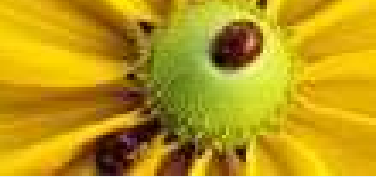


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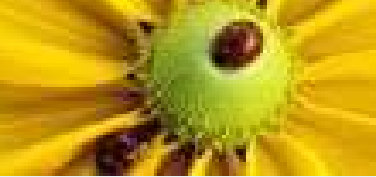
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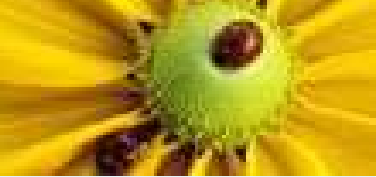
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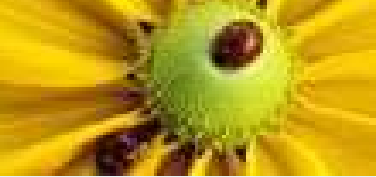
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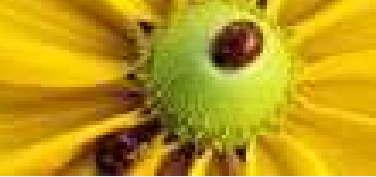
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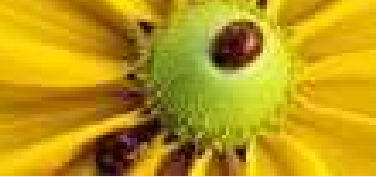
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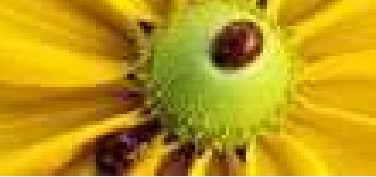
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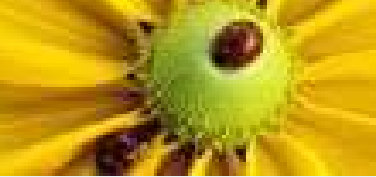
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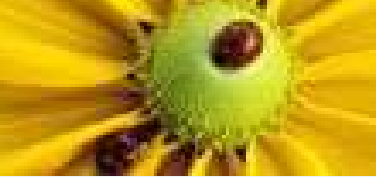
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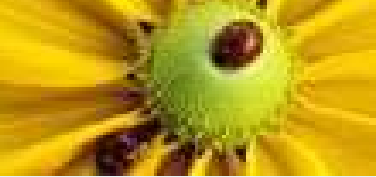
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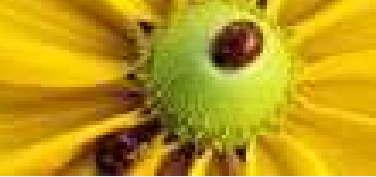
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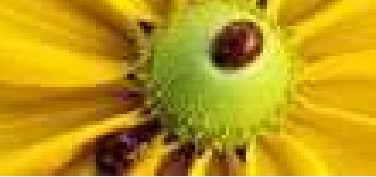
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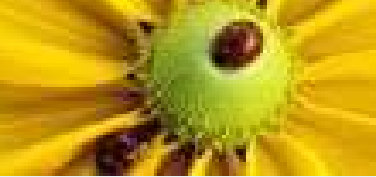
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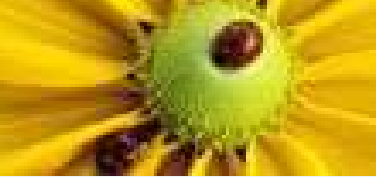
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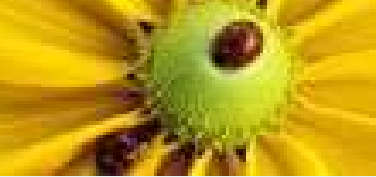
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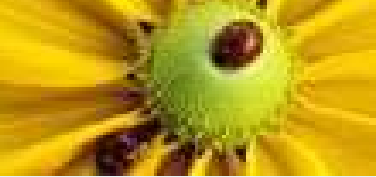
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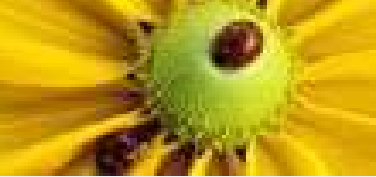
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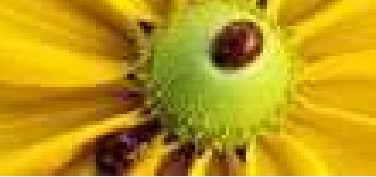
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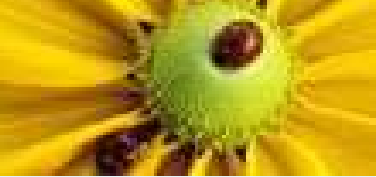
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■ Complexity

