

# On the Malliavin differentiability of BSDEs

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▷ A **solution** is a pair  $(Y, Z)$  of **adapted** processes *regular enough*.

## Theorem (Pardoux and Peng, 1990)

If  $f$  is Lipschitz in its space variables, then there exists a unique solution  $(Y, Z)$  to BSDE (1) such that

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- ▷  $\mathbb{E}[\xi^4] < \infty$ ,
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Idea of the proof: Picard iteration. Consider the following approximated BSDE

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We know

$$(Y^n, Z^n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{H}^2} (Y, Z) \text{ the unique solution of BSDE (1).}$$

Besides  $Y_t^n \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}$  then  $\int_0^t Z_s^n dW_s \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2} \xRightarrow{\text{Pardoux, Peng}} Z_t^n \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}$ .



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Theorem (Sugita, 1985)

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RAC: Ray Absolutely Continuous: property which holds true **for all**  $\omega$ .

**Problem:** It is not convenient for BSDEs.

Theorem (M., Possamaï, Réveillac, 2014)

$F \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2} \iff \exists \nabla F \in L^2(H)$  and  $\exists q \in (1, 2)$  such that for all  $h \in H$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \frac{F(\cdot + \varepsilon h) - F(\cdot)}{\varepsilon} - \langle \nabla F, h \rangle_H \right|^q \right] = 0.$$

$\hookrightarrow$  May fail for  $q=2$  (work in progress).

We apply the previous result to  $F = Y_t$

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