

# Temporal correlation in the inverse-gamma polymer

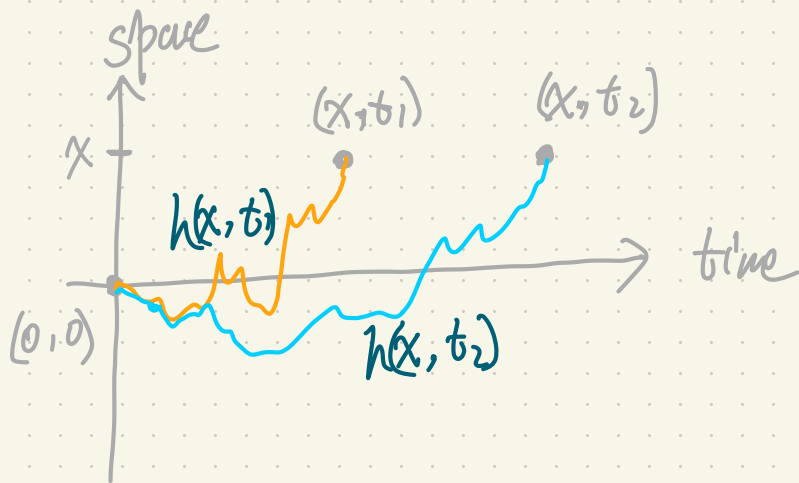
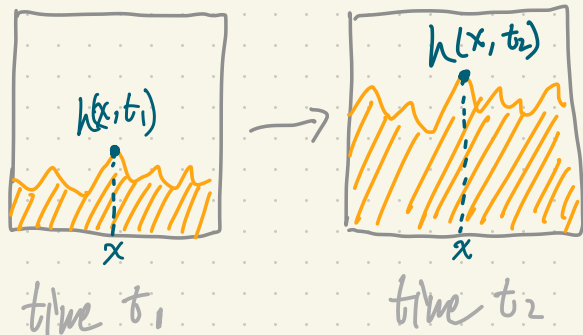
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Random Growth Models and KPZ Universality

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$x$  is spatial,  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $t$  is time,  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$



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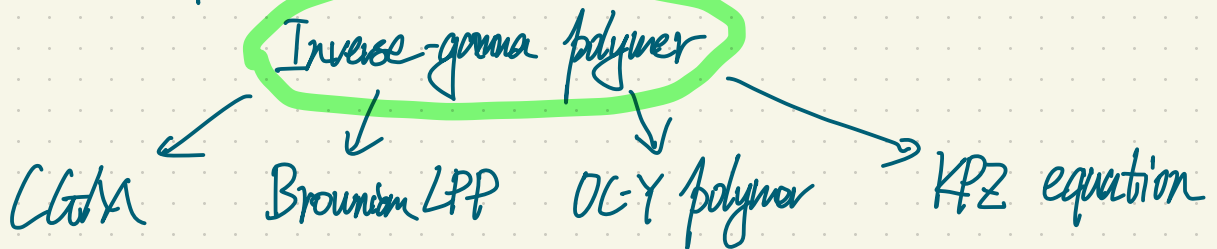
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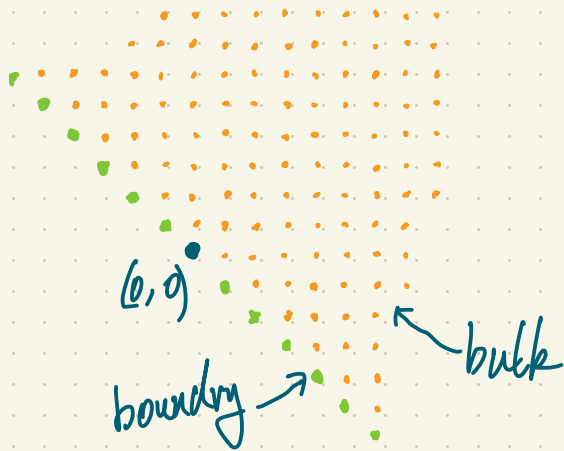
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- Higher up in the hierarchy of KPZ models



