

The following model has been extensively used to describe the motion of active self-propelled microswimmers (e.g. bacteria, Janus particles, etc.) in two dimensions as used in [1].

The equation for the angular dynamics is a Langevin equation given by:

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega + \sqrt{2D_r}\mathcal{E}_\theta \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{x} = v \cos \theta + \sqrt{2D_t}\mathcal{E}_x \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{y} = v \sin \theta + \sqrt{2D_t}\mathcal{E}_y \quad (3)$$

where ω is the angular velocity of the swimmer, v the self-propulsion speed, D_r is the rotational diffusion coefficient, D_t is the translational diffusion coefficient, and \mathcal{E}_θ , \mathcal{E}_x , \mathcal{E}_y are zero-mean Gaussian, white, and independent to each other, each with autocorrelation function $\langle \mathcal{E}_\theta(t)\mathcal{E}_\theta(t') \rangle = \langle \mathcal{E}_x(t)\mathcal{E}_x(t') \rangle = \langle \mathcal{E}_y(t)\mathcal{E}_y(t') \rangle = \delta(t - t')$ variable. Also, the stochastic differential equation has the initial conditions $\theta(0) = x(0) = y(0) = 0$.

Analytical Formula for $P(\theta, t)$ and Stationary State

The equation for the angular dynamics is a Langevin equation given by:

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega + \sqrt{2D_r}\mathcal{E}_\theta \quad (4)$$

The probability density $P(\theta, t)$ can be derived from the Fokker-Planck equation, which describes the time evolution of the probability density function $P(\theta, t)$ associated with the Langevin equation. The Fokker-Planck equation is given by:

$$\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta P(\theta, t)) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} (B_\theta P(\theta, t)). \quad (5)$$

Where A_θ is the drift coefficient, which represents deterministic changes in θ and B_θ is the square of the diffusion coefficient, which represents stochastic fluctuations in θ

Thus substituting the drift coefficient(ω) and the diffusion coefficient ($\sqrt{2D_r}$) in Equation 4 into the Fokker-Planck equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\omega P(\theta, t)) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} ((2D_r)P(\theta, t)) \\ \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t} &= -\omega \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} + D_r \frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

We then solve the Fokker-Planck (FP) equation (Equation 6) to find the probability density $P(\theta, t)$. To do this, we use the Fourier transform with respect to θ . The Fourier transform of $P(\theta, t)$ is defined as:

$$\tilde{P}(k, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\theta, t) e^{-ik\theta} d\theta,$$

where k is the Fourier variable and the inverse Fourier transform is:

$$P(\theta, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{P}(k, t) e^{ik\theta} dk.$$

Applying the Fourier transform to the Folker-Planck equation, the derivatives transform as follows:

1. First derivative in θ :

The Fourier transform of the first derivative $\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta}$ is:

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} e^{-ik\theta} d\theta.$$

To evaluate this, we use **integration by parts**. Let $u = e^{-ik\theta}$ and $dv = \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} d\theta$. Then:

$$du = -ike^{-ik\theta} d\theta, \quad v = P(\theta, t).$$

Applying integration by parts:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} e^{-ik\theta} d\theta = [P(\theta, t)e^{-ik\theta}]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + ik \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\theta, t)e^{-ik\theta} d\theta.$$

The boundary term $[P(\theta, t)e^{-ik\theta}]_{-\infty}^{\infty}$ vanishes because $P(\theta, t)$ typically decays to zero as $\theta \rightarrow \pm\infty$.

Thus, we are left with:

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} \right] = ik \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\theta, t)e^{-ik\theta} d\theta = ik\tilde{P}(k, t).$$

So, the first derivative in θ transforms as:

$$\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} \rightarrow ik\tilde{P}(k, t).$$

2. Second derivative in θ :

The Fourier transform of the second derivative $\frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2}$ is:

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2} \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2} e^{-ik\theta} d\theta.$$

We apply **integration by parts** twice. First, let $u = e^{-ik\theta}$ and $dv = \frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2} d\theta$. Then:

$$du = -ike^{-ik\theta} d\theta, \quad v = \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta}.$$

Applying integration by parts:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2} e^{-ik\theta} d\theta = \left[\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} e^{-ik\theta} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + ik \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} e^{-ik\theta} d\theta.$$

The boundary term $\left[\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} e^{-ik\theta} \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty}$ vanishes because $\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta}$ typically decays to zero as $\theta \rightarrow \pm\infty$. Using the result from the first derivative, we have:

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2} \right] = ik \cdot \mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta} \right] = ik \cdot (ik\tilde{P}(k, t)) = -k^2\tilde{P}(k, t).$$

So, the second derivative in θ transforms as:

$$\frac{\partial^2 P(\theta, t)}{\partial \theta^2} \rightarrow -k^2 \tilde{P}(k, t).$$

3. Time derivative:

The Fourier transform of the time derivative $\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t}$ is:

$$\mathcal{F} \left[\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t} \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t} e^{-ik\theta} d\theta = \frac{\partial \tilde{P}(k, t)}{\partial t}$$

(Since the Fourier transform is with respect to θ not t , we can interchange the order of differentiation and integration.)

So, the time derivative transforms as:

$$\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t} \rightarrow \frac{\partial \tilde{P}(k, t)}{\partial t}.$$

Substituting these into the Folker-Planck equation, we get the transformed equation:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{P}(k, t)}{\partial t} = -i\omega k \tilde{P}(k, t) - D_r k^2 \tilde{P}(k, t) = (-i\omega k - D_r k^2) \tilde{P}(k, t)$$

This is a simple linear ODE of the form:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{P}(k, t)}{\partial t} = \lambda(k) \tilde{P}(k, t),$$

where $\lambda(k) = -i\omega k - D_r k^2$ and the solution to this ODE is $\tilde{P}(k, t) = \tilde{P}(k, 0) e^{\lambda(k)t}$

Here, $\tilde{P}(k, 0)$ is the Fourier transform of the initial condition $P(\theta, 0)$.

Assuming the initial condition is a delta function at $\theta = 0$:

$$P(\theta, 0) = \delta(\theta).$$

The Fourier transform of the delta function is:

$$\tilde{P}(k, 0) = 1.$$

Thus, the solution in Fourier space becomes:

$$\tilde{P}(k, t) = e^{(-i\omega k - D_r k^2)t}.$$

To find $P(\theta, t)$, we take the inverse Fourier transform of $\tilde{P}(k, t)$:

$$P(\theta, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{(-i\omega k - D_r k^2)t} e^{ik\theta} dk = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-D_r t k^2 + i(\theta - \omega t)k} dk.$$

This integral can be evaluated using the Gaussian integral formula;

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2 + bx + c} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \exp \left(\frac{b^2}{4a} + c \right)$$

where $a = D_r t$, $b = i(\theta - \omega t)$ and $c = 0$, to obtain

$$P(\theta, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi D_r t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\theta - \omega t)^2}{4D_r t}\right).$$

Thus $P(\theta, t)$ is a Gaussian distribution with Mean ωt and Variance $2D_r t$.

