

# Part 5 The theory of Brownian motion

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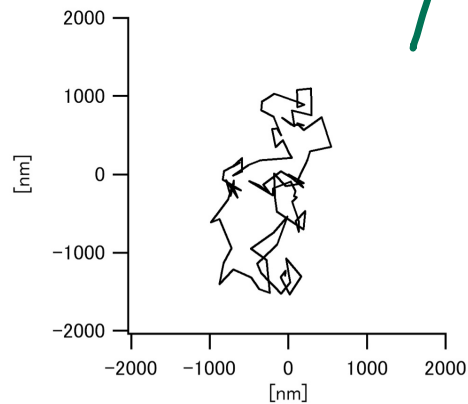
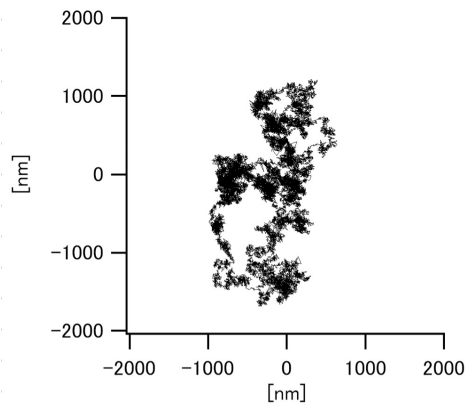
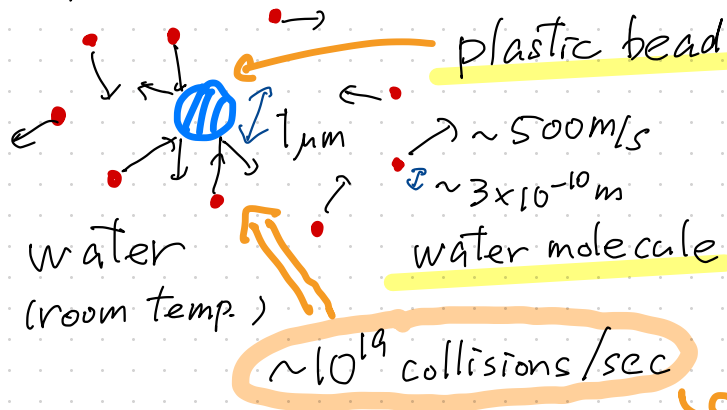
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# § Typical experiment

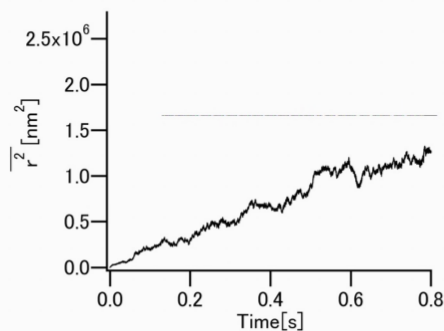
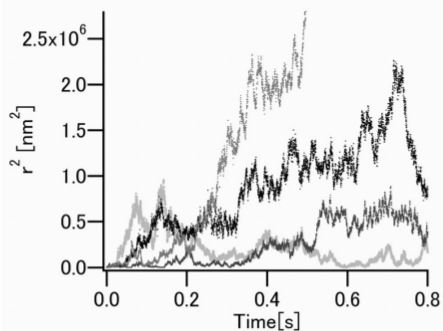


the bead exhibits a random motion observable by an optical microscope.

