

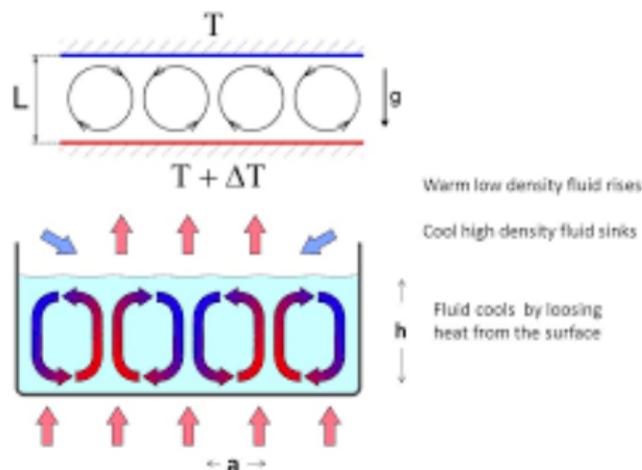
Mixing rates for almost Anosov maps and flows

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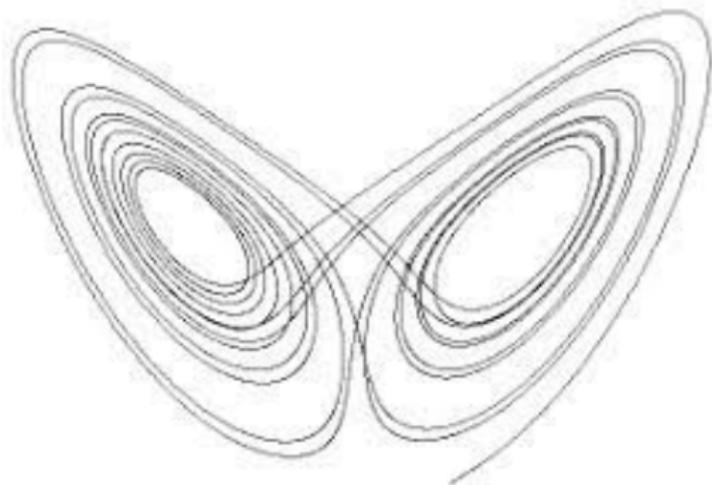
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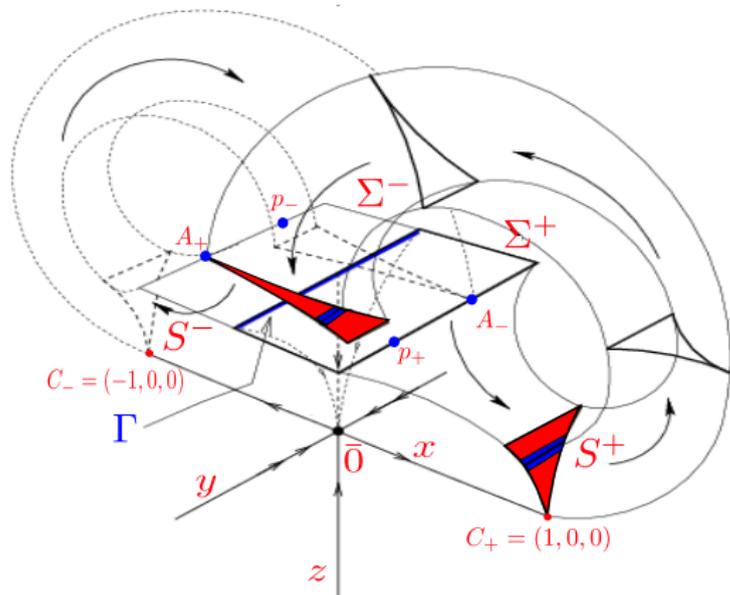
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For certain parameters (classical choice $\sigma = 10, \beta = \frac{8}{3}, \rho = 28$) the Lorenz equations have a chaotic attractor.



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Afraïmovič, Bykov, & Shilnikov and independently Guckenheimer & Williams made geometrical models to explain the dynamics of the Lorenz system.



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The measure **mixing** if the **correlation coefficients** tend to 0:

$$\rho_t(v, w) := \int_X (v \circ \phi^t) \cdot w d\mu \rightarrow 0$$

for appropriate observables $v, w : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

The speed at which ρ_t tends to 0 is called the **rate of mixing**.

