

LIMIT OF A PARABOLIC PDE  
SOLUTION DEPENDING ON TWO PARAMETERS

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**Abstract:** We study the behaviour of the parabolic partial differential equation (PDE) solution which depends on two parameters, when the large deviations parameter  $\varepsilon$  tends more quickly than the homogenization's one  $\delta$ , to zero. In other words, we assume that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon} = +\infty.$$

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1. Introduction

We study the partial differential equation (PDE) on  $R^d$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u^{\varepsilon, \delta}}{\partial t}(t, x) = L_{\varepsilon, \delta} u^{\varepsilon, \delta}(t, x) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} f\left(\frac{x}{\delta}, u^{\varepsilon, \delta}(t, x)\right), \\ u^{\varepsilon, \delta}(0, x) = g(x), \quad x \in R^d, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $f$  is a 1-periodic non-linear function such that:

- $\forall x \in R^d, f(x, 1) = 0$

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- there exists a function  $c \in C(R^d \times R, R)$  bounded such that:  $f(x, y) = c(x, y) \cdot y$

with

- $c(x, y) > 0, \forall x \in R^d, y \in (0, 1)$
- $c(x, y) \leq 0, \forall x \in R^d, y > 1 \cup R_-^*$
- $\max_{y \geq 0} c(x, y) = c(x) > 0,$

and we consider  $g \in C(R^d, R^+)$  a bounded function, we set

$$\sup_{x \in R^d} g(x) = \bar{g} < \infty.$$

Let us set  $G_0 = \{x \in R^d : g(x) > 0\}$ , since  $g$  is continuous one notes  $\overline{\overset{\circ}{G}_0} = \overline{G_0}$ .

**Assumption and definition:** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space on which a  $d$ -dimensional Brownian motion  $(W^1, \dots, W^d)$  is defined. Let be  $E$  the corresponding expectation operator. We consider  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  as the Euclidean inner product on  $R^d$  and define for an inverse  $R^d \times R^d$ -values matrix  $a$  and  $\theta \in R^d$ , the norm  $\|\theta\|_{a^{-1}} = \sqrt{\langle \theta, a^{-1}\theta \rangle}$ .

Let us consider the Markov diffusion process  $X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta} \in R^d$  solution of the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$\begin{cases} dX_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta} = \sqrt{\varepsilon} \sigma \left( \frac{X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta}}{\delta} \right) dW_t + B^{\varepsilon, \delta} \left( \frac{X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta}}{\delta} \right) dt \\ X_0^{x, \varepsilon, \delta} = x, x \in R^d \end{cases}, \quad (2)$$

where  $\sigma : R^d \rightarrow R^{d \times d}$  and  $B^{\varepsilon, \delta} : R^d \rightarrow R^d$  are regular applications and 1-periodic in each coordinate of the argument.

Taking  $(*)$  as the symbol of transposition, we suppose that the matrix  $a = \sigma \sigma^*$  is strongly elliptic. The vector-valued function  $B^{\varepsilon, \delta}$  is given by:  $B^{\varepsilon, \delta} = \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta} B_0 + B_1$ ,  $\varepsilon, \delta > 0$ , where  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  are smooth.

The infinitesimal generator is given by

$$L_{\varepsilon, \delta} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \sum_{i, j=1}^d a_{ij} \left( \frac{x}{\delta} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^d B^{\varepsilon, \delta} \left( \frac{x}{\delta} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}. \quad (3)$$

Our aim is to study the behavior of the solution of the SDE (2). Some research has been done before, by Baldi [1], Diédhiou et al. [4], [3] and [5]. There the limit when  $\lim_{\delta, \varepsilon} \frac{\delta}{\varepsilon} = k \in [0, +\infty[$  has been studied.

Since the two parameters  $\delta$  (homogenization) and  $\varepsilon$  (large deviation) tend to zero, we consider a new defined parameter  $\delta_\varepsilon = \delta$ . We suppose that  $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}$

$= \infty$ , thus  $\varepsilon$  tends to zero sufficiently quickly compared to  $\delta_\varepsilon$ . We should first treat  $\delta_\varepsilon$  as fixed and carry out these calculations for slowly varying coefficients and should then let  $\delta_\varepsilon$  tend to zero in the resulting computation.

