Solving Backward Doubly Stochastic Differential Equations through Splitting Schemes

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Abstract

A splitting scheme for backward doubly stochastic differential equations is proposed. The main idea is to decompose a backward doubly stochastic differential equation into a backward stochastic differential equation and a stochastic differential equation. The backward stochastic differential equation and the stochastic differential equation are then approximated by first order finite difference schemes, which results in a first order scheme for the backward doubly stochastic differential equation. Numerical experiments are conducted to illustrate the convergence rate of the proposed scheme.

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1 Introduction

The aim of this paper is to introduce a splitting algorithm for the following backward doubly stochastic differential equation (BDSDE):

\[ Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s) \, ds - \int_t^T Z_s \, dW_s + \int_t^T g(s, X_s, Y_s) \, dB_s, \]  

where \( 0 \leq t \leq T, W := \{W_t\}_{t \geq 0}, B := \{B_t\}_{t \geq 0} \) are two independent Brownian motions and the stochastic process \( X_t \) is defined by \( X_t = X_0 + W_t \), where \( X_0 \) is an initial random variable independent of \( W \) and \( B \). The notation \( dB \) stands

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for the backward Itô integral (see [32]), which is an Itô integral with backward propagation direction. The solution of the BDSDE (1.1) is a pair of stochastic processes \((Y_t, Z_t)\). Here “doubly” refers to the fact that the equation is driven by two independent Brownian motions. Without the \(d\overrightarrow{B_t}\) integral, the BDSDE is reduced to a standard backward stochastic differential equation (BSDE), which has been extensively studied [28, 29, 33, 39, 40].

The theory of BDSDEs was first studied in [34] to give a probabilistic interpretation for the solutions of the following class of semilinear stochastic partial differential equations (SPDEs)

\[
\begin{align*}
  u(t, x) &= \Phi(x) + \int_t^T \left( \mathcal{L}u(s, x) + f(s, x, u(s, x), (\nabla u \sigma)(s, x)) \right) ds \\
  &\quad + \int_t^T g(s, x, u(s, x)) d\overrightarrow{B_s}, \quad (t, x) \in [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d
\end{align*}
\] (1.2)

through the relation

\[
Y_t = u(t, X_t), \quad Z_t = \nabla u(t, X_t) \sigma(X_t).
\] (1.3)

The SPDE system (1.2) provides a stochastic version of parabolic type PDEs which could describe uncertainties in modeling physical and engineering problems. For example, in the case that \(f\) is a linear function, the above SPDE solves the optimal filtering problem which aims to obtain the best estimate for the state of some stochastic dynamical system based on noisy partial observational data [5]. The optimal filtering problem is the key mission in data assimilation and it has been widely used in target tracking, weather forecasting, image processing, parameter estimation, etc. In an optimal filtering problem, we need to obtain the conditional expectation for the target dynamical system given the observational information. It was proved ([37]) that the solution of the SPDE system (1.2) (in the linear case) is the conditional probability density for the dynamical system in the optimal filtering problem, which is used to calculate the desired conditional expectation. In the connection of the equivalence relation (1.3), the BDSDE (1.1) also provides solution for the optimal filtering problem. In a recent study ([2, 3, 4, 6]), we established a direct link between BDSDEs and optimal filtering problems. The main advantage of solving application problems via BDSDEs instead of SPDEs is twofold. First, solving BDSDEs is mesh free, thus unstructured methods such as Monte Carlo methods and stochastic mesh-free approximations can be applied [10]. Moreover, scalable parallel numerical algorithms for BSDEs and BDSDEs enable us to benefit from recent advances in high performance parallel computing and even the deep learning techniques ([16, 18, 24]). Second, while it is very difficult to construct higher order methods to solve SPDEs, high order schemes for BDSDEs are relatively easy to construct ([7, 8, 9]).
In this paper we introduce a numerical scheme for the BDSDE eq. (1.1) using the splitting up method. Our work is inspired by the studies of splitting up method for linear SPDEs. The application of the splitting up methods to linear SPDEs was initiated by A. Bensoussan et al [11] where the SPDE is decomposed into a PDE and an SDE. Bensoussan’s method was further developed in [12, 13, 25]. In particular, Gyöngy and Krylov [20], proved the convergence in the maximum norm.

To obtain a splitting up approximation for the BDSDE eq. (1.1), we decompose it into two equations, a BSDE which serves as a predictor or a pre-solving procedure, and an SDE which serves as an update procedure. Both can be solved using highly efficient numerical schemes ([19, 23, 38, 40]). In this paper, we construct a first order scheme by using the Milstein scheme on the SDE and a simple first order scheme on the BSDE. One of the advantages of our splitting up schemes, in comparison with the existing numerical schemes for BDSDEs ([1, 9]), is that it avoids the solve of $Z_t$ in eq. (1.1), which significantly reduces the computing cost. It’s also worthy to point out that the conventional splitting up methods under the SPDEs framework are focused on the case that both $f$ and $g$ in eq. (1.2) are linear functions while our methodology applies to more general nonlinear equations. In addition, the significance our splitting up method is boosted by some recent work of E, Han and Jentzen ([16, 21]), where a deep learning technique is used to solve fairly high dimensional BSDEs. Such a method can be applied to solve the BSDE, which is the most computational expensive component in our splitting up algorithm, thus can help solve high dimensional BDSDEs through our splitting up process.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce some notations, assumptions and concepts as well as some known theoretical results of BDSDEs. In Section 3, we first present the splitting up method where the BDSDE is split into a BSDE and an SDE, and then prove the first order convergence. The numerical schemes with the corresponding numerical analysis are presented in Section 4, followed by three numerical examples in Section 5.

2 Preliminaries

Let $T > 0$ be a fixed terminal time, $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ a probability space, and $W$ and $B$ two mutually independent Brownian motions on this space, with values in $\mathbb{R}^d$ and $\mathbb{R}^l$, respectively. For each $t \in [0, T]$, define two collections $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ and $\{\mathcal{G}_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ by

$$\mathcal{F}_t := \mathcal{F}_{0,t}^W \vee \mathcal{F}_{0,t}^B, \quad \mathcal{G}_t := \mathcal{F}_{0,t}^W \vee \mathcal{F}_{0,t}^B,$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{s,t}^W$ and $\mathcal{F}_{s,t}^B$ are the completion of $\sigma\{W_r - W_s; s \leq r \leq t\}$ and $\sigma\{B_r - B_s; s \leq r \leq t\}$, respectively. Here $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ is neither increasing nor decreasing, while $\{\mathcal{G}_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ is an increasing filtration. To simplify the presentation
and make our analysis more readable, we assume throughout the paper that $d = l = 1$. The results obtained in this paper can be extended to multi-dimensional cases through similar procedures.

Denote by $\mathcal{M}^2([0,T];\mathbb{R})$ the set of all $\mathbb{R}$-valued, $\mathcal{F}_t$-measurable processes $\{\varphi(t)\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ such that $E\int_0^T |\varphi(t)|^2 \, dt < \infty$, by $\mathcal{S}^2([0,T];\mathbb{R})$ the set of all $\mathbb{R}$-valued, $\mathcal{F}_t$-measurable processes $\{\varphi(t)\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ such that $E\left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |\varphi(t)|^2\right] < \infty$, and by $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, P; \mathbb{R})$ the set of all $\mathcal{F}_T$-measurable random variable $\xi$ such that $E|\xi|^2 < \infty$.

