

1. Simulation of the Wiener process and its discretization

$$dX(t) = f(t, X(t)) dt + g(t, X(t)) dW(t), \quad t \in [0, T]$$

$$\dot{y} = f(y) \text{ ODE} \xrightarrow{\text{discretization}} \begin{matrix} 1. [t_0, T] \rightarrow J_k \\ 2. y(t) \rightarrow \text{num. solution} \end{matrix}$$

$$J_k = \{t_n = t_0 + n\Delta t, n=0, \dots, N, N = \frac{T-t_0}{\Delta t}, \Delta t > 0\}$$

$$\begin{matrix} t_0, & t_1, & t_2, & \dots, & t_N \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ y_0 & y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_N \end{matrix}$$

$$y_i \approx y(t_i), i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

The numerical solution is then the set

$$\{y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N\}$$

represented as a matrix:

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 & y_1 & \dots & y_N \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times (N+1)}$$

$$y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\begin{matrix} 3. \dot{y} = f(y) \sim \text{difference equation} \\ \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \\ y(t) \qquad y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N \end{matrix}$$

For SDEs, you need a further level of discretization, required for the Itô integral.

$$\int_0^t g(s, X(s)) dW(s) \approx \sum_{i=1}^n g(t_i, X(t_i)) \cdot (W(t_{i+1}) - W(t_i))$$

where $t_i, i=1, \dots, n$, are the Itô quadrature points.

Brief reminder

The standard Wiener process (or standard Brownian motion) in $[0, T]$ is the stochastic process $\{W(t), t \in [0, T]\}$ satisfying the following properties:

1) $W(0) = 0$ with probability 1;

2) $\forall 0 \leq s < t \leq T$

$$W(t) - W(s) \sim \sqrt{t-s} \cdot N(0, 1)$$

Wiener increment Normal standard Random variable

3) $\forall 0 \leq s < t < u < v \leq T$,

the increments $W(t) - W(s), W(v) - W(u)$ are independent.

AIM provide a discretized Wiener increment, i.e., we specify values of $W(t)$ in a selection of discrete points in $[0, T]$.

As usual,



let us define $\Delta t = \frac{T}{N}$

$t_0 = 0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N$, where

$t_j = j \Delta t, j = 0, 1, \dots, N.$

Notation: $W_j := W(t_j).$

Goal: $\{W_0, W_1, \dots, W_N\}.$

Algorithm:

- $W_0 = 0$ (with probability 1)

- $W_1 = W_0 + \Delta W_1 \sim \sqrt{\Delta t} \cdot N(0, 1)$

⋮

- $W_j = W_{j-1} + \Delta W_j \sim \sqrt{\Delta t} \cdot N(0, 1)$
 $j = 1, \dots, N$

In Matlab the simulation of $N(0, 1)$ occurs by employing the built-in function randn

N increments (due to their independence) compute altogether:

$$\text{randn}(1, N)$$

$$W_0 = 0$$

$$W_1 = W_0 + \Delta W_1 = \Delta W_1$$

$$W_2 = W_1 + \Delta W_2 = \Delta W_1 + \Delta W_2$$

⋮

$$W_K = \sum_{k=1}^K \Delta W_k \leftarrow \text{cumulated summation of the vector of the increments}$$

CUMSUM

Example $a = 1:5;$

$$b = \text{cumsum}(a)$$

$$= [1 \ 3 \ 6 \ 10 \ 15]$$

Exercise
 $u(W(t)) = \exp(t + \frac{1}{2}W(t)^2)$
 over $M=1000$ different trajectories

N : number of points for the computation of the Wiener increments

$W = \text{cumsum}(dW, 2)$

Example: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

$B = \text{cumsum}(A, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 11 \\ 2 & 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$

$u(W(t)) = \exp(t + \frac{1}{2}W(t)^T A W(t))$

$\begin{bmatrix} t \\ W(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N} \sim \text{rnorm}(t, [M, N])$

Exact expectation:
 $E[u(W(t))] = \exp(\frac{3}{2}t)$

vs

Computation of an estimated expectation
 Monte Carlo Simulations
 MULTILEVEL Monte Carlo Simulations
 Grids

2. Simulation of Ito integrals

$\int_0^t f(s) dW(s) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(t_j) \cdot [W(t_{j+1}) - W(t_j)]$

$\int_0^t f(s) dW(s) \approx \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(t_j) \cdot [W(t_{j+1}) - W(t_j)]$
 for large enough values of N

Exercise: $\int_0^T W(t) dW(t) = \frac{1}{2}(W(T)^2 - T)$
 (Kloster - Pflum, 1992)

