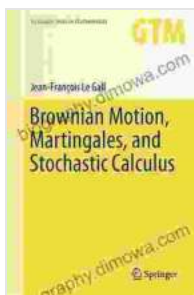


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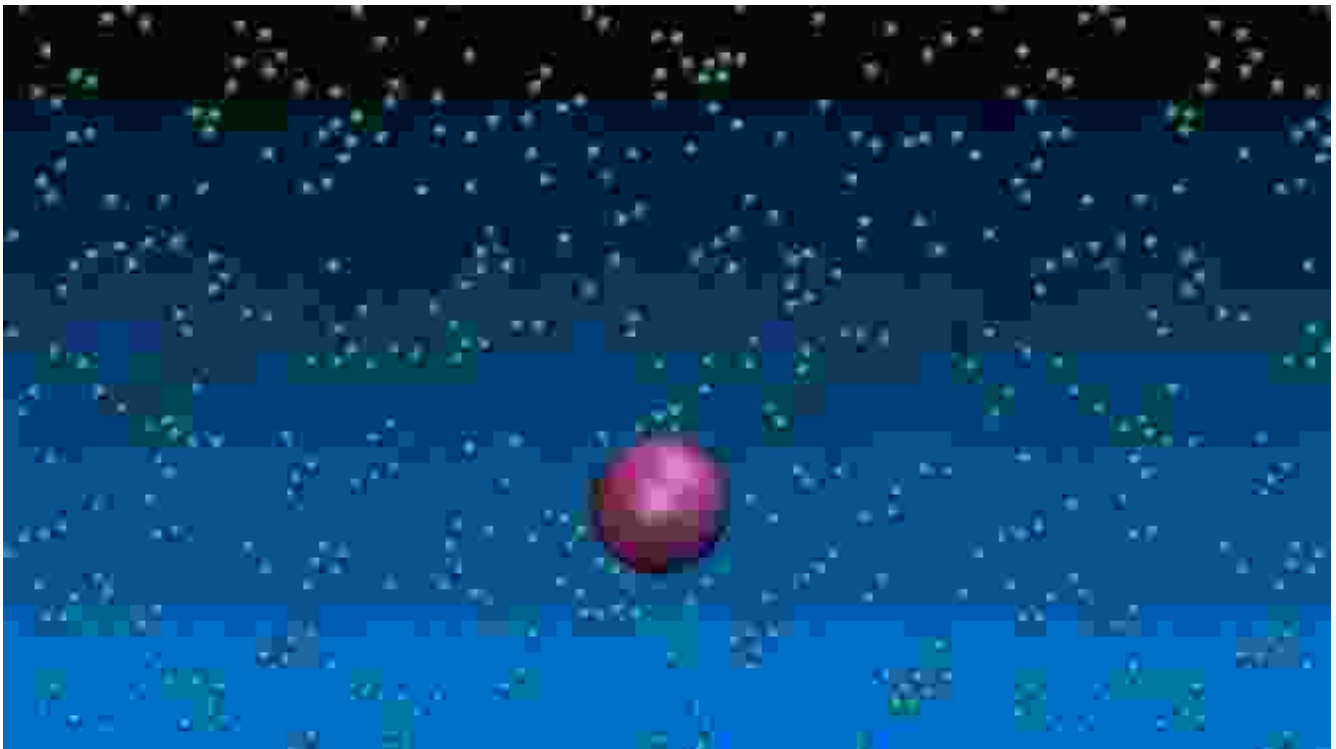
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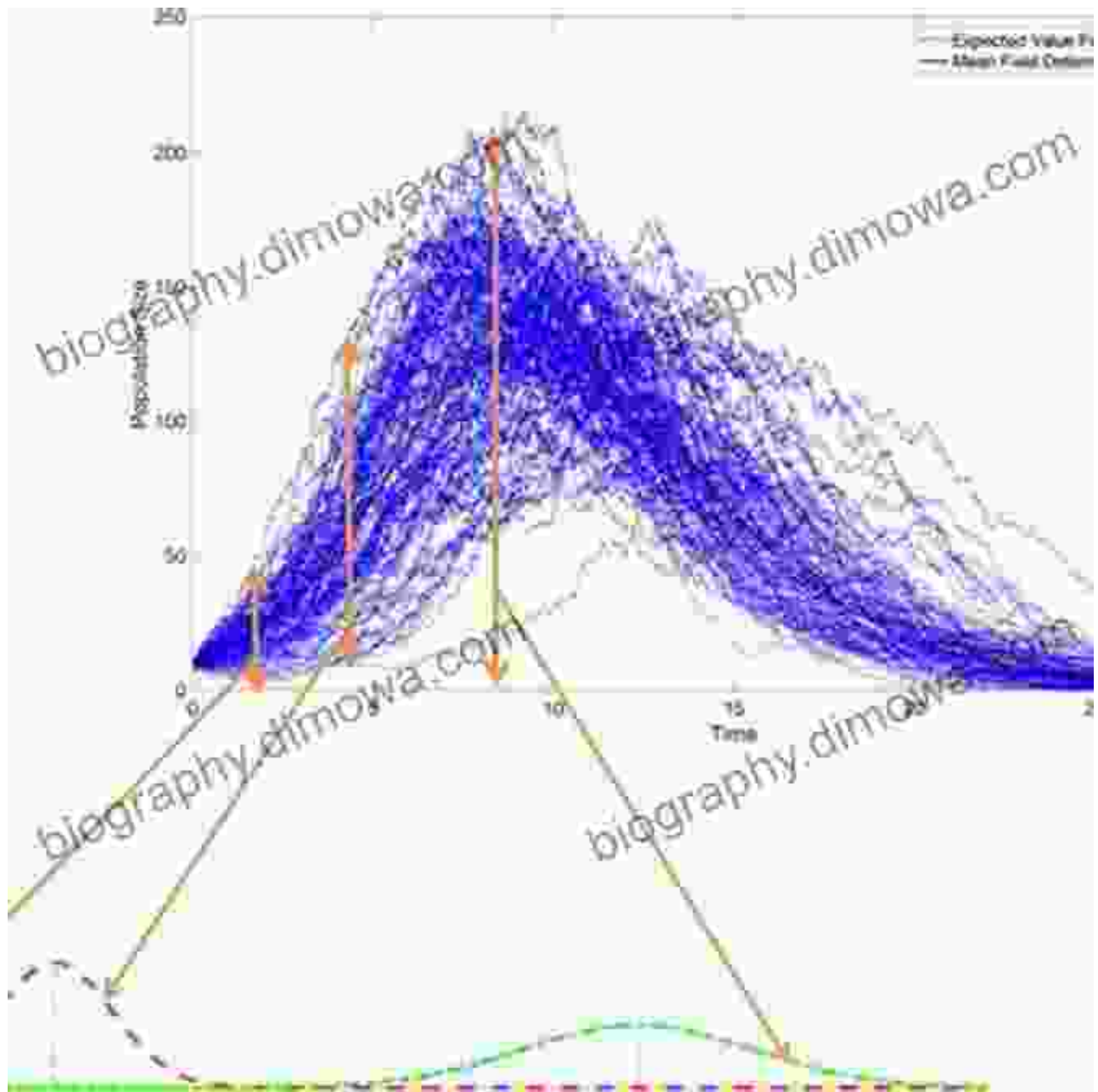
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$$\begin{aligned} df(t, B_t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} (dB_t)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right) dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dB_t. \end{aligned}$$

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Proof. We have

$$df(t, X_t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dX_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} (dX_t)^2$$

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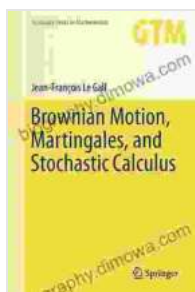
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