

Sensitivity analysis and density estimation using the Malliavin calculus

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Consider $(F^\zeta)_\zeta$ a family of random variables depending on a parameter ζ .

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Expectations can be computed by the Monte Carlo method:

$$E[F] \simeq \frac{F_1 + \dots + F_n}{n},$$

where F_1, \dots, F_n is a random sample of F .

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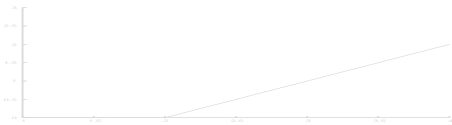
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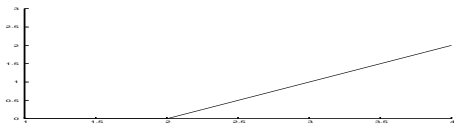
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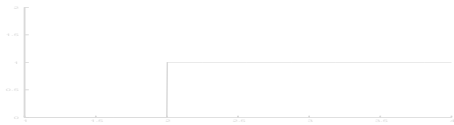
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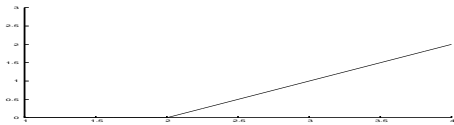
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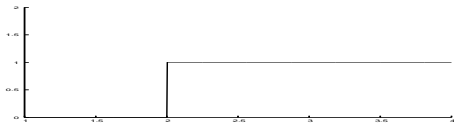
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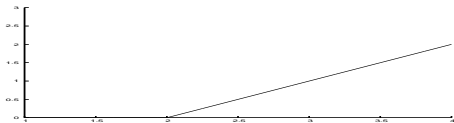
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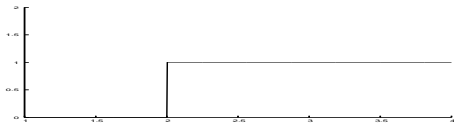
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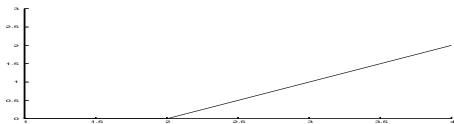
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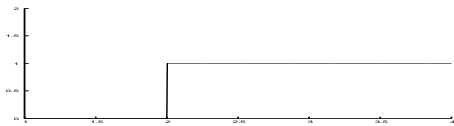
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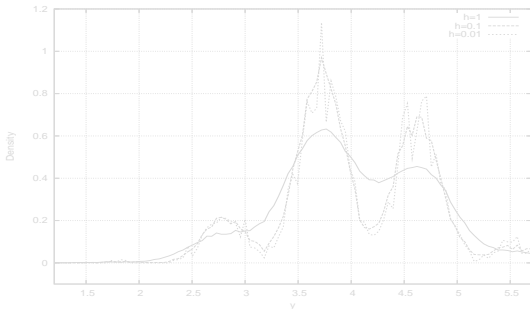
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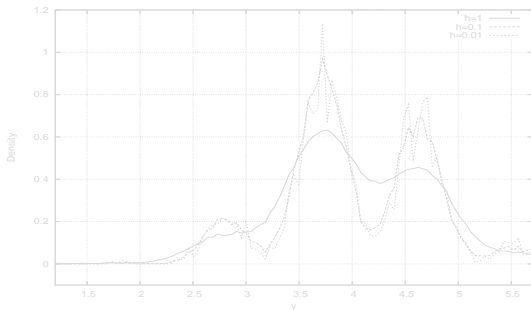
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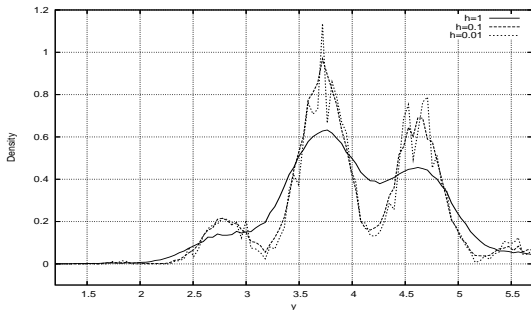
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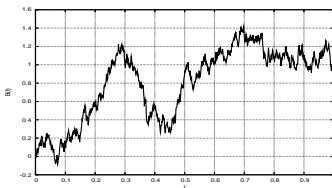
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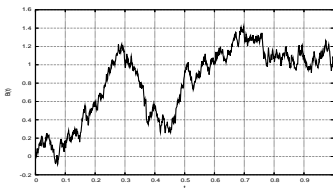
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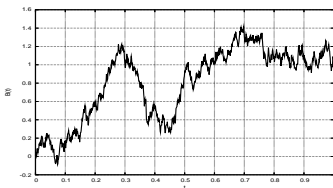
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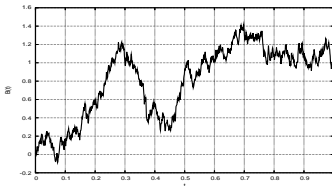
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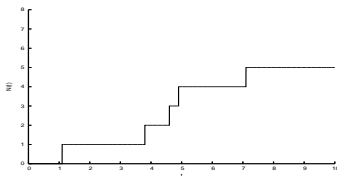
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which implies if $\int_0^T w_s ds = 1$:

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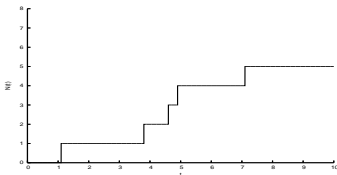
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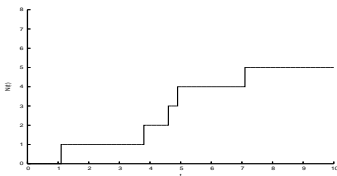
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By standard integration by parts we have, under the boundary condition $w(0) = w(T) = 0$:

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 &= E \left[F \sum_{k=1}^{k=N(T)} \dot{w}(T_k) \right] = E \left[F \int_0^T \dot{w}(t) dN(t) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, letting

$$D_w^* G = G \int_0^T \dot{w}(t) dN(t) - D_w G$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[GD_w F] = E[D_w(FG) - FD_w G] &= E \left[F \left(G \int_0^T \dot{w}(t) dN(t) - D_w G \right) \right] \\
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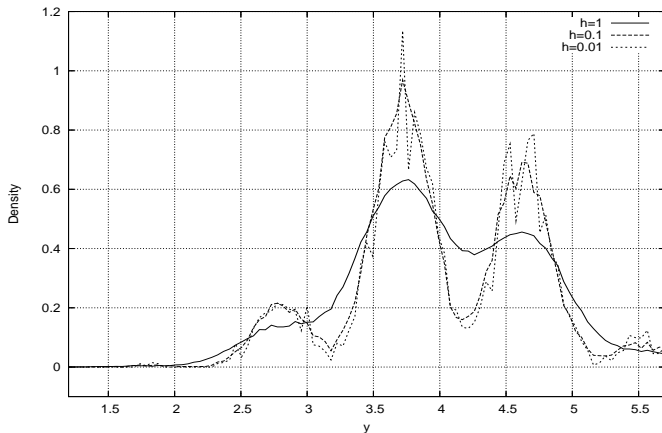
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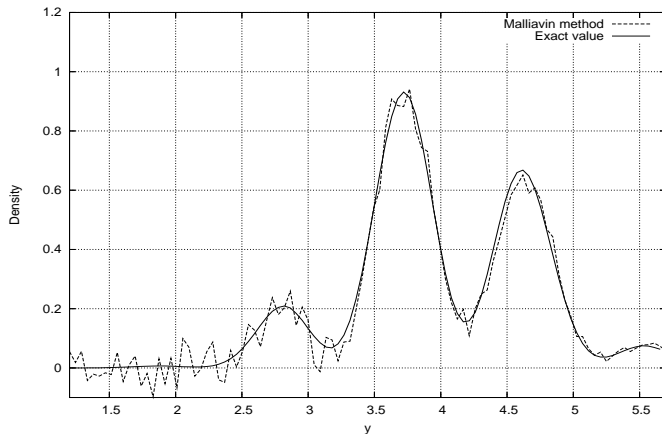
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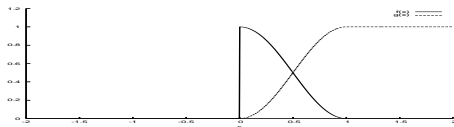
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Consider the decomposition