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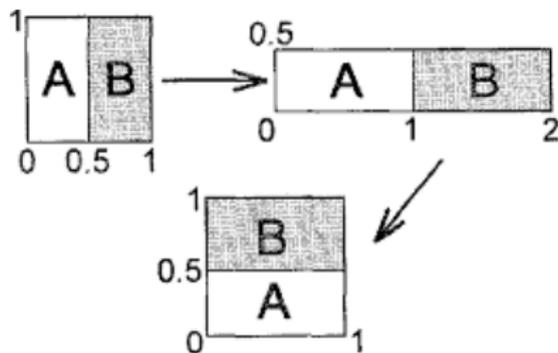
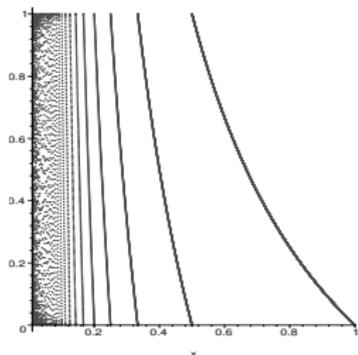


Figure 1 The baker map

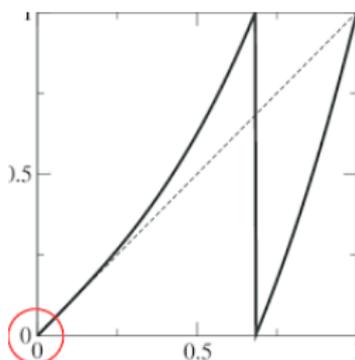
Toy examples: Gauss map: $d\nu = \frac{1}{\log 2} \frac{dx}{1+x}$ and baker map: $\nu = \text{Leb}$.

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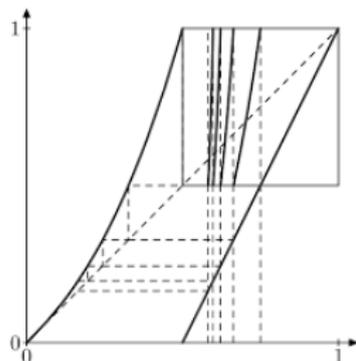
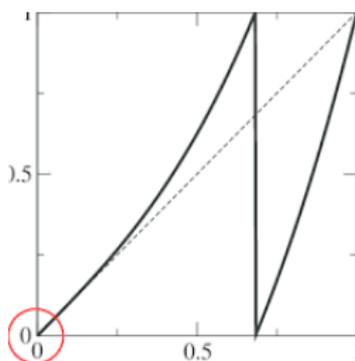