$$C_{MC} = C \times n^{2\alpha+1}$$



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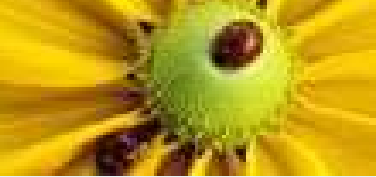
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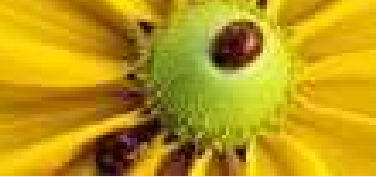
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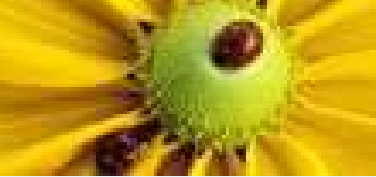
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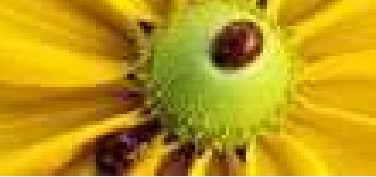
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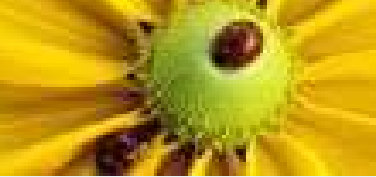
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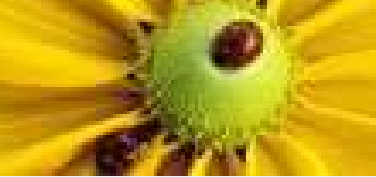
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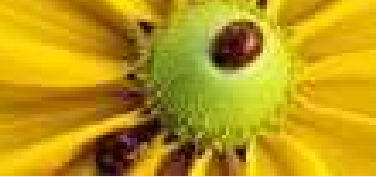
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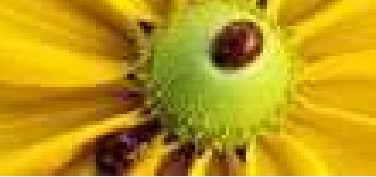
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■ Statistical Romberg method

$$V_n := \frac{1}{n^{\gamma_1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n^{\gamma_1}} f(\hat{X}_{T,i}^{n^\beta}) + \frac{1}{n^{\gamma_2}} \sum_{i=1}^{n^{\gamma_2}} f(X_{T,i}^n) - f(X_{T,i}^{n^\beta}),$$



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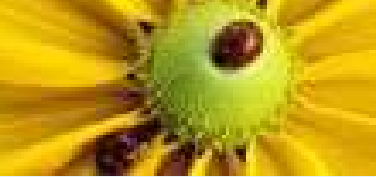
■ Theorem (Jacod & Protter 1998)