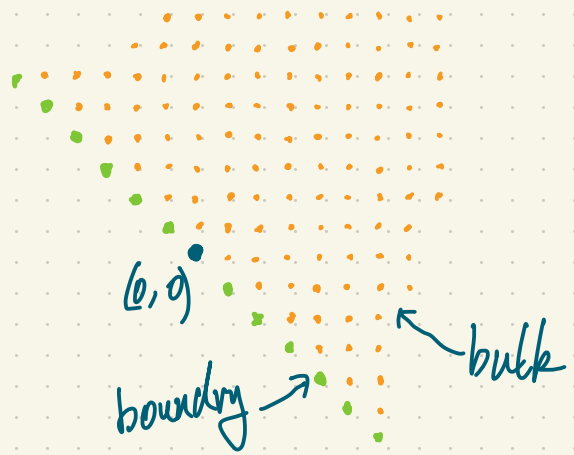
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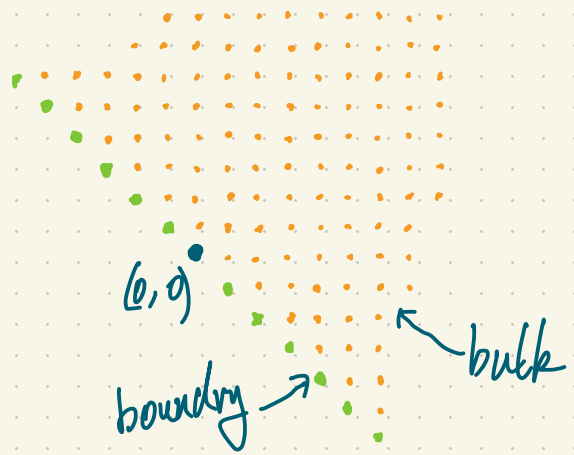


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$$Z_b^W = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} W_{(k,-k)} \cdot \tilde{Z}_{(k,-k), b}$$

## Initial (boundary) conditions

$$W_{(k,-k)} = W_k$$

- Droplet:  $W_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } k=0 \\ 0 & \text{for } k \neq 0 \end{cases}$

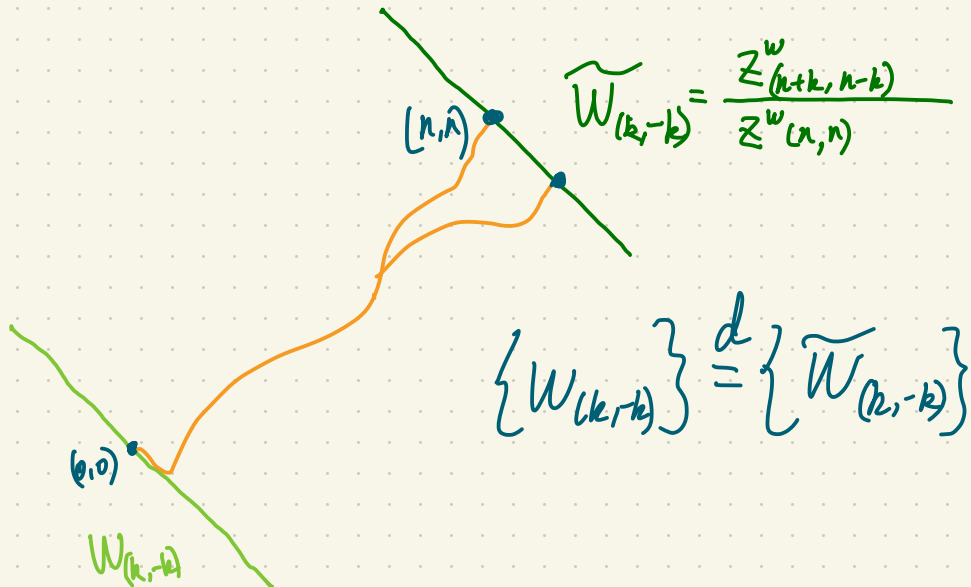
- Flat:  $W_k = 1$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

