

Correlation function and diffusion in Langevin Eq.

Correlation Function of the momenta

$$p(t) = e^{-\gamma t} p_0 + \int_0^t dt' e^{-\gamma(t-t')} \xi(t')$$

Ornstein Uhlenbeck process where

$$\langle \xi(t) \rangle = 0 \quad \langle \xi(t) \xi(t') \rangle = \frac{2m\gamma}{\beta} \delta(t-t')$$

$$C(t, t') = \langle p(t) p(t') \rangle$$

$$C(t, t') = p_0^2 e^{-\gamma(t+t')} + \frac{m}{\beta} [e^{-\gamma|t-t'|} - e^{-\gamma(t+t')}]$$

which can be recast as

$$C(t, t') = \left(p_0^2 - \frac{m}{\beta}\right) e^{-\gamma(t+t')} + \frac{m}{\beta} e^{-\gamma|t-t'|}$$

The pre factor of the first term has indeed the meaning of $C(0,0)$

$$\langle p^2(0) \rangle = p_0^2 - \frac{m}{\beta} + \frac{m}{\beta} = p_0^2$$

while averaging only on histories of ξ

$$\langle p(t) \rangle = e^{-\gamma t} p_0 \rightarrow \langle p(0) \rangle^2 = p_0^2$$

if p_0 has no fluctuations i.e. is fixed

$$\text{then } \langle p^2(0) \rangle = \langle p(0) \rangle^2$$

if on the other hand we average over initial conditions

$$C(t, t') = \left[\langle p^2(0) \rangle - \frac{m}{\beta}\right] e^{-\gamma(t+t')} + \frac{m}{\beta} e^{-\gamma|t-t'|}$$

Mean Square Displacement & Displacement

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{m^2} \int_0^t dt' \int_0^t dt'' C(t, t')$$

$$\int_0^t dt' \int_0^t dt'' e^{-\gamma(t+t')} = \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\gamma t}}{\gamma} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t dt' \int_0^t dt'' e^{-\gamma|t-t'|} &= 2 \int_0^t dt' \int_0^{t'} dt'' e^{-\gamma(t'-t'')} = \\ &= 2 \int_0^t dt' e^{-\gamma t'} \frac{e^{\gamma t'} - 1}{\gamma} = \frac{2}{\gamma} t - \frac{2}{\gamma^2} (1 - e^{-\gamma t}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{m^2} \left[C(0,0) - \frac{m}{\beta} \right] \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\gamma t}}{\gamma} \right)^2 + \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{m\beta\gamma} \left[t - \frac{(1 - e^{-\gamma t})}{\gamma} \right] \end{aligned}$$

as $\gamma t \gg 1$ Diffusive Regime

$$\begin{aligned} \langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{m^2} \left[C(\infty) - \frac{m}{\beta} \right] \frac{1}{\gamma^2} - \frac{2}{m\beta\gamma^2} + \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{m\beta\gamma} t \end{aligned}$$

the leading dependence on t is linear
and give rise to Diffusive behaviour

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle \sim 2Dt$$

$$D = \frac{k_B T}{m\gamma}$$

as $\gamma t \ll 1$ Ballistic Regime

$$\begin{aligned} \langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{m^2} \left(C(0,0) - \frac{m}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\gamma t}{\gamma} \right)^2 + \\ &+ \frac{2}{m\beta\gamma} \left[t - \frac{(1 - 1 + \gamma t - \frac{\gamma^2 t^2}{2})}{\gamma} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{m^2} \left(C(0,0) - \frac{m}{\beta} \right) t^2 + \\ &+ \frac{2}{m\beta\gamma} \left[\frac{\gamma^2 t^2}{2\gamma} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{m^2} C(0,0) t^2$$

this is the ballistic regime independent on the damping γ .

