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**Quasi-randomized schemes for the  
solution of retarded differential  
equations**

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## Overview

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## The problem

Heavily varying delay differential equations (DDE) or DDE with heavily varying solutions.

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t), y(t - \tau_1(t)), \dots, y(t - \tau_k(t))),$$

for  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,

$$y(t) = \varphi(t), \text{ for } t \leq t_0,$$

with

$f(t, \cdot, \cdot)$  ...piecewise smooth in  $y$  and  $y_{ret}$ ,  
only bounded and Borel measurable in  $t$   
 $y(t)$  ...solution,  $d$ -dimensional real-valued function  
 $\tau_1(t), \dots, \tau_k(t)$  ...continuous delay functions,  
bounded from below by  $\tau_0 > 0$ ,  
satisfy  $t_1 - \tau_j(t_1) \leq t_2 - \tau_j(t_2)$  for  $t_1 \leq t_2$   
 $\varphi(t)$  ...initial function, continuous at least  
on  $\left[ \inf_{\substack{t_0 \leq t \\ 1 \leq j \leq k}} (t - \tau_j(t)), t_0 \right]$ .

For heavily oscillating DDE: conventional Runge-Kutta methods unstable.

## Sketch of the numerical solution

- Hermite interpolation for retarded argument  $\Rightarrow$  ODE
- use RKQMC methods for ODE:  
Large Runge-Kutta error for heavily oscillating DE  $\rightarrow$  Idea (Stengle, Lécot):  
integrate over whole step size
  - Runge Kutta: Integration over  $y$  and  $t$  discretized
  - RK(Q)MC: Integration over  $y$  discretized, numerical Integration in  $t$  (using MC or QMC integration to minimize the error)

## Historical background

**Halton (1960), Sobol (1960/67), Niederreiter (1978), Faure (1981/82):**

Low-discrepancy sequences

**Oppelstrup (1976), Oberle and Pesch (1981), ...:**

Treatment of DDE with Hermite interpolation for retarded arguments

**Stengle (1990, 1995):**

Randomized Runge Kutta schemes for (heavily oscillating) ordinary differential equations

**Coulibaly and Lécot (1999), Lécot (2001), Lécot and Koudiraty (2002):**

Quasi-Monte Carlo Runge Kutta schemes (using low-discrepancy sequences) for ODE

**Kainhofer and Tichy (2001/02):**

RKQMC methods for delayed differential equations, combining the Hermite interpolation with RKQMC methods.

## Hermite interpolation

Use hermite interpolation for the retarded arguments:

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

DDE transforms to a ODE:

$$\begin{aligned} y'(t) &= f(t, y(t), y(t - \tau_1(t)), \dots, y(t - \tau_k(t))) \approx \\ &\approx f(t, y(t), z_1(t), \dots, z_k(t)) =: g(t, y(t)) . \end{aligned}$$

Solution has to be piecewise  $r/2$ -times continuously differentiable in  $t$ .

Resulting ODE has to fulfill requirements for RKQMC methods (Borel-measurable in  $t$ , continuously differentiable in  $y(t)$ ).

## Runge Kutta Quasi-Monte Carlo methods

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

$f$  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:

$$y(t_{n+1}) = y(t_n) + \frac{1}{2h_n} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \left( f(\underline{u}, y(t_n)) + \frac{1}{\beta} f(\bar{u}, y(t_n)) + \frac{1}{\alpha} f(\bar{u}, y(t_n) + \alpha h_n f(\underline{u}, y(t_n))) \right) du$$

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  $\{x_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq N} \in [0, 1)^s$ , 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:

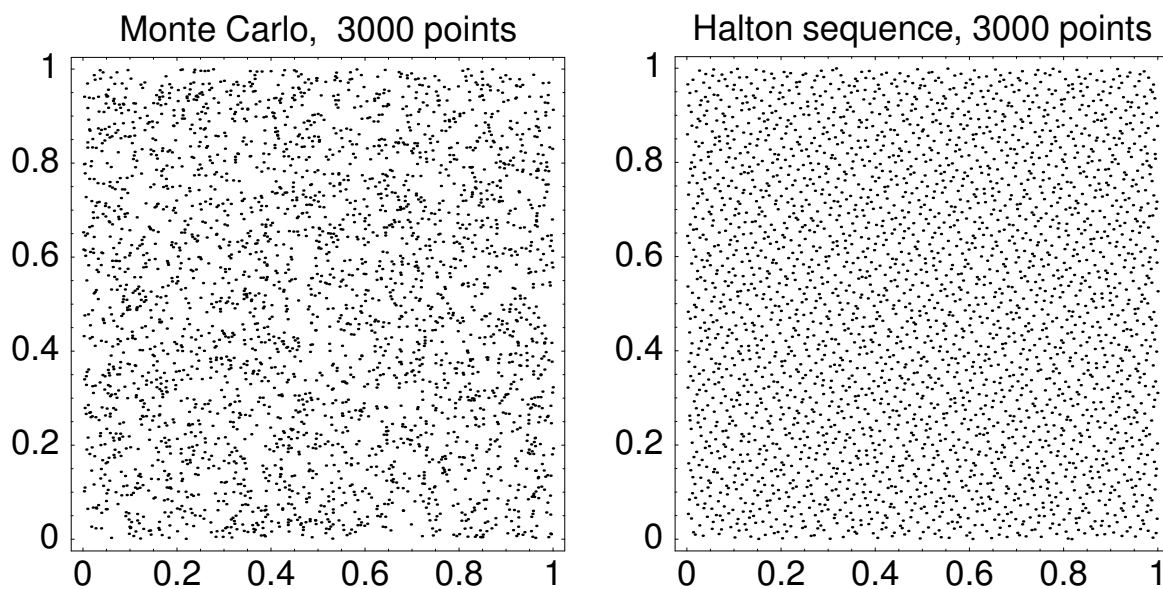
$$\left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f(x_n) - \int_{[0,1]^s} f(u) du \right| \leq V([0, 1)^s, f) D_N^*(x_1, \dots, x_N) .$$



## 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  $\rightarrow$  best possible uniform distribution on elementary intervals



Problem: correlations between elements

## general form of RKQMC method

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

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

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

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

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

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,

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

## RKQMC for Volterra functional equations

$$\begin{aligned}y'(t) &= f(t, y(t), z(t)) & t \geq t_0 \\z(t) &= (Fy)(t) \\y(s) &= \varphi(s) & s \leq t_0\end{aligned}$$

- $(Fy)(t)$  contains dependence on retarded values.
- $F$  and  $f$  are Lipschitz continuous in all arguments except  $t$ .

RKQMC method ( $n \geq 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}y_{n+1} &= y_n + h_n \sum_{i=1}^N G_s \left( t_{n,i}; y_n, \tilde{z}(t) \right) \\ \tilde{z}(t) &= (\tilde{F}y_j)(t)\end{aligned}$$

# Convergence theorems: RKQMC for DDE

## Theorem: (Kainhofer, 2002)

If

- (i) RKQMC method converges for ordinary differential equations with order  $p$
- (ii) the increment function  $G_s$  of the method and  $F$  are Lipschitz
- (iii) the interpolation fulfills a Lipschitz condition
- (iv) Hermite interpolation is used with order  $r$
- (v) the initial error  $\|e_0\|$  vanishes

then the method converges. If at least ii and iii hold, the error is bounded by

$$\|e_{j+1}\| \leq \|e_0\| e^{\mathcal{L}t_j} + \frac{(e^{t_j \mathcal{L}} - 1)}{\mathcal{L}} (\|E_G^{\text{ODE}}\| + \mathcal{L}_1 \mathcal{L}_2 \|E_r^{\text{interpol}}\|) .$$