- Random:  $\{\log W_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a random walk,  $\log W_0 = 0$

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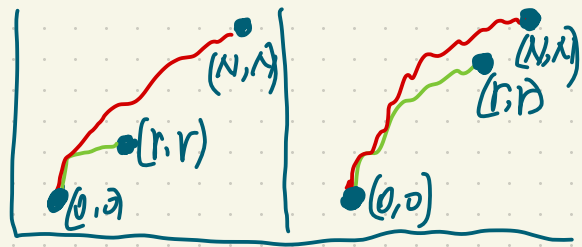
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$$\frac{W_{k+1}}{W_k} \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{\text{Ga}^{-1}(1/2)}{\text{Ga}^{-1}(1/2)} \quad \text{i.i.d.}$$





## Main results



For droplet (Basu-Seppäläinen-S) and random\* (Basu-S) initial conditions.  $\exists C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, r_0, N_0$

- for  $r_0 \leq r \leq N/2$

$$C_1 \left(\frac{r}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \leq \text{Corr}(\log Z_{(r,r)}^w, \log Z_{(N,N)}^w) \leq C_2 \left(\frac{r}{N}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

- for  $N \geq N_0$ ,  $N/2 \leq r \leq N - r_0$

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# Droplet IC

Same results:

- Basu, Ganguly in the CGM
- Corwin, Ghosal, Hammond for the KPZ equation

Asymptotic result:  $r = \varepsilon N$  or  $r = (1 - \varepsilon)N$ , and  $N \rightarrow \infty$

- Ferrari, Ocelli in the CGM (explicit constants)

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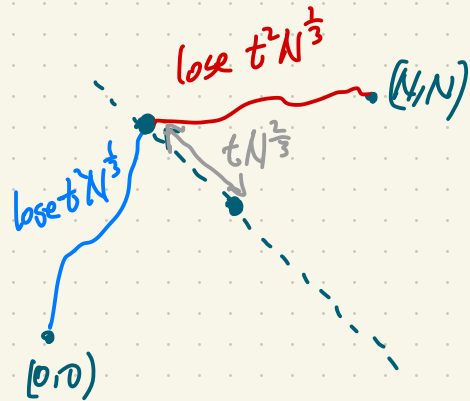
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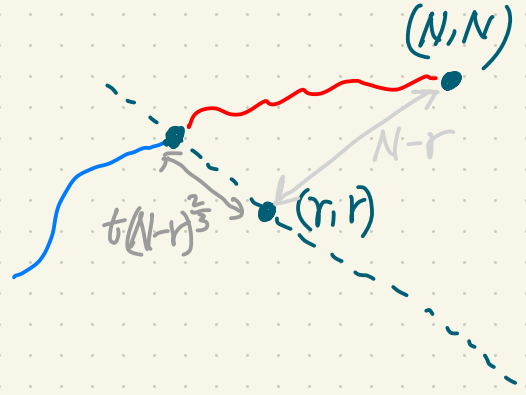
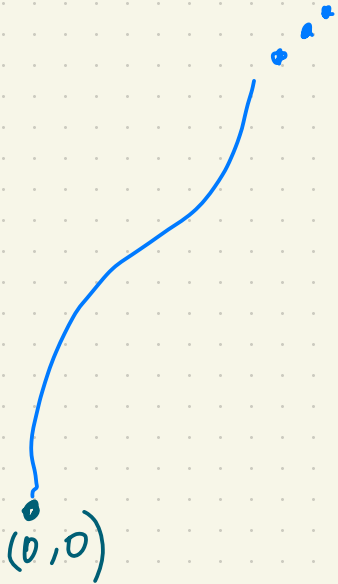
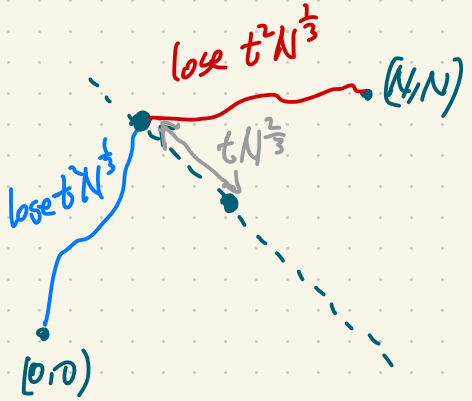
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③ Estimate for finite  $N$  and  $r$ , where  $r$  or  $N-r \ll N$ .

