

# Projections of semimartingales and BSDEs

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In this talk we will study projections of semi-martingales on various filtrations and give applications to some BSDEs.

A (special) **semimartingale** is a process  $X$  which admits a decomposition as  $X = M + A$  where  $M$  is a (local) martingale and  $A$  a (predictable) process with bounded variation.

Let  $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{G}$  be two nested filtrations (i.e.  $\mathcal{F}_t \subset \mathcal{G}_t, \forall t \geq 0$ ). The  $\mathbb{F}$ -(optional) projection of a  $\mathbb{G}$ -martingale  $X^{\mathbb{G}}$  on  $\mathbb{F}$  i.e.,  $X_t^{\mathbb{F}} = {}^{\circ}X_t^{\mathbb{G}} = \mathbb{E}(X_t^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t), t \geq 0$  is an  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingale. The projection of a bounded variation process is not, in general a bounded variation process.

## A simple case

The first step is to recall a well known lemma.

For any (bounded) process  $\vartheta$ , let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a filtration and define  $\vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} = \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_s | \mathcal{F}_s]$ . Then,

$$M_t := \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_u du | \mathcal{F}_t\right] - \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_u | \mathcal{F}_u] du = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_u du | \mathcal{F}_t\right] - \int_0^t \vartheta_u^{\mathbb{F}} du$$

is an  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingale.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s < t, \quad \mathbb{E}[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_u du | \mathcal{F}_t\right] - \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_u | \mathcal{F}_u] du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_u du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^s \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_u | \mathcal{F}_u] du + \int_s^t \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_u | \mathcal{F}_u] du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^s \vartheta_u du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t \vartheta_u du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] - \int_0^s \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_u | \mathcal{F}_u] du - \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_u | \mathcal{F}_u] du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] \\ &= M_s + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t \vartheta_u du | \mathcal{F}_s\right] - \int_s^t \mathbb{E}[\vartheta_u | \mathcal{F}_s] du = M_s. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{G}$  be two nested filtrations,  $\vartheta$  be a  $\mathbb{G}$ -adapted integrable process and  $M$  be the  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingale

$$M_t = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds \mid \mathcal{F}_t\right] - \int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} ds.$$

The goal is to identify  $M$  in terms of the process  $\vartheta$  and one (or more) specific  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingales which satisfy **predictable representation property** (PRP) on  $\mathbb{F}$ .

We recall that PRP is satisfied in a filtration  $\mathbb{H}$  if there exists an  $\mathbb{H}$ -martingale (may be multidimensional)  $Y$  such that any  $\mathbb{H}$  martingale  $X$  can be written as  $X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \varphi_s dY_s$  for a predictable process  $\varphi$ . Basic examples are Brownian filtration and filtration generated by a marked point process.

**Assume that  $\mathbb{F}$  is a Brownian filtration generated by  $W$ .** In that case, predictable representation property (PRP) yields that there exists an  $\mathbb{F}$ -predictable process  $\psi$  such that  $M_t = \int_0^t \psi_s dW_s$ .

For any  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted bounded process  $\varphi$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds \mid \mathcal{F}_t\right] \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[M_t \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[M_t \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \psi_s \varphi_s ds\right] \end{aligned}$$

To proceed, we need to apply integration by parts applied to the product of  $\mathbb{G}$ -processes  $\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds$  and  $\int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s$  (if  $\int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s$  is a  $\mathbb{G}$ -semimartingale!)

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s \left(\int_0^s \varphi_u dW_u\right) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s \left(\int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) dW_s\right].$$

We now assume that there exists a  $\mathbb{G}$ -(predictable)process  $a^{\mathbb{G}}$  such that  $W$  is a  $\mathbb{G}$ -semimartingale with decomposition

$$W_t = W_t^{\mathbb{G}} + \int_0^t a_s^{\mathbb{G}} ds$$

where  $W^{\mathbb{G}}$  is a  $\mathbb{G}$ -Brownian motion, then  $\int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s$  is a  $\mathbb{G}$ -semimartingale and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s \left(\int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) dW_s\right] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s \left(a_s^{\mathbb{G}} \int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s \left(\int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) dW_s^{\mathbb{G}}\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s \left(a_s^{\mathbb{G}} \int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) ds\right]. \end{aligned}$$



We have (by conditioning)

