

A unified approach to wellposedness of non-Markovian FBSDEs

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Forward Backward SDEs

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- b, σ, f, g are in general **random**, and denote $\Theta := (X, Y, Z)$.

Standing Assumptions :

Besides other standard assumptions, the coefficients are

uniformly Lipschitz cont. in (x, y, z) with Lipschitz constant K

For notational simplicity, we assume

the coefficients are differentiable in (x, y, z) .

Contraction mapping approach : Antonelli (1993), Pardoux-Tang (1999)

- There exists constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that

$$|\sigma_z| \leq c_1, \quad |g_x| \leq c_2, \quad c_1 c_2 < 1.$$

- One of the following three cases holds :
 - ◇ T small ;
 - ◇ **Weak coupling** : $b_y, b_z, \sigma_y, \sigma_z$ small or f_x, g_x small ;
 - ◇ **Strong decrease** : $b_x \ll 0$ or $f_y \ll 0$.

Four step scheme : Ma-Protter-Yong (1994), Delarue (2002)

- **Markovian setting** : all coefficients are deterministic
- $\sigma = \sigma(t, x, y)$ is independent of z
- **Uniform nondegeneracy** : $\sigma \geq c > 0$
- **PDE arguments** :

$$\begin{cases} u_t + \frac{1}{2} u_{xx} \sigma^2(t, x, u) + u_x b(t, x, u, u_x \sigma(t, x, u)) \\ \quad + f(t, x, u, u_x \sigma(t, x, u)) = 0; \\ u(T, x) = g(x). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- Nonlinear Feynman-Kac formula :

$$Y_t = u(t, X_t). \quad (3)$$

Method of continuation : Hu-Peng (1995), Peng-Wu (1999), Yong (1999)

- **Monotonicity condition** : there exist constants $\beta_1, \beta_2 > 0$ such that, for any $\theta_i := (x_i, y_i, z_i)$, $i = 1, 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} & [b(t, \theta_1) - b(t, \theta_2)]\Delta y + [\sigma(t, \theta_1) - \sigma(t, \theta_2)]\Delta z \\ & - [f(t, \theta_1) - f(t, \theta_2)]\Delta x \leq -\beta_1 \left[|\Delta x|^2 + |\Delta y|^2 + |\Delta z|^2 \right]; \\ & [g(x_1) - g(x_2)]\Delta x \geq \beta_2 |\Delta x|^2. \end{aligned}$$

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Related works to the talk

- Delarue (2002) : PDE arguments

Markovian, $\sigma = \sigma(t, x, y)$ uniformly nondegenerate

- Z. (2006) : Probabilistic arguments

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- Ma-Yin-Z. (2010) :

connections with degenerate quasilinear Backward SPDEs

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Some observations

- Assume the general FBSDE (1) is wellposed, by considering it on $[t, T]$ with initial value $X_t = x$, one can define

$$u(t, x) := Y_t^{t, x},$$

which is in general random and is \mathcal{F}_t -measurable.

- If u is uniformly continuous in x , one should have

$$Y_t = u(t, X_t).$$

The decoupling field

Definition :

A random field $u(t, x)$ is called a **decoupling field** of FBSDE (1) if :

- u is \mathbb{F} -progressively measurable and $u(T, x) = g(x)$;
- u is **uniformly Lipschitz continuous in x**
- There $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t., for any $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T$ with $t_2 - t_1 < \delta$ and any $\eta \in L^2(\mathcal{F}_{t_1})$, the following FBSDE on $[t_1, t_2]$ is wellposed :

$$\begin{cases} X_t = \eta + \int_{t_1}^t b(s, \Theta_s) ds + \int_{t_1}^t \sigma(s, \Theta_s) dB_s; \\ Y_t = u(t_2, X_{t_2}) + \int_t^{t_2} f(s, \Theta_s) ds - \int_t^{t_2} Z_s dB_s. \end{cases}$$

and it holds that $Y_t = u(t, X_t)$, $t \in [t_1, t_2]$.

From the decoupling field to the wellposedness

Theorem 1 :

Assume FBSDE (1) has a decoupling field u , then FBSDE (1) is wellposed and $Y_t = u(t, X_t)$, $t \in [0, T]$.

Corollary :

FBSDE (1) has at most one decoupling field u .

- Proof. $u(t, x) = Y_t^{t,x}$.

Strategy for the existence of the decoupling field

- Step 1. Establish wellposedness of FBSDE over **small time interval**
- Step 2. Define u on $[T - \delta, T]$ and extend it backwardly.
- Step 3. Obtain **uniform estimates for u** so that its definition can be extended to the whole interval $[0, T]$.

- From now on, we assume all processes are **1-dimensional**.

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Linear FBSDE with constant coefficients :

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Proposition.

