

# A second order discretization and efficient simulation for Backward SDEs

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$(W_t, \mathcal{F}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  a  $d$ -dimensional BM on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Let  $(X, Y, Z) = \{(X_t, Y_t, Z_t)_{0 \leq t \leq T}\} \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d$  be the solution of the (decoupled) system:

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= x + \int_0^t V_0(X_s) ds + \sum_{i=1}^d \int_0^t V_i(X_s) \circ dW_s^i, \\ Y_t &= \Phi(X_T) + \int_t^T f(X_s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s \cdot dW_s, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

- $V_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  smooth vector fields.
- $\Phi(X_T)$  called *the final condition*
- $f : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Lipschitz, called "the driver".

Let  $u \in C^{1,2}([0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  be the solution of the final value Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} (L^0 + L) u = -f(t, x, u, (\nabla u V)(x)), & t \in [0, T), x \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(T, x) = \Phi(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}, \quad (2)$$

where

- $L$  is the second order differential operator  $L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d (L^i)^2$ .
- $L^i, i = 0, 1, \dots, d$ , are the first order differential operators associated to  $V_i = (V_i^j)_{j=1}^d$ .

$$L^i = \sum_{j=1}^d V_i^j \partial_{x_j}, \quad L^0 = \partial_t + \sum_{j=1}^d V_0^j \partial_{x_j}$$

- $V$  is the matrix  $V = (V_1, \dots, V_d)$ .

## Theorem (Peng 1991,1992, Pardoux & Peng 1992)

*The (viscosity or classical) solution of (2) admits the following Feynman-Kac representation*

$$u(t, x) = Y_t^{t,x} = \mathbb{E} \left[ \Phi(X_T^{t,x}) + \int_t^T f(s, X_s^{t,x}, Y_s^{t,x}, Z_s^{t,x}) ds \right], \quad (3)$$

where  $(X^{t,x}, Y^{t,x}, Z^{t,x})$  is the ‘stochastic flow’ associated to (1)

$$\begin{aligned} dX_s^{t,x} &= V_0(X_s^{t,x}) ds + \sum_{i=1}^d V_i(X_s^{t,x}) \circ dW_s^i, \quad s \in [t, T], \\ dY_s^{t,x} &= -f(X_s^{t,x}, Y_s^{t,x}, Z_s^{t,x}) ds + Z_s^{t,x} \cdot dW_s, \\ X_t^{t,x} &= x, \quad Y_T^{t,x} = \Phi(X_T^{t,x}) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

If in addition  $u \in C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  then  $Z_s^{t,x} = \nabla u(s, X_s^{t,x}) V(X_s^{t,x})$ .

## Notation:

We fix a partition  $\pi := \{0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n\}$ .

$\mathcal{A}$  is the set of multi indices  $\mathcal{A} := \cup_j \{0, 1, \dots, d\}^j$ .

Norm on multi indices

$$|\alpha| = \text{length of } \alpha, \quad \|\alpha\| := |\alpha| + \text{card}\{j : \alpha_j = 0, 1 \leq j \leq |\alpha|\}.$$

For  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \in \mathcal{A}$ , we denote by

$$L^\alpha u := L^{\alpha_1} \dots L^{\alpha_k} u$$

and the iterated Stratonovich integral for appropriate  
 $g : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

$$J_\beta[g(\cdot, X_\cdot)]_{t,s} := \begin{cases} g(s, X_s) & |\beta| = 0 \\ \int_t^s J_{\beta-[}g(\cdot, X_\cdot)]_{t,u} du & I \geq 1, j_I = 0 \\ \int_t^s J_{\beta-[}g(\cdot, X_\cdot)]_{t,u} \circ dW^{j_I}(u) & I \geq 1, j_I \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

We can develop the Stratonovich-Taylor expansion for appropriate  $g : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g(t, X_t^{0,x}) &= \sum_{\|\alpha\| \leq m} L^\alpha g(0, x) J^\alpha[1]_{0,t} + \sum_{\|\alpha\| = m+1, m+2} J^\alpha [L^\alpha g(\cdot, X_\cdot)]_{0,t} \\ &= Tayl(g, t) + R_m(t, g) \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$R_m(t, g)$  is called the remainder.