Stationary State

In the stationary state, the probability density does not change with time. Thus

$$\frac{\partial P(\theta, t)}{\partial t} = -\omega \frac{\partial P_{\text{st}}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} + D_r \frac{\partial^2 P_{\text{st}}(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

The stationary equation is a second-order ODE and hence using the ansatz $P_{\text{st}}(\theta) = e^{\lambda \theta}$, we substitute into the ODE:

$$D_r \lambda^2 e^{\lambda \theta} - \omega \lambda e^{\lambda \theta} = 0.$$

Divide through by $e^{\lambda \theta}$:

$$D_r \lambda^2 - \omega \lambda = 0.$$

The solutions are:

$$\lambda = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = \frac{\omega}{D_r}.$$

Thus, the general solution is:

$$P_{\text{st}}(\theta) = C_1 + C_2 e^{\frac{\omega}{D_r} \theta}.$$

The angle θ is periodic with period 2π , so:

$$P_{\text{st}}(\theta + 2\pi) = P_{\text{st}}(\theta).$$

Substituting the general solution:

$$C_1 + C_2 e^{\frac{\omega}{D_r}(\theta+2\pi)} = C_1 + C_2 e^{\frac{\omega}{D_r} \theta}.$$

Simplify:

$$C_2 e^{\frac{\omega}{D_r} 2\pi} = C_2.$$

Case 1: $\omega = 0$ (inactive chiral Brownian motion)

If $\omega = 0$, then $e^{\frac{\omega}{D_r} 2\pi} = e^0 = 1$, and the equation becomes:

$$C_2 = C_2.$$

This holds for **any** C_2 , so the general solution simplifies to:

$$P_{\text{st}}(\theta) = C_1 + C_2.$$

The periodicity condition is automatically satisfied, and the normalization condition requires:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} P_{\text{st}}(\theta) d\theta = 1.$$

Substituting $P_{\text{st}}(\theta) = C_1 + C_2$:

$$(C_1 + C_2) \cdot 2\pi = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_1 + C_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi}.$$

Thus, the stationary solution when there is inactive chiral Brownian motion ($\omega = 0$) is:

$$P_{\text{st}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}.$$

Case 2: $\omega \neq 0$ (active chiral Brownian motion)

If $\omega \neq 0$, then $e^{\frac{\omega}{D_r} 2\pi} \neq 1$, and the equation $C_2 e^{\frac{\omega}{D_r} 2\pi} = C_2$ can **only** hold if $C_2 = 0$. Hence it is impossible to solve $P_{\text{st}}(\theta)$ when $\omega \neq 0$.

Thus, the system does not reach a stationary state in the active chiral case ($\omega \neq 0$). Instead, the probability density $P(\theta, t)$ evolves over time [2]. This is because for the active chiral Brownian motion, the angle θ undergoes persistent rotation due to the drift term ω .

Comparing theoretical and simulated $P(\theta, t)$

Analysis of the angular dynamics $\theta(t)$ of an active chiral Brownian particle described by the stochastic differential equation:

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega + \sqrt{2D_r} \xi_\theta,$$

where $\omega = 10 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ is the angular velocity, $D_r = 0.17 \text{ rad}^2/\text{s}$ is the rotational diffusion coefficient, and ξ_θ is Gaussian white noise, by comparing the theoretical probability density $P(\theta, t)$ with results from numerical simulations for $t = 1 \text{ s}$ and $t = 5 \text{ s}$.

For $t = 1 \text{ s}$, the expected mean of $\theta_{t=1\text{s}}$ is:

$$\langle \theta_{t=1\text{s}} \rangle = \omega t = 10 \text{ rad}.$$

and standard deviation of $\theta_{t=1\text{s}}$ is:

$$\sigma_{\theta_{t=1\text{s}}} = \sqrt{2D_r t} = \sqrt{2 \times 0.17 \times 1} \approx 0.58 \text{ rad}.$$

Figure 1 shows the comparison between the theoretical distribution (red line) and the simulated data (blue dots) for $t = 1 \text{ s}$. The distribution is centered at $\theta = 10 \text{ rad}$ with a narrow spread.

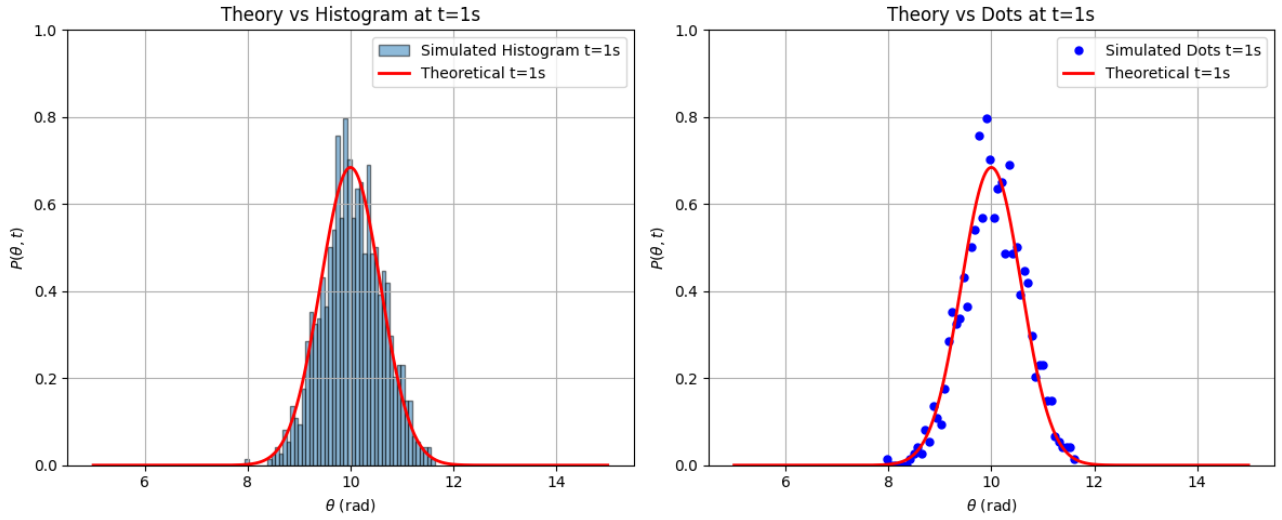


Figure 1: Probability density of θ at $t = 1$ s [3].

For $t = 5$ s, the expected mean of θ is:

$$\langle \theta \rangle = \omega t = 50 \text{ rad.}$$

The standard deviation of θ is:

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \sqrt{2D_r t} = \sqrt{2 \times 0.17 \times 5} \approx 1.3 \text{ rad.}$$

The distribution is centered at $\theta = 50$ rad with a wider spread compared to $t = 1$ s. Figure 2 shows the theoretical distribution (red line) and the simulated data (blue dots) at $t = 5$ s.

