability of the optimal search plan m^* is investigated in this section. The principal result given as Theorem 3 is that under the assumptions of the first section, $m^*(\cdot, x)$ is absolutely continuous for almost all $x \in E^N$.

Lemma 1. The function $\theta:(0,\kappa_0] \rightarrow [0,\infty)$ has finite and non-zero left and right derivatives on the open interval $(0,\kappa_0)$. The left derivative $D^-\theta(\kappa_0)$ is finite but may be zero. Moreover θ is differentiable at $\kappa \in (0,\kappa_0)$ if and only if

 $\Lambda({\mathbf{x}:\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})=\kappa/\dot{\mathbf{b}}(0)})=0.$

<u>Proof</u>. In order to establish the existence of the left derivative, assume $\Delta < 0$ and $\kappa \in (0, \kappa_0]$. Then in view of the definition of θ

$$\mathbf{q}(\theta,\kappa,\Delta) = \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa)} \mathbf{q}(\Psi,\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})},\frac{\Delta}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) \frac{1}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa+\Delta)-\mathbf{S}(\kappa)} \frac{1}{\Delta} \Psi(\frac{\kappa+\Delta}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

Without loss of generality, assume that for some fixed $\epsilon > 0$, we have

$$\left|\Delta\right| < \epsilon \leq \frac{\kappa}{2}.$$

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Since Γ is the essential bound of f, for almost all $x \in S(\kappa + \Delta)$,

$$\dot{b}(0) \geq \frac{\kappa + \Delta}{f(x)} \geq \frac{\kappa - \epsilon}{\Gamma} > 0,$$

and

$$\left|\Psi(\frac{\kappa+\Delta}{f(\mathbf{x})})\right| \leq \beta(\frac{\kappa-\epsilon}{\Gamma}) (\dot{\mathbf{b}}(0) - \frac{\kappa+\Delta}{f(\mathbf{x})}).$$

Since

$$S(\kappa + \Delta) - S(\kappa) = \{x : \frac{\kappa + \Delta}{b(0)} \le f(x) < \frac{\kappa}{b(0)}\},\$$

it is easily shown that

$$\dot{\mathbf{b}}(0) = \frac{\kappa + \Delta}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})} \leq \dot{\mathbf{b}}(0) \left(\frac{-\Delta}{\kappa}\right) \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \in [\mathbf{S}(\kappa + \Delta) - \mathbf{S}(\kappa)].$$

Thus for almost all $x \in S(\kappa + \Delta)$

$$\left|\frac{1}{\Delta} \Psi(\frac{\kappa+\Delta}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})})\right| \leq \beta(\frac{\kappa-\epsilon}{\Gamma}) \frac{\mathbf{b}(0)}{\kappa}.$$

Since $S(\kappa + \Delta_1) - S(\kappa) \subseteq S(\kappa + \Delta_2) - S(\kappa)$ for $\Delta_1 > \Delta_2$ and

$$\bigcap_{\Delta < 0} S(\kappa + \Delta) - S(\kappa) = 0.$$

We have

$$\lim_{0>\Delta\to 0} \int_{S(\kappa+\Delta)-S(\kappa)} \frac{1}{\Delta} \Psi(\frac{\kappa+\Delta}{f(x)}) dx = 0,$$

since the integrands are uniformly bounded.

For $\kappa \in (0, \kappa_0]$ and for all $x \in S(\kappa)$

$$\lim_{0 \to \Delta \to 0} q(\Psi, \frac{\kappa}{f(x)}, \frac{\Delta}{f(x)}) \frac{1}{f(x)} = D^{-}\Psi(\frac{\kappa}{f(x)}) \frac{1}{f(x)}.$$

The convergence is essentially bounded since for almost all $x \in S(\kappa)$

$$\left|\mathbf{q}(\Psi,\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})},\frac{\Delta}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})})\frac{1}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}\right| \leq \beta\left(\frac{\kappa-\epsilon}{\Gamma}\right)\left[\frac{\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{0})}{\kappa}\right]^2.$$

Thus the bounded convergence theorem insures that for $0 < \kappa \leq \kappa_0$

$$\mathbf{D}^{-}\theta(\kappa) = \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa)} \mathbf{D}^{-}\Psi(\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}, \frac{1}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) d\mathbf{x} < \infty,$$

since $\Lambda(S(\kappa)) < \infty$. If $\kappa < \kappa_0$, then $D^-\Psi(\kappa/f(x))/f(x) < 0$ on the set $\{x:f(x) > \kappa/b(0)\}$ which has non-zero measure (otherwise Γ_0 would not be the essential bound). Thus for $0 < \kappa < \kappa_0$, $D^-\theta(\kappa) \neq 0$.

