

# Rate of convergence: Marcus-Lushnikov Process – Smoluchowski equation

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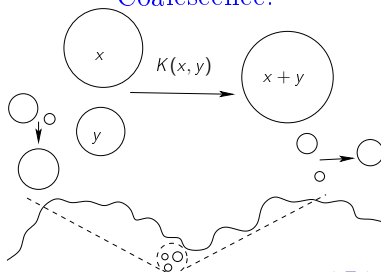
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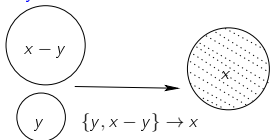
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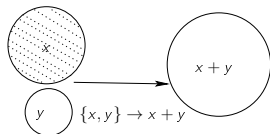
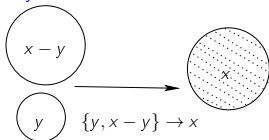


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$K(x, y)$	Comment
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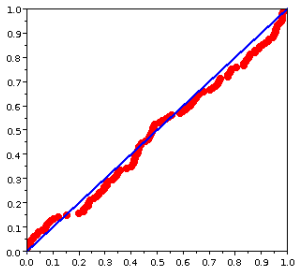
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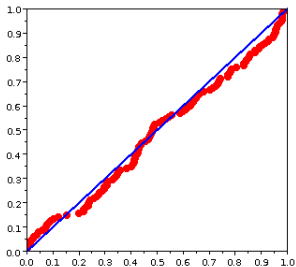


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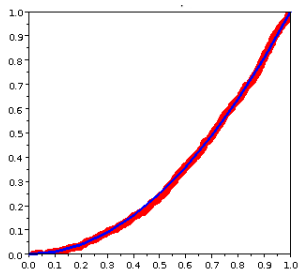
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# Numerical Tests

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Discret

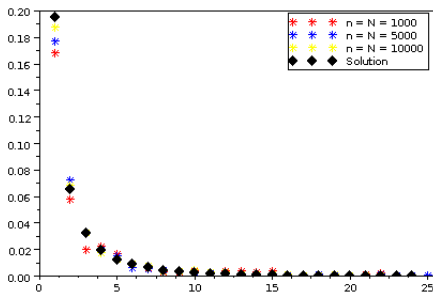
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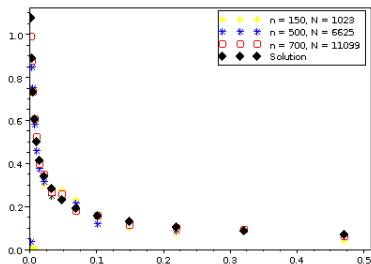
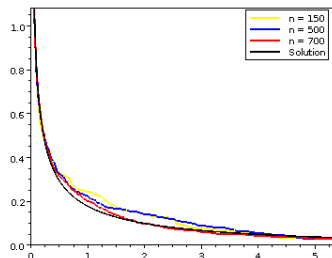
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Merci pour votre attention !

# Current Research

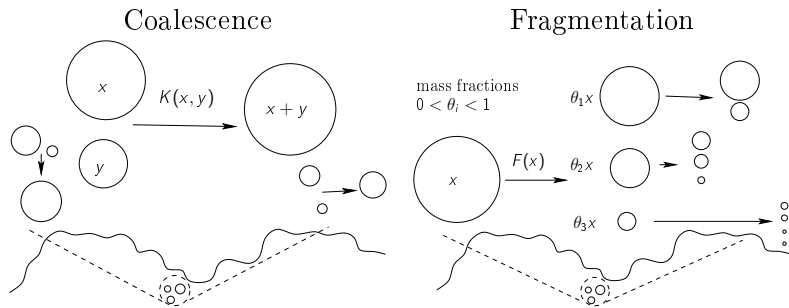
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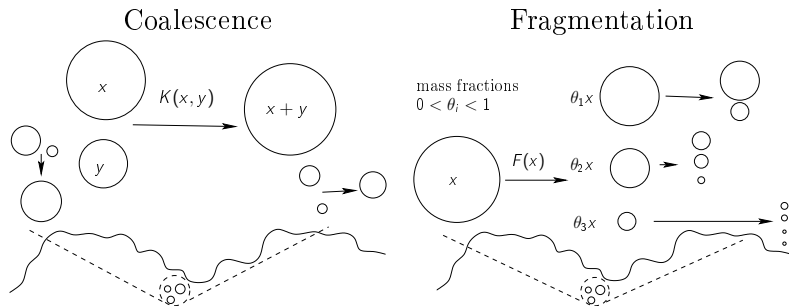


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## Poisson-SDE representation

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- $J^c(dt, d(i, j), dz)$  Poisson measure on  $[0, \infty) \times \{(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2, i < j\} \times [0, \infty)$ , denote by  $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  the associated canonical filtration.
- $J^f(dt, d(i, j), \beta(\theta), dz)$  Poisson measure on  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{N} \times \Theta_f \times [0, \infty)$ , denote by  $\{\mathcal{G}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  the associated canonical filtration.  $J^f$  is independent of  $J^c$ .
- Let  $M(0) \in \mathcal{S}^\downarrow$ . A càdlàg  $\{\mathcal{H}_t\}_{t \geq 0} = \{\sigma(\mathcal{F}_t, \mathcal{G}_t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ -adapted  $\mathcal{S}^\downarrow$ -process  $(M(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is said to be a solution to the equation  $SDE(K, F, M(0), J^c, J^f)$  if a.s. for all  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(t) &= M(0) + \int_0^t \int_{i < j} \int_0^\infty [c_{ij}(M(s-)) - M(s-)] \mathbb{1}_{\{z \leq K(M_i(s-), M_j(s-))\}} J^c \\
 &\quad + \int_0^t \int_i \int_{\Theta_f} \int_0^\infty [f_{i\theta}(M(s-)) - M(s-)] \mathbb{1}_{\{z \leq F(M_i(s-))\}} J^f.
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- iii) The obtained process is **Feller**: for all  $t \geq 0$ , the map  $m \mapsto \text{Law}(M(t))$  is continuous from  $\ell_\lambda$  into  $\mathcal{P}(\ell_\lambda)$ .

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We show the following:

- We build a finite process  $M^n(t) := M(m^n, t)$ . We control its intensities (truncating  $\beta$ ,  $m \in \ell_{0+}$ ).
- $M(m^n, t)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{D}([0, \infty), \ell_\lambda)$ .
- The limit process  $M(m, t)$  satisfies the SDE.

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- ii) For  $\alpha \geq \lambda < 0$ , explosion in finite time.

Merci pour votre attention !