

Phase transition in the EM scheme of an SDE driven by α -stable noises with $\alpha \in (0, 2]$

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This talk is based on the joint work with Yu Wang (PhD student at UM) and Yimin Xiao:

- Background
- Drift with polynomial growth + α -stable noise ($0 < \alpha < 2$)
- Critical drift $-x \log(1 + |x|)$: phase transition as $\alpha \uparrow 2$
- Simulation

The SDE on \mathbb{R}^d :

$$dX_t = f(X_t)dt + g(X_t)dL_t, \quad X_0 = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (0.1)$$

where

- $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ satisfy certain regularity conditions,
- $(L_t, t \geq 0)$ is a d -dimensional, rotationally invariant α -stable Lévy process with $\alpha \in (0, 2]$.

The standard Euler-Maruyama (EM) scheme is given by:

$Y_0 = X_0 = x_0$ and

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_k + \eta f(Y_k) + g(Y_k)(L_{(k+1)\eta} - L_{k\eta}), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

where $\eta \in (0, 1)$ is the step size.

Known Result: the Brownian motion case

- When f is Lipschitz and g is bounded Lipschitz, EM scheme in a finite time interval $[0, T]$ strongly converges to SDE (0.1).
- A classical example is

$$dX_t = -X_t^3 dt + dB_t, \quad X_0 = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}.$$


The corresponding EM scheme will blow up as the step size of EM scheme tends to zero.

The paper¹ considered the following assumption for f and g : There exist constants $\gamma > \lambda > 1$ and $H \geq 1$ such that for all $|x| \geq H$,

$$\max\{|f(x)|, |g(x)|\} \geq \frac{1}{H}|x|^\gamma, \text{ and, } \min\{|f(x)|, |g(x)|\} \leq H|x|^\lambda. \quad (\mathbf{A})$$

Then for any $p \in [1, \infty)$, the corresponding EM scheme blow up:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left[\left| Y_N^N \right|^p \right] = \infty.$$

¹Martin Hutzenthaler, Arnulf Jentzen, and Peter E. Kloeden. Strong and weak divergence in finite time of Euler's method for stochastic differential equations with non-globally Lipschitz continuous coefficients. Proc. R. Soc. Lond. Ser. A Math. Phys. Eng. Sci., 467(2130):1563–1576, 2011. 

Examples for the blow up of EM scheme

(1) The **Ginzburg-Landau equation**:

$$dX_t = \left(\left(a + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \right) X_t - bX_t^3 \right) dt + \sigma X_t dB_t, \quad X_0 = x_0 \in (0, \infty),$$

for $t \in [0, T]$, where constants $a \geq 0$, $\sigma > 0$. And the drift term satisfies

$$\left| \left(a + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \right) x - bx^3 \right| \geq \frac{b}{2} |x|^3$$

for all $|x| \geq C \geq 1$.

(2) The **stochastic Verhulst equation**:

$$dX_t = \left(\left(a + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \right) X_t - bX_t^2 \right) dt + \sigma X_t dB_t, \quad X_0 = x_0 \in (0, \infty),$$

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

Q1: Under Assumption **(A)**, do we have the same result for α -stable noise with $\alpha \in (0, 2)$?

- **We prove that the EM scheme blows up.**

Q2: Let $f(x) = -x \log(1 + |x|)$, it is a critical case between $-x$ and $-x|x|^\theta$ with $\theta > 0$:

- $-x$: converge for Brownian motion and α -stable noise.
- $-x|x|^\theta$: blow up for Brownian motion and α -stable noise.
- $-x \log(1 + |x|)$: **what will happen for Brownian motion and α -stable noise?**

Polynomial growth, $\alpha \in (0, 2)$

As $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, let $L_t = Z_t$ being a standard d -dimensional rotationally invariant α -stable process, and we consider the EM scheme

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_k + \eta f(Y_k) + g(Y_k)(Z_{(k+1)\eta} - Z_{k\eta}), \quad Y_0 = x_0,$$

where learning rate $\eta = T/n$ with $T > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem

² We assume that **(A)** holds and $g(x_0) \neq 0$ for SDE (0.1). Let $T > 0$ be an arbitrary number and $\eta = T/n$. Then, for any $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} |Y_n|^\beta = \infty$$

²X. Li, X., Y. Xiao: Phase transition in the EM scheme of an SDE driven by α -stable noises with $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, arXiv:2403.18626

Here, we consider the following SDE

$$dX_t = -X_t \log(1 + |X_t|) dt + dL_t, \quad X_0 = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

and corresponding EM scheme is

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_k - \eta Y_k \log(1 + |Y_k|) + (L_{(k+1)\eta} - L_{k\eta}), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_+,$$

where $Y_0 = x_0$ and η is the learning rate.

