

# TradingStrategiesII

## *Empirical Market Microstructure*

(2006, Oxford University Press)

Companion *Mathematica* notebook

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This notebook covers order submission strategies based on diffusion barrier models (Chapter 15, section 15.2).

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### ■ Preliminaries

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#### ■ Other initializations

```
<< PlotLegends`
```

```
baseStyle = {FontFamily -> "Times", FontSize -> 12};
```

```
<< Notation`
```

The following commands define symbolizations that are convenient for labeling things.

```
Symbolize[Anything_Rule]; Symbolize[Anything_Rules];
```

The following command allows script capital E to be entered as  $\text{\texttt{ESC}E\text{\texttt{ESC}}$ .

```
AddInputAlias[ $\epsilon$ , "E"]
```

```
AddInputAlias[ $\ell$ , "l"]
```

```
Symbolize[ $\gamma$ ];
```

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## Additional Notations

```
Symbolize[Pr_];
Symbolize[f_];
Symbolize[Eδ_];
```

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### ■ $\phi[x]$ , $\Phi[X]$ , etc.

$\phi[x]$  and  $\Phi[x]$  are often used to denote the density and distribution functions for the standard normal distribution.

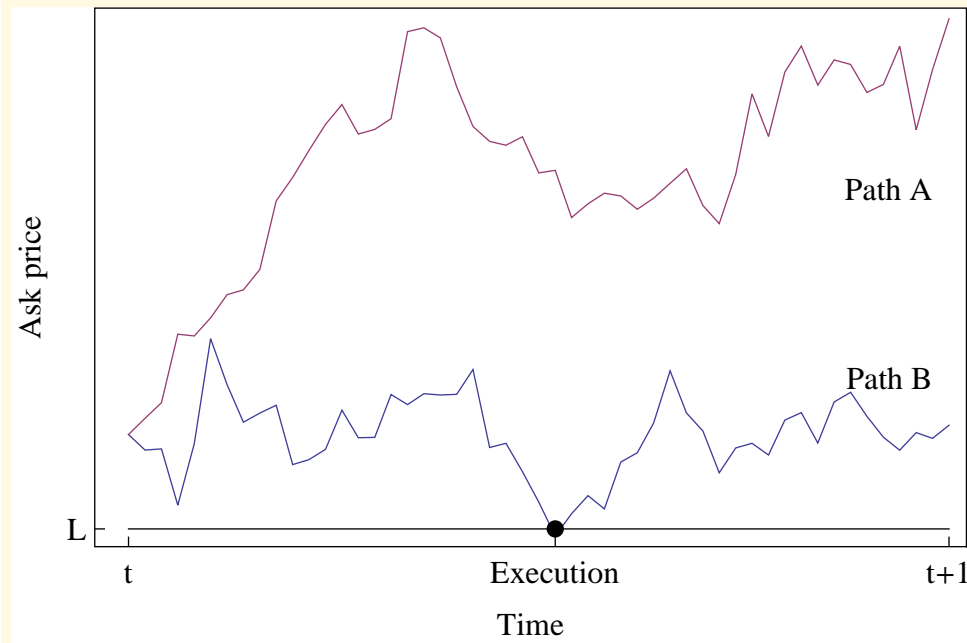
```
NormalRules = {
  φ[x_] := PDF[NormalDistribution[0, 1], x],
  Φ[x_] := CDF[NormalDistribution[0, 1], x],
  φ[x_, μ_, var_] := PDF[NormalDistribution[μ, Sqrt[var]], x],
  Φ[x_, μ_, var_] := CDF[NormalDistribution[μ, Sqrt[var]], x]};
```

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### ■ Graph depicting execution mechanism

```
SeedRandom[1234];
L = 7.5;
n = 50;
p =
  FoldList[Plus, 10, #] & /@ (.1 + RandomReal[NormalDistribution[0, 1], {2, n}]);
ExecTime = First @@ Position[p[[1]], First[Select[p[[1]], # ≤ L &]]];
```

```
ListPlot[p, Joined → True, Frame → True, FrameTicks →
  {{{1, "t"}, {ExecTime, "Execution"}, {n+1, "t+1"}}, {{L, "L"}}, None, None},
  FrameLabel → {"Time", "Ask price"}, Background → GrayLevel[1],
  Epilog → {Line[{{1, L}, {n+1, L}}],
    Text["Path A", {n, L+9}, {1, 0}], Text["Path B", {n, L+4}, {1, 0}],
    PointSize[0.02`], Point[{ExecTime, L}], BaseStyle → baseStyle]
```



```
Clear[L, n, p, ExecTime];
```

## ■ Barrier-diffusion model: Results from Lancaster (1997)

Lancaster, Tony, 1997. The Econometric Analysis of Transition Data (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge).

In Lancaster's framework, the particle starts at zero; the barrier is  $\alpha > 0$ . The survivor function (his equation 7.9) is:

$$S_{\text{Rule}} = S[t_, \mu_, \sigma_, \alpha_] \Rightarrow \Phi\left[\frac{\alpha - \mu t}{\sigma \sqrt{t}}\right] - \text{Exp}\left[\frac{2\mu\alpha}{\sigma^2}\right] \Phi\left[\frac{-\alpha - \mu t}{\sigma \sqrt{t}}\right];$$

Distribution of  $\delta$  given that barrier  $\alpha$  has not yet been hit:

$$g_{\text{Rule}} = g[\delta_, t_, \mu_, \sigma_, \alpha_] \Rightarrow \frac{\phi\left[\frac{\delta - \mu t}{\sigma \sqrt{t}}\right] - e^{\frac{2\mu\alpha}{\sigma^2}} \phi\left[\frac{\delta - 2\alpha - \mu t}{\sigma \sqrt{t}}\right]}{\sigma \sqrt{t} S[t, \mu, \sigma, \alpha]};$$

Expectation of  $\delta$  given that the barrier  $\alpha$  has not yet been hit:

$$E\delta\text{Cond}_{\text{Rule}} = E\delta\text{Cond}[t_, \mu_, \sigma_, \alpha_] \Rightarrow \mu t - 2\alpha \text{Exp}\left[\frac{2\mu\alpha}{\sigma^2}\right] \frac{\Phi\left[\frac{-\alpha-\mu t}{\sigma\sqrt{t}}\right]}{S[t, \mu, \sigma, \alpha]};$$