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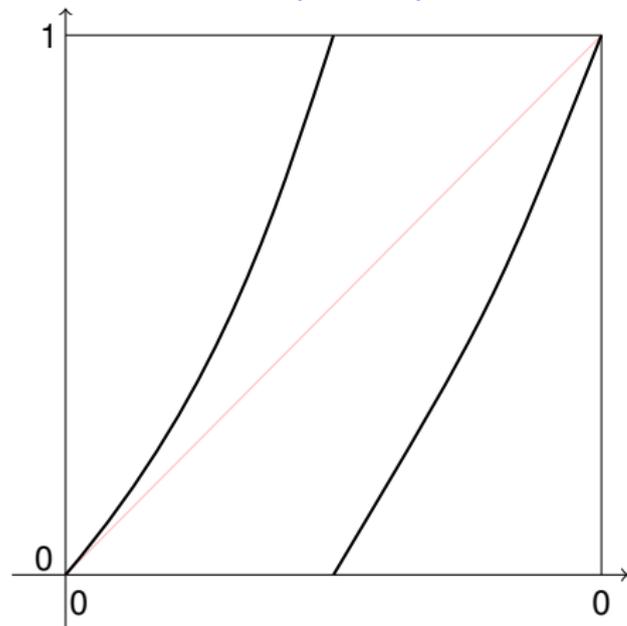
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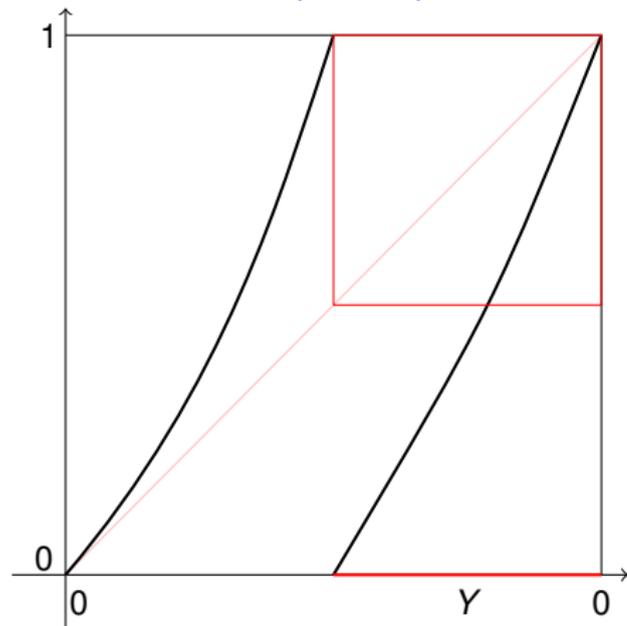
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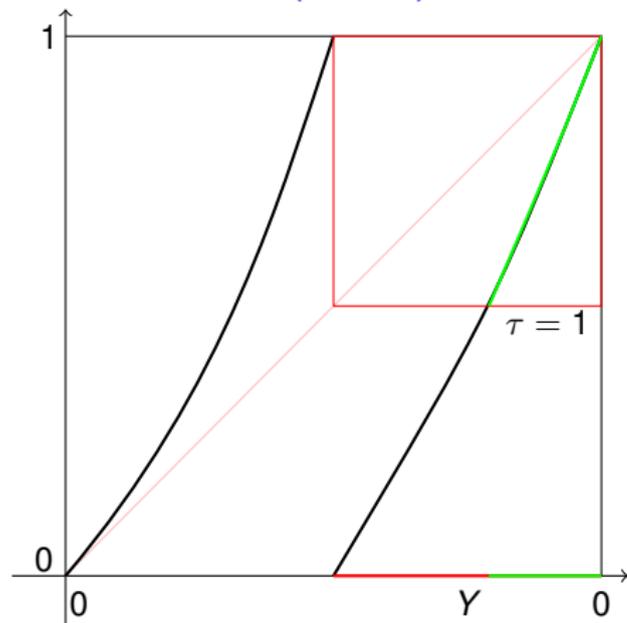
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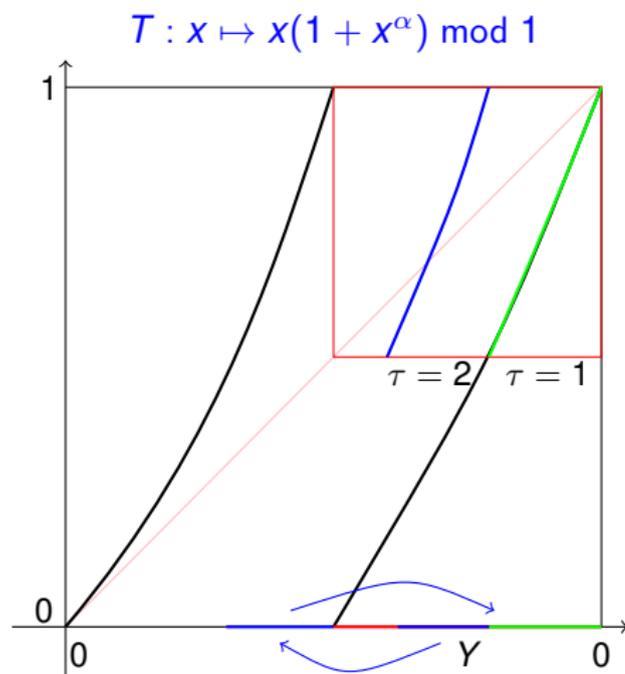
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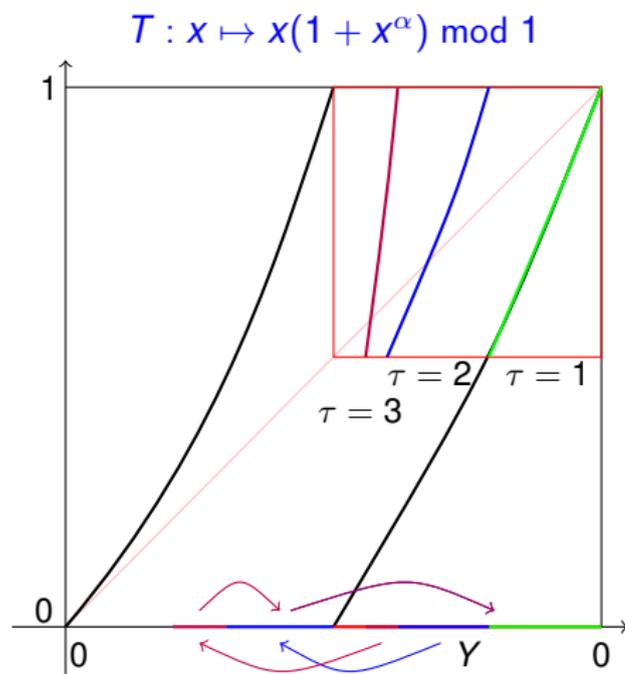
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The upper bound in the rate of mixing is sharp. Techniques to prove this were developed by Sarig, Gouëzel (and by Melbourne & Terhesiu in infinite measure setting). Requires: “big tails” are **regularly varying**:

$$\nu(\tau > n) = n^{-\beta} \ell(n)$$

where ℓ is **slowly varying** (e.g. $\ell(n) \rightarrow C \neq 0$ or $\ell(n) = (\log n)^\gamma$).

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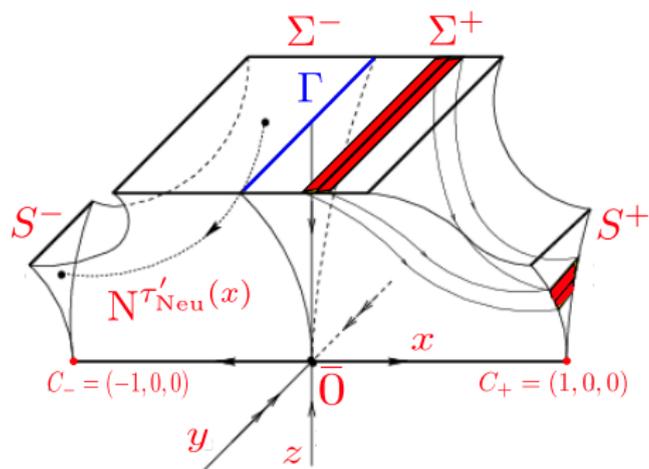
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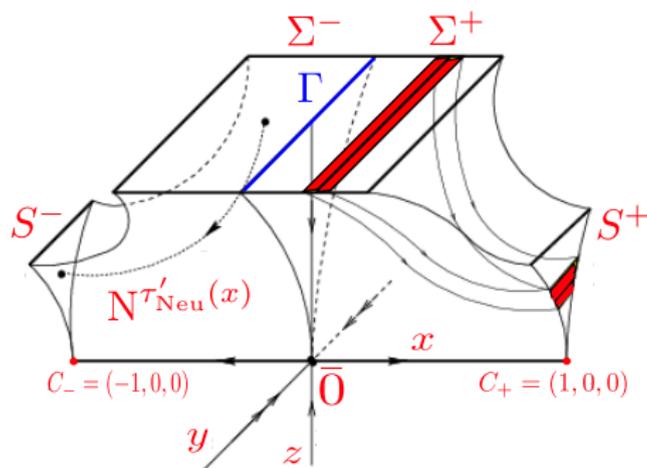
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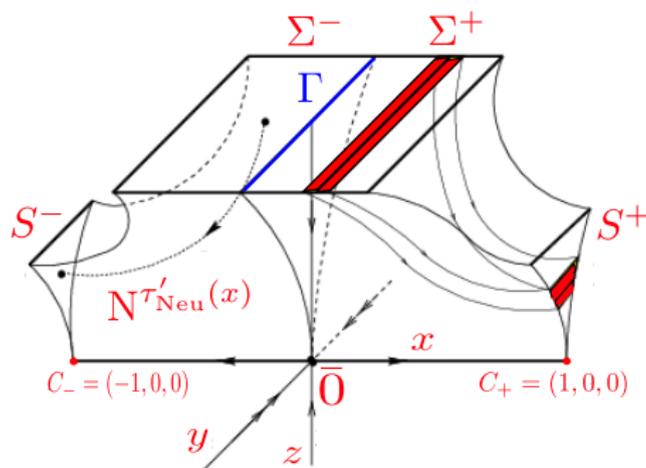
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Differential equation near 0 (neutral saddle):