## Special case: one retarded argument

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  $p > 0$

$$\text{loc. trunc. error } \|\epsilon_n\| \leq c_1(h_n)h_n^p$$

$$\text{RK error } \|\delta_n\| \leq c_2(h_n) \|e_n\|$$

$$\text{QMC error } \|d_n\| \leq c_3(h_n)D_N^*(S)$$

- 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:

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

## Numerical examples

$$y'(t) = 3y(t-1)\sin(\lambda t) + 2y(t-1.5)\cos(\lambda t), \quad t \geq 0$$

$$y(t) = 1, \quad t \leq 0,$$

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

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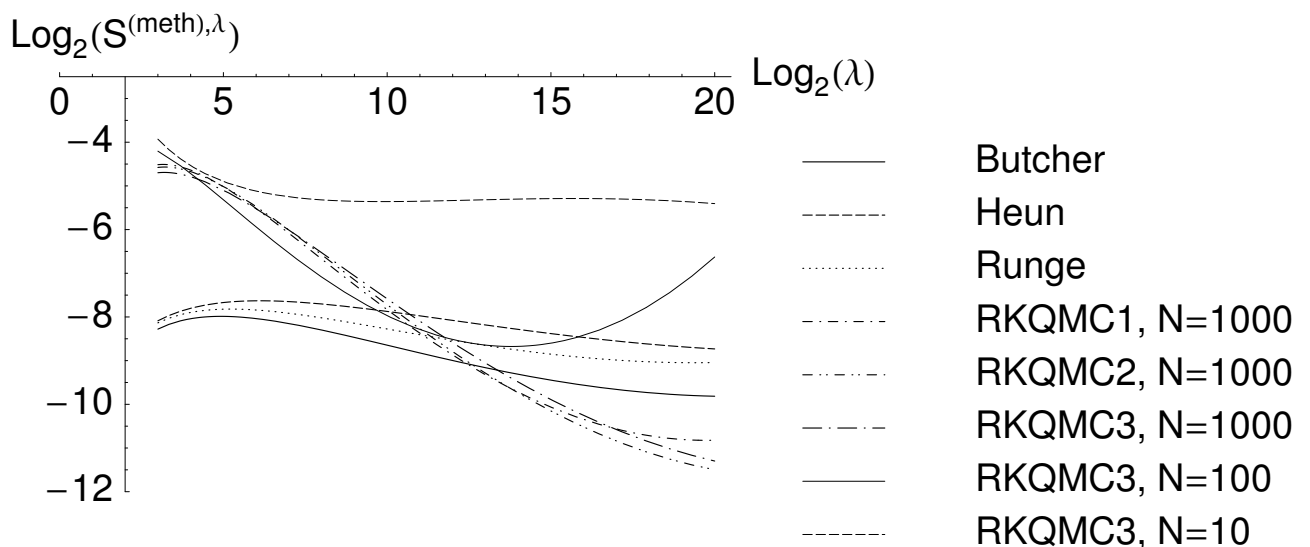


Fig: Error of the RK and RKQMC methods

*slowly varying (small  $\lambda$ ):*  
conventional RK better

*rapidly varying (high  $\lambda$ ):*

RKQMC outperform higher order RK

## Advantage of RKQMC for unstable DDE

$$y'(t) = \pi \frac{\lambda}{2} \left( y \left( t - 2 - \frac{3}{2\lambda} \right) - y \left( t - 2 - \frac{1}{2\lambda} \right) \right), \quad t \geq 0$$

$$y(t) = \sin(\lambda t \pi), \quad t < 0,$$

Exact Solution:  $y(t) = \sin(\lambda t \pi)$

- No discontinuities in any derivative
- $k$ -th derivative only bounded by  $\lambda^k \rightarrow$  "exploding" error

Numerical results:

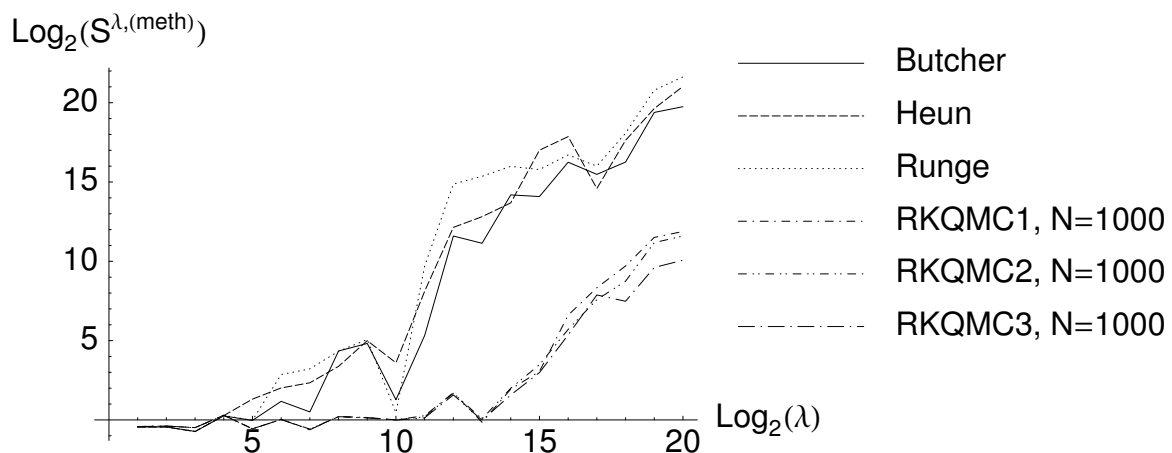


Fig: Error of the RK and RKQMC methods

RKQMC schemes can delay the instability of the solution for heavily oscillating delay differential equations.

## Time-corrected error

QMC integration is more expensive than 1 evaluation (Runge-Kutta)

→ Compare a time-corrected error

Result: RKQMC methods loose some advantage, but still better than Runge-Kutta for heavily oscillating DDE.

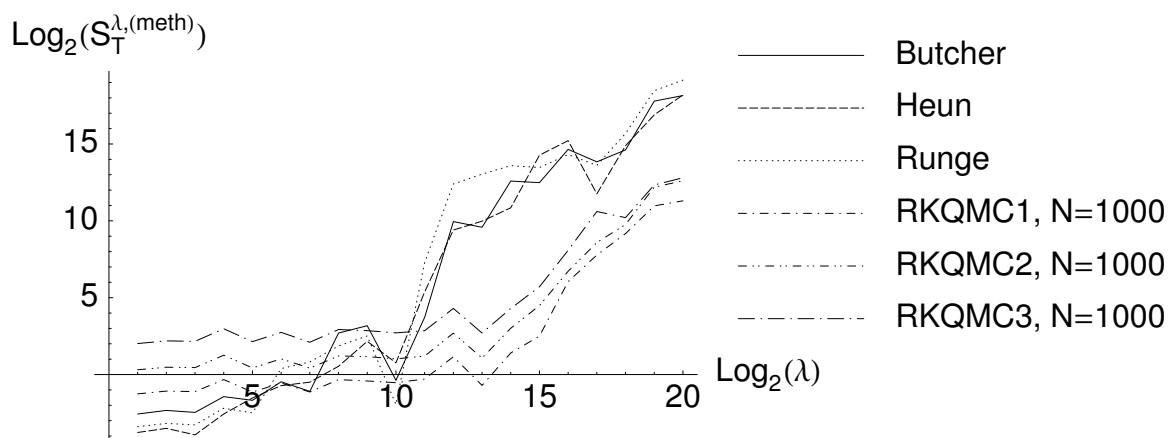


Fig: Time-corrected error of the RK and RKQMC methods



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