

Vanishing corrections

For the position of a linear KPP
Front.

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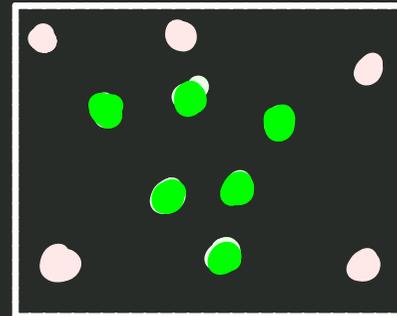
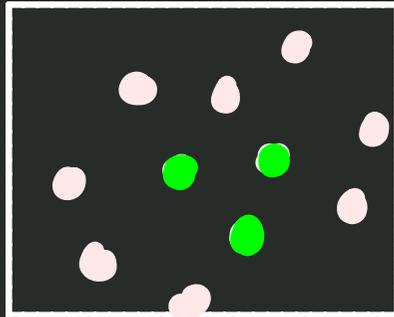
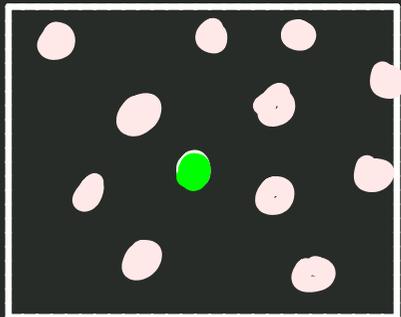
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Ex: $A + B \rightarrow 2A$ in the limit of infinite densities.



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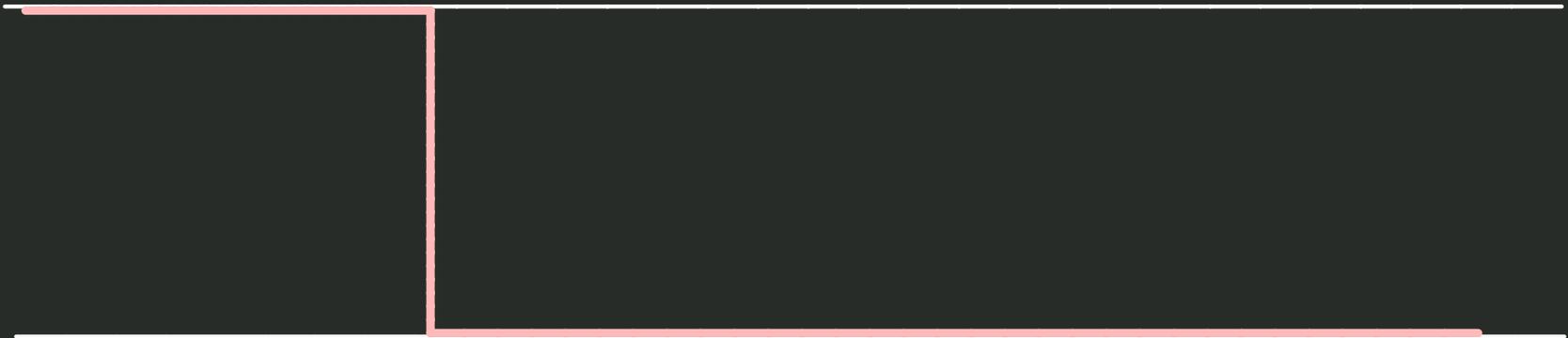
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A: $\exists w, \text{TW of speed } c, \text{ from } 1 \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow c \geq 2$

The TW of speed c is unique up to horizontal shift
 w^* = critical TW of speed 2.

