Master Structural Theorem for Exponential Persistence (SOEP)

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Abstract

A structural formulation of exponential persistence in metastable stochastic dynamical systems is presented. For a broad admissible class of dissipative Markov processes with light-tailed noise and a bounded metastable domain, geometric ergodicity and minorization conditions imply the existence of a positive spectral gap and a simple principal Dirichlet eigenvalue. Consequently, survival probabilities admit exponential asymptotics governed by the principal eigenvalue.

In the small-noise regime, eigenvalue scaling is derived via quasipotential large deviation theory. Sharp asymptotics are obtained in gradient systems through the Eyring–Kramers formula and extended to non-gradient systems under quasipotential regularity assumptions.

A renormalization framework for survival kernels is introduced, and exponential kernels are shown to be locally stable fixed points under coarse-graining. Within the specified admissible structural class, persistence behavior separates into regimes determined by dissipativity, noise tail structure, and memory properties. Topological and measure-theoretic arguments are provided to characterize the openness and genericity of the exponential sector in generator space.

These results provide a unified structural perspective on exponential persistence in finite- and infinite-dimensional dissipative stochastic systems.

1 Master Exponential Persistence Theorem

1.1 Statement of the Theorem

Let X_t be the diffusion process on $\mathbb{R}^n$ generated by

$$Lf(x) = \langle b(x), \nabla f(x) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}\big(a(x)\nabla^2 f(x)\big),$$

where:

1. $b, a \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $k \geq 2$;

2. $a(x)$ is uniformly positive definite outside a compact set;

3. There exists $m \geq 1$ such that

$$b(x) = B_m(x) + o(|x|^m) \quad \text{as } |x| \to \infty,$$

with B_m homogeneous of degree m;

4. Strict dissipativity holds:

$$\langle B_m(\theta), \theta \rangle < 0 \quad \forall \theta \in S^{n-1};$$

5. The global Hörmander bracket condition holds;

6. There exists a bounded C^2 domain D containing a deterministic attracting equilibrium of $\dot{x} = b(x)$.

Then:

1. The process is geometrically ergodic.

2. The generator L has a positive spectral gap in $L^2(\mu)$.

3. The exit time τ_D satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) = c(x)e^{-\lambda_1 t} + o(e^{-\lambda_1 t}),$$

where $\lambda_1 > 0$ is the principal Dirichlet eigenvalue.

1.2 Proof

Step 1: Dissipativity at Infinity

Because $b(x) = B_m(x) + o(|x|^m)$ and B_m is homogeneous of degree m,

$$\langle b(r\theta), \theta \rangle = r^m \langle B_m(\theta), \theta \rangle + o(r^m).$$

Strict dissipativity implies existence of $c_0 > 0$ such that

$$\langle B_m(\theta), \theta \rangle \leq -c_0 \quad \forall \theta.$$

Hence there exist constants $R, c_1 > 0$ such that for $|x| > R$,

$$\langle b(x), x \rangle \leq -c_1 |x|^{m+1}.$$

Define $U(x) = |x|^2$. Then

$$\langle b(x), \nabla U(x) \rangle = 2\langle b(x), x \rangle \leq -2c_1 |x|^{m+1}.$$

Thus deterministic trajectories cannot escape to infinity.

Step 2: Lyapunov Drift Inequality

Let $V(x) = 1 + |x|^2$. Then

$$LV(x) = 2\langle b(x), x\rangle + \mathrm{tr}(a(x)).$$

Polynomial growth of a implies existence of $C > 0$ such that

$$\mathrm{tr}(a(x)) \leq C(1 + |x|^k)$$

for some k.

Since $m \geq 1$, the negative term dominates for sufficiently large $|x|$. Therefore there exist constants $\lambda, C_1 > 0$ such that

$$LV(x) \leq -\lambda V(x) + C_1 \quad \text{for } |x| > R.$$

This is a Foster–Lyapunov condition.

Step 3: Minorization Condition

Uniform ellipticity outside compact set and global Hörmander condition imply that for any $t > 0$ the transition density $p_t(x, y)$ exists and is smooth and strictly positive.

Hence any compact set is a small set in the sense of Meyn–Tweedie.

Step 4: Geometric Ergodicity

By the Harris theorem (Meyn–Tweedie, 1993), the Lyapunov drift condition together with a small set implies geometric ergodicity:

$$\|P_t(x, \cdot) - \mu\|_{TV} \leq Ce^{-\gamma t}.$$

Step 5: Spectral Gap

Geometric ergodicity implies existence of a spectral gap for L in $L^2(\mu)$.

In particular, there exists $\gamma > 0$ such that the spectrum of L satisfies

$$\mathrm{Re}\,\lambda \leq -\gamma$$

except for the simple eigenvalue 0.

Step 6: Dirichlet Spectral Theory

Consider the killed semigroup in D. Since D is bounded with C^2 boundary and a is uniformly elliptic locally, the Dirichlet realization L_D has compact resolvent.

Therefore there exists a principal eigenvalue $\lambda_1 > 0$ with positive eigenfunction.

Step 7: Exponential Exit Law

Spectral decomposition of the killed semigroup yields

$$\mathbb{P}_x(\tau_D > t) = c(x)e^{-\lambda_1 t} + o(e^{-\lambda_1 t})$$

as $t \to \infty$.

1.3 Small-Noise Asymptotics of the Principal Eigenvalue

Assume additionally that the diffusion matrix has the form

$$a(x) = \varepsilon\, \tilde{a}(x),$$

where $\tilde{a}(x)$ is uniformly positive definite and $\varepsilon > 0$ is a small parameter.

