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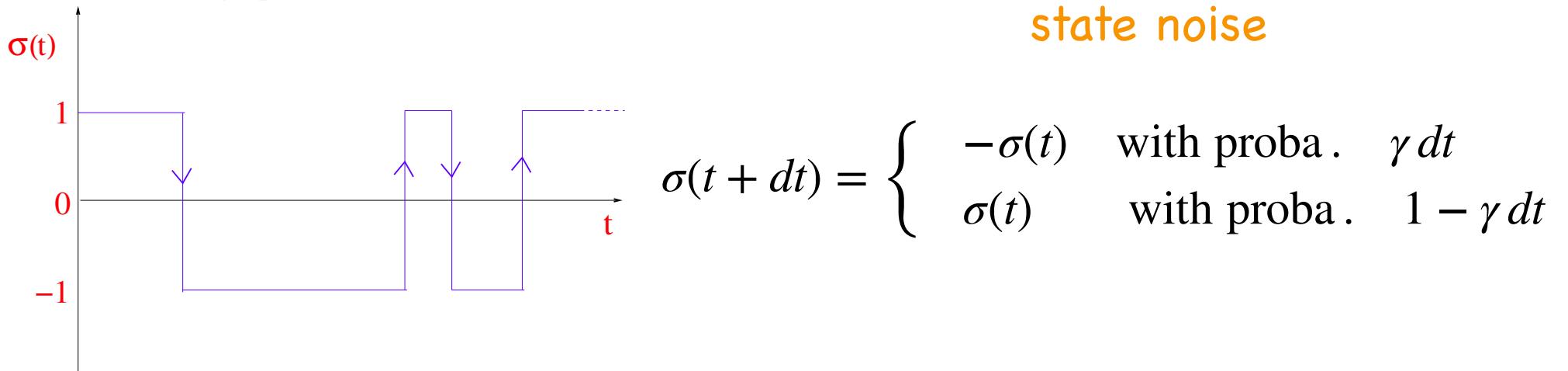
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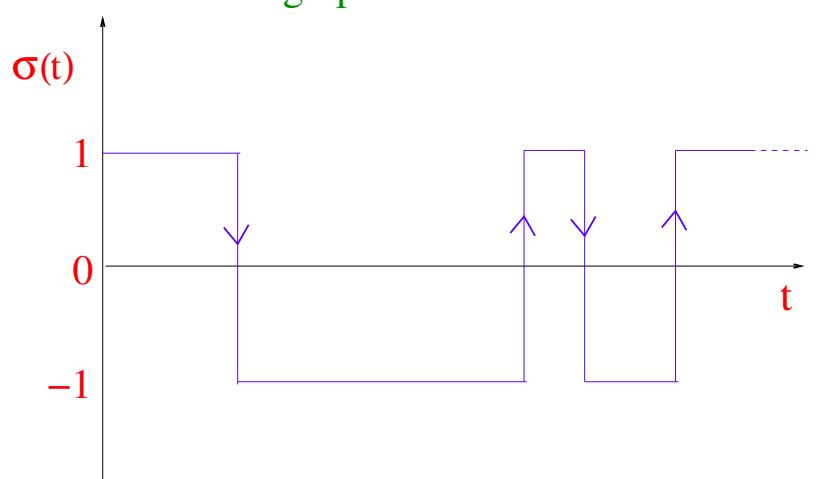
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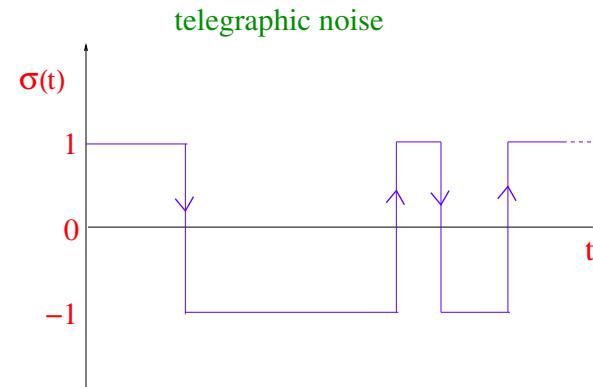
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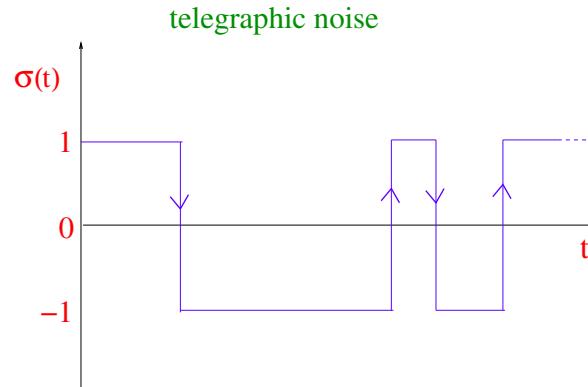
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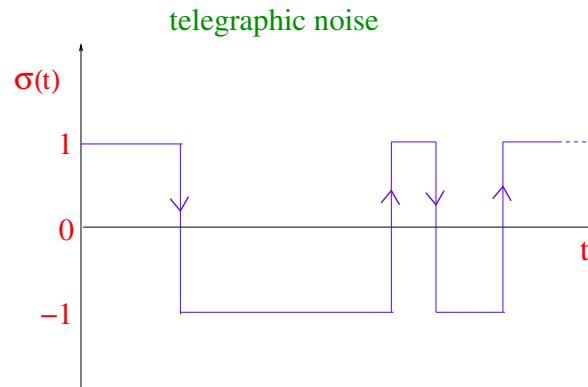


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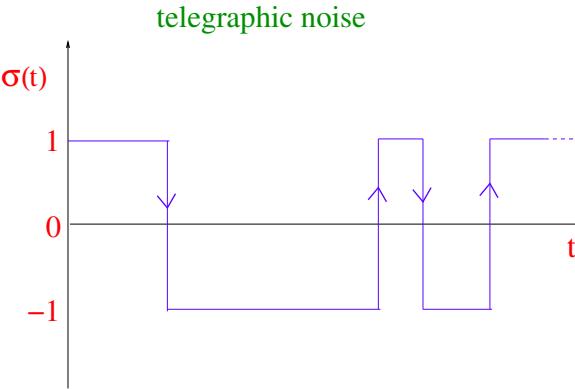
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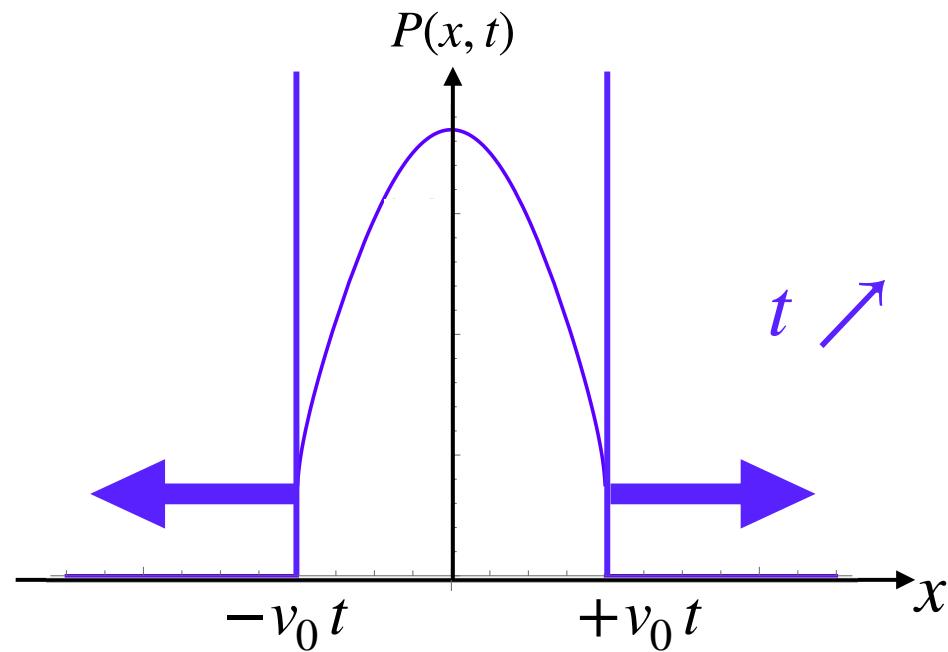
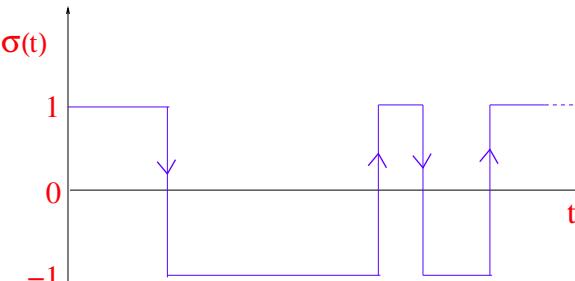
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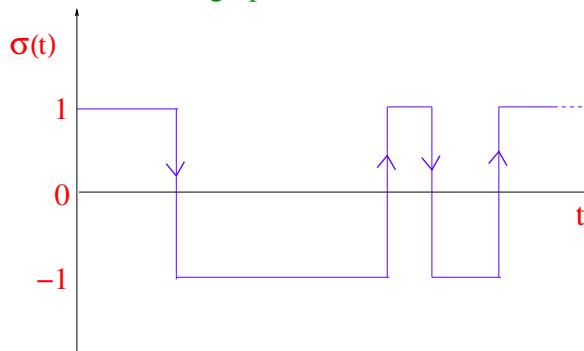
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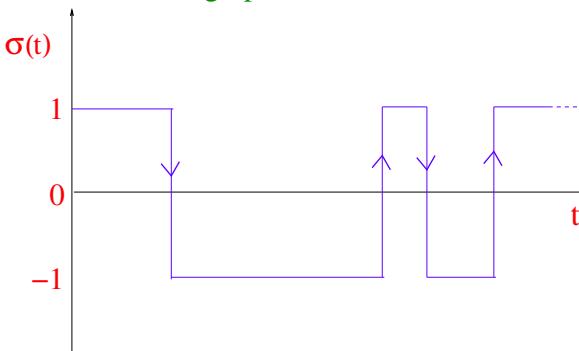
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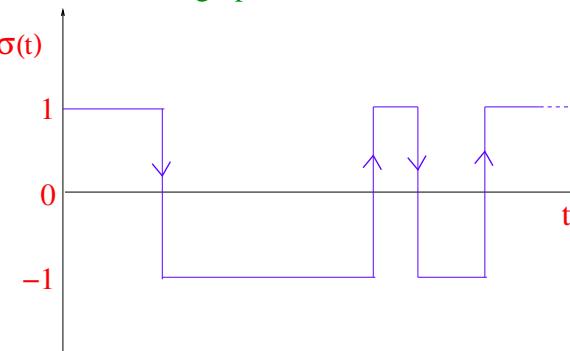
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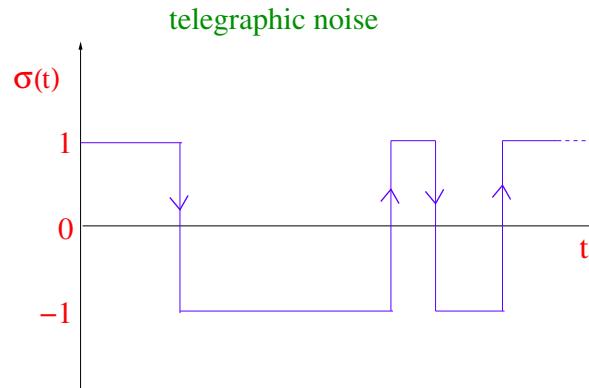
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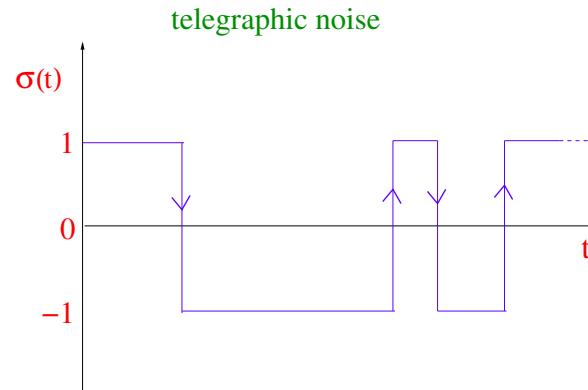