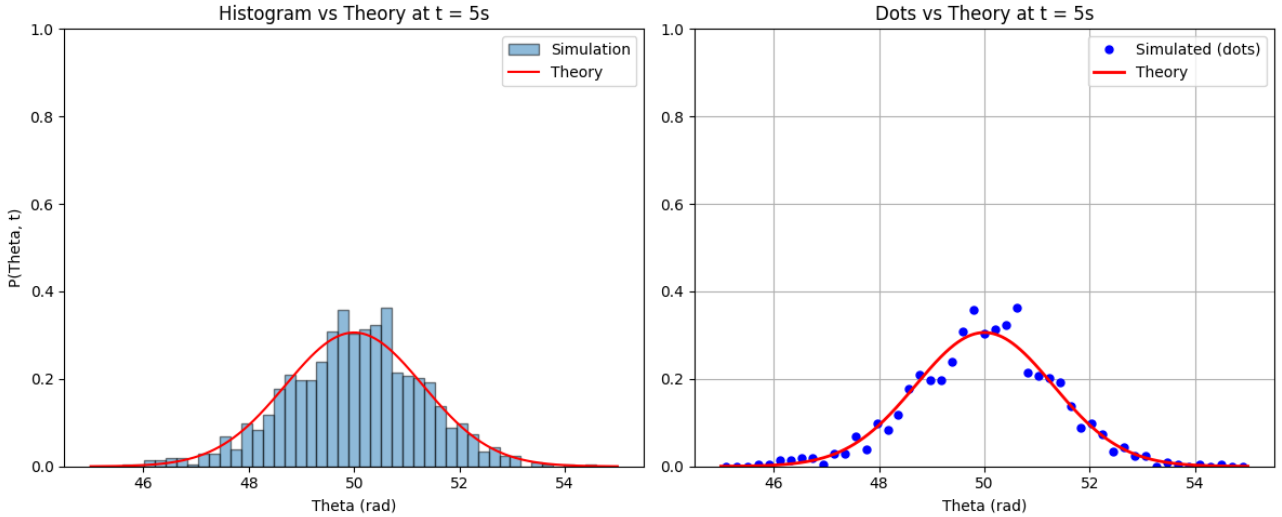


Figure 2: Probability density of θ at $t = 5$ s [3].

The theoretical and simulated results agree well for both $t = 1$ s and $t = 5$ s. The distributions are centered at the expected mean $\langle \theta \rangle = \omega t$, and the spread increases with time due to

rotational diffusion. Thus the peak of the probability distribution of $t = 1s$ is much higher (≈ 0.7) compared to that of $t = 5s$ (≈ 0.3). This confirms the accuracy of the theoretical model.

Stochastic differential equation for $r(t)$

Let's derive the stochastic differential equation for the swimmer's distance from the center, denoted as:

$$r(t) = \sqrt{x^2(t) + y^2(t)} \quad (7)$$

using stochastic calculus. We will address both the Itô and Stratonovich forms in this derivation.

i. Itô

For Itô stochastic calculus, since $r(t)$ is a twice-differentiable function mapping from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R} , and both \dot{x} and \dot{y} are stochastic differential equations, which can be written in Itô form as

$$dx = v \cos \theta dt + \sqrt{2D_t} \cdot dB_x \quad (8)$$

$$dy = v \sin \theta dt + \sqrt{2D_t} \cdot dB_y \quad (9)$$

where $dB_x = \mathcal{E}_x/dt$ and $dB_y = \mathcal{E}_y/dt$, and are independent Wiener processes.

The Itô SDE for $r(t)$ is derived using Itô's lemma, which for a function $r(x, y)$ of two stochastic processes $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ is given by:

$$dr = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} dy + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} (dx)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} (dy)^2 + \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x \partial y} dx dy. \quad (10)$$

and the respective partial derivatives of $r(t) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ are

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}} = \frac{x}{r}; \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}} = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt[3]{(x^2 + y^2)}} = \frac{y^2}{r^3}; \quad \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}} - \frac{y^2}{\sqrt[3]{(x^2 + y^2)}} = \frac{x^2}{r^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 r}{\partial y \partial x} = -\frac{xy}{\sqrt[3]{(x^2 + y^2)}} = -\frac{xy}{r^3}$$

The variations of Equation 8 and Equation 9 are

$$\begin{aligned} (dx)^2 &= \left(v \cos(\theta) dt + \sqrt{2D_t} dB_x \right)^2 = (v \cos(\theta) dt)^2 + 2v \cos(\theta) dt \cdot \sqrt{2D_t} dB_x + \left(\sqrt{2D_t} dB_x \right)^2 \\ \therefore (dx)^2 &= 0 + 0 + 2D_t (dB_x)^2 = 2D_t dt. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (dy)^2 &= \left(v \sin(\theta) dt + \sqrt{2D_t} dB_y \right)^2 = (v \sin(\theta) dt)^2 + 2v \sin(\theta) dt \cdot \sqrt{2D_t} dB_y + \left(\sqrt{2D_t} dB_y \right)^2 \\ \therefore (dy)^2 &= 0 + 0 + 2D_t (dB_y)^2 = 2D_t dt. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dxdy &= dydx = \left(v \cos(\theta)dt + \sqrt{2D_t}dB_x \right) \left(v \sin(\theta)dt + \sqrt{2D_t}dB_y \right) \\
 &= v \cos(\theta)dt \cdot v \sin(\theta)dt + v \cos(\theta)dt \cdot \sqrt{2D_t}dB_y \\
 &\quad + \sqrt{2D_t}dB_x \cdot v \sin(\theta)dt + \sqrt{2D_t}dB_x \cdot \sqrt{2D_t}dB_y \\
 \therefore dxdy &= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Substituting the partial derivatives and stochastic differentials into Itô's lemma, we get:

$$dr = \frac{x}{r}dx + \frac{y}{r}dy + \frac{1}{2} \frac{y^2}{r^3}(dx)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{r^3}(dy)^2 - \frac{xy}{r^3}dxdy.$$

Substituting dx , dy , $(dx)^2$, $(dy)^2$, and $dxdy$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dr &= \frac{x}{r} \left(v \cos(\theta)dt + \sqrt{2D_t}dB_x \right) + \frac{y}{r} \left(v \sin(\theta)dt + \sqrt{2D_t}dB_y \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{y^2}{r^3}(2D_tdt) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{r^3}(2D_tdt) - \frac{xy}{r^3}(0).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dr &= \frac{xv \cos(\theta) + yv \sin(\theta)}{r}dt + \frac{x\sqrt{2D_t}}{r}dB_x + \frac{y\sqrt{2D_t}}{r}dB_y + \frac{D_t y^2}{r^3}dt + \frac{D_t x^2}{r^3}dt. \\
 &= \left(\frac{xv \cos(\theta) + yv \sin(\theta)}{r} + \frac{D_t}{r} \right) dt + \frac{x\sqrt{2D_t}}{r}dB_x + \frac{y\sqrt{2D_t}}{r}dB_y \quad (\text{since } x^2 + y^2 = r^2) \\
 dr &= \left(\frac{v \left[x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta) \right]}{r} + \frac{D_t}{r} \right) dt + \frac{x\sqrt{2D_t}}{r} \cdot dB_x + \frac{y\sqrt{2D_t}}{r} \cdot dB_y.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the Itô SDE for $r(t)$ is:

$$dr = \left(\frac{v \left[x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta) \right]}{r} + \frac{D_t}{r} \right) dt + \frac{\sqrt{2D_t}}{r} \left[x \cdot dB_x + y \cdot dB_y \right]$$

ii. Stratonovich

In the form of Stratonovich, we can write the stochastic differential equations as:

$$d\theta = \omega dt + \sqrt{2D_r} \circ dB_\theta, \tag{14}$$

$$dx = v \cos(\theta)dt + \sqrt{2D_t} \circ dB_x, \tag{15}$$

$$dy = v \sin(\theta)dt + \sqrt{2D_t} \circ dB_y. \tag{16}$$

and the differential of the distance $r(t)$ can be computed using the chain rule:

$$dr = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \circ dx + \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \circ dy.$$