Let the generator be written as

$$L_\varepsilon f = \langle b(x), \nabla f\rangle + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\operatorname{tr}\big(\tilde{a}(x)\nabla^2 f\big)\,.$$

Step 1: Freidlin–Wentzell Rate Functional

The associated action functional on absolutely continuous paths ϕ is

$$S_{0T}(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}\int_0^T \|\dot{\phi}(t) - b(\phi(t))\|^2_{\tilde{a}^{-1}(\phi(t))}\, dt.$$

Define the quasipotential relative to the attractor x_* by

$$W(x) = \inf_{T>0} \inf_{\phi(0)=x_*,\, \phi(T)=x} S_{0T}(\phi).$$

Let

$$W^* = \inf_{x\in\partial D} W(x).$$

Step 2: Large Deviation Estimate of Exit Time

Freidlin–Wentzell theory yields that for any $\delta > 0$,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{P}_x(\tau_D < e^{(W^*-\delta)/\varepsilon}) = -\infty,$$

and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{P}_x(\tau_D > e^{(W^*+\delta)/\varepsilon}) = -\infty.$$

Hence

$$\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{E}_x \tau_D = W^*.$$

Step 3: Relation Between Mean Exit Time and Principal Eigenvalue

For the killed semigroup in D,

$$\mathbb{E}_x \tau_D = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}_x(\tau_D > t)\, dt.$$

Using spectral decomposition,

$$\mathbb{P}_x(\tau_D > t) = c_\varepsilon(x) e^{-\lambda_1(\varepsilon)t} + o(e^{-\lambda_1(\varepsilon)t}).$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}_x \tau_D = \frac{c_\varepsilon(x)}{\lambda_1(\varepsilon)} + o\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1(\varepsilon)}\right).$$

Taking logarithms and combining with the large deviation estimate,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \varepsilon \log \lambda_1(\varepsilon) = -W^*.$$

Step 4: Exponential Scaling of Principal Eigenvalue

Thus,

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) = \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon} + o\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)\right) \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \to 0.$$

Conclusion

The exit law satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}_x(\tau_D > t) = c_\varepsilon(x) \exp\left(-t \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon} + o\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)\right)\right) + o(\cdot),$$

establishing exponential persistence with sharp small-noise scaling determined by the quasipotential barrier.

1.4 Eyring–Kramers Sharp Asymptotics

Assume additionally:

1. The drift is of gradient form:
$$b(x) = -\nabla V(x),$$
where $V \in C^3(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2. The domain D contains a unique nondegenerate local minimum x_* of V.

3. The boundary ∂D contains a unique saddle point x_s realizing the minimal quasipotential barrier:
$$W^* = V(x_s) - V(x_*).$$

4. The Hessians $H_* = \nabla^2 V(x_*)$ and $H_s = \nabla^2 V(x_s)$ are nondegenerate.

5. H_s has exactly one negative eigenvalue.

Step 1: Quadratic Approximation Near Critical Points

Near x_*:

$$V(x) = V(x_*) + \frac{1}{2}(x - x_*)^T H_*(x - x_*) + o(|x - x_*|^2).$$

Near x_s:

$$V(x) = V(x_s) + \frac{1}{2}(x - x_s)^T H_s(x - x_s) + o(|x - x_s|^2).$$

Let λ_- denote the absolute value of the unique negative eigenvalue of H_s.

Step 2: WKB Ansatz for Principal Eigenfunction

Consider the eigenvalue problem

$$L_\varepsilon u = -\lambda_1(\varepsilon)u \quad \text{in } D, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial D.$$

Using the WKB ansatz:

$$u(x) = A(x) \exp\left(-\frac{V(x)}{\varepsilon}\right),$$

and matching inner and outer asymptotics, the dominant exponential contribution is determined by the barrier W^*.

Step 3: Laplace Method for Matching

The stationary distribution inside D satisfies

$$\mu_\varepsilon(dx) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{V(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) dx.$$

Applying Laplace's method near x_*,

$$\int_D \exp\left(-\frac{V(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) dx = (2\pi\varepsilon)^{n/2} \frac{e^{-V(x_*)/\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{\det H_*}} (1 + o(1)).$$

Similarly, near the saddle point x_s,

$$\int_{\text{unstable manifold}} \exp\left(-\frac{V(x)}{\varepsilon}\right) dx = (2\pi\varepsilon)^{(n-1)/2} \frac{e^{-V(x_s)/\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{|\det H_s|}} (1 + o(1)).$$

Step 4: Eyring–Kramers Formula

Combining flux-over-population arguments with spectral representation yields

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) = \frac{\lambda_-}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\det H_*}{|\det H_s|}} \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right) (1 + o(1)).$$

Conclusion

Under the nondegenerate saddle assumptions, the principal eigenvalue admits the sharp asymptotic

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) \sim C_{\text{EK}} \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right),$$

where

$$C_{\text{EK}} = \frac{\lambda_-}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{\det H_*}{|\det H_s|}}.$$

This completes the full small-noise asymptotic characterization of exponential persistence.

1.5 Sharp Asymptotics for Non-Gradient Systems

Assume the drift $b(x)$ is not necessarily of gradient type, but the following hold:

1. The diffusion matrix is of the form

$$a(x) = \varepsilon \tilde{a}(x),$$

with $\tilde{a}(x)$ uniformly positive definite and C^2.

2. The deterministic system $\dot{x} = b(x)$ has a nondegenerate attracting equilibrium x_* inside D.

3. The quasipotential

$$W(x) = \inf_{T>0} \inf_{\phi(0)=x_*,\, \phi(T)=x} \frac{1}{2}\int_0^T \|\dot{\phi} - b(\phi)\|_{\tilde{a}^{-1}}^2 \, dt$$

is C^2 in a neighborhood of the minimal exit point $x_s \in \partial D$.

4. The minimizer x_s is nondegenerate in the sense that the second variation of the action functional at x_s has exactly one unstable direction.

Step 1: Hamilton–Jacobi Equation

The quasipotential satisfies the stationary Hamilton–Jacobi equation:

$$H(x, \nabla W(x)) = 0,$$

where

$$H(x,p) = \langle b(x), p\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle p, \tilde{a}(x)p\rangle.$$

This equation holds in viscosity sense and is C^2 near the saddle under the nondegeneracy assumption.

Step 2: Local Quadratic Approximation

Near the attractor:

$$W(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x - x_*)^T Q_*(x - x_*) + o(|x - x_*|^2),$$

where Q_* solves the Lyapunov equation

$$B_*^T Q_* + Q_* B_* = -Q_* \tilde{a}(x_*) Q_*,$$

with $B_* = Db(x_*)$.

Near the saddle:

$$W(x) = W^* + \frac{1}{2}(x - x_s)^T Q_s(x - x_s) + o(|x - x_s|^2).$$

The matrix Q_s has exactly one negative eigenvalue corresponding to the unstable direction.

Step 3: WKB Construction

Consider the eigenvalue problem

$$L_\varepsilon u = -\lambda_1(\varepsilon) u, \quad u|_{\partial D} = 0.$$

Using WKB ansatz

$$u(x) = A(x) \exp\left(-\frac{W(x)}{\varepsilon}\right),$$

substitution into the eigenvalue equation yields at leading order the Hamilton–Jacobi equation and at next order a transport equation for $A(x)$.

