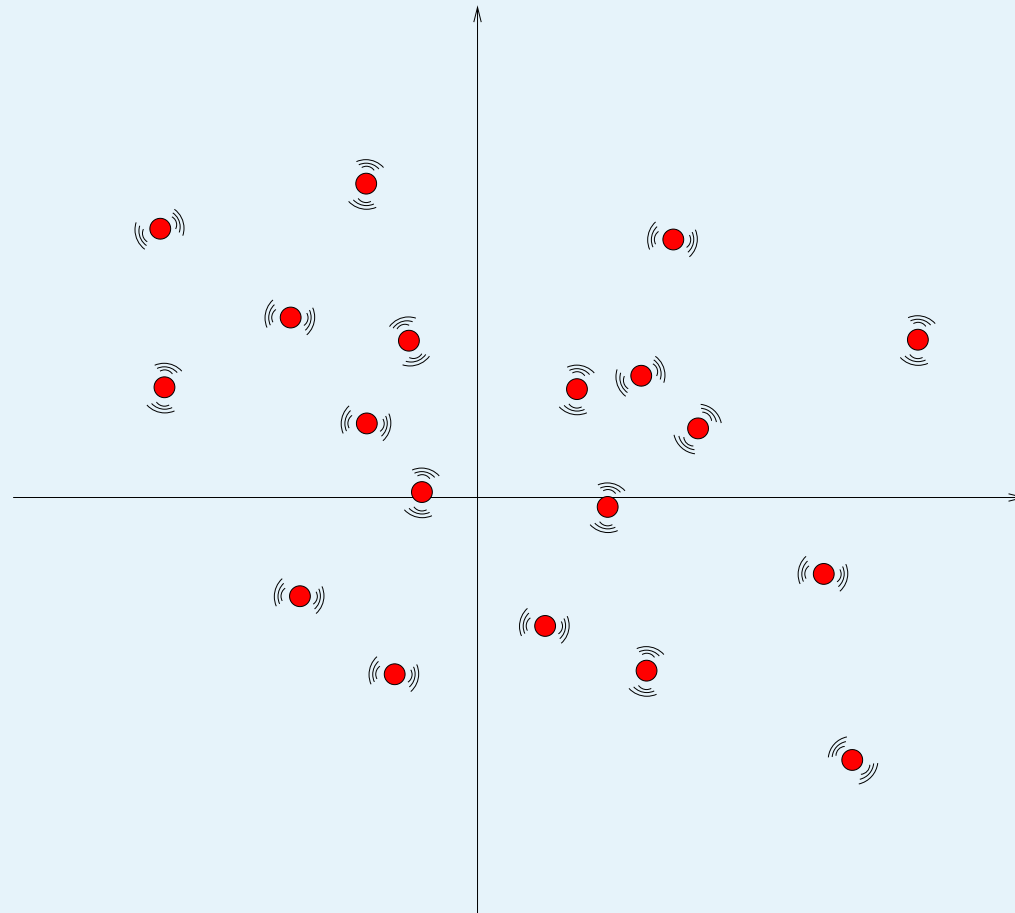


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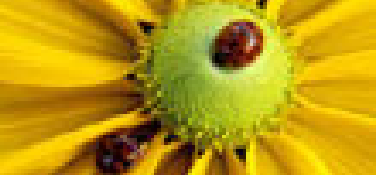
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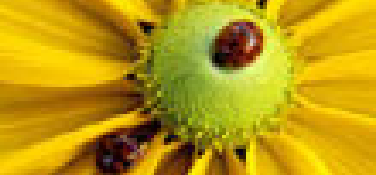
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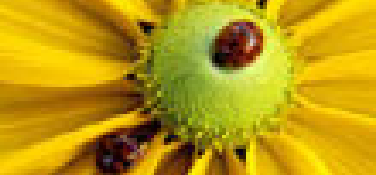
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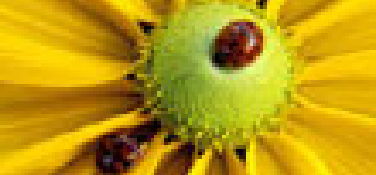
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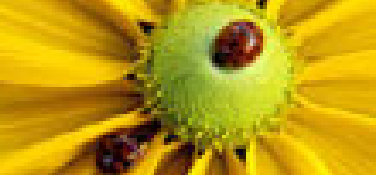
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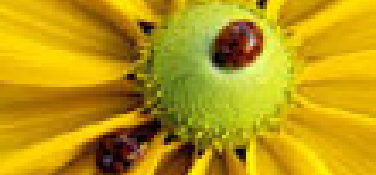
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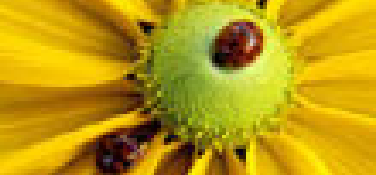
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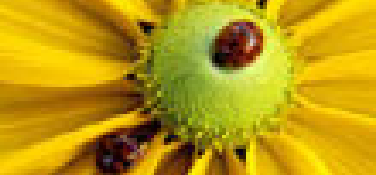
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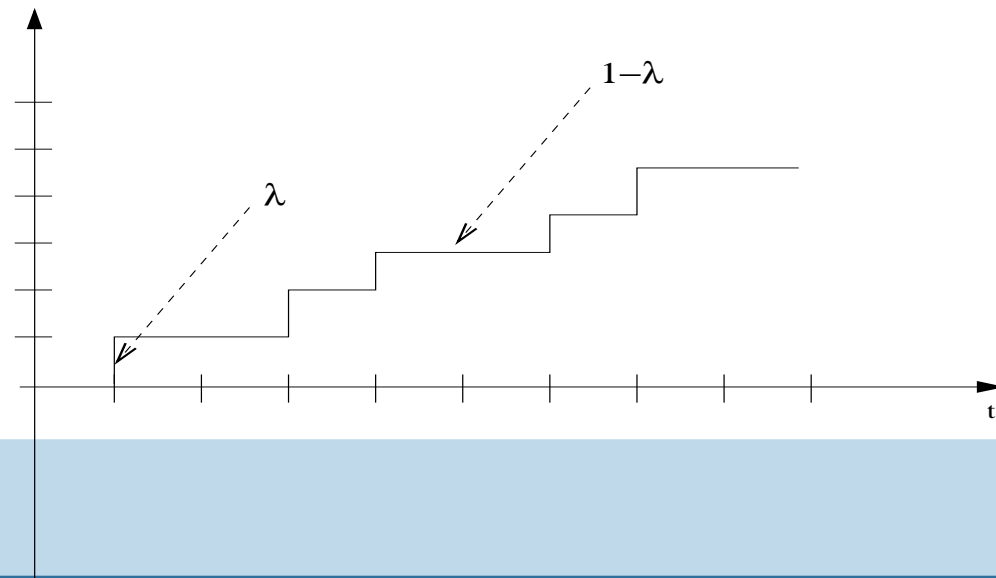
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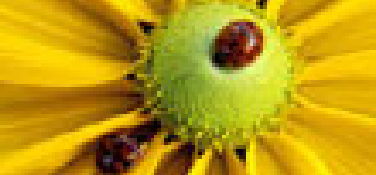
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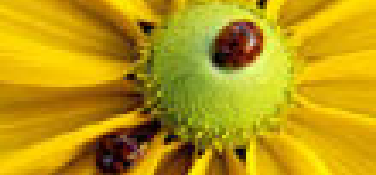
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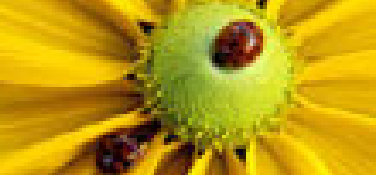
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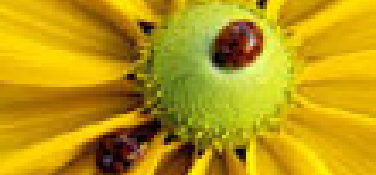
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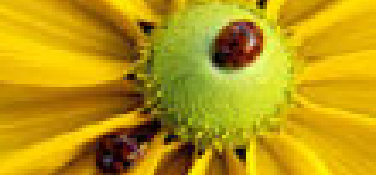