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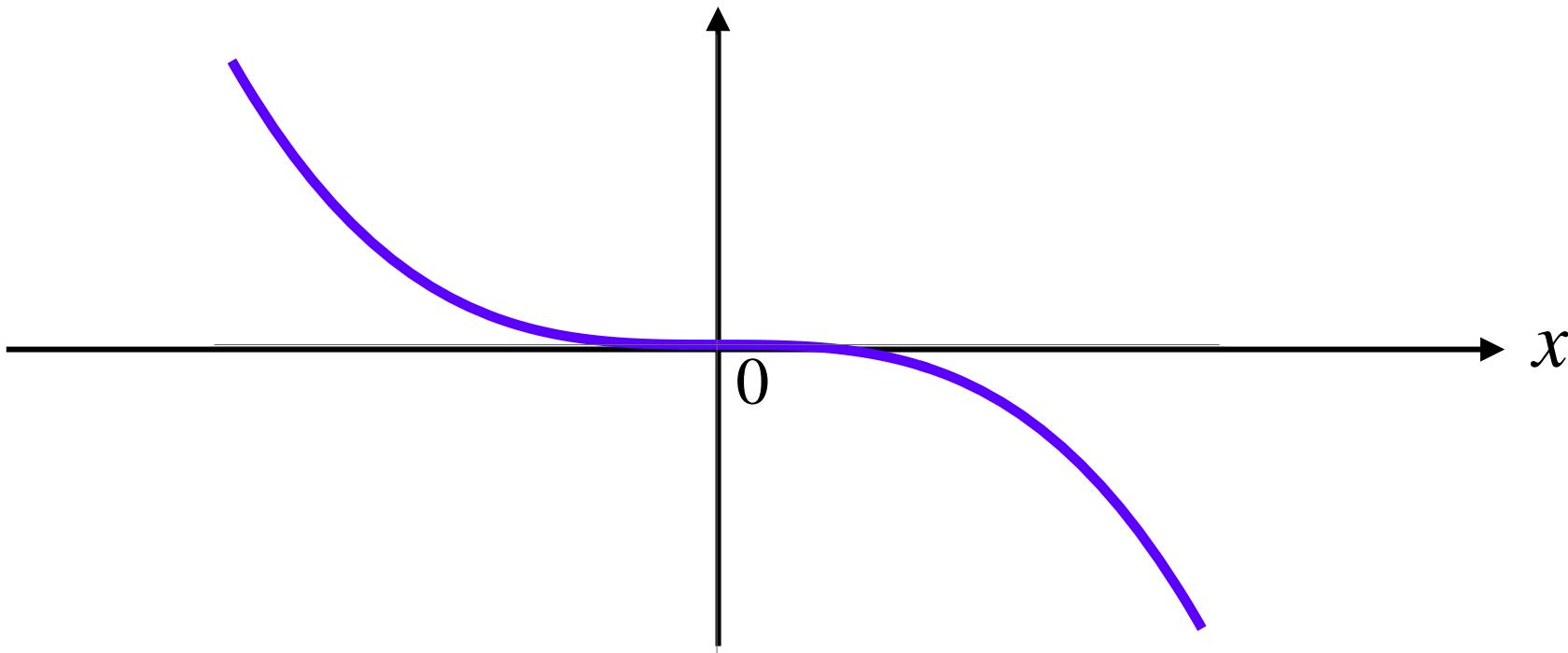
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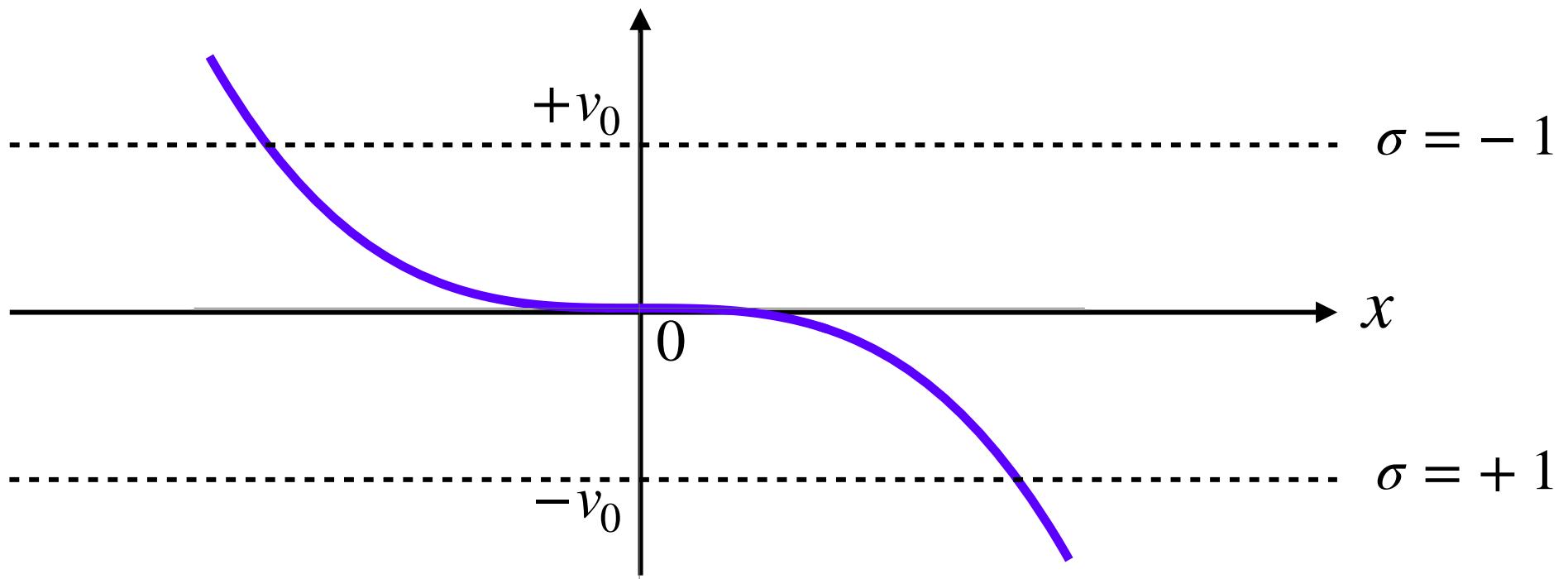
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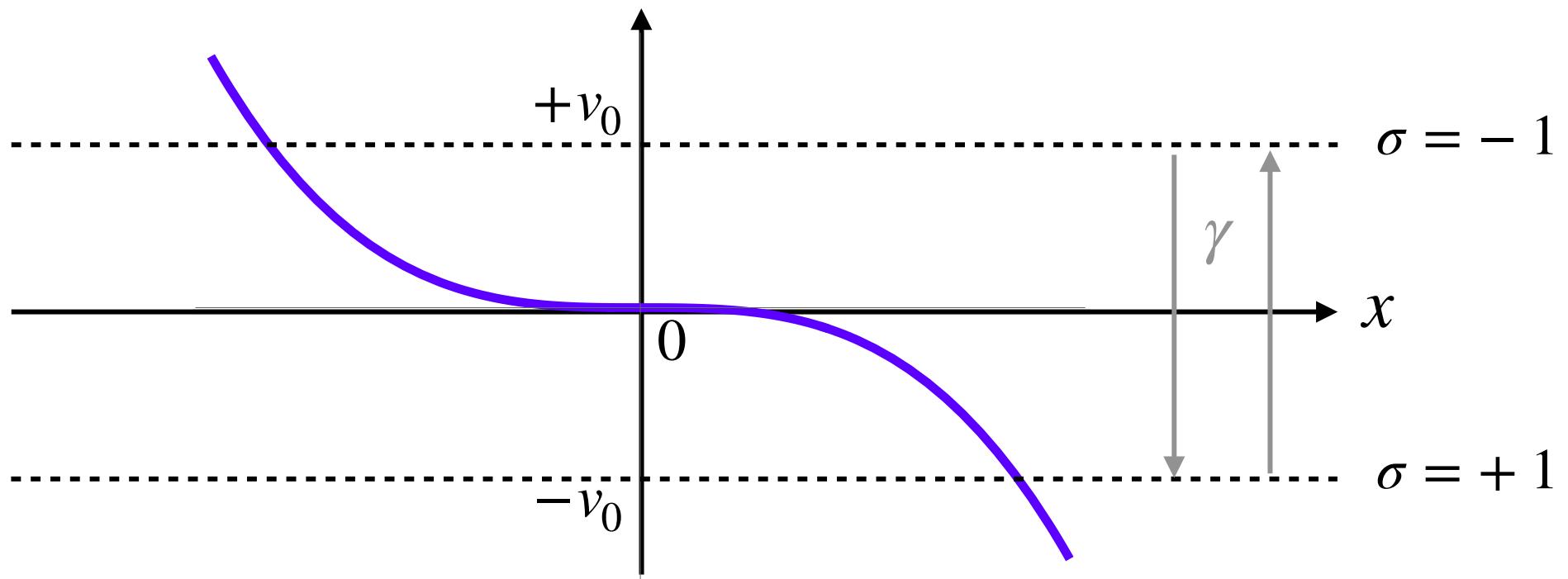
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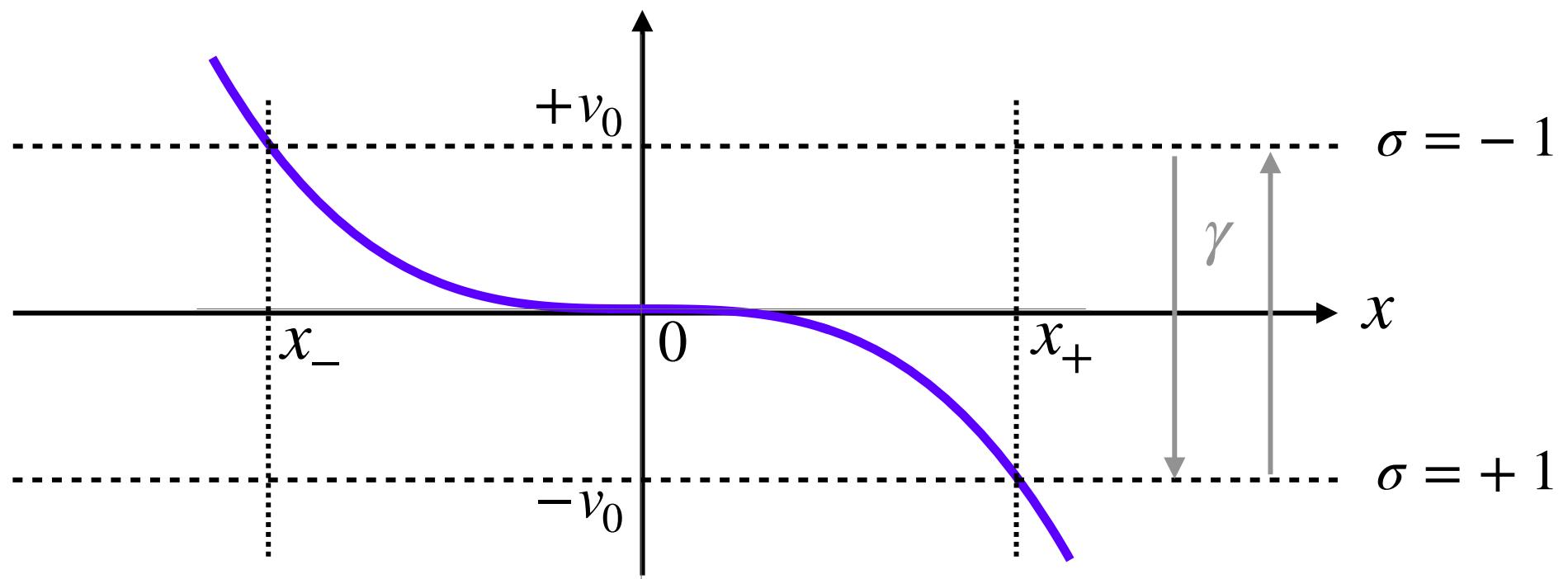
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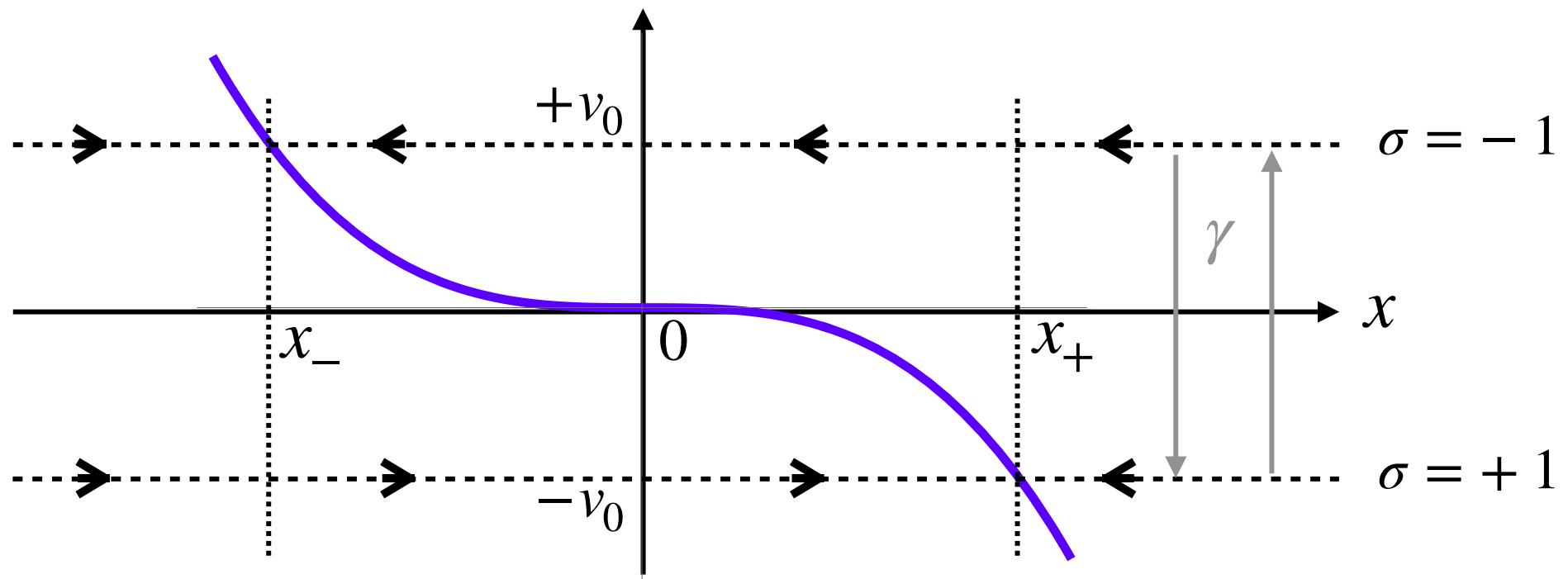
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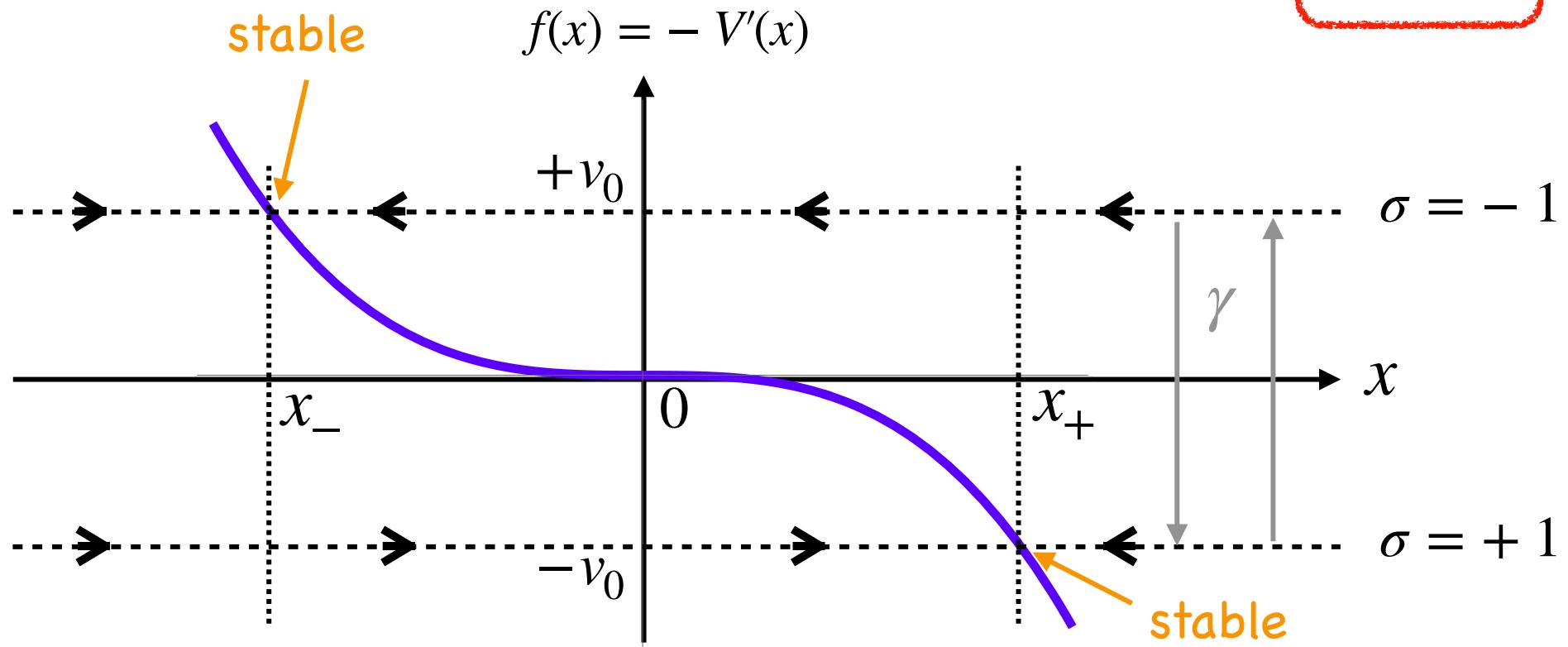


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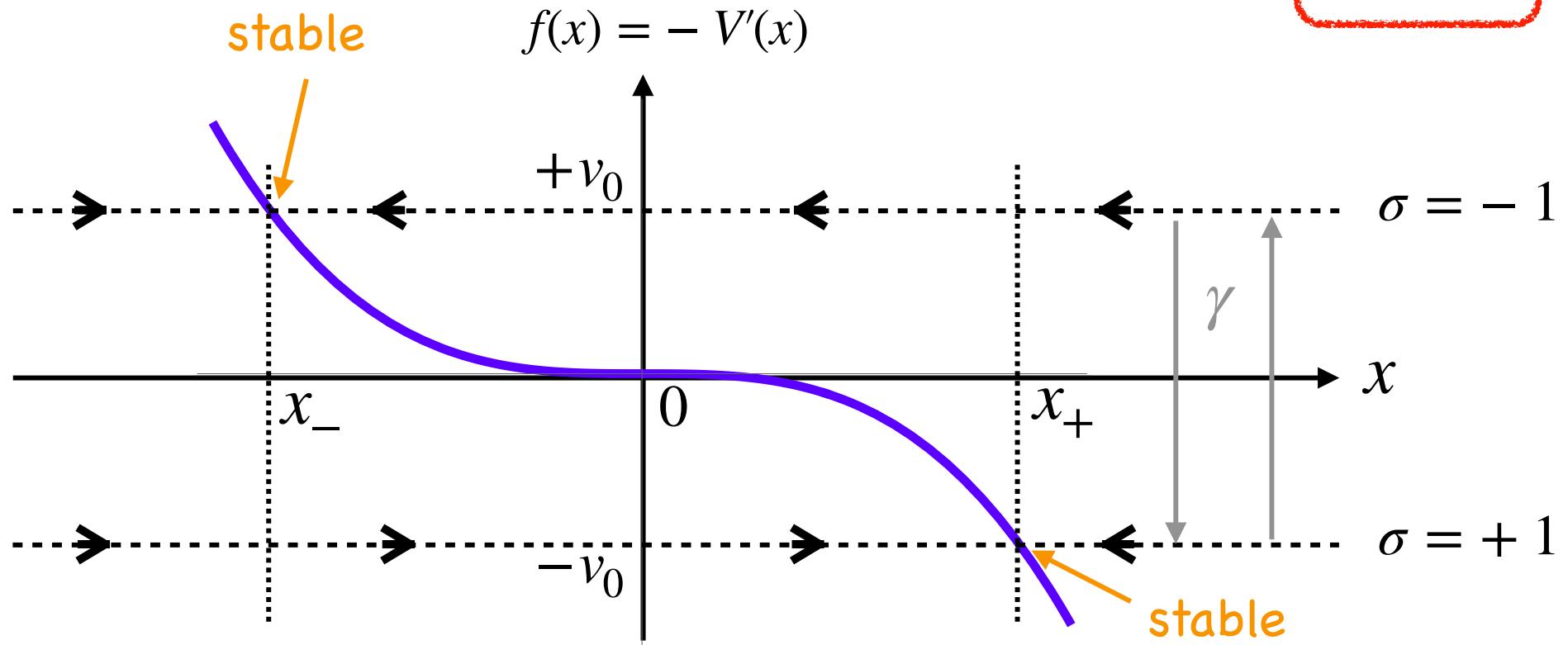