## Brownian motion

peculiar behavior

$$(\text{displacement of the bead})^2 \propto \text{time}$$



(experimental data by Takayuki Nishizaka)

# § basic symmetry and the transition probability → part 1 - p29 ~ 2

## setting

$X = (r, P, X_w)$  }  $r, P$  the position and momentum of the bead  
 $r \in \Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d, P \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (d=1,2,3)$   
 $X_w = (r_1, \dots, r_n; p_1, \dots, p_n)$  describes water molecules

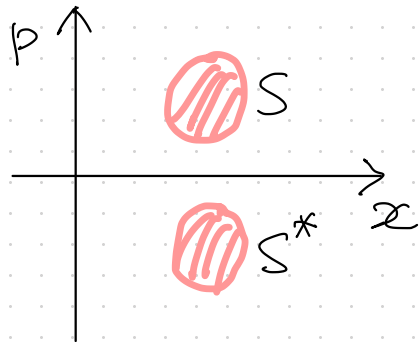
Hamiltonian (1)  $H(X) = \frac{P^2}{2m} + V(r) + H_w(X_w) + H_{int}(r, X_w)$

assume (2)  $H(X^*) = H(X)$

S arbitrary finite region in the phase space  $\Lambda \times \mathbb{R}^d$  of the bead

time-reversal (3)  $S^* = \{(r, -P) \mid (r, P) \in S\}$

$$(4) \chi_S(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & (r, P) \in S \\ 0 & (r, P) \notin S \end{cases}$$



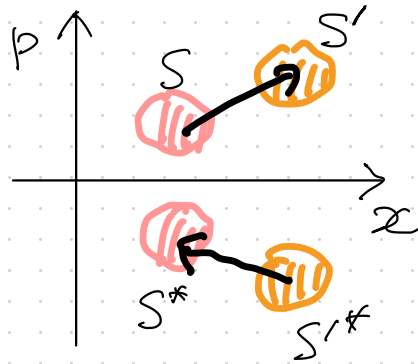
▷ detailed balance condition

restricted partition function

$$(1) Z_S(\beta) = \int dx e^{-\beta H(x)} \chi_S(x)$$

for  $\tau > 0$  and two regions  $S, S' \subset \Lambda \times \mathbb{R}^d$

$$(2) p^{(\tau)}(S \rightarrow S') := \int dx \frac{e^{-\beta H(x)} \chi_S(x) \chi_{S'}[J_\tau(x)]}{Z_S(\beta)}$$



the probability that the state of the bead is in  $S'$  at  $t = \tau$  when the whole system is initially in equilibrium with the constraint that the state of the bead in  $S$

by repeating the derivation in part 1-p32, we get

detailed balance condition

$$(3) Z_S(\beta) p^{(\tau)}(S \rightarrow S') = Z_{S'}(\beta) p^{(\tau)}(S'^* \rightarrow S^*)$$

# ▷ transition probability in the short time scale

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$\tau$  small  $\rightarrow$  { essentially no changes in it  
only  $P$  changes because of collisions

$S$  small region including  $(v, P)$ ,  $S'$  small region including  $(v, P')$

$$(1) \frac{Z_S(\beta)}{Z_{S'}(\beta)} = e^{-\beta \left\{ \frac{|P|^2}{2m} - \frac{|P'|^2}{2m} \right\}}$$

$$(2) e^{-\frac{\beta}{2m}|P|^2} p^{(c)}(S \rightarrow S') = e^{-\frac{\beta}{2m}|P'|^2} p^{(c)}(S'^* \rightarrow S^*)$$

simple exponential form (3)  $p^{(c)}(S \rightarrow S') = A e^{\alpha \frac{\beta |P|^2}{2m} - (1-\alpha) \frac{\beta |P'|^2}{2m}}$

set  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  independent of  $P$  when  $P=P'$  only if  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$

plausible form

$$(4) p^{(c)}(S \rightarrow S') = A e^{\frac{\beta}{4m} \{ |P|^2 - |P'|^2 \}} = A e^{\frac{\beta m}{4} \{ |v|^2 - |v'|^2 \}}$$