We assume that $\Phi$, $f$ and $g$ satisfy the following regularity assumptions:

$(\text{H1})$ $\Phi \in C^3(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$, $f \in C^3([0,T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$, and $g \in C^3([0,T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$. Here $C^k(A,B)$ denotes the set of functions of class $C^k$ from $A$ to $B$ whose partial derivatives of order less than or equal to $k$ are bounded.

$(\text{H2})$ $f: \Omega \times [0,T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \Omega \times [0,T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ are jointly measurable. For any $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$f(\cdot, x, y, z) \in \mathcal{M}^2([0,T];\mathbb{R}), \text{ and } g(\cdot, x, y) \in \mathcal{M}^2([0,T];\mathbb{R}).$$

$(\text{H3})$ $f$ and $g$ satisfy the Lipschitz conditions. For all $\omega \in \Omega$, $t, s \in [0,T]$, $x, \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}$, $y, \bar{y} \in \mathbb{R}$, $z, \bar{z} \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists a constant $L > 0$ such that

$$|f(t,x,y,z) - f(s,\bar{x},\bar{y},\bar{z})|^2 \leq L(|t-s| + |x-\bar{x}|^2 + |y-\bar{y}|^2 + |z-\bar{z}|^2),$$
$$|g(t,x,y) - g(s,\bar{x},\bar{y})|^2 \leq L(|t-s| + |x-\bar{x}|^2 + |y-\bar{y}|^2).$$

Moreover,

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \{|f(t,0,0,0)|^2 + |g(t,0,0)|^2\} < L. \quad (2.3)$$

The following theorem is a collection of well posedness and regularity results on BDSDEs which will be used throughout the rest of the paper.

**Theorem 2.1** Let (H1)-(H3) hold.

$(1)$ (Theorem 1.1 in [34]) For any $\Phi(X_T) \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, P; \mathbb{R})$, BDSDE (1.1) has a unique solution $(Y,Z) \in \mathcal{S}^2([0,T];\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{M}^2([0,T];\mathbb{R})$.

$(2)$ (Theorem 1.4 in [34]) There exists a positive constant $M$, independent of $t$, such that

$$E\left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |Y_t|^2 + \int_0^T |Z_t|^2 \, dt\right] \leq M.$$

$(1)$ (Lemma 4.2 in [9]) For $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, there exists some positive constant $C$, independent of $t$, such that

$$E[(Y_t - Y_s)^2] \leq C(t-s), \quad |E[Y_t - Y_s]| \leq C(t-s).$$

(3) (Lemma 2.3 in [34]) For any \( t \leq s \leq T \), \((\nabla Y_s, \nabla Z_s)\) is the unique solution of the following variational equation

\[
\nabla Y_s = \Phi'(X_T)\nabla X_T + \int_s^T \nabla f(r, X_r, Y_r, Z_r) \, dr - \int_s^T \nabla Z_s \, dW_r + \int_s^T \nabla g(r, X_r, Y_r) \, dB_r ,
\]

(2.4)

where \( \nabla \) is the gradient operator with respect to \( X_0 \) (\( X_0 \) denoting the initial condition for \( X_t \)),

\[
\begin{align*}
\nabla f(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s) &:= f_x(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s)\nabla X_s + f_y(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s)\nabla Y_s + f_z(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s)\nabla Z_s, \\
\nabla g(s, X_s, Y_s) &:= g_x(s, X_s, Y_s)\nabla X_s + g_y(s, X_s, Y_s)\nabla Y_s.
\end{align*}
\]

Here we use subscripts to indicate partial differentiations.

(4) (Lemma 4.4 in [1]) \( \{Z_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T} \) has an a.s. continuous version which is given by

\( Z_t = \nabla Y_t \).

Furthermore, with the assumptions of the theorem and through similar estimation techniques for the variation equation for \( Y_t \), we have

\[
E[(Z_t - Z_s)^2] \leq C(t-s), \quad |E[Z_t - Z_s]| \leq C(t-s), \quad (2.5)
\]

for some positive constant \( C \), independent of \( t \).

### 3 Splitting up method and convergence analysis

In this section, we introduce the splitting up framework for BDSDE (1.1) and show that our splitting up system provides a first order approximation for the original BDSDE.

#### 3.1 Splitting up method

Let \( 0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_N = T \) be an uniform partition of \([0, T]\) with partition size \( \Delta t := \frac{T}{N} \), where \( N \) is a positive integer. Denote \( \Delta W_i := W_{t_{i+1}} - W_{t_i} \) and \( \Delta B_i := B_{t_{i+1}} - B_{t_i} \). The approximation \( \hat{Y}_i(t) \) to the solution \( Y_i \) of BDSDE (1.1) is defined recursively on each time interval \([t_i, t_{i+1})\), \( i = 1, \ldots, N-1 \) as follows. Set \( Y_N(T) = \Phi(X_T) \). First define \( \tilde{Y}_i(t), t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}, \) to be the solution of the BSDE:

\[
\tilde{Y}_i(t) = Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1}) + \int_t^{t_{i+1}} f(s, X_s, \tilde{Y}_i(s), \tilde{Z}_i(s)) \, ds - \int_t^{t_{i+1}} \tilde{Z}_i(s) \, dW_s, \quad (BSDE)
\]

(3.1)
Then $Y_t(t)$ is defined as the solution of the SDE:

$$Y_t(t) = \hat{Y}_t(t) + \int_t^{t+1} g(s, X_s, Y_t(s)) \, dB_s.$$  \hspace{1cm} (SDE)

In this way, the approximation of BDSDE (1.1) on subinterval $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$ is split into two steps. In the first step, we solve the BSDE (3.1). In the second step, we use the solution $\hat{Y}_i(t)$ of the BSDE at time $t_i$ as the terminal value at time $t_{i+1}$ and solve the SDE (3.2) on $[t_i, t_{i+1})$. These implicit equations are solved using iterative techniques. Here, the solution $(\hat{Y}_i, \hat{Z}_i)$ of the BSDE (3.1) plays the role of the intermediate solution before we incorporate the $d\tilde{B}$ integral. Hence $(\hat{Y}_i(t), \hat{Z}_i(t))$ is $\mathcal{F}_0^W \vee \mathcal{F}_{t_{i+1}}^B$ measurable for any $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$. On the other hand, the solution $Y_i(t)$ of the SDE is $\mathcal{F}_{0,t_{i+1}}^W \vee \mathcal{F}_{t_i}^B$ measurable. We let $\bar{Z}_i$ be our approximation for the solution $Z_i$ for $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$. It’s worthy noting that $Y_i$ incorporates the $d\tilde{B}$ integral as a solution for SDE, and $\bar{Z}_i$ incorporates the $d\tilde{B}$ integral only through the variation relationship with $Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1})$ at temporal grid points. Moreover, letting $t \to t_{i+1} - 0$, we have

$$\lim_{t \to t_{i+1} - 0} Y_i(t) = Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1}).$$

Therefore the approximate process $\bar{Y}_i := \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} Y_i(t) 1_{[t_i, t_{i+1})}(t) + \Phi(X_T) 1_T(t)$ has continuous trajectories.

### 3.2 Convergence analysis

We now turn to the convergence analysis for the proposed splitting up system (3.1)-(3.2) in approximating the BDSDE eq. (1.1). We first state the main result of our analysis which shows that our splitting up system provides a first order mean square approximation for solution $Y_t$ and half order mean square approximation for solution $Z_t$.

