

Assignment 5

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Simulation

This code is calculating the Itô integral and the Stratonovich integral for integrals with known solutions. This follows (Higham 2001), but adds in multiple trials in a vectorized manner.

```
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

def multiple_brownian_motion(end_time=1., num_tsteps=500, n_trials=1000):
    dt = (end_time - 0) / num_tsteps
    dw = np.random.normal(scale=np.sqrt(dt), size=(num_tsteps+1, n_trials))
    # Brownian motion must start at time 0 with value 0
    dw[0] = np.zeros_like(dw[0])
    w = dw.cumsum(axis=0)
    t = np.linspace(0, end_time, num=num_tsteps+1) # not used in calculations
    assert w.shape[0] == t.shape[0], f'time and position arrays are not the same length. w.shape[0] - t
    assert w.shape == dw.shape, f'position and velocity arrays are not the same shape: w.shape: {w.shape
    return t, w, dw

def plot_results(approx, exact, title=''):
    plt.figure()
    plt.plot(exact, '.', label='Exact')
    plt.plot(approx, '+', alpha=0.5, label='Approx.')
    plt.legend()
    plt.title(title)
    plt.show()

def error_plot(approx, exact, title=''):
    plt.figure()
    plt.hist(approx-exact, bins='auto')
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.xlabel('Error')
    plt.title(title)
    plt.show()
```

Set up for Trial

```
END_TIME = 1
NUM_TSTEPS = 500
N_TRIALS = 1000
dt = END_TIME / NUM_TSTEPS
t, w, dw = multiple_brownian_motion(END_TIME, NUM_TSTEPS, N_TRIALS)
```

Itô Integral

The Itô integral of $W(t)$ is known to be the following

$$\int_0^T W(t) dW = \frac{1}{2} W(T)^2 - \frac{1}{2} T.$$

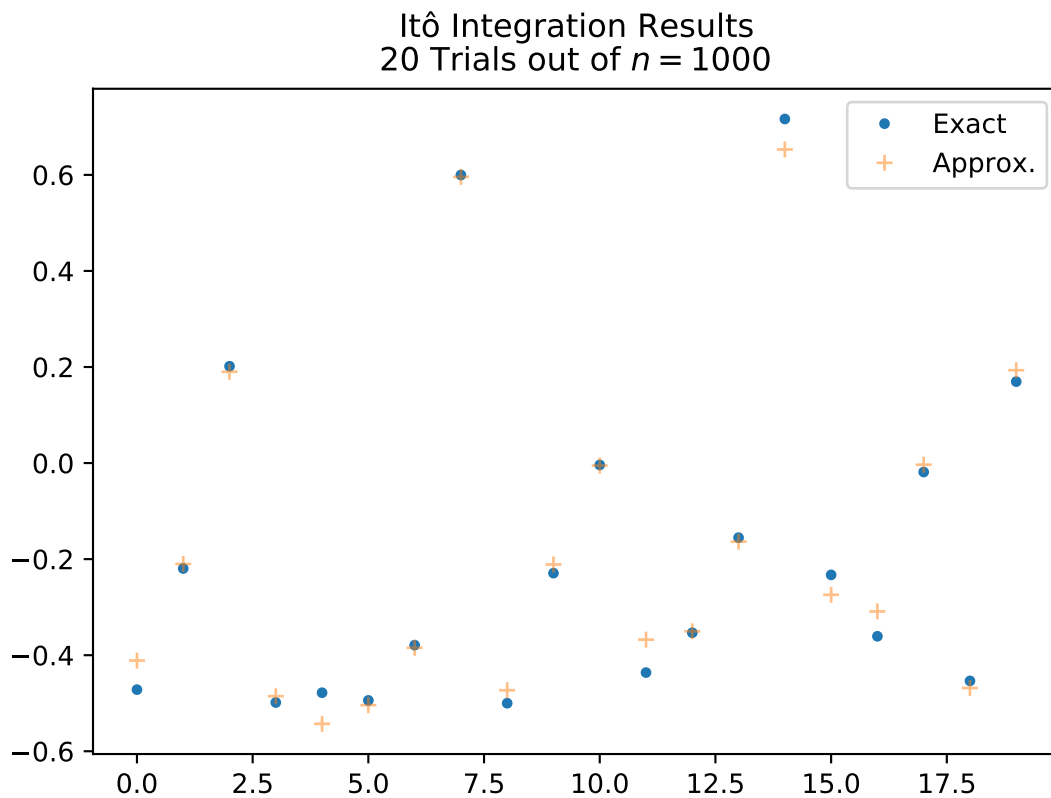
The integral is approximated by the following:

$$\int_0^T W(t) dW \approx \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} W(t_j) (W(t_{j+1}) - W(t_j)).$$

