Uncertainty quantification of numerical errors in geometric integration via random time steps

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Goal: Understand reliability of numerical solutions.
Idea: Perturb the initial data e.g. with Gaussian noise on $x(0)$

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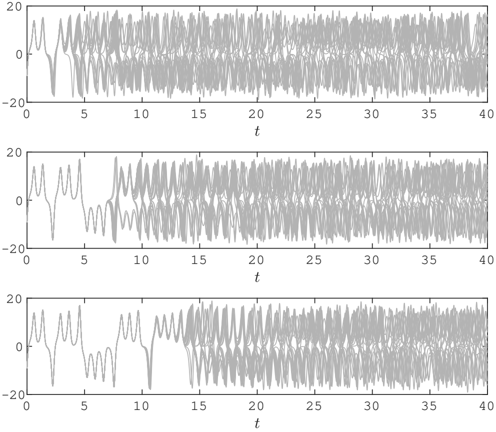
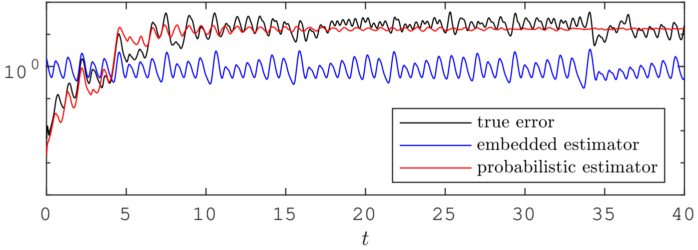


Solutions of the Lorenz system (x component) – different perturbations

Which one has the correct magnitude wrt numerical error?

Motivation – Error estimators



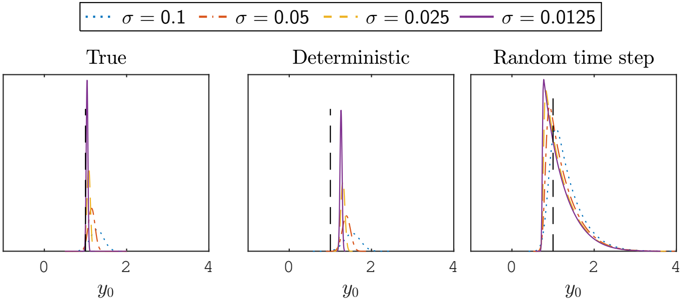
Error estimators for Lorenz given by

Probabilistic solution: use $\|\mathrm{Var}\, Y_n\|^{1/2}$ where Y_n is a probabilistic family

Classical embedded couple: Local errors don't show the true behaviour!

Goal: A posteriori error estimator $\mathrm{err}_n \approx \|\mathrm{Var}\, Y_n\|^{1/2} \rightsquigarrow$ Work in progress!

Motivation – Bayesian inverse problems



Posterior distributions (analytic) on y_0 for $y' = -y$, $y(0) = y_0$. One observation corrupted by noise $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ with truth y_0^*.

For $\sigma \to 0$:

- True solution: Posterior converging to $\delta_{y_0^*}$ $\to$ good
- Runge-Kutta: Posterior converging to Dirac delta on wrong value $\to$ bad
- Probabilistic method: Posterior variance $\approx$ numerical error

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Notation

Autonomous dynamical system, function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ and the ODE

$$y' = f(y), \quad y(0) = y_0.$$

Flow of the equation φ_t

$$y(t) = \varphi_t(y_0).$$

One-step method (e.g. Runge Kutta): numerical flow Ψ_h

$$y_{n+1} = \Psi_h(y_n).$$

Additive noise method

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Issues

- Robustness: $\Psi_h(Y_{n-1}) > 0 \not\Longrightarrow \mathbb{P}(Y_n < 0) = 0$,
- Geometric properties are not conserved from Ψ_h.

Random time steps

Intrinsic noise: Random time-stepping Runge-Kutta (RTS-RK)

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$$H_n > 0 \text{ a.s.}, \quad \mathbb{E}\, H_n = h, \quad \operatorname{Var} H_n = C h^{2p+1}.$$

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Properties – Geometric

- Conservation of (polynomial) first integrals is inherited by Ψ_h,
- Flow map is symplectic if Ψ_h is symplectic,
- Long-time conservation of energy in Hamiltonian systems.

