

PENALIZATION OF A STOCHASTIC VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY MODELING AN ELASTO-PLASTIC PROBLEM WITH NOISE

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Abstract. In a recent work of A. Bensoussan and J. Turi *Degenerate Dirichlet Problems Related to the Invariant Measure of Elasto-Plastic Oscillators*, *AMO*, 2008, it has been shown that the solution of a stochastic variational inequality modeling an elasto-plastic oscillator excited by a white noise has a unique invariant probability measure. The latter is useful for engineering in order to evaluate statistics of plastic deformations for large times of a certain type of mechanical structure. However, in terms of mathematics, not much is known about its regularity properties. From then on, an interesting mathematical question is to determine them. Therefore, in order to investigate this question, we introduce in this paper approximate solutions of the stochastic variational inequality by a penalization method. The idea is simple: the inequality is replaced by an equation with a nonlinear additional term depending on a parameter n penalizing the solution whenever it goes beyond a prespecified area. In this context, the dynamics is smoother. In a first part, we show that the penalized process converges towards the original solution of the aforementioned inequality on any finite time interval as n goes to ∞ . Then, in a second part, we justify that for each n it has a unique invariant probability measure. Finally, we provide numerical experiments and we give an empirical convergence rate of the sequence of measures related to the penalized process.

Résumé. Dans un travail récent de A. Bensoussan et J. Turi *Degenerate Dirichlet Problems Related to the Invariant Measure of Elasto-Plastic Oscillators*, *AMO*, 2008, il a été montré que la solution d'une inéquation variationnelle stochastique modélisant un oscillateur élasto-plastique excité par un bruit blanc admet une unique mesure de probabilité invariante. Cette dernière est utile en science de l'ingénieur pour estimer les statistiques des déformations plastiques en temps grands d'un certain type de structure mécanique. Dès lors, un problème mathématique intéressant est de déterminer la régularité de cette mesure. Afin d'étudier ce problème, nous introduisons ici des solutions approchées de l'inéquation par une méthode de pénalisation. Ainsi, l'inéquation est remplacée par une équation avec un terme non linéaire additionnel dépendant d'un certain paramètre n pénalisant la solution en dehors d'un domaine admissible. Dans ce contexte, la dynamique stochastique est plus régulière. Dans un premier temps, nous montrons la convergence lorsque n tend vers ∞ du processus pénalisé vers la solution de l'inéquation sur tout intervalle de temps fini. Puis dans un second temps, nous montrons que pour chaque n le processus pénalisé est dissipatif et qu'il admet une unique mesure invariante. Finalement, nous étudions numériquement la convergence par rapport au paramètre de pénalisation et donnons un taux de convergence empirique de la suite des mesures du processus pénalisé.

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1. BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATIONS

Phenomena with memory occur naturally in random mechanics. In particular, behaviors of a certain class of mechanical structures, which experience elastic deformations and plastic (permanent) deformations under a random forcing (e.g earthquake), can be represented using an elasto-perfectly-plastic (EPP) oscillator with noise whose dynamics is given (see [F08]) by :

$$\ddot{x} + c_0\dot{x} + \mathbf{F} = \dot{w}, \tag{1.1}$$

where $c_0 > 0$ is the viscous damping coefficient, w is a Wiener process and with the initial displacement and velocity $x(0) = 0$ and $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ respectively. Here \mathbf{F} is the nonlinear restoring force depending on a given elasto-plastic bound $Y > 0$. This nonlinearity will be explained in subsection 1.1. Recently, A. Bensoussan and J. Turi [BT08] have shown that the dynamics of this oscillator can be described in the mathematical framework of a *stochastic variational inequality* (SVI). Indeed, denoting $(y(t), z(t))$ the solution of the following SVI :

$$\begin{cases} dy(t) = -(c_0y(t) + kz(t)) dt + dw(t), \\ (dz(t) - y(t)dt)(\phi - z(t)) \geq 0, \quad \forall |\phi| \leq Y, \quad |z(t)| \leq Y, \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

then the velocity of $x(t)$ and the restoring force \mathbf{F} can be seen respectively as $y(t)$ and $kz(t)$, here k is a stiffness coefficient. The underlying stochastic process related to this inequality belongs to the class of non-linear and degenerate dynamical systems that constitutes an important research theme in stochastic analysis. In [BT08, BM12], it has been shown that the aforementioned SVI has an appropriate structure for the study in large time of an EPP oscillator in the sense that it allows to show existence and uniqueness of an invariant probability for the solution (see (1.4)). In terms of engineering, this probability measure describes the probabilities that (1.1) experiences an elastic or a plastic state for large times, hence it is relevant for practical purposes. Therefore, a numerical algorithm solving this probability measure has been proposed in [BMPT09] and then it has been applied to the estimation of the frequency of plastic deformation of (1.1) in [FM12].

However, from a mathematical point of view, we do not know much about the regularity of this measure. Therefore, in order to investigate this issue, a natural approach in the context of a SVI is to proceed by penalization. The idea consists in replacing the inequality by an equation with an additional nonlinear term. In this way, the solution is not constrained anymore, but when it goes beyond a given prespecified area then the nonlinear term becomes very large such that the solution is “forced” to come back inside that area. In this context, the dynamical system, though still degenerate, is smoother. More precisely, we introduce in the second component $z(t)$ a penalization term depending on a parameter : $n \geq 1$ (for the magnitude of the penalization). Thus we use the notation $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ for this approximate process. The evolution of the system is described by the following stochastic differential equation (SDE) :

$$\begin{cases} dy_n(t) = -(c_0y_n(t) + kz_n(t))dt + dw(t), \\ dz_n(t) = y_n(t)dt - n(z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t)))dt \\ \text{with the initial condition } (y_n(0), z_n(0)) = (y_0, z_0) \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

where $n \geq 1$ and $\pi(z)$ is the projection of z on $K := [-Y, Y]$.

Remark 1.1. Note that the second equation in (1.3) can be written without using explicitly the projection as follows:

$$dz_n(t) = y_n(t)dt - n \text{sign}(z_n(t)) \cdot (|z_n(t)| - Y)^+ dt.$$

The goal of this work, done at CEMRACS2013, is to investigate the properties of solutions of (1.3) that are approximate solutions of (1.2) by a penalization approach. In Theorem 2.1, we prove the convergence of the penalized process toward the solution of the SVI on any finite time interval. Then in Theorem 2.2, we show that the penalized process has a unique invariant probability measure ν_n which has a density $m_n(y, z)$. This approximation would be very relevant to understand the properties of the invariant measure related to the SVI.

1.1. Settings of an elasto-perfectly-plastic oscillator

In the engineering literature, the dynamics of an elasto-perfectly-plastic oscillator is formulated in terms of a stochastic process $x(t)$, which stands for the total deformation of the oscillator that evolves with hysteresis, and whose evolution is described formally by the equation (1.1). The restoring force \mathbf{F} is a nonlinear functional that depends on the entire trajectory $\{x(s), 0 \leq s \leq t\}$ up to time t ; its nonlinearity comes from the switching of regimes from a linear phase (called elastic) to a nonlinear one (called plastic), or vice versa. Precisely, the restoring force \mathbf{F} is expressed as follows:

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = \begin{cases} kY, & \text{if } x(t) - \Delta(t) = Y, \\ k(x(t) - \Delta(t)), & \text{if } -Y < x(t) - \Delta(t) < Y, \\ -kY, & \text{if } x(t) - \Delta(t) = -Y, \end{cases}$$

where k is a stiffness coefficient, $\Delta(t)$ is the permanent (or plastic) deformation in $x(t)$ and Y is an elasto-plastic bound.

1.2. Stochastic variational inequality for (1.1)

From [BT08], we know that the relationship between the velocity $y(t) := \dot{x}(t)$ and $z(t) := x(t) - \Delta(t)$ is governed by a (stochastic) variational inequality as follows: there exists exactly one process $(y(t), z(t)) \in \mathbb{R} \times [-Y, Y]$ that satisfies the SVI presented in (1.2). A general framework dealing with this class of inequalities can be found in [BL82]. In these settings, the plastic deformation is given by:

$$\Delta(t) = \int_0^t y(s) \mathbf{1}_{\{|z(s)|=Y\}} ds.$$

Then, it has been shown that there exists a unique limiting probability measure ν for $(y(t), z(t))$ as t goes to ∞ , in the following sense: for all bounded measurable functions f ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[f(y(t), z(t))] = \nu(f).$$

Let us introduce the following notations: $D := \mathbb{R} \times (-Y, Y)$ is the elastic domain, $D^+ := (0, \infty) \times \{Y\}$ is the positive plastic domain and $D^- := (-\infty, 0) \times \{-Y\}$ is the negative plastic domain. It is also known from [BT08] that the invariant probability measure ν has support $D \cup D^+ \cup D^-$ and is characterized by an ultra-weak variational formulation: for all smooth functions f

$$\int_D Af(y, z) \nu(dy, dz) + \int_{D^+} B_+ f(y, Y) \nu_Y(dy) + \int_{D^-} B_- f(y, -Y) \nu_{-Y}(dy) = 0. \quad (1.4)$$

