

Walking forward and backward in Euler schemes and random number generators

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1 Reversing a Random Number Generator

1.1 Application/motivation

Example: Regression Monte-Carlo with low memory constraints

Dynamic programming equation (DPE) with N times:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= \mathbb{E} [g_i(Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_N, X_i, \dots, X_N) \mid X_i], \quad i = N-1, \dots, 0, \\ Y_N &= g_N(X_N), \end{aligned}$$

We want to estimate the function y_i such that $Y_i = y_i(X_i)$.

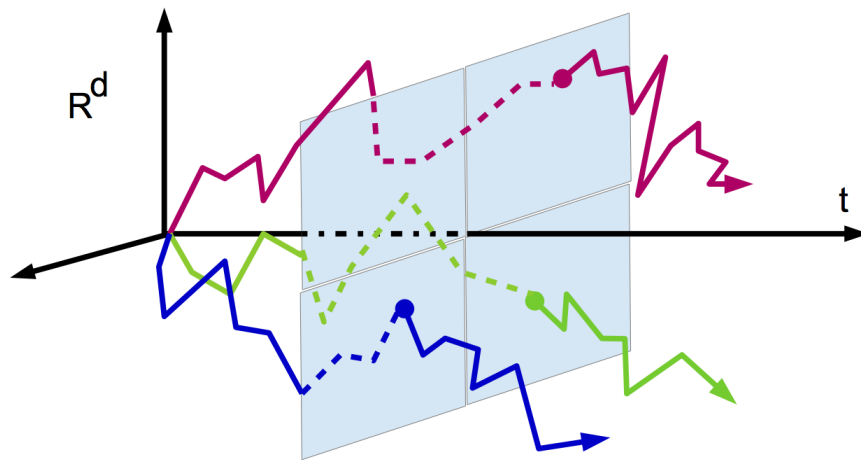
✓ **Optimal Stopping:**

- ▶ Value function: $V_i = \text{ess sup}_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_{i,N}} \mathbb{E} [g_\tau(X_\tau) \mid X_i]$.
- ▶ Continuation value: $Y_i = \mathbb{E} [V_{i+1} \mid X_i]$ solves a DPE.

✓ **Semi-linear equations and Backward Stochastic differential equations also solves approximate DPE:**

- ▶ Non-linear PDE: $\partial_t u + \mathcal{L}u + f(u, \sigma \nabla u) = 0$, $u(1, \cdot) = g(\cdot)$.

Regression Monte-Carlo: [Longstaff-Schwartz '01, Belomestny-Milstein-Spokoiny '09, G'-Turkedejiev '16] value functions are computed using M simulations, and K basis functions (or Neural Networks with K parameters ...)



▷ **Convergence of the statistical error:**

must have $M \gg K$.