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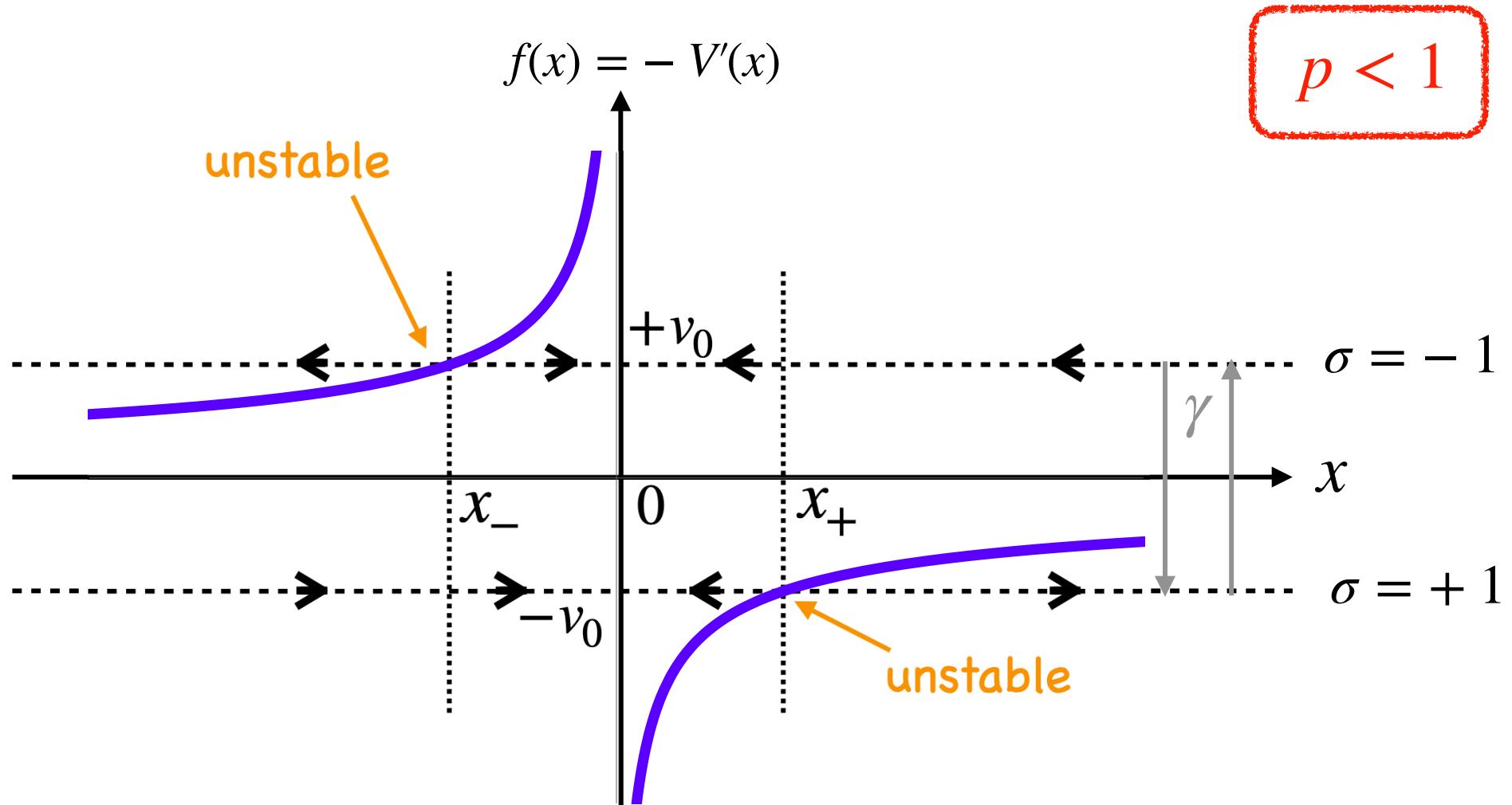
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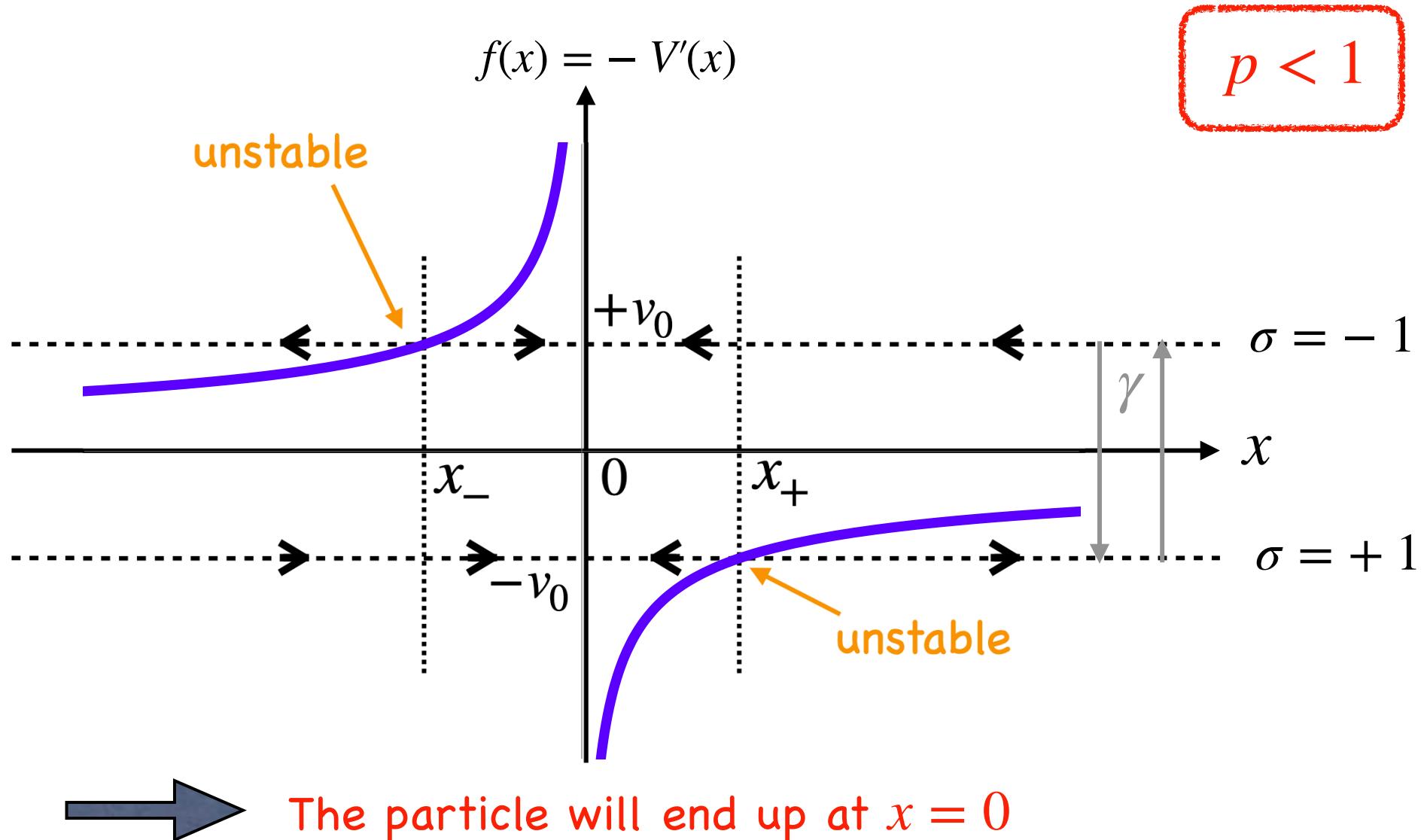
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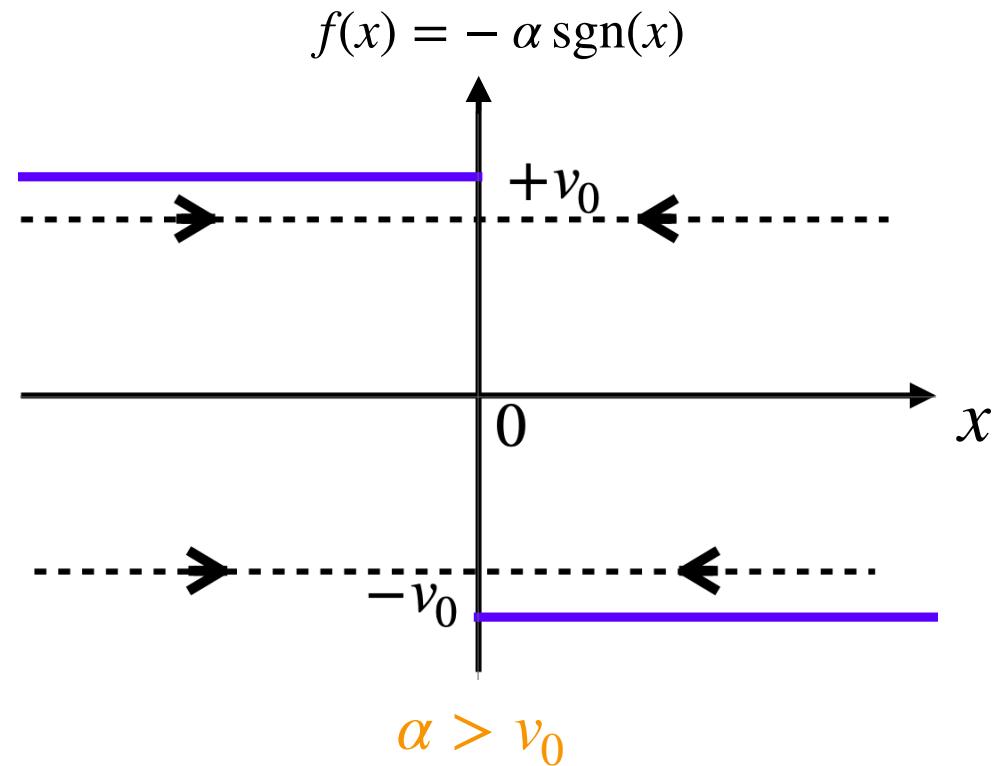
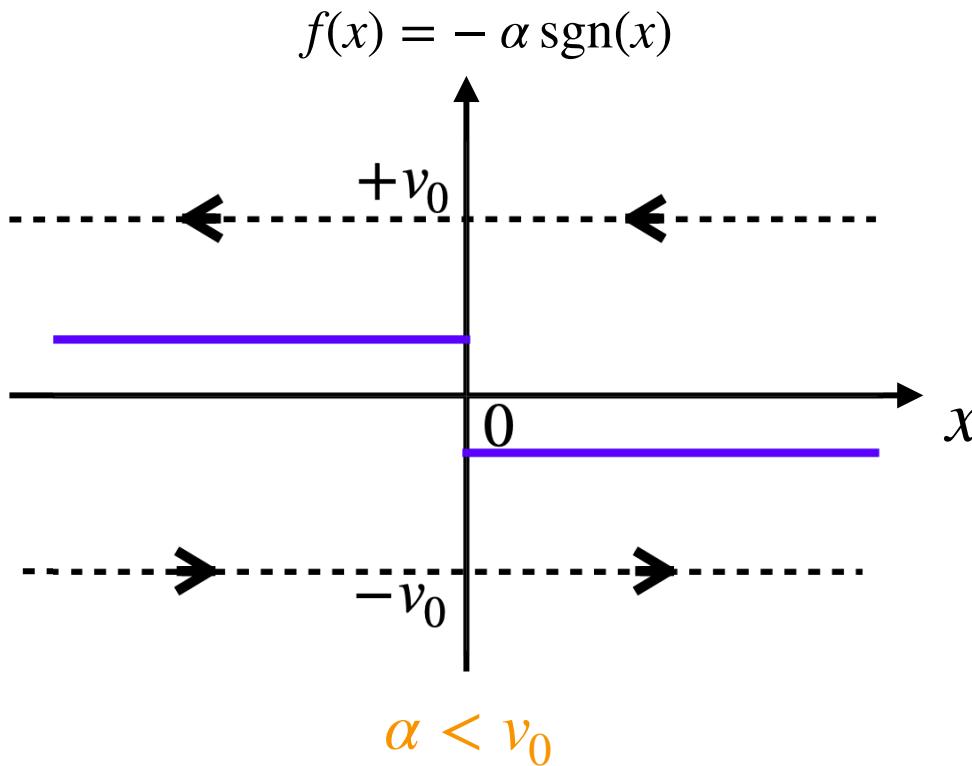
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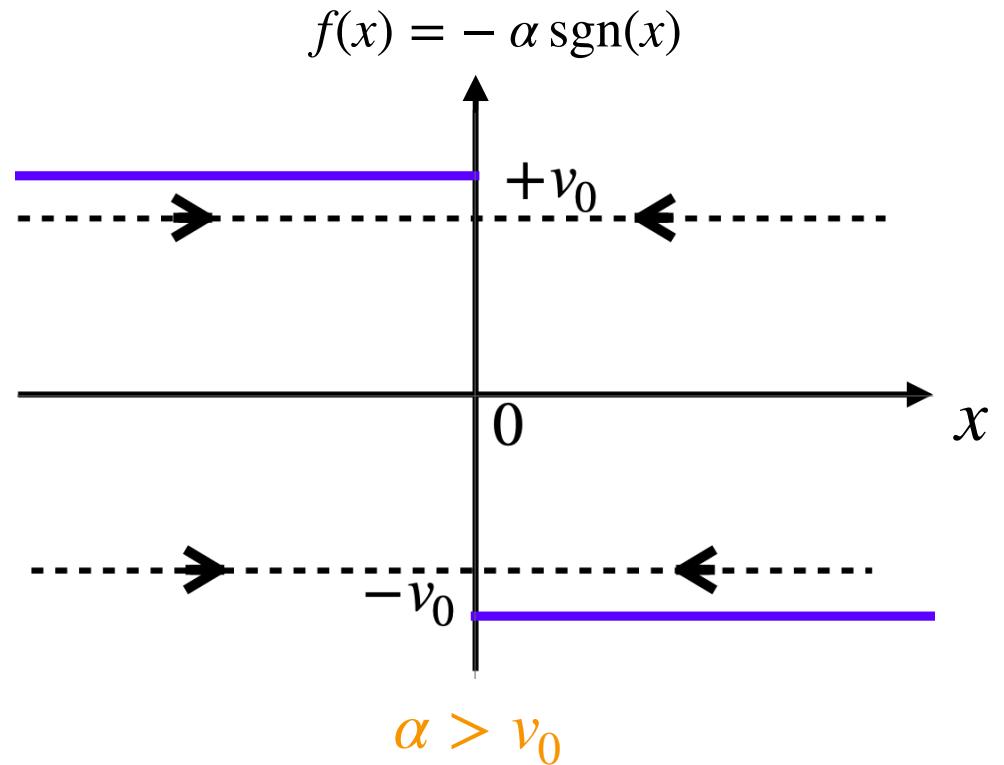
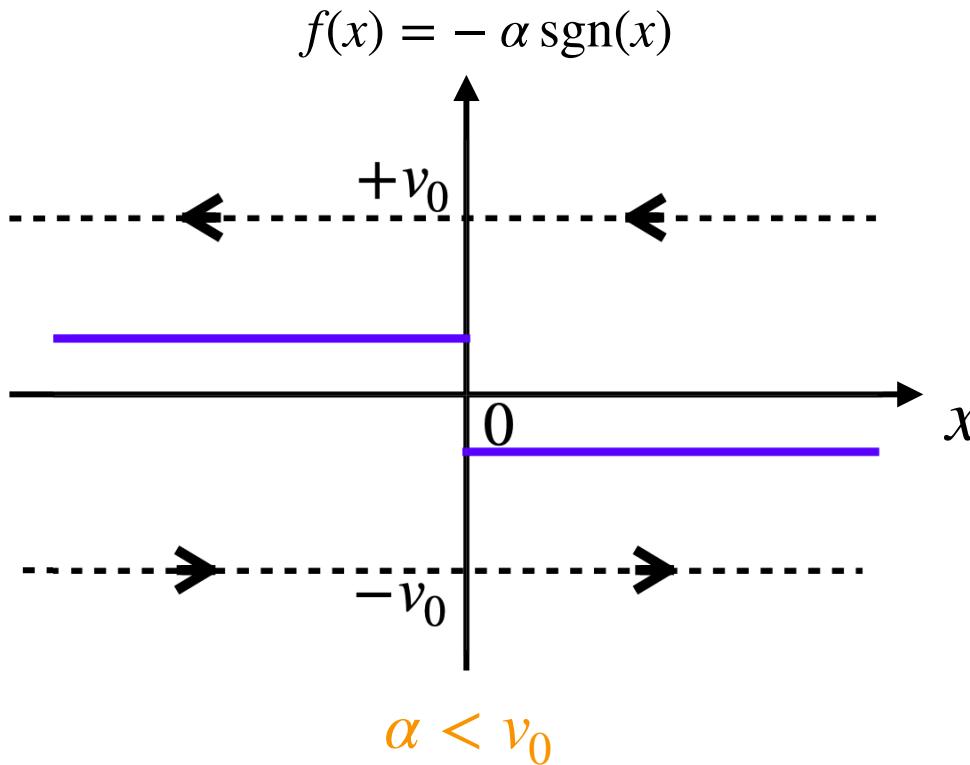
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- Exact solution via coupled Fokker-Planck equations