$$\mathbb{E}[|R_m(t, g)|] = \mathcal{O}(t^{(m+1)/2}), \quad t < 1$$

First revisit the Bouchard-Touzi-Zhang discretization (Euler style).  
 Assume that we “know”  $\{X\}_{i=0}^n$ :

$$Y_{t_n}^{\pi,1} := \Phi(X_n), \quad Z_{t_n}^{\pi,1} = 0$$

$$Z_{t_i}^{\pi,1} := \frac{1}{\delta_{i+1}} \mathbb{E}_i \left[ Y_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,1} \Delta W_{i+1} \right]$$

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where  $\delta_{i+1} = t_{i+1} - t_i$ ,  $\Delta W_{i+1} = W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i}$ .

Theorem (Bouchard and Touzi(2004), Zhang(2004), Gobet and Labart(2007))

*When coefficients of the FBSDE are smooth*

$$\max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| Y_{t_i} - Y_{t_i}^{\pi,1} \right|^2 + \delta_{i+1} \left| Z_{t_i} - Z_{t_i}^{\pi,1} \right|^2 \right] = \mathcal{O}(\|\pi\|^2)$$

*whereas, if these are Lipschitz continuous*

$$\max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| Y_{t_i} - Y_{t_i}^{\pi,1} \right|^2 + \delta_{i+1} \left| Z_{t_i} - Z_{t_i}^{\pi,1} \right|^2 \right] = \mathcal{O}(\|\pi\|)$$

## Towards the second order scheme:

For the driver, we use the Trapezoid rule rather than Euler. Assume that we also “know”  $Z_i = \nabla u(t_i, X_{t_i}) V(X_{t_i})$ :

$$Y_{t_i}^{\pi,2} := \mathbb{E}_i \left[ Y_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2} \right] + \frac{\delta_{i+1}}{2} \left( f(X_{t_i}, Y_{t_i}^{\pi,2}, Z_i) + \mathbb{E}_i \left[ f(X_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2}, Z_{t_{i+1}}) \right] \right)$$

With standard arguments using the Stratonovich Taylor expansions, we can show :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| Y_{t_i} - Y_{t_i}^{\pi,2} \right| \\ &= \left| \mathbb{E}_i \left[ Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2} + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} f(\Theta_s) ds - \frac{\delta_{i+1}}{2} \left( f(\Theta_{t_i}^{\pi,2}) + \mathbb{E}_i \left[ f(\Theta_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2}) \right] \right) \right] \right| \\ &\leq (1 + C\delta_{i+1}) \left| \mathbb{E}_i \left[ Y_{t_{i+1}} - Y_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2} \right] \right| + \delta_{i+1}^3 \max_{\|\alpha\| \leq 4} \|L^\alpha u(t_{i+1}, \cdot)\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Theta_t = (X_t, Y_t, Z_t)$ ,  $\Theta_{t_i}^{\pi,2} := (X_{t_i}, Y_{t_i}^{\pi,2}, Z_{t_i}^{\pi,2})$ .

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Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 J^\alpha [1]_{t_i, t_{i+1}} J^{(l)} [1]_{t_i, t_{i+1}} &= \sum_{j=1}^k J^{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, l, \alpha_j, \dots, \alpha_k)} [1]_{t_i, t_{i+1}} \\
 \mathbb{E}_i [J^\alpha [1]_{t_i, t_{i+1}}] &= 0, \quad \text{if } \|\alpha\| = 1 + 2\mathbb{N}_+
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However, from the PDE

$$\left( L^0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^d L^{(k,k)} \right) u(t_i, X_{t_i}) = -f(X_{t_i}, u(t_i, X_{t_i}), \nabla u(t_i, X_{t_i}))$$