# § Kramers equation corresponding stochastic process

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$$P = m v$$

determines the time evolution of the probability density  $P(x, v, t)$

consider the  $d=1$  case for simplicity  $(x, v)$

## the effect of collisions

→ we only focus on the prob. density for  $v$

discretized version  $v = j \delta, t = n \epsilon \quad j, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$P_v(t)$  the probability that the velocity is  $v$  at time  $t$

as  $t \rightarrow t + \epsilon$  the velocity may change by  $\pm \delta$

the transition probability  $P(v \rightarrow v \pm \delta)$  the same as  $P^{(v)}(S \rightarrow S')$

master equation (part 2 p. 29)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad P_v(t + \epsilon) - P_v(t) = & - [P(v \rightarrow v + \delta) + P(v \rightarrow v - \delta)] P_v(t) \\
 & + P(v + \delta \rightarrow v) P_{v+\delta}(t) + P(v - \delta \rightarrow v) P_{v-\delta}(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

the position and the velocity of the bead

one gets the same result from more complicated models

the simplest model

from P4-(4)

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$$(1) P(v \rightarrow v \pm \delta) = A e^{\frac{\beta m}{4} \{v^2 - (v \pm \delta)^2\}} = A e^{\frac{\beta m}{4} \{-2v\delta - \delta^2\}}$$

$$= A \left\{ 1 \mp \frac{\beta m v}{2} \delta - \frac{\beta m}{4} \delta^2 + \frac{(\beta m v)^2}{8} \delta^2 + O(\delta^3) \right\}$$

$$(2) P(v \pm \delta \rightarrow v) = A \left\{ 1 \pm \frac{\beta m v}{2} \delta + \frac{\beta m}{4} \delta^2 + \frac{(\beta m v)^2}{8} \delta^2 + O(\delta^3) \right\}$$

substitute these into P5-(1)

(can be neglected because this always has the same sign as 1)

$$(3) P_v(t + \epsilon) - P_v(t) = A \left[ -2 \left( 1 - \frac{\beta m}{4} \delta^2 \right) P_v(t) \right]$$

$$\epsilon \dot{P} + \left( 1 + \frac{\beta m v}{2} \delta + \frac{\beta m}{4} \delta^2 \right) P_{v+\delta}(t) + \left( 1 - \frac{\beta m v}{2} \delta + \frac{\beta m}{4} \delta^2 \right) P_{v-\delta}(t)$$

$$= A \left[ \underbrace{\{ P_{v+\delta}(t) + P_{v-\delta}(t) - 2P_v(t) \}}_{\approx \delta^2 P''} + \frac{\beta m v}{2} \delta \underbrace{\{ P_{v+\delta}(t) - P_{v-\delta}(t) \}}_{\approx 2\delta P'} \right]$$

$$(4) A = \text{const} \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2}$$

$$+ \frac{\beta m}{4} \delta^2 \left\{ \underbrace{2P_v(t) + P_{v+\delta}(t) + P_{v-\delta}(t)}_{\approx 4P + O(\delta)} \right\}$$

$\approx 4P + O(\delta)$

write

$$(1) A = \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\epsilon}{\delta^2}$$

this expression will be justified in p(6-2)

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p(6-3) becomes

$$(2) \frac{P_n(t+\epsilon) - P_n(t)}{\epsilon} = \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{1}{\delta^2} \{P_{n+\delta}(t) + P_{n-\delta}(t) - 2P_n(t)\} \\ + \frac{\gamma}{m} v \frac{1}{2\delta} \{P_{n+\delta}(t) - P_{n-\delta}(t)\} + \frac{\gamma}{m} \{P_n(t) + O(\delta)\}$$

continuum limit  $\epsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0$

$$(3) \frac{P_n(t)}{\delta} \rightarrow P(v, t) \quad \text{probability density}$$

$$(4) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(v, t) = \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(v, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m} v \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(v, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m} P(v, t) \\ = \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(v, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \{v P(v, t)\}$$



↳ the final form

the change in  $P(x, v, t)$  due to the Hamiltonian dynamics is described by Liouville's equation  $\rightarrow$  part 1-p12-(6)

$$(1) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(x, v, t) = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P(x, v, t) - \frac{f(x)}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(x, v, t)$$

$$(2) f(x) = -\frac{\partial V(x)}{\partial x} \text{ for the potential force}$$

(1) + p7-(4)

the Kramers equation

$$(3) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(x, v, t) = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P(x, v, t) - \frac{f(x)}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(x, v, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(x, v, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \{v P(x, v, t)\}$$

for  $d=3$

$$(4) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) - \frac{f(\mathbf{r})}{m} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \Delta_{\mathbf{v}} P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \cdot \{v P(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)\}$$

# § Langevin equation

what is the equation of motion that corresponds to the Kramers equation?

