

Introduction to the Numerical Simulation of Stochastic Differential Equations with Examples

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Stochastic Differential Equations

Stoke's law for a particle in fluid

$$dv(t) = -\gamma v(t) dt$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{6\pi r}{m} \eta,$$

η = viscosity coefficient.

Langevin's eq. For very small particles bounced around by molecular movement,

$$dv(t) = -\gamma v(t) dt + \sigma dw(t),$$

$w(t)$ is a Brownian motion, γ = Stoke's coefficient. σ = Diffusion coefficient.



1-D Brownian Motion

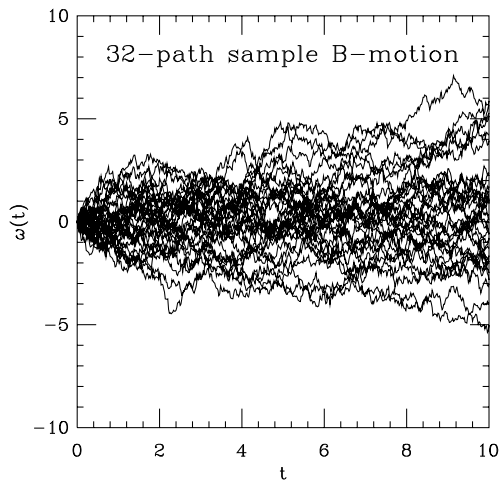


Figure: 1-D Brownian motion



2-D, or Complex Brownian Motion

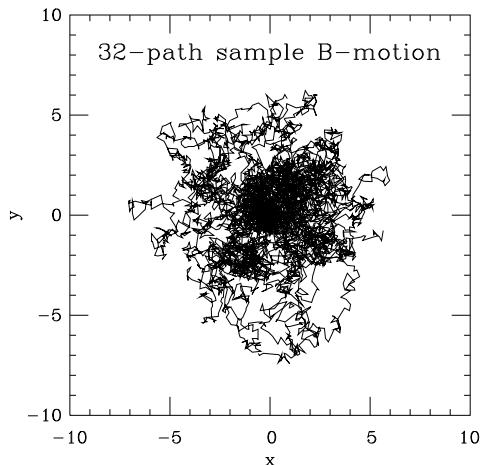


Figure: 2-D Brownian motion



Brownian Motion

$w(t)$ = Brownian motion. Einstein's relation gives diffusion coefficient

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{2kT\gamma}{m}}.$$

and probability density function for Brownian motion satisfies heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial p(w, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 p(w, t)}{\partial w^2}$$

Formal solution to LE is called an **Ornstein-Uhlenbeck** process

$$v(t) = v_0 e^{-\gamma t} + \sigma e^{-\gamma t} \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} dw(s)$$



A Simple Stochastic Differential Equation

What does $dw(t)$ mean?

$$w(t) = \Delta w_1 + \Delta w_2 + \cdots + \Delta w_n$$

each **increment** is independent, and

$$\mathbf{E}\{\Delta w_i \Delta w_j\} = \delta_{ij} \Delta t$$

or infinitesimal version

$$\mathbf{E}dw(t) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{E}\{dw(t) dw(s)\} = \delta(t - s) dt ds$$



The Langevin Equation

Solution to LE has properties

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}v(t) &= v_0 e^{-\gamma t} + \sigma e^{-\gamma t} \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} \mathbf{E}dw(s) \\ &= v_0 e^{-\gamma t} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}(v(t))^2 &= (v_0)^2 e^{-2\gamma t} + \sigma^2 e^{-2\gamma t} \frac{e^{2\gamma t} - 1}{2\gamma} \\ &\rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2}{2\gamma} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Something familiar about this?

$$\frac{m}{2} \mathbf{E}(v)^2 = \frac{m}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{2\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} kT$$



Itô Calculus

Itô calculus for multi-dimensional version

$$dw(t)^2 \equiv dt \quad \text{or} \quad dw_i(t)dw_j(t) \equiv \delta_{ij}dt$$

In non-isotropic case, system

$$d\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) dt + \sigma(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{w}(t) \quad (\text{SDE})$$

is shorthand for

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{z}_0 + \int_0^t \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(\mathbf{z}_s) d\mathbf{w}_s.$$

Itô rule for Stochastic integral:

$$\mathbf{E}\left\{\int_0^t \sigma(\mathbf{z}_s) d\mathbf{w}_s\right\} = 0,$$

and

$$\mathbf{E}\left\{\int_0^t \sigma(\mathbf{z}_s) d\mathbf{w}_s\right\}^2 = \int_0^t \sigma\sigma^T(\mathbf{z}_s) ds.$$

These integrals are **martingales**.



