

# SPECTRAL METHODS FOR BIVARIATE MARKOV PROCESSES

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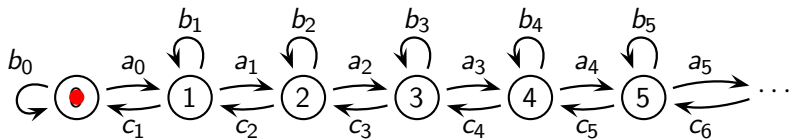
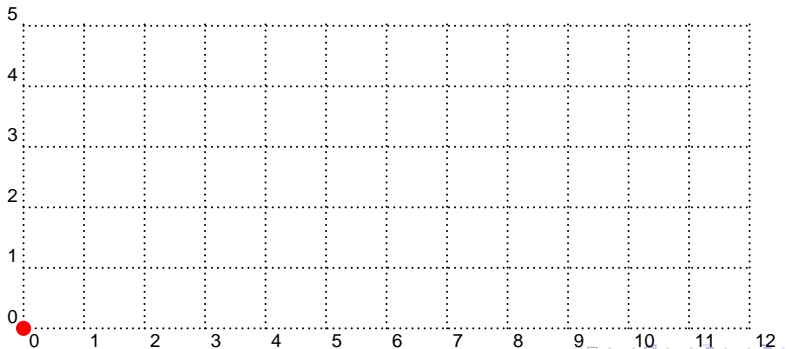
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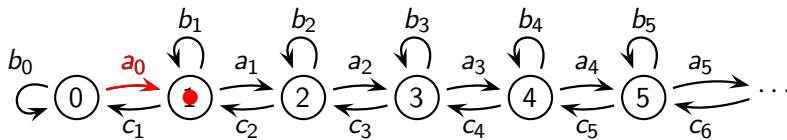
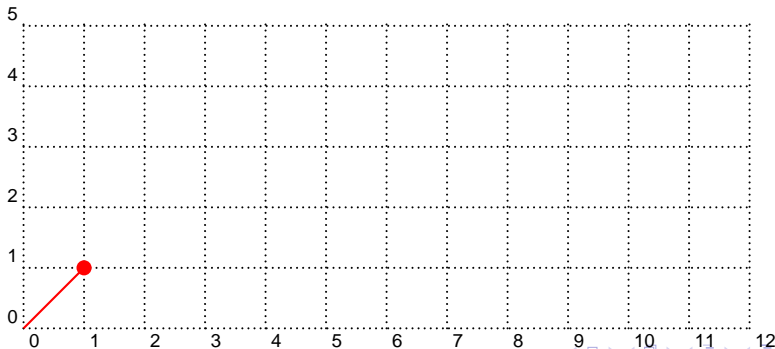
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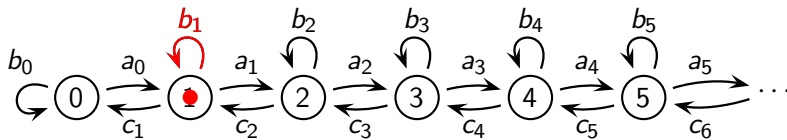
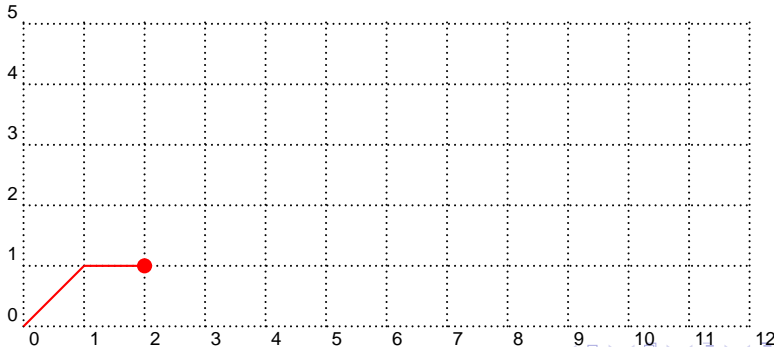
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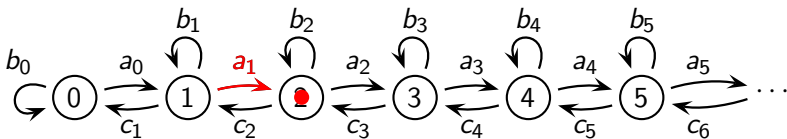
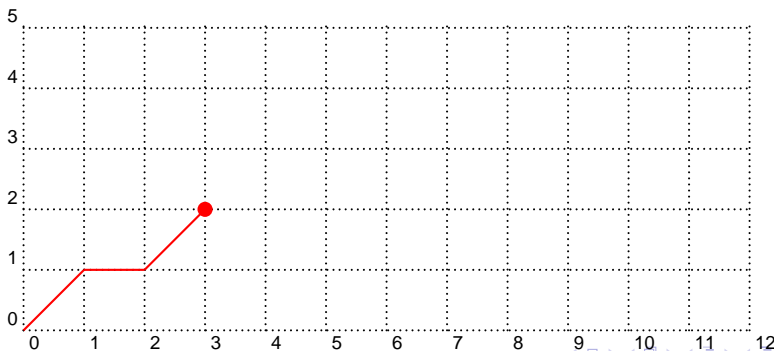
