

# PROBABILITY THEORY

## • frequency limits

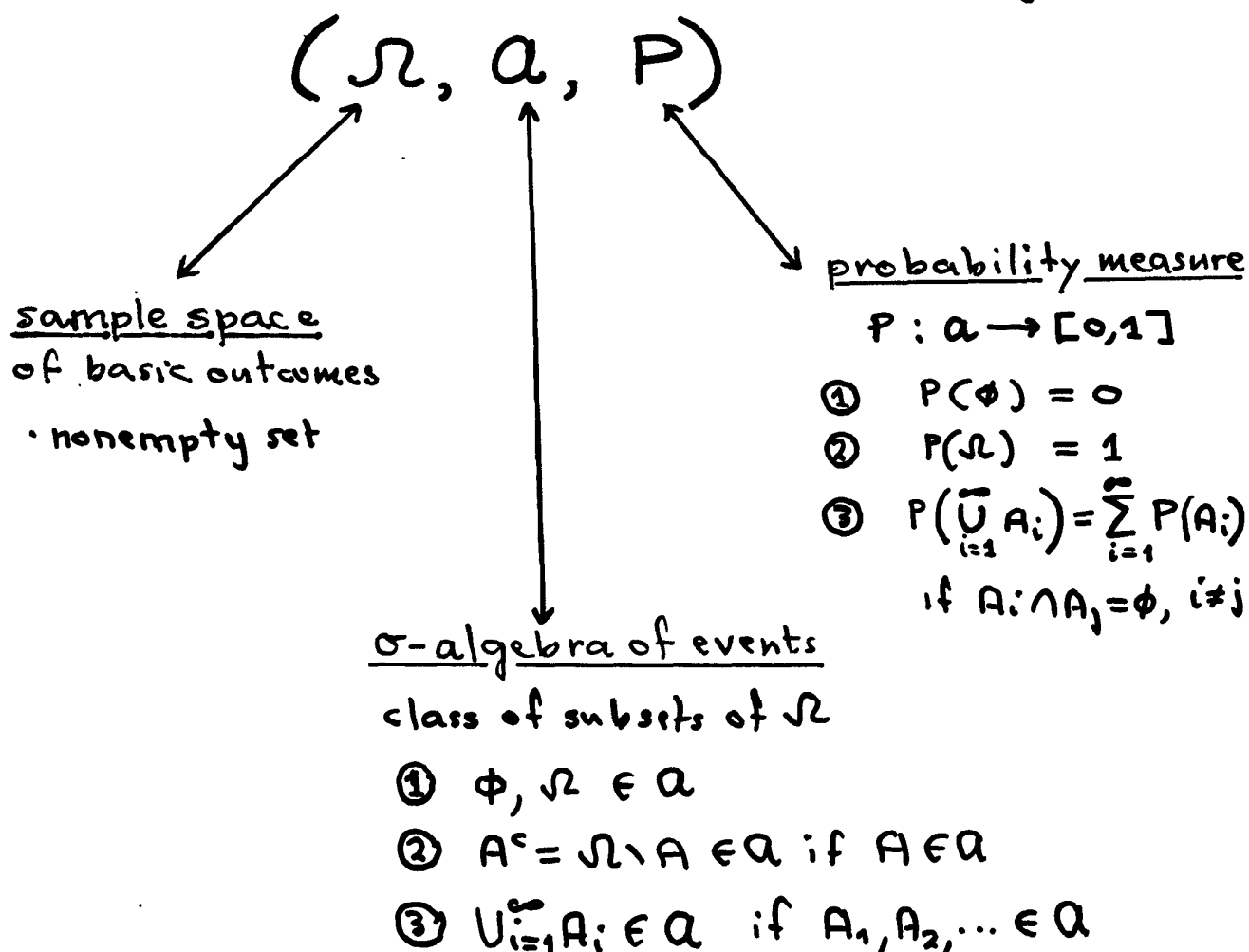
$$p_i = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_i}{N}$$

eg. face  $i$  occurs  $N_i$  times out of  $N$  tosses of a die

intuitive — but difficult to develop theoretically

## • probability spaces

contain all necessary probabilistic information — assumed given



# RANDOM VARIABLES

$$X : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

on probability space  
 $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$

• realization sample  $X(\omega)$  provides numerical information about outcome  $\omega \in \Omega$

•  $X$  must be measurable — information content is compatible with that in the probability space

$$X^{-1}(a) := \{\omega \in \Omega; X(\omega) \leq a\} \in \mathcal{A} \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{R}$$

• distribution function of a random variable  $X$

$$F_X : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$F_X(a) = P(X^{-1}(a)) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X(\omega) \leq a\})$$

for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

- more convenient than measures
- usually the distribution function is given directly and the probability space is either not known or not stated explicitly

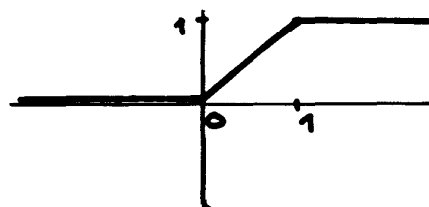
$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega; a < X(\omega) \leq b\}) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$$

## continuous random variables

continuum of possible values

①  $X$  uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$

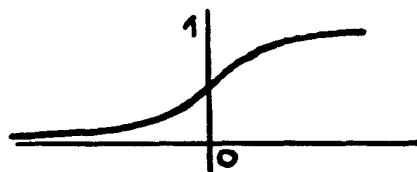
$$F_X(a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a \leq 0 \\ a & \text{if } 0 \leq a \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq a \end{cases}$$



Hence  $X \in [a, b] \subseteq [0, 1]$  with probability  $b - a$

②  $X \sim N(0; 1)$  standard Gaussian

$$F_X(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}}_{\text{density function}} dx$$



$$p(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$$

## discrete random variables

easier to work directly with probabilities

only finitely or countably many possible values

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$$

$$p_i = P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X(\omega) = x_i\})$$

$$\sum_{i \geq 1} p_i = 1$$

③  $X$  is 2-point distributed with values  $\pm 1$

$$P(X = -1) = 1/2, \quad P(X = +1) = 1/2$$

## Moments of Random Variables

• characterise salient features of the variability of a R.V.

expectation  
expected value  
mean

$$\mu = E(X) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i & \text{discrete case} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p(x) dx & \text{continuous case with density} \end{cases}$$

• higher moments indicate the scatter about the mean

p<sup>th</sup> moment

$$E(X^p)$$

p<sup>th</sup> centered moment

$$E((X-\mu)^p)$$

Variance

$$\text{Var}(X) = E((X-\mu)^2) = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

too, better for calculations

$\sigma$  = standard deviation

<u>Examples</u>	{	① uniform $[0,1]$	$\mu = 1/2, \sigma^2 = 1/12$
		② $N(0;1)$ Gaussian	$\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1$
		③ 2-point $X = \pm 1$	$\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1$

Note - general Gaussian  $X \sim N(\mu; \sigma^2)$  with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  has higher centered moments

odd  $E((X-\mu)^{2n+1}) = 0$

even  $E((X-\mu)^{2n}) = 1 \cdot 3 \dots (2n-1) \cdot \sigma^{2n}$

If  $X_1, X_2$  are random variables on same  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$

in general 
$$\begin{cases} E(X_1 + X_2) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) \\ \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) \neq \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) \end{cases}$$
  
 $\uparrow = \text{only in special cases}$

covariance 
$$\begin{aligned} \text{cov}(X_1, X_2) &= E((X_1 - \mu_1)(X_2 - \mu_2)) \\ &= E(X_1 X_2) - \mu_1 \mu_2 \end{aligned}$$

\*  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent if for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X_1, X_2}(a, b) &:= P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X_1(\omega) \leq a \text{ and } X_2(\omega) \leq b\}) \\ \text{joint distribution function} &= P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X_1(\omega) \leq a\}) \cdot P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X_2(\omega) \leq b\}) \\ &= F_{X_1}(a) \cdot F_{X_2}(b) \\ &\quad \text{individual distribution functions} \end{aligned}$$

Hence for independent random variables

$$E(X_1 X_2) = E(X_1) E(X_2)$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2)$$

i.e. means multiply, variances add

## Convergence of Random Variables

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$  and  $\bar{X}$  be random variables on a common probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$

Convergence  $X_n \rightarrow \bar{X}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

There are several useful types of convergence

① convergence with probability 1 (w.p.1)

$$X_n(\omega) \rightarrow \bar{X}(\omega) \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } \omega \in A, P(A)=1$$

② convergence in pth-mean

$$E(|X_n - \bar{X}|^p) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{cases} p=1, \text{convergence in mean} \\ p=2, \text{mean-square convergence} \end{cases}$$

(assumes pth moments exist)

③ convergence in probability

$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega; |X_n(\omega) - \bar{X}(\omega)| \geq \varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } \varepsilon > 0$$

④ convergence in distribution

$$F_{X_n}(a) \rightarrow F_{\bar{X}}(a) \text{ for all } a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ where } F_{\bar{X}} \text{ is continuous.}$$

Very roughly + under special assumptions — convergences are progressively weaker

# STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

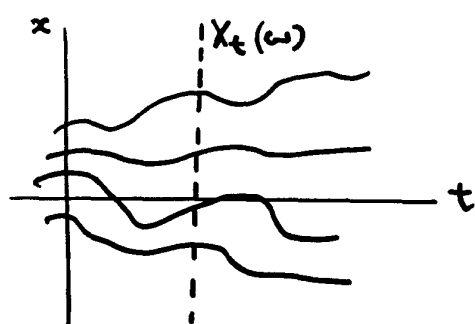
time set  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$

$$X: \mathbb{T} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

write  $X_t(\omega)$  for  $X(t, \omega)$

$X$  is a stochastic process if  $X_t: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a random variable for each  $t \in \mathbb{T}$



sample path  
realization

$$X_\cdot(\omega): \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$\omega$  fixed

There are many possible types of time dependence eg

- ① independent  $X_s, X_t$  indept. if  $s \neq t$
- ② identically distributed  $F_{X_t}(x) \equiv F(x)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$
- ③ independent increments  $X_{\tau_2} - X_{\tau_1}, X_{\tau_4} - X_{\tau_3}$  indept.  $\tau_1 < \tau_2 < \tau_3 < \tau_4$
- ④ Markovian future depends only on present, not both present and past

discrete time  
stochastic  
processes

$$\text{eg } \mathbb{T} = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, \dots\}$$

sequence of RV's  $X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}, \dots, X_{t_n}, \dots$

continuous time  
stochastic  
processes

$$\text{eg } \mathbb{T} = [0, T], [0, \infty)$$

• generally complicated, subtle measure theoretic arguments required unless regularity of sample paths is assumed

sample path  
continuous  
stochastic  
processes

sample paths  $X(\omega): \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
are continuous functions of  $t \in \mathbb{T}$   
for all  $\omega \in A$ ,  $P(A) = 1$

transition probabilities

$s \leq t$ , measurable  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$$P(s, x; t, B) = \int_B \underbrace{p(s, x; t, y)}_{\text{transition density}} dy = P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X_t(\omega) \in B\} | X_s = x)$$

measure on a  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathbb{R}$  subsets for each  $s \leq t, x \in \mathbb{R}$

conditional probability

A stochastic process  $X: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a diffusion process with drift  $a(s, x)$  and diffusion coefficient  $b(s, x)$  if its transition densities satisfy for all  $s \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \lim_{t \downarrow s} \frac{1}{t-s} \int_{|y-x| > \varepsilon} p(s, x; t, y) dy = 0 \quad \text{no instantaneous jumps}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \lim_{t \downarrow s} \frac{1}{t-s} \int_{|y-x| < \varepsilon} (y-x) p(s, x; t, y) dy = a(s, x) \quad \text{drift}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \lim_{t \downarrow s} \frac{1}{t-s} \int_{|y-x| < \varepsilon} (y-x)^2 p(s, x; t, y) dy = b^2(s, x) \quad \text{squared diffusion coefficient}$$

diffusion processes — Markovian, sample path continuous, transition densities satisfy Kolmogorov PDEs

forward  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \{a(t, y)p\} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \{b^2(t, y)p\} = 0$   $(s, x)$  fixed

backward  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} + a(s, x) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} b^2(s, x) \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} = 0$   $(t, y)$  fixed

Fokker-Planck Equation



## \* Wiener Processes

- simplest, prototype diffusion process describing physically observed Brownian motion
- drift  $a(s, x) \equiv 0$       diffusion coefficient  $b(s, x) \equiv 1$
- transition densities  $p(s, x; t, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} e^{-\frac{(y-x)^2}{2(t-s)}}$

heat equation

Standard Wiener process  $W: [0, \infty) \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

- ①  $W_0 = 0$  w.p.1
- ②  $W_t - W_s \sim N(0; t-s)$   $\begin{cases} E(W_t - W_s) = 0 & E(W_t) = 0 \\ E((W_t - W_s)^2) = t-s & E(W_t^2) = t \end{cases}$
- ③ independent increments  
 $W_{t_2} - W_{t_1}, W_{t_4} - W_{t_3}$  independent  $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq t_3 \leq t_4$
- ④ sample path continuous

BUT sample paths are NOT differentiable anywhere

hint mean-square convergence  $E\left(\left(\frac{W_t - W_s}{t-s}\right)^2\right) = \frac{E((W_t - W_s)^2)}{(t-s)^2} = \frac{t-s}{(t-s)^2} = \frac{1}{t-s}$

They are not even of bounded variation on  $[0, T]$

0  $\overbrace{t_1 \dots t_j \dots t_N}^T$   
to  $t_1 \dots t_j \dots t_N$   
any partition

$$\sup_N \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} |W_{t_{j+1}}(\omega) - W_{t_j}(\omega)| = +\infty$$

w.p.1

\* General case : the stochastic differential equation

$$dX_t(\omega) = a(t, X_t(\omega))dt + b(t, X_t(\omega))dW_t(\omega)$$

is symbolic for the stochastic integral equation

$$X_t(\omega) = X_{t_0}(\omega) + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t a(s, X_s(\omega))ds}_{\text{deterministic integral for each } \omega \in \Omega} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t b(s, X_s(\omega))dW_s(\omega)}_{\text{stochastic integral?}}$$

deterministic  
Riemann-Stieltjes  
integral

$$\int_0^T f(s) dR(s) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(\tau_j) \{R(t_{j+1}) - R(t_j)\}$$

exists if and only if  $R$  has bounded variation on  $[0, T]$

↑  
arbitrary  $\tau_j \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$

robust !

