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Generalization to manifolds

The vector $X_n + hF(X_n)$ does not belong on \mathcal{M} but on the tangent space $T_{X_n} \mathcal{M}$.

Question

How to sample the long time behaviour of **ergodic dynamic** on a **Riemannian manifold**?

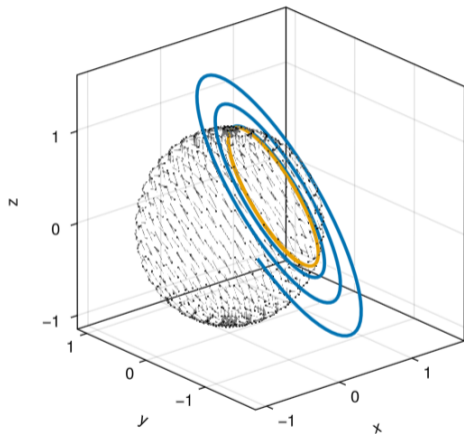


Figure 1: The trajectory does not stay on the sphere.

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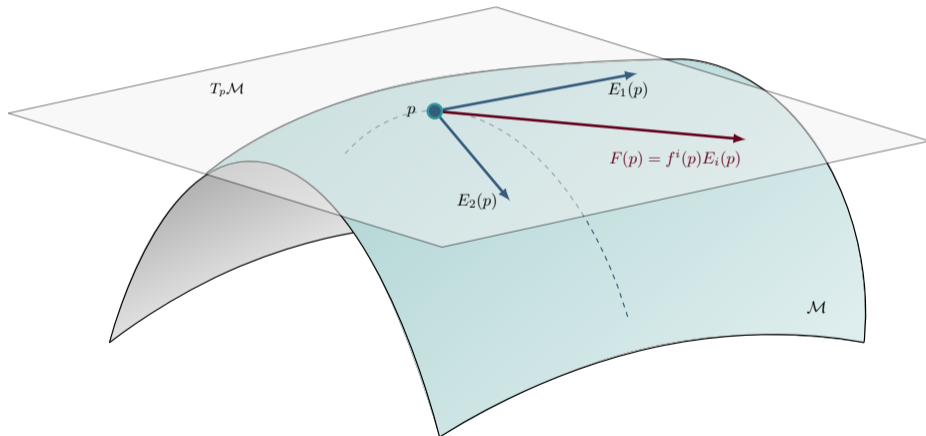
¹The unique node associated to φ being at the root, it is implicit.

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We are, in particular, interested in the case where $F = -\nabla V - \nabla_{E_p} E_p$, $f^i = -E_i[V] - \langle \nabla_{E_p} E_p | E_i \rangle$ for a certain potential V . Hence equation (2) becomes, by denoting $B_{\mathcal{M}}(t)$ a Brownian motion on \mathcal{M} , the **Riemannian Langevin equation**

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Frozen flow on \mathbb{R}^D

With $\alpha_n^d = f^d(X_n)$, we recover the **explicit Euler method**

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + hf^d(X_n)e_d,$$

and with

$$\alpha_n^d = \frac{1}{2} \left(f^d(X_n) + f^d(X_n + hf^d(X_n)e_d) \right),$$

we recover the **Heun method**,

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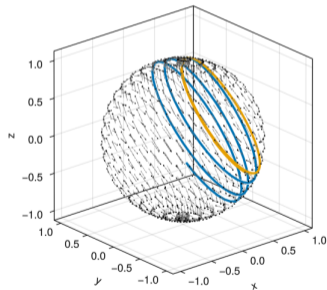


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The easiest method to solve The SDE (2) is called **frozen flow Euler method**

$$X_{n+1} = \exp\left(\left(hf^d(X_n) + \sqrt{2h}\xi_n^d\right) E_d\right) X_n, \quad \xi_n^d \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