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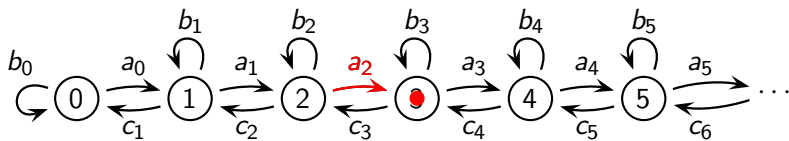
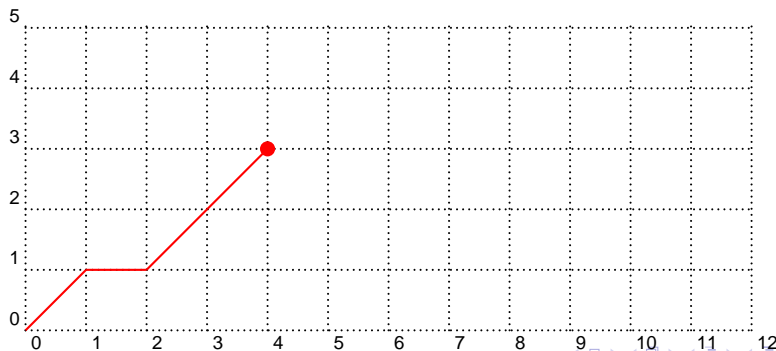
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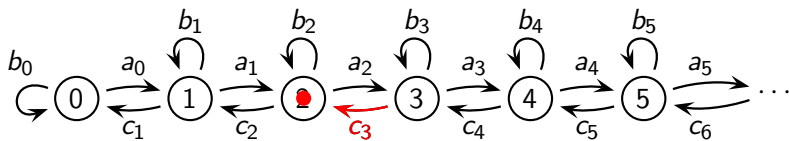
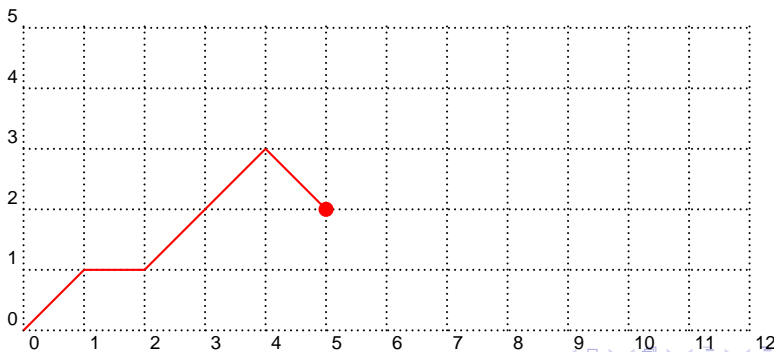
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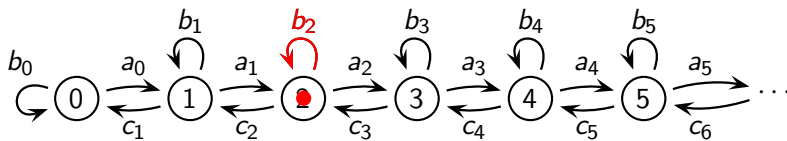
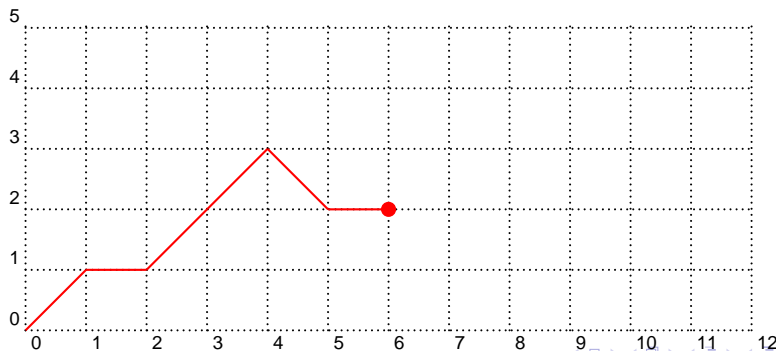
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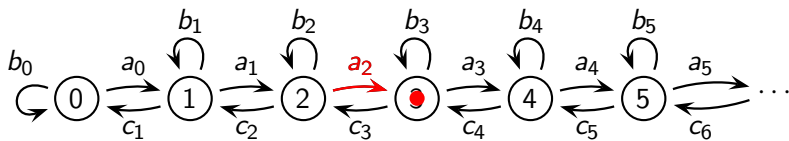
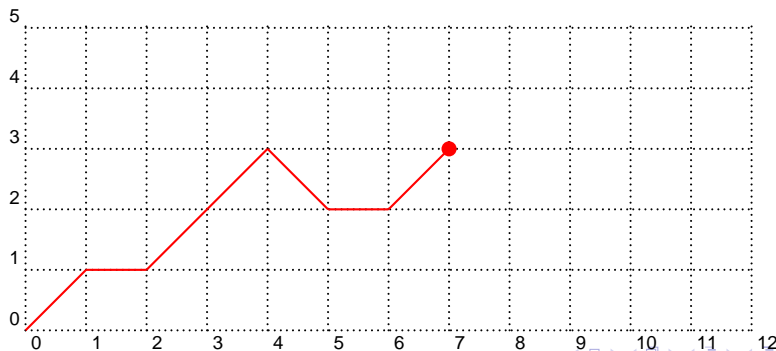
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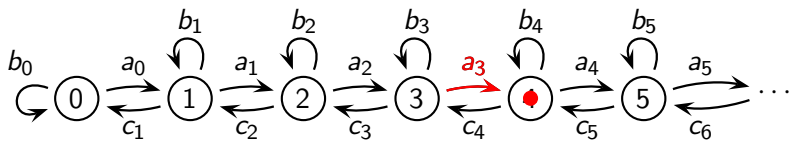
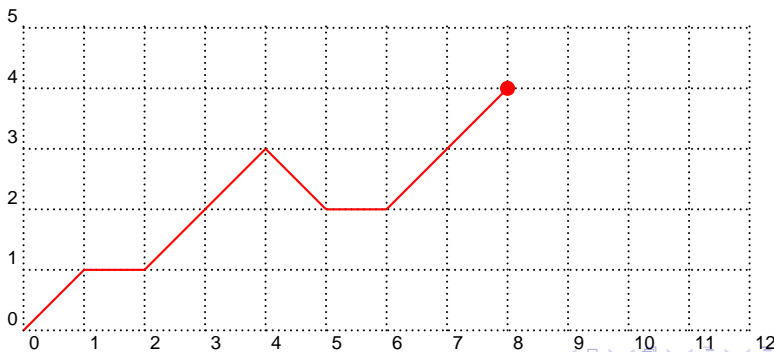
