

# Mean Reflected SDEs and Propagation of Chaos

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# Reflected SDEs

- $B$  Brownian motion in  $\mathbf{R}^d$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  its augmented filtration
- Skorokhod problem
  - ★ Given the barrier  $\{L_t\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$  and the initial condition  $X_0 \geq L_0$

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) \cdot dB_s + K_t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$X_t \geq L_t, \quad \int_0^t (X_s - L_s) dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- ★  $X, K$  continuous real processes,
- ★  $K$  is nondecreasing with  $K_0 = 0$
- ★ Tanaka 79', Lions-Sznitman 84', ...

## Reflected SDEs in mean

- We consider a reflected SDE

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) \cdot dB_s + K_t, \quad t \geq 0$$

- The reflection is not on  $X_t$  itself but involves its law
- Given an increasing function  $h$ , the constraint is

$$\forall t \geq 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] \geq 0$$

- The Skorokhod condition becomes

$$\int_0^t \mathbb{E}[h(X_s)] dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

# Motivation : Risk Measures

- A risk measure is an application  $\rho : L^2(\mathcal{F}_T) \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that
  1.  $X \leq Y \implies \rho(X) \geq \rho(Y)$  ;
  2.  $\rho(X + m) = \rho(X) - m$  .
  - ★ Convex risk measures: H. Föllmer, A. Schied
  - ★ Coherent (convex + positively homogenous): P. Artzner, F. Delbaen, J.-M. Eber, D. Heath
- The acceptance set is

$$\mathcal{A}_\rho = \{X : \rho(X) \leq 0\}$$

- Given a set  $\mathcal{A}$ , one can define a risk measure by setting

$$\rho(X) = \inf\{m \in \mathbf{R} : m + X \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

## Motivation : Risk Measures

- If  $u$  is a nondecreasing function, one can choose as acceptance set

$$\mathcal{A} = \{X : \mathbb{E}[u(X)] \geq \alpha\} = \{X : \mathbb{E}[h(X)] \geq 0\}, \quad h(x) = u(x) - \alpha$$

- If one invests in the stock  $S$  following the strategy  $\pi$ , the value of the portfolio is given by

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \pi_t dS_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \mu \pi_t S_t + \int_0^t \sigma \pi_t S_t dB_t, \quad t \geq 0$$

- The investor can follow the strategy he wants as soon as
  - ★  $X_t$  remains an acceptable position for a given risk measure.

- Examples

$$★ \text{VaR}_\alpha(X) = \inf\{m : \mathbb{P}(m + X < 0) \leq \alpha\}, \quad h(x) = \mathbf{1}_{x \geq 0} - (1 - \alpha)$$

$$★ \text{AVaR}_\alpha(X) := \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\alpha \text{VaR}_s(X) ds = \mathbb{E}[-X \mid -X \geq \text{VaR}_\alpha(X)] \text{ (if } X \text{ is continuous)}$$

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## A simple example

- Let us solve the following reflected SDE

$$X_t = X_0 - \gamma t + \sigma B_t + K_t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_t] \geq u, \quad \int_0^t (\mathbb{E}[X_s] - u) dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0$$

★ with  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[X_0] > u$ .

- The solution is

$$X_t = X_0 - \gamma t + \sigma B_t + (\mathbb{E}[X_0] - \gamma t - u)_-$$

$$K_t = \gamma(t - t^*)_+, \quad \mathbb{E}[X_0] - \gamma t^* = u$$

## A simple example

- Starting from the previous solution, for  $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$ , set

$$\mathcal{E}_t^\alpha = \exp(\alpha B_t - \alpha^2 t/2), \quad K_t^\alpha = \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_s^\alpha dK_s$$

- Let  $X^\alpha$  be the "solution" to the SDE

$$X_t^\alpha = X_0 - \gamma t + \sigma B_t + K_t^\alpha, \quad t \geq 0$$

- Then  $(X^\alpha, K^\alpha)$  is still a solution to the reflected SDE:

- ★  $\mathbb{E}[X_t^\alpha] = \mathbb{E}[X_t]$  since  $\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{E}_t^\alpha] = 1$

- ★ we have the Skorokhod condition since  $dK^\alpha \ll dK$ .

