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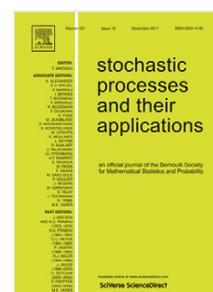
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Backward Stochastic Differential Equations Driven by G -Brownian Motion

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Abstract

In this paper, we study the backward stochastic differential equations driven by a G -Brownian motion $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ in the following form:

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds + \int_t^T g(s, Y_s, Z_s) d\langle B \rangle_s - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T - K_t),$$

where K is a decreasing G -martingale. Under Lipschitz conditions of f and g in Y and Z , the existence and uniqueness of the solution (Y, Z, K) of the above BSDE in the G -framework is proved.

Key words: G -expectation, G -Brownian motion, G -martingale, Backward SDEs

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1 Introduction

Consider a Wiener probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) where Ω is the space of continuous paths and P is the Wiener measure. It is well known that the canonical process,

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namely $B_t(\omega) = \omega_t$ for $\omega \in \Omega$, is a standard Brownian motion under P . A typical kind of classical Backward Stochastic Differential Equation (BSDE for short) is defined, on this space, as

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T g(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s, \quad (1.1)$$

where g is a given function, called the generator of (1.1) and ξ is a given \mathcal{F}_T -measurable random variable called the terminal condition. The solution of (1.1) consists of a pair of adapted processes (Y, Z) . Linear BSDEs were initiated by Bismut [2, 1973]. In 1990, Pardoux and Peng [15, 1990] introduced the general nonlinear BSDEs with Lipschitz continuous generators.

Note that the above classical BSDEs are based on a probability space framework. Recently, there are at least two motivations to drive BSDEs and the corresponding time-consistent nonlinear expectations to develop ahead beyond the probability space framework. The first one is that the classical BSDE can only provide a probabilistic interpretation of a PDE for quasilinear but not for fully nonlinear cases. The second one is that the stochastic control techniques in [1] are difficult to price path-dependent contingent claims in the uncertain volatility model (UVM for short). In the UVM case, one is faced with a family of probability measures which are, in general, mutually singular and nondominated. Thus, we need a new coherent framework on which one can accommodate problems involving a family of nondominated measures (see [4]).

In order to overcome the above shortcomings of classical BSDEs, Peng systematically established a time-consistent fully nonlinear expectation theory. The notion of time-consistent fully nonlinear expectations was first introduced in [20, Peng2004] and [21, Peng2005].

As a typical case, Peng (2006) introduced G -expectation (see [27] and the references therein). Under G -expectation framework (G -framework for short), a new type of Brownian motion called G -Brownian motion was constructed and the corresponding stochastic calculus of Itô's type was established. The existence and uniqueness of solution of a SDE driven by G -Brownian motion can be proved in a way parallel to that in the classical SDE theory. But the BSDE driven by G -Brownian motion $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ becomes a challenging and fascinating problem.

Just as in the classical case, G -martingale representation theorem is the key to solve a BSDE in this G -framework. For a dense family of G -martingales, Peng [23] obtained the following result: a G -martingale M has the form

$$M_t = M_0 + \bar{M}_t + K_t, \\ \bar{M}_t := \int_0^t z_s B_s, \quad K_t := \int_0^t \eta_s \langle B \rangle_s - \int_0^t 2G(\eta_s) ds.$$

Here M is decomposed into two incompatible G -martingales. The first one \bar{M} is called symmetric G -martingale. That is, $-\bar{M}$ is also a G -martingale. The second one K is quite unusual since it is a decreasing process. A main concern in the G -framework is how to understand this decreasing G -martingales K , which aroused an interesting open problem (see [23] and [27]).

For a general G -martingale, the first step is to decompose it into a sum of a symmetric G -martingale \bar{M} and a decreasing G -martingale K . This difficult problem was solved after a series of successive efforts of Soner, Touzi & Zhang [33, 2011] and Song [35, 2011], [36, 2012]. The second step is to study that under what condition the decreasing G -martingale K can be uniquely represented as $K_t := \int_0^t \eta_s \langle B \rangle_s - \int_0^t 2G(\eta_s) ds$. Thanks to an original new norm for decreasing G -martingales introduced in Song [36, 2012], a complete representation theorem of G -martingales has been obtained in a complete subspace of $L_G^\alpha(\Omega_T)$ by Peng, Song and Zhang [30, 2012].

Due to the above G -martingale representation theorem, a natural formulation of a BSDE driven by G -Brownian motion consists of a triple of processes (Y, Z, K) , satisfying

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds + \int_t^T g(s, Y_s, Z_s) d\langle B \rangle_s - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T - K_t). \quad (1.2)$$

Our main result of this paper is the existence and uniqueness of a solution (Y, Z, K) for (1.2) (see Theorems 4.1 and 4.2) in the G -framework. Two new approaches have been introduced to prove the existence and uniqueness theorems. The first one is to apply the partition of unity theorem to construct a new type of Galerkin approximation instead of the well-known Picard approximation. The second one involves Lemma 3.4 for decreasing G -martingales, which helps us to obtain the uniqueness, as well as the existence part of the proof. Estimate (2.1) originally obtained in [35] also plays an important role in the proof.

Now we compare the results of this paper with the known ones about fully nonlinear BSDEs.

Peng [21, Peng2005] introduced a new type of time consistent fully nonlinear expectations \mathcal{E}_t^i , $i = 1, \dots, n$, through which the existence and uniqueness of a fully nonlinear multi-dimensional BSDE of the following type

$$Y_t^i = \mathcal{E}_t^i[\xi + \int_t^T f_i(s, Y_s) ds], \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (1.3)$$

was obtained, where \mathcal{E}_t^i were not assumed to be sublinear or convex. But this BSDE was not expressed as a classical differential form of BSDE (1.1).

Soner, Touzi and Zhang [34, 2012] have obtained a deep result of existence and uniqueness theorem for a new type of fully nonlinear BSDE, called 2BSDE: to find $(Y, Z, K^\mathbb{P})_{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_H^\kappa}$ satisfying, for each probability $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_H^\kappa$, the following BSDE:

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T \hat{F}_s(Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T^\mathbb{P} - K_t^\mathbb{P}), \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}, \quad (1.4)$$

such that the following minimum condition is satisfied

$$K_t^\mathbb{P} = \text{ess sup}_{\mathbb{P}' \in \mathcal{P}_H^\kappa(t+, \mathbb{P})} \mathbb{E}_t^{\mathbb{P}'}[K_T^\mathbb{P}], \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}, \quad \forall \mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}_H^\kappa, \quad t \in [0, T]. \quad (1.5)$$

The generator \hat{F} in (1.4) is formulated in the following way:

$$\hat{F}(t, \omega, y, z) = F(t, \omega, y, z, \theta_t(\omega))$$

and

$$F(t, \omega, y, z, a) := \sup_{\gamma} \left[\frac{1}{2} a \gamma - H(t, \omega, y, z, \gamma) \right]$$

for some function $H(t, \omega, y, z, a)$ (see Section 2 for the definition of θ_t). In [34], to obtain the existence of the solution, the function $F(t, \omega, y, z, a)$ was assumed to be uniformly continuous in ω under the uniform convergence norm. The G -BSDE (1.2) corresponds to the 2BSDE (1.4) with the generator function

$$F(t, \omega, y, z, a) = f(t, \omega, y, z) + g(t, \omega, y, z)a.$$

The main contribution of this paper is about the regularity of the solutions. In this paper, we introduce a quite different method to show that the triple (Y, Z, K) is universally defined in the spaces of the G -framework, in which the processes have strong regularity property (see Section 2 for more details). Up to now, all the representation results for G -martingales are in the G -framework (see Peng [23], Soner, Touzi & Zhang [33, 2011] and Song [35, 2011]). Also, the terminal random variables of 2BSDE considered in [34] are confined in the G -framework. One advantage of the strong regularity is the time consistency of the solution. Precisely, for each $t \in [0, T)$, the solution Y_t of (1.2), is proved to be in the space $Y_t \in L_G^p(\Omega_t)$ if the given terminal condition Y_T is assumed in the space $L_G^p(\Omega_T)$. Consequently, like the classical BSDEs, the solution of G -BSDE can be considered as a time consistent non-linear expectation. Another advantage of the strong regularity is that the process K_t is “aggregated” (not depending on \mathbb{P}) into a universal process in the G -framework.

In this paper, we consider the L^p solutions, for $p > 1$, of the BSDEs instead of just the L^2 solutions. Besides, by the method introduced in this paper, the assumption of uniform continuity on $f(t, \omega, y, z), g(t, \omega, y, z)$ in ω is unnecessarily restrictive.

Recently, many authors investigate the relations between BSDEs and path-dependent PDEs, the notion of which was proposed in Peng’s ICM2010 lecture. [11] shows that the G -BSDE in the Markovian case corresponds to a fully non-linear PDE. In Peng and Wang [32], it is proved that, under reasonable and concrete regularity assumptions on ξ and g , the classical BSDE is a type of quasilinear path-dependent PDE, in the sense of Dupire derivatives. The notion of viscosity solution of Dupire’s type was proposed in [29]. A new notion of viscosity solution, quite different from the original one, was given by [6, 7] through which a new result of existence and uniqueness theorem was obtained. More recently, Peng and Song (2013) introduced a new notion of G -expectation-weighted Sobolev spaces, or in short, G -Sobolev spaces. For the linear case of G corresponding to the classical Wiener probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , the authors have established a 1-1 correspondence between BSDEs and a type of quasilinear path-dependent PDEs in the corresponding P -Sobolev space. When G is nonlinear, it was proved that the backward SDEs driven by G -Brownian motion corresponds to fully nonlinear path-dependent PDEs in the corresponding G -Sobolev spaces.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we present some preliminaries for stochastic calculus under G -framework. Some estimates for the solution of G -BSDE are established in section 3. In section 4 the existence and uniqueness theorem is provided. In section 5, we present an alternative a priori estimate for the solutions of G -BSDEs, which may be useful in the follow-up work of G -BSDEs theory.