A Standing Martingale

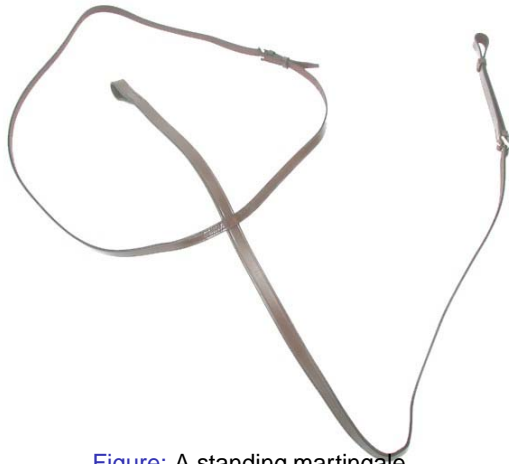


Figure: A standing martingale



Numerical Solution of SDEs

Simulation? First,

$$Ef(z(t)) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(z^{[i]}(t))$$

for sample of N paths $z(t)$. Paths $\{z^{[1]}, z^{[2]}, \dots, z^{[N]}\}$ integrated by some rule, e.g. Euler Two criteria two versions of solution $\tilde{z}(t), z(t)$ are equivalent ($\tilde{z}(t) \equiv z(t)$) for $0 \leq t \leq T$, **strong** criteria:

$$P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |\tilde{z}(t) - z(t)| > 0\right) = 0$$

weak: for **any** sufficiently smooth $f(x)$,

$$|Ef(\tilde{z}(T)) - Ef(z(T))| = 0$$



Weak Solutions

Example: weak simulation ($m \geq 0$):

$$dx = -x|x|^{m-1} dt + dw(t)$$

has solution whose distribution law satisfies Kolmogorov equation

$$\frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + x|x|^{m-1} \right) p(x, t) \rightarrow 0$$

when $t \rightarrow \infty$. That is, $x(t)$ becomes stationary. $p(x, t \rightarrow \infty)$, properly normalized, is

$$p(x, \infty) = N_m e^{-\frac{2}{m+1}|x|^{m+1}}.$$

Two examples

$$p(x, \infty) = e^{-2|x|} \quad \text{for } m = 0$$

$$p(x, \infty) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-|x|^2} \quad \text{for } m = 1$$



Strong Solutions

Example: a **strong** test,

$$dx = -\lambda x dt + \mu x dw(t)$$

having formal solution

$$x(t) = x_0 \exp\left(-\left(\lambda + \frac{\mu^2}{2}\right)t + \mu w(t)\right). \quad (1)$$

Notice $x(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Many authors (Mitsui et al, Higham, ...) have studied stability regions, λ, μ , for asymptotic stability $x(t_n) \rightarrow 0$, when

$$t_n = h_1 + h_2 + \dots + h_n \rightarrow \infty$$

may have varying stepsizes. Cases

$$t = T_1 = n \cdot h,$$

and $h \rightarrow h/2^m = h'$,

$$t = T_m = n2^m \cdot h'$$



Strong Solutions

allow pathwise comparisons when

$$\begin{aligned}t_n = T_1 = T_m &= n \cdot h \\ \Delta w(T_m + h') &= \sqrt{h'} \xi_1 \\ \Delta w(T_m + h' + h') &= \sqrt{h'} \xi_1 + \sqrt{h'} \xi_2 \\ &\dots \\ \Delta w(T_m + h) &= \sum_{k=1}^m \sqrt{h'} \xi_k \\ \Delta w(T_1 + h) &= \Delta w(T_m + h)\end{aligned}$$

Here, one follows the pathwise convergence as m is changed. See Kloeden and Platen, chapt. 9, p. 309. One compares "exact" solution, equation (1), with simulation values at points $T_1 = T_m$.