The FBSDE (5) is wellposed for T small enough if and only if

$$\sigma_3 h \neq 1.$$

Motivation of the conditions

The condition $\sigma_3 h \neq 1$ is equivalent to : there exist

$$c_1 > 0, \quad c_2 > 0, \quad c_1 c_2 < 1$$

such that one of the following three cases holds :

- $|\sigma_3| \leq c_1, \quad |h| \leq c_2$
- $|\sigma_3| \geq c_1^{-1}, |h| \geq c_2^{-1} \iff$ one of the following cases holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_3 \geq c_1^{-1}, \quad h \geq c_2^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_3 \leq -c_1^{-1}, \quad h \geq c_2^{-1} \\ \text{or} \quad & \sigma_3 \geq c_1^{-1}, \quad h \leq -c_2^{-1} \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_3 \leq -c_1^{-1}, \quad h \leq -c_2^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

- one of the following four cases holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_3 \leq c_1, \quad 0 \leq h \leq c_2 \quad \text{or} \quad 0 \leq \sigma_3 \leq c_1, \quad h \leq c_2 \\ \text{or} \quad & \sigma_3 \geq -c_1, \quad 0 \geq h \geq -c_2 \quad \text{or} \quad 0 \geq \sigma_3 \geq -c_1, \quad h \geq -c_2. \end{aligned}$$

Our conditions

Assumption 1.

Assume there exist $c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that $c_1 c_2 < 1$ and one of the following three cases hold :

- $|\sigma_z| \leq c_1, \quad |g_x| \leq c_2$
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Wellposedness over small time interval

Theorem 2.

Assume **Assumption 1** holds. Then there exists a constant $\delta > 0$, depending only on K, c_1, c_2 such that, whenever $T \leq \delta$, FBSDE (1) is wellposed.

- Case 1. Antonelli (1993)
- Case 2. Consider transformation :

$$\tilde{X} := Y, \quad \tilde{Y} := X, \quad \tilde{Z} := \sigma(t, X, Y, Z).$$

Then $\tilde{g} = (g)^{-1}, \tilde{\sigma} = (\sigma)^{-1}$ and thus

$$|\tilde{\sigma}_{\tilde{z}}| = \frac{1}{|\sigma_z|} \leq c_1, \quad |\tilde{g}_{\tilde{x}}| = \frac{1}{|g_x|} \leq c_2.$$

- Case 3. Another transformation.

The linear variational FBSDEs

- Linear variational FBSDE :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla X_t = 1 + \int_0^t [b_x \nabla X_s + b_y \nabla Y_s + b_z \nabla Z_s] ds \\ \quad + \int_0^t [\sigma_x \nabla X_s + \sigma_y \nabla Y_s + \sigma_z \nabla Z_s] dB_s; \\ \nabla Y_t = g_x \nabla X_T + \int_t^T [f_x \nabla X_s + f_y \nabla Y_s + f_z \nabla Z_s] ds \\ \quad - \int_t^T \nabla Z_s dB_s. \end{array} \right. \quad (6)$$

- Since $Y_t^x = u(t, X_t^x)$, then

$$u_x(t, X_t) = \nabla Y_t [\nabla X_t]^{-1} =: \hat{Y}_t.$$

The characteristic BSDE

$$\hat{Y}_t = g_x(X_T) - \int_t^T \hat{Z}_s dB_s \quad (7)$$
$$+ \int_t^T \left[F(s, \Theta_s, \hat{Y}_s) + G(s, \Theta_s, \hat{Y}_s) \hat{Z}_s + \frac{\sigma_z |\hat{Z}_s|^2}{1 - \sigma_z \hat{Y}_s} \right] ds,$$

where

$$F(s, \theta, \hat{y}) := \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \hat{y} + \alpha_2 \hat{y}^2 + \alpha_3 \hat{y}^3}{1 - \sigma_z(\theta) \hat{y}},$$
$$G(s, \theta, \hat{y}) := \frac{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \hat{y}}{1 - \sigma_z \hat{y}}$$

and

$$\alpha_0(t, \theta) := f_x(t, \theta), \dots$$

The characteristic BSDE (cont.)

- Quadratic in \hat{Z} : Kobylanski (2000), Briand-Hu (2006), Barrieu-El Karoui (2010), ...
- Backward stochastic Riccati equation : Kohlmann-Tang (2002), Tang (2003), [Yong \(2006\)](#), ...
- We want the characteristic BSDE (7) has a solution satisfying

both \hat{Y} and $(1 - \sigma_z(\Theta)\hat{Y})^{-1}$ are bounded

Bounds of coefficients

- For a random variable ξ ,

$$\text{esssup } \xi := \inf\{x : \xi \leq x, \text{ a.s.}\}, \quad \text{ess inf } \xi := \sup\{x : \xi \geq x, \text{ a.s.}\}$$

- Define deterministic functions :

$$\bar{F}(t, y) := \sup_{\theta} \text{esssup } F(t, \theta, y), \quad \underline{F}(t, y) := \inf_{\theta} \text{ess inf } F(t, \theta, y).$$

Conditions for the desirable u

Assumption 2.