More precisely, $M \sim KN^3$

▷ **Convergence of the approximation error:**

$K \sim N^{\alpha d}$

▷ **Memory constraints:**

✓ M paths of length N : MN

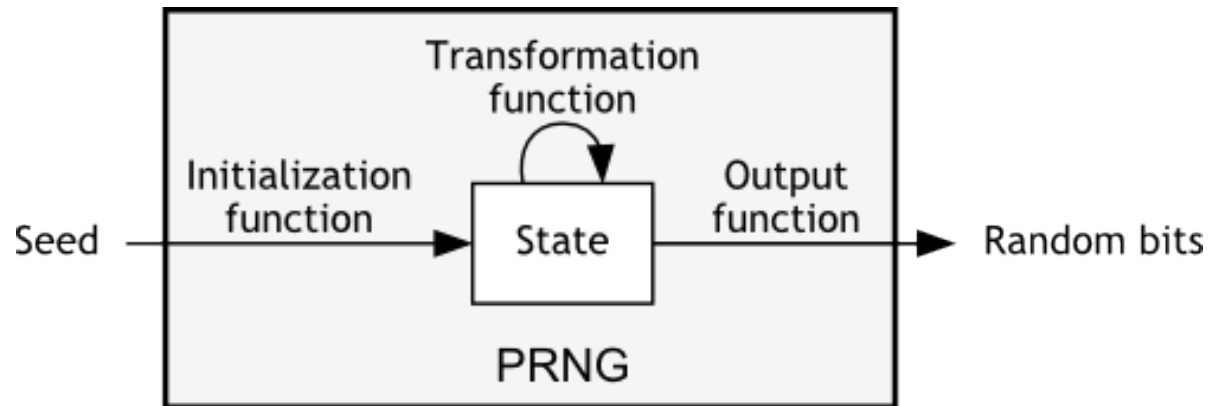
✓ N value functions: KN

In [Aïd-Campi-Langrené-Pham '14], optimal investment in renewable energy.
Time steps: 40 years and 2 decisions per day $\Rightarrow N = 40 \times 2 \times 365 \approx 30000!!$

$\Rightarrow$ Impossible to store the simulations

$\Rightarrow$ Sequential learning? or resampling data?

1.2 What is a Pseudo-RNG?



Schematic diagram of a pseudo-random number generator

Credits: <http://pit-claudel.fr/clement/>

Examples.

✓ *Linear congruential generator*: $\mathbf{x}_{m+1} = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}_m + \mathbf{b} \text{ MOD } L$, $\mathbf{u}_m = \frac{\mathbf{x}_m}{L}$.

Ex: $a = 7^5$, $b = 0$ et $L = 2^{31} - 1 = 2147483647$.

✓ *Mersenne Twister (1997)*: period $2^{19937} - 1$

✓ *Xorshift (2003)*: period $2^{1024} - 1$ (simple and fast)

1.3 Reversing the RNG

PRNG sequence: $u_i = h(G^i(v_0))$ for some output function h , transformation function G and initialization state v_0 .

Is it possible to invert the sequence

$$u_0 \curvearrowright u_1 \curvearrowright \dots \curvearrowright u_n \quad \text{to} \quad u_n \curvearrowright u_1 \curvearrowright \dots \curvearrowright u_0?$$

▷ **A classical example : the L'Ecuyer generator**

Classical example among the Multiple Recursive family **[L'Ecuyer '88]**

Transformation function G : defined by

$$G(x, y) := \begin{cases} 40014x \text{ MOD } 2147483563 \\ 40692y \text{ MOD } 2147483399 \end{cases}$$

Generator output: $h(x, y) = (x - y)/2147483563 \text{ MOD } 1$.

$m_1 := 2147483563$ and $m_2 := 2147483399$ are prime numbers $\Rightarrow G$ is invertible and G^{-1} is of the form of G (same computational complexity).

▷ An up-to-date example : the WELL generators

WELL = *Well Equidistributed Long-period Linear*

Belong to family of Linear Recurrence Modulo 2 generators [Panneton-L'Ecuyer '06].

Transformation function: based on linear recursions $x_{n+1} = Ax_n$, for a binary matrix A .

Output function: $h(x_n) := Bx_n$ for a binary matrix B .

Properties.

- ✓ Generator reversible if A is invertible.
- ✓ G and G^{-1} have similar complexity.
- ✓ Among the 17 WELL generators of [Panneton-L'Ecuyer '06], we found 11 invertible generators (e.g. WELL607a, 19937a, 23209b and 44497a)

2 Euler schemes: forward and backward (v1.0)

IDEA: inverting the RNG allows to backward resimulate the Brownian increments

No need anymore to store them

What about the SDE?

2.1 Forward scheme

$\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued diffusion on $[0, 1]$: $dX_t = \mu(t, X_t)dt + \sigma(t, X_t)dW_t$.

Forward Euler scheme at times $t_i = i/N$:

$$\vec{X}_0^N = \mathbf{x}, \quad \vec{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N = \vec{X}_{t_i}^N + \mu(t_i, \vec{X}_{t_i}^N) \frac{1}{N} + \sigma(t_i, \vec{X}_{t_i}^N) \Delta \mathbf{W}_{t_i}.$$

Theorem. Under Lipschitz assumptions,

$$\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \left\| \sup_{|\mathbf{x}| \leq \lambda} |\mathbf{X}_t(\mathbf{x}) - \vec{X}_t^N(\mathbf{x})| \right\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} \leq \frac{C}{N^{1/2}} \lambda^2, \quad \forall \lambda \geq 1.$$

2.2 Backward scheme

Techniques of stochastic flows [Kunita '97]

- ✓ **SDE** $X_\cdot(s, x)$ solution from initial condition $x \in \mathbb{R}$ at time $s > 0$.
- ✓ Inverse flow $\xi_{s,t}(x) := (X_{s,t})^{-1}(x)$.

