

# Lecture 11: Strong Schemes with higher order

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## Abstract

Constructing higher order strong schemes based on Ito-Taylor expansion and approximation of multiple stochastic integral.

Consider Ito Taylor expansion in the case  $d = m = 1$  and the hierarchical set

$$\mathcal{A} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{M} : l(\alpha) \leq 3\},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_t = X_{t_0} &+ aI_{(0)} + bI_{(1)} + \left( aa' + \frac{1}{2}b^2a'' \right) I_{(0,0)} \\
 &+ \left( ab' + \frac{1}{2}b^2b'' \right) I_{(0,1)} + ba'I_{(1,0)} + bb'I_{(1,1)} \\
 &+ \left[ a \left( aa'' + (a')^2 + bb'a'' + \frac{1}{2}b^2a''' \right) + \frac{1}{2}b^2 (aa''' + 3a'a'' \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + ((b')^2 + bb'') a'' + 2bb'a''') + \frac{1}{4}b^4a^{(4)} \right] I_{(0,0,0)} \\
 &+ \left[ a \left( a'b' + ab'' + bb'b'' + \frac{1}{2}b^2b''' \right) + \frac{1}{2}b^2 (a''b' + 2a'b'' \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + ab''' + ((b')^2 + bb'') b'' + 2bb'b''') + \frac{1}{2}b^2b^{(4)} \right] I_{(0,0,1)} \\
 &+ \left[ a (b'a' + ba'') + \frac{1}{2}b^2 (b''a' + 2b'a'' + ba''') \right] I_{(0,1,0)} \\
 &+ \left[ a ((b')^2 + bb'') + \frac{1}{2}b^2 (b''b' + 2bb'' + bb''') \right] I_{(0,1,1)} \\
 &+ b \left( aa'' + (a')^2 + bb'a'' + \frac{1}{2}b^2a''' \right) I_{(1,0,0)} \\
 &+ b \left( ab'' + a'b' + bb'b'' + \frac{1}{2}b^2b''' \right) I_{(1,0,1)} \\
 &+ b (a'b' + a''b) I_{(1,1,0)} + b ((b')^2 + bb'') I_{(1,1,1)} + R. \tag{0.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

If one keeps the first three terms, one gets the Euler method accurate of order  $O(t^{1/2})$ .

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# 1 Order 1 Milstein Scheme

By taking a noisy term  $bb'I_{(1,1)}$ , the accuracy goes up to order one. The Ito-Taylor expansion up to two layer integrals and order  $O(t^{3/2})$  terms for autonomous diffusion process  $X_t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} X_t = & X_0 + aI_0 + bI_1 + (aa' + \frac{1}{2}b^2a'')I_{(0,0)} \\ & + [ab' + \frac{1}{2}b^2b'']I_{(0,1)} + ba'I_{(1,0)} \\ & + bb'I_{(1,1)} + b((b')^2 + bb'')I_{(1,1,1)} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

dots mean other higher layered integrals.

The Euler method is accurate of order  $O(t^{1/2})$ , and it is a truncation of (0.1) taking the first 3 terms. The Milstein method is constructed from (0.1) by taking an additional noisy term  $bb'I_{(1,1)}$ .

To evaluate the double integral  $I_{(1,1)}$ , recall the Ito to Stratonovich conversion formula:

$$\int_0^t h(W_s)dW_s = \int_0^t h(W_t) \circ dW_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t h'(W_s)ds, \quad (1.3)$$

for any  $C^1$  function  $h$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{(1,1)} &= \int_0^t W_s dW_s \\ &= \int_0^t W_s \circ dW_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(W_t^2 - t). \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Milstein scheme:

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + a\Delta + b\Delta W + \frac{1}{2}bb'((\Delta W)^2 - \Delta), \quad (1.5)$$

$\Delta$  time step,  $\Delta W$  Brownian increment from  $t_{n-1}$  to  $t_n$ . We shall show that the Milstein scheme is strongly convergent of order  $\gamma = 1$  for  $a \in C^1$ ,  $b \in C^2$ . It is *the stochastic extension of deterministic Euler preserving the order of accuracy*.

