

# An introduction to using SDEs

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# Outline

- Ito-Taylor expansion
  - Basic numerical schemes & convergence
  - Parameter estimation
  - Filtering
  - Local linearization
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- Next meeting – Valdes Sosa (1999) paper

# Resources

- Kloeden & Platen
- “An algorithmic introduction to numerical simulation of SDEs” by Higham
- “MAPLE and MATLAB for SDEs in finance” by Higham & Kloeden
- Jimenez. 1999 J. of Stat. Phys. Vol 94
- Ozaki. 1992 Statistica Sinica 2 pp113-135
- Ghahramani & Hinton. 1996 Technical report CRG-TR-96-2

# Weiner process

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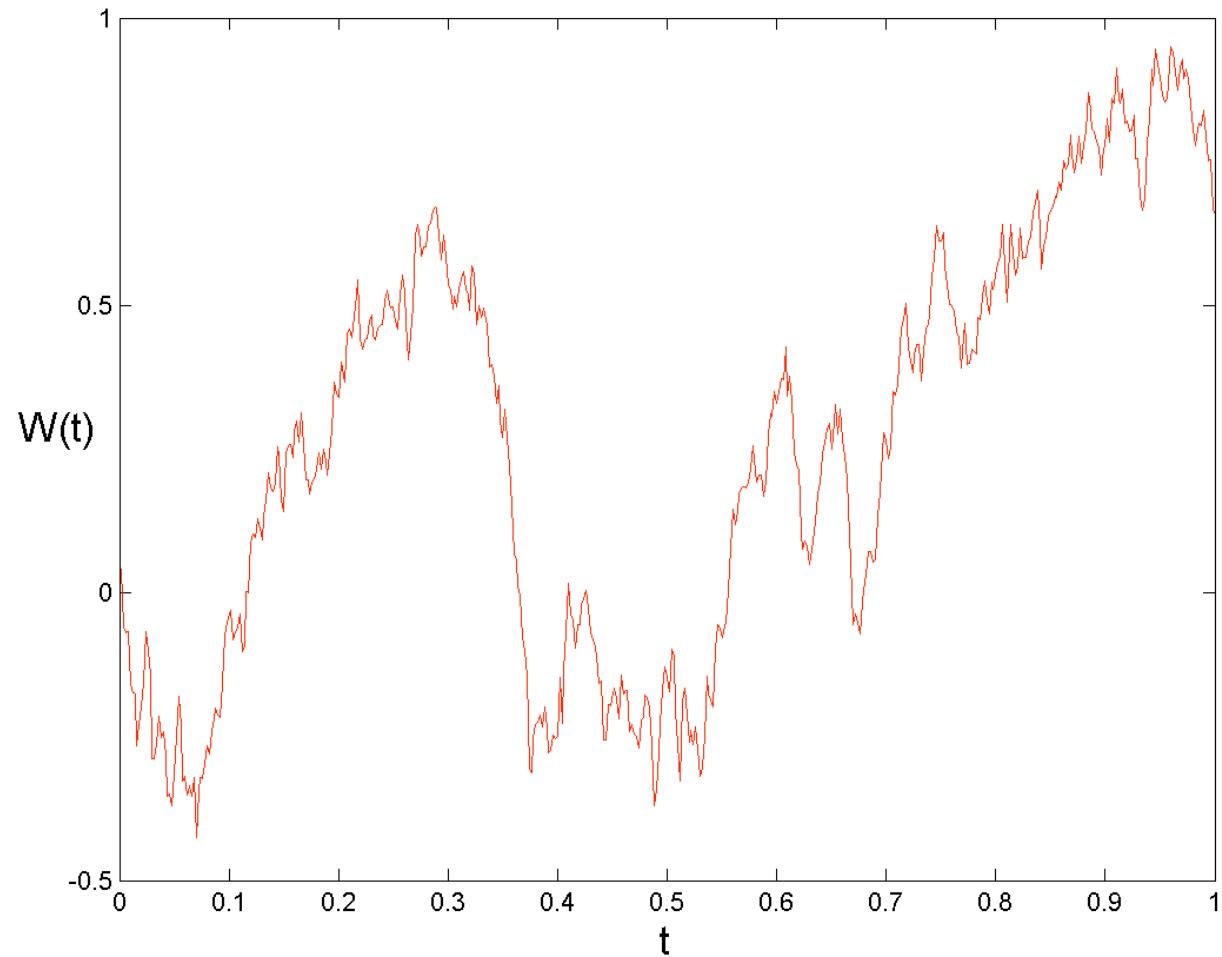
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# Sample path of a Weiner process



# Scalar SDEs

- Integral form

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

Stochastic integral

- Differential form (symbolic)