We get

$$\left( L^{(I,0)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^d L^{(I,k,k)} \right) u(t_i, X_{t_i}) = -L^I f(X_{t_i}, u(t_i, X_{t_i}), \nabla u(t_i, X_{t_i}))$$

On the other hand, with the same reasoning

$$\mathbb{E}_i \left[ f(X_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}, Z_{t_{i+1}}) \Delta W_{i+1}^I \right] = \delta_{i+1} L^I f(X_{t_i}, Y_{t_i}, Z_{t_i}) + \delta_{i+1}^2 \max_{\|\alpha\|=3,4} \|L^\alpha u(t_{i+1}, \cdot)\|$$

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Final ingredient:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_i \left[ Z'_{i+1} \right] &= \mathbb{E}_i \left[ L' u(t_{i+1}, X_{i+1}) \right] \\ &= Z'_i + \frac{1}{\delta_{i+1}} \mathbb{E}_i \left[ \Delta W'_{i+1} \sum_{\alpha=(0,l),(k,k,l)} L^\alpha u(t_i, X_{t_i}) J^\alpha [1]_{t_i, t_{i+1}} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\delta_{i+1}^2) \end{aligned}$$

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We suggest the following scheme:

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$$Z_{t_n}^{\pi,2} = \begin{cases} \nabla \Phi(X_n) V(X_n), & \text{if } \Phi \text{ smooth} \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } \Phi \text{ Lipschitz } Z_{t_{n-1}}^{\pi,2} := Z_{t_{n-1}}^{\pi,1}, \quad Y_{t_{n-1}}^{\pi,2} = Y_{t_{n-1}}^{\pi,1}$$

**For**  $i = n-2, \dots, 0$

$$Z_{t_i}^{\pi,2} = 2\mathbb{E}_i \left[ Y_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2} \frac{\Delta W_{i+1}}{\delta_{i+1}} \right] - \mathbb{E}_i [Z_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2}] + \mathbb{E}_i \left[ f(X_{i+1}, Y_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2}, Z_{t_{i+1}}^{\pi,2}) \Delta W_{i+1} \right],$$

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## Theorem

Let  $\{V_i\}_{i=0}^d$ ,  $f$  be smooth.

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| Y_i - Y_{t_i}^{\pi,2} \right|^2 \right] \simeq C \|\nabla \Phi\|_\infty \sqrt{\delta_n} \\ & + C \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \delta_{i+1}^5 \max_{\|\alpha\| \leq 5} \|L^\alpha u(t_{i+1}, \cdot)\|_\infty \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

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## Theorem (F. Delarue 2010)

In the context of the above theorem, assume that  $\Phi$  is Lipschitz continuous. Then the solution of the PDE is smooth on  $C_b^{[m/2],m}([0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  and

$$\|D^\alpha u(t, \cdot)\|_\infty \leq C \frac{\|\nabla \Phi\|_\infty}{(T-t)^{(\|\alpha\|-1)/2}}, \quad t \in [0, T),$$

## Corollary

*Within the same framework, consider the second order scheme along the partition*

$$\pi := \{t_i := T \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{i}{n} \right)^2 \right), \quad i = 0, \dots, n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_+ \}.$$

*Then, there exists a constant C independent of the partition such that*

$$\max_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| Y_{t_i} - Y_{t_i}^{\pi,2} \right|^2 \right]^{1/2} \leq \frac{C \|\nabla \Phi\|_\infty}{n^2}$$

We approximate the involved expectations with the cubature method.

The details:

Given a finite measure  $\mu$  on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d))$ , the points  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^N \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and numbers  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  define a cubature formula of order  $m$  w.r.t  $\mu$  if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} x^k \mu(dx) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i x_i^k \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \delta_{x_i}(x^k), \quad \forall k \leq m$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \mu(dx) \simeq \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i f(x_i), \quad \forall f \text{ smooth.}$$

$$(\mathbb{R}^d, \mu) \qquad \qquad (\mathcal{C}_0[0, T], \mathbb{P}) \quad (\mathbb{P} \sim \text{Wiener measure})$$

$$x^k \qquad \longleftrightarrow \qquad \int \dots \int \circ dW^{i_1} \dots \circ dW^{i_k}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^d \qquad \longleftrightarrow \qquad \omega \in \mathcal{C}_0[0, T]$$

