

Mean Square Heun's Method Convergent for Solving Random Differential Initial Value Problems of First Order

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Abstract

This paper deals with the construction of Heun's method of random initial value problems. Sufficient conditions for their mean square convergence are established. Main statistical properties of the approximations processes are computed in several illustrative examples.

Keywords

Stochastic Partial Differential Equations, Mean Square Sense, Second Order Random Variable, Finite Difference Scheme

1. Introduction

Random differential equation (RDE), is an ordinary differential equation (ODE) with random inputs that can model unpredictable real-life behavior of any continuous system and they are important tools in modeling complex phenomena. They arise in many physics and engineering applications such as wave propagation, diffusion through heterogeneous random media. Additional examples can be found in materials science, chemistry, biology, and other areas. However, reaching a solution of these equations in a closed form is not always possible or even easy. Due to the complex nature of RDEs, numerical simulations play an important role in studying this class of DEs. For this reason, few numerical and analytical methods have been developed for simulating RDEs. Random solutions are always studied in terms of their statistical measures.

This paper is interested in studying the following random differential initial value problem (RIVP) of the form:

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = f(t, X(t)), \quad X(t_0) = X_0. \quad (1)$$

Randomness may exist in the initial value or in the differential operator or both. In [1] [2], the authors discussed the general order conditions and a global convergence proof was given for stochastic Runge-Kutta methods applied to stochastic ordinary differential equations (SODEs) of Stratonovich type. In [3] [4], the authors discussed the random Euler method and the conditions for the mean square convergence of this problem. In [5], the authors considered a very simple adaptive algorithm, based on controlling only the drift component of a time step but if the drift was not linearly bounded, then explicit fixed time step approximations, such as the Euler-Maruyama scheme, may fail to be ergodic. Platen, E. [6] discussed discrete time strong and weak approximation methods that were suitable for different applications. [12] discussed the mean square convergent Euler and Runge Kutta methods for random initial value problem. Other numerical methods are discussed in [7]-[12].

In this paper the random Heun’s method is used to obtain an approximate solution for Equation (1). This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, some important preliminaries are discussed. In Section 3, random differential equations are discussed. In Section 4, the convergence of random Heun’s method is discussed. Section 5 presents the solution of numerical example of first order random differential equation using random Heun’s method showing the convergence of the numerical solutions to the exact ones (if possible). The general conclusions are presented in Section 6.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 1 [13]. Let us consider the properties of a class of real r.v.’s X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n whose second moments, $E\{X_1^2\}, E\{X_2^2\}, \dots$ are finite. In this case, they are called “second order random variables”, (2.r.v.’s).

The Convergence in Mean Square [13]

A sequence of r.v.’s $\{X_n\}$ converges in mean square (m.s) to a random variable X if: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|X_n - X\| = 0$ i.e.

$$X_n \xrightarrow{\text{m.s.}} X \text{ or } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X \text{ where l.i.m is the limit in mean square sense.}$$

3. Random Initial Value Problem (RIVP)

If we have the random differential equation

$$\dot{X}(t) = f(X(t), t), \quad t \in T = [t_0, t_1], \quad X(t_0) = X_0 \tag{2}$$

where X_0 is a random variable, and the unknown $X(t)$ as well as the right-hand side $f(X, t)$ are stochastic processes defined on the same probability space (Ω, F, P) , are powerful tools to model real problems with uncertainty.

Definition 2 [6] [7].

- Let $g : T \rightarrow L_2$ is an m.s. bounded function and let $h > 0$ then The “m.s. modulus of continuity of g ” is the function

$$W(g, h) = \sup_{|t-t^*| \leq h} \|g(t) - g(t^*)\|, \quad t, t^* \in T.$$

- The function g is said to be m.s. uniformly continuous in T if:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} W(g, h) = 0.$$

Note that: (The limit depend on h because g is defined at every t so we can write $W(g, h) = W(h)$).

In the problem (2) that we discusses we find that the convergence of this problem is depend on the right hand side (i.e. $f(X(t), t)$) then we want to apply the previous definition on $f(X(t), t)$ hence:

Let $f(X(t), t)$ be defined on $S \times T$ where S is bounded set in L_2 Then we say that f is “randomly bounded uniformly continuous” in S , if $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} W(f(x, \cdot), h) = 0$ (note that: $W(f(X(\cdot), h)) = W(h)$).

A Random Mean Value Theorem for Stochastic Processes

The aim of this section is to establish a relationship between the increment $X(t) - X(t_0)$ of a 2-s.p. and its m.s.

derivative $\dot{X}(\xi)$ for some ξ lying in the interval $[t_0, t]$ for $t > t_0$. This result will be used in the next section to prove the convergence of the random Heun's method discussed.