For

$$U_t^n := X_t^n - X_t$$

we have

$$\sqrt{n}U_t^n = \sqrt{n}(X_t^n - X_t) \implies \text{stable } U$$



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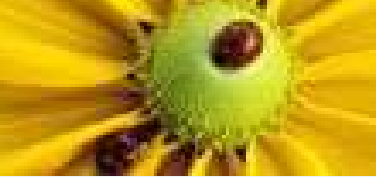
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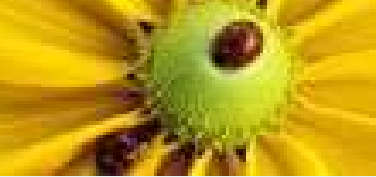
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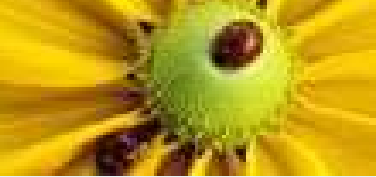
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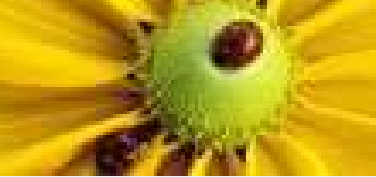
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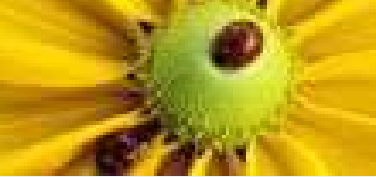
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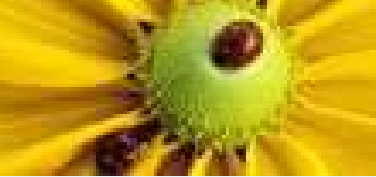
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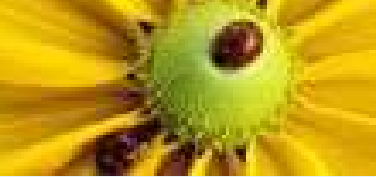
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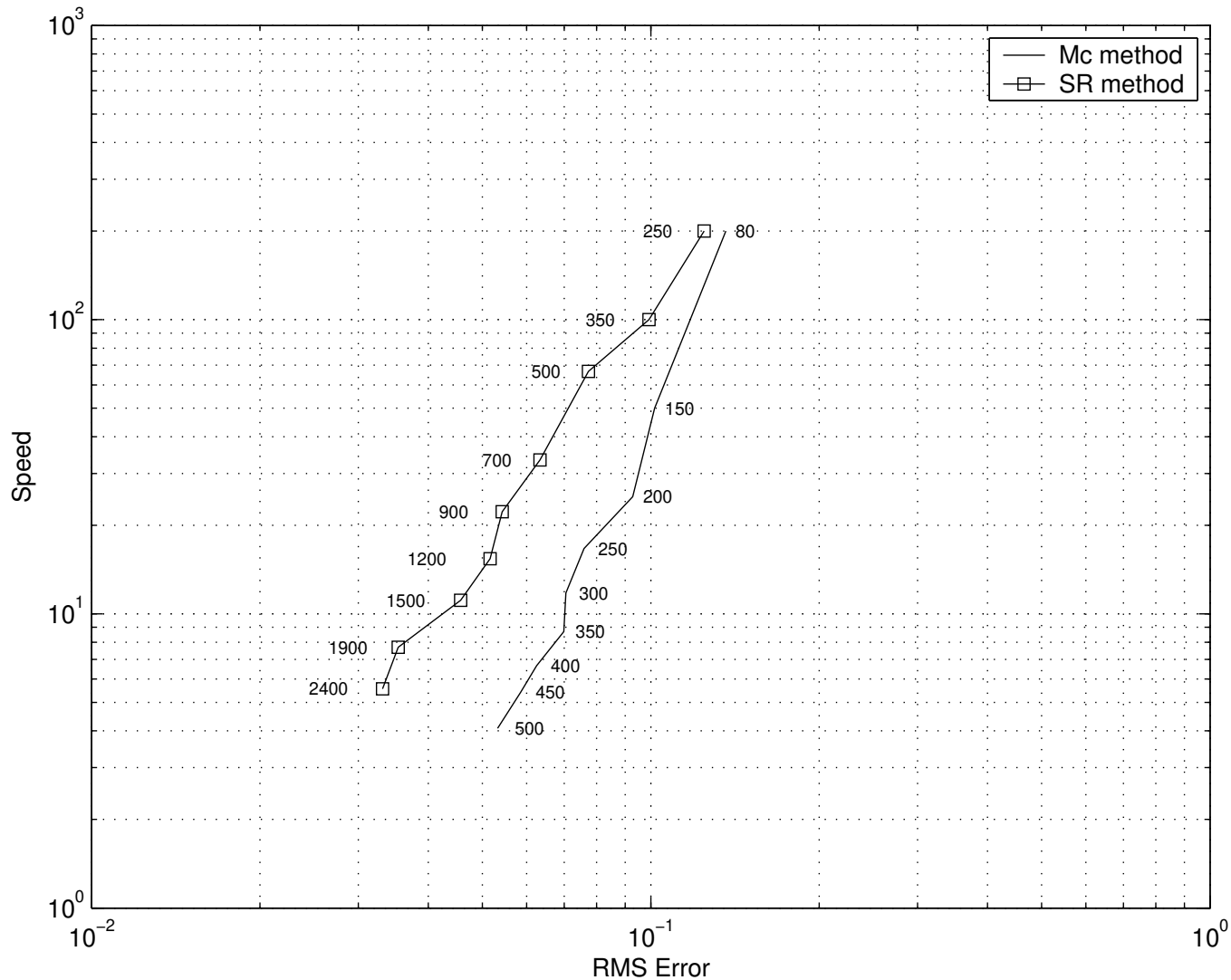
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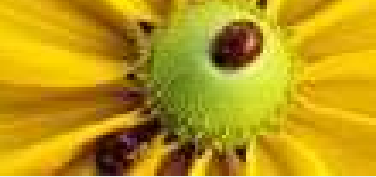
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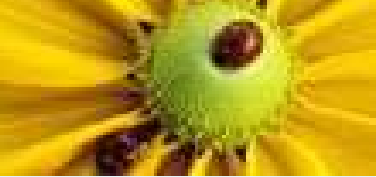
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RMS error	MC method Speed	SR method Speed
10^{-1}	45.405	102.718
$9 \cdot 10^{-2}$	23.599	85.876
$8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	18.647	70.712
$7 \cdot 10^{-2}$	9.219	49.179
$6 \cdot 10^{-2}$	5.883	29.234

