

High Strong Order Implicit Runge-Kutta Methods for Stochastic Ordinary Differential Equations

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Abstract

The modelling of many real life phenomena for which either the parameter estimation is difficult, or which are subject to random noisy perturbation, is often carried out by using stochastic ordinary differential equations(SODEs). In this paper, a class of high strong order implicit Runge-Kutta methods for SODEs is introduced.

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1. Introduction

Consider the autonomous ordinary differential equation (ODE)

$$y'(t) = f(y(t)), \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (1)$$

The autonomous *Itô* stochastic version of (1) can be written in differential form as

$$dy = f(y)dt + g(y)dW, \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^m. \quad (2)$$

Here f is an m -vector-valued function, g is an $m \times p$ matrix - valued function and $W(t)$ is a p -dimensional process having independent scalar Wiener process components ($t \geq 0$), and the solution $y(t)$ is an m -vector process. The integral formulation of (2) can be written as

$$y(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(y(s))ds + \int_{t_0}^t g(y(s))dW(s), \quad (3)$$

where the second integral in (3) is an *Itô* stochastic integral (see[8,9]) with respect to the Wiener process $W(t)$. If the autonomous version of an *Itô* stochastic ordinary

differential equation (SODE) given by (2) then the related Stratonovich SODE is given by

$$dy = \bar{f}(y)dt + g(y)odW, \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\bar{f}(y) = f(y) - \frac{1}{2}g'(y)g(y).$$

In other words two differential equations (2) and (4) , under different rules of calculus, have the same solution. There are many different methods to solve these kinds of differential equations (see, for example [9,10,11,12]).

An outline of this paper is as follows: In section 2 a discussion on Runge-Kutta methods, especially implicit and semi-implicit Runge-Kutta methods for $SODE_s$ based on rooted trees theory is introduced(see [6,7]). In section 3 a new class of semi-implicit Runge-Kutta methods for $SODE_s$ is constructed. Numerical results are reported in section 4.

2. Runge-Kutta Methods for $SODE_s$

A s-stage Runge-Kutta method for calculating a numerical approximation to the solution of an autonomous ODE (1) is given by the recursive formula

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} f(Y_j) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s b_j f(Y_j) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

which can be represented in tableau form:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1s} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2s} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{s1} & a_{s2} & \dots & a_{ss} \\ \hline b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_s \end{array} \quad (6)$$

In tableau (6) if we do not require that the numbers a_{ij} for all i, j with $j \geq i$, are zero, then the associated methods of this general type will be called implicit Runge-Kutte methods, however if $a_{ij} = 0$ for $j \geq i$ the corresponding method known as an explicit Runge-Kutta method and if $a_{ij} = 0$ for $j > i$, the corresponding method is known as a semi-implicit or semi-explicit Runge-Kutta method(see[7]).

For an autonomous Stratonovich $SODE$ (4) we obtain by a straight forward generalization of (5) the class of methods

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} f(Y_j) + J_1 \sum_{j=1}^s b_{ij} g(Y_j) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s \alpha_j f(Y_j) + J_1 \sum_{j=1}^s \gamma_j g(Y_j), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where $J_1 = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} odW$ is the increment of the Wiener process from t_n to t_{n+1} . which can be represented in the tableau form:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc|cccc}
 a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1s} & b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1s} \\
 a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2s} & b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2s} \\
 \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\
 a_{s1} & a_{s2} & \dots & a_{ss} & b_{s1} & b_{s2} & \dots & b_{ss} \\
 \hline
 \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_s & \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \dots & \gamma_s
 \end{array} \tag{8}$$

Theorem 1: A stochastic Runge-Kutta method of the form (7) has maximum strong order 1.5, for any number of stages s . The methods with optimal principal error coefficients is of strong order 1.5, if:

$$\alpha^T(e, b) = (1, \frac{1}{2}),$$

$$\gamma^T(e, c, b, b^2, Bb) = (1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}).$$

Here $e^T = (1, \dots, 1)$, $c = Ae$, $b = Be$.

Proof: see[4].

To break this order barrier, the class of methods (7) has to be modified in some way so as to include further multiple stochastic integrals (see[4]) of the stochastic Taylor formula apart from just J_1 . This has been done by K. Burrage and P.M. Burrage (see[2]). They proposed the following class of methods:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_i &= y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} f(Y_j) + \sum_{j=1}^s (b_{ij}^{(1)} J_1 + b_{ij}^{(2)} \frac{J_{10}}{h}) g(Y_j) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^s \alpha_j f(Y_j) + \sum_{j=1}^s (\gamma_j^{(1)} J_1 + \gamma_j^{(2)} \frac{J_{10}}{h}) g(Y_j),
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where $J_1 = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} odW$ and $J_{10} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^{s_2} odW_{s_1} ds_2$. which can be represented in tableau form:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc|cccc|cccc}
 a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1s} & b_{11}^{(1)} & b_{12}^{(1)} & \dots & b_{1s}^{(1)} & b_{11}^{(2)} & b_{12}^{(2)} & \dots & b_{1s}^{(2)} \\
 a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2s} & b_{21}^{(1)} & b_{22}^{(1)} & \dots & b_{2s}^{(1)} & b_{21}^{(2)} & b_{22}^{(2)} & \dots & b_{2s}^{(2)} \\
 \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots & \vdots & & & \vdots \\
 a_{s1} & a_{s2} & \dots & a_{ss} & b_{s1}^{(1)} & b_{s2}^{(1)} & \dots & b_{ss}^{(1)} & b_{s1}^{(2)} & b_{s2}^{(2)} & \dots & b_{ss}^{(2)} \\
 \hline
 \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \dots & \alpha_s & \gamma_1^{(1)} & \gamma_2^{(1)} & \dots & \gamma_s^{(1)} & \gamma_1^{(2)} & \gamma_2^{(2)} & \dots & \gamma_s^{(2)}
 \end{array} \tag{10}$$