Recall partial derivatives of r are:

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \frac{y}{r}.$$

and substituting these into the Stratonovich SDE for $r(t)$, we get:

$$dr = \frac{x}{r} \circ dx + \frac{y}{r} \circ dy.$$

Now substituting the Stratonovich SDEs for dx and dy as given by Equation 15 and Equation 16:

$$dr = \frac{x}{r} \circ \left(v \cos(\theta) dt + \sqrt{2D_t} \circ dB_x \right) + \frac{y}{r} \circ \left(v \sin(\theta) dt + \sqrt{2D_t} \circ dB_y \right).$$

Using the linearity of the Stratonovich integral, this simplifies to:

$$dr = \frac{xv \cos(\theta) + yv \sin(\theta)}{r} dt + \frac{x\sqrt{2D_t}}{r} \circ dB_x + \frac{y\sqrt{2D_t}}{r} \circ dB_y.$$

Thus, the Stratonovich SDE for $r(t)$ is:

$$dr = \frac{v \left[x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta) \right]}{r} dt + \frac{\sqrt{2D_t}}{r} \left[x \circ dB_x + y \circ dB_y \right].$$

Numerical simulation with $\omega = 10 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$

The following are simulations of the particle's motion using the Euler-Maruyama method.

Plot of $x(t)$ vs Time

The horizontal position $x(t)$ of the particle as a function of time is shown in Figure 3.

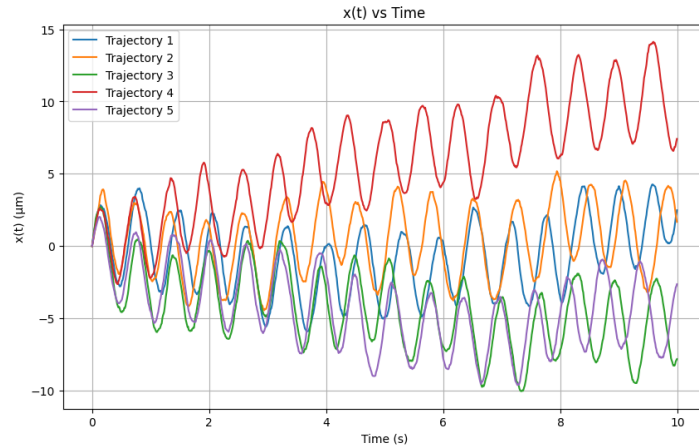


Figure 3: Plot of $x(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

The plot shows oscillatory behavior due to the rotation caused by $\omega = 10 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$, combined with noise from the diffusion term. The amplitude of the oscillations increases over time due to the self-propulsion.

Plot of $y(t)$ vs Time

The vertical position $y(t)$ of the particle as a function of time which models the motion of the particle in the y -direction is shown in Figure 4. The plot shows oscillatory behavior, but the phase of the oscillations is shifted compared to $x(t)$ due to the trigonometric $\cos(\theta_t)$ and $\sin(\theta_t)$.

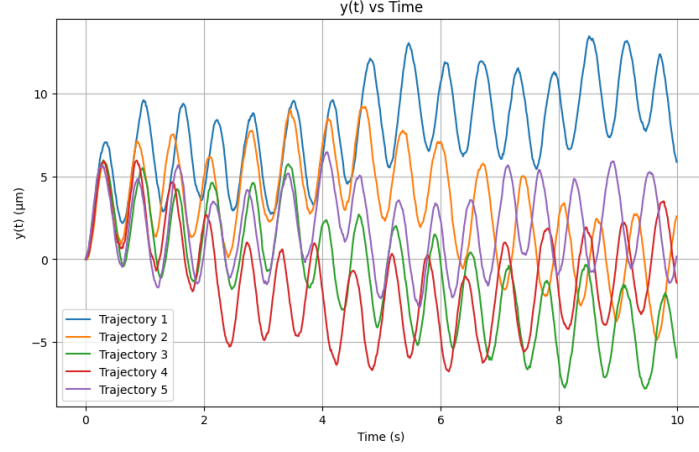


Figure 4: Plot of $y(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Plot of $y(t)$ vs $x(t)$

The 2D trajectory of the particle in the xy -plane is shown in Figure 5. The trajectories exhibit **chiral motion**, with the particles spiraling outward due to the combination of self-propulsion and rotation. The diffusion term causes the trajectories to deviate from perfect spirals.

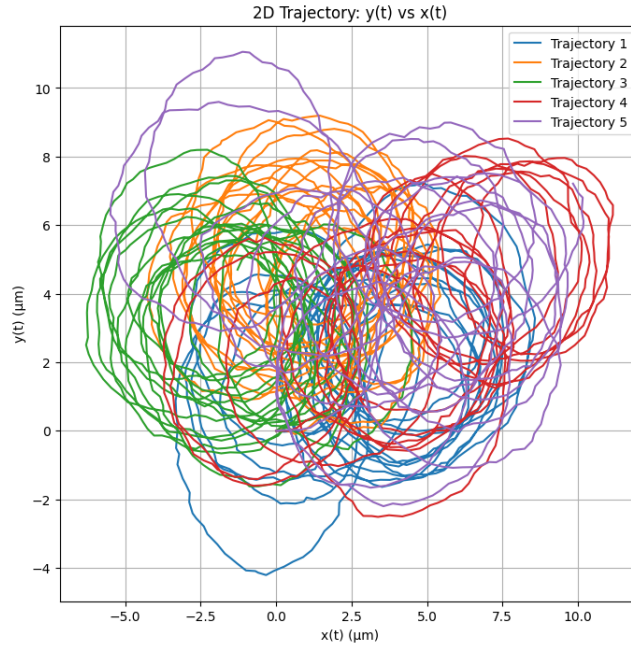


Figure 5: Plot of $y(t)$ vs $x(t)$ for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Plot of $r(t)$ vs Time

The distance ($r(t)$) from the origin as a function of time is shown in Figure 6. It increases over time due to the self-propulsion speed $v = 30\mu\text{m s}^{-1}$, and is not linear due to the rotational motion ($\omega = 10\text{rad s}^{-1}$) and the translational diffusion ($D_t = 0.2\mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$), which add fluctuations.



