

Stochastic Processes and Branching Brownian Motion

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An example of “Dedication” can be found on page 15 of the thesis manual¹.

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This Masters Thesis is a culmination of my studies on various topics of Stochastic Processes, Martingales, and Branching Brownian Motion. It is by no means a comprehensive study, though it hopefully can serve as a resource to others who wish to learn more about these topics.

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SUMMARY

We will work to first build up the basic theory of Stochastic Processes and Martingales. We will establish conditional expectation, but take most of the basic results and relevant measure theoretic results for granted. From there, we will turn to martingales and start with studying "strategies" on martingales and how they help us prove convergence. From there we will look into decomposition of processes in terms of martingales and a handful of important examples.

With an understanding of martingales, we will then turn to Markov Processes. [[TODO]]

Brownian Motion is both a martingale and markov process, so our prior work will help elucidate some of its properties. Unlike in the previous sections, however, we will not study brownian motion in isolation. Instead, we will examine its deep relationship with a deterministic object, the heat equation.

Finally, we will put together our work from the previous 3 chapters towards a study of Branching Brownian Motion. Branching Brownian motion involves Brownian motions with lifetimes determined by a standard exponential distribution. Upon death, a Brownian motion will split into two Brownian motions, and so on. Like with regular Brownian motion, we will find an interesting connection with diffusion partial differential equations. With a basic understanding of this connection in hand, we will use it to study the distribution of the maximal point of a standard branching Brownian motion.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Basics

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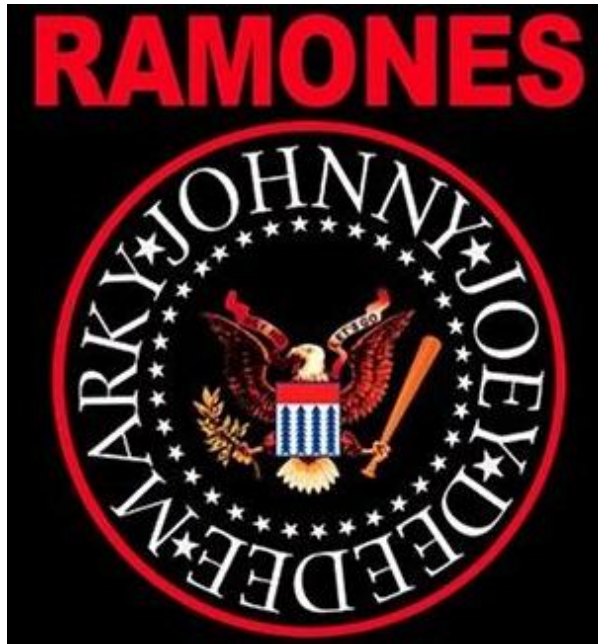


Figure 1: The Ramones band logo, the best dumb band ever.

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C. J. Ramone	Drums	4

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As Figure 5 shows, they had a great logo too. And they wrote amazing albums, like Rocket to Russia (RTR) and End of the Century (EOFC), and a couple more. They even did three (!) jingles for Steel Reserve¹

1.2 Turmoil

However, things were always smiles-times for The Ramones. As Table V shows, there were lots of members in the band. Many of them were kind crummy, but hey, no one is perfect. Geepers, what a good band.

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CHAPTER 2

STOCHASTIC PROCESSES AND MARTINGALES

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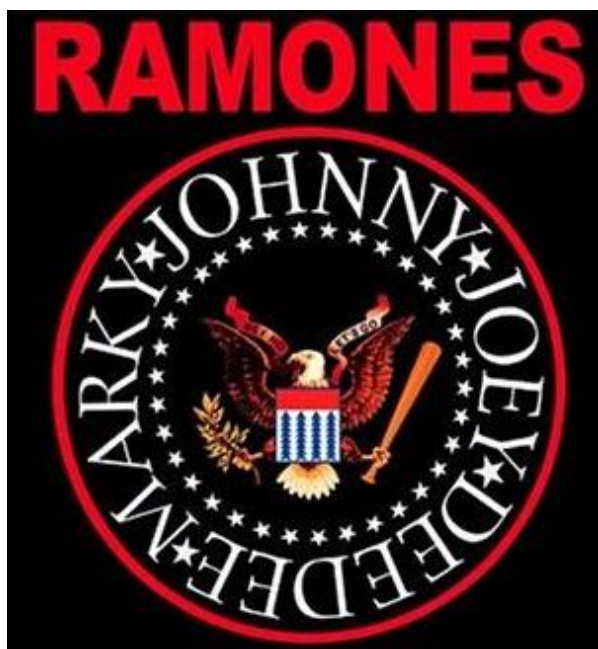