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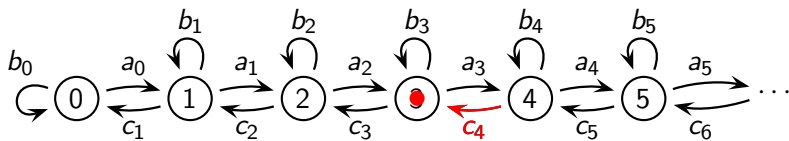
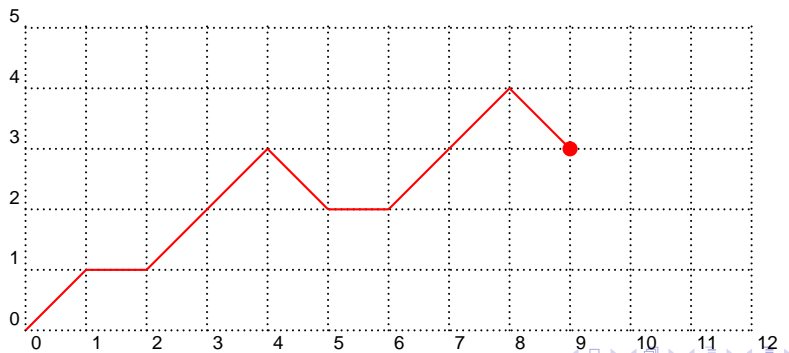
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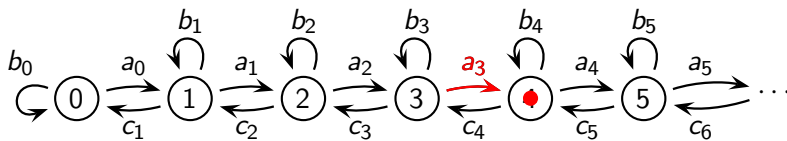
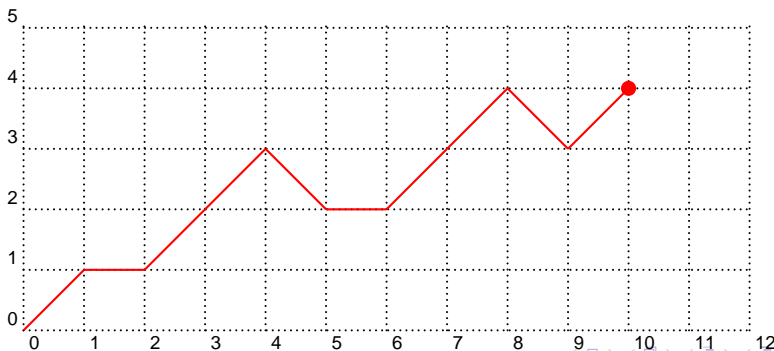
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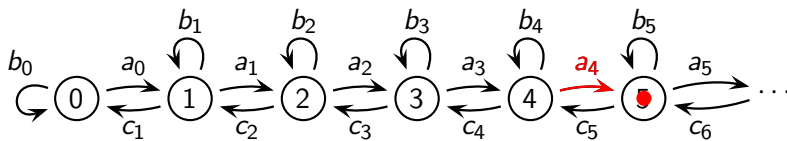
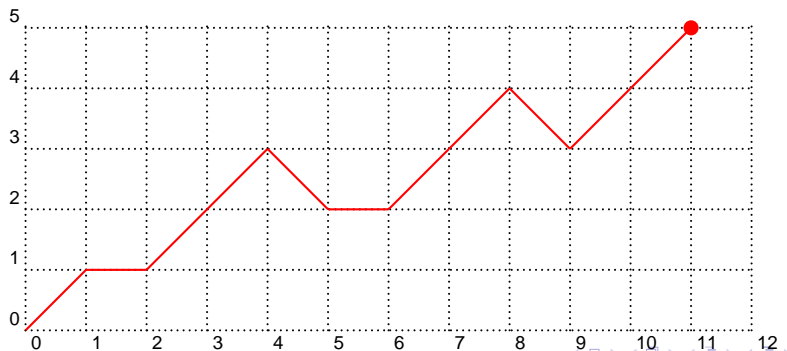
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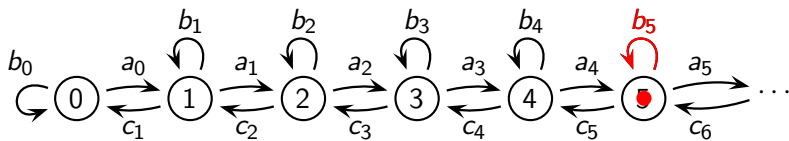
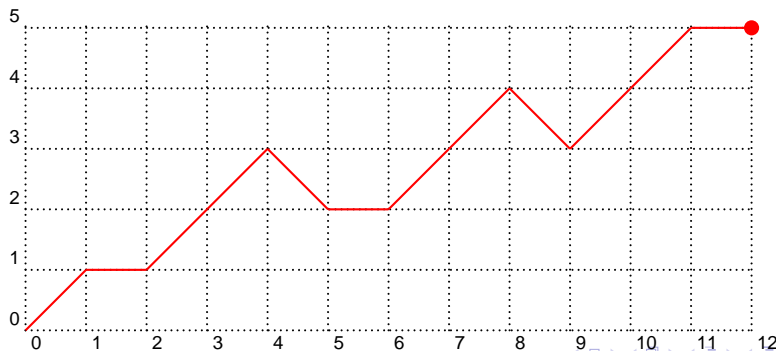
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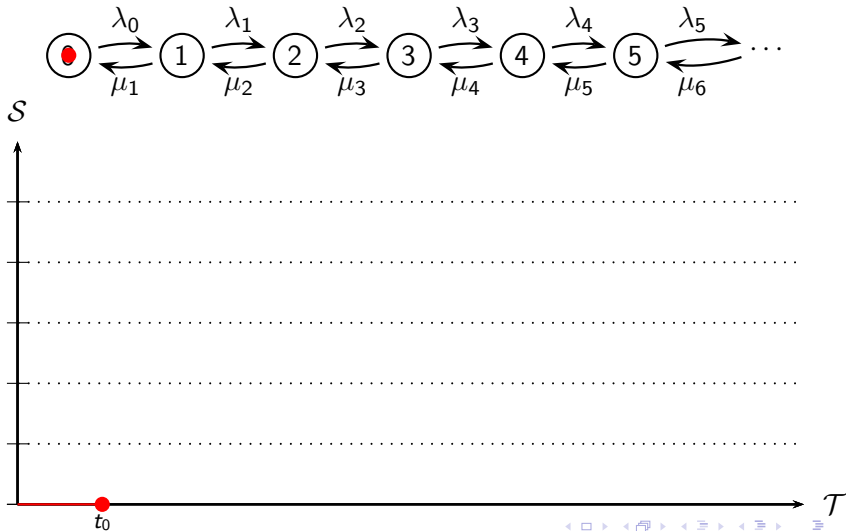
