

Metropolized Integrators for SDEs

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- Analyze numerical methods for ergodic SDES that:
 - (i) ergodic to exact equilibrium distribution of SDE on infinite time intervals; and,
 - (ii) strongly converge to solution of SDE on finite time intervals.
- Pure sampling methods can accomplish (i), but do not approximate dynamics
- Integrators can do (ii), but often are divergent on infinite time intervals or ergodic w.r.t different equilibrium distribution

Consider a particle diffusing in $U(x) = x^4/4$ with inverse temperature β

- Overdamped dynamics for this system

$$dY = -Y^3 dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}} dW, \quad Y(0) = x.$$

- $W(t)$ is one-dimensional Brownian motion
- Solution process ergodic with respect to

$$\mu(dx) = Z^{-1} \exp(-\beta x^4/4) dx.$$

Forward-Euler

$$\tilde{X}_{k+1} = \tilde{X}_k - h\tilde{X}_k^3 + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}}(W(t_{k+1}) - W(t_k)), \quad \tilde{X}_0 = x.$$

- transition density implies irreducibility

$$q_h(x, y) = (4\pi\beta^{-1}h)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|y - x + hx^3|^2}{4\beta^{-1}h}\right)$$

- however, chain is stochastically unstable
- drift is destabilizing in

$$B_h = \{x : |1 - hx^2| > 1\}.$$

- whenever $x \in B_h$ forward euler drift moves particle to higher energy, unlike continuous drift

- **Metropolis-Hastings** is a Monte-Carlo method for sampling from a (known) probability distribution.
- Method generates a Markov chain from a given **proposal chain**.
- Algorithm computes a **proposal move** and accepts with probability designed to ensure Metropolized chain samples right distribution.

Metropolized Forward-Euler

- given (X_k, h)
- compute proposal move

$$X_{k+1}^* = X_k - hX_k^3 + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}}(W(t_{k+1}) - W(t_k))$$