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

# Stochastic integrals

- Ito

$$\int_0^T h(t) dW_s \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h(t_n) (W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n})$$

- Stratonovich

$$\int_0^T h(t) dW_s \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} h\left(\frac{t_n + t_{n+1}}{2}\right) (W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n})$$

# Example of difference

- Ito

$$\int_0^T W_s dW_s \approx \frac{1}{2} \left\{ W_T^2 - T \right\}$$

Additional term

- Stratonovich

$$\int_0^T W_s dW_s \approx \frac{1}{2} W_T^2$$

Same as classical  
calculus

# Ito's formula

- Function of SDE solution

$$V_t = V(X_t), \quad dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dW_t$$

- Ito's formula

$$dV_t = L^0 V(t, X_t)dt + L^1 V(t, X_t)dW_t$$

- Partial differential operators

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

Additional term  
*c.f.* classical calculus

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

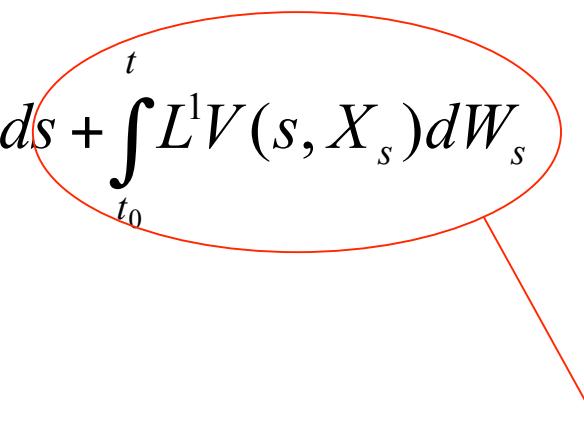
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Coefficient functions      Stochastic integral

# Ito's formula - example

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$$dV_t = \left( \frac{4\alpha - \beta^2}{8V} - \frac{1}{2}V \right) dt + \frac{1}{2} \beta dW_t$$

