

**Errata for**  
***Theory and Applications of Stochastic Processes***

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- p.3, line 7, add before “ $T = \text{absolute ...}$ ” the words  $R$  is the universal gas constant,”
- p.9 Equation (1.36) should be

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \langle \gamma \mathbf{v}(t_1) \cdot \gamma \mathbf{v}(t_2) \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma^2}{m^2} \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{t_2} e^{-\gamma(t_1-s_1)} e^{-\gamma(t_2-s_2)} \langle \Xi(s_1) \cdot \Xi(s_2) \rangle ds_1 ds_2 \\ &= \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma^2 q}{m^2} \int_0^{t_1} e^{-\gamma(t_1-s_1)} e^{-\gamma(t_2-s_1)} ds_1 \\ &= \lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma q}{m^2} [e^{-\gamma(t_2-t_1)} - e^{-\gamma(t_2+t_1)}] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equation (1.37) should be

$$\langle \gamma \mathbf{v}(t_1) \cdot \gamma \mathbf{v}(t_2) \rangle = \frac{\gamma q}{m^2} e^{-\gamma|t_2-t_1|} (1 + o(1)) \text{ for } \gamma(t_1 \wedge t_2) \gg 1.$$

- p.16, line 6 below (1.70). Change ”wise-band” to ”wideband”.
- p.17, 5 lines above (1.74), replace  $I_j = \sum_i q_i \mathbf{v}_i \cdot u_j(\mathbf{x}_i)$  with  $I_j = \sum_i q_i \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \nabla u_j(\mathbf{x}_i)$
- p.32, Example 2.4, line 3, change definition to  $\tau_y(\omega) = \inf\{t \geq 0 \mid \omega(t) \geq y\}$ . Change displayed equation and the following text to

$$\{\omega \in \Omega \mid \tau_y(\omega) \leq t\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}_t} \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid \omega(r) \geq y - \frac{1}{n} \right\},$$

which is a countable intersection of countable unions of the cylinders  $C(r, (y - 1/n, \infty))$  for rational  $r \leq t$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and is thus in  $\mathcal{F}_t$ .

- p.32, In Example 2.6 change  $A \in \Omega$  to  $A \subset \Omega$ .
- p.34, line 3, change definition to  $\tau_y(\omega) = \inf\{t \geq 0 \mid x(t, \omega) \geq y\}$ .  
Change displayed equation to

$$\{\omega \in \Omega \mid \tau_y(\omega) \leq t\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{Q}_t} \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid x(r, \omega) \geq y - \frac{1}{n} \right\},$$

- p.40, Third equation from top, change on the left hand side big right brace to regular right brace.
- p.49 Section 2.3.2, line 2 of third paragraph: replace  $T_1 \setminus T_1$  with  $T_2 \setminus T_1$
- p.86 line 2, Change  $|f_{xx}(x, t)| \leq A(t)e^{\alpha(t)|x|}$  to  $|f_{x^i x^j}(\mathbf{x}, t)| \leq A(t)e^{\alpha(t)|\mathbf{x}|}$ .
- p.94 A line above (4.8). Change “domain  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ” to “interval  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ ”
- p.95 lines 1 and 4, change  $\omega \in D$  to  $\omega \in \Omega$ .
- p.97 Change superscript  $kj$  to  $ij$  in second line of (4.15).
- p.102 line 4 from bottom of page, replace  $H[0, T]$  with  $H_2[0, T]$ .
- p.104 line 2 from bottom, change  $\mathbb{M}_{n,m}$  to  $\mathbb{M}_{d,m}$ .
- p.105 line 8 from top, replace  $H[0, T]$  with  $H_2[0, T]$ .
- p.121, line 2, eq. (4.118), add  $d\mathbf{y}$  in the integral on the LHS.
- p.144, line 2 should be

$$-u = \frac{v - \eta - [-\gamma\eta + f(x - \eta\Delta t)]\Delta t}{\sqrt{\varepsilon\gamma\Delta t}},$$