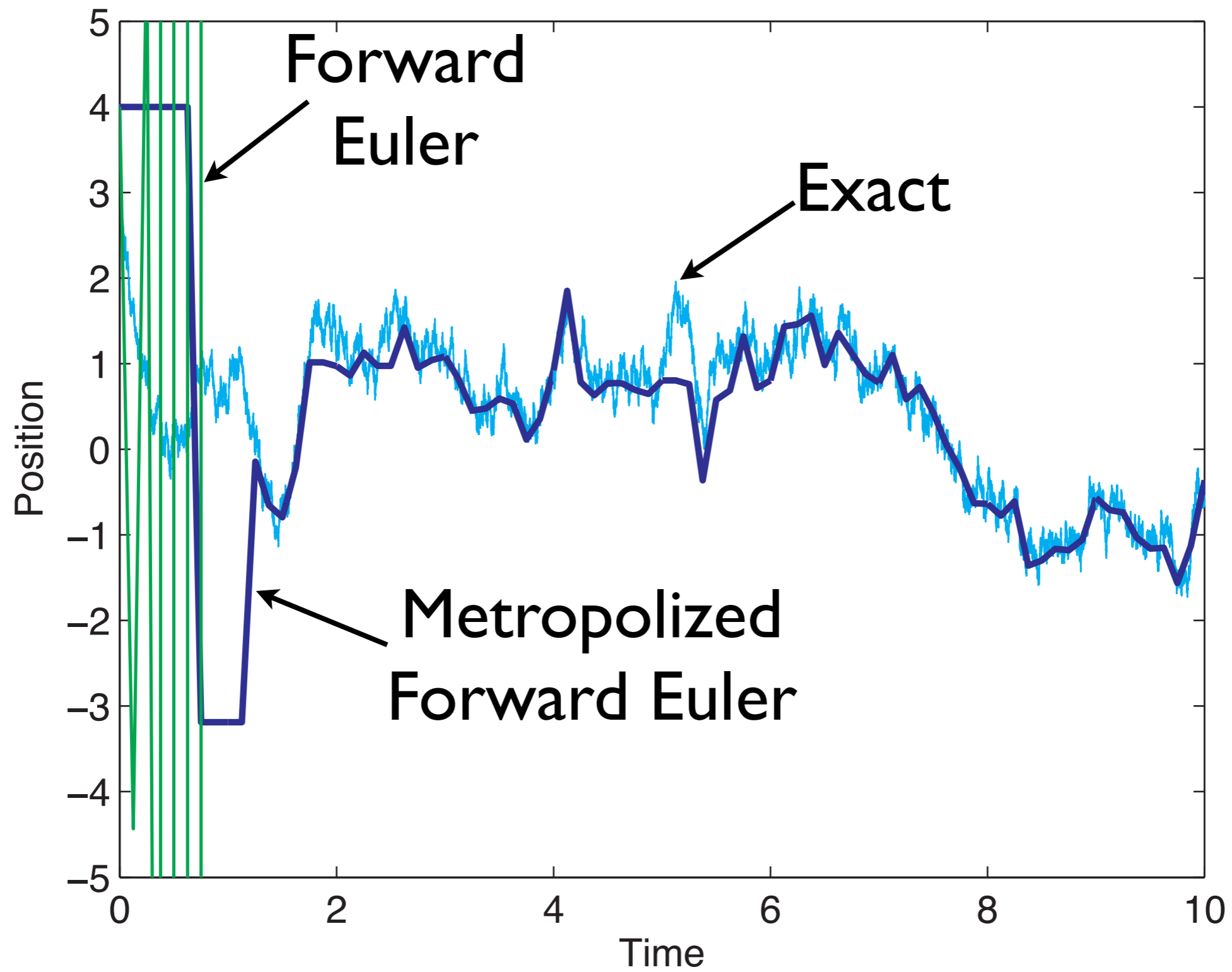
- accept with probability

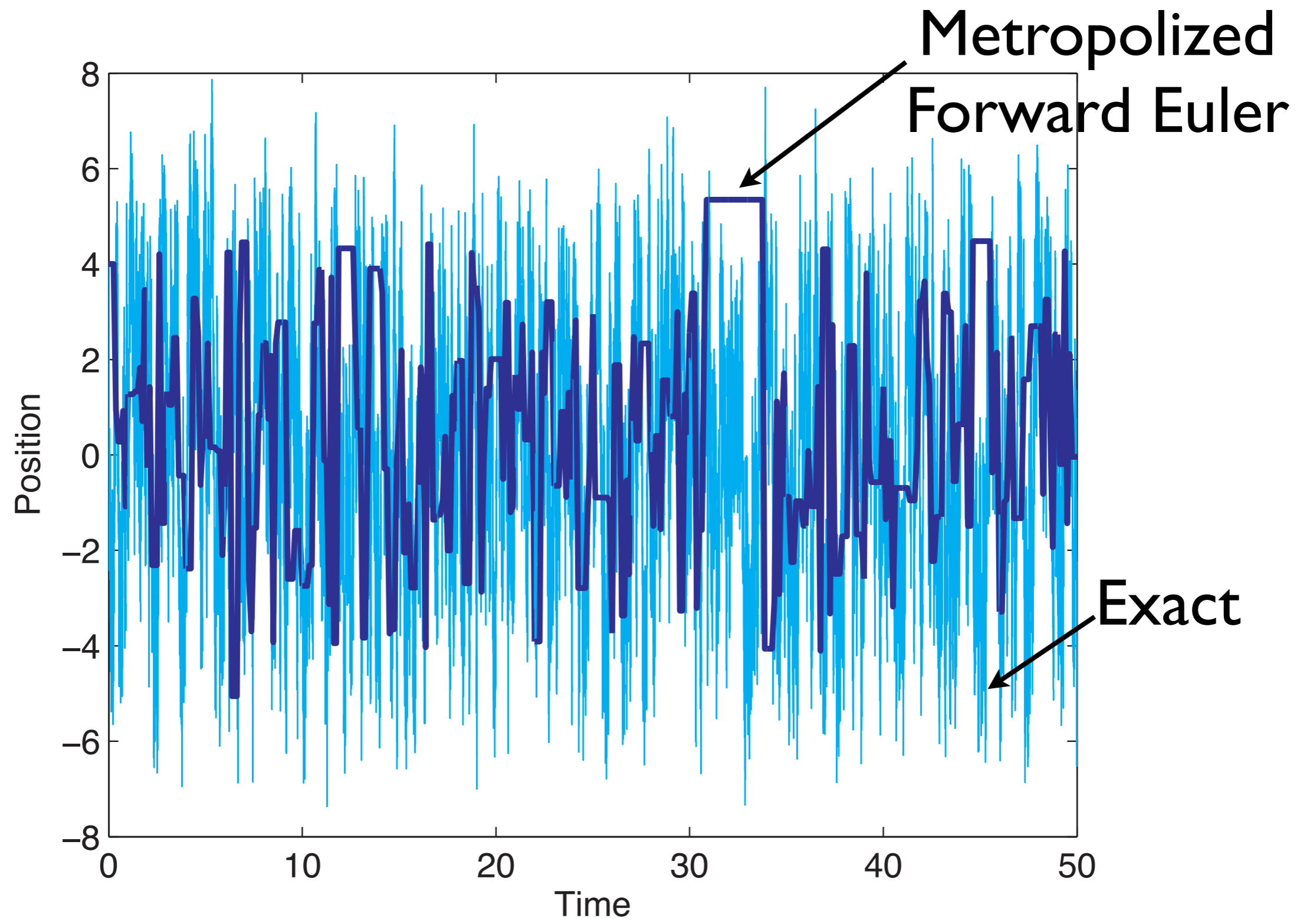
$$\alpha_h(x, y) = 1 \wedge \frac{q_h(y, x)\pi(y)}{q_h(x, y)\pi(x)}.$$