- As $\alpha = 2$, denote $L_t = B_t$.
- As $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, denote $L_t = Z_t$.

$\alpha = 2$, bounded in L^2

As $\alpha = 2$, the EM scheme is

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_k - \eta Y_k \log(1 + |Y_k|) + (B_{(k+1)\eta} - B_{k\eta}), \quad Y_0 = x_0.$$

We have that

Theorem

³ For any fixed initial value x_0 , there exist constants $\eta_0 \leq \min \left\{ (1 + |x_0|)^{-2}, e^{-5} \right\}$ and $C > 0$ such that for all $\eta \in (0, \eta_0]$,

$$\sup_{m \geq 0} \mathbb{E} |Y_m|^2 \leq C.$$

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As $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, the EM scheme is

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_k - \eta Y_k \log(1 + |Y_k|) + (Z_{(k+1)\eta} - Z_{k\eta}), \quad Y_0 = x_0.$$

Theorem





⁴ Let $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$, $T \in (0, \infty)$ be constants and let $\eta = T/n$ be the step size. For any $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$, we can find a T_β so that as $T > T_\beta$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} |Y_n|^\beta = \infty.$$

As $\alpha \uparrow 2$, the EM scheme demonstrates a phase transition.

⁴X. Li, X., Y. Xiao: Phase transition in the EM scheme of an SDE driven by α -stable noises with $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, arXiv:2403.18626

- $-x|x|^\theta$: we borrow the idea from the paper ⁵, the key point is to construct a special events so that the EM scheme will blow up on this event as the step size tends to infinity.
- $-x \log(1 + |x|) + \alpha$ -stable noise: the same as the above.
- $-x \log(1 + |x|) +$ Brownian motion: we split the Brownian motion into six regimes and use the strategy of 'split and conquer'.

⁵Martin Hutzenthaler, Arnulf Jentzen, and Peter E. Kloeden. Strong and weak divergence in finite time of Euler's method for stochastic differential equations with non-globally Lipschitz continuous coefficients. Proc. R. Soc. Lond. Ser. A Math. Phys. Eng. Sci., 467(2130):1563– 1576, 2011.    

Simulation for EM driven by B_t

For EM scheme

$$Y_{k+1} = Y_k - \eta Y_k \log(1 + |Y_k|) + (B_{(k+1)\eta} - B_{k\eta}), \quad Y_0 = x_0,$$

we $T = 100$, $n = 10000$ and $\eta = T/n = 0.01$, and consider three distinct initial points $Y_0 = 1, 5$ and 10 respectively. Then,

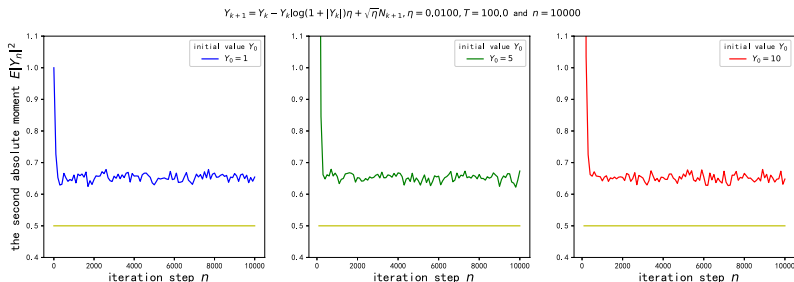


Figure 1: As $T = 100$, simulations values of $\mathbb{E}|Y_k|^2$ with initial $Y_0 = 1, 5, 10$, $\eta = 0.01$ and iteration steps $n = 10000, 0 \leq k \leq n$.