A stochastic integral cannot be a Riemann-Stieltjes integral for each  $\omega$

Ito stochastic integral

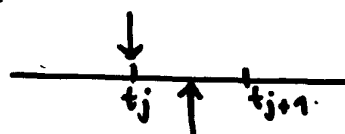
$$\int_0^T f(s, \omega) dW_s(\omega) = \text{m.s.-}\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f(t_j, \omega) \{W_{t_{j+1}}(\omega) - W_{t_j}(\omega)\}$$

admissible integrands

- $E(f^2(t, \cdot)) < \infty$
- $f(t, \cdot)$  nonanticipative

↑  
independent of  $W_t - W_\tau$  for all  $\tau > t$

↑  
always evaluated at the beginning of each partition subinterval



Stratonovich integral uses mid-point

## Sample Path Dynamics of a Diffusion Process

• Langevin  
~ 1910

- linear drift  $a(t, x) = -a \cdot x$
- constant diffusion coefficient  $b(t, x) \equiv b$

$$\frac{d}{dt} X_t(\omega) = -a X_t(\omega) + b \xi_t(\omega)$$

↑

Gaussian white noise

- $\xi_t \sim N(0; 1)$  with  $\xi_s, \xi_t$  independent for  $s \neq t$
- $\text{cov}(\xi_s, \xi_t) = c \cdot \delta(t-s)$  Dirac delta function
- flat spectral density "white"

ie  $\xi_t(\omega) = \frac{dW_t}{dt}(\omega) \quad ?$

$\xi_t$  cannot exist as a normal function

Symbolically - with  $\xi_t dt = dW_t$  Langevin's equation

$$dX_t(\omega) = -a X_t(\omega) dt + b dW_t(\omega)$$

is meaningful as a stochastic integral equation

$$X_t(\omega) = X_0(\omega) - \underbrace{\int_0^t a X_s(\omega) ds}_{\text{deterministic integral for each } \omega \in \Omega} + b \underbrace{W_t(\omega)}_{\int_0^t b dW_s(\omega)}$$

# STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

$$dX_t = a(t, X_t)dt + b(t, X_t)dW_t$$

interpreted mathematically as stochastic integral equation

$$X_t = X_{t_0} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t a(s, X_s) ds}_{\text{Riemann integral for each path}} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t b(s, X_s) dW_s}_{\text{Ito stochastic integral}}$$

## Assumptions

Ⓐ coefficient functions  $a, b: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  . continuous

• lipschitz condition

$$|a(t, x) - a(t, y)| \leq K|x - y|$$

$$|b(t, x) - b(t, y)| \leq K|x - y|$$

• linear growth condition

$$|a(t, x)| + |b(t, x)| \leq K \sqrt{1 + |x|^2}$$

Ⓑ initial value  $X_{t_0}$ ,  $0 \leq t_0 < T$

• nonanticipative

$$E(X_{t_0}^2) < \infty$$

Conclusions there exists  $X: [t_0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Ⓐ unique w.p.1

Ⓑ  $X_t$  nonanticipative

$$E(X_t^2) < \infty$$

Ⓒ sample path continuous

Ⓓ diffusion process with coefficients  $a, b$

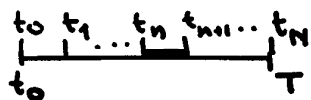
Proof — method of successive approximations

# STOCHASTIC EULER SCHEME

SDE

$$dX_t = a(t, X_t) dt + b(t, X_t) dW_t \quad t_0 \leq t \leq T$$

time partition



time step

$$\Delta_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$$

$$X_{t_{n+1}} = X_{t_n} + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} a(s, X_s) ds + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} b(s, X_s) dW_s$$

assume  $X_{t_n} = Y_n$  and write

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(t_n, Y_n) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} ds + b(t_n, Y_n) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_s$$

$$\Delta_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$$

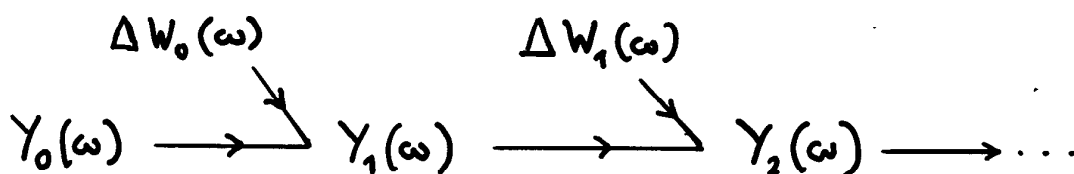
$$\Delta W_n = W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n}$$

stochastic  
Euler  
scheme

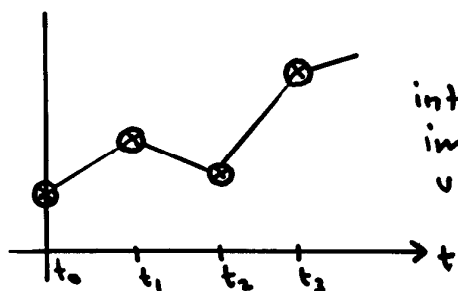
$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(t_n, Y_n) \Delta_n + b(t_n, Y_n) \Delta W_n$$

consistent with Ito integral  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

For a given noise sample path  $W_t(\omega)$  and initial  $Y_0(\omega)$



ie generates the corresponding sample path of the sequence of random variables  $Y_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$



interpolate to  
improve  
visualization

$Y_n(\omega)$  is supposed  
to approximate  
 $X_{t_n}(\omega)$  here

## Generating noise increments

$$\Delta W_n = W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n} \sim N(0; \Delta_n)$$

$$\Delta_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$$

ie  $\Delta W_n = G_n \sqrt{\Delta_n}$  where  $G_n \sim N(0; 1)$   
standard Gaussian

## Box-Muller transformation

$U_n, U_n'$  independent, uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$

$$G_n = \sqrt{-2 \ln(U_n)} \cdot \cos(2\pi U_n')$$

$$G_n' = \sqrt{-2 \ln(U_n)} \cdot \sin(2\pi U_n')$$

$\Rightarrow G_n, G_n'$  independent,  $N(0; 1)$  distributed

(Polar-Marsaglia method avoids trig functions, but discards 25% of values - still very efficient)

## Pseudo-random number generators

• provide "independent"  $U_n$  uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$

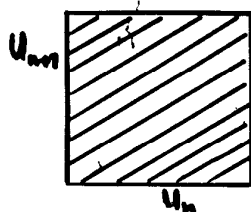
### linear congruential generator

$$X_{n+1} = aX_n + b \pmod{c}$$

eg  $a = 7^5$   
 $b = 0$   
 $c = 2^{31} - 1$

$$U_n = X_n / c \in [0, 1]$$

Note successive  $(U_n, U_{n+1})$  lie on lines of slope  $a/c$  in unit square  $[0, 1]^2$



For appropriate parameters  $a, b, c$  these fill square quite densely and uniformly

$U_n$  — not perfect, but good for most purposes  
— reproducible

linear SDE

$$dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t dW_t$$

$$0 \leq t \leq T$$

Euler scheme

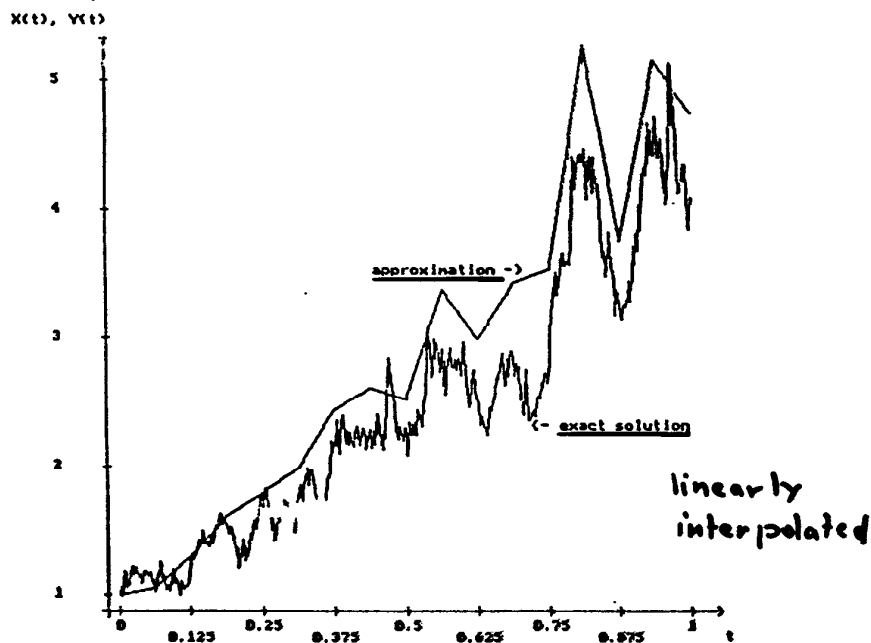
$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + aY_n \Delta_n + bY_n \Delta W_n$$

$$a = 1.5 \quad b = 1.0$$

$$X_0 = Y_0 = 1.0$$

$$\text{equal } \Delta_n \equiv 2^{-4}$$

$$t_n = n \cdot 2^{-9} \quad T = 1.0$$



exact solution

$$X_t = X_0 \exp \left\{ \left( a - \frac{1}{2} b^2 \right) t + b W_t \right\}$$

picture shows  $X_{\tau_j}$  for  $\tau_j = j \cdot 2^{-9}$

smallest timestep  
for resolution  
of PC-screen

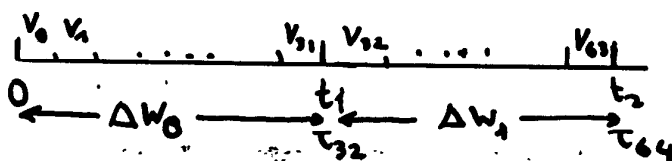
$$W_{\tau_j} = \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} V_i \quad V_i \sim N(0; 2^{-9})$$

• for same sample  
path in Euler scheme

$$\text{note } W_{t_n} = W_{\tau_{n \cdot 25}}$$

$$\Delta W_n = \sum_{i=n \cdot 2^5}^{(n+1)2^5-1} V_i$$

independent  
variances  
add!



## Accuracy and Convergence

0 ————— T

equal time steps

$$\Delta_n \equiv \delta = T/N_T$$

exact solution

$X_T$

Euler iterate

$Y_{N_T}^\delta$

do the  $Y_{N_T}^\delta \rightarrow X_T$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ ? in what sense?  
how fast?

there are several different useful types of convergence  
— appropriate choice depends on purpose for  
which an approximation is required.

good sample path  
approximations

$$\epsilon(\delta) = E(|Y_{N_T}^\delta - X_T|) \rightarrow 0$$

strong convergence

good distributional  
approximations

eg moments

$$\mu_1(\delta) = |E(Y_{N_T}^\delta) - E(X_T)| \rightarrow 0$$

weak convergence

more general  
definition later

$$\mu_1(\delta) \leq \epsilon(\delta)$$

order  $\gamma$   
strong  
convergence

$$\epsilon(\delta) \leq K \delta^\gamma$$

order  $\beta$   
weak  
convergence

$$\mu_1(\delta) \leq K \delta^\beta$$

\* usually the order is for theoretical discretization error

- roundoff error
- pseudo-random number error
- finite sampling error

dominant



## Finite sampling and confidence intervals

$$z = E(Z)$$

expectation

$$\hat{z} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{j=1}^L Z(\omega_j)$$

arithmetic average of finite sample  $Z(\omega_1), \dots, Z(\omega_L)$

how well does the random variable  $\hat{z}$  estimate  $z$ ?

Take  $M$  batches of  $N$  samples each

$$Z(\omega_{k,j}) \quad \begin{array}{l} k=1, \dots, M \\ j=1, \dots, N \end{array}$$

batch average

$$\hat{z}_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N Z(\omega_{k,j})$$

approximately Gaussian if  $N \gg 1$  (LLN)

overall average

$$\hat{z} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \hat{z}_k = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{k=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N Z(\omega_{k,j})$$

sample variance of batch averages

$$\hat{\sigma}_z^2 = \frac{1}{M-1} \sum_{k=1}^M (\hat{z}_k - \hat{z})^2$$

↑  
unbiased

Student t-distribution

$$t_{1-\alpha, M-1}$$

$\alpha \in (0, 1)$   
 $M-1$  degrees of freedom

$$\Delta \hat{z} = t_{1-\alpha, M-1} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}_z^2}{M}}$$

100 (1- $\alpha$ )% confidence interval

$$(\hat{z} - \Delta \hat{z}, \hat{z} + \Delta \hat{z})$$

random interval depending on sample used

true expectation  $z$  lies in this confidence interval with at least probability  $1-\alpha$

$\text{sampling error} \sim 1/\sqrt{M}$

need  $M \gg 1$

## Strong convergence

linear SDE 
$$dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t dW_t$$

Euler scheme 
$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + aY_n \Delta_n + bY_n \Delta W_n$$

$$0 \xrightarrow{\text{equal steps}} T \quad \Delta_n \equiv \delta = T/N_T$$

strong error 
$$\varepsilon(\delta) = E(|Y_{N_T}^\delta - X_T|)$$

error estimate 
$$\hat{\varepsilon}(\delta) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{k=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N |Y_{N_T}^\delta(\omega_{n,j}) - X_T(\omega_{n,j})|$$

M batches  
N samples each

exact solution

$$X_T = X_0 \exp\left\{\left(a - \frac{1}{2}b^2\right)T + bW_T\right\}$$

$a = 1.5, \quad b = 1.0$

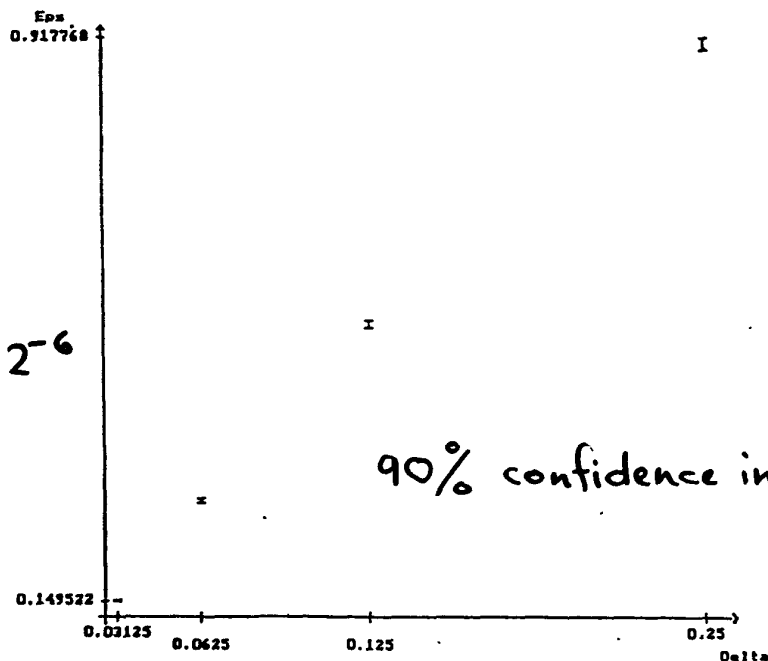
$X_0 = Y_0 = 1.0$

$T = 1, \quad \delta = 2^{-3}, 2^{-4}, 2^{-5}, 2^{-6}$

$M = 20, \quad N = 100$

$\alpha = 0.1$

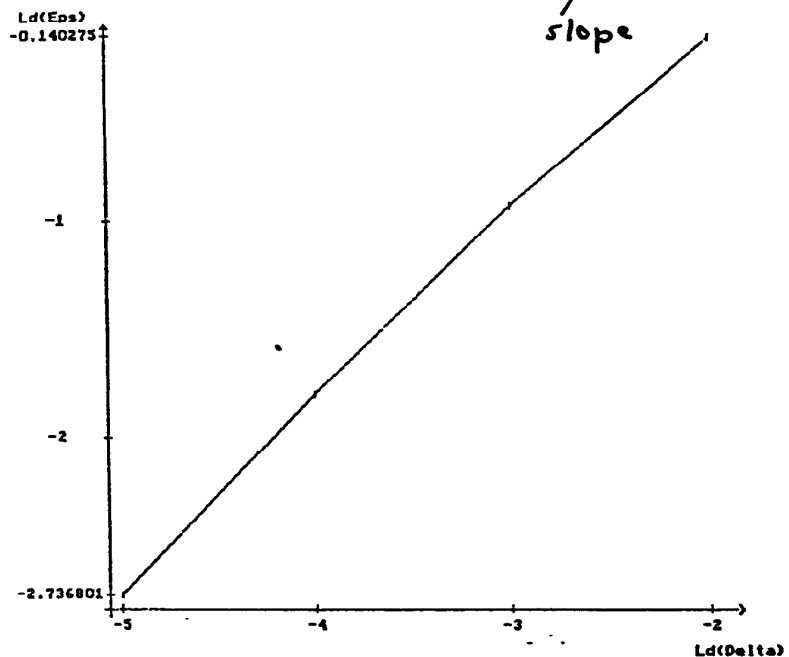
$t_{0.9, 19} = 1.73$



$$\varepsilon = K \delta^\gamma \Rightarrow \log \varepsilon = \log K + \gamma \log \delta$$