Figure 6: Plot of $r(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Plot of $dr(t)$ vs Time

The change in distance $dr(t) = r(t + \Delta t) - r(t)$ as a function of time is shown in Figure 7. The plot shows the fluctuations in the particle's distance from the origin over time.

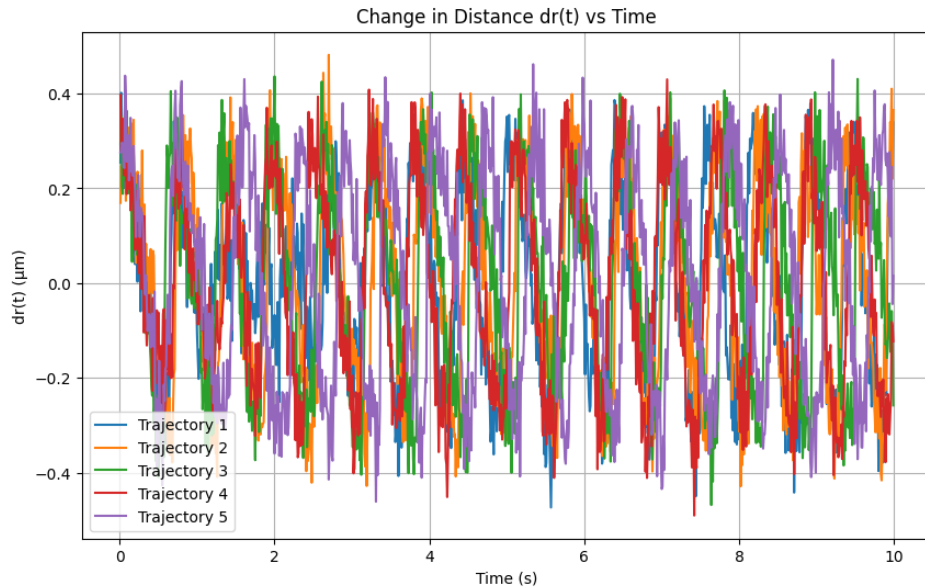


Figure 7: Plot of $dr(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Numerical simulations with $\omega = 0$ (inactive chiral)

Plot of $x(t)$ vs Time

The horizontal position $x(t)$ of the particle as a function of time for $\omega = 0$ is shown in Figure 8. The plot shows random motion in the x -direction, with no oscillatory behavior (unlike the $\omega = 10$ case).

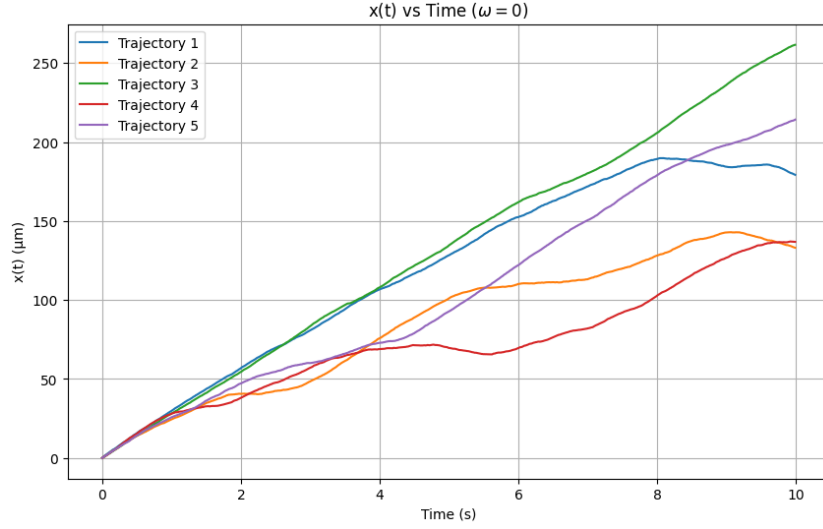


Figure 8: Plot of $x(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Plot of $y(t)$ vs Time

The vertical position $y(t)$ of the particle as a function of time which models the motion of the particle in the y -direction when $\omega = 0$ is shown in Figure 9. The plot shows random motion in the y -direction, similar to $x(t)$.

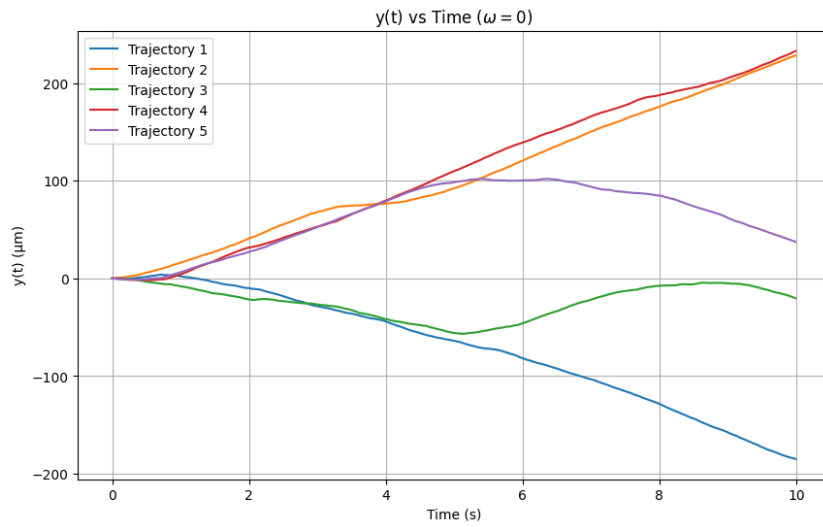


Figure 9: Plot of $y(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Plot of $y(t)$ vs $x(t)$

The 2D trajectory of the particle in the xy -plane when $\omega = 0$ is shown in Figure 10. The trajectories are random and unstructured, with no spiral-like patterns (unlike the $\omega = 10$). The particle's direction changes frequently, leading to a more diffusive motion.

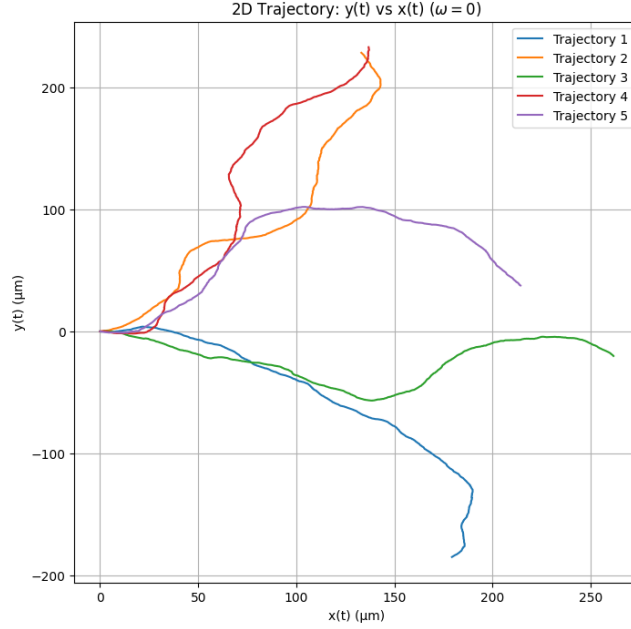


Figure 10: Plot of $y(t)$ vs $x(t)$ for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Plot of $r(t)$ vs Time

The distance ($r(t)$) from the origin as a function of time when $\omega = 0$ is shown in Figure 11. The distance $r(t)$ increases over time, but the increase is less smooth compared to the $\omega = 10$ case.

