

Conditional Distribution of Independent Brownian Motions to Event of Coalescing Paths

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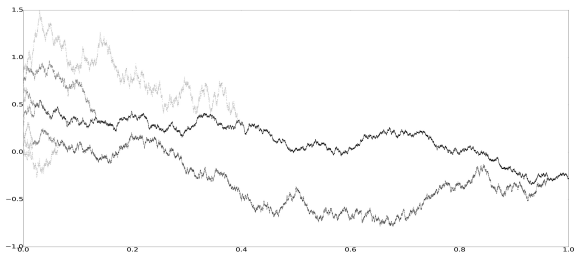
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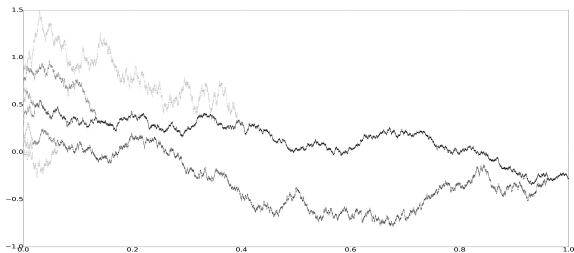


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Main result: Finite dimensional case

Theorem. (K., Marx '20)

Let $X = (W_1, \dots, W_n)$, where W_k are independent Brownian motions with diffusion rates σ_k^2 (with masses $m_k = \frac{1}{\sigma_k^2}$; assume: $m_1 + \dots + m_n = 1$) starting from $x_1^0 < \dots < x_n^0$, and

