

# A stability concept for stochastic onestep and multistep methods

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# The stochastic ordinary differential equation (SODE)

Consider for  $t \in [0, T]$

$$dX(t) = b^0(t, X(t))dt + \sum_{r=1}^m b^r(t, X(t))dW^r(t), \quad (\text{SODE})$$
$$X(0) = X_0,$$

where

- ▶  $b^r : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  measurable,
- ▶  $W^r$  real, independent, standard Brownian motions, adapted to the filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ ,
- ▶  $X_0$  initial value:  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -mb. with values in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

## Existence and uniqueness

(A1)  $\mathbb{E}(|X_0|^2) < \infty$ .

(A2) There exists  $K > 0$  such that

$$|b^r(t, x)| \leq K(1 + |x|)$$

and

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

for all  $r = 0, \dots, m$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ .

### Theorem

*Under assumptions (A1) + (A2) there exists a unique solution  $X$  to (SODE) with*

$$X(t) = X_0 + \int_0^t b^0(s, X(s)) ds + \sum_{r=1}^m \int_0^t b^r(s, X(s)) dW^r(s)$$

*and  $\mathbb{E}(|X(t)|^2) < \infty$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .*

## Numerical schemes – general form

- ▶ equidistant time grid,  $h = \frac{T}{N}$ ,

$$\tau_h = \{t_i = ih \mid i = 0, \dots, N\}$$

- ▶ general  $k$ -step method

$$Y_i = \tilde{X}_i, \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, k-1,$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^k a_j Y_{i+j-k} = \Psi_h(t_i, Y_{i-k}, \dots, Y_i, (I_\alpha^{t_i+j-k})_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}, j=1, \dots, k}),$$

for  $i = k, \dots, N$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a finite set of multi-indices  $\alpha = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell)$ ,  $j_n \in \{0, \dots, m\}$ , and

$$I_\alpha^{t_i} = \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{s_1} \dots \int_{t_{i-1}}^{s_{\ell-1}} dW^{j_1}(s_\ell) \dots dW^{j_{\ell-1}}(s_2) dW^{j_\ell}(s_1).$$

## Numerical schemes – Stochastic theta method

Let  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0 &= \tilde{X}_0, \\ Y_i - Y_{i-1} &= h \left( (1 - \theta)b^0(t_{i-1}, Y_{i-1}) + \theta b^0(t_i, Y_i) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^m b^r(t_{i-1}, Y_{i-1}) \Delta W^r(t_i) \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , where

$$\Delta W^r(t_i) = I_{(r)}^{t_i} = W^r(t_i) - W^r(t_{i-1}).$$

Note

$$\theta = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Euler-Maruyama}$$

# Numerical schemes – Itô-Taylor schemes

Let  $\gamma \in \{\frac{1}{2}n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and

$$\mathcal{A}_\gamma = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathcal{M} : l(\alpha) + n(\alpha) \leq 2\gamma \text{ or } l(\alpha) = n(\alpha) = \gamma + \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

a set of multi-indices.

The **Itô-Taylor scheme** of order  $\gamma$  is given by

$$Y_0 = \tilde{X}_0,$$
$$Y_i - Y_{i-1} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\gamma \setminus \{\nu\}} f_\alpha(t_{i-1}, Y_{i-1}) I_\alpha^i.$$

$\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  Euler-Maruyama scheme.

$\gamma = 1 \Rightarrow$  Milstein scheme.

(for details: e.g. P. E. Kloeden, E. Platen 1992)

## Numerical schemes – BDF2-Maruyama scheme

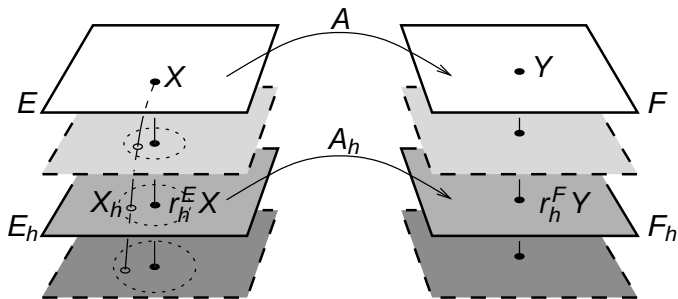
**BDF2-Maruyama** scheme as prototype for stochastic drift-linear multistep methods (E. Buckwar, R. Winkler 2006)

$$\begin{aligned} Y_0 &= \tilde{X}_0, \quad Y_1 = \tilde{X}_1, \\ Y_i - \frac{4}{3}Y_{i-1} + \frac{1}{3}Y_{i-2} &= \frac{2}{3}hb^0(t_i, Y_i) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=1}^m b^r(t_{i-1}, Y_{i-1})\Delta W^r(t_i) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{r=1}^m b^r(t_{i-2}, Y_{i-2})\Delta W^r(t_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