"slope"  $\gamma \approx 0.8$

includes all errors  
not just theoretical  
discretization error



Theoretically for a  
general SDE the  
Euler scheme has  
strong order

$$\gamma = 0.5$$

Can do better in  
special cases

$$dX_t = a X_t dt + b dW_t$$

additive noise

$\gamma = 1.0$  here

no noise  $b \equiv 0$

\* reduces to deterministic Euler scheme for  
ODEs with global discretization error.

$$|Y_{N_T}^S - X_T| \leq K \delta^1$$

ie order  $\gamma = 1.0$

## Weak convergence

weak error

$$\mu_1(\delta) = |E(X_{N_T}^\delta) - E(X_T)|$$

error estimate

$$\hat{\mu}_1(\delta) = \left| \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{k=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N Y_{N_T}^\delta(\omega_{k,j}) - E(X_T) \right|$$

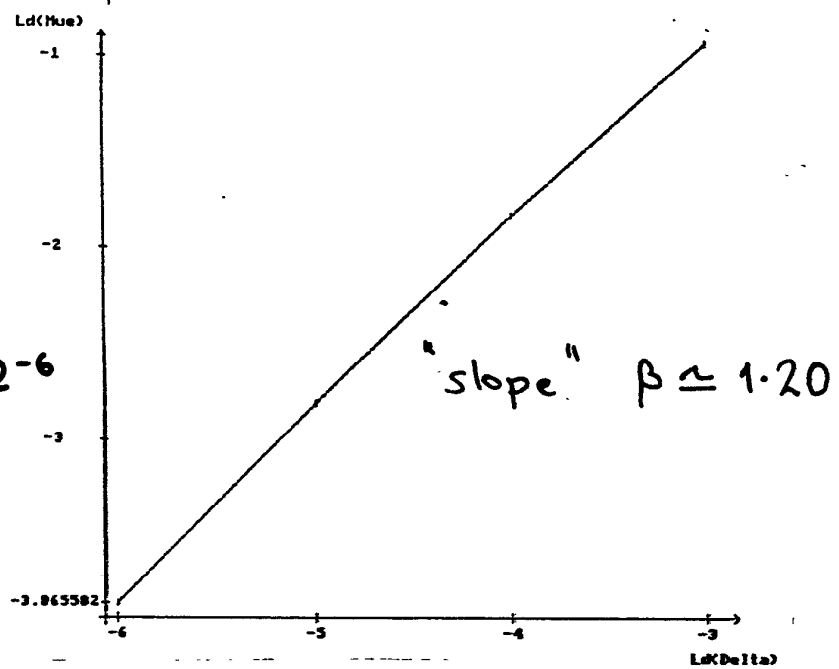
$$E(X_T) = E(X_0) e^{(a - 1/2 b^2)T}$$

$$a = 1.5, \quad b = 1.0$$

$$X_0 = Y_0 = 1.0$$

$$T = 1; \quad \delta = 2^{-3}, 2^{-4}, 2^{-5}, 2^{-6}$$

$$M = 20, \quad N = 100$$



general weak  
convergence  
criterion

$$\mu_g(\delta) = |E(g(Y_{N_T}^\delta)) - E(g(X_T))|$$

includes all  
moments

$g$  . continuous  
    . polynomial growth

order  $\beta$   
weak convergence

$$\mu_g(\delta) \leq K_g \delta^\beta$$

same  $\beta$  for  
all  $g$  !

For a general SDE the  
stochastic Euler scheme  
has weak order

$$\beta = 1.0$$

## Higher order schemes

heuristic adaptations of higher order deterministic schemes are usually inconsistent or only low order

### linear SDE

$$dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t dW_t$$

### Heun scheme

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + \frac{1}{2}(aY_n + a\psi_n)\Delta_n + \frac{1}{2}(bY_n + b\psi_n)\Delta W_n$$

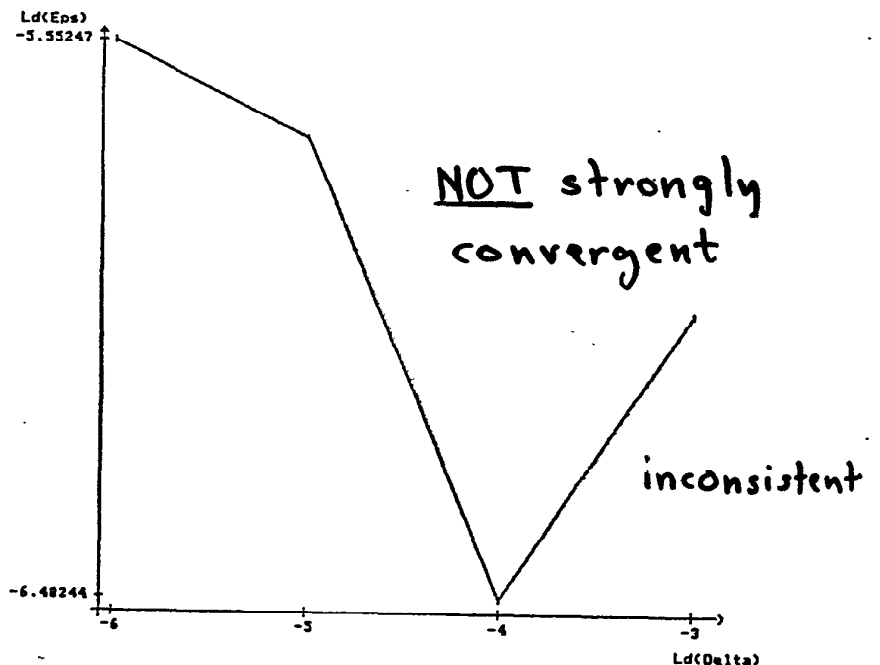
$$\psi_n = Y_n + aY_n\Delta_n + bY_n\Delta W_n$$

$$a = 1.5, \quad b = 1.0$$

$$X_0 = Y_0 = 1.0$$

$$T = 1$$

$$\delta = 2^{-3}, 2^{-4}, 2^{-5}, 2^{-6}$$



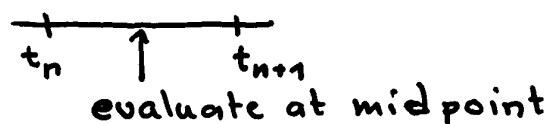
• stochastic calculus is less robust than deterministic calculus, so more care is needed in deriving schemes

• higher order convergence requires more information about the noise changes within the discretization subintervals than is contained in the simple noise increments  $\Delta W_n$

# Stratonovich Stochastic Differential Equations

$$dX_t = a(t, X_t)dt + b(t, X_t) \circ dW_t \quad \text{"o" denotes Stratonovich}$$

$$X_t = X_{t_0} + \int_{t_0}^t a(s, X_s) ds + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t b(s, X_s) \circ dW_s}_{\text{Stratonovich stochastic integral}}$$



Stratonovich  
stochastic integral

Generally Ito and Stratonovich SDEs with same coefficient do not have same solutions

Ito  $dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t dW_t$   $X_t = X_0 e^{(a - \frac{1}{2}b^2)t + bW_t}$

Strat.  $dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t \circ dW_t$   $X_t = X_0 e^{at + bW_t}$

drift  
correction

$$\underline{a}(t, x) = a(t, x) - \frac{1}{2} b(t, x) \frac{\partial b}{\partial x}(t, x)$$

with drift correction Ito and Stratonovich SDEs have the same solution

equivalent  
SDEs

$$dX_t = a(t, X_t)dt + b(t, X_t)dW_t \quad \text{Ito}$$

$$dX_t = \underline{a}(t, X_t)dt + b(t, X_t) \circ dW_t \quad \text{Stratonovich}$$

example

$$a(t, x) = ax, \quad b(t, x) = bx, \quad \underline{a}(t, x) = (a - \frac{1}{2}b^2)x$$

Ito  $dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t dW_t$

Strat.  $dX_t = (a - \frac{1}{2}b^2)X_t dt + bX_t \circ dW_t$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t dW_t \\ dX_t = (a - \frac{1}{2}b^2)X_t dt + bX_t \circ dW_t \end{array} \right\} X_t = X_0 e^{(a - \frac{1}{2}b^2)t + bW_t}$$

equivalent SDEs

## Stratonovich stochastic calculus

• same chain rule as deterministic calculus, so can solve Stratonovich SDEs by same methods as for deterministic ODEs

$$dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t \circ dW_t$$

$$\frac{dX}{X} = a dt + b dW$$

$$\ln \frac{X_t}{X_0} = \int_{X_0}^{X_t} \frac{dX}{X} = \int_0^t a ds + \int_0^t b dW_s = at + bW_t$$

$$\Rightarrow X_t = X_0 e^{at + bW_t}$$

BUT Stratonovich calculus does not have the same direct link to diffusion process theory or to martingale theory as Ito calculus

mathematical proofs  
thus much harder

Both Ito and Stratonovich calculi are correct mathematically

easy to switch from one to the other using drift correction

Which one to use is a modelling issue

- what is true nature of noise in model
- rough rules of thumb available, but...

# STOCHASTIC CALCULUS

Ito SDE 
$$dX_t = a(t, X_t) dt + b(t, X_t) dW_t$$

$$Y_t = f(t, X_t)$$

stochastic  
chain rule

Ito formula 
$$dY_t = L^0 f(t, X_t) dt + L^1 f(t, X_t) dW_t$$

$$L^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}}$$

$$L^1 = b \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

extra term due to  $E(\Delta W)^2 = \Delta$

## Stochastic Taylor expansions

iterated application of Ito formula

Ito SDE 
$$X_t = X_{t_0} + \int_{t_0}^t \underbrace{a(s, X_s)} ds + \int_{t_0}^t \underbrace{b(s, X_s)} dW_s$$

$f = a$  
$$a(s, X_s) = a(t_0, X_{t_0}) + \int_{t_0}^s L^0 a(\tau, X_\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_0}^s L^1 a(\tau, X_\tau) dW_\tau$$

$f = b$  
$$b(s, X_s) = b(t_0, X_{t_0}) + \int_{t_0}^s L^0 b(\tau, X_\tau) d\tau + \int_{t_0}^s L^1 b(\tau, X_\tau) dW_\tau$$

$$X_t = X_{t_0} + a(t_0, X_{t_0}) \int_{t_0}^t ds + b(t_0, X_{t_0}) \int_{t_0}^t dW_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{remainder terms} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &+ \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^0 a(\tau, X_\tau) d\tau ds + \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^1 a(\tau, X_\tau) dW_\tau ds \\ &+ \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^0 b(\tau, X_\tau) d\tau dW_s + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^1 b(\tau, X_\tau) dW_\tau dW_s}_{\text{expand next}} \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$



continue expanding varying integrands - many possibilities

$$f = L^1 b \quad L^1 b(\tau, X_\tau) = L^1 b(t_0, X_{t_0}) + \int_{t_0}^{\tau} L^0 L^1 b(u, X_u) du + \int_{t_0}^{\tau} L^1 L^1 b(u, X_u) dW_u +$$

$$X_t = X_{t_0} + a(t_0, X_{t_0}) \int_{t_0}^t ds + b(t_0, X_{t_0}) \int_{t_0}^t dW_s \\ + L^1 b(t_0, X_{t_0}) \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s dW_\tau dW_s \\ + \text{remainder terms}$$

- typically
- constant coefficient terms in main expansion
  - time varying terms in remainder
  - successively higher multiple stochastic integrals provide more and more information about Wiener process within time interval.

apply on  $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$  and truncate to obtain consistent numerical schemes of increasingly higher order of convergence

Euler scheme  $X_{t_{n+1}} \approx X_{t_n} + a(t_n, X_{t_n}) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} ds + b(t_n, X_{t_n}) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_s$

Milstein scheme  $X_{t_{n+1}} \approx X_{t_n} + a(t_n, X_{t_n}) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} ds + b(t_n, X_{t_n}) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_s \\ + L^1 b(t_n, X_{t_n}) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^s dW_\tau dW_s$

Euler  $\gamma = 0.5$

Milstein  $\gamma = 1.0$

# MULTI-DIMENSIONAL SDEs

m-dimensional Wiener process

$$W_t = (W_t^1, W_t^2, \dots, W_t^m)$$

components are  
pairwise independent  
standard scalar  
Wiener processes

d-dimensional Ito diffusion process

$$X_t = (X_t^1, X_t^2, \dots, X_t^d)$$

satisfying the d-dimensional Ito SDE

$$\textcircled{1} \quad dX_t = a(t, X_t) dt + \sum_{j=1}^m b^j(t, X_t) dW_t^j \quad \text{vector form}$$

$$\boxed{dX_t^i = a^i(t, X_t) dt + \sum_{j=1}^m b^{i,j}(t, X_t) dW_t^j} \quad \text{component form}$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, d$

equivalent Stratonovich SDE

$$\textcircled{1^*} \quad dX_t = \underline{a}(t, X_t) dt + \sum_{j=1}^m b^j(t, X_t) \circ dW_t^j$$

with corrected drift

$$\underline{a}^i(t, x) = a^i(t, x) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^d b^{k,j}(t, x) \frac{\partial b^{i,j}}{\partial x^k}(t, x)$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, d$

## ITO FORMULA

$$Y_t = f(t, X_t)$$

$$f: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$dY_t = L^0 f(t, X_t) dt + \sum_{j=1}^m L^j f(t, X_t) dW_t^j$$

integral form  $Y_t = f(t_0, X_{t_0}) + \int_{t_0}^t L^0 f(s, X_s) ds + \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{t_0}^t L^j f(s, X_s) dW_s^j$

with operators

$$L^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^d a^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^m b^{k,j} b^{l,j} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^k \partial x^l}$$

$$L^j = \sum_{k=1}^d b^{k,j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

### EXAMPLE

$$dX_t = a X_t dt + b^1 X_t dW_t^1 + b^2 X_t dW_t^2$$

d=1, m=2

$$Y_t = f(t, X_t) = (X_t)^2$$

$$a(t, x) = ax, \quad b^1(t, x) = b^1 x, \quad b^2(t, x) = b^2 x, \quad f(t, x) = x^2$$

$$L^0 f(t, x) = \{2a + (b^1)^2 + (b^2)^2\} x^2, \quad L^j f(t, x) = 2b^j x^2$$

Ito formula for  $Y_t = (X_t)^2$  gives

$$dY_t = \{2a + (b^1)^2 + (b^2)^2\} Y_t dt + 2b^1 Y_t dW_t^1 + 2b^2 Y_t dW_t^2$$

## \* Stochastic Taylor expansions for $f(t, X_t)$ about $(t_0, X_{t_0})$

- apply the Ito formula iteratively to the successive integrand functions  $L^0 f$ ,  $L^j f$ ,  $L^0 L^0 f$ ,  $L^0 L^j f$ ,  $L^j L^0 f$ ,  $L^{j_1} L^{j_2} f$ , ... and substitute into the ongoing expansion, thus introducing successive multiple stochastic integrals

$$\int_{t_0}^t ds, \int_{t_0}^t dW_s^j, \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s d\tau ds, \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s dW_\tau^j ds, \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s d\tau dW_s^j, \dots$$