## 2. Large Deviation Principle

We note that  $\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} = B_1$ . Thereby for  $\Gamma > 0$  and  $\phi \in C([0, \Gamma]; R^d)$ , let us set  $V_\Gamma$  be the function on  $R^d \times R^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined as (see [10]):

$$V_\Gamma(y, z) = \inf_{\substack{\phi \in C([0, \Gamma]; R^d) \\ \phi(0)=y, \phi(\Gamma)=z}} \int_0^\Gamma \nu(\dot{\phi}(s), B_1(\phi(s))) ds, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(\dot{\phi}, B_1(\phi)) &= \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \dot{\phi} - B_1(\phi), a^{-1}(\phi) [\dot{\phi} - B_1(\phi)] \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \dot{\phi} - B_1(\phi) \right\|_{a^{-1}(\phi)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Let  $\mathcal{J} : R^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , be defined by Freidlin et al. [9] as:

$$\mathcal{J}(z) = \lim_{\Gamma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma} V_\Gamma(0, \Gamma z), \quad z \in R^d. \quad (6)$$

From Freidlin et al. [9] we know that the random family  $\{X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} : \varepsilon > 0\}$  satisfies a large deviations principle with rate function  $I_{T, x}$  defined as:

$$I_{T, x}(z) = T \mathcal{J}\left(\frac{z - x}{T}\right), \quad z \in R^d. \quad (7)$$

**Remark 2.1.** Freidlin et al. [9] showed that for  $T > 0$  and  $x \in R^d$ ,

$$g_{x, T}(\theta) = \lim_{\varepsilon, \delta \downarrow 0} \varepsilon \log E[\exp[\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \langle \theta, X_{T, x}^\varepsilon \rangle]] = \langle \theta, x \rangle + T \mathcal{J}(\theta),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\theta) &= \inf_{\varphi \in C^\infty(T^d)} \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(T^d)} \int_{T^d} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^d (\langle (I + \nabla B_1) \sigma_\ell(z), \theta \rangle)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \langle \nabla B_1(z), B_1(z) + \theta \rangle \right\} \mu(dz), \quad \theta \in R^d, \end{aligned}$$

$T^d$  is the  $d$ - dimensional torus of size one.

Since Proposition 4.6 in [9] works for the projective limit approach (see Dembo et al. [6]), thus we adopt this approach to establish the Varadhan lemma. Then, without loss of generality, one can take  $T = 1$ .

Let  $Q$  be the quadratic form defined as in Priouret [14]:

$$Q(v) = \langle v, av \rangle \quad (8)$$

and let  $Q^*$  the conjugate quadratic form of  $Q$  defined as:

$$Q^*(v) = \sup \left\{ 2 \langle t, v \rangle - Q(t) : t \in R^d \right\}. \quad (9)$$

If the inverse of the matrix  $a$  exists, then

$$Q^*(v) = \langle v, a^{-1}v \rangle. \quad (10)$$

Let us define the functional  $\overline{C} : R^d \rightarrow R$  by:

$$\overline{C}(z) := c(z) - \frac{1}{2} \|B_1(z)\|_{a^{-1}(z)}^2, \quad z \in R^d.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** Fix  $x \in R^d$  and let  $c$  be an element of  $C(R^d, R_+)$ . Then for each open subset  $G \subseteq R^d$

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \varepsilon \log E \left[ 1_G \left( X_1^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right\}} \right] \\ \geq \sup_{z \in G} \left\{ \overline{C}(z) - I_{1,x}(z) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We use the Girsanov change of measure to establish the lower bound of the Varadhan lemma. Let  $\phi$  be a function on  $R^d$  such that

$$\|\phi(x)\| + \left\| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}(x) \right\|^2 + \left\| \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}(x) \right\| \leq M < +\infty, \quad \forall x \in R^d. \quad (11)$$

By Itô formula on  $\varepsilon^2 \phi$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\varepsilon^2 \left[ \phi \left( \frac{X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) - \phi \left( \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) \right] \\ &= \int_0^t - \left[ \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\delta_\varepsilon} \langle \nabla \phi, B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \rangle + \frac{\varepsilon^3}{2\delta_\varepsilon^2} \text{Tr}(aD^2\phi) \right] \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \\ & - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\delta_\varepsilon} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \nabla \phi \sigma \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) dW_s. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Let us introduce a measure probability  $\hat{P}$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  defined as:

$$\frac{d\hat{P}}{dP} := \exp \left\{ -\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\delta_\varepsilon} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 \nabla \phi \sigma \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) dW_s \right\}$$

$$-\frac{\varepsilon^5}{2\delta_\varepsilon^2} \int_0^1 \|\nabla \phi\|_a^2 \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \Bigg\}. \quad (13)$$