# Higham's code - chain.m

```
alpha = 2; beta = 1; T = 1; N = 200; dt = T/N; % Problem parameters  
Xzero = 1; Xzero2 = sqrt(Xzero); %
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Dt = dt; % EM steps of size Dt = dt
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efficiency
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for j = 1:N
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f2 = (4*alpha-beta^2)/(8*Xtemp2) - Xtemp2/2;
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g2 = beta/2;
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Xtemp2 = Xtemp2 + Dt*f2 + Winc*g2;
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Xem2(j) = Xtemp2;
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end
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plot([0:Dt:T],[sqrt([Xzero,abs(Xem1)])],'b-',[0:Dt:T],[Xzero,Xem2],'ro')
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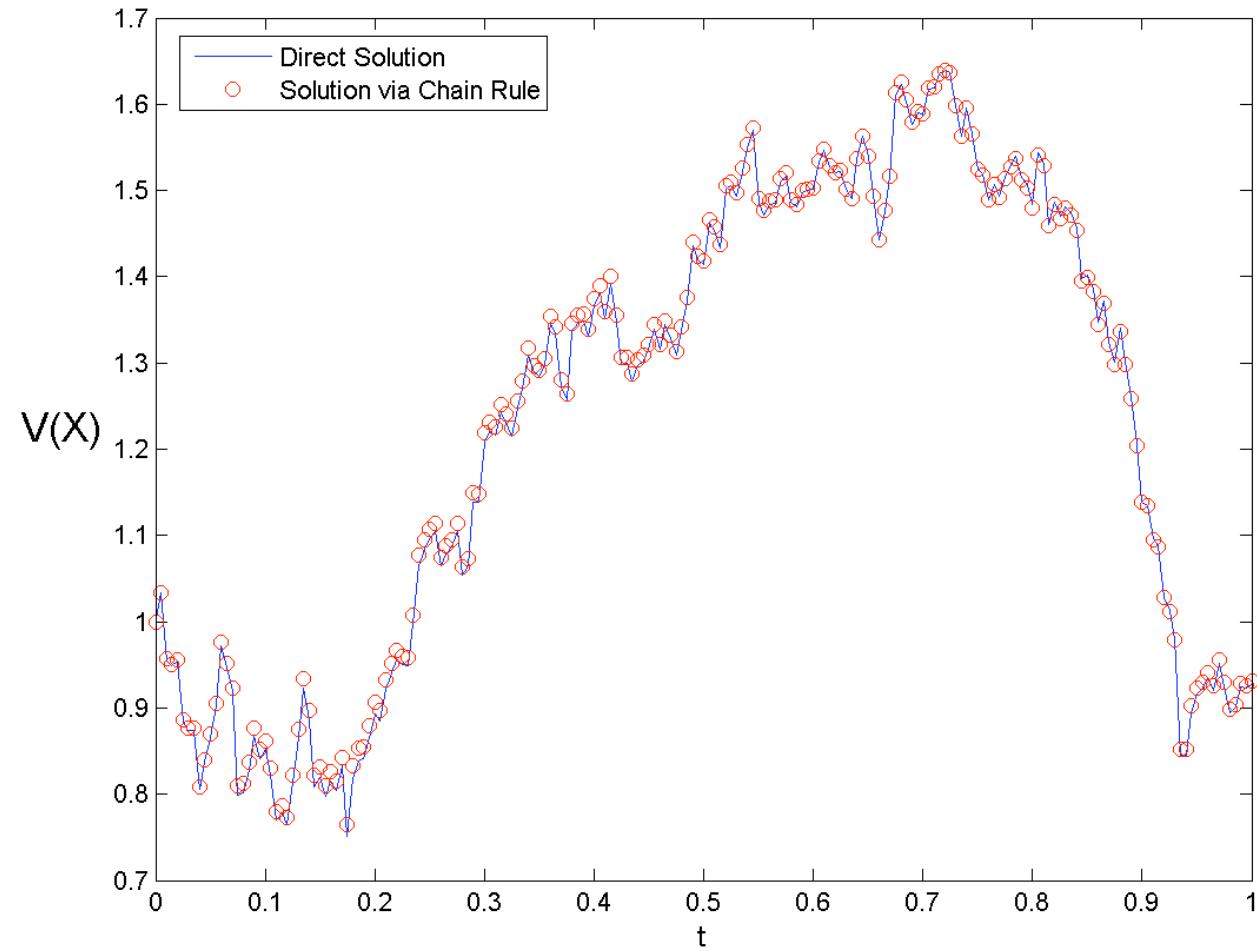
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$$V(X_t) = \sqrt{X_t}$$

$$V_t$$

# Compare $V(t)$ using $dX$ & $dV$



# Ito-Taylor expansion

- Iterated application of Ito's formula
- Generalization of Taylor expansion
- Convenient notation
  - Coefficient functions & stochastic integrals  
(Kloeden & Platen ch. 5)

# Ito-Taylor expansion

- SDE

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

- Ito-Taylor expansion

$$X_k(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Lambda_k} I_\alpha [f_\alpha(t_0, X_{t_0})]_{t_0, t}$$

Series (hierarchy) of stochastic integrals

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Coefficient functions

Hierarchical set      Stochastic integrals      Coefficient functions