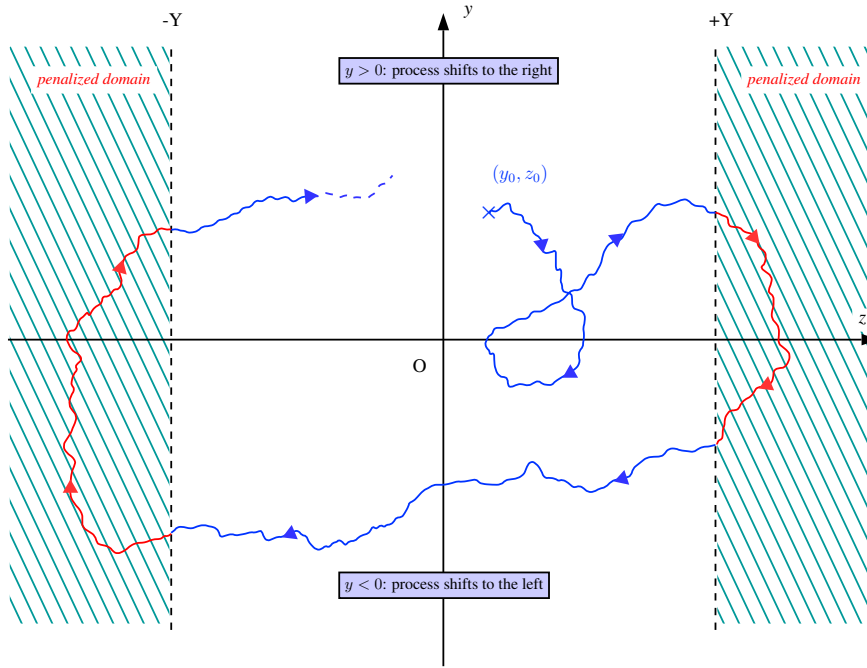


FIGURE 1. We observe $(z_n(t), y_n(t))$: the process is not constrained, but when it goes beyond a given prespecified area, then the nonlinear term becomes very large so that the solution is “forced” to come back inside that area.

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 A\varphi &:= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + (c_0 y + kz) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}, \\
 B_+ \varphi &:= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + (c_0 y + kY) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}, \\
 B_- \varphi &:= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial y^2} + (c_0 y - kY) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the measure ν has a probability density function (pdf) m composed of three L^1 functions

- (1) an elastic part: $m(y, z)$ on D ,
- (2) a positive plastic part: $m(y, Y)$ on D^+ ,
- (3) a negative plastic part: $m(y, -Y)$ on D^-

with the condition $m(y, z), m(y, Y), m(y, -Y) \geq 0$ satisfying

$$\int_D m(y, z) dy dz + \int_{D^+} m(y, Y) dy + \int_{D^-} m(y, -Y) dy = 1. \tag{1.5}$$

2. MAIN RESULTS

Our first result concerns the convergence of the solution (y_n, z_n) of (1.3) towards the solution (y, z) of (1.2).

Theorem 2.1. *Fix $T > 0$ and consider the processes $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ and $(y(t), z(t))$ satisfying (1.3) and (1.2) respectively. Then the following convergence property holds:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ |y_n(t) - y(t)|^2 + |z_n(t) - z(t)|^2 \right\} \right] = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Moreover, for any $\lambda > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^\infty \exp(-\lambda t) f(y_n(t), z_n(t)) dt \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^\infty \exp(-\lambda t) f(y(t), z(t)) dt \right]. \quad (2.2)$$

Our second result concerns the existence of an invariant probability for (y_n, z_n) , for fixed n .

Theorem 2.2. *The process (y_n, z_n) admits a unique invariant probability measure, denoted by ν_n , which admits a density $m_n(y, z)$ with respect to Lebesgue measure. Moreover $m_n(y, z)$ must solve (at least in the sense of the distributions) the following Fokker-Planck equation:*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(m_n(y, z) [-y + n(z - \pi(z))] \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(m_n(y, z) (c_0 y + k z) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} m_n(y, z) = 0, \quad (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2. \quad (2.3)$$

2.1. Preliminary lemmas and proof of the main results

In this section, we give preliminary lemmas and the proofs of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2. For the convenience of the reader, the proofs of the preliminary lemmas are given in Section 3.

Let us first present three useful Lemmas for Theorem 2.1. Fix $T > 0$.

Lemma 2.3. *There exists $C(T) > 0$ such that*

$$\forall (m, n) \in (\mathbb{N}^*)^2, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T |z_m(s) - \pi(z_m(s))| |z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s))| ds \right] \leq \frac{1}{mn} C(T).$$

Lemma 2.4. *The sequence (y_n, z_n) satisfies the following Cauchy property:*

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \quad \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \forall n, m > N, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ |y_n(t) - y_m(t)|^2 + |z_n(t) - z_m(t)|^2 \right\} \right] < \epsilon.$$

Next, we introduce the following notations:

$$\tilde{y}(t) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n(t), \quad \tilde{z}(t) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\Delta}(t) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n [z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t))].$$

Then

Lemma 2.5. *The process $(\tilde{y}(t), \tilde{z}(t), \tilde{\Delta}(t))$ satisfies the following properties:*

- (a) $\tilde{y}(0) = \tilde{y}_0, \quad \tilde{z}(0) = \tilde{z}_0,$
- (b) \tilde{y}, \tilde{z} and $\tilde{\Delta}$ are adapted and continuous,

(c) $|\tilde{z}(t)| \leq Y \quad \forall t \quad a.s.,$

and $\tilde{\Delta}$ satisfies the following properties:

(d) it has bounded variations,

(e) $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \mathbf{1}_{\{\tilde{z}(t) \in (-Y, Y)\}} d\tilde{\Delta}(t) = 0 \quad \forall t_1 \leq t_2 \quad a.s.,$

(f) $d\tilde{z}(t) = \tilde{y}(t)dt - \mathbf{1}_{\{\tilde{z}(t) = \pm Y\}} d\tilde{\Delta}(t).$

We will also formulate the following Theorem from [BL82] (page 49) in our context as follows:

Theorem 2.6 ([BL82]). *There exists a unique process $(\tilde{y}(t), \tilde{z}(t), \tilde{\Delta}(t))$ taking values in \mathbb{R}^2 and satisfying properties (a) – (f). Moreover this solution is characterized by the two following properties:*

(i) (\tilde{y}, \tilde{z}) is continuous, adapted, a.s. for each t we have: $|\tilde{z}(t)| \leq Y$ and:

$$\tilde{y}(t) - y_0 + \int_0^t (c_0 \tilde{y}(s) + k\tilde{z}(s)) ds - w(t)$$

and $\tilde{z}(t) - z_0 - \int_0^t \tilde{y}(s) ds$

are of bounded variation, and are zero for $t = 0$.

(ii) For any $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times [-Y, Y]$,

$$(\varphi_1 - \tilde{y}(t)) \cdot (d\tilde{y}(t) + (c_0 \tilde{y}(t) + k\tilde{z}(t)) ds - dw(t)) + (\varphi_2 - \tilde{z}(t)) \cdot (d\tilde{z}(t) - \tilde{y}(t) dt) \geq 0.$$

Lemma 2.3 is employed in the proof of Lemma 2.4 and then Lemmas 2.4, 2.5 and Theorem 2.6 are employed directly in the proof of Theorem 2.1 as shown below.

Proof of Theorem 2.1. First, we proceed with the convergence: by Lemma 2.4, there exists a limit $\{(\tilde{y}(t), \tilde{z}(t)), t \geq 0\}$ in the sense of the norm $\mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \{|\tilde{y}(t)|^2 + |\tilde{z}(t)|^2\} \right]$ for $\{(y_n(t), z_n(t)), t \geq 0\}$ as n goes to ∞ . Then, we identify the limit: by Lemma 2.5, we can apply Theorem 2.6 to $(\tilde{y}(t), \tilde{z}(t))$. Indeed, point (ii) of the characterization given by Theorem 2.6 rewrites:

$$dy(t) = -(c_0 y(t) + kz(t)) ds + dw(t)$$

and $(\varphi - z(t)) \cdot (dz(t) - y(t) dt) \geq 0, \quad \forall \varphi \in [-Y, Y],$

which matches, together with points (a) and (c) of Lemma 2.5, the SVI described by (1.2). Hence $(\tilde{y}(t), \tilde{z}(t))$ satisfies the SVI (1.2) and then: $(\tilde{y}(t), \tilde{z}(t)) = (y(t), z(t))$ (by uniqueness of the solution). Finally, as f is bounded, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $T_\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^\infty \exp(-\lambda t) (f(y_n(t), z_n(t)) - f(y(t), z(t))) dt \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{T_\epsilon} \exp(-\lambda t) (f(y_n(t), z_n(t)) - f(y(t), z(t))) dt \right] + \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Hence, relying on the above decomposition, it is clear that (2.1) implies (2.2). □

Next, we present two useful Lemmas for Theorem 2.2.

Lemma 2.7. Fix $n > c_0$,

$$\forall t > 0 \quad \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t) + kz_n^2(t)] \leq ce^{-c_0 t} + C_n$$

with $c := y_0^2 + kz_0^2$ and $C_n := \frac{kn}{2(1-\frac{c_0}{n})} Y^2 + 2$.

