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# Limit behaviour of BSDE with jumps and with singular terminal condition.

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#### Abstract

We study the behaviour at the terminal time T of the minimal solution of a backward stochastic differential equation when the terminal data can take the value  $+\infty$  with positive probability. In a previous paper [12], we have proved existence of this minimal solution (in a weak sense) in a quite general setting. But two questions arise in this context and were still open: Is the solution càdlàg¹ on [0,T]? In other words does the solution have a left limit at time T. The second question is: is this limit equal to the terminal condition? In this paper, under additional conditions on the generator and the terminal condition, we give a positive answer to these two questions.

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## Introduction

Backward stochastic differential equations (BSDE) were introduced in [3] in the linear case and extended in the non linear case in [14]. Since then a huge literature has been developed on this topic and on their applications (see for example [5] or [15] and the references therein). In this paper we consider a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{P})$  with a complete and right-continuous filtration  $\mathbb{F} = \{\mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0\}$ . We assume that this space supports a Brownian motion W and a Poisson random measure  $\mu$  with intensity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>French acronym for right continuous with left limits.

with intensity  $\lambda(de)dt$  on a space E.  $\tilde{\mu}$  denotes the compensated related martingale. We consider the following BSDE:

(1) 
$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s, U_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dW_s - \int_t^T \int_E U_s(e) \tilde{\mu}(ds, de) - \int_t^T dM_s$$

where f is the generator and  $\xi$  is the terminal condition. The solution is the quadruplet (Y, Z, U, M). Since no particular assumption is made on the underlying filtration, there is the additional martingale part M, orthogonal to W and  $\mu$ . It is already established that such a BSDE has a unique solution when the terminal condition  $\xi$  belongs to  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, \mathbb{P})$ , p > 1 (see among others [2], [5] or [11]).

When the terminal condition  $\xi$  satisfies

$$(2) \mathbb{P}(\xi = +\infty) > 0$$

we called the BSDE singular. This singular case has been studied in [16] when the filtration is generated by the Brownian motion (no jump, no additional noise, i.e. U = M = 0) and for the particular generator  $f(t, y, z, u) = f(y) = -y|y|^q$ . Recently singular BSDE were used to solve a particular stochastic control problem with application to portfolio management (see [1] or [7]). In this framework, the intensity  $\lambda$  is finite and the generator does not depend on z and has the following form:

(3) 
$$f(t,y,u) = -\frac{y|y|^q}{q\alpha_t^q} - \widehat{\beta}(t,y,u) + \gamma_t.$$

where the function  $\widehat{\beta}$  is given by

(4) 
$$\widehat{\beta}(t,y,u) = \int_{E} (y+u(e)) \left(1 - \frac{\beta_t(e)}{((y+u(e))^q + \beta_t(e)^q)^{1/q}}\right) \mathbf{1}_{y+u(e) \ge 0} \ \lambda(de)$$

and where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are positive processes. The minimal solution (Y, Z, U, M) (provided it exists) gives the value function of the following control problem: minimize<sup>2</sup>

(5) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t}^{T} \left(\alpha_{s} |\eta_{s}|^{p} + \gamma_{s} |X_{s}|^{p} + \int_{E} \beta_{s}(e) |\zeta_{s}(e)|^{p} \lambda(de)\right) ds + \xi |X_{T}|^{p} \middle| \mathcal{F}_{t}\right]$$

over all progressively measurable processes X that satisfy the dynamics

$$X_s = x + \int_t^s \eta_u du + \int_t^s \int_E \zeta_u(e) \mu(de, du)$$

and the terminal state constraint

$$X_T \mathbf{1}_{\xi=\infty} = 0.$$

p is the Hölder conjugate of 1+q. For the financial point of view, the set  $\{\xi=+\infty\}$  is a specification of a set of market scenarios where liquidation is mandatory. The value function is equal to  $|x|^p Y_t$  and the optimal state process  $X^*$  can be computed directly with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>with the convention  $0.\infty = 0$ .

Y and U. Note that the martingale part of the solution (Z, M) is not employed in the computation of the optimal state process. Thus the control problem can be completely solved provided the BSDE has a minimal solution (see Section 2 and Theorem 4 in [12] for more details on the control problem).

In [12], under some technical sufficient assumptions on f (Conditions (A) below), it is proved that the BSDE (1) with singular terminal condition (2) has a minimal supersolution (Y, Z, U, M) such that a.s.

(6) 
$$\liminf_{t \to T} Y_t \ge \xi.$$

The main requirement is that f decreases w.r.t. y at least as a polynomial function (almost like  $-y^{1+q}$ , q > 0), when y is large. The main difficulty is to obtain some a priori estimate, which states that  $Y_t$  is bounded from above for any t < T by a finite process (Inequality (9)). The construction of (Y, Z, U, M) without Condition (6) can be made if the filtration  $\mathbb{F}$  is only complete and right-continuous.

In the classical setting  $(\xi \in L^p(\Omega))$ , Y has a limit as t increases to T since the process is solution of the BSDE (1) and thus is càdlàg. Moreover this limit is equal to  $\xi$  a.s. if the filtration is quasi left-continuous (to avoid a jump at time T of M). Hence in the singular case the behaviour (6) of the super-solution Y at time T is obtained if the filtration  $\mathbb F$  is quasi left-continuous. For the related control problem (5), this weak behaviour (6) at time T of the minimal process Y is sufficient to obtain the optimal control and the value function. Nevertheless two natural questions arise here:

- Can we expect that the left limit at time T of the minimal solution Y exists? In other words is Y càdlàg on [0,T]?
- Can the inequality (6) be an equality if the filtration is quasi left-continuous?

The aim of this paper is to give an (at least partial) answer to these two questions.

#### Related literature

As far as we know, there are only two works on this topic: [16] in the Brownian setting and the third chapter of the PhD thesis of Piozin in the Brownian-Poisson setting, both for the particular generator  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$ .

The study of this question in the Brownian setting was firstly made in [16]. The proof was decomposed into two parts: firstly the existence of the limit, secondly the equality

(7) 
$$\liminf_{t \to T} Y_t = \xi.$$

For the existence of the limit no additional assumption was required. But the particular structure of f was very important. For the second part to prove the equality (7), a localization procedure was used, working only in the Markovian framework. To be more precised the terminal condition  $\xi$  is equal to  $h(X_T)$  where h is a function from  $\mathbb{R}^d$  to  $[0, +\infty]$  with a closed non empty singular set  $\mathcal{S} = \{h = +\infty\}$  and X is a forward diffusion given as the solution of a SDE. For  $q \leq 2$ , Malliavin's calculus and an integration by parts were used, in order to transfert the control of  $Z_t = D_t Y_t$  to the control of  $Y_t$ . Since the

density of the process X appears in this integration by parts, additional conditions were required on the diffusion X (especially uniform ellipticity). For q > 2, no particular hypothesis was imposed on X since we had a suitable estimate on Z. In some sense if the non linearity q is not large enough, it should be compensated by more regularity on X.

In the third chapter of the PhD thesis of Piozin, we have studied the Brownian-Poisson case, again with the generator  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$ . The existence of the limit is treated exactly as in [16]. For the proof of the equality (7) we worked in the Markovian setting:  $\xi = h(X_T)$ , and we assumed that q > 2 since we had an a priori estimate on Z and U. Moreover the localization procedure involves the infinitesimal generator of X which contains a non local part due to the jumps in the forward SDE. In order to have suitable estimates on this part, we needed other technical assumptions on the jumps of the solution X and the singular set  $S = \{\xi = +\infty\}$ .

## Contributions and decomposition of the paper

In this paper we want to broaden these results in two directions: more general generator f and no restriction on the filtration. We are not able to give a general result for any generator f and any final value  $\xi$ . We just have sufficient conditions on the generator f and the terminal value  $\xi$  as in [16]. Unfortunately there is still a gap between existence conditions of the minimal super-solution and "continuity at time T" assumptions.

- We can prove the existence of this limit only if the generator f has some specific structure (Theorem 2). Our main requirement is that the growth of f w.r.t. y could be "controlled" uniformly w.r.t. z and u. The filtration  $\mathbb{F}$  satisfies the usual assumptions: complete and right-continuous.
- The proof of the equality (7) is a different problem. First we will assume the quasi left-continuity of the filtration  $\mathbb{F}$ . The setting will be half Markovian:  $\xi = h(X_T)$ . But the generator is not supposed to depend only on the forward process X. Hence the setting is not completely Markovian. As explained before we will assume that q is large enough (q > 2) if  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$ . The complete result is Theorem 3.

The open questions (q small, more general generator f, non Markovian setting, etc.) are left for further developments.

The paper is organized as follows. In the first part we give the precise mathematical framework and we recall the known result: existence of the minimal solution of the BSDE (1). Then in Section 2 we prove existence of a left limit, that is Y is càdlàg on [0,T] (Theorem 2 and its proof) under Condition (B). In the last section we want to prove Equality (7). First we will show that the generator cannot be singular. We complete the results of [12] with an a priori estimate of the coefficients Z and U. And finally under other technical assumptions we prove Equality (7) (Theorem 3). Since the conditions in the second and third sections are not exactly the same, we gather all conditions in the short last section in order to obtain the continuity of Y at time T

(8) 
$$\lim_{t \to T} Y_t = \xi.$$

Along the paper we will always consider Example 1 (generator f given by (3) and (4)), with the important particular subcases:

- Example 2:  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$  (toy example).
- Example 3:  $f(t,y) = -(T-t)^{\varsigma}y|y|^q + \frac{1}{(T-t)^{\varpi}}$ , with real numbers  $\varsigma$  and  $\varpi$ .

## 1 Setting, known results, contributions

We consider a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t\geq 0})$ . The filtration is assumed to be complete and right continuous. We also suppose sometimes that the filtration is quasi-left continuous (as in [11] and [12]), which means that for every sequence  $(\tau_n)$  of  $\mathbb{F}$  stopping times such that  $\tau_n \nearrow \tilde{\tau}$  for some stopping time  $\tilde{\tau}$  we have  $\bigvee_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \mathcal{F}_{\tau_n} = \mathcal{F}_{\tilde{\tau}}$ . This condition is unimportant for the existence and/or uniqueness of the solution of the BSDE (see [4] for more details on this technical point).

We assume that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0})$  supports a d-dimensional Brownian motion W and a Poisson random measure  $\mu$  with intensity  $\lambda(de)dt$  on the space  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^{d'} \setminus \{0\}$ . We will denote  $\mathcal{E}$  the Borelian  $\sigma$ -field of E and  $\widetilde{\mu}$  is the compensated measure: for any  $A \in \mathcal{E}$  such that  $\lambda(A) < +\infty$ , then  $\widetilde{\mu}([0,t] \times A) = \mu([0,t] \times A) - t\lambda(A)$  is a martingale. The measure  $\lambda$  is  $\sigma$ -finite on  $(E,\mathcal{E})$  satisfying

$$\int_{E} (1 \wedge |e|^2) \lambda(de) < +\infty.$$

In this paper for a given  $T \geq 0$ , we denote:

•  $\mathcal{P}$ : the predictable  $\sigma$ -field on  $\Omega \times [0,T]$  and

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{P}} = \mathcal{P} \otimes \mathcal{E}$$
.

• On  $\widetilde{\Omega} = \Omega \times [0, T] \times E$ , a function that is  $\widetilde{\mathcal{P}}$ -measurable, is called predictable.  $G_{loc}(\mu)$  is the set of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{P}}$ -measurable functions  $\psi$  on  $\widetilde{\Omega}$  such that for any  $t \geq 0$  a.s.

$$\int_0^t \int_E (|\psi_s(e)|^2 \wedge |\psi_s(e)|) \lambda(de) < +\infty.$$

•  $\mathcal{D}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}(0,T)$ ): the set of all predictable processes on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  (resp. on [0,T]).  $L^2_{loc}(W)$  is the subspace of  $\mathcal{D}$  such that for any  $t \geq 0$  a.s.

$$\int_0^t |Z_s|^2 ds < +\infty.$$

•  $\mathcal{M}_{loc}$ : the set of càdlàg local martingales orthogonal to W and  $\widetilde{\mu}$ . If  $M \in \mathcal{M}_{loc}$  then

$$[M, W^i]_t = 0, 1 \le i \le k \qquad [M, \widetilde{\mu}(A, .)]_t = 0$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{E}$ . In other words,  $\mathbb{E}(\Delta M * \mu | \widetilde{\mathcal{P}}) = 0$ , where the product \* denotes the integral process (see II.1.5 in [8]). Roughly speaking, the jumps of M and  $\mu$  are independent.

