

# Optimal control of SPDEs with delay and time-advanced backward stochastic partial differential equations

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## Abstract

We study optimal control problems for (time-) delayed stochastic differential equations with jumps. We establish sufficient and necessary (Pontryagin type) maximum principles for an optimal control of such systems. The associated adjoint processes are shown to satisfy a (time-) advanced backward stochastic differential equation (ABSDE). Several results on existence and uniqueness of such ABSDEs

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are shown. The results are illustrated by an application to optimal consumption from a cash flow with delay.

# 1 Time-advanced BSPDEs with jumps

We now study time-advanced backward stochastic differential equations driven both by Brownian motion  $B(t)$  and compensated Poisson random measures  $\tilde{N}(dt, dz)$ .

## 1.1 Framework

Let  $B(t) = B(t, \omega)$  be a Brownian motion and  $\tilde{N}(dt, dz) := N(dt, dz) - \nu(dz)dt$ , where  $\nu$  is the Lévy measure of the jump measure  $N(\cdot, \cdot)$ , be an independent compensated Poisson random measure on a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}, P)$ . Let  $D$  be a smooth domain in  $R^n$ . Consider the following general second order differential operator:

$$Au = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} + c(x)u(x)$$

where  $a = (a_{ij}(x)) : D \rightarrow R^{n \times n}$  ( $n > 2$ ) is a measurable, symmetric matrix-valued function which satisfies the uniform elliptic condition

$$\lambda_1 |\xi|^2 \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \xi_i \xi_j \leq \lambda_2 |\xi|^2, \quad \forall \xi \in R^n \text{ and } x \in D \quad (1.1)$$

for some positive constants  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ ,  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n), : D \rightarrow R^n$  and  $c : D \rightarrow R$  are bounded measurable functions. Set  $H = L^2(D)$ . Let  $H_0^{1,2}(D)$  denote the Sobolev space of order one with zero boundary condition. In view of (1.1)

and the boundedness of  $b$  and  $c(x)$ , for  $u \in H_0^{1,2}(D)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
- \langle Au, u \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \int_D \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) dx \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n \int_D b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} u(x) dx - \int_D c(x) u(x)^2 dx \\
&\geq \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 \int_D |\nabla u|^2(x) dx - \frac{1}{4} \lambda_1 \int_D |\nabla u|^2(x) dx - C_{\lambda_1} \int_D u^2(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \lambda_1 \int_D |\nabla u|^2(x) dx - C_{\lambda_1} \int_D u^2(x) dx \tag{1.2}
\end{aligned}$$

Given a positive constant  $\delta$ , denote by  $D([0, \delta], H)$  the space of all càdlàg paths from  $[0, \delta]$  into  $H$ . For a path  $X(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow H$ ,  $X_t$  will denote the function defined by  $X_t(s) = X(t + s)$  for  $s \in [0, \delta]$ . Put  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(R \rightarrow H; \nu)$ . Consider the  $L^2$  spaces  $V_1 := L^2([0, \delta] \rightarrow H, ds)$  and  $V_2 := L^2([0, \delta] \rightarrow \mathcal{H}, ds)$ . Let

$$F : \mathbb{R}_+ \times H \times H \times V_1 \times H \times H \times V_1 \times \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \times V_2 \times \Omega \rightarrow H$$

be a predictable function. Introduce the following Lipschitz condition: There exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
&|F(t, p_1, p_2, p, q_1, q_2, q, r_1, r_2, r, \omega) - F(t, \bar{p}_1, \bar{p}_2, \bar{p}, \bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2, \bar{q}, \bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2, \bar{r}, \omega)|_H \\
&\leq C(|p_1 - \bar{p}_1|_H + |p_2 - \bar{p}_2|_H + |p - \bar{p}|_{V_1} + |q_1 - \bar{q}_1|_H + |q_2 - \bar{q}_2|_H \\
&\quad + |q - \bar{q}|_{V_1} + |r_1 - \bar{r}_1|_{\mathcal{H}} + |r_2 - \bar{r}_2|_{\mathcal{H}} + |r - \bar{r}|_{V_2}). \tag{1.3}
\end{aligned}$$