Liouville's equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(x, v, t) = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P(x, v, t) - \frac{f(x)}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(x, v, t)$$

(2)  $\dot{x} = v$  ← Newton's equations

(3)  $m \dot{v} = f$  ← this too

the effect of collisions

$$+ \frac{\gamma}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (v P(x, v, t)) + \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(x, v, t)$$

• resisted motion (4)  $m \dot{v} = -\gamma v$

• diffusion-like behavior (5)  $m \dot{v} = \xi$  random force

leads to { deterministic resistance random force

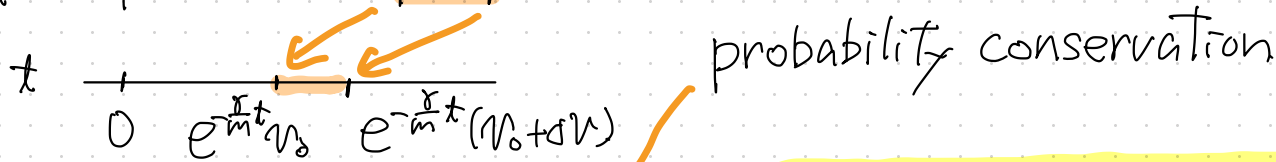
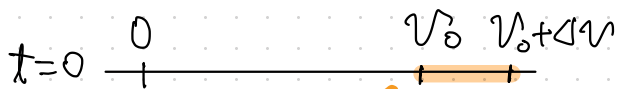
(diffusion equation)

$$(6) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t, x) = D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} f(t, x)$$

# Damped motion

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$$(1) \quad m \dot{v}(t) = -\gamma v(t) \rightarrow (2) \quad v(t) = e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} v(0)$$



$$(3) \quad P(v_0, 0) \Delta v = \boxed{P(e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} v_0, t) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} \Delta v} = (*)$$

$$(4) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (*) = \left[ -\frac{\gamma}{m} v \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(v, t) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(v, t) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} - \frac{\gamma}{m} P(v, t) e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} \right] v \rightarrow e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t} v_0 = 0$$

$\therefore$

$$(5) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(v, t) = \frac{\gamma}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \{v P(v, t)\}$$

we get  
the desired equation

## random force

discrete time (1)  $t = n\varepsilon$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) ( $\varepsilon > 0$ )

## difference equation

$$(2) m \frac{\hat{V}(t+\varepsilon) - \hat{V}(t)}{\varepsilon} = \hat{\zeta}_t^{(\varepsilon)} \iff (3) \hat{V}(t+\varepsilon) = \hat{V}(t) + \frac{\varepsilon}{m} \hat{\zeta}_t^{(\varepsilon)}$$

$\hat{\zeta}_t^{(\varepsilon)}$ : random variable for each  $t = n\varepsilon$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

$\hat{\zeta}_t^{(\varepsilon)}$  and  $\hat{\zeta}_{t'}^{(\varepsilon)}$  are independent if  $t \neq t'$

the probability density that  $\hat{\zeta}_t^{(\varepsilon)}$  takes value  $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}$  (4)  $\tilde{P}_\varepsilon(\zeta) = \sqrt{\frac{\beta\varepsilon}{4\pi\gamma}} e^{-\frac{\beta\varepsilon}{4\gamma}\zeta^2}$

$$(5) \int d\zeta \tilde{P}_\varepsilon(\zeta) = 1 \quad (6) \int d\zeta \zeta \tilde{P}_\varepsilon(\zeta) = 0 \quad (7) \int d\zeta \zeta^2 \tilde{P}_\varepsilon(\zeta) = \frac{2\gamma}{\beta\varepsilon}$$

we thus have (8)  $\left\langle \hat{\zeta}_{n\varepsilon}^{(\varepsilon)} \hat{\zeta}_{m\varepsilon}^{(\varepsilon)} \right\rangle = \frac{2\gamma}{\beta\varepsilon} \delta_{nm}$ ,  $\left\langle \hat{\zeta}_{n\varepsilon}^{(\varepsilon)} \right\rangle = 0$

