

# Lévy driven BSDEs: $L_2$ -regularity and fractional smoothness

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# 1. Motivation

$L_2$ -variation  
of the solution  $(Y, Z)$

Malliavin fractional smoothness of  $\xi$

discrete-time approximation of the BSDE

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f\left(s, Y_s, \int_{\mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} \mu(dx)\right) ds - \sigma \int_{(t,T]} Z_{s,0} dW_s - \int_{(t,T] \times \mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} \tilde{N}(dt, dx), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

## 2. BSDEs driven by Lévy noise

Let  $L$  be an  $L_2$  - Lévy process. Lévy-Itô decomposition:

$$L_t = \gamma t + \sigma W_t + \int_{(0,t] \times \mathbb{R}_0} x \tilde{N}(ds, dx)$$

- $N$  Poisson random measure:  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$

$$N([0, t] \times A) = \#\{s \in [0, t] : L_s - L_{s-} \in A\}$$

- $\nu$  Lévy measure  $\nu(A) := \mathbb{E}N([0, 1] \times A)$
- $\tilde{N}$  compensated Poisson random measure

$$\tilde{N}([0, t] \times A) := N([0, t] \times A) - t\nu(A)$$

- random measure  $M$

$$M(ds, dx) = \begin{cases} \sigma dW_s & \text{if } x = 0 \\ x \tilde{N}(ds, dx) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}M([0, t] \times A)^2 = t \left( \sigma^2 \delta_0(A) + \int_A x^2 \nu(dx) \right) =: t\mu(A)$$

## 2. BSDEs driven by Lévy noise

$$\begin{aligned}X_t &= x_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \beta(X_s) dW_s + \int_{(0,t] \times \mathbb{R}} \delta(X_{s-}, x) \tilde{N}(ds, dx), \\Y_t &= g(X_T) + \int_t^T f\left(s, X_s, Y_s, \int_{\mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} \mu(dx)\right) ds - \int_{(t,T] \times \mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} M(ds, dx), \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad 0 \leq t \leq T,\end{aligned}$$

with

$Y$  progressively measurable,

$Z : \Omega \times [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ -measurable,

$$\|Y\|_{S_2} + \|Z\|_{\mathcal{L}_2^\mu} < \infty$$

where

$$\|Y\|_{S_2}^2 := \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \mathbb{E}|Y_t|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|Z\|_{\mathcal{L}_2^\mu}^2 := \mathbb{E} \int_{(0,T] \times \mathbb{R}} |Z_{t,x}|^2 dt \mu(dx).$$

**Existence and uniqueness** of a solution  $(Y, Z)$  by S. Tang and X. Li (1994)

### 3. Discretization

- discretization scheme (Bouchard & Elie, 2005)

Let  $\pi_n = \{T = t_n > t_{n-1} > \dots > t_1 = 0\}$ .

- Euler approximation  $X^{\pi_n}$
- Backward process **intuitive idea:**

$$Y_t = g(X_T) + \int_t^T f\left(s, X_s, Y_s, \int_{\mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} \mu(dx)\right) ds - \int_{(t,T] \times \mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} M(ds, dx)$$

$$Y_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi} \approx Y_{t_k}^{\pi} + f(t_{k-1}, X_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi}, Y_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi}, Z_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi})(t_k - t_{k-1}) - \int_{(t_{k-1}, t_k] \times \mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} M(ds, dx)$$

scheme

$$Y_T^{\pi} := g(X_T^{\pi})$$

$$Z_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi} := \frac{\mathbb{E}[Y_{t_k}^{\pi} M((t_{k-1}, t_k] \times \mathbb{R}) | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}}]}{t_k - t_{k-1}} \approx \frac{\mathbb{E}[\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} Z_{s,x} \mu(dx) ds | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}}]}{t_k - t_{k-1}}$$

$$Y_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi} := \mathbb{E}[Y_{t_k}^{\pi} | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k-1}}] + f(t_{k-1}, X_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi}, Y_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi}, Z_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi})(t_k - t_{k-1}),$$