- in other words $\zeta_k \sim U(0, 1)$

$$X_{k+1} = \begin{cases} X_{k+1}^* & \text{if } \zeta_k < \alpha_h(X_k, X_{k+1}^*) \\ X_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- straightforward to classify as an ergodic chain





What effect do rejections have on dynamics?

Will answer in more general setting

- overdamped dynamics (nonglobally lipschitz case)

$$d\mathbf{Y} = -\nabla U(\mathbf{Y})dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}}d\mathbf{W}$$

- solution process preserves

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}) = Z^{-1} \exp(-\beta U(\mathbf{x}))$$

- **Unadjusted Langevin Algorithm (ULA)**

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{k+1} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_k - h\nabla U(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_k) + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}}(\mathbf{W}(t_{k+1}) - \mathbf{W}(t_k))$$

- discretization is stochastically unstable

Metropolis-Adjusted Langevin Algorithm (MALA)

- given: (\mathbf{X}_k, h)
- compute a proposal move with ULA

$$\mathbf{X}_{k+1}^* = \mathbf{X}_k - h \nabla U(\mathbf{X}_k) + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}} (\mathbf{W}(t_{k+1}) - \mathbf{W}(t_k))$$

- accept or rejection with probability

$$\alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1 \wedge \frac{q_h(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) \pi(\mathbf{y})}{q_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \pi(\mathbf{x})}.$$

- in sum,

$$\mathbf{X}_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{X}_{k+1}^* & \text{if } \zeta_k < \alpha_h(\mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_{k+1}^*) \\ \mathbf{X}_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- discretization is stochastically stable

Structural Assumptions.

- Uniformly coercive potential energy

$$U(\mathbf{x}) \geq K|\mathbf{x}|, \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- Local Lipschitz property

$$|\nabla U(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla U(\mathbf{y})| \leq K(U(\mathbf{x}) + U(\mathbf{y}))|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|, \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- one-sided Lipschitz drift

$$\langle -\nabla U(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla U(\mathbf{y}), \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle \leq K|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2, \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- geometric ergodicity