**In the general multi-dimensional case** with  $d, m = 1, 2, \dots$  the  $k$  th component of the Milstein scheme has the form,

$$Y_{n+1}^k = Y_n^k + a^k \Delta + \sum_{j=1}^m b^{k,j} \Delta W^j + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^m L^{j_1} b^{k, j_2} I_{(j_1, j_2)}. \quad (1.6)$$

In which, we know,

$$I_{(j_1, j_1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (\Delta W^{j_1})^2 - \Delta \right\}, \quad (1.7)$$

and for  $j_1 \neq j_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{(j_1, j_2)} &= J_{(j_1, j_2)} = \int_{\tau_n}^{\tau_{n+1}} \int_{\tau_n}^{s_1} dW_{s_2}^{j_1} dW_{s_1}^{j_2} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} W_{\Delta}^{j_1} W_{\Delta}^{j_2} - \frac{1}{2} (a_{j_2, 0} W_{\Delta}^{j_1} - a_{j_1, 0} W_{\Delta}^{j_2}) + \pi \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r (a_{j_1, r} b_{j_2, r} - b_{j_1, r} a_{j_2, r}).
\end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

It can be approximated by,

$$J_{(j_1, j_2)}^p = \Delta \left( \frac{1}{2} \xi_{j_1} \xi_{j_2} + \sqrt{\rho_p} (\mu_{j_1, p} \xi_{j_2} - \mu_{j_2, p} \xi_{j_1}) \right) \tag{1.9}$$

$$+ \frac{\Delta}{2\pi} \sum_{r=1}^p \frac{1}{r} \left( \zeta_{j_1, r} \left( \sqrt{2} \xi_{j_2} + \eta_{j_2, r} \right) - \zeta_{j_2, r} \left( \sqrt{2} \xi_{j_1} + \eta_{j_1, r} \right) \right) \tag{1.10}$$

where

$$\rho_p = \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \sum_{r=1}^p \frac{1}{r^2} \tag{1.11}$$

and  $\xi_j, \mu_{j, p}, \eta_{j, r}$  and  $\zeta_{j, r}$  are independent  $N(0; 1)$  Gaussian random variables with

$$\xi_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \Delta W^j.$$

### How to choose $p$ ?

In general, we shall examine the mean-square error between  $J_{\alpha}^p$  and  $J_{\alpha}$ . The most sensitive approximation is  $J_{(j_1, j_2)}^p$  because the others are either identical to  $J_{\alpha}$  or *their*

mean-square error can be estimated by a constant times  $\Delta^\gamma$  for some  $\gamma \geq 3$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& E \left( \left| J_{(j_1, j_2)}^p - J_{(j_1, j_2)} \right|^2 \right) \\
&= \Delta^2 E \left( A_{j_1, j_2}^p - A_{j_1, j_2} \right)^2 \\
&= \Delta^2 E \left( \frac{\pi}{\Delta} \sum_{r=p+1}^{\infty} r (a_{j_1, r} b_{j_2, r} - b_{j_1, r} a_{j_2, r}) \right)^2 \\
&\text{(Given } j_1 \neq j_2 \text{)} \\
&= \pi^2 \left( \sum_{r=p+1}^{\infty} r^2 E (a_{j_1, r} b_{j_2, r} - b_{j_1, r} a_{j_2, r})^2 \right) \\
&\text{(As } E (a_{j, r}^2) = E (b_{j, r}^2) = \frac{\Delta}{2r^2\pi^2} \text{)} \\
&= \frac{\Delta^2}{2\pi^2} \sum_{r=p+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^2} \\
&\leq \frac{\Delta^2}{2\pi^2} \int_p^{\infty} \frac{1}{u^2} du = \frac{\Delta^2}{2\pi^2 p}
\end{aligned}$$