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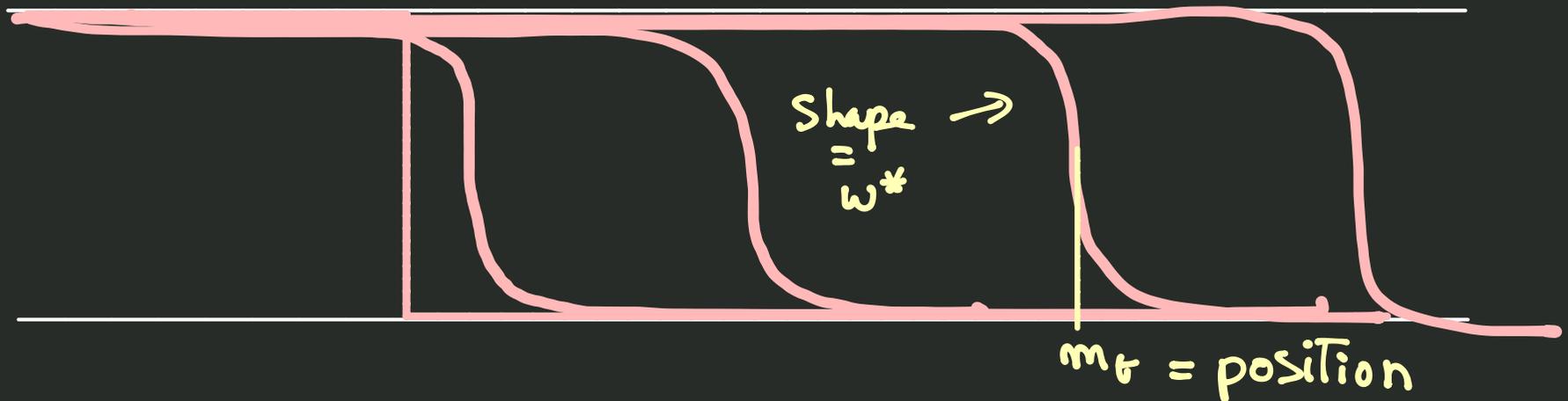
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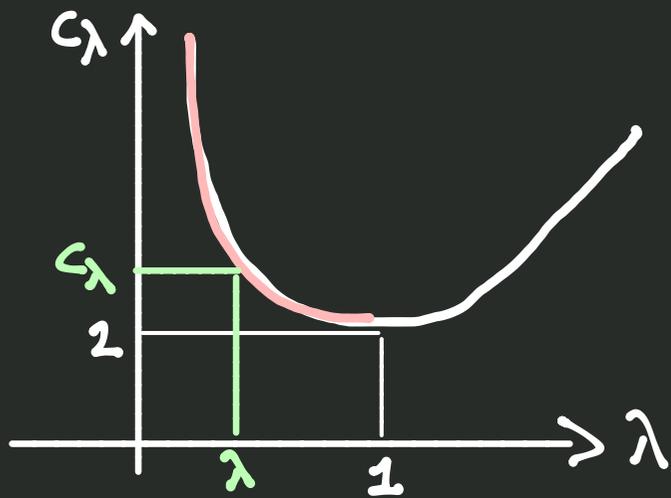
$$u(x + m_t, t) \rightarrow w^*(x) \text{ unif in } x.$$

$$\text{and } m_t = 2t + o(t)$$

KPP and Bramson

In fact Speed selection \sim asymptotic behavior of $U(0, x)$

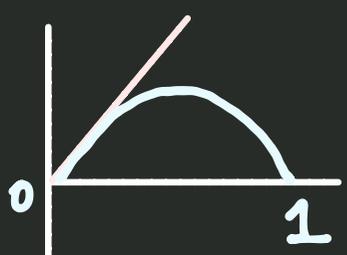
if $u(0, x) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \sim e^{-\lambda x} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow U(x + m_t^{(\lambda)}, t) \rightarrow W_\lambda(x)$
where $m_t^{(\lambda)} = c_\lambda t + o(t)$



(ex: $c_\lambda = \lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda}$)

\Rightarrow TW with speed c_λ
 $\sim e^{-\lambda x}$ at ∞

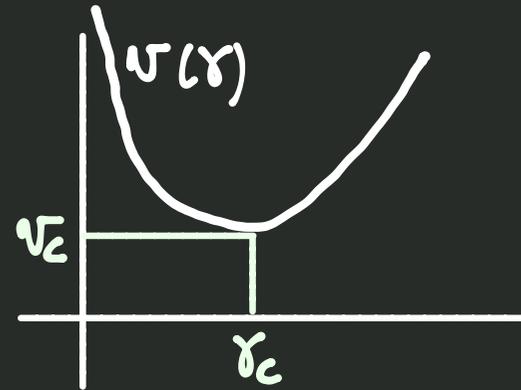
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Universality $\partial_t u = \partial_{xx}^2 u + f(u)$ $f:$ 

$$m_x(t) = 2t - \frac{3}{2} \log t + c - 3\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{t}} + \dots$$

More generally: for "pulled" fronts

and



$$m_x(t) = v_c t - \frac{3}{2x_c} \log t + c - 3\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{x_c^5 v''(x_c)}} t^{-1/2} + \dots$$

