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**Quasi-Monte Carlo Runge Kutta  
methods for delay differential equations**

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## The problem

Delay differential equation (DDE) with one retarded argument:

$$\begin{aligned}y'(t) &= f(t, y(t), y(t - \tau(t))), \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0, \\y(t) &= \varphi(t), \quad \text{for } t \leq t_0,\end{aligned}$$

with

$f(t, \cdot, \cdot)$  ... heavily oscillating

smooth in  $y$  and  $y_{ret}$ , but only  
bounded and Borel measurable in  $t$

$y(t)$  ... Solution,

$d$ -dimensional real-valued function

$\tau(t)$  ... delay function, satisfying

$$t_1 - \tau(t_1) \leq t_2 - \tau(t_2) \text{ for } t_1 \leq t_2$$

$\varphi(t)$  ... initial function, piecewise continuous  
on  $\left( \inf_{t_0 \leq t} (t - \tau(t)), t_0 \right)$

## Sketch of the numerical solution

- Hermite interpolation for retarded argument  $\Rightarrow$  ODE
- use RKQMC methods for ODE

### Hermite interpolation

Use hermite interpolation for the retarded argument:

$$z(t) := y(t - \tau(t)) = \begin{cases} \varphi(t - \tau(t)), & \text{if } t - \tau(t) \leq t_0 \\ P_q(t - \tau(t); (y_i); (y'_i)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

DDE transforms to a ODE:

$$\begin{aligned} y'(t) &= f(t, y(t), y(t - \tau(t))) \approx \\ &\approx f(t, y(t), z(t)) =: g(t, y(t)) . \end{aligned}$$

# Runge Kutta Quasi-Monte Carlo methods

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$$\begin{aligned}y'(t) &= f(t, y(t)), \quad 0 < t < T, \\y(0) &= y_0\end{aligned}$$

$f$  smooth in  $y$ , bounded and Borel measurable in  $t$ .

$f$  is Taylor-expanded only in  $y$   
→ integral equation in  $t$ .

e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> order:

$$\begin{aligned}y(t_{n+1}) &= y(t_n) + \frac{1}{2h_n} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} (f(\underline{u}, y(t_n)) + \\&\quad \frac{1}{\beta} f(\bar{u}, y(t_n)) + \frac{1}{\alpha} f(\bar{u}, y(t_n) + \alpha h_n f(\underline{u}, y(t_n)))) du\end{aligned}$$

Solved by (Quasi-)Monte Carlo integration

## Quasi-Monte Carlo methods

Integrals replaced by a discrete sum over  $N$  (quasi-)random points:

$$\int_{[0,1]^s} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)$$

**MC methods:**  $x_i$  random points

**QMC methods:**  $x_i$  low-discrepancy sequences

Low discrepancy sequences: deterministic point sequences  $\{x_i\}_{1 \leq n \leq N} \in [0, 1]^s$ , good uniform distribution

star-discrepancy of the point set  $S$

$$D_N^*(S) = \sup_{a,b \in [0,1]^s} \left| \frac{A([0,1], S)}{N} - \lambda_s([a, b]) \right|$$