## ■ Reworking of Lancaster results for (buy) limit order analysis in unit time interval

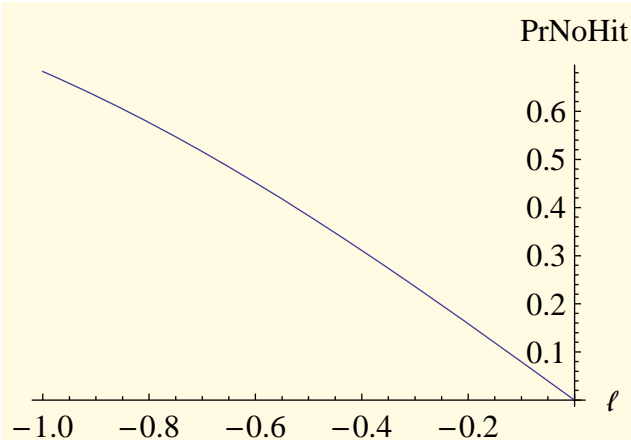
$\ell$  is the limit price position relative to the current price:  $\ell = L - p$ . (Note  $\ell < 0$ . Execution probabilities for buy and sell orders are:

```
PrRules = {
  PrNoHit[ℓ_, μ_, σ_] := S[1, -μ, σ, -ℓ],
  PrHit[ℓ_, μ_, σ_] := 1 - S[1, -μ, σ, -ℓ];
```

## ■ Plots

### □ Probability of no hit

```
Plot[PrNoHit[ℓ, 0, 1] /. PrRules /. SRule /. NormalRules,
  {ℓ, -1, 0}, AxesLabel → {ℓ, PrNoHit}, BaseStyle → baseStyle]
```



```
lineStyles =
  Table[{GrayLevel[0], Dashing[.01 r], AbsoluteThickness[.5 r]}, {r, 0, 2}];
```

```
legendLines = Table[Graphics[{GrayLevel[0], Dashing[.1 r],
  AbsoluteThickness[.5 r], Line[{0, 0}, {2, 0}]}], {r, 0, 2}];
```

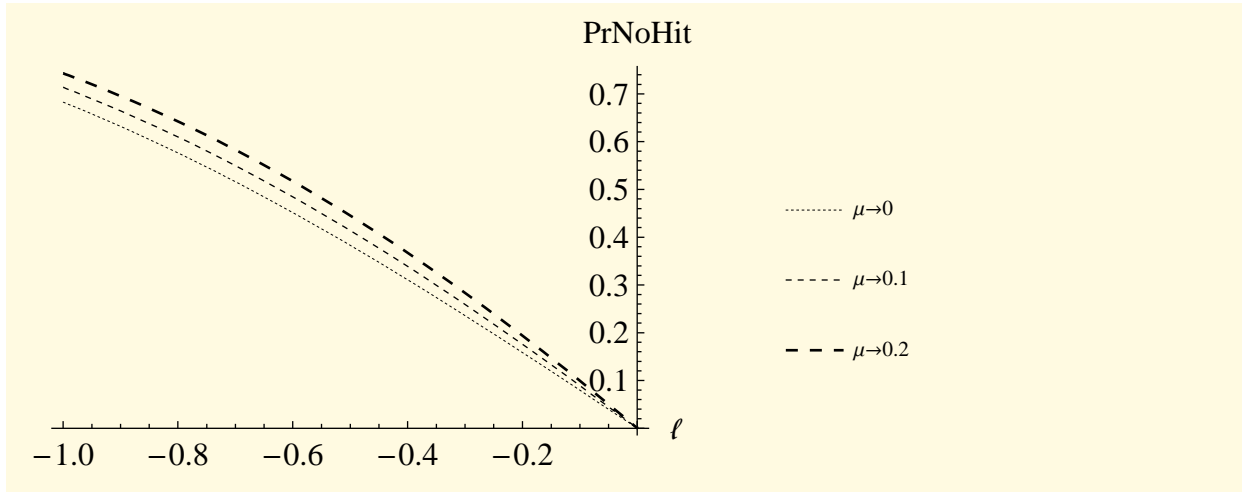
```
legendText =
  Style["μ→" <> ToString[#], Black, FontFamily → "Times"] & /@ {0, 0.1, 0.2};
```

```
legendEntries = Transpose[{legendLines, legendText}];
```

When  $\mu$  increases, the probability of no hit increases:

```
p1 = Plot[Evaluate[
  (PrNoHit[l,  $\mu$ , 1] /. PrRules /. SRule /. NormalRules /.  $\mu \rightarrow \#1$  &) /@ {0, 0.1, 0.2}],
  {l, -1, 0}, PlotStyle -> lineStyles, AxesLabel -> {l, PrNoHit},
  BaseStyle -> baseStyle];

ShowLegend[p1,
  {legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4}, LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None}]
```



#### □ Dependence on $\sigma$

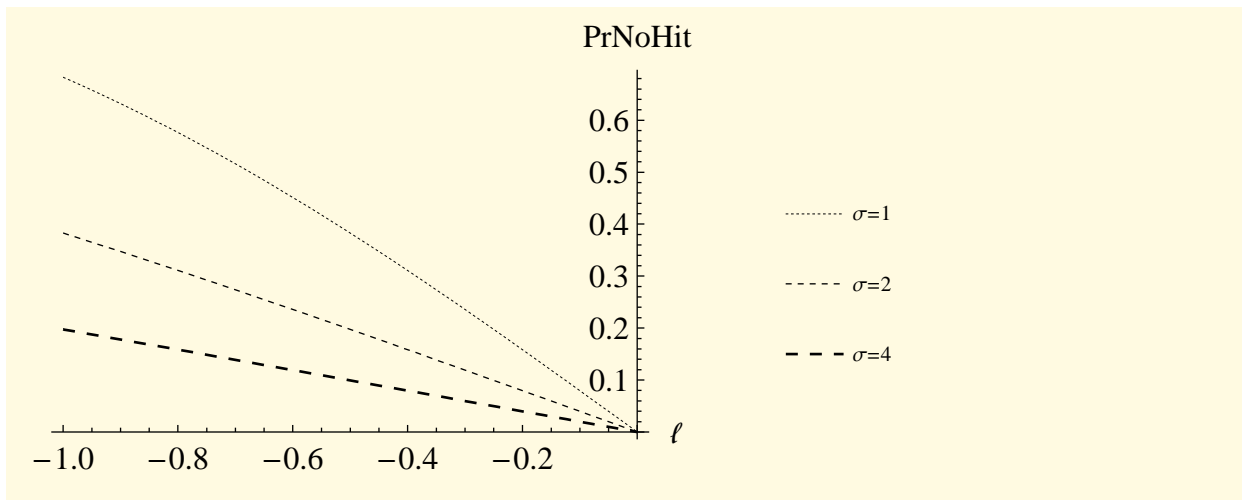
When  $\sigma$  increases, the probability of no hit decreases:

```
p2 = Plot[Evaluate[
  (PrNoHit[l, 0,  $\sigma$ ] /. PrRules /. SRule /. NormalRules /.  $\sigma \rightarrow \#1$  &) /@ {1, 2, 4}],
  {l, -1, 0}, PlotStyle -> lineStyles, AxesLabel -> {l, PrNoHit},
  BaseStyle -> baseStyle];

legendText = Style[" $\sigma =$ " <> ToString[#], Black, FontFamily -> "Times"] & /@ {1, 2, 4};

legendEntries = Transpose[{legendLines, legendText}];
```

```
ShowLegend[p2,
  {legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4}, LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None}]
```