3. Ito-Taylor expansions

ODEs

- Taylor series arguments (Euler method)
- Numerical quadrature (e.g., Midrule-Simpson)
- Gaussian quadrature (e.g., Runge-Kutta)
- Polynomial interpolation arguments (e.g., Adams methods)
- Die Integrators

Taylor series methods for SDEs?
 Yes, but \rightarrow Ito calculus does not obey to the standard chain rule
 Stratonovich calculus does

Ito lemma

Let $X(t), t \in [0, T]$, solution of the Ito process

$X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t f(s, X(s)) ds + \int_0^t g(s, X(s)) dW(s)$

We focus on the case $d=1$.
 Moreover, let us consider a function $V \in C^2([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$.

Then, $V(t, X(t))$ satisfies the following SDE:

$V(t, X(t)) = V(0, X(0)) + \int_0^t [V_t(s, X(s)) + V_x(s, X(s)) f(s, X(s)) + \frac{1}{2} V_{xx}(s, X(s)) g^2(s, X(s))] ds + \int_0^t V_x(s, X(s)) g(s, X(s)) dW(s)$

the equation $X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t f(s, X(s)) ds + \int_0^t g(s, X(s)) dW(s)$

Let us apply Ito formula to compute $f(t, X(t))$ and $g(t, X(t))$.

$f(t, X(t)) = f(0, X(0)) + \int_0^t [f_t(u, X(u)) + f_x(u, X(u)) f(u, X(u)) + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(u, X(u)) g^2(u, X(u))] du + \int_0^t f_x(u, X(u)) g(u, X(u)) dW(u)$

$g(t, X(t)) = g(0, X(0)) + \int_0^t [g_t(u, X(u)) + g_x(u, X(u)) f(u, X(u)) + \frac{1}{2} g_{xx}(u, X(u)) g^2(u, X(u))] du + \int_0^t g_x(u, X(u)) g(u, X(u)) dW(u)$

Recurrsively applying the Ito formula in above expression for the drift and the diffusion of an Ito SDE provides their so-called Ito-Taylor expansion.

Let us approximate $f(t, X(t))$ and $g(t, X(t))$ by their first term in the Ito-Taylor expansion:

$f(t, X(t)) \approx f(0, X(0))$
 $g(t, X(t)) \approx g(0, X(0))$

$X(t) = X(0) + \int_0^t f(0, X(0)) ds + \int_0^t g(0, X(0)) dW(s)$

$X(t) \approx \int_0^t f(0, X(0)) ds + \int_0^t g(0, X(0)) dW(s)$

$= X(0) + t \cdot f(0, X(0)) + \sqrt{t} \cdot g(0, X(0))$

$X(t_{n+1}) \approx X(t_n) + \Delta t \cdot f(t_n, X(t_n)) + \sqrt{\Delta t} \cdot g(t_n, X(t_n))$

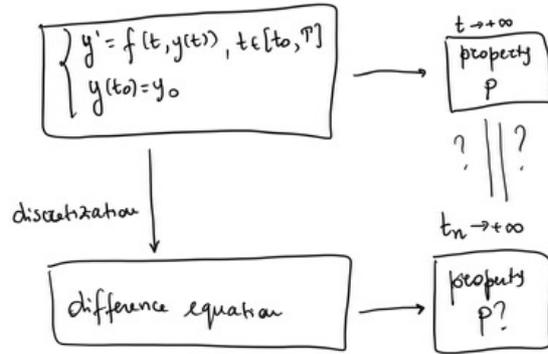
$X_{n+1} \approx X_n + \Delta t f(t_n, X_n) + \sqrt{\Delta t} g(t_n, X_n)$

Euler-Maruyama

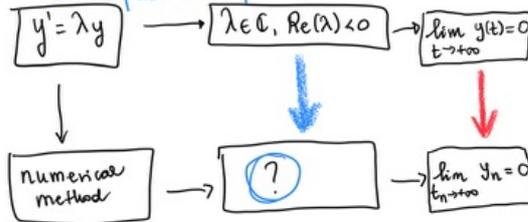
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Stability

Lambert (ODEs)



Dahlquist test problem



SDEs

Stochastic Dahlquist test problem:

$$dX(t) = \lambda X(t) dt + \mu X(t) dW(t),$$

$\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$

Mean-square stability

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E}[X(t)^2] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Re}(\lambda) + \frac{1}{2}|\mu|^2 < 0$$

asymptotic stability (pathwise)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} |X(t)| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{Re}(\lambda - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2) < 0$$