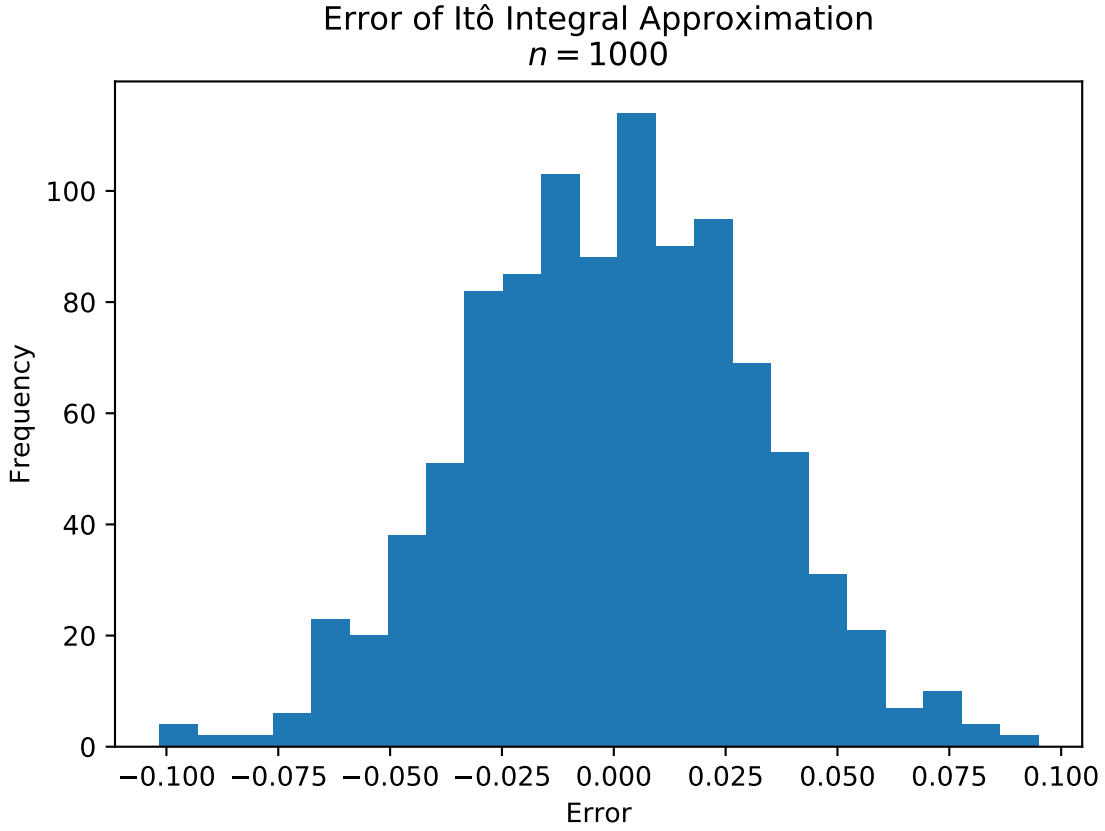
```
def ito_integral(w, dw):
    return (w[:-1]*dw[1:]).sum(axis=0)

def exact_ito(w, end_time):
    return 0.5 * (w[-1]**2 - end_time)

ito_approx = ito_integral(w, dw)
ito_ex = exact_ito(w, END_TIME)
ito_error = np.abs(ito_approx-ito_ex)
plot_results(ito_approx[:20], ito_ex[:20], f'Itô Integration Results\n20 Trials out of $n={N\_TRIALS}$')
```



```
error_plot(ito_approx, ito_ex, f'Error of Itô Integral Approximation\n$n={N\_TRIALS}$')
```



Stratonovich Integral

The Stratonovich integral of $W(t)$ is known to be the following

$$\int_0^T W(t) dW = \frac{1}{2} W(T)^2.$$

The integral is approximated by the following:

$$\int_0^T W(t) dW \approx \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} W\left(\frac{t_j + t_{j+1}}{2}\right) (W(t_{j+1}) - W(t_j)),$$

but since $W\left(\frac{t_j + t_{j+1}}{2}\right)$ is not computed directly, it is approximated as follows:

$$W\left(\frac{t_j + t_{j+1}}{2}\right) \approx \frac{W(t_j) + W(t_{j+1})}{2} + \Delta Z_j,$$

where for each j , ΔZ_j is independent and $\Delta Z_j \sim N\left(0, \frac{\Delta t}{4}\right)$. Below, this is calculated in the function `approx_w_midpt`.