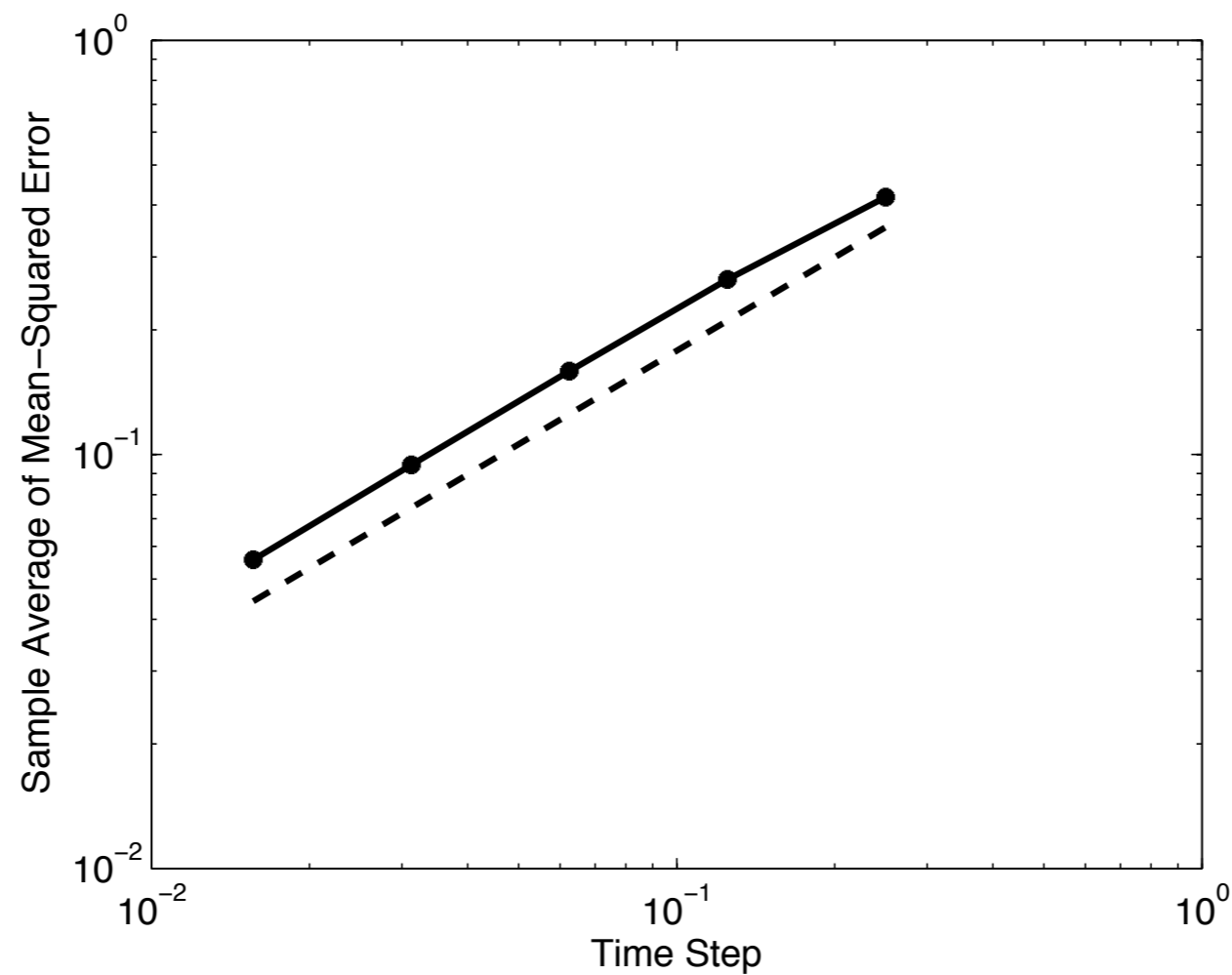
$$L\{U(\mathbf{x})^\ell\} \leq -\delta_\ell U(\mathbf{x})^\ell + M_\ell, \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- growth conditions on gradient, Hessian, etc.

$$\|D^3U(\mathbf{x})\| \vee \|D^2U(\mathbf{x})\| \vee |\nabla U(\mathbf{x})| \leq K(1 + U(\mathbf{x})), \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Theorem. For all $T > 0$, there exists $h_c > 0$ and $C(T) > 0$ such that for all $h < h_c$ and $t \in [0, T]$

$$\left(\mathbb{E}_\mu \mathbb{E}^x \left\{ |\mathbf{X}_{\lfloor t/h \rfloor} - \mathbf{Y}(t)|^2 \right\} \right)^{1/2} \leq C(T) h^{3/4}.$$



Metropolis-Adjusted Langevin Truncated Algorithm (MALTA)