## 1.2 First existence and uniqueness theorem

We first consider the following time-advanced backward stochastic partial differential equation (BSPDE) in the unknown  $\mathcal{F}_t$  adapted processes  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z)) \int H \times H \times \mathcal{H}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
dp(t) &= -Ap(t)dt \\
&\quad + E[F(t, p(t), p(t + \delta)\chi_{[0, T-\delta]}(t), p_t\chi_{[0, T-\delta]}(t), q(t), q(t + \delta)\chi_{[0, T-\delta]}(t), \\
&\quad \quad q_t\chi_{[0, T-\delta]}(t), r(t), r(t + \delta)\chi_{[0, T-\delta]}(t), r_t\chi_{[0, T-\delta]}(t)) | \mathcal{F}_t] dt \\
&\quad + q(t)dB(t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} r(t, z)\tilde{N}(dt, dz); \quad t \in [0, T] \tag{1.4}
\end{aligned}$$

$$p(T) = G, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $G$  is a given  $H$ -valued  $\mathcal{F}_T$ -measurable random variable.

Note that the time-advanced BSPDE (??)-(??) for the adjoint processes of the Hamiltonian is of this form.

For this type of time-advanced BSPDEs we have the following result:

**Theorem 1.1** *Assume that  $E[G^2] < \infty$  and that condition (1.3) is satisfied. Then the BSPDE (1.4)-(1.5) has a unique solution  $p(t), q(t), r(t, z)$  such that*

$$E \left[ \int_0^T \left\{ |p(t)|_H^2 + |q(t)|_H^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r(t, z)|_H^2 \nu(dz) \right\} dt \right] < \infty. \quad (1.6)$$

Moreover, the solution can be found by inductively solving a sequence of BSPDEs backwards as follows:

**Step 0:** In the interval  $[T - \delta, T]$  we let  $p(t), q(t)$  and  $r(t, z)$  be defined as the solution of the classical BSPDE (see [?])

$$\begin{aligned} dp(t) = & -Ap(t)dt + F(t, p(t), 0, 0, q(t), 0, 0, r(t, z), 0, 0) dt \\ & + q(t)dB(t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} r(t, z)\tilde{N}(dt, dz); \quad t \in [T - \delta, T] \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

$$p(T) = G. \quad (1.8)$$

**Step  $k$  ;  $k \geq 1$ :** If the values of  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$  have been found for  $t \in [T - k\delta, T - (k - 1)\delta]$ , then if  $t \in [T - (k + 1)\delta, T - k\delta]$  the values of  $p(t + \delta), p_t, q(t + \delta), q_t, r(t + \delta, z)$  and  $r_t$  are known and hence the BSPDE

$$\begin{aligned} dp(t) = & -Ap(t)dt \\ & + E[F(t, p(t), p(t + \delta), p_t, q(t), q(t + \delta), q_t, r(t), r(t + \delta), r_t) | \mathcal{F}_t] dt \\ & + q(t)dB(t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} r(t, z)\tilde{N}(dt, dz); \quad t \in [T - (k + 1)\delta, T - k\delta] \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

$$p(T - k\delta) = \text{the value found in Step } k - 1 \quad (1.10)$$

has a unique solution in  $[T - (k + 1)\delta, T - k\delta]$ .

We proceed like this until  $k$  is such that  $T - (k + 1)\delta \leq 0 < T - k\delta$  and then we solve the corresponding BSPDE on the interval  $[0, T - k\delta]$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows directly from the above inductive procedure. The estimate (1.6) is a consequence of known estimates for classical BSPDEs.  $\square$

### 1.3 Second existence and uniqueness theorem

Next, we consider the following backward stochastic partial differential equation in the unknown  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted processes  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z)) \int H \times H \times \mathcal{H}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} dp(t) &= -Ap(t)dt \\ &+ E[F(t, p(t), p(t+\delta), p_t, q(t), q(t+\delta), q_t, r(t), r(t+\delta), r_t) | \mathcal{F}_t]dt \\ &+ q(t)dB_t + \int_{\mathbb{R}} r(t, z)\tilde{N}(dt, dz), \quad ; \quad t \in [0, T] \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

$$p(t) = G(t), \quad t \in [T, T + \delta]. \quad (1.12)$$

where  $G$  is a  $H$ -valued given continuous  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted stochastic process.