Let us introduce some notations. In the following \mathcal{C}_b denotes the space of continuous and bounded functions on \mathbb{R} , and the operator $P_n(t)$ is defined by: $P_n(t)\phi(y, z) = \mathbb{E}[\phi(y_n(t), z_n(t)) | (y_n(0), z_n(0)) = (y, z)]$ where $\phi \in \mathcal{C}_b$. We denote by $\mu_n(t)$ the probability law of $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ on $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B})$, where \mathcal{B} is the Borel σ -field on \mathbb{R}^2 , that is:

$$\mu_n(t)\phi := \mathbb{E}[\phi(y_n(t), z_n(t))] = \mu_n(0)(P_n(t)\phi) \quad \text{for } \phi \in \mathcal{C}_b.$$

We also define, for $T > 0$, the probability law μ_n^T on $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B})$ (which corresponds to the ergodic mean) by:

$$\mu_n^T\phi := \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[\phi(y_n(t), z_n(t))] dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_n^T(0)(P_n(t)\phi) dt \quad \text{for } \phi \in \mathcal{C}_b.$$

Lemma 2.8. *For any sequence $T_i \uparrow \infty$, the sequence $\{\mu_n^{T_i}\}_{i \geq 1}$ is tight.*

Lemma 2.7 is used in the proof of Lemma 2.8 which, in turn, is employed directly in the proof of Theorem 2.2 as shown below.

Proof of Theorem 2.2. We will exhibit a tight sequence of measures so that we can extract a subsequence which converges to an invariant measure for (y_n, z_n) . Consider a sequence $T_i \uparrow \infty$. For any $\mu_n(0)$, $\{\mu_n^{T_i}\}$ is tight by Lemma 2.8, hence there exists a subsequence $\{\mu_n^{T_{i_j}}\}_{j \geq 1}$ that converges weakly to a certain measure μ_n , i.e:

$$\forall \phi \in \mathcal{C}_b, \quad \mu_n^{T_{i_j}}(\phi) \xrightarrow{j} \mu_n(\phi).$$

Then μ_n is invariant since:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n(P_n(t)\phi) &= \lim_j \mu_n^{T_{i_j}}(P_n(t)\phi) \\ &= \lim_j \frac{1}{T_{i_j}} \int_0^{T_{i_j}} \mu_n(0)(P_n(s)P_n(t)\phi) ds \\ &= \lim_j \frac{1}{T_{i_j}} \int_0^{T_{i_j}} \mu_n(0)(P_n(s+t)\phi) ds \\ &= \lim_j \frac{1}{T_{i_j}} \int_t^{t+T_{i_j}} \mu_n(0)(P_n(s)\phi) ds \\ &= \lim_j \frac{1}{T_{i_j}} \int_0^{T_{i_j}} \mu_n(0)(P_n(s)\phi) ds = \mu_n(\phi). \end{aligned}$$

Next, uniqueness of the invariant measure and the existence of a density with respect to the Lebesgue measure are deduced from the convergence of $P_n(t)$ at an exponential rate as shown in (2.6). We follow the lines of [GP13] using ‘‘Meyn-Tweedie’’-type techniques (see for instance [MT93], [DMT95]).

Step 1 : compact sets are petite. This is a consequence of Theorem 1.1 in [DM10]. Indeed, in our case the system rewrites with the notations of [DM10] for $t \geq 0$:

$$\begin{cases} dX_t^1 &= F_1(t, X_t^1, X_t^2)dt + \sigma(t, X_t^1, X_t^2)dw_t \\ dX_t^2 &= F_2^n(t, X_t^1, X_t^2)dt, \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

with :

$$X_t^1 = y_n(t), \quad X_t^2 = z_n(t), \quad \sigma(t, y, z) = 1,$$

$$F_1(t, y, z) = F_1(y, z) = -(c_0y + kz), \quad F_2^n(t, y, z) = F_2^n(y, z) = y - n(z - \pi_n(z)),$$

where the superscript denotes the dependence of F_2 on n , the penalization parameter. Then it is straightforward to verify that the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 in [DM10] are satisfied. Thus for each measure μ_n^T , this theorem provides a density estimate (which depends on T) yielding the absolute continuity with respect to the Lebesgue measure. More precisely, we have that for any compact K of \mathbb{R}^2 , there exists a constant $\alpha_{T,K}$ such that for any $t \leq T$ and $(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$P_n(t)((y, z), \cdot) \geq \alpha_{T,K} \lambda_2(\cdot)$$

where λ_2 denotes the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^2 . From this we deduce directly that compact sets are petite, that is: for every compact set K of \mathbb{R}^2 , there exist a probability a on \mathbb{R}_+ and a non-trivial σ -finite measure ν_a on the Borel sets of \mathbb{R}^2 such that for every $(y, z) \in K$, we have :

$$\int_0^\infty P_n(t)((y, z), \cdot) a(dt) \geq \nu_a(\cdot).$$

Step 2 : drift condition. Define the following real-valued function V on \mathbb{R}^2 : $V(y, z) = y^2 + kz^2$. We will prove that V is a Lyapunov function and satisfies a certain drift condition; this yields the conclusion thanks to Theorem 2.1 of [DMT95]. Let us denote by \mathcal{A}_n the infinitesimal generator of the penalized system: for any smooth function ϕ with compact support in \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$\mathcal{A}_n \phi(y, z) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{yy} \phi - (c_0y + kz) \partial_y \phi + (y - n[z - \pi(z)]) \partial_z \phi.$$

Claim 1 : V is a Lyapunov function for \mathcal{A}_n for any $n \geq 0$, in the following sense :

$$\limsup_{|(y,z)| \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}_n V(y, z) = -\infty$$

where $|\cdot, \cdot|$ denotes the Euclidean norm on \mathbb{R}^2 . This is true since :

$$\mathcal{A}_n V(y, z, t) = 1 - (c_0y + kz)2y + (y - n[z - \pi(z)])2kz = 1 - 2c_0y^2 - 2knz^2 + 2kn\pi(z)z$$

which tends to $-\infty$ as $|(y, z)| \rightarrow \infty$, for any $n \geq 0$.

Claim 2 : V satisfies the “drift condition for the extended generator” as defined in [DMT95]: there exists a compact set C of \mathbb{R}^2 and positive constants $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\tilde{\beta}$ such that :

$$\mathcal{A}_n V \leq \tilde{\beta} - \tilde{\alpha}V \quad \text{on } C. \tag{2.5}$$

Let $\tilde{\beta} = 1$ and $\tilde{\alpha} < 2 \min\{c_0, n\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_n V(y, z) - \tilde{\beta} + \tilde{\alpha}V(y, z) &= -2c_0y^2 - 2knz^2 + 2kn\pi(z)z + \tilde{\alpha}(y^2 + kz^2) \\ &\leq (\tilde{\alpha} - 2c_0)y^2 + (\tilde{\alpha} - 2n)kz^2 + 2nYk|z| \end{aligned}$$

which tends to $-\infty$ since the coefficients of y^2 and z^2 are negative by definition of $\tilde{\alpha}$. More precisely, the above upper bound is non positive as soon as $\frac{2nY}{2n-\tilde{\alpha}} \leq z$. Hence, for instance, condition (2.5) holds on the compact set $C := [0, 1] \times \left[\frac{2nY}{2n-\tilde{\alpha}}, \frac{2nY}{2n-\tilde{\alpha}} + 1 \right]$.

Step 3 : exponential convergence. By Steps 1 and 2, we can now apply Theorem 5.2 of Down et al. [DMT95] and obtain the existence of constants γ_1 and γ_2 (which may depend on n but not on t , y and z) such that :

$$\sup_{\{f, |f| \leq 1\}} |P_n(t)f(y, z) - \mu_n(f)| \leq \gamma_1 V(y, z) \exp(-\gamma_2 t) = \gamma_1 (y^2 + kz^2) \exp(-\gamma_2 t). \quad (2.6)$$

□

3. PROOF OF LEMMAS

Proof of Lemma 2.3. The proof is split into three steps. In the first step, we show that

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (y_n(s))^2 ds \leq C(T), \quad C(T) := \frac{y_0^2 + kz_0^2 + 2T}{2c_0}. \quad (3.1)$$

Indeed, from (1.3) we deduce by Itô's formula:

$$\begin{cases} d(y_n^2(t)) = -2c_0 y_n^2(t) dt - 2k y_n(t) z_n(t) dt + 2y_n(t) dw(t) + 2dt \\ kd(z_n^2(t)) = 2k y_n(t) z_n(t) dt - 2kn z_n^2(t) dt + 2kn z_n(t) \pi(z_n(t)) dt. \end{cases}$$

Combining these two equations we have:

$$d(y_n^2(t)) + kd(z_n^2(t)) + 2c_0 y_n^2(t) dt = 2kn z_n(t) (\pi(z_n(t)) - z_n(t)) dt + 2y_n(t) dw(t) + 2dt.$$