• master equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad & P(v, t + \epsilon) - P(v, t) \\
 &= -P(v, t) \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{z} \tilde{P}_{\epsilon}(\tilde{z}) \right\} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{z} P\left(v - \frac{\epsilon}{m} \tilde{z}, t\right) \tilde{P}_{\epsilon}(\tilde{z}) \\
 &\approx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{z} \left\{ -P(v, t) + P\left(v - \frac{\epsilon}{m} \tilde{z}, t\right) \right\} \tilde{P}_{\epsilon}(\tilde{z}) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tilde{z} \left\{ -\frac{\epsilon}{m} \tilde{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(v, t) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{m} \tilde{z}\right)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(v, t) + \dots \right\} \tilde{P}_{\epsilon}(\tilde{z}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{m}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2\gamma}{\beta \epsilon}\right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(v, t) + o(\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left\{ P(v, t + \epsilon) - P(v, t) \right\} = \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(v, t) + \frac{o(\epsilon)}{\epsilon}$$

letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  (3)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(v, t) = \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(v, t)$

desired diffusion-type equation

• continuum limit of the equation of motion

(1)  $m \frac{\hat{V}(t+\varepsilon) - \hat{V}(t)}{\varepsilon} = \sum_t^{\hat{Z}(\varepsilon)} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (2) m \frac{d}{dt} \hat{V}(t) = \hat{Z}(t)$

(3)  $\langle\langle \sum_{n\varepsilon}^{\hat{Z}(\varepsilon)} \sum_{m\varepsilon}^{\hat{Z}(\varepsilon)} \rangle\rangle = \frac{2\gamma}{\beta\varepsilon} \delta_{n,m} \rightarrow (4) \langle\langle \hat{Z}(t) \hat{Z}(s) \rangle\rangle = 0$  if  $s \neq t$

(5)  $\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon \langle\langle \sum_{n\varepsilon}^{\hat{Z}(\varepsilon)} \sum_{m\varepsilon}^{\hat{Z}(\varepsilon)} \rangle\rangle = \frac{2\gamma}{\beta} \rightarrow (6) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds \langle\langle \hat{Z}(t) \hat{Z}(s) \rangle\rangle = \frac{2\gamma}{\beta}$

(7)  $\langle\langle \hat{Z}(t) \hat{Z}(s) \rangle\rangle = \frac{2\gamma}{\beta} \delta(t-s)$  (8)  $\langle\langle \hat{Z}(t) \rangle\rangle = 0$

(Fluctuation-dissipation relation of the 2nd kind)

$\hat{Z}(t)$  Gaussian white noise

(9)  $\hat{W}_t^{(\varepsilon)} := \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor t/\varepsilon \rfloor} \varepsilon \sum_{n\varepsilon}^{\hat{Z}(\varepsilon)} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \hat{W}(t)$  Wiener process

mathematically better object

# Langevin equation

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to sum up, the Kramers equation

$$(1) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(x, v, t) = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P(x, v, t) - \frac{f(x)}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P(x, v, t) - \frac{\gamma}{m^2 \beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} P(x, v, t) + \frac{\gamma}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \{v P(x, v, t)\}$$

is equivalent to

the Langevin equation

→ stochastic differential equation

$$(2) \frac{d}{dt} \hat{x}(t) = \hat{v}(t)$$

$$(3) m \frac{d}{dt} \hat{v}(t) = f(\hat{x}(t)) - \gamma \hat{v}(t) + \hat{\xi}(t)$$