2 Preliminaries

We review some basic notions and results of G -expectation and the related spaces of random variables. The readers may refer to [22], [23], [24], [25], [27] for more details.

Let $\Omega_T = C_0([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$, the space of \mathbb{R}^d -valued continuous functions on $[0, T]$ with $\omega_0 = 0$, be endowed with the supremum norm and let $B_t(\omega) = \omega_t$ be the canonical process. Set

$$\mathcal{H}_T^0 := \{\varphi(B_{t_1}, \dots, B_{t_n}) : n \geq 1, t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, T], \varphi \in C_{l.Lip}(\mathbb{R}^{d \times n})\}.$$

Let $(\Omega_T, \mathcal{H}_T^0, \hat{\mathbb{E}})$ be the G -expectation space. The function $G : \mathbb{S}_d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$G(A) := \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\langle AB_1, B_1 \rangle].$$

where \mathbb{S}_d denotes the collection of $d \times d$ symmetric matrices. In this paper, we only consider non-degenerate G -normal distribution, i.e., there exists some $\underline{\sigma}^2 > 0$ such that $G(A) - G(B) \geq \underline{\sigma}^2 \text{tr}[A - B]$ for any $A \geq B$.

Define $\|\xi\|_{p,G} = (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^p])^{1/p}$ for $\xi \in \mathcal{H}_T^0$ and $p \geq 1$. Then for all $t \in [0, T]$, $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\cdot]$ is a continuous mapping on \mathcal{H}_T^0 w.r.t. the norm $\|\cdot\|_{1,G}$. Therefore it can be extended continuously to the completion $L_G^1(\Omega_T)$ of \mathcal{H}_T^0 under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{1,G}$.

Let $L_{ip}(\Omega_T) := \{\varphi(B_{t_1}, \dots, B_{t_n}) : n \geq 1, t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, T], \varphi \in C_{b.Lip}(\mathbb{R}^{d \times n})\}$, where $C_{b.Lip}(\mathbb{R}^{d \times n})$ denotes the set of bounded Lipschitz functions on $\mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$. Denis et al. [5] proved that the completions of $C_b(\Omega_T)$ (the set of bounded continuous function on Ω_T), \mathcal{H}_T^0 and $L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{p,G}$ are the same and we denote them by $L_G^p(\Omega_T)$.

Definition 2.1 Let $M_G^0(0, T)$ be the collection of processes in the following form: for a given partition $\{t_0, \dots, t_N\} = \pi_T$ of $[0, T]$,

$$\eta_t(\omega) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \xi_j(\omega) I_{[t_j, t_{j+1})}(t),$$

where $\xi_i \in L_{ip}(\Omega_{t_i})$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$. For $p \geq 1$ and $\eta \in M_G^0(0, T)$, let $\|\eta\|_{H_G^p} = \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\int_0^T |\eta_s|^2 ds)^{p/2}]\}^{1/p}$, $\|\eta\|_{M_G^p} = \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\int_0^T |\eta_s|^p ds]\}^{1/p}$ and denote by $H_G^p(0, T)$, $M_G^p(0, T)$ the completions of $M_G^0(0, T)$ under the norms $\|\cdot\|_{H_G^p}$, $\|\cdot\|_{M_G^p}$ respectively.

Let $S_G^0(0, T) = \{h(t, B_{t_1 \wedge t}, \dots, B_{t_n \wedge t}) : t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, T], h \in C_{b.Lip}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}$. For $p \geq 1$ and $\eta \in S_G^0(0, T)$, set $\|\eta\|_{S_G^p} = \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\eta_t|^p]\}^{1/p}$. Denote by $S_G^p(0, T)$ the completion of $S_G^0(0, T)$ under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{S_G^p}$.

We call $L_G^p(\Omega_T)$, $M_G^p(0, T)$, $H_G^p(0, T)$ and $S_G^p(0, T)$ the spaces of G -framework. In the linear case, such kind of spaces contain almost all processes which we are interested in. Under the G -expectation, however, there do exist some less regular processes, which can't be approximated by the "regular" ones by the definitions of the spaces in the G -framework. A typical process which does not belong to $M_G^p(0, T)$ is

$$\theta_s = \limsup_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{\langle B \rangle_s - \langle B \rangle_{s-\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon}$$

(see [36, 2012] for more details).

Theorem 2.2 ([5, 12]) *There exists a tight subset $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{M}_1(\Omega_T)$, the set of probability measures on $(\Omega_T, \mathcal{B}(\Omega_T))$, such that*

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\xi] = \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} E_P[\xi] \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathcal{H}_T^0.$$

\mathcal{P} is called a set that represents $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$.

Remark 2.3 *Denis et al. [5] gave a concrete set \mathcal{P}_M that represents $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$. For simplicity, we only introduce the 1-dimensional case, i.e., $\Omega_T = C_0([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$.*

Let $(\Omega^0, \mathcal{F}^0, P^0)$ be a probability space and $\{W_t\}$ be a 1-dimensional Brownian motion under P^0 . Let $F^0 = \{\mathcal{F}_t^0\}$ be the augmented filtration generated by W . Denis et al. [5] proved that

$$\mathcal{P}_M := \{P_h : P_h = P^0 \circ X^{-1}, X_t = \int_0^t h_s dW_s, h \in L_{F^0}^2([0, T]; [\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma}])\}$$

is a set that represents $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$, where $L_{F^0}^2([0, T]; [\underline{\sigma}, \bar{\sigma}])$ is the collection of F^0 -adapted measurable processes with $\underline{\sigma} \leq |h_s| \leq \bar{\sigma}$. Here

$$\underline{\sigma}^2 := -\hat{\mathbb{E}}[-B_1^2] \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}[B_1^2] =: \bar{\sigma}^2.$$

For this 1-dimensional case,

$$G(a) = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbb{E}}[aB_1^2] = \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\sigma}^2 a^+ - \underline{\sigma}^2 a^-].$$

Let \mathcal{P} be a weakly compact set that represents $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$. For this \mathcal{P} , we define capacity

$$c(A) := \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} P(A), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega_T).$$

A set $A \subset \Omega_T$ is polar if $c(A) = 0$. A property holds "quasi-surely" (q.s. for short) if it holds outside a polar set. In the following, we do not distinguish two random variables X and Y if $X = Y$ q.s.. We set

$$\mathbb{L}^p(\Omega_t) := \{X \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega_t) : \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} E_P[|X|^p] < \infty\} \text{ for } p \geq 1.$$

It is important to note that $L_G^p(\Omega_t) \subset \mathbb{L}^p(\Omega_t)$. We extend G -expectation $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$ to $\mathbb{L}^p(\Omega_t)$ and still denote it by $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$, for each $X \in \mathbb{L}^1(\Omega_T)$, we set

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[X] = \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} E_P[X].$$

For $p \geq 1$, $\mathbb{L}^p(\Omega_t)$ is a Banach space under the norm $(\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\cdot|^p])^{1/p}$.

Furthermore, we extend the definition of conditional G -expectation. For each fixed $t \geq 0$, let $(A_i)_{i=1}^n$ be a partition of $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_t)$, and set

$$\xi = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i I_{A_i},$$

where $\eta_i \in L_G^1(\Omega_T)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. We define the corresponding conditional G -expectation, still denoted by $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\cdot]$, by setting

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i I_{A_i}] := \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\eta_i] I_{A_i} \quad \text{for } s \geq t.$$

The following lemma shows that the above definition of conditional G -expectation is meaningful.

Lemma 2.4 *For each $\xi, \eta \in L_G^1(\Omega_T)$ and $A \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega_t)$, if $\xi I_A \geq \eta I_A$ q.s., then $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi] I_A \geq \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta] I_A$ q.s..*

Proof. Otherwise, we can choose a compact set $\mathcal{B}(\Omega_t) \ni K \subset A$ with $c(K) > 0$ such that $(\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi] - \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta])^- > 0$ on K . Since K is compact, we can choose a sequence of nonnegative functions $\{\zeta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset C_b(\Omega_t)$ such that $\zeta_n \downarrow I_K$. By Theorem 31 in [5], we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\zeta_n(\xi - \eta)^-] \downarrow \hat{\mathbb{E}}[I_K(\xi - \eta)^-]$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\zeta_n \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\xi - \eta)^-]] \downarrow \hat{\mathbb{E}}[I_K \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\xi - \eta)^-]].$$

Since

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\zeta_n(\xi - \eta)^-] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\zeta_n \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\xi - \eta)^-]],$$

we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[I_K \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\xi - \eta)^-]] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[I_K(\xi - \eta)^-] = 0.$$

Noting that

$$(\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi] - \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta])^- \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\xi - \eta)^-],$$

we get $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\xi - \eta)^-] > 0$ on K . Also by $c(K) > 0$ we get $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[I_K \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\xi - \eta)^-]] > 0$. This is a contradiction and the proof is complete. \square

We set

$$\mathbb{L}_G^{0,p,t}(\Omega_T) := \{\xi = \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i I_{A_i} : A_i \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega_t), \eta_i \in L_G^p(\Omega), n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

We have the following properties.