**Theorem 3.1** Assume that (H1)-(H3) hold. Then for sufficiently large $N$, there exists a positive constant $C$, independent of $\Delta t$ and $X_0$, such that

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left( E[|Y_i(t_i) - \hat{Y}_i|^2] \right) \leq C\Delta t^2, \quad \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left( E[|\bar{Z}_i(t_i) - \hat{Z}_i|^2] \right) \leq C\Delta t,$$

where $E_{t_i}[\cdot]$ denotes the conditional expectation over the $\sigma$-algebra $\mathcal{G}_{0,t_i} = \mathcal{F}_{0,t_i}^W \vee \mathcal{F}_{0,T}^B$.

To prove the theorem, we need several estimations concerning the intermediate approximation $\bar{Y}_i$ and $\bar{Z}_i$ given by eq. (3.1).
Lemma 3.2 Under the assumptions (H1)-(H3), for any given interval \([t_i, t_{i+1})\), there is a constant \(C\), independent of \(\Delta t\) and \(X_0\), such that

\[
\sup_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})} E[(\tilde{Y}_i(t) - Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1}))^2] \leq C \Delta t, \quad |E_t[\tilde{Y}_i(t) - Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1})]| \leq C \Delta t,
\]

\[
\sup_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})} E[(\tilde{Z}_i(t) - \tilde{Z}_i(t_i))^2] \leq C \Delta t, \quad |E_t[\tilde{Z}_i(t) - \tilde{Z}_i(t_i)]| \leq C \Delta t.
\]

Proof: The estimations in the lemma follow directly from Theorem 2.1 with the special case \(g \equiv 0\).

Lemma 3.3 Under the assumptions (H1)-(H3), for any given interval \([t_i, t_{i+1})\), there is a constant \(C\), independent of \(\Delta t\) and \(X_0\), such that

\[
\sup_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})} (E[(\tilde{Y}_i(t) - Y_i)^2]) \leq CE[(E_{t_{i+1}}[Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1})] - Y_{i+1})^2] + C \Delta t.
\]

Proof: Subtracting eq. (1.1) for \(t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})\) from eq. (3.1), and taking the conditional expectation \(E[\cdot |G_{0,t_{i+1}}]\) gives

\[
\tilde{Y}_i(t) - Y_i = E_{t_{i+1}}[Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1})] - Y_{t_{i+1}} - \int_t^{t_{i+1}} [\tilde{Z}_i(s) - Z_s] dW_s
\]

\[
+ \int_t^{t_{i+1}} [f(s, X_s, \tilde{Y}_i(s), \tilde{Z}_i(s)) - f(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s)] ds - \int_t^{t_{i+1}} g(s, X_s, Y_s) dB_s.
\]

(3.4)

Note that \(\tilde{Y}_i(t)\) is \(\mathcal{F}_{0,t}^W \vee \mathcal{F}_{t_{i+1},t}^B\) measurable for \(t < t_{i+1}\), thus it is \(\mathcal{F}_{0,t}^W \vee \mathcal{F}_{t_{i+1},T}^B\) measurable, i.e. \(\mathcal{G}_t\) measurable. Applying the generalized Itô’s Lemma (see Lemma 1.3 in [34]) to \(|\tilde{Y}_i(t) - Y_i|^2\) and taking the expectation, we have, using Young’s inequality with \(\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2T}\), and assumption (H3),

\[
E|\tilde{Y}_i(t) - Y_i|^2 + \int_t^{t_{i+1}} E|\tilde{Z}_i(s) - Z_s|^2 ds
\]

\[
\leq E|E_{t_{i+1}}[Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1})] - Y_{t_{i+1}}|^2 + 2 \int_t^{t_{i+1}} L(E|X_s|^2 + E|Y_s|^2) ds
\]

\[
+ 2 \int_t^{t_{i+1}} E|g(s, 0, 0)|^2 ds + (2L + \frac{1}{2}) \int_t^{t_{i+1}} E|\tilde{Y}_i(s) - Y_s|^2 ds
\]

\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_t^{t_{i+1}} E|\tilde{Z}_i(s) - Z_s|^2 ds.
\]

The desired result follows from Gronwall’s inequality, assumption (H3), and Theorem 2.1.

Lemma 3.4 Under assumptions (H1)-(H3), for any given interval \([t_i, t_{i+1})\), there exists a constant \(C\), independent of \(\Delta t\) and \(X_0\), such that

\[
\sup_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})} (E[(Y_i(t) - Y_t)^2]) \leq CE[(E_{t_{i+1}}[Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1})] - Y_{t_{i+1}})^2] + C \Delta t.
\]

(3.5)
Proof: Note that

\[ Y_i(t) - Y_i = Y_i(t) - \hat{Y}_i(t) + \hat{Y}_i(t) - Y_i. \]

This result is then a direct consequence of Lemma 3.3, Itô’s isometry, and the assumption (H3).

Combining Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 3.2, using Young’s inequality, we arrive an estimate on \( E[(\tilde{Z}_t(t) - Z_t)^2] \).

Lemma 3.5 Under the assumptions (H1)-(H3), for any given interval \([t_i, t_{i+1}]\), there exists constant a \( C, \) independent of \( \Delta t \) and \( X_0 \), such that

\[ \sup_{t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}]} \left( E[(\tilde{Z}_t(t) - Z_t)^2] \right) \leq (1 + \epsilon_0)E[|\tilde{Z}_t(t_{i+1} - 0) - Z_{t_{i+1}}|^2] + C \Delta t, \]

for some suitable \( \epsilon_0 > 0. \)

Proof of Theorem 3.1: The main ingredients of the proof are the estimations for the errors \( Y_i(t_i) - Y_{ti} \) and \( \tilde{Z}_i(t_i) - Z_{ti}. \) Once these estimations are obtained, the desired result of the theorem is the consequence of application of the discrete Gronwall inequality.

Estimation for the error \( Y_i(t_i) - Y_{ti}. \)

Subtracting eq. (1.1) for \( t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}] \) from eq. (3.2) and substituting eq. (3.4) with result we have that for \( t = t_i \)

\[ Y_i(t_i) - Y_{ti} = E_{t_i} [Y_{i+1}(t_i)] - Y_{t_i} + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} [g(s, X_s, Y_i(s)) - g(s, X_s, Y_s)] \, dB^s_s \]

\[ + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} [f(s, X_s, \hat{Y}_i(s), \hat{Z}_i(s)) - f(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s)] \, ds - \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} [\hat{Z}_i(s) - Z_s] \, dW_s. \]

(3.6)

To simplify notation in subsequent derivations, we shall use the following shorthand notation:

\[ e^i_y := E_{t_i} [Y_i(t_i)] - Y_{ti}, \]
\[ e^{i+1}_z := \tilde{Z}_i(t_{i+1} - 0) - Z_{t_{i+1}}, \]
\[ \delta f^i(s) := f(s, X_s, \hat{Y}_i(s), \hat{Z}_i(s)) - f(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s), \]
\[ \delta g^i(s) := g(s, X_s, Y_i(s)) - g(s, X_s, Y_s). \]

Taking the conditional expectation \( E_{t_i} [\cdot] \) on both sides of the above yields

\[ E_{t_i} [Y_i(t_i)] - Y_{ti} = E_{t_i} [E_{t_{i+1}} [Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1})]] - Y_{t_{i+1}} \]

\[ + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} [\delta f^i(s)] \, ds + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} [\delta g^i(s)] \, dB^s_s. \]

(3.7)