# Discrete approximation theory

## Schematic



To solve:

$$AX = Y$$

Numerical method:

$$A_h X_h = r_h^F Y$$

(cf. F. Stummel, 1973)

# Embedding the SODE

The operator  $A : E \rightarrow F$  is given by

- ▶  $E := \{X\}$ ,
- ▶  $F := \{Y\} = \{(0, \underline{0})\}$ ,
- ▶  $AX := (X(0) - X_0, (X(t) - X(0) - \int_0^t b^0(s, X(s))ds - \sum_{r=1}^m \int_0^t b^r(s, X(s))dW^r(s))_{t \geq 0})$ .

## Discrete spaces

For  $h = \frac{T}{N}$  denote by

$$\mathcal{G}_h := \mathcal{G}(\tau_h, L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P; \mathbb{R}^d))$$

space of adapted and  $L^2(\Omega)$ -valued grid functions.

- ▶  $E_h := (\mathcal{G}_h, \|\cdot\|_0)$  with the norm

$$\|V_h\|_0 = \left( \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{0 \leq i \leq N} |V_h(t_i)|^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- ▶  $F_h := (\mathcal{G}_h, \|\cdot\|_{-1})$  with the stochastic **Spijker**-norm

$$\|V_h\|_{-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \|V_h(t_j)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \left( \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{k \leq i \leq N} \left| \sum_{j=k}^i V_h(t_j) \right|^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## Discrete operators

The operator  $A_h : E_h \rightarrow F_h$  is given by

$$[A_h V_h](t_i) = V_h(t_i) - \tilde{X}_i,$$

for  $0 \leq i \leq k - 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} [A_h V_h](t_i) &= \sum_{j=0}^k a_j V_h(t_{i+j-k}) \\ &\quad - \Psi_h(t_i, V_h(t_{i-k}), \dots, V_h(t_i), (I_\alpha^{t_i+j-k})_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}, j=1, \dots, k}), \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = k, \dots, N$ .

The operators  $r_h^E : E \rightarrow E_h$  and  $r_h^F : F \rightarrow F_h$  are the restriction operators to the time grid  $\tau_h$ , i.e.  $[r_h^E X](t_i) = X(t_i)$ .

# Consistency

## Definition

A multistep method  $(A_h)_{h>0}$  is called **consistent** of order  $\gamma > 0$ , if there exist constants  $C, \bar{h} > 0$ , s.t.

$$\left\| A_h r_h^E X - r_h^F A X \right\|_{-1} \leq C h^\gamma$$

for all  $h \leq \bar{h}$ .

# Bistability

## Definition

A multistep method  $(A_h)_{h>0}$  is called **bistable**, if there exist constants  $C, \tilde{C}, \bar{h} > 0$  such that the operators  $A_h$  are bijective and the inequality

$$C\|A_h Z_h - A_h \tilde{Z}_h\|_{-1} \leq \|Z_h - \tilde{Z}_h\|_0 \leq \tilde{C}\|A_h Z_h - A_h \tilde{Z}_h\|_{-1}$$

holds for all  $h < \bar{h}$  and  $Z_h, \tilde{Z}_h \in E_h$ .

# Characterization of bistability

## Definition

The polynomial

$$\rho(z) = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j z^j$$

is the characteristic polynomial of the multistep method  $(A_h)_{h>0}$ .

## Dahlquist's strong root condition

$$\rho(\zeta) = 0, \zeta \in \mathbb{C} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\zeta| < 1 \text{ or } \zeta = 1 \text{ simple.}$$

# Characterization of bistability

## Theorem (Bistability)

Assume  $\Psi_h$  satisfies the Lipschitz condition (S1) (see below) and  $\rho(1) = 0$ ,  $a_k \neq 0$ . Then

$(A_h)_{h>0}$  is bistable

if and only if

$(A_h)_{h>0}$  satisfies the strong root condition.

## Two-sided error estimate

Let  $X_h$  be the solution to  $A_h X_h = r_h^F A X = 0$ .