- $\bar{Y}_s^{\pi} := Y_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi}$  constant on  $[t_{k-1}, t_k)$
- $\bar{Z}_s^{\pi} := Z_{t_{k-1}}^{\pi}$  constant on  $(t_{k-1}, t_k]$

### 3. Discretization

- **$L_2$ -regularity** Let  $\bar{Z}_t := \int_{\mathbb{R}} Z_{t,x} \mu(dx)$ . Define

$$\text{var}_2(Z; \pi_n)^2 := \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \|\bar{Z}_t - \bar{Z}_{t_{k-1}}\|_{L_2}^2 dt$$

- **discretization error**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Err}_2(Y, Z; \pi_n) &:= \left\{ \|Y - \bar{Y}^{\pi_n}\|_{\mathcal{S}_2}^2 + \int_0^T \|\bar{Z}_t - \bar{Z}_t^{\pi_n}\|_{L_2}^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \|g(X_T) - g(X_T^{\pi_n})\|_{L_2} + \text{var}_2(Z; \pi_n) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- **$L_2$ -regularity estimate**

If for  $\theta \in (0, 1)$

$$\|\bar{Z}_t - \bar{Z}_s\|_{L_2}^2 \leq c \int_s^t (T - r)^{\theta-2} dr$$

$\exists$  time nets  $\pi_n^\theta$  such that

$$\limsup_n n^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{var}_2(Z; \pi_n^\theta) < \infty.$$

### 3. Discretization

The estimate  $\text{var}_2(Z; \pi_n^\theta) \leq cn^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  holds in the **Brownian motion case** for:

- $g$  is Lipschitz,  $\pi_n$  equidistant  
*J. Zhang; B. Bouchard and N. Touzi (2004)*
- generator  $f = 0$ , fractional smoothness of  $g$  :

$$\exists \theta \in (0, 1] : \|g(X_T) - \mathbb{E}[g(X_T)|\mathcal{F}_t]\|_{L_2}^2 \leq c(T - t)^\theta$$

for  $\pi_n^\theta = 1 - (1 - \frac{k}{N})^{\frac{1}{\theta}}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, N$ .

*C. G. and S. Geiss (2004)*

- $f$  Lipschitz, fractional smoothness of  $g$ ,  $\pi_n^\theta$   
*E. Gobet and A. Makhlouf (2010)*
- $g(X_{r_1}, \dots, X_{r_K})$   $0 < r_1 < \dots < r_K = T$ , fractional smoothness of  $g$ ,  $\pi_n^\theta$ ,  $L_p$ , ( $p \geq 2$ )  
*C.G., S. Geiss and E. Gobet (2012)*

### 3. Discretization

$\text{var}_2(Z; \pi_n^\theta) \leq cn^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  in the Lévy case:

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$0 \leq t \leq T,$

- B. Bouchard and R. Elie (2008)  
for
  - ▶  $b, \beta, \delta, f$  'nice' (Lipschitz, ...)
  - ▶  $L$  is compound Poisson + Brownian motion
  - ▶  $g$  is Lipschitz
- Now
  - ▶  $L$  Lévy process, square integrable
  - ▶  $X = L$
  - ▶  $g(L_{r_0}, \dots, L_{r_K})$  for some  $0 = r_0 < r_1 < \dots < r_K = T$   
with a fractional smoothness condition



## 4. $L_2$ -variation: results

### Theorem (C. G. and A. Steinicke)

Assume that  $\xi \in \mathbb{H}$ . Let  $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$  and  $0 < \theta_k \leq 1$ .

- (i)  $\exists c_1 > 0$ :  $\|Y_{r_k} - \mathbb{E}_s Y_{r_k}\|^2 \leq c_1 (r_k - s)^{\theta_k}$   $r_{k-1} < s < r_k$ .
- (ii)  $\exists c_2 > 0$ :  $\|Y_t - Y_s\|^2 \leq c_2 \int_s^t (r_k - r)^{\theta_k - 1} dr$ ,  $r_{k-1} < s < t < r_k$ .
- (iii)  $\exists c_3 > 0$ :  $\|Z_{s,\cdot}\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P} \otimes \mu)}^2 \leq c_3 (r_k - s)^{\theta_k - 1}$ ,  $\lambda - a.e.$   $r_{k-1} < s < r_k$ .
- (iv)  $\exists c_4 > 0$ : for  $\lambda - a.e.$   $r_{k-1} < s < t < r_k$  it holds

$$\|\bar{Z}_t - \bar{Z}_s\|^2 \leq c_4 \int_s^t (r_k - r)^{\theta_k - 2} dr.$$

Then (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv).