Theorem ([Kunita '97]). ξ is a semimartingale with **respect to** t for any (s, x) :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} d\xi_{s,t}(x) & = & -\text{Jac}(\xi_{s,t}(x)) [\mu(t, x) - \sum_j (\partial_j \sigma(t, x)) \cdot \sigma^j(t, x)] dt + \sigma(t, x) dW_t \\ & + & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \partial_{ij}^2 \xi_{s,t}(x) \sigma^i(t, x) \cdot \sigma^j(t, x) dt, \\ \xi_{s,s}(x) & = & x. \end{array} \right.$$

ξ is a semimartingale with **respect to** s for any (t, x) :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} d\xi_{s,t}(x) & = & -[\mu(s, \xi_{s,t}(x)) - \sum_j (\partial_j \sigma(s, \xi_{s,t}(x))) \cdot \sigma^j(s, \xi_{s,t}(x))] ds \\ & - & \sigma(s, \xi_{s,t}(x)) d\overleftarrow{W}_s, \\ \xi_{t,t}(x) & = & x. \end{array} \right.$$

Definition (Backward Euler scheme (v1.0)).

$$\overleftarrow{X}_1^N = \overrightarrow{X}_1^N,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overleftarrow{X}_{t_i}^N &= \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N - \mu(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \frac{1}{N} - \sigma(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \Delta W_{t_i} \\ &\quad + \sum_j (\partial_j \sigma(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N)) \cdot \sigma^j(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \frac{1}{N}. \end{aligned}$$

😊 Easy to simulate using backward regeneration of Brownian increments

😊 Avoid to invert the forward Euler transform

$$x \mapsto \overrightarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N = x + \mu(t_i, x) \frac{1}{N} + \sigma(t_i, x) \Delta W_{t_i}.$$

✓ Convergence rate for $\overleftarrow{X}_{t_i}^N - X_{t_i}$? or for $\overleftarrow{X}_{t_i}^N - \overrightarrow{X}_{t_i}^N$?

😞 Non standard analysis: composition of dependent stochastic maps

2.3 Approximation of compound maps $F(\Theta)$

- ✓ a $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -measurable mapping $(\omega, x) \in (\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d) \mapsto F(\omega, x) \in \mathbb{R}^{d'}$,
continuous in x for a.e. ω
- ✓ $\Theta : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$ be a $\mathcal{F}$ -random variable.

Our aim: control in $\mathbb{L}_q$ the error $\omega \in \Omega \mapsto F^N(\omega, \Theta^N(\omega)) - F(\omega, \Theta(\omega))$

In our case:

- ✓ $\Theta^N = \vec{X}_1^N$ (forward evolution)
- ✓ $F^N = \overleftarrow{X}_{t_i}^N(y)$ (backward evolution from y at time 1)
- ✓ $F(\Theta) = X_{t_i}$

General result for approximating $F(\Theta)$

(H1) For any $q > 0$, $\exists \alpha_q^{(\mathbf{H1})} \geq 0$ s.t.

$$\sup_{\lambda \geq 1} \lambda^{-\alpha_q^{(\mathbf{H1})}} \left\| \sup_{|x| \leq \lambda} |F(\cdot, x)| \right\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} < +\infty.$$

(H2) $\exists \kappa \in (0, 1]$ such that $\forall q > 0$, $\exists \alpha_q^{(\mathbf{H2})} \geq 0$ s.t.

$$\sup_{\lambda \geq 1} \lambda^{-\alpha_q^{(\mathbf{H2})}} \left\| \sup_{x \neq y, |x| \leq \lambda, |y| \leq \lambda} \frac{|F(\cdot, y) - F(\cdot, x)|}{|y - x|^{\kappa}} \right\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} < +\infty.$$

(H3) For any $q > 0$, $\exists \alpha_q^{(\mathbf{H3})} \geq 0$ and a non-negative sequence $(\varepsilon_q^{N, (\mathbf{H3})})_{N \geq 1}$ s.t.

