

# Bismut-Elworthy type formulae for BSDEs with degenerate noise

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$$P_{s,t}f(x) = \mathbb{E}[f(X_t^{s,x})], \forall f \in B_b(H), x \in H$$

- ▶  $G$  is invertible and  $|G^{-1}(t, x)|_{L(H,H)} \leq C$

## Bismut-Elworthy formula for SDEs

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$$\begin{aligned} & \bullet |\langle (\nabla_x P_{s,t}f)(x), h \rangle_H| \\ & \leq \|f\|_\infty \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\frac{1}{t-s} \int_s^t \langle G(r, X_r^{s,x})^{-1} \nabla_x X_r^{s,x} h, dW_s \rangle\right|\right] \leq \frac{C}{t-s} \|f\|_\infty |h|_H \end{aligned}$$

see e.g. Da Prato-Zabczyk Book 3, ....Cerrai ...

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the solution exist under Lipschitz assumptions on  $\psi$  in  $(Y, Z)$
- ▶ if  $\psi \equiv 0$ ,  $Y_t^{s,x} = \mathbb{E}[\phi(X_T^{s,x})]$

# Connections with Kolmogorov equations

Linear Kolmogorov equation

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- ▶  $u(t, x) = \mathbb{E}[\phi(X_T^{t,x})] = P_{t,T}[\phi](x)$

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- ▶ Formula yields a-priori estimates on  $\nabla_x Y_t^{s,x}$
- ▶ Enables definition of solution  $u(t, x) := Y_t^{t,x}$  for nonlinear Kolmogorov equations
- ▶ Regularity of  $u$  despite possibly non-differentiable data

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and  $\forall \tilde{u} \in L^2(\Omega \times [0, T]; U)$

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$$\int_s^t e^{(t-\tau)A} G(\tau) \tilde{u}_t(\tau) d\tau = e^{(t-s)A} h, \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

then

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$(\tilde{u}_t)_{t \in (s,T]}$  also depends on  $s, x$  and  $h$ :  $\tilde{u}_t = \tilde{u}_{h,s,x,t}$ .

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$$|\psi(t, x, 0, 0)| \leq K_\psi(1 + |x|^m), \quad |\phi(x)| \leq K_\phi(1 + |x|^m),$$

then  $\exists!$  solution  $Y, Z$  s.t.

$$\|Y\|_{\mathcal{S}^p} + \|Z\|_{\mathcal{M}^p} := \mathbb{E}[\sup_{s \in [0, T]} |Y_s|^p] + \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^T |Z_s|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \leq C(1 + |x|^m)$$

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Bismut formula

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## Idea of the proof

- ▶  $\phi, \psi$  and  $\bar{B}$  differentiable with respect to  $x, y$  and  $z$ .
- ▶  $\bar{B} = 0$ . BSDE in integral form: for  $t \in [s, T]$

$$Y_t^{s,x} = \int_t^T \psi(r, X_r^{s,x}, Y_r^{s,x}, Z_r^{s,x}) dr + \int_t^T Z_r dW_r + \phi(X_T^{s,x})$$

- ▶  $\forall t \in [s, T], \xi \in H, (t, \xi) \mapsto Y_t^{t,\xi}$  is deterministic: set

$$v(t, \xi) := Y_t^{t,\xi}, \quad Z_t^{t,\xi} := \bar{v}(t, \xi)$$

- ▶ Use the Markov property and

$$\langle \nabla_x X_r^{s,x}, h \rangle = \int_s^r D_\sigma X_r^{s,x} \tilde{u}_{h,s,x,r}(\sigma) d\sigma, \quad r \in (s, T]$$

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$$|\langle \nabla_x Y_s^{s,x}, h \rangle| \leq \frac{C(1+|x|^m)|h|_H}{(T-s)^\alpha}, \quad s \in [0, T), \quad a \in U.$$