And let us set

$$Y_t^\varepsilon = \int_0^t c \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{Y}_t^\varepsilon = Y_t^\varepsilon - \varepsilon^2 \left[ \phi \left( \frac{X_t^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) - \phi \left( \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) \right]. \quad (14)$$

From (14) it is easy to see that  $Y_t^\varepsilon$  and  $\hat{Y}_t^\varepsilon$  have the same limit when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . We switch from  $Y^\varepsilon$  to  $\hat{Y}^\varepsilon$  and use the conjugate quadratic form  $Q^*$  on (9), setting

$$Z_\varepsilon = c - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\delta_\varepsilon} \left\langle \nabla \phi, B^{\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \right\rangle - \frac{\varepsilon^3}{2\delta_\varepsilon^2} \left\{ \text{Tr} (aD^2 \phi) - \varepsilon^2 \|\nabla \phi\|_a^2 \right\},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ 1_G e^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \hat{Y}_1^\varepsilon} \right] &= \hat{E} \left[ 1_G \exp \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 Z_\varepsilon \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right) \right] \\ &\geq \hat{E} \left[ 1_G \exp \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 \left[ c - \frac{1}{2} Q^* (B^{\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}) \right] \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right) \times \right. \\ &\quad \left. \exp \left( -\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2\delta_\varepsilon^2} \int_0^1 \left[ (\varepsilon^2 - \varepsilon) \sup \left\{ \|\nabla \phi\|_a^2 \right\} + \text{Tr} (aD^2 \phi) \right] \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right) \right] \\ &\geq \hat{E} \left[ 1_G \exp \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 \left[ c - \frac{1}{2} \|B^{\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}\|_{a^{-1}}^2 \right] \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2\delta_\varepsilon^2} (\varepsilon^2 - \varepsilon + 1) M' \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$M' = M \times \alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  denotes the ellipticity constant.

From this we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \log E \left\{ 1_G \exp \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \hat{Y}_1^\varepsilon \right) \right\} &\geq \int_0^1 \hat{E} \left[ c - \frac{1}{2} \|B^{\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}\|_{a^{-1}}^2 \right] \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\varepsilon^3}{2\delta_\varepsilon^2} (\varepsilon^2 - \varepsilon + 1) M' + \varepsilon \log \hat{P} \left\{ X^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \in G \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Fix  $z \in R^d$ , and  $\varpi > 0$  and let  $\varepsilon' > 0$  be small enough, such that  $G$  contains the set  $\left\{ z' \in R^d : \|z' - z\| \leq \varpi \delta_{\varepsilon'} \right\}$ . Let us choose a  $\varphi \in C([0, 1], R^d)$  such that  $\varphi(0) = x$  and  $\varphi(1) = z$ , and take  $\varepsilon$  such that  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon'$ , then we have

$$\left\{ X^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \in G \right\} \supseteq \left\{ \|X^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} - z\| \leq \varpi \delta_\varepsilon \right\}$$

$$\equiv \left\{ \left\| \tilde{X}^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \right\|_{C([0,1],R^d)} \leq \varpi \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \right\}, \quad (16)$$

where

$$\tilde{X}_t^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \left( X_t^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} - \varphi(t) \right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1. \quad (17)$$

We remark that

$$\left\{ \left\| \tilde{X}^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \right\|_{C([0,1],R^d)} \leq \varpi \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \right\} \equiv \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \left\| \frac{X_t^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} - \frac{\varphi(t)}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right\| \leq \varpi \right\}. \quad (18)$$

On this set we have, by the lower-semi-continuity of  $c$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds &\geq \inf_{\{\|\psi\|_{C([0,1],R^d)} \leq \varpi\}} \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{\varphi(s)}{\delta_\varepsilon} + \psi(s) \right) ds \\ &\geq \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{\varphi(s)}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds - \varpi, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

and (see [9])