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s \left(\int_0^s \varphi_u dW_u\right) ds\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} \left(\int_0^s \varphi_u dW_u\right) ds\right].$$

Then

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} \left(\int_0^s \varphi_u dW_u\right) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s a_s^{\mathbb{G}} \left(\int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) ds\right]$$

With the same kind of computation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} \left(\int_0^s \varphi_u dW_u\right) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s \left(\int_0^s \vartheta_u^{\mathbb{F}} du\right) dW_s\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} \left(\int_0^s \varphi_u dW_u\right) ds\right]\end{aligned}$$

and from

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s ds \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \vartheta_s^{\mathbb{F}} \left(\int_0^s \varphi_u dW_u\right) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s a_s^{\mathbb{G}} \left(\int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) ds\right]$$

we get

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \psi_s \varphi_s ds\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \varphi_s a_s^{\mathbb{G}} \left(\int_0^s \vartheta_u du\right) ds\right]$$

and this being true for any  $\varphi$ , this yields

$$\psi_s = \mathbb{E}\left[a_s^{\mathbb{G}} \int_0^s \vartheta_u du \mid \mathcal{F}_s\right].$$

As a check, if  $\theta$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted, then  $\psi_t = \mathbb{E}[a_t^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t] \int_0^t \vartheta_u du = 0$  since  $\mathbb{E}[a_t^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t] = 0, \forall s \geq 0$ .

Note that this can be easily extended to the case where  $\mathbb{F}$  admits a martingale (may be multi-dimensional or having jumps) which enjoys PRP.

## Martingales

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a Brownian filtration generated by  $W$  and  $\mathbb{G}$  a bigger filtration  $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{G}$ .

Assume that

$$W_t = W_t^{\mathbb{G}} + \int_0^t a_s^{\mathbb{G}} ds$$

where  $W^{\mathbb{G}}$  is a  $\mathbb{G}$ -Brownian motion. Then, if the  $\mathbb{G}$ -martingale  $Y^{\mathbb{G}}$  admits the decomposition

$$Y_t^{\mathbb{G}} = Y_0^{\mathbb{G}} + \int_0^t y_s^{\mathbb{G}} dW_s^{\mathbb{G}}$$

where  $Y_0^{\mathbb{G}}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}_0$ -measurable r.v. one has

$$E[Y_t^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t] = Y_0^{\mathbb{G}} + \int_0^t \psi_s dW_s.$$

Computing

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t^{\mathbb{G}} \int_0^t \varphi_s dW_s]$$

using, as before integration by parts, one finds

$$\psi_s = \mathbb{E}[y_s^{\mathbb{G}} + a_s^{\mathbb{G}} Y_s^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_s].$$

## Examples

These examples are known in enlargement of filtration theory.

- Initial enlargement

Let  $\zeta$  be a random variable and consider  $\mathbb{F}^{(\zeta)}$  the filtration  $\mathcal{F}_t^{(\zeta)} = \mathcal{F}_t \vee \sigma(\zeta)$ . Let  $\eta$  be the law of  $\zeta$ . We say that  $\zeta$  satisfies **Jacod's absolute continuity condition** if, for each  $t \geq 0$ , its conditional law is absolutely continuous with respect to its unconditional law, i.e.,

$$P_t(du) = p_t(u)\eta(du)$$

and  $p(u)$  is an  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingale satisfying

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\zeta)|\mathcal{F}_t] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u)p_{t-}(u)\eta(du).$$

Suppose that  $\zeta$  satisfies Jacod's absolute continuity condition.

Note that  $p_t(\zeta) > 0$  and, in a Brownian filtration

$$dp_t(u) = \sigma_t(u)dW_t$$

hence, from results in enlargement of filtrations  $a_t^{(\zeta)} = \frac{\sigma_t(\zeta)}{p_t(\zeta)}$ . Furthermore,  $W^{\mathbb{F}(\zeta)}$  satisfies PRP.

Note that any  $\mathcal{F}_t^{(\zeta)}$  random variable  $Y_t^{\mathbb{F}^{(\zeta)}}$  can be written as  $Y_t^{\mathbb{F}^{(\zeta)}} = Y_t^{\mathbb{F}}(\zeta)$  where  $Y^{\mathbb{F}}(u)$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted.