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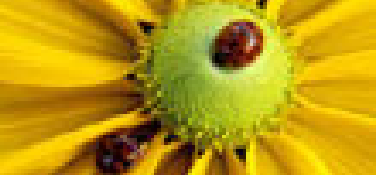
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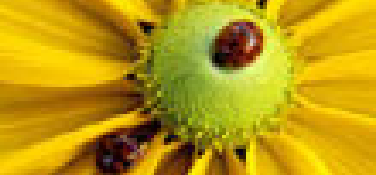
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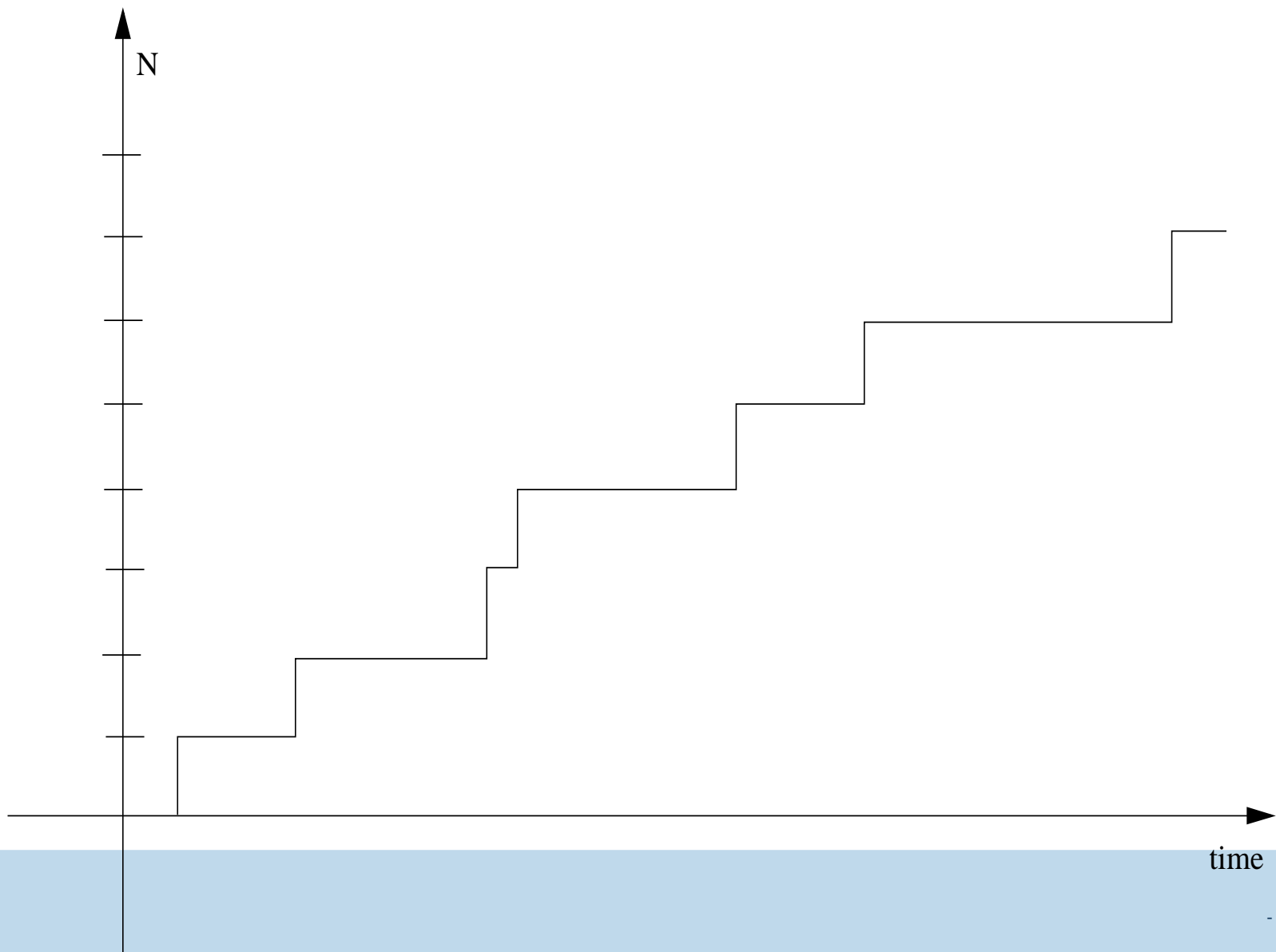


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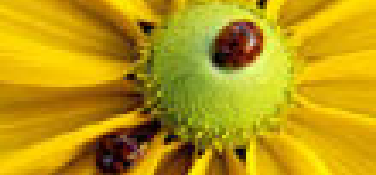
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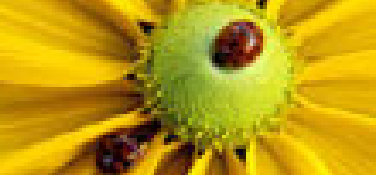
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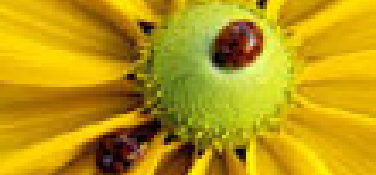
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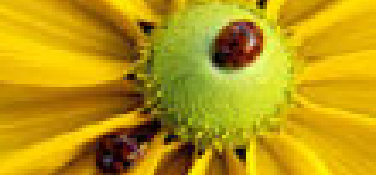
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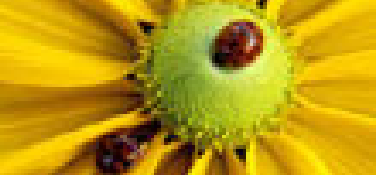
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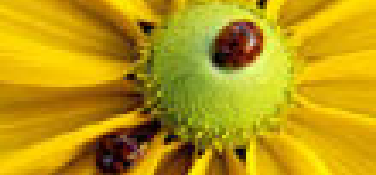
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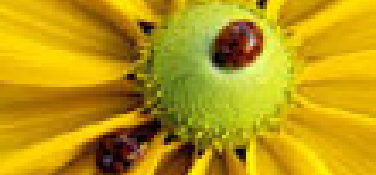
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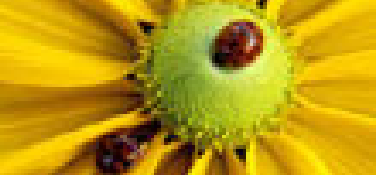
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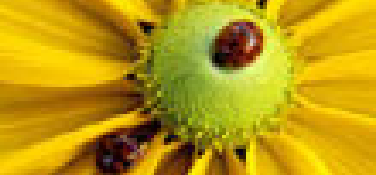
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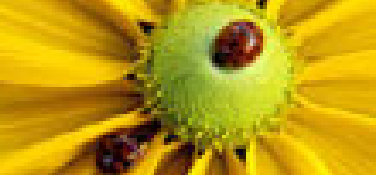
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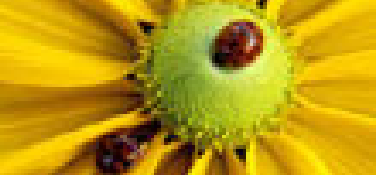