Strong Solutions

Numerical criteria similar: discrete times $t_k = kh$, $h =$ step size,
 $T = Mh$, and
 $z_k =$ numerical approx.,
strong order β :

$$(\mathbf{E} \max_{0 \leq k \leq M} |z_k - z(t_k)|^2)^{1/2} \leq K_1 h^\beta$$

weak order β : for $f(z) \in C^{2\beta}$,

$$|\mathbf{E}f(z_M) - \mathbf{E}f(z(T))| \leq K_2 h^\beta$$



Examples

Example methods:
Euler-Maruyama

$$z_{k+1} = z_k + b(z_k)h + \sigma(z_k)\Delta W$$

is **strong** order $\beta = 1/2$, **weak** order 1.
Milstein

$$z_{k+1} = z_k + b(z_k)h + \sigma(z_k)\Delta W \\ + \frac{1}{2}\sigma(z_k)\sigma'(z_k)(\Delta W^2 - h)$$

is **strong** order $\beta = 1$, **weak** order 1



Higher-Order Methods

Higher order weak methods require modeling

$$I_{ij} = \int_0^h w_i dw_j \quad I_{i0} = \int_0^h w_i(s) ds$$

$$I_{ijk} = \int_0^h w_i w_j dw_k \quad I_{ii0} = \int_0^h w_i^2 ds$$

For example, for Runge-Kutta type methods

$$I_{ij} \approx \frac{1}{2} \xi_i \xi_j + \frac{h}{2} \Xi_{ij},$$

$$I_{i0} \approx \frac{h}{2} \xi_i,$$

$$I_{ijk} \approx \frac{h}{2} \delta_{ij} \xi_k$$

$$I_{ii0} \approx \frac{h}{2} \xi_i^2$$

Ξ_{ij} is a model for $\int w_i dw_j - w_j dw_i$.



Examples

$\Delta w = \xi$ is approximately gaussian

$$\mathbf{E}\xi = 0, \mathbf{E}\xi^2 = h, \mathbf{E}\xi^3 = 0, \mathbf{E}\xi^4 = 3h^2.$$

Do N sample paths per time-step - one for each $z^{[j]}$. A simple Δw is

$$\begin{aligned}\xi &= \sqrt{3h} && \text{with probability } \frac{1}{6}, \\ &= -\sqrt{3h} && \text{with probability } \frac{1}{6}, \\ &= 0 && \text{with probability } \frac{2}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

Important facts about these bounded increments:

- ▶ they introduce Fourier spectra with wave vectors = $\mathbf{k}\sqrt{3h}$, where $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$.
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Examples of Bounded Increments

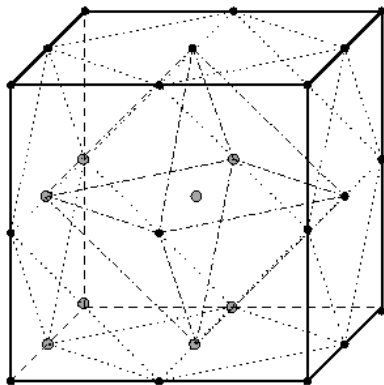


Figure: 3-D distribution of bounded increments



Some Applications

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Black-Scholes

Black-Scholes model. Let S = asset price, r = interest rate. Without volatility,

$$dS = r S dt.$$

With **efficient market hypothesis**, fluctuations(S) $\propto S$:

$$dS = rS dt + \sigma S dw.$$

σ is called the **volatility**. Solution to SDE

$$S(t) = S_0 e^{(r - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)t + \sigma w(t)}.$$



Langevin Dynamics

Langevin dynamics: we want some physical quantity

$$Ef = \int p(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x})d^n\mathbf{x} = \frac{\int e^{-S(\mathbf{x})}f(\mathbf{x})d^n\mathbf{x}}{\int e^{-S(\mathbf{x})}d^n\mathbf{x}}.$$

To find a covering distribution $q(\mathbf{x})$, $\alpha q(\mathbf{x}) \geq p(\mathbf{x})$, but $\alpha \geq 1$ is not large - difficult if n large.

