

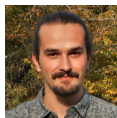
On the existence and uniqueness of solutions to the Dean-Kawasaki equation

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(For $d \geq 1$ see e.g. Veretennikov '16)

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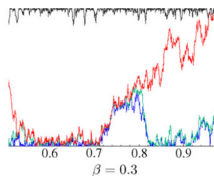
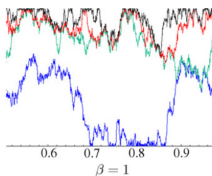
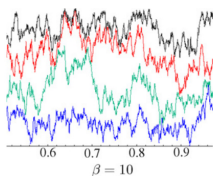
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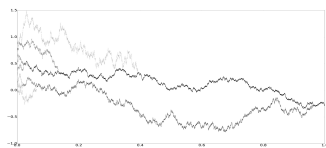
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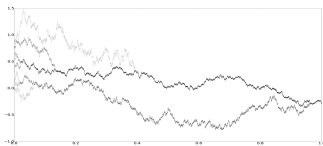
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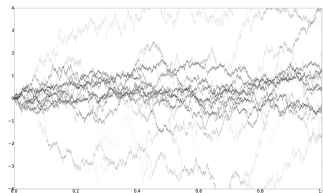
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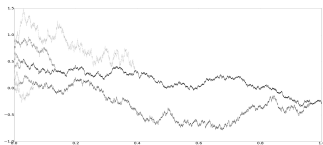
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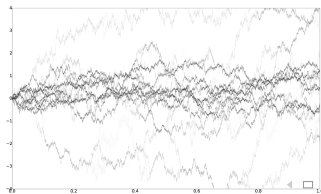
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