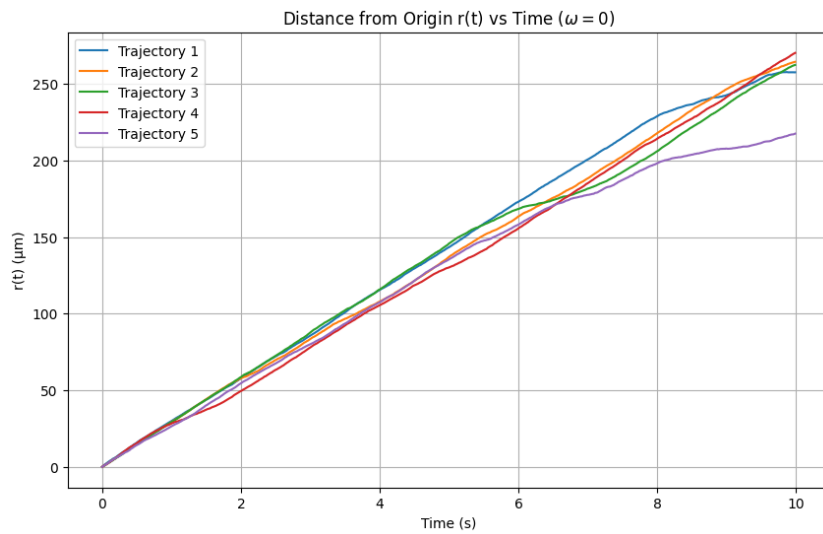


Figure 11: Plot of $r(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

Plot of $dr(t)$ vs Time

The change in distance $dr(t) = r(t + \Delta t) - r(t)$ as a function of time is shown in Figure 12. The plot shows the fluctuations in the particle's distance from the origin over time. The change in distance $dr(t)$ fluctuates around a positive mean due to self-propulsion.

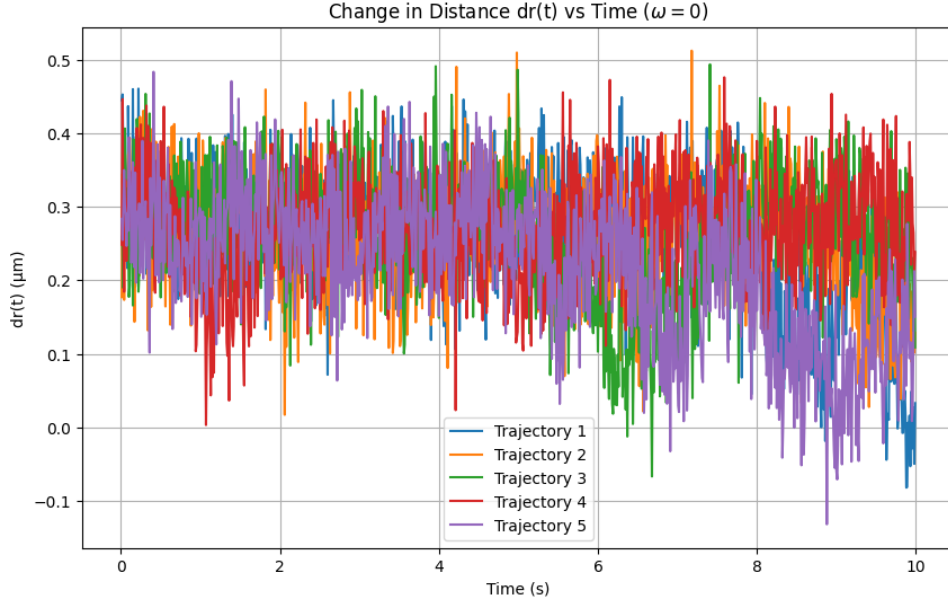


Figure 12: Plot of $dr(t)$ vs time for five stochastic trajectories [3].

In conclusion, the particle exhibits spiral-like trajectories due to the angular velocity ω while it doesn't when $\omega = 0$ (inactive chiral). Also, when $\omega = 0$, there is no oscillatory behavior when the particle moves in the x-direction or y-direction. The distance $r(t)$ increases more smoothly allowing the microswimmer to cover more distance when $\omega = 0$.

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Appendices

Problem 1

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # Parameters
5 D_r = 0.17 # Rotational diffusion coefficient (rad^2/s)
6 omega = 10 # Angular velocity (rad/s)
7 dt = 0.01 # Time step (s)
8 T = 5 # Total time (s)
9 time_steps = np.linspace(0, T, int(T / dt) + 1) # Time steps
10 N = len(time_steps) # Number of time steps
11 num_trajectories = 1000 # Number of trajectories
12
13 # Initial theta
14 theta = np.zeros((num_trajectories, N))
15
16 # Euler-Maruyama simulation for theta(t)
17 for i in range(num_trajectories):
18     for j in range(1, N):
19         dW = np.sqrt(dt) * np.random.normal() # Wiener increment
20         theta[i, j] = theta[i, j-1] + omega * dt + np.sqrt(2 * D_r) * dW
21
22 # Theoretical distribution
23 def theoretical_distribution(theta, t):
24     return (1 / np.sqrt(4 * np.pi * D_r * t)) * np.exp(-(theta - omega * t)
25         **2 / (4 * D_r * t))

```

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # Given parameters
5 timesteps = 1000 # Total number of time steps
6 dt = 0.01 # Time step
7 time = np.arange(0, timesteps*dt, dt)
8 N = 1000 # Number of simulations
9
10 # Physical parameters
11 Dr = 0.17 # Rotational diffusion coefficient (rad^2/s)
12 Dt = 0.2 # Translational diffusion coefficient
13 v = 30 # Self-propulsion speed
14 omega = 10 # Angular velocity (rad/s)
15
16 # (b) Simulating theta(t) using Euler-Maruyama method
17 np.random.seed(42) # For reproducibility
18 theta = np.zeros((N, timesteps))
19 for i in range(N):
20     for t in range(1, timesteps):
21         theta[i, t] = theta[i, t-1] + omega * dt + np.sqrt(2 * Dr * dt) * np
            .random.randn()