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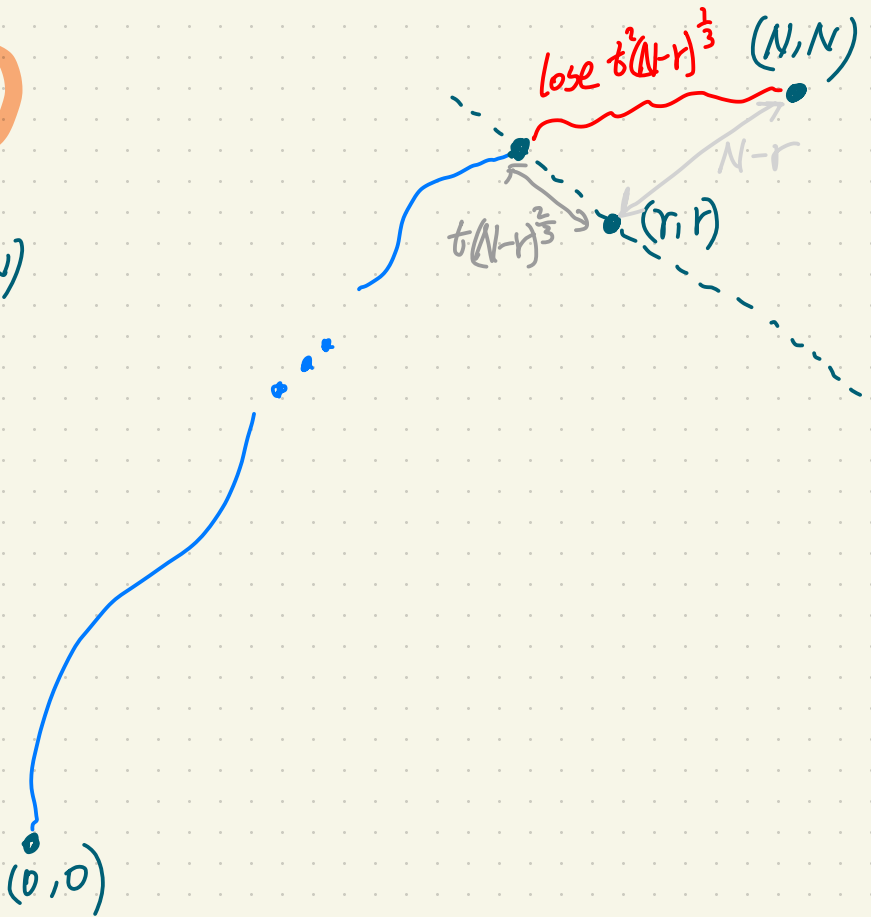
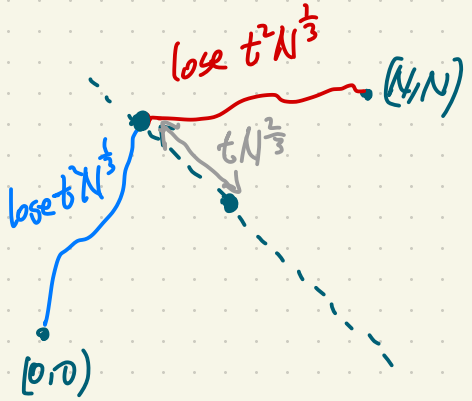