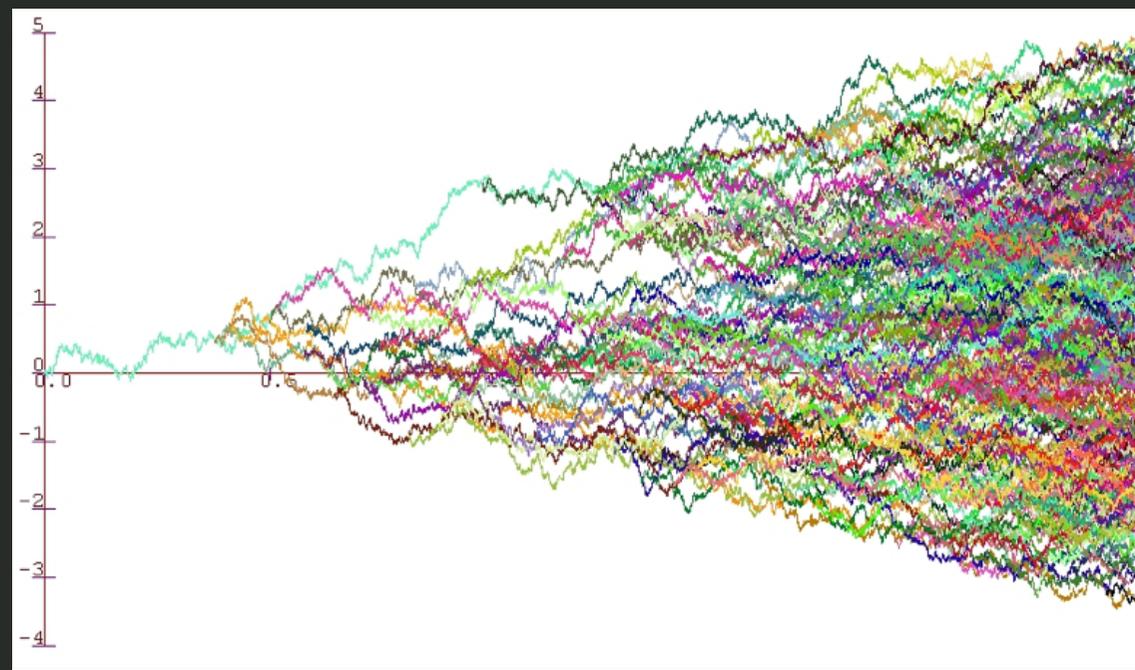
KPP & BBM BBM = branching Brownian motion

- $ptc \sim \sqrt{2} B_t$ (so that generator is Δ , not $\frac{1}{2}\Delta$)
- split into two at rate 1
- ptc are independent.

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$X_i(t)$ = position of ptc at time t

Let $\varphi(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$



McKean '75

$$u(x,t) = \mathbb{E} \left[\prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} \varphi(x - X_i(t)) \right]$$

Solves $\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \partial_x^2 u - u(1-u) \\ u(x,0) = \varphi(x) \end{cases}$ KPP

ex $\varphi(x) = \mathbb{1}_{x \geq 0}$

$$u(x,t) = \mathbb{P}_0(\max X_i(t) \leq x)$$

\Rightarrow cdf of $\max X_i(t)$!

Bramson for probabilists

$M_t =$ position of rightmost ptc
 $= \max_i \{ X_i(t) \}$

$U(t, x) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(M_t < x)$
Solves F-KPP Take $m_t = 2t - \frac{3}{2} \log t + c$

$$U(x + m_t, t) = \mathbb{P}(M_t - m_t \leq x) \rightarrow W^*(x)$$

$\Rightarrow (M_t - m_t)$ converges in dist. to W

and $\mathbb{P}(W \leq x)$ is the critical Travelling wave.

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• Can we choose m_t so that

$$\cdot U(m_t + 1, t) = 1 \quad \forall t ?$$

$$\cdot U'(m_t, t) = 1 \quad \forall t ?$$

$$\cdot \int_0^\infty U(m_t + x, t) dx = 1 \quad ?$$

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• For $r(t)$ well chosen $\left(\approx -\frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{t}}\right)$ if $\nu < -4$