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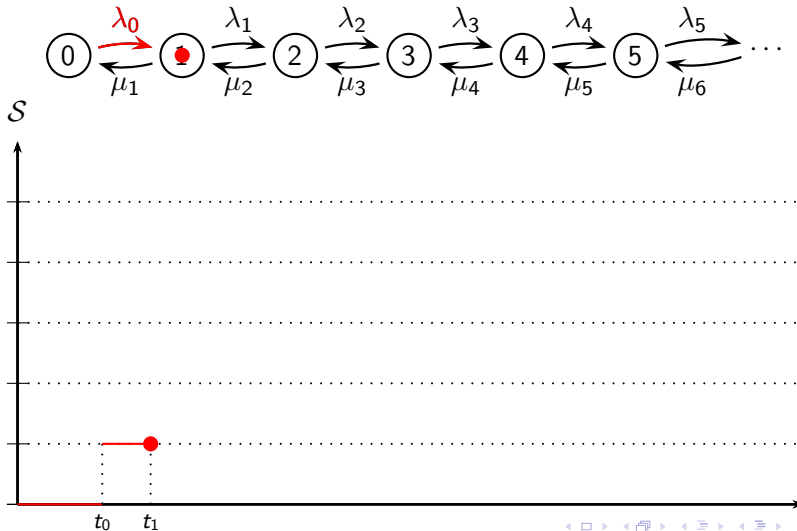
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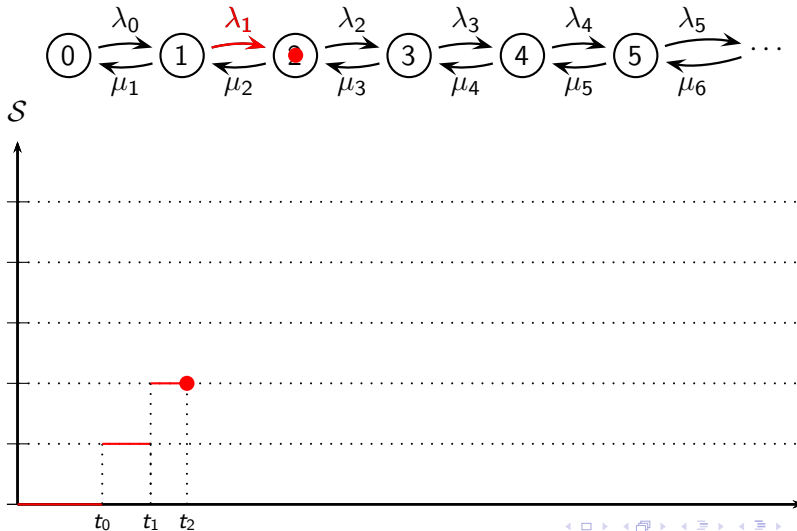


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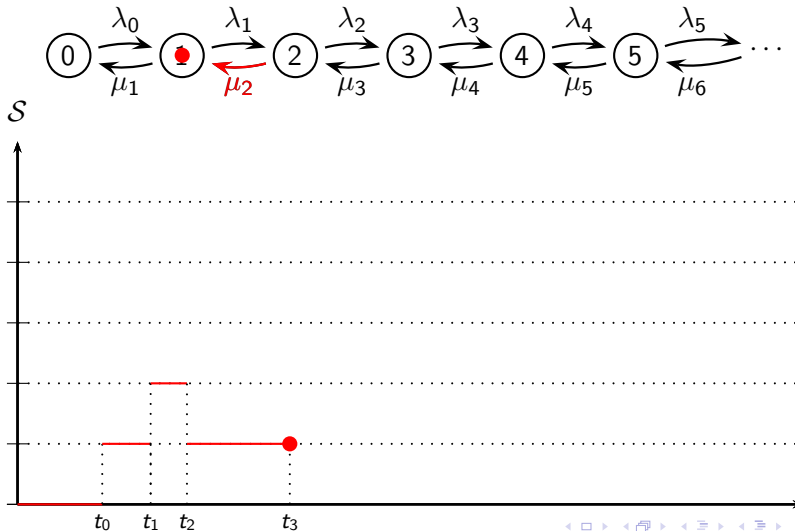




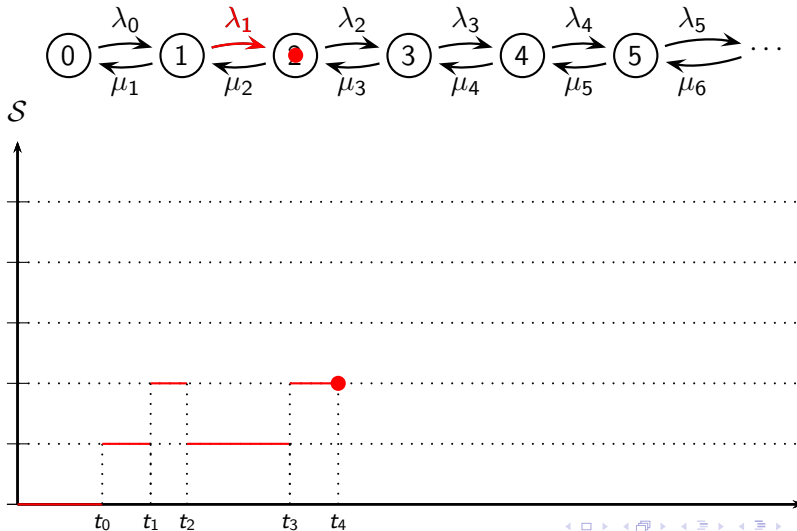
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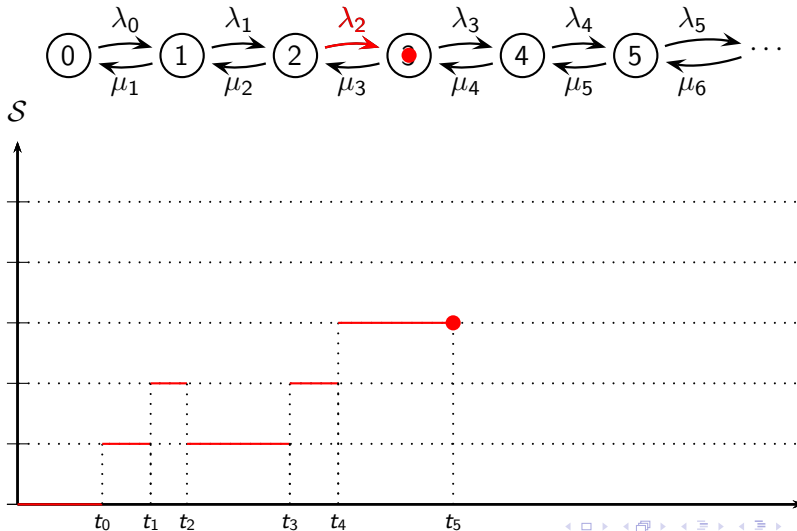
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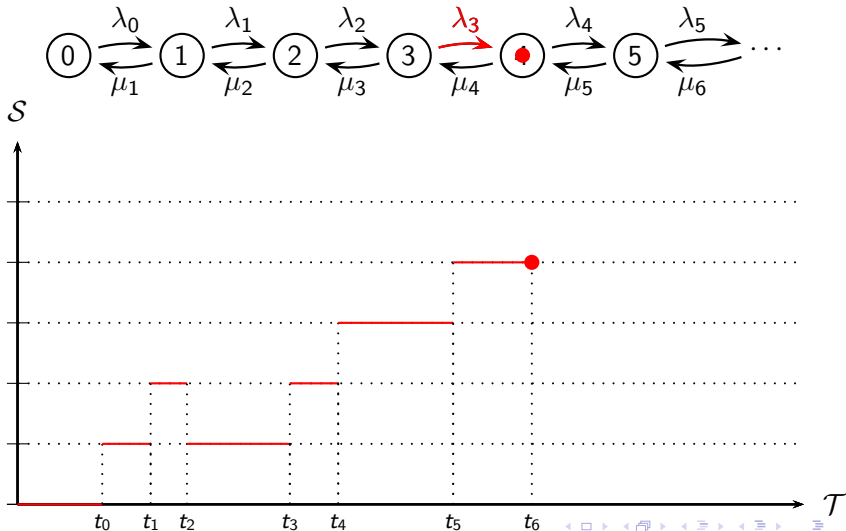
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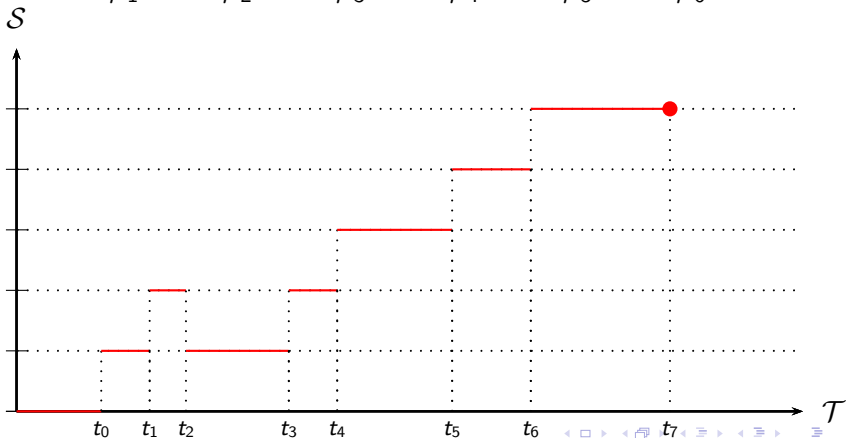