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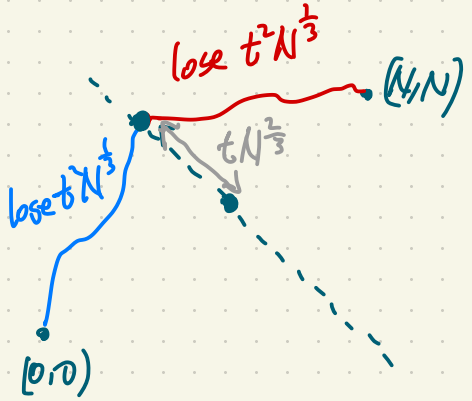


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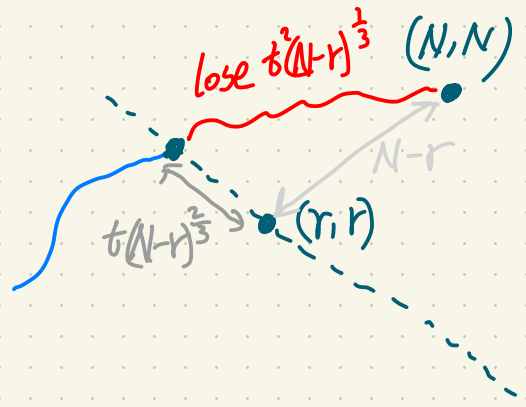
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fluctuate  $r^{1/3} \gg t^2(1-r)^{1/3}$

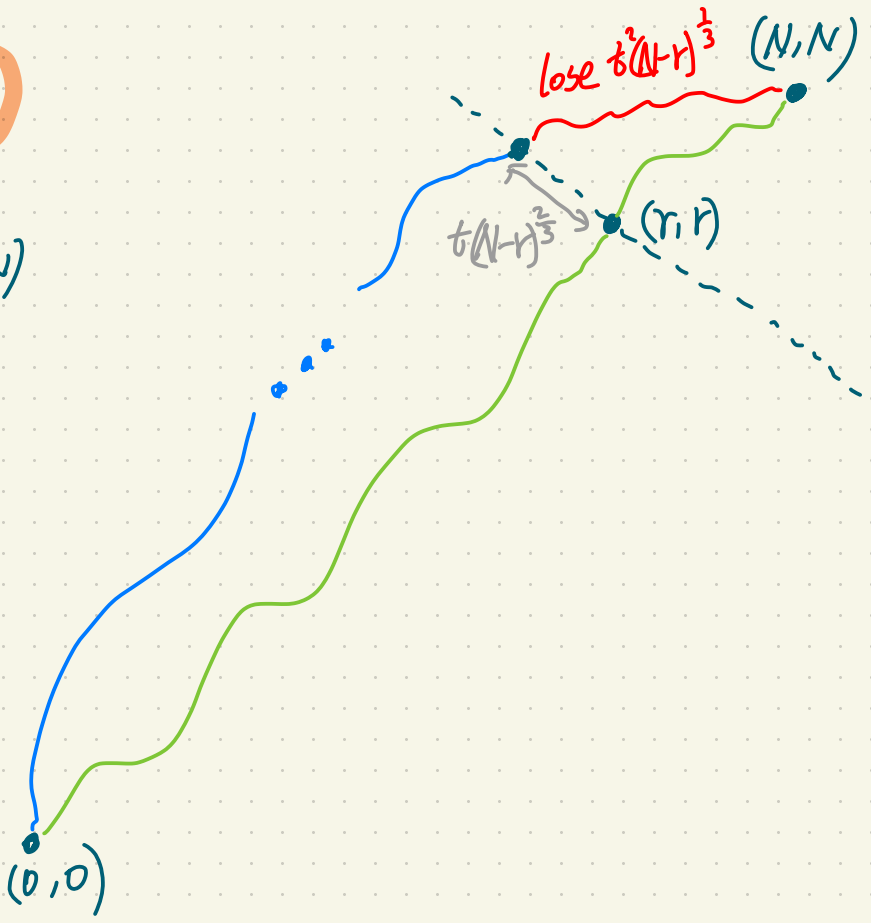
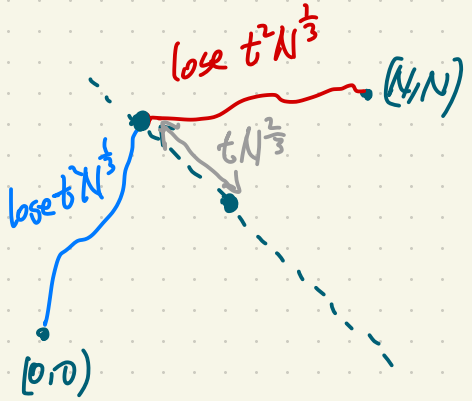
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 $N^{0.00001}$  or constant