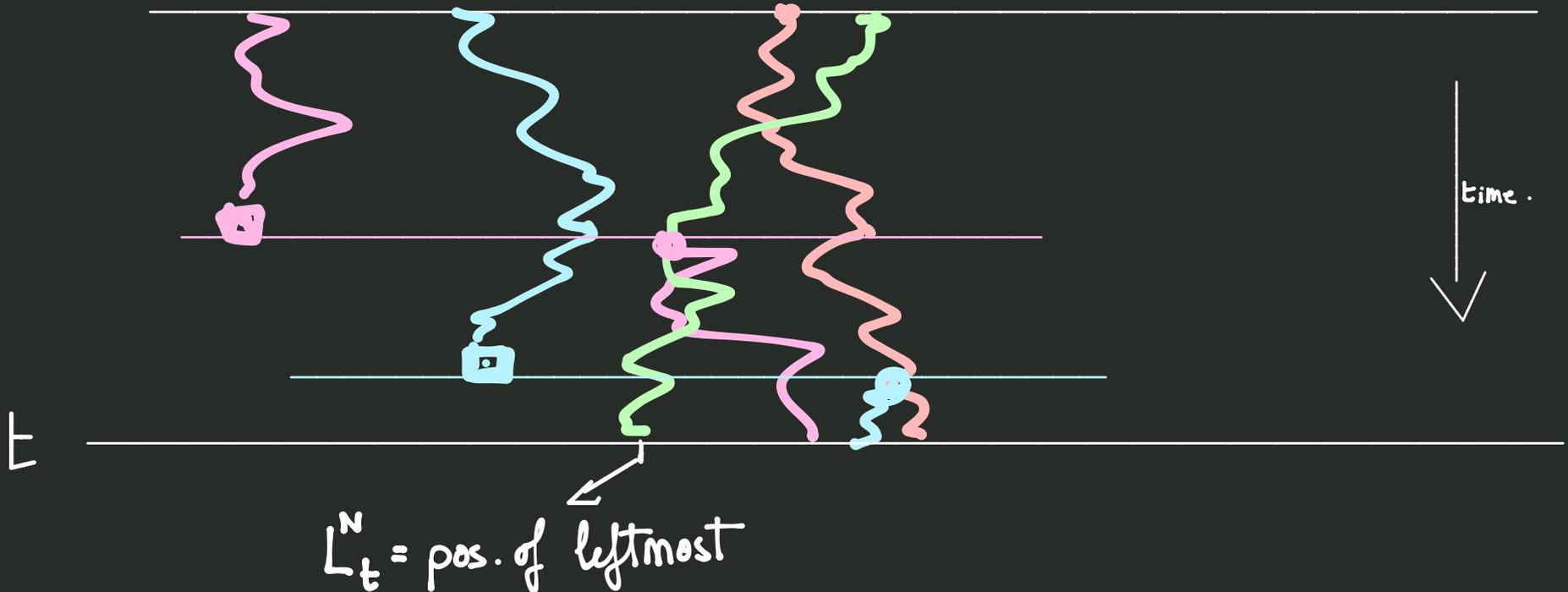
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Conjecture: on $[0, T]$, $(L_t^N, \mu_t^N(dx))$ converges weakly to

$(L_t, U(t, x)dx)$ solution of free boundary pb:

• $\partial_t U = \Delta U + U \quad \forall x > L_t$

• $U(L_t, t) = 0$

• $\forall t \int_{L_t}^{\infty} dy U(t, y) dy = 1$

(hydrodynamic limit)

We believe $L_t = 2t - \frac{3}{2} \log t + c - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{t}} + \dots$

⇒ Durrett - Remenik prove it for a related model.

Summary

1) For FKPP $\partial_t u = \Delta u + u(1-u)$ with $u_0(x) =$

fast decreasing

$$m_\alpha(t) = \inf \{ x : u(t, x) = \alpha \}$$

$$\text{Then } m_\alpha(t) = 2t - \frac{3}{2} \log t + C_\alpha + \frac{\gamma_\alpha}{\sqrt{t}} + O(t^{-0.99})$$

→ recent work. But, private communication, in fact $\gamma_\alpha = -3\sqrt{\pi}$!
Nollen, Roquejoffre, Ryzhik.

2) The linear free boundary pb. $(L_t, u(t, x))$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \Delta u + u \\ u(L_t, t) = 0 \\ + \text{extra cond.} \end{cases}$$

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$$q(t,x,y) = e^t \mathbb{P}_y(B_t \in dx, B_s > m_s \quad \forall s \in (0,t))$$

density of ptc near x , started from y , killing at m_s

$$U(x,t) = \int_0^\infty h(y) q(t,x,y) dy$$

$$q(t,x,y) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t m^2(s) ds} \mathbb{P}_y(B_t \in dx, B_s > m_s \quad \forall s \in (0,t))$$

$$q(t, x+m_t, y) = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t m^2(s) ds} \mathbb{P}_y(B_t \in dx, B_s > 0) \mathbb{E}_y \left[Z^{(m)}(B) \mid B_t \in dx, B_s > 0 \quad \forall s \right]$$