### Theorem

Assume that the multistep method  $(A_h)_{h>0}$  is bistable. Then

$(A_h)_{h>0}$  is consistent of order  $\gamma$

if and only if

$(A_h)_{h>0}$  is convergent of order  $\gamma$ .

Moreover the two-sided error estimate

$$C \|A_h X_h - A_h r_h^E X\|_{-1} \leq \|X_h - r_h^E X\|_0 \leq \tilde{C} \|A_h X_h - A_h r_h^E X\|_{-1}$$

holds for all  $h < \bar{h}$ .

## Stability – assumptions

(S1) There exists  $L > 0$  such that for all  $j = k, \dots, N$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{k \leq i \leq j} \left| \sum_{\eta=k}^i \left[ \Psi_h(t_\eta, Y_h(t_{\eta-k}), \dots, Y_h(t_\eta), (I_\alpha^{t_\eta+n-k})_{\alpha,n}) \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \left. - \Psi_h(t_\eta, Z_h(t_{\eta-k}), \dots, Z_h(t_\eta), (I_\alpha^{t_\eta+n-k})_{\alpha,n}) \right] \right|^2 \right) \\ & \leq Lh \sum_{i=0}^j \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{0 \leq \eta \leq i} |Y_h(t_\eta) - Z_h(t_\eta)|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \Psi_h(t_j, Y_h(t_{j-k}), \dots, Y_h(t_j), (I_\alpha^{t_{j+i-k}})_{\alpha,i}) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \Psi_h(t_j, Z_h(t_{j-k}), \dots, Z_h(t_j), (I_\alpha^{t_{j+i-k}})_{\alpha,i}) \right|^2 \right) \\ & \leq Lh \sum_{i=0}^k \mathbb{E} \left( |Y_h(t_{j+i-k}) - Z_h(t_{j+i-k})|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $Y_h, Z_h \in \mathcal{G}_h$ .

## Stability – assumptions

(S2) The characteristic polynomial  $\rho$  of the multistep method satisfies  $a_k \neq 0$ ,  $\rho(1) = 0$  and Dahlquist's strong root condition.

### Lemma

*Under (A1) and (A2) the stability assumptions (S1) and (S2) are satisfied by the **stochastic theta method** and **BDF2-Maruyama**.*

## Stability - Itô-Taylor scheme

(S3) For Itô-Taylor scheme of order  $\gamma$ :

Assume that  $b^r : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  are sufficiently smooth, such that the operators  $(A_h)_{h>0}$  are well-defined and there exists  $K > 0$  such that

$$|f_\alpha(t, x) - f_\alpha(t, y)| < K|x - y|$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_\gamma$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

### Lemma

Under (A1), (A2) and (S3) the stability assumptions (S1) and (S2) are satisfied by the *Itô-Taylor scheme* of order  $\gamma$ .

## Bistability theorem - sketch of proof

3 steps (cf. Grigorieff 1977)

1. (S1)  $\Rightarrow$  invertibility of  $A_h$ .
2.  $A_h = L_h + T_h$ ,  $A_h$  bistable iff  $L_h$  bistable.
3.  $L_h$  bistable iff strong root condition.

### Lemma

Assume a multistep method  $(A_h)_{h>0}$  satisfies  $a_k \neq 0$  and (S1).  
Then there exists  $\bar{h} > 0$  such that  $A_h$  is bijective for all  $h < \bar{h}$ .

$$A_h = L_h + T_h$$

Write  $A_h = L_h + T_h$  with the linear part

$$[L_h V_h](t_i) = \begin{cases} V_h(t_i), & \text{for } i = 0, \dots, k-1, \\ \sum_{j=0}^k a_j V_h(t_{i+j-k}), & \text{for } k \leq i \leq N. \end{cases}$$

### Lemma

Assume a multistep method  $(A_h)_{h>0}$  satisfies  $a_k \neq 0$  and (S1).  
Then

$(A_h)_{h>0}$  is *bistable*

if and only if

$(L_h)_{h>0}$  is *bistable*.

## Stability of the linear part $L_h$

### Lemma

Assume  $a_k \neq 0$  and  $\rho(1) = 0$ . Then

$(L_h)_{h>0}$  is bistable

if and only if

$\rho$  satisfies the strong root condition.

## Consistency – Assumptions

(C1) There exists  $K > 0$  such that

$$|b^r(t, x) - b^r(s, x)| \leq K(1 + |x|)\sqrt{|t - s|}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $t, s \in [0, T]$ .