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+ initial and boundary conditions (to be specified later)

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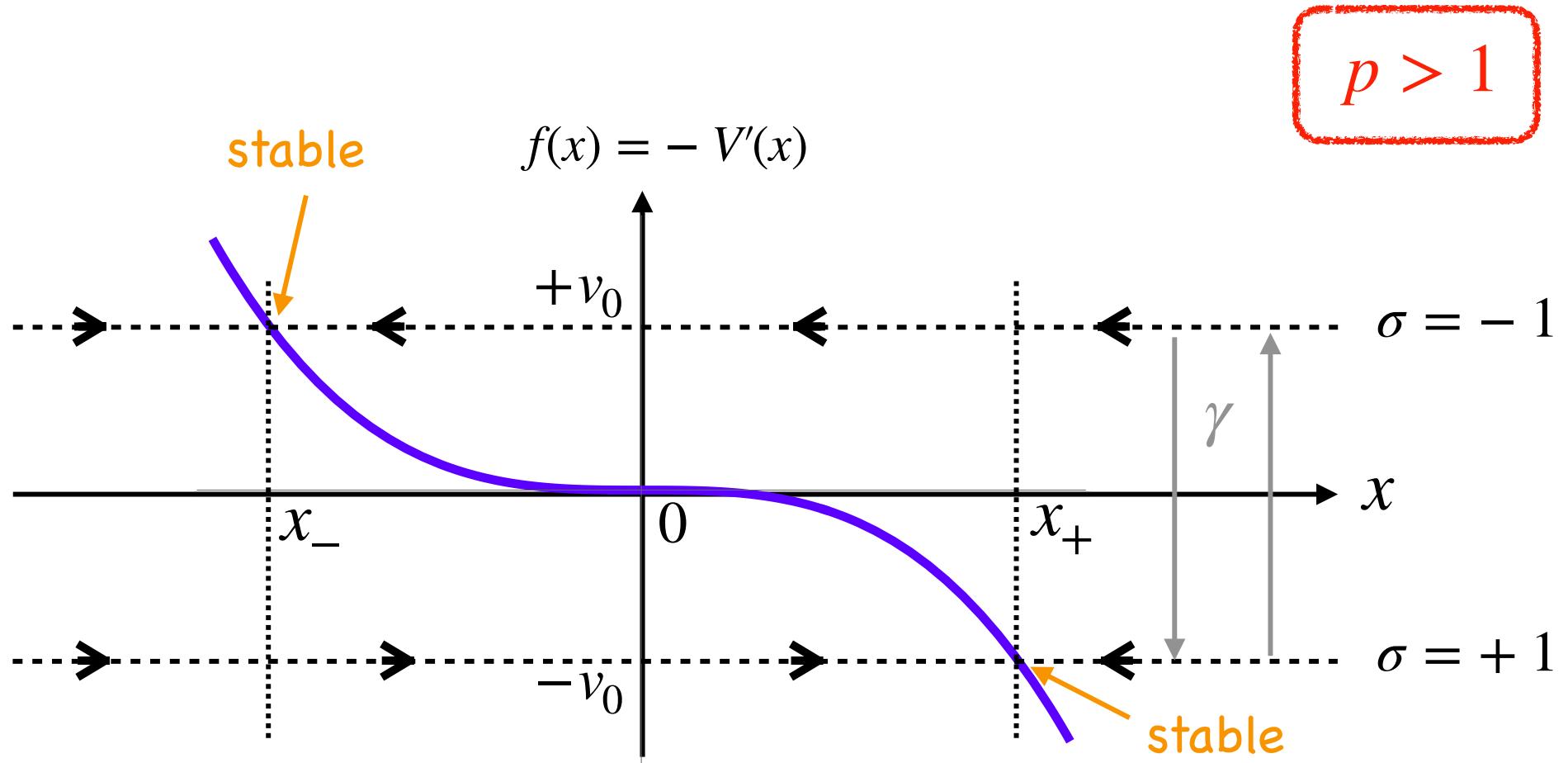
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see also Klyatskin '78, Lefever et al. '80, Van den Broeck & Hänggi '84, Hänggi & Jung '94

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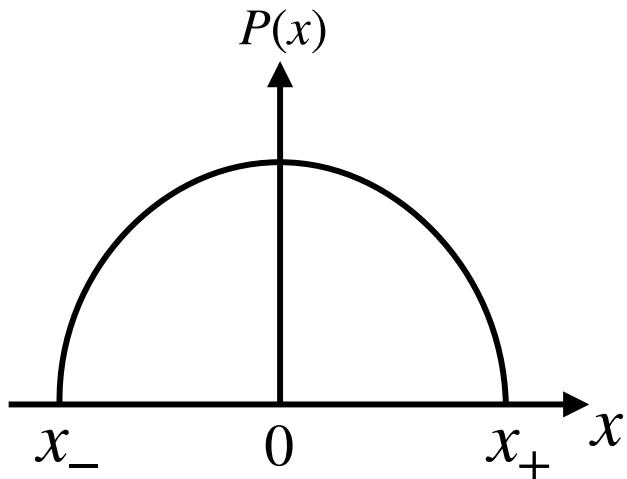
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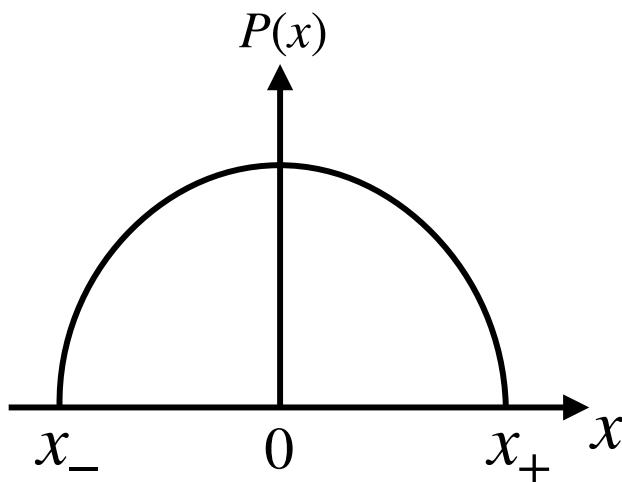
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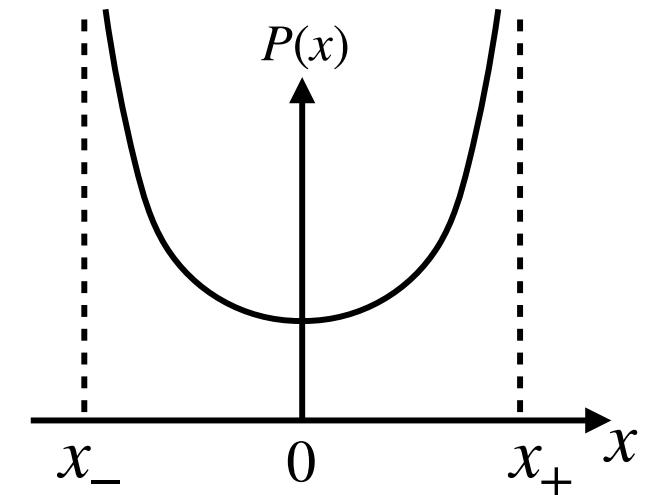
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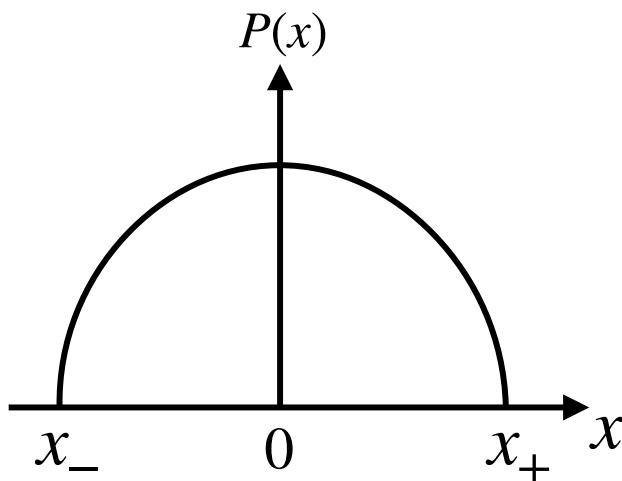
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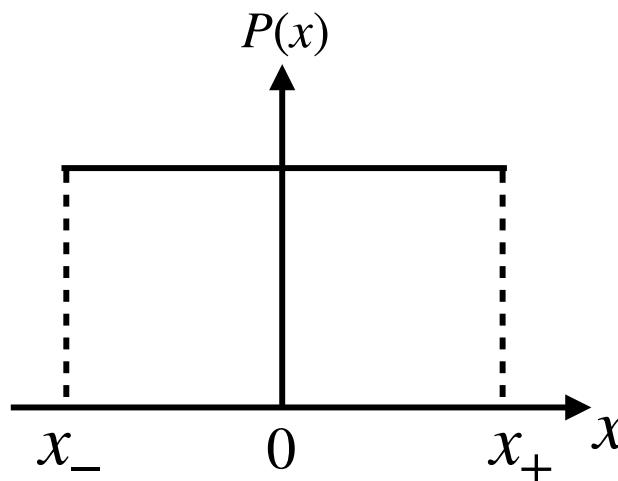
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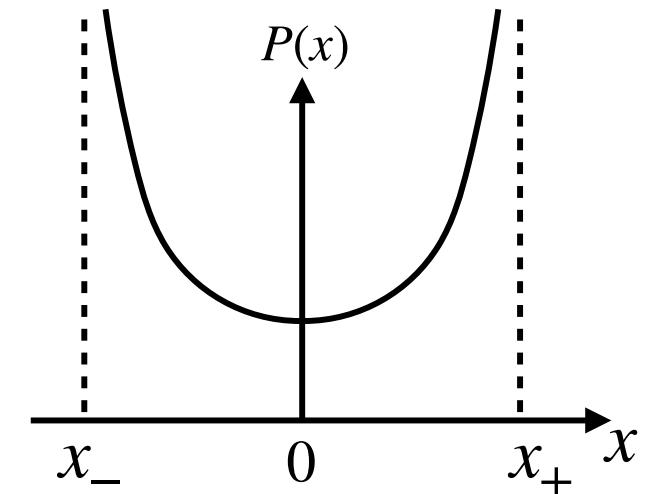