Multi-indices provide a succinct terminology

$\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  index set

multi-index  $\alpha$   
of length  $l(\alpha) = l \geq 1$

$$\alpha = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l)$$

where  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$

- define  $\alpha = \phi$ , empty multi-index, length  $l(\phi) = 0$

- denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  the set of all multi-indices,  $l \geq 0$

operations on a multi-index  $\alpha = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l) \in \mathcal{M} \setminus \{\phi\}$

$$l = 1 \quad \therefore \quad -\alpha = \alpha^- = \phi$$

$$l \geq 2 \quad \underline{-\alpha} = -(j_1, \dots, j_l) = (j_2, \dots, j_l) \quad \text{drop first component!}$$

$$\underline{\alpha^-} = (j_1, \dots, j_l)^- = (j_1, \dots, j_{l-1}) \quad \text{drop last component!}$$

EXAMPLE  $\alpha = (1, 0, 2)$ ,  $-\alpha = (0, 2)$ ,  $\alpha^- = (1, 0)$

• Write  $I_{\alpha, t_0, t} = I_{\alpha}[1]_{t_0, t}$  for  $g \equiv 1$

• Define coefficient functions

$$f_{\alpha} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$$

for multi-indices  $\alpha \in \mathcal{M}$  and function  $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  recursively

$$f_{\emptyset} = f, \quad f_{\alpha} = L^{\overset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{first component} \\ \text{of } \alpha}}{j_1}} f_{\alpha - \alpha_{j_1}} \quad \text{for } l(\alpha) \geq 1$$

EXAMPLE  $f_{(1)} = L^1 f$ ,  $f_{(1,0)} = L^1 f_{(0)} = L^1 L^0 f$

ie  $f_{(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_l)} = L^{j_1} L^{j_2} \dots L^{j_l} f$

EXAMPLE  $dX_t = aX_t dt + bX_t dW_t$   $d=m=1$

$$L^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + ax \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2} b^2 x^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \quad L^1 = bx \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$f(t, x) \equiv x$

$$f_{(0)}(x) = L^0 f(x) = ax$$

$$f_{(1)}(x) = L^1 f(x) = bx$$

$$f_{(0,0)}(x) = L^0 f_{(0)}(x) = a^2 x$$

$$f_{(1,0)}(x) = L^1 f_{(0)}(x) = ba x$$

$$f_{(1,1)}(x) = L^1 f_{(1)}(x) = b^2 x$$

\* Write  $W_t^0 = t$  so  $dW_t^0 = dt$  deterministic integration

$$(dt, dW_t) = (dW_t^0, dW_t^1, \dots, dW_t^m)$$

$$\underline{j=0}, \underline{j=1}, \dots, \underline{j=m}$$

Integrands  $g: [0, T] \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  nonanticipative, etc

Define Ito multiple stochastic integrals  $I_\alpha[g]_{t_0, t}$  recursively

$$\underline{\alpha = \emptyset} \quad I_\emptyset[g]_{t_0, t} = g(t)$$

$$\underline{l(\alpha) \geq 1} \quad I_\alpha[g]_{t_0, t} = \int_{t_0}^t I_{\alpha-}[g]_{t_0, s} dW_s^{j_\ell}$$

$\swarrow$  last component of  $\alpha$

$$\begin{cases} j_\ell = 0 & \underline{\text{deterministic integral}} \\ j_\ell \neq 0 & \underline{\text{Ito stochastic integral}} \end{cases}$$

EXAMPLES  $I_\emptyset[g]_{0, t} = g(t)$

$$I_{(0)}[g]_{0, t} = \int_0^t g(s) ds \quad \underline{(0)- = \emptyset}$$

$$I_{(1)}[g]_{0, t} = \int_0^t g(s) dW_s^1 \quad \underline{(1)- = \emptyset}$$

$$I_{(1,0)}[g]_{0, t} = \int_0^t I_{(1)}[g]_{0, s} ds = \int_0^t \int_0^s g(\tau) dW_\tau^1 ds$$

$$I_{(0,2)}[g]_{0, t} = \int_0^t I_{(0)}[g]_{0, s} dW_s^2 = \int_0^t \int_0^s g(\tau) d\tau dW_s^2$$

$$I_{(0,2,1)}[g]_{0, t} = \int_0^t I_{(0,2)}[g]_{0, s} dW_s^1 = \int_0^t \int_0^s \int_0^\tau g(u) du dW_\tau^2 dW_s^1$$

Which multi-indices occur in Taylor expansions?

hierarchical subset  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{M}$

① nonempty

② uniformly bounded

$$\sup_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} l(\alpha) < \infty$$

③ hierarchical  $-\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  if  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$

EXAMPLES

index set  $\{0, 1\}$

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \{\emptyset\}, \quad \mathcal{A}_2 = \{\emptyset, (0), (1)\}, \quad \mathcal{A}_3 = \{\emptyset, (0), (1), (1,1)\}$$

remainder set  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{M}$  for a hierarchical set  $\mathcal{A}$

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}) = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathcal{M} \setminus \mathcal{A} : \begin{array}{c} \text{complement} \\ \text{of } \mathcal{A} \end{array} -\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \right\}$$

EXAMPLES

index set  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_i$  as above

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}_1) = \{(0), (1)\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}_2) = \{(0,0), (1,0), (0,1), (1,1)\}$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}_3) = \{(0,0), (1,0), (0,1), (0,1,1), (1,1,1)\}$$

# \* General Ito-Taylor Stochastic Taylor Expansion

$X_t$  d-dimensional

$W_t$  m-dimensional

$\mathcal{A}$  hierarchical set

$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A})$  remainder set

} indices  $\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$

$f: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$

$a, b^j, f$  regular enough

$$f(t, X_t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} f_{\alpha}(t_0, X_{t_0}) I_{\alpha, t_0, t}$$

main terms

$$+ \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A})} I_{\alpha} [f_{\alpha}(\cdot, X_{\cdot})]_{t_0, t}$$

remainder terms

EXAMPLE  $\mathcal{A} = \{\emptyset, (0), (1)\}$   $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}) = \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$

$$f(t, X_t) = \underbrace{f(t_0, X_{t_0})}_{\alpha = \emptyset} + \underbrace{L^0 f(t_0, X_{t_0}) \int_{t_0}^t ds}_{\alpha = (0)} + \underbrace{L^1 f(t_0, X_{t_0}) \int_{t_0}^t dW_s^1}_{\alpha = (1)}$$

remainder terms have variable integrands

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} + \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^0 L^0 f(\tau, X_{\tau}) d\tau ds & \alpha = (0,0) \\ + \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^0 L^1 f(\tau, X_{\tau}) d\tau dW_s^1 & \alpha = (0,1) \\ + \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^1 L^0 f(\tau, X_{\tau}) dW_{\tau}^1 ds & \alpha = (1,0) \\ + \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s L^1 L^1 f(\tau, X_{\tau}) dW_{\tau}^1 dW_s^1 & \alpha = (1,1) \end{array} \right.$$



## Truncated Ito-Taylor Expansions

$f(t, x) \equiv x$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  hierarchical set,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A})$  remainder set

$$X_t = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} f_{\alpha}(X_{t_0}) I_{\alpha, t_0, t} + \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A})} I_{\alpha} [f_{\alpha}(X_{\cdot})]_{t_0, t}}_{\text{discarded in approximations}}$$

## Strong Approximations

$$\mathcal{A} = \Lambda_k := \left\{ \alpha \in \mathcal{M}; \underbrace{l(\alpha)}_{\text{length of } \alpha} + \underbrace{n(\alpha)}_{\text{number of zero components in } \alpha} \leq 2k \right\} \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$X_t^{(k)} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda_k} f_{\alpha}(X_{t_0}) I_{\alpha, t_0, t} \rightarrow X_t \quad \text{w.p.1 uniformly in } t \in [t_0, T]$$

## Weak Approximations

$$\mathcal{A} = \Gamma_k := \{ \alpha \in \mathcal{M}; l(\alpha) \leq k \} \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$X_t^{(k)} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma_k} f_{\alpha}(X_{t_0}) I_{\alpha, t_0, t} \rightarrow X_t \quad \text{weakly in } t \in [t_0, T]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{ie}}{=} \sup_{t_0 \leq t \leq T} \left| E(g(X_t^{(k)})) - E(g(X_t)) \right|$$

$g$  continuous polynomial growth

# STRONG SCHEMES

good sample path  
approximations

• dynamics  
• filtering  
• control

• finance  
• parametric  
estimation

## Noisy Duffing - van der Pol oscillator

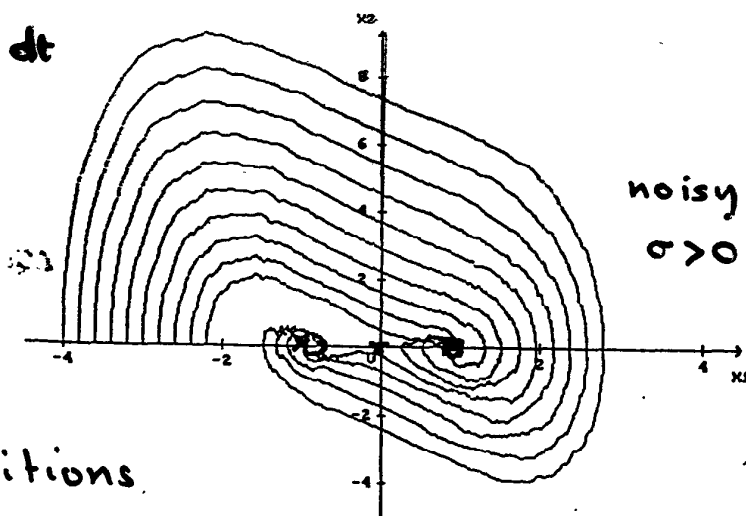
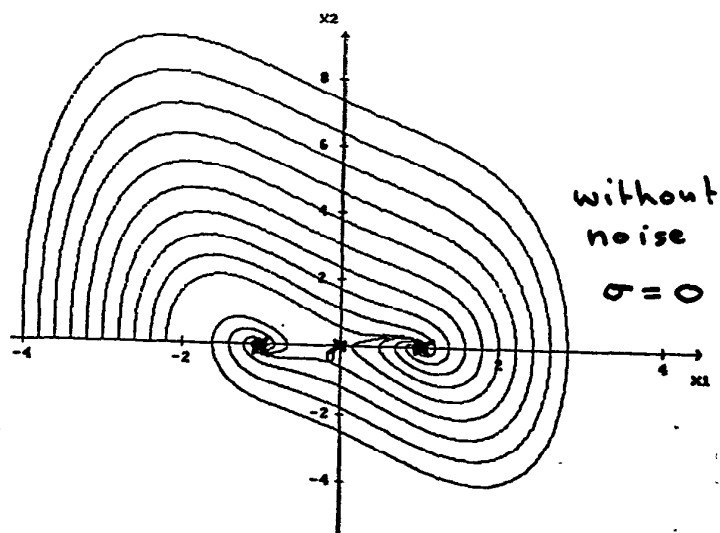
$$\ddot{x} + \dot{x} - (\alpha - x^2)x = \sigma x \xi_t$$

↑  
white noise

2-dim. system of Ito SDEs

$$dX_t^1 = X_t^2 dt$$

$$dX_t^2 = \{X_t^1(\alpha - (X_t^1)^2) - X_t^2\} dt + \sigma X_t^1 dW_t$$



## Milstein scheme

$$0 \leq t \leq 8 \quad \text{step } \Delta = 2^{-7}$$

same noise sample path  
for different initial conditions

## Strong convergence criterion

$$E(|Y_{N_T}^\delta - X_T|) \leq K_T \cdot \delta^\gamma \leftarrow \text{order } \gamma \text{ strong convergence}$$

uniform in  
 $t \in [0, T]$  too

constant depends  
on  $T$ , SDE, scheme

1<sup>d</sup>-dimensional autonomous case

$$d = m = 1$$

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dW_t = \sum_{j=0}^1 b^j(X_t)dW_t^j \quad \begin{matrix} b^0 = a, b^1 = b \\ W_t^0 = t, W_t^1 = W_t \end{matrix}$$

index set  $\{0,1\}$   $L^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}, L^1 = b \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

$$f(t,x) \equiv x \quad f_\phi \equiv x, f_{(0)} \equiv a, f_{(1)} \equiv b, f_{(1,1)} \equiv L^1 b, \dots$$

order  $\gamma = 0.5$

strong Taylor scheme

$$\mathcal{A}_{0.5}^s = \{ \phi, (0), (1) \} \quad \text{hierarchical set}$$

$$Y_{n+1} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{0.5}^s} f_\alpha(t_n, Y_n) I_{\alpha, t_n, t_{n+1}}$$

$$= f_\phi(t_n, Y_n) I_{\phi, t_n, t_{n+1}} + f_{(0)}(t_n, Y_n) I_{(0), t_n, t_{n+1}} + f_{(1)}(t_n, Y_n) I_{(1), t_n, t_{n+1}}$$
$$Y_n \quad 1 \quad a(Y_n) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_t^0 \quad b(Y_n) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_t^1$$

stochastic Euler scheme

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(Y_n) \Delta_n + b(Y_n) \Delta W_n$$

(Maruyama 1955)

$$\Delta_n = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dt = \int_{t_n}^{t_n} dW_t^0$$
$$\Delta W_n = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_t = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_t^1$$

order  $\gamma = 1.0$

strong Taylor scheme

$$\mathcal{A}_{1.0}^s = \{ \phi, (0), (1), (1,1) \}$$

additional term

$$f_{(1,1)} I_{(1,1)} = L^1 b(Y_n) \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t dW_s^1 dW_t^1$$
$$b(Y_n) b'(Y_n) \frac{1}{2} \{ (\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n \}$$

Milstein scheme

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(Y_n) \Delta_n + b(Y_n) \Delta W_n + \frac{1}{2} b(Y_n) b'(Y_n) \{ (\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n \}$$

Milstein 1974

order  $\gamma = 1.5$   
strong Taylor  
scheme

$$A_{1.5}^s = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi, (0), (1), (1,1) \\ (0,0), (1,0), (0,1), (1,1,1) \end{array} \right\}$$

new terms

$$(0,0) \quad f_{(0,0)} = L^0 a = a a' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 a'' \quad I_{(0,0), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t ds dt = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_n^2$$

$$(1,0) \quad f_{(1,0)} = L^1 a = b a' \quad I_{(1,0), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t dW_s dt = \Delta Z_n$$

$$(0,1) \quad f_{(0,1)} = L^0 b = a b' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 b'' \quad I_{(0,1), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t ds dW_t$$

$$(1,1,1) \quad f_{(1,1,1)} = L^1 L^1 b = b (b b')' = b (b')^2 + b^2 b''$$

$$I_{(1,1,1), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t \int_{t_n}^s dW_n dW_s dW_t = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{3} (\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n \right\} \Delta W_n$$

correlated Gaussian RVs

$$\Delta Z_n \sim N(0, \frac{2}{3} \Delta_n^2)$$

$$\Delta W_n = G_n \Delta_n^{1/2}$$

$$G_n, G_n' \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$E(\Delta W_n \cdot \Delta Z_n) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_n^2$$

$$\Delta Z_n = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_n^{3/2} \left\{ G_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} G_n' \right\}$$

independent

identity  $I_{(1,0)} + I_{(0,1)} = I_{(0)} \cdot I_{(1)}$

$$I_{(0,1)} = \Delta_n \cdot \Delta W_n - \Delta Z_n$$

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a \Delta_n + b \Delta W_n + \frac{1}{2} b b' \{ (\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n \}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (a a' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 a'') \Delta_n^2 + b a' \Delta Z_n$$

$$+ (a b' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 b'') \{ \Delta_n \cdot \Delta W_n - \Delta Z_n \} + \frac{1}{2} (b (b')^2 + b^2 b'') \left\{ \frac{1}{3} (\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n \right\} \Delta W_n$$