Step 4: Matching Across Saddle

Matching inner and outer expansions near x_s yields a boundary-layer correction along the unstable manifold.

The resulting flux-over-population ratio gives

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) = C_{\text{NG}} \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right) (1 + o(1)),$$

where

$$C_{\text{NG}} = \frac{\sqrt{|\lambda_u|}}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\det Q_*}{|\det Q_s|}},$$

and λ_u denotes the positive unstable eigenvalue of the linearized Hamiltonian flow at the saddle.

Step 5: Final Asymptotic Formula

Therefore,

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) \sim C_{\mathrm{NG}} \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right), \quad \varepsilon \to 0.$$

This extends the Eyring–Kramers formula to non-gradient systems via quasipotential geometry.

2 Formal Closure Blueprint: Detailed Formalization

This section contains the step-by-step formalization required to close the SOEP program. Each step is stated as a formal theorem/definition with a proof-sketch placeholder. Citations and full line-by-line proofs can be inserted into the provided placeholders.

2.1 Part I — Precise Structural Foundation

Definition 2.1 (Admissible Dynamical Class)**.** *Let $\mathcal{S}$ denote the class of stochastic dynamical systems $(X_t)_{t\geq 0}$ satisfying:*

1. *State space (X, d) is Polish.*
2. *(X_t) is a Markov process admitting generator L on a dense domain in $L^2(\mu)$.*
3. *A bounded metastable domain $D \subset X$ with C^2 boundary (for diffusions) is specified.*
4. *Noise satisfies either: finite exponential moments (light tail) or a Lévy-type tail parameterization (heavy tail).*
5. *If an environment is present, environmental process is α–mixing with specified summability.*

Theorem 2.2 (Functional CLT for Environmental Forcing)**.** *Under the mixing and moment conditions of Definition 2.1, coarse-grained environmental forcing converges in distribution (Skorokhod topology) to a Brownian motion with explicitly computable covariance. Consequently, the projected dynamics admit an effective diffusion limit.*

Proof sketch. Provide a martingale approximation (Kipnis–Varadhan or Donsker-type argument), verify Lindeberg condition, and conclude weak convergence in $D([0, T])$. Insert full functional CLT proof and references to standard sources.

Theorem 2.3 (Freidlin–Wentzell Large Deviation Principle)**.** *For small-noise SDEs in the effective diffusion limit, $\{X^\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0}$ satisfies an LDP in $C([0, T]; X)$ with good rate function $S_{0T}(\cdot)$; exponential tightness and lower-semicontinuity are verified under the hypotheses.*

Proof sketch. Cite Freidlin–Wentzell; verify required regularity assumptions for coefficients; verify exponential tightness via Lyapunov function bounds.

Lemma 2.4 (Constraint-Class Closure and Barrier Amplification)**.** *Assume the constrained trajectory set $\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cons}}$ is closed in the uniform topology on $C([0, T]; X)$ and the rate function S_{0T} is lower-semicontinuous. Then*

$$\inf_{\phi \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{cons}}} S_{0T}(\phi) > \inf_{\phi \in C([0,T];X)} S_{0T}(\phi),$$

whenever the unconstrained minimizer does not lie in $\mathcal{T}_{\text{cons}}$.

Proof sketch. Apply compactness of action-bounded sets and lower-semicontinuity. Provide full Arzelà–Ascoli argument and reference for rate-function properties.

2.2 Part II — Spectral Structure and Quasi-Compactness

Definition 2.5 (Killed Semigroup and Dirichlet Generator)**.** *Let $P_t^D f(x) = \mathbb{E}_x[f(X_t)\mathbf{1}_{t<\tau_D}]$ denote the killed semigroup. Let L_D denote its generator with Dirichlet boundary conditions on ∂D.*

Theorem 2.6 (Quasi-Compactness of Killed Semigroup)**.** *Under smoothing (Hörmander-type) and Lyapunov conditions, the killed semigroup P_t^D is quasi-compact on a chosen Banach space (e.g. $L^2(\mu)$ or $C_b(D)$) and admits a finite discrete slow spectral cluster separated from the remainder of the spectrum by a spectral gap.*

Proof sketch. Verify Doeblin/minorization on small sets, apply Harris theorem to obtain spectral decomposition; follow standard quasi-compact semigroup theory (Riesz decomposition).

Theorem 2.7 (Principal Dirichlet Eigenvalue and Quasi-Stationary Distribution)**.** *The Dirichlet realization L_D has compact resolvent; the principal eigenvalue $\lambda_1 > 0$ is simple and the corresponding eigenfunction yields the quasi-stationary distribution π_D.*

Proof sketch. Apply Krein–Rutman theorem to the positive compact operator (resolvent or time-t semigroup). Insert detailed spectral theory steps.

2.3 Part III — Small-Noise Asymptotics and Eigenvalue Scaling

Theorem 2.8 (Mean Exit Time and Principal Eigenvalue Relation)**.** *Under the LDP hypotheses,*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{E}_x \tau_D^\varepsilon = W^*, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\varepsilon\to 0} \varepsilon \log \lambda_1(\varepsilon) = -W^*,$$

where $W^* = \inf_{y\in\partial D} W(y)$ is the quasipotential barrier.

Proof sketch. Relate Laplace transform of exit time to resolvent spectral data; use Tauberian-type arguments together with LDP estimates for tail probabilities.

Theorem 2.9 (Eyring–Kramers Asymptotics (Gradient Case))**.** *Under nondegeneracy and Morse-type assumptions on V (gradient drift),*

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) = C_{\text{EK}} \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right)(1 + o(1)),$$

with C_{EK} given by the standard Eyring–Kramers prefactor.

Proof sketch. Perform WKB construction, match inner/outer expansions, apply Laplace method at critical points; include full asymptotic derivation and references.

Theorem 2.10 (Non-Gradient Extension via Quasipotential Geometry)**.** *Under the stated quasipotential smoothness and nondegeneracy of minimizer x_s,*

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) = C_{\mathrm{NG}} \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right)(1 + o(1)),$$

where C_{NG} is expressed in terms of second-variation data of S_{0T}.

Proof sketch. Derive Hamilton–Jacobi equation for quasipotential, perform local quadratic analysis, carry out WKB/transport hierarchy and matching near saddle.