Change (5.22) to

$$p_N(\mathbf{y}, t + \Delta t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{p_N(\mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{x}}{(4\pi\Delta t)^{d/2} \sqrt{\det \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, t)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t)}{4\Delta t}\right\}.$$

- p.147 Replace all text from p.147, Definition 5.2.1, to p.151, up to eq.(5.49) with the following text:

**Definition 5.2.1 (Unidirectional flux).** *The unidirectional probability current (flux) density at a point  $x_1$  is the probability of trajectories that propagate from the ray  $x < x_1$  into the ray  $x > x_1$  in unit time. It is given by*

$$J_{LR}(x_1, t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} J_{LR}(x_1, t, \Delta t), \quad (5.34)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{LR}(x_1, t, \Delta t) \quad (5.35) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{x_1}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{4\pi\Delta t\sigma(y, t)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{[x - y - a(y, t)\Delta t]^2}{4\sigma(y, t)\Delta t}\right\} p_N(y, t). \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 5.2.2.* Note that the dependence of  $p_N$  on the initial point has been suppressed in (5.35).

**Theorem 5.2.3 (Unidirectional and net fluxes in one dimension)** *The discrete probability flux densities at a point  $x_1$  are given by*

$$J_{LR,RL}(x_1, t, \Delta t) = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma(x_1, t)}{\pi\Delta t}} p_N(x_1, t) \pm \frac{1}{2} J(x_1, t) + O(\sqrt{\Delta t}), \quad (5.36)$$

where the net flux is

$$\begin{aligned} J(x_1, t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} [J_{LR}(x_1, t, \Delta t) - J_{RL}(x_1, t, \Delta t)] \quad (5.37) \\ &= \left\{ -\frac{\partial [\sigma(x, t)p(x, t)]}{\partial x} + a(x, t)p(x, t) \right\}_{x=x_1}. \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 5.2.3.* It is clear from (5.36) that the probability flux densities in Definition 5.2.1 are infinite, but the net flux is finite.

*Proof:* The integral (5.35) can be calculated by the Laplace method [20] at the saddle point  $x = y = x_1$ . First, we change variables in (5.35) to  $x = x_1 + \xi\sqrt{\Delta t}$  and  $y = x_1 - \eta\sqrt{\Delta t}$  to obtain

$$J_{LR}(x_1, t, \Delta t) = \int_0^\infty d\xi \int_0^\infty \frac{d\eta}{\sqrt{4\pi\Delta t\sigma(x_1 - \eta\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)}} \\ \times \exp\left\{-\frac{[\xi + \eta - a(x_1 - \eta\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)\sqrt{\Delta t}]^2}{4\sigma(x_1 - \eta\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)}\right\} p_N(x_1 - \eta\sqrt{\Delta t}, t),$$

and changing the variable in the inner integral to  $\eta = \zeta - \xi$ , we get

$$J_{LR}(x_1, t, \Delta t) = \int_0^\infty d\xi \int_\xi^\infty \frac{d\zeta}{\sqrt{4\pi\Delta t\sigma(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)}} \quad (5.38) \\ \times \exp\left\{-\frac{[\zeta - a(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)\sqrt{\Delta t}]^2}{4\sigma(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)}\right\} p_N(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t).$$

Next, we expand the exponent in powers of  $\sqrt{\Delta t}$  to obtain

$$\frac{[\zeta - a(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)\sqrt{\Delta t}]^2}{4\sigma(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)} \quad (5.39) \\ = \frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma(x_1, t)} + \left[\frac{\zeta^2(\zeta - \xi)\sigma_x(x_1, t)}{4\sigma^2(x_1, t)} - \frac{\zeta a(x_1, t)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)}\right] \sqrt{\Delta t} + O(\Delta t),$$

the pre-exponential factor,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t)}} = \frac{\left[1 + \frac{\sigma_x(x_1, t)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)}(\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t} + O(\Delta t)\right]}{\sqrt{\sigma(x_1, t)}},$$

and the pdf

$$p_N(x_1 - (\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t}, t) \\ = p_N(x_1, t) - \frac{\partial p_N(x_1, t)}{\partial x}(\zeta - \xi)\sqrt{\Delta t} + O(\Delta t). \quad (5.40)$$