$$\sup_{\lambda \geq 1} \lambda^{-\alpha_q^{(\mathbf{H3})}} \left\| \sup_{|x| \leq \lambda} |F^N(\cdot, x) - F(\cdot, x)| \right\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} \leq \varepsilon_q^{N, (\mathbf{H3})}, \quad \forall N \geq 1.$$

(H4) For any $q > 0$, there exists a non-negative sequence $(\varepsilon_q^{N,(\mathbf{H4b})})_{N \geq 1}$ s.t.

$$\sup_{N \geq 1} \left[\|\Theta\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} \vee \|\Theta^N\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} \right] < +\infty,$$

$$\|\Theta^N - \Theta\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} \leq \varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^{\mathbf{N},(\mathbf{H4b})}, \quad \forall N \geq 1.$$

Theorem (general result). Assume **(H1-H2-H3-H4)**. Then for any $q > 0$ and any $q_2 > q$, there is a constant c independent on N such that

$$\|\mathbf{F}^{\mathbf{N}}(\Theta^{\mathbf{N}}) - \mathbf{F}(\Theta)\|_{\mathbb{L}_{\mathbf{q}}} \leq \mathbf{c} \left(\varepsilon_{2\mathbf{q}}^{\mathbf{N},(\mathbf{H3})} + [\varepsilon_{\kappa\mathbf{q}_2}^{\mathbf{N},(\mathbf{H4b})}]^{\kappa} \right).$$

Corollary (rule of thumb). If

$$\checkmark \quad F_N - F \stackrel{""}{=} O(N^{-\gamma_F}) \text{ in any } L_q,$$

$$\checkmark \quad \Theta^N - \Theta = O(N^{-\gamma_\theta}) \text{ in any } L_q,$$

the order of L_q -convergence of $F^N(\Theta^N) - F(\Theta)$ is $\gamma_{\mathbf{F}} \wedge (\kappa\gamma_\theta)$.

Application to backward Euler scheme

Corollary (Backward Euler vs forward diffusion). For any $q \geq 1$,

$$\sup_{t_i \leq 1} \left\| \overleftarrow{X}_{t_i}^N - \mathbf{X}_{t_i} \right\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} = \mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2}).$$

One can not improve the convergence order $1/2$.

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- ✓ Can we improve the accuracy in retrieving $\overrightarrow{X}_{t_i}^N$ by backward generation?
- ✓ Rate N^{-1} ?
- 😊 It would mean that the backward generation brings a smaller error than the forward generation.

3 Backward Euler scheme (v2.0)

3.1 Definition

$$\overleftarrow{X}_1^N = \overrightarrow{X}_1^N,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overleftarrow{X}_{t_i}^N &= \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N - \mu(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \frac{1}{N} - \sigma(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \Delta \mathbf{W}_{t_i} \\ &\quad + \text{Jac}(\sigma(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \Delta \mathbf{W}_{t_i}) \sigma(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \Delta \mathbf{W}_{t_i}. \end{aligned}$$

In (v1.0), the blue term was $\sum_j (\partial_j \sigma(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N)) \cdot \sigma^j(t_{i+1}, \overleftarrow{X}_{t_{i+1}}^N) \frac{1}{N}$.

3.2 Convergence rate and CLT

Theorem (a.s. error). For any $\eta > 0$, $\exists C_\eta : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ s.t.

$$\sup_{t_i \leq 1} \left| \overleftarrow{X}_{t_i}^N - \overrightarrow{X}_{t_i}^N \right| \leq C_\eta N^{-1+\eta}, \quad \forall N \geq 1, \text{ a.s..}$$

Theorem (Functional CLT). For some processes a and b and an extra Brownian motion B , the error $\mathcal{E}_t^N = \overleftarrow{X}_t^N - \overrightarrow{X}_t^N$ satisfies

$$\left\{ N \mathcal{E}_t^N : 0 \leq t \leq 1 \right\} \xRightarrow{d} \int_0^1 \mathbf{a}_s ds + \int_0^1 \mathbf{b}_s d\mathbf{B}_s.$$