2.4 Part IV — Analytic Asymptotics for Persistence Distributions

Theorem 2.11 (Resolvent Representation of Laplace Transform)**.** *Let $f(t)$ denote the density (or survival function) of exit time. Then for $\Re s$ large enough,*

$$\hat{f}(s) = \langle (s - L_D)^{-1} g, h \rangle,$$

for suitable observables g, h related to initial data and boundary evaluation.

Proof sketch. Use semigroup-resolvent correspondence: $\int_0^\infty e^{-st} P_t^D dt = (s - L_D)^{-1}$. Insert analytic continuation and resolvent estimates.

Theorem 2.12 (Pole-Dominance and Bromwich Inversion)**.** *Assume spectral gap. Then $\hat{f}(s)$ has a simple pole at $s = -\lambda_1$ and Bromwich inversion yields exponential leading term plus exponentially small remainder.*

Proof sketch. Deform contour through pole, extract residue; bound remainder using resolvent norms.

2.5 Part V — RG Formalization and Local Stability

Definition 2.13 (Persistence Kernel Banach Space)**.** *Fix $\alpha > 0$. Define*

$$\mathcal{B}_\alpha = \{S : [0, \infty) \to [0, 1] : S \text{ nonincreasing}, \ \|S\|_\alpha := \sup_{t \geq 0} e^{\alpha t} |S(t)| < \infty\}.$$

Proposition 1 (RG Operator Well-Definedness)**.** *For fixed $b > 1$, define $(\mathcal{R}S)(t) := S(bt)/S(b)$ on the subset of $\mathcal{B}_\alpha$ for which $S(b) > 0$. Then $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{B}_\alpha \to \mathcal{B}_\alpha$ is continuous.*

Proof sketch. Check moment bounds and show $\|\mathcal{R}S\|_\alpha \leq C \|S\|_\alpha$ with C explicit.

Theorem 2.14 (Linearized Contraction Near Exponential Kernels)**.** *Linearize $\mathcal{R}$ at $S_\lambda(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$. The linearized operator $\mathcal{L}$ acting on weighted perturbations has spectral radius $\rho(\mathcal{L}) < 1$ for suitable choice of weight α and coarse-graining factor b.*

Proof sketch. Compute action on $h(t)$ via $h(bt) - h(b)$; estimate operator norm in $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$.

Theorem 2.15 (Local RG Stability)**.** *There exists a neighborhood $U \subset \mathcal{B}_\alpha$ of S_λ such that $\mathcal{R}^n S \to S_\lambda$ for all $S \in U$.*

Proof sketch. Apply Banach fixed-point theorem using contraction estimate from Theorem 2.14 and control of nonlinear terms.

2.6 Part VI — Global RG Basin (Research-Level Step)

Conjecture 1 (Global RG Basin Characterization). *Let $\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{B}_\alpha$ denote log-convex light-tailed survival functions with well-defined asymptotic rate $\lambda > 0$. Then for every $S \in \mathcal{K}_0$, $\mathcal{R}^n S \to e^{-\lambda t}$ in $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$ as $n \to \infty$.*

Remark 2.16. *Step 1 is research-level and requires either a global Lyapunov functional for $\mathcal{R}$ or compactness + uniqueness + recurrence arguments. If proven, almost-global universality follows.*

2.7 Part VII — Generator-Space Topology and Genericity

Definition 2.17 (Generator Space Metric). *Define metric d on $\mathcal{G}$ by compact exhaustion seminorms as in the main text (use $C^1(K_R)$ seminorms and a tight metric d_ν on Lévy measures).*

Theorem 2.18 (Density and G_δ Properties of Dissipativity). *The set of generators with strict dissipativity at infinity is dense and is a G_δ subset of $(\mathcal{G}, d)$.*

Proof sketch. Construct explicit dissipativity perturbations localized outside large balls and write dissipativity as countable intersection over rational parameters.

Theorem 2.19 (Spectral Gap Openness). *Generators with spectral gap form an open subset in $(\mathcal{G}, d)$ under bounded operator perturbations (Kato–Rellich framework).*

Proof sketch. Use analytic perturbation theory for isolated eigenvalues; provide references and constructive estimates for resolvent norms.

Theorem 2.20 (Measure-Zero Pathologies in Finite-Parameter Ensembles). *Under a finite-parameter coefficient parameterization with absolutely continuous densities, pathological parameter sets (non-dissipative, heavy-tail, spectral degeneracy) have Lebesgue measure zero.*

Proof sketch. Argue that algebraic equality constraints define lower-dimensional manifolds; apply absolute continuity of coefficient law.

2.8 Part VIII — Master Structural Universality (Consolidation)

Theorem 2.21 (Master Structural Universality (Formal Version)). *Restrict attention to the admissible dynamical class $\mathcal{S}$ of Definition 2.1. Under the assumptions:*

- *dissipative drift with Lyapunov function,*
- *smoothing/minorization yielding quasi-compactness,*
- *finite exponential moment of noise,*
- *spectral gap for the generator (or Dirichlet realization),*

the following conclusions hold:

1. *$\exists$ positive spectral gap and a simple principal Dirichlet eigenvalue $\lambda_1 > 0$ (Theorems 2.6, 2.7).*
2. *Survival probability admits asymptotic expansion*

$$\mathbb{P}_x(\tau_D > t) = c(x)e^{-\lambda_1 t} + o(e^{-\lambda_1 t}).$$

3. *In the small-noise limit,*

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) \sim C \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

4. *Exponential survival kernels are locally RG-stable (Theorem 2.15).*
5. *The exponential sector is open and residual in $\mathcal{G}$ and occupies full measure within finite-parameter ensembles (Theorems 2.18, 2.19, 2.20).*

Proof sketch. Combine the results of Parts I–VII. Insert detailed concatenated argument and references to each step. Emphasize explicit assumptions and where each theorem is used.

2.9 Part IX — Final Remarks on Scope and Required Additions

Remark 2.22 (Research-Level Items)**.** *The primary remaining research-level tasks are:*

1. *Rigorous global RG-basin proof (Conjecture 1).*
2. *Extension of finite-parameter measure-zero statements to carefully defined infinite-dimensional priors (if desired).*
3. *Filling in all proof placeholders with full estimates, PDE resolvent bounds, and precise references.*

3 Extensions Beyond Diffusion Class

3.1 Heavy-Tailed Lévy Noise and Power-Law Persistence

Consider instead a jump-diffusion or pure jump process with generator

$$Lf(x) = \langle b(x), \nabla f(x)\rangle + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \big(f(x+z) - f(x) - \mathbf{1}_{|z|<1}\langle z, \nabla f(x)\rangle\big)\nu(dz),$$

where ν is a Lévy measure satisfying

$$\nu(|z| > r) \sim r^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 2.$$

Exit Mechanism

In this setting, escape from a metastable domain is dominated by single large jumps rather than accumulation of small deviations.

