

Sharp integrability condition of an exit time for stable processes from unbounded domains

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The process X_t has symmetric and continuous transition densities.

$$\mathbf{P}^x (X_t \in A) = \int_A p(t, x, y) dy,$$
$$p(t, x, y) \asymp \min \left\{ t^{-d/\alpha}, \frac{t}{|x - y|^{d+\alpha}} \right\}.$$

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Exit time and killed process

Let τ_D denote the first exit time from an open set D .

The transition density of the process killed while exiting D is defined by

$$p_D(t, x, y) = p(t, x, y) - \mathbf{E}^x(\tau_D < t, p(t - \tau_D, X(\tau_D), y)).$$

We have

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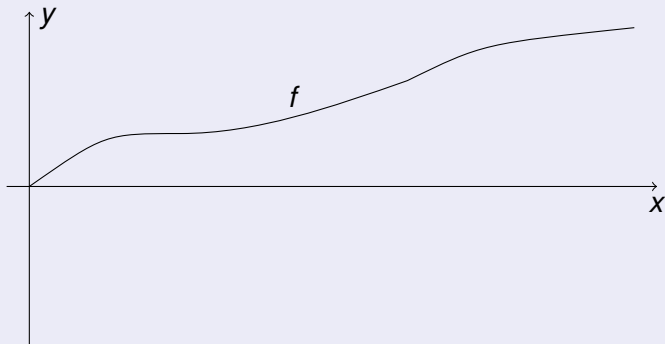
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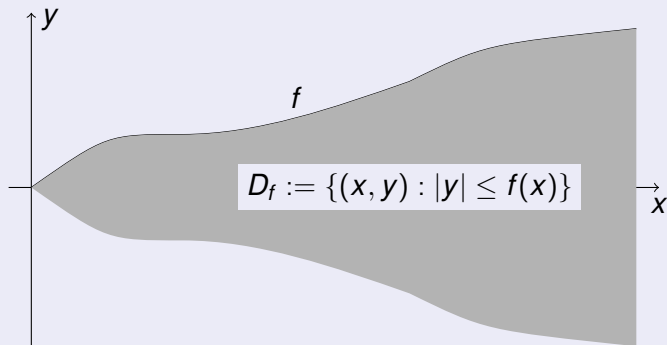
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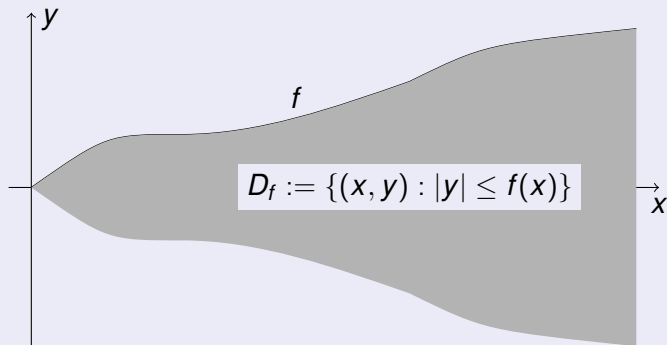
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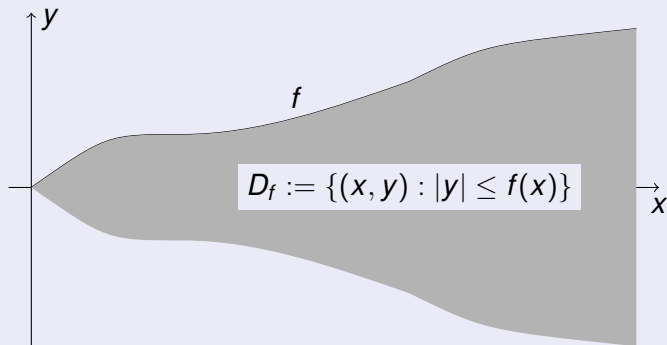


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As a special case of this corollary we get all results for stable processes mentioned before.

