

Stochastic elliptic Partial Differential Equation: exiting problem

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1 Steps of solution of elliptic PDE by stochastic process

a reference can be found at [exit problem for PDE](#)

the source code in github page [XShinHe/simple_SPDEs](#)
for general elliptic PDE:

$$\begin{aligned} Lu(x) - c(x)u(x) &= g(x), \quad x \in \Omega \\ u(x) &= f(x), \quad x \in \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

where the operator (Einstein summation convention)

$$\begin{aligned} L &= b_i \partial_i + \frac{1}{2} a_{ij} \partial_i \partial_j \\ a_{ij} &= \sigma_{ik} (\sigma^T)_{kj} = \sigma_{ik} \sigma_{jk} \end{aligned}$$

the wiener integral path gives:

$$u(x) = \mathbb{E}_x^L \left[\int_0^{t_{\partial\Omega}} \left\{ \frac{f(X^x(t_{\partial\Omega}))}{t_{\partial\Omega}} - g(X^x(t)) \right\} e^{-\int_0^t c(X^x(s)) ds} dt \right]$$

with the stochastic path:

$$\begin{aligned} dX^x(t) &= b(X^x, t)dt + \sigma(X^x, t)dW \\ X^x(0) &= x \end{aligned}$$

2 The concrete example (HW7. Numerical SDE: Exit problem.)

for problem:

$$\begin{aligned} x \partial_x u + y \partial_y u + \frac{1}{2} \Delta u &= x^2 + y^2 + 1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g(x, y) \\ u(\partial\Omega) &= 1/2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(x, y), \quad \partial\Omega : x^2 + y^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

the exact solution is

$$u(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$$

so

$$u(x, y) = \mathbb{E}_{x,y}^L[f(X^{x,y}(t_{\partial\Omega})) - \int_0^{t_{\partial\Omega}} g(X)dt]$$

so the stochastic of elliptic PDE needs:

- from start point (x, y) start, simulate process by (with Euler-Maruyama method)

$$dX_t = bX_t + dW_t, \quad X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X_x, X_y), \quad b = (X_x, X_y) \\ X_{n+1} - X_n = (X_{nx}, X_{ny})^T X_n \delta t + \delta W_t$$

- evaluate $u(x, y)$ from

$$u(x, y) = \mathbb{E}_{x,y}^L[f(X^{x,y}(t_{\partial\Omega})) - \int_0^{t_{\partial\Omega}} g(X)dt] \\ = \mathbb{E}_{x,y}^L[\frac{1}{2} - \int_0^{t_{\partial\Omega}} (X_{tx}^2 + X_{ty}^2 + 1)dt]$$

- repeat above until converge with error threshold.

But, note the implement of stochastic is only dependent the polar radius in Ω , irrelative to the angle, so we solution must to be (**cylindrically symmetry**), this symmetry can be used to reduce the calculation of stochastic process.

3 Following gives the python version

python version is only an implement, and for faster calculation, the results actually are collected from fortran version, seeing my github project [simple_SPDEs](#)

In [0]: `import numpy as np`

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def check_if_exit(v):
    # Checks if v has intersected with the boundary of D = S(1)
    return (np.linalg.norm(v,2) >=1)

def em(x,dt):
    # b = (x,y), sigma = 1
    x += x * dt + np.random.normal(size=2,scale=np.sqrt(dt))

    # nonhomogeneous term
    g = lambda x : 1+x[0]*x[0]+x[1]*x[1]
    # boundary term
    f = lambda x : 0.5

def simulate_exit_time(v):
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# Simulates exit time starting at v=(x,y), returns exit position
delta_t = 0.0001
exit = False

# Copy because simulation modifies in place
if hasattr(v, 'copy'): # For NumPy arrays
    x = v.copy()
else:
    x = np.array(v) # We input a non-NumPy array

esti_val = 0
while not check_if_exit(x):
    em(x, delta_t)
    esti_val -= g(x) * delta_t
return esti_val + f(x)

v=np.array((0.5,0.5)) # The origin
print(v)

u = lambda x : 0.5*(x[0]**2+x[1]**2)

def get_exp_f_exit(starting_point, n_trials):
    return np.mean([ simulate_exit_time(v) for k in range(0,n_trials)])

exp_f_exit = get_exp_f_exit(v,2000) # Expected value of f(Exit(x,d))
print('The value u(v) = %s\nThe value of Exp(f(Exit))=%s' %(u(v), exp_f_exit))