- Distribution of terminal price given no execution:  $p_{t+\Delta t} = p_t + \delta$ :

```
fδRule = fδ[δ_, l_, μ_, σ_] := g[-δ, 1, -μ, σ, -l];
```

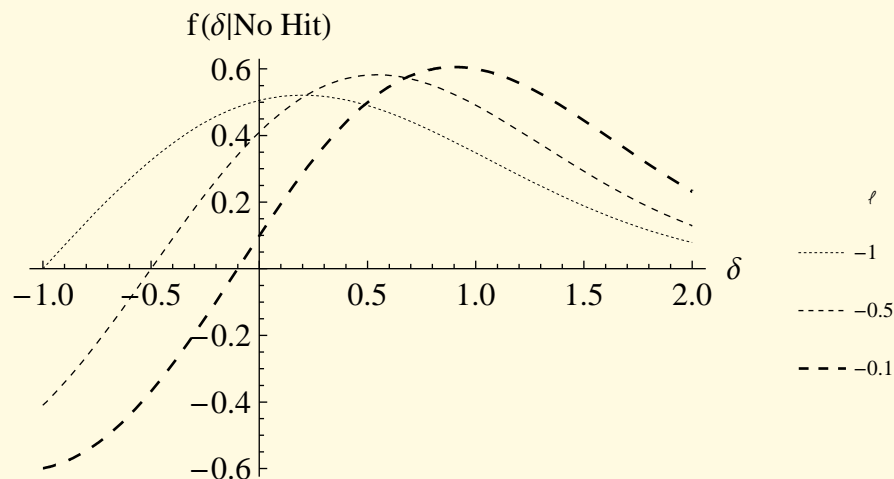
- Plots for various limit orders ...

```
p3 = Plot[Evaluate[(fδ[δ, l, 0, 1] /. fδRule /. gRule /. SRule /. NormalRules /. l -> #1 &) /@
  {-1, -0.5, -0.1}], {δ, -1, 2}, PlotStyle -> lineStyles,
  AxesLabel -> {δ, "f(δ|No Hit)"}, BaseStyle -> baseStyle];
```

```
legendText =
  Style[ToString[#], Black, FontFamily -> "Times"] & /@ {-1, -0.5, -0.1};
```

```
legendEntries = Transpose[{legendLines, legendText}];
```

```
ShowLegend[p3, {legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4},
  LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None, LegendLabel -> "\ell"}]
```



When  $\mu$  increases, the distribution shifts to the right

```
p4 = Plot[
  Evaluate[(fδ[δ, -0.5, μ, 1] /. fδRule /. gRule /. sRule /. NormalRules /. μ -> #1 &) /@
    {0, 1, 4}], {δ, -1/2, 4}, PlotStyle -> lineStyles,
  AxesLabel -> {δ, "f(δ|No Hit)"}, PlotLabel -> "Limit price position ℓ=-1/2",
  BaseStyle -> baseStyle];
```

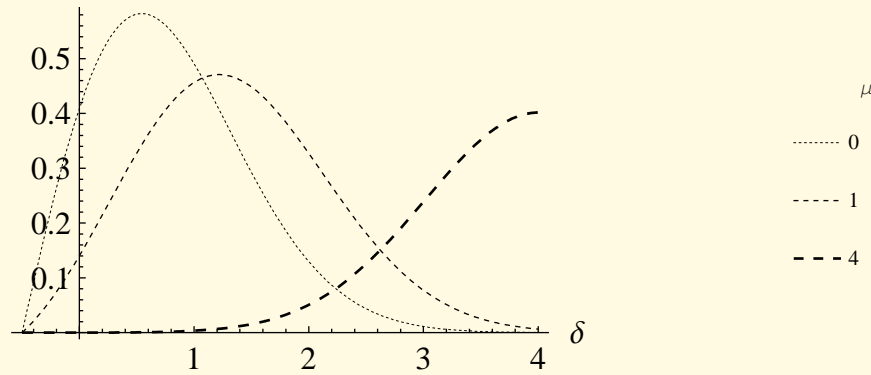
```
legendText = Style[ToString[#], Black, FontFamily -> "Times"] & /@ {0, 1, 4};
```

```
legendEntries = Transpose[{legendLines, legendText}];
```

```
ShowLegend[p4, {legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4},
  LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None, LegendLabel -> "μ"}]
```