 $\mathcal{M}$  is the subspace of  $\mathcal{M}_{loc}$  of martingales.

We refer to [8] for details on random measures and stochastic integrals. On  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , |.| denotes the Euclidean norm and  $\mathbb{R}^{d \times d'}$  is identified with the space of real matrices with d rows and d' columns. If  $z \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d'}$ , we have  $|z|^2 = \operatorname{trace}(zz^*)$ .

Now to define the solution of our BSDE, let us introduce the following spaces for  $p \geq 1$ .

•  $\mathbb{D}^p(0,T)$  is the space of all adapted càdlàg processes X such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t\in[0,T]}|X_t|^p\right)<+\infty.$$

For simplicity,  $X_* = \sup_{t \in [0,T]} |X_t|$ .

•  $\mathbb{H}^p(0,T)$  is the subspace of all processes  $X \in \mathcal{D}(0,T)$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_0^T |X_t|^2 dt\right)^{p/2}\right] < +\infty.$$

•  $\mathbb{M}^p(0,T)$  is the subspace of  $\mathcal{M}$  of all martingales such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left([M]_T\right)^{p/2}\right] < +\infty.$$

•  $\mathbb{L}^p_{\mu}(0,T) = \mathbb{L}^p_{\mu}(\Omega \times (0,T) \times E)$ : the set of processes  $\psi \in G_{loc}(\mu)$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_0^T \int_E |\psi_s(e)|^2 \lambda(de) ds\right)^{p/2}\right] < +\infty.$$

•  $\mathbb{L}^p_{\lambda}(E) = \mathbb{L}^p(E,\lambda;\mathbb{R}^m)$ : the set of measurable functions  $\psi: E \to \mathbb{R}^m$  such that

$$\|\psi\|_{\mathbb{L}^p_{\lambda}}^p = \int_E |\psi(e)|^p \lambda(de) < +\infty.$$

•  $\mathbb{S}^p(0,T) = \mathbb{D}^p(0,T) \times \mathbb{H}^p(0,T) \times \mathbb{L}^p_\mu(0,T) \times \mathbb{M}^p(0,T)$ .

If M is a  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued martingale in  $\mathcal{M}$ , the bracket process  $[M]_t$  is

$$[M]_t = \sum_{i=1}^d [M^i]_t,$$

where  $M^i$  is the *i*-th component of the vector M.

We consider the BSDE (1)

$$Y_t = \xi + \int_t^T f(s, Y_s, Z_s, U_s) ds - \int_t^T Z_s dW_s - \int_t^T \int_E U_s(e) \widetilde{\mu}(de, ds) - \int_t^T dM_s.$$

Here, the random variable  $\xi$  is  $\mathcal{F}_T$ -measurable with values in  $\mathbb{R}$  and the generator f:  $\Omega \times [0,T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{L}^2_{\lambda}(E) \to \mathbb{R}$  is a random function, measurable with respect to  $Prog \times \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{L}^2_{\lambda}(E))$  where Prog denotes the sigma-field of progressive subsets of  $\Omega \times [0,T]$ . The unknowns are (Y,Z,U,M) such that

- Y is progressively measurable and càdlàg with values in  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- $Z \in L^2_{loc}(W)$ , with values in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ;
- $U \in G_{loc}(\mu)$  with values in  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- $M \in \mathcal{M}_{loc}$  with values in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

For notational convenience we will denote  $f_t^0 = f(t, 0, 0, 0)$ .

#### Assumptions

•  $\xi$  and  $f_t^0$  are non negative and  $\mathbb{P}(\xi = +\infty) > 0$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  is the set of singularity:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{ \xi = +\infty \}.$$

• The function  $y \mapsto f(t, y, z, u)$  is continuous and monotone: there exists  $\chi \in \mathbb{R}$  such that a.s. and for any  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $u \in \mathbb{L}^2_{\lambda}(E)$ 

(A1) 
$$(f(t, y, z, u) - f(t, y', z, u))(y - y') \le \chi (y - y')^{2}.$$

• For every n > 0 the function

(A2) 
$$\sup_{|y| \le n} |f(t, y, 0, 0) - f_t^0| \in L^1((0, T) \times \Omega).$$

• f is Lispchitz in z, uniformly w.r.t. all parameters: there exists L > 0 such that for any (t, y, u), z and z': a.s.

(A3) 
$$|f(t, y, z, u) - f(t, y, z', u)| \le L|z - z'|.$$

• There exists a progressively measurable process  $\kappa = \kappa^{y,z,u,v} : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times E \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

(A4) 
$$f(t, y, z, u) - f(t, y, z, v) \le \int_{E} (u(e) - v(e)) \kappa_t^{y, z, u, v}(e) \lambda(de)$$

with  $\mathbb{P} \otimes Leb \otimes \lambda$ -a.e. for any (y, z, u, v),  $-1 \leq \kappa_t^{y, z, u, v}(e)$  and  $|\kappa_t^{y, z, u, v}(e)| \leq \vartheta(e)$  where  $\vartheta \in \mathbb{L}^2_{\lambda}(E)$ .

Note that no assumption on  $f^0$  (expect non negativity) is required. Conditions (A1)-(A4) will ensure existence and uniqueness of the solution for a version of BSDE (1), where the terminal condition  $\xi$  is replaced by  $\xi \wedge n$  and where the generator f is replaced by  $f_n = f - f^0 + (f^0 \wedge n)$  for some n > 0 (see BSDE (10) below). We obtain the minimal supersolution (see Theorem 1) with singular terminal condition  $\xi$  by letting the truncation n tend to  $\infty$ . To ensure that in the limit (when n goes to  $\infty$ ) the solution component Y attains the value  $\infty$  on S at time T but is finite before time T, we suppose that

• There exists a constant q > 0 and a positive process a such that for any  $y \ge 0$ 

(A5) 
$$f(t, y, z, u) \le -(a_t)y|y|^q + f(t, 0, z, u).$$

 $p = 1 + \frac{1}{q}$  is the Hölder conjugate of 1 + q. Moreover, in order to derive the a priori estimate, the following assumptions will hold.

• There exists some  $\ell > 1$  such that

(A6) 
$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \left[ \left( \frac{1}{qa_s} \right)^{1/q} + (T-s)^p f_s^0 \right]^\ell ds < +\infty.$$

• If  $k > \max(2, \ell/(\ell - 1))$ 

(A7) 
$$\int_{E} |\vartheta(e)|^{k} \lambda(de) < +\infty.$$

**Definition 1** The generator f satisfies Conditions (A) if all assumptions (A1)–(A7) hold.

## Remark 1 (on Assumptions (A))

- 1. By very classical arguments we can suppose w.l.o.g. that  $\chi = 0$  in (A1). In the rest of the paper, we assume that  $\chi = 0$ .
- 2. Assumptions (A2) and (A5) imply that the process a must be in  $L^1((0,T)\times\Omega)$ .
- 3. The fourth condition (A4) implies that f is Lipschitz continuous w.r.t. u uniformly in  $\omega$ , t, y and z:

$$|f(t,y,z,u) - f(t,y,z,v)| \le \|\vartheta\|_{L^2_\lambda} \|u - v\|_{L^2_\lambda} = L \|u - v\|_{L^2_\lambda}.$$

This assumption (A4) is used to compare two solutions of the BSDE (1) with different terminal conditions (see Theorem 4.1 and Assumption 4.1 in [18] or Proposition 4 in [11]).

- 4. The generator f can be also "singular" at time T provided Assumption (A6) holds (see examples below). Note that BSDEs with singular generator were already studied in [9] and [10], but the setting is completely different.
- 5. Moreover if the condition (A6) holds for some  $\ell > 1$ , it remains true for any  $1 \le \ell' \le \ell$ . But with an additional cost in Condition (A7).

**Example 1 (Main example)** The case given by equation (3) has been developed in [1], [7] and [12]. The process  $a_t$  is  $1/(q\alpha_t^q)$ . All previous assumptions are satisfied if  $\beta_t(e) \geq 0$  for any t and e,  $1/\alpha^q$  is in  $L^1((0,T)\times\Omega)$ ,  $\alpha\in L^\ell((0,T)\times\Omega)$  and if the non negative process  $\gamma=f^0$  satisfies Condition (A6).

**Example 2 (Toy example)** The function  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$  satisfies all previous conditions. It corresponds to generator (3) with  $\alpha_t = (1/q)^{1/q}$ ,  $\beta_t(e) = +\infty$  and  $\gamma_t = 0$ .

 $\Diamond$ 

Example 3 (With power singularity) We will also discuss the case:

$$f(t,y) = -(T-t)^{\varsigma} y |y|^{q} + \frac{1}{(T-t)^{\varpi}}$$

where  $\varsigma$  and  $\varpi$  are two real numbers. Since  $a_t = (T-t)^{\varsigma}$  is in  $L^1(0,T)$ ,  $\varsigma$  must be greater than -1. Note that this lower bound is necessary to have an optimal control in (5) (see Example 1.1 in [1]). Condition (A6) imposes that

$$\int_0^T (T-t)^{-\ell\varsigma/q} + (T-t)^{\ell(p-\varpi)} dt < +\infty.$$

This implies the following bounds:

$$-1 < \varsigma < q, \qquad \varpi < 1 + 1/q + 1/\ell.$$

with  $1 \le \ell$  and  $\ell < q/\varsigma$  if  $\varsigma > 0$ . The singularity of time T of the generator has to be not too important (upper bound on  $\varpi$ ) and the coefficient a before  $y|y|^q$  can degenerate at time T, but not too quickly (upper bound on  $\varsigma$ ).

 $\Diamond$ 

#### Known results

In [12], the following result is proved.

Theorem 1 (Theorem 1 in [12]) Under Conditions (A) there exists a process (Y, Z, U, M) such that

- (Y, Z, U, M) belongs to  $\mathbb{S}^{\ell}(0, t)$  for any t < T.
- A.s. for any  $t \in [0, T], Y_t > 0$ .
- For all 0 < s < t < T:

$$Y_{s} = Y_{t} + \int_{s}^{t} f(t, Y_{r}, Z_{r}, U_{r}) dr - \int_{s}^{t} Z_{r} dW_{r} - \int_{s}^{t} \int_{E} U_{s}(e) \tilde{\mu}(ds, de) + M_{T} - M_{t}.$$

• If the filtration  $\mathbb{F}$  is quasi left continuous, (Y, Z, U, M) is a super-solution in the sense that a.s. (6) holds:

$$\liminf_{t \to T} Y_t \ge \xi.$$

Any process  $(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{U}, \tilde{M})$  satisfying the previous four items is called **super-solution** of the BSDE (1) with singular terminal condition  $\xi$ .

A key point in the construction made in [12] is the following a priori estimate:

(9) 
$$Y_t \le \frac{K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}}{(T-t)^{1+1/q}} \left\{ \mathbb{E} \left( \int_t^T \left[ \left( \frac{1}{qa_s} \right)^{1/q} + (T-s)^{1+1/q} f_s^0 \right]^{\ell} ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right) \right\}^{1/\ell}$$

where  $K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}$  is a non negative constant depending only on  $\ell$ , L and  $\vartheta$  and this constant is a non decreasing function of L and  $\vartheta$  and a non increasing function of  $\ell$ . Condition (A6) implies that a.s.  $Y_t < +\infty$  on [0,T).

#### Remark 2

- The constants  $K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}$  and  $\ell > 1$  come from the growth condition on f w.r.t. z and u.
- If we assume that f(t,0,z,u) is uniformly bounded from above by  $K_f$ , in (9) we can take  $\ell=1$  and  $K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}=1$  and we add  $\frac{K_f}{2+1/q}(T-t)$ .

#### Back to the examples.

• Example 2. If  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$ ,  $a_t = 1$ ,  $K_f = 0$ , and we obtain as in [16]:

$$Y_t \le \left(\frac{1}{q(T-t)}\right)^{1/q}$$
.

• Example 3. Recall that  $-1 < \varsigma < q$  and  $\varpi < 2 + 1/q$ . Here again one can take  $K_f = 0$  and

$$Y_t \le \left(\frac{1}{q}\right)^{1/q} \frac{q}{q-\varsigma} \frac{1}{(T-t)^{(1+\varsigma)/q}} + \frac{1}{2+1/q-\varpi} \frac{1}{(T-t)^{\varpi-1}}.$$

Let us finish this section by the minimality of the solution.

**Proposition 1 (Minimal solution)** The solution (Y, Z, U, M) obtained by approximation is minimal. If  $(\widetilde{Y}, \widetilde{Z}, \widetilde{U}, \widetilde{M})$  is another non negative super-solution, then for all  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s.  $\widetilde{Y}_t \geq Y_t$ .