Here we have used Fubini’s theorem and the fact that \( Y_{ti} \) is \( \mathcal{F}_{0,t_i}^W \cup \mathcal{F}_{0,T}^B \) measurable, i.e. \( \mathcal{G}_{0,t_i} \) measurable.
Next we consider the mean square estimation for $e_y^i$. Square and then take the expectation on both sides of eq. (3.7) to obtain

$$E[(e_y^i)^2] = E[(E_t[e_y^{i+1}])^2] + E\left[\left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s)] \, ds + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta g^i(s)] \, dB_s\right)^2\right]$$

$$+ 2E\left[(E_t[e_y^{i+1}]) \cdot \left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s)] \, ds + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta g^i(s)] \, dB_s\right)\right].$$

(3.8)

Using the elementary inequality $(a + b)^2 \leq 2(a^2 + b^2)$ on eq. (3.8), we have

$$E[(e_y^i)^2] \leq I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 + I_5,$$

(3.9)

where

$$I_1 := E[(E_t[e_y^{i+1}])^2],$$

$$I_2 := 2E\left[\left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s)] \, ds\right)^2\right],$$

$$I_3 := 2E\left[\left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta g^i(s)] \, dB_s\right)^2\right],$$

$$I_4 := 2E\left[(E_t[e_y^{i+1}]) \cdot \left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s)] \, ds\right)\right],$$

$$I_5 := 2E\left[(E_t[e_y^{i+1}]) \cdot \left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta g^i(s)] \, dB_s\right)\right].$$

By Cauchy’s inequality, Jensen’s inequality, and the assumptions (H1)-(H3), we have

$$I_2 \leq 2\Delta t E\left[\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (E_t[\delta f^i(s)])^2 \, ds\right]$$

$$\leq 2\Delta t \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} L \left(E[(\bar{Y}_t(s) - Y_s)^2] + E[(\bar{Z}_t(s) - Z_s)^2]\right) \, ds.$$

Then, from Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3.5, we get

$$I_2 \leq C(\Delta t)^2 E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + 2L(1 + \epsilon_0)(\Delta t)^2 E[(e_x^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^3).$$

(3.10)

Next we estimate $I_3$. To simplify the presentation, we use abbreviated notations $\Theta_r = (r, X_r, Y_r)$ and $\bar{\Theta}_r = (r, X_r, Y_r(r))$, and use subscripts of function $g$ to indicate partial differentiations. We also use $d[X]_r$ to denote the quadratic variation of $X_r$, and $d[X, Y]$ the quadratic covariation of $X_r$ and $Y_r$. In order to derive an estimation for $I_3$, we first apply the Itô-Taylor expansions for $g(\Theta_s)$
and \( g(\tilde{\Theta}_s) \) on interval \([s, t_{i+1}]\) to obtain

\[
g(\Theta_{t_{i+1}}) = g(\Theta_s) + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_t(\Theta_r) \, dr + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_x(\Theta_r) \, dX_r + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_y(\Theta_r) \, dY_r
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{xx}(\Theta_r) \, d[X]_r + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{yy}(\Theta_r) \, d[Y]_r + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{xy}(\Theta_r) \, d[X,Y]_r,
\]

(3.11)

and

\[
g(\tilde{\Theta}_{t_{i+1}}) = g(\tilde{\Theta}_s) + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{\tilde{t}}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) \, dr + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) \, dX_r + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{\tilde{y}}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) \, dY_r
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{\tilde{xx}}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) \, d[X]_r + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{\tilde{yy}}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) \, d[Y]_r + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} g_{\tilde{xy}}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) \, d[X,Y]_r.
\]

(3.12)

Note that \( dX_r = dW_r \), it then follows from the generalized Itô’s Lemma (see Lemma 1.3 in [34]) that

\[
\begin{align*}
d[X]_r &= dr, \quad d[Y]_r = -g^2(\Theta_r) \, dr + (Z_r)^2 \, dr, \quad d[X,Y]_r = Z_r \, dr, \\
d[Y]_r &= -g^2(\tilde{\Theta}_r) \, dr + (\tilde{Z}_r)^2 \, dr, \quad d[X,Y]_r = \tilde{Z}_r \, dr.
\end{align*}
\]

Subtracting eq. (3.11) from eq. (3.12), we have

\[
g(\tilde{\Theta}_s) - g(\Theta_s) = g(\tilde{\Theta}_{t_{i+1}}) - g(\Theta_{t_{i+1}}) + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} [(g_y \cdot g)(\tilde{\Theta}_r) - (g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_r)] \, d\tilde{B}_r

- \int_s^{t_{i+1}} [(g_{xx}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) + g_{yy}(\tilde{\Theta}_r)\tilde{Z}_i(r)) - (g_{xx}(\Theta_r) + g_{yy}(\Theta_r)Z_i(r))] \, dW_r + R^{\tilde{t}}_{g,Y}(s),
\]

(3.13)

where \( R^{\tilde{t}}_{g,Y} \) contains all the \( \int_s^{t_{i+1}} \cdot dr \) integrals:

\[
R^{\tilde{t}}_{g,Y}(s) := -\int_s^{t_{i+1}} [g_t(\tilde{\Theta}_r) - g_t(\Theta_r)] \, dr
\]

\[
+ \int_s^{t_{i+1}} [g_\tilde{y}(\tilde{\Theta}_r)f(r, X_r, \tilde{Y}_i(r), \tilde{Z}_i(r)) - g_y(\Theta_r)f(r, X_r, Y_r, Z_r)] \, dr
\]

\[
- \frac{1}{2} \int_s^{t_{i+1}} [g_{xx}(\tilde{\Theta}_r) + g_{yy}(\tilde{\Theta}_r)(\tilde{Z}_i(r))^2 - g_{xx}(\Theta_r) - g_{yy}(\Theta_r)(Z_r)^2] \, dr
\]

\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \int_s^{t_{i+1}} [g_{yy}(\tilde{\Theta}_r)g^2(\tilde{\Theta}_r) - g_{yy}(\Theta_r)g^2(\Theta_r)] \, dr
\]

\[
- \int_s^{t_{i+1}} [g_{xy}(\tilde{\Theta}_r)\tilde{Z}_i(r) - g_{xy}(\Theta_r)Z_i(r)] \, dr,
\]

and it’s easy to see that

\[
\sup_{s \in [t_i, t_{i+1}]} \mathbb{E}[(R^{\tilde{t}}_{g,Y}(s))^2] = O(\Delta t^2).
\]
Taking the conditional expectation $E_{t_i}[\cdot]$ on both sides of eq. (3.13), we have

$$E_{t_i}[\delta g^i(s)] = E_{t_i}[\delta g^i(t_{i+1})] + E_{t_i}\left[\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \delta(g_y g)^i(r) \, d\hat{B}_r\right] + E_{t_i}[R_{g, g Y}^i(s)],$$

where $\delta(g_y g)^i(r) := (g_y \cdot g)(\hat{\Theta}_r) - (g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_r)$. By the above estimation, Itô’s isometry, the elementary inequality $(a + b + c)^2 \leq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$, and Jensen’s inequality, we obtain

$$I_3 = 2E\left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (E_{t_i}[\delta g^i(s)])^2 \, ds\right) \leq 6 \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left(E\left[\left(E_{t_i}[\delta g^i(t_{i+1})]\right)^2\right] + \int_s^{t_{i+1}} E\left[\left(E_{t_i}[\delta(g_y g)^i(r)]\right)^2\right] \, dr + E\left[\left(R_{g, g Y}^i(s)\right)^2\right]\right) \, ds. \quad (3.14)$$