SKETCH OF PROOF: ERROR $\mathcal{E}_k = \overleftarrow{X}_{t_k}^N - \overrightarrow{X}_{t_k}^N$

Proposition. For any $1 \leq i \leq d$ and any integer $k \leq N - 1$, the i -th coordinate of the error approximation satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_k^i &= \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^i + \bar{a}_k^i \mathcal{E}_{k+1} + \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^\top b_k^i \mathcal{E}_{k+1} + \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^\top \left(\sum_{j=1}^d c_k^{i,j} \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^j \right) \mathcal{E}_{k+1} \\ &\quad + d_k^i(\Delta W_k^3) + e_k^i(\Delta W_k^1) \Delta t + f_k^i(\Delta W_k^4) + g_k^i(\Delta W_k^2) \Delta t + h_k^i \Delta t^2 + \delta_k^i, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\sup_{0 \leq k \leq N-1} \|\delta_k^i\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} = O(N^{-5/2}), \quad \forall q \geq 1,$$

and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl}
b_k^i & := & \frac{1}{2} \left[\mathcal{H}(\nabla(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma \Delta W_k)) - \mathcal{H}(\mu^i) \Delta t - \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k) \right. \\
& & \left. - \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma^j \Delta W_k) \right], \\
c_k^{i,j} & := & -\frac{1}{6} \partial_j \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k), \\
\bar{a}_k^i & := & \nabla[\nabla(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma \Delta W_k)] - \nabla \mu^i \Delta t - \nabla(\sigma^i \Delta W_k) \\
& & + (\mu \Delta t + \sigma \Delta W_k)^\top \left(\mathcal{H}(\nabla(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma \Delta W_k)) - \mathcal{H}(\mu^i) \Delta t - \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k) \right) \\
& & - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma \Delta W_k)^\top \left(\sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma^j \Delta W_k) \right), \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq d \\
d_k(\Delta W_k^3) & := & \left[(\nabla[\nabla(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma \Delta W_k)] - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma \Delta W_k)^\top \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)) (\sigma \Delta W_k) \right]_{1 \leq i \leq d}, \\
e_k(\Delta W_k^1) & := & -\nabla \mu(\sigma \Delta W_k) - \nabla(\sigma \Delta W_k) \mu, \\
f_k(\Delta W_k^4) & := & \left[(\sigma \Delta W_k)^\top \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{H}(\nabla(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma \Delta W_k)) \right. \right. \\
& & \left. \left. - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma^j \Delta W_k) \right) (\sigma \Delta W_k) \right]_{1 \leq i \leq d}, \\
g_k(\Delta W_k^2) & := & \left[\left(\nabla[\nabla(\sigma^i \Delta W_k)(\sigma \Delta W_k)] \mu - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma \Delta W_k)^\top \mathcal{H}(\mu^i) (\sigma \Delta W_k) \right. \right. \\
& & \left. \left. - (\sigma \Delta W_k)^\top \mathcal{H}(\sigma^i \Delta W_k) \mu \right) \right]_{1 \leq i \leq d}, \\
h_k & := & [-\nabla(\mu^i) \mu]_{1 \leq i \leq d}.
\end{array} \right.$$

PROPAGATING ERRORS

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}_k^i &= \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^i + \bar{a}_k^i \mathcal{E}_{k+1} + \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^\top b_k^i \mathcal{E}_{k+1} + \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^\top \left(\sum_{j=1}^d c_k^{i,j} \mathcal{E}_{k+1}^j \right) \mathcal{E}_{k+1} \\ &\quad + d_k^i(\Delta W_k^3) + e_k^i(\Delta W_k^1) \Delta t + f_k^i(\Delta W_k^4) + g_k^i(\Delta W_k^2) \Delta t + h_k^i \Delta t^2 + \delta_k^i.\end{aligned}$$

😊 Initialization: $\mathcal{E}_N = 0$

😊 Local errors: using martingale arguments, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_k \left(d_k^i(\Delta W_k^3) + e_k^i(\Delta W_k^1) \Delta t + f_k^i(\Delta W_k^4) + g_k^i(\Delta W_k^2) \Delta t + h_k^i \Delta t^2 + \delta_k^i \right) \\ = O_{\mathbb{L}_q}(N^{-1})\end{aligned}$$