[ 0.5  0.5]
The value u(v) = 0.25
The value of Exp(f(Exit))=0.233134289226

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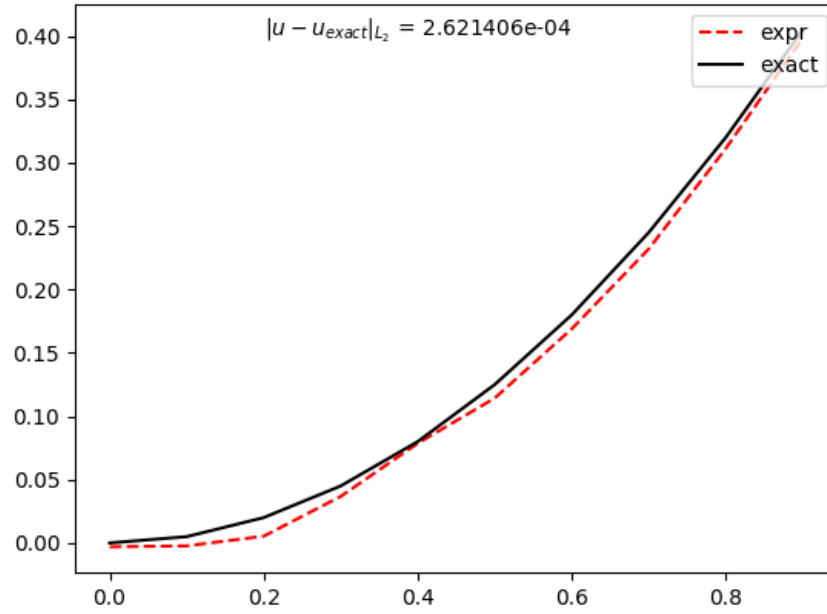
4 Result analysis

4.1 first we show calculations along the radius

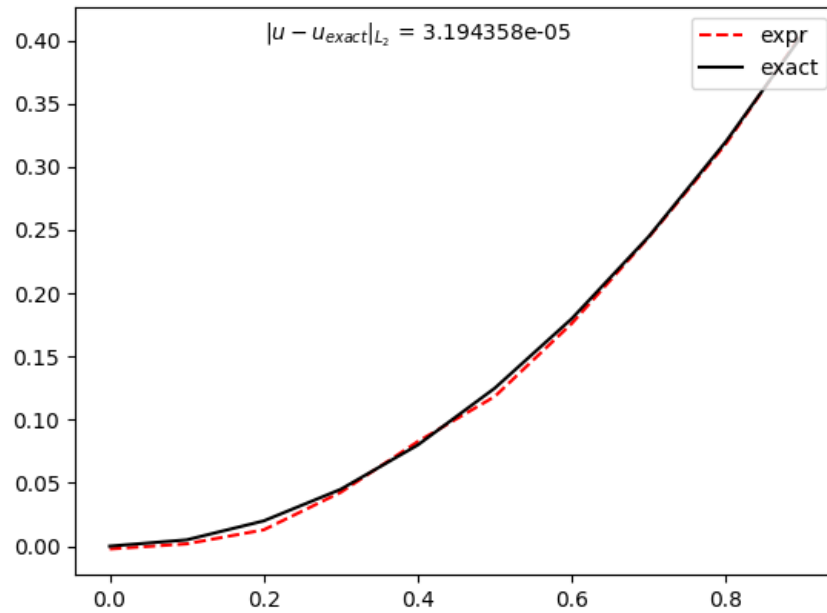
here the error defined as:

$$Err = \int_0^1 2\pi r dr |u_{expr}(r) - u_{exact}(r)|^2$$

1. the simulation choose $dt = 0.0001$ and $N_{MC} = 3000$



2. the simulation choose $dt = 0.00002$ and $N_{MC} = 3000$



4.2 the relation of error with N_{MC}

here $dt = 0.0005$, it show that $N_{MC} \geq 1000$ is enough to reach the limit of error.