Large deviation scaling is replaced by tail scaling:

$$\mathbb{P}(|Z| > r) \sim r^{-\alpha}.$$

Asymptotic Exit Law

Let τ_D denote exit time. Then asymptotically,

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) \sim t^{-\alpha},$$

under standard domain regularity and drift confinement assumptions.

Conclusion

Exponential persistence fails in heavy-tailed Lévy systems. Persistence belongs to a distinct power-law universality class determined by jump tail exponent α.

3.2 Infinite-Dimensional SPDE Extension

Let X_t be governed by the stochastic evolution equation in a Hilbert space H:

$$dX_t = \big(AX_t + F(X_t)\big)\, dt + \sqrt{\varepsilon}\, G(X_t)\, dW_t,$$

where:

1. A generates a strongly continuous semigroup,
2. F is locally Lipschitz,
3. G is Hilbert–Schmidt,
4. A compact embedding $H_1 \hookrightarrow H$ holds for the domain of A,
5. Dissipativity condition:

$$\langle Ax + F(x), x \rangle \le -c\|x\|^2 + C.$$

Lyapunov Condition

Define

$$V(x) = 1 + \|x\|^2.$$

Then

$$LV(x) \le -\lambda V(x) + C,$$

establishing a Foster–Lyapunov condition in H.

Compactness and Spectral Gap

Compact embedding ensures that the resolvent of L is compact in $L^2(\mu)$.
Hence spectral gap exists.

Exit Law

For bounded metastable regions $D \subset H$ with smooth finite-codimension boundary,
Dirichlet realization yields principal eigenvalue $\lambda_1(\varepsilon)$.
Freidlin–Wentzell infinite-dimensional large deviation theory implies

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right),$$

provided quasipotential barrier W^* is finite.

Conclusion

Exponential persistence extends to dissipative infinite-dimensional SPDEs under compactness and nondegeneracy conditions.

4 Infinite-Dimensional Large Deviation Principle

4.1 SPDE Framework

Let H be a separable Hilbert space and consider

$$dX_t^\varepsilon = \big(AX_t^\varepsilon + F(X_t^\varepsilon)\big)dt + \sqrt{\varepsilon}\, G(X_t^\varepsilon)\, dW_t,$$

where:

1. A generates a strongly continuous semigroup $S(t)$ on H;
2. $F : H \to H$ is locally Lipschitz and dissipative:
$$\langle Ax + F(x), x\rangle \le -c\|x\|^2 + C;$$
3. $G : H \to L_2(U, H)$ is Hilbert–Schmidt valued;
4. W_t is cylindrical Wiener process in U.

4.2 Controlled Deterministic Skeleton

Define controlled equation

$$\dot{\phi}(t) = A\phi(t) + F(\phi(t)) + G(\phi(t))u(t),$$

where $u \in L^2([0, T]; U)$.

4.3 Rate Functional

Define the action functional

$$S_{0T}(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \inf_{\{u:\phi \text{ solves skeleton}\}} \int_0^T \|u(t)\|_U^2 dt.$$

4.4 Infinite-Dimensional LDP

Under compact embedding and dissipativity assumptions, the family $\{X^\varepsilon\}$ satisfies a large deviation principle in $C([0, T]; H)$ with good rate function S_{0T}.

That is, for any Borel set B,

$$-\inf_{\phi\in B^\circ} S_{0T}(\phi) \le \liminf_{\varepsilon\to0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{P}(X^\varepsilon \in B) \le \limsup_{\varepsilon\to0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{P}(X^\varepsilon \in B) \le -\inf_{\phi\in \overline{B}} S_{0T}(\phi).$$

4.5 Infinite-Dimensional Quasipotential

Define

$$W(x) = \inf_{T>0} \inf_{\phi(0)=x_*,\, \phi(T)=x} S_{0T}(\phi).$$

Let

$$W^* = \inf_{x\in\partial D} W(x).$$

4.6 Exit Time Asymptotics

Let τ_D^ε denote exit time from bounded metastable domain $D \subset H$.

Then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon\to 0} \varepsilon \log \mathbb{E}\tau_D^\varepsilon = W^*.$$

Moreover,

$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

4.7 Conclusion

Exponential persistence extends to infinite-dimensional dissipative SPDE systems under:

- dissipativity,
- compact embedding,
- nondegenerate noise,
- finite quasipotential barrier.

5 Global Persistence Universality Theorem

5.1 Structural Setting

Let $\{X_t\}$ be a stochastic dynamical system on a separable metric space E satisfying:

1. Existence of a well-defined exit time τ_D from a bounded domain D.
2. Existence of invariant measure or metastable equilibrium inside D.
3. Noise structure classified by tail index α:
$$\mathbb{P}(|Z| > r) \sim r^{-\alpha} \quad \text{or} \quad e^{-cr^\beta}.$$
4. Memory structure classified by order γ:
$$\text{Markov} \quad \text{or fractional memory } H \neq \tfrac{1}{2}.$$

5.2 Definition (Persistence Class)

The persistence class of the system is defined by the asymptotic decay of survival probability:

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) \sim \Psi(t), \quad t \to \infty.$$

5.3 Theorem (Structural Persistence Classification Within Admissible Class)

Let X_t belong to the admissible structural class defined by:

1. Markov property;
2. Well-defined generator;
3. Dissipative or conservative drift;
4. Noise possessing either finite exponential moment or polynomial Lévy tail;
5. Exit time τ_D finite almost surely when noise is present.

Then exactly one of the following mutually exclusive persistence regimes occurs:

1. **Exponential Class:**
   If dissipative drift, finite exponential moment, and spectral gap hold, then
   $$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) = ce^{-\lambda t} + o(e^{-\lambda t}).$$
2. **Power-Law Class:**
   If noise has heavy Lévy tail with index $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, then
   $$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) \sim t^{-\alpha}.$$
3. **Stretched-Exponential Class:**
   If long-memory structure destroys semigroup spectral theory, then
   $$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) \sim \exp(-ct^{\theta}), \quad 0 < \theta < 1.$$
4. **Conservative Class:**
   If dynamics is noise-free Hamiltonian, then
   $$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) = 1.$$

No other asymptotic regime occurs within the above admissible structural class.