Now we give the main ideas of the proof of the existence result (Theorem 1). It is important to study the behaviour of Y in the next sections. The approach in [12] is to approximate our BSDE by considering a terminal condition of the form  $\xi^n := \xi \wedge n$  and observe asymptotic behaviour.

In the rest of the paper,  $(Y^n, Z^n, U^n, M^n)$  will be the solution of the truncated BSDE:

(10) 
$$Y_{t}^{n} = \xi \wedge n + \int_{t}^{T} f_{n}(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) ds - \int_{t}^{T} Z_{s}^{n} dW_{s}$$
$$- \int_{t}^{T} \int_{E} U_{s}^{n}(e) \tilde{\mu}(ds, de) - (M_{T}^{n} - M_{t}^{n}).$$

 $\Diamond$ 

Here  $f_n(t, y, z, u)$  is the generator obtained by the truncation on  $f_t^0$ :

(11) 
$$f_n(t, y, z, u) = (f(t, y, z, u) - f_t^0) + (f_t^0 \wedge n).$$

Existence and uniqueness of  $(Y^n, Z^n, U^n, M^n)$  comes from Theorem 2 in [11]. Moreover using comparison argument (see [11] or [18]) we can obtain for  $m \le n$ :  $0 \le Y_t^m \le Y_t^n$ . And for any  $n, Y^n$  satisfies Estimate (9) (Proposition 2 in [12]). This allows us to define Y as the increasing limit of the sequence  $(Y_t^n)_{n>1}$ :

$$\forall t \in [0, T], \quad Y_t := \lim_{n \to \infty} Y_t^n.$$

Proposition 4 in [12] shows that there exists a constant C such that for any 0 < t < T

(12) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{0\leq s\leq t}|Y_{s}^{n}-Y_{s}^{m}|^{\ell}+\left(\int_{0}^{t}|Z_{s}^{n}-Z_{s}^{m}|^{2}ds\right)^{\ell/2}\right] \\ +\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_{0}^{t}\int_{E}|U_{s}^{n}(e)-U_{s}^{m}(e)|^{2}\lambda(de)ds\right)^{\ell/2}+\left[M_{t}^{n}-M_{t}^{m}\right]^{\ell/2}\right] \\ \leq C\mathbb{E}\left[|Y_{t}^{n}-Y_{t}^{m}|^{\ell}\right]+C\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{t}|f_{s}^{0}\wedge n-f_{s}^{0}\wedge m|^{\ell}ds.$$

Since  $Y_t^n$  converges to  $Y_t$  almost surely, with the a priori estimate (9), Condition (A6) and Inequality (12), thanks to the dominated convergence theorem, we can deduce:

- 1. For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $(Y^n)_{n \ge 1}$  converges to Y in  $\mathbb{D}^{\ell}(0, T \varepsilon)$ .
- 2.  $(Z^n)_{n\geq 1}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{H}^{\ell}(0, T-\varepsilon)$ , and converges to  $Z\in \mathbb{H}^{\ell}(0, T-\varepsilon)$ .
- 3.  $(U^n)_{n\geq 1}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{L}^{\ell}_{\mu}(0,T-\varepsilon)$ , and converges to  $U\in\mathbb{L}^{\ell}_{\mu}(0,T-\varepsilon)$ .
- 4.  $(M^n)_{n\geq 1}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{M}^{\ell}(0, T-\varepsilon)$ , and converges to  $M\in \mathbb{M}^{\ell}_{\mu}(0, T-\varepsilon)$ .

The limit (Y, Z, U, M) satisfies for every  $0 \le t < T$ , for all  $0 \le s \le t$ 

(13) 
$$Y_s = Y_t + \int_s^t f(r, Y_r, Z_r, U_r) dr - \int_s^t Z_r dB_r - \int_s^t \int_E U_r(e) \tilde{\mu}(dr, de) - M_t + M_s.$$

and Y satisfies Inequality (9). Note that all these results are obtained without the quasi left-continuity assumption on the filtration  $\mathbb{F}$ . But since the solution (Y, Z, U, M) satisfies the dynamic (13) only on  $[0, T - \varepsilon]$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we cannot derive directly the existence of a left limit at time T for Y.

Now if we assume that the filtration  $\mathbb{F}$  is quasi left-continuous, then there is no jump at time T for the orthogonal martingale part  $M^n$ . Hence we have a.s.

$$\xi \wedge n = \liminf_{t \to T} Y_t^n \le \liminf_{t \to T} Y_t,$$

and thus immediately

$$\xi \leq \liminf_{t \to T} Y_t$$
.

## 2 Existence of a left-limit

In this section Conditions (A) hold and we will prove that the left limit of Y at time T exists provided we know the precise behaviour of the generator w.r.t. y. In other words we show that Y is càdlàg on [0,T]. In some sense our generator has to be more specific to control the behaviour of the supersolution at time T.

Assumption (B). The generator satisfies

(B) 
$$b_t g(y) \le f(t, y, z, u) - f(t, 0, z, u), \quad \forall y \ge 0, \ \forall (t, z, u),$$

where

- b is positive and  $b \in L^1((0,T) \times \Omega)$ ;
- g is a negative, decreasing and of class  $C^1$  function and concave on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  with g(0) < 0 and g'(0) < 0.

Since Conditions (A) should hold, in particular (A5), from (B) we deduce that  $b_t g(y) \le -a_t y |y|^q$  for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and y. Thus w.l.o.g.  $g(y) \le -y |y|^q$  and  $b_t \ge (-1/g(1))a_t = Ca_t$  for some positive constant C. We can always add to g a linear function like -y - 1 such that g(0) < 0 and g'(0) < 0.

In the sequel of this section, we decompose f as follows:

$$f(t, y, z, u) = \phi(t, y, z, u) + \pi(t, z, u) + f_t^0$$

where  $f_t^0 = f(t, 0, 0, 0)$  and

$$\phi(t, y, z, u) = f(t, y, z, u) - f(t, 0, z, u)$$
  
$$\pi(t, z, u) = f(t, 0, z, u) - f(t, 0, 0, 0).$$

**Theorem 2** Assumptions (A) and (B) hold. Moreover one of the next three cases holds:

- Case 1. f does not depend on u or  $\pi(t, 0, u) \ge 0$ ;
- Case 2.  $\vartheta \in \mathbb{L}^1_{\lambda}(E)$  and there exists a constant  $\kappa_* > -1$  such that  $\kappa_s^{0,0,u,0}(e) \ge \kappa_*$  a.e. for any (s, u, e);
- Case 3.  $\lambda$  is a finite measure on E.

Then the minimal supersolution Y has a left limit at time T.

## Remark 3

- 1. Again this result shows that the process Y is càdlàg on [0,T]. The quasi left continuity property of the filtration is unnecessary here.
- 2. If Inequality (6) holds, then a.s.  $\lim_{t\to T} Y_t \geq \xi$ .
- 3. The second condition on  $\kappa$  in Case 2 is quite classical. Indeed a stronger version is used to prove the comparison principle for BSDE with jumps in [2] or in [19].

**Back to the examples.** Clearly Conditions of Theorem 2 hold for the three examples 1, 2 and 3.

Indeed for Example 1,  $\lambda$  is supposed to be finite. Moreover since  $\psi$  defined by (4) is Lipschitz w.r.t. y we obtain for  $y \geq 0$ :

$$f(t, y, z, u) - f(t, 0, z, u) = -\frac{y|y|^q}{q\alpha_t^q} - \psi(t, y, u) + \psi(t, 0, u) \ge -\frac{y|y|^q}{q\alpha_t^q} - L|y|$$

$$\ge -\left(\frac{1}{q\alpha_t^q} \lor L\right) \left(y^{1+q} + y\right) \ge b_t g(y).$$

if

$$b_t = \frac{1}{q\alpha_t^q} \lor L, \qquad g(y) = -y^{1+q} - y - 1.$$

For the examples 2 and 3,  $g(y) = -y|y|^q - y - 1$  also works. Since f does not depend on u, there is no restriction on  $\lambda$  or on  $\kappa$ .

Let us just give the trick of the proof of the previous theorem. If  $b_t$  is deterministic, consider the ordinary differential equation  $y' = -f(t, y) = -b_t g(y)$ . To solve it, we can separate the variables and with  $\Theta' = 1/g$ , we write formally:

$$\Theta(y(T)) - \Theta(y(t)) = -\int_{t}^{T} \frac{y'(s)}{g(y(s))} ds = -\int_{t}^{T} b_{s} ds$$

which gives:

$$y(t) = \Theta^{-1} \left( \Theta(y(T)) + \int_t^T b_s ds \right).$$

We will follow the same idea: we apply the Itô formula with the function  $\Theta$  to the process  $Y_t$ . Then we cancel the martingale part with the conditional expectation and we have to control the terms of finite variations. The positive parts will give a non negative supermartingale, which has always a limit at time T. The negative parts have to be more carefully studied to prove that they have a limit at time T. This is the reason why we impose these extra conditions on f,  $\kappa$  or  $\lambda$ .

Now let us go into details. Let us define the function  $\Theta$  on  $(0, +\infty)$  by

(14) 
$$\Theta(x) = \int_{x}^{+\infty} \frac{-1}{g(y)} dy.$$

Recall that g is continuous and negative on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . Thus from the condition  $g(y) \leq -y|y|^q$ , the function  $\Theta : [0, +\infty) \to (0, \Theta(0)]$  is well defined, non increasing, of class  $C^1$ , and bijective. Let  $\Xi : (0, \Theta(0)] \to [0, +\infty)$  be the inverse of  $\Theta$ . Let us give some explicit examples.

- If  $g(y) = -y^2 2y 1$ ,  $\Theta(x) = (x+1)^{-1}$  and  $\Xi(x) = (1/x) 1$ .
- If  $g(y) = -\exp(y)$ , for  $y \ge 0$ ,  $\Theta(x) = \exp(-x)$  and  $\Xi(x) = -\ln(x)$ .

We proceed as in [16] (see here for more details) and we apply the function  $\Theta$  to the process  $Y^n$ , where  $(Y^n, Z^n, U^n, M^n)$  is the solution of the truncated BSDE (10).

**Lemma 1** Assume that the conditions of Theorem 2 are satisfied. Then the process Y can be written as follows:

$$Y_t = \Theta^{-1} \left( \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \left[ \Theta(\xi) \right] + \psi_t^- - \psi_t^+ \right)$$

where  $\psi^+$  and  $\psi^-$  are two non negative càdlàg supermartingales with a.s.  $\lim_{t\to T} \psi_t^- = 0$ .

**Proof.** Since  $Y_t^n$  is bounded from below by zero, we can apply Itô's formula:

$$\begin{split} (15) \qquad &\Theta(Y^{n}_{t}) = \Theta(\xi \wedge n) + \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) f_{n}(s, Y^{n}_{s}, Z^{n}_{s}, U^{n}_{s}) ds \\ &- \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) Z^{n}_{s} dW_{s} - \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) \int_{E} U^{n}_{s}(e) \tilde{\mu}(de, ds) - \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) dM^{n}_{s} \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta''(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) |Z^{n}_{s}|^{2} ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta''(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) d[M^{n}]^{c}_{s} \\ &- \int_{t}^{T} \int_{E} \left[ \Theta(Y^{n}_{s^{-}} + U^{n}_{s}(e)) - \Theta(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) - \Theta'(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) U^{n}_{s}(e) \right] \mu(ds, de) \\ &- \sum_{t < s \leq T} \left[ \Theta(Y^{n}_{s^{-}} + \Delta M^{n}_{s}) - \Theta(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) - \Theta'(Y^{n}_{s^{-}}) \Delta M^{n}_{s} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \Theta(\xi \wedge n) - \psi^{n}_{t} \end{split}$$

where

$$\begin{split} \psi^n_t &= -\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \Theta'(Y^n_s) f_n(s, Y^n_s, Z^n_s, U^n_s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \Theta''(Y^n_s) |Z^n_s|^2 ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \Theta''(Y^n_s) d[M^n]^c_s + \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \sum_{t < s \le T} \left[ \Theta(Y^n_{s^-} + \Delta M^n_s) - \Theta(Y^n_{s_-}) - \Theta'(Y^n_{s_-}) \Delta M^n_s \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \int_E \left[ \Theta(Y^n_{s^-} + U^n_s(e)) - \Theta(Y^n_{s_-}) - \Theta'(Y^n_{s_-}) U^n_s(e) \right] \mu(ds, de). \end{split}$$

Since  $\Theta$  is non increasing, we estimate now the following difference for  $m \geq n$ :

$$0 \le \Theta(Y_t^n) - \Theta(Y_t^m) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \left[ \Theta(\xi \wedge n) - \Theta(\xi \wedge m) \right] - (\psi_t^n - \psi_t^m).$$

And so we obtain:

$$|\psi_t^n - \psi_t^m| \le \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \left[ \Theta(\xi \wedge n) - \Theta(\xi \wedge m) \right] \vee \left[ \Theta(Y_t^n) - \Theta(Y_t^m) \right].$$

Since the sequences  $(\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t}[\Theta(\xi \wedge n)])_{n\geq 1}$  and  $(\Theta(Y_t^n))_{n\geq 1}$  converge a.s. and in  $\mathbb{L}^1$  (by monotone convergence theorem), we deduce that  $(\psi_t^n)_{n\geq 1}$  converge a.s. and in  $\mathbb{L}^1$  to some  $\psi_t$ . So by passing to the limit, one can write:

(16) 
$$\Theta(Y_t) = \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t}[\Theta(\xi)] - \psi_t.$$

Our aim now is to prove that the negative part of  $\psi_t^n$  is bounded with an upper bound independent of n.

