

BSDEs with weak terminal condition: theory and application to Finance

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Motivation

Financial market :

- $W := (W_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ a p -dim. Brownian motion defined on $(\Omega, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}, \mathbb{P})$
- Riskless asset $S^0 := (S_t^0)_{t \in [0, T]}$,

$$dS_t^0 = S_t^0 r dt$$

- Risky assets $S := (S_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$,

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Stochastic target problems with controlled loss (Soner, Touzi; Bouchard, Elie, Touzi)

BSDEs with weak terminal condition

Definition (Super-solution of a BSDE with weak terminal condition)

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Definition (g -expectation)

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$$\mathcal{E}_t^g[\zeta] := Y_t = \zeta + \int_t^T g(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dW_s.$$

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$$Y_T \geq (\psi^{-1} \circ \psi)(Y_T) \geq \psi^{-1}(M_T^{m, \tilde{\alpha}})$$

Comparaison for BSDEs \Rightarrow : $Y_t \geq \mathcal{E}_t^g[\psi^{-1}(M_T^{m, \tilde{\alpha}})]$.



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$\Gamma(0, m) := \{Y_0, (Y, Z) \text{ super-solution of (1) - (2)}\}$

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Proposition

$$\inf \Gamma(0, m) = \mathcal{Y}_0(m)$$

BSDEs with weak terminal condition : minimal initial value

$$\mathcal{Y}^\alpha := \text{essinf}_{\tilde{\alpha}} \mathcal{E}^g[\psi^{-1}(M_T^{M, \alpha, \tilde{\alpha}})], \quad \mathcal{Y}_0^\alpha = \mathcal{Y}_0$$

Theorem

For every α , \mathcal{Y}^α is a *làdlàg g-sub-martingale* and :

- (i) (DPP) $\mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1}^\alpha = \text{essinf}_{\tilde{\alpha}} \mathcal{E}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^g[\mathcal{Y}_{\tau_2}^{\tilde{\alpha}}]$, for every $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ s.t..
- (ii) if ψ^{-1} is continuous, there exists $(\mathcal{Z}^\alpha, \mathcal{K}^\alpha)$ such that

$$\mathcal{Y}_t^\alpha = \psi^{-1}(M_T^{m, \alpha}) + \int_t^T g(s, \mathcal{Y}_s^\alpha, \mathcal{Z}_s^\alpha) ds - \int_t^T \mathcal{Z}_s^\alpha dW_s + \mathcal{K}_t^\alpha - \mathcal{K}_T^\alpha, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

with the minimality condition

$$\mathcal{K}_{\tau_1}^\alpha = \text{essinf}_{\tilde{\alpha}} \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{K}_{\tau_2}^{\tilde{\alpha}} | \mathcal{F}_{\tau_1}], \quad \forall \tau_1 \leq \tau_2, \text{ s.t.,}$$

and satisfying the "independence on the future property"

$$(\mathcal{Y}^\alpha, \mathcal{Z}^\alpha, \mathcal{K}^\alpha) \mathbf{1}_{[0, \tau]} = (\mathcal{Y}^{\tilde{\alpha}}, \mathcal{Z}^{\tilde{\alpha}}, \mathcal{K}^{\tilde{\alpha}}) \mathbf{1}_{[0, \tau]}, \quad \forall \tau \text{ s.t., } \forall \tilde{\alpha}, \text{ with } \tilde{\alpha} \mathbf{1}_{[0, \tau]} = \alpha \mathbf{1}_{[0, \tau]}.$$

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- Link with 2nd. order BSDEs (Cheridito, Soner, Touzi, Victoir, Zhang...).

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Definition

A pair of predictable processes (Y, Z) is a solution to 2EDSR(h,g) if

$$Y_t \geq h(B_T) + \int_t^T \hat{F}(B_s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s, \quad \mathbb{P}^a - p.s., \forall a.$$

Lien entre \mathcal{Y} et les EDSR du 2nd. ordre

Formally if g does not depend on Z , we have :

$$Y_t^a = \mathcal{E}_t^g[\psi^{-1}(M_T^a)] = \psi^{-1}(M_T^a) - \int_t^T Z_s^a dW_s + \int_t^T g(s, Y_s^a) ds.$$

Setting

$$\tilde{Y}^a := -Y^a, \quad \tilde{Z}^a := -\frac{Z^a}{a}, \quad h(\cdot) := -\psi^{-1}(m + \cdot), \quad f(t, y) := -g(t, -y),$$

and $B^a := \int_0^\cdot a_s dW_s$

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we have

$$-\mathcal{Y}_0 = \sup_{a \geq 0} \tilde{Y}_0^a = \sup_{a > 0} \tilde{Y}_0^a = Y_0^{2ndOrder}.$$