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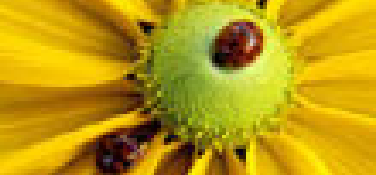
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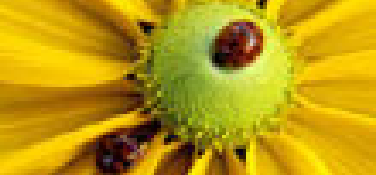
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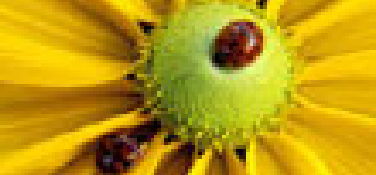
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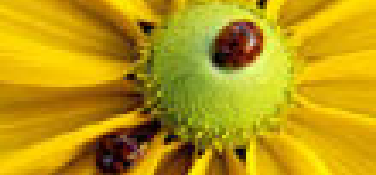
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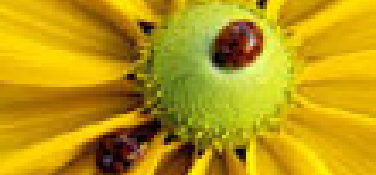
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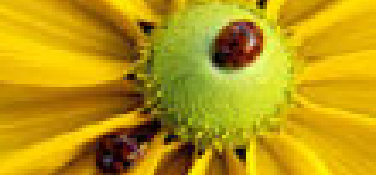
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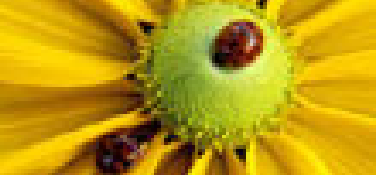
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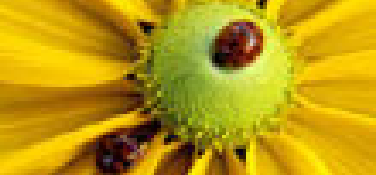
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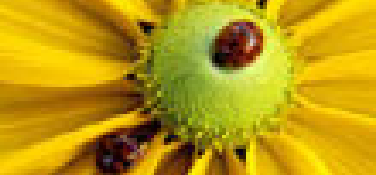
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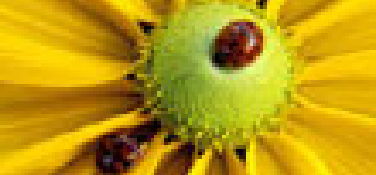
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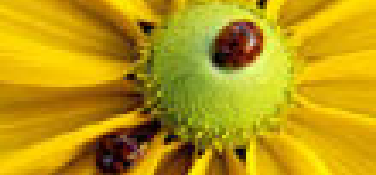
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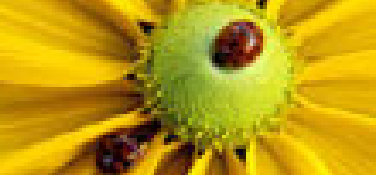
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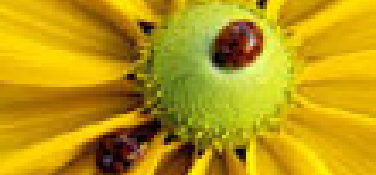
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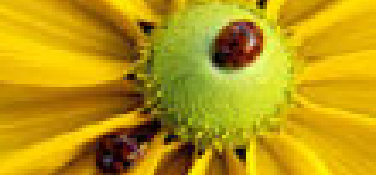
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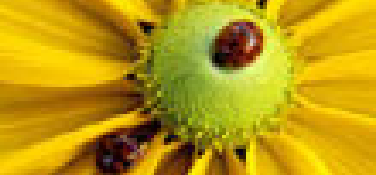