Using the expansions (5.39)–(5.40) in (5.38), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& J_{LR}(x_1, t, \Delta t) \quad (5.41) \\
&= \int_0^\infty d\xi \int_\xi^\infty \frac{d\zeta}{\sqrt{4\pi\Delta t\sigma(x_1, t)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma(x_1, t)}\right\} \left\{ p_N(x_1, t) \right. \\
&\quad - \sqrt{\Delta t} \left[ \left( \frac{\zeta^2 (\zeta - \xi) \sigma_x(x_1, t)}{4\sigma^2(x_1, t)} - \frac{\zeta a(x_1, t)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)} - \frac{\sigma_x(x_1, t) (\zeta - \xi)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)} \right) p_N(x_1, t) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + (\zeta - \xi) p_{N,x}(x_1, t) \right] + O(\Delta t) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $J_{RL}(x_1, t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} J_{RL}(x_1, t, \Delta t)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
& J_{RL}(x_1, t, \Delta t) \quad (5.43) \\
&= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} dx \int_{x_1}^\infty \frac{dy}{\sqrt{4\pi\Delta t\sigma(y, t)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{[x - y - a(y, t)\Delta t]^2}{4\sigma(y, t)\Delta t}\right\} p_N(y, t).
\end{aligned}$$

The change of variables  $x = x_1 - \xi\sqrt{\Delta t}$ ,  $y = x_1 + \eta\sqrt{\Delta t}$  in (5.43) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& J_{RL}(x_1, t, \Delta t) \\
&= \int_0^\infty d\xi \int_\xi^\infty \frac{d\zeta}{\sqrt{4\pi\Delta t\sigma(x_1, t)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma(x_1, t)}\right\} \left\{ p_N(x_1, t) \right. \\
&\quad + \sqrt{\Delta t} \left[ \left( \frac{\zeta^2 (\zeta - \xi) \sigma_x(x_1, t)}{\sigma^2(x_1, t)} - \frac{\zeta a(x_1, t)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)} - \frac{\sigma_x(x_1, t) (\zeta - \xi)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)} \right) p_N(x_1, t) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - (\zeta - \xi) p_{N,x}(x_1, t) \right] + O(\Delta t) \right\}. \quad (5.44)
\end{aligned}$$

Both  $J_{LR}(x_1, t)$  and  $J_{RL}(x_1, t)$  are infinite, because  $p_N(x_1, t) > 0$ . Using the identities of Exercise 5.13 below, we find that the net flux density

is, however, finite and is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{\text{net}}(x_1, t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \{J_{LR}(x_1, t, \Delta t) - J_{RL}(x_1, t, \Delta t)\} \\
&= -2 \int_0^\infty d\xi \int_\xi^\infty \frac{d\zeta}{\sqrt{4\pi\Delta t\sigma(x_1, t)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma(x_1, t)}\right\} \\
&\quad \times \left[ \left( \frac{\zeta^2(\zeta - \xi)\sigma_x(x_1, t)}{4\sigma^2(x_1, t)} - \frac{\zeta a(x_1, t)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)} - \frac{\sigma_x(x_1, t)(\zeta - \xi)}{2\sigma(x_1, t)} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times p_N(x_1, t) + (\zeta - \xi)p_{N,x}(x_1, t) \right] \\
&= \left\{ -\frac{\partial[\sigma(x, t)p(x, t)]}{\partial x} + a(x, t)p(x, t) \right\}_{x=x_1}, \tag{5.45}
\end{aligned}$$