# Truncated expansion

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- *e.g.*

$$X_t = X_{t_0} + f_{(0)} I_{(0)} + f_{(1)} I_{(1)} + \dots$$

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

# Coefficient functions

- Differential operators

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$$f(t, x) = id_x = x$$

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Euler-Maruyama

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# Stochastic integrals

- Examples

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$$I_{(1)} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_s = W_{t_{n+1}} - W_{t_n} = \Delta W_n$$

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Milstein

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# Basic numerical schemes & convergence

- Schemes based on truncated Ito-Taylor expansion
  - Euler-Maruyama
  - Milstein

# SDE schemes – truncated Ito-Taylor expansion

Euler-Maruyama

Order 0.5, 1 strong,  
weak convergence resp.

$$X_t = X_{t_0} + f_{(0)}I_{(0)} + f_{(1)}I_{(1)} + f_{(1,1)}I_{(1,1)}$$

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# Euler-Maruyama

- SDE

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- Truncated Ito-Taylor expansion

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- Truncated Ito-Taylor expansion Hierarchical set

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# Higham's code – em.m

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```
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T = 1; N = 2^8; dt = T/N;
dW = sqrt(dt)*randn(1,N); % Brownian increments
W = cumsum(dW); % discretized Brownian path

Xtrue = Xzero*exp((lambda-0.5*mu^2)*([dt:dt:T])+mu*W);

R = 4; Dt = R*dt; L = N/R; % L EM steps of size Dt = R*dt
Xem = zeros(1,L); % preallocate for efficiency
Xtemp = Xzero;
for j = 1:L
    Winc = sum(dW(R*(j-1)+1:R*j)); % Red oval highlights this line
    Xtemp = Xtemp + Dt*lambda*Xtemp + mu*Xtemp*Winc;
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Exact solution

$$X_t = X_{t_0} \exp\left(\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\right)t + \mu W_t\right)$$

# Exact solution

- SDE

$$dX_t = \lambda X_t dt + \mu X_t dW_t$$

- Transformation

$$V = \ln X$$

- Ito's formula

$$dV_t = L^0 V(X_t) dt + L^1 V(X_t) dW_t$$

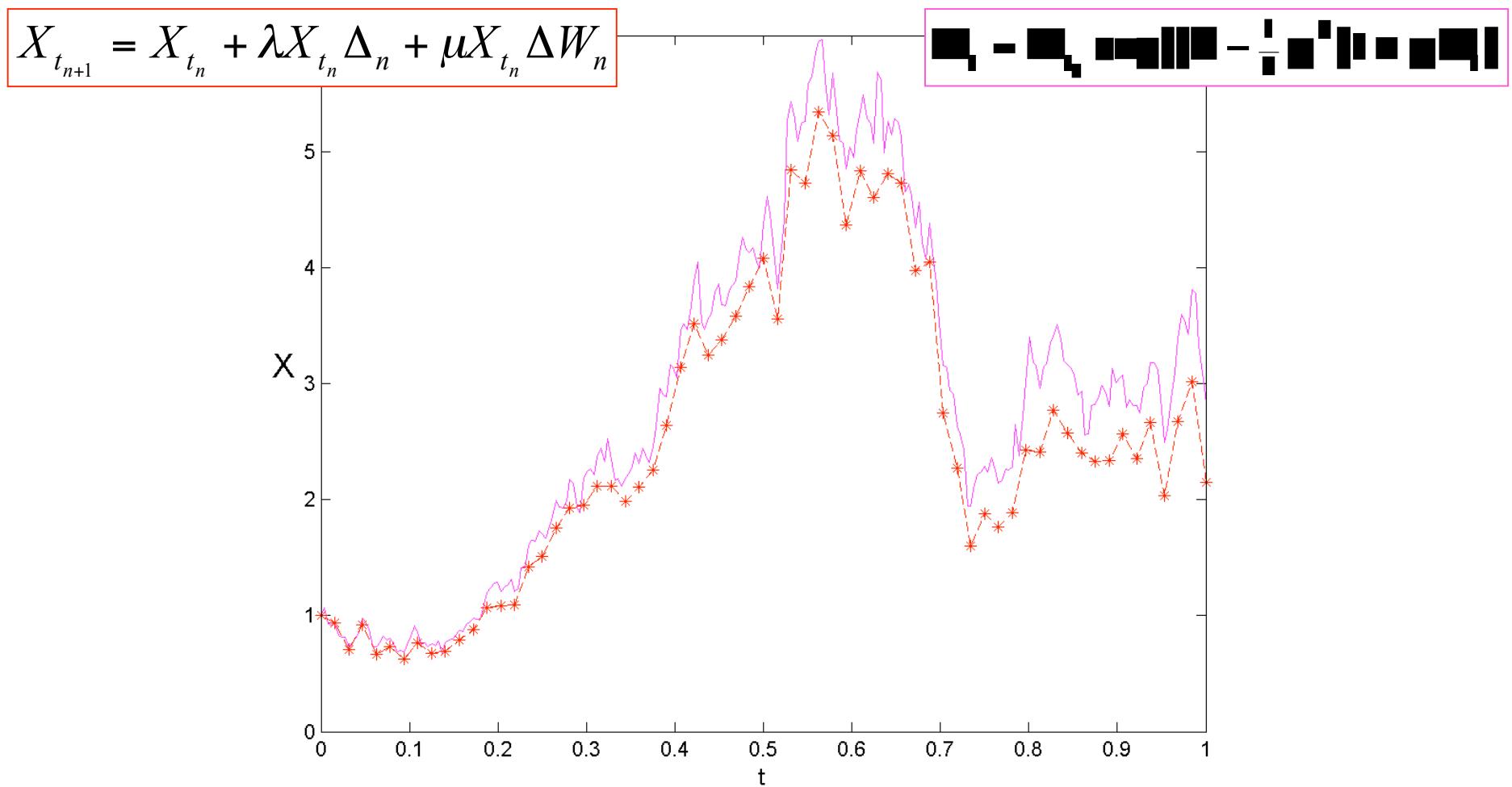
- Solution

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = X^{-1}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = -X^{-2}$$

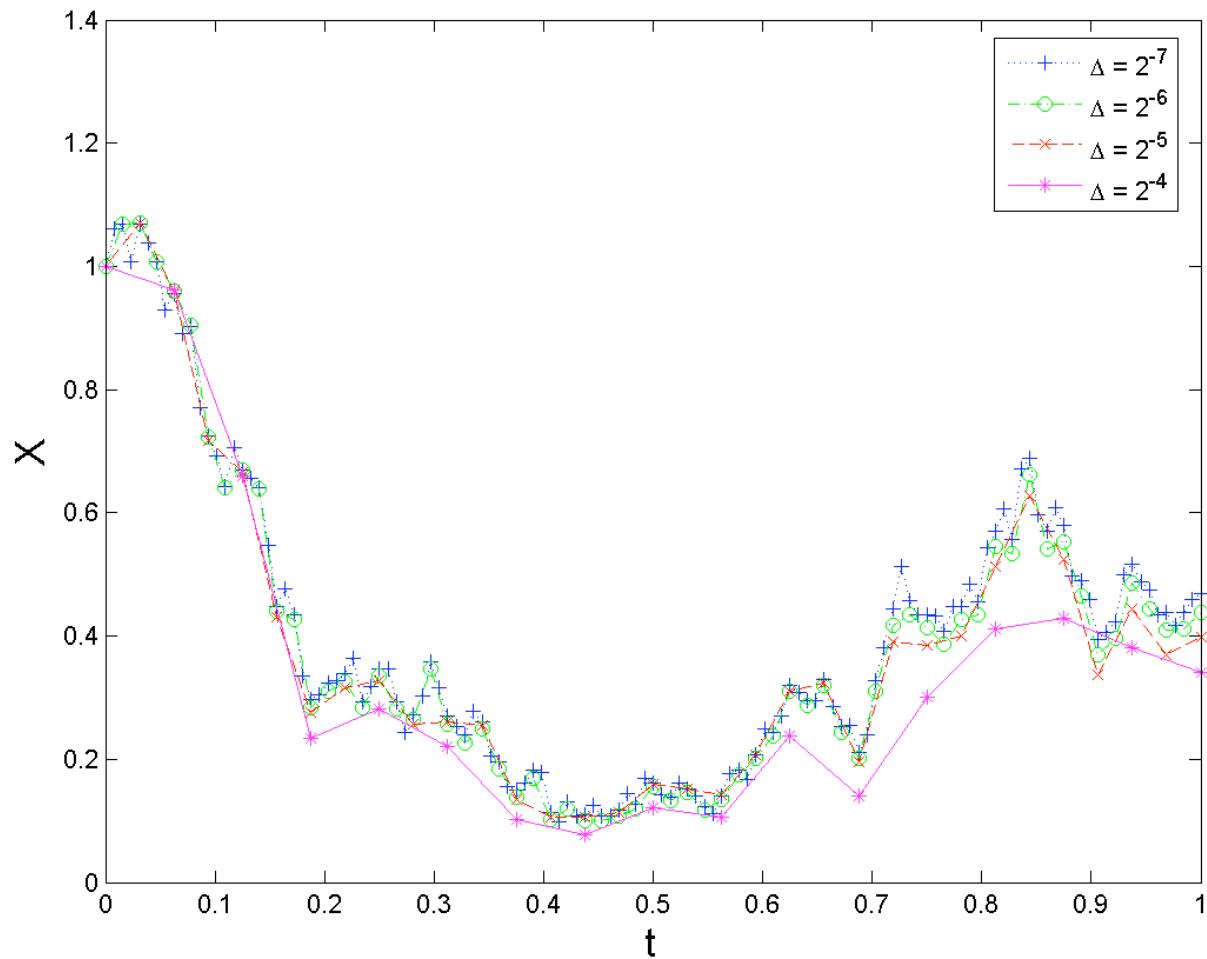
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$$X_t = X_0 \exp\left(\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2\right)t + \mu W_t\right)$$

# Compare exact with numerical



# Convergence



# Strong convergence of truncated Ito-Taylor expansion

Measures rate of decay of “mean of the error” as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$

- Pathwise criteria

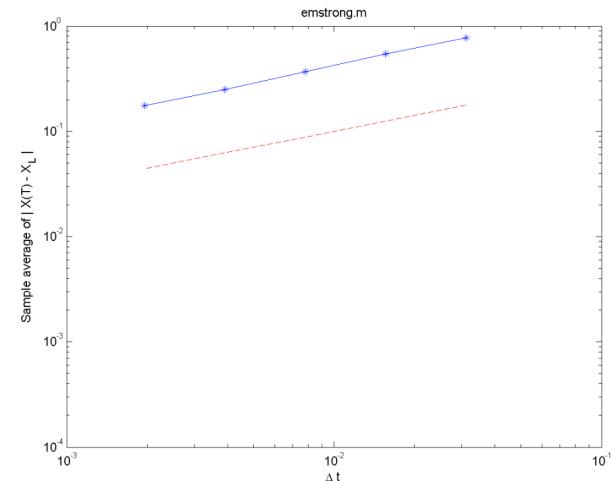
$$E(|X_n - X(\tau_n)|) \leq C\Delta t^\gamma, \quad \tau_n = n\Delta t \in [0, T]$$

Error @ end point  $e_{\Delta t}^{strong} := E(|X_L - X(T)|)$   $L\Delta t = T$

$$e_{\Delta t}^{strong} \leq C\Delta t^\gamma$$

$$\log e_{\Delta t}^{strong} = \log C + q \log \Delta t$$

estimate  $q \approx \gamma$



# Higham's code – emstrong.m

$$dX_t = \lambda X_t dt + \mu X_t dW_t$$