```

```

22
23 # Extract values at t = 1s and t = 5s
24 index_t1 = int(1/dt)
25 index_t5 = int(5/dt)
26 theta_t1 = theta[:, index_t1]
27 theta_t5 = theta[:, index_t5]
28
29 # Theoretical probability density function
30 def theoretical_p(theta_values, t):
31     return (1 / np.sqrt(4 * np.pi * Dr * t)) * np.exp(-((theta_values -
32         omega * t)**2) / (4 * Dr * t))
33
34 # Create subplots
35 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))
36
37 # Plot results for t = 1s
38 t = 1
39 idx = np.argmin(np.abs(time - t)) # Find the index closest to time t
40 theta_t = theta[:, idx] # Simulated theta values at time t
41
42 # Histogram of simulated theta (normalized)
43 hist, bin_edges = np.histogram(theta_t, bins=50, density=True)
44 bin_centers = (bin_edges[:-1] + bin_edges[1:]) / 2 # Center of bins
45
46 # Subplot 1: Theory vs Histogram
47 axes[0].hist(theta_t, bins=50, density=True, alpha=0.5, label=f'Simulated_
48     Histogram_t={t}s', edgecolor='black')
49 theta_range = np.linspace(5, 15, 1000) # Adjusted range around the expected
50     mean (10 rad)
51 P_theta = theoretical_p(theta_range, t)
52 axes[0].plot(theta_range, P_theta, 'r-', label=f'Theoretical_t={t}s',
53     linewidth=2)
54 axes[0].set_xlabel(r'$\theta$(rad)')
55 axes[0].set_ylabel(r'$P(\theta, t)$')
56 axes[0].legend()
57 axes[0].set_title(f'Theory vs Histogram at t={t}s')
58 axes[0].grid(True)
59 axes[0].set_ylim(0, 1)
60
61 # Subplot 2: Theory vs Dots
62 axes[1].plot(bin_centers, hist, 'bo', label=f'Simulated_Dots_t={t}s',
63     markersize=5)
64 axes[1].plot(theta_range, P_theta, 'r-', label=f'Theoretical_t={t}s',
65     linewidth=2)
66 axes[1].set_xlabel(r'$\theta$(rad)')
67 axes[1].set_ylabel(r'$P(\theta, t)$')
68 axes[1].legend()
69 axes[1].set_title(f'Theory vs Dots at t={t}s')
70 axes[1].grid(True)
71 axes[1].set_ylim(0, 1)
72
73 plt.tight_layout()
74 plt.show()

```

Listing 1: Plot of theoretical and simulated $P(\theta, t = 1s)$


```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # Given parameters
5 timesteps = 1000 # Total number of time steps
6 dt = 0.01 # Time step
7 time = np.arange(0, timesteps*dt, dt)
8 N = 1000 # Number of simulations
9
10 # Physical parameters
11 Dr = 0.17 # Rotational diffusion coefficient (rad2/s)
12 Dt = 0.2 # Translational diffusion coefficient
13 v = 30 # Self-propulsion speed
14 omega = 10 # Angular velocity (rad/s)
15
16 # (b) Simulating theta(t) using Euler-Maruyama method
17 np.random.seed(42) # For reproducibility
18 theta = np.zeros((N, timesteps))
19 for i in range(N):
20     for t in range(1, timesteps):
21         theta[i, t] = theta[i, t-1] + omega * dt + np.sqrt(2 * Dr * dt) * np
22             .random.randn()
23
24 # Extract values at t = 5s
25 index_t5 = int(5/dt)
26 theta_t5 = theta[:, index_t5]
27
28 # Theoretical probability density function
29 def theoretical_p(theta_values, t):
30     return (1 / np.sqrt(4 * np.pi * Dr * t)) * np.exp(-((theta_values -
31         omega * t)**2) / (4 * Dr * t))
32
33 # Plot probability distributions
34 fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 5))
35
36 # Histogram for t = 5s
37 theta_bins = np.linspace(45, 55, 50)
38 hist, bin_edges = np.histogram(theta_t5, bins=theta_bins, density=True)
39 bin_centers = (bin_edges[:-1] + bin_edges[1:]) / 2
40
41 axes[0].hist(theta_t5, bins=theta_bins, density=True, alpha=0.5, label='
42     Simulation', edgecolor='black')
43 theta_range = np.linspace(45, 55, 1000)
44 axes[0].plot(theta_range, theoretical_p(theta_range, 5), 'r-', label='Theory
45 ')
46 axes[0].set_title("Histogram vs Theory at t=5s")
47 axes[0].set_xlabel("Theta (rad)")
48 axes[0].set_ylabel("P(Theta, t)")
49 axes[0].set_ylim(0, 1)
50 axes[0].legend()
51
52 # Dots vs Theory for t = 5s
53 axes[1].plot(bin_centers, hist, 'bo', label='Simulated (dots)', markersize
54     =5)

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50 axes[1].plot(theta_range, theoretical_p(theta_range, 5), 'r-', label='Theory
    ', linewidth=2)
51 axes[1].set_title("Dots vs Theory at t=5s")
52 axes[1].set_xlabel("Theta (rad)")
53 axes[1].legend()
54 axes[1].grid(True)
55 axes[1].set_ylim(0, 1)
56
57 plt.tight_layout()
58 plt.show()

```

Listing 2: Plot of theoretical and simulated $P(\theta, t = 5s)$

```

1  import numpy as np
2  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4  # Parameters
5  D_t = 0.2 # Translational diffusion coefficient
6  D_r = 0.17 # Rotational diffusion coefficient (rad^2/s)
7  v = 30 # Self-propulsion speed
8  omega = 10 # Angular velocity (rad/s)
9  dt = 0.01 # Time step (s)
10 T = 10 # Total time (s)
11 N = int(T / dt) # Number of time steps
12 num_trajectories = 5 # Number of trajectories
13
14 # Initialize arrays
15 x = np.zeros((num_trajectories, N))
16 y = np.zeros((num_trajectories, N))
17 theta = np.zeros((num_trajectories, N))
18
19 # Euler-Maruyama simulation
20 for i in range(num_trajectories): # Loop over trajectories
21     for j in range(1, N): # Loop over time steps
22         # Wiener increments (random noise)
23         dW_theta = np.sqrt(dt) * np.random.normal() # Noise for theta
24         dW_x = np.sqrt(dt) * np.random.normal() # Noise for x
25         dW_y = np.sqrt(dt) * np.random.normal() # Noise for y
26
27         # Update theta
28         theta[i, j] = theta[i, j-1] + omega * dt + np.sqrt(2 * D_r) *
            dW_theta
29
30         # Update x and y
31         x[i, j] = x[i, j-1] + v * np.cos(theta[i, j]) * dt + np.sqrt(2 * D_t
            ) * dW_x
32         y[i, j] = y[i, j-1] + v * np.sin(theta[i, j]) * dt + np.sqrt(2 * D_t
            ) * dW_y
33
34 # Time array
35 time = np.arange(0, T, dt)

```

Listing 3: Numerical simulation with $\omega = 10$

```

1 # Plot x(t) vs time
2 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
3 for i in range(num_trajectories):
4     plt.plot(time, x[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
5 plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
6 plt.ylabel('x(t) ( m )')
7 plt.title('x(t) vs Time')
8 plt.legend()
9 plt.grid()
10 plt.savefig('x_vs_time.png') # Save the plot
11 plt.show()

```

Listing 4: Plot of horizontal position $x(t)$ for $\omega = 10$

```

1 # Plot y(t) vs time
2 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
3 for i in range(num_trajectories):
4     plt.plot(time, y[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
5 plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
6 plt.ylabel('y(t) ( m )')
7 plt.title('y(t) vs Time')
8 plt.legend()
9 plt.grid()
10 plt.savefig('y_vs_time.png') # Save the plot
11 plt.show()

```

Listing 5: Plot of vertical position $y(t)$ for $\omega = 10$

```

1 # Plot y(t) vs x(t) (2D trajectory)
2 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
3 for i in range(num_trajectories):
4     plt.plot(x[i], y[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
5 plt.xlabel('x(t) ( m )')
6 plt.ylabel('y(t) ( m )')
7 plt.title('2D Trajectory: y(t) vs x(t)')
8 plt.legend()
9 plt.grid()
10 plt.savefig('y_vs_x.png') # Save the plot
11 plt.show()

```

Listing 6: Plot of 2D trajectory of the particle in the xy -plane

```

1 # Compute r(t) and dr(t)
2 r = np.sqrt(x**2 + y**2) # Distance from origin
3 # Plot r(t) vs time
4 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
5 for i in range(num_trajectories):
6     plt.plot(time, r[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
7 plt.xlabel('Time(s)')
8 plt.ylabel('r(t)( m )')
9 plt.title('Distance from Origin r(t) vs Time')
10 plt.legend()
11 plt.grid()
12 plt.savefig('r_vs_time.png') # Save the plot
13 plt.show()

```

Listing 7: Plot of distance $r(t)$ for $\omega = 10$

```

1 # Compute dr(t)
2 dr = np.diff(r, axis=1) # Change in distance (dr/dt)
3 # Plot dr(t) vs time
4 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
5 for i in range(num_trajectories):
6     plt.plot(time[1:], dr[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
7 plt.xlabel('Time(s)')
8 plt.ylabel('dr(t)( m )')
9 plt.title('Change in Distance dr(t) vs Time')
10 plt.legend()
11 plt.grid()
12 plt.savefig('dr_vs_time.png') # Save the plot
13 plt.show()

```

Listing 8: Plot of change in distance $dr(t)$ for $\omega = 10$

```

1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # Parameters
5 D_t = 0.2 # Translational diffusion coefficient ( m ^2/s)
6 D_r = 0.17 # Rotational diffusion coefficient (rad^2/s)
7 v = 30 # Self-propulsion speed ( m /s)
8 omega = 0 # Angular velocity (rad/s) - set to 0 for non-chiral motion
9 dt = 0.01 # Time step (s)
10 T = 10 # Total time (s)
11 N = int(T / dt) # Number of time steps
12 num_trajectories = 5 # Number of trajectories
13
14 # Initialize arrays
15 x = np.zeros((num_trajectories, N))
16 y = np.zeros((num_trajectories, N))
17 theta = np.zeros((num_trajectories, N))
18

```

```

19 # Euler-Maruyama simulation
20 for i in range(num_trajectories): # Loop over trajectories
21     for j in range(1, N): # Loop over time steps
22         # Wiener increments (random noise)
23         dW_theta = np.sqrt(dt) * np.random.normal() # Noise for theta
24         dW_x = np.sqrt(dt) * np.random.normal() # Noise for x
25         dW_y = np.sqrt(dt) * np.random.normal() # Noise for y
26
27         # Update theta (no angular velocity, only rotational diffusion)
28         theta[i, j] = theta[i, j-1] + omega * dt + np.sqrt(2 * D_r) *
            dW_theta
29
30         # Update x and y
31         x[i, j] = x[i, j-1] + v * np.cos(theta[i, j]) * dt + np.sqrt(2 * D_t
            ) * dW_x
32         y[i, j] = y[i, j-1] + v * np.sin(theta[i, j]) * dt + np.sqrt(2 * D_t
            ) * dW_y
33
34 # Time array
35 time = np.arange(0, T, dt)

```

Listing 9: Numerical simulation for $\omega = 0$

```

1 # Plot x(t) vs time
2 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
3 for i in range(num_trajectories):
4     plt.plot(time, x[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
5 plt.xlabel('Time(s)')
6 plt.ylabel('x(t) ( m )')
7 plt.title('x(t) vs Time ($\omega=0$)')
8 plt.legend()
9 plt.grid()
10 plt.savefig('x_vs_time_omega0.png') # Save the plot
11 plt.show()

```

Listing 10: Plot of horizontal position ($x(t)$) of the particle for $\omega = 0$

```

1 # Plot y(t) vs time
2 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
3 for i in range(num_trajectories):
4     plt.plot(time, y[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
5 plt.xlabel('Time(s)')
6 plt.ylabel('y(t) ( m )')
7 plt.title('y(t) vs Time ($\omega=0$)')
8 plt.legend()
9 plt.grid()
10 plt.savefig('y_vs_time_omega0.png') # Save the plot
11 plt.show()

```

Listing 11: Plot of vertical position ($y(t)$) of the particle for $\omega = 0$

```

1 # Plot y(t) vs x(t) (2D trajectory)
2 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
3 for i in range(num_trajectories):
4     plt.plot(x[i], y[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
5 plt.xlabel('x(t) ( m )')
6 plt.ylabel('y(t) ( m )')
7 plt.title('2D Trajectory: y(t) vs x(t) (\omega = 0)')
8 plt.legend()
9 plt.grid()
10 plt.savefig('y_vs_x_omega0.png') # Save the plot
11 plt.show()

```

Listing 12: Plot of 2D trajectory of the particle for $\omega = 0$

```

1
2 # Compute r(t)
3 r = np.sqrt(x**2 + y**2) # Distance from origin
4
5 # Plot r(t) vs time
6 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
7 for i in range(num_trajectories):
8     plt.plot(time, r[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
9 plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
10 plt.ylabel('r(t) ( m )')
11 plt.title('Distance from Origin r(t) vs Time (\omega = 0)')
12 plt.legend()
13 plt.grid()
14 plt.savefig('r_vs_time_omega0.png') # Save the plot
15 plt.show()

```

Listing 13: Plot of distance $r(t)$ for $\omega = 0$

```

1 # Compute dr(t)
2 dr = np.diff(r, axis=1) # Change in distance (dr/dt)
3
4 # Plot dr(t) vs time
5 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
6 for i in range(num_trajectories):
7     plt.plot(time[1:], dr[i], label=f'Trajectory_{i+1}')
8 plt.xlabel('Time (s)')
9 plt.ylabel('dr(t) ( m )')
10 plt.title('Change in Distance dr(t) vs Time (\omega = 0)')
11 plt.legend()
12 plt.grid()
13 plt.savefig('dr_vs_time_omega0.png') # Save the plot
14 plt.show()

```

Listing 14: Plot of change in distance $r(t)$ as a function of time for $\omega = 0$