Conservation of first integrals – Additive noise

Recall: $Y_{n+1} = \Psi_h(Y_n) + \xi_n(h)$, with $\mathbb{E}\,\xi_n(h)\xi_n(h)^\top = h^{2p+1}Q$

Linear first integrals: $I(y) = v^\top y$ such that $I(\Psi_h(Y_1)) = I(y_0)$. Then

$$I(Y_1) = v^\top(y_0 + \xi_0(h)) \implies \mathbb{E}\,I(Y_1) = I(y_0) \text{ iff } \mathbb{E}\,\xi_0(h) = 0.$$

Quadratic first integrals: $I(y) = y^\top S y$ such that $I(\Psi_h(Y_1)) = I(y_0)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I(Y_1) &= I(y_0) + 2\xi_0(h)^T S\Psi_h(y_0) + \xi_0(h)^T S\xi_0(h), \\ \implies \mathbb{E}\,I(Y_1) &= I(y_0) + Q : Sh^{2p+1}, \quad (\text{with } \mathbb{E}\,\xi_0(h) = 0) \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic first integrals are not conserved on average!

Conservation of first integrals

Theorem (Conservation of invariants)

If the Runge-Kutta scheme defined by Ψ_h conserves an invariant $I(y)$ for an ODE, then the RTS-RK method conserves $I(y)$ for the same ODE.

Proof

If $I(\Psi_h(y)) = I(y)$ for any h, then $I(\Psi_{H_0}(y)) = I(y)$ for any value that H_0 can assume.

Symplecticity

Energy $Q\colon \mathbb{R}^{2d} \to \mathbb{R}$ and Hamiltonian system

$$y' = J^{-1}\nabla Q(y), \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Idea of the proof

Use classical backward error analysis. Considering that $\mathbb{E}\, H_k = h$, we have at "first order" the same conservation as deterministic methods. The additional term comes from the time steps' variance.

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Consequence

If $q = p$, up to times $n = \mathcal{O}(h^{-2q})$ (balance between h^q and h^{2q} terms) same conservation as deterministic symplectic method.

Numerical experiments – Geometric properties

Consider the perturbed Kepler equation (model for two-body problem)

$$w_1' = v_1, \quad v_1' = -\frac{w_1}{\|w\|^3} - \frac{\delta w_1}{\|w\|^5},$$
$$w_2' = v_2, \quad v_2' = -\frac{w_2}{\|w\|^3} - \frac{\delta w_2}{\|w\|^5}.$$

The angular momentum is conserved (quadratic first integral)

$$I(v, w) = w_1 v_2 - w_2 v_1$$

$\rightarrow$ employ a Gauss method (implicit midpoint rule).

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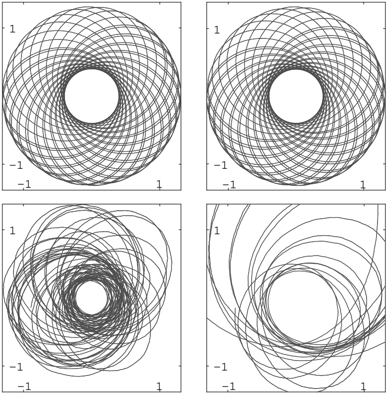

RTS-RK (first row), Additive noise (second row). Time $0 \leq t \leq 200$ and $200 \leq t \leq 400$ (left and right)

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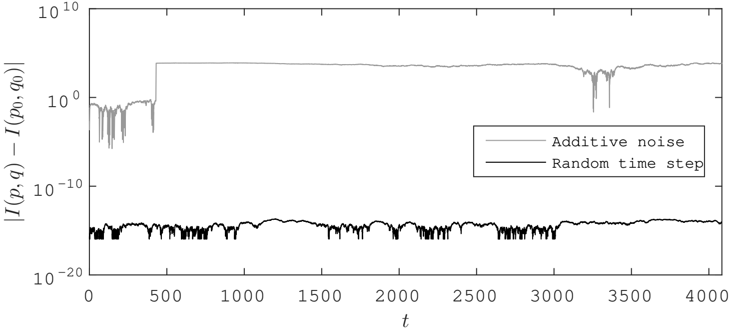

Conservation of the angular momentum (quadratic first integral)

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Energy is separable: $Q(v,w) = Q_1(v) + Q_2(w)$.

Störmer-Verlet scheme – order 2

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Störmer-Verlet scheme – order 2, explicit

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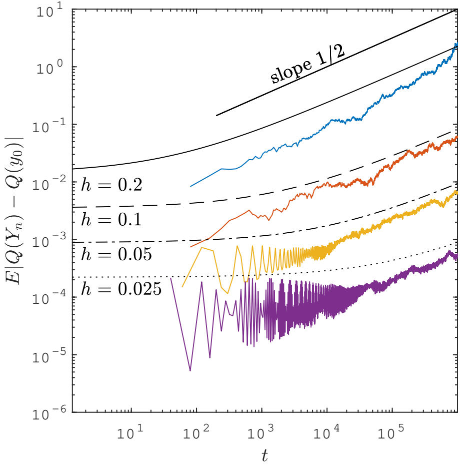

Mean error on the Hamiltonian for different values of the time step h.