5.4 Proof

Step 1: Exhaustion of Noise Tails

Either:

$$\mathbb{E}e^{\lambda|Z|} < \infty \quad \text{for some } \lambda > 0,$$

or heavy-tail polynomial decay holds.
These cases are mutually exclusive.

Step 2: Markov vs Non-Markov Dichotomy

If Markov property holds, generator spectral theory applies.
If long-memory holds, semigroup spectral decomposition fails, leading to non-exponential decay.

Step 3: Spectral Gap Criterion

If dissipativity and minorization hold, spectral gap exists.
Spectral gap implies exponential decay of survival.

Step 4: Heavy-Tail Jump Dominance

For Lévy processes with polynomial tails, exit occurs via single large jump.
Survival probability inherits jump tail asymptotics.

Step 5: Long-Memory Persistence

Fractional noise destroys Markov property.
Persistence exponent determined by covariance decay via Tauberian theorem.

Step 6: Conservative Limit

Without noise and without dissipation, exit probability is zero for invariant domains.

5.5 Conclusion

Within the admissible structural class defined above, no other persistence asymptotic occurs.
Persistence universality is completely classified by:

$$(\text{Dissipativity},\ \text{Tail Index},\ \text{Memory Order}).$$

6 Universality Basin Theorem

6.1 Generator Space

Let $\mathcal{G}$ denote the space of generators of stochastic processes on a separable Hilbert space H of the form

$$Lf = \langle b(x), \nabla f \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}(a(x)\nabla^2 f) + Jf,$$

where:

- b is locally Lipschitz,
- a is positive semidefinite,
- J is a jump operator associated with Lévy measure ν.

Equip $\mathcal{G}$ with norm

$$\|L\| = \|b\|_{C^1_{\text{loc}}} + \|a\|_{C^1_{\text{loc}}} + \int (1 \wedge |z|^2)\nu(dz).$$

6.2 Definition (Exponential Sector)

Define $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{G}$ as the set of generators satisfying:

1. Strict dissipativity:
$$\langle b(x), x \rangle \leq -c|x|^{m+1} + C.$$
2. Finite exponential noise moment:
$$\int e^{\lambda |z|}\nu(dz) < \infty \quad \text{for some } \lambda > 0.$$
3. Markov property with spectral gap.

6.3 Theorem (Open Stability of Exponential Sector)

$\mathcal{E}$ is open in $\mathcal{G}$.

6.4 Proof

Step 1: Stability of Dissipativity

If

$$\langle b(x), x \rangle \leq -c|x|^{m+1} + C,$$

then for sufficiently small perturbation $\tilde{b}$ in C^1 norm,

$$\langle (b + \tilde{b})(x), x \rangle \leq -\frac{c}{2}|x|^{m+1} + C'.$$

Step 2: Stability of Exponential Moments

If

$$\int e^{\lambda|z|}\nu(dz) < \infty,$$

then small perturbations of ν in total variation preserve existence of exponential moment.

Step 3: Stability of Spectral Gap

Spectral gap is stable under small bounded perturbations of generator by Kato–Rellich theorem.

6.5 Conclusion

Therefore $\mathcal{E}$ is open in $\mathcal{G}$.

7 Density Result

7.1 Theorem (Density of Exponential Sector)

Let $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Markov}}$ denote Markov generators with locally bounded coefficients.

Then $\mathcal{E}$ is dense in $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Markov}}$ excluding heavy-tailed and non-dissipative degeneracies.

7.2 Sketch of Proof

1. Any locally Lipschitz drift can be perturbed outside a compact set to become strictly dissipative.
2. Any light-tailed Lévy measure can be approximated by compactly supported measures.
3. Heavy-tailed measures form a closed subset defined by divergence of exponential moment.

Thus complement of $\mathcal{E}$ is structurally thin.

8 Universality Basin Quantification

8.1 Definition

Let

$$\mathcal{B}(L_0, r) = \{L \in \mathcal{G} : \|L - L_0\| < r\}.$$

8.2 Theorem (Local Basin)

If $L_0 \in \mathcal{E}$, then there exists $r > 0$ such that

$$\mathcal{B}(L_0, r) \subset \mathcal{E}.$$

8.3 Corollary

Exponential persistence is locally structurally stable.

8.4 Global Basin Conjecture

The exponential sector occupies full measure within dissipative Markov generators with light-tailed noise.

8.5 Remarks

Heavy-tail, memory, and conservative systems form disjoint structural sectors characterized by:

$$\text{Loss of exponential moment} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Loss of Markov property} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Loss of dissipation.}$$

9 Global Universality Basin Theorem

9.1 Generator Parameterization

Let generators be parameterized by a tuple

$$\Theta = (b, a, \nu),$$

where:

- $b \in C^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$,
- $a \in C^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^{n\times n})$ symmetric,
- ν is a Lévy measure satisfying

$$\int (1 \wedge |z|^2)\, \nu(dz) < \infty.$$

Fix a compact exhaustion $K_R = \{x : |x| \le R\}$.
Define seminorms:

$$\|b\|_R = \sup_{x\in K_R} (|b(x)| + |\nabla b(x)|),$$

$$\|a\|_R = \sup_{x \in K_R} (|a(x)| + |\nabla a(x)|),$$

$$\|\nu\|_\lambda = \int e^{\lambda |z|} \nu(dz).$$

9.2 Probability Structure on Generator Space

Fix $R > 0$ and $\lambda > 0$.

Define probability measure $\mathbb{P}$ on generator space via product distribution:

$$b(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{M} \beta_k \phi_k(x),$$

where β_k are independent random variables with continuous densities and ϕ_k form a finite basis on K_R.

Similarly assume a and ν are drawn from distributions absolutely continuous with respect to finite-dimensional coefficient parameterization, restricted to finite exponential moment class.

9.3 Definition (Pathological Set)

Define

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\Theta : \text{one of the following holds}\}$$

1. No strict dissipativity at infinity,
2. $\|\nu\|_\lambda = \infty$ for all $\lambda > 0$,
3. Generator has zero spectral gap,
4. Infinite memory (non-Markov).

9.4 Theorem (Global Basin Full Measure)

Under the above finite-parameter random generator model,

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{P}) = 0.$$

Hence exponential persistence holds almost surely within the specified finite-dimensional generator ensemble.

9.5 Proof

Step 1: Dissipativity Genericity

Dissipativity condition:

$$\langle b(x), x \rangle \leq -c|x|^{m+1} + C$$

imposes algebraic inequalities on coefficients β_k.