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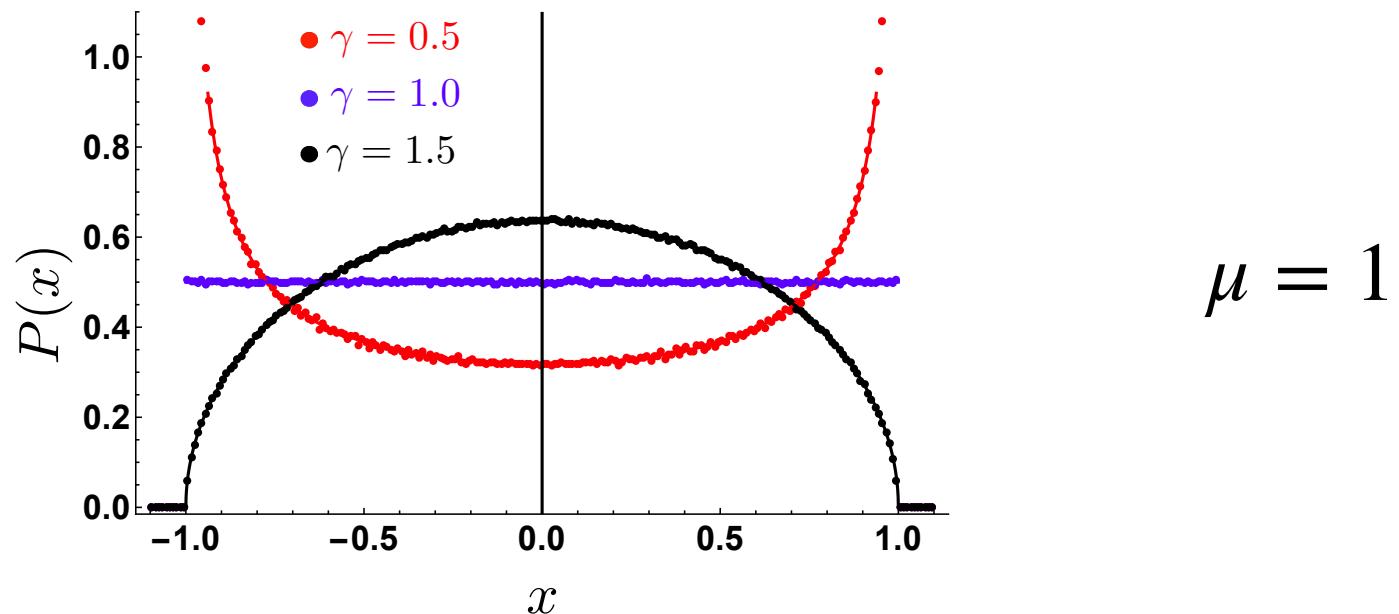
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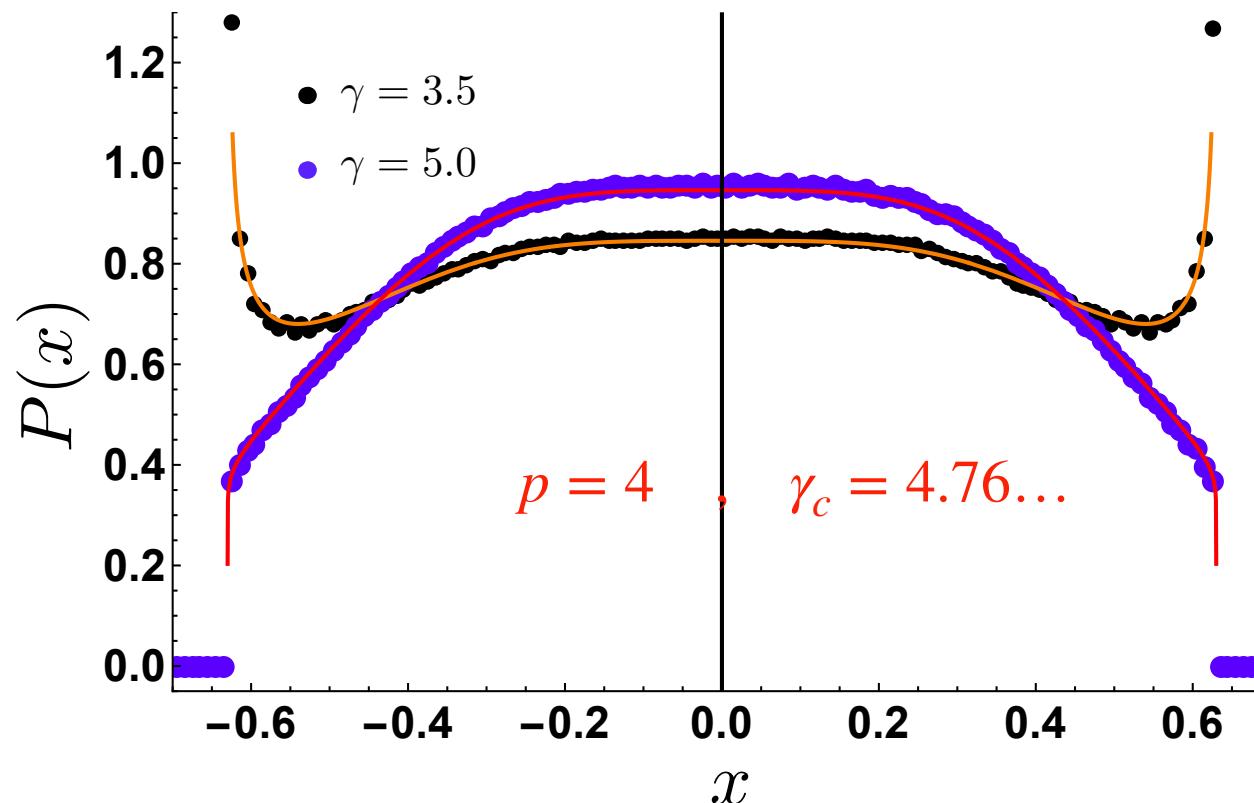
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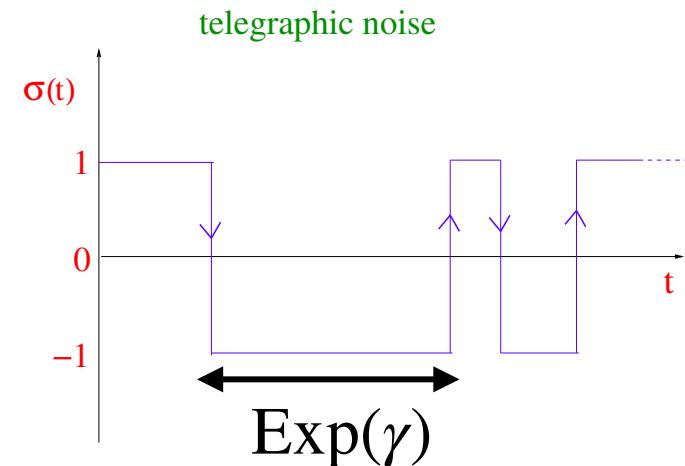
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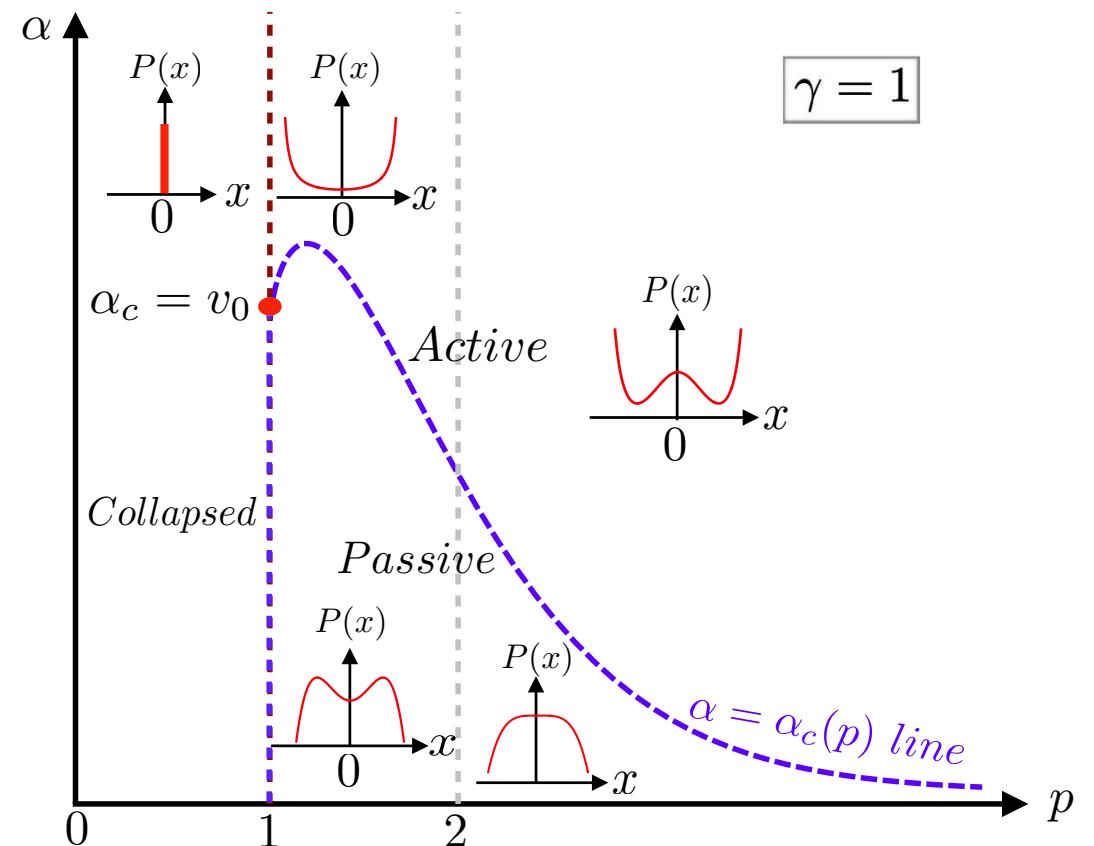
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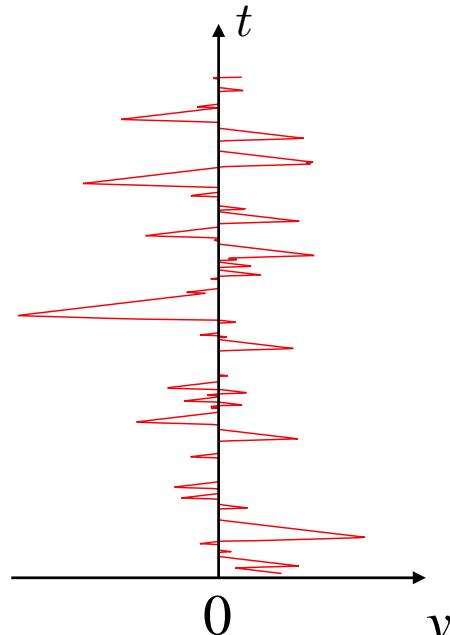
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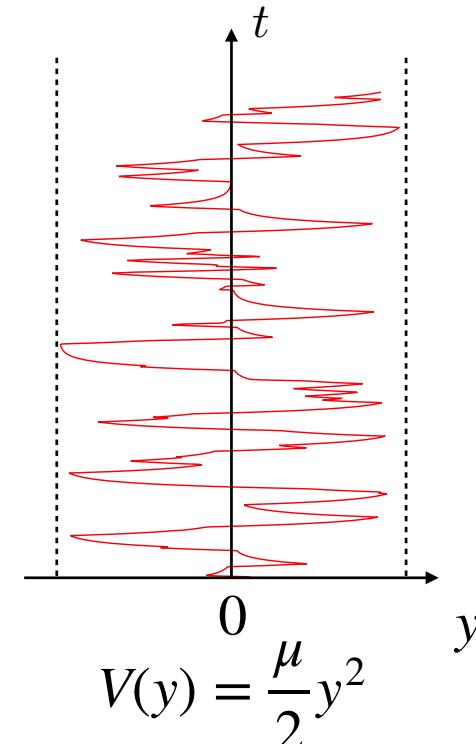
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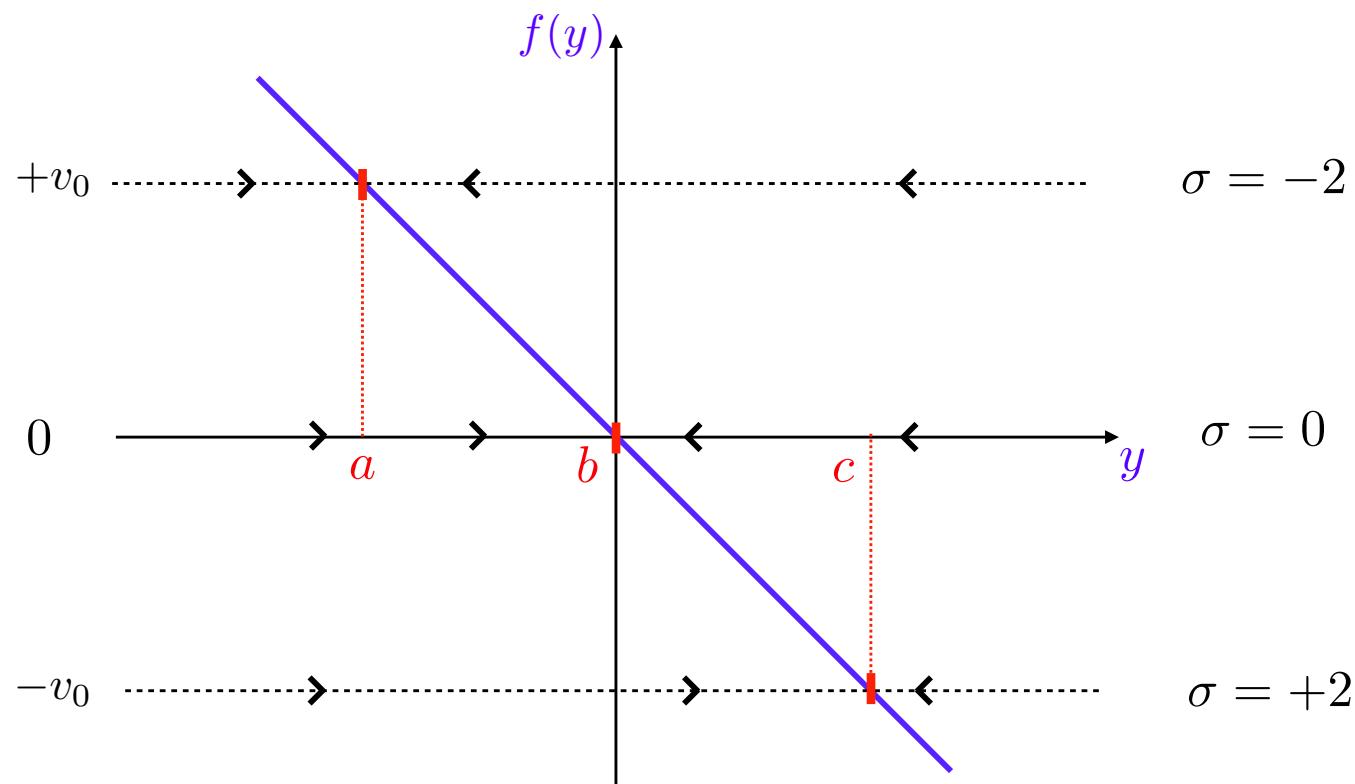
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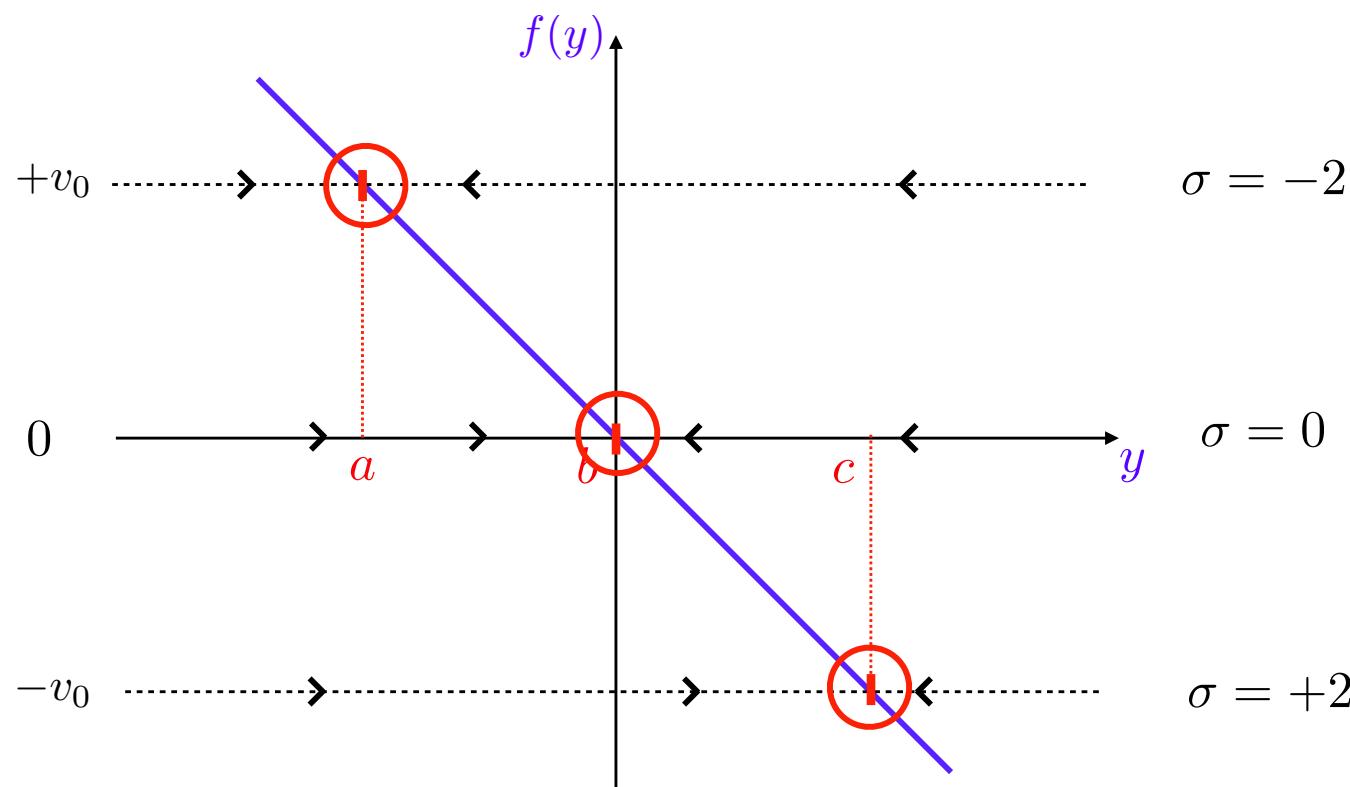
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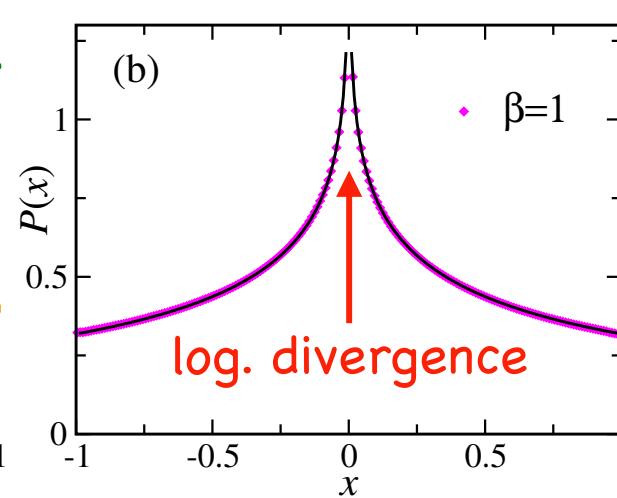
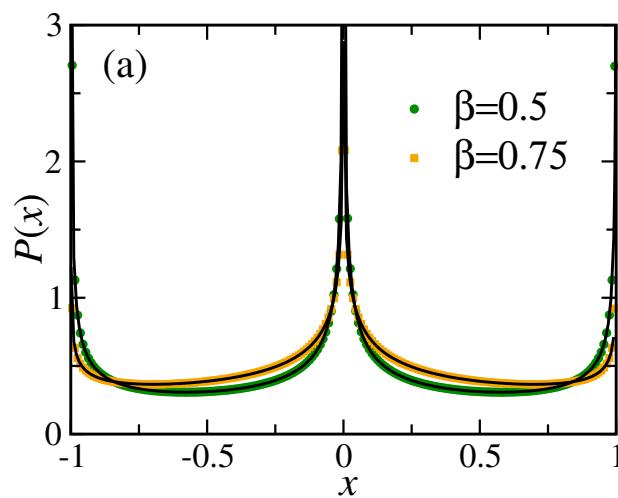
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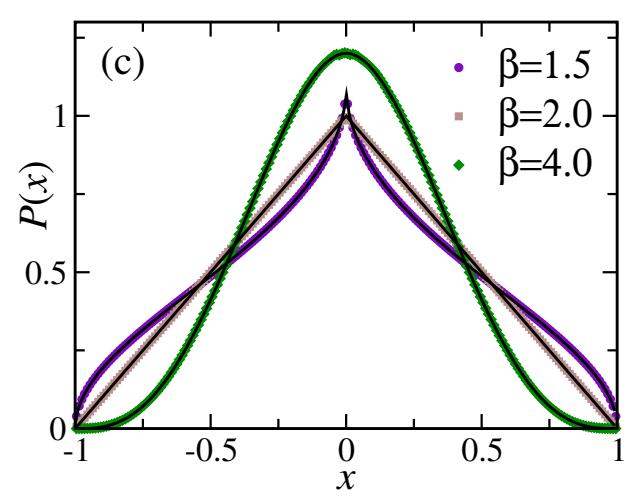
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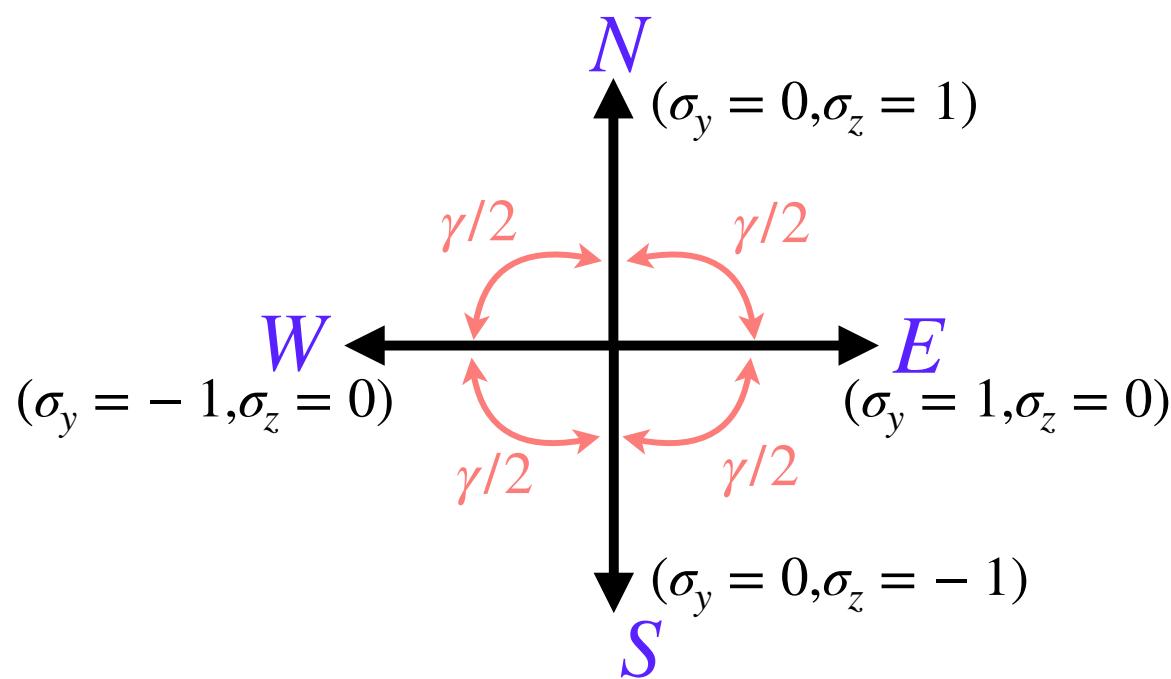
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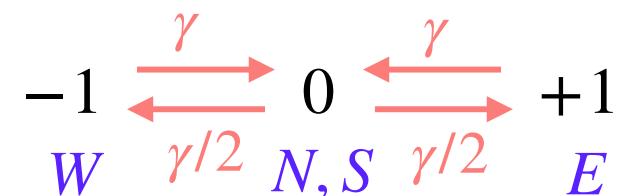
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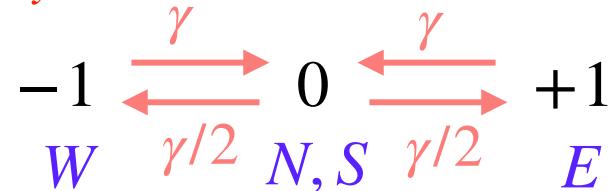
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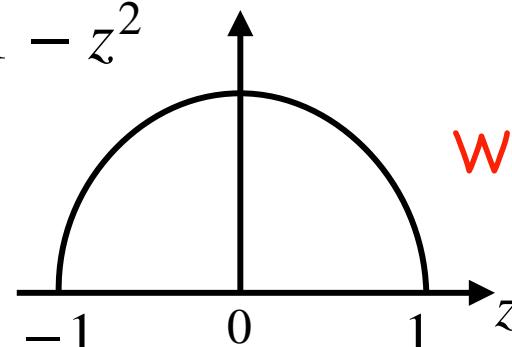
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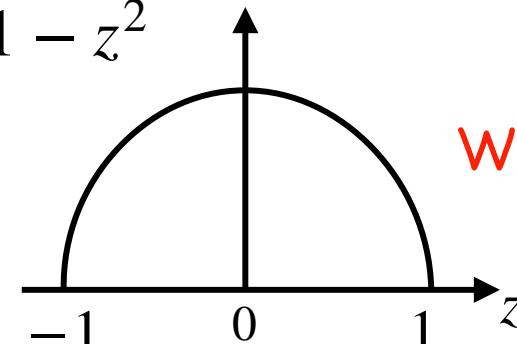
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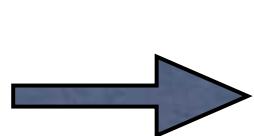
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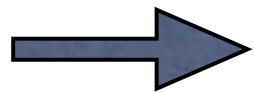
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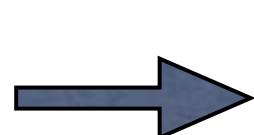
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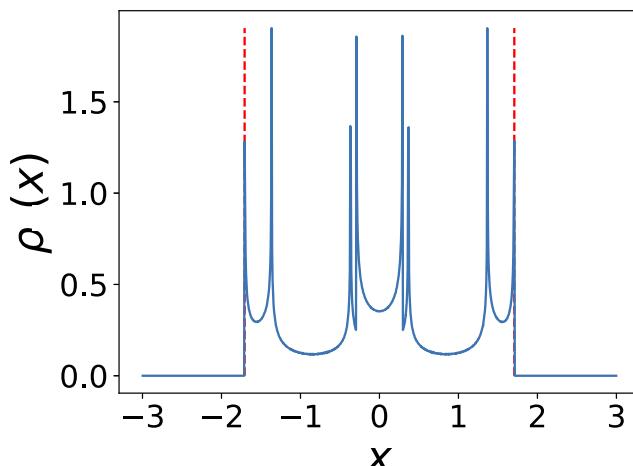
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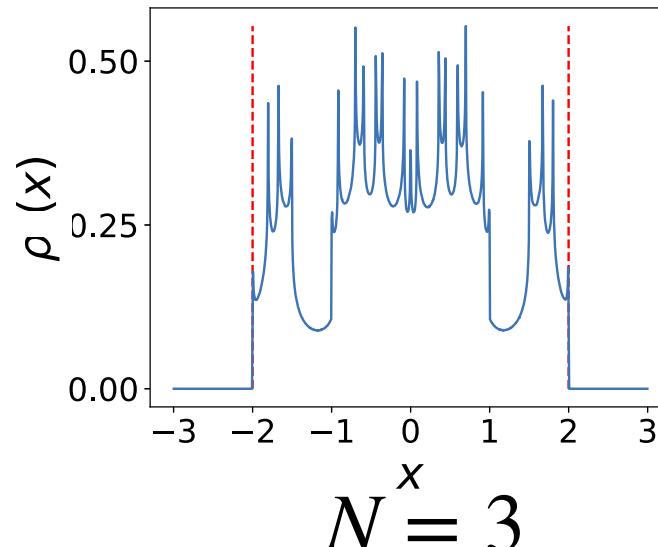
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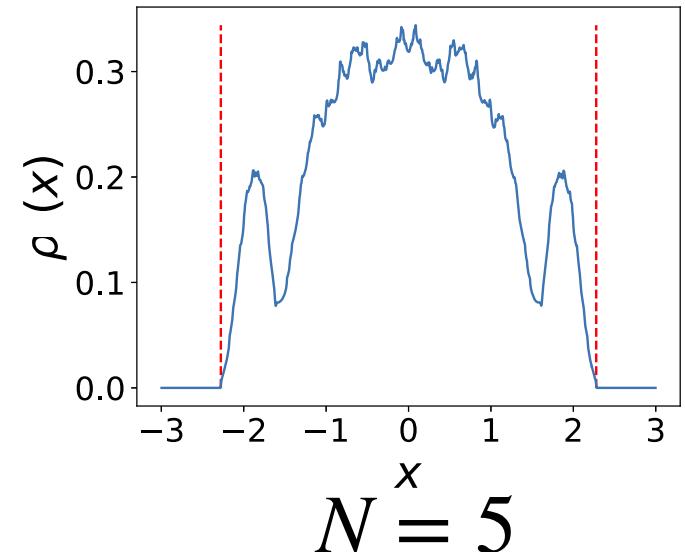
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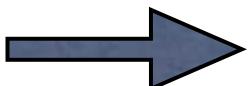
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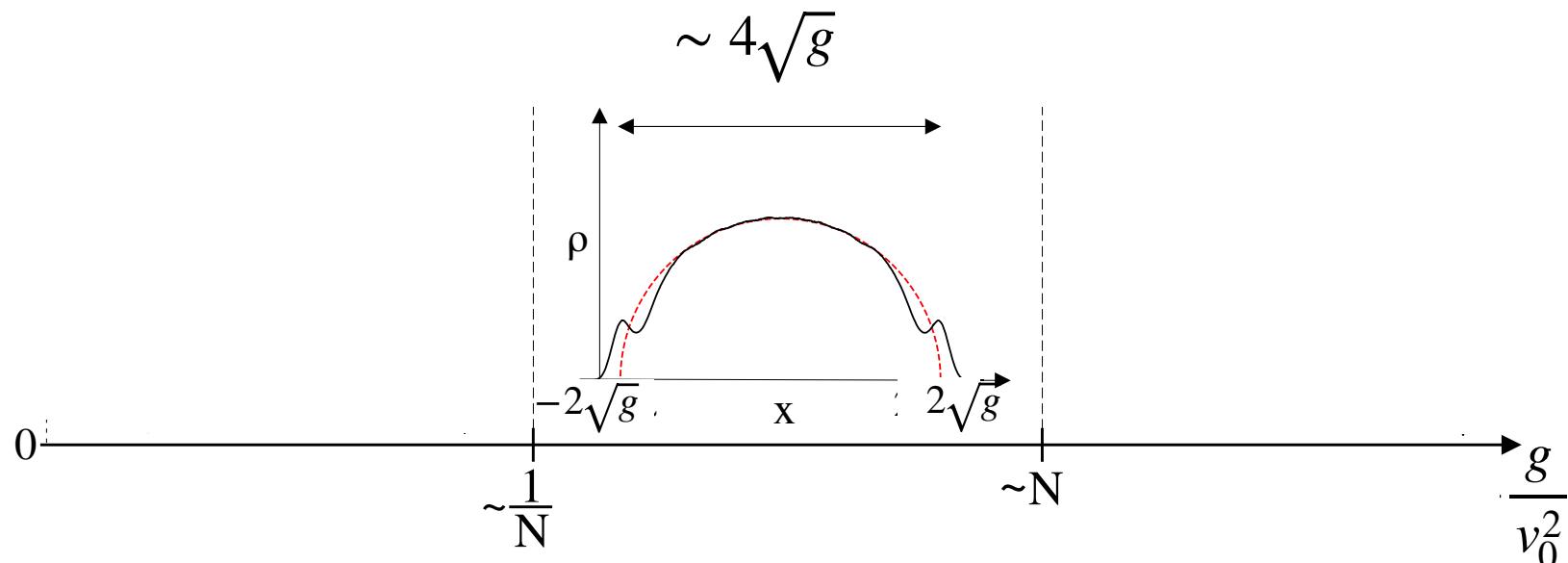
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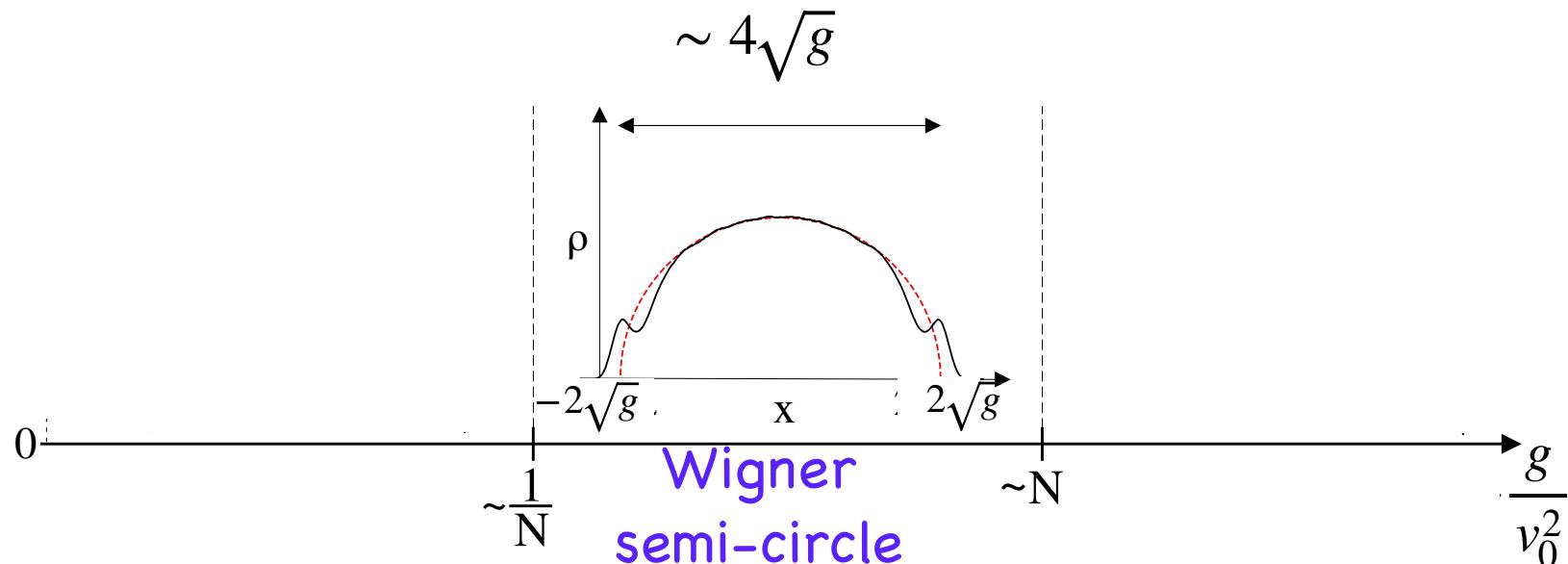
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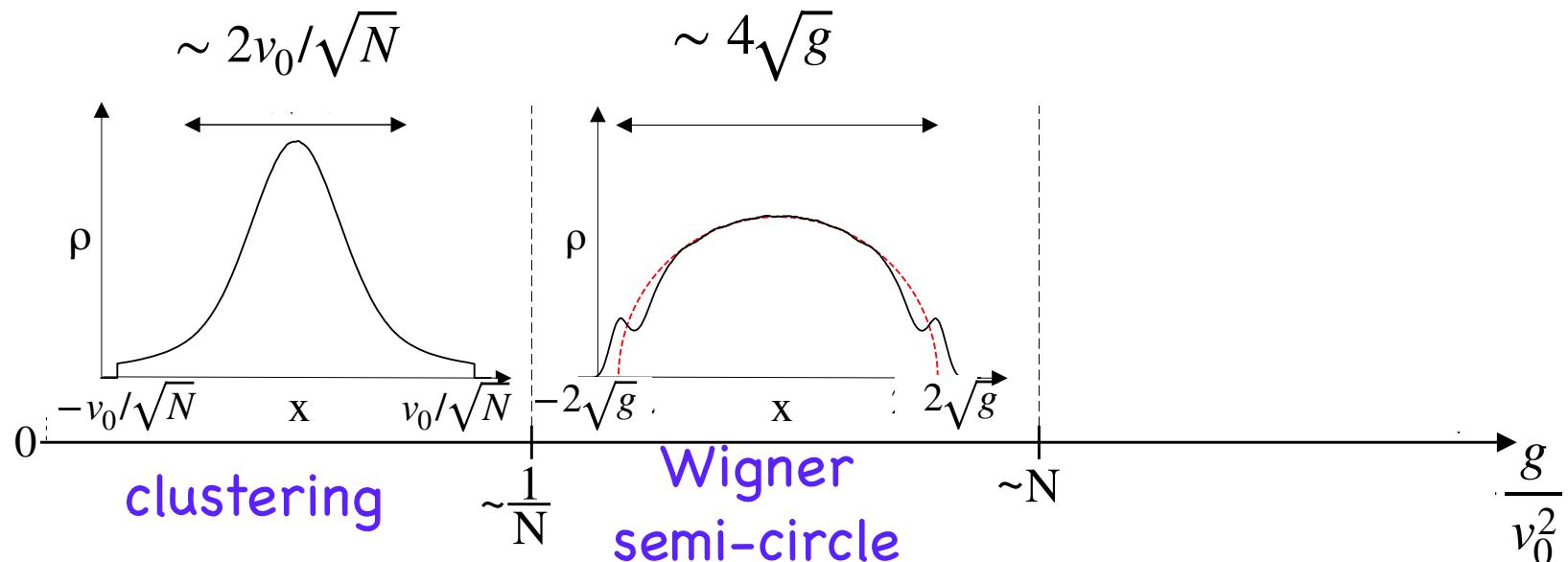
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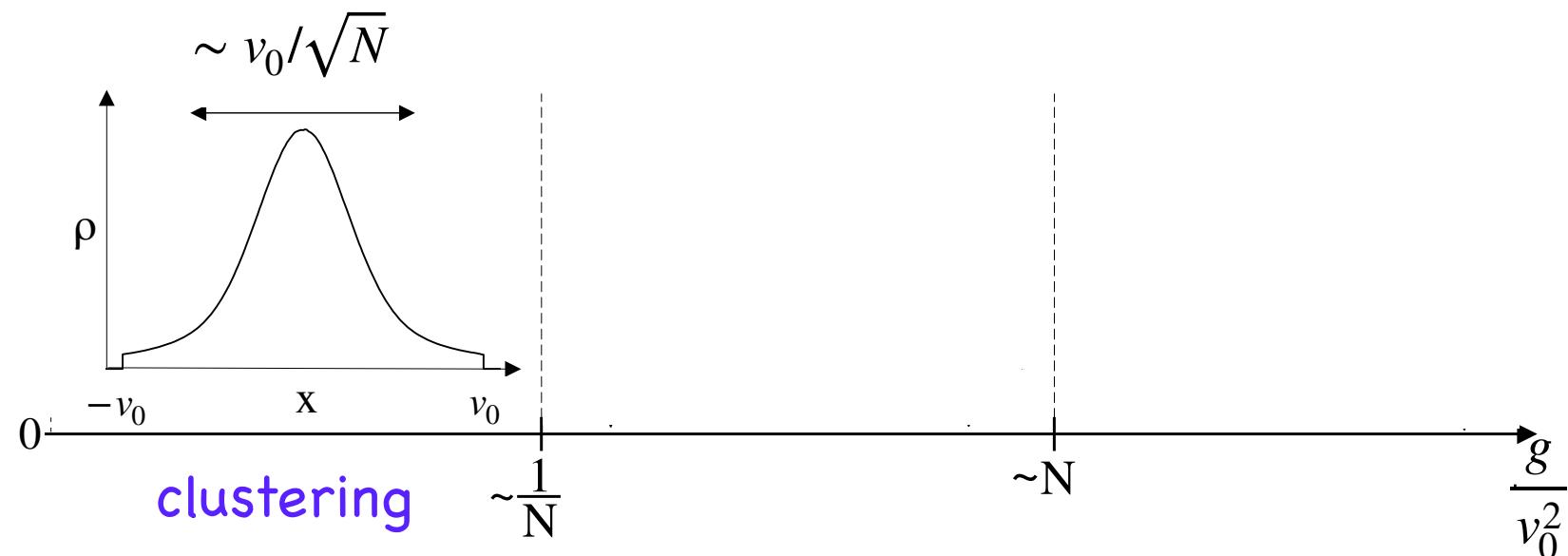
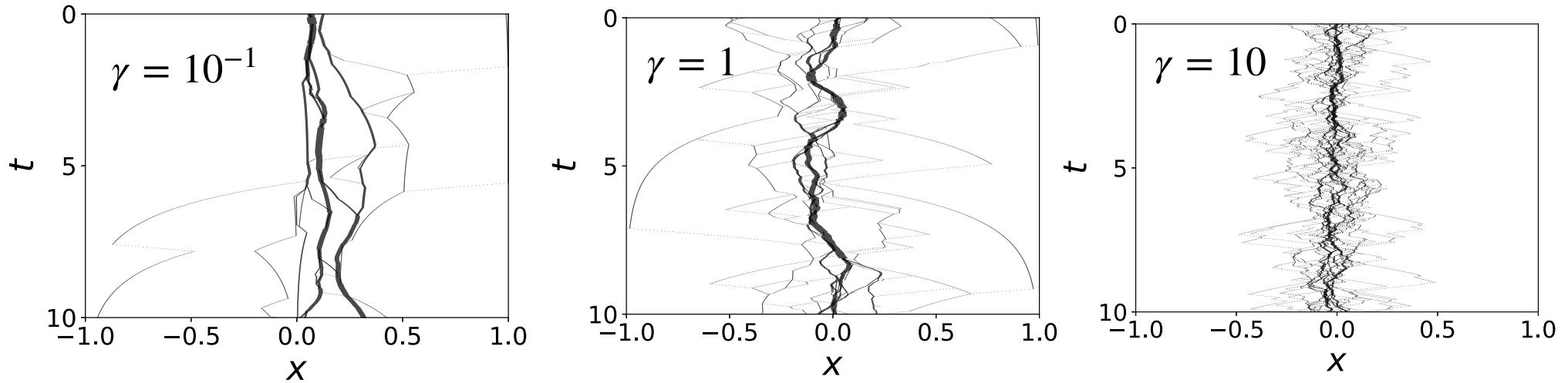
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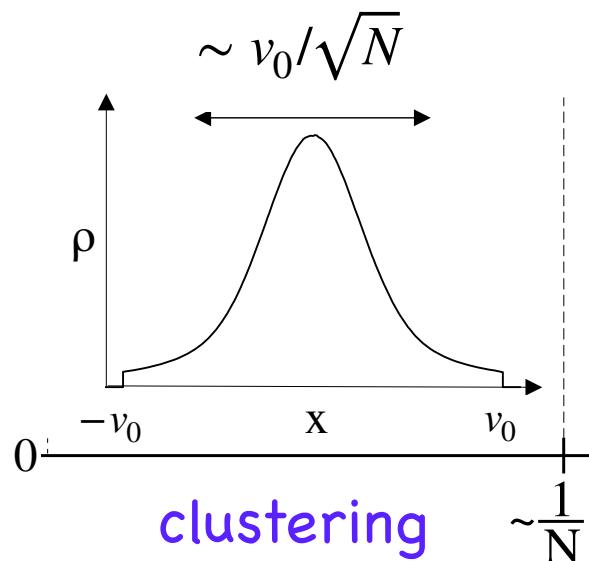
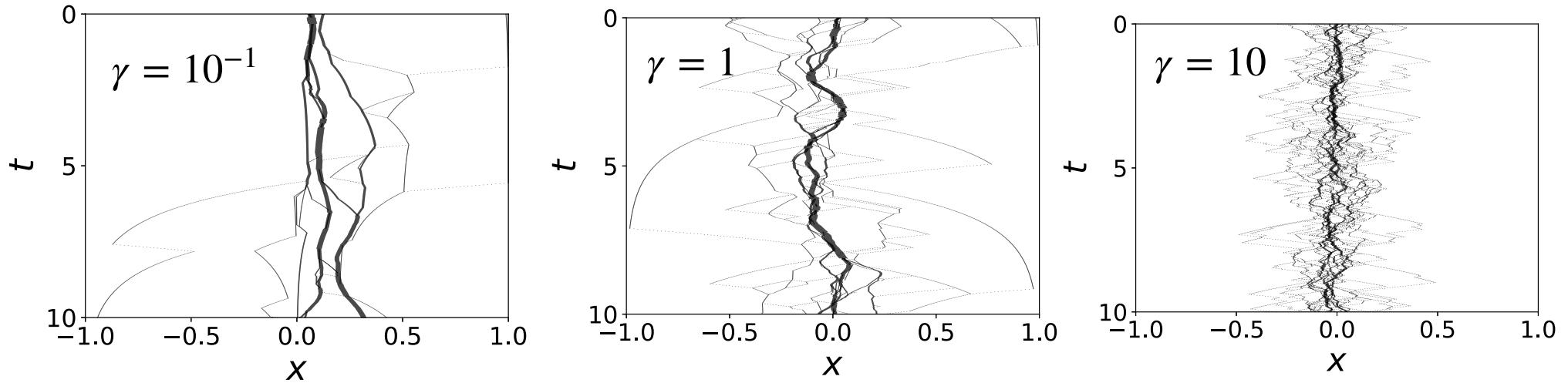
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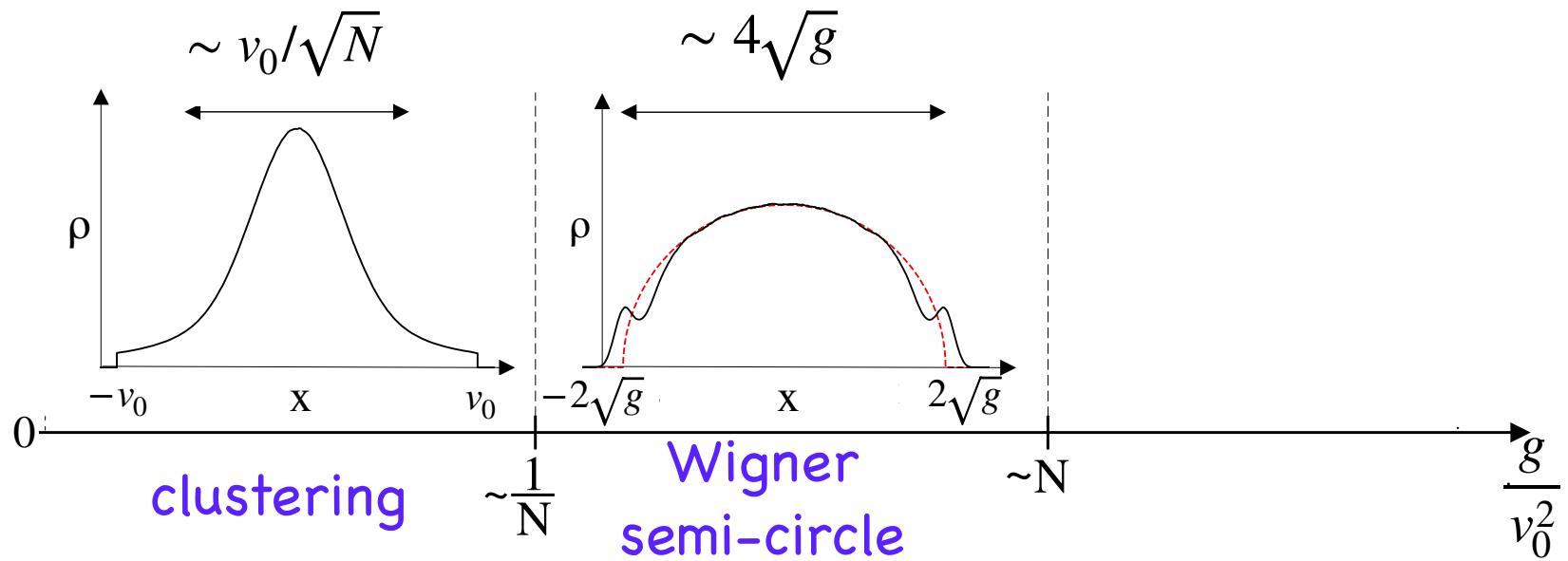
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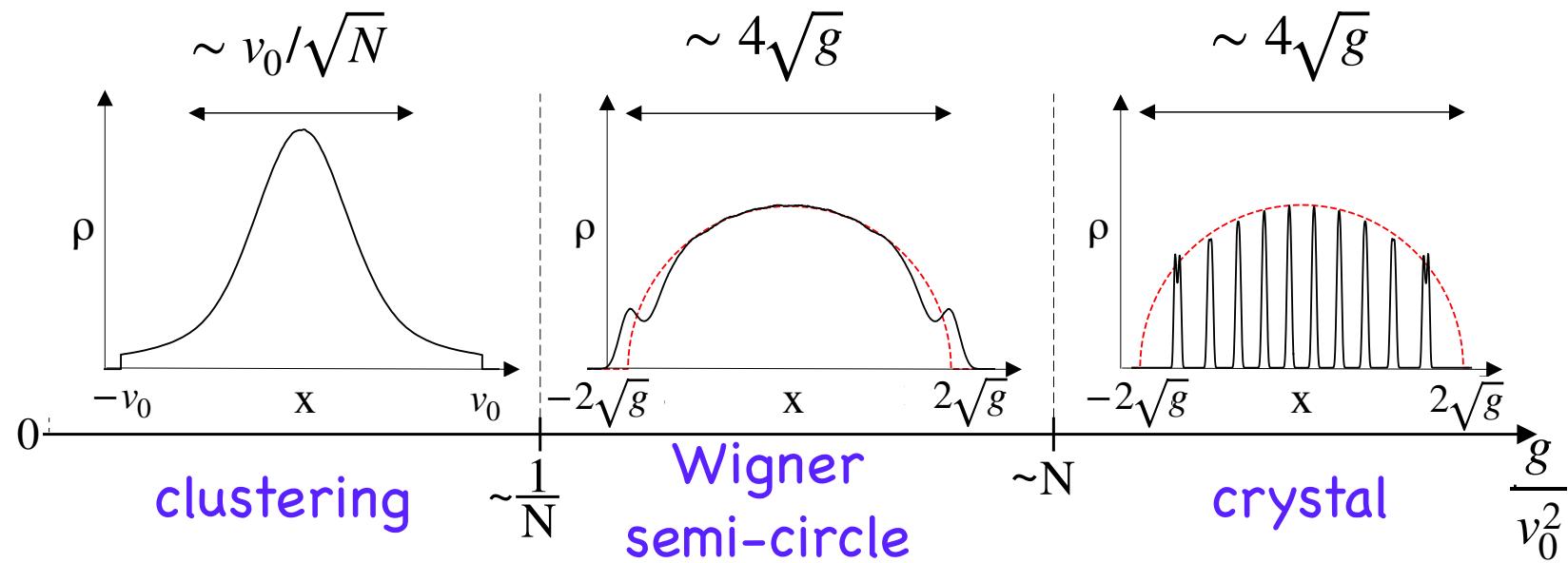
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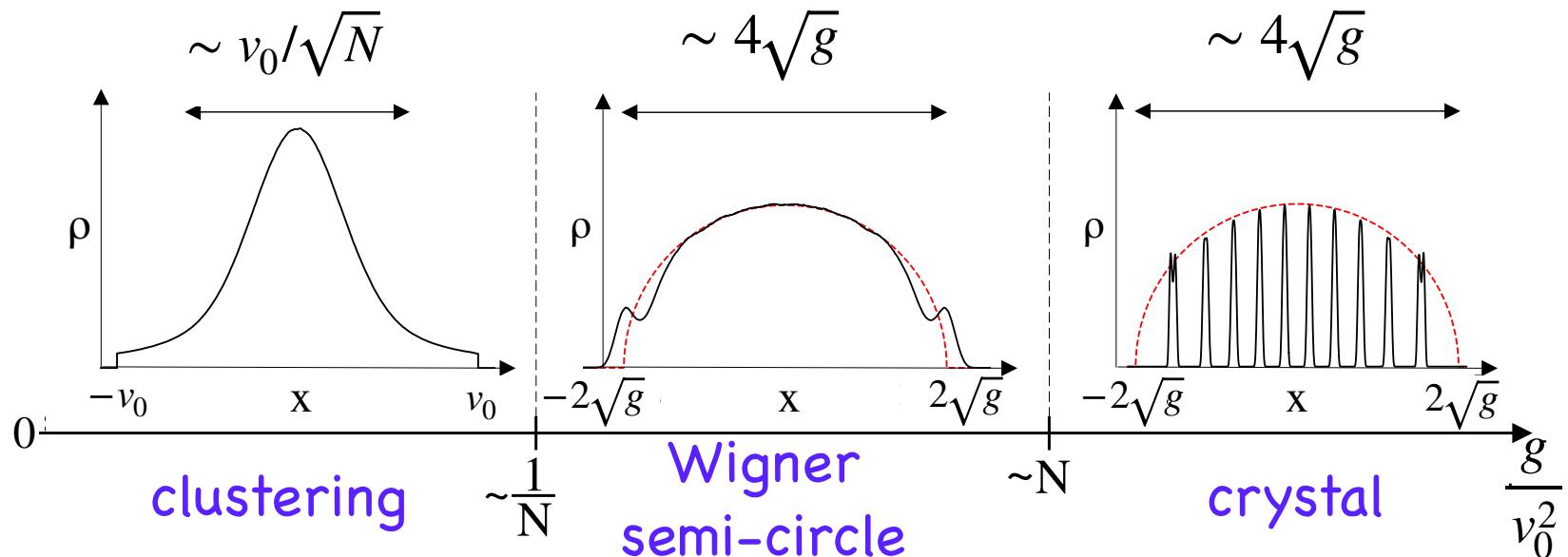
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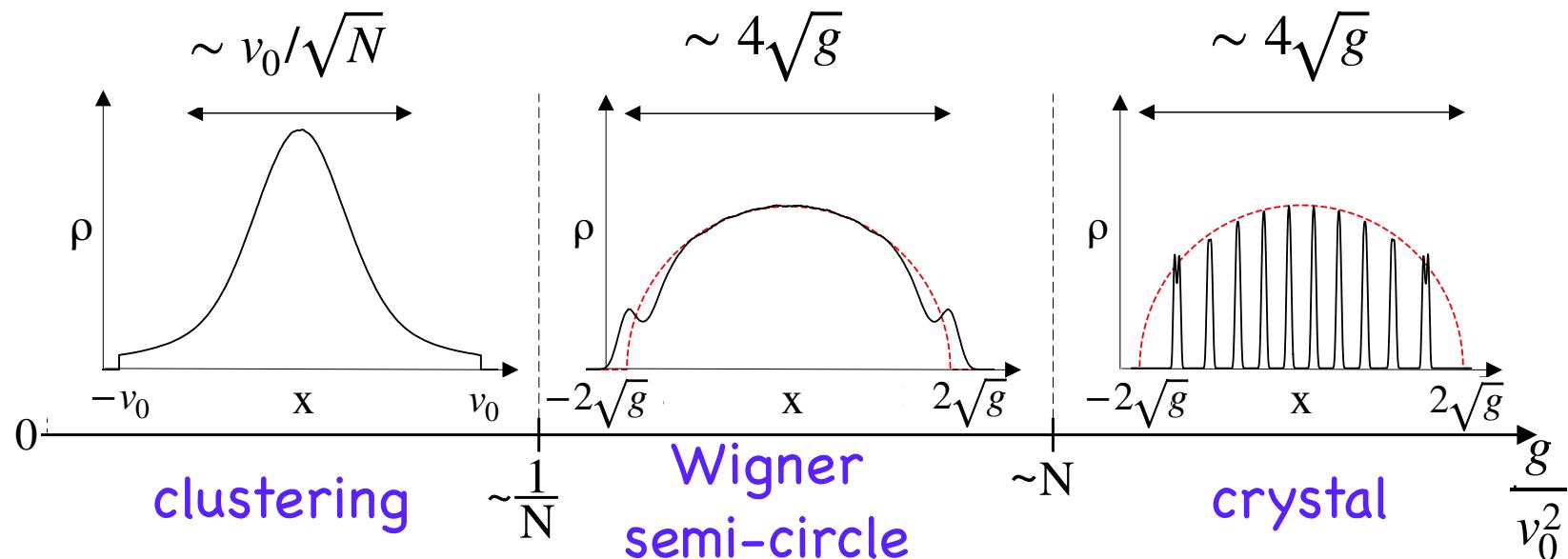
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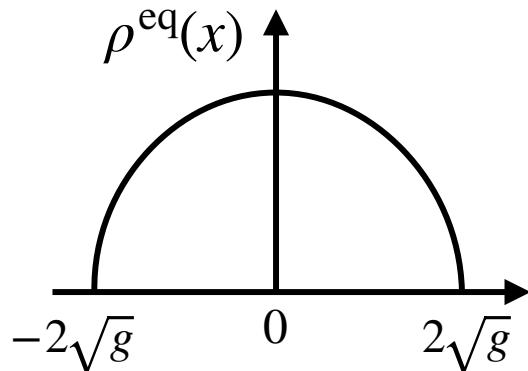
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where

