

A two step approach for the bidding process in electricity markets: theoretical and numerical analysis

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- III- *Existence of projected solutions*
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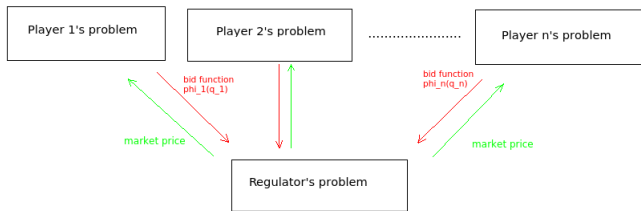
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What is the current difficulty?

Models for bidding process...

A model classically used in the literature is a multi-leader-single-follower game



where the bid function is given by

$$\varphi_i(q_i) := \int_0^{q_i} \psi_i(q) dq + k_i$$

with

- $k_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is the initial payment
- ψ_i is the unit price bid function

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The multi-leader-common-follower game can be formulated as the following general equilibrium problem composed of N producer's optimization problems denoted as (P_i) , $i = 1, \dots, N$, solved simultaneously

$$(P_i) \quad \begin{aligned} & \max_{\varphi_i, q_i} \varphi_i(q_i) - \text{Cost}_i(q_i) \\ & \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} q \text{ solves } \text{ISO}(\varphi) \\ \varphi_i \text{ admissible bid function,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where the ISO problem is considered in the form

$$\text{ISO}(\varphi) \quad \begin{aligned} & \min_q \quad \sum_i \varphi_i(q_i) \\ & \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} \text{demand } D \text{ is satisfied: } \sum_i q_i \geq D \\ 0 \leq q_i \leq \bar{Q}_i, \quad \forall i, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where \bar{Q}_i stands for the production capacity of producer i and the vector of bid functions $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N)$ is composed of the bid functions of all the producers.

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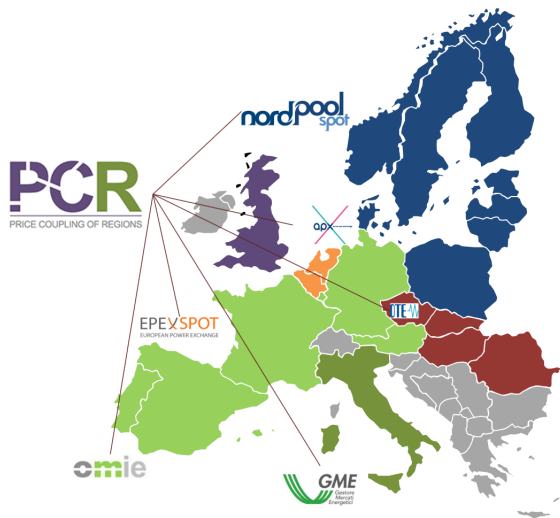
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- ii) a **piecewise linear (unit price) bid function** $\psi_i(q_i)$ is defined on $[0, \bar{Q}_i]$ by

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where $\mathcal{Q}_i = \{(q_i^k, p_i^k) : k = 1, \dots, N_k\}$ is a family of couples (**quantity, unit price**) and the coefficients $\alpha_i^k = [p_i^{k+1} - p_i^k] / [q_i^{k+1} - q_i^k]$ and $\beta_i^k = p_i^k q_i^{k+1} - p_i^{k+1} q_i^k$.

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In the case of cumulative box bid

Thus the electricity market model consists in:

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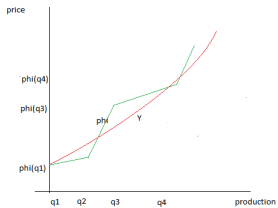
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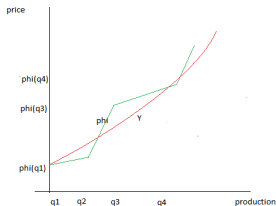
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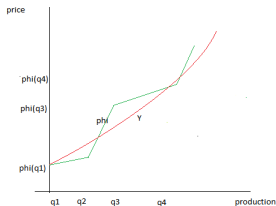
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But then there is....no longer connexion with real life bids

summarizing...

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What it is?

Why to consider that?