Alternative is Langevin dynamics:

$$d\mathbf{x}(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mathbf{x}} dt + d\mathbf{w}(t),$$

and use

$$Ef = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(\mathbf{x}(t)) dt.$$

The following is sufficient for convergence: if $|\mathbf{x}|$ big,

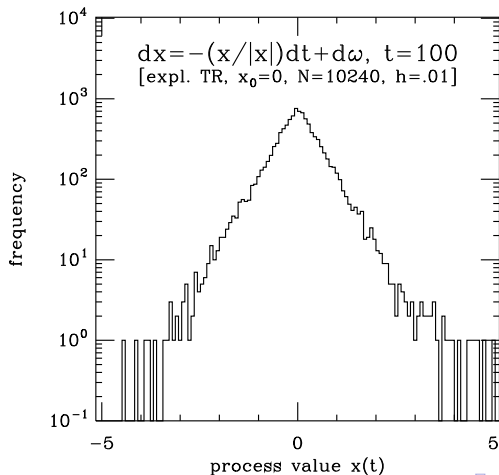
$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mathbf{x}} > 1$$



A Simple Example

A simple example: $dx = -\text{sign}(x)dt + dw$, whose p.d.f as $t \rightarrow \infty$ is

$$p(x, \infty) = e^{-2|x|}.$$



Stochastic Dyer-Roeder

Stochastic Dyer-Roeder: Sachs' equations for shear (σ), ray separation θ , in free space with scattered point-like particles:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{ds} + 2\theta\sigma = \mathcal{F}$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{ds} + \theta^2 + |\sigma|^2 = 0$$

σ is complex, \mathcal{F} is the Weyl term, and s is an affine parameter - related to redshift z .

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dz} \ln(A)$$

where $A \propto D^2$ is the beam area, get two eqs.,

$$\frac{d\sigma}{ds} + 2\frac{1}{D} \frac{dD}{ds} \sigma = \mathcal{F}$$

$$\frac{1}{D} \frac{d^2 D}{ds^2} + |\sigma|^2 = 0.$$



Stochastic Dyer-Roeder

In Lagrangian coordinates (contract with redshift z), the Weyl term to 1st order has derivatives of the gravitational potential $\Phi(x, y)$, with $z = x + iy$:

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{c^2} (1 + z)^2 \frac{d^2 \Phi}{dz^2}.$$

Light "sees" shearing forces orthogonal to congruence. Problem is essentially 2-D:

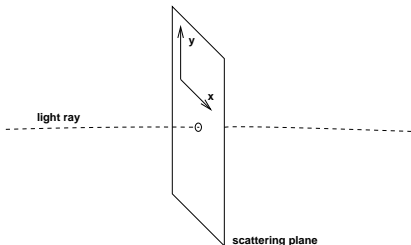


Figure: 2-D character of light scattering

Stochastic Dyer-Roeder

Correlation length is about 7 cells, i.e. ~ 7 Mpc at $z = 0$. Softened (2-3 cells) shears are normal in < 128 Mpc.

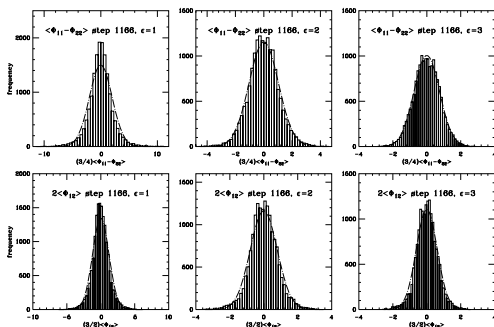


Figure: Shearing forces, from H. Couchman's code



Stochastic Dyer-Roeder

More useful form for 1st:

$$D^2\sigma = \int_0^s D^2(s')\mathcal{F}(s')ds'.$$

Expressing the affine parameter in terms of the redshift

$$s = \int_0^z \frac{d\xi}{(1+\xi)^3\sqrt{1+\Omega\xi}}$$

Yields a generalized Dyer-Roeder eq.