**No Uniqueness if  $K$  is allowed to be random**

## A simple example

- **There is no minimal solution**
- Assume  $(\bar{X}, \bar{K})$  is a minimal solution then

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{X}_t &\leq X_t^\alpha = X_0 - \gamma t + \sigma B_t + K_t^\alpha, \\ &= X_0 - \gamma t + \sigma B_t + \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_s^\alpha dK_s\end{aligned}$$

- As a byproduct,  $\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$ ,

$$\forall t > 0, \quad \bar{X}_t \leq X_0 - \gamma t + \sigma B_t, \quad \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}_t] = \mathbb{E}[X_0] - \gamma t < u,$$

- The constraint is not satisfied for  $t$  large enough

# Deterministic solution

## Definition

By a **deterministic** solution we mean a couple  $(X, K)$  of progressively measurable processes s.t.

1.  $(X, K)$  is continuous ;
2.  $K$  is nondecreasing with  $K_0 = 0$  and **deterministic** ;
3.  $(X, K)$  is square integrable ;
4. the equation is satisfied:

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) \cdot dB_s + K_t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$\mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] \geq 0, \quad \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[h(X_s)] dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

# Assumptions

- We assume that  $b : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $\sigma : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$  are Lipschitz continuous
- $X_0 \in L^p$  for  $p > 4$
- The function  $h : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is nondecreasing and for some  $0 < m \leq M$

$$m|x - y| \leq |h(x) - h(y)| \leq M|x - y|, \quad (0 < m \leq h'(x) \leq M).$$

- This assumption is rather strong! But so far ...

# Existence and Uniqueness result

- We want to solve the SDE

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) \cdot dB_s + K_t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$\mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] \geq 0, \quad \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[h(X_s)] dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- We assume that  $X_0$  is square integrable and  $\mathbb{E}[h(X_0)] \geq 0$

## Theorem (R. Elie, Y. Hu, PhB)

*The previous reflected SDE has a unique deterministic solution.*

## Proof: fixed point argument

- Let  $Y$  be a given process and let us solve

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(Y_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(Y_s) \cdot dB_s + K_t, \quad \mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] \geq 0$$

- We set

$$U_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(Y_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(Y_s) \cdot dB_s$$

- Since  $\mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] = \mathbb{E}[h(U_t + K_t)]$ , we have

$$K_t \geq G_0(U_t) = G_0(\mu_{U_t})$$

where  $G_0 : L^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by

$$G_0(X) = \inf\{x \geq 0 : \mathbb{E}[h(x + X)] \geq 0\}$$

- $K_t$  is nonincreasing and we have

$$K_t \geq \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(U_s)$$

# Proof

- We define  $(X, K)$  by setting

$$K_t = \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(U_s), \quad X_t = U_t + K_t.$$

- By definition of  $K$ , we have  $\mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] \geq 0$
- Since  $G_0(U_t) = \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(X_s) > 0$   $dK$ -a.e.

$$\int_0^t \mathbb{E}[h(X_s)] dK_s = \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[h(U_s + G_0(U_s))] \mathbf{1}_{G_0(X_s) > 0} dK_s = 0.$$

- It remains to prove that  $Y \rightarrow X$  is a contraction.
- The key point is the following observation

$$|G_0(X) - G_0(X')| \leq \frac{M}{m} W_1(\mu_X, \mu_{X'}) \leq \frac{M}{m} \mathbb{E}[|X - X'|].$$



# Properties

- $t \mapsto K_t$  is  $1/2$ -Hölder continuous. This comes directly from

$$K_{t+h} - K_t = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq h} G_0 \left( X_t + \int_t^{t+s} b(X_u) du + \int_t^{t+s} \sigma(X_u) dB_u \right)$$

- If  $(X, K)$  is a solution, Itô's formula gives when  $h$  is smooth

$$\mathbb{E} [h(X_{t+h})] = \mathbb{E} [h(X_t)] + \int_t^{t+h} \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}h(X_s)] ds + \int_t^{t+h} \mathbb{E} [h'(X_s)] dK_s$$

- Thus,  $dK_t \ll dt$  and

$$K'_t = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{E}[h(X_t)=0]} \frac{\mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}h(X_t)]_-}{\mathbb{E} [h'(X_t)]}$$

# Risk Measures

- In the same way, if  $\rho$  is a risk measure defined on  $L^2$ , we can solve

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) \cdot dB_s + K_t, \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\rho(X_t) \leq 0, \quad \int_0^t \rho(X_s) dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- In this case,  $G_0(X) = \rho^+(X)$ .