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 \left\| B^{\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \right\|_{a^{-1}}^2 \left( \frac{X_s^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \\ &\leq \sup_{\{\|\psi\|_{C([0,1],R^d)} \leq \varpi\}} \int_0^1 \left\| B^{\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \right\|_{a^{-1}}^2 \left( \frac{\varphi(s)}{\delta_\varepsilon} + \psi(s) \right) ds \\ &\leq (1 + \kappa\varpi) \int_0^1 \|B_1\|_{a^{-1}}^2 \left( \frac{\varphi(s)}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds + \Phi(\varepsilon, \varpi), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where

$$\Phi(\varepsilon, \varpi) = \kappa' (1 + \kappa\varpi) \times \sup_{\substack{y, y' \in R^d \\ \|y - y'\| \leq \varpi}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \|B_0(y)\| + \|B_1(y) - B_1(y')\| \right)^2. \quad (21)$$

From (15) we use the inequality (19) and (20)

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \log E \left[ 1_G e^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \hat{Y}_1^\varepsilon} \right] &\geq \delta_\varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{1}{\delta_\varepsilon}} \left[ c - \frac{1}{2} (1 + \kappa\varpi) \|B_1\|_{a^{-1}}^2 \right] (\psi(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \Phi(\varepsilon, \varpi) - \varpi - \frac{\varepsilon^3}{2\delta_\varepsilon^2} (\varepsilon^2 - \varepsilon + 1) M' \\ &\quad + \varepsilon \log \hat{P} \left( X^{x,\varepsilon,\delta_\varepsilon} \in G \right). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Remark that  $P$  and  $\hat{P}$  have the same rate function (for the details see [9]). By (22) one can deduce that (let first  $\varpi \rightarrow 0$  after let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \varepsilon \log E \left[ 1_G \left( X_1^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right\}} \right] \\ \geq \sup_{z \in G} \left\{ \overline{C}(z) - I_{1,x}(z) \right\}.$$

□

Let  $\left\{ P_{t,s}^\varepsilon : t < s \right\}$  be the semigroup on  $\mathbf{B}(R^d)$  the Banach space of bounded and measurable functions of  $R^d$ , defined by the adjoint of  $L_{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}$ . By the assumption on the matrix  $a$ , there is a  $p^\varepsilon(s-t, z, y)$  (called heat kernel) such that

$$\left( P_{t,s}^\varepsilon \phi \right)(z) = \int_{R^d} p^\varepsilon(s-t, z, y) \phi(y) dy, \quad t < s, \quad z \in R^d, \quad \phi \in \mathbf{B}(R^d). \quad (23)$$

Let us introduce  $P_t^{\varepsilon, \Theta}$  the transform of  $P_{t,s}^\varepsilon$  conjugate with a potential  $\Theta \in C_b^1(R_+ \times R^d, R)$ , where  $C_b^1(R_+ \times R^d, R)$  the set of bounded and differential functions on  $R \times R^d$  taking values in  $R$ , and their differentials hence bounded in  $R^d$ . Let  $\theta_s = \theta(s, \cdot)$  and consider the semigroup

$$P_{t,s}^{\varepsilon, \Theta} = e^{-\Theta_t} P_{t,s}^\varepsilon e^{\Theta_s}. \quad (24)$$

Then the corresponding Feynman-Kac heat kernel of  $P_{t,s}^{\varepsilon, \Theta}$  is given by

$$p^\Theta(s-t, z, y) = e^{-\Theta_t(z)} p^\varepsilon(s-t, z, y) e^{\Theta_s(y)}. \quad (25)$$

As in [9] we can derive (for other explanation, Corollary 10.3.22, [15])

$$E \left\{ 1_A \left( X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right)} \right\} \\ = \int_{z \in A/\delta_\varepsilon} \underbrace{p^{\left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right)^2 c}}_{\text{this is } p^\Theta} \left( \left( \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right)^2 t, z, \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) dz. \quad (26)$$

Let us introduce some notations taking into account to the bound of Norris et al. [11] and some calculations as in Freidlin et al. [9]:

$$a^\Theta(z) := \frac{1}{2} a(z); \quad b^\Theta(z) := \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right) a^{-1}(z) B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(z) - \nabla \Theta(z);$$

$$\hat{b}^\Theta(z) := - \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right) a^{-1}(z) B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(z) + a^{-1}(z) (\operatorname{div} a)^*(z) + \nabla \Theta(z);$$

$$c^\Theta(z) := -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right) \left( \operatorname{div} B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) (z) + \Theta(z) \\ + \|\nabla \Theta(z)\|_{a^\Theta}^2 + \left\langle a^\Theta(z) \left( b^\Theta - \hat{b}^\Theta \right) (z), \nabla \Theta(z) \right\rangle.$$