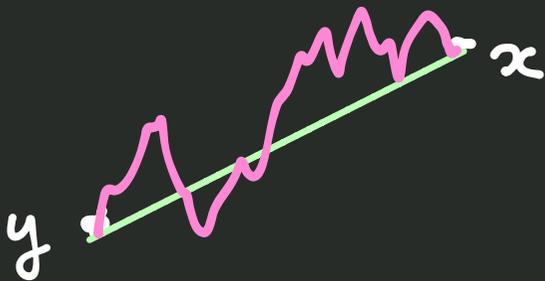
↳ Girsanov Term.

$$q(t, x+m_t, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} \sinh \frac{xy}{2t} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{4t}} e^{-\frac{1}{4} \int_0^t m^2(s) ds} e^{\frac{m(t)}{2t} (y-x)} \underline{\Psi_t(y,x)}$$

where

$$\Psi_t(y,x) = \mathbb{E}_y \left[\exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t m(s) \left(\underbrace{\sum_s^{t: y \rightarrow x}}_{\text{Bessel bridge}} - \underbrace{y + \frac{x-y}{t}s}_{\text{linear path}} \right) ds \right) \right]$$

Bessel bridge
from y to x of length t .



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$\lim_y \Psi_\infty(y) = e^\Delta$ where $\Delta = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty ds (m'(s) - \nu)^2$

write $m(s) = \sqrt{s} + \delta(s)$, $\delta(s) = O(\log s)$, $\delta'(s) = O(1/s)$

then

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Thanks!

We focus on the "Bramson" case:

Thm

$$h(x) = O(x^\nu e^{-x}), \quad \nu < -2 \quad m_t = 2t - \frac{3}{2} \log t + a + r(t)$$

$$\phi(x) = \alpha x e^{-x} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{e^{-a-\Delta}}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int h(y) y e^{-y} \psi_0(y) dy$$

$$\text{with } r(t) \rightarrow 0, \quad r''(t) = O(t^{-2-\eta}) \quad \eta > 0$$

$$U(x+m_t, t) = \alpha x e^{-x} \left[1 - r(t) - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{t}} + O(t^{1+\nu/2}) + O\left(\frac{1}{t^{1/2+\eta}}\right) + O\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right) + O(r(t)^2) \right]$$

\Rightarrow rate of conv. $U(x+m_t, t)$ to $\alpha x e^{-x}$ is

$$\max\left(|r(t)|, t^{-1/2}, t^{1+\nu/2}\right).$$

\Rightarrow If $\nu < -3$ take $r(t) = -\frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{t}}$, if $-3 < \nu < -2$, $r(t) = O(t^{1+\nu/2})$.

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$$\forall y_t \rightarrow \infty \quad \sum_s^{t:y_t \rightarrow 0} - y_t \frac{t-s}{t} \rightarrow B_s$$

$\exists G$ r.v. with Gaussian tail s.t. $\forall s, \forall y$

$$\left| \sum_s^{(y)} - y \right| \leq G \max \left(s^{1/2 - \varepsilon}, s^{1/2 + \varepsilon} \right)$$

Assume m is C^2 , $m''(s) = O(s^{-2})$

$$\Rightarrow m'(s) = \nu + O(1/s), \quad m(s) = \nu(s) + O(\log s)$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} (m'(s) - \nu)^2 ds$$

$$\Psi_{\tau}(y, x) = \mathbb{E} \left[e^{\mathbb{I}_{\tau}(y, x)} \right]$$

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Next: Girsanov

$$q(t, x + m_t, y) = e^{t - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t ds m'(s)^2} \mathbb{E}_y \left[B_t \in dx, B_s > 0 \quad \forall s, \right. \\ \left. \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t m'(s) dB_s\right) \right]$$

$$\text{Now, } \mathbb{E}_y [B_t \in dx, B_s > 0, \forall s \leq t] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi t}} \sinh \frac{xy}{2t} e^{-\frac{x^2 - y^2}{4t}} dx$$

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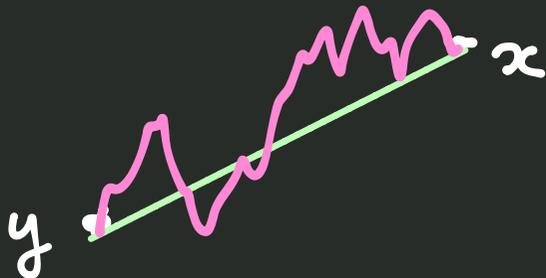
$\xi_s^{t: y \rightarrow x}$: Bessel bridge from y to x of length t .

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\Rightarrow Bessel toolbox to compute $\Psi_+(y, x)$.