😞 Error propagation: application of Gronwall lemma does not work because of the quadratic/cubic term in $\mathcal{E}_{k+1}$

Instead,

1. Write carefully $\mathcal{E}_k$ with local errors between $k + 1$ and N
2. Use that

$$\sup_{t_i \leq 1} \|\mathcal{E}_i\|_{\mathbb{L}_q} = O(N^{-1/2}), \quad \forall q \geq 1,$$

to get (Borel Cantelli)

$$\sup_{t_i \leq 1} |\mathcal{E}_i| = O(N^{-1/2+\eta}) \quad a.s. \quad \text{for any given } \eta > 0.$$

3. Plug these a.s. bounds into the one-step error equations to get

$$\sup_{t_i \leq 1} |\mathcal{E}_i| = O(N^{-\kappa}) \quad a.s. \quad \text{for a } \kappa \in (1/2, 1).$$

4. Iterate to get
- $$\sup_{t_i \leq 1} |\mathcal{E}_i| = O(N^{-1+\eta}) \quad a.s.$$

5. Finally, prove

$$\sup_{t_i \leq 1} |\mathcal{E}_i - L_i| = O(N^{-\kappa'}) \quad a.s.$$

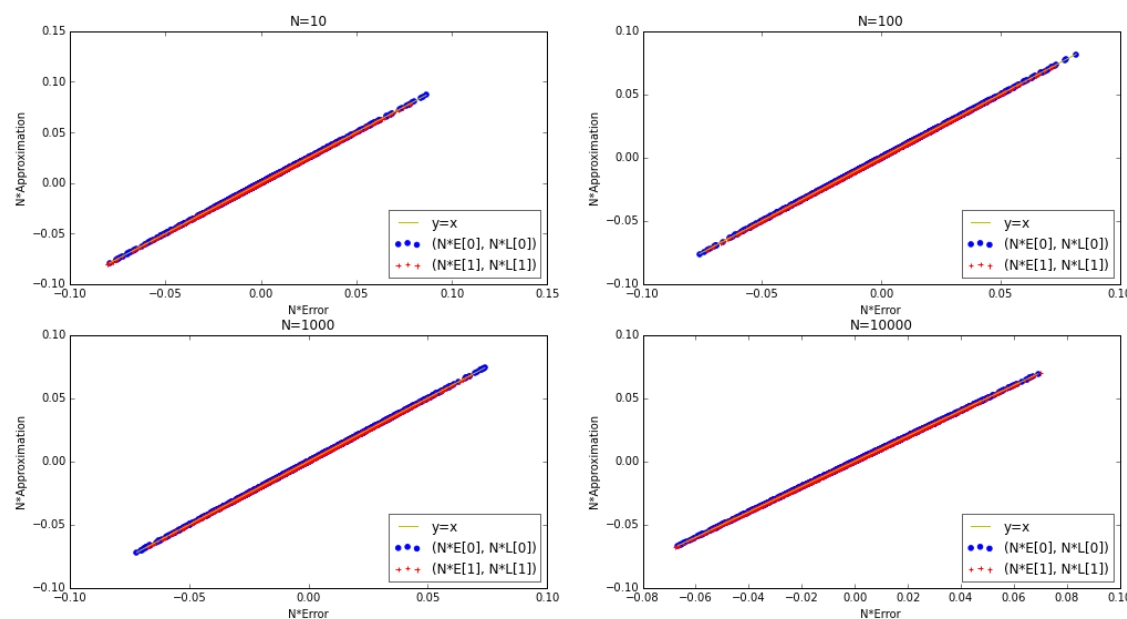
for a $\kappa' \in (1, 3/2)$, where L_i gives the weak-limit at rate N .

