

# Cutoff for Dyson Ornstein Uhlenbeck process

With a focus on distances in high dimension

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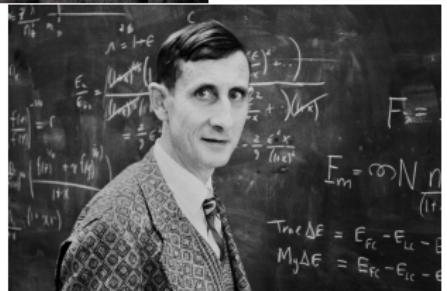
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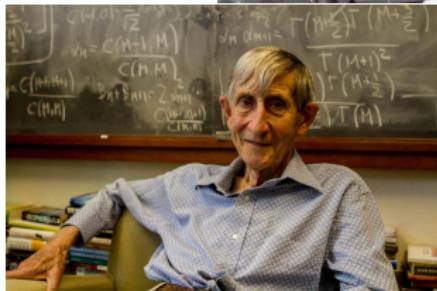
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# Freeman J. Dyson (1923 – 2020)





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A color photograph of Freeman Dyson sitting in a chair, wearing a light blue patterned shirt. He is positioned in front of a chalkboard with mathematical expressions written on it, including:  
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## Plan

The model

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General interacting case

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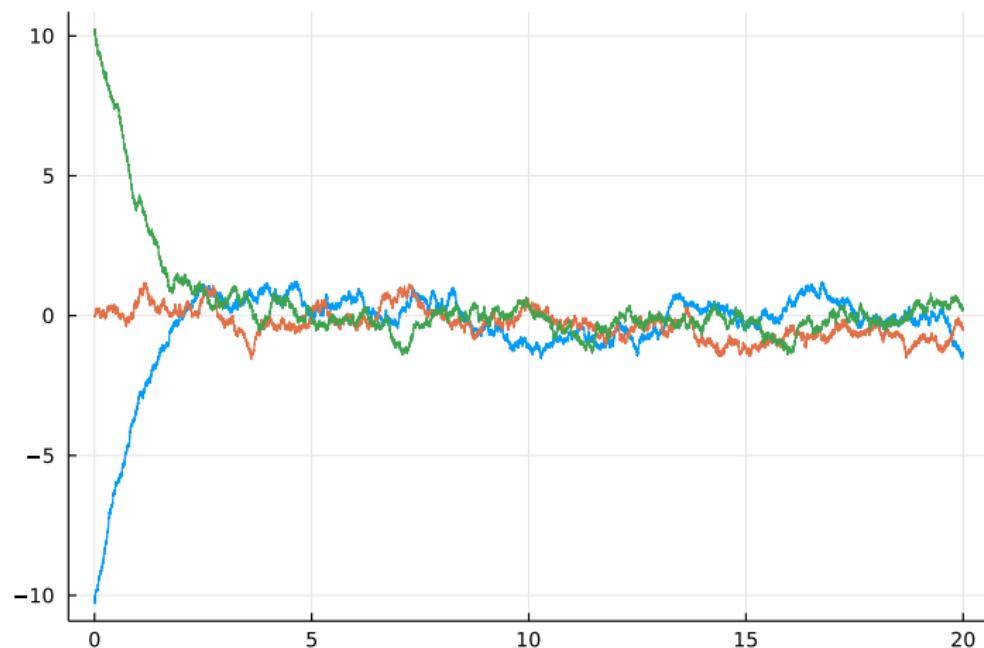
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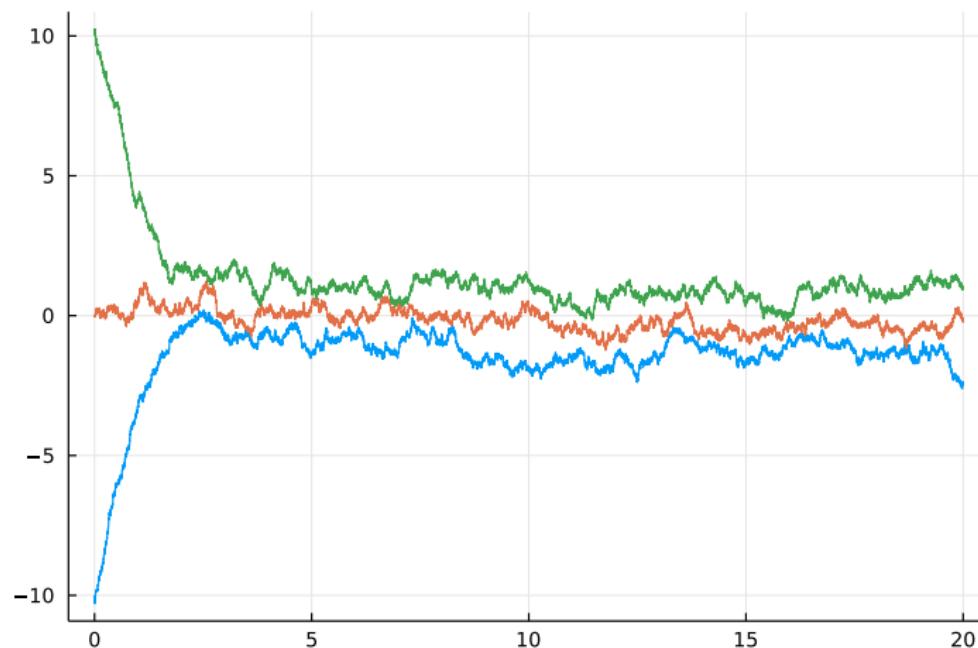
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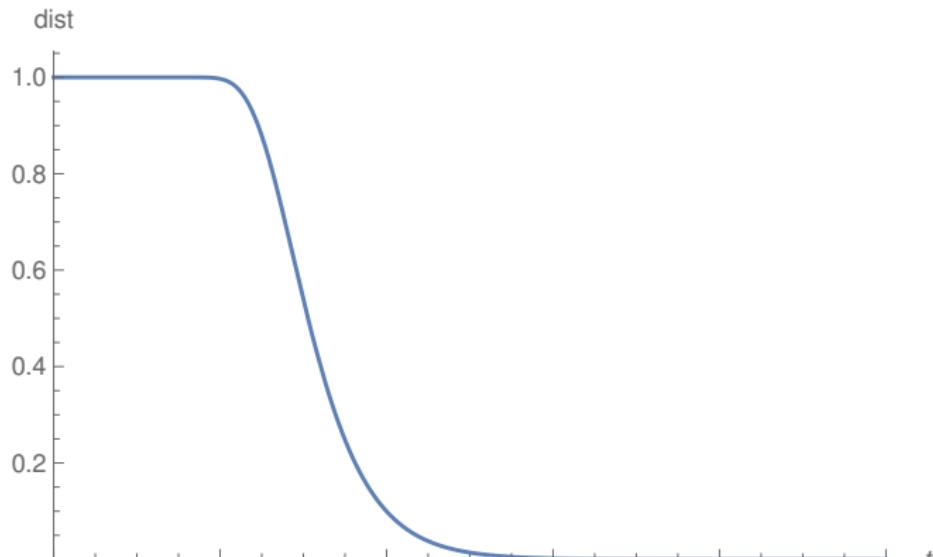


