

Now we would like to prove that also the solution of the master equation found in the microscopic approach converges to a solution of the diffusion equation in this limit.

We begin by recalling the distribution we obtained:

$$w_i(t_n) = \binom{n}{n_+} P_+^{\frac{n+i}{2}} P_-^{\frac{n-i}{2}}$$

First we consider the case $P_- = P_+ = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$w_i(t_n) = \binom{n}{n_+} P_+^{\frac{n+i}{2}} P_-^{\frac{n-i}{2}} = \binom{n}{\frac{n+i}{2}} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{n!}{\left(\frac{n+i}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{n-i}{2}\right)!} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

By using the [Stirling's Formula](#) in the logarithmic form, we obtain:

$$\ln(w_i(t_n)) = \ln(n!) - \ln\left(\left(\frac{n+i}{2}\right)!\right) - \ln\left(\left(\frac{n-i}{2}\right)!\right) - n \ln(2) =$$

$$n \ln n - \cancel{n} + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi n) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) - \frac{n+i}{2} \ln \frac{n+i}{2} + \cancel{\frac{n+i}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(\pi(n+i)) + O\left(\frac{2}{n+i}\right) -$$

$$- \frac{n-i}{2} \ln \frac{n-i}{2} + \cancel{\frac{n-i}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(\pi(n-i)) + O\left(\frac{2}{n-i}\right) - n \ln(2) =$$

$$= n \ln n - \frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{n+i}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \ln \frac{n-i}{2} - n \ln 2 - \frac{i}{2} \ln \left(\frac{n+i}{2} \right) + \frac{i}{2} \ln \left(\frac{n-i}{2} \right) +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi n) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(\pi(n+i)) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(\pi(n-i)) =$$

$$= n \left[\ln \left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{n^2 - i^2}} \right) \right] - \frac{i}{2} \ln \left(\frac{n+i}{n-i} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2\pi n}{\pi(n-i)\pi(n+i)} \right)$$

$$= n \ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2}}} \right) - \frac{i}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + \frac{i}{n}}{1 - \frac{i}{n}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2}{\pi n} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2}} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} n \ln \left(1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2} \right) - \frac{i}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + \frac{i}{n}}{1 - \frac{i}{n}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2}{\pi n} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2}} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2} \right)^n - \frac{i}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + \frac{i}{n}}{1 - \frac{i}{n}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2}{in} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2}} \right)$$

Now we use the following Taylor expansions:

$$(1+x)^a \simeq 1+ax \quad \ln(1+x) \simeq x$$

So that we obtain in the limit $n \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\simeq -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(1 - \frac{i^2}{n} \right) - \frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{i}{n} \right) + \frac{i}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2}{in} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln 1$$

$$\simeq +\cancel{\frac{i^2}{2n}} - \cancel{\frac{i^2}{2n}} - \frac{i^2}{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2}{in} \right)$$

So that one obtains in the end:

$$\ln(w_i(t_n)) = -\frac{i^2}{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2}{in} \right)$$

$$w_i(t_n) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{in}} e^{-\frac{i^2}{2n}}$$