Integrating over $[0, t]$ and considering then the expectation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t)] + k \mathbb{E} [z_n^2(t)] + 2c_0 \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^t y_n^2(s) ds \right] \\ &= y_0^2 + kz_0^2 + 2kn \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^t z_n(s) (\pi(z_n(s)) - z_n(s)) ds \right] + 2t \\ &\leq y_0^2 + kz_0^2 + 2t \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T y_n^2(s) ds \right] \leq \frac{y_0^2 + kz_0^2 + 2T}{2c_0}$$

since $x(\pi(x) - x) \leq 0$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Next, in the second step, we show that

$$\int_0^T (z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^T (y_n(s))^2 ds \quad (3.2)$$

Indeed, let φ be the function defined on \mathbb{R} by $\varphi(x) := (x - \pi(x))^2$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} d\varphi(z_n(s)) &= 2(z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s))) [y_n(s) - n(z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))] ds \\ &= 2y_n(s) [z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s))] ds - 2n\varphi(z_n(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, integrating over $[0, t]$ and noticing that $\varphi(z_n(0)) = 0$ (since $|z_n(0)| = |z| < Y$):

$$\varphi(z_n(t)) = 2 \int_0^t y_n(s) [z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s))] ds - 2n \int_0^t \varphi(z_n(s)) ds,$$

which can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \varphi(z_n(s))ds &= \frac{1}{n} \int_0^t y_n(s) [z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s))] ds - \frac{1}{2n} \varphi(z_n(t)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\int_0^t y_n^2(s)ds} \sqrt{\int_0^t \varphi(z_n(s))ds} \end{aligned}$$

yielding (3.2). Finally, we conclude in the last step by using (3.1) and taking the expectation in (3.2) to deduce that

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))^2 ds \leq \frac{C(T)}{n^2}. \tag{3.3}$$

Then we apply the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality on $\mathbb{E} \int_0^T (z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))(z_m(s) - \pi(z_m(s)))ds$ to get the result. \square

Proof of Lemma 2.4. Let $n, m \in N$, by Equation (1.3) for $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ and $(y_m(t), z_m(t))$, we have:

$$\begin{cases} d(y_n(t) - y_m(t)) = -[c_0(y_n(t) - y_m(t)) + k(z_n(t) - z_m(t))] dt \\ d(z_n(t) - z_m(t)) = (y_n(t) - y_m(t))dt - n[z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t))]dt + m[z_m(t) - \pi(z_m(t))]dt. \end{cases}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}d[(y_n(t) - y_m(t))^2] = -c_0(y_n(t) - y_m(t))^2 dt - k(y_n(t) - y_m(t))(z_n(t) - z_m(t))dt \\ \frac{k}{2}d[(z_n(t) - z_m(t))^2] = k(y_n(t) - y_m(t))(z_n(t) - z_m(t))dt \\ \quad + k(z_n(t) - z_m(t)) \underbrace{[-n(z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t))) + m(z_m(t) - \pi(z_m(t)))]}_{R_{m,n}(t)} dt, \end{cases}$$

where $R_{m,n}(t) := -n(z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t))) + m(z_m(t) - \pi(z_m(t)))$. Combining these two equations and integrating over $[0, t]$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}(y_n(t) - y_m(t))^2 + \frac{k}{2}(z_n(t) - z_m(t))^2 + c_0 \int_0^t (y_n(s) - y_m(s))^2 ds \\ &= k \int_0^t (z_n(s) - z_m(s))R_{m,n}(s)ds \\ &\leq (m + n) \int_0^t [z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s))] [z_m(s) - \pi(z_m(s))]ds \end{aligned}$$

where we use the following property of the projection $\pi(\cdot)$: for any two points x and x' in \mathbb{R} ,

$$(x' - x)(x - \pi(x)) \leq (x' - \pi(x'))(x - \pi(x)).$$

And we then apply Lemma 2.3 to get

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} \{|y_n(t) - y_m(t)|^2 + |z_n(t) - z_m(t)|^2\} \right] \leq C(T) \left(\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \right).$$

This gives the Cauchy property. \square

Proof of Lemma 2.5. Proof of (a) and (b): Notice that $(\tilde{y}(0), \tilde{z}(0)) = (y_0, z_0)$ by definition of (\tilde{y}, \tilde{z}) , and (\tilde{y}, \tilde{z}) is adapted and continuous a.s., as a consequence of uniform convergence, which stems from Lemma 2.4.

Proof of (c): For each t , we a.s. have $|\tilde{z}(t) - \pi(\tilde{z}(t))| = 0$, i.e. $|\tilde{z}(t)| \leq Y$. Indeed Equation (3.3) yields successively: $\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_n \int_0^T (z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))^2 ds \right] < +\infty$, hence: $\sum_n \int_0^T (z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))^2 ds < +\infty$, and thus: $\int_0^T (z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))^2 ds \xrightarrow[n]{a.e.} 0$. Then, from the converse of Lebesgue's Theorem, we have that there is a subsequence $(n_k)_{k>0}$ s.t.:

$$|z_{n_k}(s) - \pi(z_{n_k}(s))| \xrightarrow[k]{a.e.} 0.$$

Finally we have, for this subsequence, that:

$$|\tilde{z}(t) - \pi(\tilde{z}(t))| \leq |\tilde{z}(t) - z_{n_k}(t)| + |z_{n_k}(t) - \pi(z_{n_k}(t))| + |\pi(z_{n_k}(t)) - \pi(\tilde{z}(t))| \xrightarrow[k]{a.e.} 0$$

since $z_n(t)$ converges to $\tilde{z}(t)$. This concludes the proof of (c).

Let us now prove (d), (e) and (f). We will denote by $\mathcal{C}(A, B)$ the set of continuous functions from A to B (where A and B are metric spaces) and by $\|k\|_{VT}$ the total variation of a function $k : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, i.e. $\|k\|_{VT} := \int_0^T d|k|(s)$. We also remind that $K = [-Y, Y]$.

Proof of (d): Remark that $\tilde{\Delta}$ is the uniform limit of $\Delta_n(t) := \int_0^t y_n(s) ds - z_n(t) + z_n(0)$ and $\{\Delta_n, n \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$ is uniformly bounded in total variation. Indeed, recall that we have $dz_n(t) = y_n(t)dt - n(z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t)))dt$. Hence: $d\Delta_n(t) = n(z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t)))dt$. As a consequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_n\|_{VT} &= \int_0^T d|\Delta_n|(t) = n \int_0^T \text{sign}(z_n(t)) (z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t))) dt \\ &\leq n\sqrt{T} \sqrt{\int_0^T (z_n(s) - \pi(z_n(s)))^2 ds} && \text{(by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)} \\ &\leq \sqrt{TC(T)} && \text{(by (3.3))} \end{aligned}$$

which gives a uniform in n . Hence $\tilde{\Delta}$ is of bounded variation by the following lemma of [GPP96] (that we state with our notations for simplicity):

Lemma 3.1 (see Lemma 5.8 of [GPP96]). *Let $z_n \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ be a sequence that converges uniformly to a function \tilde{z} . Let $\Delta_n \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ be a sequence that converges uniformly to $\tilde{\Delta}$ and such that:*

$$a.s. \quad \exists C, \quad \|\Delta_n\|_{VT} \leq C.$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} a.s. \quad &\|\tilde{\Delta}\|_{VT} < C \\ \text{and} \quad &\int_0^T z_n d\Delta_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \int_0^T \tilde{z} d\tilde{\Delta}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

This concludes the proof of (d).

Proof of (e): By (3.4), for every $x \in [-Y, Y]$: $\int_0^T (\tilde{z}(t) - x) d\tilde{\Delta}(t) \geq 0$. Moreover, by (b), we know that \tilde{z} is continuous. We conclude by applying the following technical lemma from [GPP96] with $K = [-Y, Y]$:

Lemma 3.2 (see Lemma 2.1 of [GPP96]). *Let $\tilde{z} \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], K)$ and $\tilde{\Delta} \in \mathcal{C}([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ a function of bounded variation, such that for all $x \in K$:*

$$\int_0^T (\tilde{z}(t) - x) d\tilde{\Delta}(t) \geq 0.$$

Then: $\int_0^T \mathbf{1}_{\tilde{K}}(\tilde{z}(t)) d\tilde{\Delta}(t) = 0.$

We obtain that :

$$\int_0^T \mathbf{1}_{(-Y, Y)}(\tilde{z}(t)) d\tilde{\Delta}(t) = 0$$

which yields the result.