Let us recall the decomposition of the generator  $f_n$ :

$$f_n(s, y, z, u) = [f(s, y, z, u) - f(s, 0, z, u)] + [f(s, 0, z, u) - f(s, 0, 0, 0)] + (f_s^0 \wedge n)$$
  
=  $\phi(s, y, z, u) + \pi(s, z, u) + (f_s^0 \wedge n).$ 

Recall that

$$\psi_{t}^{n} = -\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y_{s}^{n}) \phi(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) ds 
+ \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \int_{E} \left[ \Theta(Y_{s^{-}}^{n} + U_{s}^{n}(e)) - \Theta(Y_{s_{-}}^{n}) - \Theta'(Y_{s_{-}}^{n}) U_{s}^{n}(e) \right] \mu(ds, de) 
- \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y_{s^{-}}^{n}) \pi(s, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) ds + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta''(Y_{s}^{n}) |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} ds 
- \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y_{s}^{n}) (f_{s}^{0} \wedge n) ds + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta''(Y_{s}^{n}) d[M^{n}]_{s}^{c} 
+ \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \sum_{t < s \leq T} \left[ \Theta(Y_{s^{-}}^{n} + \Delta M_{s}^{n}) - \Theta(Y_{s_{-}}^{n}) - \Theta'(Y_{s_{-}}^{n}) \Delta M_{s}^{n} \right].$$

Recall that  $\Theta' = 1/g < 0$  and  $\Theta'' = -g'/g^2 \ge 0$ . Hence  $\Theta$  is non decreasing and convex and

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \Theta''(Y_s^n) d[M^n]_s^c + \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \sum_{t < s \le T} \left[ \Theta(Y_{s^-}^n + \Delta M_s^n) - \Theta(Y_{s_-}^n) - \Theta'(Y_{s_-}^n) \Delta M_s^n \right] \ge 0$$

and

$$-\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \Theta'(Y_s^n)(f_s^0 \wedge n) ds \ge 0.$$

The last three terms in (17) are non negative.

Then we control the first term using Condition (B):

$$(18) \qquad -\Theta'(Y_s^n)\phi(s,Y_s^n,Z_s^n,U_s^n) \ge -\Theta'(Y_s^n)b_sg(Y_s^n) = -b_s.$$

For the remaining terms in (17) we have

$$\Theta'(y)\pi(t,z,u) = \Theta'(y)(\pi(t,z,u) - \pi(t,0,u)) + \Theta'(y)\pi(t,0,u).$$

Hence the terms containing  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  are:

$$\begin{split} &-\Theta'(Y^n_{s^-})(\pi(s,Z^n_s,U^n_s)-\pi(s,0,U^n_s))+\frac{1}{2}\Theta''(Y^n_s)|Z^n_s|^2\\ &\geq -L(-\Theta'(Y^n_s))|Z^n_s|+\frac{1}{2}\Theta''(Y^n_s)|Z^n_s|^2=\frac{-g'(Y^n_s)}{2}\frac{|Z^n_s|^2}{|g(Y^n_s)|^2}+L\frac{|Z^n_s|}{g(Y^n_s)}\\ &=\frac{-g'(Y^n_s)}{2}\left(\frac{|Z^n_s|}{g(Y^n_s)}-\frac{L}{g'(Y^n_s)}\right)^2+\frac{L^2}{2g'(Y^n_s)}\geq \frac{L^2}{2g'(Y^n_s)}. \end{split}$$

We have used Condition (A3) such that:

$$\pi(s, Z_s^n, U_s^n) - \pi(s, 0, U_s^n) \ge -L|Z_s^n|.$$

Since g is concave, g' is non increasing. Thus we have  $g'(Y_s^n) \leq g'(0)$  and

(19) 
$$-\Theta'(Y_{s^{-}}^{n})(\pi(s, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) - \pi(s, 0, U_{s}^{n})) + \frac{1}{2}\Theta''(Y_{s}^{n})|Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} \ge \frac{L^{2}}{2g'(0)}.$$

Thereby in (17) the last term to control is:

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \int_{E} \left[ \Theta(Y_{s^{-}}^{n} + U_{s}^{n}(e)) - \Theta(Y_{s_{-}}^{n}) - \Theta'(Y_{s_{-}}^{n}) U_{s}^{n}(e) \right] \mu(ds, de) \\ - \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_{t}} \int_{t}^{T} \Theta'(Y_{s^{-}}^{n}) \pi(s, 0, U_{s}^{n}) ds.$$

• Case 1: Assume that f does not depend on u or  $\pi(s, 0, u) \geq 0$  for any s and u. From the convexity of  $\Theta$ , the integral w.r.t.  $\mu$  is non negative. Hence using (18) and (19), the negative part of  $\psi^n$  is controlled for any n by:

(20) 
$$(\psi_t^n)^- \le -\frac{L^2}{2g'(0)}(T-t) + \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T b_s ds.$$

Let us deal now with the cases 2 and 3. Up to some localization procedure we have

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \int_E \left[ \Theta(Y_{s^-}^n + U_s^n(e)) - \Theta(Y_{s_-}^n) - \Theta'(Y_{s_-}^n) U_s^n(e) \right] \mu(ds, de)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \int_E \left[ \Theta(Y_{s^-}^n + U_s^n(e)) - \Theta(Y_{s_-}^n) - \Theta'(Y_{s_-}^n) U_s^n(e) \right] \lambda(de) ds.$$

With Assumption (A4) we obtain:

$$-\Theta'(Y_{s^{-}}^{n})\pi(s,0,U_{s}^{n}) \ge -\Theta'(Y_{s^{-}}^{n}) \int_{E} \kappa_{s}^{0,0,U^{n},0} U_{s}^{n}(e) \lambda(de).$$

For simplicity,  $\kappa_s^{0,0,U^n,0}(e)$  will be denoted by  $\kappa_s^n(e)$ . The jump part is bounded from below by the following process

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T \int_E \left[ \Theta(Y_{s^-}^n + U_s^n(e)) - \Theta(Y_{s^-}^n) - \Theta'(Y_{s^-}^n) (1 + \kappa_s^n(e)) U_s^n(e) \right] \lambda(de) ds.$$

From Condition (A4),  $1 + \kappa_s^n(e) \ge 0$ . Thus for a fixed y > 0, if  $\kappa_s^n(e) > -1$ , the function

$$u \mapsto \Theta(y+u) - \Theta(y) - \Theta'(y)(1 + \kappa_s^n(e))u$$

has a minimum m on  $(-y, +\infty)$  at the point  $u^*$  satisfying

$$\Theta'(y+u^*) = \Theta'(y)(1+\kappa_s^n(e)) \Longleftrightarrow g(y+u^*) = \frac{g(y)}{1+\kappa_s^n(e)}.$$

In other words:

$$u^* = -y + g^{-1} \left( \frac{g(y)}{1 + \kappa_s^n(e)} \right) = g^{-1} \left( \frac{g(y)}{1 + \kappa_s^n(e)} \right) - y.$$

This minimum is equal to

$$m = -(u^*)^2 \int_0^1 \rho \Theta''(y + \rho u^*) d\rho \le 0.$$

If  $\kappa_s^n(e) = -1$ , then  $u^* = +\infty$  and  $m = -\Theta(y)$ . In any case  $\kappa_s^n(e)u^* \leq 0$ .

• Case 2:  $\vartheta \in \mathbb{L}^1_{\lambda}(E)$  and  $\kappa_t^{y,z,u,v}(e)$  is bounded from below by some constant  $\kappa_* > -1$  uniformly w.r.t. all parameters.

By convexity of  $\Theta$ , we obtain

$$\Theta(y+u^*) - \Theta(y) - \Theta'(y)(1+\kappa_s^n(e))u^* \ge -\Theta'(y)\kappa_s^n(e)u^*.$$

If  $\kappa_s^n(e) \geq 0$ ,

$$-\Theta'(y)\kappa_s^n(e)u^* \ge y\Theta'(y)\kappa_s^n(e) \ge y\Theta'(y)\vartheta(e)$$

and if  $\kappa_* \leq \kappa_s^n(e) \leq 0$ 

$$-\Theta'(y)\kappa_s^n(e)u^* \geq -\Theta'(y)\kappa_s^n(e)g^{-1}\left(\frac{g(y)}{1+\kappa_s^n(e)}\right) = \Theta'(y)|\kappa_s^n(e)|g^{-1}\left(\frac{g(y)}{1+\kappa_s^n(e)}\right)$$
$$\geq \Theta'(y)|\kappa_s^n(e)|g^{-1}\left(\frac{g(y)}{1+\kappa_*}\right) \geq \frac{1}{g(y)}g^{-1}\left(\frac{g(y)}{1+\kappa_*}\right)\vartheta(e).$$

From our assumption on g, the functions  $y\Theta'(y)=y/g(y)$  and  $\frac{1}{g(y)}g^{-1}\left(\frac{g(y)}{1+\kappa_*}\right)$  are non positive and bounded from above respectively by a constant  $-K_g<0$  depending on g and by  $-K_{g,\kappa_*}<0$  depending only on g and  $\kappa_*$ . This last estimate and the inequalities (18) and (19) imply that

(21) 
$$(\psi_t^n)^- \le \left[ -\frac{L^2}{2g'(0)} + \|\psi\|_{L^1_\lambda} (K_g \vee K_{g,\kappa_*}) \right] (T-t) + \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T b_s ds.$$

• Case 3:  $\lambda$  is a finite measure.

Since  $u^* \ge -y$ , then

$$\Theta(y+u^*) - \Theta(y) - \Theta'(y)(1+\kappa_s^n(e))u^* \ge -\Theta(y) + \Theta'(y)(1+\kappa_s^n(e))y$$
  
 
$$\ge -\Theta(y) + \frac{y}{g(y)}(1+\vartheta(e)).$$

Since  $-\Theta$  is non decreasing and since  $Y^n$  is bounded from below by 0, the inequalities (18), (19) and the assumption (A7) imply that

$$(22) \quad (\psi_t^n)^- \leq \mathbb{E}^{\mathcal{F}_t} \int_t^T b_s ds + (T - t) \left[ \frac{-L^2}{2g'(0)} + \lambda(E)(\Theta(0) + K_g) + \|\vartheta\|_{L^1_{\lambda}} K_g \right].$$

In the three cases (20), (21) or (22), the negative part of  $\psi^n$  is bounded uniformly w.r.t. n and since  $b \in L^1((0,T) \times \Omega)$  the right-hand side of the three estimates goes to zero as t tends to T.

Let us now conclude. Recall that  $\psi^n$  converges to  $\psi$  and (16) holds. The estimates (20), (21) or (22) show that the negative part of  $\psi^n$  converges a.s. and in  $L^1$  to the non negative càdlàg bounded supermartingale  $\psi^-$ . Moreover the limit of  $\psi_t^-$  at time T is equal to zero. The equation (16) shows that the positive part of  $\psi$  is càdlàg and a supermartingale by convergence of  $(\psi^n)^+$ . This achieves the proof of the proposition.  $\square$ 

Theorem 2 can be now proved immediately.  $\psi^+$  being a non negative càdlàg supermartingale, we can deduce the existence of the following limit:

$$\psi_{T_-}^+ := \lim_{t \nearrow T} \psi_t^+$$

And so  $Y_{T_{-}}$  exists and is equal to:

$$Y_{T_{-}} := \lim_{t \nearrow T} Y_{t} = \Theta^{-1} \left( \Theta(\xi) - \psi_{T_{-}}^{+} \right).$$

Let us remark that in the extreme case where  $\kappa_s(e) = -1$ , then  $m = -\Theta(y)$  for  $u = +\infty$  and thus the condition  $\lambda(E) < +\infty$  is an almost necessary condition to ensure that the negative part of  $\psi^n$  is finite.