Using Lemma 3.4, the assumptions (H1)-(H3) and Jensen’s inequality, we have

$$I_3 \leq 6|g_y|^2 \Delta t E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + C \Delta t^2 E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^3). \quad (3.15)$$

We now turn to the estimation of $I_4$. First we decompose $\delta f^i(s)$, which is the abbreviation for $f(s, X_s, Y(s), \tilde{Z}_i(s)) - f(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s)$, into three parts to write $I_4$ as

$$I_4 = 2E\left[E_{t_i}[e_y^{i+1}] \cdot \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \left(E_{t_i}[\delta f^{i,a}] + E_{t_i}[\delta f^{i,b}] + E_{t_i}[\delta f^{i,c}]\right) \, ds\right],$$

where

$$\delta f^{i,a} := f(s, X_s, Y(s), \tilde{Z}_i(s)) - f(t_{i+1}, X_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}(t_{i+1}), \tilde{Z}_i(t_{i+1} - 0)),$$

$$\delta f^{i,b} := f(t_{i+1}, X_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}(t_{i+1}), \tilde{Z}_i(t_{i+1} - 0)) - f(t_{i+1}, X_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}, Z_{t_{i+1}}),$$

$$\delta f^{i,c} := f(t_{i+1}, X_{t_{i+1}}, Y_{t_{i+1}}, Z_{t_{i+1}}) - f(s, X_s, Y_s, Z_s).$$

By Itô-Taylor expansion and Lemma 3.2, we see that $E_{t_i}[\delta f^{i,a}] = O(\Delta t)$. Hence

$$2E\left[E_{t_i}[e_y^{i+1}] \cdot \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i}[\delta f^{i,a}] \, ds\right] \leq \frac{\Delta t}{3} E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^3).$$

On the other hand, by Theorem 2.1, we have $E[\delta f^{i,c}] = O(\Delta t)$. Therefore, it follows from the properties of conditional expectations and Young’s inequality that

$$2E\left[E_{t_i}[e_y^{i+1}] \cdot \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (E_{t_i}[\delta f^{i,c}]) \, ds\right] = 2E\left[E_{t_i}[e_y^{i+1}] \cdot \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} (E_{t_i}[\delta f^{i,c}]) \, ds\right]_{F_{t_i, t_{i+1}}}$$

$$= 2E[e_y^{i+1}] \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E[\delta f^{i,c}] \, ds \leq \frac{\Delta t}{3} E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^3). \quad (3.16)$$
Putting the above estimates together, then using the assumptions (H1)-(H3) and Young’s inequality, we obtain
\[
I_4 \leq \Delta t E[(E_t[e_y^{i+1}])^2] + 6|f_y|^2_\infty \Delta t E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + 6|f_z|^2_\infty \Delta t E[(E_t[e_z^{i+1}])^2] + O(\Delta t^3)
\]
\[
= (1 + 6|f_y|^2_\infty) \Delta t E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + 6|f_z|^2_\infty \Delta t E[(E_t[e_z^{i+1}])^2] + O(\Delta t^3).
\]
To estimate the last term, we use an argument similar to (3.16).

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Substituting the above estimations eqs. (3.10), (3.15) and (3.17) into eq. (3.9), we have
\[
E[(e_y^{i})^2] \leq E[(E_t[e_y^{i+1}])^2] + C_1^3 \Delta t E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + 6|f_z|^2_\infty \Delta t E[(E_t[e_z^{i+1}])^2]
\]
\[
+ C \Delta t^2 E[(e_y^{i+1})^2] + 2L(1 + \epsilon_0) \Delta t^2 E[(E_t[e_z^{i+1}])^2] + O(\Delta t^3),
\]
(3.18)
where \( C_1^3 := 1 + 6|f_y|^2_\infty + 6|g|^2_\infty \) is a constant.

**Estimation for the error \( \tilde{Z}_i(t_i) - Z_{t_i} \)**

In order to derive an estimation for \( \tilde{Z}_i(t_i) - Z_{t_i} \), we subtract eq. (1.1) for \( t \in [t_i, t_{i+1}] \) from eq. (3.4), let \( t = t_i \), multiply both sides of the resulting equation by \( \Delta W_t \), and then take the conditional expectation \( E_t[\cdot] \) to obtain
\[
\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\tilde{Z}_i(s) - Z_s] \, ds = E_t[e_y^{i+1} \Delta W_t] + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f_i^i(s) \Delta W_t] \, ds
\]
\[
- \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[g(s, X_s, Y_s) \Delta W_t] \, d\tilde{B}_s,
\]
(3.19)
where we have used the Fubini’s theorem and the fact that \( E_t[(\tilde{Y}_i(t) - Y_{t_i}) \Delta W_t] = 0 \). Rewrite \( E_t[\tilde{Z}_i(s) - Z_s] \) as
\[
E_t[\tilde{Z}_i(s) - \tilde{Z}_i(t_{i+1} - 0)] + E_t[\tilde{Z}_i(t_{i+1} - 0) - Z_{t_{i+1}}] + E_t[Z_{t_{i+1}} - Z_s].
\]
Using Theorem 2.1 (4), we have
\[
\Delta t E_t[e_z^{i+1}] = E_t[e_z^{i+1} \Delta W_t] + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f_i^i(s) \Delta W_t] \, ds
\]
\[
- \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[g(\Theta_s) \Delta W_t] \, d\tilde{B}_s + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_s^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\nabla g(\Theta_r)] \, d\tilde{B}_r \, ds + O(\Delta t^2),
\]
(3.20)

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where \( \Theta_r = (r, X_r, Y_r) \). Similar to the argument in eq. (3.11) (notice that here we apply the Itô formula on interval \([t_i, s]\) instead of \([s, t_{i+1}]\) in eq. (3.11), we obtain

\[
g(\Theta_s) = g(\Theta_{t_i}) + \int_{t_i}^{s} \left( g_x(\Theta_r) + g_y(\Theta_r) Z_r \right) dW_r - \int_{t_i}^{s} (g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_r) \, d\hat{B}_r + R_{g}^{i},
\]

where all the \( \int_{t_i}^{s} \cdot \, dr \) terms are included in \( R_{g}^{i} \). The above equation leads to

\[
\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} \left[ g(\Theta_s) \Delta W_s \right] \, d\hat{B}_s = \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{t_i}^{s} E_{t_i} \left[ g_x(\Theta_r) + g_y(\Theta_r) Z_r \right] \, dr \, d\hat{B}_s - \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{t_i}^{s} E_{t_i} \left[ (g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_r) \Delta W_s \right] \, d\hat{B}_s \, d\hat{B}_s + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} \left[ R_{g}^{i} \Delta W_i \right] \, d\hat{B}_s.
\]

Here we have used the fact \( E_{t_i} [g(\Theta_{t_i}) \Delta W_i] = 0 \). Decompose the second term on the right hand side of the above equation into two terms

\[
\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{t_i}^{s} E_{t_i} \left[ (g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_r) \Delta W_s \right] \, d\hat{B}_s \, d\hat{B}_s + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} \left[ R_{g}^{i} \Delta W_i \right] \, d\hat{B}_s.
\]

By properties of conditional expectations, the first part is 0. Therefore

\[
\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} \left[ g(\Theta_s) \Delta W_s \right] \, d\hat{B}_s = \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{t_i}^{s} E_{t_i} \left[ g_x(\Theta_r) + g_y(\Theta_r) Z_r \right] \, dr \, d\hat{B}_s - \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{t_i}^{s} E_{t_i} \left[ (g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_r) \Delta W_s \right] \, d\hat{B}_s \, d\hat{B}_s + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} \left[ R_{g}^{i} \Delta W_i \right] \, d\hat{B}_s.
\]