$$(4) \langle\langle \hat{\xi}(t) \hat{\xi}(s) \rangle\rangle = \frac{2\gamma}{\beta} \delta(t-s) \leftarrow \text{fluctuation-dissipation relation of the 2nd kind}$$

$$(5) \langle\langle \hat{\xi}(t) \rangle\rangle = 0$$

$\hat{\xi}(t)$  Gaussian white noise

## § Einstein's theory of Brownian motion

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### ▮ free Brownian motion

$$(1) \quad m \frac{d}{dt} \hat{v}(t) = -\gamma \hat{v}(t) + \hat{\zeta}(t)$$

usual ODE (2)  $m \dot{v}(t) = -\gamma v(t) + f(t)$

$$(3) \quad v(t) = e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t-t_0)} v(t_0) + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t_0}^t ds e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t-s)} f(s)$$

$t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$

$$(4) \quad v(t) = \frac{1}{m} \int_{-\infty}^t ds e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t-s)} f(s)$$

formal solution of (1)

$$(5) \quad \hat{v}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \int_{-\infty}^t ds e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t-s)} \hat{\zeta}(s)$$

Our treatment here is mathematically not rigorous

but the results  
are correct



- correlation function of  $\hat{V}(t)$

$$(1) \hat{V}(t) = \frac{1}{m} \int_{-\infty}^t ds e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t-s)} \hat{z}(s)$$

$$(2) \langle\langle \hat{V}(t) \rangle\rangle = \frac{1}{m} \int_{-\infty}^t ds e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t-s)} \langle\langle \hat{z}(s) \rangle\rangle = 0$$

$$(3) \langle\langle \hat{V}(t) \hat{V}(t') \rangle\rangle = \frac{1}{m^2} \int_{-\infty}^t ds \int_{-\infty}^{t'} ds' e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t+t'-(s+s'))} \langle\langle \hat{z}(s) \hat{z}(s') \rangle\rangle$$

$t \leq t'$   
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 $s$  is crucial  $\leftarrow$

$$= \frac{1}{m^2} \frac{2\gamma}{\beta} \int_{-\infty}^t ds e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t+t'-2s)} \frac{2\gamma}{\beta} \delta(s-s')$$

$$= \frac{1}{m\beta} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(t'-t)}$$

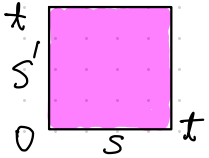
$$(4) \langle\langle \frac{m}{2} \{\hat{V}(t)\}^2 \rangle\rangle = (2\beta)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} k_B T \rightarrow \text{the choice of } A \text{ in p7-(1) is justified!}$$

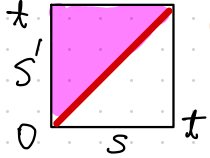
• expectation value of  $(\hat{x}(t) - \hat{x}(0))^2$

$t > 0$  (1)  $\hat{x}(t) - \hat{x}(0) = \int_0^t ds \hat{v}(s)$

(2)  $\langle\langle \hat{x}(t) - \hat{x}(0) \rangle\rangle = \int_0^t ds \langle\langle \hat{v}(s) \rangle\rangle = 0$

(3)  $\langle\langle (\hat{x}(t) - \hat{x}(0))^2 \rangle\rangle$





$s' \geq s$

$\frac{1}{m\beta} e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(s'-s)}$

$= \int_0^t ds \int_0^t ds' \langle\langle \hat{v}(s) \hat{v}(s') \rangle\rangle = 2 \int_0^t ds \int_s^t ds' \langle\langle \hat{v}(s) \hat{v}(s') \rangle\rangle$

$= \frac{2}{m\beta} \int_0^t ds \int_s^t ds' e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}(s'-s)} = \frac{2}{\beta\gamma} t - \frac{2m}{\beta\gamma^2} \{1 - e^{-\frac{\gamma}{m}t}\}$

diffusion constant

(4)  $D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t} \langle\langle (\hat{x}(t) - \hat{x}(0))^2 \rangle\rangle = \frac{1}{\beta\gamma}$

