

# Fokker-Planck operators and the center of the enveloping algebra

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## Example

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## Theorem

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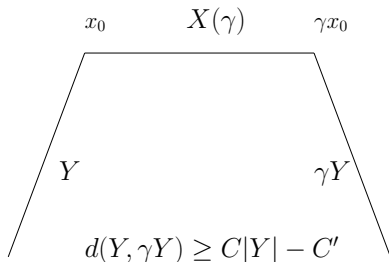
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