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Assignment #3, Module: MA5635

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1 Prob1

The code for this part is in the Python script prob1/program.py.

After simulation, the resulting image for part a, i.e. multiple paths for Brownian motion up to time t = 2, is in directory prob1/part_A/. Image rnd_walk_500_2.png contains the result for 40 random walks.

In directory prob1/part_B/ two histograms can be found; the first one is for t = 1 and the second for a value of t = 2.

It is important to notice that the simulations here are for the scaled random walk, which is the discretized version of Brownian motion. Ideally, when $n \to \infty$, scaled random walk tends to Brownian motion.

2 PROB2

Given the data from the problem description, the analytic solution to the differential equation takes the form:

$$X(t) = X(0) \cdot \exp\left\{\left(a - \frac{1}{2}b^2\right)t + bW(t)\right\} = \exp\left\{t + W(t)\right\} \Rightarrow X(t_k) = \exp\left\{t_k + W(t_k)\right\}$$

In the directory ./prob2/ there is a Python script (program.py) that that simulates previous solution, for values n = [4, 8, 16, 32, 64]; the plot corresponding to that simulation can be found within that same directory (i.e. analyt_solution_2.png). The simulation was performed for t = 2.

3 PROB3

The Python script for the full implementation of this simulation is located in the directory ./prob3/.

In the file forward_1.txt there are some numerical results for the error (the ones plotted). The plot of those numerical errors is displayed in the file log-log-errors.png.

The order of convergence is the slope of the curve plotted in that file. Therefore, the slope is: $\approx 4/3 \sim 1$, i.e. order of convergence is of order 1.

The error used here (and in next problem) is of the form:

$$E = \max_{k \le n} |y(t_k) - t_k|$$

4 PROB4

For this part, in the Python script ./prob4/program.py, there are multiple important parts to mention: first, a random walk is generated, then, a numerical solution using Euler-Maruyama method is obtained, and finally, the analytic solution is obtained and put in a Python list, to finally compare both solutions; those three steps are performed for each value of n (= [2,4,8,16,32]).

The plots for both kind of errors (strong and weak), can be found in the directory ./prob4/ (as two .png files).

The order of convergence for both errors is roughly the same, approximately 15/2 (~7).