We know the truncation error in Ito-Taylor expansion is  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta^{3/2})$ , so we expect

$$E \left( \left| J_{(j_1, j_2)}^p - J_{(j_1, j_2)} \right|^2 \right) = \mathcal{O}(\Delta^3) \quad (1.12)$$

which yields,

$$p = p(\Delta) \geq \frac{K}{\Delta}. \quad (1.13)$$

## 2 Order 1.5 strong scheme

For the method to be order 1.5, include noisy terms in Ito-Taylor expansion up to order  $\mathcal{O}(t^{3/2})$ , and deterministic terms of order  $\mathcal{O}(t^2)$ , to be precise,

$$\begin{aligned}
X_t &= X_0 + aI_0 + bI_1 + (aa' + \frac{1}{2}b^2a'')I_{(0,0)} \\
&\quad + [ab' + \frac{1}{2}b^2b'']I_{(0,1)} + ba'I_{(1,0)} \\
&\quad + bb'I_{(1,1)} + b((b')^2 + bb'')I_{(1,1,1)} + \dots,
\end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

dots mean other higher layered integrals.

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{(1,1,1)} &= \int_0^t dW_s \int_0^s dW_{s_2} \int_0^{s_2} dW_{s_1} \\
&= \int_0^t dW_s \frac{1}{2}(W_s^2 - s) \\
&= \frac{1}{6}W_t^3 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t W_s ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t s dW_s,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

by the Ito to Stratonovich conversion formula:

$$\int_0^t h(W_s) dW_s = \int_0^t h(W_t) \circ dW_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t h'(W_s) ds, \tag{2.16}$$

for any  $C^1$  function  $h$ . The last two terms add up to  $-\frac{1}{2}tW_t$ , hence:

$$I_{(1,1,1)} = \frac{1}{3!}(W_t^3 - 3tW_t). \tag{2.17}$$

Order 1.5 scheme is:

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_{n+1} &= Y_n + a\Delta + b\Delta + \frac{1}{2}bb'((\Delta W)^2 - \Delta) \\
&\quad + a'b\Delta Z + \frac{1}{2}(aa' + b^2a''/2)\Delta^2 \\
&\quad + (ab' + b^2b''/2)(\Delta W\Delta - \Delta Z) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3!}b(bb'' + (b')^2)((\Delta W)^2 - 3\Delta)\Delta W,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

$$\Delta Z = I_{(1,0)} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^{s_2} dW_{s_1} ds_2, \tag{2.19}$$

with properties:

- (1)  $E(\Delta Z) = 0$ ,
- (2) variance  $E((\Delta Z)^2) = \Delta^3/3$ , covariance  $E(\Delta Z \Delta W) = \frac{\Delta^2}{2}$ .

In fact ( $t = \Delta$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(\Delta Z) &= E\left(\left(\int_0^t W_s ds\right)^2\right) = E\left(\int_0^t \int_0^t W_s W'_s ds ds'\right) \\
&= \int_0^t \int_0^t \min(s, s') ds ds' \\
&= \int_0^t ds \left(\int_0^s + \int_s^t\right) \min(s, s') ds' \\
&= \int_0^t ds (s^2/2 + (t-s)s) \\
&= t^3/3 = \Delta^3/3.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\Delta Z \Delta W) &= \lim E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N W(j\delta)\delta W(\Delta)\right) \\
&= \lim E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N (j\delta)\delta\right) \\
&= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0, \delta N = \Delta} \delta^2 N(N+1)/2 = \Delta^2/2.
\end{aligned}$$

The pair  $(\Delta W, \Delta Z)$  can then be generated by a pair of unit Gaussian r.v  $(U_1, U_2)$  as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta W &= U_1 \sqrt{\Delta}, \\
\Delta Z &= \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{3/2} (U_1 + U_2/\sqrt{3}),
\end{aligned} \tag{2.20}$$

