

Backward Stochastic Differential Equation with Monotone and Continuous Coefficient

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Abstract—In this paper, we consider a backward stochastic differential equation(BSDE) with monotone and continuous coefficient and obtain the existence and uniqueness of solution.

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1 Introduction

In 1973, Bismut first introduced the adapted solution for a linear BSDE which is the adjoint process for a stochastic control problem. Later Pardoux and Peng [6] obtained the existence and uniqueness of solution for the following nonlinear BSDE with Lipschitz coefficient f

$$y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, y_s, z_s)ds - \int_t^T z_s dW_s \quad (1)$$

where $(W_s)_{0 \leq s \leq T}$ is a standard d-dimensional Brownian motion defined on a complete probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , F_t is the natural filtration. \mathcal{F}_t contains all P-null sets of \mathcal{F} . ξ is a given \mathcal{F}_T measurable random vector. Since then, many researchers have devoted to obtaining its existence and uniqueness of solution under weaker assumptions on f . For example, Lepeltier [4] obtained the existence for one-dimensional BSDE under the continuous assumption, and Mao [5] obtained the existence and uniqueness under the non-Lipschitz assumption. In this paper, using the Yosida approximations (see for example Da Prato and Zabczyk [1,2] or Hu [3]), we also obtain the existence and uniqueness of solution for BSDE (1).

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2 Preliminary

Let $M^2(0, T; R^n)$ denote the set of all R^n -valued F_t -progressively measurable processes $v(\cdot)$ satisfying $E \int_0^T |v(s)|^2 ds < +\infty$.

In this paper, (\cdot) denotes the usual inner product in R^n ; We use the usual Euclidean norm in R^n . For $z \in R^{n \times d}$, its Euclidean norm is defined by $|z| = \text{tr}(zz^T)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and its inner product is $((z^1, z^2)) = \text{tr}(z^1(z^2)^T)$. For $u^1 = (y^1, z^1) \in R^n \times R^{n \times d}$, $u^2 = (y^2, z^2) \in R^n \times R^{n \times d}$, we denote $[u^1, u^2] = (y^1, y^2) + ((z^1, z^2))$ and $|u^1|^2 = |y^1|^2 + |z^1|^2$.

Definition 2.1 The solution of Eq.(1) is a couple (y, z) which belongs to $M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$ and satisfies Eq.(1).

Theorem 2.2 [6] If $f' : \Omega \times [0, T] \times R^n \times R^{n \times d} \rightarrow R^n$ is a progressively measurable function and satisfies

- (i) $f'(t, 0, 0)_{t \in [0, T]}$ belongs to $M^2(0, T; R^n)$;
- (ii) There exists a constant $K \geq 0$ s.t.P-a.s., for all $y_1, y_2 \in R^n, z_1, z_2 \in R^{n \times d}$, $|f'(t, y_1, z_1) - f'(t, y_2, z_2)| \leq K(|y_1 - y_2| + |z_1 - z_2|)$.

Then $y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f'(s, y_s, z_s)ds - \int_t^T z_s dW_s$ has a unique adapted solution $(y(\cdot), z(\cdot)) \in M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$.

Theorem 2.3 [6] If $f' : \Omega \times [0, T] \times R^n \times R^{n \times d} \rightarrow R^n$ and $g' : \Omega \times [0, T] \times R^n \times R^{n \times d} \rightarrow R^{n \times d}$ are progressively measurable functions, and there exist constants $\lambda > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$|f'(t, y_1, z_1) - f'(t, y_2, z_2)| + |g'(t, y_1, z_1) - g'(t, y_2, z_2)| \leq \lambda(|y_1 - y_2| + |z_1 - z_2|)$$

$$|g'(t, y, z_1) - g'(t, y, z_2)| \geq \alpha |z_1 - z_2|$$

for all $y_1, y_2 \in R^n, z_1, z_2 \in R^{n \times d}$. Then the following equation

$$y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f'(s, y_s, z_s)ds - \int_t^T g'(s, y_s, z_s)dw_s$$

has a unique adapted solution $(y(\cdot), z(\cdot)) \in M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$.