## 5. Terminal condition: assumptions via chaos expansions

### Itô's chaos expansion

- for any  $F \in L_2 := L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T^L, \mathbb{P})$  exists the chaos expansion

$$F = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n(f_n), \text{ a.s.}$$

- $I_n(f_n)$  multiple integrals w.r.t.  $M$
- for example:

$$I_0(f_0) = \mathbb{E}F,$$

$$I_1(f_1) = \int_{[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}} f_1(s, x) M(ds, dx)$$

$$I_2(f_2) = 2 \int_{[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}} \left( \int_{[0, s] \times \mathbb{R}} f_2((u, y), (s, x)) M(du, dy) \right) M(ds, dx)$$

$$\text{if } f_2((u, y), (s, x)) = f_2((s, x), (u, y))$$

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$$0 \leq t \leq T,$$

- example  $\xi = g(L_T)$  : chaos expansion

$$g(L_T) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n(f_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_n((t_1, x_1), \dots, (t_n, x_n)) &= g_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mathbb{I}_{(0,T]^{\otimes n}}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \\ &= g_n(\mathbf{x}) \mathbb{I}_{(0,T]^n}(\mathbf{t}) \end{aligned}$$

## 5. Terminal condition: assumptions via chaos expansions

- path-dependence:  $\xi = g(L_{r_K} - L_{r_{K-1}}, \dots, L_{r_1} - L_{r_0}) \in L_2$

Let

- ▶  $0 = r_0 < \dots < r_K = T$
- ▶  $\Lambda_k := (r_{k-1}, r_k]$  for  $k = 1, \dots, K$
- ▶  $A_n := \{1, \dots, K\}^n$
- ▶  $\Lambda_\alpha := \Lambda_{\alpha_1} \times \dots \times \Lambda_{\alpha_n}$  for  $\alpha \in A_n$  then

$$f_n((t_1, x_1), \dots, (t_n, x_n)) = \sum_{\alpha \in A_n} g_{n,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbb{I}_{\Lambda_\alpha}(\mathbf{t}).$$

- general definition

$$\mathbb{H} := \left\{ \xi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n(f_n) \in L_2 : f_n \text{ is symmetric and} \right. \\ \left. f_n((t_1, x_1), \dots, (t_n, x_n)) = \sum_{\alpha \in A_n} g_{n,\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbb{I}_{\Lambda_\alpha}(\mathbf{t}) \right\}.$$

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- (iv)  $\exists c_4 > 0$ : for  $\lambda$ -a.e.  $r_{k-1} < s < t < r_k$  and for all  $h \in L_2(\mu)$  it holds

$$\left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (Z_{t,x} - Z_{s,x}) h(x) \mu(dx) \right\|^2 \leq \|h\|_{L_2(\mu)}^2 c_4 \int_s^t (r_k - r)^{\theta_k - 2} dr.$$

Then (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv).

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$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f\left(s, L_s, Y_s, \int_{\mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} \mu(dx)\right) ds - \int_{(t,T] \times \mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} M(ds, dx),$$

$0 \leq t \leq T,$

- $\exists$  stability results  $\implies$  choose  $\xi$  and  $f$  smooth enough
- $Y_t = \mathbb{E}_t \left[ \xi + \int_t^T f\left(s, L_s, Y_s, \int_{\mathbb{R}} Z_{s,x} \mu(dx)\right) ds \right]$

$$Z_{t,x} = \lim_{u \downarrow t} D_{t,x} Y_u$$

- $\xi \in \mathbb{H} \cap \mathbb{D}_{1,2}$  : for  $r_{k-1} < s < r_k$

$$\|\mathbb{E}_s D_{s,\cdot} \xi\|_{L_2(\mathbb{P} \otimes \mu)}^2 \leq \frac{\|\mathbb{E}_{r_k} \xi - \mathbb{E}_s \xi\|^2}{(r_k - s)} \leq \frac{c_1 (r_k - s)^{\theta_k}}{(r_k - s)}.$$