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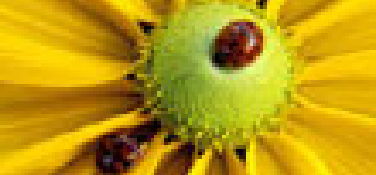
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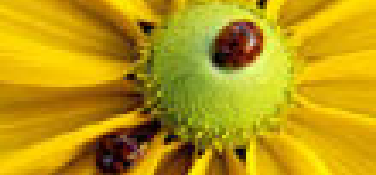
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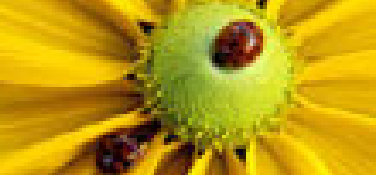
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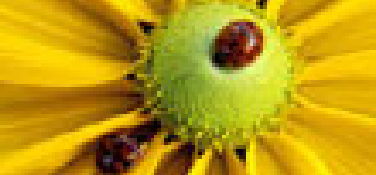
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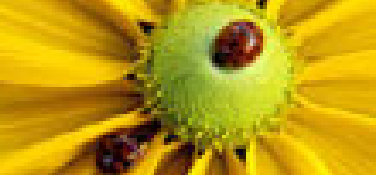
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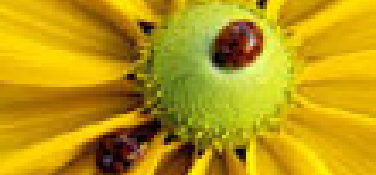
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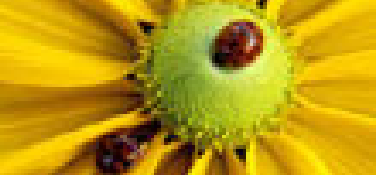
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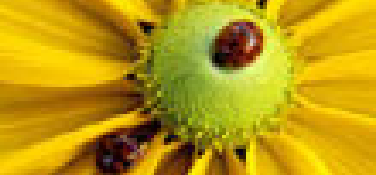
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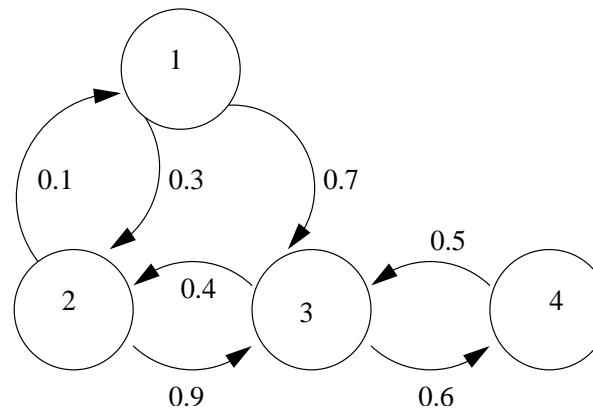
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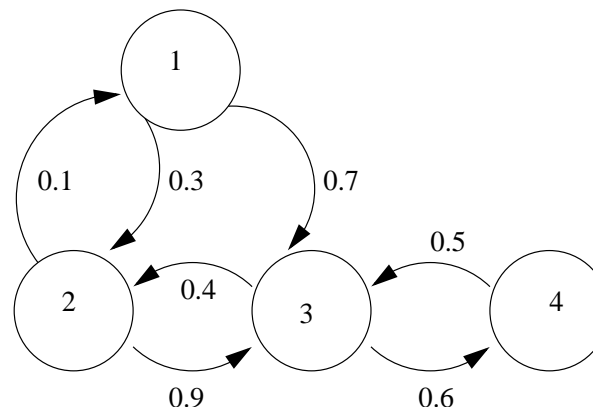
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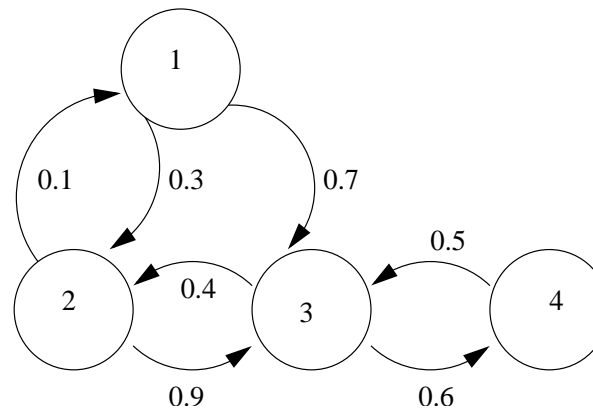
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**Theorem 2 [Basis Theorem]** Any FSCTJP is equivalent, in distribution, to

$$dx = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(x) dN_i$$

for some (nice) functions  $f_i$  and poisson counters  $N_i$  with rates  $\lambda_i > 0$ .