(C2) For Itô-Taylor schemes of order  $\gamma$ :

Assume that  $b^r : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  are sufficiently smooth, such that the operators  $(A_h)_{h>0}$  are well-defined and

$$\int_0^T \mathbb{E} \left( |f_\alpha(s, X(s))|^2 \right) ds < \infty$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{A}_\gamma)$ .

# Consistency

## Theorem

- ▶ (A1), (A2) and (C1)  
⇒ STM and BDF2-Maruyama is consistent with order  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- ▶ (A1), (A2) and (C2)  
⇒ The Itô-Taylor method of order  $\gamma$  is consistent of order  $\gamma$ .

Tools for the proof:

- ▶ Doob's martingale inequality
- ▶ martingale property and Spijker's norm
- ▶ Itô-isometry

## Maximum order of convergence

### Example (Clark, Cameron 1980)

Consider the SODE

$$dX(t) = d \begin{pmatrix} X_1(t) \\ X_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & X_1(t) \end{pmatrix} d \begin{pmatrix} W^1(t) \\ W^2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$X(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

For the solution

$$X(t) = \begin{pmatrix} W^1(t) \\ \int_0^t W^1(s) dW^2(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

and the Euler-Maruyama scheme one computes

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}Th} \leq \|A_h r_h^E X - r_h^F AX\|_{-1} \leq \sqrt{2Th}.$$

## Proof – Lower bound

One finds by the **martingale property** and the **Itô-isometry**

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_h r_h^E X - r_h^F A X\|_{-1}^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left| \sum_{j=1}^i \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} (W^1(s) - W^1(t_{j-1})) dW^2(s) \right|^2 \right) \\ &\geq \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \sum_{j=1}^i \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} (W^1(s) - W^1(t_{j-1})) dW^2(s) \right|^2 \right) \\ &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^i \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} (W^1(s) - W^1(t_{j-1})) dW^2(s) \right|^2 \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} \mathbb{E} \left( |W^1(s) - W^1(t_{j-1})|^2 \right) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2} Th. \end{aligned}$$

## Proof – Upper bound

One finds by **Doob's martingale inequality**

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_h r_h^E X - r_h^F A X\|_{-1}^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} \left| \sum_{j=1}^i \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} (W^1(s) - W^1(t_{j-1})) dW^2(s) \right|^2 \right) \\ &\leq \left( \frac{2}{2-1} \right)^2 \mathbb{E} \left( \left| \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} (W^1(s) - W^1(t_{j-1})) dW^2(s) \right|^2 \right) \\ &= \dots \\ &= 2Th. \end{aligned}$$

## Milstein scheme

Consider

$$dX(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} dW^1(t) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ X_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} dW^2(t) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ X_2 \end{pmatrix} dW^3(t),$$
$$X(0) = (0, 0, 0)^T,$$

and apply the Milstein scheme:

$$X_h(t_i) = X_h(t_{i-1}) + \begin{pmatrix} I_{(1)}^t \\ X_h^1(t_{i-1})I_{(2)}^t + I_{(1,2)}^t \\ X_h^2(t_{i-1})I_{(3)}^t + X_h^1(t_{i-1})I_{(2,3)}^t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}Th^2} \leq \|A_h r_h^E X - r_h^F AX\|_{-1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}Th^2}.$$

# Summary

- ▶ Discrete approximation theory provides “new” notion of consistency, stability and convergence.
- ▶ Dahlquist’s strong root condition  $\Leftrightarrow$  bistability
- ▶ **Stochastic Spijker-norm** gives two-sided error estimate.
- ▶ works for a broad range of stochastic onestep and multistep methods
  
- ▶ Outlook
  - ▶ stoch. delay equations
  - ▶ SPDE

# Stability of $L_h$

Main idea:

- ▶ Write  $\rho(z) = (z - 1)\rho^*(z)$  with  $\rho^*(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_j^* z^j$
- ▶ Consider the operator  $L_h^* : E_h \rightarrow F_h$  with

$$[L_h^* V_h](t_i) = \begin{cases} V_h(t_i), & \text{for } i = 0, \dots, k-2, \\ \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_j^* V_h(t_{i+j-k+1}), & \text{for } k-1 \leq i \leq N. \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|L_h V_h\|_{-1} &= \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \|V_h(t_j)\|_{L^2} + \left( \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{k \leq i \leq N} \left| \sum_{j=k}^i L_h V_h(t_j) \right|^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \|V_h(t_j)\|_{L^2} + 2 \left( \mathbb{E} \left( \max_{k-1 \leq i \leq N} |L_h^* V_h(t_i)|^2 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$