SIMPLIFICATIONS

① additive noise

$b = \text{const.}, b' = 0, b'' = 0$  etc  
 Euler  $\equiv$  Milstein order  $\gamma = 1.0$

② special coefficient relationships eg  $b a' \equiv a b' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 b''$

$$\Rightarrow f_{(1,0)} I_{(1,0)} + f_{(0,1)} I_{(0,1)}$$

$$\equiv b a' (I_{(1,0)} + I_{(0,1)}) \equiv b a' I_{(0)} \cdot I_{(1)}$$

no need to generate  
 $\Delta Z_n$  random variable  
 in this case

# STRONG TAYLOR SCHEMES

based on  
truncated  
Taylor  
expansions

consistent, high order convergence

Ito SDE 
$$dX_t^i = a^i(t, X_t)dt + \sum_{j=1}^m b^{ij}(t, X_t)dW_t^j$$
  
$$i = 1, \dots, d$$

Write  $X_t = (X_t^1, \dots, X_t^d)$ ,  $W_t^0 = t$ ,  $b^{i0} = a^i$

Multi-indices  $\alpha = (j_1, \dots, j_l)$ ,  $j_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  empty index  $\alpha = \phi$

admissible  
hierarchical  
sets

$$A_\gamma^s = \left\{ \alpha \in M; \begin{array}{l} l(\alpha) + n(\alpha) \leq 2\gamma \\ \text{or } l(\alpha) = n(\alpha) = \gamma + \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$l(\alpha) = \text{length of } \alpha \quad l(\phi) = 0$$
$$n(\alpha) = \text{number of } j_i = 0 \text{ in } \alpha$$

Take  $f(t, X) = X^i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, d$ ) on  $t_n \leq t \leq t_{n+1}$ .  $f_\alpha^i = L^{j_1} \dots L^{j_l} f^i$   
 $\alpha = (j_1, \dots, j_l)$

order  $\gamma$  strong-  
Taylor scheme

$$Y_{n+1}^i = \sum_{\alpha \in A_\gamma^s} f_\alpha^i(t_n, Y_n) I_{\alpha, t_n, t_{n+1}}$$

$$\gamma = 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, \dots$$

converges with strong order  $\gamma$  if coefficients  $a^i$ ,  $b^{ij}$  are regular enough to ensure that  $f_\alpha$  coefficients are Lipschitz and have linear growth, etc.

# Multi-dimensional noise $m > 1, d \geq 1$

eg  $m=2, d \geq 1$   $dx_t^i = a^i(t, x_t)dt + b^{i,1}(t, x_t)dW_t^1 + b^{i,2}(t, x_t)dW_t^2$   
 $i = 1, \dots, d$

index set  $\{0, 1, 2\}$   $W_t^1, W_t^2$  independent Wiener processes

stochastic Euler scheme  $\mathcal{A}_{0.5}^s = \{\phi, (0), (1), (2)\}$  order 0.5 strong convergence

$$Y_{n+1}^i = Y_n^i + a^i(t_n, Y_n)\Delta_n + b^{i,1}(t_n, Y_n)\Delta W_n^1 + b^{i,2}(t_n, Y_n)\Delta W_n^2$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{1.0}^s = \{\phi, (0), (1), (2), (1,1), (2,2), (1,2), (2,1)\}$$

order  $\gamma=1.0$

Milstein

scheme also includes

$$I_{(j,j), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t dW_s^j dW_t^j = \frac{1}{2} \{ (\Delta W_n^j)^2 - \Delta_n \}$$

$j = 1, 2$

$$I_{(j_1, j_2), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t dW_s^{j_1} dW_t^{j_2} \quad (j_1, j_2) = (1, 2) \text{ or } (2, 1)$$

identity  $I_{(1,2), t_n, t_{n+1}} + I_{(2,1), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \Delta W_n^1 \Delta W_n^2$

But there is no simple formula for  $I_{(1,2)}$  or  $I_{(2,1)}$  alone solely in terms of  $\Delta W_n^1, \Delta W_n^2$  and  $\Delta_n$

Clark & Cameron

example

$$dx_t^1 = dW_t^1$$

$$x_0^1 = x_0^2 = 0$$

$$dx_t^2 = x_t^1 dW_t^2$$

Milstein scheme

$$Y_{n+1}^1 = Y_n^1 + \Delta W_n^1$$

$$Y_{n+1}^2 = Y_n^2 + Y_n^1 \Delta W_n^2 + \cancel{I_{(1,2), t_n, t_{n+1}}} \leftarrow \text{substitute } \frac{1}{2} \Delta W_n^1 \Delta W_n^2$$

Clark & Cameron showed that the 2nd component satisfies

$$\sqrt{E(|Y_{N_T}^2 - X_T^2|^2)} = K \cdot T^{1/2} \cdot \Delta^{1/2} \leftarrow \text{order } 1/2 \text{ (equi time steps)}$$

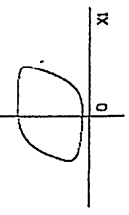
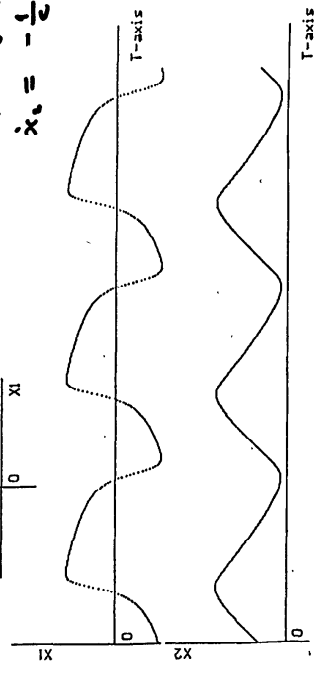
# The Bonhoeffer-Van Der Pol equation

-TAYLOR 1.5 SCHEME  
-NOISE(0.9) = 0  
-TRIALS = 3

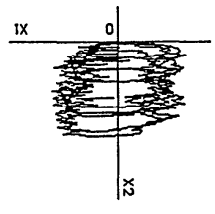
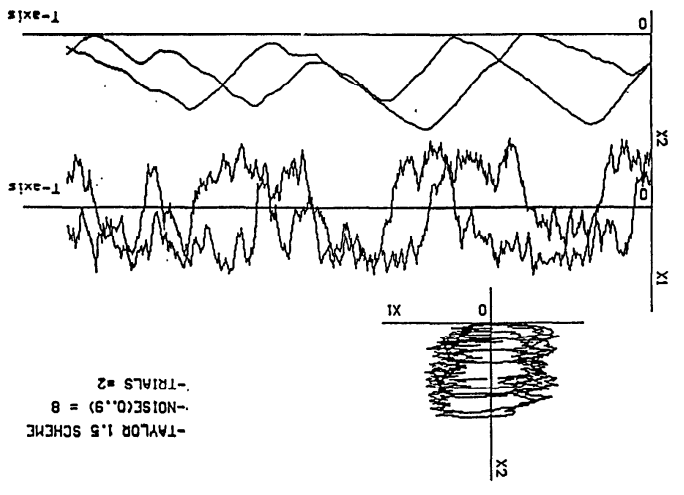
$$\dot{x}_1 = c\{x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2^2 + 2\} + \sigma\lambda$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\frac{1}{c}\{x_1 + b x_2 - a\}$$

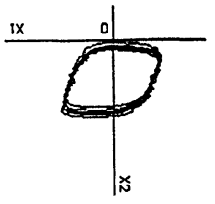
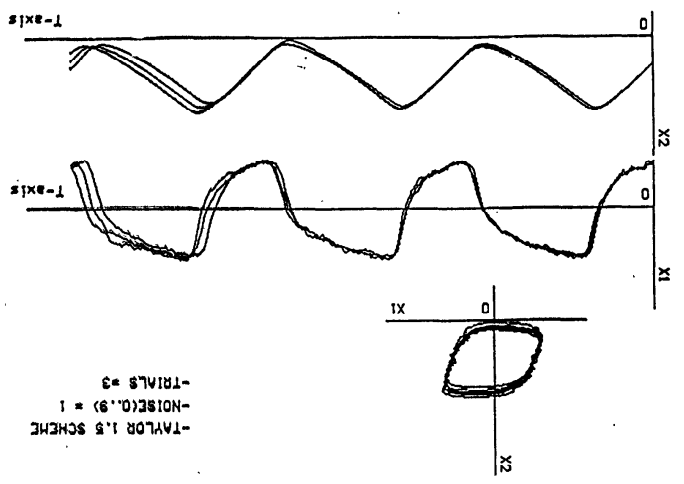
additive  
noise



-TAYLOR 1.5 SCHEME  
-NOISE(0.9) = 8  
-TRIALS = 2



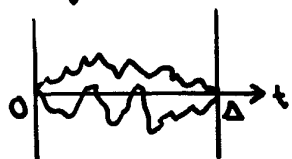
-TAYLOR 1.5 SCHEME  
-NOISE(0.9) = 1  
-TRIALS = 3



## Approximation of multiple stochastic integrals

Mixed multiple stochastic integrals like  $I_{(1,2),t_n,t_{n+1}}$  must be generated separately, but usually their distribution law is not known. They can be approximated using random Fourier series, ie Karhunen-Loève expansions

Brownian bridge process



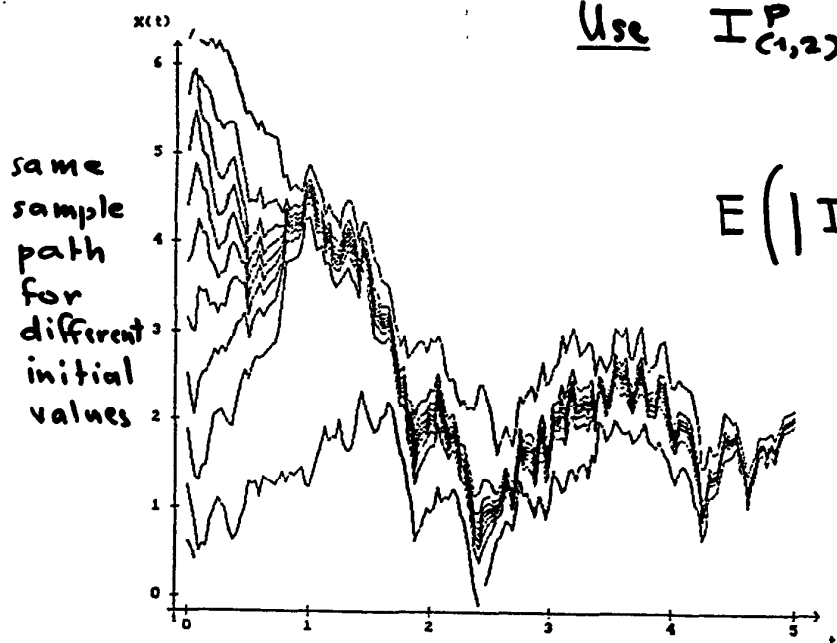
$$W_t^j - \frac{t}{\Delta} W_\Delta^j = \frac{1}{2} a_{j,0} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left\{ a_{j,r} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi r t}{\Delta}\right) + b_{j,r} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi r t}{\Delta}\right) \right\}$$

$$a_{j,r}, b_{j,r} \sim N\left(0; \frac{\Delta}{2\pi^2 r^2}\right) \text{ independent}$$

Differentiate, multiply and integrate series term by term

$$\int_0^\Delta \underbrace{W_t^1}_{\text{series}} \underbrace{\frac{dW_t^2}{dt}}_{\text{expansions}} dt =$$

$$I_{(1,2),0,\Delta} = \frac{1}{2} W_\Delta^1 \cdot W_\Delta^2 - \frac{1}{2} \{ a_{2,0} \cdot W_\Delta^1 - a_{1,0} \cdot W_\Delta^2 \} + \pi \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \{ a_{1,r} \cdot b_{2,r} - b_{1,r} \cdot a_{2,r} \}$$



Use  $I_{(1,2),0,\Delta}^P$  truncated at  $r=p$   
needs  $4p+4$  R.V.s

$$E\left(|I_{(1,2)}^P - I_{(1,2)}|^2\right) \leq \frac{\Delta^2}{2\pi^2 p}$$

Take  $p \geq \frac{K}{\Delta}$  to  
ensure order  $\gamma=1.0$   
strong convergence  
in the Milstein scheme

Stochastic gradient flow on circle

$$dX_t = \sin X_t dW_t^1 + \cos X_t dW_t^2 \pmod{2\pi}$$

Milstein scheme  $0 \leq t \leq 5$ ,  $\Delta = 2^{-7}$ ,  $I_{(1,2)}^{20}$  used

Wong-Zakai  
Theorem



## MAJOR PRACTICAL ISSUE

the effective use of higher order strong Taylor schemes requires efficient methods for generating or approximating the necessary multiple stochastic integrals

- general schemes of strong  $\gamma \geq 4.0$  are impractical
- software for general SDEs is likely to be inefficient unless it takes into account special structural features of specific SDEs which can avoid the need to generate all multiple stochastic integrals in the scheme, eg

① additive noise  $b^{i,j}(t,x) \equiv \text{const.} \Rightarrow$  derivatives vanish  
 $\Rightarrow$  many 0 coefficient

② commutative noise  $L^{j_1} b^{i,j_2}(t,x) \equiv L^{j_2} b^{i,j_1}(t,x)$   $j_1 \neq j_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{terms } j_1 \neq j_2 & L^{j_1} b^{i,j_2} I_{(j_1,j_2)} + L^{j_2} b^{i,j_1} I_{(j_2,j_1)} \\ &= L^{j_1} b^{i,j_2} \left\{ \underbrace{I_{(j_1,j_2)} + I_{(j_2,j_1)}}_{\text{identity}} \right\} = L^{j_1} b^{i,j_2} \underbrace{I_{(j_1)}} I_{(j_2)} \end{aligned}$$

there is no need to generate the integrals  $I_{(j_1,j_2)}, I_{(j_2,j_1)}$

$$\text{eg } dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b^1(X_t)dW_t^1 + b^2(X_t)dW_t^2$$

$$\text{assume } L^1 b^2 \equiv L^2 b^1 \quad \text{ie } b^1 b^{2'} \equiv b^2 b^{1'} \equiv B$$

Milstein scheme

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(Y_n)\Delta_n + b^1(Y_n)\Delta W_n^1 + b^2(Y_n)\Delta W_n^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} b^1(Y_n) b^{1'}(Y_n) \{(\Delta W_n^1)^2 - \Delta_n\}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} b^2(Y_n) b^{2'}(Y_n) \{(\Delta W_n^2)^2 - \Delta_n\}$$

$$+ B(Y_n) \cdot \Delta W_n^1 \cdot \Delta W_n^2 \leftarrow \text{instead of } I_{(1,2)} \text{ and } I_{(2,1)}$$