Limit price position  $\ell = -1/2$

$f(\delta|\text{No Hit})$



When  $\sigma$  increases, the distribution also shifts upwards

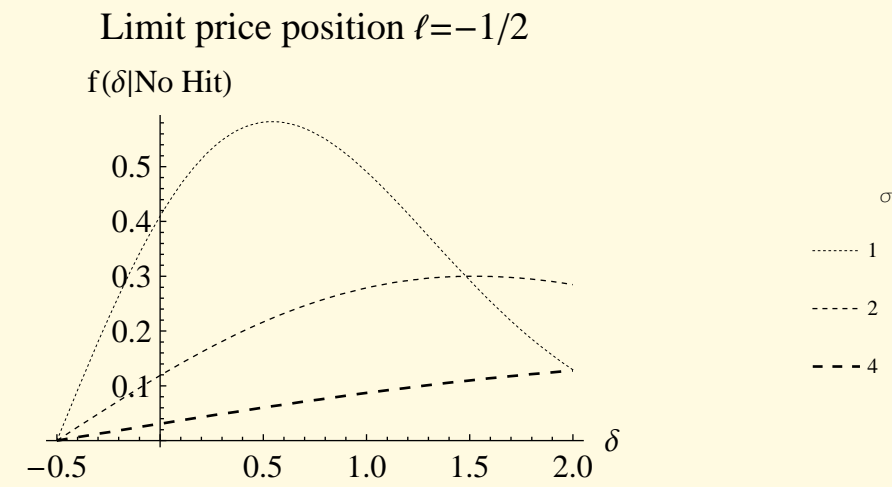
```
p5 = Plot[
  Evaluate[(fδ[δ, -0.5, 0, σ] /. fδRule /. gRule /. SRule /. NormalRules /. σ -> #1 &) /@
    {1, 2, 4}], {δ, -1/2, 2}, PlotStyle -> lineStyles,
  AxesLabel -> {δ, "f(δ|No Hit)"}, PlotLabel -> "Limit price position ℓ=-1/2",
  BaseStyle -> baseStyle];
```

```
legendText = Style[ToString[#], Black, FontFamily -> "Times"] & /@ {1, 2, 4};
```

```
legendEntries = Transpose[{legendLines, legendText}];
```



```
ShowLegend[p5, {legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4},
  LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None, LegendLabel -> "σ"}]
```



#### ■ Expectation of $\delta$ conditional on not hitting barrier

```
EδRule = EδNoHit[ℓ-, μ-, σ-] => -EδCond[1, -μ, σ, -ℓ];
```

```
EδNoHit[ℓ, μ, σ] /. EδRule /. EδCondRule /. ℓ -> L - pt
```

$$\mu - \frac{2 e^{\frac{2\mu(L-p_t)}{\sigma^2}} (L-p_t) \Phi\left[\frac{L+\mu-p_t}{\sigma}\right]}{S[1, -\mu, \sigma, -L+p_t]}$$

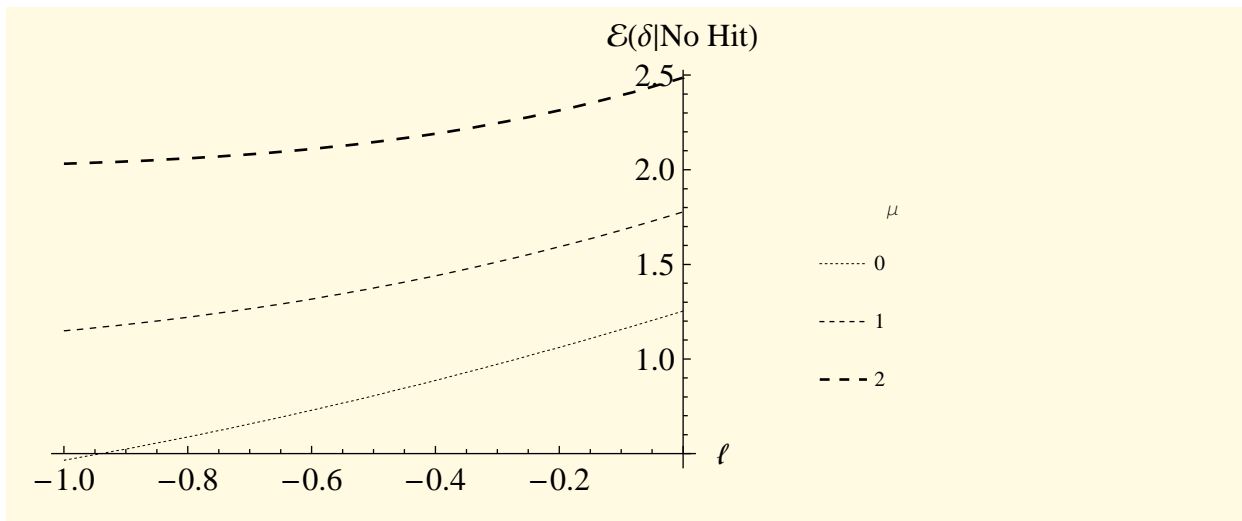
When  $\mu$  increases, so does  $E\delta$ :

```
p6 = Plot[Evaluate[
  (EδNoHit[ℓ, μ, 1] /. EδRule /. EδCondRule /. SRule /. NormalRules /. μ -> #1 &) /@
  {0, 1, 2}], {ℓ, -1, 0}, PlotStyle -> lineStyles,
  AxesLabel -> {ℓ, "δ(δ|No Hit)"}, BaseStyle -> baseStyle];
```

```
legendText = Style[ToString[#], Black, FontFamily -> "Times"] & /@ {0, 1, 2};
```

```
legendEntries = Transpose[{legendLines, legendText}];
```

```
ShowLegend[p6, {legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4},
  LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None, LegendLabel -> "μ"}]
```



## ■ Analysis of pure barrier model (i.e., without $c$ )

```
AllRules = {SRule, GRule, EδRule, PrRules, fδRule, EδCondRule, NormalRules} // Flatten;
```

```
va[l_, μ_ : 0, σ_ : 1] := l PrHit[l, μ, σ];
```

```
vb[l_, μ_ : 0, σ_ : 1] := EδNoHit[l, μ, σ] PrNoHit[l, μ, σ]
```

```
v[l_, μ_ : 0, σ_ : 1] := va[l, μ, σ] + vb[l, μ, σ]
```

```
GraphStyle = Table[Thickness[.003 x], {x, 1, 3}];
```

```
xyLabels = {"l", "Ev"};
```