Next define the quasi potential  $\mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta}(s - t, z, y)$  for  $t < s$  (see [11]):

$$\mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta}(s - t, z, y) \\ := \inf_{\substack{\phi \in C([0, t], R^d) \\ \phi(t) = z \\ \phi(0) = y}} \frac{1}{4} \int_t^s \left\| \dot{\phi}(s) - \left( a^\Theta [b^\Theta - \hat{b}^\Theta] \right) (\phi(s)) \right\|_{(a^\Theta)^{-1}(\phi(s))}^2 ds.$$

**Proposition 2.3.** Fix  $x \in R^d$  and let  $c$  be an element of  $C(R^d, R_+)$ . Then for each closed subset  $F \subseteq R^d$

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \varepsilon \log E \left[ 1_G \left( X_1^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right\}} \right] \\ \leq \sup_{z \in F} \left\{ \overline{C}(z) - I_{1, x}(z) \right\}.$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.7 from Stroock et al. [11], there exist constants  $K, K_1, K_2 > 0$  such that for all  $t < 0$  and for all  $y, z \in R^d$ ,

$$p^\Theta(-t, z, y) \leq \\ K e^{\left\{ -\mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta}(t, z, y) - t \sup_{z \in R^d} \left( \Theta + \|\nabla \Theta\|_{a^\Theta}^2 + \left\langle a^\Theta (b^\Theta - \hat{b}^\Theta), \nabla \Theta \right\rangle \right) (z) \right\}} \\ \times \left( \frac{1 - t \sup_{z \in R^d} \left\{ \|b^\Theta\|_{a^\Theta}^2 + \|\hat{b}^\Theta\|_{a^\Theta}^2 + |c^\Theta| \right\} (z) + \mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta}(t, z, y) \right)^{\frac{d}{2}} \\ \times e^{\left\{ -t \sup_{z \in R^d} \left( \frac{1}{4} \|b^\Theta + \hat{b}^\Theta\|_{a^\Theta}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right) \left( \operatorname{div} B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) \right) (z) \right\}} \\ \leq K_1 A_0 \\ \times e^{\left\{ -\mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta}(t, z, y) - t \sup_{z \in R^d} \left( \Theta + \|\nabla \Theta\|_{a^\Theta}^2 + \left\langle a^\Theta (b^\Theta - \hat{b}^\Theta), \nabla \Theta \right\rangle \right) (z) \right\}} \\ \times e^{\left\{ -K_2 \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} + 1 \right) t \right\}},$$

(27)



where

$$\begin{aligned} -tA_0^{\frac{d}{2}} &= 1 - t\frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} + 1 \right) + \mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta}(t, z, y) \\ &\quad - t \left[ \sup_{z \in R^d} \left| \Theta + \|\nabla \Theta\|_{a^\Theta}^2 + \left\langle a^\Theta (b^\Theta - \hat{b}^\Theta), \nabla \Theta \right\rangle \right| (z) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

From (26), by scaling we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ 1_F \left( X_1^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right\} \right] \\ = \delta_\varepsilon^{-d} \int_F p \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right)^2 c \left( \left( \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right)^2, \frac{z}{\delta_\varepsilon}, \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

We are going to proceed as in regime 3 (Freidlin et al. [9]) and we note here that the Feynman-Kac heat kernel  $p^\Theta$  is not a density, contrary to the heat kernel  $p$ . However we are going to observe that the calculations of the bound of Norris and Stroock in (27) are independent of the potential gradient  $\nabla \Theta$  which is bounded:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta} \left( - \left( \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right)^2, \frac{z}{\delta_\varepsilon}, \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) &= \\ \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_0^{\left( \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right)^2} \left\| \dot{\phi}(s) - \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} + a \nabla \Theta - \frac{1}{2} (\text{div} a)^* \right) (\phi(s)) \right\|_{a^{-1}(\phi(s))}^2 ds \\ &= \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\sqrt{2\varepsilon}} \right)^2 \int_0^{\left( \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right)^2} \|A(s)\|_{a^{-1}(\phi(s))}^2 ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \delta_\varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{1}{\delta_\varepsilon}} \left\| \dot{\psi}(s) - B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} - \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \left\{ a \nabla \Theta - \frac{1}{2} (\text{div} a)^* \right\} (\psi(s)) \right\|_{a^{-1}(\psi(s))}^2 ds, \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

where  $A(s) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \dot{\phi}(s) - B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} - \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \left( a \nabla \Theta - \frac{1}{2} (\text{div} a)^* \right) (\phi(s))$ .

Then we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon \mathcal{E}^{\varepsilon, \Theta} \left( - \left( \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right)^2, \frac{z}{\delta_\varepsilon}, \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) = I_{1,x}(z). \quad (30)$$

By the boundedness of  $\nabla \Theta$  and  $a$ , there is a constant  $K'_1$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \Theta + \|\nabla\Theta\|_a^2 + \left\langle a^\Theta(z) \left( b^\Theta - \hat{b}^\Theta \right), \nabla\Theta \right\rangle \right) (z) \\
&= \left( \Theta + \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla\Theta\|_a^2 - \left\langle \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} + a \nabla\Theta - \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{div} a)^* \right), \nabla\Theta \right\rangle \right) (z) \\
&\leq \left( \Theta + \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla\Theta\|_a^2 - \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \left\langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}, \nabla\Theta \right\rangle \right) (z) + K'_1 \\
&\leq \left( \Theta + \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\nabla\Theta \in R^d} \left( \|\nabla\Theta\|_a^2 - 2 \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \left\langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}, \nabla\Theta \right\rangle \right) \right) (z) + K'_1 \\
&\leq \left( \Theta - \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\nabla\Theta \in R^d} \left( 2 \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \left\langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}, \nabla\Theta \right\rangle - \|\nabla\Theta\|_a^2 \right) \right) (z) + K'_1 \\
&\left( \Theta - \frac{1}{2} Q^* \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) \right) (z) + K'_1 \\
&\leq \left( \Theta - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \right)^2 \left\| B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right\|_{a^{-1}}^2 \right) (z) + K'_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

We replace in (27)  $t$  and  $\Theta(z)$  respectively by  $-\left(\frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)^2$  and  $\left(\frac{\delta_\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\right)^2 c(z)$  and then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \limsup_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \varepsilon \log E \left[ 1_F \left( X_1^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right\}} \right] \\
& \leq \sup_{z \in F} \left\{ \overline{C}(z) - I_{1, x}(z) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Define

$$S_{0, T}(\phi) = \begin{cases} \int_0^T \mathcal{J} \left( \dot{\phi}(s) \right) ds & \text{if } \phi \text{ differentiable and } \phi(0) = x, \\ +\infty & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$$

The following expresses the path space large deviations principle.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $D$  be a Borel subset on  $C([0, T]; R^d)$  and  $c$  be an element of  $C(R^d, R_+)$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \liminf_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \varepsilon \log E \left[ 1_D \left( X_T^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^T c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right\}} \right] \\
& \geq \sup_{\phi \in \overset{\circ}{D}} \left\{ \int_0^T \overline{C}(\phi(s)) ds - S_{0,T}(\phi) \right\}, \\
& \limsup_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \varepsilon \log E \left[ 1_D \left( X_T^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\left\{ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^T c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds \right\}} \right] \\
& \leq \sup_{\phi \in \overline{D}} \left\{ \int_0^T \overline{C}(\phi(s)) ds - S_{0,T}(\phi) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Convergence of $u^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}$

The Feynman-Kac formula implies that the solution of (1) obeys the equation

$$u^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) = E \left[ g \left( X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) e^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t c \left( \frac{X_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon}, Y_s^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) ds} \right]. \quad (32)$$

Here  $Y^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}$  is the progressive measurable solution associated of the BSDE introduced by Pardoux et al. [12]:

$$\begin{cases} Y_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} = g \left( X_t^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_s^t f \left( \frac{X_r^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon}, Y_r^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right) dr \\ - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \int_s^t Z_r^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} dW_r \\ E \left\{ \int_s^t \left| Z_r^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \right|^2 dr \right\} < \infty. \end{cases}, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t. \quad (33)$$

Since

$$Y_0^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} = u^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < Y_0^{x, \varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} < 1 \vee \bar{g}.$$

Let us introduce  $v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) = \varepsilon \log u^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x)$ . As in Pradeilles [13], we observe that  $v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x)$  is a viscosity solution of:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}}{\partial t}(t, x) = L_{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \nabla v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) \sigma \left( \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) \right\|^2 \\ + c \left( \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}, u^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) \right) \\ v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(0, x) = \varepsilon \log(g(x)), \quad x \in G_0 \\ \lim_{t \downarrow 0} v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) = -\infty, \quad x \in R^d \setminus G_0. \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