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CHAPTER 3

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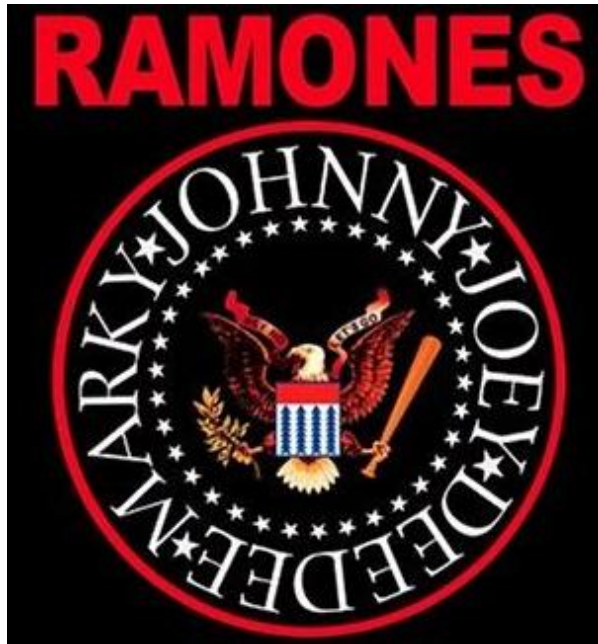


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CHAPTER 4

INTRODUCTION

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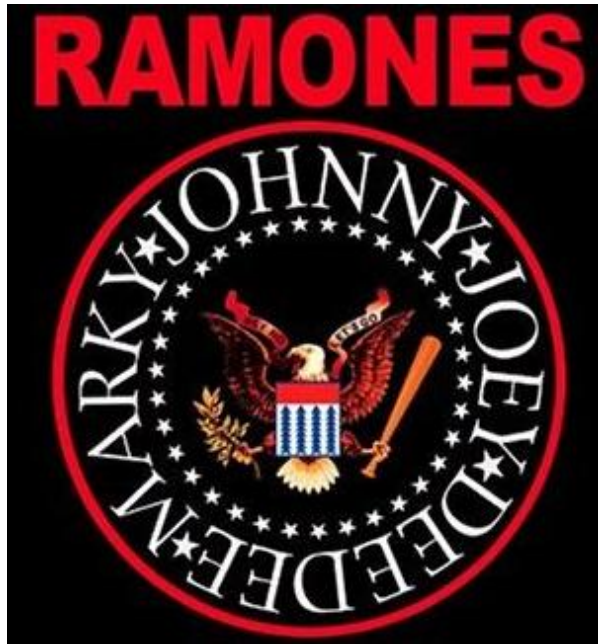


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CHAPTER 5

INTRODUCTION

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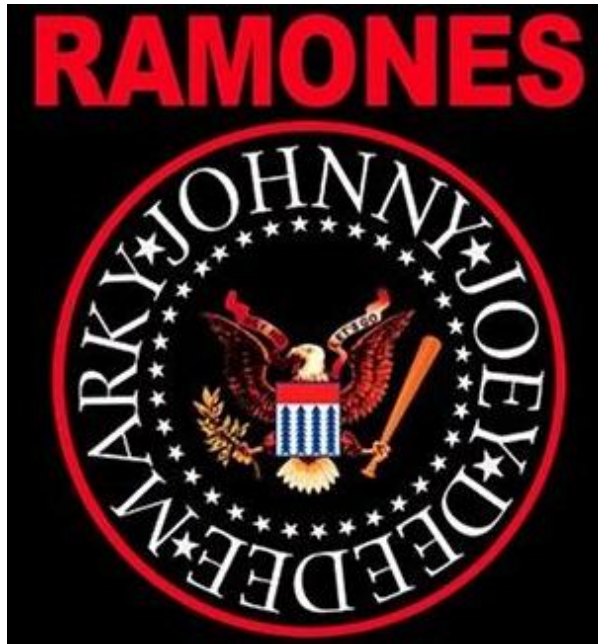


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