In practice, $p_\alpha(t, x)$ does not have an explicit expression. Hence, the numerical simulation becomes complicated and computationally expensive. We can replace the stable noise $Z_{(k+1)\eta} - Z_{k\eta}$ with i.i.d. random variables with the Pareto distribution. That is,

$$\tilde{Y}_{k+1} = \tilde{Y}_k - \eta \tilde{Y}_k \log \left(1 + \left| \tilde{Y}_k \right| \right) + \frac{1}{\sigma} \eta^{1/\alpha} \tilde{Z}_{k+1}, \quad \tilde{Y}_0 := x_0, \quad (0.2)$$

for all $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. $\{\tilde{Z}_k, k = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is a sequence of i.i.d. Pareto-distributed random variables. we choose $T = 100$ here, and consider three cases, i.e., $\alpha = 0.5, 1.0$ and 1.5 . For each case, we let β be $\alpha/8, \alpha/4$ and $\alpha/2$. Then, we can obtain the following tables.

| n | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/8}$ | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/4}$ | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/2}$ |
|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 100 | 1.8×10^{13} | 6.2×10^{26} | 3.8×10^{55} |
| 105 | 6.5×10^{13} | 1.3×10^{28} | 4.7×10^{57} |
| 110 | 2.8×10^{14} | 3.0×10^{29} | 3.6×10^{60} |
| 115 | 1.2×10^{15} | 5.4×10^{30} | 1.6×10^{63} |
| 120 | 5.5×10^{15} | 1.3×10^{32} | 4.3×10^{65} |
| 125 | 2.4×10^{16} | 2.1×10^{33} | 1.7×10^{68} |
| 130 | 1.1×10^{17} | 4.5×10^{34} | 1.3×10^{71} |
| 135 | 1.5×10^{18} | ∞ | ∞ |
| 140 | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |
| 145 | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |

Table 1: Simulated values of the absolute moment for the EM scheme (??) with $T = 100$, $\alpha = 0.50$ and $n = \{100, 105, 110, \dots, 145\}$.

| n | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/8}$ | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/4}$ | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/2}$ |
|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 100 | 3.8×10^{25} | 7.1×10^{52} | 2.2×10^{109} |
| 105 | 7.7×10^{26} | 1.5×10^{55} | 2.3×10^{112} |
| 110 | 1.3×10^{28} | 1.1×10^{58} | $5, 4 \times 10^{117}$ |
| 115 | 2.7×10^{29} | 2.2×10^{60} | 2.7×10^{124} |
| 120 | 4.6×10^{30} | 1.3×10^{63} | 6.3×10^{128} |
| 125 | 9.2×10^{31} | 3.9×10^{65} | 1.2×10^{135} |
| 130 | 1.7×10^{33} | 2.9×10^{68} | 2.1×10^{141} |
| 135 | 2.9×10^{34} | 3.7×10^{71} | 1.9×10^{145} |
| 140 | 5.9×10^{35} | 1.8×10^{73} | ∞ |
| 145 | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |

Table 2: Simulated values of the absolute moment for the EM scheme (??) with $T = 100$, $\alpha = 1.0$ and $n = \{100, 105, 110, \dots, 145\}$.

| n | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/8}$ | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/4}$ | $\mathbb{E} \tilde{Y}_n ^{\alpha/2}$ |
|-----|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 100 | 8.7×10^{37} | 8.4×10^{77} | 7.0×10^{158} |
| 105 | 5.8×10^{39} | 5.6×10^{83} | 7.8×10^{168} |
| 110 | 3.9×10^{41} | 3.7×10^{86} | 6.9×10^{174} |
| 115 | 2.7×10^{43} | 1.4×10^{90} | 2.1×10^{182} |
| 120 | 2.9×10^{45} | 6.0×10^{93} | 4.6×10^{192} |
| 125 | 1.9×10^{47} | 2.4×10^{97} | 1.8×10^{200} |
| 130 | 3.3×10^{49} | 4.8×10^{101} | 8.7×10^{207} |
| 135 | 4.7×10^{51} | 7.2×10^{104} | 7.1×10^{215} |
| 140 | 2.9×10^{53} | 2.5×10^{111} | 9.2×10^{219} |
| 145 | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |

Table 3: Simulated values of the absolute moment for the EM scheme (??) with $T = 100$, $\alpha = 1.5$ and $n = \{100, 105, 110, \dots, 145\}$.

Thanks!