

C2 S4: Monte Carlo Method for Estimating Heat Content

I. Monte Carlo Integration

A. Definition and application

B. Heat content Q_Ω

- i. Global solution $u(\mathbf{s}, t)$: integration over the initial position: conditional probability multiply initial condition
 - a. Estimating the local solution based on the Random Walk Method (RWM)
 - b. Generating initial positions distributed uniformly in the domain, and run RWM to estimate $u(\mathbf{s}, t)$.
- ii. Integration $u(\mathbf{s}, t)$ over the space domain

II. Brownian Motion (BM)

A. General description and history of BM (easier for non-mathematicians to understand)

- i. irregular, continuous, and permanent random motion found by Brown: microscopic pollen grains suspended in the water
- ii. Einstein's explanation for BM and the solution to the heat equation
 - a. Because of the continual collision from the surrounding water molecules, pollen grains have the same average kinetic energy as the molecules.
 - b. Einstein's proof: BM provides a solution to the Fourier's heat equation

B. Mathematical Perspective

- i. Formula
- ii. BM's properties

C. Random Walk

- i. Definition and history
- ii. Connection with BM