**Theorem 1.2** *Assume  $E[\sup_{T \leq t \leq T+\delta} |G(t)|_H^2] < \infty$  and that the condition (1.3) is satisfied. Then the backward stochastic differential equation (1.11) admits a unique solution  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$  such that*

$$E\left[\int_0^T \{|p(t)|_H^2 + |q(t)|_H^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r(t, z)|_H^2 \nu(dz)\} dt\right] < \infty.$$

Proof.

**Step 1** Assume  $F$  is independent of  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p$ . Set  $q^0(t) := 0, r^0(t, x) = 0$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , define  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  to be the unique solution to the following backward stochastic partial differential equation equation:

$$\begin{aligned} dp^n(t) &= -Ap^n(t)dt \\ &+ E[F(t, q^{n-1}(t), q^{n-1}(t+\delta), q_t^{n-1}, r^{n-1}(t, \cdot), r^{n-1}(t+\delta, \cdot), r_t^{n-1}(\cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_t]dt \\ &+ q^n(t)dB_t + r^n(t, z)\tilde{N}(dt, dz), \quad t \in [0, T] \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

$$p^n(t) = G(t) \quad t \in [T, T + \delta].$$

It is a consequence of the martingale representation theorem that the above equation admits a unique solution, see, e.g. [?]. We extend  $q^n, r^n$  to  $[0, T + \delta]$  by setting  $q^n(s) = 0, r^n(s, z) = 0$  for  $T \leq s \leq T + \delta$ . We are going to show that  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  forms a Cauchy sequence. By Itô's formula, we

have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= |p^{n+1}(T) - p^n(T)|_H^2 \\
&= |p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2 - 2 \int_t^T \langle A(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)), p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s) \rangle ds \\
&+ 2 \int_t^T \langle p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s), (E[F(s, q^n(s), q^n(s + \delta), q_s^n, r^n(s, \cdot), r^n(s + \delta, \cdot), r_s^n(\cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_s] \\
&\quad - E[F(s, q^{n-1}(s), q^{n-1}(s + \delta), q_s^{n-1}, r^{n-1}(s, \cdot), r^{n-1}(s + \delta, \cdot), r_s^{n-1}(\cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_s]) \rangle_H ds \\
&+ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) + \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \\
&+ 2 \int_t^T \langle p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s), q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s) \rangle_H dB_s \\
&+ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} \{|r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 \\
&\quad + 2 \langle p^{n+1}(s-) - p^n(s-), r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z) \rangle_H\} \tilde{N}(ds, dz) \quad (1.14)
\end{aligned}$$

Rearranging terms, in view of (1.3) and (1.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&E[|p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2] + \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T |\nabla(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s))|_H^2 ds \\
&\quad + E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] + E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\
&\leq 2E \left[ \int_t^T | \langle p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s), E[F(s, q^n(s), q^n(s + \delta), r^n(s, \cdot), r^n(s + \delta, \cdot)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - F(s, q^{n-1}(s), q^{n-1}(s + \delta), r^{n-1}(s, \cdot), r^{n-1}(s + \delta, \cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_s] \rangle_H | ds \right] \\
&\quad + C \int_t^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \leq C \\
&\quad + \varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s + \delta) - q^{n-1}(s + \delta)|_H^2 ds \right] + \varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T \left( \int_s^{s+\delta} |q^n(u) - q^{n-1}(u)|_H^2 du \right) ds \right] \\
&\quad + \varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T |r^n(s) - r^{n-1}(s)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 ds \right] \\
&\quad + \varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T |r^n(s + \delta) - r^{n-1}(s + \delta)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 ds \right] + \varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T \left( \int_s^{s+\delta} |r^n(u) - r^{n-1}(u)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 du \right) ds \right] \\
&\hspace{15em} (1.15)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s + \delta) - q^{n-1}(s + \delta)|_H^2 ds \right] \leq E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s) - q^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right]. \quad (1.16)$$