MORAL — LOOK FOR SPECIAL STRUCTURE TO SIMPLIFY THE SCHEME

## ANOTHER PRACTICAL ISSUE

### Taylor scheme coefficients

$$f_{(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_\ell)} = L^{j_1} L^{j_2} \dots L^{j_\ell} f \quad f(t, x) = x$$

involve mixed higher order partial derivatives of drift and diffusion coefficients

complicated if  $\ell \geq 2$ ,  $d \geq 1$  and  $m \geq 1$

symbolic manipulators like MAPLE can be used to determine  $f_x$  automatically

```
> with(student):
>
> L :=
>
> proc(F)
> local ip, v;
> ip := op(procname);
> v := op(F);
> if ip=0 then;
>   seq(a.k(v)*Diff(F, v[k]), k=1..d);
>   seq(seq(seq(b.k.j(v)*b.l.j(v)*Diff(Diff(F, v[k]), v[l]), j=1..m), l=1..
>     ), k=1..d);
>   Diff(F, v[d+1]) + convert({}, '+') + 1/2*convert({}, '+');
> else; seq(b.k.ip*Diff(F, v[k]), k=1..d);
>   convert({}, '+');
> fi;
> end;
```

Alternatively stochastic Taylor schemes can be modified to avoid the use of derivatives in their coefficients as in deterministic Runge-Kutta schemes

$$dX_t = a(t, X_t) dt + b(t, X_t) dW_t, \quad d=m=1$$

Milstein scheme includes  $L^1 b = b(t, x) \frac{\partial b}{\partial x}(t, x)$  term

$$b(t_n, Y_n) \frac{\partial b}{\partial x}(t_n, Y_n) \simeq \frac{b(t_n, Y_n + a(Y_n) \Delta_n + b(Y_n) \sqrt{\Delta_n}) - b(t_n, Y_n)}{\sqrt{\Delta_n}}$$

Platen's order  $\gamma = 1.0$  derivative free scheme

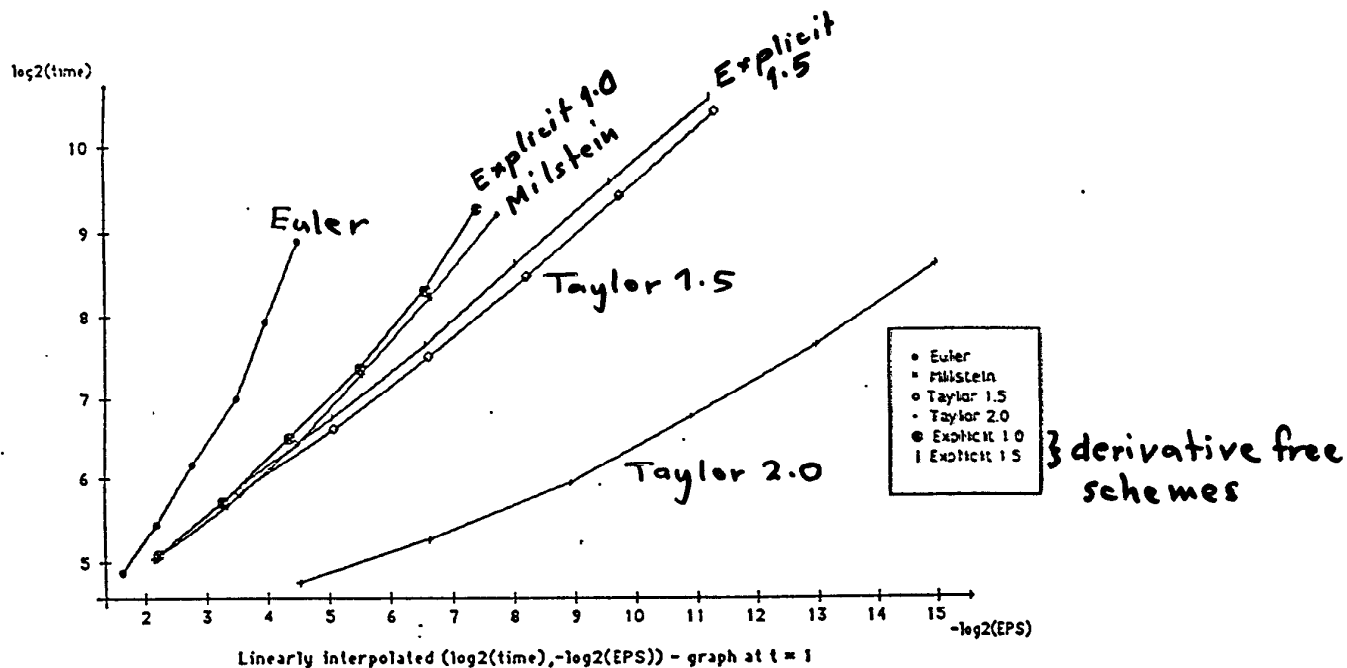
"stochastic Runge-Kutta scheme"

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(t_n, Y_n) \Delta_n + b(t_n, Y_n) \Delta W_n + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\Delta_n}} \{b(t_n, \psi_n) - b(t_n, Y_n)\} \{(\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n\}$$

with  $\psi_n = Y_n + \underbrace{a(Y_n) \Delta_n + b(Y_n) \sqrt{\Delta_n}}_{\text{could be omitted}}$

Higher order strong schemes of this kind are also available

# Comparison of CPU times for given error



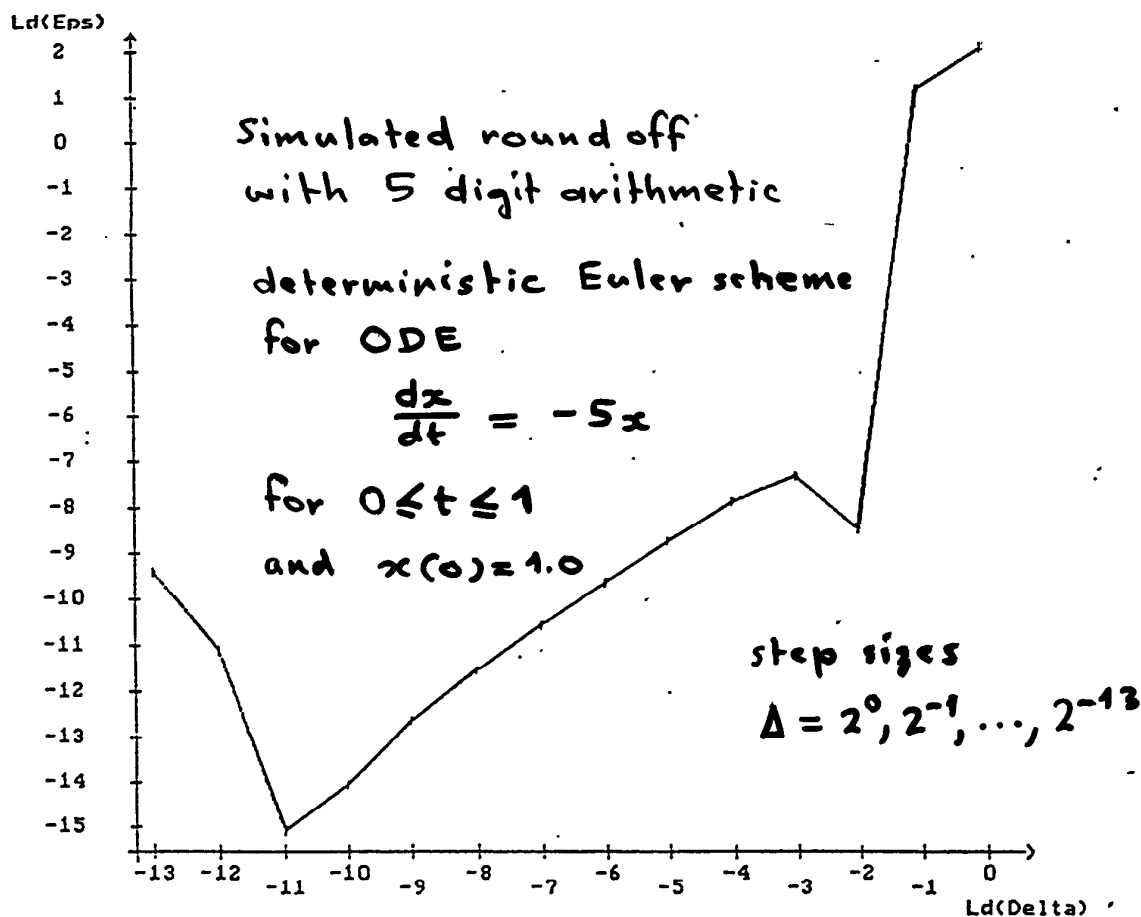
$$dX_t = \frac{1}{2}X_t dt + X_t dW_t$$

$$X_0 = 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

$$EPS = E(|Y_{n_T} - X_T|)$$

$$T = 1$$

$$X_t = X_0 e^{W_t}$$



# NUMERICAL INSTABILITY

- although convergent in theory, a numerical scheme will not be useful in practice unless it can control the propagation of initially small errors

numerical stability

- very rapid time changes can trigger numerical instabilities

stiff differential equations

ODE  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -10^N x$

$x(t) = x_0 e^{-10^N t}$

Euler scheme

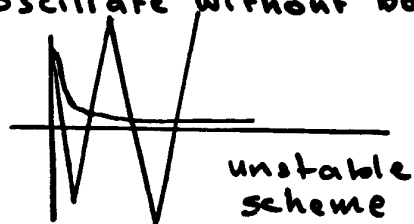
$x_{n+1} = x_n - 10^N x_n \Delta = (1 - 10^N \Delta) x_n$

$\Delta_n \equiv \Delta$

$x_n = (1 - 10^N \Delta)^n x_0$



$\Delta > 2 \cdot 10^{-N}$  iterates oscillate without bound



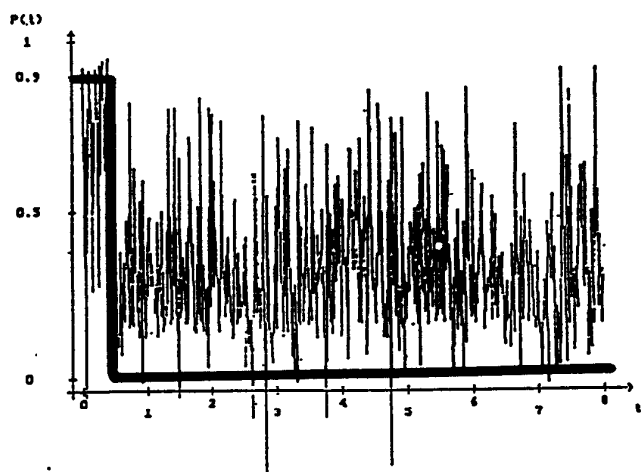
$x_n \rightarrow 0$  monotonically if  $\Delta < 10^{-N}$

BUT for  $N \gg 1$  such time steps may be smaller than the roundoff resolution of the computer used

Implicit Euler scheme  
 $\Delta_n \equiv \Delta$

$x_{n+1} = x_n - 10^N x_{n+1} \Delta$  ie  $(1 + 10^N \Delta) x_{n+1} = x_n$

$x_n = \left( \frac{1}{1 + 10^N \Delta} \right)^n x_0 \rightarrow 0$  monotonically as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all step sizes  $\Delta > 0$



Milstein scheme with  $\Delta_n \equiv 2^{-7}$  for Zakai filtering SDE

$d \begin{pmatrix} x_t^1 \\ x_t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -50 & 50 \\ 50 & -50 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_t^1 \\ x_t^2 \end{pmatrix} dt + \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_t^1 \\ x_t^2 \end{pmatrix} dW_t$

for noisy observations of a 2-state Markov chain

## Implicit strong schemes

- to avoid inconsistencies just make purely deterministic integral  $I_{(0)}$   $I_{(0,0)}, \dots$  coefficients implicit

$$dX_t^i = a^i(t, X_t) dt + b^i(t, X_t) dW_t$$

implicit Euler scheme

$$Y_{n+1}^i = Y_n^i + a^i(t_n, Y_n) \Delta_n + b^i(t_n, Y_n) \Delta W_n \quad i=1, \dots, c$$

implicit Euler scheme

$$Y_{n+1}^i = Y_n^i + a^i(t_{n+1}, Y_{n+1}) \Delta_n + b^i(t_n, Y_n) \Delta W_n$$

solve algebraically or numerically      stochastic term remains explicit

family of implicit Euler schemes

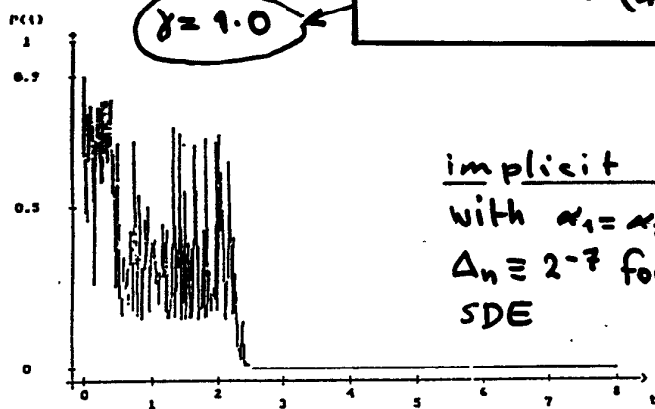
$$Y_{n+1}^i = Y_n^i + \{ \alpha_i a^i(t_{n+1}, Y_{n+1}) + (1-\alpha_i) a^i(t_n, Y_n) \} \Delta_n + b^i(t_n, Y_n) \Delta W_n \quad 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1, i=1, \dots, d$$

order  $\gamma = 0.5$   
strong convergence

implicitness parameter  $\alpha_i$  can be different in each component

family of implicit Milstein schemes

$$Y_{n+1}^i = Y_n^i + \{ \alpha_i a^i(t_{n+1}, Y_{n+1}) + (1-\alpha_i) a^i(t_n, Y_n) \} \Delta_n + b^i(t_n, Y_n) \Delta W_n + \frac{1}{2} b^i(t_n, Y_n) \frac{\partial b^i}{\partial x}(t_n, Y_n) \{ (\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n \} \quad i=1, \dots, d$$



implicit Milstein scheme  
with  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1$  and stepsize  $\Delta_n \equiv 2^{-7}$  for Zakai filtering SDE

can rearrange algebraically to make explicit

implicit order 1.5 strong Taylor scheme  
for Zakai SDE with  $\alpha_i \equiv 1, \Delta_n \equiv 2^{-7}$

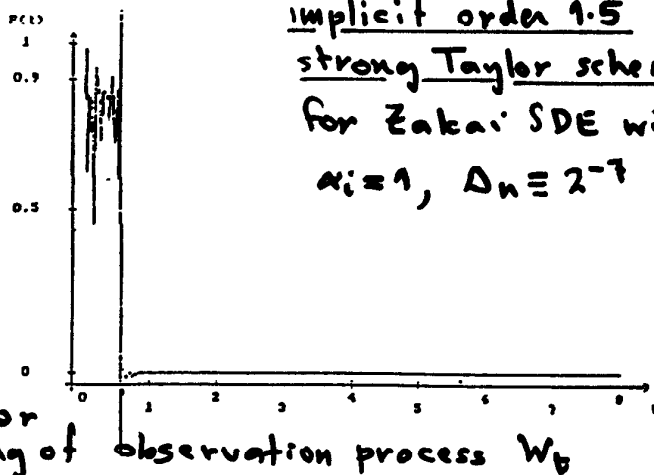
①  $L^0$  a coefficient of  $I_{(0,0)}$  integral also implicit here

