

Handout 4G1.I) Brownian particle in a harmonic potential

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= -\zeta \dot{r} - kr + fr \\
 0 &= -\zeta \dot{r} \cdot r - kr \cdot r + fr \cdot r \\
 0 &= -\zeta \langle \dot{r}r \rangle - k \langle r^2 \rangle + \langle r \rangle \langle fr \rangle \\
 \langle fr \rangle = 0 &\implies 0 = -\zeta \langle \dot{r}r \rangle - k \langle r^2 \rangle \\
 \langle \dot{r}r \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{dr^2}{dt} \right\rangle &\implies 0 = -\zeta \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{dr^2}{dt} \right\rangle - k \langle r^2 \rangle \\
 0 &= -\frac{\zeta}{2} \left\langle \frac{dr^2}{dt} \right\rangle - k \langle r^2 \rangle \\
 0 &= -\frac{\zeta}{2} \cdot \frac{d \langle r^2 \rangle}{dt} - k \langle r^2 \rangle \\
 Y = \langle r^2 \rangle &\implies 0 = -\frac{\zeta}{2} \cdot \dot{Y} - kY \\
 Y &= -\frac{\zeta}{2k} \dot{Y} \\
 Y &= e^{-\frac{\zeta}{2k} t} \cdot C \\
 \langle r^2 \rangle &= e^{-\frac{\zeta}{2k} t} \cdot C
 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $t = r = 0$ , by necessity,  $C = 0$ . This means the particle does not move, which seems to make sense, as at any given time, the force on the particle is always net 0.