

Homogenization of jump Markov processes in high contrast media

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As a consequence of this Theorem with some extra work we can show that for the process $X(t)$ the **invariance principle** holds, the covariance matrix of the limit diffusion being a^{eff} .

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Then for every $F \in C_0(E)$ and for all $t \geq 0$

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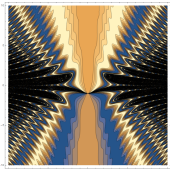
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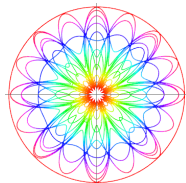
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Observe that $\mathcal{X}(t) = \{x(t), k(t)\}$ is a two component process: $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $k(t) \in G^*$.



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