Proof of (f): Let $n \rightarrow \infty$ in the second equation of the penalized problem (1.3):

$$dz_n(t) = y_n(t)dt - n \cdot [z_n(t) - \pi(z_n(t))]dt = y_n(t)dt - d\Delta_n(t).$$

In the limit we have: $d\tilde{z}(t) = \tilde{y}(t)dt - d\tilde{\Delta}(t)$. Moreover by (e), $d\tilde{\Delta}(t) = \mathbf{1}_{\{\tilde{z}(t)=\pm Y\}}d\tilde{\Delta}(t)$ which concludes the proof of (f). □

Proof of Lemma 2.7. From (1.3) we deduce by Itô's formula:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} (y_n^2(t)) = -2c_0 y_n^2(t) - 2k y_n(t) z_n(t) + 2y_n(t) \frac{d}{dt} W(t) + 2 \\ k \frac{d}{dt} (z_n^2(t)) = 2k y_n(t) z_n(t) - 2kn z_n^2(t) + 2kn z_n(t) \pi(z_n(t)). \end{cases}$$

Combining these two equations and taking the expectations gives:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t)] + k \frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E} [z_n^2(t)] + 2c_0 \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t)] = 2kn \mathbb{E} [z_n(t) \pi(z_n(t))] - 2kn \mathbb{E} [z_n^2(t)] + 2.$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t)] + k \frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E} [z_n^2(t)] + 2c_0 \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t)] \\ & \leq kn\epsilon \mathbb{E} [z_n^2(t)] + \frac{kn}{\epsilon} Y^2 - 2kn \mathbb{E} [z_n^2(t)] + 2 \end{aligned}$$

for any $\epsilon > 0$. Taking $\epsilon = 2(1 - \frac{c_0}{n})$, this inequality becomes:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t) + kz_n^2(t)] + 2c_0 \mathbb{E} [y_n^2(t) + kz_n^2(t)] \leq C_n.$$

with $C_n := \frac{kn}{2(1 - \frac{c_0}{n})} Y^2 + 2$. The conclusion follows by Grönwall's lemma. □

Proof of Lemma 2.8. We want to prove that for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a compact set $K_\epsilon \in \mathcal{B}$ such that:

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{N} \quad \mu_n^{T_i}(\mathbf{1}_{K_\epsilon}) \geq 1 - \epsilon.$$

Fix $\epsilon > 0$ and let $\delta := \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{C}}$, with $C := c + C_n$ (where c and C_n are defined in Lemma 2.7). We show that $K_\epsilon := \left\{ (y, z) : |y| + \sqrt{k}|z| \leq \frac{1}{\delta} \right\}$ is appropriate. Indeed for any $i \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
1 - \mu_n^{T_i}(\mathbf{1}_{K_\epsilon}) &= 1 - \frac{1}{T_i} \int_0^{T_i} \mathbb{E} [\mathbf{1}_{K_\epsilon}(y_n(t), z_n(t))] dt \\
&= 1 - \frac{1}{T_i} \int_0^{T_i} \mathbb{P} [(y_n(t), z_n(t)) \in K_\epsilon] dt \\
&= \frac{1}{T_i} \int_0^{T_i} \mathbb{P} [(y_n(t), z_n(t)) \notin K_\epsilon] dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{T_i} \int_0^{T_i} \left\{ \mathbb{P} \left[|y_n(t)| > \frac{1}{2\delta} \right] + \mathbb{P} \left[\sqrt{k}|z_n(t)| > \frac{1}{2\delta} \right] \right\} dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{T_i} \int_0^{T_i} 4\delta^2 \mathbb{E} [y_n(t)^2 + kz_n(t)^2] dt \\
&\leq \epsilon \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{(by Lemma 2.7 and the definition of } \delta)
\end{aligned}$$

□

4. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

In this section, we present our numerical tools for dealing with experiments on the invariant measures of (1.3) and their convergence rate (recall that Theorem 2.2 shows that these invariant measures admits a density). First, we present a probabilistic algorithm to simulate the trajectories. Then we give a PDE framework to study (2.2). Finally, we give an empirical rate of convergence.

4.1. Experiments on the invariant measure using probabilistic simulations

For any n , from Theorem 2.2 we know that (y_n, z_n) , solution of (1.3), has a unique invariant measure, which admits a density. Based on the above probabilistic algorithm, we can now approximate its density. To do so, we use probabilistic simulations, as explained bellow. In a similar manner to what was done in [BMPT09] and [FM12] to solve (1.2), here the solution $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ of (1.3) has explicit formulae (as far as the differentials are concerned) in each phase: either $|z_n(t)| \leq Y$, $z_n(t) > Y$ or $z_n(t) < -Y$. Note that the goal of this work was to propose a first approach to the computation. Therefore, we neglect the issues that may appear at the interface, when $z_n(t)$ is in a neighborhood of $\{-Y, Y\}$. Let us mention that a possible direction to tackle this kind of issues would be to use the techniques developped in [GM10]. This will be explored in a future work.

4.1.1. Explicit formulae

For the case $|z_n(t)| \leq Y$, the process $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ behaves like a linear oscillator:

$$\begin{cases} dy_n(t) = -(c_0 y_n(t) + k z_n(t)) dt + dw(t) \\ dz_n(t) = y_n(t) dt \\ y_n(0) = y, \quad z_n(0) = z. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, for $t \in [0, t_0[$ with $t_0 := \inf\{s \geq 0 : |z_n(s)| = K\}$ we have :

$$\begin{cases} y_n(t) = -\frac{c_0}{2}z_n(t) + e^{-\frac{c_0 t}{2}} \left\{ -\omega z \sin(\omega t) + \left(y + \frac{c_0}{2}z\right) \cos(\omega t) \right\} + \int_0^t e^{-\frac{c_0}{2}(t-s)} \cos(\omega(t-s))dw(s) \\ z_n(t) = e^{-\frac{c_0 t}{2}} \left\{ z \cos(\omega t) + \frac{1}{\omega} \left(y + \frac{c_0}{2}z\right) \sin(\omega t) \right\} + \frac{1}{\omega} \int_0^t e^{-\frac{c_0}{2}(t-s)} \sin(\omega(t-s))dw(s) \end{cases}$$

where $\omega := \frac{\sqrt{|4k-c_0^2|}}{2}$. Hence $y_n(t)$ (resp. $z_n(t)$) is Gaussian variable of mean $e_y(t, y_n, z_n)$ and variance $\sigma_{y_n}^2(t)$ (resp. of mean $e_z(t, y_n, z_n)$ and variance $\sigma_{z_n}^2(t)$), where:

$$\begin{cases} e_y(t, y_n, z_n) = -\frac{c_0}{2}e_z(t, y_n, z_n) + e^{-\frac{c_0 t}{2}} \left\{ -\omega z \sin(\omega t) + \left(y + \frac{c_0}{2}z\right) \cos(\omega t) \right\} \\ \sigma_{y_n}^2(t) = \int_0^t e^{-c_0 s} \cos^2(\omega s)ds - \frac{c_0^2}{4}\sigma_{z_n}^2(t) - \frac{c_0}{2\omega^2}e^{-c_0 t} \sin^2(\omega t). \end{cases}$$

and:

$$\begin{cases} e_z(t, y_n, z_n) = e^{-\frac{c_0 t}{2}} \left\{ z \cos(\omega t) + \frac{1}{\omega} \left(y + \frac{c_0}{2}z\right) \sin(\omega t) \right\} \\ \sigma_{z_n}^2(t) = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \int_0^t e^{-c_0 s} \sin^2(\omega s)ds. \end{cases}$$

The covariance of $y_n(t)$ and $z_n(t)$ is given by:

$$\sigma_{yz}(t) = \frac{1}{2\omega} \int_0^t e^{-c_0 s} \sin(2\omega s)ds - \frac{c_0}{2\omega^2} \int_0^t e^{-c_0 s} \sin^2(\omega s)ds.$$

For the case $|z_n(t)| > Y$, the process $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ satisfies

$$\begin{cases} dy_n(t) = -(c_0 y_n(t) + k z_n(t))dt + dw(t) \\ dz_n(t) = y_n(t)dt - n(z_n(t) - Y)dt \\ y_n(0) = y, \quad z_n(0) = z \end{cases}$$

Then for any t_0, t_1 such that on $[t_0, t_1]$, $z_n > Y$ we have:

$$\begin{cases} y_n(t_1) = e^{11}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{12}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{11}(t_1 - s)dw(s) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{12}(t_1 - s)nYds \\ z_n(t_1) = e^{21}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{22}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{21}(t_1 - s)dw(s) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{22}(t_1 - s)nYds \end{cases}$$

with:

$$\begin{cases} e^{11}(t) := \frac{1}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} ((n + \lambda_-)e^{t\lambda_-} - (n + \lambda_+)e^{t\lambda_+}) \\ e^{12}(t) := \frac{1}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} (n + \lambda_-)(n + \lambda_+) (e^{t\lambda_+} - e^{t\lambda_-}) \\ e^{21}(t) := e^{t\lambda_-} - e^{t\lambda_+} \\ e^{22}(t) := \frac{1}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} ((n + \lambda_-)e^{t\lambda_+} - (n + \lambda_+)e^{t\lambda_-}) \end{cases}$$

where:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_- := \frac{-(n+c_0) - \sqrt{(n+c_0)^2 - 4(c_0n+k)}}{2} \\ \lambda_+ := \frac{-(n+c_0) + \sqrt{(n+c_0)^2 - 4(c_0n+k)}}{2} \end{cases}$$

