

\* \* next weeks theory colloquium is about large-deviation. \* \*  
Attend it

Q. from previous lecture.

~~the~~ In our derivation for FP-equation when we expand  $\omega(x,y)$ , how is  $\sum_x \omega(x,y) = 0$  taken care of?

Note the difference:

$$\frac{dP(x)}{dt} = \sum_{y \neq x} W_{x,y} P(y)$$

① These entries of  $W$ -matrix is

$$W_{x,y} = \begin{cases} \omega(x,y) & \text{for } x \neq y \\ -\sum_{z \neq y} \omega(z,y) & \text{for } x = y \end{cases}$$

There is no condition on  $\omega(x,y)$ . In fact we don't even specify  $\omega(x,x)$ .

② To go to continuous configuration space we write

$$\frac{dP(x)}{dt} = \sum_{y \neq x} \{ \omega(x,y) P(y) - \omega(y,x) P(x) \}$$

noting  $\{ \} = 0$  for  $y=x$ , we can ~~also~~ also include  $y=x$ .

$$\rightarrow \int dy \{ \omega(x,y) P(y) - \omega(y,x) P(x) \}$$

This way we can define  $\omega(x,x)$  as smooth continuation of  $\omega(x,y)$  as  $y \rightarrow x$ .

FP equation  $\longrightarrow$  Schrödinger equation.

$$\frac{d}{dt} P_f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} U'(x) P_f(x) + k_B T \frac{d^2}{dx^2} P_f(x)$$

most commonly used FP-equation.  
A Brownian particle in potential  $V(x)$ .

Define  $P_f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{2k_B T} U(x)} \Psi_f(x)$

Do the algebra and show that



$$-\frac{d}{dt} \Psi_f(x) = \left\{ -k_B T \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \Psi_f + V(x) \Psi_f \right\}$$

with effective potential

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{4k_B T} (U'(x))^2 - \frac{U''(x)}{2}$$

Remark: what does it mean for  $\alpha$ -operator?

a choice  $\longrightarrow$

$$H = - \left( P_{eq}(x) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \alpha \left( P_{eq}(x) \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \left[ P_{eq}(x) = e^{-\frac{U(x)}{k_B T}} \right]$$

$$= -k_B T \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \text{ is Hermitian.}$$

~~...~~ This makes thing easy.

~~...~~ eigenvalues of  $H$  are real.

① For  $H$ , both left and right eigenvectors are same. ~~...~~

②  $\alpha \cdot \eta_\lambda = \lambda \eta_\lambda \implies H \Psi_\lambda = -\lambda \Psi_\lambda$  with  $\eta_\lambda(x) = \sqrt{P_{eq}(x)} \cdot \Psi_\lambda(x)$

$\alpha^\dagger \cdot l_\lambda = \lambda l_\lambda \longrightarrow l_\lambda(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_{eq}(x)}} \Psi_\lambda(x)$

③ eigenvalues  $\lambda$  are real.

④ Eigenvalue of  $\alpha$  is minus of eigenvalue of  $H$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Steady state for  $\alpha \iff$  ground state of  $H$ .

This has important meaning:

Generalization of Perron-Frobenius, which essentially means that there is spectral gap between largest and second largest eigenvalues (non-degeneracy)  $\iff$  question of spectral gap for  $H$  in QM  $\iff$  existence of Bound states.

[ Bound states in QM: ① Brownstein, Am. J. Phys. 68 (2000), 160  
② Landau & Lifshitz ]

An explicit solution

Ornstein-Uhlenbeck Process: Brownian particle in a harmonic potential.  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2$

QM-potential

$$V(x) = \frac{x^2}{4k_B T} - \frac{1}{2}$$

Harmonic oscillator problem.