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- extreme situation: **no solution** if $K(C) \cap C = \emptyset$

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$$QVI(T, K) \subset PQVI(T, K).$$

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Note the variational inequality depends on the expected “projected solution”

A simple example

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$$K(x, y) := \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\|(x, y)\|} (x, y) + (u, v) : 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq 1 \right\}.$$

- it has the **same set** of projected solutions:

$$\mathcal{P} = \{(1, 0), (1, 1), (0, 1)\};$$

- and the unique (classical) solution $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = (1, 1)$.

III- Existence of projected solutions

A first existence result

Theorem

Let C be a non-empty, closed and convex subset of \mathbb{R}^n . Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$ and $K : C \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$ be two set-valued maps where $K(C)$ is relatively compact. Then, $QVI(T, K)$ admits at least a projected solution if the following properties hold:

- (i) K is closed, lower semicontinuous and convex valued map with $\text{int}K(x) \neq \emptyset$ for all $x \in C$;
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Recall that a set-valued operator $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$ is called a *lower sign-continuous* on a convex subset $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ iff for any $x, y \in K$,

$$\forall t \in]0, 1[, \quad \inf_{x_t^* \in T(x_t)} \langle x_t^*, y - x \rangle \geq 0 \Rightarrow \inf_{x^* \in T(x)} \langle x^*, y - x \rangle \geq 0,$$

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A set-valued map $\Gamma : K \rightrightarrows K$ is *Kakutani factorizable* if $\Gamma = \Gamma_N \circ \Gamma_{N-1} \circ \cdots \circ \Gamma_0$, that is, if there is a diagram $\Gamma : K = K_0 \xrightarrow{\Gamma_0} K_1 \xrightarrow{\Gamma_1} K_2 \rightrightarrows \cdots \xrightarrow{\Gamma_N} K_{N+1} = K$, where for $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$, each Γ_i is a non-empty, compact and convex valued upper semi-continuous set-valued map and K_i is a convex subset of X .

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Instead of using this theorem in the proof, one can apply a Kakutani fixed point theorem to the map $G : C \times K(C) \rightarrow C \times K(C)$ defined by $G(x, y) := (P_C(y), S(T, K(x)))$, where $P_C(y)$ is the projection set of y on C . However, then convexity of the set $K(C)$ would be required in addition to the assumptions of the theorem.

Another existence result

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- (ii) T is *quasimonotone*, locally upper sign-continuous and *dually lower semi-continuous* on $\text{conv}K(C)$.

Recall that T is called *dually lower semi-continuous* on a set K iff, for any $x \in K$ and any sequence $(y_k)_k$ of K with $y_k \rightarrow y$, the following implication holds:

$$\liminf_k \sup_{y_k^* \in T(y_k)} \langle y_k^*, x - y_k \rangle \leq 0 \Rightarrow \sup_{y^* \in T(y)} \langle y^*, x - y \rangle \leq 0.$$

IV- Back to GNEP and electricity market

Definition

For any $\nu = 1, \dots, p$, let C_ν be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R}^{n_ν} , $\theta_\nu : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $K_\nu : C \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}$, where $C = \prod_{\nu=1}^p C_\nu$. A point $\bar{x} := (\bar{x}^1, \dots, \bar{x}^p)$ of $C = \prod_{\nu} C_\nu$ is said to be a *projected solution* of the generalized Nash equilibrium problem $GNEP(\theta_\nu, K_\nu)$ iff there exists $\bar{y} := (\bar{y}^1, \dots, \bar{y}^p) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that:

- \bar{x} is a projection of \bar{y} on C ;
- \bar{y} is a solution of the Nash equilibrium problem defined by the functions $(\theta_\nu)_\nu$ and the constraint sets $(K_\nu(\bar{x}))_\nu$, that is, for any ν , $\bar{y}^\nu \in K_\nu(\bar{x})$ is a solution of the following optimization problem

$$P_\nu(\bar{y}^{-\nu}, \bar{x}) \quad \min_{y^\nu} \theta_\nu(y^\nu, \bar{y}^{-\nu}), \quad \text{subject to } y^\nu \in K_\nu(\bar{x}).$$

Existence of projected Nash equilibria

Theorem

For any $\nu = 1, \dots, p$, let C_ν be a non-empty, closed and convex subset of \mathbb{R}^{n_ν} , $\theta_\nu : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $K_\nu : C = \prod_{\nu=1}^p C_\nu \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}$. Then, the GNEP(θ_ν, K_ν) admits a projected Nash Equilibrium $\bar{x} \in C$ if

- a) the functions θ_ν are continuously differentiable and convex with respect to the x^ν variable;
- b) for each ν , the maps K_ν are closed and lower semi-continuous with $K_\nu(C)$ being relatively compact;
- c) for each ν , the maps K_ν are either single-valued or convex valued map with $\text{int}K_\nu(x) \neq \emptyset, \forall x \in C$.