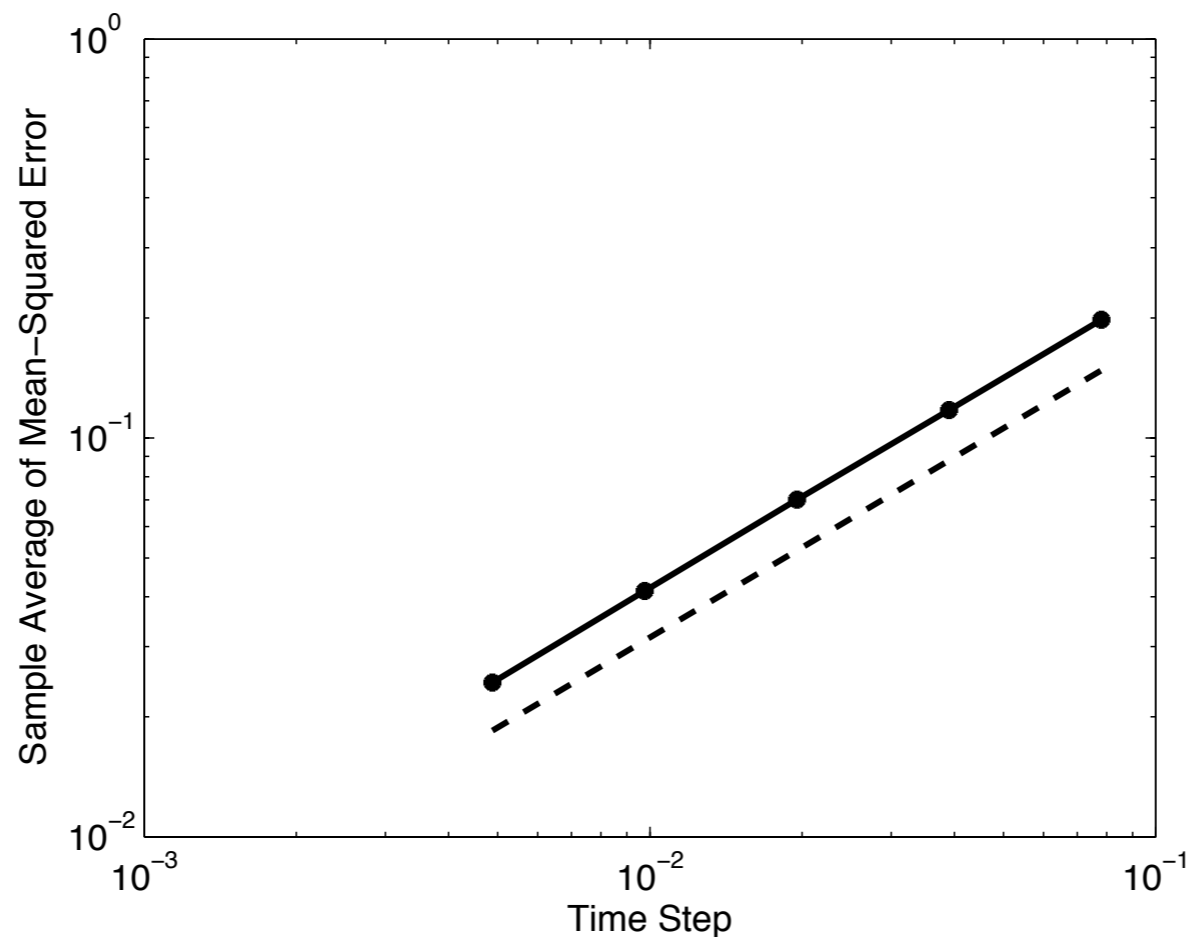
- modify proposal move

$$\mathbf{Z}_{k+1}^* = \mathbf{Z}_k - h \frac{\nabla U(\mathbf{Z}_k)}{1 \vee h |\nabla U(\mathbf{Z}_k)|} + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}} (\mathbf{W}(t_{k+1}) - \mathbf{W}(t_k))$$

- when $|\nabla U(\mathbf{Z}_k)| < 1/h$ proposal uses ULA drift
- otherwise drift preserves direction of ULA drift, but normalizes its amplitude
- can show MALTA is *geometrically ergodic*
- how is MALTA related to original diffusion?

Theorem. For every $T > 0$ and $E_0 > 0$, there exists an $h_c(E_0) > 0$ and $C(T, E_0) > 0$, such that for all $h < h_c$
 $\mathbf{x} : U(\mathbf{x}) \leq E_0$ and $t \in [0, T]$

$$\left(\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ \left| \mathbf{Z}_{\lfloor t/h \rfloor} - \mathbf{Y}(t) \right|^2 \right\} \right)^{1/2} \leq C(T, E_0) h^{3/4}.$$



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Does pathwise accuracy depend on reversibility or nondegeneracy of noise?

- Inertial Langevin dynamics $H \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \mathbb{R})$

$$d\mathbf{Y} = \mathbb{J}\nabla H(\mathbf{Y})dt - \gamma\mathbf{C}\nabla H(\mathbf{Y})dt + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta^{-1}}\mathbf{C}d\mathbf{W}$$

$$\mathbb{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{I} \\ -\mathbf{I} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- write: $\mathbf{Y}(t) = (\mathbf{Q}(t), \mathbf{P}(t))$
- solution process preserves

$$\mu(d\mathbf{q}, d\mathbf{p}) = Z^{-1}e^{-\beta H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p})}d\mathbf{q}d\mathbf{p}$$

- assume, for simplicity, separable Hamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{p} + U(\mathbf{q}),$$

Geometric Langevin Algorithm (GLA)

- Split Langevin into Hamilton's equations:

$$\begin{cases} d\mathbf{Q} &= \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{P} dt \\ d\mathbf{P} &= -\nabla U(\mathbf{Q}) dt \end{cases}$$

- and, Ornstein-Uhlenbeck equations:

$$\begin{cases} d\mathbf{Q} &= 0 \\ d\mathbf{P} &= -\gamma \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{P} dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}\gamma} d\mathbf{W} \end{cases}$$

- Apply variational integrator to approximate solution of Hamilton's equations and use the exact flow for Ornstein-Uhlenbeck.