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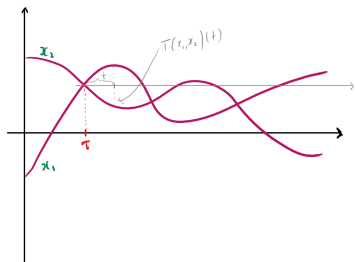
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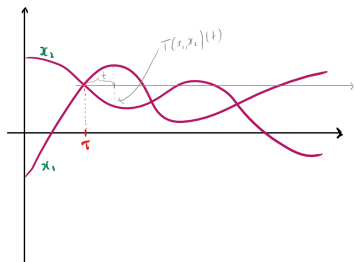
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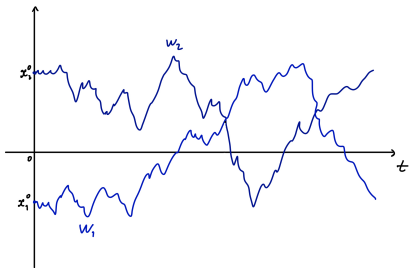
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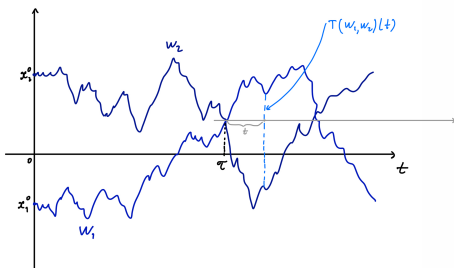
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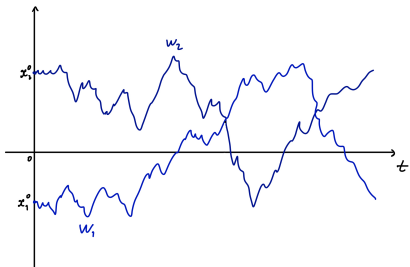
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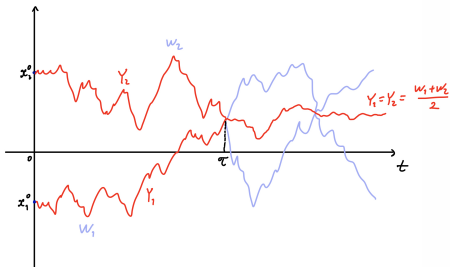
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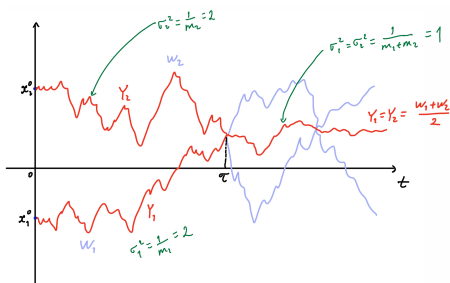
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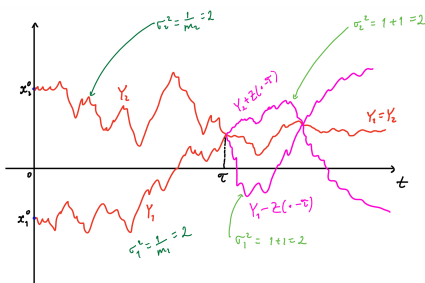
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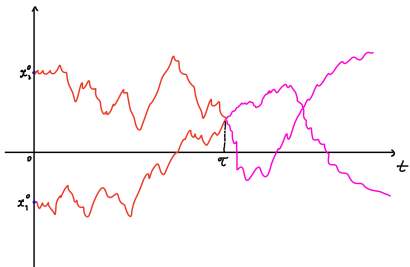
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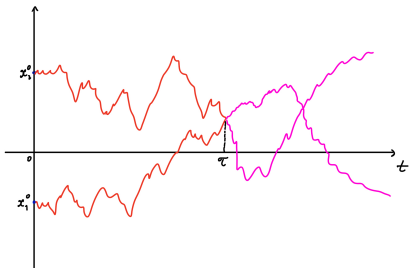
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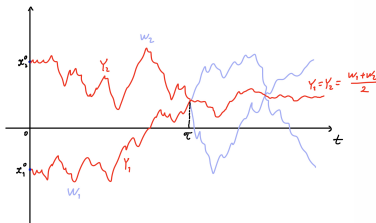
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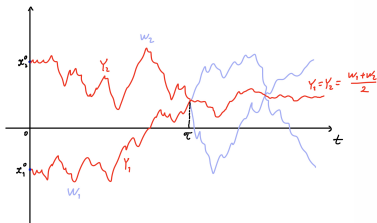
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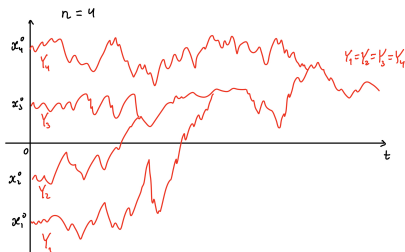
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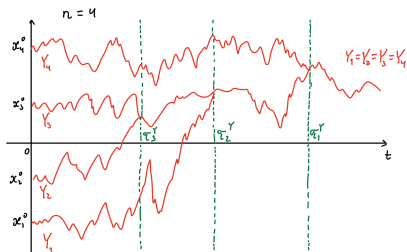
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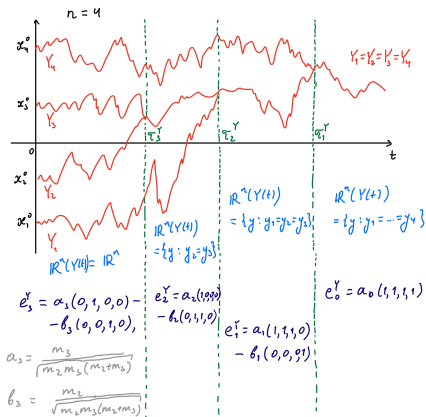
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Construction problems:

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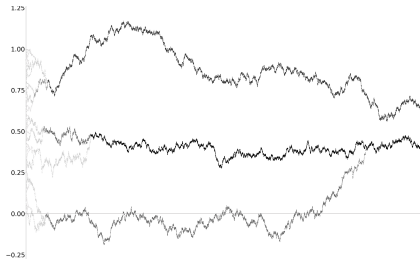
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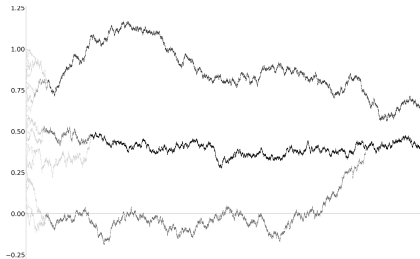
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Main result: Infinite dimensional case

Theorem (K., Marx)

The law of (Y, \widehat{Y}) is the value at 0 of the regular conditional probability of X given $\xi := T(X)$ along the sequence $\{\xi^n\}_{n \geq 1}$, where

$$\begin{cases} d\xi_j^n(t) = -\alpha_j^n \mathbb{I}_{\{t \leq n\}} \xi_j^n(t) dt + d\widehat{\xi}_j(t), \\ \xi_j^n(0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $\{\alpha_j^n, n, j \geq 1\}$ is a family of non-negative real numbers such that

(O1) for every $n \geq 1$ the series $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_j^n)^2 < +\infty$;

(O2) for every $j \geq 1$, $\alpha_j^n \rightarrow +\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.



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