Putting this into eq. (3.20), and noting that \( \nabla g(\Theta_r) = g_x(\Theta_r) + g_y(\Theta_r) Z_r \) (as defined in Theorem 2.1), we obtain

\[
\Delta t E_{t_i} [e^{i+1} - e^{i}] = E_{t_i} [e^{i+1} \Delta W_i] + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} [\delta f^i(s) \Delta W_s] \, ds + R_{i+1}^{i+1}, \quad (3.21)
\]

where

\[
R_{i+1}^{i+1} = - \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{t_i}^{s} E_{t_i} \left[ \nabla g(\Theta_r) - \nabla g(\Theta_{t_i}) \right] \, dr \, d\hat{B}_s + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{t_i}^{s} E_{t_i} \left[ ((g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_r) - (g_y \cdot g)(\Theta_{t_i})) \Delta W_s \right] \, d\hat{B}_s \, d\hat{B}_s - \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} \left[ R_{g}^{i} \Delta W_i \right] \, d\hat{B}_s + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} \int_{s}^{t_{i+1}} E_{t_i} [\nabla g(\Theta_r) - \nabla g(\Theta_{t_i})] \, d\hat{B}_r \, ds + O(\Delta t^2).
\]
It is easy to check that $E[(R_{i+1}^t)^2] = O(\Delta t^4)$. Similar to the discussions for the $e_i^t$ error, we square eq. (3.21), and take expectation to get

$$\Delta t^2 E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2] \leq E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i)]^2 + 2E\left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s) \Delta W_i] \, ds\right)^2 \lesssim 2E\left[\left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s) \Delta W_i] \, ds\right)^2\right]$$

$$+ 2E\left[E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i \cdot \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s) \Delta W_i] \, ds\right] + E\left[E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i \right] R_{i+1} + O(\Delta t^4).$$

(3.22)

For the cross product terms in the above equation, we use Young’s inequality to get

$$2E\left[E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s) \Delta W_i] \, ds\right]$$

$$\leq \frac{L \Delta t}{\epsilon_1} E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i)^2] + \frac{\epsilon_1}{L \Delta t} E\left(\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t[\delta f^i(s) \Delta W_i] \, ds\right)^2$$

$$\leq \frac{L \Delta t^2}{\epsilon_1} E[(e_i^t)^2] + \epsilon_1 \Delta t^2 E[(CE_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^4)$$

and

$$E\left[E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i \right] R_{i+1} \leq \epsilon_2 E\left[E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i\right]^2 + O(\Delta t^4).$$

From the assumption (H3), Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 3.5, and the above estimations, we have

$$\Delta t^2 E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2] \leq E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i)]^2 + C \Delta t^3 E[(e_i^t)^2] + 2L(1 + \epsilon_0) \Delta t^4 E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2]$$

$$+ \frac{L \Delta t^2}{\epsilon_1} E[(e_i^t)^2] + C \epsilon_1 \Delta t^2 E[(e_i^t)^2] + \epsilon_1 (1 + \epsilon_0) \Delta t^2 E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2]$$

$$+ \epsilon_2 E\left[E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i\right]^2 + O(\Delta t^4).$$

Set $\frac{1}{1 + \epsilon_2} < 1$. Dividing both sides of the above estimate by $\Delta t(1 + \epsilon_2)$, and noting that $(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1} \Delta W_i)^2 \leq \Delta t \left(E_t[(e_i^t)^2] - (E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2\right)$, we obtain

$$\frac{\Delta t}{1 + \epsilon_2} E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2] \leq E[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2] - (E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2 + \frac{L}{\epsilon_1} C \epsilon_1 \Delta t E[(e_i^t)^2]$$

$$+ \epsilon_1 (1 + \epsilon_0) \Delta t E\left[E_t[(e_i^t)^2]\right] + C \Delta t^2 E[(e_i^t)^2]$$

$$+ 2L(1 + \epsilon_0) \Delta t^2 E\left[(E_t[e_i^t]_z^{i+1})^2\right] + O(\Delta t^3).$$

(3.23)

which is the desired estimate for $e_i^t$.

Now we use the above estimates, eq. (3.18) for $Y(t_i) - Y_t$, and eq. (3.23) for $\bar{Z}_i(t_i) - \bar{Z}_i$, to derive the error estimate of the theorem. First we combine
In this section, we discretize the BSDE (3.1) and SDE (3.2) in the splitting up and eq. (3.27). Then the second part of the theorem follows from Theorem 2.1, Lemma 3.2, and eq. (3.27). □

4 A first order splitting up scheme

In this section, we discretize the BSDE (3.1) and SDE (3.2) in the splitting up system to obtain a first order splitting up numerical scheme.
First we define an approximation for $X$ by $X^0 = X_0$, and
\[ X^{i+1} = X^i + \Delta W_i, \quad i = 1, \cdots, N. \quad (4.1) \]
It is easy to see that for any $t \in [t_i, t_{i+1})$ and $i = 1 \cdots, N$, there exists a positive constant $C$, independent of $X_0$ and $\Delta t$, such that
\[ E \left[ |X^{i+1} - X_t|^2 + |X_t - X^i|^2 \right] \leq C \Delta t. \quad (4.2) \]
To obtain a first order splitting up scheme, we use the explicit Euler scheme to approximate the BSDE eq. (3.1) and the Milstein scheme to approximate the SDE eq. (3.2). The resulting algorithm is given as follows.
\[ H^{i+1} = Y^{i+1} + \Delta t f(t_{i+1}, X^{i+1}, Y^{i+1}, Z^{i+1}), \quad (a) \]
\[ \tilde{Y}^i = E_t[H^{i+1}], \quad (b) \]
\[ Z^i = \frac{1}{\Delta t} E_t[H^{i+1} \Delta W_i], \quad (c) \]
\[ Y^i = \tilde{Y}^i + E_t[G^{i+1}(\tilde{Y}^i)], \quad (d) \]
where for any $\mathcal{F}_{t_{i+1}}$ measurable random variable, $G^{i+1}(\xi)$ is defined by
\[ G^{i+1}(\xi) := g(t_{i+1}, X^{i+1}, \xi) \Delta B_i + (g_y \cdot g)(t_{i+1}, X^{i+1}, \xi) \frac{1}{2}(\Delta B_i^2 - \Delta t). \quad (4.4) \]
Note that in eq. (4.3), $\tilde{Y}^i$ is an approximation for $\tilde{Y}_i(t_i)$, $Y^i$ is an approximation for $E_t[Y_i(t_i)]$, and $Z^i$ is an approximation for $\tilde{Z}_i(t_i)$. Apparently, $Y^i$ is also an approximation for $Y_i$ and $Z^i$ is also an approximation for $Z_i$.