```

lambda = 2; mu = 1; Xzero = 1; % problem parameters
T = 1; N = 2^9; dt = T/N; %
M = 1000; % number of paths sampled

Xerr = zeros(M,5); % preallocate array
for s = 1:M, % sample over discrete Brownian paths
    dW = sqrt(dt)*randn(1,N); % Brownian increments
    W = cumsum(dW); % discrete Brownian path
    Xtrue = Xzero*exp((lambda-0.5*mu^2)+mu*W(end));
    for p = 1:5
        R = 2^(p-1); Dt = R*dt; L = N/R; % L Euler steps of size Dt = R*dt
        Xtemp = Xzero;
        for j = 1:L
            Winc = sum(dW(R*(j-1)+1:R*j)); % Approximate integral
            Xtemp = Xtemp + Dt*lambda*Xtemp + mu*Xtemp*Winc;
        end
        Xerr(s,p) = abs(Xtemp - Xtrue); % store the error at t = 1
    end
end

```

Variable  
step size

Approximate

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} dW_s$$

# Weak convergence of truncated Ito-Taylor expansion

Measures rate of decay of “error of the means” as  $\blacksquare \blacksquare = \blacksquare$

- statistical criteria

$$|E(p(X_n)) - E(p(X(\tau_n)))| \leq C\Delta t^\gamma, \quad \tau_n = n\Delta t \in [0, T]$$

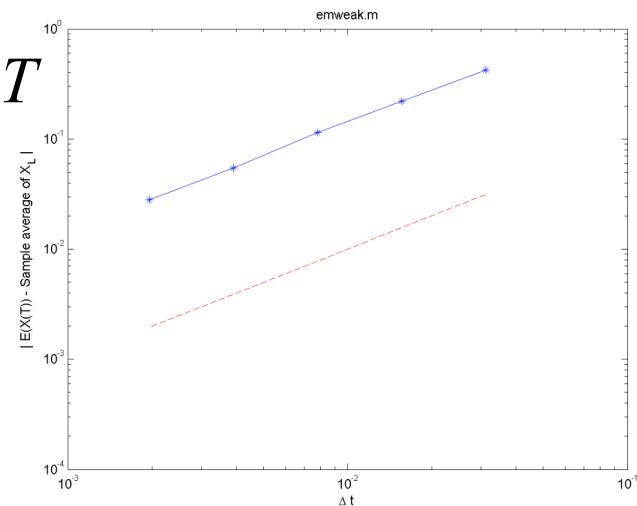
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$$e_{\Delta t}^{\text{weak}} := |E(X_L) - E(X(T))|, \quad L\Delta t = T$$

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$$\log e_{\Delta t}^{\text{weak}} = \log C + q \log \Delta t$$

estimate  $q \approx \gamma$



# Higham's code – emweak.m

$$dX_t = \lambda X_t dt + \mu X_t dW_t$$

```
lambda = 2; mu = 0.1; Xzero = 1; T = 1; % problem parameters
M = 50000; % number of paths sampled