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Bayesian inverse problems

Goal

Given $\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $f_\vartheta \colon \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ and the ODE

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Bayesian setting: fix prior $\pi_{\text{prior}}(\vartheta)$, consider the forward operator $\mathcal{G}$ and model observations as

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{Y}}_{\text{observations}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{G}(\vartheta^*)}_{\text{forward}} + \underbrace{\varepsilon}_{\text{noise}}, \quad \varepsilon \sim \pi_{\text{noise}},$$

then the posterior distribution (density) is

$$\pi(\vartheta \mid \mathcal{Y}) \propto \pi_{\text{prior}}(\vartheta)\pi_{\text{noise}}(\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{G}(\vartheta)).$$

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Properties

$\pi^h \to \pi$ for $h \to 0$ (in the Hellinger distance).

Issue

- π^h concentrated around values "far" from $\vartheta^* \to$ non-predictive posterior

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Properties

- $\pi^{h,\mathrm{RTS}} \to \pi$ for $h \to 0$ (in the Hellinger distance). Lie et al. (2017)
- “correct” the non-predictive behaviour of deterministic approximations

Warning

- Approximation of $\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{H}}\,\pi_{\mathrm{noise}}(\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{G}^{\mathbf{H}}(\vartheta))$ is required

Numerical experiment – Bayesian inverse problems

Consider the Hénon-Heiles system (motion of a star around a galactic center), Hamiltonian with energy

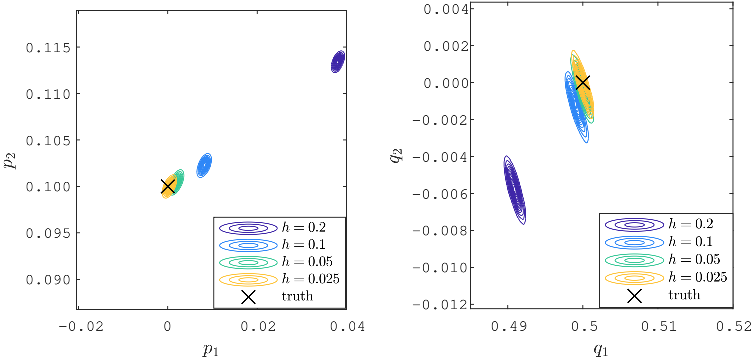
$$E(v, w) = \frac{1}{2}\|v\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|w\|^2 + w_1^2 w_2 - \frac{1}{3} w_2^3.$$

Chaotic problem for certain levels of energy.

Goal

Find posterior $\pi((v_0, w_0) \mid \mathcal{Y})$ over the initial condition from a single observation of $(v(10), w(10))$

Numerical experiment – Bayesian inverse problems



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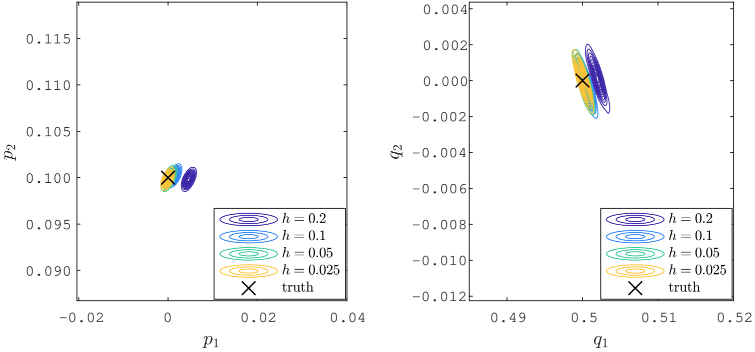

Posterior distributions given by deterministic Störmer-Verlet method.

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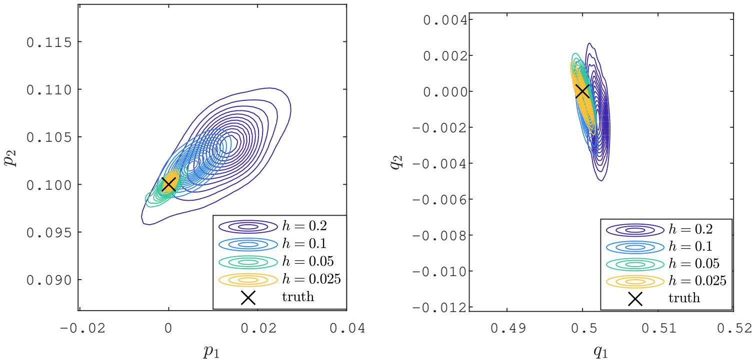

Posterior distributions given by RTS-RK Störmer-Verlet method.

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