In order to show that $Y^i$ is a first order numerical approximation for $Y_i$ and $Z^i$ is a half order numerical approximation for $Z_i$, we first show that $Y^i$ is a first order approximation for $E_t[Y_i(t_i)]$ and $Z^i$ is a half order approximation for $\tilde{Z}_i(t_i)$. Then, the first order convergence rate and half order convergence rate of our numerical schemes in approximating $Y_i$ and $Z_i$, respectively, is arrived as a direct consequence of Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 4.1** Assume that assumptions (H1)-(H3) hold. Then there exists a positive constant $C$, independent of $\Delta t$ and $X_0$, such that
\[ \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} E \left[ (Y^i - E_t[Y_i(t_i)])^2 + \Delta t (Z^i - \tilde{Z}_i(t_i))^2 \right] \leq C \Delta t^2. \quad (4.5) \]
**Proof:** Set $t = t_i$, take conditional expectation on both sides of eq. (3.2), and then subtract the result from eq. (4.3) (d) to get
\[ Y^i - E_t[Y_i(t_i)] = \tilde{Y}^i - \tilde{Y}_i(t_i) + E_t[G^{i+1}(\tilde{Y}^i) - G^{i+1}(\tilde{Y}_i(t_i)) + R^i_g, \quad (4.6) \]
where

$$R_g^t = \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t [g(\hat{\Theta}_s)] \, d\hat{B}_s - E_t [G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}_i(t_i))].$$

It is easy to verify that $E[(R_g^t)^2] = O(\Delta t^3)$. As in Section 3, denote

$$\hat{e}_y^i = Y^i - E_t [Y_i(t_i)], \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{e}_z^i = Z^i - \hat{Z}_i(t_i).$$

Squaring eq. (4.6) and taking the expectation, we obtain

$$E[(\hat{e}_y^i)^2] = E[(\hat{Y}^i - \hat{Y}_i(t_i))^2] + E\left[\left( E_t [G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}^i) - G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}_i(t_i))] + R_g^t \right)^2 \right]$$

$$+ 2E\left[ (\hat{Y}^i - \hat{Y}_i(t_i)) \left( E_t [G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}^i) - G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}_i(t_i))] + R_g^t \right) \right].$$

(4.7)

The last term above is 0, which can be proved by an argument similar to (3.16). Next we estimate $\hat{Y}^i - \hat{Y}_i(t_i)$ and $E_t [G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}^i) - G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}_i(t_i))]$ in eq. (4.7). By the definition of $\hat{G}$ in eq. (4.4), we have

$$E\left[ (G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}^i) - G^{i+1}(\hat{Y}_i(t_i)))^2 \right] \leq C_G \Delta t E[(\hat{Y}^i - \hat{Y}_i(t_i))^2],$$

(4.8)

where $C_G$ is a constant independent of $X_0$ and $\Delta t$. Therefore, it suffices to estimate $E[(\hat{Y}^i - \hat{Y}_i(t_i))^2]$. To this end, we take the conditional expectation $E_t [\cdot]$ on both sides of eq. (3.4) and subtract it from eq. (4.3) (b) to obtain

$$\hat{Y}^i - \hat{Y}_i(t_i) = E_t [\hat{e}_y^{i+1}] + \Delta t E_t \left[ f(\Pi^{i+1}) - f(\tilde{\Pi}_{i+1}) \right] + R_f^i,$$

(4.9)

where $R_f^i = \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_t [f(\tilde{\Pi}_{i+1}) - f(s, X_s, Y_s, \hat{Z}_i(s))] \, ds$ is the truncation error, and $R_f^i = O(\Delta t^2)$ (for notational simplicity, we denote $\Pi^{i+1} := (t_{i+1}, X^{i+1}, Y^{i+1}, Z^{i+1})$ and $\tilde{\Pi}_{i+1} := (t_{i+1}, X_{i+1}, Y_{i+1}(t_{i+1}), \hat{Z}_i(t_{i+1} - 0)))$. Squaring both sides of the above, and then taking the expectation, we have

$$E\left[(\hat{Y}^i - \hat{Y}_i(t_i))^2\right] = E\left[ (E_t [\hat{e}_y^{i+1}])^2 \right] + E\left[ \left( \Delta t E_t \left[ f(\Pi^{i+1}) - f(\tilde{\Pi}_{i+1}) \right] + R_f^i \right)^2 \right]$$

$$+ 2E\left[ E_t [\hat{e}_y^{i+1}] \left( \Delta t E_t \left[ f(\Pi^{i+1}) - f(\tilde{\Pi}_{i+1}) \right] + R_f^i \right) \right].$$

(4.10)

Using similar arguments as eqs. (3.10), (3.15) and (3.17), we obtain

$$E[(\hat{e}_y^i)^2] \leq E[(E_t [\hat{e}_y^{i+1}])^2] + \Delta t \hat{C}_y^1 E[(\hat{e}_y^{i+1})^2]$$

$$+ \epsilon_1 \Delta t E[(\hat{e}_y^{i+1})^2] + \hat{C}_y^2 \Delta t^2 E[(\hat{e}_y^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^3),$$

(4.11)

where $\hat{C}_y^1$ and $\hat{C}_y^2$ are constants independent of $X_0$ and $\Delta t$, and $\epsilon_1$ is a constant to be specified later.
To estimate $\hat{e}_z^i$, we multiply $\Delta W_i$ on both sides of eq. (3.1), take conditional expectation $E_i[\cdot]$, and subtract it from eq. (4.3) (c) to obtain

$$
\Delta t (\hat{e}_z^i) = E_i[(\hat{e}_z^{i+1})^2] + \Delta t E_i\left[\left(f(\Pi^{i+1}) - f(\Pi_{i+1})\right)\Delta W_i\right] + R_{fW}^i,
$$

where

$$
R_{fW}^i = \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} E_i\left[(f(\Pi_{i+1}) - f(s, X_s, \tilde{Y}_i(s), \tilde{Z}_i(s))\Delta W_i\right] ds
$$

It follows from Lemma 3.2 that $R_{fW}^i = O(\Delta t^2)$. Squaring both sides of eq. (4.12), taking the expectation, and using similar analysis techniques as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we derive that

$$
\frac{\Delta t}{1 + \epsilon} E[(\hat{e}_z^i)^2] \leq E\left[E_i[(\hat{e}_z^{i+1})^2] - (E_i[\hat{e}_z^{i+1}])^2\right] + \Delta t \hat{C}_z^1 E[\hat{e}_z^{i+1}]^2
$$

$$
+ \epsilon_2\Delta t E[(\hat{e}_z^{i+1})^2] + \hat{C}_z^2 \Delta t^2 E[(\hat{e}_z^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^3),
$$

where $\hat{C}_z^1, \hat{C}_z^2$ are constants independent of $\Delta$ and $X_0$, and $\epsilon_2$ is a constant that will be determined later.

Finally, we add eq. (4.11) and eq. (4.13) to obtain

$$
E[(\hat{e}_y^i)^2] + \frac{\Delta t}{1 + \epsilon} E[(\hat{e}_z^i)^2] \leq \frac{\Delta t}{1 + \epsilon} E[(\hat{e}_y^{i+1})^2] + (\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2)\Delta t E[(\hat{e}_z^{i+1})^2]
$$

$$
+ \Delta t (\hat{C}_y^1 + \hat{C}_z^1) E[(\hat{e}_y^{i+1})^2] + (\hat{C}_y^2 + \hat{C}_z^2) \Delta t^2 E[(\hat{e}_y^{i+1})^2] + O(\Delta t^3).
$$

Choosing $\epsilon, \epsilon_1$ and $\epsilon_2$ sufficiently small so that $\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 < \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon}$, and using the discrete Gronwall inequality, we obtain the desired result of the theorem.

As a direct consequence of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 4.1, we have the following first order error estimate for our numerical scheme (4.3).

