

Mean-Field Doubly Reflected Backward Stochastic Differential equations

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A) Mean-field doubly reflected BSDE

We consider the following Mean-Field Doubly Reflected Backward Stochastic Differential Equation: $\forall t \leq T$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s], Z_s) ds + K_T^+ - K_t^+ - (K_T^- - K_t^-) \\ \quad - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s ; \\ h(Y_t, \mathbb{E}[Y_t]) \leq Y_t \leq g(Y_t, \mathbb{E}[Y_t]); \\ \int_0^T (Y_t - h(Y_t, \mathbb{E}[Y_t])) dK_t^+ = \int_0^T (Y_t - g(Y_t, \mathbb{E}[Y_t])) dK_t^- = 0. \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

$B = (B_t)_{t \leq T}$ is a BM and ξ , f , g and h are given data.

A solution is a quadruple of adapted processes

$(Y, Z, K^\pm) = (Y_t, Z_t, K_t^\pm)_{t \leq T}$, $(F_t)_{t \leq T}$ -adapted, Y, K continuous and K^\pm non decreasing.

- a) ξ is the terminal wealth or the target wealth;
- b) h is a solvency threshold;
- c) g is a bonus;
- d) f is the infinitesimal utility.

- e) Y_t is the current value of ξ ;
- f) Z is the control process;
- g) K^\pm are consumption processes.

Motivation: Guaranteed life endowment with a withdrawal-bonus options.

- i) A portfolio of a large number N of homogeneous life insurance policies $\ell \in \{1, \dots, N\}$.
- ii) $(Y^{\ell,N}, Z^{\ell,N})$ are the characteristics of the prospective reserve of each policy .
- iii) **Nonlinear reserving:** the driver f depends on the reserve for the particular contract ℓ and on the average reserve characteristics over the N contracts: For each $\ell = 1, \dots, N$,

$$a) f(t, Y_t^{\ell,N}, (Y_t^{m,N})_{m \neq \ell}) := \alpha_t - \delta_t Y_t^{\ell,N} +$$

$$\beta_t \max(\theta_t, Y_t^{\ell,N} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N Y_t^{k,N});$$

$$b) h(Y_t^{\ell,N}, (Y_t^{m,N})_{m \neq \ell}) = \{u - c(Y_t^{\ell,N}) + \mu(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N Y_t^{k,N} - u)^+\} \wedge S_t;$$

$$c) g(Y_t^{\ell,N}, (Y_t^{m,N})_{m \neq \ell}) = \{c_2(Y_t^{\ell,N}) + c_3(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N Y_t^{k,N} - u)\} \vee S'_t,$$

$$(0 < \mu < 1).$$

iv) Sending N to infinity, yields the following forms of the driver and the obstacles:

$$f(t, Y_t, \mathbb{E}[Y_t]) := \alpha_t - \delta_t Y_t + \beta_t \max(\theta_t, Y_t - \mathbb{E}[Y_t]);$$

$$h(Y_t, \mathbb{E}[Y_t]) = \{u - c(Y_t) + \mu(\mathbb{E}[Y_t] - u)^+\} \wedge S_t;$$

$$g(Y_t, \mathbb{E}[Y_t]) = \{c_2(Y_t) + c_3(\mathbb{E}[Y_t])\} \vee S'_t$$

of the prospective reserve of a representative life insurance contract, a.k.a. the **model-point** among actuaries.

Pricing this type of contracts is one of the main motivations of studying the class (1) of MF-reflected BSDEs.

B) Standard Reflected BSDEs

(i) A solution for the reflected BSDE associated with $\{f(t, \omega, y, z), \xi, (h_t)_{t \leq T}, (g_t)_{t \leq T}\}$ is a triple of $(\mathbf{F}_t)_{t \leq T}$ -adapted stochastic processes $(Y_t, Z_t, K_t)_{t \leq T}$ such that: $\forall t \leq T$,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds + K_T^+ - K_t^+ - (K_T^- - K_t^-) + \int_t^T Z_s dB_s. \\ h_t \leq Y_t \leq g_t \\ \int_0^T (Y_s - h_s) dK_s^+ = \int_0^T (Y_s - g_s) dK_s^- = 0. \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

They are related to the valuation of recallable options, Dynkin games, min-max parabolic PDEs, etc.