## 3 Continuity at time T

The second important result is the proof of Equality (7). Recall that for a terminal condition  $\xi$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  and for a generator f with  $f^0 \in L^p((0,T) \times \Omega)$ , p > 1, if the filtration  $\mathbb{F}$  is quasi left-continuous, then the solution of the BSDE (1) is continuous at time T. Indeed the martingales cannot have a jump at a deterministic time. Nevertheless we deal here with two singularities: one due to  $\xi$ , another due to the generator f.

## 3.1 Singularity of the generator

Recall that the generator f of the BSDE (1) can be singular in the sense that Condition (A6) implies

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (T-s)^{\ell p} (f_s^0)^{\ell} ds < +\infty.$$

Thus  $f^0 \in L^1((0, T - \varepsilon) \times \Omega)$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , but we could have  $f_T^0 = +\infty$  and/or  $f^0 \notin L^1((0, T) \times \Omega)$ . In Example 3  $f_t^0 = (T - t)^{-\varpi}$  with  $1 \le \ell$  and  $\varpi < 1 + 1/q + 1/\ell$ . Hence for  $\varpi \ge 1$ , then  $f^0 \notin L^1((0, T) \times \Omega)$ . The next result shows that Equality (7)

$$\liminf_{t \to T} Y_t = \xi$$

may be false.

**Lemma 2** Assume that the generator is given by:  $f(t, y, z, u) = f(t, y) = -y|y|^q + f_t^0$  with  $f^0$  deterministic and not in  $L^1(0,1)$ . Then a.s.  $\lim_{t\to T} Y_t = +\infty$ .

**Proof.** Recall that  $(Y^n, Z^n, U^n, M^n)$  is solution of BSDE (10)

$$\begin{split} Y^n_t &= \xi \wedge n - \int_t^T Y^n_s |Y^n_s|^q ds + \int_t^T \left( f^0_s \wedge n \right) ds \\ &- \int_t^T Z^n_s dW_s - \int_t^T \int_E U^n_s(e) \tilde{\mu}(ds, de) - (M^n_T - M^n_t). \end{split}$$

We define  $R_t^n = \exp\left(-\int_0^t |Y_r^n|^q dr\right)$  and by Itô formula:

$$R_t^n Y_t^n = \mathbb{E}\left[R_T^n(\xi \wedge n) + \int_t^T R_s^n \left(f_s^0 \wedge n\right) ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right].$$

Hence we obtain

$$Y_t^n \ge \mathbb{E}\left[\int_t^T \exp\left(-\int_t^s |Y_r^n|^q dr\right) \left(f_s^0 \wedge n\right) ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right].$$

Since  $Y^n \leq Y$  for any n,

$$Y_t \ge Y_t^n \ge \mathbb{E}\left[\int_t^T \exp\left(-\int_t^s |Y_r|^q dr\right) \left(f_s^0 \wedge n\right) ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t\right].$$

Finally using Fatou lemma and since  $f^0$  is deterministic, we have

$$Y_t \ge \int_t^T \mathbb{E}\left[\exp\left(-\int_t^s |Y_r|^q dr\right) \left| \mathcal{F}_t \right| f_s^0 ds \ge \mathbb{E}\left[\exp\left(-\int_t^T |Y_r|^q dr\right) \left| \mathcal{F}_t \right| \int_t^T f_s^0 ds.\right]$$

From Theorem 2, Y is càdlàg on [0, T]. Hence  $Y_t$  is finite a.s. if and only if  $\lim_{t\to T} Y_t = +\infty$  a.s.

Again for Example 3 with  $\varsigma = 0$  and  $\varpi \ge 1$ , Equality (7) can not be true whatever the terminal condition  $\xi$  is. Hence in the rest of this section, we will assume that

(A8) 
$$f^0 \in L^1((0,T) \times \Omega).$$

## 3.2 Behaviour of Y

In order to obtain the desired behaviour at time T, we will first assume that the filtration is quasi left-continuous. Hence we avoid jumps of the orthogonal martingale at time T and we already have a.s.

$$\liminf_{t \to T} Y_t \ge \xi.$$

Lemma 2 shows that we have to impose some stronger conditions on the process  $f^0$  and on a. We strengthen Assumption (A6): for some  $\eta < 1$ 

(A6\*) 
$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (T-s)^{-1+\eta} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{qa_s} \right)^{1/q} + (T-s)^{1+1/q} f_s^0 \right]^{\ell} ds < +\infty.$$

If f satisfies all conditions (A1) to (A7), with (A6\*) instead of (A6), we say that f satisfies Conditions (A\*).

## Remark 4 (on Assumption (A6\*))

- Since  $a \in L^1((0,T) \times \Omega)$ , (A6\*) implies that  $\eta + \ell/q > 0$ .
- If  $f^0$  and  $(1/a)^{1/q}$  are in  $L^{\ell}((0,T)\times\Omega)$ , then  $(A6^*)$  holds for any  $0<\eta<1$ . The case a bounded from below by a positive constant and  $f^0$  bounded from above is a particular case (see Example 2).
- For Example 3,  $a_t = (T-t)^{\varsigma}$  and  $f_t^0 = (T-t)^{-\varpi}$  with  $-1 < \varsigma < q$ ,  $1 < \ell < q/\varsigma$  and  $\varpi < 1 + 1/q + 1/\ell$ . Condition (A6\*) holds if we take  $\eta$  such that

$$\ell \max \left(\frac{\varsigma}{q}, -(1+1/q-\varpi)\right) < \eta < 1.$$

The stronger condition  $(A6^*)$  implies the next result.

**Proposition 2** Under Conditions (A\*), there exists a constant C independent of n such that the process  $(Z^n, U^n)$  satisfies:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{\rho} \left(|Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} + \|U_{s}^{n}\|_{\mathbb{L}_{\lambda}^{2}}^{2}\right) ds\right]^{\ell/2} \leq C.$$

The constant  $\rho$  is given by:

(23) 
$$\rho = \frac{2}{q} + 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{\ell}\right) + \frac{2\eta}{\ell}.$$

The proof of this proposition is postponed to the next section. In the sequel we will need this sharper estimate on Z and U but with the technical condition

$$\rho = \frac{2}{q} + 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{\ell}\right) + \frac{2\eta}{\ell} < 1$$

This condition  $\rho < 1$  is a balance between the non linearity q and the singularity of the generator f.

## Remark 5 (on Condition (A9))

- 1. If  $f^0$  and  $(1/a)^{1/q}$  are in  $L^{\ell}((0,T)\times\Omega)$ , then  $(A6^*)$  holds for any  $0<\eta<1$ . Then  $\rho<1$  for  $\ell<2$  and  $q>\frac{2\ell}{2-\ell}$ .
- 2. In particular if the generator is  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$  (Example 2), then  $\rho < 1$  if q > 2, which was supposed in [16].

3. In Example 3, the constant  $\rho$  satisfies:

$$2\max\left(\frac{(1+\varsigma)}{q}, -(1-\varpi)\right) + 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{\ell}\right) < \rho.$$

The constant  $\ell > 1$  can be chosen close to 1. Thus  $\rho < 1$  if

$$2\max\left(\frac{(1+\varsigma)}{q}, -(1-\varpi)\right) < 1.$$

Hence  $\varpi < 3/2$  and  $q > 2(1+\varsigma)$ . In other words  $f^0$  cannot be too singular at time T. Moreover the less degenerate is the process  $a_t$ , in other words the smaller is  $\varsigma$ , the smaller can be the non linearity coefficient q.

Now we work in the half-Markovian setting and we define the function  $\Phi$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with values in  $\mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$  and with

$$S = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad s.t. \quad \Phi(x) = \infty \}$$

the set of singularity points for the terminal condition induced by  $\Phi$ . This set  $\mathcal{S}$  is supposed to be closed. We also denoted by  $\partial \mathcal{S}$  the boundary of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Our terminal condition  $\xi$  satisfies Conditions (C) if

(C1) 
$$\xi = \Phi(X_T).$$

and if for all closed set  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \mathcal{S}$ 

(C2) 
$$\Phi(X_T)\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{K}}(X_T) \in L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, \mathbb{P}).$$

The process X is the solution of a SDE with jumps:

(24) 
$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) dW_s + \int_0^t \int_E h(s, X_{s_-}, e) \tilde{\mu}(de, ds).$$

The coefficients  $b: \Omega \times [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\sigma: \Omega \times [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  and  $h: \Omega \times [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times E \to \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfy **Assumptions (D)**:

1. b,  $\sigma$  and h are jointly continuous w.r.t. (t, x) and Lipschitz continuous w.r.t. x uniformly in t, e or  $\omega$ , i.e. there exists a constant  $K_{b,\sigma}$  or  $K_h$  such that for any  $(\omega, t, e) \in \Omega \times [0, T] \times E$ , for any x and y in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ : a.s.

(D1) 
$$|b(t,x) - b(t,y)| + |\sigma(t,x) - \sigma(t,y)| \le K_{b,\sigma}|x-y|$$

and

(D2) 
$$|h(t, x, e) - h(t, y, e)| \le K_h |x - y| (1 \land |e|).$$

2. b and  $\sigma$  growth at most linearly:

(D3) 
$$|b(t,x)| + |\sigma(t,x)| < C_{b,\sigma}(1+|x|).$$

3. h is bounded w.r.t. t and x and there exists a constant  $C_h$  such that a.s.

$$(D4) |h(t, x, e)| \le C_h(1 \land |e|).$$

Under Assumptions (**D**), the forward SDE (24) has a unique strong solution X (see [13] or [17]). To lighten the notation, the dimensions of X and of the Brownian motion are the same. But this condition does not matter and we can also work with different dimensions.

In order to prove that  $\liminf_{t\to T} Y_t = \xi$ , we proceed as in [16]. But there is an extra term due to the covariance between the jumps of the SDE (24) and the jumps of the BSDE (1). To control this additional part, we make a link between the singularity set  $\mathcal{S}$  and the jumps of the forward process X. More precisely we assume

## Conditions (E).

- (E1). The boundary  $\partial S$  is compact and of class  $C^2$ .
- (E2). For any  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ , any  $s \in [0, T]$  and  $\lambda$ -a.s.

$$x + \beta(s, x, e) \in \mathcal{S}$$
.

Furthermore there exists a constant  $\nu > 0$  such that if  $x \in \partial \mathcal{S}$ , then for any  $s \in [0, T], d(x + \beta(s, x, e), \Gamma) \geq \nu, \lambda$ -a.s.

These assumptions mean in particular that if  $X_{s^-} \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $X_s \in \mathcal{S}$  a.s. Moreover if  $X_{s^-}$  belongs to the boundary of  $\mathcal{S}$ , and if there is a jump at time s, then  $X_s$  is in the interior of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Let us now state our first main result.

**Theorem 3** Under Conditions  $(A^*)$ -(C)-(D)-(E), with (A8) and (A9), the minimal supersolution Y satisfies a.s.

$$\liminf_{t \to T} Y_t = \xi.$$

## 3.3 An estimate on Z and U: proof of Proposition 2

We have shown that the sequences  $Z^n$  and  $U^n$  converge in a suitable integrability space on  $[0, T - \varepsilon]$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Here we want to obtain an estimate on the limits Z and U on the whole time interval [0, T].

In the sequel let us denote by  $\Gamma$  the process

$$\Gamma_t = \frac{K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}^{\ell}}{T - t} \mathbb{E}\left(\int_t^T \left[ \left(\frac{1}{qa_s}\right)^{1/q} + (T - s)^{1 + 1/q} f_s^0 \right]^{\ell} ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_t \right)$$

thus Estimate (9) becomes:

(25) 
$$0 \le Y_t \le \frac{1}{(T-t)^{1+1/q-1/\ell}} \Gamma_t^{1/\ell}.$$

Lemma 3 Under (A6\*), 
$$\mathbb{E}\int_0^T (T-s)^{-1+\eta} \Gamma_s ds < +\infty$$
.