In this paper, we consider the following BSDE

$$y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, y_s, z_s) ds - \int_t^T z_s dW_s$$

Assumption 2.4 f is continuous in (y, z) for almost all (t, ω) . $f(\cdot, y, z) \in M^2(0, T; R^n)$. For all $u = (y, z) \in R^n \times R^{n \times d}$, there exist constants $\frac{3}{4} \leq C \leq 1$ and $C_1 > 0$ such that P-a.s., a.e.

- (H1) $|f(t, u)| \leq |f(t, 0)| + C_1 |u|$
- (H2) $(f(t, y^1, z^1) - f(t, y^2, z^2), y^1 - y^2) \leq (1 - C) |z^1 - z^2|^2 - C |y^1 - y^2|^2$

We denote $g(t, y, z) \equiv z$. Then the equation (1) is equal to

$$y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, y_s, z_s) ds - \int_t^T g(s, y_s, z_s) dW_s \quad (1')$$

Let $F(t, u) = F(t, y, z) = (f(t, y, z), -g(t, y, z)) = (f(t, u), -g(t, u))$. Then by the Assumption 2.4, $F(t, \cdot)$ is also continuous, and (H2) is equal to

$$(H2') \quad [F(t, u^1) - F(t, u^2), u^1 - u^2] \leq -C |u^1 - u^2|^2$$

Lemma 2.5[3]. Let $\Phi : R^n \rightarrow R^n$ be a continuous function, and there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that $(\Phi(x^1) - \Phi(x^2), x^1 - x^2) \leq -c |x^1 - x^2|^2, \forall x^1, x^2 \in R^n$. Then for the Yosida approximations Φ^α of $\Phi, \alpha > 0$, we have

- (i) $(\Phi^\alpha(x^1) - \Phi^\alpha(x^2), x^1 - x^2) \leq -c |x^1 - x^2|^2$
 $|\Phi^\alpha(x^1) - \Phi^\alpha(x^2)| \leq (\frac{2}{\alpha} + c) |x^1 - x^2|$
 $|\Phi^\alpha(x)| \leq |\Phi(x)| + 2c |x|$

(ii) For any $\alpha, \beta > 0$, we have

$$(\Phi^\alpha(x^1) - \Phi^\beta(x^2), x^1 - x^2) \leq (\alpha + \beta) (|\Phi(x^1)| + |\Phi(x^2)| + c |x^1| + c |x^2|)^2 - c |x^1 - x^2|^2$$

(iii) For any $\{x^\alpha\}_{\alpha>0} \subset R^n, x \in R^n$, if $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} x^\alpha = x$, then

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \Phi^\alpha(x^\alpha) = \Phi(x)$$

3 Main results

Theorem 3.1 Let Assumption 2.4 hold, then there exists a unique adapted solution $(y(\cdot), z(\cdot)) \in M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$ for Eq.(1).

Proof. First, we prove the existence. We divide the proof into four steps.

Step 1. There exists a unique adapted solution for the approximating BSDE.

For arbitrary $\alpha > 0$, we consider the approximating BSDE of (1')

$$y_t^\alpha = \xi + \int_t^T f^\alpha(s, y_s^\alpha, z_s^\alpha) ds - \int_t^T g^\alpha(s, y_s^\alpha, z_s^\alpha) dw_s \quad (2)$$

where $F^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) = (f^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha), -g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha))$ is the Yosida approximation of $F(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha)$.