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Cutoff for OU : Hellinger distance  $\text{dist}(\text{Law}(X_t^n) \mid P^n)$ 

$$n = 50, \beta = 0, \frac{|x_0^n|^2}{n} = 1, \log(50) \approx 3.91$$

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## Cutoff people



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Laurent Saloff-Coste

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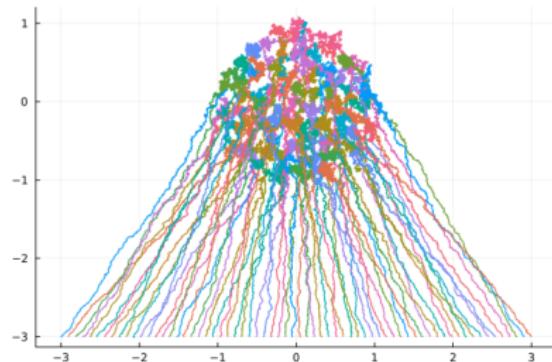
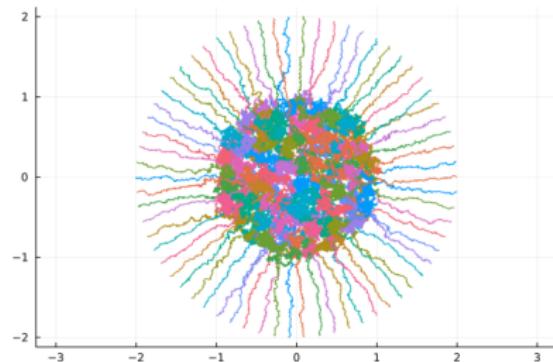
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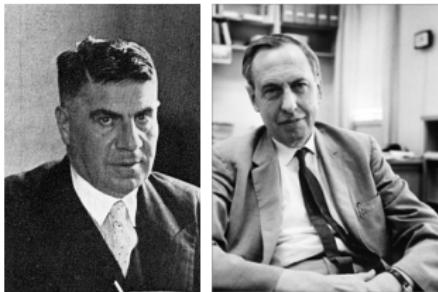
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