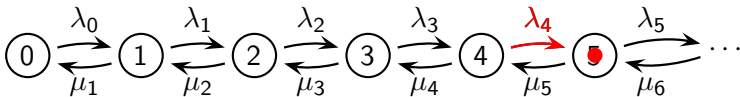
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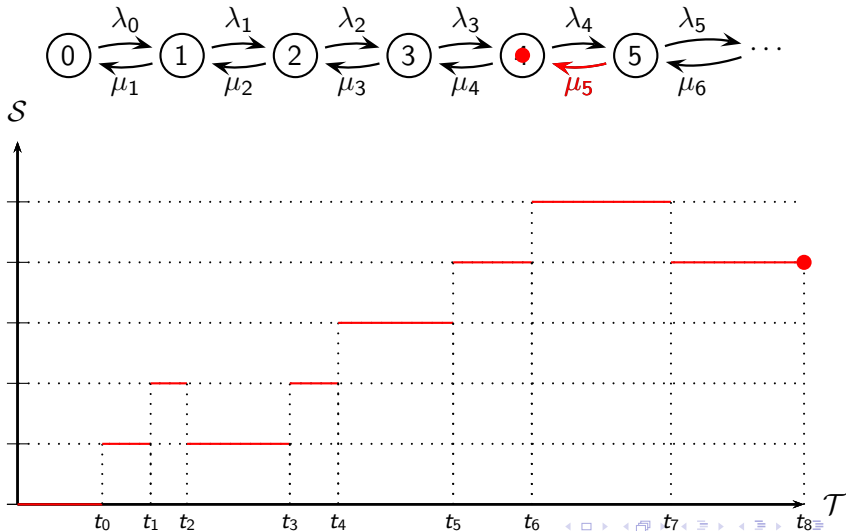
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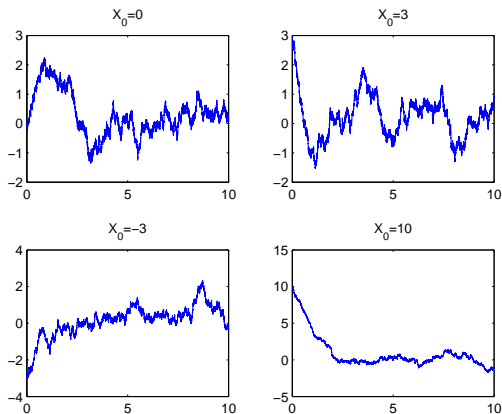


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# DIFFUSION PROCESSES

**Ornstein-Uhlenbeck diffusion process:**  $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma^2(x) = 1$ ,  $\tau(x) = -x$   
 It describes the velocity of a massive Brownian particle under the influence of friction. It is the only nontrivial process which is stationary, Gaussian and Markovian.





