

## ON A CLASS OF BACKWARD STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we shall establish a new theorem on the existence and uniqueness of the adapted solution to a backward stochastic differential equation under some weaker conditions than the Lipschitz one. The extension is based on the Athanassov non-lipschitz condition for ordinary differential equations. Also, some stability properties of the solutions are given..

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### 1 Introduction

A backward differential equation (see for example in [13]) which appears in the optimal stochastic control is the following:

$$x(t) + \int_t^1 f(s, x(s), y(s))ds + \int_t^1 g(s, x(s), y(s))dW(s) = X, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

where  $\{W(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$  is a Brownian motion defined on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  with the natural filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_t, 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$  and  $X$  is a given  $\mathcal{F}_1$ -measurable random variable such that  $E|X|^2 < \infty$ . In the field of control, we usually regard  $y(\cdot)$  as an adapted control and  $x(\cdot)$  as the state of the system. We are allowed to choose an adapted control  $y(\cdot)$  which drives the state  $x(\cdot)$  of the system to the given target  $X$  at time  $t = 1$ . This is so-called reachability problem. So in fact we are looking for a pair of stochastic processes  $\{x(t), y(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$  with values in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  which is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted and satisfies the above equation. Such pair is called an adapted solution of the equation. Pardoux and Peng (see [13]) showed the existence and uniqueness of the adapted solution under the condition that  $f(t, x, y)$  and  $g(t, x)$  are uniformly Lipschitz continuous in  $(x, y)$  or in  $x$  respectively.