Lemma (3.2) [6] [7].

Let $Y(t)$ is a 2-s.p., m.s. continuous on interval $T = [t_0, t_1]$. Then, there exists $\xi \in [t_0, t_1]$ such that:

$$\int_{t_0}^t Y(s) ds = Y(\xi)(t - t_0), \quad t_0 < t < t_1. \tag{3}$$

Theorem (3.3) [6] [7].

Let $X(s)$ be a m.s. differentiable 2-s.p. in $]t_0, t_1[$ and m.s. continuous in $T = [t_0, t_1]$. Then, there exists $\xi \in [t_0, t_1]$ such that:

$$X(t) - X(t_0) = \dot{X}(\xi)(t - t_0).$$

4. The Convergence of Random Heun's Scheme

In this section we are interested in the mean square convergence, in the fixed station sense, of the random Heun's method defined by:

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(X_n, t_n) + f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1})], \quad X(t_0) = X_0, \quad n \geq 0 \tag{4}$$

where X_n and $f(X_n, t_n)$ are 2-r.v.'s, $h = t_n - t_{n-1}$, $t_n = t_0 + nh$ and $f : S \times T \rightarrow L_2$, $S \subset L_2$ satisfies the following conditions:

C1: $f(X, t)$ is randomly bounded uniformly continuous.

C2: $f(X, t)$ satisfies the m.s. Lipschitz condition:

$$\|f(x, t) - f(y, t)\| \leq k(t) \|x - y\| \quad \text{where: } \int_0^t k(t) \leq \infty. \tag{5}$$

Note that under hypothesis C1 and C2, we are interested in the m.s. convergence to zero of the error:

$$e_n = X_n - X(t) \tag{6}$$

where $X(t)$ is the theoretical solution 2-s.p. of the problem (2), $t = t_n = t_0 + nh$.

Taking into account (2), and Th (3.3), one gets, since from (2) we have at $t = t_\xi$ then: $\dot{X}(t_\xi) = f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi)$. (Note: $\xi \in [t_0, t_1]$ and we can use ξ instead of t_ξ .)

And from Th (3.3) at $t = t_\xi$ then we obtain:

$$X(t_\xi) - X(t_0) = \dot{X}(t)(t_\xi - t_0) \Rightarrow X(t_\xi) - X(t_0) = f(X(t_\xi, t_\xi))(t_\xi - t_0).$$

Note that we deal with the interval $(t_n, t_{n+1}) \ni t_\xi \in (t_n, t_{n+1})$ and hence t_0 was the starting in the problem (2) and here t_n is the starting and since Heun's method deal with solution depend on previous solution and if we have $X(t_n)$ instead of $X(t_0)$ then we can use $X(t_{n+1})$ instead of $X(t_\xi)$ hence the final form of the problem (2) is:

$$X(t_{n+1}) = X(t_n) + hf(X(t_\xi, t_\xi)), \quad \text{for some } t_\xi \in (t_n, t_{n+1}). \tag{7}$$

Now we have the solution of problem (2) is: $X(t_n)$.

At $t = t_n$ then $X(t_n) = X(t)$ and the solution of Heun's method (4) is: X_n .

Then we can define the error:

$$e_n = X_n - X(t).$$

By (4) and (7) it follows that:

$$e_{n+1} = X_{n+1} - X(t_{n+1}) = X_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(X_n, t_n) + f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1})] - X(t_n) - \frac{h}{2} f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - \frac{h}{2} f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi).$$

Then we obtain:

$$e_{n+1} = X_n - X(t_n) + \frac{h}{2} \left\{ f(X_n, t_n) - f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) \right\} + \frac{h}{2} \left\{ f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1}) - f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) \right\}.$$

By taking the norm for the two sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_{n+1}\| &= \left\| X_n - X(t_n) + \frac{h}{2} \left\{ f(X_n, t_n) - f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) \right\} + \frac{h}{2} \left\{ f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1}) - f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) \right\} \right\| \\ &\leq \|X_n - X(t_n)\| + \frac{h}{2} \|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X_n, t_n)\| + \frac{h}{2} \|f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1}) - f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi)\|. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Since:

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X_n, t_n)\| \\ &= \|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X(t_\xi), t_n) + f(X(t_\xi), t_n) + f(X(t_n), t_n) - f(X(t_n), t_n) - f(X_n, t_n))\| \\ &\leq \|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X(t_\xi), t_n)\| + \|f(X(t_\xi), t_n) - f(X(t_n), t_n)\| + \|f(X(t_n), t_n) - f(X_n, t_n)\|. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Since the theoretical solution $X(t)$ is m.s. bounded in $[t_0, t_1]$, $\sup_{t_0 \leq t \leq t_1} \|X(t)\| \leq M < \infty$ and under hypothesis

C1, C2, we have:

- $\|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X(t_\xi), t_n)\| = w(h).$
- $\|f(X(t_\xi), t_n) - f(X(t_n), t_n)\| \leq k(t_n)Mh$ (10)

where $k(t_n)$ is Lipschitz constant (from C2) and:

From Th (3.3) we have $X(t) - X(t_0) = \dot{X}(\xi)(t - t_0)$ and note that the two points are $X(t_\xi)$ and $X(t_n)$ in (10) then:

$$\|X(t_\xi) - X(t_n)\| = \|\dot{X}(\xi)\| |t_\xi - t_n| \leq Mh$$

where: $|t_\xi - t_n| = h$ and $M = \sup_{t_0 \leq t \leq t_1} \|\dot{X}(t)\|.$

- $\|f(X(t_n), t_n) - f(X_n, t_n)\| \leq k(t_n)\|X(t_n) - X_n\| = k(t_n)\|e_n\|.$

Then by substituting in (9) we have:

$$\|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X_n, t_n)\| \leq w(h) + k(t_n)Mh + k(t_n)\|e_n\|. \quad (11)$$

And another term:

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1}) - f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi)\| = \|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1})\| \\ &= \|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X(t_\xi), t_{n+1}) + f(X(t_\xi), t_{n+1}) + f(X(t_n), t_{n+1}) \\ &\quad - f(X(t_n), t_{n+1}) - f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1})\| \\ &\leq \|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X(t_\xi), t_{n+1})\| + \|f(X(t_\xi), t_{n+1}) - f(X(t_n), t_{n+1})\| \\ &\quad + \|f(X(t_n), t_{n+1}) - f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1})\| \\ &\leq w(h) + k(t_{n+1})Mh + k(t_{n+1})[\|e_n\| - hM]. \end{aligned}$$

Since:

- $\|f(X(t_\xi), t_\xi) - f(X(t_\xi), t_{n+1})\| \leq w(h).$
- $\|f(X(t_\xi), t_{n+1}) - f(X(t_n), t_{n+1})\| \leq k(t_{n+1})Mh$

where $k(t_n)$ is Lipschitz constant (from C2) and:

From Th (3.3) we have $X(t) - X(t_0) = \dot{X}(\xi)(t - t_0)$ and note that the two points are $X(t_\xi)$ and $X(t_n)$ in (10) then we have:

$$\|X(t_\xi) - X(t_n)\| = \|\dot{X}(\xi)\| |t_\xi - t_n| \leq Mh$$

where $|t_\xi - t_n| = h$ and $M = \sup_{t_0 \leq t \leq t_1} \|\dot{X}(t)\|$.

And the last term:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(X(t_n), t_{n+1}) - f(X_n + hf(X_n, t_n), t_{n+1})\| \leq k(t_{n+1}) \|X(t_n) - X_n - hf(X_n, t_n)\| \\ & \leq k(t_{n+1}) [\|X(t_n) - X_n\| - \|hf(X_n, t_n)\|] = k(t_{n+1}) [\|e_n\| - hM]. \end{aligned}$$

