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## Estimate Exponential Large Mean Exit Time for Diffusion Pro-

cess XIANG ZHOU, HUI WANG, Brown University — We propose an efficient numerical method to estimate the mean exit time of a high dimensional diffusion process associated with an Ito SDE with a gradient drift and small  $\epsilon$  diffusion coefficient, starting from a stable equilibrium of the drift. It is well-known that the mean exit time is exponential large in  $\epsilon$  and thus the direct simulation of the SDE requires long time integration. Our method only requires the simulation time  $O(1/\epsilon)$  and is based on the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck diffusion in each dimension.

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