Hence $y_n(t)$ (resp. $z_n(t)$) is Gaussian variable of mean $e_y^+(t, y_n, z_n)$ and variance $\sigma_y^+(t)^2$ (resp. of mean $e_z^+(t, y_n, z_n)$ and variance $\sigma_z^+(t)^2$), where:

$$\begin{cases} e_y^+(t_1, y_n, z_n) = e^{11}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{12}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{12}(t_1 - s)nY ds \\ \quad = e^{11}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{12}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \frac{nY(n+\lambda_-)(n+\lambda_+)}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} \left(\frac{e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1}{\lambda_+} - \frac{e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1}{\lambda_-} \right) \\ \sigma_y^+(t_1)^2 = \frac{1}{(\lambda_- - \lambda_+)^2} \left[\frac{(n+\lambda_-)^2}{2\lambda_-} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1 \right) - \frac{2(n+\lambda_+)(n+\lambda_-)}{\lambda_+ + \lambda_-} \left(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1 \right) \right. \\ \quad \left. + \frac{(n+\lambda_+)^2}{2\lambda_+} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1 \right) \right] \end{cases}$$

and:

$$\begin{cases} e_z^+(t_1, y_n, z_n) = e^{21}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{22}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{22}(t_1 - s)nY ds \\ \quad = e^{21}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{22}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \frac{nY}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} \cdot \left[\frac{(n+\lambda_-)(e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1)}{\lambda_+} - \frac{(n+\lambda_+)(e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1)}{\lambda_-} \right] \\ \sigma_z^+(t_1)^2 = \frac{1}{(\lambda_- - \lambda_+)^2} \left[\frac{1}{2\lambda_+} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1 \right) - \frac{2}{\lambda_+ + \lambda_-} \left(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1 \right) \right. \\ \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2\lambda_-} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1 \right) \right] \end{cases}$$

Finally:

$$\sigma_{yz}^+(t_1) = \frac{1}{(\lambda_- - \lambda_+)^2} \left[\frac{(n+\lambda_-)(e^{(t_1-t_0)2\lambda_-} - 1)}{2\lambda_-} + \frac{(n+\lambda_+)(e^{(t_1-t_0)2\lambda_+} - 1)}{2\lambda_+} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{(n+\lambda_-)(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1)}{\lambda_- + \lambda_+} - \frac{(n+\lambda_+)(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1)}{\lambda_- + \lambda_+} \right]$$

For the case $z_n(t) < -Y$, the process $(y_n(t), z_n(t))$ satisfies

$$\begin{cases} dy_n(t) = -(c_0y_n(t) + kz_n(t))dt + dw(t) \\ dz_n(t) = y_n(t)dt - n(z_n(t) + Y)dt \\ y_n(0) = y, \quad z_n(0) = z \end{cases}$$

Then for any t_0, t_1 such that on $[t_0, t_1]$, $z_n < Y$ we have:

$$\begin{cases} y_n(t_1) = e^{11}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{12}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{11}(t_1 - s)dw(s) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{12}(t_1 - s)nY ds \\ z_n(t_1) = e^{21}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{22}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{21}(t_1 - s)dw(s) - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{22}(t_1 - s)nY ds \end{cases}$$

with the same notations as above. Hence $y_n(t)$ (resp. $z_n(t)$) is Gaussian variable of mean $e_y^-(t, y_n, z_n)$ and variance $\sigma_y^-(t)^2$ (resp. of mean $e_z^-(t, y_n, z_n)$ and variance $\sigma_z^-(t)^2$), where:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_y^-(t_1, y_n, z_n) = e^{11}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{12}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{12}(t_1 - s)nY ds \\ \quad = e^{11}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{12}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) - \frac{nY(n+\lambda_-)(n+\lambda_+)}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} \left(\frac{e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1}{\lambda_+} - \frac{e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1}{\lambda_-} \right) \\ \sigma_y^-(t_1)^2 = \frac{1}{(\lambda_- - \lambda_+)^2} \left[\frac{(n+\lambda_-)^2}{2\lambda_-} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1 \right) - \frac{2(n+\lambda_+)(n+\lambda_-)}{\lambda_+ + \lambda_-} \left(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1 \right) \right. \\ \quad \left. + \frac{(n+\lambda_+)^2}{2\lambda_+} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1 \right) \right] \end{array} \right.$$

and:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_z^-(t_1, y_n, z_n) = e^{21}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{22}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} e^{22}(t_1 - s)nY ds \\ \quad = e^{21}(t_1 - t_0)y_n(t_0) + e^{22}(t_1 - t_0)z_n(t_0) - \frac{nY}{\lambda_- - \lambda_+} \cdot \left[\frac{(n+\lambda_-)(e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1)}{\lambda_+} - \frac{(n+\lambda_+)(e^{(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1)}{\lambda_-} \right] \\ \sigma_z^-(t_1)^2 = \frac{1}{(\lambda_- - \lambda_+)^2} \left[\frac{1}{2\lambda_+} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_+} - 1 \right) - \frac{2}{\lambda_+ + \lambda_-} \left(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1 \right) \right. \\ \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2\lambda_-} \left(e^{2(t_1-t_0)\lambda_-} - 1 \right) \right] \end{array} \right.$$

Finally:

$$\sigma_{yz}^-(t_1) = \frac{1}{(\lambda_- - \lambda_+)^2} \left[\frac{(n+\lambda_-)(e^{(t_1-t_0)2\lambda_-} - 1)}{2\lambda_-} + \frac{(n+\lambda_+)(e^{(t_1-t_0)2\lambda_+} - 1)}{2\lambda_+} - \frac{(n+\lambda_-)(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1)}{\lambda_- + \lambda_+} - \frac{(n+\lambda_+)(e^{(t_1-t_0)(\lambda_+ + \lambda_-)} - 1)}{\lambda_- + \lambda_+} \right]$$

4.1.2. Simulation algorithm with an Euler scheme

Based on the previous explicit formulae, we have written a C code to approximate the solution of (1.3). Let $T > 0, N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(t_j)_{j=0 \dots N}$ be the uniform time grid on the interval $[0, T]$, such that $t_j = j\delta t$ where $\delta t := \frac{T}{N}$. We set Σ, Σ^+ , and $\Sigma^- \in \mathcal{M}_{2,2}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ such that:

$$\Sigma \cdot \Sigma^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_y(\delta t)^2 & \sigma_{yz}(\delta t) \\ \sigma_{yz}(\delta t) & \sigma_z(\delta t)^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\Sigma^+) \cdot (\Sigma^+)^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_y^+(\delta t)^2 & \sigma_{yz}^+(\delta t) \\ \sigma_{yz}^+(\delta t) & \sigma_z^+(\delta t)^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\Sigma^-) \cdot (\Sigma^-)^T = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_y^-(\delta t)^2 & \sigma_{yz}^-(\delta t) \\ \sigma_{yz}^-(\delta t) & \sigma_z^-(\delta t)^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $(G_{j,m})_{j=0 \dots N, m=1,2}$ be a family of independent Gaussian variables $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. Gaussian variables are generated using Box-Muller formula and the C function `random()`. Initialize $(y_0^{\delta t}, z_0^{\delta t}) = (y_0, z_0)$. The finite difference scheme for (1.3) is written in the following manner:

We define $\theta_j^{\delta t}$ and $\tau_j^{\delta t}$ for $j \geq 0$ recursively by: $\theta_0^{\delta t} = \tau_0^{\delta t} = 0$ and:

$$\begin{cases} \theta_{j+1}^{\delta t} := \inf \{ t_k > \tau_j^{\delta t} \mid |z_{t_k}^{\delta t}| = Y \} \\ \tau_{j+1}^{\delta t} := \inf \{ t_k > \theta_{j+1}^{\delta t} \mid |z_{t_k}^{\delta t}| < Y \} \end{cases}$$

Then:

- When $t_k \in [\tau_j^{\delta t}, \theta_{j+1}^{\delta t}[$ (we have $|z_{t_k}^{\delta t}| < Y$), we set:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{t_{k+1}}^{\delta t} \\ z_{t_{k+1}}^{\delta t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e_y(\delta t, y(t_k), z(t_k)) \\ e_z(\delta t, y(t_k), z(t_k)) \end{pmatrix} + \Sigma \cdot \begin{pmatrix} G_{k,1} \\ G_{k,2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- When $t_k \in [\theta_{j+1}^{\delta t}, \tau_{j+1}^{\delta t}[$
– if $z_{t_k}^{\delta t} \geq Y$, we set:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{t_{k+1}}^{\delta t} \\ z_{t_{k+1}}^{\delta t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e_y^+(\delta t, y(t_k), z(t_k)) \\ e_z^+(\delta t, y(t_k), z(t_k)) \end{pmatrix} + \Sigma^+ \cdot \begin{pmatrix} G_{k,1} \\ G_{k,2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- if $z_{t_k}^{\delta t} \leq -Y$, we set:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{t_{k+1}}^{\delta t} \\ z_{t_{k+1}}^{\delta t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e_y^-(\delta t, y(t_k), z(t_k)) \\ e_z^-(\delta t, y(t_k), z(t_k)) \end{pmatrix} + \Sigma^- \cdot \begin{pmatrix} G_{k,1} \\ G_{k,2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We use the algorithm described above in order to approximate the density of the invariant measure. First, we fix a domain $D := [y_{min}, y_{max}] \times [z_{min}, z_{max}] \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and take $N_y, N_z \in \mathbb{N}^*$. This defines a mesh of $N_y \times N_z$ points with space steps $\delta_y := (y_{max} - y_{min})/N_y$ and $\delta_z := (z_{max} - z_{min})/N_z$ respectively in the y and z directions. Then we simulate the process $(y_{t_k}, z_{t_k})_{k=0 \dots N}$ and compute, for each cell c of the mesh the number of times it is visited by the process: $|\{k \in [0, N] \text{ s.t. } (y_{t_k}, z_{t_k}) \in c\}|$. For the following parameters and letting n vary, we obtain Figures 2 to 7:

- $y_{min} = z_{min} = -5, y_{max} = z_{max} = 5,$
- $Y = 1,$
- $c_0 = k = 1,$
- $T = 100000, \delta t = 0.001,$
- $N_y = N_z = 50,$
- $n = 2, 4, 6, 8, 10$ according to the figure (see captions).