Assume there exist $c_1, c_2, c_3 > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough such that $c_2 < c_3 < c_1^{-1}$ and one of the following three cases hold :

- $|\sigma_z| \leq c_1, |g_x| \leq c_2, \bar{F}(t, c_3) \leq \varepsilon, \underline{F}(t, -c_3) \geq -\varepsilon$
- one of the following four cases holds

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Main result

Theorem 4.

Let T be arbitrarily given and assume Assumption 2 holds. Then FBSDE (1) has a decoupling field u and thus is wellposed.

Moreover,

u_x satisfies the corresponding properties of g_x in Assumption 2
with c_2 replaced by c_3 .

- Proof. Choose $\delta > 0$ in Theorem 1 based on (c_1, c_3) .

Further results

Theorem 5.

Assume both (b, σ, f, g) and $(b, \sigma, \tilde{f}, \tilde{g})$ satisfy [Assumption 2](#). If

$$f \leq \tilde{f}, \quad g \leq \tilde{g},$$

then

$$u \leq \tilde{u}.$$

- Stability
- L^p -estimates of solutions

Comparison with the method of continuation

- One **sufficient condition** in Assumption 2 :

$$\sigma_z \leq 0, \quad g_x \geq 0 \quad f_x \geq 0, \quad b_z \sigma_y - b_y \sigma_z \leq 0 \quad (8)$$

- One case of monotonicity conditions :

$$\Delta b \Delta y + \Delta \sigma \Delta z - \Delta f \Delta x \leq -\beta_1 |\theta|^2 \leq 0, \quad \Delta g \Delta x \geq \beta_2 |\Delta x|^2 \geq 0.$$

$$\diamond \text{ 2nd inequality} \quad \implies \quad g_x \geq 0;$$

$$\diamond \Delta y = \Delta x = 0 \quad \implies \quad \sigma_z \leq 0;$$

$$\diamond \Delta y = \Delta z = 0 \quad \implies \quad f_x \geq 0;$$

$$\diamond \Delta x = 0$$

$$\implies \quad b_y \Delta y^2 + (b_z + \sigma_y) \Delta y \Delta z + \sigma_z \Delta z^2 \leq 0, \quad \forall \Delta y, \Delta z$$

$$\implies \quad (b_z + \sigma_y)^2 - 4b_y \sigma_z \leq 0$$

$$\implies \quad 4b_z \sigma_y \leq 4b_y \sigma_z \quad \implies \quad b_z \sigma_y - b_y \sigma_z \leq 0$$

- In particular, this solves Jeanblanc's problem.

Comparison with the contraction mapping approach

- One case in Assumption 2 :

$$|\sigma_z| \leq c_1, \quad |g_x| \leq c_2, \quad \bar{F}(t, c_3) \leq \varepsilon, \quad \underline{F}(t, -c_3) \geq -\varepsilon$$

- For simplicity, assume $\sigma = \sigma(t, x, y)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} F(t, \theta, \hat{y}) &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \hat{y} + \alpha_2 \hat{y}^2 + \alpha_3 \hat{y}^3 \\ \alpha_0 &:= f_x, \quad \alpha_1 := f_y + b_x + f_z \sigma_x, \\ \alpha_2 &:= b_y + f_z \sigma_y + b_z \sigma_x, \quad \alpha_3 := b_z \sigma_y. \end{aligned}$$

- In the **weak coupling** case, α_2, α_3 are **small** ;
- In the **strong decrease** case, $\alpha_1 \ll 0$;

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Backward SPDE

- Assume $b = b(t, x, y), \sigma = \sigma(t, x, y)$.
- Assume $du(t, x) = \alpha(t, x)dt + \beta(t, x)dB_t$.
- Apply Ito-Ventzell on $u(t, X_t)$ and compare with dY_t :

$$-\alpha(t, x) := \frac{1}{2}u_{xx}\sigma^2(t, x, u) + \beta_x\sigma(t, x, u) + u_x b(t, x, u) + f(t, x, u, \beta + u_x\sigma(t, x, u)).$$

- BSPDE : quasilinear and degenerate

$$\begin{cases} du(t, x) = -\left[\frac{1}{2}u_{xx}\sigma^2(t, x, u) + \beta_x\sigma(t, x, u) + u_x b(t, x, u) + f(t, x, u, \beta + u_x\sigma(t, x, u))\right] dt + \beta(t, x)dB_t; \\ u(T, x) = g(x). \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Characterization of the decoupling field u

Theorem 6.

Under Standing Assumptions,

FBSDE (1) has a decoupling field u

if and only if

BSPDE (9) has a unique Sobolev type weak solution u
which is uniformly Lipschitz continuous in x .

Future research

- Wellposedness of multi-dimensional FBSDEs
- Numerical methods for FBSDEs
- Direct proof for the wellposedness of BSPDEs

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