Failure corresponds to vanishing of leading negative coefficient or sign cancellation.

This defines algebraic hypersurfaces in coefficient space.

Since coefficient distribution has continuous density,

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{non-dissipative}) = 0.$$

Step 2: Exponential Moment Genericity

Finite exponential moment requires

$$\int e^{\lambda|z|}\nu(dz) < \infty.$$

Heavy-tailed Lévy measures correspond to power-law parameter sets satisfying equality constraints on tail index.

These form lower-dimensional manifolds in parameter space.

Thus

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{heavy-tailed}) = 0.$$

Step 3: Spectral Gap Stability

Zero spectral gap requires exact balancing of drift and noise leading to neutral spectrum.

This corresponds to solving determinant equations:

$$\det(\lambda I - L) = 0$$

with $\lambda = 0$ multiplicity greater than one.

Such algebraic degeneracy defines measure-zero subset.

Step 4: Markov Structure

Non-Markov systems are excluded from generator parameterization.

Thus Markov property holds almost surely.

9.6 Conclusion

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{P}) = 0,$$

and exponential persistence occupies full measure in the considered generator ensemble.

10 Baire Category Genericity of Exponential Persistence

10.1 Generator Space as a Complete Metric Space

Let $\mathcal{G}$ denote the set of Markov generators of the form

$$Lf = \langle b(x), \nabla f \rangle + \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}(a(x)\nabla^2 f) + Jf,$$

where:

- $b \in C^1_{\mathrm{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^n)$,
- $a \in C^1_{\mathrm{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n})$,
- J corresponds to Lévy measure ν with

$$\int (1 \wedge |z|^2)\nu(dz) < \infty.$$

Equip $\mathcal{G}$ with metric

$$d(L_1, L_2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \frac{\|b_1 - b_2\|_{C^1(K_k)} + \|a_1 - a_2\|_{C^1(K_k)} + d_\nu(\nu_1, \nu_2)}{1 + \|b_1 - b_2\|_{C^1(K_k)} + \|a_1 - a_2\|_{C^1(K_k)} + d_\nu(\nu_1, \nu_2)},$$

where $K_k = \{x : |x| \le k\}$ and d_ν is a metric on Lévy measures compatible with weak convergence.

Then $(\mathcal{G}, d)$ is complete.

10.2 Definition (Exponential Sector)

Let $\mathcal{E} \subset \mathcal{G}$ consist of generators satisfying:

1. Strict dissipativity at infinity;
2. Finite exponential noise moment;
3. Existence of spectral gap.

10.3 Theorem (Residuality of Exponential Sector)

$\mathcal{E}$ contains a dense G_δ subset of $\mathcal{G}_{\mathrm{light}}$,

where $\mathcal{G}_{\mathrm{light}}$ consists of generators with finite exponential noise moment and Markov property.

10.4 Proof

Step 1: Dissipativity is Dense

Given any $b \in C^1_{\text{loc}}$, define perturbation

$$b_\epsilon(x) = b(x) - \epsilon \frac{x}{1 + |x|^m}$$

for sufficiently large m.

Then for any $\delta > 0$ there exists ϵ small such that

$$d(L, L_\epsilon) < \delta$$

and b_ϵ becomes strictly dissipative at infinity.

Thus strictly dissipative generators are dense.

Step 2: Dissipativity is G_δ

Strict dissipativity condition can be written as:

$$\exists c > 0,\ R > 0 : \langle b(x), x \rangle \leq -c|x|^{m+1} \quad \forall |x| > R.$$

This is countable intersection over rational c, R of open conditions in C^1_{loc} topology.

Hence dissipativity defines a G_δ set.

Step 3: Spectral Gap is Open and Dense

Spectral gap persists under small bounded perturbations (Kato–Rellich).

Generators without gap correspond to eigenvalue multiplicity degeneracies.

Degeneracy requires solving algebraic equalities in coefficients.

Thus gap generators form open dense subset.

Step 4: Conclusion

Intersection of countably many open dense sets remains dense by Baire theorem.

Therefore $\mathcal{E}$ contains a dense G_δ subset of $\mathcal{G}_{\text{light}}$.

11 Renormalization Fixed-Point Contraction Theorem

11.1 Persistence Kernel Space

Let $\mathcal{K}$ denote the space of survival functions

$$S(t) = \mathbb{P}(\tau > t), \quad t \geq 0,$$

satisfying:

1. $S(0) = 1$,

2. S is non-increasing,

3. S admits Laplace transform

$$\hat{S}(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} S(t)\, dt$$

finite for $\lambda > \lambda_0$.

Define Banach space norm

$$\|S\|_\alpha = \sup_{t \geq 0} e^{\alpha t} |S(t)|,$$

for some $\alpha > 0$.

11.2 Renormalization Operator

Define RG operator $\mathcal{R}$ by block scaling:

$$(\mathcal{R}S)(t) = \frac{S(bt)}{S(b)},$$

where $b > 1$ is fixed coarse-graining factor.
This operator preserves normalization at $t = 0$.

11.3 Fixed Points

Exponential kernels

$$S_\lambda(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

are fixed points:

$$\mathcal{R}S_\lambda = S_\lambda.$$

11.4 Linearization

Let

$$S(t) = e^{-\lambda t}(1 + \varepsilon h(t)).$$

Then

$$(\mathcal{R}S)(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \left[1 + \varepsilon\big(h(bt) - h(b)\big) + O(\varepsilon^2)\right].$$

Define linearized operator

$$(\mathcal{L}h)(t) = h(bt) - h(b).$$

11.5 Spectral Radius Estimate

Assume h lies in weighted space

$$\|h\|_\alpha = \sup_{t\geq 0} e^{\alpha t}|h(t)|.$$

Then

$$|h(bt)| \leq \|h\|_\alpha e^{-\alpha bt}.$$

Thus

$$\|\mathcal{L}h\|_\alpha \leq \|h\|_\alpha \sup_{t\geq 0}\left(e^{-\alpha bt} + e^{-\alpha t}\right).$$

For $b > 1$ and sufficiently large α,

$$\|\mathcal{L}\| < 1.$$

Hence spectral radius

$$\rho(\mathcal{L}) < 1.$$

11.6 Nonlinear Stability

By contraction mapping theorem, there exists neighborhood U of exponential kernel in $\mathcal{K}$ such that

$$\mathcal{R}^n S \to S_\lambda \quad \text{for all } S \in U.$$

11.7 Conclusion

Exponential survival kernels are locally asymptotically stable RG fixed points.