Similarly, the existence of the right derivative of θ on $(0, \kappa_0)$ is established by assuming $\Delta > 0$ and writing

$$\mathbf{q}(\theta,\kappa,\Delta) = \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa+\Delta)} \mathbf{q}(\Psi,\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})},\frac{\Delta}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) \frac{1}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x} - \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa)-\mathbf{S}(\kappa+\Delta)} \frac{1}{\Delta} \Psi(\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

For almost all $x \in S(\kappa) - S(\kappa + \Delta)$ we have

$$\left|\frac{1}{\Delta} \Psi(\frac{\kappa}{f(x)})\right| \leq \beta \left(\frac{\kappa}{\Gamma}\right) b(0) \frac{1}{\kappa + \Delta}.$$

Making use of the fact that $\Phi(\dot{v}(0)) = 0$, it follows that

$$\left|\int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa) - \mathbf{S}(\kappa + \Delta)} \frac{1}{\Delta} \Psi(\frac{\kappa}{f(x)}) dx\right| \leq \Lambda \left\{x: \frac{\kappa}{\dot{\mathbf{b}}(0)} < f(x) < \frac{\kappa + \Delta}{\dot{\mathbf{b}}(0)}\right\} \beta\left(\frac{\kappa}{\Gamma}\right) \dot{\mathbf{b}}(0) \frac{1}{\kappa + \Delta}$$

which vanishes as Δ approaches 0. For $\chi_{S(\kappa + \Delta)}$, the indicator function of the set

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 $S_{\kappa+\Delta}$, it is easy to show that for $x \in S(\kappa)$ and $0 < \kappa < \kappa_0$

$$\lim_{0 < \Delta \to 0} \chi_{S(\kappa + \Delta)}(x) q(\Psi, \frac{\kappa}{f(x)}, \frac{\Delta}{f(x)}) \frac{1}{f(x)} = D^+ \Psi(\frac{\kappa}{f(x)}) \frac{1}{f(x)}$$

It is also not difficult to show that for $x \in S(\kappa)$ and $0 \le \kappa \le \kappa_0$

$$\left|q(\Psi, \frac{\kappa}{f(x)}, \frac{\Delta}{f(x)})\frac{1}{f(x)}\right| \leq \beta \left(\frac{\kappa}{\Gamma}\right) \left[\frac{b(0)}{\kappa}\right]^2.$$

Since $\Lambda(S(\kappa)) < \infty$, it follows that for $0 < \kappa < \kappa_0$

$$D^{+}\theta(\kappa) = \int_{S(\kappa)} D^{+}\Psi(\frac{\kappa}{f(x)}) \frac{1}{f(x)} dx.$$

Finally, for $0 < \kappa < \kappa_0$

 $\mathbf{D}^{-}\theta(\kappa) - \mathbf{D}^{+}\theta(\kappa) = \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa)} [\mathbf{D}^{-}\Psi(\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) - \mathbf{D}^{+}\Psi(\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})})] \frac{1}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}$

$$= \int_{\{x:f(x)=\frac{\kappa}{\dot{b}(0)}\}} D^{-}\Psi(\dot{b}(0)) \frac{1}{f(x)} dx = \frac{b(0)}{\kappa} D^{-}\Psi(\dot{b}(0)) \Lambda(\{x:f(x)=\frac{\kappa}{\dot{b}(0)}\}),$$

since $D^+\Psi(\kappa/f(x)) = D^-\Psi(\kappa/f(x))$ for all x such that $\kappa/f(x) < \dot{b}(0)$.

Lemma 2. The function $\lambda : [0, \infty) \to (0, \kappa_0]$ has finite right and left derivatives on $(0, \infty)$. The right derivative exists at zero but may not be finite. The function λ has a derivative at $t \in (0, \infty)$ if and only if

$$\Lambda(\{\mathbf{x}:\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\lambda(\mathbf{t})}{\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{0})}\}) = 0.$$

Proof. By definition

$$\lambda(T) = inv[\theta](C(T))$$
 for $0 \le T < \infty$.

Therefore, we may write

$$D^{+}\lambda(T) = \frac{\dot{C}(T)}{D^{+}\theta(\lambda(T))} \quad \text{for } 0 < T < \infty,$$

whenever the derivative in the right-hand side of the equation exists. For T = 0, we have

$$\mathbf{D}^{+}\lambda(\mathbf{0}) = \frac{\dot{\mathbf{C}}(\mathbf{0})}{\mathbf{D}^{-}\theta(\kappa_{\mathbf{0}})}.$$

Noting that $\lambda(T) < \kappa_0$ for T > 0, the conclusions follow from Lemma 1.