Proposition 2.5 *For each $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{L}_G^{0,1,t}(\Omega_T)$, we have*

(i) *Monotonicity: If $\xi \leq \eta$, then $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\xi] \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\eta]$ for any $s \geq t$;*

- (ii) *Constant preserving:* If $\xi \in \mathbb{L}_G^{0,1,t}(\Omega_t)$, then $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi] = \xi$;
- (iii) *Sub-additivity:* $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\xi + \eta] \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\xi] + \hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\eta]$ for any $s \geq t$;
- (iv) *Positive homogeneity:* If $\xi \in \mathbb{L}_G^{0,\infty,t}(\Omega_t)$ and $\xi \geq 0$, then $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi\eta] = \xi\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta]$;
- (v) *Consistency:* For $t \leq s \leq r$, we have $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\hat{\mathbb{E}}_r[\xi]] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[\xi]$.
- (vi) $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi]] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\xi]$.

Proof. (i) is a direct consequence of Lemma 2.9. (ii)-(v) are obvious from the definition. We only prove $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi]] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\xi]$ for ξ which is bounded and positive.

Step 1. For $\xi = \sum_{i=1}^N I_{K_i}\eta_i$, where K_i , $i = 1, \dots, N$, are disjoint compact sets and $\eta_i \geq 0$, we can choose $\varphi_m^i \in C_b(\Omega_t)$ such that $\varphi_m^i \downarrow K_i$ and $\varphi_m^i \varphi_m^j = 0$ for $i \neq j$. By the same analysis as that in Lemma 2.4, we can get $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{K_i}\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta_i]] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{K_i}\eta_i]$.

Step 2. For $\xi = \sum_{i=1}^N I_{A_i}\eta_i$, where A_i , $i = 1, \dots, N$, are disjoint sets and $\eta_i \geq 0$. For each fixed $P \in \mathcal{P}$, we can choose compact sets K_m^i such that $K_m^i \uparrow$ and $P(A_i - K_m^i) \downarrow 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} E_P[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{A_i}\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta_i]] &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} E_P[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{K_m^i}\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta_i]] \\ &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{K_m^i}\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta_i]] \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{K_m^i}\eta_i] \\ &\leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{A_i}\eta_i]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{A_i}\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta_i]] \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{A_i}\eta_i]$. Similarly we can prove $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{A_i}\eta_i] \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sum_{i=1}^N I_{A_i}\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\eta_i]]$. \square

Let $\mathbb{L}_G^{p,t}(\Omega_T)$ be the completion of $\mathbb{L}_G^{0,p,t}(\Omega_T)$ under the norm $(\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\cdot|^p])^{1/p}$. Clearly, the conditional G -expectation can be extended continuously to $\mathbb{L}_G^{p,t}(\Omega_T)$.

Set

$$\mathbb{M}^{p,0}(0, T) := \{\eta_t = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \xi_{t_i} I_{[t_i, t_{i+1})}(t) : 0 = t_0 < \dots < t_N = T, \xi_{t_i} \in \mathbb{L}^p(\Omega_{t_i})\}.$$

For $p \geq 1$, we denote by $\mathbb{M}^p(0, T)$, $\mathbb{H}^p(0, T)$, $\mathbb{S}^p(0, T)$ the completion of $\mathbb{M}^{p,0}(0, T)$ under the norm $\|\eta\|_{\mathbb{M}^p} := (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\int_0^T |\eta_t|^p dt])^{1/p}$, $\|\eta\|_{\mathbb{H}^p} := \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\int_0^T |\eta_t|^2 dt)^{p/2}]\}^{1/p}$, $\|\eta\|_{\mathbb{S}^p} := (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\eta_t|^p])^{1/p}$ respectively. Following Li and Peng [14], for each $\eta \in \mathbb{H}^p(0, T)$ with $p \geq 1$, we can define Itô's integral $\int_0^T \eta_s dB_s$. Moreover, by Proposition 2.10 in [14] and the classical Burkholder-Davis-Gundy Inequality, the following properties hold.

Proposition 2.6 For each $\eta, \theta \in \mathbb{H}^\alpha(0, T)$ with $\alpha \geq 1$ and $p > 0$, $\xi \in \mathbb{L}^\infty(\Omega_t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\int_0^T \eta_s dB_s\right] &= 0, \\ \underline{\sigma}^p c_p \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T |\eta_s|^2 ds\right)^{p/2}\right] &\leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left|\int_0^t \eta_s dB_s\right|^p\right] \leq \bar{\sigma}^p C_p \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T |\eta_s|^2 ds\right)^{p/2}\right], \\ \int_t^T (\xi \eta_s + \theta_s) dB_s &= \xi \int_t^T \eta_s dB_s + \int_t^T \theta_s dB_s, \end{aligned}$$

where $0 < c_p < C_p < \infty$ are constants.

Definition 2.7 A process $\{M_t\}$ with values in $L_G^1(\Omega_T)$ is called a G -martingale if $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_s[M_t] = M_s$ for any $s \leq t$.

For $\xi \in L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$, let $\mathcal{E}[\xi] = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\xi]]$, where $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$ is the G -expectation. For convenience, we call \mathcal{E} G -evaluation.

For $p \geq 1$ and $\xi \in L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$, define $\|\xi\|_{p, \mathcal{E}} = \{\mathcal{E}[\|\xi\|^p]\}^{1/p}$ and denote by $L_{\mathcal{E}}^p(\Omega_T)$ the completion of $L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$ under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{p, \mathcal{E}}$.

The following estimate will be frequently used in this paper.

Theorem 2.8 ([35]) For any $\alpha \geq 1$ and $\delta > 0$, we have $L_G^{\alpha+\delta}(\Omega_T) \subset L_{\mathcal{E}}^\alpha(\Omega_T)$. More precisely, for any $1 < \gamma < \beta := (\alpha + \delta)/\alpha$, $\gamma \leq 2$ and for all $\xi \in L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$, we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha]\right] \leq C\{(\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^{\alpha+\delta}])^{\alpha/(\alpha+\delta)} + (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^{\alpha+\delta}])^{1/\gamma}\}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $C = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}(1 + 14 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^{-\beta/\gamma})$.

Remark 2.9 By $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\delta} < \frac{1}{\gamma} < 1$, we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha]\right] \leq 2C\{(\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^{\alpha+\delta}])^{\alpha/(\alpha+\delta)} + \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^{\alpha+\delta}]\}.$$

Set $C_1 = 2 \inf\{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}(1 + 14 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i^{-\beta/\gamma}) : 1 < \gamma < \beta, \gamma \leq 2\}$, then

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha]\right] \leq C_1\{(\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^{\alpha+\delta}])^{\alpha/(\alpha+\delta)} + \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^{\alpha+\delta}]\}, \quad (2.2)$$

where C_1 is a constant only depending on α and δ .

For readers' convenience, we list the main notations of this paper as follows:

- The scalar product and norm of the Euclid space \mathbb{R}^n are respectively denoted by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and $|\cdot|$;
- $L_{ip}(\Omega_T) := \{\varphi(B_{t_1}, \dots, B_{t_n}) : n \geq 1, t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, T], \varphi \in C_b.Lip(\mathbb{R}^{d \times n})\}$;
- $\|\xi\|_{p, G} = (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\xi|^p])^{1/p}$, $\|\xi\|_{p, \mathcal{E}} = (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^p]])^{1/p}$;

- $L_G^p(\Omega_T) :=$ the completion of $L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{p,G}$;
- $L_{\mathcal{E}}^p(\Omega_T) :=$ the completion of $L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{p,\mathcal{E}}$;
- $M_G^0(0, T) := \{\eta_t = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \xi_j I_{[t_j, t_{j+1})}(t) : 0 = t_0 < \dots < t_N = T, \xi_i \in L_{ip}(\Omega_{t_i})\}$;
- $\|\eta\|_{M_G^p} = \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\int_0^T |\eta_s|^p ds]\}^{1/p}$, $\|\eta\|_{H_G^p} = \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\int_0^T |\eta_s|^2 ds)^{p/2}]\}^{1/p}$;
- $M_G^p(0, T) :=$ the completion of $M_G^0(0, T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{M_G^p}$;
- $H_G^p(0, T) :=$ {the completion of $M_G^0(0, T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{H_G^p}$ for $p \geq 1$ };
- $\mathbb{L}^p(\Omega_T) := \{X \in \mathcal{B}(\Omega_T) : \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} E_P[|X|^p] < \infty\}$ for $p \geq 1$;
- $\mathbb{M}^{p,0}(0, T) := \{\eta_t = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \xi_{t_i} I_{[t_i, t_{i+1})}(t) : 0 = t_0 < \dots < t_N = T, \xi_{t_i} \in \mathbb{L}^p(\Omega_{t_i})\}$;
- $\|\eta\|_{\mathbb{M}^p} := (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\int_0^T |\eta_t|^p dt])^{1/p}$, $\|\eta\|_{\mathbb{H}^p} := \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\int_0^T |\eta_t|^2 dt)^{p/2}]\}^{1/p}$;
- $\|\eta\|_{\mathbb{S}^p} := \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\eta_t|^p]\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$;
- $\mathbb{M}^p(0, T) :=$ the completion of $\mathbb{M}^{p,0}(0, T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{M}^p}$;
- $\mathbb{H}^p(0, T) :=$ the completion of $\mathbb{M}^{p,0}(0, T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{H}^p}$;
- $\mathbb{S}^p(0, T) :=$ the completion of $\mathbb{M}^{p,0}(0, T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{S}^p}$;
- $S_G^0(0, T) = \{h(t, B_{t_1 \wedge t}, \dots, B_{t_n \wedge t}) : t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, T], h \in C_{b, Lip}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})\}$;
- $\|\eta\|_{S_G^p} = \{\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\eta_t|^p]\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$;
- $S_G^p(0, T) :=$ the completion of $S_G^0(0, T)$ under $\|\cdot\|_{S_G^p}$;
- $\mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T) :=$ the collection of processes (Y, Z, K) such that $Y \in S_G^\alpha(0, T)$, $Z \in H_G^\alpha(0, T)$, K is a decreasing G -martingale with $K_0 = 0$ and $K_T \in L_G^\alpha(\Omega_T)$.