Let $v^1 = (y^1, z^1)$ and $v^2 = (y^2, z^2)$, then by Lemma 2.5, we have

$$|F^\alpha(t, v^1) - F^\alpha(t, v^2)|^2 \leq (\frac{2}{\alpha} + C)^2 |v^1 - v^2|^2$$

hence

$$2 |f^\alpha(t, v^1) - f^\alpha(t, v^2)|^2 + 2 |g^\alpha(t, v^1) - g^\alpha(t, v^2)|^2 \leq 2(\frac{2}{\alpha} + C)^2 (|y^1 - y^2|^2 + |z^1 - z^2|^2)$$

$$(|f^\alpha(t, v^1) - f^\alpha(t, v^2)| + |g^\alpha(t, v^1) - g^\alpha(t, v^2)|)^2 \leq 2(\frac{2}{\alpha} + C)^2 (|y^1 - y^2|^2 + |z^1 - z^2|^2)$$

therefore

$$|f^\alpha(t, y^1, z^1) - f^\alpha(t, y^2, z^2)| + |g^\alpha(t, y^1, z^1) - g^\alpha(t, y^2, z^2)| \leq \sqrt{2} (\frac{2}{\alpha} + C) (|y^1 - y^2|^2 + |z^1 - z^2|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{2} (\frac{2}{\alpha} + C) (|y^1 - y^2| + |z^1 - z^2|). \quad (3)$$

Let $w^1 = (y, z^1)$ and $w^2 = (y, z^2)$, then by Lemma 2.5, we have

$$(F^\alpha(t, w^1) - F^\alpha(t, w^2), w^1 - w^2) \leq -C |w^1 - w^2|^2$$

so $(f^\alpha(t, y, z^1) - f^\alpha(t, y, z^2), y - y) + (g^\alpha(t, y, z^2) - g^\alpha(t, y, z^1), z^1 - z^2) \leq -C |z^1 - z^2|^2$

thus

$$|g^\alpha(t, y, z^1) - g^\alpha(t, y, z^2)| \cdot |z^1 - z^2| \geq C |z^1 - z^2|^2 |g^\alpha(t, y, z^1) - g^\alpha(t, y, z^2)| \geq C |z^1 - z^2| \quad (4)$$

By the above inequalities (3) and (4), f^α and g^α satisfy the assumptions in Theorem 2.3. Hence, there exists a unique adapted solution $u^\alpha = (y^\alpha, z^\alpha)$ for Eq.(2) in $M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$.

Step 2. There exists a constant L, such that $E \int_0^T |u^\alpha|^2 dt \leq L$.

Applying the Itô formula to $|y_t^\alpha|^2$ and taking the expectation, we get

$$E\xi^2 = E |y_0^\alpha|^2 - E \int_0^T 2(y_t^\alpha, f^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha))dt + E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha)|^2 dt$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & E \int_0^T 2(y_t^\alpha, f^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - f^\alpha(t, 0, 0))dt \\ & - E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)))dt + E\xi^2 \\ = & -E \int_0^T 2(y_t^\alpha, f^\alpha(t, 0, 0))dt + E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha)|^2 dt \\ & + E |y_0^\alpha|^2 - E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)))dt \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} & E\xi^2 - E \int_0^T 2C |u^\alpha|^2 dt \\ \geq & E |y_0^\alpha|^2 + E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha)|^2 dt \\ & - E \int_0^T 2(y_t^\alpha, f^\alpha(t, 0, 0))dt \\ & - E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)))dt \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & E |y_0^\alpha|^2 + E \int_0^T 2C |u^\alpha|^2 dt \\ \leq & E \int_0^T 2(y_t^\alpha, f^\alpha(t, 0, 0))dt \\ & + E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)))dt \\ & + E\xi^2 - E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha)|^2 dt \\ \leq & E\xi^2 + E \int_0^T |y_t^\alpha|^2 dt \\ & + E \int_0^T |f^\alpha(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt - E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha)|^2 dt \\ & + E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha)))dt - E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha|^2 dt \\ & - E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)))dt + E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha|^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq E \int_0^T |f^\alpha(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt - E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)))dt \\ & + E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha|^2 dt + E\xi^2 + E \int_0^T |y_t^\alpha|^2 dt \\ = & E \int_0^T |f^\alpha(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt - E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha, g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)))dt \\ & - 2E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt - \frac{1}{2}E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha|^2 dt \\ & + 2E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt + \frac{1}{2}E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha|^2 dt \\ & + E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha|^2 dt + E\xi^2 + E \int_0^T |y_t^\alpha|^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