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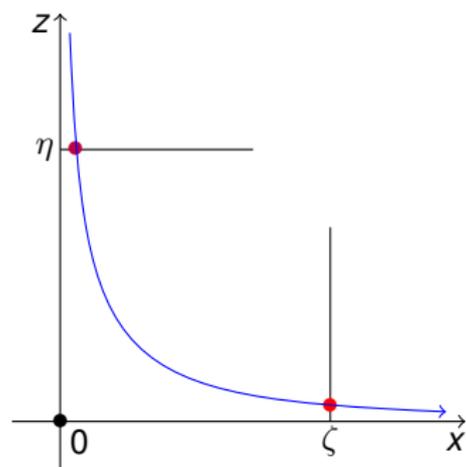
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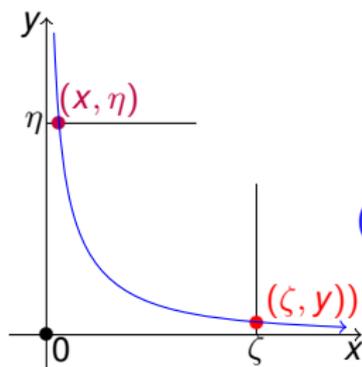
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Theorem (regularly varying Dulac times)

Define

$$\Gamma_0 := \frac{2a_0}{a_0 + b_0}, \quad \Gamma_2 := \frac{2b_2}{a_2 + b_2}.$$

There exists $C_x, C_y > 0$ such that the Dulac times (as, $x, y \rightarrow 0$)

$$T = C_x x^{-\Gamma_2} (1 + \mathcal{O}(x^{\Gamma_2/2})) = C_y y^{-\Gamma_0} (1 + \mathcal{O}(y^{\Gamma_0/2})).$$

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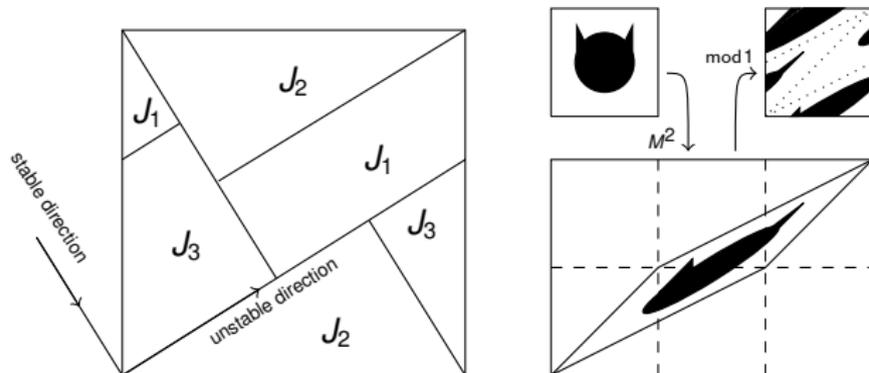


Figure: The Markov partition for $T_M : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$; the catmap is T_M^2 .

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Theorem (Hu 2000)

- ▶ If $a_2 > 2b_2$ and $a_1 = 0 = b_1$ and $a_0b_2 > a_2b_0$, then T admits a *physical probability measure*.
- ▶ If $a_2 < b_2/2$ and $a_1 \neq 0 \neq b_1$, then T admits an infinite “*physical*” *measure*.

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Then for all observables $v, w \in C^1$ supported outside a neighbourhood of the fixed point, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1-\beta} \int v \cdot w \circ T^n d\mu = \frac{C_0}{\Gamma(\beta)(1 - \Gamma(\beta))} \int v d\mu \int w d\mu$$

for Γ -function Γ and C_0 comes from the big tails $\mu(\tau > n) \sim C_0 n^{-\beta}$.