In the case of the **Riemannian Langevin equation** (3), K. BHARATH, A. LEWIS, A. SHARMA, and M. V. TRETAKOV, 2023; proposes an alternate approach, based on the Levi-Civita connection called Riemannian Langevin method:

$$X_{n+1} = \exp^{Riem}\left(-h\nabla V(X_n) + \sqrt{2h}\xi_n^d E_d\right) X_n, \quad \xi_n^d \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

Invariant measure

Definition (Processus ergodique)

A process X is ergodic if there exists $d\mu_\infty$ a unique invariant measure with density function ρ_∞ with respect to the measure $d\text{vol}_\mathcal{M}$, such that for all test function φ and all initial data $X(0) = x$, the time average of $\varphi(X)$ converge, that is,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \varphi(X(s)) ds = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \varphi(y) d\mu_\infty(y) \text{ almost surely.}$$

A method is of **order $p \geq 1$ for the invariant measure** if $|e(\varphi, h)| \leq Ch^p$, where

$$e(\varphi, h) := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N \varphi(X_n) - \int_{\mathcal{M}} \varphi(y) d\mu_\infty(y).$$

In the case of the **Riemannian Langevin dynamics**,

$$dX(t) = -\nabla V(X(t))dt + \sqrt{2}dB_\mathcal{M}(t), \quad X(0) = X_0 \in \mathcal{M},$$

we recover the **Gibbs measure**: $\rho_\infty \propto \exp(-V)$.

Characterization of the higher order for the invariant measure

Theorem (A. BUSNOT LAURENT & S. MACÉ)

We consider the SDE (3) on \mathcal{M} . Suppose some technical assumption and that the SDE is solved by a consistent ergodic numerical method satisfying, for all test function φ ,

$$\mathbb{E}[\varphi(X_1)|X_0 = x] = \varphi(x) + \sum_{j=1}^p h^j A_j \varphi(x) + h^{p+1} R_p^h(\varphi, x).$$

In that case, if the method satisfies

$$A_j^* d\mu_\infty = 0, \quad j = 2 \dots p,$$

then the method is of **order p for the invariant measure**. More precisely, the error of the invariant measure $e(\varphi, h)$ satisfies for all $\varphi \in C_p^\infty$ and all $h \in [0, h_0]$ for a small h_0 :

$$e(\varphi, h) = h^p \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathcal{M}} u(x, t) A_{p+1}^* d\mu_\infty(x) + \mathcal{O}_{h \rightarrow 0}(h^{p+1}).$$

In the spirit of A. DEBUSSCHE & E. FAOU, 2012; A. ABDULLE & G. VILMART & K. C. ZYGALAKIS, 2014.

New post processed second order frozen flow method

General method (extending B. OWREN & A. MARTHINSEN, 1999; A. RÖSSLER, 2006)

$$H_n = \exp \left(\left(h\alpha f^d(X_n) + \sqrt{h}\beta\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n,$$

$$X_{n+1} = \exp \left(\left(h\alpha_2 f^d(X_n) + h\gamma_2 f^d(H_n) + \sqrt{h}\beta_2\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) \exp \left(\left(h\alpha_1 f^d(X_n) + h\gamma_1 f^d(H_n) + \sqrt{h}\beta_1\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n.$$

Consider post processed methods, where the postprocessor $X \mapsto \bar{X}$ is build as a perturbation of the identity of \mathcal{M} ,

$$X_0 \in \mathcal{M}, \quad X_{n+1} = \Psi_h(X_n), \quad 0 \leq n \leq N-1, \quad \bar{X}_N = \bar{\Psi}_h(X_N). \quad (4)$$