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  - ▶ under  $\widetilde{P}$  the FBSDE can be written as
- $$\begin{cases} dX_t = AX_t dt + G(t)d\widetilde{W}_t, \\ X_\tau = x, \\ -dY_t = \psi(t, X_t, Y_t, Z_t) dt + Z_t \bar{B}(t, X_t) dt - Z_t d\widetilde{W}_t, \\ Y_T = \phi(X_T). \end{cases}$$

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# Abstract Stochastic Wave Equation

crucial point: find  $(\tilde{u}_{h,s,x,t})_{t \in (s, T]} \subseteq L^2([0, T]; U)$  s.t.  $\forall t \in (s, T]$

$$\int_s^t e^{(t-\tau)A} G(\tau) \tilde{u}_t(\tau) d\tau = e^{(t-s)A} h, \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} y(\tau, \xi) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} y(\tau, \xi) + \dot{W}(\tau, \xi), \\ y(\tau, 0) = y(\tau, 1) = 0, \\ y(0, \xi) = x_0(\xi), \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \tau}(0, \xi) = x_1(\xi), \quad \tau \in (0, T], \quad \xi \in [0, 1], \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}(t) = \Lambda y(t) + \sigma \dot{W}(t), \\ y(0) = x_0, \\ \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = x_1, \quad t \in (0, T], \end{cases}$$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -\Lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $\mathcal{H} = H_0^1([0, 1]) \times L^2([0, 1]) = \mathcal{D}(\Lambda^{1/2}) \times U$   
 $\Lambda$  positive self-adjoint operator on  $U$

$$dX_t^{0,x} = AX_t^{0,x} dt + G dW_t, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad X_0^{0,x} = x \in H := U \times V',$$

$H$  vs  $\mathcal{H} = V \times U$ : the operators  $Q_\tau = \int_0^\tau e^{sA} GG^* e^{sA^*} ds, \quad \tau \geq 0$ ,  
 are of trace class from  $H$  into  $H$  but not from  $\mathcal{H}$  into  $\mathcal{H}$

$$Gu := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{G}u \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{G} \text{ invertible}$$

## Directional differentiability

- ▶  $F : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable along  $\mathcal{H} = V \times U \subseteq H$  if

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x + sk) - F(x)}{s} := \nabla_k F(x) = \langle \nabla^{\mathcal{H}} F(x), k \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad k \in \mathcal{H}$$

- ▶ Differentiability along the direction  $Jb = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{H} \subseteq H$ ,  
 $b \in U, J : U \rightarrow H$

$$\nabla_b^J F(x) = \nabla_{Jb} F(x), \quad b \in U, x \in H,$$

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# Proof of differentiability for the wave transition semigroup

$$\int_s^t e^{(t-r)A} G \tilde{u}(r) dr = e^{(t-s)A} h, \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.},$$

consider  $h = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \in V \times U$  and set

$$\tilde{u}(s) = \tilde{G}^{-1} \psi_1(s) + \tilde{G}^{-1} \psi_2'(s) \in U$$

where

$$\psi_1(s) = \Phi_t(s) [-\Lambda^{1/2} \sin(\Lambda^{1/2}s) a + \cos(\Lambda^{1/2}s) b],$$

$$\psi_2(s) = \Phi_t(s) [\cos(\Lambda^{1/2}s) a + \frac{1}{\Lambda^{1/2}} \sin(\Lambda^{1/2}s) b],$$

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$$\Phi_t(s) = \frac{s^2(t-s)^2}{\int_0^t r^2(t-r)^2 dr} \quad s \in [0, t].$$

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 &= \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_2(s) \\ \psi_1(s) \end{pmatrix} ds = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A} e^{sA} h \Phi(s) ds \\
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$$\|\tilde{u}\|_{L^2((0,t);U)}^2 \leq \tilde{M} \frac{|b|_U}{t},$$

for some  $\tilde{M} > 0$

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future work

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