② scheme involves

$$\Delta Z_n = I_{(1,0), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} W_t dt$$

as well as  $\Delta W_n$ .

continuous or rapid sampling of observation process  $W_t$



## STOCHASTIC FLOW ON A TORUS

$$T^2 \cong S^1 \times S^1 \cong [0, 2\pi) \times [0, 2\pi)$$

$W_t^1, W_t^2, W_t^3, W_t^4$  pairwise indept. Wiener processes

$$b^1(\underline{x}) = b^1(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} \sin(x_1)$$

$$b^2(\underline{x}) = b^2(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} \cos(x_1)$$

$$b^3(\underline{x}) = b^3(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \sin(x_2)$$

$$b^4(\underline{x}) = b^4(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \cos(x_2)$$

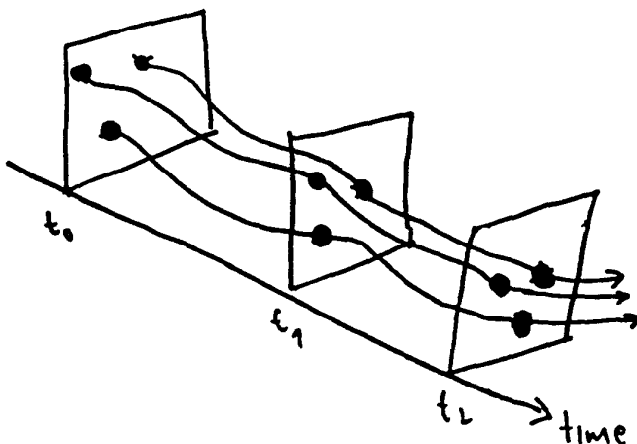
$\alpha =$  coupling parameter

Baxendale's 2-dim Stratonovich SDE

$$\boxed{d\hat{X}_t = \sum_{j=1}^4 b^j(\hat{X}_t) \circ dW_t^j} \pmod{2\pi}$$

Milstein scheme •  $\Delta = 0.01, \alpha = 1.0$

• uniform grid of initial values



note how paths  
coalesce in a blob  
that moves around  
randomly

# WEAK APPROXIMATIONS

exact  $X_T$  the actual realizations of  
approximate  $Y_{N_T}^\delta$  the random variables are  
not always important

Sometimes only want or need a good approximation of the probability distribution or density

exact  $F_{X_T}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a p_T(x) dx = P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X_T(\omega) \leq a\})$

approx.  $F_{Y_{N_T}^\delta}(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a p_T^\delta(y) dy = P(\{\omega \in \Omega; Y_{N_T}^\delta(\omega) \leq a\})$

## ① probability

$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X_T(\omega) \in [a, b]\}) = \int_a^b p_T(x) dx = E(\mathbb{1}_{[a, b]}(X_T))$$

$$\mathbb{1}_{[a, b]}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \notin [a, b] \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in [a, b] \end{cases}$$

## ② moments

$$E((X_T)^p) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^p p_T(x) dx \quad \text{typically } p=2$$

## ③ PDE solutions

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + a(s, x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} b^2(s, x) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$u(T, x) = g(x) \quad 0 \leq s \leq T$$

Kolmogorov formula

$$u(s, x) = E(g(X_T^{s, x}))$$

$X_t^{s, x}$  is solution of SDE

$$dX_t = a(t, X_t) dt + b(t, X_t) dW_t$$

on  $s \leq t \leq T$  with  $X_s = x$

general  
weak  
approximation  
criterion

$$|E(g(Y_{N_T}^\delta)) - E(g(X_T))| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  for continuous,  
polynomially bounded  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

# WEAK TAYLOR SCHEMES

order  
 $\beta > 0$   
 weak  
 convergence

$$|E(g(X_{NT}^S)) - E(g(X_T))| \leq K_g \delta^\beta$$

- consistent
- higher order
- based on truncated Taylor expansions

Ito SDE

$$dX_t^i = a^i(t, X_t) dt + \sum_{j=1}^m b^{i,j}(t, X_t) dW_t^j \quad (i=1, \dots, d)$$

Write

$$X_t = (X_t^1, \dots, X_t^d), \quad W_t^0 = t, \quad b^{i,0} = a^i$$

Multi-indices

$$\alpha = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell), \quad j_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$$

empty index  
 $\alpha = \emptyset$

admissible  
hierarchical  
sets

$$\mathcal{A}_\beta^w = \{ \alpha \in \mathcal{M}; \ell(\alpha) \leq \beta \}$$

$\ell(\alpha) = \text{length of } \alpha$

$$\ell(\emptyset) = 0$$

Take

$$f(t, X) = X^i \quad (i=1, \dots, d) \quad \text{on } t_n \leq t \leq t_{n+1}$$

$$f_\alpha^i = L^{j_1} \dots L^{j_\ell} f^i$$

$$\alpha = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell)$$

order  $\beta$  weak  
Taylor scheme

$$Y_{n+1}^i = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\beta^w} f_\alpha^i(t_n, Y_n) I_{\alpha, t_n, t_{n+1}}$$

$$\beta = 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, \dots \quad \text{integers only}$$

- converges with weak order  $\beta$  if the coefficients  $a^i, b^{i,j}$  are regular enough to ensure that the  $f_\alpha$  are Lipschitz and have bounded linear growth, etc

$$\text{eg } a^i, b^{i,j} \in C_{\text{poly. growth}}^{2(\beta+1)}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$$

if indept. of  $t$



1-dimensional autonomous case

$$d = m = 1$$

$$dX_t = a(X_t) dt + b(X_t) dW_t = \sum_{j=0}^2 b^j(X_t) dW_t^j \quad \begin{matrix} b^0 = a, b^1 = b \\ W_t^0 = t, W_t^1 = W_t \end{matrix}$$

index set  $\{0, 1\}$   $L^0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + a \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $L^1 = b \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

$$f(t, x) \equiv x \quad f_\phi = x, f_{(0)} = a, f_{(1)} = b, f_{(1,1)} = L^1 b, \dots$$

order  $\beta = 1.0$

weak Taylor scheme

$$\mathcal{A}_{1.0}^W = \{\phi, (0), (1)\} = \mathcal{A}_{0.5}^S$$

same hierarchical set  
as order  $\beta = 0.5$  strong  
Taylor scheme

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(Y_n) \Delta_n + b(Y_n) \Delta W_n$$

stochastic Euler scheme

order  $\beta = 2.0$

weak Taylor  
scheme

$$\mathcal{A}_{2.0}^W = \{\phi, (0), (1), \underbrace{(1,1), (1,0), (0,1), (0,0)}_{\text{new}}\}$$

new terms

$$(0,0) \quad f_{(0,0)} = L^0 a = aa' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 a'' \quad I_{(0,0), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t ds dt = \frac{1}{2} \Delta_n^2$$

$$(1,0) \quad f_{(1,0)} = L^1 a = ba' \quad I_{(1,0), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t dW_s dt = \Delta Z_n$$

$$(0,1) \quad f_{(0,1)} = L^0 b = ab' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 b'' \quad I_{(0,1), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \Delta_n \cdot \Delta W_n - \Delta Z_n \quad \text{identity}$$

$$(1,1) \quad f_{(1,1)} = L^1 b = bb' \quad I_{(1,1), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \{(\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{n+1} = & Y_n + a \Delta_n + b \Delta W_n + \frac{1}{2} bb' \{(\Delta W_n)^2 - \Delta_n\} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (aa' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 a'') \Delta_n^2 + ba' \Delta Z_n \\ & + (ab' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 b'') \{ \Delta_n \cdot \Delta W_n - \Delta Z_n \} \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta W_n, \Delta Z_n$  correlated Gaussian RVs

## Comparison of strong and weak Taylor schemes

			indices $\{0,1\}$
$\gamma = 0.5$	$\mathcal{A}_{0.5}^s = \{\phi, (0), (1)\}$		
$\beta = 1.0$	$\mathcal{A}_{1.0}^w = \{\phi, (0), (1)\}$	Euler scheme	
$\gamma = 1.0$	$\mathcal{A}_{1.0}^s = \{\phi, (0), (1), (1,1)\}$	Milstein scheme	plus $(1,1,1)$ in $\mathcal{A}_{1.5}^s$
$\beta = 2.0$	$\mathcal{A}_{2.0}^w = \{\phi, (0), (1), (1,1), (1,0), (0,1), (0,0)\}$		order 2.0 weak Taylor
$\gamma = 2.0$	$\mathcal{A}_{2.0}^s = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi, (0), (1), (1,1), (1,0), (0,1), (0,0) \\ (1,1,1), (0,1,1), (1,0,1), (1,1,0), (1,1,1,1) \end{array} \right\}$		order 2.0 strong Taylor

In general — the weak Taylor scheme of a given order  $\beta = k$  has fewer terms than the corresponding strong Taylor scheme of order  $\gamma = k$

MORAL — decide first if the task on hand really needs a strong approximation or if a weak approximation would suffice

## Multi-dimensional noise $m > 1$

index set  $\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$

for  $\beta \geq 2.0$  weak Taylor schemes involve mixed multiple stochastic integrals such as

$$I_{(j_1, j_2), t_n, t_{n+1}} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^t dW_s^{j_1} dW_t^{j_2} \quad \begin{array}{l} j_1, j_2 \in \{1, \dots, m\} \\ j_1 \neq j_2 \end{array}$$

which can be approximated by random Fourier series

simplifications due  
to special structure  
should be exploited

- additive noise
- commutative noise

# SIMPLIFIED WEAK TAYLOR SCHEMES

the multiple stochastic integrals  $I_\alpha$  in a weak Taylor scheme of order  $\beta$  can be replaced by random variables  $\widehat{I}_\alpha$  with sufficiently many lower moments approximating those of  $I_\alpha$  to  $O(\Delta_n^{\beta+1})$  without changing the weak order  $\beta$  of the scheme

Ito SDE

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dW_t$$

autonomous  
 $d=m=1$

simplified  
weak Euler  
scheme

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a(Y_n)\Delta_n + b(Y_n)\widehat{\Delta W}_n$$

retains weak order  $\beta = 1.0$  if random variables

$\widehat{\Delta W}_n$  satisfy

$$|E(\widehat{\Delta W}_n)| + |E((\widehat{\Delta W}_n)^3)| + |E((\widehat{\Delta W}_n)^2 - \Delta_n)| \leq K \cdot \Delta_n$$

eg.  $\widehat{\Delta W}_n$  is 2-point distributed.

$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega; \widehat{\Delta W}_n(\omega) = \pm \sqrt{\Delta_n}\}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

simplified  
order 2.0  
weak Taylor  
scheme

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{n+1} = & Y_n + a \cdot \Delta_n + b \cdot \widehat{\Delta W}_n \\ & + \frac{1}{2} b b' \{ (\widehat{\Delta W}_n)^2 - \Delta_n \} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (b a' + a b' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 b'') \Delta_n \cdot \widehat{\Delta W}_n \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (a a' + \frac{1}{2} b^2 a'') \Delta_n^2 \end{aligned}$$

here  $\Delta \mathbb{Z}_n$  is replaced by  $\Delta_n \cdot \widehat{\Delta W}_n$  and  $\Delta W_n$  by  $\widehat{\Delta W}_n$  with

$$\begin{aligned} & |E(\widehat{\Delta W}_n)| + |E((\widehat{\Delta W}_n)^3)| + |E((\widehat{\Delta W}_n)^5)| \\ & + |E((\widehat{\Delta W}_n)^2 - \Delta_n)| + |E((\widehat{\Delta W}_n)^4 - 3\Delta_n^2)| \leq K \cdot \Delta_n^3 \end{aligned}$$

eg.  $\widehat{\Delta W}_n$  is 3-point distributed with

$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega; \widehat{\Delta W}_n(\omega) = \pm \sqrt{3\Delta_n}\}) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad P(\{\omega \in \Omega; \widehat{\Delta W}_n(\omega) = 0\}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

multi-dimensional  
case  $d, m \geq 1$

$$dX_t^i = a^i(t, X_t) dt + \sum_{j=1}^m b^{ij}(t, X_t) dW_t^j$$

simplified  
order 2.0  
weak Taylor  
scheme (Talay)

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{n+1}^i &= Y_n^i + a^i \Delta_n + \frac{1}{2} L^0 a^i \Delta_n^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^m \left\{ b^{ij} + \frac{1}{2} (L^0 b^{ij} + L^j a^i) \Delta_n \right\} \widetilde{\Delta W}_n^j \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^m L^{j_1} b^{ij_2} \{ \widetilde{\Delta W}_n^{j_1} \cdot \widetilde{\Delta W}_n^{j_2} + V_{j_1, j_2} \} \end{aligned}$$

where •  $\widetilde{\Delta W}_n$  is 3-point distributed (as above)

•  $V_{j_1, j_2}$  are independent, 2-point distributed with

$$P(V_{j_1, j_2} = \pm \Delta_n) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad V_{j_1, j_1} = -\Delta_n, \quad V_{j_1, j_2} = -V_{j_2, j_1}$$

$j_2 = 1, \dots, j_1-1$        $\leftarrow j_1 = 1, \dots, m \rightarrow$        $j_2 = j_1+1, \dots, m$

$$\Delta Z_n^j = I_{(j, 0)} \sim \Delta_n \cdot \widetilde{\Delta W}_n^j, \quad I_{(i, j_2)} \sim \widetilde{\Delta W}_n^{j_1} \cdot \widetilde{\Delta W}_n^{j_2} \pm \Delta_n$$

$j_1 \neq j_2, \quad j_i \neq 0$

## DERIVATIVE-FREE WEAK TAYLOR SCHEMES

• weak Taylor schemes can also be simplified without loss of convergence order by using derivative-free counterparts of the coefficients

$$f_a = f(j_1, \dots, j_d) = L^{j_1} \dots L^{j_d} f$$

derivative-free  
simplified  
order 2.0  
weak scheme  
( $d=m=1$  case)

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{n+1} &= Y_n + \frac{1}{2} \{ a(\psi_n^+) + a(\psi_n^-) \} \Delta_n \quad (\text{Platen}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \{ b(\psi_n^+) + b(\psi_n^-) + 2b(Y_n) \} \widetilde{\Delta W}_n \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{\Delta_n}} \{ b(\psi_n^+) - b(\psi_n^-) \} \{ (\widetilde{\Delta W}_n)^2 - \Delta_n \} \end{aligned}$$

$\widetilde{\Delta W}_n$   
3-point distributed

with supporting values

$$\psi_n = Y_n + a(Y_n) \Delta_n + b(Y_n) \widetilde{\Delta W}_n, \quad \psi_n^\pm = Y_n + a(Y_n) \Delta_n \pm b(Y_n) \sqrt{\Delta_n}$$

# VARIANCE REDUCTION

- in actual calculations only an arithmetic average of finitely many samples

to estimate  $E(g(Y_{N_T}^s))$ .

$$\hat{E}_N^s = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N g(Y_{N_T}^s(\omega_j))$$

- $\hat{E}_N^s$  is a random variable  $\therefore$  need confidence intervals

$$\text{width} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

$N \gg 1$  for accuracy

- variance reduction methods attempt to reduce the number of samples required by estimating a different quantity with the same mean, but smaller variance

based on the Girsanov measure transformation

original SDE

$$X_t^{s,x} = x + \int_s^t a(X_\tau^{s,x}) d\tau + \int_s^t b(X_\tau^{s,x}) dW_\tau$$