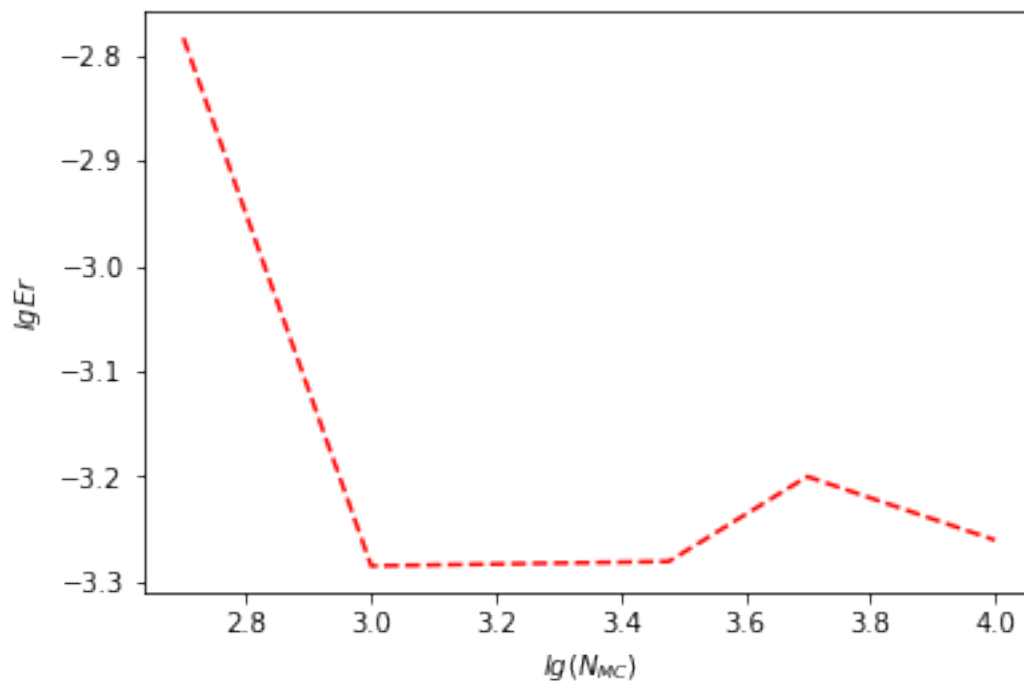
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In [14]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

# the dt=0.0005
a=pd.read_csv('collect2.dat',header=None,sep='\s+').values
logN = np.log10(a[:,0])

logerr = np.log10(a[:,1])
plt.plot(logN,logerr,'r--')
plt.xlabel(r'$\lg(N_{MC})$')
plt.ylabel(r'$\lg Er$')
plt.show()

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4.3 the relation of error with dt

all $N_{MC} = 3000$, $dt = 0.01, 0.005, 0.002, 0.001, 0.0005, 0.0002, 0.0001, 0.00005, 0.00002$
the result show that Euler-Maruyama is 1-order in weak convergence.

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In [17]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.optimize as optimization

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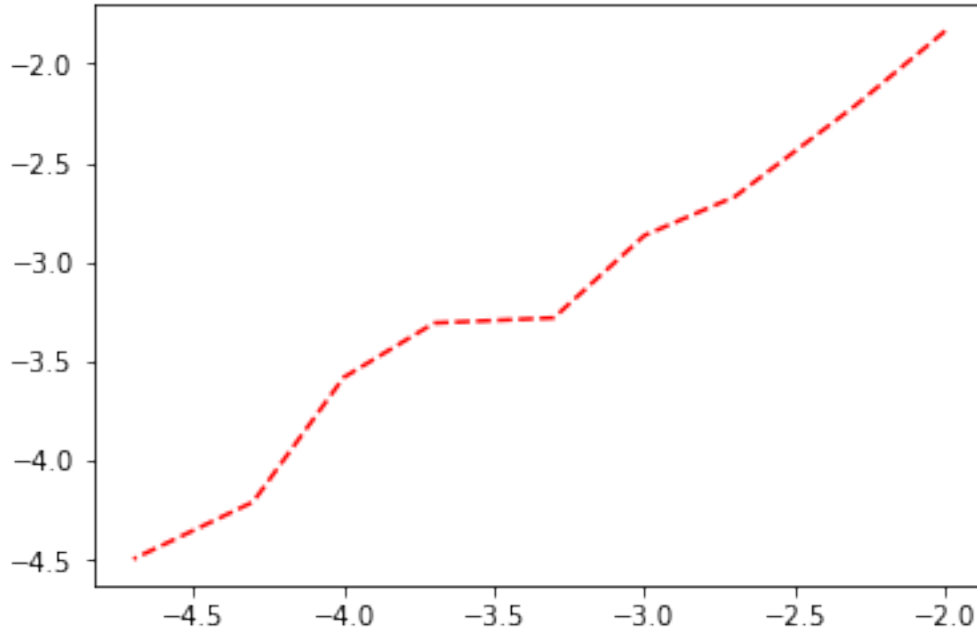
%matplotlib inline

a=pd.read_csv('collect.dat',header=None,sep='\s+').values
logdt = np.log10(a[:,0])
logerr = np.log10(a[:,1])

plt.plot(logdt,logerr,'r--')
plt.show()

def func(x, k, m):
    return k*x + m
sigma = np.zeros(len(logdt)) + 0.5
args = optimization.curve_fit(func, logdt, logerr , np.array([0.0,0.0]), sigma)[0]
print('the order is: %f'%(args[0]))

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the order is: 0.937673