(ii) Connection with the value of a Dynkin game

The process Y of (2) has the following representation (when f is Lipschitz, $h < g$ and $h_T \leq \xi \leq g_T$): $\forall t \leq T$,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \geq t} \operatorname{essinf}_{\sigma \geq t} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_t^{\sigma \wedge \tau} f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g(\sigma) 1_{\{\sigma < \tau\}} + h(\tau) 1_{\{\tau \leq \sigma, \tau < T\}} + \xi 1_{\{\tau = \sigma = T\}} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{essinf}_{\sigma \geq t} \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \geq t} \{ \text{the same quantity} \} \end{aligned}$$

C) Mean-Field doubly reflected BSDEs

C-i) First existence result: Fixed point argument

If (1) has a solution then Y is a fixed point of the following mapping:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(Y)_t &= \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \geq t} \operatorname{essinf}_{\sigma \geq t} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_t^{\sigma \wedge \tau} f(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s], Z_s) ds \right. \\ &\quad + g(\sigma, Y_\sigma, \mathbb{E}[Y_t]_{t=\sigma}) 1_{\{\sigma < \tau\}} + h(\tau, Y_\tau, \mathbb{E}[Y_t]_{t=\tau}) 1_{\{\tau \leq \sigma, \tau < T\}} \\ &\quad \left. + \xi 1_{\{\tau = \sigma = T\}} \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{essinf}_{\sigma \geq t} \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \geq t} \{ \text{the same quantity} \}.\end{aligned}$$

Theorem (CHM, '20)

Assume that:

- i) f does not depend on z and Lipschitz;
- ii) h, g Lipschitz, $h < g$ and $h(\xi, \mathbb{E}[\xi]) \leq \xi \leq g(\xi, \mathbb{E}[\xi])$;
- iii) For some $p > 1$, $\gamma_1^g, \gamma_2^g, \beta_1^h$ and β_2^h satisfy

$$\Sigma := (\gamma_1^g + \gamma_2^g + \beta_1^h + \beta_2^h)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \left[\left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p (\gamma_1^g + \beta_1^h) + (\gamma_2^g + \beta_2^h) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} < 1. \quad (3)$$

Then there exists $\delta > 0$ depending only on $p, C_f, \gamma_1^g, \gamma_2^g, \beta_1^h$ and β_2^h such that Φ is a contraction on the time interval $[T - \delta, T]$.

Therefore the MFRBSDE (1) has a unique solution on $[T - \delta, T]$.

Main steps of the proof:

\mathcal{S}^p := the set of continuous adapted processes ζ such that

$$\mathbb{E}[\sup_{t \leq T} |\zeta_t|^p] < \infty.$$

i) For any $Y \in \mathcal{S}^p$, $\Phi(Y) \in \mathcal{S}^p$.

ii) For $\delta > 0$, $Y, Y' \in \mathcal{S}^p$,

$$\mathbb{E}[\sup_{S \in [T-\delta, T]} |\Phi(Y)_t - \Phi(Y')_t|^p] \leq \Sigma(\delta)^p \times \mathbb{E}[\sup_{S \in [T-\delta, T]} |Y_t - Y'_t|^p]$$

where

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \Sigma(\delta) = \Sigma.$$

Thus for δ small enough Φ is a contraction on $\mathcal{S}_{[T-\delta, T]}^p$ and then has a fixed point Y^1 .

The link between ZS Dynkin games and 2-barrier RBSDEs implies that equation (1) has a solution on $[T - \delta, T]$. As a by-product we obtain by concatenation:

Theorem (CHM, '20)

Under the same assumptions as in Theorem 1, the MFRBSDE (1) has a unique solution on $[0, T]$.

Idea of the proof: Solve the equation on $[T - 2\delta, T - \delta]$ with terminal condition Y^1 and concatenate to obtain a solution on $[T - 2\delta, T]$, and so on on $[T - 3\delta, T - 2\delta]$ up to reaching a solution on $[0, T]$.

The solution is unique since the fixed point is unique on $[T - \delta, T]$, $[T - 2\delta, T - \delta]$, etc.