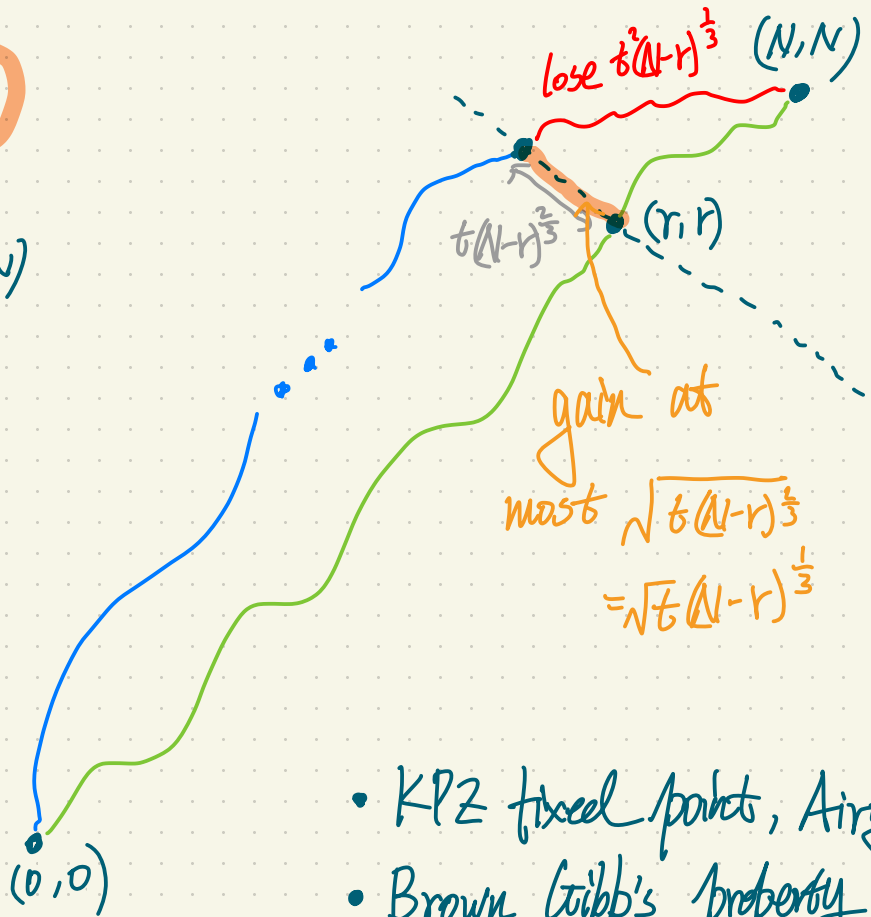
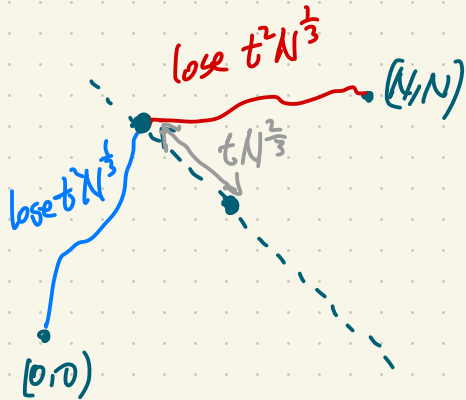
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- KPZ fixed points, Airy
- Brown Gibbs property
- Coupling method