Variational Integrators

- Given $(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{p}_0)$ and h

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_0 &= -D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h), \\ \mathbf{p}_1 &= D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h). \end{cases}$$

- Implicitly defines

$$\theta_h : (\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{p}_0) \mapsto (\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{p}_1),$$

- Discrete Lagrangian is *self-adjoint* if

$$L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h) = L_d(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_0, h)$$

- e.g., Stormer-Verlet discrete Lagrangian

$$L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h) = \frac{1}{2h} (\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_0)^T \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_0) - \frac{h}{2} (U(\mathbf{q}_0) + U(\mathbf{q}_1)).$$

Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Equations

- Use exact flow

$\psi_{t_k+h, t_k} :$

$$(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) \mapsto \left(\mathbf{q}, e^{-\gamma \mathbf{M}^{-1} h} \mathbf{p} + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}\gamma} \int_{t_k}^{t_k+h} e^{-\gamma \mathbf{M}^{-1} (t_k+h-s)} d\mathbf{W}(s) \right).$$

- Has the following transition density

$$o_h(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} |\det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_h)|} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{p}_1 - e^{-\gamma \mathbf{M}^{-1} h} \mathbf{p}_0 \right)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_h^{-1} \left(\mathbf{p}_1 - e^{-\gamma \mathbf{M}^{-1} h} \mathbf{p}_0 \right) \right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_h = \beta^{-1} \left(\mathbf{Id} - \exp(-2\gamma \mathbf{M}^{-1} h) \right) \mathbf{M}.$$

- transition density does not depend on initial or terminal position

Strang-Type Splitting

$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{k+1} := (\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k+1}, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{k+1}) = \psi_{t_k+h, t_k+h/2} \circ \theta_h \circ \psi_{t_k+h/2, t_k}(\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k, \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_k)$$

- Stormer-Verlet based GLA:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k+1} = \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k + h\mathbf{M}^{-1}e^{-\gamma\mathbf{M}^{-1}h/2}\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_k - \frac{h^2}{2}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\nabla U(\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k) \\ \quad + h\sqrt{2\beta^{-1}\gamma} \int_{t_k}^{t_k+h/2} \mathbf{M}^{-1}e^{-\gamma\mathbf{M}^{-1}(t_k+h/2-s)}d\mathbf{W}(s), \\ \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_{k+1} = e^{-\gamma\mathbf{M}^{-1}h}\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_k - \frac{h}{2}e^{-\gamma\mathbf{M}^{-1}h/2} \left(\nabla U(\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_k) + \nabla U(\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k+1}) \right) \\ \quad + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}\gamma} \int_{t_k}^{t_k+h} e^{-\gamma\mathbf{M}^{-1}(t_k+h-s)}d\mathbf{W}(s). \end{array} \right.$$

- For globally Lipschitz potential forces, it is first-order accurate and geometrically ergodic.
- Otherwise, it is plagued with the same stochastic instability as forward Euler.

GLA Probability Transition Density

- For any $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ transition kernel is given by

$$Q_h((\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{p}_0), A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n} \times A} o_{h/2}(\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_0^*) \cdot o_{h/2}(\mathbf{p}_1^*, \mathbf{p}_1) \cdot \delta_{\theta_h(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{p}_0^*)}(d\mathbf{q}_1, d\mathbf{p}_1^*) d\mathbf{p}_0^* d\mathbf{p}_1$$

- Zero of Dirac-delta given by

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_0^* & = -D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h), \\ \mathbf{p}_1^* & = D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h). \end{cases}$$

- To make it explicit, perform change of variables.

$$q_h((\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{p}_0), (\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{p}_1)) =$$

$$|\det(D_{12} L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h))| \cdot o_{h/2}(\mathbf{p}_0, -D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h)) \cdot o_{h/2}(D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h), \mathbf{p}_1)$$

- Formula works if variational integrator is implicit.

MAGLA

- compute proposal move

$$(Q_{k+1}^*, P_{k+1}^*) = \psi_{t_k+h, t_k+h/2} \circ \theta_h \circ \psi_{t_k+h/2, t_k}(Q_k, P_k).$$

- accept with probability

$$\alpha_h((q_0, p_0), (q_1, p_1)) = 1 \wedge \frac{q_h((q_1, p_1), (q_0, -p_0))\pi(q_1, p_1)}{q_h((q_0, p_0), (q_1, -p_1))\pi(q_0, p_0)}$$

- in other words

$$X_{k+1} := (Q_{k+1}, P_{k+1}) = \begin{cases} (Q_{k+1}^*, P_{k+1}^*) & \text{if } \zeta_k < \alpha_h((Q_k, P_k), (Q_{k+1}^*, P_{k+1}^*)) \\ \varphi(Q_k, P_k) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- stochastically stable, and straightforward to classify as an ergodic chain