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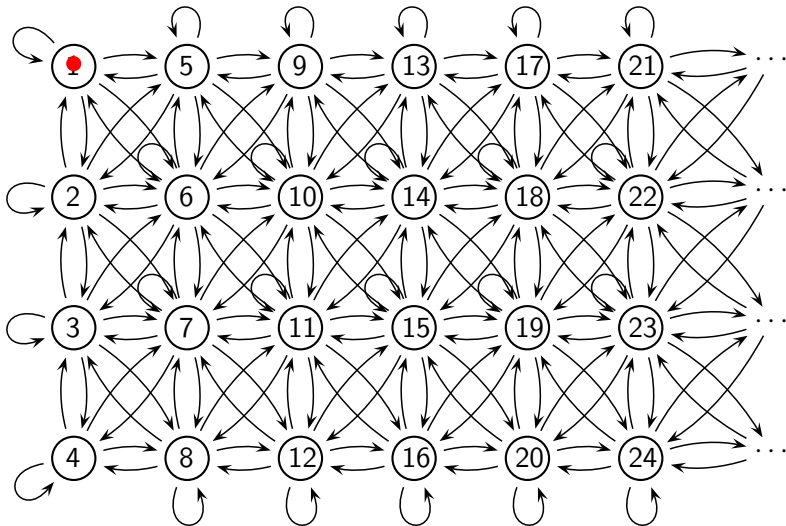
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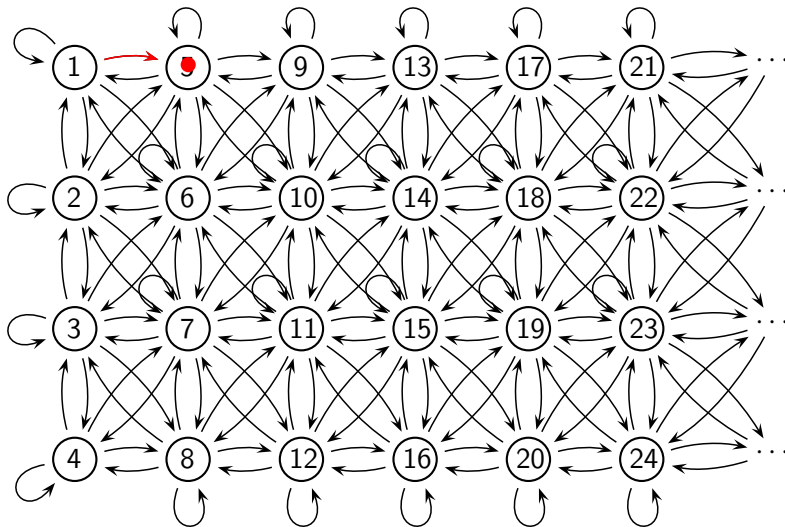
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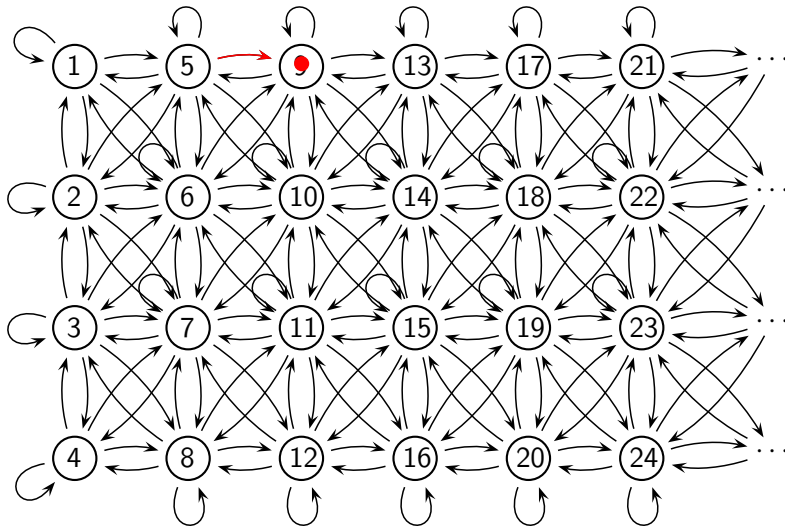




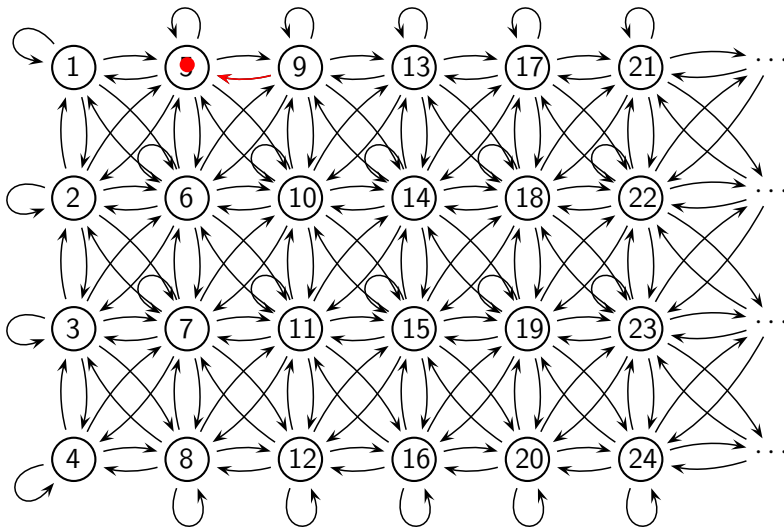
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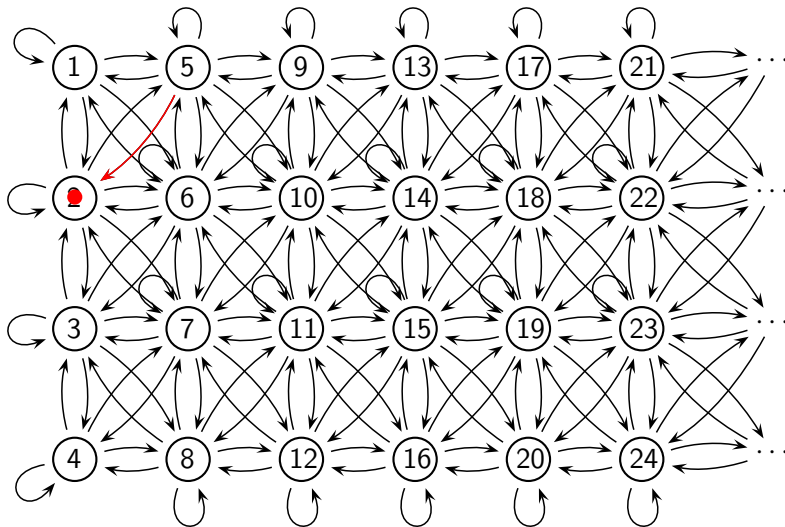
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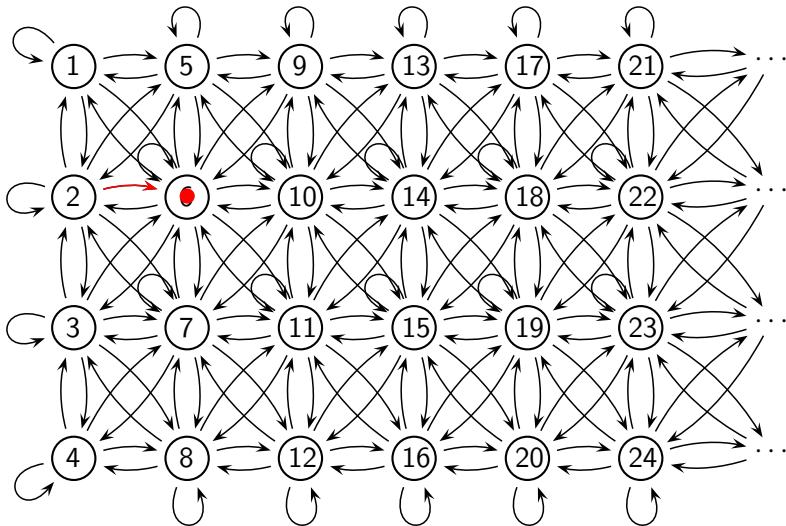