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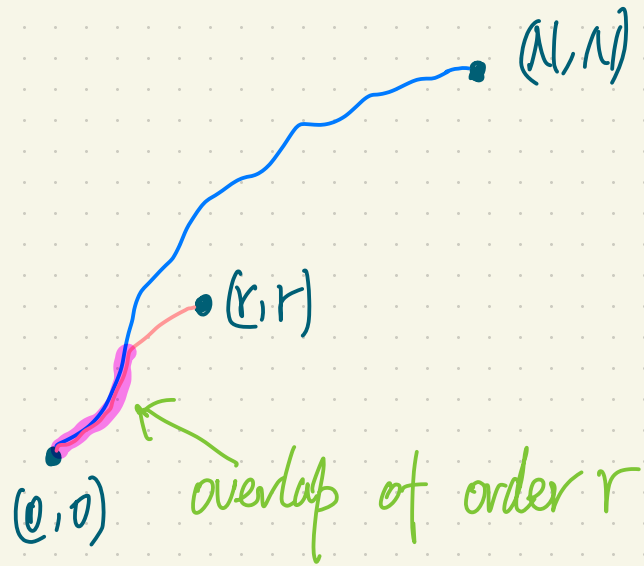
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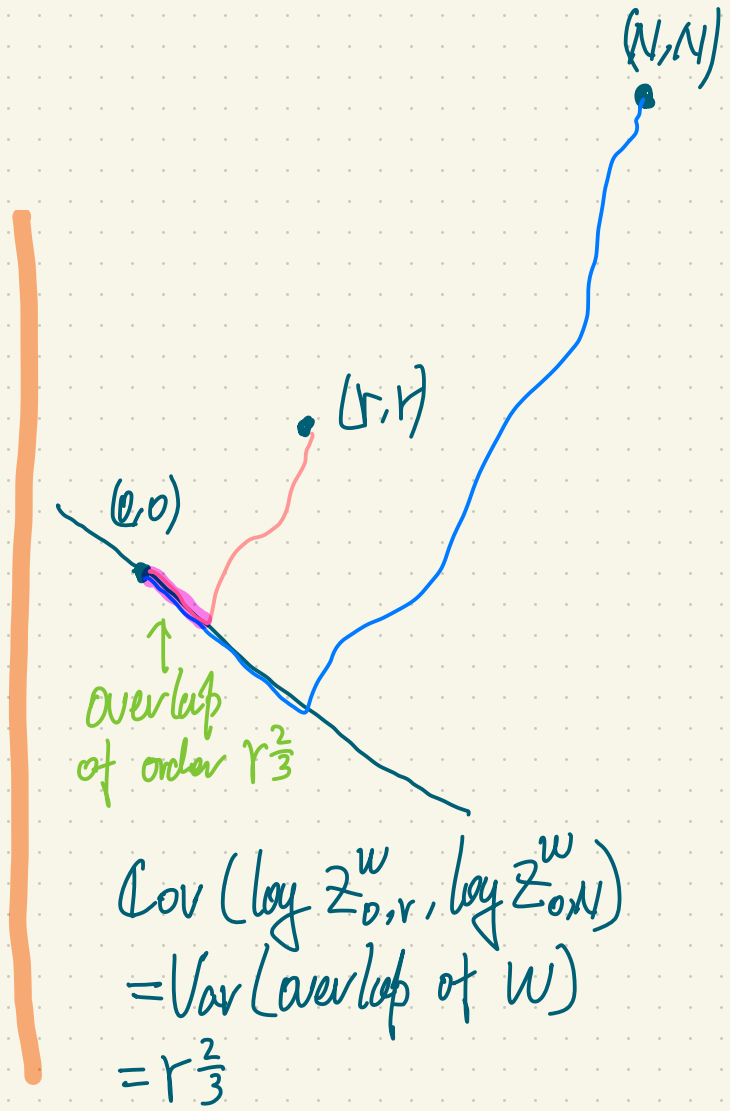
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