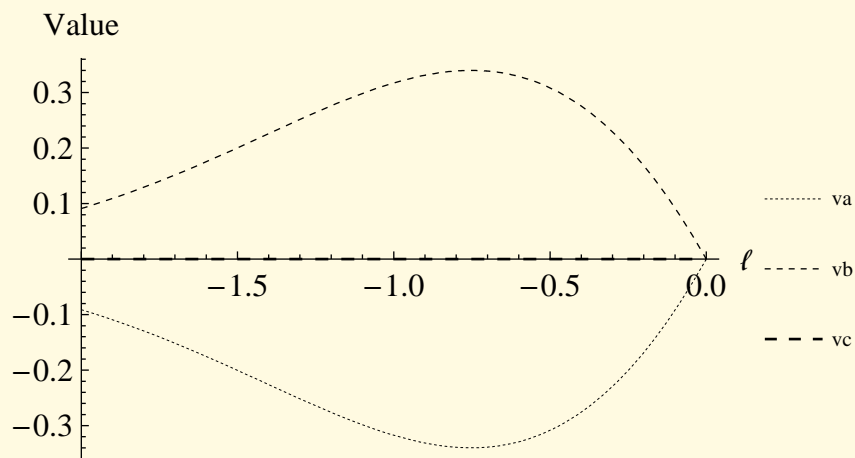
```
p7 = Plot[Evaluate[{va[l, 0, 1], vb[l, 0, 1], v[l, 0, 1]} /. AllRules],
  {l, -2, 0}, PlotRange -> All, PlotStyle -> lineStyles,
  AxesLabel -> {l, "Value"}, AxesOrigin -> {-2, 0}, BaseStyle -> baseStyle];
```

```
legendText =
```

```
Style[ToString[#], Black, FontFamily -> "Times"] & /@ {"va", "vb", "vc"};
```

```
legendEntries = Transpose[{legendLines, legendText}];
```

```
ShowLegend[p7,
{legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4}, LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None}]
```

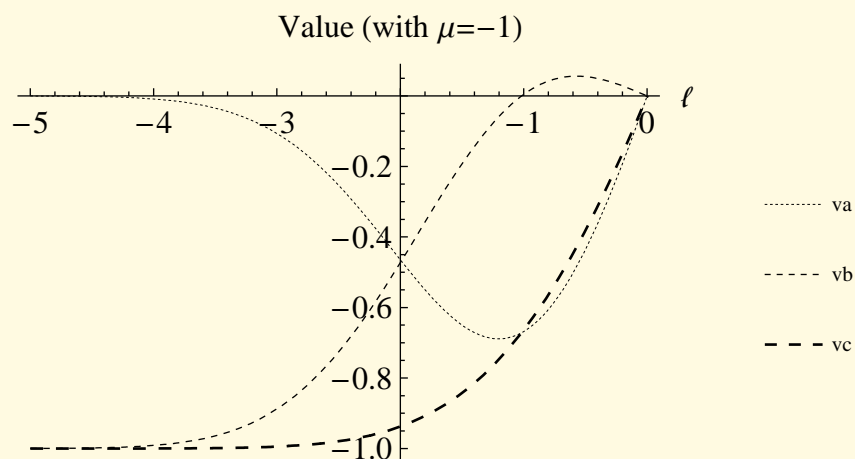


With non-zero drift:

```
f = Evaluate[{va[l, μ, 1], vb[l, μ, 1], v[l, μ, 1]} /. AllRules /. μ -> -1];
```

```
p7 = Plot[Evaluate[f], {l, -5, 0}, PlotRange -> All,
PlotStyle -> lineStyles, AxesLabel -> {l, "Value (with μ=-1)"},
AxesOrigin -> {-2, 0}, BaseStyle -> baseStyle];
```

```
ShowLegend[p7,
{legendEntries, LegendPosition -> {1, -.4}, LegendSize -> 0.6, LegendShadow -> None}]
```



```
Clear[v, f]
```

## ■ Analysis with exponential c

### ■ Distribution

```
fcRule = fc[c_, λ_] := PDF[ExponentialDistribution[λ], c];

AllRules = {SRule, gRule, EδRule, PrRules, EδCondRule, NormalRules, fcRule} // Flatten;

ModelAssumptions =
  {ℓ ∈ Reals, ℓ < 0, λ ∈ Reals, λ > 0, σ ∈ Reals, σ > 0, c ∈ Reals, c ≥ 0};
```

### ■ Objective functions *(This may take a minute or two to evaluate, due to the complexity of the integrals.)*

```
va[ℓ_, λ_, μ_, σ_] := Evaluate[
  Integrate[ℓ fc[c, λ] /. AllRules, {c, -ℓ, ∞}, Assumptions → ModelAssumptions]];

vb[ℓ_, λ_, μ_, σ_] := Evaluate[Integrate[ℓ fc[c, λ] PrHit[ℓ + c, μ, σ] /. AllRules,
  {c, 0, -ℓ}, Assumptions → ModelAssumptions]];

vc[ℓ_?NumberQ, ω_, λ_, μ_, σ_] := NIntegrate[
  (EδNoHit[ℓ + c, μ, σ] + ω) PrNoHit[ℓ + c, μ, σ] fc[c, λ] /. AllRules, {c, 0, -ℓ}];

v[ℓ_?NumberQ, ω_: 0, λ_: 5, μ_: 0, σ_: 1] :=
  va[ℓ, λ, μ, σ] + vb[ℓ, λ, μ, σ] + vc[ℓ, ω, λ, μ, σ];
```

The following are not necessary to solve the optimization, but are useful descriptive constructs:

```
PrNoHit[ℓ_?NumberQ, λ_, μ_: 0, σ_: 1] := NIntegrate[
  Evaluate[PrNoHit[ℓ + c, μ, σ] fc[c, λ] /. AllRules // Simplify], {c, 0, -ℓ}]

PrNoHit[-.1, 5, 0, 1]

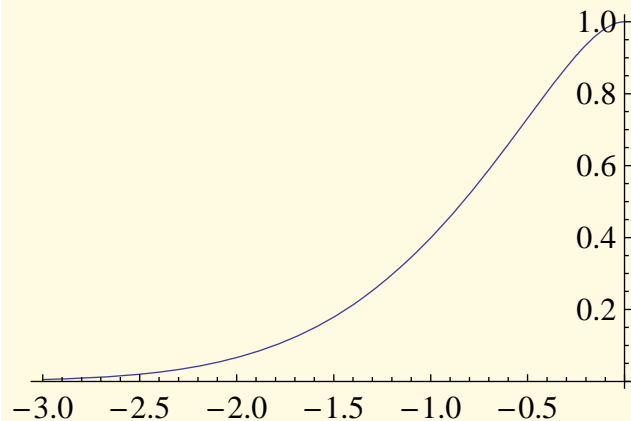
0.0169848

PrHit[ℓ_?NumberQ, λ_, μ_: 0, σ_: 1] := 1 - PrNoHit[ℓ, λ, μ, σ]

PrHit[-.1, 5, 0, 1]

0.983015
```

```
Plot[PrHit[l, 5, 0.1, 1], {l, -3, 0}, BaseStyle -> baseStyle]
```