### 3 Order 2 Scheme

Including order  $O(t^2)$  terms in Ito-Taylor expansion, one could derive 2nd order accurate schemes. For simplicity, it is better to write it through Stratonovich-Taylor expansion derived in the same way as Ito-Taylor except the drift coefficient  $a$  is modified to  $\underline{a} = a - \frac{1}{2}bb'$ . The second order scheme is:

$$\begin{aligned}
Y_{n+1} &= Y_n + \underline{a}\Delta + b\Delta W \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2}bb'(\Delta W)^2 + b\underline{a}'\Delta Z \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2}\underline{a}\underline{a}'\Delta^2 + \underline{a}b'(\Delta W\Delta - \Delta Z) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3!}b(bb')'(\Delta W)^3 + \frac{1}{4!}b(b(bb')')'(\Delta W)^4 \\
&\quad + \underline{a}(bb')'J_{(0,1,1)} + b(\underline{a}b')'J_{(1,0,1)} \\
&\quad + b(b\underline{a}')'J_{(1,1,0)},
\end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

the  $J_{(0,1,1)}$  etc are defined same as  $I_{(0,1,1)}$  only with the integration in the sense of Stratonovich. The  $\Delta W$  and  $\Delta Z$  are the same as in 1.5 scheme.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta W &= J_{(1)}^p = \sqrt{\Delta}\zeta_1, \quad \Delta Z = J_{(1,0)}^p = \frac{1}{2}\Delta \left( \sqrt{\Delta}\zeta_1 + a_{1,0} \right) \\
J_{(1,0,1)}^p &= \frac{1}{3!}\Delta^2\zeta_1^2 - \frac{1}{4}\Delta a_{1,0}^2 + \frac{1}{\pi}\Delta^{3/2}\zeta_1 b_1 - \Delta^2 B_{1,1}^p \\
J_{(0,1,1)}^p &= \frac{1}{3!}\Delta^2\zeta_1^2 - \frac{1}{2\pi}\Delta^{3/2}\zeta_1 b_1 + \Delta^2 B_{1,1}^p - \frac{1}{4}\Delta^{3/2}a_{1,0}\zeta_1 + \Delta^2 C_{1,1}^p \\
J_{(1,1,0)}^p &= \frac{1}{3!}\Delta^2\zeta_1^2 + \frac{1}{4}\Delta a_{1,0}^2 - \frac{1}{2\pi}\Delta^{3/2}\zeta_1 b_1 + \frac{1}{4}\Delta^{3/2}a_{1,0}\zeta_1 - \Delta^2 C_{1,1}^p
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{1,0} &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{2\Delta} \sum_{r=1}^p \frac{1}{r} \xi_{1,r} - 2\sqrt{\Delta} \rho_p \mu_{1,p}, \quad \rho_p = \frac{1}{12} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \sum_{r=1}^p \frac{1}{r^2} \\
b_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{2}} \sum_{r=1}^p \frac{1}{r^2} \eta_{1,r} + \sqrt{\Delta} \alpha_p \phi_{1,p}, \quad \alpha_p = \frac{\pi^2}{180} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \sum_{r=1}^p \frac{1}{r^4} \\
B_{1,1}^p &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{r=1}^p \frac{1}{r^2} (\xi_{1,r}^2 + \eta_{1,r}^2) \\
C_{1,1}^p &= -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \sum_{\substack{r,l=1 \\ r \neq l}}^p \frac{r}{r^2 - l^2} \left( \frac{1}{l} \xi_{1,r} \xi_{1,l} - \frac{l}{r} \eta_{1,r} \eta_{1,l} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta_1, \xi_{1,r}, \eta_{1,r}, \mu_{1,p}$  and  $\phi_{1,p}$  for  $r = 1, \dots, p$  and  $p = 1, 2, \dots$  denote independent standard Gaussian random variables.