In the case of electricity market model...

real bids	bids in model	producer's problems	
φ_i p. lin.	φ_i p. lin.	$\max_{\varphi_i, q_i} \varphi_i(q_i) - Cost_i(q_i)$ $\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} q \text{ solves } ISO(\varphi) \\ \varphi_i \text{ is admissible piecewise linear} \end{cases}$	\Rightarrow nonsmoothness
φ_i p. lin.	$y_i \in K_i$ (pos. quad. bid)	$\max_{y_i, q_i} y_i(q_i) - Cost_i(q_i)$ $\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} q \text{ solves } ISO(y) \\ y_i \in K_i \end{cases}$	\Rightarrow not a real life model
φ_i p. lin.	$y_i \in K_i(\varphi)$	$\max_{y_i, q_i} y_i(q_i) - Cost_i(q_i)$ $\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} q \text{ solves } ISO(\varphi) \\ y_i \in K_i(\varphi) \end{cases}$	\Rightarrow non self constraint map

where $K_i(\varphi) := \left\{ y_i : q_i \mapsto a_i q_i^2 + b_i q_i + c_i \text{ with } a_i > 0 \text{ and } c_i \geq p_i^1 \right\}$.

Projected solution for the bid process

It consists in finding a vector of bid functions $\bar{\varphi} = (\bar{\varphi}_1, \dots, \bar{\varphi}_N)$, for which there exists a vector of quadratic bid functions $\bar{y} = (\bar{y}_i)_i$, characterized by the matrix $((\bar{a}_i, \bar{b}_i, \bar{c}_i))_i$, such that:

- a) the vector of bid functions $\bar{\varphi}$ is, between all possible vectors of bid functions of $C = \prod_{i=1}^N C_i$, the best approximation in the sense of L^2 -norm of the vector of quadratic bid functions \bar{y} ;

$$\inf_{\varphi \in C} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^{\bar{Q}_i} |\bar{y}_i(q_i) - \varphi(q_i)|^2 dq_i,$$

or in other words, $\bar{\varphi}$ is a projection of \bar{y} on C .

- b) for each producer i , looking for its maximum benefit, $\bar{y}_i : q_i \mapsto a_i q_i^2 + b_i q_i + c_i$ solves the following optimization problem

$$P_i(\bar{y}_{-i}, \bar{\varphi}) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \max_{y_i, q_i} & y_i(q_i) - (A_i q_i^2 + B_i q_i) \\ \text{s.t.} & y_i \in K_i(\bar{\varphi}) \text{ and } q = (q_j)_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \text{ solves } ISO(y_i, \bar{y}_{-i}). \end{array} \quad (3)$$

Actually, under some suitable additional conditions, such a vector of bid functions $\bar{\varphi}$ will also be a projected solution of the quasi-variational inequality $\text{QVI}(T, K)$ for the maps K and T defined as follows:

$K : C \rightrightarrows L^2([0, \bar{Q}], \mathbb{R})$ is defined by $K(\varphi) := \prod_{i=1}^N K_i(\varphi)$

(where $C = \prod_{i=1}^N C_i$ and $Q = \max_i Q_i$) and the map is defined as

$T : L^2([0, \bar{Q}], \mathbb{R}) \rightrightarrows L^2([0, \bar{Q}], \mathbb{R})$ is given by $T(y) := \prod_{i=1}^N \nabla_i \theta_i(\cdot, y_{-i})(y_i)$

where $\theta_i(\cdot, y_{-i})(y_i) := (a_i q_i^2(y) + b_i q_i(y) + c_i) - (A_i q_i^2(y) + B_i q_i(y))$.

An example of electricity market model

We assume that, for any i :

- 1) the approximated bid function $y_i = a_i q_i^2 + b_i q_i + c_i$ of the producer i is such that
 - a) $a_i = A_i$, which means that the bid curve y_i is forced to be “relatively close” to the curve of real cost of production $A_i q_i^2 + B_i q_i$;
 - b) b_i is bounded, $b_i \in [\underline{b}_i, \bar{b}_i]$, where $0 \leq \underline{b}_i \leq \bar{b}_i$;
 - c) $c_i = p_i^1$, that is, the minimal value of the bid curve y_i is equal to the minimal value p_i^1 at which producer i is willing to produce electricity;
- 2) $0 < q_i < \bar{Q}_i$, which means that each producer of the market is active (produces electricity) at equilibrium but none of them reaches his maximum capacity of production.