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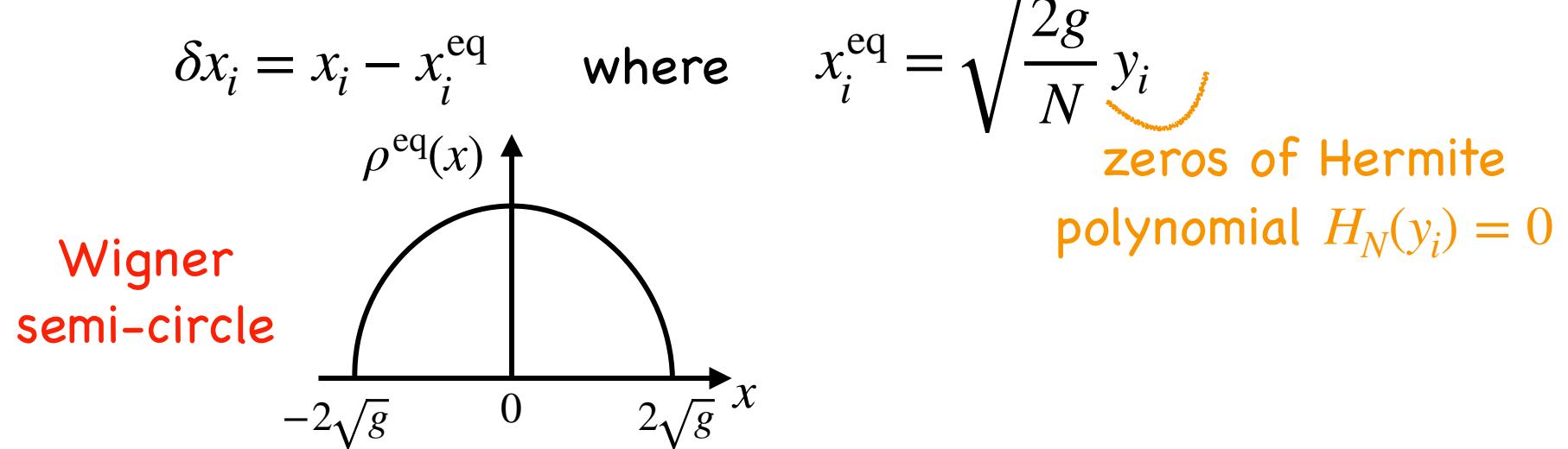