Universality of exponential persistence follows from:

1. Spectral gap producing exponential kernel,
2. RG contraction toward exponential fixed point.

12 Global RG Basin Theorem

12.1 Admissible Kernel Class

Let $\mathcal{K}_0$ be the class of survival functions $S(t)$ satisfying:

1. $S(0) = 1$,
2. S is non-increasing,

3. S is log-convex:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(-\log S(t)) \geq 0,$$

4. Finite exponential moment:

$$\exists \alpha > 0 : \sup_{t \geq 0} e^{\alpha t} S(t) < \infty.$$

12.2 Renormalization Operator

For $b > 1$, define

$$(\mathcal{R}S)(t) = \frac{S(bt)}{S(b)}.$$

12.3 Theorem (Global Attraction to Exponential Fixed Point)

For every $S \in \mathcal{K}_0$ with

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} -\frac{1}{t} \log S(t) = \lambda \in (0, \infty),$$

the iterates satisfy

$$\mathcal{R}^n S \to e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{in weighted norm.}$$

12.4 Proof

Step 1: Exponential Rate Normalization

Define

$$\Lambda(t) = -\frac{1}{t} \log S(t).$$

By assumption,

$$\Lambda(t) \to \lambda.$$

Step 1A: Hazard Monotonicity and Uniform Rate Stabilization

Define the hazard rate

$$h(t) = -\frac{d}{dt} \log S(t).$$

Log-convexity of S implies

$$h'(t) \geq 0,$$

so $h(t)$ is non-decreasing.

Since

$$\Lambda(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t h(s)\, ds \to \lambda,$$

monotonicity implies

$$h(t) \to \lambda \quad \text{as } t \to \infty.$$

Lemma 12.1 (Uniform Geometric Stabilization)**.** *For every fixed $T > 0$,*

$$\sup_{t\in[0,T]} \left| \frac{S(b^n t)}{S(b^n)} - e^{-\lambda t} \right| \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \to \infty.$$

Proof. Write

$$\frac{S(b^n t)}{S(b^n)} = \exp\biggl(- \int_{b^n}^{b^n t} h(s)\, ds \biggr).$$

Since $h(s) \to \lambda$ and is monotone, for sufficiently large n,

$$|h(s) - \lambda| \le \varepsilon_n \quad \forall s \ge b^n.$$

Hence

$$\left| \int_{b^n}^{b^n t} h(s)\, ds - \lambda(b^n t - b^n) \right| \le \varepsilon_n b^n (t-1).$$

Dividing by normalization and taking supremum over $t \in [0, T]$ yields uniform convergence.

Step 2: Iterated Scaling Identity

Compute

$$\mathcal{R}^n S(t) = \frac{S(b^n t)}{S(b^n)}.$$

Taking logarithm:

$$-\frac{1}{t} \log(\mathcal{R}^n S(t)) = \frac{b^n}{t} \Lambda(b^n t) - \frac{b^n}{t} \Lambda(b^n).$$

Step 3: Asymptotic Rate Stabilization

Since

$$\Lambda(b^n t) \to \lambda, \quad \Lambda(b^n) \to \lambda,$$

difference tends to zero.

Thus

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathcal{R}^n S(t) = e^{-\lambda t}.$$

Step 4: Convergence in Weighted Norm

Fix α smaller than the exponential moment exponent.

Split domain:

Compact region $[0, T]$**:** Uniform convergence follows from Lemma 12.1.

Tail region $t > T$**:** Finite exponential moment implies

$$S(t) \leq Ce^{-\alpha_0 t}$$

for some $\alpha_0 > \alpha$.

Thus

$$e^{\alpha t} \left| \frac{S(b^n t)}{S(b^n)} - e^{-\lambda t} \right| \leq Ce^{-(\alpha_0 - \alpha)t},$$

which is uniformly small for large T.

Combining compact and tail regions yields

$$\|\mathcal{R}^n S - e^{-\lambda t}\|_\alpha \to 0.$$

12.5 Conclusion

Exponential kernel is globally attractive fixed point for all light-tailed log-convex survival functions with finite asymptotic rate.

13 Master Structural Persistence Universality Theorem

13.1 Framework

Let X_t be a stochastic dynamical system defined on a separable metric space E, belonging to one of the following classes:

1. Finite-dimensional diffusion processes,
2. Jump–diffusion processes,
3. Dissipative infinite-dimensional SPDEs.

Assume:

1. Existence of a bounded metastable domain $D \subset E$,
2. Dissipative drift structure ensuring recurrence,

3. Markov property,
4. Finite exponential moment of noise,
5. Compactness or spectral gap property for the generator.

Let τ_D denote the exit time from D.

13.2 Theorem (Master Structural Universality)

Under the above conditions:

1. The generator admits a positive spectral gap.
2. The survival probability admits exponential asymptotics:
$$\mathbb{P}(\tau_D > t) = c(x)e^{-\lambda_1 t} + o(e^{-\lambda_1 t}),$$
where $\lambda_1 > 0$ is the principal Dirichlet eigenvalue.
3. In small-noise regime:
$$\lambda_1(\varepsilon) \sim C \exp\left(-\frac{W^*}{\varepsilon}\right),$$
where W^* is the quasipotential barrier.
4. Under renormalization:
$$\mathcal{R}^n S \to e^{-\lambda t},$$
for all admissible light-tailed kernels.
5. The exponential sector is:
    - Open in generator space,
    - Residual (dense G_δ),
    - Full measure under natural parameter ensembles.

13.3 Universality Classification

Within the admissible structural class defined above, exactly one persistence regime holds:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Dissipative + light-tailed + Markov} & \Rightarrow & \text{Exponential,} \\ \text{Heavy-tailed Lévy noise} & \Rightarrow & \text{Power-law,} \\ \text{Long memory (non-Markov)} & \Rightarrow & \text{Stretched exponential,} \\ \text{Conservative dynamics} & \Rightarrow & \text{No decay.} \end{array}$$

13.4 Structural Dominance

Within the class of dissipative Markov systems with light-tailed noise:

Exponential persistence is generic and structurally stable.

13.5 Scope and Limits

The theorem does not extend to:

- Heavy-tailed infinite-variance jumps,
- Infinite-memory non-Markov systems,
- Pure Hamiltonian conservative systems,
- Systems lacking dissipativity.

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