General post processed method (extending G. VILMART, 2015)

$$H_n = \exp \left(\left(\sqrt{h}\beta\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n,$$

$$X_{n+1} = \exp \left(\left(h\gamma_2 f^d(H_n) + \sqrt{h}\beta_2\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) \exp \left(\left(h\gamma_1 f^d(H_n) + \sqrt{h}\beta_1\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n.$$

$$\bar{X}_N = \exp \left(\left(\sqrt{h}\beta\xi_N^d \right) E_d \right) X_N.$$

New post processed second order frozen flow method

Method 1 Post processed frozen-flow method for equation (3)

$$H_n = \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{2h}}{2}\xi_n^d E_d\right) X_n$$

$$X_{n+1} = \exp\left(\left(\frac{5h}{4}f^d(H_n) + \frac{\sqrt{2h}}{4}\xi_n^d\right) E_d\right) \exp\left(\left(-\frac{h}{4}f^d(H_n) + \frac{3\sqrt{2h}}{4}\xi_n^d\right) E_d\right) X_n$$

$$\overline{X}_N = \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{2h}}{2}\xi_N^d E_d\right) X_N.$$

Corollary (A. BUSNOT LAURENT & S. MACÉ)

The method 1 is of **weak order 1** and of **second order for the invariant measure**.

Remark

In the Euclidian case $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^D$, we recover the Leimkuhler-Matthews method, B. LEIMKUHLE & C. MATTHEWS, 2013; with the post processed formalism from G. VILMART, 2015;

Second order frozen flow methods

We propose two alternative scheme, without postprocessor, for the sake of comparison.

Method 2 Stochastic frozen-flow Heun method for equation (3)

$$H_n = \exp \left(\left(hf^d(X_n) + \sqrt{2h}\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n$$
$$X_{n+1} = \exp \left(\left(\frac{h}{2} f^d(H_n) E_d \right) \exp \left(\left(\frac{h}{2} f^d(X_n) + \sqrt{2h}\xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n \right)$$

Method 3 2-steps frozen-flow Runge-Kutta method for equation (3)

$$H_n = \exp \left(\left(\frac{h}{4} f^d(X_n) + \frac{\sqrt{2h}}{2} \xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n$$
$$X_{n+1} = \exp \left(\left(\frac{h}{6} f^d(X_n) + \frac{2h}{3} f^d(H_n) + \frac{\sqrt{2h}}{2} \xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) \exp \left(\left(\frac{h}{6} f^d(X_n) + \frac{\sqrt{2h}}{2} \xi_n^d \right) E_d \right) X_n$$

Corollary (A. BUSNOT LAURENT & S. MACÉ)

Methods 2 and 3 are of **weak order 1** and of **second order for the invariant measure**.

Two potentials on $\mathcal{M} = SO_q$

Let $\mathcal{M} = SO_q$ be the compact Lie group of special orthogonal matrices and $(A_d)_{d=1,\dots,D}$ be a basis of the skew-symmetric matrices. As the manifold is smooth and compact, the assumptions of our theorems are satisfied and our analysis applied.

Proposition

Let \mathcal{M} be a matrix Lie group and let $(A_d)_{d=1,\dots,D}$ be an orthonormal basis of its Lie algebra $\mathfrak{m} = T_e \mathcal{M}$. The associated orthonormal frame on \mathcal{M} is

$$E_d(y) = A_d y, \quad d = 1, \dots, D.$$

Method 1 Postprocessed frozen-flow method for equation (3)

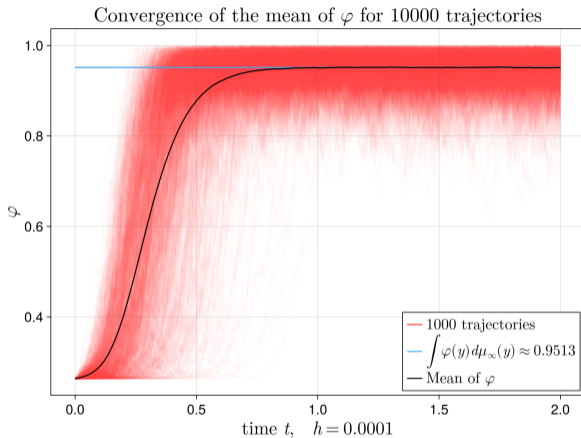
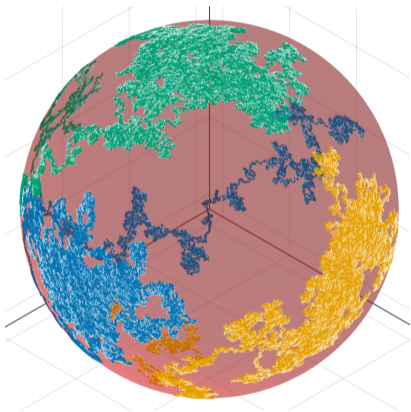
$$H_n = \text{Exp} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}} \xi_n^d A_d \right) X_n,$$