## Theorem

*If  $\rho : L^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a Lipschitz risk measure, then the reflected SDE has a unique deterministic solution.*

- $|\rho(X) - \rho(Y)| \leq C \mathbb{E} [|X - Y|^2]^{1/2}$

# Examples

- Typical examples are coherent risk measures

$$\rho(X) = \sup\{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[-X] : \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{Q}\}$$

★  $\mathcal{Q}$  is a set of probabilities absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $\mathbb{P}$

- As soon as the set of densities is bounded in  $L^2$ ,  $\rho$  is Lipschitz
- In particular,

$$AVaR_{\alpha}(X) = \sup\left\{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbb{Q}}[-X] : \frac{d\mathbb{Q}}{d\mathbb{P}} \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}\right\}$$

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## Simulations ?

- Let us consider the reflected SDE

$$X_t = x_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) dB_s + K_t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$\mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] \geq 0, \quad \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[h(X_s)] dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- The idea is to take advantage of the definition of  $K$  :

$$K_{t+h} - K_t = \sup_{t \leq r \leq t+h} G_0 \left( X_t + \int_t^r b(X_s) ds + \int_t^r \sigma(X_s) dB_s \right),$$

$$G_0(X) = \inf \{x \geq 0 : \mathbb{E}[h(x + X)] \geq 0\} = G_0(\mu_X).$$

- The natural discretization is

$$X_{t+h} = X_t + h b(X_t) + \sigma(X_t) (B_{t+h} - B_t) + K_{t+h} - K_t,$$

$$K_{t+h} - K_t = G_0(X_t + h b(X_t) + \sigma(X_t) (B_{t+h} - B_t)),$$

# Simulations

- But we have to compute  $G_0$
- One can consider the following system

$$X_{t+h}^i = X_t^i + h b(X_t^i) + \sigma(X_t^i) (B_{t+h}^i - B_t^i) + K_{t+h} - K_t, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$$

$$K_{t+h} - K_t = G_0 \left( \{X_t^i + h b(X_t^i) + \sigma(X_t^i) (B_{t+h}^i - B_t^i)\}_{1 \leq i \leq N} \right),$$

$$G_0 \left( \{X^i\}_{1 \leq i \leq N} \right) = \inf \left\{ x \geq 0 : \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N h (x + X^i) \geq 0 \right\} = G_0 (\mu_X^N).$$

- We split the analysis into two parts:
  - ★ The system of particles
  - ★ The discretization

# Propagation of chaos

- We introduce the following system of particles: for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ,

$$X_t^i = x_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s^i) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s^i) dB_s^i + K_t^N, \quad t \geq 0,$$
$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N h(X_t^i) \geq 0, \quad \int_0^t \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N h(X_s^i) dK_s^N = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

★  $B^i$  independent BM.

- This system is a reflected diffusion with an oblique reflection: the direction of the reflexion is  $(1, \dots, 1)^t$
- $\bar{X}^i$  are independent copies of  $X$

# Result

## Theorem (Chaudru de Raynal, Guillin, Labart, PhB)

*If  $h$  is bi-Lipschitz, then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left| X_t^i - \bar{X}_t^i \right|^2 \right] \leq C N^{-1/2}.$$

*In the function  $h$  is smooth,  $C^2$  with bounded derivatives,*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left| X_t^i - \bar{X}_t^i \right|^2 \right] \leq C N^{-1}.$$



## Proof

- For  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\nu \in \mathbf{M}^1$ ,

$$H(x, \nu) = \int h(x + y) \nu(dy), \quad G_0(\nu) = \inf\{x \geq 0 : H(x, \nu) \geq 0\},$$

$$G(\nu) = \inf\{x : H(x, \nu) \geq 0\}$$

## Proposition

*We have the following properties:*

- $H$  is a bi-Lipschitz function*
- $G_0$  is Lipschitz continuous:*

$$|G_0(\nu) - G_0(\nu')| \leq \frac{M}{m} W_1(\nu, \nu').$$

- More precisely,*

$$|G_0(\nu) - G_0(\nu')| \leq \frac{1}{m} \left| \int h(G(\nu) + y) (\nu(dy) - \nu'(dy)) \right|$$