3 A priori estimates

For simplicity, we consider the G -expectation space $(\Omega_T, L_G^1(\Omega_T), \hat{\mathbb{E}})$ with $\Omega_T = C_0([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ and $\bar{\sigma}^2 = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[B_1^2] \geq -\hat{\mathbb{E}}[-B_1^2] = \underline{\sigma}^2 > 0$. But our results and methods still hold for the case $d > 1$.

We consider the following type of G -BSDEs for simplicity, and similar estimates hold for equation (1.2).

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T - K_t), \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$f(t, \omega, y, z) : [0, T] \times \Omega_T \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

satisfies the following properties: there exists some $\beta > 1$ such that

(H1) for any $y, z, f(\cdot, \cdot, y, z) \in M_G^\beta(0, T)$;

(H2) $|f(t, \omega, y, z) - f(t, \omega, y', z')| \leq L(|y - y'| + |z - z'|)$ for some $L > 0$.

For simplicity, we denote by $\mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$ the collection of processes (Y, Z, K) such that $Y \in S_G^\alpha(0, T)$, $Z \in H_G^\alpha(0, T)$, K is a decreasing G -martingale with $K_0 = 0$ and $K_T \in L_G^\alpha(\Omega_T)$.

Definition 3.1 Let $\xi \in L_G^\beta(\Omega_T)$ and f satisfy (H1) and (H2) for some $\beta > 1$. A triplet of processes (Y, Z, K) is called a solution of equation (3.1) if for some $1 < \alpha \leq \beta$ the following properties hold:

(a) $(Y, Z, K) \in \mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$;

(b) $Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T - K_t)$.

In order to get a priori estimates for the solution of equation (3.1), we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 3.2 Let $X \in S_G^\alpha(0, T)$ for some $\alpha > 1$. Set

$$X_t^n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} X_{t_i^n} I_{[t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n)}(t),$$

where $t_i^n = \frac{iT}{n}$, $i = 0, \dots, n$. Then

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X_t^n - X_t|^\alpha] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. For each given $n, m \geq 1$, it is easy to check that

$$\sup_{i \leq n-1} \sup_{t_k^m \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]} |B_{t_k^m} - B_{t_i^n}|^\alpha$$

is a convex function. Then by Proposition 11 in Peng [22], we get

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{i \leq n-1} \sup_{t_k^m \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]} |B_{t_k^m} - B_{t_i^n}|^\alpha] = E_{P_{\bar{\sigma}}}[\sup_{i \leq n-1} \sup_{t_k^m \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]} |B_{t_k^m} - B_{t_i^n}|^\alpha],$$

where $P_{\bar{\sigma}}$ is a Wiener measure on Ω_T such that $E_{P_{\bar{\sigma}}}[B_1^2] = \bar{\sigma}^2$. Noting that

$$\sup_{i \leq n-1} \sup_{t_k^m \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]} |B_{t_k^m} - B_{t_i^n}|^\alpha \uparrow \sup_{i \leq n-1} \sup_{t \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]} |B_t - B_{t_i^n}|^\alpha \text{ as } m \uparrow \infty,$$

we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{i \leq n-1} \sup_{t \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]} |B_t - B_{t_i^n}|^\alpha] = E_{P_{\bar{\sigma}}}[\sup_{i \leq n-1} \sup_{t \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]} |B_t - B_{t_i^n}|^\alpha] \rightarrow 0.$$

From this we can get $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\eta_t - \eta_t^n|^\alpha] \rightarrow 0$ for each $\eta \in S_G^0(0, T)$. By the definition of $S_G^\alpha(0, T)$, we can choose a sequence $(\eta^m)_{m=1}^\infty \subset S_G^0(0, T)$ such that $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X_t - \eta_t^m|^\alpha] \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$. Note that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X_t - X_t^n| \leq 2 \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |X_t - \eta_t^m| + \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\eta_t^m - (\eta^m)_t^n|,$$

then we obtain (3.2) by letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ first and then $m \rightarrow \infty$. \square

Lemma 3.3 Let X_t, X_t^n be as in Lemma 3.2 and $\alpha^* = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}$. Assume that K is a decreasing G -martingale with $K_0 = 0$ and $K_T \in L_G^{\alpha^*}(\Omega_T)$. Then we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t X_s^n dK_s - \int_0^t X_s dK_s \right|\right] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t X_s^n dK_s - \int_0^t X_s dK_s \right| \\ & \leq - \int_0^T |X_s^n - X_s| dK_s \\ & \leq \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |X_s^n - X_s| (-K_T). \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t X_s^n dK_s - \int_0^t X_s dK_s \right|\right] \leq \left\| \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |X_s^n - X_s| \right\|_{L_G^\alpha} \|K_T\|_{L^{\alpha^*}} \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. \square

Lemma 3.4 Let $X \in S_G^\alpha(0, T)$ for some $\alpha > 1$ and $\alpha^* = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}$. Assume that $K^j, j = 1, 2$, are two decreasing G -martingales with $K_0^j = 0$ and $K_T^j \in L_G^{\alpha^*}(\Omega_T)$. Then the process defined by

$$\int_0^t X_s^+ dK_s^1 + \int_0^t X_s^- dK_s^2$$

is also a decreasing G -martingale.

Proof. Let X^n be as in Lemma 3.2. By Lemma 3.3, it suffices to prove that the process

$$\int_0^t (X_s^n)^+ dK_s^1 + \int_0^t (X_s^n)^- dK_s^2$$

is a G -martingale. By properties of conditional G -expectation, we have, for any $t \in [t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[X_{t_{i+1}^n}^+(K_{t_{i+1}^n}^1 - K_{t_i^n}^1) + X_{t_{i+1}^n}^-(K_{t_{i+1}^n}^2 - K_{t_i^n}^2)] \\ & = X_{t_i^n}^+ \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[K_{t_{i+1}^n}^1 - K_{t_i^n}^1] + X_{t_i^n}^- \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[K_{t_{i+1}^n}^2 - K_{t_i^n}^2] \\ & = X_{t_i^n}^+(K_t^1 - K_{t_i^n}^1) + X_{t_i^n}^-(K_t^2 - K_{t_i^n}^2). \end{aligned}$$

From this we obtain that $\int_0^t (X_s^n)^+ dK_s^1 + \int_0^t (X_s^n)^- dK_s^2$ is a G -martingale. \square

Now we give a priori estimates for the solution of equation (3.1). For this purpose, a weaker version of condition (H2) is enough.

(H2') $|f(t, \omega, y, z) - f(t, \omega, y', z')| \leq L^w(|y - y'| + |z - z'| + \varepsilon)$ for some $L^w, \varepsilon > 0$.

In the following three propositions, C_α will always designate a constant depending on $\alpha, T, L^w, \underline{\alpha}$, which may vary from line to line.

Proposition 3.5 *Let f satisfy (H1) and (H2') for some $\beta > 1$. Assume*

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T - K_t),$$

where $Y \in \mathbb{S}^\alpha(0, T)$, $Z \in \mathbb{H}^\alpha(0, T)$, K is a decreasing process with $K_0 = 0$ and $K_T \in \mathbb{L}^\alpha(\Omega_T)$ for some $\beta \geq \alpha > 1$. Then there exists a constant $C_\alpha := C(\alpha, T, \underline{\alpha}, L^w) > 0$ such that

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T |Z_s|^2 ds\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right] \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] + \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right]\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T f_s^0 ds\right)^\alpha\right]\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|K_T|^\alpha] \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] + \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T f_s^0 ds\right)^\alpha\right] \right\}, \quad (3.4)$$

where $f_s^0 = |f(s, 0, 0)| + L^w \varepsilon$.

Proof. Applying Itô's formula to $|Y_t|^2$, we have

$$|Y_0|^2 + \int_0^T |Z_s|^2 d\langle B \rangle_s = |\xi|^2 + \int_0^T 2Y_s f(s) ds - \int_0^T 2Y_s Z_s dB_s - \int_0^T 2Y_s dK_s,$$

where $f(s) = f(s, Y_s, Z_s)$. Then

$$\left(\int_0^T |Z_s|^2 d\langle B \rangle_s\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \leq C_\alpha \left\{ |\xi|^\alpha + \left|\int_0^T Y_s f(s) ds\right|^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \left|\int_0^T Y_s Z_s dB_s\right|^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \left|\int_0^T Y_s dK_s\right|^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right\}.$$

By Proposition 2.6 and simple calculation, we can obtain

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T |Z_s|^2 ds\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right] \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \|Y\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^\alpha + \|Y\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|K_T|^\alpha]\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T f_s^0 ds\right)^\alpha\right]\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}. \quad (3.5)$$

On the other hand,

$$K_T = \xi - Y_0 + \int_0^T f(s) ds - \int_0^T Z_s dB_s.$$

By simple calculation, we get

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|K_T|^\alpha] \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \|Y\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^\alpha + \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T |Z_s|^2 ds\right)^{\alpha/2}\right] + \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T f_s^0 ds\right)^\alpha\right] \right\}. \quad (3.6)$$

By (3.5) and (3.6), it is easy to get (3.3) and (3.4). \square

Remark 3.6 *In this proposition, we do not assume that (Y, Z, K) belongs to $\mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$.*

Proposition 3.7 *Let $\xi \in L_G^\beta(\Omega_T)$ and f satisfy (H1) and (H2') for some $\beta > 1$. Assume that $(Y, Z, K) \in \mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$ for some $1 < \alpha < \beta$ is a solution of equation (3.1). Then*

(i) There exists a constant $C_\alpha := C(\alpha, T, \underline{\sigma}, L^w) > 0$ such that

$$|Y_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha + \int_t^T |f_s^0|^\alpha ds], \quad (3.7)$$

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha] \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha + \int_0^T |f_s^0|^\alpha ds]], \quad (3.8)$$

where $f_s^0 = |f(s, 0, 0)| + L^w \varepsilon$.