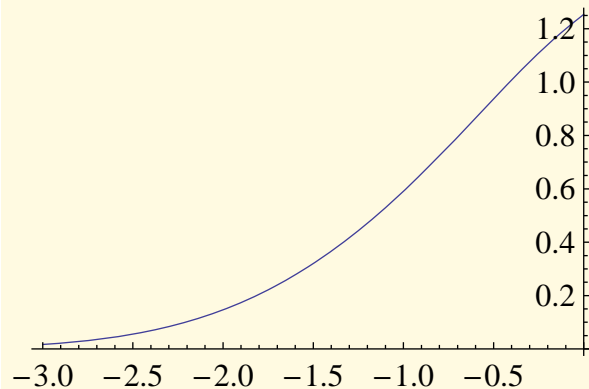


```
EδNoHit[l_?NumberQ, λ_, μ_, σ_] :=  
  NIntegrate[Evaluate[EδNoHit[c + l, μ, σ] fc[c, λ] /. AllRules], {c, 0, -l}]  
  / NIntegrate[Evaluate[fc[c, λ] /. AllRules], {c, 0, -l}]
```

```
EδNoHit[-.001, 5, 0, 1]
```

```
1.25281
```

```
Plot[EδNoHit[l, 5, 0, 1], {l, -3, 0}, BaseStyle -> baseStyle]
```



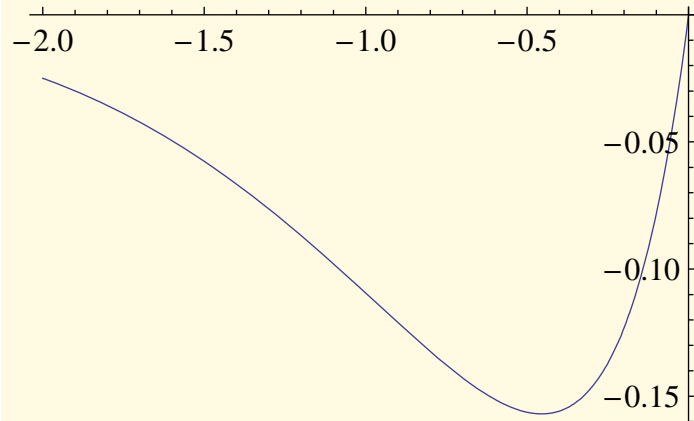
## ■ Explore the value function

```
v[-0.1]
```

```
-0.0781731
```

The value function (with default parameter values);

```
Plot[v[l], {l, -2, 0}, BaseStyle -> baseStyle]
```



```
FindMinimum[v[l], {l, -.5}, Method -> Gradient]
```

```
{-0.156961, {l -> -0.45505}}
```

## ■ General backwards recursive solution

```
LimitSolve[T_, λ_: 5, μ_: 0, σ_: 1] :=
Module[{ω = 0, r = {}, s, vOpt, lOpt, ProbExec, EPriceNoExec},
Do[
s = FindMinimum[v[l, ω, λ, μ, σ], {l, -0.01}, Method -> "Gradient"];
(*Print["t:", t, " Solution:", s];*)
vOpt = s[[1]];
lOpt = l /. s[[2, 1]];
ProbExec = PrHit[lOpt, λ, μ, σ];
EPriceNoExec = EδNoHit[lOpt, λ, μ, σ];
r = Append[r, {t, vOpt, lOpt, ProbExec, EPriceNoExec}];
ω = vOpt;,
{t, T, 1, -1}
];
r
]
```

```
(r = LimitSolve[5]) // TableForm
```

```
5 -0.156961 -0.454949 0.784865 0.968808
4 -0.202964 -0.743495 0.588816 0.763124
3 -0.224957 -0.984499 0.439646 0.600758
2 -0.238444 -1.19301 0.329362 0.474908
1 -0.248001 -1.36388 0.253566 0.384019
```

## Graphs

□ *Plots of value functions by  $\ell$*

```
(r = LimitSolve[5]) // TableForm
```

5	-0.156961	-0.454949	0.784865	0.968808
4	-0.202964	-0.743495	0.588816	0.763124
3	-0.224957	-0.984499	0.439646	0.600758
2	-0.238444	-1.19301	0.329362	0.474908
1	-0.248001	-1.36388	0.253566	0.384019

```
optCoordinates = Table[{r[[i, 3]], r[[i, 2]]}, {i, Length[r]}];
```

```
graphNotes = Prepend[(Point[#] & /@ optCoordinates), PointSize[0.02]];
```

```
 $\omega$  = Prepend[Drop[r[[All, 2]], -1], 0];
```