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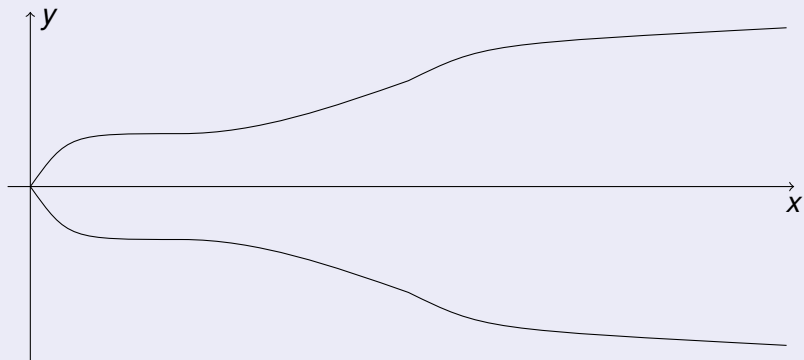
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Let D be a convex domain with width R . Then

$$p_D(t, x, y) \leq c \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda t}{R^\alpha}\right) p(t, x, y) \times \\ \times \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\delta_D^{\alpha/2}(x)}{\sqrt{t}}, \frac{\delta_D^{\alpha/2}(y)}{\sqrt{t}}, \frac{\delta_D^{\alpha/2}(x)\delta_D^{\alpha/2}(y)}{t} \right\}.$$

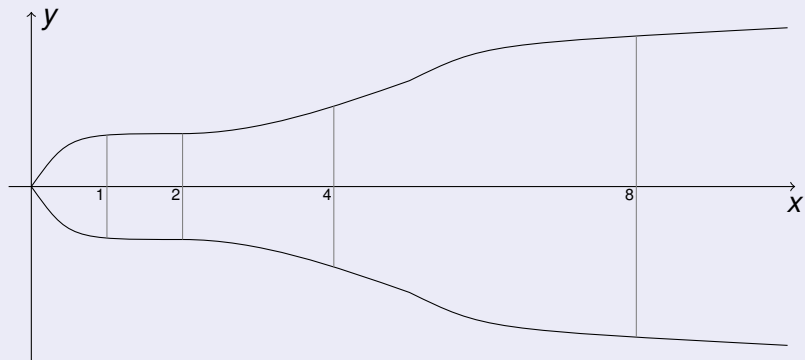
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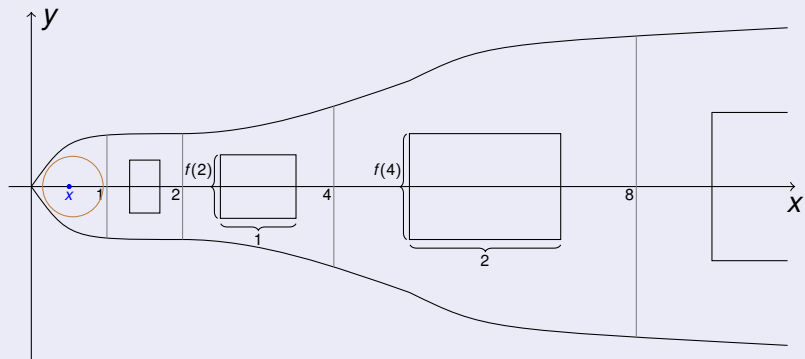
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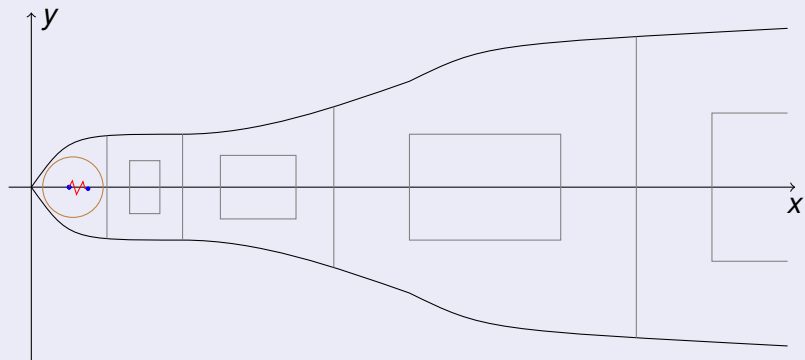
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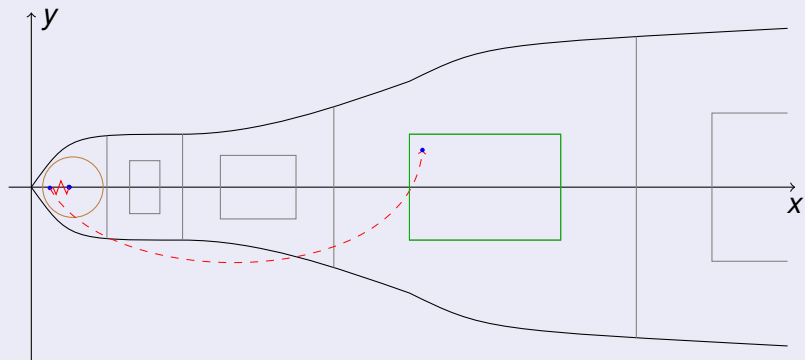