The rest of this section is concerned with the problem of determining the strong order of convergence of stochastic Runge-Kutta methods (9). In the case of Runge-Kutta methods for deterministic problems the order of accuracy is found by comparing the Taylor series expansion of the approximate solution to the Taylor series expansion of the exact solution over one step assuming exact initial values. In 1963 Butcher introduced the theory of rooted trees in order to compare these two Taylor

series expansion in a systematic way (see[7]).K. Burrage and P.M. Burrage have extended this idea of using rooted trees to the stochastic setting. They used the set of bi-coloured rooted trees, i.e., the set of rooted trees with \bullet (τ for deterministic) and \circ (σ for stochastic) nodes to derive a Stratonovich Taylor series expansion of the exact solution and a Stratonovich Taylor series expansion of the approximation defined by the numerical method (9). By comparing these two expansion, they could prove the following theorem:

Theorem 2: The stochastic Runge-Kutta method (9) is of strong order 2,if:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^T(d, b) &= (1, 0), \\ \gamma^{(1)T}(c, b^2, B^{(1)}b, d^2, B^{(2)}d) &= (1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}, -2\gamma^{(2)T}bd, -\gamma^{(2)T}(B^{(2)}b + B^{(1)}d)), \\ \gamma^{(2)T}(c, b^2, B^{(1)}b, d^2, B^{(2)}d) &= (-1, -2\gamma^{(1)T}bd, -\gamma^{(1)T}(B^{(2)}b + B^{(1)}d), 0, 0).\end{aligned}$$

Here $e^T = (1, \dots, 1)$, $c = Ae$, $b = B^{(1)}e$, $d = B^{(2)}e$.

Proof: see[4].

3. Implicit and Semi-Implicit Runge-Kutta Methods for SODE_s

In 2000 the author and Prof.M. Mohseni generalized the explicit methods satisfying (7) were derivation by K.Burrage and P.M. Burrage (see[2]) to semi-implicit and implicit methods (see[1]). More precisely we used theorem 1 and introduced the semi-implicit and implicit methods of strong order 1.5 with minimum principal error.Semi-implicit 2-stage stochastic Runge-Kutta methods are shown in tableaux (11-a) and (11-b), and were referred to "SIM" class:

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} (3 + \sqrt{3})/6 & 0 & (3 + \sqrt{3})/6 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{3}/3 & (3 + \sqrt{3})/6 & -\sqrt{3}/3 & (3 + \sqrt{3})/6 \end{array} \right| \quad (a) \quad (11)$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} & & & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right|$$

or

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} (3 + \sqrt{3})/6 & 0 & (3 - \sqrt{3})/6 & 0 \\ -\sqrt{3}/3 & (3 + \sqrt{3})/6 & \sqrt{3}/3 & (3 - \sqrt{3})/6 \end{array} \right| \quad (b)$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} & & & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right|$$

Implicit 2-stage stochastic Runge-Kutta methods are shown in tableaux (12-a) and (12-b), and were referred to "IM" class:

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} \frac{1}{4} & (3 - 2\sqrt{3})/12 & \frac{1}{4} & (3 - 2\sqrt{3})/12 \\ (3 + 2\sqrt{3})/12 & \frac{1}{4} & (3 + 2\sqrt{3})/12 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right| \quad (a) \quad (12)$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} & & & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right|$$

or

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} \frac{1}{4} & (3 - 2\sqrt{3})/12 & \frac{1}{4} & (3 + 2\sqrt{3})/12 \\ (3 + 2\sqrt{3})/12 & \frac{1}{4} & (3 - 2\sqrt{3})/12 & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right| \quad (b)$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc|cc} & & & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right|$$

In this section a semi-implicit stochastic Runge-Kutta method with strong order 2 will be constructed based on (9) and theorem 2 with s=3. Of course it is now necessary to construct a family of methods satisfying in theorem 2. Some simple analysis shows that this is not possible with s=2. In the semi-implicit case with s=3 and threorem 2 we has 27 free parameters and there are 18 equations to be solved. This system is solved using MAPLE and hence we conclude the following semi-implicit stochastic Runge-Kutta method with strong order 2 which are shown in tableau (13), and are referred to "SIM3" class:

$$\begin{array}{c|cc|cc|ccc}
 \frac{1}{2} & & & 0 & & & 1 & & \\
 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & -\frac{4}{3} & 0 & & \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \\
 \frac{55}{18} & 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{8}{9} & 0 & \frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\
 \hline
 \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{3}{16} & -\frac{3}{32} & \frac{9}{32} & \frac{9}{16} & -\frac{9}{32} & -\frac{9}{32}
 \end{array} \tag{13}$$

Certainly, it is possible to satisfy theorem 2 in the implicit case with s=3 or in the semi-implicit and implicit case with s=4. But the large number of free parameters makes solving the similar systems difficult.

