# Order of current variance in the simple exclusion process 

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Main idea for prooving $t^{1 / 3}$ scaling:


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