as asserted.  $\square$

**Exercise 5.13 (Identities).** Prove that the following identities are obtained by changing the order of integration,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\infty d\xi \int_\xi^\infty \frac{\zeta^2(\zeta - \xi)}{\sqrt{4\pi\sigma}} d\zeta \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma}\right\} &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\zeta^4 d\zeta}{4\sqrt{\pi\sigma}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma}\right\} = 3\sigma^2 \\
\int_0^\infty d\xi \int_\xi^\infty \frac{\zeta d\zeta}{\sqrt{4\pi\sigma}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma}\right\} &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\zeta^2 d\zeta}{\sqrt{4\pi\sigma}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma}\right\} = \sigma \\
\int_0^\infty d\xi \int_\xi^\infty \frac{(\zeta - \xi) d\zeta}{\sqrt{4\pi\sigma}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma}\right\} &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^\infty \frac{\zeta^2 d\zeta}{\sqrt{\pi\sigma}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{4\sigma}\right\} = \frac{\sigma}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

Equation (5.37) is the classical expression for the probability (or heat) current in diffusion theory [82]. The FPE (4.121) can be written in terms of the flux density function  $J(x, t)$  in the conservation law form

$$\frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J(x, t)}{\partial x}. \tag{5.46}$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^d$  the probability flux density is the probability density of trajectories that propagate per unit time from a domain  $D$  across its boundary,  $\partial D$ , into the complementary part of space,  $D^c$ . It is given by  $J_{\text{out}}(\partial D, t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} J_{\text{out}}(\partial D, t, \Delta t)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{\text{out}}(\partial D, t, \Delta t) & (5.47) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{D^c} d\mathbf{x} \int_D \frac{p_N(\mathbf{y}, t) d\mathbf{y}}{(4\pi\Delta t)^{d/2} \sqrt{\det \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{y}, t)}} \\ & \quad \times \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{y}, t)\Delta t)^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}, t)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{y}, t)\Delta t)}{4\Delta t} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the probability flux density into the domain is defined as the limit of

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{\text{in}}(\partial D, t, \Delta t) & (5.48) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_D d\mathbf{x} \int_{D^c} \frac{p_N(\mathbf{y}, t) d\mathbf{y}}{(4\pi\Delta t)^{d/2} \sqrt{\det \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{y}, t)}} \\ & \quad \times \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{y}, t)\Delta t)^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}, t)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{y}, t)\Delta t)}{4\Delta t} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The net flux from the domain is defined as the limit

$$J_{\text{net}}(\partial D, t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} J_{\text{net}}(\partial D, t, \Delta t),$$

where

$$J_{\text{net}}(\partial D, t, \Delta t) = J_{\text{out}}(\partial D, t, \Delta t) - J_{\text{in}}(\partial D, t, \Delta t).$$

**Theorem 5.2.4 (Unidirectional and net fluxes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ).** *The discrete probability flux density densities at a boundary point  $\mathbf{x}_B$  are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_{\text{out}, \text{in}}(\mathbf{x}_B, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}_B) &= \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_n(\mathbf{x}_B, t)}{\pi\Delta t}} p(\mathbf{x}_B, t) \pm \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{J}_{\text{net}}(\mathbf{x}_B, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{x}_B) \\ & \quad + O(\sqrt{\Delta t}), \end{aligned} \quad (5.49)$$

- p.149 Line 6 from bottom of page. Change (5.129) to (4.121)

- p.153 Line 5 from top of page and lines 6 and 13 of proof. Change (5.129), (5.130) to (4.121), (4.122).
- p.154 Line 1. Change "As in Chapter 5" to "As in (5.11)"
- p.155, change right parenthesis to a right brace in the middle term of eq. (5.69)
- p.156 Replace (5.68) with

$$p_{\Delta t}(\mathbf{y}, t + \Delta t \mid \mathbf{x}_0, s) = \int_D \frac{p_{\Delta t}(\mathbf{x}, t \mid \mathbf{x}_0, s) d\mathbf{x}}{(4\pi\Delta t)^{d/2} \sqrt{\det \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, t)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, t)}{4\Delta t}\right\}, \quad (5.68)$$