Eigenvalues

$$\lambda_n = -n \quad \text{with } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Eigen functions

$$\Psi_n(x) = \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi k_B T} \right]^{1/4} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n n!}} \cdot H_n \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{2k_B T}} \right) e^{-\frac{x^2}{4k_B T}}$$

↑ Hermite polynomial.

$$\Rightarrow \pi_n(x) = \Psi_n(x) \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{4k_B T}}, \quad \rho_n(x) = \Psi_n(x) e^{+\frac{x^2}{4k_B T}}$$

Show:  $\pi_0(x) = P_{st}(x) \propto e^{-\frac{x^2}{2k_B T}}$  and  $\rho_0(x) = 1$  (after trivial re-scaling)



• We know from QM

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi_n^*(x) \psi_m(x) = \delta_{n,m} \quad \text{Orthogonal.}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi_n^*(x) \psi_n(y) = \delta(x-y) \quad \text{Completeness.}$$

Then, solution of F-P equation for OU-process is

$$\begin{aligned} P_t(x) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{-nt} \psi_n(x) \langle \psi_n | P_0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{-nt} \frac{\psi_n(x) e^{-\frac{x^2}{4k_B T}}}{(2\pi k_B T)^{1/4}} \cdot a_n \end{aligned}$$

← prefactor pulled from  $\psi_n(x)$ .  
~~cancel~~ to make  $\int dx = 1$

where

$$a_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx (2\pi k_B T)^{1/4} \psi_n(x) \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{4k_B T}} \cdot P_0(x)$$

Remark ◦ note that  $e^{-nt}$  - term in  $P_t(x)$  does not depend on  $k_B T$ .

This means the spectral gap is one, which gives the time scale to reach steady state. Then this time-scale is independent of  $k_B T$ !! Check if this is correct.

Other examples: (A) ~~Free~~ Free Brownian particle ( $U(x) = 0$ )

• corresponding QM potential  $v(x) = 0$  : on infinite line.


It has only propagating solutions  $e^{\pm iKx}$

with eigenvalues of  $\alpha$ -operator is continuous and given by

$$\lambda = -K^2 \cdot k_B T \quad \text{for } K \geq 0.$$

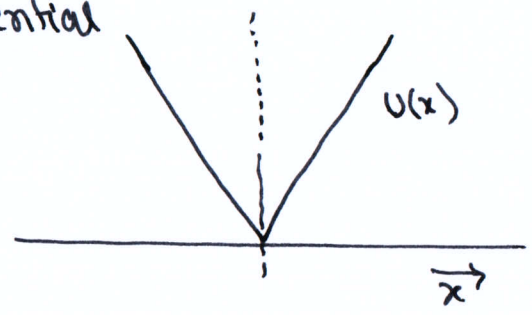
• There is no gap in eigen-spectrum, and this means the

● Brownian particle takes infinite time to reach the uniform distribution, which is zero.

Remark: do the same exercise on a ring,  and show that the spectrum is discrete.

(B) Brownian particle in a linear potential

$$U(x) = |x|$$

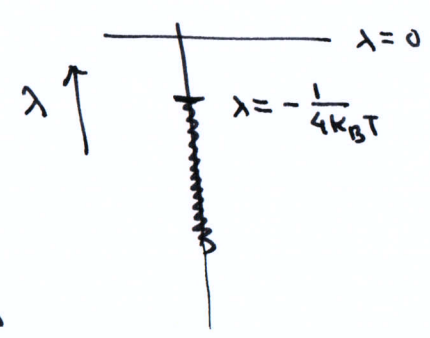


⇒ QM potential

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{4k_B T} - \delta(x)$$

There is only one bound-state, and that is the stationary state.

$$\text{Spectral gap} = \frac{1}{4k_B T}$$



Remark: unlike in OU-process, the spectral gap depends on  $k_B T$ . This means the time scale  $\tau = 4k_B T$  to reach the stationary state depends on  $k_B T$ . Check this!

Remark: FP  $\rightarrow$  Sch<sup>mat</sup> works when in a potential, meaning when force =  $-U'(x)$ . This is called a gradient force.

These are examples where force is not gradient.



Brownian in a periodic potential with constant driving Electric field ( $f$ )

$$F(x) = \text{Force} = -U'(x) + f$$

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 Periodic                      constant  
 $[U(x+1) = U(x)]$

Because of periodicity it is not possible to write  $F(x)$  as  $-V'(x)$ .

~~show that the stationary state~~

corresponding Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} P_f(x) = -\frac{d}{dx} F(x) P_f(x) + k_B T \frac{d^2}{dx^2} P_f(x)$$

Show that the stationary state

$$P_{st}(x) = P_1(x) + P_2(x) ; \quad P_1(x) = \int_0^x dy e^{-\frac{1}{k_B T} (U(x) - U(y)) + \frac{f}{k_B T} (x-y)}$$

$$P_2(x) = e^{\frac{f}{k_B T}} \int_x^1 dy \dots \text{same} \dots$$

If driving force  $f=0$ , then  $P_{st}(x) = P_{eq}(x) = e^{-\frac{U(x)}{k_B T}}$

for  $f \neq 0$ , system is in non-equilibrium stationary state.

and cannot be written as  $P_{st}(x) \approx e^{-\frac{1}{k_B T} \phi(x)}$  with a local function  $\phi(x)$ .