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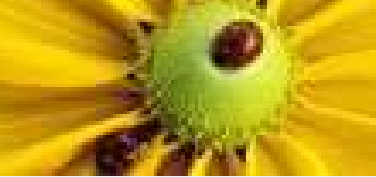
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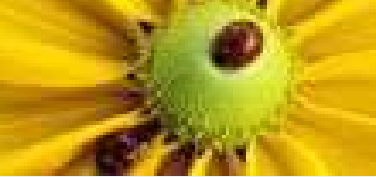
Using the above notation

$$n(I - I^n) \Rightarrow^{stably} \chi$$

where

$$\chi_t := \frac{\sigma}{2\sqrt{3}} \int_0^t S_u dB'_s$$

with B' a standard B.M independent of W .



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■ Theorem:

Let f be a given function s.t.

$$(\mathcal{H}'_f) \quad |f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq C(1 + |x|^p + |y_1|^p + |y_2|^p)|y_1 - y_2|,$$

Suppose that $\mathbb{P}((S_T, I_T) \notin \mathcal{D}_f) = 0$, with

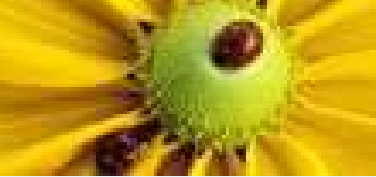
$$\mathcal{D}_f := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \mid \partial_2 f(x, y) \text{ exists}\}.$$

Then for all $\beta \in (0, 1)$, if $\gamma_1 = 2$ and $\gamma_2 = 2 - 2\beta$ we have

$$n(E_n - \mathbb{E} f(S_T, I_T)) \Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{G} + \hat{\mathbb{E}} (\partial_2 f(S_T, I_T) \chi_T),$$

avec $\hat{\sigma}_2^2 = Var(f(S_T, I_T)) + \hat{V}ar(\partial_2 f(S_T, I_T) \chi_T)$.