- p.172, Line 4 of Girsanov's theorem, replace  $a(x(t, \omega))/b^2(x(t, \omega))$  with  $a(x(t, \omega), t)/b^2(x(t, \omega), t)$
- p.186, change eq.(6.34) to

$$\bar{\tau}(x) = \frac{\int_{-1}^x \exp\left\{\frac{U(y)}{\varepsilon}\right\} dy \int_x^1 \int_{-1}^1 \exp\left\{\frac{U(y) - U(z)}{\varepsilon}\right\} dz dy}{\varepsilon \int_{-1}^1 \exp\left\{\frac{U(y)}{\varepsilon}\right\} dy} - \frac{\int_x^1 \exp\left\{\frac{U(y)}{\varepsilon}\right\} dy \int_{-1}^x \int_{-1}^1 \exp\left\{\frac{U(y) - U(z)}{\varepsilon}\right\} dz dy}{\varepsilon \int_{-1}^1 \exp\left\{\frac{U(y)}{\varepsilon}\right\} dy}$$

- p.186, Line 2 below (6.32), remove coma from Andronov,
- p.209, End of equation in Example 7.2 should be  $= \frac{2}{\pi\varepsilon} \neq 0$ ,
- p.213, line 1, remove period after "time step"



- p.213, the last line, change  $E$  to  $\mathbb{E}$
- p.215, line 3 below eq.(7.27), change Takacs to Tàkacs
- p.221, line 9 below Definition 7.1.5, insert “in” before “numerous”
- p.221, the first line of Theorem 7.1.4, replace “time after” with “after time”
- p.222, the first line below Definition 7.2.1, replace “because” by “since”
- p.223, line 1. Change to ”If  $F_\tau(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \dots$ ” Line 8 from bottom, equation should be

$$\hat{f}_\tau(s) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + s} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n s^n}{\lambda^n}, \quad 0 \leq s < \lambda.$$

- p.233, next to the last line, change “Eqation” to “Equation”
- p.237, in eq. (7.90), replace “for  $x > 0$ ” with “for  $t > 0$ ”
- p.237, one line below eq.(7.91), delete  $> 0$
- p.246, second line of Exercise 7.12, replace  $\beta x$  with  $\beta \dot{x}$
- p.247, add left parenthesis before  $\beta$  in eq. (7.114)
- p.248, one line below (eq. (7.120)), add a right parenthesis to equation number (7.120)
- p.249, two lines above eq.(7.123), replace “to” after  $n_\varepsilon(x)$  by “and”
- p.250, change comma to a full stop et the end of eq. (7.133)
- p.257, line 3 of Section 8.1, replace “equation” by “equations”
- p.260, one line below eq. (8.7), delete “white noise”
- p.268, at end of eq.(8.37), change  $v > 0$  to  $v < 0$
- p.288, caption of fig. 8.5, change  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$  to  $\gamma \rightarrow 0$
- p.289, third line in the second paragraph after Exercise 8.19(iv), change (8.75) to “in Figure 8.5.”

- p.300, line 5 from the bottom of the page, insert  $\varepsilon$  between  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0}$  and  $\log$
- p.304 Two lines above (9.10), put a full stop before "We...". Line 4 from bottom. In the proof of Lemma 9.1.1 remove emphasis from (9.10).
- p.305 Change the lower limit 0 of integration in equation (9.15) to  $\tilde{x}$ . Replace the text from line 5 to the last line before Exercise 9.1 with the following text: Given the solution  $\psi(y)$  of the eikonal equation (9.10), the solution of the transport equation (9.11) is

$$K_0(y) = \frac{\tilde{K}_0}{\sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \xi w(\xi | y) e^{\xi \psi'(y)} d\xi}} \times \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\tilde{x}}^y \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \xi \frac{\partial w(\xi | \eta)}{\partial \eta} e^{\xi \psi'(\eta)} d\xi}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \xi w(\xi | \eta) e^{\xi \psi'(\eta)} d\xi} d\eta \right\},$$