# Proof

- Let us recall that

$$K_t = \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(U_s), \quad U_s = x_0 + \int_0^s b(X_r) dr + \int_0^s \sigma(X_r) dB_r$$

- In other words, if we call  $\mu_s$  the distribution of  $U_s$

$$K_t = \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(\mu_s).$$

- Let  $\mu_s^N$  be the empirical distribution of the

$$U_s^i = x_0 + \int_0^s b(X_r^i) dr + \int_0^s \sigma(X_r^i) dB_r^i$$

- We have, in the same way,  $K_t^N = \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(\mu_s^N)$

# Proof

- We compute  $|X_t^i - \bar{X}_t^i|$  ( $b \equiv 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 |X_t^j - \bar{X}_t^j| &\leq \left| \int_0^t \left( \sigma(X_s^j) - \sigma(\bar{X}_s^j) \right) dB_s^j \right| + \left| \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(\mu_s^N) - \sup_{s \leq t} G_0(\mu_s) \right| \\
 &\leq \left| \int_0^t \left( \sigma(X_s^j) - \sigma(\bar{X}_s^j) \right) dB_s^j \right| + \sup_{s \leq t} |G_0(\mu_s^N) - G_0(\bar{\mu}_s^N)| \\
 &\quad + \sup_{s \leq t} |G_0(\bar{\mu}_s^N) - G_0(\mu_s)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Gronwall's lemma for the first two terms: the speed of convergence is given by

$$\sup_{s \leq t} |G_0(\bar{\mu}_s^N) - G_0(\mu_s)|$$

- ★ Not so easy with the sup

# Proof

- We have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{s \leq t} |G_0(\bar{\mu}_s^N) - G_0(\mu_s)|^2 \right] \leq \frac{1}{m^2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{s \leq t} \left| \int h(G(\mu_s) + y)(\bar{\mu}_s^N(dy) - \mu_s(dy)) \right|^2 \right]$$

- When  $h$  is not smooth, we improve a result from Rachev and Ruschendorf

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{s \leq t} |G_0(\bar{\mu}_s^N) - G_0(\mu_s)|^2 \right] &\leq C \mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{s \leq t} W_1(\bar{\mu}_s^N, \mu_s) \right] \\ &\leq C N^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

- When  $h$  is smooth, we can use Itô's formula to compute

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{s \leq t} \left| \int h(G(\mu_s) + y)(\bar{\mu}_s^N(dy) - \mu_s(dy)) \right|^2 \right] \leq C N^{-1}$$

# Discretization

## Theorem (Chaudru de Raynal, Guillin, Labart, PhB)

*If  $h$  is bi-Lipschitz, then*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left| X_t^{h,N,i} - \bar{X}_t^i \right|^2 \right] \leq C \left( N^{-1/2} + h |\log h| \right).$$

*If  $h$  is smooth*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left| X_t^{h,N,i} - \bar{X}_t^i \right|^2 \right] \leq C \left( N^{-1} + h |\log h| \right).$$

## Theorem (Ghannoum, Labart, PhB)

*There is no need of  $|\log h|$ .*

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## Linear constraint

- $X_t = X_0 - \beta t + a \int_0^t X_s + \sigma B_t + K_t,$
- $\mathbb{E}[X_t] \geq p, K_t = (ap - \beta)(t - t^*)_+, t^* = \frac{1}{a} (\log(x_0 + \beta/a) - \log(p + \beta/a))$

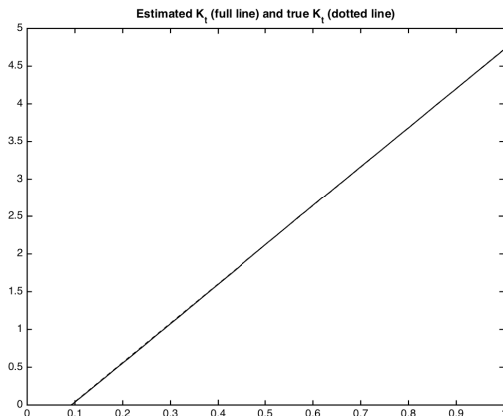


Figure:  $n = 500$ ,  $N = 10000$ ,  $T = 1$ ,  $\beta = 2.1$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $p = 3.6$