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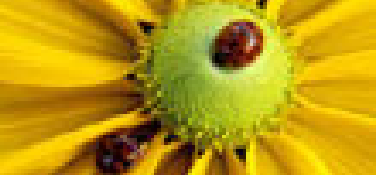
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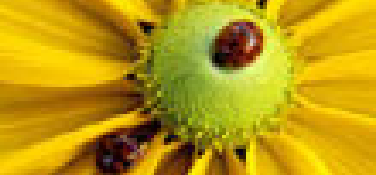
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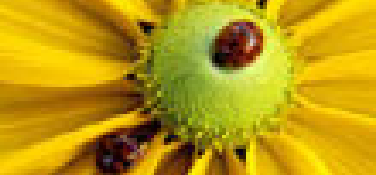
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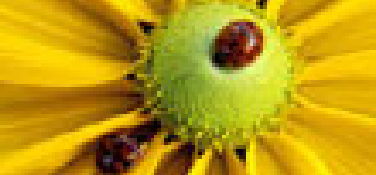
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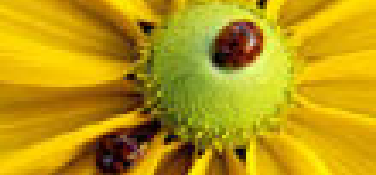
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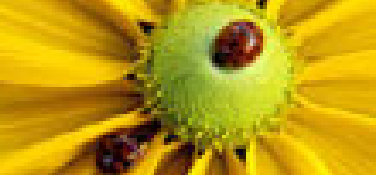
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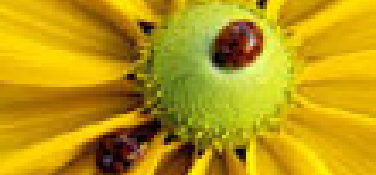
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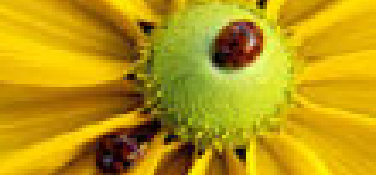
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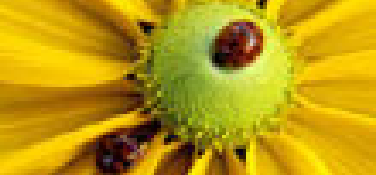
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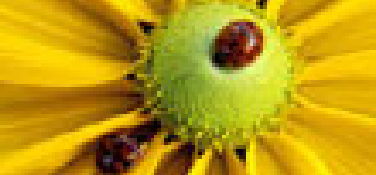
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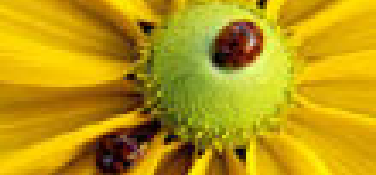
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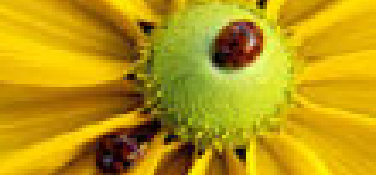
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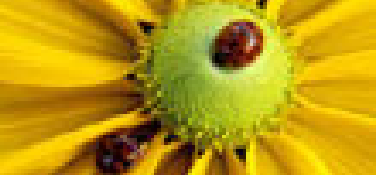
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- Construct non-constant-rate poisson counters, i.e. let  $\lambda = \lambda(t)$ . And then, generalize results.