**Proof.** Note that

$$(T-s)^{-1+\eta} \mathbb{E}(\Gamma_s) = K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}^{\ell}(T-s)^{-2+\eta} \int_s^T \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{1}{qa_u}\right)^{1/q} + (T-u)^{1+1/q} f_u^0\right]^{\ell} du$$

$$= K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}^{\ell}(T-s)^{-2+\eta} \int_0^T \theta_u \mathbf{1}_{u \ge s} du$$

with

$$\theta_u = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{1}{qa_u}\right)^{1/q} + (T-u)^{1+1/q}f_u^0\right]^{\ell}.$$

Hence by Fubini's theorem

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (T-s)^{-1+\eta} \Gamma_s ds = K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}^{\ell} \int_0^T (T-s)^{-2+\eta} \left( \int_0^T \theta_u \mathbf{1}_{u \ge s} du \right) ds$$

$$= K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}^{\ell} \int_0^T \theta_u \left( \int_0^u (T-s)^{-2+\eta} ds \right) du$$

$$= \frac{K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}^{\ell}}{1-\eta} \int_0^T (T-u)^{-1+\eta} \theta_u \left( 1 - (1-u/T)^{1-\eta} \right) du$$

$$\leq \frac{K_{\ell,L,\vartheta}^{\ell}}{1-\eta} \int_0^T (T-u)^{-1+\eta} \theta_u du < +\infty.$$

This achieves the proof of the lemma.

Now let us prove the sharper estimates on Z and U given by Proposition 2: there exists a constant C independent of n such that the process  $(Z^n, U^n)$  satisfies:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{\rho} \left(|Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} + \|U_{s}^{n}\|_{\mathbb{L}^{2}_{\lambda}}^{2}\right) ds\right]^{\ell/2} \leq C.$$

where the constant  $\rho$  is given by (23).

**Proof.** For the constant  $\eta > 0$  of (A6\*), let us define

$$\delta = \ell - 1 + \frac{\ell}{q} + \eta = \frac{\ell}{2}\rho > 0.$$

We define  $c(\ell) = \frac{\ell((\ell-1)\wedge 1)}{2}$ ,  $\check{x} = |x|^{-1}x\mathbf{1}_{x\neq 0}$  and we want to apply Itô formula to  $(T-t)^{\delta}|Y_t^n|^{\ell}$  (see [11], Corollary 1 and Remark 1). We fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\tau = T - \varepsilon$  in the sequel.

Hence we have for  $0 \le t \le \tau$ :

$$(26) \quad (T-t)^{\delta}|Y_{t}^{n}|^{\ell} \leq \varepsilon^{\delta}|Y_{T-\varepsilon}^{n}|^{\ell} + \int_{t}^{\tau} \delta(T-s)^{\delta-1}|Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell}ds \\ + \ell \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta}|Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1}\check{Y}_{s}^{n}f(s,Y_{s}^{n},Z_{s}^{n},U_{s}^{n})ds \\ - \ell \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta}|Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1}\check{Y}_{s}^{n}Z_{s}^{n}dW_{s} - \ell \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta}|Y_{s-}^{n}|^{\ell-1}\check{Y}_{s-}^{n}dM_{s}^{n} \\ - \ell \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta}|Y_{s-}^{n}|^{\ell-1}\check{Y}_{s-}^{n}\int_{E} U_{s}^{n}(e)\widetilde{\mu}(de,ds) \\ - \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta}\int_{E} \left[|Y_{s-}^{n}+U_{s}^{n}(e)|^{\ell}-|Y_{s-}^{n}|^{\ell}-\ell|Y_{s-}^{n}|^{\ell-1}\check{Y}_{s-}^{n}U_{s}^{n}(e)\right]\mu(de,ds) \\ - \sum_{t < s \leq \tau} (T-s)^{\delta}\left[|Y_{s-}^{n}+\Delta M_{s}^{n}|^{\ell}-|Y_{s-}^{n}|^{\ell}-\ell|Y_{s-}^{n}|^{\ell-1}\check{Y}_{s-}^{n}\Delta M_{s}^{n}\right] \\ - c(\ell)\int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta}|Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-2}|Z_{s}^{n}|^{2}\mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0}ds - c(\ell)\int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta}|Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-2}\mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0}d[M^{n}]_{s}^{c}.$$

The monotonicity Condition (A1) implies that

$$\int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} \check{Y}_{s}^{n} f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) ds \leq \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} \check{Y}_{s}^{n} f(s, 0, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) ds$$

and we use the regularity Conditions (A3) and (A4) to obtain:

$$\int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} \check{Y}_{s}^{n} f(s,0,Z_{s}^{n},U_{s}^{n}) ds \leq L \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} |Z_{s}^{n}| ds$$

$$+ L \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} ||U_{s}^{n}||_{L_{\lambda}^{2}} ds + \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} f_{s}^{0} ds.$$

Young's inequality leads to:

$$L \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} |Z_{s}^{n}| ds \leq \frac{L^{2}\ell^{2}}{2c(\ell)} \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell} ds + \frac{c(\ell)}{2} \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-2} |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} ds,$$

$$L \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} ||U_{s}^{n}||_{L_{\lambda}^{2}} ds \leq \frac{L^{2}\ell^{2}}{2c(\ell)} \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell} ds + \frac{c(\ell)}{2} \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-2} ||U_{s}^{n}||_{\mathbb{L}_{\lambda}^{2}}^{2} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} ds$$

and

$$\int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-1} f_{s}^{0} ds \leq (\ell-1) \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell} ds + \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\ell(1+1/q)} |f_{s}^{0}|^{\ell} ds.$$

Finally all local martingales involved above in (26) are true martingales. Hence taking the expectation and using the convexity of  $x \mapsto |x|^{\ell}$  we have:

$$(27) \quad \sup_{t \in [0,\tau]} \mathbb{E}\left[ (T-t)^{\delta} |Y_t^n|^{\ell} \right] + \frac{c(\ell)}{2} \mathbb{E} \int_t^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_s^n|^{\ell-2} |Z_s^n|^2 \mathbf{1}_{Y_s^n \neq 0} ds$$

$$\leq \varepsilon^{\delta} |Y_{T-\varepsilon}^n|^{\ell} + \mathbb{E} \int_t^{\tau} \delta (T-s)^{\delta-1} |Y_s^n|^{\ell} ds$$

$$+ \ell \left( 2 \frac{L^2 \ell^2}{2c(\ell)} + (\ell-1) \right) \mathbb{E} \int_t^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_s^n|^{\ell} ds$$

$$+ \ell \mathbb{E} \int_t^{\tau} (T-s)^{\ell(1+1/q)} |f_s^0|^{\ell} ds$$

$$- \mathbb{E} \int_t^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} \int_E \left[ |Y_{s-}^n + U_s^n(e)|^{\ell} - |Y_{s-}^n|^{\ell} - \ell |Y_{s-}^n|^{\ell-1} \check{Y}_{s-}^n U_s^n(e) \right] \mu(de, ds)$$

$$+ \frac{c(\ell)}{2} \mathbb{E} \int_t^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_s^n|^{\ell-2} ||U_s^n||_{\mathbb{L}^2_{\lambda}}^2 \mathbf{1}_{Y_s^n \neq 0} ds.$$

From Lemma 9 in [11],

$$\begin{split} &\int_t^\tau (T-s)^\delta \int_E \left[ |Y^n_{s^-} + U^n_s(e)|^\ell - |Y^n_{s^-}|^\ell - \ell |Y^n_{s^-}|^{\ell-1} \check{Y}^n_{s^-} U^n_s(e) \right] \mu(de,ds) \\ &\geq c(\ell) \int_t^\tau (T-s)^\delta \int_E |U^n_s(e)|^2 \left( |Y^n_{s^-}|^2 \vee |Y^n_{s^-} + U^n_s(e)|^2 \right)^{\ell/2-1} \mathbf{1}_{|Y^n_{s^-}| \vee |Y^n_{s^-} + U^n_s(e)| \neq 0} \mu(de,ds). \end{split}$$

By a localization argument the two following exceptations are the same (see proof of Proposition 3 in [11]):

$$\mathbb{E} \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} \int_{E} |U_{s}^{n}(e)|^{2} \left( |Y_{s-}^{n}|^{2} \vee |Y_{s-}^{n} + U_{s}^{n}(e)|^{2} \right)^{\ell/2-1} \mathbf{1}_{|Y_{s-}^{n}| \vee |Y_{s-}^{n} + U_{s}^{n}(e)| \neq 0} \mu(de, ds)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \int_{t}^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y_{s}^{n}|^{\ell-2} ||U_{s}^{n}||_{\mathbb{L}^{2}_{\lambda}}^{2} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} ds.$$

Finally we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{t \in [0,\tau]} \mathbb{E} \left[ (T-t)^{\delta} |Y^n_t|^{\ell} \right] + \frac{c(\ell)}{2} \mathbb{E} \int_0^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y^n_s|^{\ell-2} |Z^n_s|^2 \mathbf{1}_{Y^n_s \neq 0} ds \\ &\quad + \frac{c(\ell)}{2} \mathbb{E} \int_0^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y^n_s|^{\ell-2} \|U^n_s\|_{\mathbb{L}^2_{\lambda}}^2 \mathbf{1}_{Y^n_s \neq 0} ds \\ &\leq \varepsilon^{\delta} |Y^n_{T-\varepsilon}|^{\ell} + \mathbb{E} \int_0^{\tau} \delta (T-s)^{\delta-1} |Y^n_s|^{\ell} ds \\ &\quad + \ell \left( 2 \frac{L^2 \ell^2}{2c(\ell)} + (\ell-1) \right) \mathbb{E} \int_0^{\tau} (T-s)^{\delta} |Y^n_s|^{\ell} ds + \ell \mathbb{E} \int_0^{\tau} (T-s)^{\ell(1+1/q)} |f^0_s|^{\ell} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Using (25), the first term on the right-hand side can be controlled as follows:

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^\tau (T-s)^{\delta-1} |Y_s^n|^\ell ds \leq \mathbb{E} \int_0^T (T-s)^{\delta-1} \frac{1}{(T-s)^{\ell+\ell/q-1}} \Gamma_s ds$$
$$= \mathbb{E} \int_0^T (T-s)^{-1+\eta} \Gamma_s ds < +\infty.$$

The second one satisfies the same estimate:

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^\tau (T-s)^\delta |Y_s^n|^\ell ds \le \mathbb{E} \int_0^T (T-s)^\eta \Gamma_s ds < +\infty.$$

And the last term is bounded by Condition (A6). Therefore we can let  $\varepsilon$  go to zero in (28) and we can replace every  $\tau$  by T. To finish the proof, we use the same tricks as in the proof of Proposition 3 in [11]. First we can control the quantity

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{t\in[0,T]}(T-t)^{\delta}|Y_t^n|^{\ell}\right]$$

by the same right-hand side (up to some multiplicative constant). Then if  $\ell \geq 2$ , we use (26) with  $\ell = 2$  and the result follows immediately. If  $1 < \ell < 2$ , the conclusion is more tricky. Let us define  $\zeta = \sup_{t \in [0,T]} (T-t)^{\delta/\ell} Y_t^n$  and:

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{2\delta/\ell} |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} ds\right)^{\ell/2} = \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{2\delta/\ell} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} ds\right)^{\ell/2} \\
= \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{2\delta/\ell} (Y_{s}^{n})^{2-\ell} (Y_{s}^{n})^{\ell-2} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} ds\right)^{\ell/2} \\
\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\zeta^{(2-\ell)\ell/2} \left(\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{\delta} (Y_{s}^{n})^{\ell-2} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} ds\right)^{\ell/2}\right] \\
\leq \left\{\mathbb{E}\left[\zeta^{\ell}\right]\right\}^{(2-\ell)/2} \left\{\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{\delta} (Y_{s}^{n})^{\ell-2} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} ds\right\}^{\ell/2} \\
\leq \frac{2-\ell}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\zeta^{\ell}\right] + \frac{\ell}{2} \mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{\delta} (Y_{s}^{n})^{\ell-2} \mathbf{1}_{Y_{s}^{n} \neq 0} |Z_{s}^{n}|^{2} ds < +\infty.$$

where we have used Hölder's and Young's inequality with  $\frac{2-\ell}{2} + \frac{\ell}{2} = 1$ . The same holds for  $U^n$ . Therefore since

$$2\delta/\ell = 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{\ell}\right) + \frac{2}{q} + \frac{2\eta}{\ell},$$

we obtain the same desired result.

Note that from the proof we also could derive an estimate on M. But we will not need it in the rest of the paper.

**Remark 6** If  $f(y) = -y|y|^q$ , we can take  $\ell = 1$  and  $\eta = 0$ , in other words  $\alpha = 2/q$ . The constant C is explicitly given by:  $C = 16\left(\frac{1}{q}\right)^{2/q}$ . The proof is a direct modification of the proof of Proposition 10 in [16].