Remark:

- i) We only have $\int_0^T |Z_s|^2 ds + K_T^\pm < \infty$, $\mathbb{P} - a.s..$
- ii) $\mathbb{E}[Y_s]$ can be replaced with \mathbb{P}_{Y_s} where the distance between two probabilities ν_1 and ν_2 of \mathcal{P}_p is given by the p -Wasserstein one.
- iii) We cannot remove the condition of (3). Exemple with $\beta_1^h + \beta_2^h = 1$. Take $h(y, y') = \frac{y+y'}{2}$. If a solution exists then

$$Y_t \geq E[Y_t]$$

which is not possible in the general framework.

Remark: [continued]

iii) This result is recently generalized by Djehiche-Dumitrescu '22 to f depending also on z in considering Φ defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(U)_t = & \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \geq t} \operatorname{essinf}_{\sigma \geq t} \mathcal{E}_{t, \tau \wedge \sigma}^{foU} \{g(\sigma, U_\sigma, \mathbb{E}[U_t]_{t=\sigma}) 1_{\{\sigma < \tau\}} \\ & + h(\tau, U_\tau, \mathbb{E}[U_t]_{t=\tau}) 1_{\{\tau \leq \sigma, \tau < T\}} + \xi 1_{\{\tau = \sigma = T\}}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}_{t, \tau \wedge \sigma}^{foU}(\dots) = Y_t^U$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}Y_t^U = & g(\sigma, U_\sigma, \mathbb{E}[U_t]_{t=\sigma}) 1_{\{\sigma < \tau\}} + h(\tau, U_\tau, \mathbb{E}[U_t]_{t=\tau}) 1_{\{\tau \leq \sigma, \tau < T\}} + \\ & \xi 1_{\{\tau = \sigma = T\}} + \int_t^{\sigma \wedge \tau} f(s, Y_s^U, Z_s^U, \mathbb{P}_{U_s}) ds - \int_t^{\sigma \wedge \tau} Z_s^U dB_s.\end{aligned}$$

C-ii) Second existence result: Penalization

For $n, m \geq 0$, let:

$$\begin{cases} Y^{n,m} \in \mathcal{S}_c^2, & Z^{n,m} \in \mathcal{H}^{2,d}; \\ Y_t^{n,m} = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s^{n,m}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}], Z_s^{n,m}) ds + \\ \quad K_T^{n,m,+} - K_t^{n,m,+} - (K_T^{n,m,-} - K_t^{n,m,-}) - \int_t^T Z_s^{n,m} dB_s, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} K_t^{n,m,+} &:= m \int_0^t (Y_s^{n,m} - h(s, Y_s^{n-1,m-1}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}]))^- ds; \\ K_t^{n,m,-} &:= n \int_0^t (Y_s^{n,m} - g(s, Y_s^{n-1,m-1}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}]))^+ ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$Y^{0,0}$ is the solution of

$$Y_t^{0,0} = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s^{0,0}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{0,0}], Z_s^{0,0}) ds - \int_t^T Z_s^{0,0} dB_s, \quad t \leq T, \quad (6)$$

whose existence and uniqueness is already stated (BLP, '09) and by assuming that

$$Y^{n,-1} = Y^{n,0}, \quad Y^{-1,m} = Y^{0,m}, \quad \text{and} \quad Y^{-1,-1} = Y^{0,0}. \quad (7)$$

Main assumptions

(i)

(a) $f(t, \omega, y, y', z)$ is Lipschitz ;

(b) $y' \mapsto f(t, y, y', z)$ is non-decreasing for fixed t, y, z .

(c) $y \mapsto f(t, y, y', z)$ is non-decreasing for fixed t, y, z .

(ii) (a) \mathbb{P} – a.s. for any $t \leq T$, $h(\omega, t, y, y')$ and $g(\omega, t, y, y')$ are non-decreasing w.r.t y and y' and continuous w.r.t t ;

(b) Lipschitz condition on g and h , i.e.,

b-i)

$$|g(t, \omega, y, y') - g(t, \omega, y_1, y'_1)| \leq \gamma_1^g |y - y_1| + \gamma_2^g |y' - y'_1|$$

with $\gamma_1^g + \gamma_2^g < 1$.

b-ii)

$$|h(t, \omega, y, y') - h(t, \omega, y_1, y'_1)| \leq \beta_1^h |y - y_1| + \beta_2^h |y' - y'_1|$$

with $\beta_1^h + \beta_2^h < 1$.