By $|F^\alpha(x)| \leq |F(x)| + 2C|x|$, we have $|F^\alpha(0)|^2 \leq |F(0)|^2$. Thus $|f^\alpha(t, 0, 0)|^2 + |g^\alpha(t, 0, 0)|^2 \leq |f(t, 0, 0)|^2 + |g(t, 0, 0)|^2 = |f(t, 0, 0)|^2$. Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} & E |y_0^\alpha|^2 + E \int_0^T 2C |u^\alpha|^2 dt \\ \leq & E\xi^2 + E \int_0^T |y_t^\alpha|^2 dt + 2E \int_0^T |f(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt \\ & + \frac{3}{2}E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha|^2 dt \\ \leq & E\xi^2 + \frac{3}{2}E \int_0^T |u^\alpha|^2 dt + 2E \int_0^T |f(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & E |y_0^\alpha|^2 + E \int_0^T (2C - \frac{3}{2}) |u^\alpha|^2 dt \\ \leq & E\xi^2 + 2E \int_0^T |f(t, 0, 0)|^2 dt = M \end{aligned}$$

Because $\frac{3}{4} \leq C \leq 1$, then let $L = \frac{2M}{4C-3}$, we have $E \int_0^T |u^\alpha|^2 dt \leq L$.

Step 3. $u^\alpha = (y^\alpha, z^\alpha)$ converges in $M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$.

Let $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$, applying the Itô formula to $|y_t^\alpha - y_t^\beta|^2$ and taking the expectation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & E \int_0^T 2(y_t^\alpha - y_t^\beta, f^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta) - f^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha))dt \\ & + E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta)|^2 dt \\ & + E |y_0^\alpha - y_0^\beta|^2 \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta)|^2 dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha - z_t^\beta, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta)))dt \\
 & +E |y_0^\alpha - y_0^\beta|^2 \\
 = & E \int_0^T 2(y_t^\alpha - y_t^\beta, f^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - f^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta))dt \\
 & -E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha - z_t^\beta, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta)))dt \\
 = & E \int_0^T 2[F^\alpha(t, u^\alpha) - F^\beta(t, u^\beta), u^\alpha - u^\beta]dt \\
 \leq & -2CE \int_0^T |u^\alpha - u^\beta|^2 dt +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2(\alpha + \beta)E \int_0^T (|F(t, u^\alpha)| + |F(t, u^\beta)| + C(|u^\alpha| + |u^\beta|))^2 dt$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E |y_0^\alpha - y_0^\beta|^2 + 2CE \int_0^T |u^\alpha - u^\beta|^2 dt \\
 \leq & 2(\alpha + \beta)E \int_0^T (|F(t, u^\alpha)| + |F(t, u^\beta)| + C|u^\alpha| + C|u^\beta|)^2 dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & +E \int_0^T 2((z_t^\alpha - z_t^\beta, g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta)))dt \\
 & -E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha - z_t^\beta|^2 dt + E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha - z_t^\beta|^2 dt \\
 & -E \int_0^T |g^\alpha(t, y_t^\alpha, z_t^\alpha) - g^\beta(t, y_t^\beta, z_t^\beta)|^2 dt \\
 \leq & 8(\alpha + \beta)E \int_0^T (|F(t, u^\alpha)|^2 + |F(t, u^\beta)|^2 \\
 & + C^2 |u^\alpha|^2 + C^2 |u^\beta|^2) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+E \int_0^T |z_t^\alpha - z_t^\beta|^2 dt + E \int_0^T |y_t^\alpha - y_t^\beta|^2 dt$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E |y_0^\alpha - y_0^\beta|^2 + (2C - 1)E \int_0^T |u^\alpha - u^\beta|^2 dt \\
 \leq & 8(\alpha + \beta)E \int_0^T (|F(t, u^\alpha)|^2 + |F(t, u^\beta)|^2 \\
 & + C^2 |u^\alpha|^2 + C^2 |u^\beta|^2) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Because $|F(t, u)|^2 = |f(t, u)|^2 + |z|^2$, $|f(t, u)| \leq |f(t, 0)| + C_1 |u|$ and $E \int_0^T |u|^2 dt \leq L$, we deduce that there exists a constant $k > 0$, such that