Then there exist a vector $\bar{\varphi}$ of revenue bid functions and a vector \bar{y} of quadratic bids such that, at the same time, \bar{y} is a Nash equilibrium associated to the family of problem (3) and $\bar{\varphi}$ is the “real bid” which is the closest to \bar{y} .

V- Quasi-optimization problems

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Let C be a non-empty subset of \mathbb{R}^n . Now, for a given real-valued function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a **set-valued operator** $K : C \rightrightarrows C$, the quasi-optimization problem $\text{QOpt}(f, K)$ consists in finding $x_0 \in C$ such that

$$x_0 \in K(x_0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_0) = \min_{z \in K(x_0)} f(z).$$

Theorem

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous quasiconvex function such that $\text{int}S_a \neq \emptyset$ for all $a > \inf f$. Suppose that :

- C is a non-empty, closed and convex subset of \mathbb{R}^n
- $K : C \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$ is a set-valued map such that $K(C)$ is relatively compact and $\text{conv}K(C) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \arg \min_{\mathbb{R}^n} f$.

Then, there exists at least a projected solution to $\text{QOpt}(f, K)$ if the following conditions hold:

- (a) K is closed, lower semi-continuous and convex valued map with $\text{int}K(x) \neq \emptyset$ for all $x \in C$;
- (b) The normal operator N_f^a is dually lower semi-continuous on $\text{conv}K(C)$.

VI- Ongoing results on computational aspects

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Formally, the naive algorithm for finding a Projected solution is the following:

Algorithm for Projected solution

(Initialization) Choose $x_0 \in \bar{C}$, set $k := 1$ and choose ε ;

Find $y_1 \in S(T, K(x_0))$ (using PATH solver);

Compute $x_1 = P_{\bar{C}}(y_1)$;

while $\|x_{k-1} - x_k\| \leq \varepsilon$ **do**

Find $y_k \in S(T, K(x_{k-1}))$ (using PATH solver);

Compute $x_k = P_{\bar{C}}(y_k)$;

$k \rightarrow k + 1$

end

Assumption (H) on the constraint map

$C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a nonempty subset and $K : C \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$ is a set-valued map with nonempty closed convex values with a special structure as

$$K(\lambda) = P \cap \{x : \langle a, x \rangle \leq h(\lambda)\}$$

where $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a polyhedral set given as

$$P = \bigcap_{i=1}^p \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle a_i, x \rangle \leq b_i\}$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and h is a function from C to \mathbb{R} .

A convergence result

Theorem

Let C be a nonempty compact convex subset of \mathbb{R}^n and $x_0 \in C$. Assume that

- (i) The map $K : C \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}^n$ is nonempty closed and compact valued with structure (H) . Consider $I = \{i : \widehat{(a_i, a)} \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]\}$, where $\widehat{(a_i, a)}$ is angle between a_i and a . Assume that for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\} \setminus I$, $\widehat{(a_i, a)} \geq \pi/6$. Let h to be k_{λ_0} -locally lipschitz at $\lambda_0 \in C$ with $k_{\lambda_0} \in]0, 1/2[$.
- (ii) The map $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a α -strongly monotone on \mathbb{R}^n and L -lipschitz function on X with $\alpha = 1$ and $L = 1$, where X is closed convex neighborhood of $x_0 \in K(x_0)$. Fixing $\gamma \in]0, \alpha/L^2]$, then
 - (a) there exist a neighborhood U of λ_0 and $\bar{k} \in]0, 1[$ such that,

$$\|S(T, K(x)) - S(T, K(x'))\| \leq \bar{k} \|x - x'\|, \quad \forall x, x' \in U \cap C. \quad (4)$$

- (b) Consider a closed set $\bar{C} \subset C \cap U$ and $x_{n+1} = G(x_n)$, where $G = G_1 \circ G_0$ with $G_0(x) = S(T, K(x))$ and $G_1(x) = P_{\bar{C}}(x)$. Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$ converges to a point in $PQVI(T, K)$.

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