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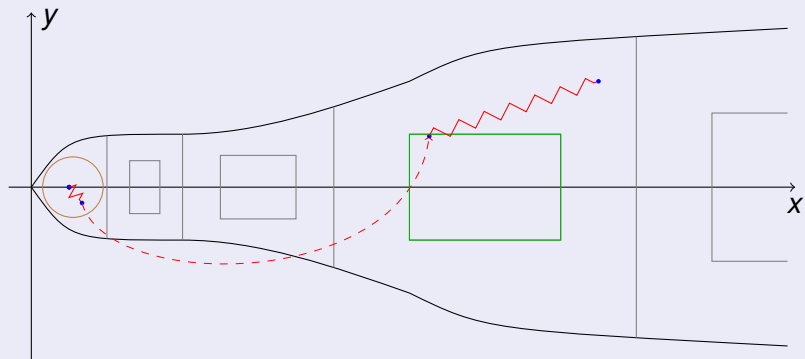


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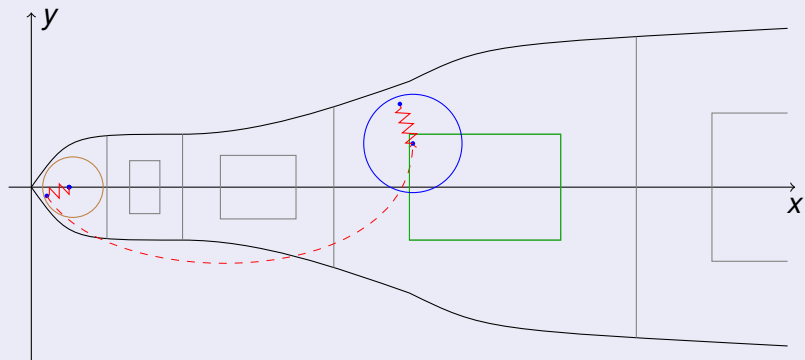


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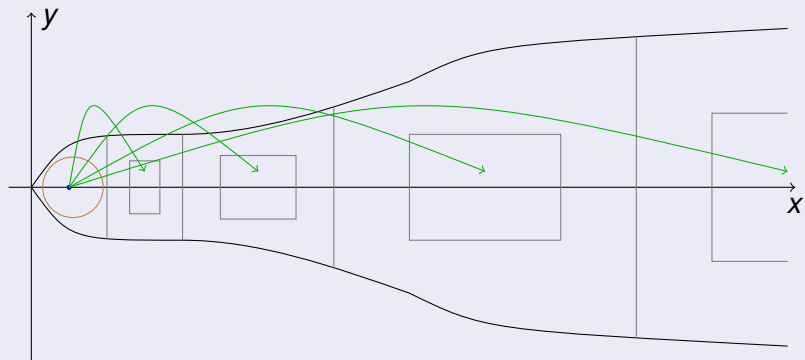


