

Convergence of the Ito integral - empirical analysis

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This paper is concerned with the solution of the Ito integral $\int W dW$. The numerical procedure is written using Multi Scale Calculus.

1 Brownian motion

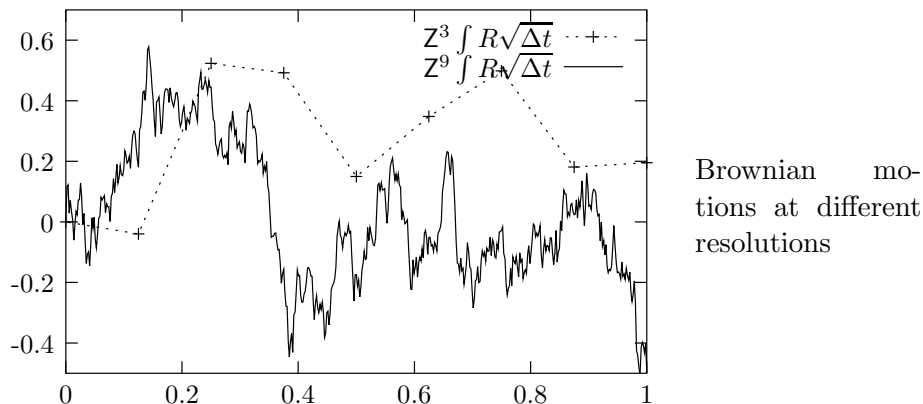
Random innovation operator R .

$$R \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad (1)$$

The easiest way to construct a sample of a Brownian motion is the integration of the noise process R .

$$\int \frac{R}{\sqrt{\Delta t}} \Delta t = \int R \sqrt{\Delta t} \quad (2)$$

The disadvantage of this approach is that only the initial value, here zero, can be controlled and that further refined path's do not contain the one previously simulated.



2 Brownian bridge

The Brownian bridge constructs a refinement of a discretely sampled Brownian motion that contains the course path and adds intermediate points. A refinement step of the bridge is evaluated by an interpolation of a course function Pf and increased by a random innovation QR .

$$\mathfrak{B}^\sigma f = Pf + \sqrt{\sigma}QR \quad (3)$$

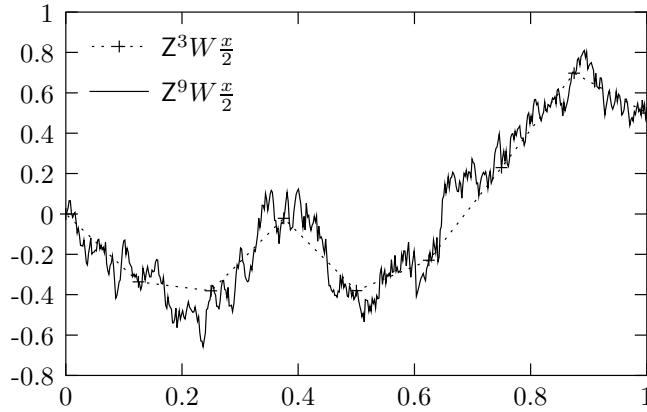
Whereas P and Q are wavelet prediction and refinement operators with coefficients $\{0.5, 1, 0.5\}$ and $\{1, 0, 0\}$. A Brownian motion W has the following multi scale property:

$$ZW^\sigma = W^{\sigma/2}(Pf + \sqrt{\sigma/2}QR) \quad (4)$$

Applying the W^1 to the initial function $\frac{x}{2}$ renders a Brownian motion that interpolates the linear function at all integer positions. In particular, it starts at zero and reaches $1/2$ at time 1.

$$\mathbb{E}W\frac{x}{2} = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$\mathbb{E}TW\frac{x}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \tag{6}$$



Brownian bridge construction at different resolutions

3 Ito integral

The Ito integral $\int_0^1 W dW$ is now written in multi scale calculus as

$$\int_0^1 W \left(\frac{\Delta W}{\Delta t} \right) \Delta t \tag{7}$$

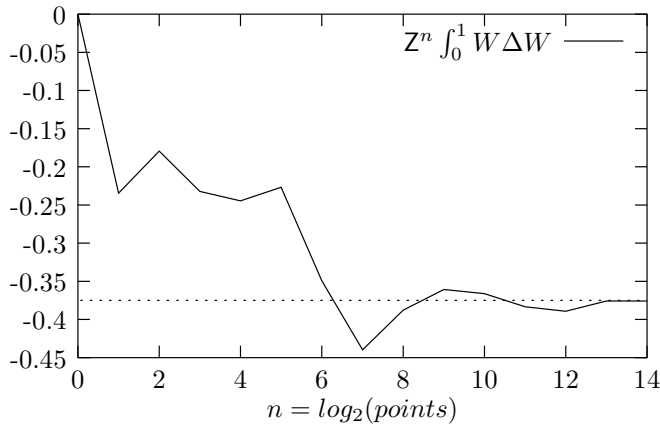
Canceling the Δt yields:

$$\int_0^1 W \Delta W \tag{8}$$

With the number of refinements Z^n , the integral converges to the Ito result.

$$\frac{1}{2}B(T)^2 + \frac{1}{2}T \tag{9}$$

Which in our example is -0.375 .



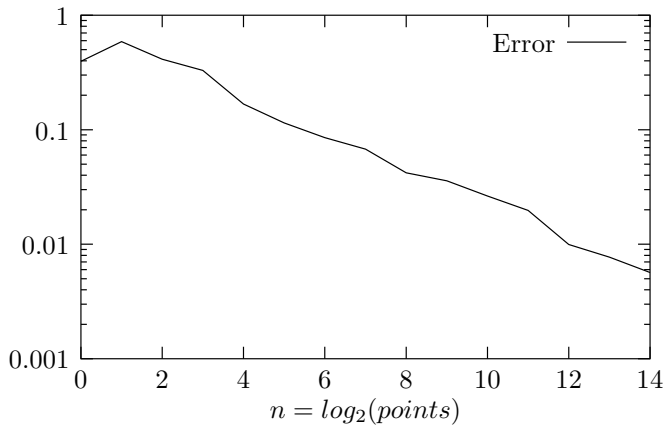
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4 Convergence speed

The standard deviation of the error is

$$Z^n \sqrt{\frac{1}{m-1} \int_0^m \left(\int_0^1 W \Delta W - (-0.375) \right)^2 \Delta \omega} \quad (10)$$

Deducing from ten ($m = 10$) samples, the integral seems to have linear convergence on the logarithmic scale.



Standard deviation of the error