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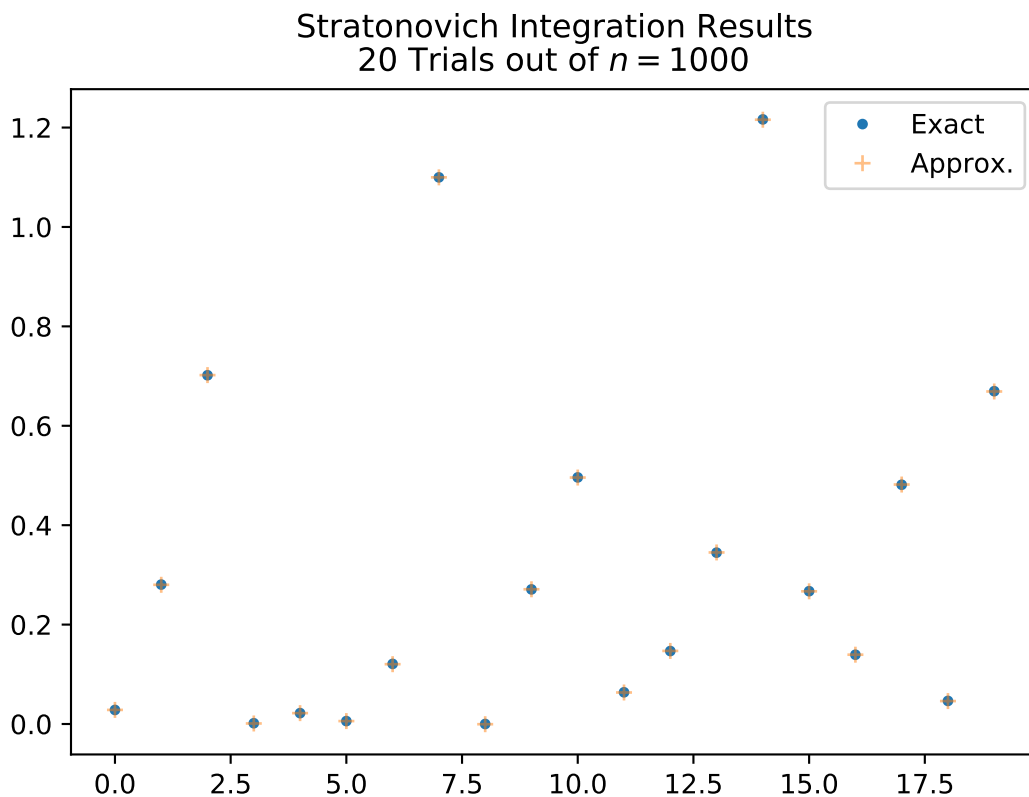
def approx_w_midpt(w, dt):
    """ Takes w, a vector of length N returns a vector of length N-1
    given  $W(t_j)$  and  $W(t_{j+1})$ , this approximates  $W$  evaluated at the
    midpoint, ie.  $W((t_j+t_{j+1})/2)$  """
    return 0.5*(w[:-1] + w[1:]) + np.random.normal(scale=dt/4, size=w[:-1].shape)

def stratonovich_integral(w, dw, dt):
    w_mid = approx_w_midpt(w, dt)
    return (w_mid * dw[1:]).sum(axis=0)

