



# Properties of solution of fractional backward stochastic differential equation



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## ABSTRACT

The backward stochastic differential equations (BSDEs) driven by fractional Brownian motion are studied. As an important tool, the quasi-conditional expectation is used. The general forms of Jensen's inequality of quasi-conditional expectation are proved. For the linear BSDEs, their solutions are represented by using the quasi-conditional expectation. Moreover, the comparison theorem and comonotonic theorem of the solutions of linear BSDEs are derived.

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## 1. Introduction

Fractional Brownian motion with Hurst parameter  $H \in (0, 1)$  is a Gaussian process  $B_H(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , whose mean  $E(B_H(t)) = 0$  and covariance  $E(B_H(t)B_H(s)) = \frac{1}{2}\{|t|^{2H} + |s|^{2H} - |t-s|^{2H}\}$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbf{R}$ . For simplicity we assume  $B_H(0) = 0$ .

In this paper, we assume  $H > \frac{1}{2}$ . We shall consider the BSDEs driven by fractional Brownian motion which are called fractional BSDEs. Recently, stochastic calculus for fractional Brownian motion has been developed by many researchers, for detail, see [1,2]. Because linear BSDEs have played an important role in the study of stochastic control and pricing of contingent claims, we shall consider the properties of solution of the following linear BSDEs.

$$\begin{cases} dy_t = -[\alpha_t + \beta_t y_t + \gamma_t z_t]dt - z_t dB_H(t), \\ y_T = \Phi(\eta_T). \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\alpha_t$ ,  $\beta_t$ ,  $\gamma_t$  are given deterministic and continuous functions,  $\eta_t = \eta_0 + b_t + \int_0^t \sigma_s dB_H(s)$  with  $\eta_0$  being a constant and  $b_t$ ,  $\sigma_t$  being deterministic functions.

We use the quasi-conditional expectation to study the linear BSDEs. Being applied to finance, the quasi-conditional expectation is connected with the hedging strategy. Due to its importance, we give a more detailed study of this quasi-conditional expectation. We prove the general forms of Jensen's inequality for this quasi-conditional expectation. Using the quasi-conditional expectation, we give the representation of the solution  $(y_t, z_t)$  of linear BSDEs. Applying the representation of the solution, we prove the comparison theorem and comonotonic theorem of the linear BSDEs. If you will know the comparison theorem of BSDE driven by Brownian motion, you can see Ref. [3].

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we will give some notations and some basic results on fractional Brownian motion. In Section 3, the general form of Jensen's inequality for this quasi-conditional expectation will be established. In Section 4, the comparison theorem and comonotonic theorem of solution of linear BSDEs will be proved. Section 5 will summarize the conclusions of this paper.

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### 2. Preliminaries and lemmas

Fix a Hurst parameter  $H$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$ , Define

$$\phi(s, t) = H(2H - 1)|s - t|^{2H-2}, \quad s, t \in [0, T]. \tag{2.1}$$

Let  $f : [0, T] \rightarrow [0, T]$  be measurable. We say that  $f \in L^2_\phi[0, T]$  if

$$\|f\|_T^2 := \int_0^T \int_0^T f(s)f(t)\phi(s, t)dsdt < \infty. \tag{2.2}$$

For any  $f, g \in L^2_\phi[0, T]$ , the inner product of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by

$$\langle f, g \rangle_T := \int_0^T \int_0^T f(s)g(t)\phi(s, t)dsdt. \tag{2.3}$$

If we equip  $L^2_\phi[0, T]$  with above inner product, then  $L^2_\phi[0, T]$  is a separable Hilbert space. Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k, \dots$  be continuous functions on  $[0, T]$  such that  $\langle \xi_i, \xi_j \rangle_\phi = \delta_{ij}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_T$  be the set of all elements of the form

$$F(\omega) = f\left(\int_0^T \xi_1(t)dB_H(t), \dots, \int_0^T \xi_n(t)dB_H(t)\right),$$

where  $f$  is a polynomial of  $n$  variables.

The Malliavin derivative  $D_s^H$  of  $F(\omega)$  is defined by

$$D_s^H F(\omega) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial X_j} \left( \int_0^T \xi_1(t)dB_H(t), \dots, \int_0^T \xi_n(t)dB_H(t) \right) \xi_j(s), \quad 0 \leq s \leq T. \tag{2.4}$$

Introduce also another derivative

$$\mathcal{D}_s^H F(\omega) = \int_0^T \phi(s, v)D_v^H F dv, \quad 0 \leq s \leq T. \tag{2.5}$$

The following theorems play an important role in this paper (see [4]).

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$  and let  $f \in L^2[0, T]$  be a deterministic function. Suppose that  $\|f\|_t$  is continuously differentiable as a function of  $t \in [0, T]$ . Denote

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t g_s ds + \int_0^t f_s dB_H(s), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

where  $X_0$  is a constant, and  $g$  is deterministic with  $\int_0^T |g_s| ds < \infty$ . Let  $F$  be continuously differentiable with respect to  $t$  and twice continuously differentiable with respect to  $x$ . Then

$$F(t, X_t) = F(0, X_0) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial F}{\partial S}(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t \frac{\partial F}{\partial X}(s, X_s) dX_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial X^2}(s, X_s) \left[ \frac{d}{ds} \|f\|_s^2 \right] ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f_i(s)$ ,  $g_i(s)$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq T$  be real valued stochastic processes such that

$$E \left[ \int_0^T |f_i(s)|^2 ds + \int_0^T |g_i(s)|^2 ds \right] < \infty, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Assume also that  $\mathcal{D}_t^H f_2(s)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_t^H g_2(s)$  are continuously differentiable with respect to  $s$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Suppose that  $E[\int_0^T \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_t^H f_2(s)|^2 ds dt] < \infty$ , and  $E[\int_0^T \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_t^H g_2(s)|^2 ds dt] < \infty$ . Denote

$$F(t) = \int_0^t f_1(s) ds + \int_0^t f_2(s) dB_H(s), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

$$G(t) = \int_0^t g_1(s) ds + \int_0^t g_2(s) dB_H(s), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Then

$$F(t)G(t) = \int_0^t F(s)g_1(s)ds + \int_0^t F(s)g_2(s)dB_H(s) + \int_0^t G(s)f_1(s)ds + \int_0^t G(s)f_2(s)dB_H(s) + \int_0^t \mathcal{D}_s^H F(s)g_2(s)ds + \int_0^t \mathcal{D}_s^H G(s)f_2(s)ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

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