# Nonlinear constraint

- $X_t = X_0 - \beta t + a \int_0^t X_s + \sigma B_t + K_t$
- $h(x) = x + \alpha \sin(x) - p$

$$K_t = e^{-at} d \sup_{s \leq t} (F_s^{-1}(0))^+,$$

$$F_t(x) = \left\{ e^{-at} \left( x_0 - \beta \left( \frac{e^{at} - 1}{a} \right) + x \right) + \alpha \exp \left( -e^{-at} \frac{\sigma^2}{a} \sinh(at) \right) \right. \\ \left. \times \sin \left( e^{-at} \left( x_0 - \beta \left( \frac{e^{at} - 1}{a} \right) + x \right) \right) - p \right\}.$$



# Nonlinear constraint

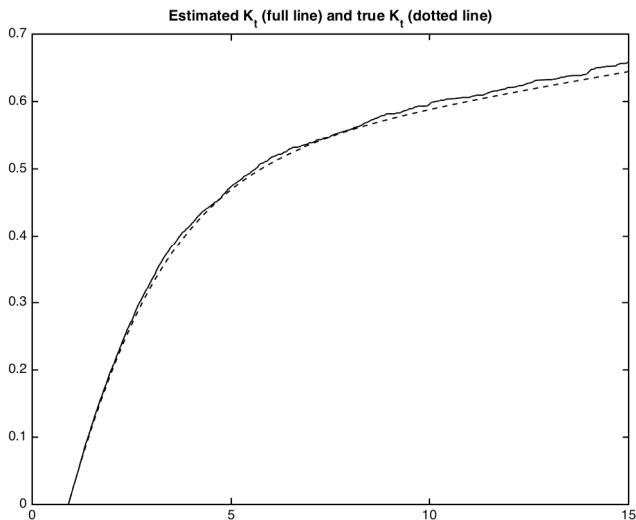


Figure:  $n = 100$ ,  $N = 10000$ ,  $T = 15$ ,  $\beta = 10^{-2}$ ,  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $p = \pi/2$ ,  $\alpha = .9$ ,  $x_0 + \alpha \sin(x_0) - p = 0$

## A different approach

- $h$  smooth,  $K$  has a density w.r.t. Lebesgue measure

$$K_t = \int_0^t \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{E}[h(X_s)]=0} \mathbb{E} [h'(X_s)]^{-1} \mathbb{E} [\mathcal{L}h(X_s)]^{-} ds$$

- The solution to the mean reflected SDE is the solution to the classical McKean-Vlasov SDE

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) dB_s + \int_0^t f(\mathbb{P}_{X_s}) ds,$$

$$f(\mu) = \mathbf{1}_{\mu(h)=0} \frac{\mu(\mathcal{L}h)^{-}}{\mu((h'))}$$

- The numerical scheme resulting from the McKean-Vlasov SDE seems to converge
  - ★ Analysis in progress

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# Generalizations

- Generalizations
  - ★ SDEs with jumps (Abir Ghannoum)
  - ★ BSDEs when  $f$  does not depend on  $z$  (Hélène Hibon)
- Between generalizations and problems
  - ★ Multidimensional case
  - ★ Link with PDEs

## Multidimensional case

- $h : \mathbf{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ 
  - ★  $h$  concave
  - ★  $0 < m^2 \leq |\nabla h(x)|^2 \leq M^2$
- We consider the normal reflected SDE

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(X_s) \cdot dB_s + \int_0^t \nabla h(X_s) dK_s, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$\mathbb{E}[h(X_t)] \geq 0, \quad \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[h(X_s)] dK_s = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

### First result

There exists a unique solution with  $K$  deterministic

# Problems

- Propagation of chaos for BSDEs when  $f$  depends on  $z$
- Regularity of  $h$ :  $h'(x) \geq m > 0$
- Mixed reflexion depending on both the law and the path
  - ★ So far,  $X_t \geq \mathbb{E}[X_t] - \alpha$

Thank you for your attention