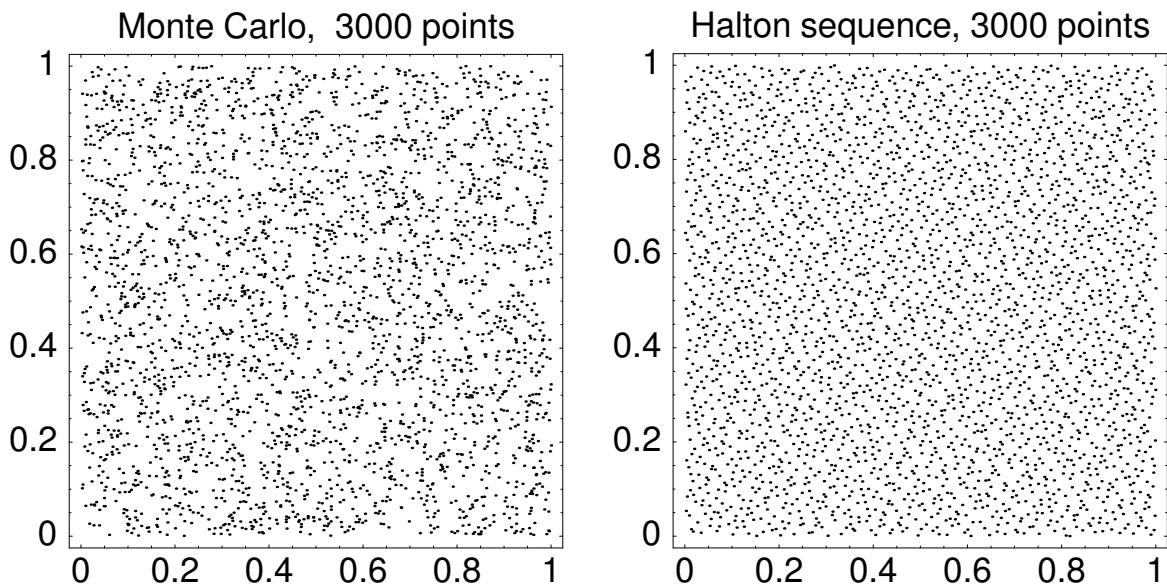
Koksma-Hlawka inequality:

$$\left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f(x_n) - \int_{[0,1]^s} f(u) du \right| \leq V([0,1]^s, f) D_N^*(x_1, \dots, x_N) .$$

## Low-Discrepancy sequences

$$D_N^*(S) \leq \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{(\log N)^s}{N} \right)$$

- Halton-sequence in bases  $(b_1, \dots, b_s)$ : inversion of digit expansion of  $n$  in base  $b_i$  at the comma
- $(t, s)$  nets in base  $b$  (Niederreiter, Sobol, Faure): net-like structure → best possible uniform distribution on elementary intervals



Problem: correlations between elements

## general form of RKQMC method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h_n}{s!N} \sum_{0 \leq j < N} G_s(\bar{t}_{j,n}; y)$$

$G_s(\bar{t}_{j,n}; y)$  ... differential increment function of scheme

$$G_1(u; y) = f(u, y)$$

$$G_2(\bar{u}; y) = f(\bar{u}_1, y) + \frac{1}{\beta} f(\bar{u}_2, y) + \frac{1}{\alpha} f(\bar{u}_2, y + \alpha h_n f(\bar{u}_1, y))$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_3(\bar{u}; y) &= a_1 f(\bar{u}_1, y) + \sum_{l=1}^{L_2} a_{2,l} f(\bar{u}_2, y + b_{2,l} h_n f(\bar{u}_1, y)) + \\ &+ \sum_{l=1}^{L_3} a_{3,l} \left( \bar{u}_3, y + b_{3,l}^{(1)} h_n f(\bar{u}_1, y) + b_{3,l}^{(2)} h_n f(\bar{u}_2, y_n + c_{3,l} h_n (\bar{u}_1, y_n)) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Convergence proof by Koudiraty and Lécot:

If initial error  $\|e_0\|$ , the step size  $H$ , the discrepancy  $D_N^*(X)$  and  $\|f\|_E$  are small enough,

$$\|e_n\| \leq e^{c_2 t_n} \|e_0\| + \frac{e^{c_2 t_n} - 1}{c_2} (c_1 H^3 + c_3 D_N^*(X))$$

## Convergence theorem, RKQMC for DDE

Choose the RKQMC method:

- $G_s$  Lipschitz ( $\mathcal{L}_2$ ) in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> argument, bounded variation (in the sense of Hardy and Krause).
- $\exists c_1, c_2, c_3$  such that for a  $p > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{loc. trunc. error } \|\epsilon_n\| &\leq c_1(h_n)h_n^p \\ \text{RK error } \|\delta_n\| &\leq c_2(h_n)\|e_n\| \\ \text{QMC error } \|d_n\| &\leq c_3(h_n)D_N^*(S) \end{aligned}$$

- interpolation order  $p$ , fulfils a certain Lipschitz condition

Then the error  $\|e_n\| = \|y_n - y(t_n)\|$  of the method is bounded from above by:

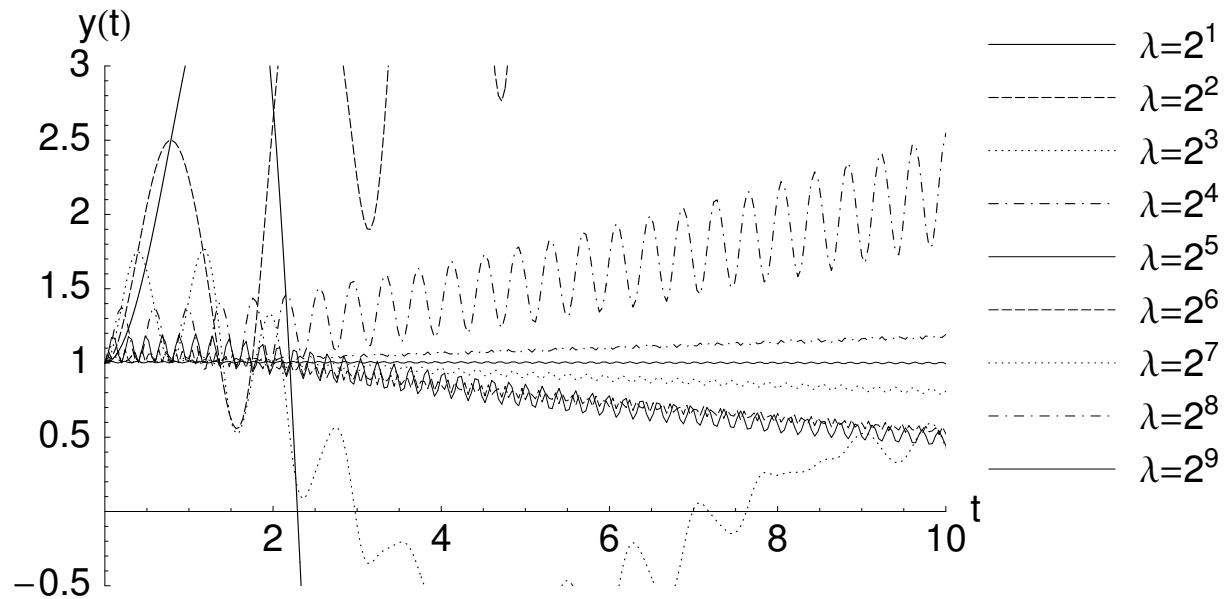
$$\begin{aligned} \|e_n\| &\leq \|e_0\| e^{t_n \left( c_2 + \frac{\mathcal{L}_2}{s!} \right)} + \frac{e^{t_n \left( c_2 + \frac{\mathcal{L}_2}{s!} \right)} - 1}{c_2 + \frac{\mathcal{L}_2}{s!}} \\ &\quad \cdot \left\{ c_3 D_N^*(X) + \frac{\mathcal{L}_2}{s!} M H^q + c_1 H^p \right\} \end{aligned}$$

## One example (results)

$$\begin{aligned}y'(t) &= 3y(t-1)\sin(\lambda t), && \text{for } t \geq 0 \\y(t) &= 1, && \text{for } t \leq 0\end{aligned}$$

with  $\lambda = 2^\nu$  and  $1 \leq \nu \leq 16$ .

Exact solution:



# Comparison of numerical errors

slowly varying: conventional RK better

rapidly varying: RKQMC outperform higher order RK

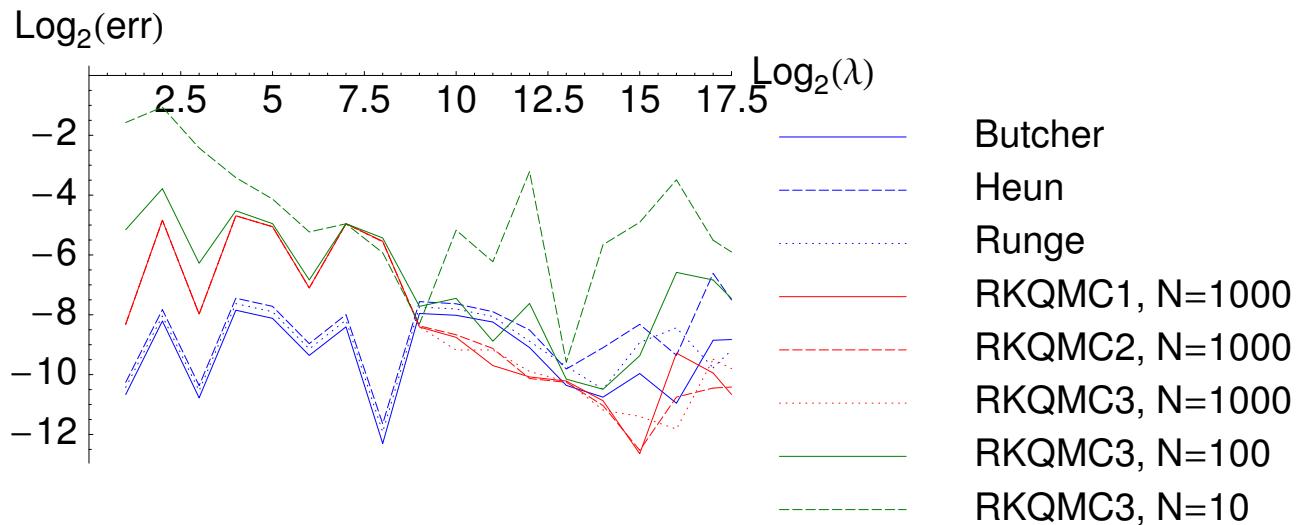


Fig: Error of the RK and RKQMC methods

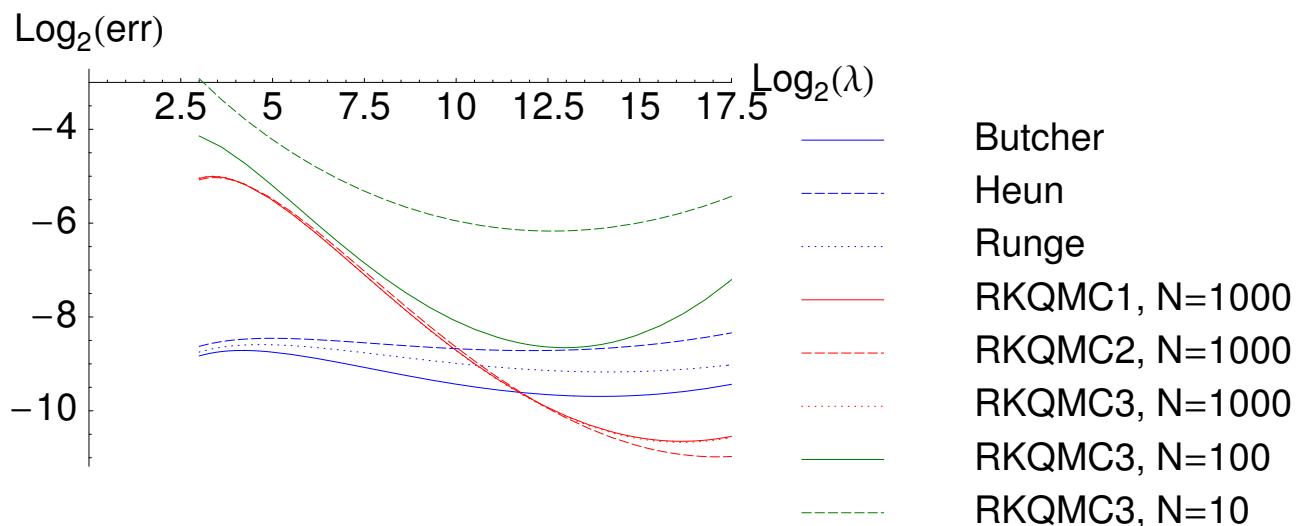


Fig: Least squares fit to the error

$h_n = 0.001$  for RK,  $h_n = 0.01$  for RKQMC

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