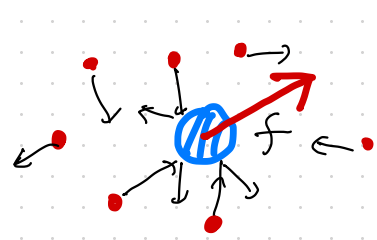
diffusive behavior

(5)  $\langle\langle (\hat{x}(t) - \hat{x}(0))^2 \rangle\rangle \simeq 2Dt$

# ▶ Brownian motion under a constant force

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$$(1) \quad m \frac{d}{dt} \hat{v}(t) = -\gamma \hat{v}(t) + \mathbf{f} + \hat{\zeta}(t)$$



$$(2) \quad m \frac{d}{dt} \hat{u}(t) = -\gamma \hat{u}(t) + \hat{\zeta}(t) \quad \text{with (4) } \hat{u}(t) = \hat{v}(t) - \frac{\mathbf{f}}{\gamma}$$

since (4)  $\langle\langle \hat{u}(t) \rangle\rangle = 0$

terminal velocity (5)  $\langle\langle \hat{v}(t) \rangle\rangle = \mu \mathbf{f}$  with mobility (6)  $\mu = \frac{1}{\gamma}$

from P17-(4) Einstein's relation

$$(7) \quad \mu = \beta D \quad (8) \quad D = k_B T \mu$$

linear response relation  
(10)  $L = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t} \int_0^t ds \int_0^t ds' \langle\langle \hat{J}(s) \hat{J}(s') \rangle\rangle_0$   
part 4 - p12-(1)

$$(9) \quad \mu = \beta \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t} \int_0^t ds \int_0^t ds' \langle\langle \hat{v}(s) \hat{v}(s') \rangle\rangle$$

# Einstein's relation

"count" the number of molecules by observing the Brownian motion

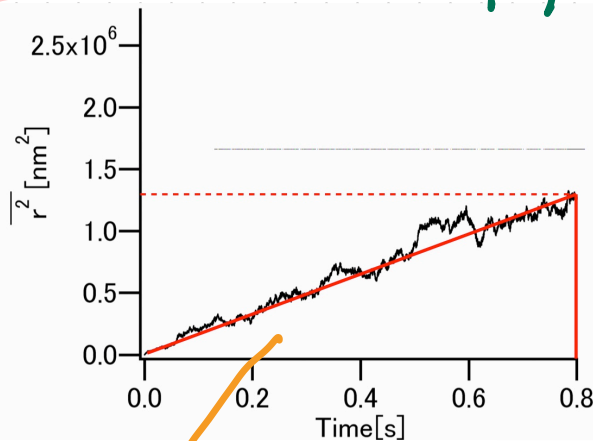
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(1)  $D = k_B T \lambda^2$

(2)  $k_B = \frac{R}{N_A}$   $R$ : gas constant  
 $N_A$ : Avogadro's constant

Stokes' law (fluid dynamics)

(3)  $\lambda^2 = \frac{l}{6\pi\eta a}$   $a$ : radius  
 $\eta$ : viscosity



determined by macroscopic experiments

$D \approx \frac{1}{4} \frac{1.3 \times 10^6 (\text{nm})^2}{0.8 \text{ s}}$

$a \approx 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  ( $a \approx r$ )

$R \approx 8.3 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K mol}}$

$\eta \approx 0.8 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m s}}$

$T \approx 300 \text{ K}$

the number of molecules

measured by a microscope

$N_A \approx 8.1 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol}$

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## Einstein's theory of Brownian motion

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*Many textbooks on nonequilibrium statistical mechanics start by talking about the Langevin equation as if it is something you understand intuitively (but I never did). Now you (and I) can read these books with confidence!*