Entrance and exit at infinity for stable jump diffusions

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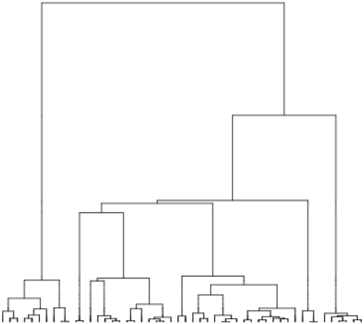

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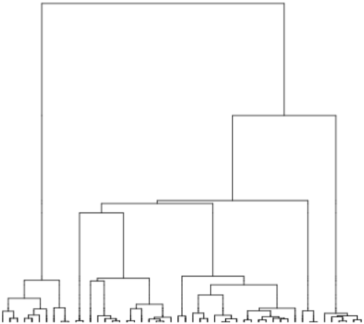

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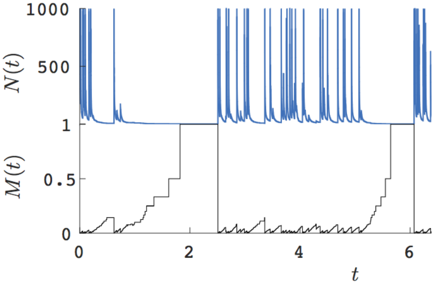

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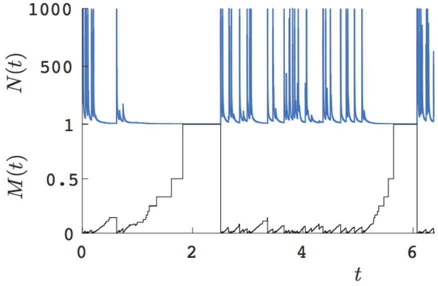

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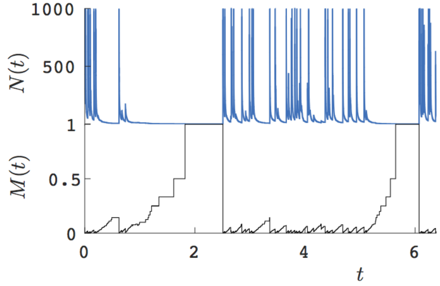

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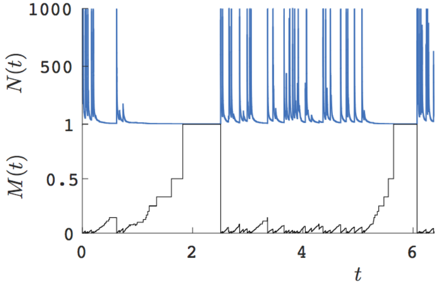

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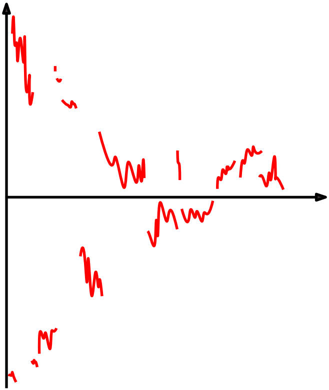

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Definition

We say that $\pm\infty$ is a (continuous) entrance point for a Feller process Y on $\mathbb{R}$ with transition semigroup $\mathcal{P}$ (with probabilities $\mathbb{P}_x, x \in \mathbb{R}$) if

(i) the point $\pm\infty$ is not accessible,

(ii) the semigroup $\mathcal{P}$ can be extended to a Feller semigroup $\overline{\mathcal{P}}$ on $C_b(\overline{\mathbb{R}})$,

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Suppose that $\hat{X}^\circ$ has probabilities $\hat{\mathbb{P}}^\circ_x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Define $\hat{Z}^\circ_t = \hat{X}^\circ_{\iota_t}$, $t \geq 0$, where the time-change ι is given by

$$\iota_t = \inf\left\{ s > 0 : \int_0^s \sigma(\hat{X}^\circ_s)^{-\alpha} ds > t \right\}, \qquad t < \int_0^\infty \sigma(\hat{X}^\circ_s)^{-\alpha} ds.$$

Recall that Z has the law of the unique weak solution to the SDE and $Z^\dagger$ is the same process killed on first hitting 0.

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Remark on proof: Important step is to prove weak duality:

$$p_{Z^\dagger}(t, y, \mathrm{d}z)\mu(\mathrm{d}y) = p_{\hat{Z}^\circ}(t, z, \mathrm{d}y)\mu(\mathrm{d}z)$$

where

$$\mu(dy) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \nu(\mathrm{d}x) G_{\hat{Z}^\circ}(x, \mathrm{d}y) = \sigma(x)^{-\alpha} h(x)\mathrm{d}x$$

and $G_{\hat{Z}^\circ}$ is the resolvent of $\hat{Z}^\circ$

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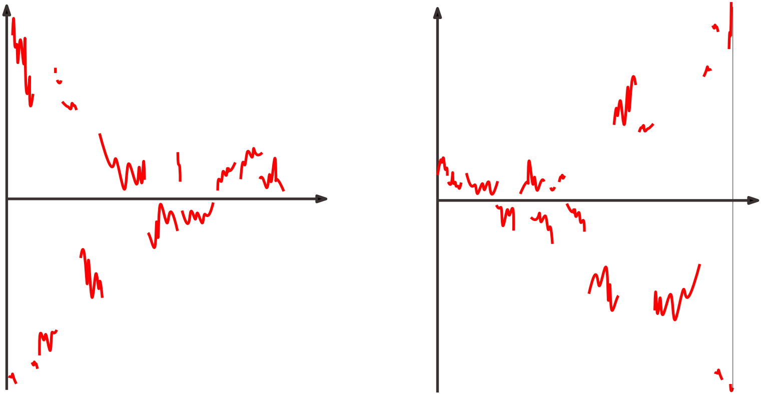

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then necessarily $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sigma(x)^{-\alpha}|x|^{\alpha-1}\,\mathrm{d}x < \infty$.

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Explosion (exit at infinity)

Theorem

Suppose that $\sigma > 0$ and let

$$I^{\sigma,\alpha}(A) = \int_A \sigma(x)^{-\alpha}|x|^{\alpha-1}dx.$$

Then the following table exhaustively summarises finite time explosion for

$$dZ_t = \sigma(Z_{t-})\,dX_t, \qquad Z_0 = z \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0.$$

Necessary and sufficient conditions for exit at infinite boundary points				
α	Jumps	$+\infty$	$-\infty$	$\pm\infty$
< 1	only $\downarrow$	✗	✓ iff $I^{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}_-) < \infty$	✗
	only $\uparrow$	✓ iff $I^{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}_+) < \infty$	✗	✗
	$\uparrow$ & $\downarrow$	✗	✗	✓ iff $I^{\sigma,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}) < \infty$
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Thank you!