**Theorem 4.2** Assume that assumptions (H1)-(H3) hold. Then there exists a positive constant $C$ independent of $\Delta t$, such that

$$
\max_{1 \leq i \leq N} E\left[(Y^i - Y_{i})^2 + \Delta t(Z^i - Z_{i})^2\right] \leq C\Delta t^2.
$$

**5 Numerical experiments**

In this section, we use three numerical experiments to validate our splitting up scheme and verify the error estimations. In order to implement the numerical schemes (4.3), we need to approximate the conditional expectation $E_i$ in
eq. (4.3). Since the conditional expectation $E_t$ is essentially an integral with the Gaussian kernel, we use Gauss-Hermite quadrature formula as a numerical integral method to calculate conditional expectations (see [9] for more details). To calculate the general expectation $E$, we use Monte Carlo method with 300 samples and compute the root mean square error in each example.

Example 1

In the first example, we consider the BDSDE

$$dY_t = -f(t, Y_t, Z_t) dt + Z_t dW_t - g(t, Y_t) dB_t,$$

where $f(t, Y_t, Z_t) = \frac{Y_t}{2} - Z_t + \frac{B_t - B_T}{8}$ and $g(t, Y_t) = \frac{1}{4}(\cos(t + W_t)^2 + Y_t - \frac{B_t - B_T}{8})^2$. The exact solution to the above equation is $Y_t = \sin(t + W_t) - \frac{B_t}{4} + \frac{B_T}{4}$ and $Z_t = \cos(t + W_t)$. To demonstrate the performance of our numerical schemes, we compute the root mean square errors (RMSEs) between our approximate solutions and the exact solution. Specifically, we calculate the expectation of the $L^2$ norm errors $\|\tilde{Y}_0 - Y_0\|_{L^2}$, $\|Y_0 - Y_0\|_{L^2}$ and $\|Z_0 - Z_0\|_{L^2}$ at time $t = 0$ with 300 Monte Carlo samples and discretize the equations with time step sizes $\Delta t = 2^{-3}, 2^{-4}, 2^{-5}, 2^{-6}, 2^{-7}$. The corresponding errors are presented in Table 1. Here $CR$ in the table stands for “convergence rate”. We can see from the table that $Y^i$ indeed provides a first order numerical approximation for the solution $Y_t$, and $\tilde{Y}^i$ provides reasonably accurate approximation for $Y_t$. However, since the scheme for $\tilde{Y}^i$ does not include the $dB$ integral, it does not provide a first order approximation for the solution. On the other hand, we can see that our numerical solution $Z^i$ converges with first order in approximating $Z_t$ in this example although in our proof we only obtain half order convergence analysis for $Z^i$. Further investigation is needed to determine if this a super convergence for $Z_t$ on the nodal points.

| Partition | $E[\|Y^0 - Y_0\|_{L^2}]$ | $E[\|Y^0 - Y_0\|_{L^2}]$ | $E[\|Z^0 - Z_0\|_{L^2}]$ |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| $N = 2^4$ | 2.4000e-01     | 2.3489e-01     | 9.8106e-02     |
| $N = 2^5$ | 1.3788e-01     | 1.2745e-01     | 4.2255e-02     |
| $N = 2^6$ | 7.7604e-02     | 6.4257e-02     | 2.0880e-02     |
| $N = 2^7$ | 4.3455e-02     | 3.1834e-02     | 1.2762e-02     |
| $N = 2^8$ | 2.7816e-02     | 1.5770e-02     | 6.0392e-03     |
| CR        | 0.79           | 0.98           | 0.98           |
Example 2

In the second example, we consider the BDSDE
\[ dY_t = -f(t, Y_t, Z_t) \, dt + Z_t \, dW_t - g(t, Y_t) \, dB_t, \]
with \( f(t, Y_t, Z_t) = (Y_t - t - B_t)^2 + \left( \cos(W_t) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sin(W_t), \)
\( g(t, Y_t) = (Y_t - t - B_t)^2 + \left( \cos(W_t) \right)^2. \)
The exact solution is given by \( Y_t = \sin(W_t) + t + B_t \) and \( Z_t = \cos(W_t) \).
We can see that in this example, both \( f \) and \( g \) are nonlinear functions for \( Y_t \).
Therefore, this example demonstrates the performance of our schemes in solving nonlinear BDSDE systems. As in the first example, we evaluate the RMSEs \( E[||Y^0 - Y_0||_{L^2}] \), \( E[||Y^0 - Y_0||_{L^2}] \), and \( E[||Z^0 - Z_0||_{L^2}] \) at time \( t = 0 \). In Table 2, we can see that the convergence order for \( ||Y^0 - Y_0||_{L^2} \) is 1 and the convergence order for \( ||Y^0 - Y_0||_{L^2} \) is roughly 0.55. For the numerical solution \( Z^t \), we can see from the table that the convergence for \( ||Z^0 - Z_0||_{L^2} \) is 0.847, which is less than 1. From this example, we can see that \( Z^t \) does not always produce first order approximation for \( Z_t \).

| Partition | \( E[||Y^0 - Y_0||_{L^2}] \) | \( E[||Y^0 - Y_0||_{L^2}] \) | \( E[||Z^0 - Z_0||_{L^2}] \) |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| \( N = 2^1 \) | 4.1305e-01 | 2.4342e-01 | 1.3810e-01 |
| \( N = 2^2 \) | 2.9031e-01 | 1.4514e-01 | 9.0722e-02 |
| \( N = 2^3 \) | 1.9627e-01 | 7.3160e-02 | 5.5327e-02 |
| \( N = 2^4 \) | 1.3704e-01 | 3.4548e-02 | 2.7033e-02 |
| \( CR \) | 0.55 | 1.00 | 0.85 |

Example 3

In the third example, we consider the BDSDE
\[ dY_t = -f(t, Y_t, Z_t) \, dt + Z_t \, dW_t - g(t, Y_t) \, dB_t, \]
with \( f(t, Y_t, Z_t) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sin(Y_t) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos(t + W_t + \frac{1}{2} B_t) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( Z_t \right)^2 \) and \( g(t, Y_t) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \sin(Y_t) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \cos(t + W_t + \frac{1}{2} B_t) \right)^2. \)
The exact solution for the above equation is \( \dot{Y}_t = t + W_t + \frac{1}{2} B_t \) and \( Z_t = 1 \). In the last example, \( f \) is a nonlinear function for \( Y_t \), \( Z_t \), \( g \) is a nonlinear function for \( Y_t \), and \( Y_t \) is in a trigonometric function in both \( f \) and \( g \). The purpose of this example to demonstrate the performance of our method in solving a more general BDSDE system. In Table 3, we present the RMSEs between our approximate solutions and the exact solution at time \( t = 0 \). From this table, we can see that for this example \( Y^0 \) converges to \( Y_0 \) with half order, and \( (Y_0, Z_0) \) converges to \( (Y_0, Z_0) \) with first order.
Table 3: Example 3

| Partition | $E[\|Y^0 - Y_0\|_{L^2}]$ | $E[\|Y^0 - Y_0\|_{L^2}]$ | $E[\|Z^0 - Z_0\|_{L^2}]$ |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| $N = 2^4$ | 1.7759e-01     | 9.2446e-03     | 1.6664e-02     |
| $N = 2^5$ | 1.1907e-01     | 4.3131e-03     | 8.1184e-03     |
| $N = 2^6$ | 9.0338e-02     | 2.2815e-03     | 4.2914e-03     |
| $N = 2^7$ | 5.7300e-02     | 1.1198e-03     | 2.1936e-03     |
| $N = 2^8$ | 4.6539e-02     | 5.5550e-04     | 1.0452e-03     |
| $CR$      | 0.49           | 1.01           | 0.99           |

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