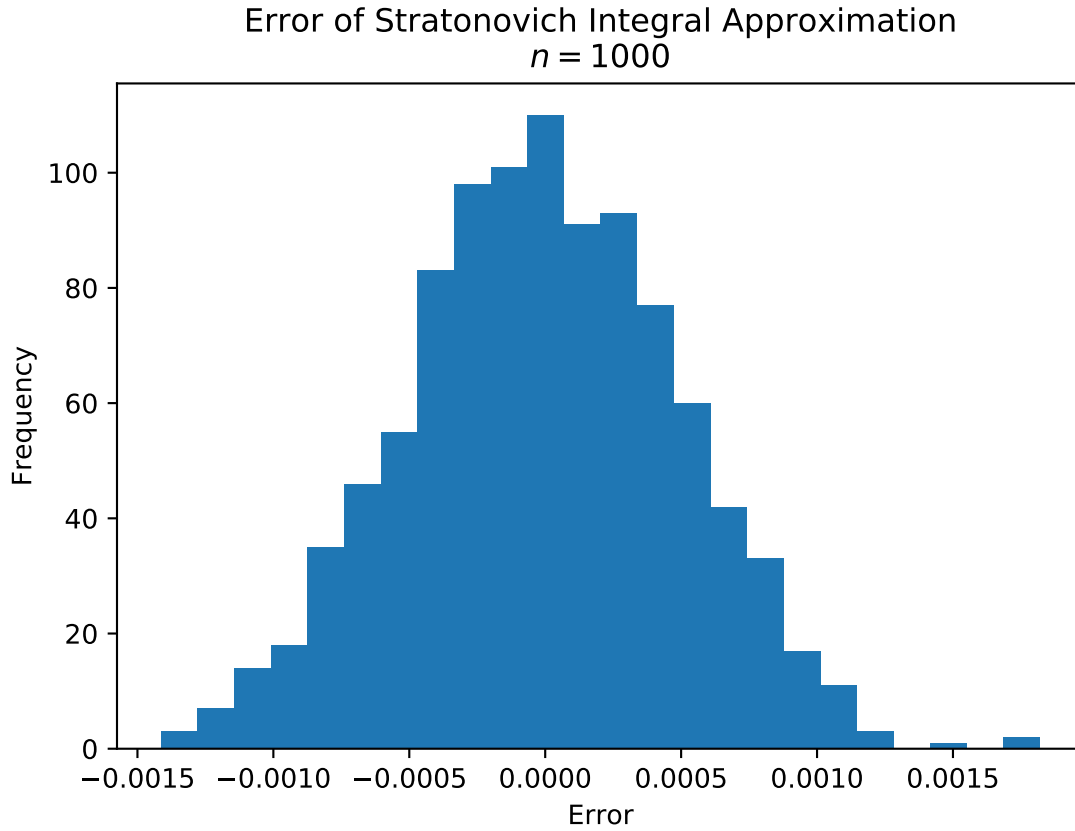
def exact_stratonovich(w):
    return 0.5 * w[-1]**2

strat_approx = stratonovich_integral(w, dw, dt)
strat_ex = exact_stratonovich(w)
strat_error = np.abs(strat_approx-strat_ex)
plot_results(strat_approx[:20], strat_ex[:20], f'Stratonovich Integration Results\n20 Trials out of $n=

```



```
error_plot(strat_approx, strat_ex, f'Error of Stratonovich Integral Approximation\nn={N_TRIALS}$')
```



Analytical

This is exercise 4.1(a) from (Särkkä and Solin 2019), but using the notation W for Brownian motion as (Evans 2012). Compute the Ito differential of $\phi(W, t) = t + \exp(W)$.

Since ϕ is a function of a random variable, we will first look at $u : \mathbb{R} \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

$$u(x, t) = t + e^x \quad (1)$$

$$u_x = e^x \quad (2)$$

$$u_{xx} = e^x \quad (3)$$

$$u_t = 1 \quad (4)$$

where the subscripts denote the variable that the derivative was taken respect to.

Now, let's consider the random variable X , which is a function of Brownian motion W :

$$X(t) = W(t) \quad (5)$$

$$dX = dW \quad (6)$$

$$dX = \underbrace{0}_{F=0} dt + \underbrace{1}_{G=1} dW \quad (7)$$

Since X is a solution of the differential equation of the form $dX = Fdt + GdW$, we may apply Ito's chain rule.

$$\phi := u(X, t) \tag{8}$$

$$d\phi = du = \left(u_t + u_x F + \frac{1}{2} u_{xx} G^2 \right) dt + u_x G dW \quad \text{Itô's chain rule} \tag{9}$$

$$d\phi = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} e^W \right) dt + e^W dW \tag{10}$$

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