<u>Theorem 1</u>. The optimal search plan $m^*:[0,\infty) \times E^N \to [0,\infty)$ has the property that for all $x \in E^N$, $m^*(\cdot, x)$ has finite right and left derivatives on $(0,\infty)$. Moreover, for all $x \in E^N$, $m^*(\cdot, x)$ is differentiable for any $t \in (0,\infty)$ for which

$$\Lambda(\{\mathbf{x}:\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\lambda(\mathbf{t})}{\dot{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{0})}\}) = 0.$$

<u>**Proof.**</u> Assume without loss of generality that f(x) > 0. Since

$$m^{*}(t, x) = \Psi(\frac{\lambda(t)}{f(x)}),$$

we may write

$$D^{+}m^{*}(t, x) = D^{+}\Psi(\frac{\lambda(t)}{f(x)}) D^{+}\lambda(t)\frac{1}{f(x)}$$

for all $t \in (0, \infty)$ for which the derivatives on the right-hand side exist and are finite. For all $t \in (0, \infty)$, $\lambda(t) \neq 0$ and, therefore, $D^{-}\Psi(\lambda(t)/f(x))$ and $D^{+}\Psi(\lambda(t)/f(x))$ exist and are finite. The theorem then follows from Lemma 2.

<u>Theorem 2</u>. If $\Lambda(\{x:f(x) = \Gamma\}) > 0$, then $D_1^+ m^*(0, x)$ exists and is finite for all $x \in E^N$. If $\Lambda(\{x:f(x) = \Gamma\}) = 0$, then $D_1^+ m^*(0, x)$ exists and is finite for all x for which $f(x) \neq \Gamma$.

<u>Proof</u>. If $D^-\Psi(\lambda(0)/f(x))$ and $D^+\lambda(0)$ exist and are finite, then $D_1^+m^*(0,x)$ exists and is finite. In this case

$$D_1^+ m^*(0, x) = D^- \Psi(\frac{\lambda(0)}{f(x)}) D^+ \lambda(0) \frac{1}{f(x)},$$

where

$$D^{-}\Psi(\frac{\lambda(0)}{f(x)}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b(0)} & \text{for } f(x) = \Gamma \\ \\ \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathbf{D}^{\dagger}\lambda(0) = \frac{\dot{\mathbf{C}}(0)}{\mathbf{D}^{\dagger}\theta(\kappa_{0})}.$$

Now

$$D^{-}\theta(\kappa_{0}) = \int_{\{x:f(x) = \Gamma\}} D^{-}\Psi(\dot{b}(0)) \frac{1}{f(x)} dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{\ddot{b}(0)\Gamma} \Lambda(\{x:f(x) = \Gamma\}).$$

Therefore, the first statement of the theorem is established.

The second statement is proved by observing that for $x \in E^N$, if $f(x) \neq \Gamma$, then there exists a $\kappa_1 < \kappa_0$ such that $f(x) < \kappa_1 / \dot{b}(0)$. Also there exists $t_1 > 0$ such that $\kappa_1 \leq \lambda(t) \leq \kappa_0$ for $0 \leq t \leq t_1$. This means that for $0 \leq t \leq t_1$,

$$\frac{\lambda(\mathbf{t})}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})} > \frac{\lambda(\mathbf{t})\mathbf{b}(0)}{\kappa_1} > \dot{\mathbf{b}}(0),$$

and, therefore,

$$m^*(t,x) = 0 \quad \text{for } 0 \le t \le t_1.$$

Thus $D^+ m^*(0, x) = 0$, and this completes the proof.

<u>Theorem 3.</u> For almost all $x \in E^N$, the functions $m^*(\cdot, x)$ are absolutely continuous and the function values may be written

$$m^*(T,x) = \int_0^T D_1^+(t,x) dt \quad \text{for } 0 \le T < \infty.$$

<u>Proof.</u> For all $x \in E^N$, $m^*(\cdot, x)$ is continuous and non-decreasing on [0, T]. Thus $m^*(\cdot, x)$ is of bounded variation on [0, T]. By Theorems 1 and 2, $D_1^+ m^*(\cdot, x)$ exists and is finite on [0, T] for almost all x. Then by Lebesgue's version of the fundamental theorem of integral calculus (page 596 of reference [c])

$$m^{*}(T, x) = \int_{0}^{T} D_{1}^{+} m^{*}(t, x) dt$$

except on the exceptional set of x having measure zero. This concludes the proof.