Let us define a distance in  $R_+ \times R^d$ , for  $(t, x), (s, y) \in R_+ \times R^d$ :

$$d\{(t, x), (s, y)\} = \max\{|t - s|, \|x - y\|\}.$$

And let us set

$$\bar{v}(t, x) = \limsup_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \left\{ v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(s, y) : (s, y) \in \mathcal{B}((t, x), \eta) \right\},$$

$$\underline{v}(t, x) = \liminf_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \left\{ v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(s, y) : (s, y) \in \mathcal{B}((t, x), \eta) \right\}.$$

For  $x, \theta \in R^d$ , set  $\mathbf{H}(x, \theta)$  to be the Hamiltonian associated of the Lagrangian  $\mathbf{L}(x, \theta)$ , defined as:

$$\mathbf{L}(x, \theta) := \frac{1}{2} \langle \theta, \mathbf{a}(x) \theta \rangle + \langle \mathbf{B}_1(x), \theta \rangle + \overline{\mathbf{C}}(x).$$

We remark that:

- $\mathbf{L}(x, \nabla \psi)$  is the limit when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  of the following operator

$$\mathbf{L}^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(x, \nabla \psi) = \varepsilon e^{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \psi(\cdot, z)} \left[ L_{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} c \left( \frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) \right] e^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \psi(\cdot, z)}, \quad \forall z \in R^d,$$

- the corresponding eigenfunction of  $\mathbf{L}(x, \nabla \psi)$  for the eigenvalue  $\mathbf{H}(x, \nabla \psi)$  can be chosen to be strictly positive.

**Theorem 3.1.**  $\bar{v}$  and  $\underline{v}$  are sub and super viscosity solutions of:

$$\begin{cases} \max \left( w, \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}(t, x) - H(x, \nabla w) \right) = 0, & x \in R^d, t > 0 \\ w(0, x) = 0, & x \in G_0 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} w(t, x) = -\infty, & x \in R^d \setminus G_0. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We adopt the techniques as in Pradeilles [13].

We first consider  $\bar{v}$ . Let  $\Phi \geq \bar{v}$  be a smooth function such that  $\Phi(t_0, x_0) = \bar{v}(t_0, x_0)$ , and  $(t_0, x_0)$  is a strict local minimum of  $\Phi - \bar{v}$ .

Let  $\psi > 0$  be the eigenfunction corresponding to the largest eigenvalue  $H(x, \nabla \Phi(t_0, x_0))$ . Now consider the perturbed test function:

$$\Phi^\varepsilon(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) = \Phi(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) - \varepsilon \ln \left( \psi \left( \frac{x_\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \right) \right) \quad (35)$$

which limit is

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \Phi^\varepsilon(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) = \bar{v}(t_0, x_0).$$

There exists a sequence  $(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon)$  that locally minimizes  $\Phi^\varepsilon - v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}$  and converges towards  $(t_0, x_0)$ . From (35) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \Phi^\varepsilon(t, x)}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial \Phi(t, x)}{\partial t} \\
D\Phi^\varepsilon(t, x) &= D\Phi(t, x) - \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \frac{D\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)}{\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)} \\
D^2\Phi^\varepsilon(t, x) &= D^2\Phi(t, x) - \left(\frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)^2 \frac{D^2\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)}{\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)} \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)^2 \frac{D\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) D\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)}{\psi^2\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

By (34), one sees

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \Phi^\varepsilon}{\partial t}(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) &= L_{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \Phi^\varepsilon(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) + \frac{1}{2} \left\| \nabla \Phi^\varepsilon(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \sigma\left(\frac{x_\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) \right\|^2 \\
&\quad + c\left(\frac{x_\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon}, u^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon)\right).
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

From (36), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \Phi^\varepsilon(t, x) &= B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon} \left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) D\Phi(t, x) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)^2 \frac{\text{Tr} \left[ a\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) D^2\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) \right]}{\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)} \\
&\quad + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ a\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) D^2\Phi(t, x) \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)^2 \frac{\left\langle D\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right), a\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) D\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) \right\rangle}{\psi^2\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)} - \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \frac{\left\langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right), D\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) \right\rangle}{\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