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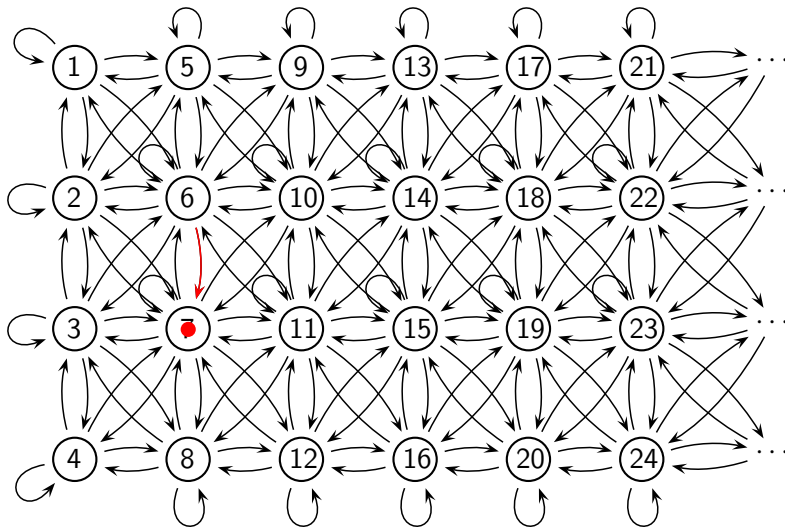
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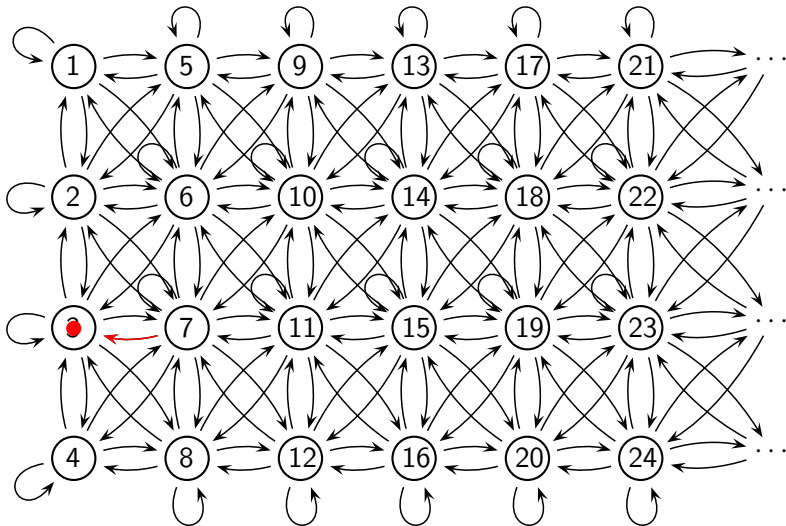
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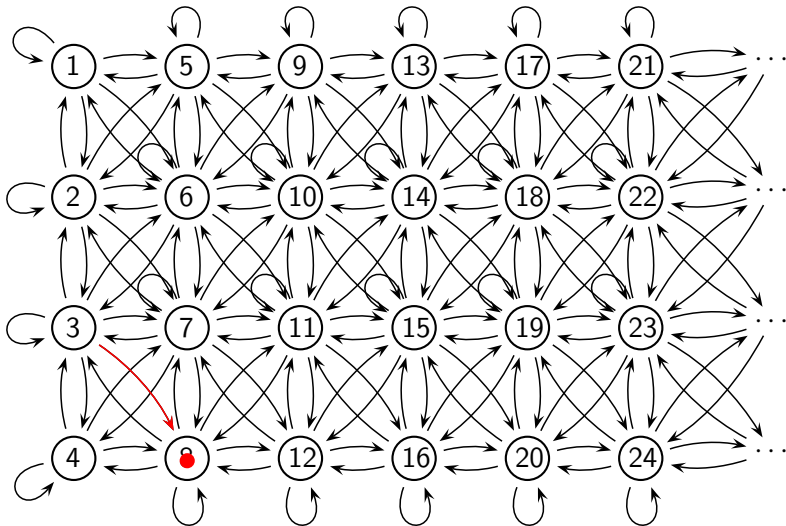
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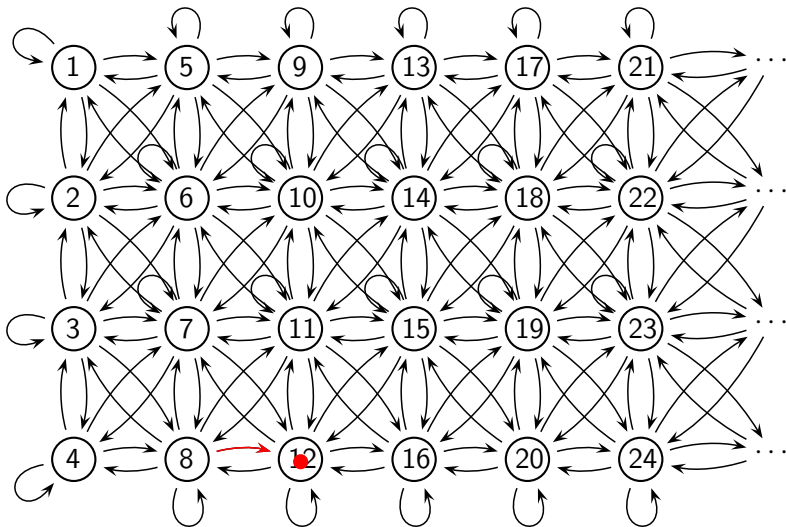


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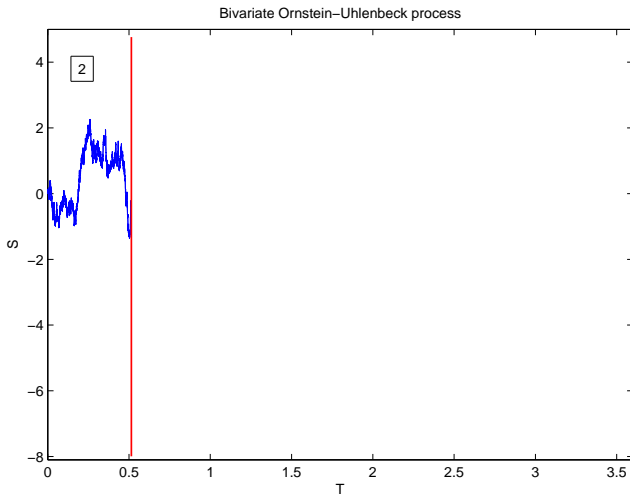
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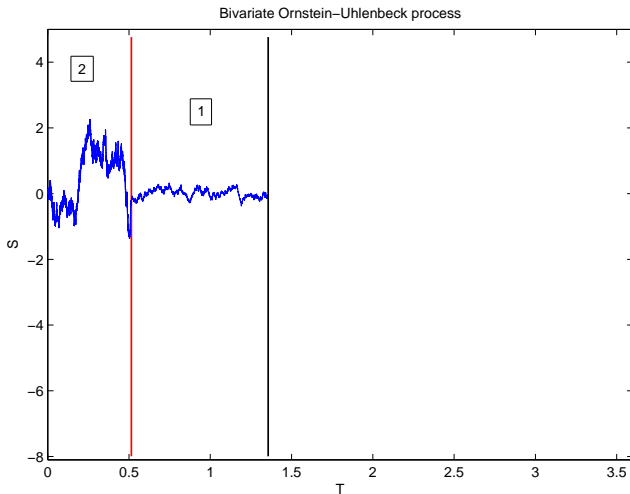