$$E |y_0^\alpha - y_0^\beta|^2 + (2C - 1)E \int_0^T |u^\alpha - u^\beta|^2 dt \leq k(\alpha + \beta)$$

Because $\frac{3}{4} \leq C \leq 1$, then $\{u^\alpha, \alpha > 0\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$. We denote its limit by $u = (y, z) \in M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$.

Step 4. Taking weak limits in the approximating equations (2).

From Lemma 2.5 and Assumption (H1), there exist constants l and m such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |F^\alpha(t, u^\alpha)|^2 & \leq (|F(t, u^\alpha)| + 2C|u^\alpha|)^2 \\
 & \leq l|f(t, 0)|^2 + m|u^\alpha|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

So, there exists a constant $C_2 > 0$ such that $E \int_0^T |F^\alpha(t, u^\alpha)|^2 dt \leq C_2$. Therefore there exists a subsequences of $\{F^\alpha(\cdot, u^\alpha), \alpha > 0\}$ converge weakly to limits $G = (H, -B)$ in the space $M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$. Taking weak limits in the approximating equations (2) yields

$$y_t = \xi + \int_t^T H(s)ds - \int_t^T B(s)dw_s$$

Similar to the proof of Hu[3], we can prove that $G = (H, -B) = F(t, y_t, z_t) = (f(t, y_t, z_t), -g(t, y_t, z_t))$.

Therefore

$$y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, y_s, z_s)ds - \int_t^T z_s dW_s$$

We deduce that (y, z) is an adapted solution of Eq.(1). The existence is proved.

Next, we prove the uniqueness of solution of Eq.(1).

Let $u^1 = (y_t^1, z_t^1)$ and $u^2 = (y_t^2, z_t^2)$ be two solutions of Eq.(1). $\hat{y}_t = y_t^1 - y_t^2$ and $\hat{z}_t = z_t^1 - z_t^2$, then we have

$$d\hat{y}_t = (f(t, y_t^2, z_t^2) - f(t, y_t^1, z_t^1))dt + (z_t^1 - z_t^2)dw_t$$

Applying the Itô formula to $|\hat{y}_t|^2$ and taking the expectation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = E |\hat{y}_0|^2 + E \int_0^T 2(\hat{y}_t, f(t, y_t^2, z_t^2) - f(t, y_t^1, z_t^1))dt \\
 + E \int_0^T |z_t^1 - z_t^2|^2 dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by Assumption 2.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E |\hat{y}_0|^2 - E \int_0^T |z_t^1 - z_t^2|^2 dt \\
 = & E \int_0^T 2(\hat{y}_t, f(t, y_t^1, z_t^1) - f(t, y_t^2, z_t^2))dt \\
 & - 2E \int_0^T |z_t^1 - z_t^2|^2 dt \\
 \leq & -2CE \int_0^T (|\hat{z}_t|^2 + |\hat{y}_t|^2)dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $2CE \int_0^T (|\hat{z}_t|^2 + |\hat{y}_t|^2) dt - E \int_0^T |\hat{z}_t|^2 dt \leq 0$.
Because $\frac{3}{4} \leq C \leq 1$, then we have $E \int_0^T |\hat{y}_t|^2 dt = 0$ and $E \int_0^T |\hat{z}_t|^2 dt = 0$. So $u^1 = u^2$.

Thus there exists a unique adapted solution $(y(\cdot), z(\cdot))$ for Eq.(1) in $M^2(0, T; R^n \times R^{n \times d})$. The proof is completed.

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