- $Y$  and  $Z$  inherit the  $\mathbb{H}$ -structure from  $\xi$  :

$$\eta \in \mathbb{H}, g(\eta) \in L_2 \implies g(\eta) \in \mathbb{H}$$

## 8. Fractional smoothness of $\xi \implies L_2$ -variation of $(Y, Z)$

- fractional smoothness of  $\xi$  - the 'decoupling condition':

$\tilde{L}$  independent copy of  $L$ . For  $0 \leq t \leq r \leq T$  let

$$L_s^{t,r} := \int_{(0,s]} \mathbb{I}_{(0,T] \setminus (t,r]}(u) dL_u + \int_{(0,s]} \mathbb{I}_{(t,r]}(u) d\tilde{L}_u$$

$$\implies M^{t,r}(B) = M(B \setminus ((t,r] \times \mathbb{R})) + \tilde{M}(B \cap ((t,r] \times \mathbb{R})).$$

$$\implies I_n^{t,r}(f_n) \implies \xi^{t,r} := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n^{t,r}(f_n)$$

### Theorem (C. G. and A. Steinicke)

Assume  $\xi \in \mathbb{H}$  and  $\exists \Theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K) \in (0, 1]^K$  and  $c > 0$  such that

$$\|\xi - \xi^{t,r_k}\|_{L_2}^2 \leq c(r_k - t)^{\theta_k}, \quad t \in (r_{k-1}, r_k], \quad k = 1, \dots, K \quad (A_\Theta)$$

Then for all  $k = 1, \dots, K$

$$\exists c_1 > 0: \quad \|Y_{r_k} - \mathbb{E}_s Y_{r_k}\|^2 \leq c_1(r_k - s)^{\theta_k} \quad r_{k-1} < s < r_k.$$

## 8. Fractional smoothness of $\xi \implies L_2$ -variation of $(Y, Z)$

Interpretation of  $(A_\Theta)$

- For  $\xi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n(f_n) \in \mathbb{H}$  the case  $\Theta = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$  corresponds to Malliavin differentiability:

$$\begin{aligned} \exists c > 0 : \quad & \|\xi - \xi^{t, r_k}\|^2 \leq c(r_k - t) \text{ for all } t \in (r_{k-1}, r_k], \quad k = 1, \dots, K \\ & \iff \xi \in \mathbb{D}_{1,2} \\ & \iff \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \|I_n(f_n)\|^2 < \infty \end{aligned}$$

- If  $K = 1$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \exists c > 0 : \quad & \|\xi - \xi^{t, T}\|^2 \leq c(T - t)^\theta \text{ for all } t \in (0, T] \\ & \iff \xi \in (L_2, \mathbb{D}_{1,2})_{\theta, \infty} \\ & \implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^\eta \|I_n(f_n)\|^2 < \infty \quad \forall 0 < \eta < \theta. \end{aligned}$$



## 9. The example $\mathbb{I}_{(\kappa, \infty)}(L_1)$

For  $\delta > 0$  we let

$$\psi(\delta) := \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{P}(|X_1 - \lambda| \leq \delta).$$

$\sigma$	$\psi$	additional assumption on $\nu$	smoothness of $\mathbb{I}_{(\kappa, \infty)}(L_1)$
$\sigma = 0$	arbitrary	$\int_{ x  \leq 1} \nu(dx) < \infty$	$\mathbb{D}_{1,2}$
$\sigma = 0$	$\psi(\delta) \leq c\delta$	$\int_{ x  \leq 1}  x  \nu(dx) < \infty$	$\mathbb{D}_{1,2}$
arbitrary	$\psi(\delta) \leq c\delta$		$(L_2, \mathbb{D}_{1,2})_{\frac{1}{2}, \infty}$

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