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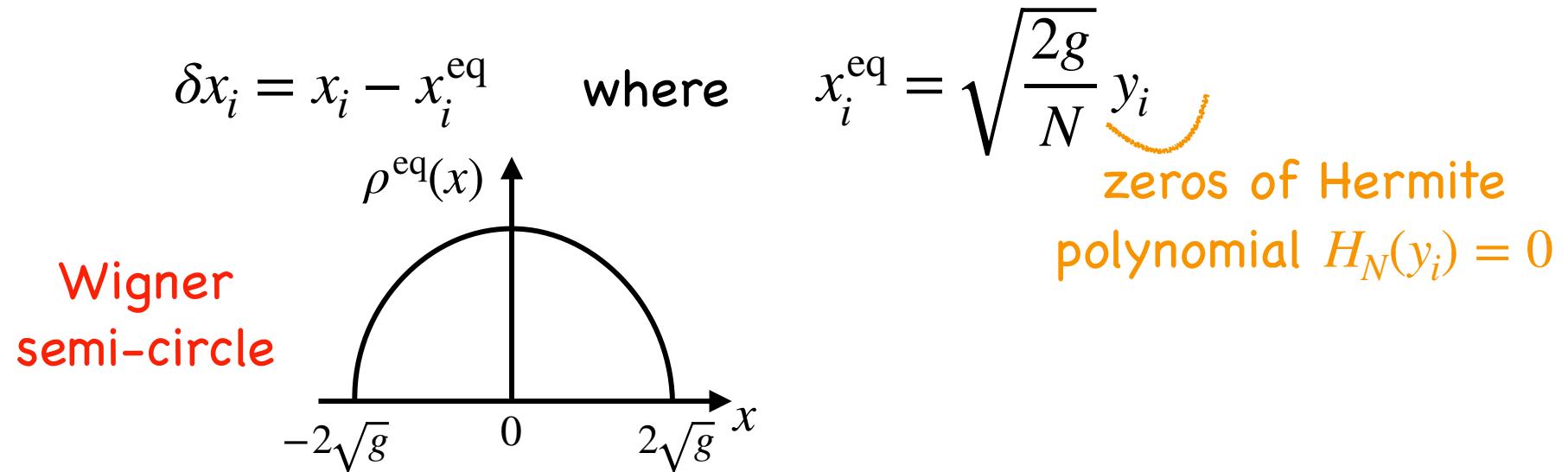