$$(1+z)(1+\Omega z)\frac{d^2D}{dz^2} + \left(\frac{7}{2}\Omega z + \frac{\Omega}{2} + 3\right)\frac{dD}{dz} + \frac{|\sigma(z)|^2}{(1+z)^5}D = 0.$$



Stochastic Dyer-Roeder

Shear can be well approximated by

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z}) = \gamma \frac{3\Omega}{8\pi(D(\mathbf{z}))^2} \times \int_0^{\mathbf{z}} (D(\xi))^2 (1 + \xi)(1 + \Omega\xi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} d\mathbf{w}(\xi)$$

where $w(\mathbf{z})$ is a complex (2-D) B-motion. Constant $\gamma \approx 0.62$ was determined by N-body simulations.



Stochastic Dyer-Roeder

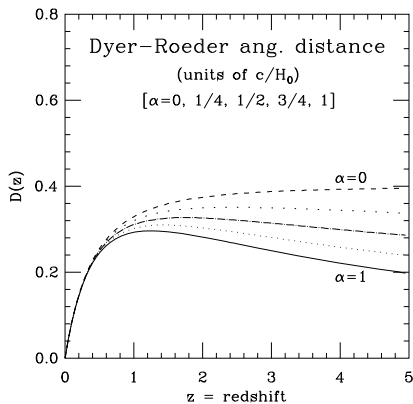


Figure: Shear free Dyer-Roeder $D(z)$



Stochastic Dyer-Roeder

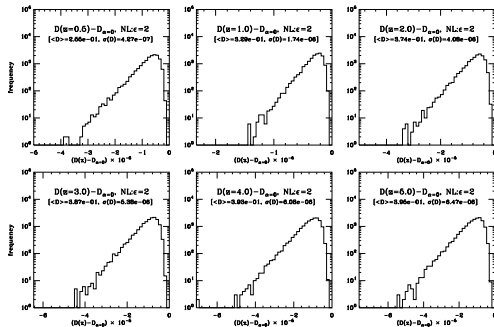


Figure: $D(z)$ histograms at $0 \leq z \leq 5$. Non-linear integration. Scales for the abscissas are: 10^{-6} for $z = 1/2$, 10^{-5} for $z = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.



Weak Simulations

Recall some basic rules of the Itô calculus

$$\mathbf{E}dw(t) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{E}\{dw(t) dw(s)\} = \delta(t - s) dt ds$$

Multi-dimensional version

$$dw_i(t)^2 \equiv dt \quad \text{or} \quad dw_i(t)dw_j(t) \equiv \delta_{ij}dt$$

Usual $\mathbf{z}(t) \in C^0$ process:

$$d\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) dt + \sigma(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{w}(t) \quad (\text{SDE})$$

is shorthand for

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{z}_0 + \int_0^t \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(\mathbf{z}_s) d\mathbf{w}_s.$$

Stochastic integral is non-anticipating. Important thing about Itô rule:

$$\mathbf{E}\left\{\int_0^t \sigma(\mathbf{z}_s) d\mathbf{w}_s\right\} = 0.$$



Weak Simulations

Taking the expression for $\mathbf{z}(t)$ for one step $t \rightarrow t + h$,

$$\mathbf{z}(t+h) = \mathbf{z}_t + \int_t^{t+h} \mathbf{b}_s ds + \int_t^{t+h} \sigma_s d\mathbf{w}_s,$$

and substituting $\mathbf{z}(s)$ from the right-hand side into the left side integrals, e. g.

$$\int_t^{t+h} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}_s) ds = \int_t^{t+h} \mathbf{b}\left(\mathbf{z}_t + \int_t^s \mathbf{b}_u du + \int_t^s \sigma_u d\mathbf{w}_u\right) ds.$$

Since $t \leq u \leq s \leq t+h$ and

$$\int_t^s \sigma_u d\mathbf{w}(u) = O((s-t)^{1/2})$$

an expansion gives, including the $\int \sigma d\mathbf{w}$ term, Picard-fashion, a stochastic Taylor series (due to Wolfgang Wagner)