(ii) For any given α' with $\alpha < \alpha' < \beta$, there exists a constant $C_{\alpha, \alpha'}$ depending on $\alpha, \alpha', T, \underline{\sigma}, L^w$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha] &\leq C_{\alpha, \alpha'} \{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^{\alpha'}]] \\ &\quad + (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\int_0^T f_s^0 ds)^{\alpha'}]])^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha'}} + \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\int_0^T f_s^0 ds)^{\alpha'}]] \}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Proof. For any $\gamma, \epsilon > 0$, set $\tilde{Y}_t = |Y_t|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha$, where $\epsilon_\alpha = \epsilon(1 - \alpha/2)^+$, applying Itô's formula to $\tilde{Y}_t^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{Y}_t^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t} + \gamma \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2} ds + \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} Z_s^2 d\langle B \rangle_s \\ &= (|\xi|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \alpha(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}) \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-2} Y_s^2 Z_s^2 d\langle B \rangle_s \\ &\quad + \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} Y_s f(s) ds - \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} (Y_s Z_s dB_s + Y_s dK_s) \\ &\leq (|\xi|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \alpha(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}) \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} Z_s^2 d\langle B \rangle_s \\ &\quad + \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1/2} |f(s)| ds - (M_T - M_t), \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

where $f(s) = f(s, Y_s, Z_s)$ and

$$M_t = \int_0^t \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} Y_s Z_s dB_s + \int_0^t \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} Y_s^+ dK_s.$$

From the assumption of f , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1/2} |f(s)| ds \\ &\leq \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1/2} (f_s^0 + L^w |Y_s| + L^w |Z_s|) ds \\ &\leq (\alpha L^w + \frac{\alpha(L^w)^2}{\underline{\sigma}^2(\alpha-1)}) \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2} ds + \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{4} \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} Z_s^2 d\langle B \rangle_s \\ &\quad + \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1/2} |f_s^0| ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

(i) By Young's inequality, we have

$$\int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1/2} |f_s^0| ds \leq (\alpha - 1) \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2} ds + \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} |f_s^0|^\alpha ds. \quad (3.12)$$

By (3.10), (3.11) and (3.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{Y}_t^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t} + (\gamma - \tilde{\alpha}) \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2} ds + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}{4} \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1} Z_s^2 d\langle B \rangle_s \\ & \leq (|\xi|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} |f_s^0|^\alpha ds - (M_T - M_t), \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\alpha} = \alpha L^w + \alpha + \frac{\alpha(L^w)^2}{\underline{\sigma}^2(\alpha-1)} - 1$. Setting $\gamma = \tilde{\alpha} + 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{Y}_t^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t} + M_T - M_t \\ & \leq (|\xi|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} |f_s^0|^\alpha ds. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.4, M_t is a G -martingale, so we have

$$\tilde{Y}_t^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t} \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(|\xi|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} |f_s^0|^\alpha ds].$$

By letting $\epsilon \downarrow 0$, there exists a constant $C_\alpha := C_\alpha(T, L^w, \underline{\sigma})$ such that

$$|Y_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha + \int_t^T |f_s^0|^\alpha ds].$$

It follows that

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha] \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha + \int_0^T |f_s^0|^\alpha ds]].$$

(ii) By (3.10) and (3.11) and setting $\gamma = \alpha L^w + \frac{\alpha(L^w)^2}{\underline{\sigma}^2(\alpha-1)} + 1$, then we get

$$\tilde{Y}_t^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t} \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(|\xi|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} \tilde{Y}_s^{\alpha/2-1/2} f_s^0 ds].$$

By letting $\epsilon \downarrow 0$, we get

$$|Y_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha + \int_t^T |Y_s|^{\alpha-1} f_s^0 ds]. \quad (3.13)$$

From this we get

$$\begin{aligned} |Y_t|^\alpha & \leq C_\alpha \{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha] + \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\sup_{s \in [0, T]} |Y_s|^{\alpha-1} \int_0^T f_s^0 ds] \} \\ & \leq C_\alpha \{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\xi|^\alpha] + (\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\sup_{s \in [0, T]} |Y_s|^{(\alpha-1)\alpha^*}])^{\frac{1}{\alpha^*}} (\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\int_0^T f_s^0 ds)^{\alpha'}])^{\frac{1}{\alpha'}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

where $\alpha'^* = \frac{\alpha'}{\alpha'-1}$. Thus we obtain

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \|\xi\|_{\alpha, \mathcal{E}}^\alpha + \left\| \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |Y_s|^{\alpha-1} \right\|_{\alpha'^*, \mathcal{E}} \left\| \int_0^T f_s^0 ds \right\|_{\alpha', \mathcal{E}} \right\}.$$

It is easy to check that $(\alpha - 1)\alpha'^* < \alpha$, then by (2.2) there exists a constant C only depending on α and α' such that

$$\left\| \sup_{s \in [0, T]} |Y_s|^{\alpha-1} \right\|_{\alpha'^*, \mathcal{E}} \leq C \left\{ \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha'^*}} \right\}.$$

By Young's inequality, we have

$$CC_\alpha \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left\| \int_0^T f_s^0 ds \right\|_{\alpha', \mathcal{E}} \leq \frac{1}{4} \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] + C_1 C_\alpha \left\| \int_0^T f_s^0 ds \right\|_{\alpha', \mathcal{E}}$$

and

$$CC_\alpha \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha'^*}} \left\| \int_0^T f_s^0 ds \right\|_{\alpha', \mathcal{E}} \leq \frac{1}{4} \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |Y_t|^\alpha\right] + C_1 C_\alpha \left\| \int_0^T f_s^0 ds \right\|_{\alpha', \mathcal{E}},$$

where C_1 is a constant only depending on α and α' . Thus we obtain (3.9). \square

Proposition 3.8 *Let f_i , $i = 1, 2$, satisfy (H1) and (H2') for some $\beta > 1$. Assume*

$$Y_t^i = \xi^i + \int_t^T f_i(s, Y_s^i, Z_s^i) ds - \int_t^T Z_s^i dB_s - (K_T^i - K_t^i),$$

where $Y^i \in \mathbb{S}^\alpha(0, T)$, $Z^i \in \mathbb{H}^\alpha(0, T)$, K^i is a decreasing process with $K_0^i = 0$ and $K_T^i \in \mathbb{L}^\alpha(\Omega_T)$ for some $\beta \geq \alpha > 1$. Set $\hat{Y}_t = Y_t^1 - Y_t^2$, $\hat{Z}_t = Z_t^1 - Z_t^2$ and $\hat{K}_t = K_t^1 - K_t^2$. Then there exists a constant $C_\alpha := C(\alpha, T, \underline{\sigma}, L^w) > 0$ such that

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\left(\int_0^T |\hat{Z}_s|^2 ds\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right] \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \|\hat{Y}\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^\alpha + \|\hat{Y}\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\|\hat{Y}^i\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \left\| \int_0^T f_s^{i,0} ds \right\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right) \right\}, \quad (3.15)$$

where $f_s^{i,0} = |f_i(s, 0, 0)| + L^w \varepsilon$, $i = 1, 2$.

Proof. Applying Itô's formula to $|\hat{Y}_t|^2$, by similar analysis as that in Proposition 3.5, we have

$$\|\hat{Z}\|_{\mathbb{H}^\alpha}^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \|\hat{Y}\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^\alpha + \|\hat{Y}\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \left[\|K_T^1\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \|K_T^2\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \left\| \int_0^T \hat{f}_s ds \right\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right] \right\},$$

where $\hat{f}_s = |f_1(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2) - f_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)| + L^w \varepsilon$. By Proposition 3.5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|K_T^1\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \|K_T^2\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \left\| \int_0^T \hat{f}_s ds \right\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \\ & \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \|Y^1\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \|Y^2\|_{\mathbb{S}^\alpha}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \left\| \int_0^T f_s^{1,0} ds \right\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + \left\| \int_0^T f_s^{2,0} ds \right\|_{\alpha, G}^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get (3.15). \square

Proposition 3.9 Let $\xi^i \in L_G^\beta(\Omega_T)$, $i = 1, 2$, and f_i satisfy (H1) and (H2') for some $\beta > 1$. Assume that $(Y^i, Z^i, K^i) \in \mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$ for some $1 < \alpha < \beta$ are the solutions of equation (3.1) corresponding to ξ^i and f_i . Set $\hat{Y}_t = Y_t^1 - Y_t^2$, $\hat{Z}_t = Z_t^1 - Z_t^2$ and $\hat{K}_t = K_t^1 - K_t^2$. Then

(i) There exists a constant $C_\alpha := C(\alpha, T, \underline{\sigma}, L_1^w) > 0$ such that

$$|\hat{Y}_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\hat{\xi}|^\alpha + \int_t^T |\hat{f}_s|^\alpha ds], \quad (3.16)$$

where $\hat{f}_s = |f_1(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2) - f_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)| + L_1^w \varepsilon$.