#### 3.4 Proof of Theorem 3

In order to prove this theorem we follow the same procedure as in [16]. We consider  $(Y^n, Z^n, U^n, M^n)$  the solution of the BSDE (10) with terminal condition  $\xi \wedge n$  and generator  $f_n$ . Let  $\phi$  be a non negative function in  $C_b^2(\mathbb{R})$ , the set of bounded smooth functions

of class  $C^2$ , with bounded derivatives. We compute Itô's formula to the process  $Y^n\phi(X)$  between 0 and t.

$$\begin{split} Y^n_t \phi(X_t) &= Y^n_0 \phi(X_0) + \int_0^t Y^n_{s_-} d\phi(X_s) + \int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) dY^n_s + \langle Y^n, \phi(X) \rangle_t \\ &= Y^n_0 \phi(X_0) - \int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) f_n(s, Y^n_s, Z^n_s, U^n_s) ds + \int_0^t Y^n_{s_-} \mathcal{L} \phi(s, X_s) ds \\ &+ \int_0^t \int_E Y^n_{s_-} \left( \phi(X_s) - \phi(X_{s_-}) - \nabla \phi(X_{s_-}) \beta(s, X_{s_-}, e) \right) \mu(ds, de) \\ &+ \int_0^t Y^n_{s_-} \nabla \phi(X_s) \sigma(s, X_s) dW_s + \int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) Z^n_s dW_s + \int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) dM^n_s \\ &+ \int_0^t \int_E \phi(X_{s_-}) U^n_s(e) \tilde{\mu}(de, ds) + \int_0^t \int_E Y^n_{s_-} \nabla \phi(X_s) \beta(s, X_{s_-}, e) \tilde{\mu}(de, ds) \\ &+ \int_0^t \nabla \phi(X_s) \sigma(s, X_s) Z^n_s ds + \int_0^t \int_E (\phi(X_s) - \phi(X_{s_-})) U^n_s(e) \mu(ds, de). \end{split}$$

The operators  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  are defined on  $C^2(\mathbb{R})$  by:

$$\mathcal{L}\phi(t,x) = \nabla\phi(x)b(t,x) + \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{Trace}(D^2\phi(x)(\sigma\sigma^*)(t,x))$$

and

$$\mathcal{I}(t,x,\phi) = \int_{E} [\phi(x+\beta(t,x,e)) - \phi(x) - (\nabla\phi)(x)\beta(t,x,e)]\lambda(de).$$

Since  $(Y^n, Z^n, U^n, M^n)$  belongs to  $\mathbb{S}^2(0, T)$ , since X is in  $\mathbb{H}^2(0, T)$ , and since  $\phi$  and the derivatives of  $\phi$  are supposed to be bounded, we can take the expectation of these terms:

$$(29) \quad \mathbb{E}[Y_t^n \phi(X_t)] = \mathbb{E}[Y_0^n \phi(X_0)] - \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) f_n(s, Y_s^n, Z_s^n, U_s^n) ds\right]$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t Y_{s_-}^n \mathcal{L}\phi(s, X_s) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t Y_{s_-}^n \mathcal{I}(s, X_{s^-}, \phi) ds\right]$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \nabla \phi(X_s) \sigma(s, X_s) Z_s^n ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \int_E (\phi(X_s) - \phi(X_{s_-})) U_s^n(e) \lambda(de) ds\right].$$

Recall the main idea of [16]. First we prove that we can pass to the limit on n in (29) and that the limits have suitable integrability conditions on  $[0, T] \times \Omega$ . Secondly we write (29) between t and T and we pass to the limit when t goes to T.

Now we choose  $\phi$  such that the support of  $\phi$  is included in  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{S}^c$ . From the Assumptions (C1) and (C2) on  $\xi = \Phi(X_T)$ , we have for any n:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_T^n \phi(X_T)) \le \mathbb{E}(\Phi(X_T)\phi(X_T)) < +\infty.$$

Moreover from the a priori estimate (25), Assumption (A6) and from the boundedness of  $\phi$ , for any t < T

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_t^n \phi(X_t)) \le \frac{1}{(T-t)^{1/q+1-1\ell}} \mathbb{E}(\Gamma_t^{\ell} \phi(X_t)) < +\infty.$$

Now we decompose the quantity with the generator  $f_n$  as follows:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) f_{n}(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) ds\right] \\
= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) (f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, 0, 0) - f_{s}^{0}) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) (f_{s}^{0} \wedge n) ds\right] \\
+ \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) (f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, 0) - f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, 0, 0)) ds\right] \\
+ \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) (f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) - f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, 0)) ds\right] \\
= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) (f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, 0, 0) - f_{s}^{0}) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) (f_{s}^{0} \wedge n) ds\right] \\
+ \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \zeta_{s}^{n} Z_{s}^{n} ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \mathcal{U}_{s}^{n} ds\right]$$

where  $\zeta_s^n$  is a k-dimensional random vector defined by:

$$\zeta_s^{i,n} = \frac{\left(f(s,Y_s^n,Z_s^n,0) - f(s,Y_s^n,0,0)\right)}{Z_s^{i,n}} \mathbf{1}_{Z_s^{i,n} \neq 0}$$

and

$$\mathcal{U}_{s}^{n} = f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, U_{s}^{n}) - f(s, Y_{s}^{n}, Z_{s}^{n}, 0).$$

From Condition (A3),  $|\zeta_s^n| \leq K$ . Now we can write (29) as follows:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_t^n \phi(X_t)] = \mathbb{E}[Y_0^n \phi(X_0)] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-})(f_s^0 \wedge n)ds\right] \\
-\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-})(f(s, Y_s^n, 0, 0) - f_s^0)ds\right] \\
+\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t Y_{s_-}^n \mathcal{L}\phi(s, X_s)ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t Y_{s_-}^n \mathcal{I}(s, X_{s^-}, \phi)ds\right] \\
+\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t (\nabla \phi(X_s)\sigma(s, X_s) - \phi(X_s)\zeta_s^n) Z_s^n ds\right] \\
+\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \left[\int_E \left[(\phi(X_s) - \phi(X_{s_-}))\right] U_s^n(e)\lambda(de) - \phi(X_{s_-})\mathcal{U}_s^n\right] ds\right].$$

Since  $\phi$  is bounded and  $f^0 \in L^1((0,T) \times \Omega)$  (Condition (A8)):

(32) 
$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |\phi(X_{s_-})| (f_s^0 \wedge n) ds \le C.$$

We use Hölder's and Young's inequalities to obtain:

$$\begin{split} & \int_{0}^{T} |\left(\nabla \phi(X_{s})\sigma(s,X_{s}) + \phi(X_{s})\zeta_{s}^{n}\right)Z_{s}^{n}|ds \\ & \leq \left[\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{\rho}|Z_{s}^{n}|^{2}ds\right]^{1/2} \left[\int_{0}^{T} \frac{|\nabla \phi(X_{s})\sigma(s,X_{s}) + \phi(X_{s})\zeta_{s}^{n}|^{2}}{(T-s)^{\rho}}ds\right]^{1/2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\ell} \left[\int_{0}^{T} (T-s)^{\rho}|Z_{s}^{n}|^{2}ds\right]^{\frac{\ell}{2}} + \frac{\ell-1}{\ell} \left[\int_{0}^{T} \frac{|\nabla \phi(X_{s})\sigma(s,X_{s}) + \phi(X_{s})\zeta_{s}^{n}|^{2}}{(T-s)^{\rho}}ds\right]^{\frac{\ell-1}{2\ell}}. \end{split}$$

Taking the expectation and thanks to Proposition 2, the first term on the right-hand side is bounded. For the second term, by assumption,  $\phi$  and  $\nabla \phi$  are supposed to be bounded,  $\zeta_s^n$  is also bounded,  $\sigma$  grows linearly and  $X \in \mathbb{H}^2(0,T)$ . Hence if  $\rho < 1$  (condition (A9)), there exists a constant C such that for any n

(33) 
$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T |(\nabla \phi(X_s)\sigma(s,X_s) + \phi(X_s)\zeta_s^n) Z_s^n| ds \le C.$$

The same estimate holds for  $U^n$ . Indeed from (A4):

$$\begin{split} -\int_{E} \vartheta(e)|U_{s}^{n}(e)|\lambda(de) &\leq \int_{E} \hat{\kappa}_{s}^{n}(e)U_{s}^{n}(e)\lambda(de) \\ &\leq \mathcal{U}_{s}^{n} \leq \int_{E} \kappa_{s}^{n}(e)U_{s}^{n}(e)\lambda(de) \leq \int_{E} \vartheta(e)|U_{s}^{n}(e)|\lambda(de) \end{split}$$

if 
$$\kappa_s^n(e) = \kappa_s^{Y^n,Z^n,U^n,0}(e)$$
 and  $\hat{\kappa}_s^n(e) = \kappa_s^{Y^n,Z^n,0,U^n}(e)$ . Hence

$$\mathbb{E} \int_{0}^{t} \left[ \int_{E} \left| \left[ (\phi(X_{s}) - \phi(X_{s_{-}})) \right] U_{s}^{n}(e) \right| \lambda(de) \right] + \left| \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \mathcal{U}_{s}^{n} \right| ds \\
\leq \mathbb{E} \int_{0}^{T} \int_{E} \left[ \left| \phi(X_{s}) - \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \right| + \vartheta(e) \left| \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \right| \right] \left| U_{s}^{n}(e) \right| \lambda(de) ds \\
\leq \frac{1}{\ell} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{0}^{T} (T - s)^{\rho} \|U_{s}^{n}\|_{L_{\lambda}^{2}}^{2} ds \right]^{\frac{\ell}{2}} \\
+ \frac{\ell - 1}{\ell} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{0}^{T} \int_{E} \frac{\left( \left| \phi(X_{s^{-}} + \beta(s, X_{s^{-}}, e)) - \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \right| + \vartheta(e) \left| \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \right|^{2}}{(T - s)^{\rho}} \lambda(de) ds \right]^{\frac{\ell - 1}{2\ell}}, \\
\leq C.$$

thus

(34) 
$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \left( \int_E |\phi(X_s) - \phi(X_{s_-})| |U_s^n(e)| \lambda(de) + |\phi(X_{s_-})| |\mathcal{U}_s^n| \right) ds \le C.$$

Now we treat the three terms in (31) containing  $Y^n$  and X:

$$-\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) f(s, Y_s^n, 0, 0) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t Y_{s_-}^n \mathcal{L}\phi(s, X_s) ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t Y_{s_-}^n \mathcal{I}(s, X_{s^-}, \phi) ds\right].$$

By condition (A5), the first integral is bounded from below by:

(35) 
$$-\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) f(s, Y_s^n, 0, 0) ds\right] \ge \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \phi(X_{s_-}) (a_s) |Y_s^n|^{1+q} ds\right].$$

Now we deal with the terms containing the operators  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ . With Hölder inequality we obtain:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} |Y_{s_{-}}^{n} \mathcal{L}(\phi)(s, X_{s})| ds\right] \leq \left[\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{T} a_{s} \phi(X_{s}) (Y_{s}^{n})^{q+1} ds\right]^{1/(q+1)} \times \left[\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{T} a_{s}^{-1/q} \phi^{-1/q}(X_{s}) |\mathcal{L}(\phi)(s, X_{s})|^{(q+1)/q} ds\right]^{q/(q+1)}$$

To control the second quantity, we will be more specific about the test-function  $\phi$ . We will assume that  $\phi = \psi^{\gamma}$  where  $\psi$  belongs to  $C_b^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with support in  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\gamma > 2(q+1)/q$ . Under this setting, there exists a constant C depending only on  $\psi$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\sigma$  and b such that

$$|\mathcal{L}(\phi)| = |\mathcal{L}(\psi^{\gamma})| \le C\psi^{\gamma-2}$$

Thus for  $\gamma > 2(q+1)/q$ 

$$\phi^{-1/q}(X_s)|\mathcal{L}(\phi)(s,X_s)|^{(q+1)/q} \le C\psi^{-\gamma/q+(\gamma-2)(q+1)/q}(X_s) = C\psi^{\gamma-2(q+1)/q}(X_s)$$

which is bounded. By condition (A6),  $a^{-1/q}$  is in  $L^{\ell}(\Omega)$ . Therefore

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T a_s^{-1/q} \phi^{-1/q}(X_s) |\mathcal{L}(\phi)(s, X_s)|^{(q+1)/q} ds \le C$$

for some constant C. Then

(36) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^T |Y_{s_-}^n \mathcal{L}(\phi)(s, X_s)| ds\right] \le C \left[\mathbb{E}\int_0^T a_s \phi(X_s)(Y_s^n)^{q+1} ds\right]^{1/(q+1)}.$$

The previous steps were very similar to [16]. Therefore the main difference comes from the term

(37) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^t \int_E Y_{s_-}^n \left(\phi(X_s) - \phi(X_{s_-}) - \nabla \phi(X_{s_-})\beta(s, X_{s_-}, e)\right) \lambda(de) ds\right].$$

In order to control this term, assumptions (**D**) on the jumps of X and S will be used. Remember that  $R = S^c$  is open and for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we define

$$\Gamma(\varepsilon) := \{ x \in \mathcal{R} : d(x, \partial \mathcal{S}) \ge \varepsilon \}.$$

 $\overline{\Gamma(\varepsilon/2)^c}$  and  $\Gamma(\varepsilon)$  are two disjoint closed sets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . By the  $C^{\infty}$  Urysohn lemma, there exists a  $C^{\infty}$  function  $\psi$  such that  $\psi \in [0,1]$ ,  $\psi \equiv 1$  on  $\Gamma(\varepsilon)$  and  $\psi \equiv 0$  on  $\Gamma(\varepsilon/2)^c$ . In particular the support of  $\psi$  is included in  $\mathcal{R}$  and since  $\partial \mathcal{S}$  is compact,  $\psi$  belongs to  $C_b^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . We take  $\gamma > 2(q+1)/q$  and we define

$$\phi = \psi^{\gamma}.$$

Note that  $\phi$  also takes its values in [0,1],  $\phi \equiv 1$  on  $\Gamma(\varepsilon)$  and  $\phi \equiv 0$  on  $\Gamma(\varepsilon/2)^c$ .