- p.308 Replace eq.(9.30) by

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} [n_D(x + \varepsilon \xi) w(\xi | x) d\xi - n_D(x) = -1$$

- p.309 Replace eq.(9.34) by

$$C_1(\varepsilon) \sim \frac{\tilde{K}_0}{K_0(B)} \frac{e^{\psi(B)/\varepsilon}}{\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{\eta \psi'(B)} \int_{-\infty}^{\eta} w(\xi | B) U_0(\eta - \xi) d\xi d\eta}.$$

Replace eq.(9.39) by

$$C_2(\varepsilon) \sim \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\varepsilon}} \frac{\tilde{K}_0}{K_0(B)} e^{\psi(B)/\varepsilon} \sqrt{\left| \frac{m'_1(B)}{m_2(B)} \right|} \frac{1}{m_2(B)}.$$

The function  $\psi(y)$  is the solution of the eikonal equation (9.10),  $K_0(y)$  is given in (9.15), and  $\tilde{K}_0$  is given in (9.16).

- p.312 Replace eq.(9.59) by

$$C(\varepsilon) \sim \frac{\tilde{K}_0}{K_0(B)} \frac{e^{\psi(B)/\varepsilon}}{\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{\eta\psi'(B)} \int_{-\infty}^{\eta} w(\xi | B) U_0(\eta - \xi) d\xi d\eta},$$

- p.313 Replace eq.(9.69) by

$$C_2(\varepsilon) \sim \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\varepsilon}} \frac{\tilde{K}_0}{K_0(B)} e^{\psi(B)/\varepsilon} \sqrt{\left| \frac{m'_1(B)}{m_2(B)} \right|} \frac{1}{m_2(B)}.$$

- p.324, Exercise 9.8, remove “the”
- p.345, two lines above (10.19), insert “using” before “Taylor’s”
- p.348, two lines above Exercise 10.7, replace frac12 with  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- p.353, The first line of Section 10.1.4, change  $U(\alpha) < U(\beta) \max_{[\alpha,\beta]} U(y)$  to  $U(\alpha) < U(\beta) = \max_{[\alpha,\beta]} U(y)$  (insert =)
- p.359, title of subsection 10.1.6, change “The MFPT” to “MFPT and”
- p.361, line 3 below eq. (10.57), change “eq. (10.57)” to “eq. (10.52)”
- p.362, One line above Section 10.2.2, replace  $q_\varepsilon(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})$  with  $K_0(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})$
- p.365, second line of eq.(10.77), the first term should be  $\frac{\partial a^i(\mathbf{y})}{\partial y^i}$ .
- p.367, l.9, replace (10.59) with (10.57).
- p.369, line below (10.93), change  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  to  $\alpha > 0, \beta \geq 0$ .
- p.369, replace eq. (10.95) by

$$\mathbf{a}(\rho, s) = [a^0(s)\rho\nabla\rho + B(s)\nabla s] [1 + o(1)]. \quad (10.95)$$

- p.373, equation below (10.117), insert = between  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{E}\tau$  and  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon \left[ \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \partial D} \log \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}(\mathbf{y}) - \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in D} \log p_\varepsilon(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) \right]$ .

- p.376, equation (10.125) should be

$$B(s) \frac{d}{ds} K_0(0, s) = - [a^0(s) + B'(s) + \sigma(s)d\phi(s)] K_0(0, s)$$