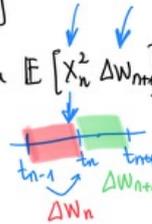
Mean-square stability of EM:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n+1} &= X_n + h\lambda X_n + \mu X_n \Delta W_{n+1} \\ &= (1+h\lambda)X_n + \mu X_n \Delta W_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

↓

$$\mathbb{E} X_{n+1}^2 = \mathbb{E} \left[(1+h\lambda)^2 X_n^2 + 2(1+h\lambda)\mu X_n^2 \Delta W_{n+1} + \mu^2 X_n^2 \Delta W_{n+1}^2 \right]$$

$$= (1+h\lambda)^2 \mathbb{E} X_n^2 + 2(1+h\lambda)\mu \mathbb{E} [X_n^2 \Delta W_{n+1}] + \mu^2 \mathbb{E} [X_n^2 \Delta W_{n+1}^2]$$

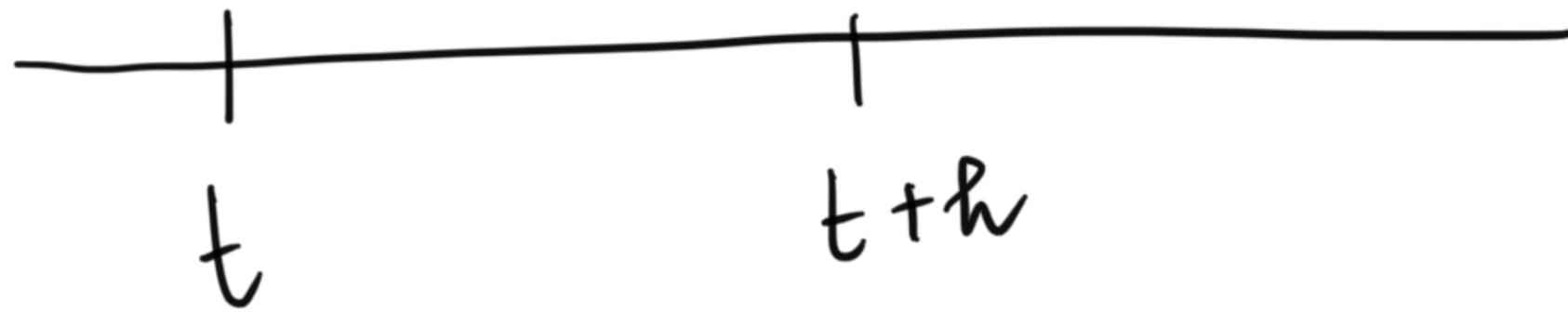


$$= (1+h\lambda)^2 \mathbb{E} X_n^2 + 2(1+h\lambda)\mu \mathbb{E} [X_n^2] \mathbb{E} [\Delta W_{n+1}] + \mu^2 \mathbb{E} [X_n^2] \mathbb{E} [\Delta W_{n+1}^2]$$

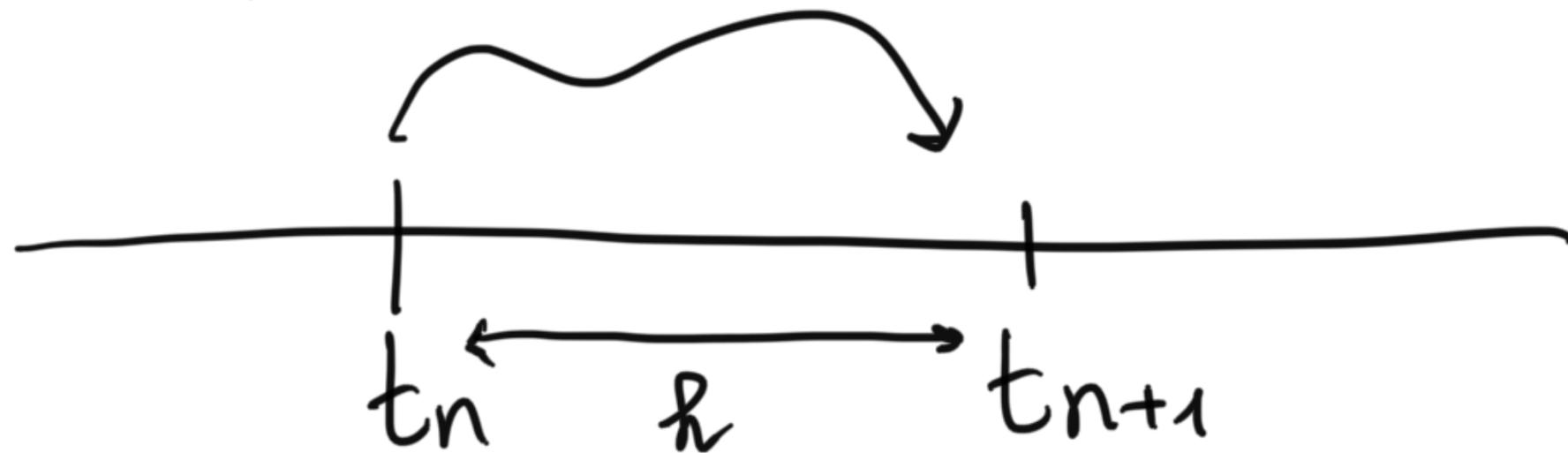
$$= \left[(1+h\lambda)^2 + h\mu^2 \right] \mathbb{E} X_n^2$$