Momentum Flip

$$\mathbf{X}_{k+1} := (\mathbf{Q}_{k+1}, \mathbf{P}_{k+1}) = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{Q}_{k+1}^*, \mathbf{P}_{k+1}^*) & \text{if } \zeta_k < \alpha_h((\mathbf{Q}_k, \mathbf{P}_k), (\mathbf{Q}_{k+1}^*, \mathbf{P}_{k+1}^*)) \\ \varphi(\mathbf{Q}_k, \mathbf{P}_k) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- momentum flipped twice in the algorithm
 - 1) if proposal rejected momentum is flipped (local accuracy lost)
 - 2) acceptance probability involves momentum flip
- motivation: inertial Langevin dynamics is not reversible, but composed with a momentum flip is reversible

Acceptance probability of MAGLA

Lemma. Consider GLA based on a self-adjoint discrete Lagrangian. Then acceptance probability of MAGLA satisfies

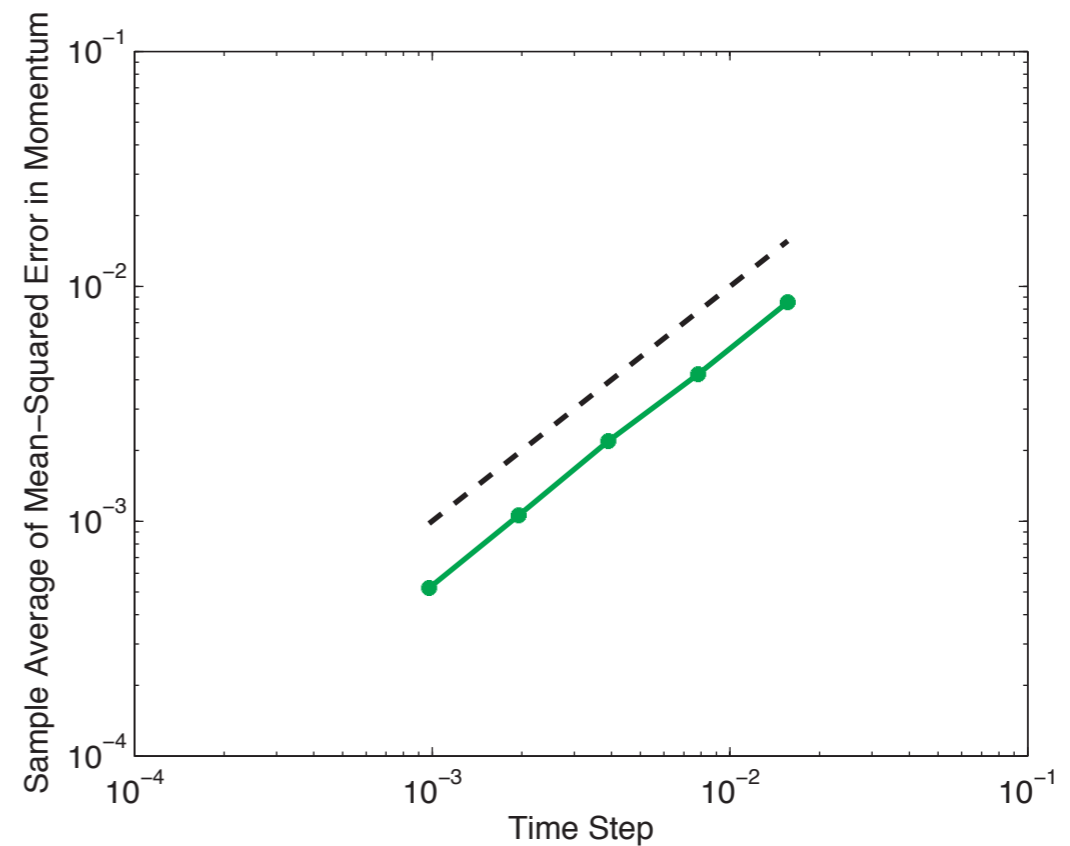
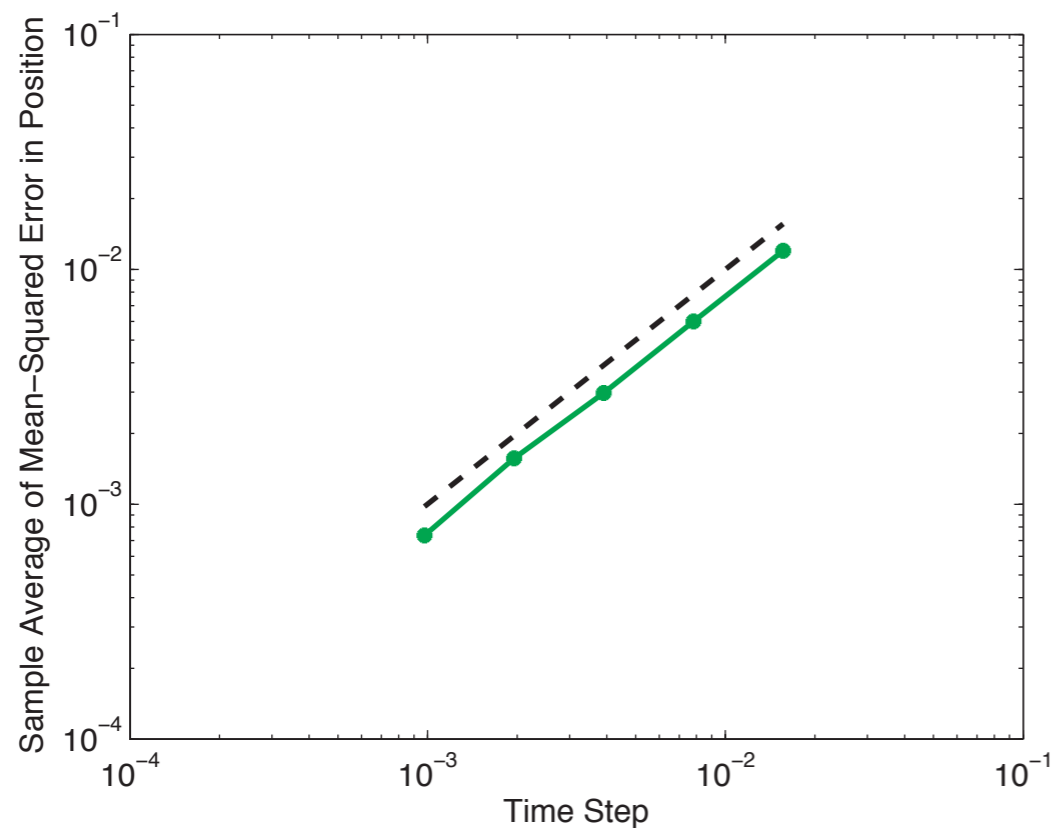
$$\alpha_h((\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{p}_0), (\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{p}_1)) = 1 \wedge \exp(-\beta \Delta E(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1) = & \frac{1}{2} D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h)^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} D_2 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h) + U(\mathbf{q}_1) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h)^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} D_1 L_d(\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, h) - U(\mathbf{q}_0). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem. For all $T > 0$, there exists $h_c > 0$ and $C(T) > 0$ such that for all $h < h_c$ and $t \in [0, T]$