Given a nice function  $f$ , the Sratonovich-Taylor expansion tells us

$$f(X_t^{0,x}) = \sum_{\|\alpha\| \leq m} L^\alpha f(0, x) \int_{0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < t} \circ dW_{t_1}^{i_1} \dots \circ dW_{t_k}^{i_k} + R_m(t, x, f)$$

$$\|R_m(t, x, f)\|_p = O(t^{\frac{m+1}{2}})$$

Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be another measure on  $(C([0, t]), \mathcal{B}(C([0, t])))$  with

$$(\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} - \mathbb{E}) \left[ \int_{0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < t} \circ dW_{t_1}^{i_1} \dots \circ dW_{t_k}^{i_k} \right] = 0, \quad (i_1, \dots, i_k) \in \mathcal{A}_m$$

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[|R_m(t, x, f)|^p] \quad \text{small for small } t$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}} [f(X_t^{0,x})] \simeq \mathbb{E} [f(X_t^{0,x})]$$

## Theorem (Lyons & Victoir (2004), Litterer & Lyons (2008))

*Cubature paths exist. Moreover there exists explicit construction for  $m = 3, 5$  any dimension and  $m = 7$  and dimension 1, 2.*

This new measure, called cubature measure, will be denoted by  $\mathbb{Q}_t^m$ ,  
i.e  $\mathbb{Q}_t^m := \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \delta_{\omega_i}$

Let  $\omega \in C_{0,bv}([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$ . What is  $\mathbb{E}^{\delta_\omega}[f(X_t^{0,x})]$ ?

$$\mathbb{E}^{\delta_\omega}[f(X_t^{0,x})] = f \left( x + \int_0^t V_0(X_s(\omega)) ds + \sum_{i=1}^d \int_0^t V_i(X_s(\omega)) d\omega^i(s) \right)$$

Put differently, if  $\Xi_{T,x}(\omega)$  the solution at time  $T$  of the ODE  
 $d\mathbf{y}_{t,x} = \sum_{i=0}^d V_i(y_{t,x}) d\omega^i(t), \quad y_0 = x$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_{h_{i+1}}^m} [f(X_{t_{i+1}}^{t_i, x})] = \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j f (\Xi_{h_{i+1}, x}(\omega_j)).$$

Over multiple steps, the above measure compounds as

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}_{t_k}^m} [f(X_{t_k}) | X_0 = x] = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k=1}^N \lambda_{i_1} \dots \lambda_{i_k} \delta_{\Xi_{t_k, x}(\omega_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \omega_{i_k})}(f) \equiv \mathbb{E}^{cub_m}[f]$$

Along the partition  $\pi$  we build the cubature tree  $\bigcup_{k=0}^n \mathcal{N}_k$ :

$$\mathcal{N}_0 := \{x = X_0\}, \quad \mathcal{N}_k^x := \{\Xi_{t_k, x}(\omega_j) \mid j = 1, \dots, N\}, \quad x \in \mathcal{N}_{k-1}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_k := \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{N}_{k-1}} \mathcal{N}_k^x$$

We define recursively the family of vectors  $\{\psi_k(x), \zeta_k(x), x \in \mathcal{N}_k\}_{k=0}^n$  (each of length  $N^k$ ), as

$$\psi_n(x) = \Phi(x), \quad \zeta_n(x) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, N, \quad x \in \mathcal{N}_n$$

$$\zeta_i(x) = \sum_{\bar{x} \in \mathcal{N}_{i+1}^x} \lambda_{\bar{x}} \frac{2}{\delta_{i+1}^{1/2}} (\psi_{i+1}(\bar{x})) - \zeta_{i+1}(\bar{x}) + f(\bar{x}, \psi_{i+1}(\bar{x}), \zeta_{i+1}(\bar{x})) \delta_{i+1}^{1/2}$$

$$\psi_i(x) = \sum_{\bar{x} \in \mathcal{N}_{i+1}^x} \lambda_{\bar{x}} \psi_{i+1}(\bar{x})$$