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- For small  $v_0$  and in the limit  $\gamma \rightarrow 0^+$  one finds (using Hessian)

$$\langle \delta x_i \delta x_j \rangle = v_0^2 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{u_k(y_i) u_k(y_j)}{\sum_{l=1}^N u_k(y_l)^2} + O(v_0^3) \quad \text{with} \quad u_k(y) = \frac{H_N^{(k)}(y)}{H'_N(y)}$$

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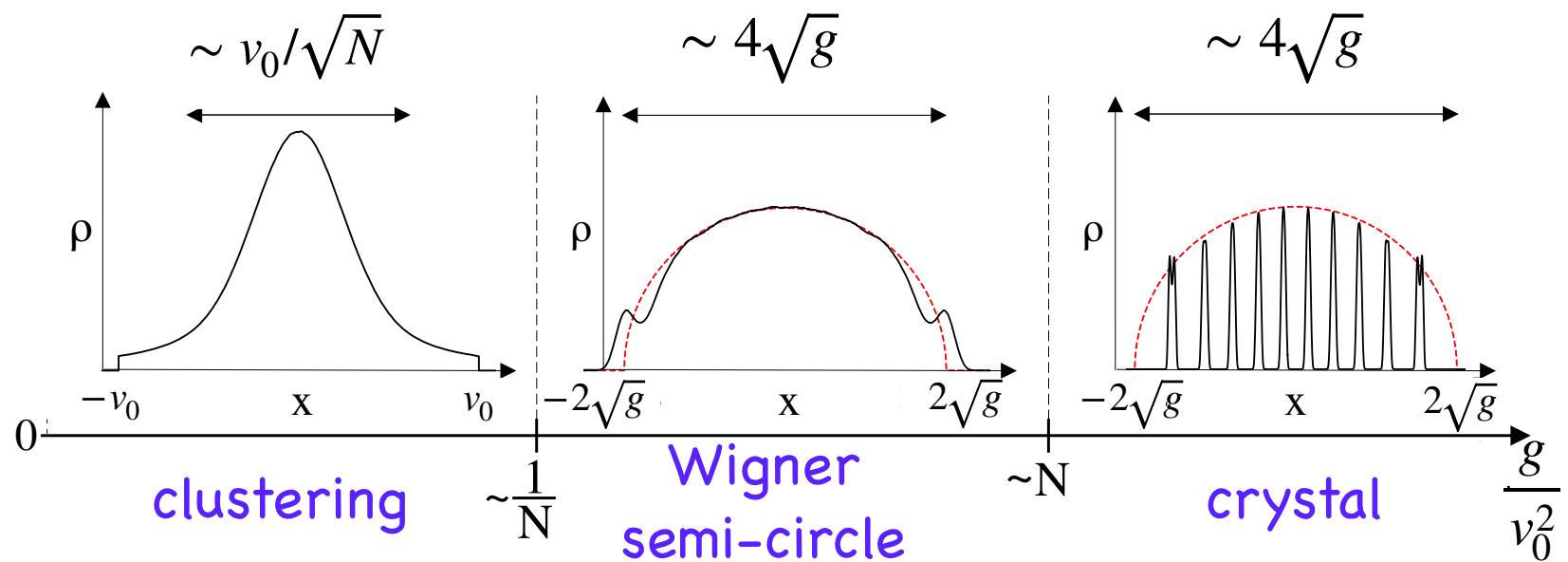
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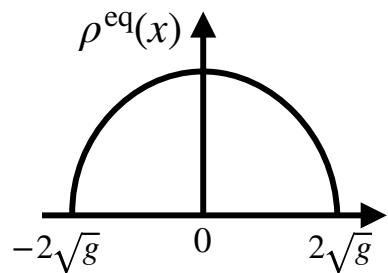


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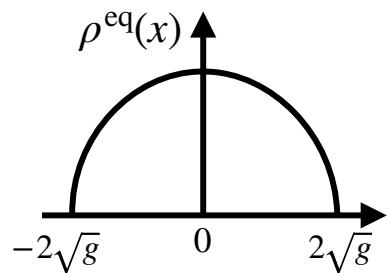
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Rk: a similar result was recently found for the Dyson Brownian motion in the limit  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  by Gorin & Kleptsyn (2009), with  $1/x^2 \rightarrow 1/x$

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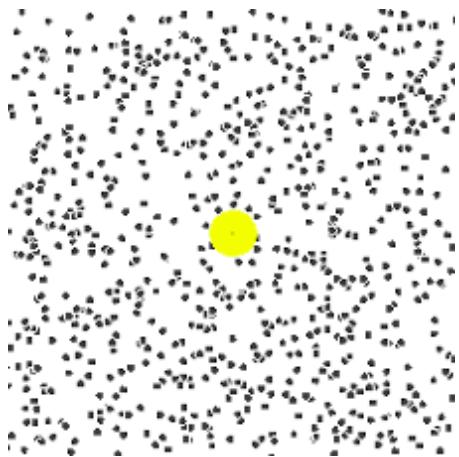
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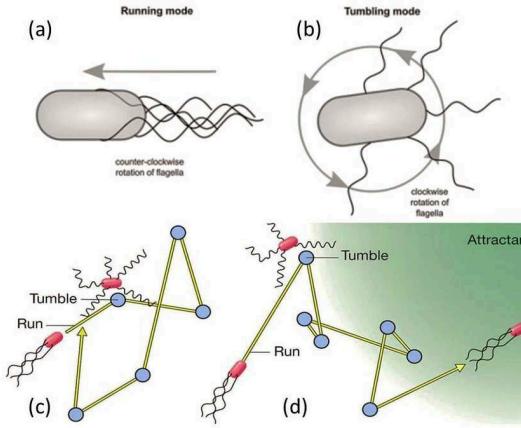
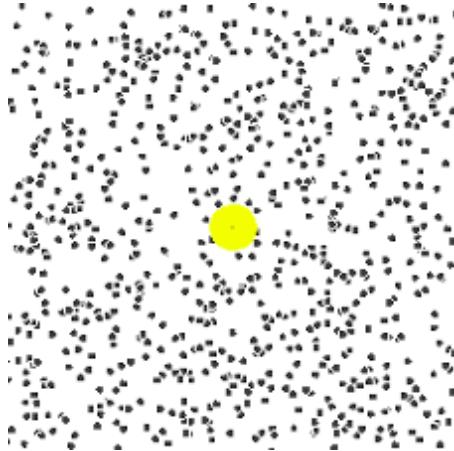
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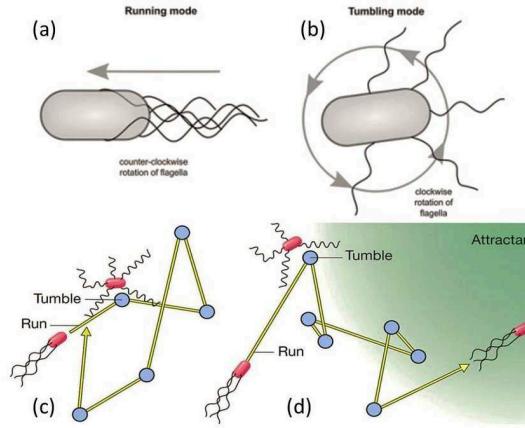
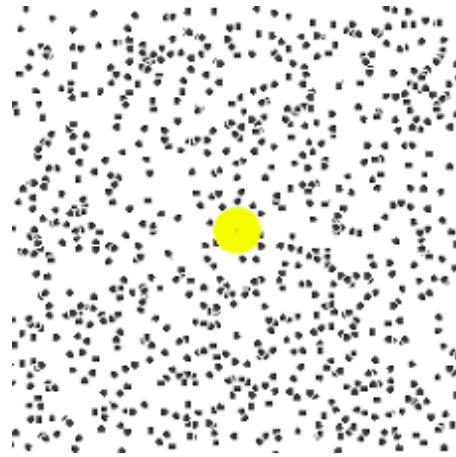
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Ex: widely used to model dynamics of living matter, like E. Coli

Berg (2004), Tailleur and Cates (2008), ...