$$X_{n+1} = \text{Exp} \left(\left(\frac{5\hbar}{4} f^d(H_n) + \frac{\sqrt{2\hbar}}{4} \xi_n^d \right) A_d \right) \text{Exp} \left(\left(-\frac{\hbar}{4} f^d(H_n) + \frac{3\sqrt{2\hbar}}{4} \xi_n^d \right) A_d \right) X_n,$$

$$\overline{X}_N = \text{Exp} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}} \xi_N^d A_d \right) X_N.$$

We compare a quadratic potential well and a sextic potential barrier on $\mathcal{M} = SO_3$ to confirm our analysis.

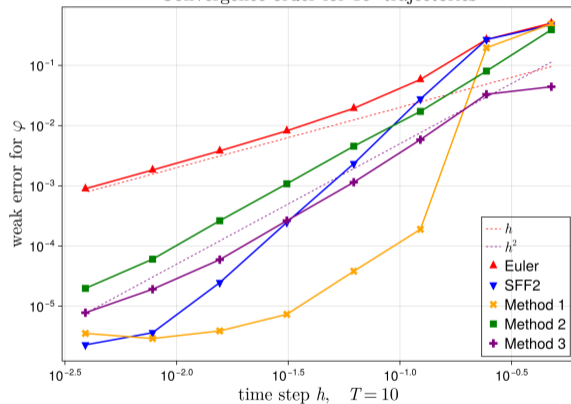
Two potentials on $\mathcal{M} = SO_q$



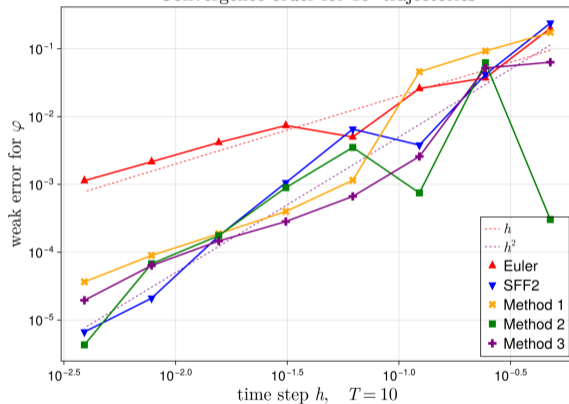
Trajectory on SO_3 for the quadratic potential with $T = 2$ and $h = 10^{-5}$ (Left). Ergodic convergence computed with 10^4 trajectories and $h = 10^{-4}$ for the quadratic potential. (Right).

Two potentials on $\mathcal{M} = SO_q$

Convergence order for 10^8 trajectories



Convergence order for 10^8 trajectories



Order of convergence for both potentials. The mean is at time $T = 10$ on 10^8 trajectories.