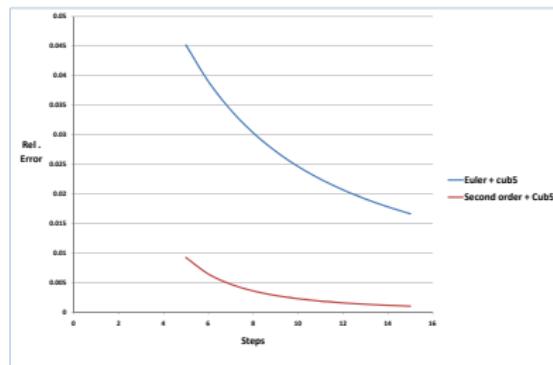
$$+ \frac{\delta_{i+1}}{2} f(x, \psi_i(x), \zeta_i(x)) + \frac{\delta_{i+1}}{2} f \sum_{\bar{x} \in \mathcal{N}_{i+1}^x} f(\bar{x}, \psi_{i+1}(\bar{x}), \zeta_{i+1}(\bar{x}))$$

Consider the (F)BSDE:

$$dX_t = \mu X_t dt + \sqrt{1 + X_t^2} dW_t, \quad X_0 = 1$$

$$Y_t = \arctan(X_T) + \int_t^T e^{r(T-s)}(1 - \mu)X_s Z_s^2 - rY_s ds - \int_t^T Z_s dW_s,$$

Solution :  $(Y_t, Z_t) = \left( e^{-r(T-t)} \arctan(X_t), \frac{e^{-r(T-t)}}{\sqrt{1+X_t^2}} \right).$



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Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be smooth with compact support. Then

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \frac{D^\alpha g(x_0)}{\alpha!} (x - x_0)^\alpha + R_m(g, x_0) \\ &= Tay_m(g, x_0) + R_m(g, x_0), \quad x \in B(x_0, \delta) \end{aligned}$$

Any measure  $\tilde{\mu}$  such that  $\tilde{\mu}[(x - x_0)^\alpha] = \mu[(x - x_0)^\alpha]$ ,  $\forall |\alpha| \leq m$  will give us

$$\tilde{\mu}(g|_{B(x_0, \delta)}) \simeq \mu(g|_{B(x_0, \delta)})$$

There are  $\binom{d+m}{d}$  monomials  $x^\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq m$  in  $d$  variables.

We can reduce the  $\text{supp}(\mu_K^{\text{cub}_m}) \cap B(x_0, \delta)$ , to  $\binom{d+m}{d} + 1$  points

Namely, find at most  $\binom{d+m}{d} + 1$  points among all points in

$\text{supp}(\mu_K^{\text{cub}_m}) \cap B(x_0, \delta)$  with new weights, that integrate polynomials same as  $\mu_K^{\text{cub}_m}$ . Call this measure  $\mu^{\text{cub}_m, \text{red}}$ .

- $|\mu^{\text{cub}_m, \text{red}}(g) - \mathbb{E}[g(X_{t_k})]| = \mathcal{O}(|\mu^{\text{cub}_m}(g) - \mathbb{E}[g(X_{t_k})]|)$
- The number of knods grows only polynomially.

All the above carry over in the BSDE framework with two differentiations:

- The condition for the reduce measure is

$$\mu^{cub_m, red}((x^\alpha)^p) = \mu^{cub_m}((x^\alpha)^p), \quad |\alpha| \leq m, \quad p > 1.$$

- Children of the same parent knod, all die or all survive
- The overall rate of convergence stays the same!

$$dX_t^i = \mu_i X_t dt + \sigma_i X_t^i dW_t^i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$dY_t = rY_t dt + \theta \cdot Z_t dt + Z_t \cdot dW_t,$$

$$Y_t = \left( K - \prod_{i=1}^3 X_t^i \right)_+$$