Weak Simulations

Truncating Taylor series to $O(h)$ accuracy, we get Milstein's method (scalar case):

$$z(t+h) = z(t) + hb(z(t)) + \sigma(z(t))\Delta\omega + \frac{1}{2}\sigma'\sigma(\Delta\omega^2 - h)$$

Again

$$\Delta\omega = \sqrt{h}\xi$$

where $\xi =$ zero-centered, univariate normal:

$$\mathbf{E}\xi = 0, \quad \mathbf{E}\xi^2 = 1.$$

Notice that because $\mathbf{E}\Delta\omega^2 = h$, Milstein's term preserves the Martingale property

$$\mathbf{E}\frac{1}{2}\sigma'_t\sigma_t(\Delta\omega^2 - h) = 0.$$



Weak Simulations

It is not hard to modify this for vector case:

$$\mathbf{z}_{t+h} = \mathbf{z}_t + h\mathbf{b}_t + \sigma_t \Delta \mathbf{w} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_t' \sigma_t \Xi$$

Where matrix Ξ is a model

$$\Xi^{\epsilon\gamma} \approx \int_t^{t+h} \omega^\epsilon d\omega^\gamma$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi^{\epsilon\gamma} &= \frac{h}{2} (\xi_1^\epsilon \xi_1^\gamma - \tilde{\xi}^{\epsilon\gamma}) & \epsilon > \gamma \\ &= \frac{h}{2} (\xi_1^\epsilon \xi_1^\gamma + \tilde{\xi}^{\gamma\epsilon}) & \epsilon < \gamma \\ &= \frac{h}{2} ((\xi_1^\epsilon)^2 - 1) & \epsilon = \gamma \end{aligned}$$

Additional variables $\tilde{\xi}^{\gamma\epsilon}$ are also zero-centered, univariate normals but independent of the ξ 's in $\Delta\omega^\alpha = \sqrt{h}\xi^\alpha$.



Higher-Order Schemes

Here is a second order accurate method. Writing $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{z}_{t+h}^\alpha &= \mathbf{z}_t^\alpha \\
 &+ \frac{h}{2}(\mathbf{A}^\alpha(\mathbf{z}_{t+h}) + \mathbf{B}^\alpha(\mathbf{z}_t + \sigma_t \xi_1 + (\mathbf{A}_t + \mathbf{B}_t)h) \\
 &+ \mathbf{A}^\alpha(\mathbf{z}_t) + \mathbf{B}^\alpha(\mathbf{z}_t)) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2}\{\sigma^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{z}_t + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma_t \xi_0 + \frac{h}{2}(\mathbf{A}_t + \mathbf{B}_t)) \\
 &\quad + \sigma^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{z}_t - \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma_t \xi_0 + \frac{h}{2}(\mathbf{A}_t + \mathbf{B}_t))\}\xi_1^\beta \\
 &+ (\partial_\beta \sigma_t^{\alpha\delta}) \sigma_t^{\beta\epsilon} \equiv \epsilon^\delta.
 \end{aligned}$$

The first $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{z}_{t+h})$ is implicit.



An Example

Let's take a simple case, $M > 0$ (stable matrix),

$$dz = -Mzdt + dw$$

and write $M = A + B$, where $\mathbf{I} + hA$ is easy to invert. The semi-implicit algorithm is

$$(\mathbf{I} + hA) \mathbf{z}_{t+h} = (\mathbf{I} - hB) \mathbf{z}_t + \Delta \mathbf{w}$$

or

$$\mathbf{z}_{t+h} = (\mathbf{I} + hA)^{-1} ((\mathbf{I} - hB) \mathbf{z}_t + \Delta \mathbf{w})$$

In particular case $A = B = \frac{1}{2}M$,

$$\mathbf{z}_{t+h} = (\mathbf{I} + \frac{h}{2}M)^{-1} ((\mathbf{I} - \frac{h}{2}M) \mathbf{z}_t + \Delta \mathbf{w}).$$

Stability of procedure will depend on L_2 norm

$$\|(\mathbf{I} + \frac{h}{2}M)^{-1} (\mathbf{I} - \frac{h}{2}M)\| < 1.$$



An Example

Even in scalar case, when h is large enough ($h > 2/M$), $|1 - hM| > 1$, but

$$|(1 - hM/2)/(1 + hM/2)| \leq 1$$

for all $h > 0$.