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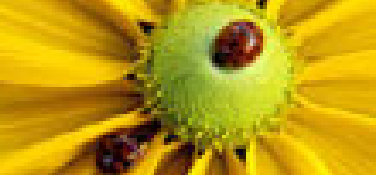
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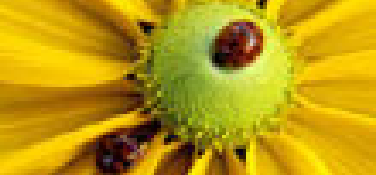
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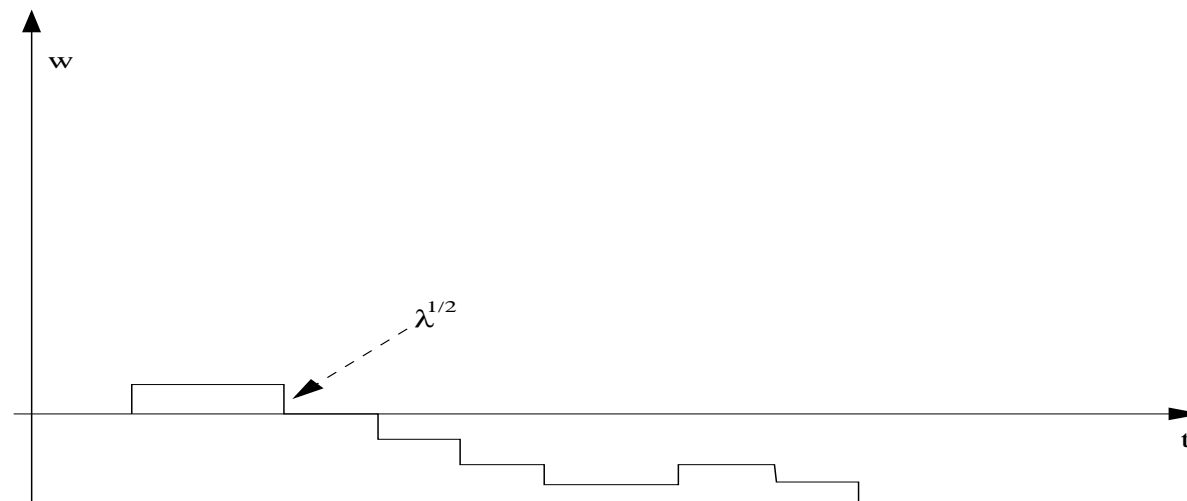
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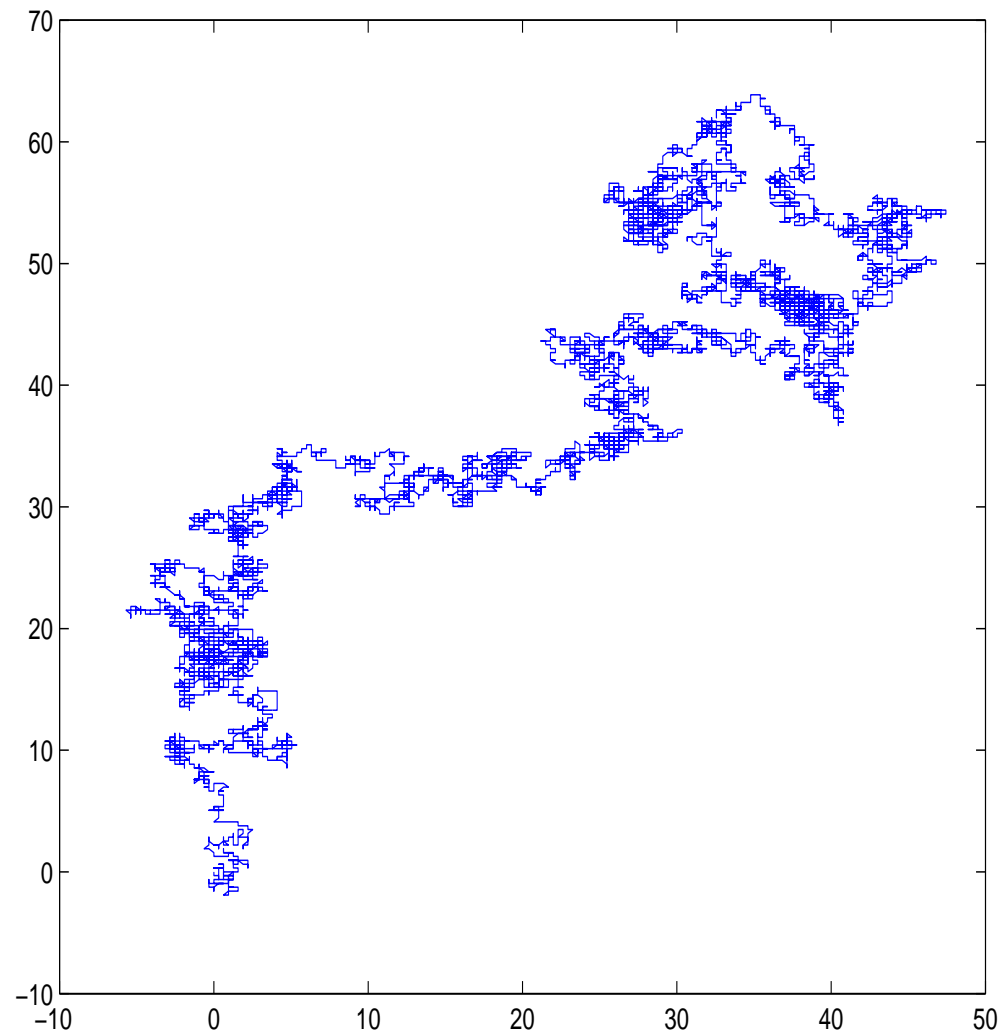


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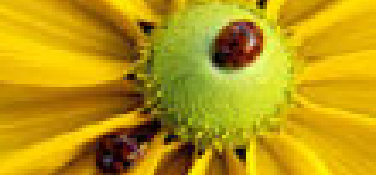
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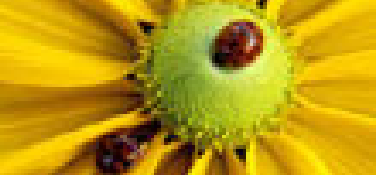
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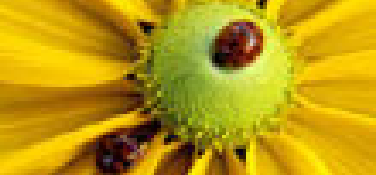
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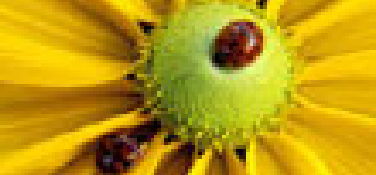