$W$  is Wiener process w.r.t. measure  $P$

transformed SDE

$$\tilde{X}_t^{s,x} = x + \int_s^t a(\tilde{X}_\tau^{s,x}) d\tau + \int_s^t b(\tilde{X}_\tau^{s,x}) \left\{ dW_\tau - d(\tau, \tilde{X}_\tau^{s,x}) d\tau \right\}$$

$\leftarrow d\tilde{W}_\tau \rightarrow$

$\tilde{W}$  is Wiener process w.r.t. transformed measure  $\tilde{P}$

$$\frac{d\tilde{P}}{dP} = \frac{\Theta_t}{\Theta_s}$$

Radon-Nikodym derivative

$$\Theta_t = \Theta_s + \int_s^t \Theta_\tau d(\tau, \tilde{X}_\tau^{s,x}) d\tau$$

$$u(s, x) = E(g(X_T^{s,x})) = \tilde{E}(g(\tilde{X}_T^{s,x})) \quad \text{mean wrt } \tilde{P}$$

$$= E(g(\tilde{X}_T^{s,x}) \frac{\Theta_T}{\Theta_s}) \quad \text{mean wrt } P$$

eg pick  $\bar{u}$  similar to  $u$

$$d(t, x) = \frac{-1}{\bar{u}(t, x)} b(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \bar{u}(t, x) \quad \leftarrow \text{estimate this expectation}$$

# EXTRAPOLATION METHODS

• higher order weak convergence can be obtained from a low order weak scheme by extrapolation due to the special form of leading error coefficients of weak approximations

Analogous to  
deterministic  
Richardson  
extrapolation

$$\mu(\delta) = \mu_{\text{true}} + K\delta^2 + O(\delta^4)$$

$$\mu(2\delta) = \mu_{\text{true}} + 4K\delta^2 + O(\delta^4)$$

$$\mu_{\text{true}} = \frac{4\mu(\delta) - \mu(2\delta)}{3} + O(\delta^4)$$

Talay & Tubaro  
(1989)

with stochastic Euler,  $E(g(\gamma_{N_T}^\delta))$  is a  
weak order  $\beta=1.0$  approximation of  $E(g(X_T))$

order  $\beta=2.0$   
extrapolation

$$V_2^\delta(\tau) = 2E(g(\gamma_{N_T}^\delta)) - E(g(\gamma_{N_T}^{2\delta}))$$

General case (Kloeden & Platen)

order  $\beta$  weak scheme

$$\gamma_{N_T}^{\delta_1}, \gamma_{N_T}^{\delta_2}, \dots, \gamma_{N_T}^{\delta_{\beta+1}}$$

$$\delta_\ell = \delta \cdot d_\ell \quad 0 < d_1 < \dots < d_{\beta+1} < \infty$$

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{\beta+1} a_\ell = 1$$

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{\beta+1} a_\ell (d_\ell)^\gamma = 0 \quad \gamma = \beta, \dots, 2\beta-1$$

general  
order  $2\beta$   
extrapolation

$$V_{2\beta}^\delta = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\beta+1} a_\ell \cdot E(g(\gamma_{N_T}^{\delta_\ell}))$$

eg  $\beta=2.0$   
 $d_\ell=1$

$$V_{4.0}^\delta = \frac{18}{11} E(g(\gamma_{N_T}^\delta)) - \frac{9}{11} E(g(\gamma_{N_T}^{2\delta})) + \frac{2}{11} E(g(\gamma_{N_T}^{3\delta}))$$

also

$$\frac{32}{21}$$

$$-\frac{12}{21}$$

$$\frac{1}{21}$$

is can double convergence order

comparative  
complexity ?

# MOMENT EQUATIONS

$X$  d-dim

linear SDE

$$dX_t = A(t)X_t dt + \sum_{j=1}^m B^j(t)X_t dW_t^j$$

moment  
ordinary  
DEs

$$m(t) = E(X_t)$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = A(t)m$$

$$P(t) = E(X_t X_t^T) \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = A(t)P + PA(t) + \sum_{j=1}^m B^j(t)P B^j(t)$$

dxd symmetric matrix

alternatively

estimate  $E(g(Y_{NT}^{\delta}))$   
using a weak scheme  
for  $Y_{NT}^{\delta}$

• confidence intervals only  
BUT can use any function  $g$  once  
the  $Y_{NT}^{\delta}$  have been calculated

Nonlinear SDE

$$dX_t = a X_t (1 - X_t) dt + b X_t dW_t$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(X_t) = a E(X_t) - a E(X_t^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} E(X_t^2) = (2a + b^2) E(X_t^2) - 2a E(X_t^3)$$

discard

• usually a closed system  
of ODEs does not exist

• closure procedure  
eg truncation

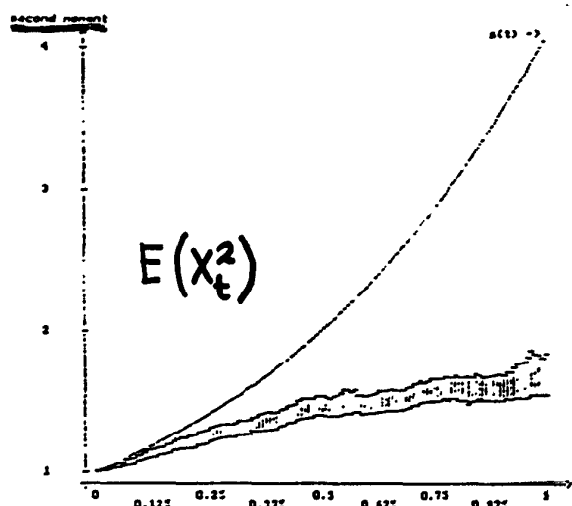
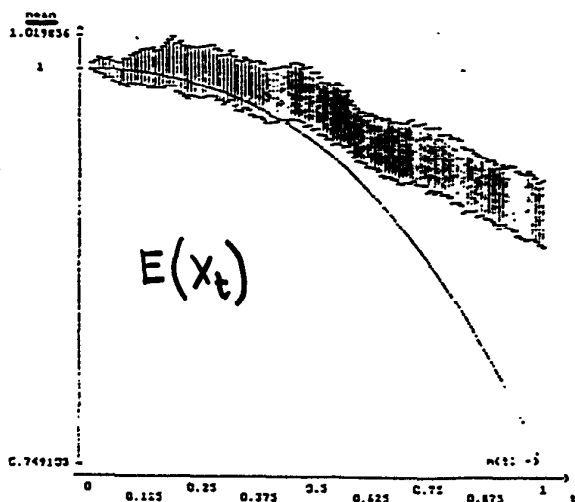
exact solution of truncated system

• order 2.0 weak Taylor  
scheme,  $\Delta_n \equiv 2^{-7}$

$$E(X_t) = E(X_0) e^{at} - \frac{a}{a+b^2} E(X_0^2) e^{(2a+b^2)t}$$

$$E(X_t^2) = E(X_0^2) e^{(2a+b^2)t}$$

• 99% confidence  
intervals with  $M=20$   
batches,  $N=200$  samples



# FREQUENCY HISTOGRAMS

- often an SDE has a statistically stationary solution (ie with time invariant measure or density) which all other solutions approach asymptotically
- a weak scheme can be used to construct a frequency histogram of the measure's density

- ie simply count the number of realizations  $X_T(\omega)$  for some large  $T$  falling into given partition subsets

$$P(\{\omega \in \Omega; X_T(\omega) \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]\}) = E(\mathbb{1}_{[x_i, x_{i+1}]}(X_T))$$

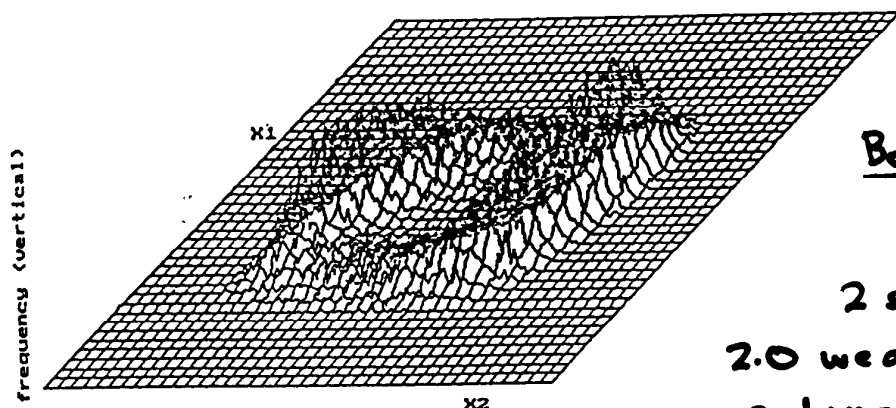
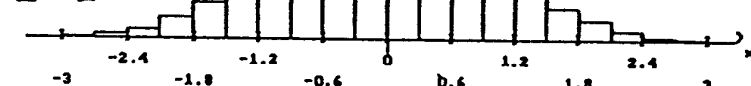
$$\approx \frac{N_i}{N} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N_i \leftarrow \text{realizations in } [x_i, x_{i+1}] \\ N \leftarrow \text{total number of realizations} \end{array} \right.$$

## Ornstein - Uhlenbeck Process

5-dim  $dX_t = AX_t dt + b dW_t$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

derivative-free  
order 2.0  
 $\Delta = 2^{-6}$



## Bonhöffer - van der Pol system

2 sample paths of order 2.0 weak Taylor scheme over a long-time interval

Ergodic process: typical sample path over a long-time interval behaves similarly to an ensemble of paths



# LYAPUNOV EXPONENTS

linear SDE

$$dX_t = AX_t dt + BX_t \circ dW_t$$

Stratonovich

$$d \geq 1$$

Lyapunov exponents measure asymptotic exponential rate of expansion or contraction  
 ~ real parts of eigenvalues

$$\lambda(x_0, \omega) = \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \|X_t^{x_0}(\omega)\|$$

Oseledec's  
 Multiplicative  
 Ergodic Theorem

- ① nonrandom  $\lambda_d \leq \dots \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_1$
- ② random  $E_d(\omega) \oplus \dots \oplus E_1(\omega) = \mathbb{R}^d$
- ③  $\lambda(x_0, \omega) \leq \lambda_j$  if  $x_0 \in E_j(\omega) \oplus \dots \oplus E_1(\omega)$

- $\lambda_1 < 0$  null solution  $X_t \equiv 0$  asymptotically stable
- $\lambda_d \ll \lambda_1$  stiff SDE, vastly different time scales

Polar coordinates  $R_t = \|X_t\|$ ,  $S_t = X_t / \|X_t\| \in \int^{d-1}_{\text{d-dim. sphere}}$

$$dR_t = q(S_t)R_t dt + q_1(S_t)R_t \circ dW_t$$

$$dS_t = h(S_t, A)dt + h(S_t, B) \circ dW_t$$

$$q_1(s) = s^T B s$$

$$h(s, A) = \{A - (s^T A)s\}s$$

$$\ln R_t = \ln R_0 + \int_0^t q(S_\tau) d\tau + \int_0^t q_1(S_\tau) \circ dW_\tau$$

$$q(s) = s^T A s - (s^T B s)^2 + \frac{1}{2} s^T (B + B^T) s$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln R_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t q(S_\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \int_{S^{d-1}} q(s) \mu(ds) = \lambda_1$$

ergodicity  
 invariant measure on  $S^{d-1}$

top  
 Lyapunov  
 exponent

\* invariant measure  $\mu$  on  $S^{d-1}$

• satisfies PDE on  $S^{d-1}$

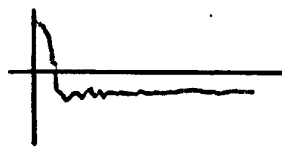
• difficult to solve numerically

• direct calculation of  $\frac{1}{t} \ln \|X_t\|$

use weak scheme  $Y_n^\delta$ , estimate  $\frac{1}{n\tau\delta} \ln \|Y_{n\tau}^\delta\|$

avoid  
large  
logarithms

$$L_T^\delta = \frac{1}{n\tau\delta} \sum_{n=1}^{n\tau} \ln \left( \frac{\|Y_n^\delta\|}{\|Y_{n-1}^\delta\|} \right)$$



• take  $T \rightarrow \infty$  until values stabilise

## Stochastic Bifurcation ( $\lambda_1$ changes sign)

noisy  
Brusselator  
equations

$$dX_t^1 = \{(\alpha-1)X_t^1 + \alpha(X_t^1)^2 + (X_t^1+1)^2 X_t^2\} dt + \sigma X_t^1 (1+X_t^1) dW_t$$

$$dX_t^2 = \{-\alpha X_t^1 - \alpha(X_t^1)^2 - (X_t^1+1)^2 X_t^2\} dt - \sigma X_t^1 (1+X_t^1) dW_t$$

$(0,0)$  undergoes Hopf bifurcation at  $\alpha=2$   
in the noise-free system

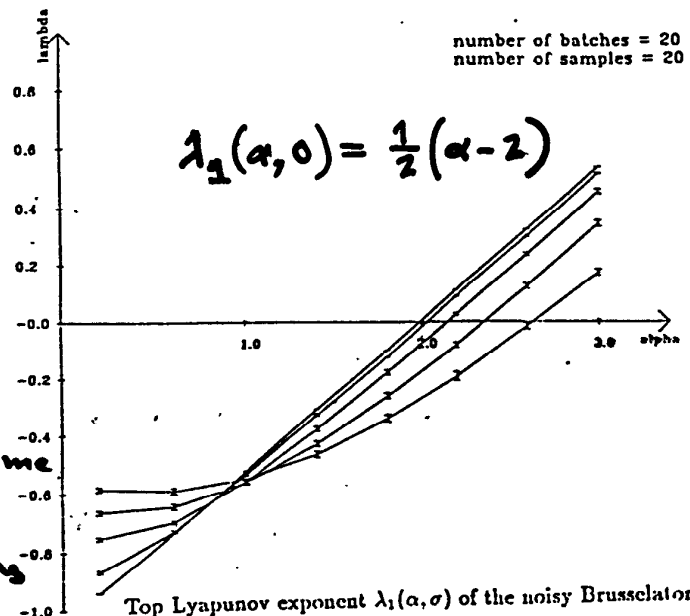
linearized system (Ito)

$$dX_t^1 = \{(\alpha-1)X_t^1 + X_t^2\} dt + \sigma X_t^1 dW_t$$

$$dX_t^2 = \{-\alpha X_t^1 - X_t^2\} dt - \sigma X_t^1 dW_t$$

order 2.0 weak Taylor scheme

noisy Brusselator equations  
have "noisy" Hopf bifurcation  
at  $\alpha \approx 2$  (depending on  $\sigma$ )



## EXAMPLE 1 - WEAK APPROXIMATION

5-dimensional Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

$$d \begin{pmatrix} X_t^1 \\ X_t^2 \\ X_t^3 \\ X_t^4 \\ X_t^5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_t^1 \\ X_t^2 \\ X_t^3 \\ X_t^4 \\ X_t^5 \end{pmatrix} dt + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{additive noise}} dW_t$$

scalar Wiener process  
↓

Order 2.0 weak Taylor scheme

$$0 \leq t \leq T = 5120$$

$$\text{equidistant steps } \Delta = 2^{-6}$$

Plotted histogram for  $X_T^{(5)}$  using  
5000 different sample paths