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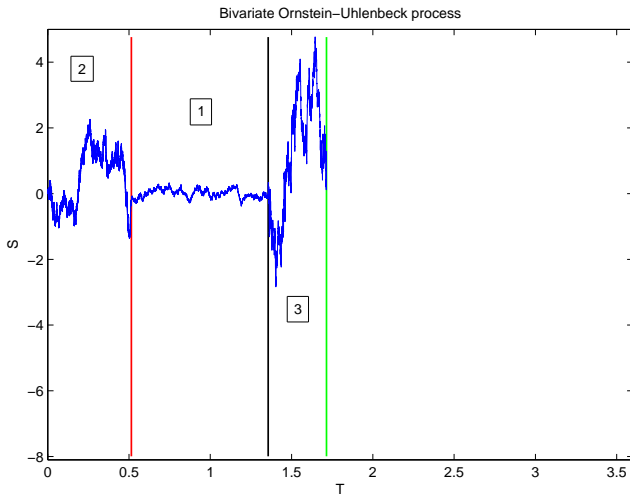
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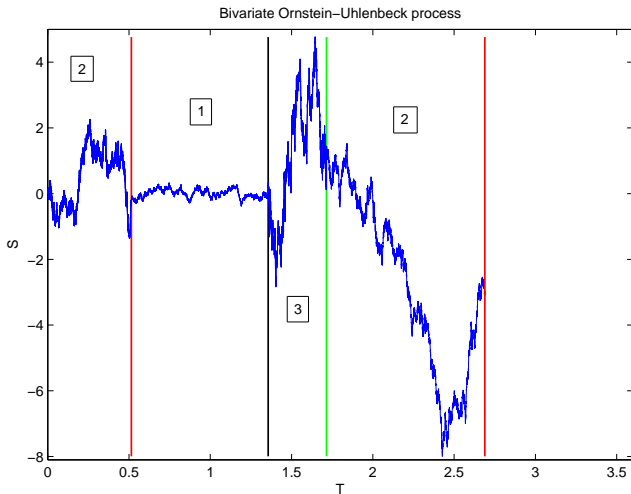
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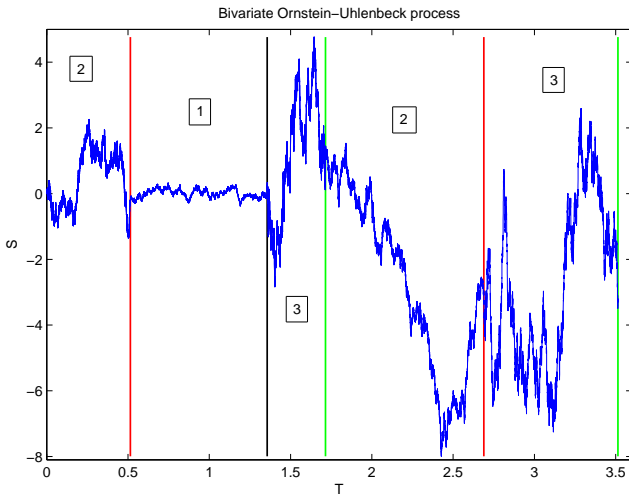




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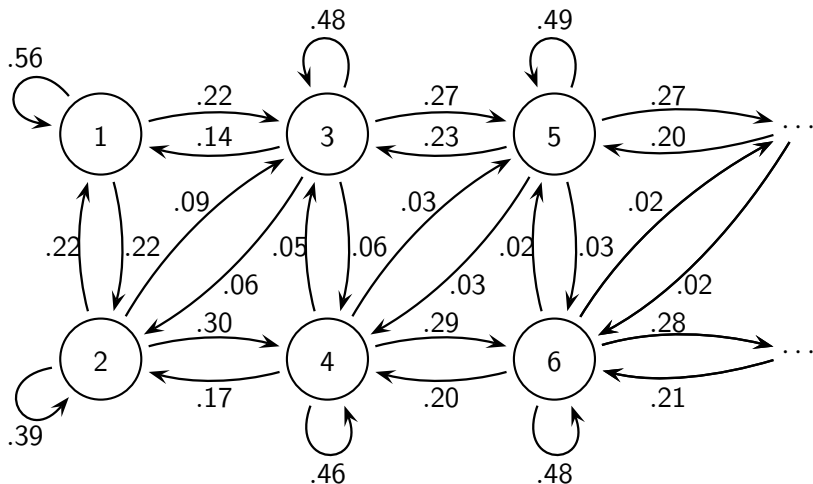
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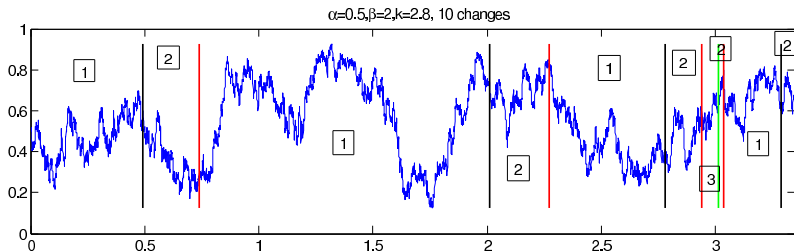
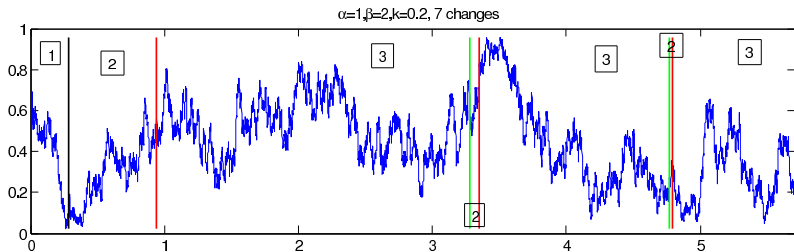
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