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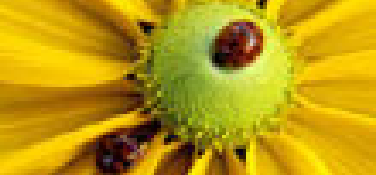
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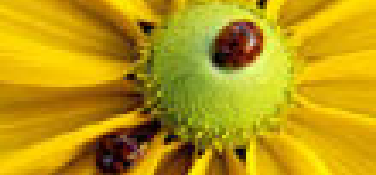
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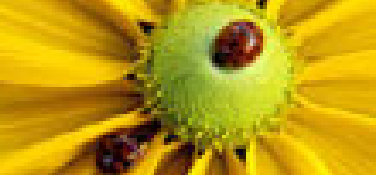
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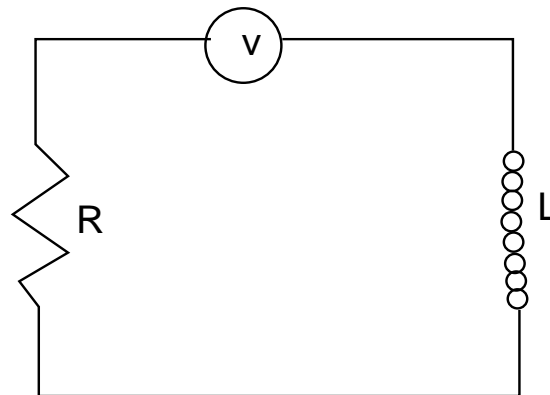
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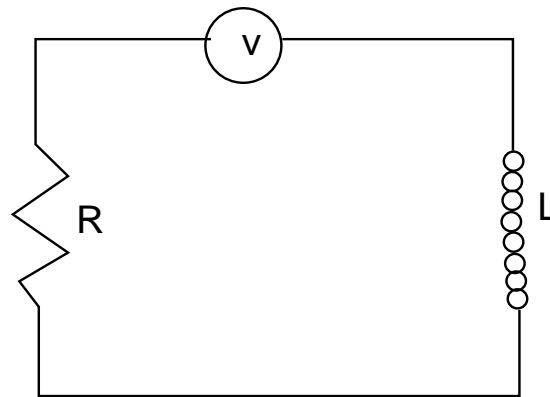
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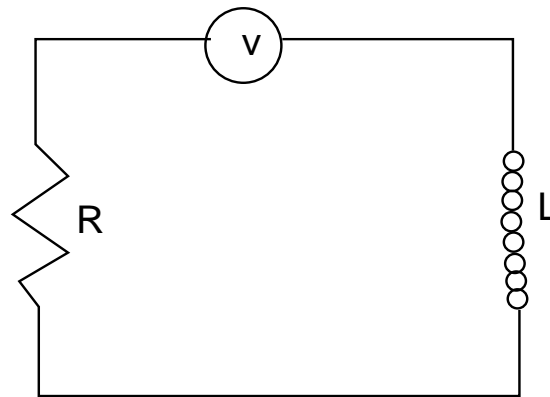
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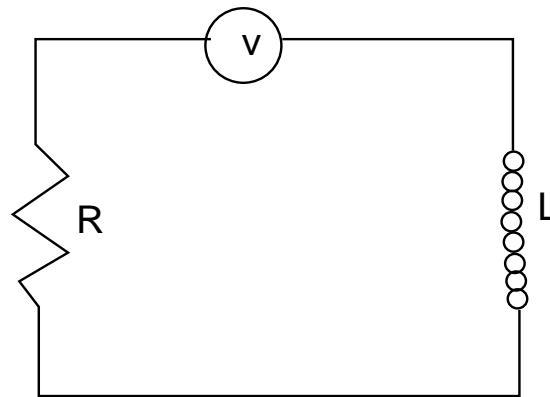
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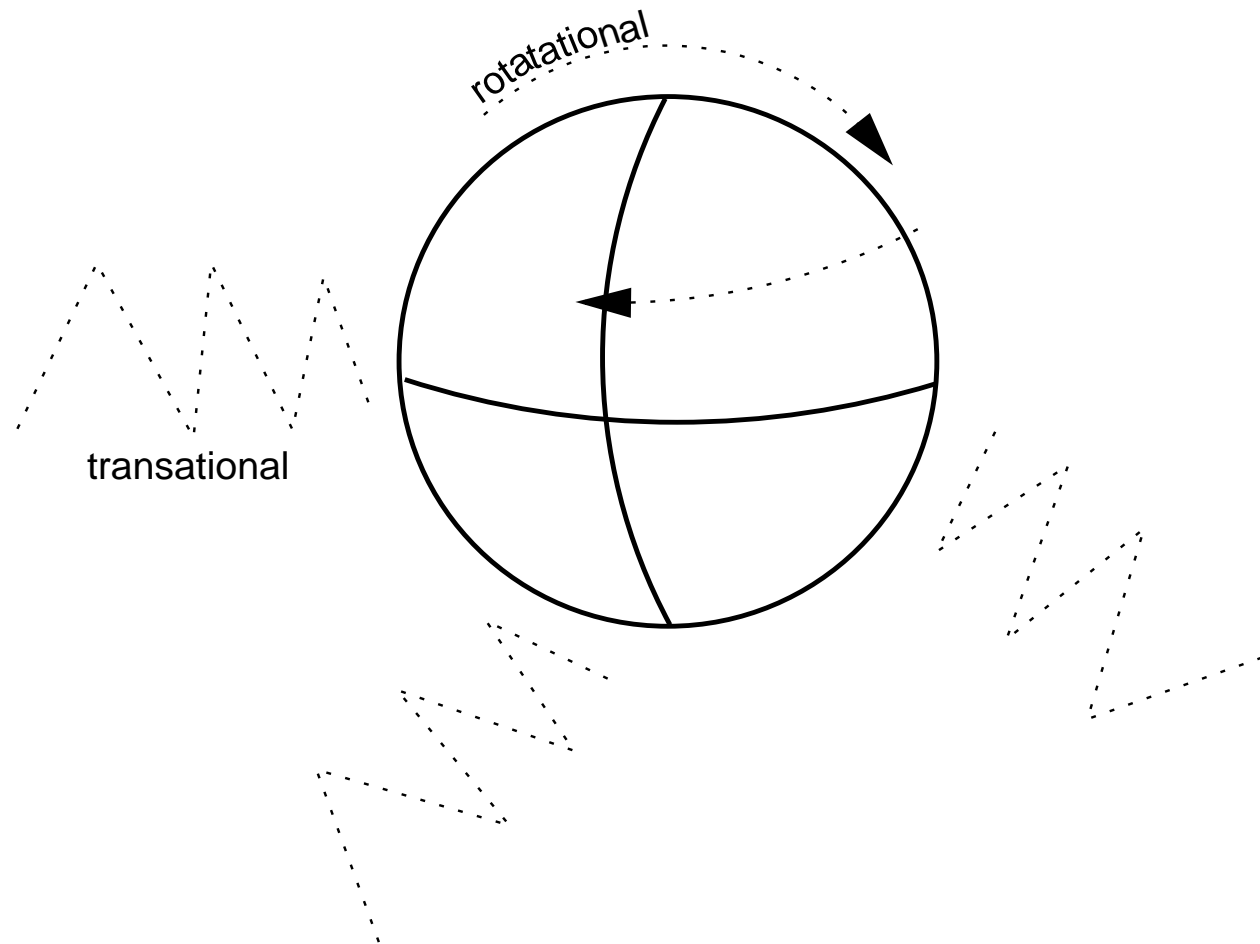


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Then

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This is the diffusion equation!

It is just as we should expect, since  $dw$  is Brownian motion. Evidently,

$$\rho(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int e^{-(x-z)^2/2t} \rho(z, 0) dz$$

where  $\rho(x, 0)$  is the initial distribution – if it is twice differentiable.



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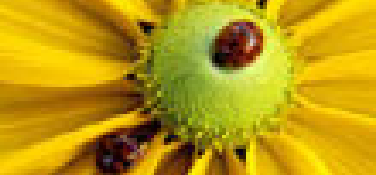
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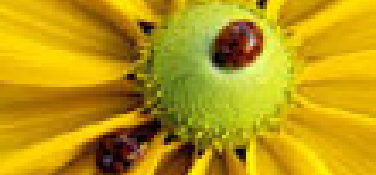
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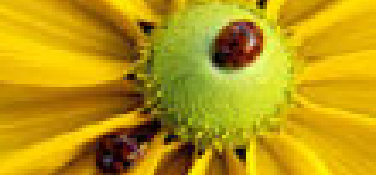
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