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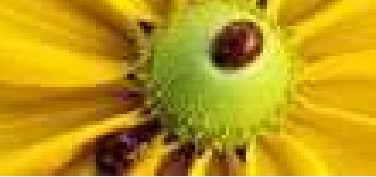
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■ $\beta^* = n^{1/3}$ which gives:

$$C_{SR} \simeq n^{7/3}$$

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- A byproduct of the above CLT

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \mathbb{E} \left(f(S_T, I_T^n) - f(S_T, I_T) \right) = \hat{\mathbb{E}} \left(\partial_2 f(S_T, I_T) \chi_T \right).$$

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- which is an alternative to the result of B.Lapeyre & E.Temam (2001)

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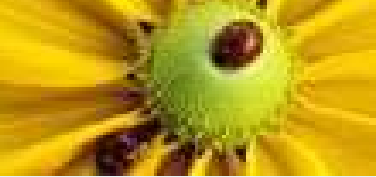
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$$\Pi = e^{-rT} \mathbb{E} \left[(I_T - K)_+ - (\exp(Z) - K)_+ \right] + \underbrace{e^{-rT} \mathbb{E} (\exp(Z) - K)_+}_{=A}$$

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- T-MC method (No variance reduction):

$$\bar{\Pi}_{MC} = \frac{e^{-rT}}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} (\bar{I}_{T,i}^n - K)_+.$$

- T-KV-MC method (With variance reduction) :

$$\bar{\Pi}_{KV-MC} = \frac{e^{-rT}}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} (\bar{I}_{T,i}^n - K)_+ - (\bar{Z}_{T,i}^n - K)_+ + A$$

SR method(**No** variance reduction)

■ T-SR method:

$$\Pi_{RS} = \bar{E}_1 + \bar{E}_2$$

$$\bar{E}_1 = \frac{e^{-rT}}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n^2} \left(\hat{I}_{T,i}^{n^{1/3}} - K \right)_+$$

$$\bar{E}_2 = \frac{e^{-rT}}{n^{4/3}} \sum_{i=1}^{n^{4/3}} \left(\bar{I}_{T,i}^n - K \right)_+ - \left(\bar{I}_{T,i}^{n^{1/3}} - K \right)_+.$$

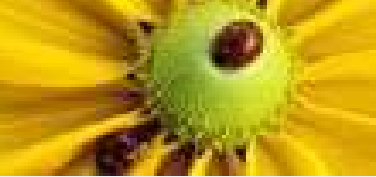
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■ T-KV-RS method:

$$\Pi_{KV-RS} = \bar{F}_1 + \bar{F}_2$$

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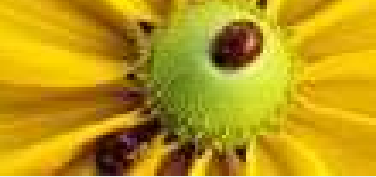
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$$\blacksquare \bar{F}_2 = \frac{e^{-rT}}{n^{\frac{4}{3}}} \sum_{i=1}^{n^{\frac{4}{3}}} \left(\bar{I}_{T,i}^n - K \right)_+ - \left(\bar{Z}_{T,i}^n - K \right)_+ \\ + \left(\bar{I}_{T,i}^{n^{1/3}} - K \right)_+ - \left(\bar{Z}_{T,i}^{n^{1/3}} - K \right)_+ .$$



Performances (**without** variance reduction)

RMS	T-MC Speed	T-SR Speed
3.10^{-2}	481.05	777.82
10^{-2}	55.57	129.92
7.10^{-3}	21.76	67.28
5.10^{-3}	7.95	35.97
3.10^{-3}	1.66	10.97

Table 2

Complexity reduction for the Asian Call

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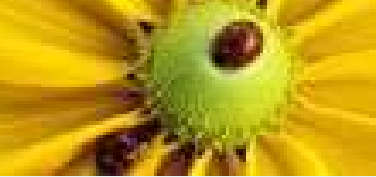
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RMS	T-KV-MC Speed	T-KV-SR Speed
2.10^{-3}	79.3994	122.1907
10^{-3}	12.6353	30.2952
8.10^{-4}	7.4484	20.9045
6.10^{-4}	3.2687	11.6519
3.10^{-4}	0.1460	1.97

Table 3

Complexity reduction for the Asian Call
with the control variate of Kemna & Vorst