Xem = zeros(5,1); % preallocate arrays
for p = 1:5 % take various Euler timesteps
    Dt = 2^(p-10); L = T/Dt; % L Euler steps of size Dt
    Xtemp = Xzero*ones(M,1);
    for j = 1:L
        Winc = sqrt(Dt)*randn(M,1);
        Xtemp = Xtemp + Dt*lambda*Xtemp + mu*Xtemp.*Winc;
    end
    Xem(p) = mean(Xtemp);
end
Xerr = abs(Xem - exp(lambda));
```

Note: can use two point random variable to generate random numbers for **weak** convergence (see Higham p.13)

# Milstein

- Integral form

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double  
stochastic integral

# Higham's code – milstrong.m

$$dX_t = rX_t(K - X_t)dt + \beta X_t dW_t$$

$$X_{t_{n+1}} = X_{t_n} + rX_{t_n}(K - X_{t_n})\Delta_n + \beta X_{t_n} \Delta W_n + \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 X_{t_n} \left\{ \Delta W_n \right\}^2 - \Delta_n$$

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r = 2; K = 1; beta = 0.25; Xzero = 0.5; % problem parameters
T = 1; N = 2^(11); dt = T/N; %
M = 500; % number of paths sampled
R = [1; 16; 32; 64; 128]; % Milstein stepsizes are R*dt

dW = sqrt(dt)*randn(M,N); % Brownian increments
Xmil = zeros(M,5); % preallocate array
for p = 1:5
    Dt = R(p)*dt; L = N/R(p); % L timesteps of size Dt = R dt
    Xtemp = Xzero*ones(M,1);
    for j = 1:L
        Winc = sum(dW(:,R(p)*(j-1)+1:R(p)*j),2);
        Xtemp = Xtemp + Dt*r*Xtemp.* (K-Xtemp) + beta*Xtemp.*Winc ...
            + 0.5*beta^2*Xtemp.* (Winc.^2 - Dt);
    end
    Xmil(:,p) = Xtemp; % store Milstein solution at t =1
end
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# Linear SDEs

- Moment equations
- Parameter estimation
- Filtering

# Mean, variance & auto-covariance

- Scalar SDE

$$dX_t = -aX_t dt + b dW_t$$

- Exact solution (using integrating factor)

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\exp(at) X_t) = b \exp(at) dW_t$$

$$\exp(at) X_t - X_0 = b \int_0^t \exp(as) dW_s$$

$$X_t = \exp(-at) X_0 + b \int_0^t \exp(-a(t-s)) dW_s$$

# Mean, variance & auto-covariance

- Mean

$$E(X_t) = \exp(-at)X_0 = m_t$$

- Auto-covariance

$$E((X_t - m_t)(X_{t+s} - m_{t+s})) = b^2 \int_0^t \exp(-a(2t + s - 2t')) dt'$$

$$= \frac{b^2}{2a} (\exp(-as) - \exp(-a(2t + s)))$$

- Variance

$$E((X_t - m_t)^2) = \frac{b^2}{2a} (1 - \exp(-2at))$$

- Stationary variance

$$E((X_t)^2) = \frac{b^2}{2a}$$

# Alternatively ...

- SDE

$$dX_t = -aX_t dt + b dW_t$$

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> moments

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -am \Rightarrow m_t = \exp(-at)m_0$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -2aP + b^2 \Rightarrow P_t = \frac{b^2}{2a} (1 - \exp(-2at))$$

- Using result from next slide

# ... 2<sup>nd</sup> moment

- Transformation

$$U(t, x) = X^2$$

$$dU_t = L^0 U dt + L^1 U dW$$

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} = 2$$

$$L^0 U = -2aX^2 + b^2, \quad L^1 U = 2bX$$

$$dU_t = (-2aX^2 + b^2)dt + 2bX dW$$

Expectation is zero

- Expectation

$$P = \langle U \rangle$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -2aP + b^2$$

Solve using integrating factor

# Parameter estimation

- With or without observation noise *i.e.* no filtering
- Use transition probability density to compute likelihood of data points
- Maximize likelihood

# Transition probability density

- Density

$$p(X_2, t+s \mid X_1, t) = (2\pi V_s)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{(X_2 - m_s)^2}{2V_s}\right)$$

- Mean

$$m_s = \exp(-as)X_1$$

- Variance

$$V_s = \frac{b^2}{2a} (1 - \exp(-2as))$$

# Log-likelihood

$$p(\{X\}) = p(X_0) \prod_{i=1}^N p(X_{t_i} | X_{t_{i-1}})$$

Transition probability  
density

Initial  
distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\log p(\{X\}) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(X_{t_i} | X_{t_{i-1}}) + \log p(X_{t_0}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{(X_{t_i} - \exp(-a\Delta t)X_{t_{i-1}})^2}{V_{t_{i-1}}} + \log(2\pi V_{t_{i-1}}) \right] + \log p(X_{t_0})\end{aligned}$$

# Filtering

- Observation noise