Diffusive regime can be easily obtained using the overdamped limit of the Langevin equation.

$$P(t) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \xi(t)$$

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{m^2 \gamma^2} \int_0^t dt' \int_0^t dt'' \langle \xi(t') \xi(t'') \rangle$$

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{m^2 \gamma^2} \frac{2m\gamma}{\beta} t = \frac{2}{m\gamma\beta} t$$

Ballistic regime can be easily obtained neglecting the damping

$$X(t) = X(0) + \frac{P(0)}{m} t$$

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle = \frac{C(0,0)}{m^2} t^2$$

Diffusion

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{M^2} \left(C(0,0) - \frac{M}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\sigma t}}{\sigma} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{M\beta\sigma} \left[t - \frac{(1 - e^{-\sigma t})}{\sigma} \right]$$

Balistic $\sigma t \ll 1$ (* see below)

Compensation btw terms (1) & (2) gives

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle \approx \frac{1}{M^2} C(0,0) t^2 \quad C(0,0) = p\omega^2 \quad \text{if } p\omega^2 \neq 0$$

Diffusive $\sigma t \gg 1$

$$\langle |X(t) - X(0)|^2 \rangle \approx \underbrace{\frac{1}{M^2} \left(C(0,0) - \frac{M}{\beta} \right) \frac{1}{\sigma^2}}_{\text{pre asympt}} - \frac{2}{M\beta\sigma^2} + \frac{2}{M\beta\sigma} t$$

the pre-asymptotic term reads

$$\frac{C(0,0)}{M^2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{M\beta\sigma^2} - \frac{2}{M\beta\sigma^2} = \frac{p\omega^2}{M^2\sigma^2} - \frac{3}{M\beta\sigma^2}$$

which gives several units for MSD

- one related to initial data $\frac{p\omega^2}{M^2\sigma^2}$ which is singular when $p\omega = 0$

- one related to diffusive MSD at time σ^{-1}

$$\langle \Delta X^2(t) \rangle_{\text{diffusive}} \sim \frac{2}{M\beta\sigma} t \quad \text{at } t \sim \sigma^{-1} \quad \frac{1}{M\beta\sigma^2}$$

(*) when $p(\omega) = 0$ the ballistic regime gives

$$\langle \Delta x^2(t) \rangle \sim -\frac{t^2}{\beta M} + \frac{2}{M\beta\sigma} \frac{\cancel{\sigma}^2 t^2}{\cancel{2\sigma}} \quad \mathcal{O}(t^4)$$

we should go to third order

$$\langle \Delta x^2(t) \rangle = \frac{p(\omega)^2}{M^2} t^2 - \frac{(3p(\omega)^2 - 2\frac{M}{\beta})\sigma t^3}{3M^2}$$

which gives

$$\langle \Delta x^2(t) \rangle \simeq \frac{2\sigma}{3M\beta} t^3 \quad \text{when } t \simeq \sigma^{-1} \quad \frac{2\sigma}{3M\beta} \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \propto \frac{1}{M\beta\sigma^2}$$

it is thus convenient to scale MSD with the number $\frac{1}{M\beta\sigma^2}$

$$\langle \Delta x^2(t) \rangle M\beta\sigma^2 =$$

$$\frac{\cancel{M\beta\sigma^2}}{M^2} \left(C(\omega, 0) - \frac{M}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\sigma t}}{\cancel{\sigma}} \right) + \frac{2\cancel{M\beta\sigma^2}}{\cancel{M\beta}} \left[t - \frac{(1 - e^{-\sigma t})}{\sigma} \right]$$

$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle M\beta\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{\beta p(\omega)^2}{M} - 1 \right) (1 - e^{-\sigma t})^2 + 2 \left[\sigma t - (1 - e^{-\sigma t}) \right]$$

which is a function of $\beta E(\omega) = \frac{\beta p(\omega)^2}{2M}$ and σt
let

$x = \beta \frac{p(\omega)^2}{2M}$ the fraction of initial energy to $k_B T$

$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle M\beta\sigma^2 = (2x - 1)(1 - e^{-\sigma t})^2 + 2[\sigma t - 1 + e^{-\sigma t}]$$

Ballistic regime $\sigma t \ll 1$

$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle M \beta \sigma^2 \simeq 2x t^2 - \frac{(6x-2)t^3}{3} \quad \text{time } \sigma^{-1} \text{ units}$$

Diffusive regime $\sigma t \gg 1$

$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle M \beta \sigma^2 \simeq 2t - 2 + 2x - 1 = 2t + 2x - 3$$