Two dimensional case when scales of e.v.'s are very different:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \end{bmatrix} &= -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 & \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 & \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} dt \\ &+ \begin{bmatrix} dw_1(t) \\ dw_2(t) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

which converges for $\forall \lambda_i > 0$, but if $\lambda_1 \gg \lambda_2$, the stepsize $h < 2/\lambda_1$ - too small to be useful. This is **stiffness**, just like in the ODE case.



Another Example

For real, SPD matrix M :

$$d\mathbf{z} = -M\mathbf{z}dt + d\mathbf{w}.$$

The solution is formally

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = e^{-Mt}\mathbf{z}(0) + \int_0^t e^{M(s-t)}d\mathbf{w}(s).$$

Large t corr. matrix approximates $\frac{1}{2}M^{-1}$:

$$\mathbf{E}z_i(\infty)z_j(\infty) = \frac{1}{2}[M^{-1}]_{ij}.$$

For big M , actual computational method is

$$\mathbf{E}z_i(\infty)z_j(\infty) \approx \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T z_i(t)z_j(t)dt$$

as T gets big, from the ergodic theorem.

Non-Symmetric Case

Non-symmetric case:

$$\begin{aligned}d\mathbf{X} &= -M\mathbf{X}dt + d\mathbf{w}, \\d\mathbf{Y} &= -M^T\mathbf{Y}dt + d\mathbf{w},\end{aligned}$$

initial conditions $\mathbf{X}(0) = \mathbf{Y}(0) = \mathbf{0}$. Same n -D \mathbf{w} for both $\mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{Y}(t)$.
From formal solutions, extract X, Y covariance

$$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{X}(t)\mathbf{Y}^T(t) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}M^{-1}$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Again, splitting $M = A + B$, a stabilized and cheap procedure for each $\mathbf{X}(t), \mathbf{Y}(t)$ is

$$\mathbf{z}_{t+h} = (\mathbf{I} + hA)^{-1} (\mathbf{I} - hB)\mathbf{z}_t + \Delta\mathbf{w}$$

where in the diffusion term, we ignore the $O(h^{3/2})$ contribution.
Examples: $A = \text{diag}(M)$, or $A = \text{tridiag}(M)$



A Test Problem

Test problem: $M = U^T Tr U$, where Tr = upper triangular,
 $diag(Tr) = (1, \dots, N)$, $[Tr]_{i,j} \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, $j > i$. Random orthogonal U
 by Pete Stewart's procedure: $S = diag(sign(u_1))$

$$U = S U_0 U_1 \dots U_{N-2}$$

where

$$U_k = \begin{pmatrix} I_k & \\ & H_{N-k} \end{pmatrix}$$

H_j = Householder transforms,

$$H_j = I_j - 2 \frac{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2}$$

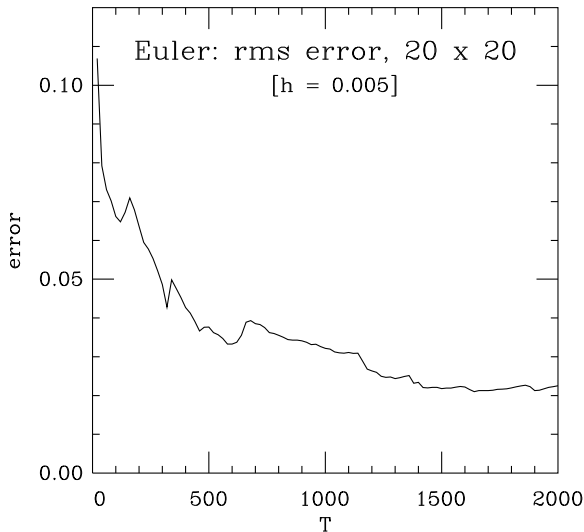
with j -length vectors \mathbf{u}

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \|\mathbf{x}\| \mathbf{e}_1,$$

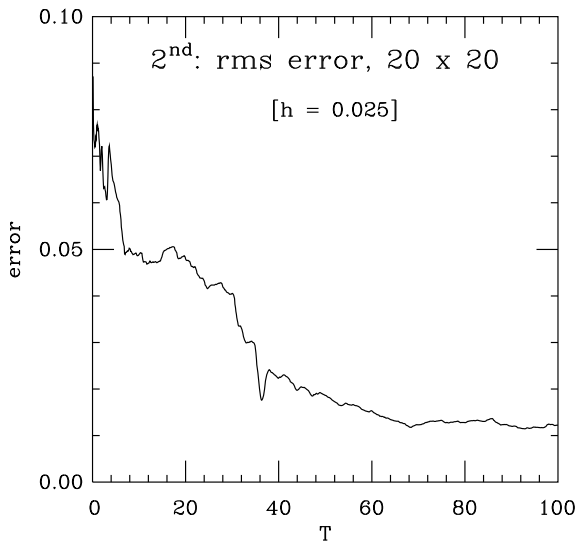
each $x_i \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, $i = 1, \dots, j$. Also, $cond(M) \sim N$.



Convergence of the Euler Method



Convergence of a Second-Order Method



More Examples

More general problems? Some has been done. Talay, Tubaro, and Bally's Euler estimates

$$|\mathbf{E}f(\mathbf{z}(T)) - \mathbf{E}f(\mathbf{z}_n(T))| \leq h \frac{K(T) \|f\|_\infty}{T^q}$$

$h = T/n =$ time step, $q > 0$ constant, and $K(T)$ is *non-decreasing*. Optimal choice of T is unclear. Example of Langevin dynamics,

$$d\mathbf{z}(t) = -\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z})dt + d\mathbf{w}(t), \quad (2)$$

want \mathbf{z} to converge to stationary. For large $|\mathbf{z}(t)|$,

$$\mathbf{E}|\mathbf{z} + \Delta\mathbf{z}|^2 \leq \mathbf{E}|\mathbf{z}|^2.$$

From eq. (2),

$$2\mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{z}) \geq 1$$

Discretization errors $O(h)$ for Euler, $O(h^2)$ for 2nd order RK.



A Final Example

A final example model problem, where $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$dx = -x|x|^{m-1}dt + dw(t)$$

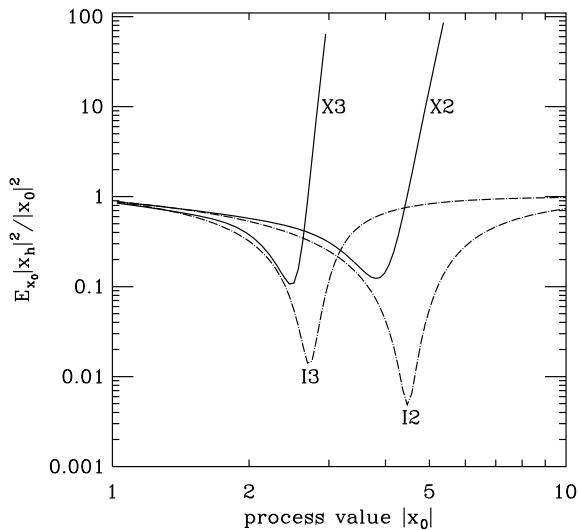
Two procedures: $\Delta\omega = \sqrt{h}\xi$,

$$\begin{aligned} x_h &= \text{XTR}(x_0, \xi) \\ &= x_0 - \frac{h}{2}(x_{euler}|x_{euler}|^{m-1} + x_0|x_0|^{m-1}) \\ &\quad + \Delta\omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_h &= \text{ITR}(x_0, \xi) \\ &= x_0 - \frac{h}{2}(x_h|x_h|^{m-1} + x_0|x_0|^{m-1}) \\ &\quad + \Delta\omega \end{aligned}$$



A Final Example



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