4.2. Experiments on the rate of convergence using PDEs

We conjecture the convergence of the invariant measures and we estimate empirically the convergence rate. First, for a bounded measurable function f , $n > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$, we consider the function $u_\lambda^n(y, z; f)$ solution of:

$$\begin{cases} \lambda u^n + Au^n &= f(y, z) & \text{on } D \\ \lambda u^n + B_+^n u^n &= f(y, z) & \text{on } \tilde{D}^+ \\ \lambda u^n + B_-^n u^n &= f(y, z) & \text{on } \tilde{D}^- \end{cases} \quad (P_{\lambda, n}^f)$$

Since we assume that both the uniqueness of the invariant measure and the convergence of λu_λ^n to it hold (and the simulations presented here tend to show this property), we have that $u_\lambda^n(y, z; f)$ satisfies: $\forall (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^2,$

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \lambda u_\lambda^n(y, z; f) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[f(y_n(t), z_n(t))]$$

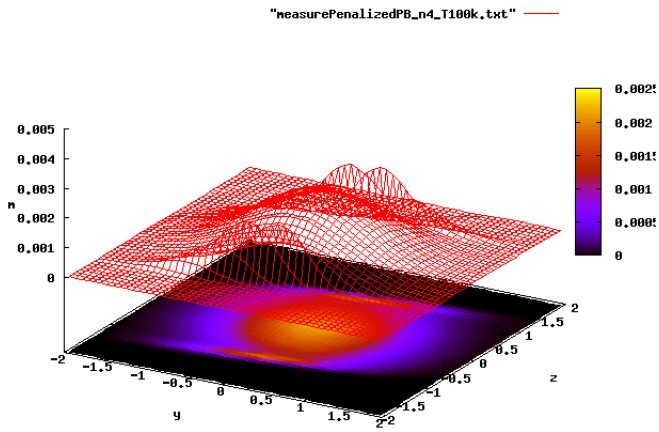


FIGURE 2. $n=4$

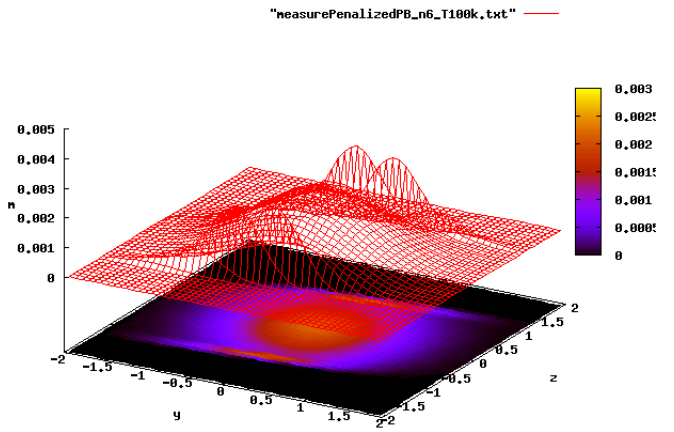


FIGURE 3. $n=6$

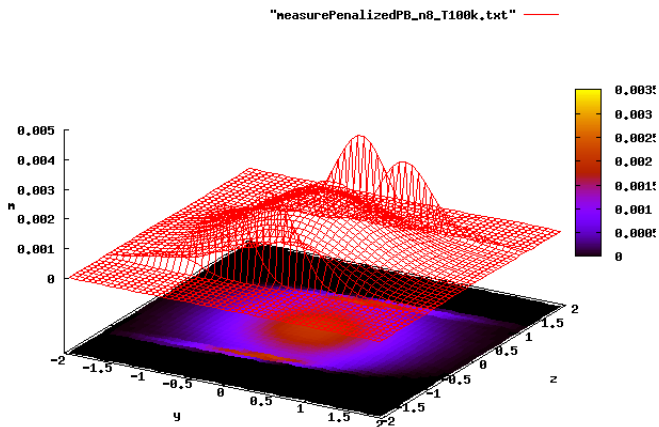


FIGURE 4. $n=8$

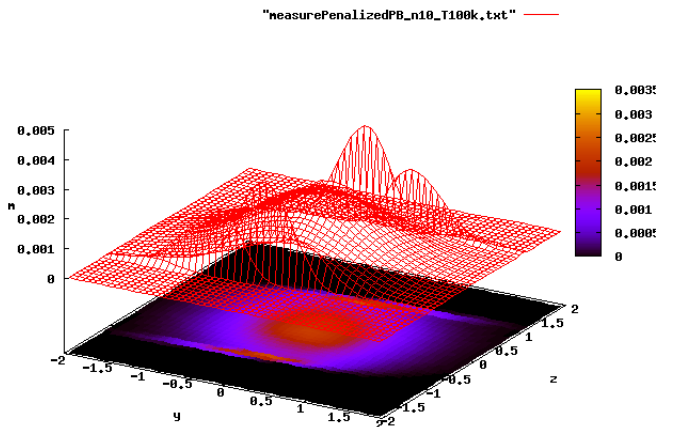


FIGURE 5. $n=10$

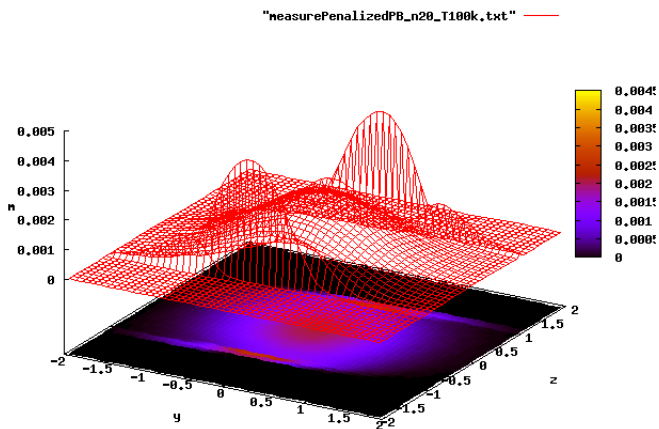


FIGURE 6. $n=20$

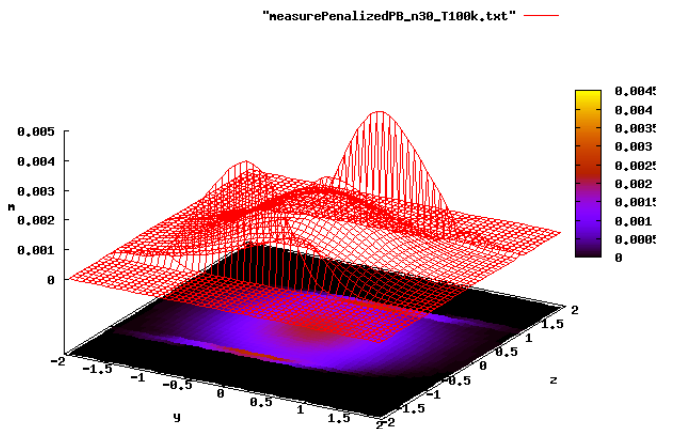


FIGURE 7. $n=30$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where: } A\varphi &:= -\frac{1}{2}\varphi_{yy} + (c_0y + kz)\varphi_y - y\varphi_z, & D &:= \mathbb{R} \times (-Y, Y) \\ B_+^n\varphi &:= -\frac{1}{2}\varphi_{yy} + (c_0y + kY)\varphi_y - y\varphi_z + n(z - Y)\varphi_z, & \tilde{D}^+ &:= \mathbb{R} \times [Y, +\infty[\\ B_-^n\varphi &:= -\frac{1}{2}\varphi_{yy} + (c_0y - kY)\varphi_y - y\varphi_z + n(z + Y)\varphi_z, & \tilde{D}^- &:= \mathbb{R} \times]-\infty, -Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Next, define

$$\nu_n(f) := \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0, \lambda > 0} \lambda u_\lambda^n(y, z; f).$$

The computation of $\nu(f)$ is done using the techniques explained in [BMPT09] (see the Appendix for more details). The error between the measures is computed as follows: given a family \mathcal{G} of numerical functions composed of gaussian kernels, we define the maximum relative error:

$$\mathbf{E}_n(\mathcal{G}) := \sup \left\{ \frac{\nu_n(g) - \nu(g)}{\nu(g)} : g \in \mathcal{G} \right\}.$$

To compute \mathbf{E}_n we assume that there exists a probability density $m_n \in L^1$ satisfying Equation (2.3). For the empirical approximation of this error, we take the following parameters:

- $y_{min} = z_{min} = -5, y_{max} = z_{max} = 5,$
- $Y = 1,$
- $c_0 = k = 1.$

To define the families of gaussian functions that we use, we consider the following 9×5 grids (according to axes y and z respectively), centered on $(0, 0)$

- (1) grid 1: with step 0.4 in the z direction and step 1.1 in the y direction.
- (2) grid 2: with step 0.5 in the z direction and step 1.25 in the y direction.

