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Stochastic Processes: Data Analysis and Computer Simulation

Brownian motion 2: computer simulation
 -Python code to simulate Brownian motion-

1 Equations to be solved

1.1 Difference equations

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1} = \mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{V}_i \Delta t \quad (\text{F5})$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1} = \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t\right) \mathbf{V}_i + \frac{1}{m} \Delta \mathbf{W}_i \quad (\text{F9})$$

1.2 Random force

$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{W}_i \rangle = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{F10})$$

$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{W}_i \Delta \mathbf{W}_j \rangle = 2k_B T \zeta \Delta t \mathbf{I} \delta_{ij} \quad (\text{F11})$$

1.3 Initial condition

$$\mathbf{R}_0 = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{V}_0 = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{F12})$$

2 A simple simulation code

2.1 Import libraries

```
In [1]: % matplotlib nbagg
import numpy as np # import numpy library as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # import pyplot library as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D # import Axes3D from `mpl_toolkits`
plt.style.use('ggplot') # use "ggplot" style for graphs
```

2.2 Define parameters and initialize variables

```
In [2]: dim = 3 # system dimension (x,y,z)
        nump = 100 # number of independent Brownian particles to simulate
        nums = 1024 # number of simulation steps
        dt = 0.05 # set time increment, \Delta t
        zeta = 1.0 # set friction constant, \zeta
        m = 1.0 # set particle mass, m
        kBT = 1.0 # set temperature, k_B T
        std = np.sqrt(2*kBT*zeta*dt) # calculate std for \Delta W via Eq.(F11)
        np.random.seed(0) # initialize random number generator with a seed=0
        R = np.zeros([nump,dim]) # array to store current positions and set initial
        V = np.zeros([nump,dim]) # array to store current velocities and set initial
        W = np.zeros([nump,dim]) # array to store current random forces
        Rs = np.zeros([nums,nump,dim]) # array to store positions at all steps
        Vs = np.zeros([nums,nump,dim]) # array to store velocities at all steps
        Ws = np.zeros([nums,nump,dim]) # array to store random forces at all steps
        time = np.zeros([nums]) # an array to store time at all steps
```

2.3 Perform simulation

```
In [3]: for i in range(nums): # repeat the following operations from i=0 to nums-1
        W = std*np.random.randn(nump,dim) # generate an array of random forces
        V = V*(1-zeta/m*dt)+W/m # update velocity via Eq.(F9)
        R = R + V*dt # update position via Eq.(F5)
        Rs[i,:,:]=R # accumulate particle positions at each step in an array Rs
        Vs[i,:,:]=V # accumulate particle velocities at each step in an array Vs
        Ws[i,:,:]=W # accumulate random forces at each step in an array Ws
        time[i]=i*dt # store time in each step in an array time
```

2.4 Plot trajectories of particles on a 2D plane

- Plot the temporal particle positions $R_x(t)$, $R_y(t)$, $R_z(t)$ in the x-y plane.

```
In [4]: box=80. # set draw area as box^2
        fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(7.5,7.5)) # set fig with its size 7.5 x 7.5
        ax.set_xlabel(r"$R_x$", fontsize=20) # set x-label
        ax.set_ylabel(r"$R_y$", fontsize=20) # set y-label
        plt.xlim(-box/2,box/2) # set x-range
        plt.ylim(-box/2,box/2) # set y-range
        for n in range(nump): # repeat from n=0 to nump-1
            ax.plot(Rs[:,n,0],Rs[:,n,1],alpha=0.5) # plot trajectories of all particles
        plt.show() # draw plots
```

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2.5 Plot trajectories of particles in 3D space

- Plot the temporal particle positions $R_x(t)$, $R_y(t)$, $R_z(t)$ in 3D space.

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In [5]: box=80. # set draw area as box^3
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,10)) # set fig with its size 10 x 10 inch
ax = fig.add_subplot(111,projection='3d') # creates an additional axis to t
ax.set_xlim(-box/2,box/2) # set x-range
ax.set_ylim(-box/2,box/2) # set y-range
ax.set_zlim(-box/2,box/2) # set z-range
ax.set_xlabel(r"x",fontsize=20) # set x-label
ax.set_ylabel(r"y",fontsize=20) # set y-label
ax.set_zlabel(r"z",fontsize=20) # set z-label
ax.view_init(elev=12,azim=120) # set view point
for n in range(nump): # repeat from n=0 to nump-1
    ax.plot(Rs[:,n,0],Rs[:,n,1],Rs[:,n,2],alpha=0.5) # plot trajectiries of
plt.show() # draw plots
```

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