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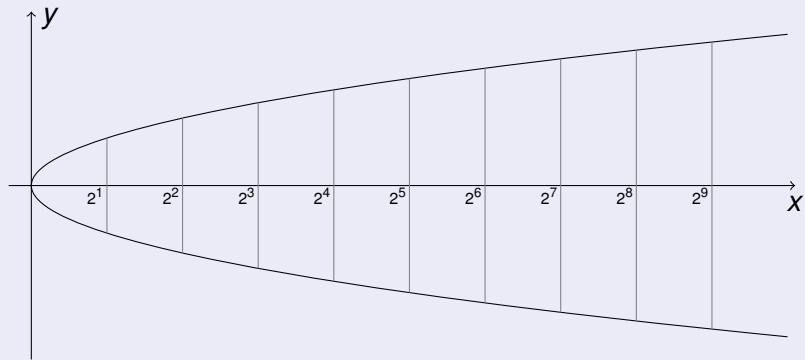
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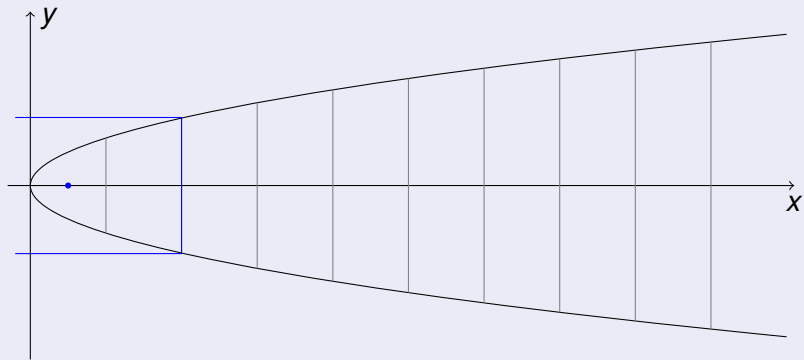
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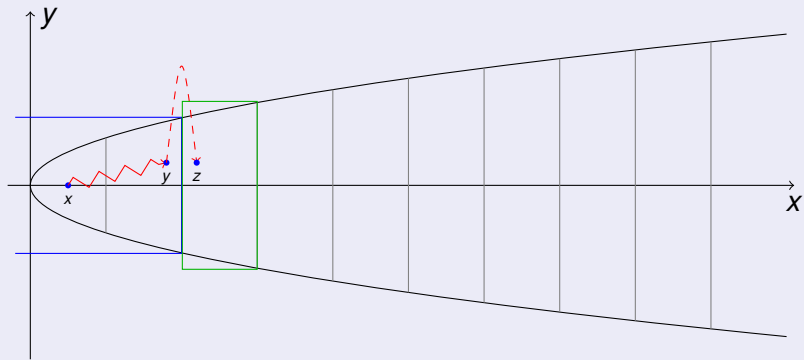
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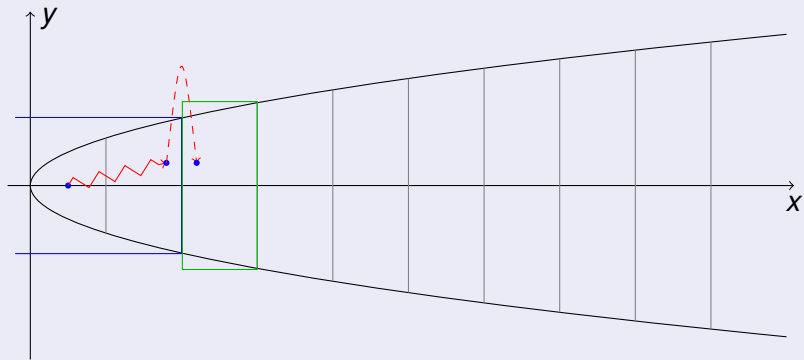
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Ikeda-Watanabe formula:

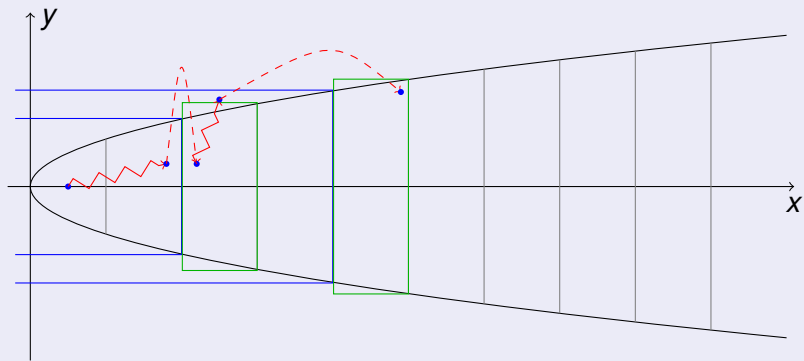
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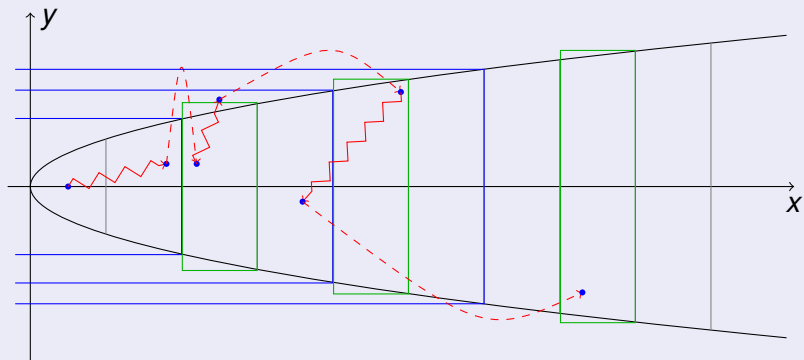
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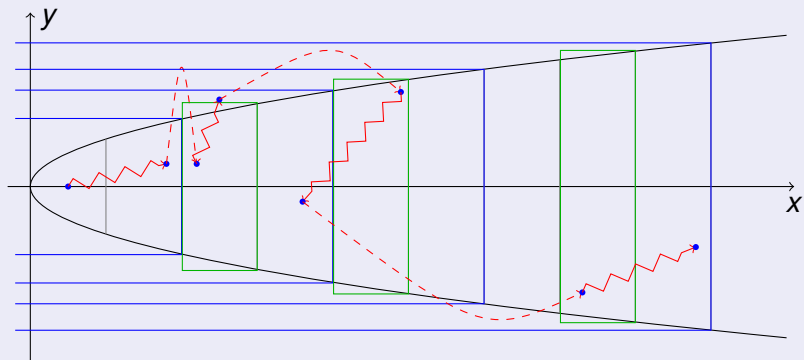
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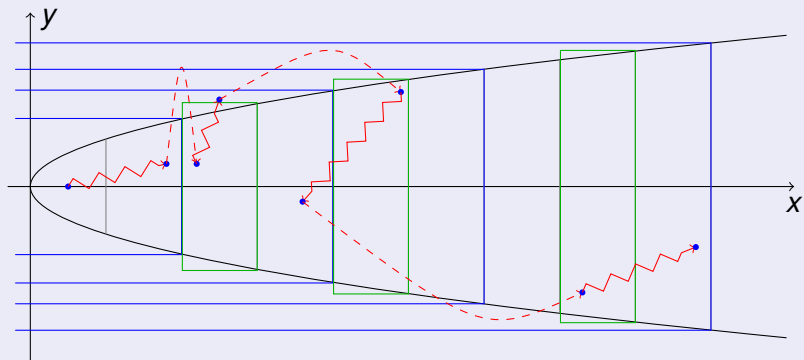
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