Interchanging the order of integration,

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ \int_t^T \left( \int_s^{s+\delta} |q^n(u) - q^{n-1}(u)|_H^2 du \right) ds \right] &= E \left[ \int_t^{T+\delta} |q^n(u) - q^{n-1}(u)|_H^2 du \left( \int_{u-\delta}^u ds \right) \right] \\ &\leq \delta E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s) - q^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.17)$$

Similar inequalities hold also for  $r^n - r^{n-1}$ . It follows from (1.15) that

$$\begin{aligned} E[|p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2] &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T |\nabla(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s))|_H^2 ds \\ &+ E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] + E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\ &\leq C_\varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + (2 + M)\varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s) - q^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\ &+ 3\varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T |r^n(s) - r^{n-1}(s)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 ds \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.18)$$

Choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small so that

$$\begin{aligned} E[|p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2] &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_t^T |\nabla(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s))|_H^2 ds \\ &+ E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] + E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\ &\leq C_\varepsilon E \left[ \int_t^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + \frac{1}{2} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s) - q^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} E \left[ \int_t^T |r^n(s) - r^{n-1}(s)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 ds \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.19)$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \right) + \frac{1}{2} e^{C_\varepsilon t} \int_t^T |\nabla(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s))|_H^2 ds \\
& \quad + e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] + e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s) - q^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + \frac{1}{2} e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |r^n(s) - r^{n-1}(s)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 ds \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{1.20}$$

Integrating the last inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \left[ \int_0^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\
& \quad + \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} \int_t^T |\nabla(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s))|_H^2 ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s) - q^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |r^n(s) - r^{n-1}(s)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 ds \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{1.21}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] \\
& \quad + \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^n(s) - q^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |r^n(s) - r^{n-1}(s)|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 ds \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{1.22}$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] + \int_0^T dt e^{C_\varepsilon t} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\
& \leq \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n C
\end{aligned} \tag{1.23}$$



for some constant  $C$ . It follows from (1.21) that

$$E \left[ \int_0^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \leq \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n C. \quad (1.24)$$

(1.18) and ((1.21) further gives

$$E \left[ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] + E \left[ \int_0^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \leq \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^n C n C_\varepsilon. \quad (1.25)$$

In view of (1.18), (1.21) and (1.22), we conclude that there exist progressively measurable processes  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[|p^n(t) - p(t)|_H^2] &= 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T E[|p^n(t) - p(t)|_H^2] dt &= 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T E[|\nabla(p^n(t) - p(t))|_H^2] dt &= 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T E[|q^n(t) - q(t)|_H^2] dt &= 0, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} E[|r^n(t, z) - r(t, z)|_H^2] \nu(dz) dt &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (1.13) we see that  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} p(t) - \int_t^T < Ap(s), p(s) > ds \\ + \int_t^T E[F(s, q(s), q(s + \delta), q_s, r(s, \cdot), r(s + \delta, \cdot), r_s(\cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_s] ds \\ + \int_t^T q(s) dB_s + \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} r(s, z) \tilde{N}(ds, dz) &= g(T) \end{aligned} \quad (1.26)$$

i.e.,  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$  is a solution. Uniqueness follows easily from Ito's formula, a similar calculation of deducing (1.14) and (1.15), and Gronwall's Lemma.

**Step 2. General case.** Let  $p^0(t) = 0$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , define  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  to be the unique solution to the following BSDE:

$$\begin{aligned} dp^n(t) &= -Ap^n(t)dt + q^n(t)dB_t + r^n(t, z)\tilde{N}(dt, dz) \\ &\quad + E[F(t, p^{n-1}(t), p^{n-1}(t+\delta), p_t^{n-1}, q^n(t), q^n(t+\delta), q_t^n, r^n(t, \cdot), r^n(t+\delta, \cdot), r_t^n(\cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_t]dt, \end{aligned} \quad (1.27)$$

$$p^n(t) = G(t); \quad t \in [T, T + \delta].$$

The existence of  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  is proved in Step 1. By the same arguments leading to (1.18), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &E[|p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2] + \frac{1}{2}E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 E \left[ \int_t^T |\nabla(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s))|_H^2 ds \right] \\ &\leq CE \left[ \int_t^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] + \frac{1}{2}E \left[ \int_t^T |p^n(s) - p^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1.28)$$