(c) Adapted Mokobodski's condition: There exists two process $(X_t)_{t \leq T}$ and $(\zeta_t)_{t \leq T}$ such that:

c-i) $\zeta_t > 0, \forall t \leq T$.

c-ii)

$$\forall t \leq T, X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t J_s dB_s + V_t^+ - V_t^-$$

with $J \in \mathcal{H}^{2,d}$ and $V^+, V^- \in \mathcal{S}_{ci}^2$.

c-iii)

$$h(\omega, t, y, y') \leq X_t \leq X_t + \zeta_t \leq g(\omega, t, y, y').$$

(iii) ξ is an \mathcal{F}_T -measurable, \mathbb{R} -valued r.v., $\mathbb{E}[\xi^2] < \infty$ and satisfies \mathbb{P} -a.s.,

$$h(T, \xi, \mathbb{E}[\xi]) \leq \xi \leq g(T, \xi, \mathbb{E}[\xi]).$$

Proposition

For any $n, m \geq 0$, $t \leq T$,

$$Y_t^{n+1,m} \leq Y_t^{n,m} \leq Y_t^{n,m+1}.$$

Proposition

There exists a constant $C \geq 0$ such that for any $n, m \geq 0$,

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \mathbb{E}[(Y_t^{n,m})^2] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T |Z_t^{n,m}|^2 dt\right] \leq C. \quad (8)$$

Idea of the proof:

Let $U_t^{n-1,m-1} = g(t, Y_t^{n-1,m-1}, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^{n-1,m-1}])$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\{n \int_0^T (Y_s^{n,m} - U_s^{n-1,m-1})^+ ds\}^2] \\ & \leq C(1 + \mathbb{E}[\int_0^T (|Y_s^{n,m}|^2 + |\mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}]|^2 + |Z_s^{n,m}|^2) ds]) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Actually let $\{T_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ and $\{S_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ defined by:

$$S_0 = 0, \quad T_k = \inf\{S_{k-1} \leq r \leq T : Y_r^{n,m} \geq U_s^{n-1,m-1}\} \wedge T,$$

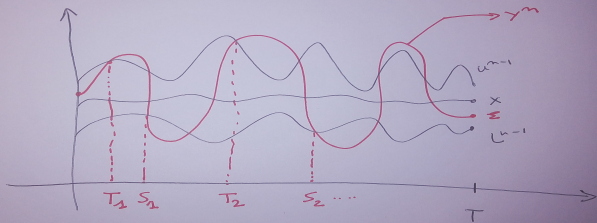
$$S_k = \inf\{T_k \leq r \leq T : Y_r^{n,m} \leq L_s^{n-1,m-1}\} \wedge T, \quad k \geq 1.$$

where

$$L_t^{n-1,m-1} = h(t, Y_t^{n-1,m-1}, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^{n-1,m-1}]).$$



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As $h < g$ then:

i) $T_k \nearrow T$ and $S_k \nearrow T$ (those sequences are even of stationary type).

ii) $Y^{n,m} \geq L^{n-1,m-1}$ on $[T_k, S_k] \cap \{T_k < S_k\}$.

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{T_k}^{n,m} &= Y_{S_k}^{n,m} + \int_{T_k}^{S_k} f(s, Y_s^{n,m}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}], Z_s^{n,m}) ds \\ &\quad - \int_{T_k}^{S_k} Z_s^{n,m} dB_s - n \int_{T_k}^{S_k} (Y_s^{n,m} - U_s^{n-1,m-1})^+ ds, \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} (Y_{S_k}^{n,m} - Y_{T_k}^{n,m}) \leq \sum_{k \geq 1} (X_{S_k} - X_{T_k}) + (\xi - X_T)^+.$$

Then summing over k , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & n \int_0^T \left(Y_s^{n,m} - U_s^{n-1,m-1} \right)^+ ds \\ & \leq (\xi - X_T)^+ - \int_0^T (J_s + Z_s^{n,m}) \sum_{k \geq 1} \{1_{[T_k, S_k)}(s)\} dB_s \\ & \quad + (V_T^+ - V_0^+) + \int_0^T |f(s, Y_s^{n,m}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}], Z_s^{n,m})| ds. \end{aligned}$$

which implies (9) after squaring and taking expectation.

