

[nex97] Lindeberg condition for diffusion and Cauchy processes

Show that the Lindeberg condition for continuity of sample paths,

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{|x-x_0|>\epsilon} dx P(x|x_0; \Delta t) = 0,$$

is satisfied by the diffusion process but violated by the Cauchy process. They are specified, respectively, by the conditional probability distributions,

$$P(x|x_0; \Delta t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D \Delta t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{4D \Delta t}\right), \quad P(x|x_0; \Delta t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Delta t}{(x-x_0)^2 + (\Delta t)^2}.$$

The condition requires that the probability for the final position x to deviate a finite distance from the initial position x_0 vanishes faster than the time step Δt in the limit $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$.

Solution: