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Stochastic Processes: Data Analysis and Computer Simulation

Brownian motion 2: computer simulation

1. Random force in the Langevin equation

1.1. Langevin equation

Model for a Brownian particle in 3-D

Particle radius: a m Particle mass: Solvent viscosity:

Friction constant: $\zeta = 6\pi\eta a$ $\mathbf{R}(t)$

Particle position: Particle velocity:

 $\mathbf{V}(t) = d\mathbf{R}/dt$ Friction force: $-\zeta \mathbf{V}(t)$

Random force: $\mathbf{F}(t)$

$$m\frac{d\mathbf{V}(t)}{dt} = -\zeta \mathbf{V}(t) + \mathbf{F}(t)$$
 (21)

1.2. Time evolution equations $\frac{d\mathbf{R}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{V}(t)$ $m\frac{d\mathbf{V}(t)}{dt} = -\zeta\mathbf{V}(t) + \mathbf{F}(t)$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{V}(t) \tag{F1}$$

$$m\frac{d\mathbf{V}(t)}{dt} = -\zeta \mathbf{V}(t) + \mathbf{F}(t)$$
 (F2)

Random force

$$\langle \mathbf{F}(t) \rangle = \mathbf{0} \tag{F3}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{F}(t)\mathbf{F}(0)\rangle = 2k_B T \zeta \mathbf{I}\delta(t) \tag{F4}$$

1.3. Cf. Euler method for a damped harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{V}(t) \tag{B1}$$

$$m\frac{d\mathbf{\tilde{V}}(t)}{dt} = -\zeta \mathbf{V}(t) - k\mathbf{R}(t)$$
 (B2)

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$$m\frac{d\mathbf{V}(t)}{dt} = -\zeta\mathbf{V}(t) - k\mathbf{R}(t) \tag{B2}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1} = \mathbf{R}_i + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{V}(t) \simeq \mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{V}_i \Delta t \tag{B3}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{V}(t) - \frac{k}{m} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{R}(t)$$

$$\simeq \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t\right) \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{k}{m} \mathbf{R}_i \Delta t \tag{B4}$$

1.4. Application of Euler method to Eqs.(F1) and (F2)

$$\mathbf{R}_{i+1} = \mathbf{R}_i + \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{V}(t) \simeq \mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{V}_i \Delta t$$
 (F5)

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1} = \mathbf{V}_i - \frac{\zeta}{m} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{V}(t) + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{F}(t)$$

$$\neq \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t\right) \mathbf{V}_i + \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{F}_i \Delta t \tag{F6}$$

$$\therefore \int_{t_i}^{m} dt \mathbf{F}(t) \neq \mathbf{F}_i \Delta t \tag{F7}$$

1.5. Cumulative impulse ΔW_i : the Wiener process

$$\int_{t_i}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{F}(t) \equiv \Delta \mathbf{W}_i$$
 (F8)

- $F_{\alpha}(t) \rightarrow$ A series of random numbers drawn from some distribution with an average and variance equal to zero and $2k_BT\zeta$, respectively.
- ullet $\Delta W_{lpha,i}
 ightarrow$ A series of random numbers drawn from a "Gaussian distribution", with an average and variance equal to zero and $2k_BT\zeta\Delta t$, respectively. This is a consequence of the central limit theorem (see the supplemental note for details).

1.6. Modified velocity update equation $(Eq.(F6)\rightarrow (F9))$

$$\mathbf{V}_{i+1} = \mathbf{V}_{i} - \frac{\zeta}{m} \int_{t_{i}}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{V}(t) + \frac{1}{m} \int_{t_{i}}^{t_{i+1}} dt \mathbf{F}(t)$$

$$\simeq \left(1 - \frac{\zeta}{m} \Delta t\right) \mathbf{V}_{i} + \frac{1}{m} \Delta \mathbf{W}_{i}$$

$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{W}_{i} \rangle = \mathbf{0}$$
(F10)

$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{W}_i \rangle = \mathbf{0} \tag{F10}$$
$$\langle \Delta \mathbf{W}_i \Delta \mathbf{W}_j \rangle = 2k_B T \zeta \Delta t \mathbf{I} \delta_{ij} \tag{F11}$$