This implies that

$$-\frac{d}{dt} \left( e^{Ct} E \left[ \int_t^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \right) \leq \frac{1}{2}e^{Ct} E \left[ \int_t^T |p^n(s) - p^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \quad (1.29)$$

Integrating (1.29) from  $u$  to  $T$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ \int_u^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_u^T dt e^{C(t-u)} E \left[ \int_t^T |p^n(s) - p^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \\ &\leq e^{CT} \int_u^T dt E \left[ \int_t^T |p^n(s) - p^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.30)$$

Iterating the above inequality we obtain that

$$E \left[ \int_0^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right] \leq \frac{e^{CnT} T^n}{n!}$$

Using above inequality and a similar argument as in Step 1, it can be shown that  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  converges to some limit  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$ , which is the unique solution of equation (1.11).  $\square$

**Theorem 1.3** Assume  $E \left[ \sup_{T \leq t \leq T+\delta} |G(t)|^{2\alpha} \right] < \infty$  for some  $\alpha > 1$  and that the following condition hold:

$$\begin{aligned} & |F(t, p_1, p_2, p, q_1, q_2, q, r_1, r_2, r) - F(t, \bar{p}_1, \bar{p}_2, \bar{p}, \bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2, \bar{q}, \bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2, \bar{r})| \\ & \leq C(|p_1 - \bar{p}_1|_H + |p_2 - \bar{p}_2|_H + \sup_{0 \leq s \leq \delta} |p(s) - \bar{p}(s)|_H + |q_1 - \bar{q}_1|_H + |q_2 - \bar{q}_2|_H + |q - \bar{q}|_{V_1} \\ & \quad + |r_1 - \bar{r}_1|_{\mathcal{H}} + |r_2 - \bar{r}_2|_{\mathcal{H}} + |r - \bar{r}|_{V_2}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.31)$$

Then the BSPDE (1.11) admits a unique solution  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$  such that

$$E \left[ \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |p(t)|_H^{2\alpha} + \int_0^T \{ |q|_H^2(t) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r|_H^2(t, z) \nu(dz) \} dt \right] < \infty.$$

Proof.

**Step 1** . Assume  $F$  is independent of  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p$ . In this case condition (1.31) reduces to assumption (1.3). By the Step 1 in the proof of Theorem 1.2, there is a unique solution  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$  to equation (1.11).

**Step 2. General case.** Let  $p^0(t) = 0$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , define  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  to be the unique solution to the following BSDE:

$$\begin{aligned} dp^n(t) = & -Ap^n(t)dt + q^n(t)dB_t + r^n(t, z)\tilde{N}(dt, dz) \\ & + E[F(t, p^{n-1}(t), p^{n-1}(t+\delta), p_t^{n-1}, q^n(t), q^n(t+\delta), q_t^n, r^n(t, \cdot), r^n(t+\delta, \cdot), r_t^n(\cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_t] dt \end{aligned} \quad (1.32)$$

$$p^n(t) = G(t), \quad t \in [T, T + \delta].$$

By Step 1,  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  exists. We are going to show that  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  forms a Cauchy sequence. Using Itô's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2 + \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) + \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds \\
& - 2 \int_t^T \langle Ap^n(s), p^n(s) \rangle ds \\
& = -2 \int_t^T \langle p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s), \\
& [E[F(s, p^n(s), p^n(s + \delta), p_s^n, q^{n+1}(s), q^{n+1}(s + \delta), q_s^{n+1}, r^{n+1}(s, \cdot), r^{n+1}(s + \delta, \cdot), r_s^{n+1}(\cdot)) \\
& - F(s, p^{n-1}(s), p^{n-1}(s + \delta), p_s^{n-1}, q^n(s), q^n(s + \delta), q_s^n, r^n(s, \cdot), r^n(s + \delta, \cdot), r_s^n(\cdot)) | \mathcal{F}_s]] \rangle_H ds \\
& - 2 \int_t^T \langle p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s), q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s) \rangle dB_s \\
& - \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} [|r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 + 2 \langle p^{n+1}(s-) - p^n(s-), (r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)) \rangle_H] \tilde{N}(ds, dz)
\end{aligned} \tag{1.33}$$