Von Mises Fisher dynamic on the sphere \mathbb{S}^2

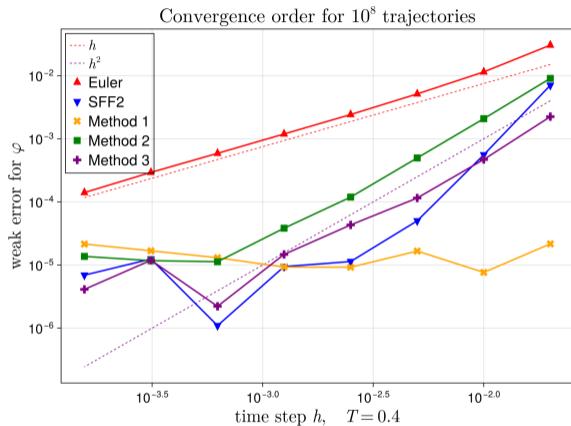
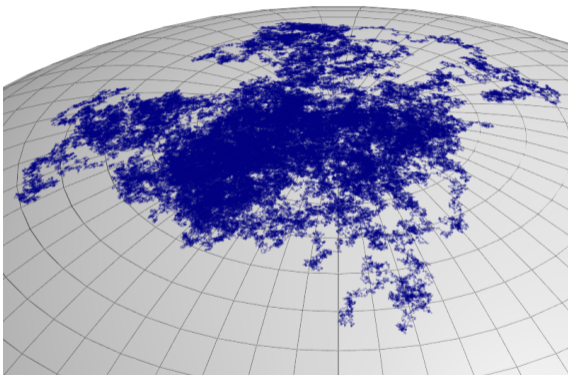


Figure 3: Order of convergence for the potential $(x, y, z) \mapsto -25z$ on the sphere \mathbb{S}^2 . The mean is at time $T = 0.4$ on 10^8 trajectories and the test function is $\varphi : (x, y, z) \mapsto z^2$.

Integration by parts

Goal: Express A_n^* and derive conditions for higher orders of $d\mu_\infty$.

Proposition

For $\varphi, \psi \in C_p^\infty(\mathcal{M})$ the integration by parts with respect to the Gibbs measure associated to the equation (3) ensures that

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} E_i[\varphi]\psi d\mu_\infty = - \int_{\mathcal{M}} \varphi E_i[\psi] d\mu_\infty - \int_{\mathcal{M}} \varphi \psi f^i d\mu_\infty,$$

where $F = f^i E_i$ is given by $f^i = -E_i[V] - \langle \nabla_{E_p} E_p | E_i \rangle$.

Example: $\int_{\mathcal{M}} E_{d_1}[f^i] E_{d_1}[E_i[\varphi]] d\mu_\infty = - \int_{\mathcal{M}} E_{d_1}[E_{d_1}[f^i]] E_i[\varphi] d\mu_\infty - \int_{\mathcal{M}} E_{d_1}[f^i] f^{d_1}[E_i[\varphi]] d\mu_\infty$, ie $\textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} \sim - \textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} - \textcircled{1}$

Remark

Note that the application of Proposition 9 does not always rely on exotic forests. If we replace E_i by the vector field F , ie $\psi = f^i$, then a $E_i[f^i]$ appears and cannot be solely expressed by exotic forests,

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} f^i (E_i \triangleright \varphi) d\mu_\infty = - \int_{\mathcal{M}} (E_i \triangleright f^i) \varphi d\mu_\infty - \int_{\mathcal{M}} f^i f^i \varphi d\mu_\infty.$$

Integration by parts

Definition (Irreducible forests)

The set of irreducible forests $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}}$ is the set of exotic forest whose first tree is not a numbered node. We denote $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}} = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}})$.

Definition (IBP and RED)

Define the linear operator $\text{IBP} : \mathcal{EF} \rightarrow \mathcal{EF}$ by $\text{IBP}|_{\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}}} \equiv 0$ and else

$$\text{IBP}(\circledast \tilde{\pi}) = -\tilde{\pi}|_{\circledast \rightarrow \bullet} - \sum_{v \in V_{\bullet}} \tilde{\pi}|_{\circledast \curvearrowright v}.$$

where $\tilde{\pi}|_{\circledast \rightarrow \bullet}$ is the exotic forest obtained by substituting the unique \circledast of $\tilde{\pi}$ by \bullet and $\tilde{\pi}|_{\circledast \curvearrowright v}$ is the exotic forest obtained by grafting a node \circledast on the left of the node v of $\tilde{\pi}$.