In the same way we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\{m \int_0^T \left(Y_s^{n,m} - L_s^{n-1,m-1} \right)^- ds\}^2] \\ & \leq C(1 + \mathbb{E}[\int_0^T (|Y_s^{n,m}|^2 + |\mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}]|^2 + |Z_s^{n,m}|^2) ds]). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Then from (4), we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[(Y_t^{n,m})^2] \leq \tilde{C} \mathbb{E} \left(1 + \int_t^T (Y_s^{n,m})^2 ds + \int_t^T (Y_s^{n-1,m-1})^2 ds \right),$$

where \tilde{C} is a constant independent of n and m . Finally by induction:

$$\mathbb{E}[(Y_t^{n,m})^2] \leq \gamma(t),$$

where $\gamma(t) := \tilde{C}e^{2\tilde{C}(T-t)}$ which is solution of

$$\gamma(t) = \tilde{C}(1 + 2 \int_t^T \gamma(s) ds).$$

Therefore estimate (8) holds true.

As a consequence

Corollary

There exists a constant C such that for any n, m ,

$$\mathbb{E}[\sup_{t \leq T} (Y_t^{n,m})^2] \leq C. \quad (11)$$

Limit w.r.t. m

Proposition

For any $n \geq 0$, there exist processes (Y^n, Z^n, K^n) that satisfy the following one barrier reflected BSDE:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Y^n \in \mathcal{S}_c^2, K^{n,+} \in \mathcal{S}_c^2 \text{ non-decreasing } (K_0^{n,+} = 0) \\ \text{and } Z^n \text{ belongs to } \mathcal{H}^{2,d}; \\ Y_t^n = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s^n, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1}], Z_s^n) ds + K_T^{n,+} - K_t^{n,+} \\ \quad - n \int_t^T (Y_s^n - U_s^{n-1})^+ ds - \int_t^T Z_s^n dB_s, t \leq T; \\ Y_t^n \geq L_t^{n-1}, t \leq T, \text{ and } \int_0^T (Y_t^n - L_t^{n-1}) dK_t^{n,+} = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad (12)$$

Proposition (continued)

where:

$$a) L_t^{n-1} = h(t, Y_t^n, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^{n-1}]) ;$$

$$b) U_t^{n-1} = g(t, Y_t^n, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^{n-1}]).$$

Moreover the following estimates hold true:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (Y_t^n)^2] + \mathbb{E}[\int_0^T |Z_t^n|^2 dt] + \mathbb{E}[(K_T^{n,+})^2] + \\ \mathbb{E}[n^2 \left(\int_0^T (Y_t^n - U_t^{n-1})^+ dt \right)^2] \leq C, \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where C is a constant which does not depend on n .

Let

$$Y^n = \lim_m \nearrow Y^{n,m}.$$

Step 1: Y^n is continuous ([this is the main point](#)).

i) By Peng's monotonic limit Y^n is rcll and $(Z^{n,m})_m$ converges to Z^n in $L^p(dt \otimes \mathbb{P})$ for any $p \in [1, 2)$.

ii) The fact that $\mathbb{E}[(K_T^{n,m,+})^2] \leq C$ and Y^n rcll imply that: For any $t \leq T$,

$$Y_t^n \geq h(t, Y_t^{n-1}, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^{n-1}]).$$

iii) Through standard reflected BSDEs, $Y^{n,m}$ has the following representation:

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_t^{n,m} &= \text{esssup}_{\tau \geq t} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_t^\tau f(s, Y_s^{n,m}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}], Z_s^{n,m}) ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. - n \int_t^\tau \left(Y_s^{n,m} - g(s, Y_s^{n-1,m-1}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1,m-1}]) \right)^+ ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. + Y_\tau^{n,m} \wedge h(\tau, Y_\tau^{n,m}, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^{n,m}]_{t=\tau}) 1_{\{\tau \leq \sigma, \tau < T\}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \xi 1_{\{\tau = \sigma = T\}} | \mathcal{F}_t \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