A mechanical description of Brownian particle.

$$m \ddot{x} = F(x) - \frac{1}{\mu} \dot{x} + \eta(t) \quad [\text{Newton's eq}^n]$$



with

①  $\frac{1}{\mu} \dot{x}$  term is due to viscosity in the fluid medium.

For a sphere  $\mu = \frac{1}{6\pi\eta R}$ ,  $R$  is the radius,  $\eta$  is viscosity.

$\mu$  is called mobility. [Ref. Kardar, vol 2, ch 6]

②  $\eta(t)$  is a random noise due to kicks from fluid particles.

$$\langle \eta(t) \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \eta(t) \eta(t') \rangle = 2\Gamma \delta(t-t')$$

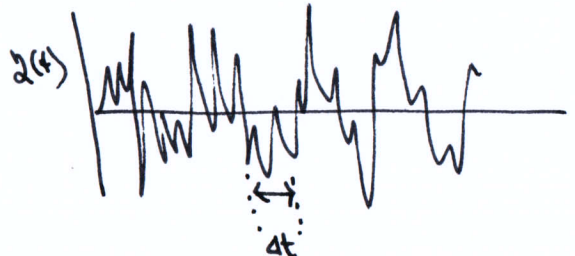
} Gaussian noise.

} All higher cumulants vanish.

Remark: Mathematically  $\eta(t)$  is not a "nice" function to deal.

A better function

$$dW_t = \int_t^{t+\Delta t} ds \eta(s)$$



$dW_t$  is continuous everywhere, but nowhere differentiable.

$$P(dW_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\Gamma\Delta t}} e^{-\frac{dW_t^2}{4\Gamma\Delta t}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle dW_t \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle (dW_t)^2 \rangle = 4\Gamma \Delta t$$

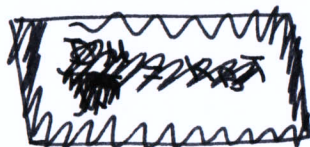
(from CLT)

$dW_t$  is called a Wiener process.

Remark: Brownian particle gets energy from fluid by the  $\eta(t)$  term. and it dissipates energy back to fluid by the  $\frac{1}{\mu} \dot{x}$  term.

There is a balance between the two, which gives

$$\Gamma \cdot \mu = k_B T$$



$T = \text{temp of the fluid.}$

Fluctuation dissipation relation.

[Einstein-Smoluchowski relation.]

Jean Perrin confirmed this relation in an experiment.

Gave a conclusive evidence for atomistic world.

Perrin got Nobel prize for this work.

Relation to Fokker-Planck equation:

$$\begin{aligned} m \dot{v} &= F(x) - \frac{1}{\mu} v + \eta(t) \\ \dot{x} &= v \end{aligned}$$

evolution of probability on  $(x, v)$ -Plane is described by a F-P equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P_t(x, v)}{\partial t} &= \alpha \cdot P_t(x, v) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 P_t}{\partial v^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( \frac{1}{m} (v - F(x)) \cdot P_t \right) - v \frac{\partial P_t}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

How does one show? [see next page]

\* Overdamped limit:

A simple limit when inertial term ( $m\dot{v}$ ) can be ignored.

This is justified in a highly viscous fluid OR for low Reynold's numbers. This is often the case in mesoscopic length scale, for example, ~~but~~ inside biological cells.

Then,

$$m \ddot{x} = F(x) - \frac{1}{\mu} \dot{x} + \eta(t)$$

$$\longrightarrow \dot{x} = \mu \cdot F(x) + \mu \eta(t)$$

$$= \mu F(x) + \zeta(t) \quad \text{where } \zeta(t) = \mu \eta(t)$$

Equivalently:  $\langle \zeta(t) \rangle = 0$

$$\langle \zeta(t) \zeta(t') \rangle = 2\gamma \mu^2 \delta(t-t')$$