Define the linear operator $\text{RED} : \mathcal{EF} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}}$ by applying IBP on each reducible forest until it remains only irreducible forests, that is

$$\text{RED} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\text{id}_{\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}}} + \text{IBP})^n,$$

where RED is well defined as the limit of a stationary sequence, as $(\text{id}_{\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}}} + \text{IBP})^{2|\pi|} \pi \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{R}}$.

Integration by parts

Examples

$$\text{IBP}(\bullet + \textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}) = -\bullet, \quad \text{IBP}(\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}) = -(\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{1}), \quad \text{IBP}(\textcircled{1}\textcircled{2}\textcircled{2}\textcircled{1}) = -\textcircled{2}\textcircled{2}\bullet,$$

$$\text{RED}(\bullet + \textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}) = 0, \quad \text{RED}(\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}) = -(\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{1}), \quad \text{RED}(\textcircled{1}\textcircled{2}\textcircled{2}\textcircled{1}) = \bullet\bullet - \textcircled{2}\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1},$$

$$\text{IBP}(\textcircled{2}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{2}) = -(\textcircled{2}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{1}\textcircled{2}\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{1}\textcircled{1}\textcircled{1})$$

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Then we can express the adjoint.

Proposition

For all $\pi \in \mathcal{EF}$, π and $\text{RED}(\pi)$ represent the same adjoint operator, that is,

$$\pi^* d\mu_\infty = \text{RED}(\pi)^* d\mu_\infty.$$

Second order conditions for $A_2 = \sum_{\pi \in \text{EF}} a(\pi)\pi$

Theorem (A. BUSNOT LAURENT & S. MACÉ)

A numerical method is of **order 2 for the invariant measure** of equation (3) if it satisfies

$$a(\bullet) = a\left(\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} \\ \vee \end{array}\right),$$

$$a(\bullet \textcircled{1} \textcircled{1}) = a(\textcircled{2} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{1}),$$

$$a\left(\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \\ \bullet \textcircled{1} \end{array}\right) + a(\textcircled{2} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{1}) = a(\textcircled{1} \bullet \textcircled{1})$$

$$a(\bullet) + a(\textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} \bullet) = a\left(\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{1} \bullet \end{array}\right) + a(\textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{1}),$$

$$a(\bullet \bullet) + a(\textcircled{1} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{1}) = a\left(\begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \\ \bullet \textcircled{1} \end{array}\right) + a(\textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} \bullet).$$

For the third order, there are **40 equations and with 95 variables**. We recall from E. BRONASCO & A. BUSNOT LAURENT & B. HUGUET, 2025; that for the weak error, there are **8 equations for the order 2** and **73 for the order 3**.

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Second order conditions for $A_2 = \sum_{\pi \in \text{EF}} a(\pi) \pi$

Applying RED to $A_2 \varphi = \sum_{\pi \in \text{EF}_2} a(\pi) \mathbb{F}^F(\pi) \triangleright \varphi$ gives us

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathcal{M}} A_2 \varphi d\mu_\infty &= \sum_{\pi \in \text{EF}_2} a(\pi) \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathbb{F}^F(\text{RED}(\pi)) \triangleright \varphi d\mu_\infty \\
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 &+ a \left(\bullet \textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2} \textcircled{2} \textcircled{1} \textcircled{1} \right) \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathbb{F}^F (\bullet \textcircled{1} \textcircled{1}) \triangleright \varphi d\mu_\infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Future works

- Application of our construction to Runge-Kutta-Munthe-Kaas methods on Lie groups
- Intrinsic stochastic backward error analysis to modify the equation to reach higher order
- Application to multiscale context
- Extension to fully Riemannian method: \exp^{Riem}
- Extension to general ergodic SDEs on manifolds (work in progress)