Since  $\Gamma$  is compact and of class  $C^1$ , then there exists a constant  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for every  $y \in \mathcal{R} \cap \Gamma(\varepsilon_0)^c$ , there exists a unique  $z \in \partial \mathcal{S}$  such that  $d(y, \partial \mathcal{S}) = ||y - z||$  (see [6], section 14.6).

**Lemma 4** Under the above assumptions, let us choose  $\varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_0$  such that  $(1 + K_\beta)\varepsilon_1 < \nu$  ( $K_\beta$  is the Lipschitz constant of  $\beta$  w.r.t. x, condition (D2)). We have for any  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_1$ :

$$\psi(X_{s^-}) = 0 \Rightarrow \psi(X_s) = 0.$$

Moreover

$$\frac{\psi(X_s)}{\psi(X_{s^-})} = \psi(X_s) \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma(\varepsilon)}(X_{s^-}).$$

**Proof.** We consider the case where  $X_{s_{-}} \notin supp(\psi)$ , that is  $\psi(X_{s_{-}}) = 0$ . Thus  $X_{s^{-}}$  is in  $\mathcal{S}$  or  $X_{s^{-}}$  is in  $\mathcal{R}$  but  $d(X_{s^{-}}, \partial \mathcal{S}) < \varepsilon$ .

- 1. If  $X_{s_{-}} \in \mathcal{S}$ , then  $X_{s} \in \mathcal{S}$ , hence  $\psi(X_{s}) = 0$ .
- 2. Let  $z \in \mathcal{R}$  with  $d(z, \partial \mathcal{S}) < \varepsilon$  and  $x \in \partial \mathcal{S}$  such that  $d(z, \mathcal{S}) = ||z x||$ . Let us prove that  $z + \beta(s, z, e) \in \mathcal{S}$  by contradiction. Assume that  $z + \beta(s, z, e) \notin \mathcal{S}$  and consider the following convex combination:

$$z_t := (1 - t)(z + \beta(s, z, e)) + t(x + \beta(s, x, e)).$$

Now since  $\beta$  is Lipschitz continuous w.r.t. x:

$$||z_{t} - (x + \beta(s, x, e))|| = (1 - t)||z + \beta(s, z, e) - x - \beta(s, x, e)||$$

$$\leq (1 - t)(1 + K_{\beta})||z - x|| \leq (1 - t)(1 + K_{\beta})\varepsilon$$

$$\leq (1 + K_{\beta})\varepsilon < \nu.$$

Since  $x \in \partial S$ ,  $x + \beta(s, x, e) \in S$ . But  $z + \beta(s, z, e) \notin S$ . Thus by continuity there exists  $t_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$z_{t_0} := (1 - t_0)(z + \beta(s, z, e)) + t_0(x + \beta(s, x, e)) \in \partial \mathcal{S}.$$

Thus we have obtained  $x \in \partial \mathcal{S}$  and  $z_{t_0} \in \partial \mathcal{S}$  such that

$$||z_{t_0} - (x + \beta(s, x, e))|| < \nu \Rightarrow d(x + \beta(x, s, e), \partial S) < \nu.$$

This leads to a contradiction. So we deduce  $z + \beta(s, z, e) \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Hence if  $X_{s_{-}} \in \mathcal{R}$  with  $d(X_{s_{-}}, \partial \mathcal{S}) < \varepsilon, X_{s} \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $\psi(X_{s}) = 0$ .

Now consider the quotient

$$\frac{\psi(X_s)}{\psi(X_{s^-})} = \frac{\psi(X_s)}{\psi(X_{s^-})} \mathbf{1}_{\operatorname{supp}(\psi)}(X_{s^-}).$$

The first part of the proof shows that for any  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_1$ , we have:

$$\frac{\psi(X_s)}{\psi(X_{s^-})} = \psi(X_s) \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma(\varepsilon)}(X_{s^-}).$$

Indeed if  $X_{s^-}$  is in supp $(\psi) \cap \Gamma(\varepsilon)^c$ , then  $X_s \in \mathcal{S}$ , and thus the quotient is null.

Now we can deal with the term given by (37). By Hölder inequality we obtain:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{t} Y_{s_{-}}^{n} | \mathcal{I}(s, X_{s^{-}}, \phi) | ds\right] \leq \left[\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{t} a_{s} \phi(X_{s^{-}}) (Y_{s}^{n})^{q+1} ds\right]^{\frac{1}{q+1}} \times \left[\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{t} a_{s}^{-1/q} \int_{E} \frac{\left|\phi(X_{s}) - \phi(X_{s_{-}}) - \nabla \phi(X_{s_{-}}) \beta(s, X_{s_{-}}, e)\right|^{\frac{q+1}{q}}}{\phi(X_{s_{-}})^{1/q}} \lambda(de) ds.\right]^{\frac{q}{q+1}}$$

Since  $\phi = \psi^{\gamma}$ , the last integral is controlled by:

$$\psi(X_{s_{-}})^{-\gamma/q} \left| \psi^{\gamma}(X_{s}) - \psi^{\gamma}(X_{s_{-}}) - \nabla(\psi^{\gamma})(X_{s_{-}})\beta(s, X_{s_{-}}, e) \right|^{\frac{q+1}{q}} \\
\leq C_{q}\phi(X_{s}) \left( \frac{\psi(X_{s})}{\psi(X_{s_{-}})} \right)^{\gamma/q} + C_{q}\phi(X_{s_{-}}) \\
+ C_{q}\psi^{\gamma-(q+1)/q}(X_{s_{-}}) |\nabla\psi(X_{s_{-}})\beta(s, X_{s_{-}}, e)|.$$

But with Lemma 4 we obtain:

$$\psi(X_{s_{-}})^{-\gamma/q} \left| \psi^{\gamma}(X_{s}) - \psi^{\gamma}(X_{s_{-}}) - \nabla(\psi^{\gamma})(X_{s_{-}})\beta(s, X_{s_{-}}, e) \right|^{\frac{q+1}{q}} \\
\leq C_{q} \left[ \psi^{\frac{\gamma(q+1)}{q}}(X_{s}) \mathbf{1}_{\Gamma(\delta)}(X_{s^{-}}) + \psi^{\gamma}(X_{s^{-}}) + \psi^{\gamma-\frac{q+1}{q}}(X_{s^{-}}) |\nabla\psi(X_{s^{-}})\beta(s, X_{s_{-}}, e)| \right].$$

From the assumption on  $\psi$  and since  $\gamma > 2(q+1)/q$ , with condition (A6) there exists a constant C independent on n such that:

(39) 
$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{T} Y_{s_{-}}^{n} | \mathcal{I}(s, X_{s^{-}}, \phi) | ds\right] \leq C \left[\mathbb{E}\int_{0}^{T} a_{s} \phi(X_{s^{-}}) (Y_{s}^{n})^{q+1} ds\right]^{\frac{1}{q+1}}.$$

Let us summarize what we obtained. For any  $\varepsilon$  small enough, any function  $\phi = \psi^{\gamma}$  with  $\gamma > 2(q+1)/q$ , from (31) and using (32), (33), (34), (36), (39) we deduce that there exists a constant C independent of n such that

$$(40) 0 \leq \mathbb{E} \int_0^T a_s \phi(X_{s^-}) |Y_s^n|^{1+q} ds \leq -\mathbb{E} \int_0^T \phi(X_{s^-}) f(s, Y_s^n, 0, 0) ds \leq C < +\infty.$$

Moreover all these estimates show that we can pass to the limit in (31) (see details in [16]) and we have:

$$(41) \qquad \mathbb{E}[Y_{T}\phi(X_{T})] = \mathbb{E}[Y_{t}\phi(X_{t})] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t}^{T}\phi(X_{s_{-}})f_{s}^{0}ds\right]$$

$$-\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t}^{T}\phi(X_{s_{-}})f(s,Y_{s},0,0)ds\right]$$

$$+\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t}^{T}Y_{s_{-}}\mathcal{L}\phi(s,X_{s})ds\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t}^{T}Y_{s_{-}}\mathcal{I}(s,X_{s^{-}},\phi)ds\right]$$

$$+\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t}^{T}\left(\nabla\phi(X_{s})\sigma(s,X_{s}) + \phi(X_{s})\delta_{s}\right)Z_{s}ds\right]$$

$$+\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{t}^{T}\left[\int_{E}(\phi(X_{s}) - \phi(X_{s_{-}}))U_{s}(e)\lambda(de) + \mathcal{U}_{s}\phi(X_{s_{-}})\right]ds\right].$$

Estimate (40) also holds with Y, and once again from (32), (33), (34), (36) and (39), we can let t go to T in (41) in order to have:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\liminf_{t\to T} Y_t\right)\phi(X_T)\right] \leq \lim_{t\to T} \mathbb{E}[Y_t\phi(X_t)] = \mathbb{E}[\xi\phi(X_T)].$$

Recall that the function  $\phi$  is equal to one on  $\Gamma(\varepsilon)$ , and  $\varepsilon$  can be as small as we want, and we already know that  $\liminf_{t\to T} Y_t \geq \xi$  a.s. This last inequality shows that in fact a.s.

$$\liminf_{t \to T} Y_t = \xi.$$

This achieves the proof of Theorem 3.

The proof of Theorem 3 shows that the limit of  $Y_t$  exists in mean in the following sense: for smooth function  $\phi$ 

$$\lim_{t \to T} \mathbb{E}(Y_t \phi(X_t)) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}(\xi \phi(X_T)) & \text{if } \operatorname{supp}(\phi) \cap \mathcal{S} = \emptyset, \\ +\infty & \text{if } \mathbb{E}(\phi(X_T) \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{S}}) > 0. \end{cases}$$

## Conclusion

To finish this paper, we gather together the theorems 2 and 3: under the conditions  $(A^*)-(B)-(C)-(D)-(E)$ , with the assumptions (A8) and (A9), and if the filtration  $\mathbb{F}$  is quasi left-continuous and if one of the next three cases holds:

- f does not depend on u or  $\pi(t,0,u) = f(t,0,0,u) f(t,0,0,0) \ge 0$  a.s. for any t and u;
- $\vartheta \in \mathbb{L}^1_{\lambda}(E)$  and there exists a constant  $\kappa_* > -1$  such that  $\kappa_s^{0,0,u,0}(e) \ge \kappa_*$  a.e. for any (s,u,e);
- $\lambda$  is a finite measure on E;

then a.s.

$$\lim_{t \to T} Y_t = \xi.$$

Note that (C), (D), (E) depend only on the terminal condition  $\xi$  and the forward process X. The assumptions  $(A^*)$ , (B), (A8) and (A9) are conditions on the generator f. They are satisfied in

- Example 1 with  $\lambda$  finite,  $\alpha \in L^{\ell}((0,T) \times \Omega)$  for  $\ell < 2$ , and  $q > 2\ell/(2-\ell)$ ;
- Example 2 with q > 2;
- Example 3 with  $-1 < \varsigma < q$ ,  $2(1+\varsigma) < q$  and  $\varpi < 1$ .

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