Then by substituting in (8) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_{n+1}\| & \leq \|e_n\| + \frac{h}{2} [w(h) + k(t_n)Mh + k(t_n)\|e_n\|] + \frac{h}{2} [w(h) + k(t_{n+1})Mh + k(t_{n+1})[\|e_n\| - hM]] \\ & = \|e_n\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM] \\ & \leq \left\{ \|e_{n-1}\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM] \right\} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \right\} + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM] \\ & = \|e_{n-1}\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM] \\ & \quad \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM] \\ & \leq \left[\left\{ \|e_{n-2}\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-2}) + k(t_{n-1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-2})M + hk(t_{n-1})M - K(t_{n-1})hM] \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM] \left. \right] \\ & \quad \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM] \\ & = \|e_{n-2}\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-2}) + k(t_{n-1})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-2})M + hk(t_{n-1})M - K(t_{n-1})hM] \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM] \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM] \\ & \leq \left[\left[\left\{ \|e_{n-3}\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-3}) + k(t_{n-2})\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-3})M + hk(t_{n-2})M - K(t_{n-2})hM] \right\} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-2}) + k(t_{n-1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-2})M + hk(t_{n-1})M - K(t_{n-1})hM] \left. \right] \\ & \quad \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) + \frac{h}{2} [2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM] \left. \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM\right] \\
= & \|e_{n-3}\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-3}) + k(t_{n-2})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-2}) + k(t_{n-1})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \\
& + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-2})M + hk(t_{n-1})M - K(t_{n-1})hM\right] \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-2}) + k(t_{n-1})\right) \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM\right] \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM\right] \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM\right].
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|e_{n+1}\| & \leq \|e_0\| \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_0) + k(t_{n-(n-1)})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-(n-1)}) + k(t_{n-(n-2)})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-(n-2)}) + k(t_{n-(n-3)})\right) \cdots \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-2})M + hk(t_{n-1})M - K(t_{n-1})hM\right] \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-(n-1)}) + k(t_{n-(n-2)})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-(n-2)}) + k(t_{n-(n-3)})\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-2}) + k(t_{n-1})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \\
& + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM\right] \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-(n-2)}) + k(t_{n-(n-3)})\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-2}) + k(t_{n-1})\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-1}) + k(t_n)\right) \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \cdots \\
& + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM\right] \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) \\
& + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM\right] \\
= & \|e_0\| \prod_{i=0}^n \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-i}) + k(t_{n-(i-1)})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-2})M + hk(t_{n-1})M - K(t_{n-1})hM\right] \\
& \times \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-i}) + k(t_{n-(i-1)})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM\right] \\
& \times \prod_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-i}) + k(t_{n-(i-1)})\right) + \cdots + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_n)M + hk(t_{n+1})M - K(t_{n+1})hM\right] \\
& \times \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-1})M + hk(t_n)M - K(t_n)hM\right] \\
= & \|e_0\| \prod_{i=0}^n \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-i}) + k(t_{n-(i-1)})\right) + \frac{h}{2} \left[2w(h) + hk(t_{n-2})M + hk(t_{n-1})M - K(t_{n-1})hM\right] \\
& \times \left[1 + \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-i}) + k(t_{n-(i-1)})\right) + \prod_{i=0}^{n-2} \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_{n-i}) + k(t_{n-(i-1)})\right) + \cdots + \left(1 + \frac{h}{2}k(t_n) + k(t_{n+1})\right)\right].
\end{aligned}$$

Taking into account that $e_0 = 0$ where $e_0 = X_0 - X(t_0) = 0$ and by taking the limit as:

$$h \rightarrow 0 \text{ then we have: } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \|e_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$$

i.e. $\{e_n\}$ converge in m.s. to zero as: $h \rightarrow 0$ hence $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{m.s.}} X(t_n) = X(t)$.

5. Case Study

Example: Solve the problem

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \alpha N, \quad N(0) = 1000, \quad t \in [0,1], \quad \alpha \sim \text{random variable.}$$

The theoretical solution is:

$$N(t) = 1000e^{0.5\alpha}.$$

The approximations:

$\alpha \sim \text{Binomial}(5,0.2)$					
h (step size)	$E[y]$ for the exact solution	$E[y_n]$ for Heun's method	Error on Heun's	Error on Euler [12]	Error on Runge Kutta [12]
0.25	1318.179242	1306.250000	11.929242	68.179242	156.820758
0.125	1140.431227	1128.515625	1.368727	15.431227	97.068773
0.025	1025.572765	1025.562500	0.010265	0.572765	21.927235
0.0025	1002.505635	1002.505625	0.000010	0.005635	2.244365
$\alpha \sim \text{Erlang}(0.5,2)$					
0.25	1306.122449	1296.875000	9.247449	56.122449	131.377551
0.125	1137.777778	1136.718750	1.059028	12.777778	80.972222
0.025	1025.572765	1025.468750	0.007936	0.476686	18.273314
0.0025	1002.505635	1002.504688	0.000007	0.004695	1.870305
$\alpha \sim \text{Poisson}(2)$					
0.25	1764.823762	1687.500000	77.323762	264.823762	485.176238
0.125	1305.122500	1296.875000	8.247500	55.122500	319.877500
0.025	1051.933860	1051.875000	0.058860	1.933860	73.066140
0.0025	1005.018808	1005.018750	0.000058	0.018808	7.481192

In this results showed in the table we have the Heun's method gave better approximation as: $h \rightarrow 0$ than Euler and Rung-Kutta [12] for solving random variable, initial value problems.

6. Conclusion

The initially valued first order random differential equations can be solved numerically using the random Heun's methods in mean square sense. The convergence of the presented numerical techniques has been proven in mean square sense. The results of the paper have been illustrated through an example.

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