4. Numerical Results

In this section, numerical results from the implementation of 5 methods are presented. These methods are "PL", "R2", "SIM", "IM" and "SIM3". The first 4 methods taken from [1] and hence if $g_1 \sim N(0, 1)$ and $g_2 \sim N(0, 1)$, then for stepsize h , $J_1 = \sqrt{h}g_1$ and $J_{10}/h = \frac{\sqrt{h}}{2}(g_1 + \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{3}})$. The above methods will be implemented with constant stepsize on two problems taken from [9], for which the exact solution terms of a Wiener process is known. In order to improve the results of employing the "SIM", "IM" and "SIM3" methods at each step, we use an iteration scheme [1] with starting values come from the "PL" or "R2" methods.

For both problems and all methods, 500 trajectories are computed at each step-size. The implementation determines the average error for each stepsize at the end of the interval of integration for each method.

Test problem 1. ([8, equation 4.4.31])

$$dy = -a^2y(1 - y^2)dt + a(1 - y^2)dW, \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

with exact solution

$$y(t) = \tanh(aW(t) + \operatorname{arctanh}(y_0)).$$

In Stratonovich form, the above *SODE* becomes

$$dy = a(1 - y^2)odw.$$

Table 1: global errors for test problem1, $a = 1, \epsilon = 0 \cdot 001, N = 500$

h	PL	$R2$	SIM	IM	$SIM3$
1/25	0 · 034189	0 · 021000	0 · 001221	0 · 000775	0 · 000505
1/50	0 · 017179	0 · 009935	0 · 000580	0 · 000324	0 · 000114
1/100	0 · 008061	0 · 004711	0 · 000297	0 · 000091	0 · 000068
1/200	0 · 003850	0 · 002343	0 · 000188	0 · 000038	0 · 000014

Table 2: global errors for test problem1, $a = 0 \cdot 5, \epsilon = 0 \cdot 001, N = 500$

h	PL	$R2$	SIM	IM	$SIM3$
1/25	0 · 003607	0 · 001469	0 · 000058	0 · 000021	0 · 000013
1/50	0 · 001808	0 · 000712	0 · 000032	0 · 000015	0 · 000010
1/100	0 · 000861	0 · 000330	0 · 000019	0 · 000011	0 · 000007
1/200	0 · 000428	0 · 000156	0 · 000010	0 · 000008	0 · 000002

Test problem 2. ([8, equation 4.4.46])

$$dy = -(\alpha + \beta^2 y)(1 - y^2)dt + \beta(1 - y^2)dW, \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

with exact solution

$$y(t) = \frac{(1 + y_0)\exp(-2\alpha t + 2\beta W(t)) + y_0 - 1}{(1 + y_0)\exp(-2\alpha t + 2\beta W(t)) + 1 - y_0}.$$

In Stratonovich form, the above *SODE* has the form

$$dy = -\alpha(1 - y^2)dt + \beta(1 - y^2)odW.$$

Table 3: global errors for test problem2, $\alpha = 1 \cdot 0, \beta = 0 \cdot 01, \epsilon = 0 \cdot 001, N = 500$

h	PL	$R2$	SIM	IM	$SIM3$
1/25	0 · 007381	0 · 000111	0 · 000007	0 · 000003	0 · 000000
1/50	0 · 003666	0 · 000027	0 · 000001	0 · 000000	0 · 000000
1/100	0 · 001827	0 · 000007	0 · 000000	0 · 000000	0 · 000000
1/200	0 · 000912	0 · 000001	0 · 000000	0 · 000000	0 · 000000

Table 4: global errors for test problem2, $\alpha = 1 \cdot 0, \beta = 2 \cdot 0, \epsilon = 0 \cdot 001, N = 500$

h	PL	$R2$	SIM	IM	$SIM3$
1/50	0 · 179303	0 · 143407	0 · 039636	0 · 029369	0 · 017451
1/100	0 · 083476	0 · 064094	0 · 013703	0 · 012442	0 · 009212
1/200	0 · 051587	0 · 039694	0 · 009300	0 · 007101	0 · 005013
1/400	0 · 022484	0 · 018316	0 · 003835	0 · 001939	0 · 000728

5. Conclusions

In this paper, we have constructed an implicit Runge-Kutta method of strong order 2.

Our future work should be based on the construction of implicit Runge-Kutta methods for $SODE_s$ with two or more Wiener processes.

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