Illustrations

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As an illustration of the above results, let b be the exponential effectiveness function $b(z) = 1 - e^{-z}$ for $z \in [0, \infty)$. Thus $\dot{b}(z) = e^{-z}$ and $\Psi(u) = -\ln(u)$. Note that $\dot{b}(0) = 1$. Assume that C(t) = t.

First consider a two cell example. For $p_1 > p_2$ and disjoint R_1 , $R_2 \subset E^2$ such that $\Lambda(R_1) = \Lambda(R_2) = 1$, let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p_1 & \text{for } x \in R_1, \\ p_2 & \text{for } x \in R_2, \text{ and} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It follows that $\Gamma = \kappa_0 = p_1$ and

$$\mathbf{S}(\kappa) = \{\mathbf{x}: \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \ge \kappa\} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{R}_1 \cup \mathbf{R}_2 & \text{for } 0 < \kappa \le \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{R}_1 & \text{for } \mathbf{p}_2 < \kappa \le \mathbf{p}_1. \end{cases}$$

Since

$$\theta(\kappa) = \int_{\mathbf{S}(\kappa)} \Psi(\frac{\kappa}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})}) d\mathbf{x},$$

one has

$$\theta(\kappa) = \begin{cases} \ln \frac{p_1 p_2}{\kappa^2} & \text{for } 0 < \kappa \le p_2 \\\\ \ln \frac{p_1}{\kappa} & \text{for } p_2 < \kappa \le p_1. \end{cases}$$

Thus

$$\lambda(t) = \begin{cases} p_1 e^{-t} & \text{for } 0 \le t < \ln(p_1/p_2) \\ \\ \sqrt{p_1 p_2} e^{-t/2} & \text{for } t \ge \ln(p_1/p_2). \end{cases}$$

Finally for $x \in \mathbb{R}_1$,

$$m^{*}(t, x) = \begin{cases} t & \text{for } 0 \le t < \ln(p_{1}/p_{2}) \\ \frac{t}{2} + \ln(p_{1}/p_{2}) & \text{for } t \ge \ln(p_{1}/p_{2}) \end{cases}$$

and for $x \in \mathbb{R}_2$,

$$m^{*}(t, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < \ln(p_{1}/p_{2}) \\ \\ \frac{t}{2} + \ln(p_{1}/p_{2}) & \text{for } t \ge \ln(p_{1}/p_{2}). \end{cases}$$

Note that in accordance with Theorem 1, $m^*(\cdot, x)$ has a finite derivative for all t ϵ (0, ∞) for which

$$\Lambda(\{x:f(x) = \lambda(t)\}) = 0.$$

This condition fails to hold only when $t = \ln(p_1/p_2)$, in which case

$$\Lambda(\{x:f(x) = \lambda(t)\}) = \Lambda\{x:f(x) = p_2\} = 1.$$

In addition, $\Lambda(\{x: f(x) = \Gamma = p_1\}) = 1$, and, therefore, by Theorem 2, $D_1^+ m^*(0, x)$ exists and is finite for all $x \in E^2$.

The next illustration considers a situation where $D_1^+ m^*(0, x)$ is not finite for all x. Let f be a bivariate normal distribution. i.e., for $x = (x_1, x_2) \in E^2$ and $r(x_1, x_2) = ([x_1/\sigma_1]^2 + [x_2/\sigma_2]^2)_2^1$,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi \sigma_1 \sigma_2} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}r(x, y)^2).$$

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Since $\Lambda(\{x: f(x) = \lambda(t)\}) = 0$ for all $t \ge 0$, $m^*(\cdot, x)$ must be differentiable for all $x \in E^N$ when t > 0 according to Theorem 2.

It is well known that if C(t) = t, then for $t \ge 0$,

$$m^{*}(t, x_{1}, x_{2}) = \begin{cases} K\sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{2}r(x_{1}, x_{2})^{2} & \text{for } r(x_{1}, x_{2})^{2} \le 2K\sqrt{t} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $K = (\pi \sigma_1 \sigma_2)$. For all t > 0 and $(x_1, x_2) \in E^2$,

$$D_1 m^*(t, x_1, x_2) = \frac{K}{\sqrt{t}}.$$

In accordance with Theorem 3, $D_1^+ m^*(0, x_1, x_2) < \infty$, for $(x_1, x_2) \neq (0, 0)$. Only at the point (0, 0) (a set of measure zero) does $D_1^+ m^*$ fail to be finite.

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