But the Snell envelope is continuous through increasing rcll processes and then

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t^n &= \operatorname{esssup}_{\tau \geq t} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \int_t^\tau f(s, Y_s^n, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1}], Z_s^n) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - n \int_t^\tau (Y_s^n - g(s, Y_s^{n-1}, \mathbb{E}[Y_s^{n-1}]))^+ ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + h(\tau, Y_\tau^n, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^n]_{t=\tau}) 1_{\{\tau \leq \sigma, \tau < T\}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \xi 1_{\{\tau = \sigma = T\}} | \mathcal{F}_t \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Next for any predictable stopping time η

$$\{\Delta_\eta Y^n < 0\} \subset \{Y_{\eta-}^n = h(\tau, Y_{\eta-}^n, \mathbb{E}[Y_t^n]_{t=\eta-})\} \cap \{\Delta_\eta h(\dots) < 0\}.$$

As $\beta_1^h + \beta_2^h < 1$, then Y^n does not have jumps and then Y^n is continuous. Thus the convergence of $(Y^{n,m})_m$ to Y^n is uniform and we recover classically equation (12).

Limit w.r.t. n

For any $n \geq 0$, $Y^n \leq Y^{n+1}$, then let

$$Y = \lim_n \searrow Y^n.$$

Step 1: Y is continuous (this is also the main point).

Let τ be a stopping time. For $n \geq 0$,

$$\rho_\tau^n := \inf\{s \geq \tau, Y_s^n \leq X_s\} \wedge T.$$

Then $\rho_\tau^{n+1} \leq \rho_\tau^n$. Let $\rho_\tau = \lim_n \rho_\tau^n$. We then have:

i) $Y_{\rho_\tau} = X_{\rho_\tau}$ on $\{\rho_\tau < T\}$.

ii) For any $t \in [\tau, \rho_\tau]$,

$$\begin{cases} Y_t = Y_{\rho_\tau} + \int_t^{\rho_\tau} f(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s], Z_s) ds - (K_{\rho_\tau}^{\tau, -} - K_t^{\tau, -}) - \int_t^{\rho_\tau} Z_s^\tau dB_s; \\ Y_t \leq g(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s]) \text{ and } \int_\tau^{\rho_\tau} (Y_t - g(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s])) dK_t^{\tau, -} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Next let

$$\theta_\tau^n := \inf\{s \geq \rho_\tau, Y_s^n \geq X_s + \zeta_s\} \wedge T.$$

Then $\theta_\tau^{n+1} \geq \theta_\tau^n$. Let $\theta_\tau = \lim_n \theta_\tau^n$. We then have:

iii) $Y_{\theta_\tau} = (X_{\theta_\tau} + \zeta_{\theta_\tau})$ on $\{\theta_\tau < T\}$.

iv) For any $t \in [\rho_\tau, \theta_\tau]$,

$$\begin{cases} Y_t = Y_{\theta_\tau} + \int_t^{\theta_\tau} f(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s], Z_s) ds + K_{\theta_\tau}^{\tau,+} - K_t^{\tau,+} - \int_t^{\theta_\tau} Z_s^\tau dB_s; \\ Y_t \geq h(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s]) \text{ and } \int_{\rho_\tau}^{\theta_\tau} (Y_t - h(s, Y_s, \mathbb{E}[Y_s])) dK_t^{\tau,+} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Take now

$$\tau = 0, \gamma_1 = \rho_0, \gamma_2 = \theta_0, \gamma_3 = \rho_{\gamma_2}, \gamma_4 = \theta_{\gamma_2}, \text{etc..}$$

Then:

(i) $(\gamma_n)_n$ is of stationnary type.

(ii) $\gamma_n \leq \gamma_{n+1}$.

(iii) Y is continuous on $[0, \gamma_n]$ and then continuous on $[0, T]$.

Therefore $(Y^n)_n$ converges to Y uniformly (in \mathcal{S}^2). Next define

i) $Z = \lim_n Z^n$

ii) $K^+ = \lim_n K^{+,n}$

iii) $K^- = \lim_n n \int_0^t (Y_s^n - U_s^{n-1})^+ ds.$

Go back now to (12), take the limit w.r.t n to obtain:

Theorem

The quadruple (Y, Z, K^\pm) is a solution of the MFRBSDE (1).

Remark: In some cases we have also uniqueness

Thanks for your attention.