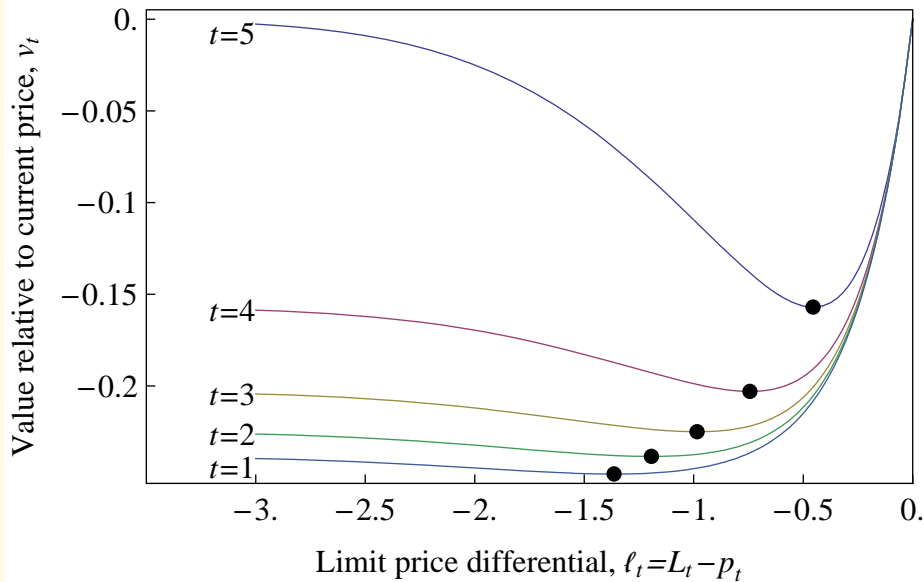
```
graphText = {
  Text["t=5", {-3, v[-3,  $\omega$ [[1]] - .005}], {1, 0}},
  Text["t=4", {-3, v[-3,  $\omega$ [[2]]}], {1, 0}},
  Text["t=3", {-3, v[-3,  $\omega$ [[3]]}], {1, 0}},
  Text["t=2", {-3, v[-3,  $\omega$ [[4]]}], {1, 0}},
  Text["t=1", {-3, v[-3,  $\omega$ [[5]] - .005}], {1, 0}];
```

```
graphAdd = Join[graphNotes, graphText];
```

```
 $\ell$ Label = "Limit price differential,  $\ell_t = L_t - p_t$ ";
```

```
ValueLabel = "Value relative to current price,  $v_t$ ";
```

```
Plot[Evaluate[(v[l, #1] &) /@ Prepend[Drop[r[[All, 2]], -1], 0]],
  {l, -3, 0}, PlotRange -> {{-3.5, 0}, Automatic}, Frame -> True,
  FrameLabel -> {lLabel, ValueLabel, " ", " "}, Background -> GrayLevel[1],
  FrameTicks -> {Range[0, -3, -0.5], Range[0, -0.2, -0.05], None, None},
  Epilog -> graphAdd, BaseStyle -> baseStyle]
```



□ Plots by  $\mu$

```
 $\mu$ Vals = Range[0, .1, .01];
```

```
r = LimitSolve[5, 5, #] & /@  $\mu$ Vals;
```

```
MatrixForm[r, TableDirections -> {Column, Column, Row}];
```

```
f = Table[
  Interpolation[Table[{ $\mu$ Vals[[i]], r[[i, j, 3]]}, {i, Length[ $\mu$ Vals]}]], {j, 5}];
```

```
graphText = {
  Text["t=5", {0, r[[1, 1, 3]]}, {1, 0}],
  Text["t=4", {0, r[[1, 2, 3]]}, {1, 0}],
  Text["t=3", {0, r[[1, 3, 3]]}, {1, 0}],
  Text["t=2", {0, r[[1, 4, 3]]}, {1, 0}],
  Text["t=1", {0, r[[1, 5, 3]] - .005}, {1, 0}];
```

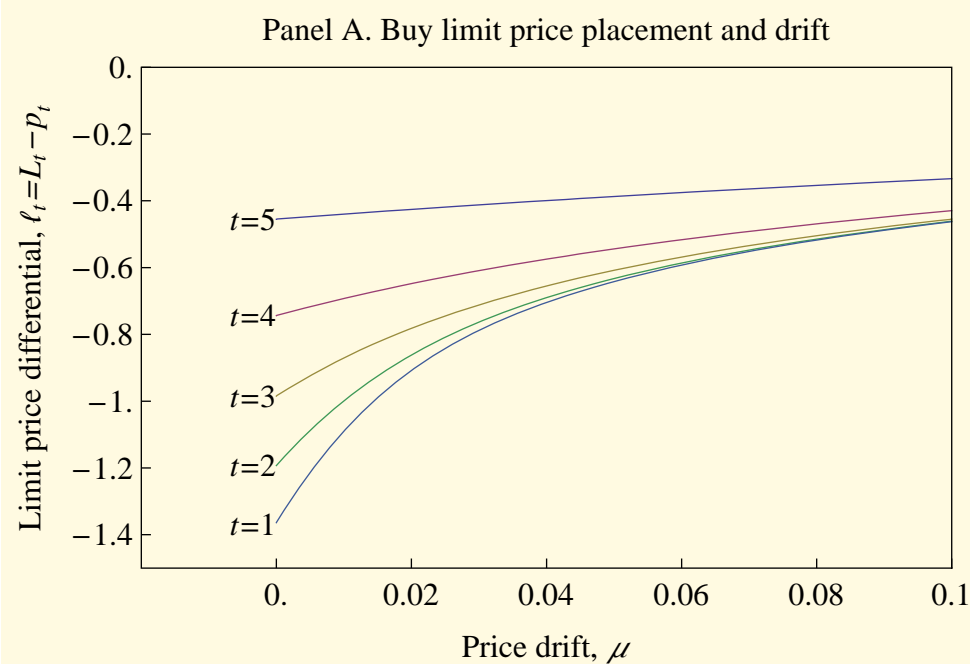
```
 $\mu$ Label = "Price drift,  $\mu$ ";
```



```

pA = Plot[Evaluate[Table[f[[i]][x], {i, 1, 5}]], {x, 0., 0.1}, Frame → True,
  PlotRange → {{-0.02, 0.1}, {-1.5, 0}}, Axes → {True, None}, FrameLabel →
    {μLabel, ℓLabel, "Panel A. Buy limit price placement and drift", None},
  FrameTicks → {Range[0, 0.1, 0.02], Range[0, -1.4, -0.2], None, None},
  Epilog → graphText, BaseStyle → baseStyle]

```



□ Plots by  $\sigma$

```
σVals = Range[.1, 1.2, .1];
```

```
r = LimitSolve[5, 5, 0, #] & /@ σVals;
```

```
f = Table[
  Interpolation[Table[{σVals[[i]], r[[i, j, 3]]}, {i, Length[σVals]}]], {j, 5}];
```