(ii) For any given α' with $\alpha < \alpha' < \beta$, there exists a constant $C_{\alpha, \alpha'}$ depending on $\alpha, \alpha', T, \underline{\sigma}, L^w$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\hat{Y}_t|^\alpha\right] &\leq C_{\alpha, \alpha'} \left\{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\hat{\xi}|^\alpha]\right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t\left[\left(\int_0^T \hat{f}_s ds\right)^{\alpha'}\right]\right]\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha'}} + \hat{\mathbb{E}}\left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t\left[\left(\int_0^T \hat{f}_s ds\right)^{\alpha'}\right]\right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

Proof. For any $\gamma, \epsilon > 0$, applying Itô's formula to $(|\hat{Y}_t|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t}$, where $\epsilon_\alpha = \epsilon(1 - \alpha/2)^+$, by similar analysis as in Proposition 3.7, we have by setting $\gamma = \alpha L^w + \alpha + \frac{\alpha(L^w)^2}{\sigma^2(\alpha-1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} &(|\hat{Y}_t|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t} + \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} (|\hat{Y}_s|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2-1} \hat{Y}_s \hat{Z}_s dB_s + J_T - J_t \\ &\leq (|\hat{\xi}|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \int_t^T e^{\gamma s} |\hat{f}_s|^\alpha ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &(|\hat{Y}_t|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma t} + \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} (|\hat{Y}_s|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2-1} \hat{Y}_s \hat{Z}_s dB_s + J_T - J_t \\ &\leq (|\hat{\xi}|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2} e^{\gamma T} + \int_t^T \alpha e^{\gamma s} (|\hat{Y}_s|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2-1/2} \hat{f}_s ds, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$J_t = \int_0^t \alpha e^{\gamma s} (|\hat{Y}_s|^2 + \epsilon_\alpha)^{\alpha/2-1} (\hat{Y}_s^+ dK_s^1 + \hat{Y}_s^- dK_s^2).$$

By Lemma 3.4, J_t is a G -martingale. Taking conditional G -expectation and letting $\epsilon \downarrow 0$, we obtain a constant $C_\alpha := C_\alpha(T, L_1^w, \underline{\sigma}) > 0$ such that

$$|\hat{Y}_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\hat{\xi}|^\alpha + \int_t^T |\hat{f}_s|^\alpha ds]$$

and

$$|\hat{Y}_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\hat{\xi}|^\alpha + \int_t^T |\hat{Y}_s|^{\alpha-1} \hat{f}_s ds].$$

By the same analysis as that in Proposition 3.7, we get (3.17). \square

Remark 3.10 Noting that $\int_0^T \eta_s d\langle B \rangle_s \leq \bar{\sigma}^2 \int_0^T \eta_s ds$ for any $\eta \in M_G^1(0, T)$, thus Propositions 3.7 and 3.9 still hold for G -BSDE (1.2).

4 Existence and uniqueness of G -BSDEs

In order to prove the existence of equation (3.1), we start with the simple case $f(t, \omega, y, z) = h(y, z)$, $\xi = \varphi(B_T)$. Here $h \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $\varphi \in C_{b,Lip}(\mathbb{R}^2)$. For this case, we can obtain the solution of equation (3.1) from the following nonlinear partial differential equation:

$$\partial_t u + G(\partial_{xx}^2 u) + h(u, \partial_x u) = 0, u(T, x) = \varphi(x). \quad (4.1)$$

Then we approximate the solution of equation (3.1) with more complicated f by those of equations (3.1) with much simpler $\{f_n\}$. More precisely, assume that $\|f_n - f\|_{M_G^\alpha} \rightarrow 0$ and (Y^n, Z^n, K^n) is the solution of the following G -BSDE

$$Y_t^n = \xi + \int_t^T f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) ds - \int_t^T Z_s^n dB_s - (K_T^n - K_t^n).$$

We try to prove that (Y^n, Z^n, K^n) converges to (Y, Z, K) and (Y, Z, K) is the solution of the following G -BSDE

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T - K_t).$$

One of the main results of this paper is

Theorem 4.1 *Assume that $\xi \in L_G^\beta(\Omega_T)$ and f satisfies (H1) and (H2) for some $\beta > 1$. Then equation (3.1) has a unique solution (Y, Z, K) . Moreover, for any $1 < \alpha < \beta$ we have $Y \in S_G^\alpha(0, T)$, $Z \in H_G^\alpha(0, T)$ and $K_T \in L_G^\alpha(\Omega_T)$.*

Proof. The uniqueness of the solution is a direct consequence of the a priori estimates in Proposition 3.8 and Proposition 3.9. By these estimates it also suffices to prove the existence for the case $\xi \in L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$ and then pass to the limit for the general situation.

Step 1. $f(t, \omega, y, z) = h(y, z)$ with $h \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$.

Part 1. We first consider the case $\xi = \varphi(B_T - B_{t_1})$ with $\varphi \in C_{b,Lip}(\mathbb{R})$ and $t_1 < T$. Let u be the solution of equation (4.1) with terminal condition φ . By Theorem 6.4.3 in Krylov [13] (see also Theorem 4.4 in Appendix C in Peng [27]), there exists a constant $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ such that for each $\kappa > 0$,

$$\|u\|_{C^{1+\alpha/2, 2+\alpha}([0, T-\kappa] \times \mathbb{R})} < \infty.$$

Applying Itô's formula to $u(t, B_t - B_{t_1})$ on $[t_1, T - \kappa]$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, B_t - B_{t_1}) = & u(T - \kappa, B_{T-\kappa} - B_{t_1}) + \int_t^{T-\kappa} h(u, \partial_x u)(s, B_s - B_{t_1}) ds \\ & - \int_t^{T-\kappa} \partial_x u(s, B_s - B_{t_1}) dB_s - (K_{T-\kappa} - K_t), \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where $K_t = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_1}^t \partial_{xx}^2 u(s, B_s - B_{t_1}) d\langle B \rangle_s - \int_{t_1}^t G(\partial_{xx}^2 u(s, B_s - B_{t_1})) ds$ is a non-increasing G -martingale. We now prove that there exists a constant $L_1 > 0$ such that

$$|u(t, x) - u(s, y)| \leq L_1(\sqrt{|t-s|} + |x-y|), \quad t, s \in [0, T], x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (4.3)$$

For each fixed $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, set $\tilde{u}(t, x) = u(t, x + x_0)$, it is easy to check that \tilde{u} is the solution of the following PDE:

$$\partial_t \tilde{u} + G(\partial_{xx}^2 \tilde{u}) + h(\tilde{u}, \partial_x \tilde{u}) = 0, \quad \tilde{u}(T, x) = \varphi(x + x_0). \quad (4.4)$$

Define $\hat{u}(t, x) = u(t, x) + L_\varphi |x_0| \exp(L_h(T - t))$, where L_φ and L_h are the Lipschitz constants of φ and h respectively, it is easy to verify that \hat{u} is a supersolution of PDE (4.4). Thus by comparison theorem (see Theorem 2.4 in Appendix C in Peng [27]) we get

$$u(t, x + x_0) \leq u(t, x) + L_\varphi |x_0| \exp(L_h(T - t)), \quad t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since x_0 is arbitrary, we get $|u(t, x) - u(t, y)| \leq \hat{L}|x - y|$, where $\hat{L} = L_\varphi \exp(L_h T)$. From this we can get $|\partial_x u(t, x)| \leq \hat{L}$ for each $t \in [0, T]$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. On the other hand, for each fixed $\bar{t} < t < T$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$, applying Itô's formula to $u(s, x + B_s - B_{\bar{t}})$ on $[\bar{t}, t]$, we get

$$u(\bar{t}, x) = \hat{\mathbb{E}}[u(\hat{t}, x + B_{\hat{t}} - B_{\bar{t}}) + \int_{\bar{t}}^{\hat{t}} h(u, \partial_x u)(s, x + B_s - B_{\bar{t}}) ds].$$

From this we deduce that

$$|u(\bar{t}, x) - u(\hat{t}, x)| \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\hat{L}|B_{\hat{t}} - B_{\bar{t}}| + \tilde{L}|\hat{t} - \bar{t}|] \leq (\hat{L}\bar{\sigma} + \tilde{L}\sqrt{T})\sqrt{|\hat{t} - \bar{t}|},$$

where $\tilde{L} = \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2} |h(x, y)|$. Thus we get (4.3) by taking $L_1 = \max\{\hat{L}, \hat{L}\bar{\sigma} + \tilde{L}\sqrt{T}\}$. Letting $\kappa \downarrow 0$ in equation (4.2), it is easy to verify that

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|Y_{T-\kappa} - \xi|^2 + \int_{T-\kappa}^T |Z_t|^2 dt + (K_{T-\kappa} - K_T)^2] \rightarrow 0,$$

where $Y_t = u(t, B_t - B_{t_1})$ and $Z_t = \partial_x u(t, B_t - B_{t_1})$. Thus $(Y_t, Z_t, K_t)_{t \in [t_1, T]}$ is a solution of equation (3.1) with terminal value $\xi = \varphi(B_T - B_{t_1})$. Furthermore, it is easy to check that $Y \in S_G^\alpha(t_1, T)$, $Z \in H_G^\alpha(t_1, T)$ and $K_T \in L_G^\alpha(\Omega_T)$ for any $\alpha > 1$.