Let  $Y^{\mathbb{F}^{(\zeta)}}$  be the  $\mathbb{F}^{(\zeta)}$ -martingale  $Y_t^{\mathbb{F}^{(\zeta)}} = \int_0^t y_s^{\mathbb{F}}(\zeta) dW_s^{\mathbb{F}^{(\zeta)}}$ , then its  $\mathbb{F}$ -optional projection is  $Y_t = \int_0^t \psi_s dW_s$  with

$$\psi_s = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (y_s^{\mathbb{F}}(u) p_s(u) + \sigma_s(u) Y_s^{\mathbb{F}}(u)) \eta(du)$$



- Progressive enlargement

Let  $\tau$  be a positive r.v. satisfying Jacod's condition and  $\mathbb{G}$  the progressive enlargement of  $\mathbb{F}$  with  $\tau$ , i.e. the smallest filtration which contains  $\mathbb{F}$  and turns  $\tau$  into a stopping time.

Then, any  $\mathbb{F}$ -martingale is a  $\mathbb{G}$ -semimartingale and there exists a pair of processes which enjoy PRP.

## Shrinkage of a BSDE

Let us consider the following BSDE, in the initially enlarged filtration  $\mathbb{G}$

$$dX_t^{\mathbb{G}} = -f(t, X_t^{\mathbb{G}}, Z_t^{\mathbb{G}})dt + Z_t^{\mathbb{G}}dW_t^{\mathbb{G}}, \quad X_T^{\mathbb{G}} = B$$

where  $B \in \mathcal{G}_T$  is bounded, and  $W^{\mathbb{G}}$  a  $\mathbb{G}$ -Brownian motion

$$W_t = W_t^{\mathbb{G}} + \int_0^t a_s^{\mathbb{G}} ds$$

and  $f(s, x, z)$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted. Due to the PRP of  $W^{\mathbb{G}}$  this BSDE admits a solution under the usual Lip. conditions on  $f$ . Recall that  $Z_t^{\mathbb{G}} = Z_t^{\mathbb{F}}(\zeta)$  where  $Z^{\mathbb{F}}(u)$  is  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted.

Let  $X_t = \mathbb{E}[X_t^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t]$  and  $Y_t^{\mathbb{G}} = \int_0^t Z_s^{\mathbb{G}} dW_s^{\mathbb{G}} = Y_t^{\mathbb{F}}(\zeta)$ . One has

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t] = \int_0^t \kappa_s dW_s$$

where

$$\kappa_s = \mathbb{E}[Z_s^{\mathbb{G}} + a_s^{\mathbb{G}} Y_s^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_s].$$

Under Jacod's hypothesis, writing the density in absolute continuity assumption as

$$dp_t(u) = \sigma_t(u)dW_t$$

we know that  $a_t^{\mathbb{G}} = \frac{\sigma_t(\zeta)}{p_t(\zeta)}$  and

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t Z_s^{\mathbb{G}} dW_s^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t\right] = \int_0^t \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} (Z_s^{\mathbb{F}}(u)p_s(u) + Y_s^{\mathbb{F}}(u)\sigma_s(u))\eta(du) \right) dW_s.$$

So that, setting  $X_t = \mathbb{E}[X_t^{\mathbb{G}} | \mathcal{F}_t]$ , and

$$f_t^{\mathbb{F}} = \mathbb{E}[f(t, X_t^{\mathbb{G}}, Z_t^{\mathbb{G}}) | \mathcal{F}_t] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t, X_t^{\mathbb{F}}(u), Z_t^{\mathbb{F}}(u))p_t(u)\eta(du)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= f_t^{\mathbb{F}} dt + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (Z_t^{\mathbb{F}}(u)p_t(u) + \sigma_t(u)Y_t^{\mathbb{F}}(u))\eta(du) dW_t \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sigma_t(u) \int_0^t f(s, X_s^{\mathbb{F}}(u), Z_s^{\mathbb{F}}(u))p_s(u)ds \eta(du) dW_t. \end{aligned}$$

In the particular case where  $f(s, x, z) = \alpha_s + \beta_s x$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $\mathbb{F}$ -adapted

$$dX_t = -(\alpha_t + \beta_t X_t)dt + Z_t dW_t, \quad X_T = \mathbb{E}[B|\mathcal{F}_T]$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} Z_t &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sigma_t(u) \int_0^t f_s^{\mathbb{F}} ds \eta(du) \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}} (Z_s(u) + \sigma_s(u) Y_s(u)) p_s(u) \eta(du) \end{aligned}$$

Thank you for your attention

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