And we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \left\| \nabla \Phi^\varepsilon(t, x) \sigma\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) \right\|^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sigma\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) \left[ D\Phi(t, x) - \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \frac{D\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)}{\psi\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right)} \right] \right\|^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sigma\left(\frac{x}{\delta_\varepsilon}\right) D\Phi(t, x) \right\|^2 + o(1).
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Set  $y_\varepsilon = \frac{x_\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon}$  and  $\theta_\varepsilon := \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta_\varepsilon} \frac{D\psi(y_\varepsilon)}{\psi(y_\varepsilon)}$ , insert (38) and (39) in (37), then:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \\
& \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left\| \sigma(y_\varepsilon) D\Phi(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \right\|^2 \psi(y_\varepsilon) + \langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(y_\varepsilon), D\Phi(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \rangle \psi(y_\varepsilon)}{\psi(y_\varepsilon)} \\
& \quad + \frac{c(y_\varepsilon) \psi(y_\varepsilon) + \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \langle a(y_\varepsilon) \theta_\varepsilon, \theta_\varepsilon \rangle - \langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(y_\varepsilon), \theta_\varepsilon \rangle \right\} \psi(y_\varepsilon)}{\psi(y_\varepsilon)} \\
& \quad + o(1) \\
& \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left\| \sigma(y_\varepsilon) D\Phi(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \right\|^2 \psi(y_\varepsilon) + \langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(y_\varepsilon), D\Phi(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \rangle \psi(y_\varepsilon)}{\psi(y_\varepsilon)} \tag{40} \\
& \quad + \frac{c(y_\varepsilon) \psi(y_\varepsilon) - \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\theta_\varepsilon \in R^d} \left\{ 2 \langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(y_\varepsilon), \theta_\varepsilon \rangle - \langle a(y_\varepsilon) \theta_\varepsilon, \theta_\varepsilon \rangle \right\} \psi(y_\varepsilon)}{\psi(y_\varepsilon)} \\
& \quad + o(1) \\
& \leq \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} \left\| \sigma(y_\varepsilon) D\Phi(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \right\|^2 + \langle B^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(y_\varepsilon), D\Phi(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon) \rangle + \overline{C}(y_\varepsilon) \right) \psi(y_\varepsilon)}{\psi(y_\varepsilon)} \\
& \quad + o(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus for  $(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon)$  close to  $(t_0, x_0)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(t_0, x_0) & \leq \frac{L(x, D\Phi(t_0, x_0)) \psi(y_0)}{\psi(y_0)} \\
& \leq H(x, D\Phi(t_0, x_0)).
\end{aligned}$$

Let us now consider  $\underline{v}$ . Let  $(t_0, x_0) \in R_+^* \times R^d$  such that  $\underline{v}(t_0, x_0) < 0$ . Let  $\Phi \leq \underline{v}$  be a smooth function such that  $\Phi(t_0, x_0) = \underline{v}(t_0, x_0)$ , and  $(t_0, x_0)$  is a strict local maximum of  $\Phi - \underline{v}$ .

We consider the same perturbed function test  $\Phi^\varepsilon$  as above. Hence, there exists a sequence  $(t_\varepsilon, x_\varepsilon)$  locally maximizes  $\Phi^\varepsilon - v^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}$  and converges towards  $(t_0, x_0)$ . By equivalent arguments we have

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}(t_0, x_0) \geq H(x, D\Phi(t_0, x_0)).$$

□

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an open subset in  $R \times R^d$ , define the function  $\tau$  on  $R \times C([0, \infty] \times R^d)$  values into  $[0, \infty]$  as:

$$\tau = \tau_{\mathcal{O}}(t, \phi) = \inf \{s : (t - s, \phi(s)) \in \mathcal{O}\}.$$

Take  $\Theta$  the set of Markov functions  $\tau$  and let  $V(t, x)$  be the function:

$$V(t, x) = \inf_{\tau \in \Theta} \sup_{\{\phi \in C([0, t], R^d), \phi(0) = x, \phi(t) \in G_0\}} \left\{ \int_0^\tau \overline{C}(\phi(s)) ds - S_{0, \tau}^3(\phi) \right\}.$$

Consider the partitions  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $R_+ \times R^d$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} &= \{(t, x) \in R^+ \times R^d; V(t, x) = 0\} \\ \mathcal{E} &= \{(t, x) \in R^+ \times R^d; V(t, x) < 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.2.**

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} u^{\varepsilon, \delta_\varepsilon}(t, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{uniformly from any compact } \mathcal{K} \text{ of } \mathcal{E} \\ 1 & \text{uniformly from any compact } \mathcal{K}' \text{ of } \mathring{\mathcal{M}}. \end{cases}$$

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