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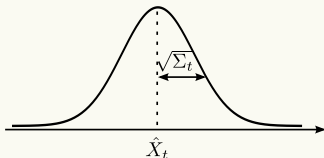
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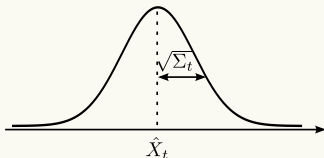
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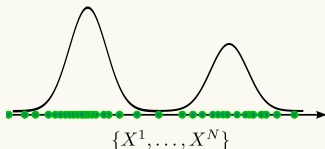
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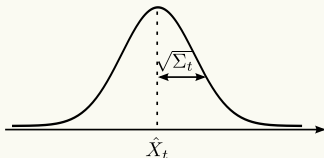
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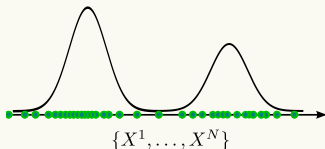
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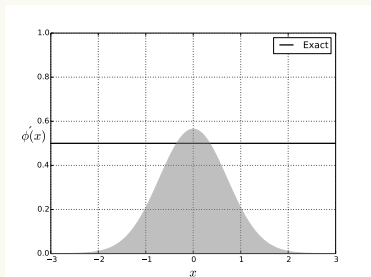
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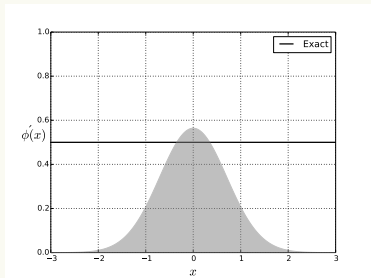




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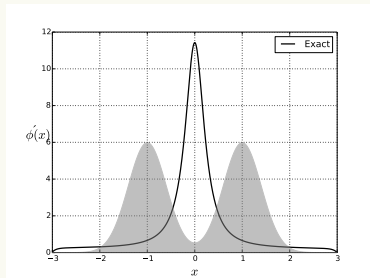
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$$\Delta_{\rho} \phi := \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla \phi) = \Delta \phi + \nabla \log \rho \cdot \nabla \phi$$

## PDE

- Markov Diffusion operators [D. Bakry, et. al. 2013]
- Heat kernels [A. Grigoryan, 2009]
- Optimal transportation [C. Villani, 2003]

## Stochastic analysis

- Simulation and optimization theory for Markov models [S. Meyn, R. Tweedie, 2012]

## Statistical learning

- Nonlinear dimensionality reduction [M. Belkin, 2003]
- Diffusion maps [R. Coifman, S. Lafon, 2006]
- Spectral clustering [M. Hein, et. al. 2006]



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### Gain function approximation

#### FPF (theory and application):

- T. Yang, et. al. Automatica, 2015.
  - K. Berntorp, Fusion, 2015.
  - P. M. Stano, et. al., 2014.
- } (Constant gain and Galerkin approximation)

#### Gain function approximation:

- K. Berntorp, P. Grover, ACC, 2016. (Data driven approach based on POD)
- Y. Matsuura, et. al. 2016. (Continuation method)
- A. Radhakrishnan, A. Devraj, and S. Meyn. CDC, 2016. (TD learning)

#### Also in other nonlinear filtering algorithms

- Particle flow filter [F. Daum, J. Huang, 2010]
- Approximate representation of SPDE [D. Crisan, J. Xiong, 2005]
- Dynamical systems framework for intermittent data assimilation [S. Riech 2011]
- Continuous-discrete time FPF [T. Yang, et. al. 2014]



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- Select basis functions  $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_M\}$
- Express the approximate solution as

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- Obtain  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_M)$  by solving

$$Ac = b$$

where

$$A_{ml} = \langle \nabla \psi_m, \nabla \psi_l \rangle \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla \psi_m(X^i) \cdot \nabla \psi_l(X^i)$$

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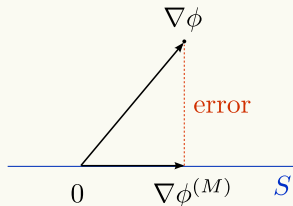
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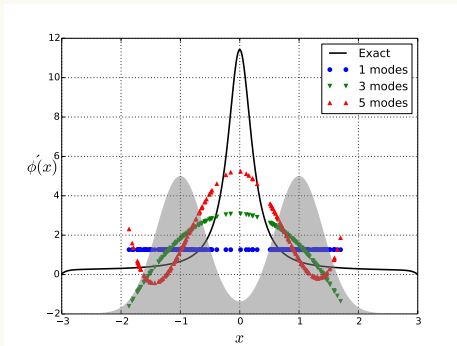
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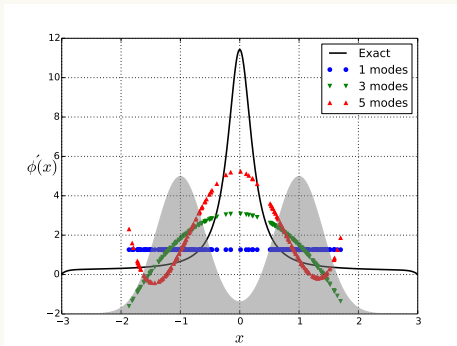
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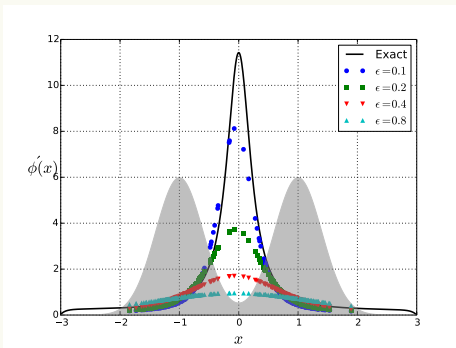
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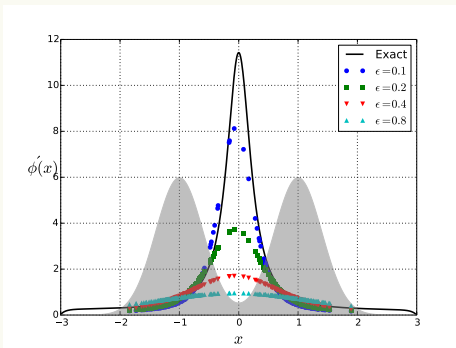
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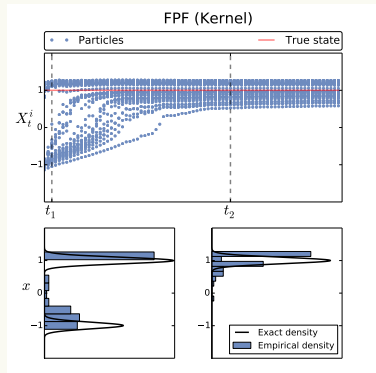
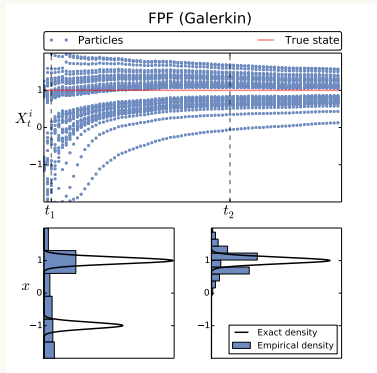


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