

Intrinsic ultracontractivity and ground state estimates of Feynman-Kac semigroups for a class of Lévy processes

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X_t is strong Feller, i.e., there is $p(t, x, y) = p(t, y - x)$ such that $\mathbf{E}^x f(X_t) = \int f(y)p(t, x, y)dy$. Moreover, there is $t_b > 0$ such that $0 < p(t_b, x) \leq C_4$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

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Counterexamples: $\beta > 1$ or $\beta = 1, \gamma = (d + 1)/2$ in (4)

(geometric 2-stable/gamma variance process)

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