Take conditional expectation with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_t$ , take the supremum over the interval  $[u, T]$  and use the condition (1.31) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} |p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2 + \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& + \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& + \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_t^T |\nabla(p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s))|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& \leq C_\varepsilon \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_u^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& + C_1 \varepsilon \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_u^T |p^n(s) - p^{n-1}(s)|_H^2 ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& + C_2 \varepsilon \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_u^T E \left[ \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^2 | \mathcal{F}_s \right] ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& + C_3 \varepsilon \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_t^T |q^{n+1}(s) - q^n(s)|_H^2 ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& + C_4 \varepsilon \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_t^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} |r^{n+1}(s, z) - r^n(s, z)|_H^2 ds \nu(dz) | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \quad (1.34)
\end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $C_3 \varepsilon < 1$  and  $C_4 \varepsilon < 1$  it follows from (1.34) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} |p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^2 \leq C_\varepsilon \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_u^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \\
& + (C_1 + C_2) \varepsilon \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_u^T E \left[ \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^2 | \mathcal{F}_s \right] ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right] \quad (1.35)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $E \left[ \int_u^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right]$  and  $E \left[ \int_u^T E \left[ \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^2 | \mathcal{F}_s \right] ds | \mathcal{F}_t \right]$  are right-continuous martingales on  $[0, T]$  with terminal random variables  $\int_u^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds$  and  $\int_u^T E \left[ \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^2 | \mathcal{F}_s \right] ds$ . Thus for

$\alpha > 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ \left( \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_u^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \right)^\alpha \right] &\leq c_\alpha E \left[ \left( \int_u^T |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^2 ds \right)^\alpha \right] \\ &\leq c_{T,\alpha} E \left[ \int_u^T \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^{n+1}(v) - p^n(v)|_H^{2\alpha} ds \right], \end{aligned} \quad (1.36)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ \left( \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} E \left[ \int_u^T E \left[ \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^2 \middle| \mathcal{F}_s \right] ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right] \right)^\alpha \right] \\ \leq c_{T,\alpha} E \left[ \int_u^T E \left[ \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^{2\alpha} \middle| \mathcal{F}_s \right] ds \right] \\ \leq c_{T,\alpha} E \left[ \int_u^T \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^{2\alpha} ds \right], \end{aligned} \quad (1.37)$$

(1.35), (1.36) and (1.37) yield that for  $\alpha > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ \sup_{u \leq t \leq T} |p^{n+1}(t) - p^n(t)|_H^{2\alpha} \right] &\leq C_{1,\alpha} E \left[ \int_u^T \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^{n+1}(v) - p^n(v)|_H^{2\alpha} ds \right] \\ &+ C_{2,\alpha} E \left[ \int_u^T \sup_{s \leq v \leq T} |p^n(v) - p^{n-1}(v)|_H^{2\alpha} ds \right] \end{aligned} \quad (1.38)$$

Put

$$g_n(u) = E \left[ \int_u^T \sup_{t \leq s \leq T} |p^n(s) - p^{n-1}(s)|_H^{2\alpha} \right]$$

(1.38) implies that

$$-\frac{d}{dt} (e^{C_{1,\alpha}u} g_{n+1}(u)) \leq e^{C_{1,\alpha}u} C_{2,\alpha} g_n(u) \quad (1.39)$$

Integrating (1.39) from  $t$  to  $T$  we get

$$g_{n+1}(t) \leq c_{2,\alpha} \int_t^T e^{C_{1,\alpha}(s-t)} g_n(s) ds \leq C_{2,\alpha} e^{C_{1,\alpha}T} \int_t^T g_n(s) ds. \quad (1.40)$$

Iterating the above inequality we obtain that

$$E \left[ \int_0^T \sup_{t \leq s \leq T} |p^{n+1}(s) - p^n(s)|_H^{2\alpha} dt \right] \leq \frac{e^{CnT} T^n}{n!}$$

Using above inequality and a similar argument as in step 1, we can show that  $(p^n(t), q^n(t), r^n(t, z))$  converges to some limit  $(p(t), q(t), r(t, z))$ , which is the unique solution of equation (1.11).  $\square$