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$$q = \max\{j \in \mathbb{N} : (j+1)\beta > j\}.$$

Then for all observables as previously there are (generically nonzero) real constants $d_1, \dots, d_q \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\int v \cdot w \circ T^n d\mu \sim \left(d_0 n^{\beta-1} + d_1 n^{2(\beta-1)} + \dots + d_q n^{(q+1)(\beta-1)} \right) \\ \times \int v d\mu \int w d\mu.$$

Almost Anosov flows (volume-preserving)

The almost Anosov flow can be made volume preserving by setting the divergence of the vector field equal to zero. For the local parameters this means:

$$3a_0 = b_0 \quad a_1 = b_1 \quad a_2 = 3b_2.$$

Then the condition $\frac{b_1}{a_1} = \frac{a_0 b_2 + a_2 + 2b_0 b_2}{a_2 b_0 + a_2 + 2a_0 a_2}$ is automatically satisfied.

Use the change of coordinates

$$\bar{x} = \sqrt{a_0}x, \quad \bar{y} = \sqrt{b_2}y, \quad \bar{\gamma} = a_1 / \sqrt{a_0 b_2} \in (-4, 4)$$

to transform the differential equation into

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\bar{x}} \\ \dot{\bar{y}} \\ \dot{\bar{z}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{x}(\bar{x}^2 + \bar{\gamma}\bar{x}\bar{y} + 3\bar{y}^2) \\ -\bar{y}(3\bar{x}^2 + \bar{\gamma}\bar{x}\bar{y} + \bar{y}^2) \\ 1 + \bar{w}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(4),$$

for some real-valued function \bar{w} .

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Theorem (Bruin, 2020)

Let $\bar{\gamma} \in (-4, 4)$ and $v = v_0 + o(\rho)$, where $\int_0^\tau v_0 \circ \phi^t dt$ is homogeneous of order $\rho > -2$ in local coordinates.

1. If $\rho \in (0, \infty)$, then v satisfies the Central Limit Theorem, i.e.,

$$\frac{\int_0^t v \circ \phi^s ds - t \int v dVol}{\sigma \sqrt{t}} \Rightarrow_{\text{dist}} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

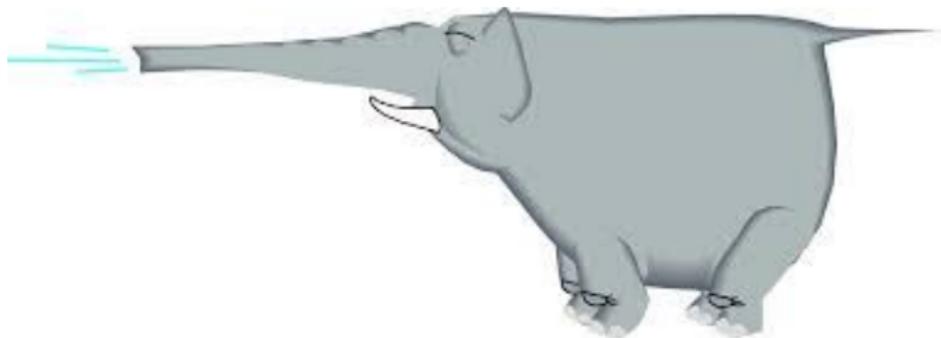
where the variance $\sigma^2 > 0$ unless $\int_0^\tau v \circ \phi^t dt$ is a coboundary.

2. If $\rho = 0$, then v satisfies the Central Limit Theorem with **non-standard scaling** $\sqrt{t \log t}$, i.e.,

$$\frac{\int_0^t v \circ \phi^s ds - t \int v dVol}{\sigma \sqrt{t \log t}} \Rightarrow_{\text{dist}} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

and the variance $\sigma^2 > 0$ unless $\int_0^\tau v \circ \phi^t dt$ is a coboundary.

3. If $\rho \in (-2, 0)$ then v satisfies a Stable Law of order $\frac{4}{2-\rho} \in (1, 2)$.



En toen kwam er een olifant met een heel erg lange snuit....

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