3.3 Numerical results

- ✓ 10000 paths
- ✓ empirical joint distribution of $(N\mathcal{E}_0^N, NL_0^N)$
- ✓ examples in dimension 2

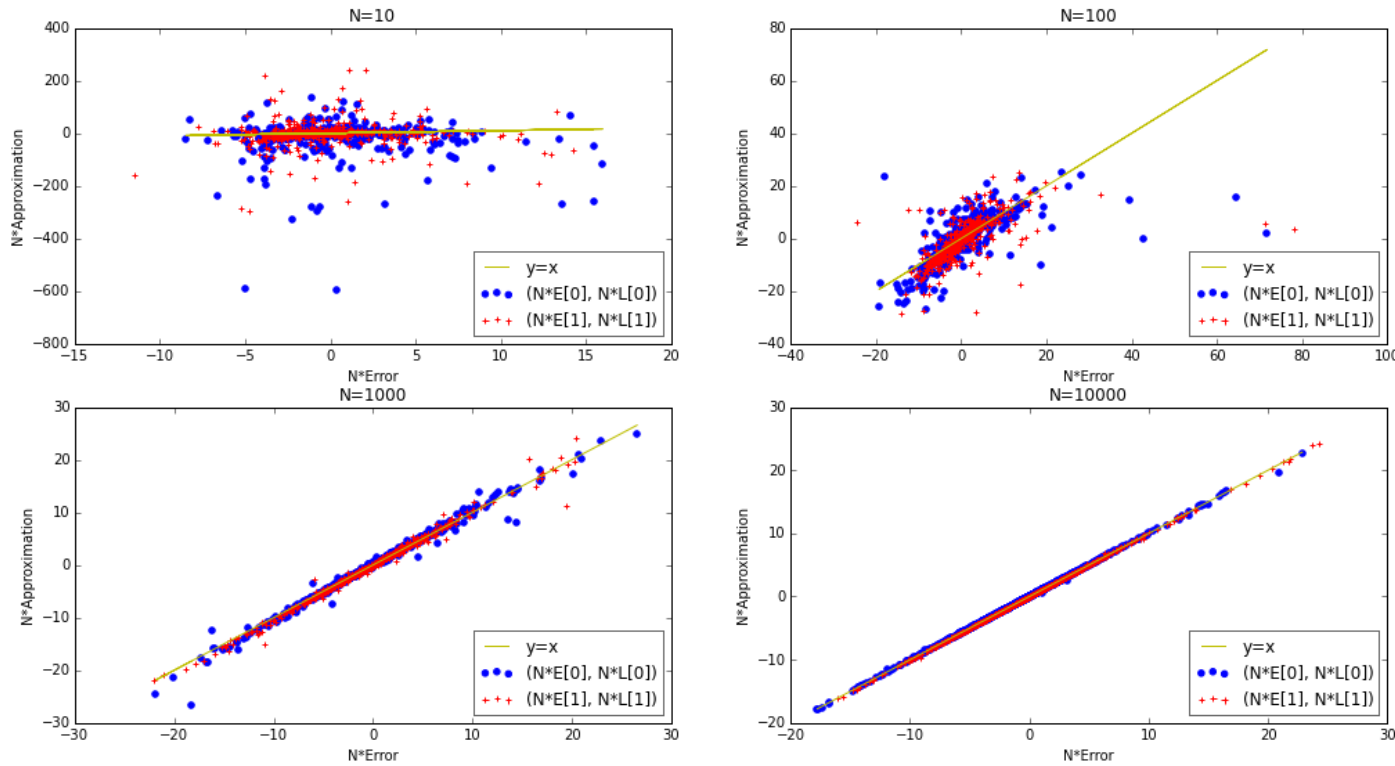
Linear SDE: standard non correlated two-dimensional Black&Scholes case

$$\mu(x) = (0, 0), \quad \sigma(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 x_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 x_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_0 = (1, 1).$$



Non linear SDE 1:

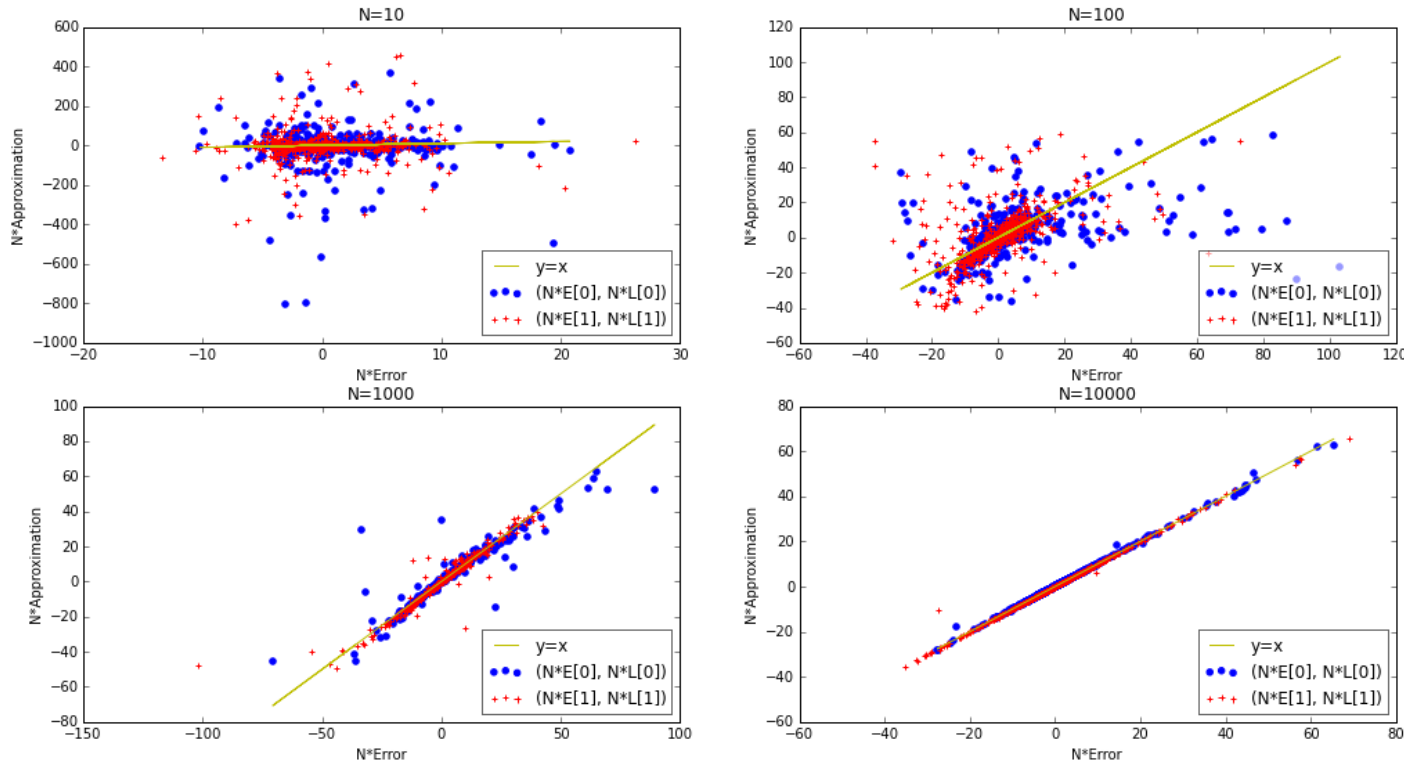
$$\mu(x) = (0, 0), \quad \sigma(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 x_0(1 + \sin(2\pi x_0)) & 0.2 x_0(1 + \cos(2\pi x_1)) \\ 0.2 x_1(1 + \cos(2\pi x_0)) & 0.2 x_1(1 + \sin(2\pi x_1)) \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_0 = (1, 1).$$



Non linear SDE 2:

$$\mu(x) = (0.2 x_0(1 + \sin(2\pi x_0)), 0.2 x_0(1 + \sin(2\pi x_1)))$$

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 x_0(1 + \sin(2\pi x_0)) & 0.2 x_0(1 + \cos(2\pi x_1)) \\ 0.2 x_1(1 + \cos(2\pi x_0)) & 0.2 x_1(1 + \sin(2\pi x_1)) \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_0 = (1, 1).$$



4 Conclusion

- ✓ Accurate resampling of Euler schemes using backward regeneration of Brownian increments
- ✓ Convergence rates:
 - 😊 N^{-1^-} in a.s. sense
 - 😊 N^{-1} for weak convergence
 - 😬 $N^{-?}$ for strong convergence
- ✓ Useful for Regression Monte Carlo algorithms with strong memory constraints
- ✓ Future work: generalization to Milstein scheme

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