Part 2. We now consider the case $\xi = \psi(B_{t_1}, B_T - B_{t_1})$ with $\psi \in C_{b, Lip}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, and the more general case can be proved similarly. For each fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}$, let $u(\cdot, x, \cdot)$ be the solution of equation (4.1) with terminal condition $\psi(x, \cdot)$. By Part 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(\hat{t}, x, B_{\hat{t}} - B_{t_1}) &= u(T, x, B_T - B_{t_1}) + \int_t^T h(u, \partial_y u)(s, x, B_s - B_{t_1}) ds \\ &\quad - \int_t^T \partial_y u(s, x, B_s - B_{t_1}) dB_s - (K_T^x - K_{\hat{t}}^x), \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

where $K_{\hat{t}}^x = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_1}^{\hat{t}} \partial_{yy}^2 u(s, x, B_s - B_{t_1}) d\langle B \rangle_s - \int_{t_1}^{\hat{t}} G(\partial_{yy}^2 u(s, x, B_s - B_{t_1})) ds$. We replace x by B_{t_1} and get

$$Y_{\hat{t}} = Y_T + \int_t^T h(Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dB_s - (K_T - K_{\hat{t}}),$$

where $Y_t = u(t, B_{t_1}, B_t - B_{t_1})$, $Z_t = \partial_y u(t, B_{t_1}, B_t - B_{t_1})$ and

$$K_t = \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_1}^t \partial_{yy}^2 u(s, B_{t_1}, B_s - B_{t_1}) d\langle B \rangle_s - \int_{t_1}^t G(\partial_{yy}^2 u(s, B_{t_1}, B_s - B_{t_1})) ds.$$

Now we are in a position to prove $(Y, Z, K) \in \mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$. We use the following argument, for each given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, by partition of unity theorem, there exist $h_i^n \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ with the diameter of support $\lambda(\text{supp}(h_i^n)) < 1/n$, $0 \leq h_i^n \leq 1$, $I_{[-n, n]}(x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} h_i^n \leq 1$. Choose x_i^n such that $h_i^n(x_i^n) > 0$. Through equation (4.5), we have

$$Y_t^n = Y_T^n + \int_t^T \sum_{i=1}^n h(y_s^{n,i}, z_s^{n,i}) h_i^n(B_{t_1}) ds - \int_t^T Z_s^n dB_s - (K_T^n - K_t^n),$$

where $y_t^{n,i} = u(t, x_i^n, B_t - B_{t_1})$, $z_t^{n,i} = \partial_y u(t, x_i^n, B_t - B_{t_1})$, $Y_t^n = \sum_{i=1}^n y_t^{n,i} h_i^n(B_{t_1})$, $Z_t^n = \sum_{i=1}^n z_t^{n,i} h_i^n(B_{t_1})$ and $K_t^n = \sum_{i=1}^n K_t^{x_i^n} h_i^n(B_{t_1})$.

By the same analysis as that in Part 1, we can obtain a constant $L_2 > 0$ such that for each $t, s \in [0, T]$, $x, x', y, y' \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$|u(t, x, y) - u(s, x', y')| \leq L_2(\sqrt{|t-s|} + |x-x'| + |y-y'|).$$

From this we get

$$\begin{aligned} |Y_t - Y_t^n| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} h_i^n(B_{t_1}) |u(t, x_i^n, B_t - B_{t_1}) - u(t, B_{t_1}, B_t - B_{t_1})| + |Y_t| I_{\{|B_{t_1}| > n\}} \\ &\leq \frac{L_2}{n} + \frac{\|u\|_\infty}{n} |B_{t_1}|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [t_1, T]} |Y_t - Y_t^n|^\alpha] \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\frac{L_2}{n} + \frac{\|u\|_\infty}{n} |B_{t_1}|)^\alpha] \rightarrow 0.$$

By Proposition 3.8, we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\int_{t_1}^T |Z_s - Z_s^n|^2 ds)^{\alpha/2}] \leq C_\alpha \{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [t_1, T]} |Y_t - Y_t^n|^\alpha] + (\hat{\mathbb{E}}[\sup_{t \in [t_1, T]} |Y_t - Y_t^n|^\alpha])^{1/2} \},$$

where $C_\alpha > 0$ is a constant depending only on α, T, L^w and \underline{d} , thus we obtain $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\int_{t_1}^T |Z_s - Z_s^n|^2 ds)^{\alpha/2}] \rightarrow 0$, which implies that $Z \in H_G^\alpha(t_1, T)$ for any $\alpha > 1$.

By $K_t = Y_t - Y_{t_1} + \int_{t_1}^t h(Y_s, Z_s) ds - \int_{t_1}^t Z_s dB_s$, we obtain $K_t \in L_G^\alpha(\Omega_t)$ for any $\alpha > 1$. We now proceed to prove that K is a G -martingale. Following the framework in Li and Peng [14], we take

$$h_i^n(x) = I_{[-n+\frac{i}{n}, -n+\frac{i+1}{n}]}(x), i = 0, \dots, 2n^2 - 1,$$

$h_{2n^2}^n = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{2n^2-1} h_i^n$. Through equation (4.5), we get

$$\tilde{Y}_t^n = \tilde{Y}_T^n + \int_t^T h(\tilde{Y}_s^n, \tilde{Z}_s^n) ds - \int_t^T \tilde{Z}_s^n dB_s - (\tilde{K}_T^n - \tilde{K}_t^n),$$

where $\tilde{Y}_t^n = \sum_{i=0}^{2n^2} u(t, -n + \frac{i}{n}, B_t - B_{t_1}) h_i^n(B_{t_1})$, $\tilde{Z}_t^n = \sum_{i=0}^{2n^2} \partial_y u(t, -n + \frac{i}{n}, B_t - B_{t_1}) h_i^n(B_{t_1})$ and $\tilde{K}_t^n = \sum_{i=0}^{2n^2} K_t^{-n + \frac{i}{n}} h_i^n(B_{t_1})$. By Proposition 3.8, we have $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(\int_{t_1}^T |Z_s - \tilde{Z}_s^n|^2 ds)^{\alpha/2}] \rightarrow 0$ for any $\alpha > 1$. Thus we get $\hat{\mathbb{E}}[|K_t - \tilde{K}_t^n|^\alpha] \rightarrow 0$ for any $\alpha > 1$. By Proposition 2.5, we obtain for each $t_1 \leq t < s \leq T$,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[K_s] - K_t|] &= \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[K_s] - \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\tilde{K}_s^n] + \tilde{K}_t^n - K_t|] \\ &\leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[K_s - \tilde{K}_s^n|]|] + \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\tilde{K}_t^n - K_t|] \\ &= \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|K_s - \tilde{K}_s^n|] + \hat{\mathbb{E}}[|\tilde{K}_t^n - K_t|] \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get $\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[K_s] = K_t$. For $Y_{t_1} = u(t_1, B_{t_1}, 0)$, we can use the same method as Part 1 on $[0, t_1]$.

Step 2. $f(t, \omega, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^N f^i h^i(y, z)$ with $f^i \in M_G^0(0, T)$ and $h^i \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$.

The analysis is similar to Part 2 of Step 1.

Step 3. $f(t, \omega, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^N f^i h^i(y, z)$ with $f^i \in M_G^\beta(0, T)$ bounded and $h^i \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $h^i \geq 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^N h^i \leq 1$.

Choose $f_n^i \in M_G^0(0, T)$ such that $|f_n^i| \leq \|f^i\|_\infty$ and $\sum_{i=1}^N \|f_n^i - f^i\|_{M_G^\beta} < 1/n$. Set $f_n = \sum_{i=1}^N f_n^i h^i(y, z)$, which are uniformly Lipschitz. Let (Y^n, Z^n, K^n) be the solution of equation (3.1) with generator f_n .

Noting that

$$\hat{f}_s^{m,n} := |f_m(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) - f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^N |f_n^i - f^i| + \sum_{i=1}^N |f_m^i - f^i| =: \hat{f}_n + \hat{f}_m,$$

we have, for any $1 < \alpha < \beta$,

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\int_0^T \hat{f}_s^{m,n} ds)^\alpha] \leq \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\int_0^T (|\hat{f}_n(s)| + |\hat{f}_m(s)|) ds)^\alpha].$$

Thus by Theorem 2.8, we get $\|\int_0^T \hat{f}_s^{m,n} ds\|_{\alpha, \mathcal{E}} \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $\alpha \in (1, \beta)$. By Proposition 3.9 we know that $\{Y^n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{S_G^\alpha}$. By Proposition 3.7 and Proposition 3.8, $\{Z^n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{H_G^\alpha}$. In order to show that $\{K_T^n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_G^\alpha}$, it suffices to prove $\{\int_0^T f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) ds\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_G^\alpha}$. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} &|f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| \\ &\leq |f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| + |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n)| \\ &\leq L(|\hat{Y}_s| + |\hat{Z}_s|) + \hat{f}_n + \hat{f}_m, \end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired result.

Step 4. f is bounded, Lipschitz. $|f(t, \omega, y, z)| \leq CI_{B(R)}(y, z)$ for some $C, R > 0$. Here $B(R) = \{(y, z) | y^2 + z^2 \leq R^2\}$.

For any n , by the partition of unity theorem, there exists $\{h_n^i\}_{i=1}^{N_n}$ such that $h_n^i \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$, the diameter of support $\lambda(\text{supp}(h_n^i)) < 1/n$, $0 \leq h_n^i \leq 1$,

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$I_{B(R)} \leq \sum_{i=1}^N h_n^i \leq 1$. Then $f(t, \omega, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^N f(t, \omega, y, z) h_n^i$. Choose y_n^i, z_n^i such that $h_n^i(y_n^i, z_n^i) > 0$. Set $f_n(t, \omega, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^N f(t, \omega, y_n^i, z_n^i) h_n^i$. Then

$$|f(t, \omega, y, z) - f_n(t, \omega, y, z)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^N |f(t, \omega, y, z) - f(t, \omega, y_n^i, z_n^i)| h_n^i \leq L/n$$

and

$$|f_n(t, \omega, y, z) - f_n(t, \omega, y', z')| \leq L(|y - y'| + |z - z'| + 2/n).$$

Noting that $|f_m(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) - f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)| \leq (L/n + L/m)$, we have

$$\hat{\mathbb{E}}_t \left[\int_0^T (|f_m(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) - f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)| + \frac{2L}{m}) ds \right]^\alpha \leq T^\alpha \left(\frac{L}{n} + \frac{3L}{m} \right)^\alpha.$$

So by Proposition 3.9 we conclude that $\{Y^n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{S_G^\alpha}$. Consequently, $\{Z^n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{H_G^\alpha}$ by Proposition 3.7 and Proposition 3.8. Now we shall prove $\{\int_0^T f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) ds\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_G^\alpha}$. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| \\ & \leq |f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| + |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n)| \\ & \leq L(|\hat{Y}_s| + |\hat{Z}_s| + 2/m) + L/n + L/m, \end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired result.