$$\left(\mathbb{E}_{\mu} \mathbb{E}^x \left\{ \left| \mathbf{X}_{\lfloor t/h \rfloor} - \mathbf{Y}(t) \right|^2 \right\} \right)^{1/2} \leq C(T)h.$$



Proof Relies on Two Main Ingredients

(1) Local accuracy of Metropolized Integrator, e.g.,

$$\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ |\mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 \right\} =$$
$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ |\mathbf{X}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*) \right\}}_{\text{Accepted Proposal Move}}$$
$$+ \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ |\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 (1 - \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*)) \right\}}_{\text{Rejected Proposal Move}}$$

(2) Bounds on moments of Metropolized integrator uniform in time

Local accuracy of MALA

- first term bounded by

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ |\mathbf{X}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*) \}}_{\text{Accepted Proposal Move}} \leq \mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ |\mathbf{X}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 \right\} \leq O(h^3)$$

- second term bounded by

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ |\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 (1 - \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*)) \}}_{\text{Rejected Proposal Move}} \leq \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ |\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^4 \}^{1/2}}_{O(h)} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ (1 - \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*))^2 \}^{1/2}}_{O(h^{3/2})}$$

Local accuracy of Verlet based MAGLA

- first term bounded by accuracy of GLA

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ |\mathbf{X}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*) \}}_{\text{Accepted Proposal Move}} \leq \mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \left\{ |\mathbf{X}_1^* - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 \right\} \leq O(h^3)$$

- second term bounded by

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ |\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^2 (1 - \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*)) \}}_{\text{Rejected Proposal Move}}$$

$$\leq \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ |\varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{Y}(h)|^4 \}^{1/2}}_{O(1)} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}^{\mathbf{x}} \{ (1 - \alpha_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{X}_1^*))^2 \}^{1/2}}_{O(h^3)}$$

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