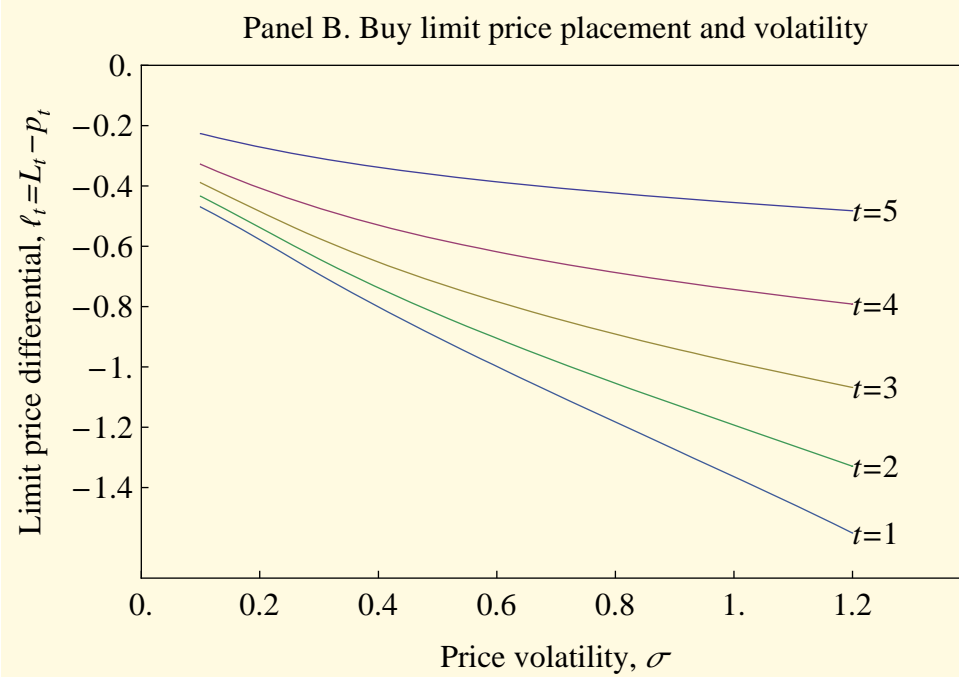
```
graphText = {
  Text["t=5", {1.2, r[[Length[r], 1, 3]]}, {-1, 0}],
  Text["t=4", {1.2, r[[Length[r], 2, 3]]}, {-1, 0}],
  Text["t=3", {1.2, r[[Length[r], 3, 3]]}, {-1, 0}],
  Text["t=2", {1.2, r[[Length[r], 4, 3]]}, {-1, 0}],
  Text["t=1", {1.2, r[[Length[r], 5, 3]]}, {-1, 0}];
```

```
σLabel = "Price volatility,  $\sigma$ ";
```

```

pB = Plot[Evaluate[Table[f[[i]][x], {i, 1, 5}]], {x, 0.1, 1.2},
  Frame → True, PlotRange → {{0, 1.4}, {-1.7, 0}}, FrameLabel →
    {σLabel, tLabel, "Panel B. Buy limit price placement and volatility", None},
  FrameTicks → {Range[0, 1.2, 0.2], Range[0, -1.4, -0.2], None, None},
  Epilog → graphText, BaseStyle → baseStyle]

```

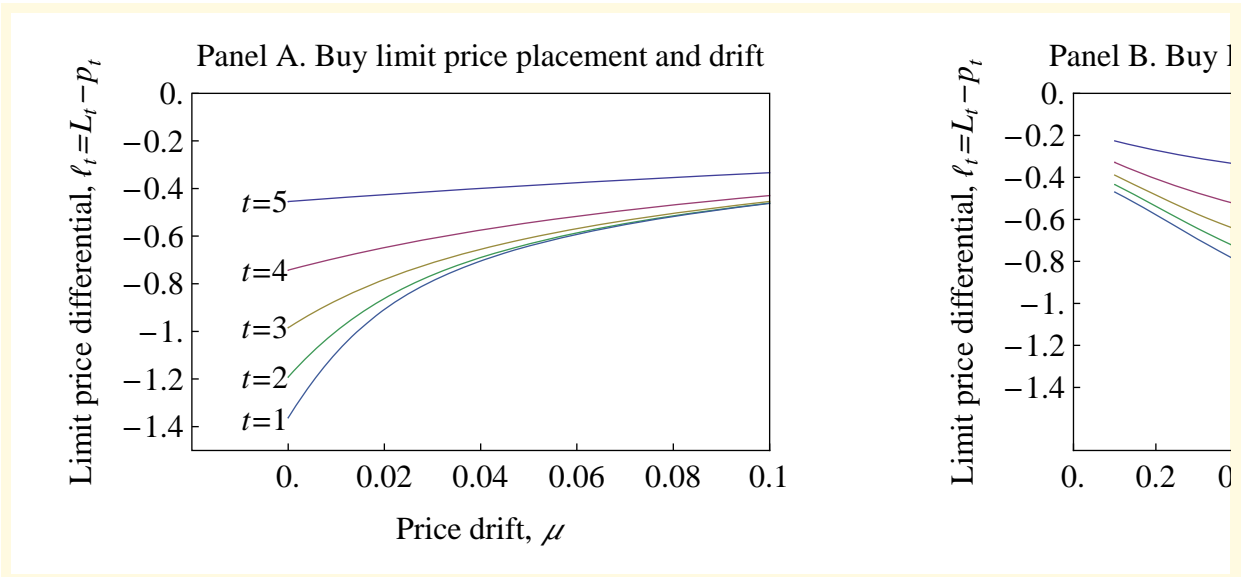


□ Combine the graphs

```

Show[GraphicsRow[{pA, pB}], Background → GrayLevel[1]]

```



□ Plots by  $\lambda$  (not used in book)

```
 $\lambda$ Vals = Range[1, 6, .2];
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```
r = LimitSolve[5, #] & /@  $\lambda$ Vals;
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```
f = Table[
  Interpolation[Table[{ $\lambda$ Vals[[i]], r[[i, j, 3]]}, {i, Length[ $\lambda$ Vals]}]], {j, 5}];
```

```
graphText = {
  Text["t=5", {6, r[Length[r], 1, 3]}], {-1, 0}},
  Text["t=4", {6, r[Length[r], 2, 3]}], {-1, 0}},
  Text["t=3", {6, r[Length[r], 3, 3]}], {-1, 0}},
  Text["t=2", {6, r[Length[r], 4, 3] - .05}], {-1, 0}},
  Text["t=1", {6, r[Length[r], 5, 3] - .1}], {-1, 0}];
```

```
Plot[Evaluate[Table[f[[i]][x], {i, 1, 5}]],
  {x, 1, 6}, Frame → True, PlotRange → {{1, 7}, {0, -3.5`}},
  FrameLabel → {" $\lambda$ , c density parameter",  $\ell_t = L_t - p_t$ },
  FrameTicks → {Range[1, 6, 1], Range[0, -3, -1], None, None},
  Epilog → graphText, BaseStyle → baseStyle]
```