Step 5. f is bounded, Lipschitz.

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, choose $h^n \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ such that $I_{B(n)} \leq h^n \leq I_{B(n+1)}$ and $\{h^n\}$ are uniformly Lipschitz w.r.t. n . Set $f_n = fh^n$, which are uniformly Lipschitz. Noting that for $m > n$

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_m(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) - f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)| \\ & \leq |f(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)| I_{\{|Y_s^n|^2 + |Z_s^n|^2 > n^2\}} \\ & \leq \|f\|_\infty \frac{|Y_s^n| + |Z_s^n|}{n}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t \left[\left(\int_0^T |f_m(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) - f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)| ds \right)^\alpha \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\|f\|_\infty^\alpha}{n^\alpha} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t \left[\left(\int_0^T |Y_s^n| + |Z_s^n| ds \right)^\alpha \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\|f\|_\infty^\alpha}{n^\alpha} C(\alpha, T) \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t \left[\int_0^T |Y_s^n|^\alpha ds + \left(\int_0^T |Z_s^n|^2 ds \right)^{\alpha/2} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $C(\alpha, T) := 2^{\alpha-1}(T^{\alpha-1} + T^{\alpha/2})$.

So by Theorem 2.8 and Proposition 3.7 we get $\|\int_0^T \hat{f}_s^{m,n} ds\|_{\alpha, \varepsilon} \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $\alpha \in (1, \beta)$. By Proposition 3.9, we conclude that $\{Y^n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{S_G^\alpha}$. Consequently, $\{Z^n\}$ is a Cauchy

sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{H_G^\alpha}$. Now it suffices to prove $\{\int_0^T f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) ds\}$ is a cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_G^\alpha}$. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| \\ & \leq |f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| + |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n)| \\ & \leq L(|\hat{Y}_s| + |\hat{Z}_s|) + |f(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)|1_{\{|Y_s^n|+|Z_s^n|>n\}}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired result by Proposition 3.7.

Step 6. For the general f .

Set $f_n = [f \vee (-n)] \wedge n$, which are uniformly Lipschitz. Choose $0 < \delta < \frac{\beta-\alpha}{\alpha} \wedge 1$. Then $\alpha < \alpha' = (1 + \delta)\alpha < \beta$. Since for $m > n$

$$|f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n)| \leq |f(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)|1_{\{|f(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)|>n\}} \leq \frac{1}{n^\delta} |f(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)|^{1+\delta},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\int_0^T |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n)| ds)^\alpha] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n^{\alpha\delta}} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(\int_0^T |f(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n)|^{1+\delta} ds)^\alpha], \\ & \leq \frac{C(\alpha, T, L, \delta)}{n^{\alpha\delta}} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[\int_0^T |f(s, 0, 0)|^{\alpha'} ds + \int_0^T |Y_s^n|^{\alpha'} ds + (\int_0^T |Z_s^n|^2 ds)^{\frac{\alpha'}{2}}], \end{aligned}$$

where $C(\alpha, T, L, \delta) := 3^{\alpha'-1}(T^{\alpha-1} + L^{\alpha'} T^{\frac{\alpha(1-\delta)}{2}} + T^{\alpha-1} L^{\alpha'})$. So by Theorem 2.8 and Proposition 3.7 we get $\|\int_0^T \hat{f}_s^{m,n} ds\|_{\alpha, \mathcal{E}} \rightarrow 0$ as $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $\alpha \in (1, \beta)$. By Proposition 3.9, we know that $\{Y^n\}$ is a cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{S_G^\alpha}$. And consequently $\{Z^n\}$ is a cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{H_G^\alpha}$. Now we prove $\{\int_0^T f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n) ds\}$ is a cauchy sequence under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_G^\alpha}$. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| \\ & \leq |f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^m, Z^m)| + |f_n(s, Y^n, Z^n) - f_m(s, Y^n, Z^n)| \\ & \leq L(|\hat{Y}_s| + |\hat{Z}_s|) + \frac{3^\delta}{n^\delta} (|f_s^0|^{1+\delta} + |Y_s^n|^{1+\delta} + |Z_s^n|^{1+\delta}), \end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired result by Proposition 3.7. \square

Moreover, we have the following result.

Theorem 4.2 Assume that $\xi \in L_G^\beta(\Omega_T)$ and f, g satisfy (H1) and (H2) for some $\beta > 1$. Then equation (1.2) has a unique solution (Y, Z, K) . Moreover, for any $1 < \alpha < \beta$ we have $Y \in S_G^\alpha(0, T)$, $Z \in H_G^\alpha(0, T)$ and $K_T \in L_G^\alpha(\Omega_T)$.

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 4.1. \square

Remark 4.3 The above results still hold for the case $d > 1$.

5 An alternative estimates of G -BSDEs

In this section, we present an alternative a priori estimate for the solutions of G -BSDEs, which may be useful in the follow-up work of G -BSDEs theory.

For simplicity, we only consider the case $d = 1$. The results still hold for the case $d > 1$.

We consider the following type of G -BSDEs:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t^i &= \xi^i + \int_t^T f_i(s, Y_s^i, Z_s^i) ds + \int_t^T g_i(s, Y_s^i, Z_s^i) d\langle B \rangle_s \\ &\quad - \int_t^T Z_s^i dB_s - (K_T^i - K_t^i), \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

where $\xi^i \in L_G^\beta(\Omega_T)$ and f_i, g_i satisfy (H1) and (H2) for some $\beta > 1$, $i = 1, 2$.

Proposition 5.1 *Assume that $(Y^i, Z^i, K^i) \in \mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$ for some $1 < \alpha < \beta$, $i = 1, 2$, are the solutions of equation (5.1) corresponding to ξ^i, f_i and g_i . Set $\tilde{Y}_t = Y_t^1 - Y_t^2$. Then there exists a constant $C_\alpha > 0$ depending on α, T, G and L such that*

$$|\tilde{Y}_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(|\hat{\xi}| + \int_t^T (|\hat{f}_s| + |\hat{g}_s|) ds)^\alpha], \quad (5.2)$$

where $\hat{\xi} = \xi^1 - \xi^2$, $\hat{f}_s = f_1(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2) - f_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)$, $\hat{g}_s = g_1(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2) - g_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)$.

Proof. For each fixed $t < T$, we consider the following SDE:

$$\begin{aligned} X_r &= \int_t^r (f_1(s, Y_s^2 - X_s, Z_s^2) - f_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_t^r (g_1(s, Y_s^2 - X_s, Z_s^2) - g_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)) d\langle B \rangle_s. \end{aligned}$$

By the comparison theorem, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |X_r| &\leq \int_t^r |\hat{f}_s| \exp\{L(r-s + \langle B \rangle_r - \langle B \rangle_s)\} ds \\ &\quad + \int_t^r |\hat{g}_s| \exp\{L(r-s + \langle B \rangle_r - \langle B \rangle_s)\} d\langle B \rangle_s \\ &\leq C \int_t^r (|\hat{f}_s| + |\hat{g}_s|) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where C depends on T, G and L . Set $\tilde{Y}_r^1 = Y_r^1 + X_r$ for $r \in [t, T]$, by applying Itô's formula to $Y_r^1 + X_r$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Y}_r^1 &= \xi^1 + X_T + \int_r^T (f_1(s, \tilde{Y}_s^1 - X_s, Z_s^1) - f_1(s, Y_s^2 - X_s, Z_s^2) + f_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_r^T (g_1(s, \tilde{Y}_s^1 - X_s, Z_s^1) - g_1(s, Y_s^2 - X_s, Z_s^2) + g_2(s, Y_s^2, Z_s^2)) d\langle B \rangle_s \\ &\quad - \int_r^T Z_s^1 dB_s - (K_T^1 - K_r^1). \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 3.9 we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{Y}_t|^\alpha &= |\tilde{Y}_t^1 - Y_t^2|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[|\hat{\xi} + X_T|^\alpha] \\ &\leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(|\hat{\xi}| + \int_t^T (|\hat{f}_s| + |\hat{g}_s|) ds)^\alpha]. \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary 5.2 *Assume that $(Y, Z, K) \in \mathfrak{S}_G^\alpha(0, T)$ for some $1 < \alpha < \beta$ is the solution of equation (5.1) corresponding to ξ, f and g . Then there exists a constant $C_\alpha > 0$ depending on α, T, G and L such that*

$$|Y_t|^\alpha \leq C_\alpha \hat{\mathbb{E}}_t[(|\xi| + \int_t^T (|f(s, 0, 0)| + |g(s, 0, 0)|) ds)^\alpha]. \quad (5.3)$$

Proof. Letting $\xi^2 = 0, f_2 = g_2 = 0$, it is easy to check that $Y_t^2 = 0$. By Proposition 5.1 we get equation (5.3). □

Remark 5.3 *Noting that C_α is bounded for $\alpha \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \beta)$, then equations (5.2) and (5.3) still hold for $\alpha = \beta$ by taking $\alpha \uparrow \beta$.*

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