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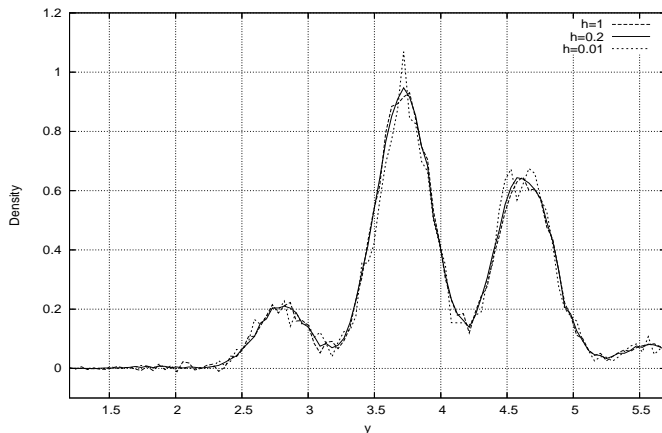
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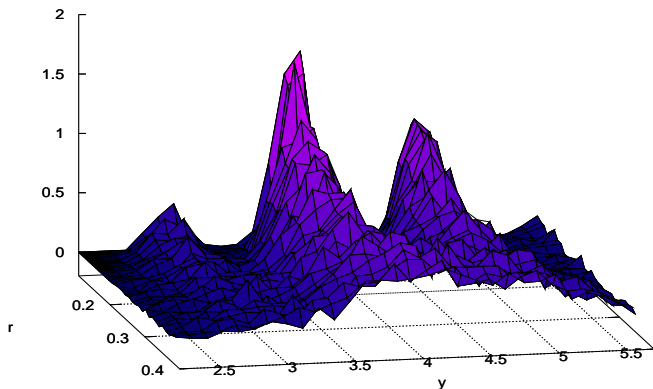
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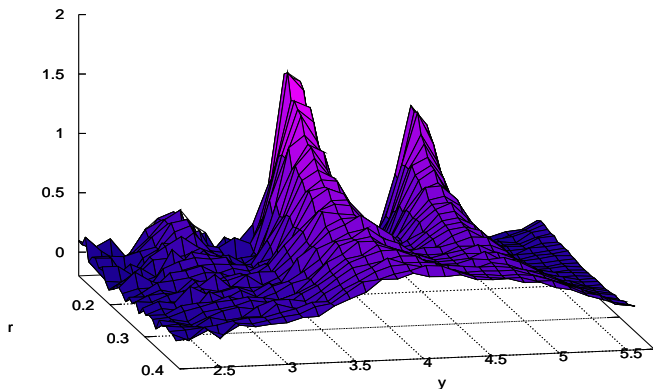


Optimization: $f(x) = e^{-x}$, $x \geq 0$, $h = \|W\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^{-1}$.

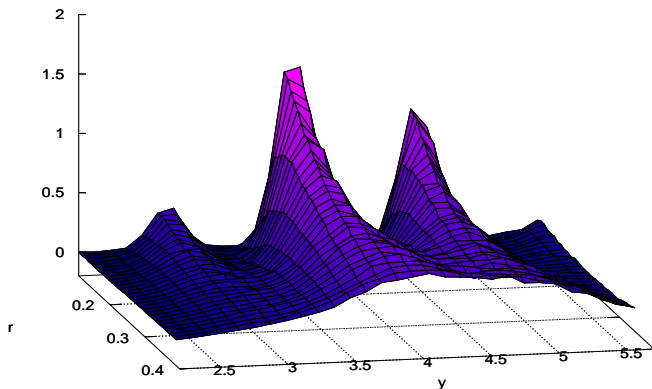
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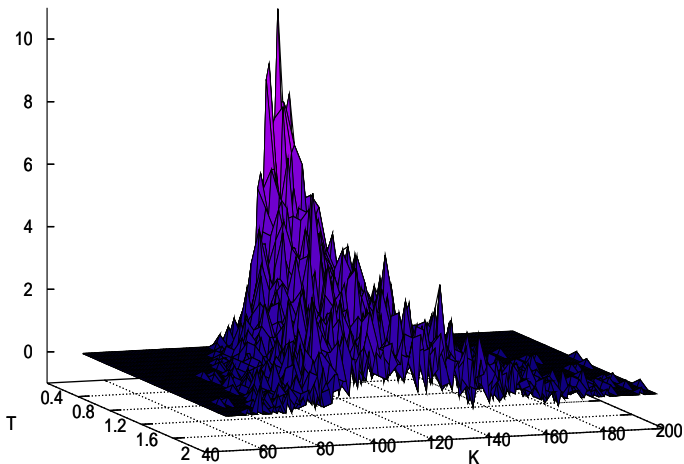
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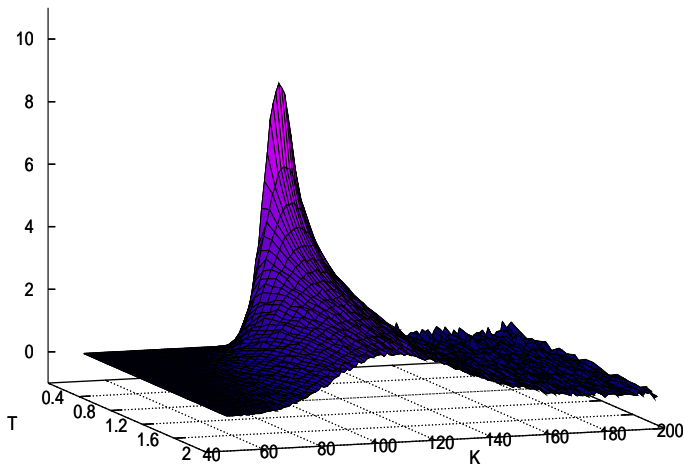
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