- p.377, lines 3,4 from bottom of page, replace  $\gamma(s_i)$  and  $\gamma'(s_i)$  by  $\xi(s_i)$  and  $\xi'(s_i)$ , respectively.
- p.378, line 3 of Section 10.2.9, replace  $\mathbf{y}_k \in D$  with  $\mathbf{y}_k \in \partial D$
- p.378, line 2 above (10.130). Replace (10.104) with (10.102).
- p.379, line 3 below (10.136), the broken formula should be  $U(\mathbf{x}_S) = \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \partial D} U(\mathbf{x})$
- p.380, line 2 from bottom of page, replace “andthere” with “and there”
- p.384, in eq. (10.142), replace 1 by  $\text{sgn}(x - x_C)$
- p.385, one line below (10.147), add at the beginning of the line “and changing  $(y, \eta)$  to  $-(y, \eta)$ ”
- p.386, Replace the first 7 lines of the proof of Theorem 10.3.2 by:  
The mean first passage time from  $(x, y) \in D$  to  $\Gamma$  is the solution of the Andronov–Vitt–Pontryagin boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon \gamma \bar{\tau}_{yy} + y \bar{\tau}_x - [\gamma y + U'(x)] \bar{\tau}_y &= -1 \text{ for } (x, y) \in D \\ \bar{\tau} &= 0 \text{ for } (x, y) \in \Gamma, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $D$  is the domain enclosed by  $\Gamma$ . Scaling  $\bar{\tau}(x, y) = C_\varepsilon q(x, y)$ , where  $\max_D q(x, y) = 1$ , we see from the previous section that  $C_\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . It follows that for fixed  $(x, y) \in D$  and  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\varepsilon \gamma q_{yy} + y q_x - [\gamma y + U'(x)] q_y \sim 0, \quad q \rightarrow 1 \quad (2)$$

with the boundary condition  $q = 0$  for  $(x, y) \in \Gamma$ . The characteristics of the reduced eq.(2) converge to the stable equilibrium point  $(x_A, 0)$ , so there is no internal layer there. Therefore  $q$  is asymptotically 1 in  $D$  and has a boundary layer near  $\Gamma$  and so is  $\bar{\tau}$ . The value of the constant

$C_\varepsilon$  is recovered by multiplying eq.(1) by  $e^{-E/\varepsilon}$  and integrating over  $D$ . The resulting Lagrange identity gives

$$\bar{\tau} \sim C_\varepsilon = \frac{\int_D e^{-E/\varepsilon} dx dy}{-\gamma\varepsilon \oint_\Gamma e^{-E/\varepsilon} q_y(x, y) \nu_2(x, y) dx} \quad (3)$$

for fixed  $(x, y) \in D$  and  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

- p.387, equation below (10.158), replace in the denominator  $\rho^2(x_C, 0)$  by  $\rho_y^2(x_C, 0)$
- p.387, replace equations (10.159), (10.160) with

$$\begin{aligned} b_0(x) &= \nu_1(x', y_\Gamma(x')) \nu_2(x', y_\Gamma(x')) - \gamma \nu_2(x', y_\Gamma(x')) \\ &\quad - U''(x') \nu_1(x', y_\Gamma(x')) \nu_2(x', y_\Gamma(x')) \rightarrow \frac{\omega_C^2}{\lambda} \text{ as } x' \rightarrow x_C \\ \rho_y^2(x, y_\Gamma(x)) &= \frac{y_\Gamma^2(x')}{y_\Gamma^2(x') + [\gamma y_\Gamma(x') + U'(x')]^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \lambda^2}. \end{aligned}$$

- p.389, Theorem 10.3.3, change  $\omega_C^2 + \lambda^2$  to  $\gamma\lambda$  in formulas
- p.392, one line above Corollary 10.3.2, insert “the” after “Scaling”.
- p.394, line 1 of *Proof*: hyphenate  $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$ -neighborhood
- p.394, line 3 of *Proof*: change powers to power
- p.395, one line below (10.198), change (8.92) to (10.197)
- p.397, change in eq. (10.205) + into -.
- p.397, change  $\omega_C^2 + \lambda^2$  to  $\gamma\lambda$  in formulas below eq. (10.205)
- p.397, replace the line below (10.205) with “so, using the identity  $\lambda^2 - \omega_C^2 = \gamma\lambda$ , we find that the most likely exit point is”
- p.405, one line below eq. (11.27), replace “(11.26)” by  $Lp$
- p.446, Reference [73], delete the word ”values” and the first hyphen.

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