Note that the second grid contains nodes on the borders $[-L, L] \times \{-Y\}$ and $[-L, L] \times \{+Y\}$ whereas the first one does not, and that none of the grids contain nodes outside the admissible domain $D = \mathbb{R} \times (-L, L)$. Then we define \mathcal{G}_1 (resp. \mathcal{G}_2) as the family of gaussian functions centered on each node of the first (resp. second) grid, that is the set of functions $(g_{i,j})_{i=1\dots 9, j=1\dots 5}$ defined by:

$$g_{i,j}(y, z) = \exp(-(y - y_i)^2) \cdot \exp(-(z - z_j)^2)$$

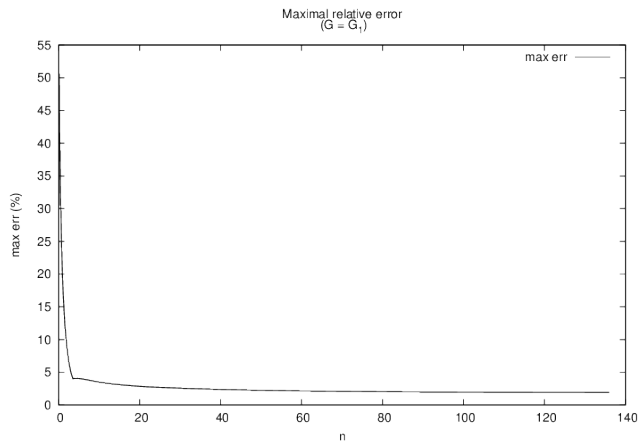
where (y_i, z_j) ranges over the nodes of \mathcal{G}_1 (resp. \mathcal{G}_2). The computation of the maximum relative error for the families of test functions \mathcal{G}_1 (resp. \mathcal{G}_2) gives Figure 8 (resp. Figure 9). If we restrict ourselves to the interval before the error stagnates, we can plot the log of the relative error and see that it is well approximated by a linear function, as in Figure 10. Then the empirical rate of convergence is exponential. More precisely we obtain the following empirical estimation for the convergence rate in each case:

$$\mathbf{E}_n(\mathcal{G}_1) = 43.293 \cdot \exp(-0.740 \cdot n) \quad \mathbf{E}_n(\mathcal{G}_2) = 139.91 \cdot \exp(-0.728 \cdot n).$$

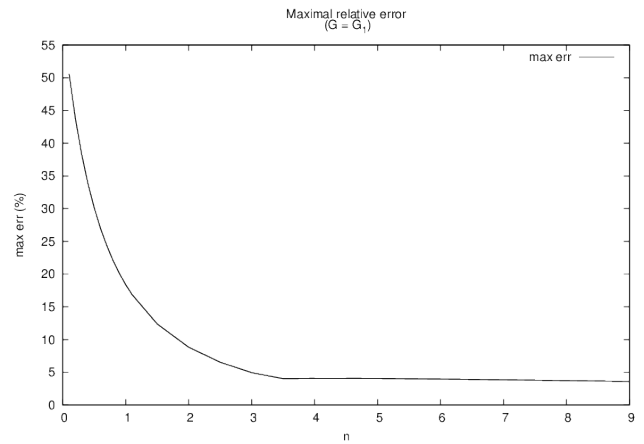
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FIGURE 8. Empirical convergence rate computed for $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1$

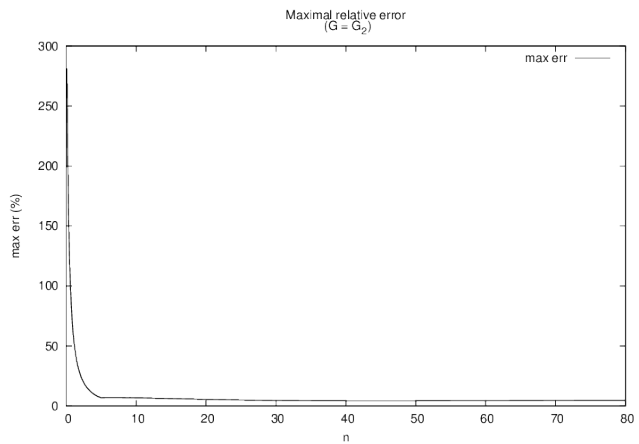


Error for $n \in (0, 140]$

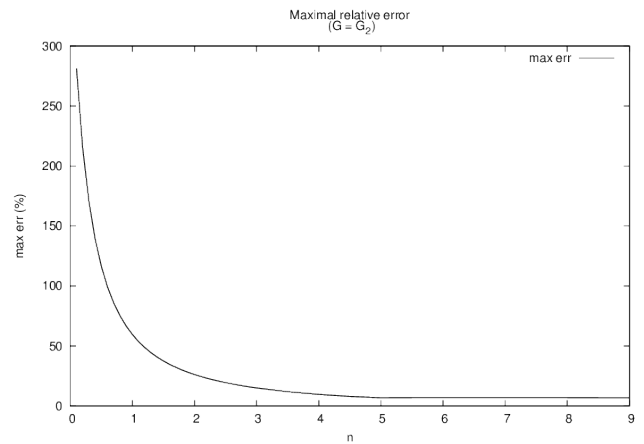


Error for $n \in (0, 9]$

FIGURE 9. Empirical convergence rate computed for $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_2$



Error for $n \in (0, 80]$



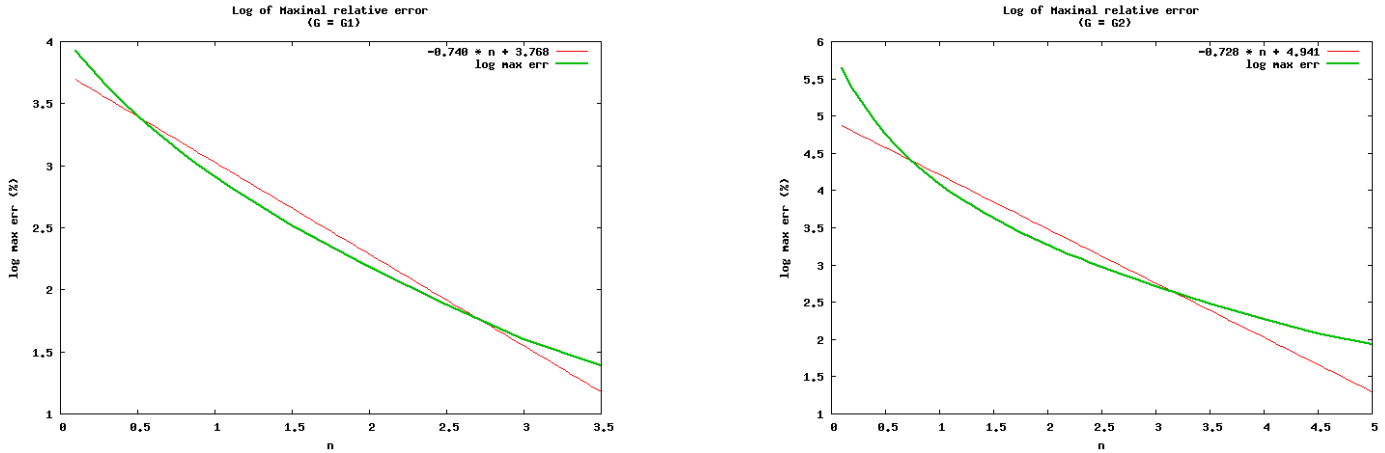
Error for $n \in (0, 9]$

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APPENDIX

In this appendix, we explain how to compute the empirical occupation ergodic mean on the spatial mesh, *i.e.* $\nu(g)$ for some gaussian function g . This technique was already used in [FM12] for engineering purposes and we

FIGURE 10. Curve fit of the empirical convergence rate



reproduce here the argument for the reader’s convenience. In [BMPT09], a deterministic method alternative to the Monte Carlo method has been developed for solving numerically (1.4). The key point is to solve a stationary PDE with a measurable function f , satisfying :

$$\int_D |f(y, z)|m(y, z)dydz + \int_{D^+} |f(y, Y)|m(y, Y)dy + \int_{D^-} |f(y, -Y)|m(y, -Y)dy < \infty$$

as right hand side :

$$\begin{cases} \lambda u + Au = f(y, z) & \text{in } D, \\ \lambda u + B_+ u = f(y, Y) & \text{in } D^+, \\ \lambda u + B_- u = f(y, -Y) & \text{in } D^-. \end{cases}$$

Recall from [BMPT09] that this formulation is very significant from a numerical point of view, since it allows to obtain $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[f(y(t), z(t))]$ in a way which does not require to solve a time dependent problem. Indeed, it can be shown that $\forall (y(0), z(0)) \in D, \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \lambda u_\lambda(y(0), z(0)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[f(y(t), z(t))]$ and then :

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \lambda u_\lambda(y(0), z(0)) = \int_{-Y}^Y \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} m(y, z)f(y, z)dydz + \int_0^{+\infty} m(y, Y)f(y, Y)dy + \int_0^{+\infty} m(y, -Y)f(y, -Y)dy.$$

This limit does not depend on $(y(0), z(0))$.

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