- 2 level model
- Update equations for conditional moments
- Kalman gain

# Filtering

- Discretized state and observation equations

Hidden states     $x_{t+1} = Ax_t + w_t, \quad w_t \sim N(0, Q) \quad x_t \in \Re^k$

Observed data     $y_t = Cx_t + v_t, \quad v_t \sim N(0, R) \quad y_t \in \Re^p$

- Can include inputs (see Ghahramani & Hinton 1996)

$$x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Bu_t + w_t$$

# Filtering: joint likelihood

$$p(x_{t+1} \mid x_t) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} |Q|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_t - Ax_{t-1})^T Q^{-1}(x_t - Ax_{t-1})\right)$$

$$p(y_t \mid x_t) = (2\pi)^{-p/2} |R|^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y_t - Cx_{t-1})^T R^{-1}(y_t - Cx_{t-1})\right)$$

$$p(\{x\}, \{y\}) = p(x_0) \prod_{t=0}^N p(x_{t+1} \mid x_t) \prod_{t=0}^N p(y_t \mid x_t)$$

# Conditional moments

- Update equations

$$x_t^{t-1} = Ax_{t-1}^{t-1}$$

$$V_t^{t-1} = AV_{t-1}^{t-1}A^T + Q$$

$$K_t = V_t^{t-1}C^T(CV_t^{t-1}C^T + R)^{-1}$$

$$x_t^t = x_t^{t-1} + K_t(y_t - Cx_t^{t-1})$$

$$V_t^t = V_t^{t-1} - K_tCV_t^{t-1}$$

- where

$$x_t^\tau = E(x_t \mid \{y\}_1^\tau), \quad V_t^\tau = \text{Var}(x_t \mid \{y\}_1^\tau)$$

# Nonlinear SDEs

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# Local linearization for deterministic dynamics – basic intuition

$$\dot{x} = f(x(t))$$

$$J_t = \left. \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} \right|_{x=x(t)}$$

$$\ddot{x} = J_t \dot{x}$$

$$\dot{x}(t + \tau) = \exp(J_t \tau) \dot{x}(t) = \exp(J_t \tau) f(x(t))$$

$$\int_0^{\Delta t} \dot{x}(t + \tau) d\tau = x(t + \Delta t) - x(t) = J_t^{-1} (\exp(J_t \Delta t) - 1) f(x(t))$$

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + J_t^{-1} (\exp(J_t \Delta t) - 1) f(x(t))$$

Value of  $x$  @  $t + dt$  as function of  $x$  @  $t$

# Discretization

- Nonlinear SDE

$$dx(t) = f(t, x(t))dt + gdw$$

Increment term

- Discretized update equation

$$X_{t_{n+1}} = X_{t_n} + \Phi(t_n, X_{t_n}; h) + \xi(t_n, X_{t_n}; h)$$

Noise term

c.f.

$$x_{t_{n+1}} = Ax_{t_n} + Bu_{t_n} + w_{t_n}$$

# Ito-Taylor expansion – $f(s, x(s))$ and $x(s)$

$$dx(t) = f(t, x(t))dt + gdw$$

$$f(s, x(s)) \approx f(t, x(t)) + L^0 f(t, x(t)) \int_t^s du + L^1 f(t, x(t)) \int_t^s dw(u)$$

$$x(s) \approx x(t) + f \int_t^s du + g \int_t^s dw(u)$$

- where

$$L^0 f = f_t + ff_x + \frac{1}{2}g^2 f_{xx}, \quad L^1 f = gf_x$$

# Re-arrange

$$\begin{aligned} f(s, x(s)) &\approx f(t, x(t)) + \left( f_t + \frac{1}{2} g^2 f_{xx} \right) \int_t^s du + f_x \left( \int_t^s \int du + g \int_t^s dw(u) \right) \\ &\approx f(t, x(t)) + \left( f_t + \frac{1}{2} g^2 f_{xx} \right) (s - t) + f_x (x(s) - x(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$dX(s) \approx (A(t)X(s) + a(t, s))ds + gdw(s)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A(t) = f_x \\ a(t, s) = f + \left( f_t + \frac{1}{2} g^2 f_{xx} \right) (s - t) - f_x x \end{array} \right\}$$

Evaluated @  
 $t, X(t)$

# Exact solution

- Linear SDE

$$dX_t = (A(t)X_t + a(t))dt + g(t)dW_t$$

- Exact solution

$$X(t+h) = \exp(A(t)h) \cdot$$

$$\left( X(t) + \int_t^{t+h} \exp(-A(t)(u-t))a(u,t)du + \int_t^{t+h} \exp(-A(t)(u-t))g(u)dW_u \right)$$

# Re-write

$$X_{t_{n+1}} = X_{t_n} + \Phi(t_n, X_{t_n}; h) + \xi(t_n, X_{t_n}; h)$$

- Using (see Jimenez 1999)

$$\Phi(t, X(t); h) = r_0(A(t), h)f(t, X(t)) + \dots$$

$$(hr_0(A(t), h) - r_1(A(t), h)) \left( f_t + \frac{1}{2} g^2 f_{xx} \right)$$

$$r_n(M, a) = \int_0^a \exp(Mu) u^n du$$

# Approximate noise

- Substitute Gaussian noise term

$$\eta_t \approx \xi(t, X(t); h)$$

$$\eta_t \sim N(0, \Sigma_\eta)$$

$$\Sigma_\eta = \frac{g^2}{2A(t)} (1 - \exp(2A(t)h))$$

- Substitute into discretized update equation

$$X_{t_{n+1}} = X_{t_n} + \Phi_{t_n} + \eta_{t_n}$$

# Summary

- Ito-Taylor expansion
- Basic numerical schemes & convergence
- Parameter estimation
- Filtering
- Local linearization
- Next meeting – Valdes Sosa (1999) paper

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