$$\lim_{t_n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathbb{E} X_{n+1}^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (1+h\lambda)^2 + h\mu^2 < 1$$

MEAN-SQUARE STABILITY
CONDITION OF EM METHOD



$y(t+h)$



$$X_{n+1} = X_n + h f(t_n, X_n)$$



$$+ g(t_n, X_n) \underbrace{(W(t_{n+1}) - W(t_n))}_{!!}$$

EULER - MARUYAMA METHOD

Properties:

$$\Delta W_{n+1}$$

- 1) it arises from the Itô - expansion, truncated at the first constant term;
- 2) one-step scheme;
- 3) explicit method;

Basic accuracy and stability
demands

CONSISTENCY \rightsquigarrow local accuracy
property

ZERO-STABILITY \rightsquigarrow global accuracy
CONVERGENCE \rightsquigarrow properties

Lax equivalence theorem
(Lax-Richtmyer theorem) RYCHTMER-MORTON book

convergence \Leftrightarrow consistency and zero-stability

Algorithm

$T=1; N=2^8$

points for the computation of Wiener increments

WIENER

$$dt = T/N; \quad dW = \text{sqrt}(dt) * \text{randn}(1, N);$$

$$W = \text{cumsum}(dW);$$

SDE

A standard way to proceed is the selection of a multiple of dt

$$h = R dt, \quad R \geq 1$$

as stepsize of the chosen method to solve the SDE

Let us consider the SDE

$$) dX(t) = \lambda X(t) dt + \mu X(t) dW(t), \quad \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

\uparrow $X(0) = X_0,$
 $t \in [0, T].$

1. Test problem for linear stability
2. asset price model;
this equation is extended in the PDE,
setting by the Black-Scholes.

Exact solution: $X(t) = X_0 \exp\left(\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\right)t + \mu W(t)\right).$

$$W(t_i) - W(t_{i-1}) = W(jh) - W((j-1)h)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= W(jR, dt) - W((j-1)R, dt) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{jR} dW_k - \sum_{k=1}^{(j-1)R} dW_k \\
&= \sum_{k=(j-1)R+1}^{jR} dW_k
\end{aligned}$$

A first order truncation of the Itô-Taylor expansion we considered last time leads to the following scheme:

MILSTEIN SCHEME

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + h f(t_n, X_n) + g(t_n, X_n) \Delta W_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2} g(t_n, X_n) g'(t_n, X_n) (\Delta W_{n+1}^2 - \Delta t)$$

Supposing that your SDE is scalar.

Strong "order"
EM 1/2
MIL 1

Strong and weak convergence

For complete proofs of classical

results on the convergence of
stochastic one-step methods,
→ GARD monograph

pathwise

in mean (mean-square)



two possibilities:

1) check that the average error tends to 0
as $h \rightarrow 0$;

strong order
of convergence

$$\sup_{n=1, \dots, L} \mathbb{E} |X_n - X(t_n)| = O(h^\alpha)$$

strong convergence

2) check that the average of the numerical solution is close enough to the exact average

$$\sup_{n=1, \dots, L} |\mathbb{E}(X_n) - \mathbb{E}X(t_n)| = O(h^\tau)$$

WEAK ORDER OF CONVERGENCE

$$\sup_{n=1, \dots, L} |\mathbb{E}(p(X_n)) - \mathbb{E}(p(X(t_n)))| = O(h^\epsilon),$$

WEAK CONVERGENCE

when p is a smooth enough function

(typically p satisfies polynomial growth

(condition)

	STRONG	WEAK
EM	1/2	1
MILSTEIN	1	1

3/2

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Rössler