

# Lecture 11

## MFPT

continued ...

(via the Adjoint F-P operator)

Kolmogorov-Chapman

$$P(x, t | x_0, 0) = \int G(x, t | y, t') P(y, t' | x_0, 0) dy$$

MFPT depends on  $x_0$

Fokker-Planck operator:  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\hat{L}_x P(x, t)$

→ then:  $\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = -\hat{L}_x G(x, t)$

→ We differentiate K-Ch. w.r.t.  $t'$ :

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t'} \equiv 0 = \int P(y, t' | x_0, 0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} G(x, t | y, t') dy$$

$$+ \int G(x, t | y, t') \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} P(y, t' | x_0, 0) dy$$

F-P.

$$= \int P(y, t' | x_0, 0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} G(x, t | y, t') dy$$

$$- \int G(x, t | y, t') \hat{L}_y P(y, t' | x_0, 0) dy$$

Convert this ...

Define "adjoint Fokker-Planck op."

if  $\dot{P} = -\hat{L}_x P$  with general

$$\hat{L}_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mu(x) - D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$$

Then  $\int dx g(x) \hat{L}_x f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int dx f(x) \hat{L}_x^+ g(x)$

$$\langle g \hat{L} f \rangle = \langle f \hat{L}^+ g \rangle$$

integrate by parts,

$$\int g(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\mu(x) f(x)) dx = \cancel{[g \cdot \mu \cdot f]} - \int f(x) \mu(x) \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dx$$

gives  $\hat{L}_x^+ = -\mu(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - D \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$

So that if  $\hat{L}_x = D e^{-\beta V(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( e^{\beta V(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$

then  $\hat{L}_x^+ = D e^{\beta V(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( e^{-\beta V(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$

check by direct differentiation

$$0 = \int P(y, t' / x_0, 0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} G(x, t / y, t') dy$$

$$- \int P(y, t' / x_0, 0) \hat{L}_y^+ G(x, t / y, t') dy$$

$$0 = \int \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} G(x, t | y, t') - \hat{L}_y^+ G \right] P(y, t' | x_0, t_0) dy$$

We have:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} G = \hat{L}_y^+ G$$

Notice  $\ominus$  is gone

acting on the starting position/time in  $G(x, t | y, t')$

Hence

$P(x, t | x_0, t_0)$  satisfies the same

equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_0} P(x, t | x_0, t_0) = \hat{L}_{x_0}^+ P(x, t | x_0, t_0)$$

Now we are ready to find

MFPT  $\tau(x_0)$ :

$$\hat{L}_{x_0}^+ \left[ \tau(x_0) = \int dt \int dx P(x, t | x_0, t_0) \right] = S(t)$$

$$\hat{L}_{x_0}^+ \tau(x_0) = \int dt \int dx \frac{\partial}{\partial t_0} P(x, t | x_0, t_0)$$

Change variable depends on  $t - t_0$

$$\int_{x_0}^+ \tau(x_0) = \int_0^\infty d\tilde{t} \int dx \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{t}} P(x, \tilde{t} | x_0, 0)$$

~~Step 1~~

$$= + \int d\tilde{t} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{t}} \underbrace{\int P dx}_{S(\tilde{t})}$$

$$\tilde{t} = t - t_0$$

$$d\tilde{t} = -dt_0$$

$$-f(\tilde{t})$$

$$= - \int f(\tilde{t}) d\tilde{t} = 1$$

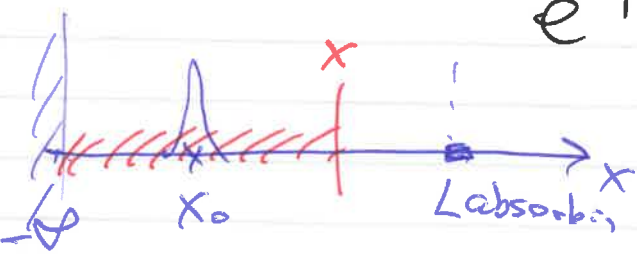
$$\int_{x_0}^+ \tau(x_0) = 1$$

Now unpack it

$$\mathcal{D} e^{\beta V(x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( e^{-\beta V(x)} \frac{\partial \tau(x)}{\partial x} \right) = 1$$

First step:

$$e^{-\beta V(x)} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} \int_{x_0}^x e^{-\beta V(y)} dy$$



"left boundary"  
(could be  $-\infty$  if  $P(x,t)$  behaves  
or reflecting boundary)

## Second step

$$\tau(x_0) = - \int_{x_0}^{x_0} dx \frac{1}{D} e^{\beta V(x)} \int e^{-\beta V(y)} dy$$

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_0} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x} dx = \tau_{x_0} - \tau_{x_0} = 0$$

left boundary

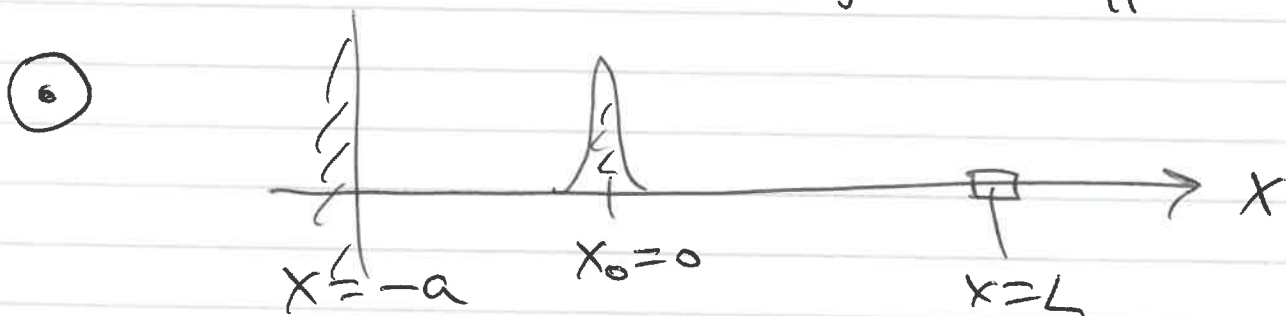
where  $\tau(\cdot) = 0$  → this is the absorbing boundary  $L$

$$\tau(x_0) = \frac{1}{D} \int_{x_0}^L e^{\beta V(x)} dx \int e^{-\beta V(y)} dy$$

Very promising result, for Wiener SDE.

## Examples

free diffusion

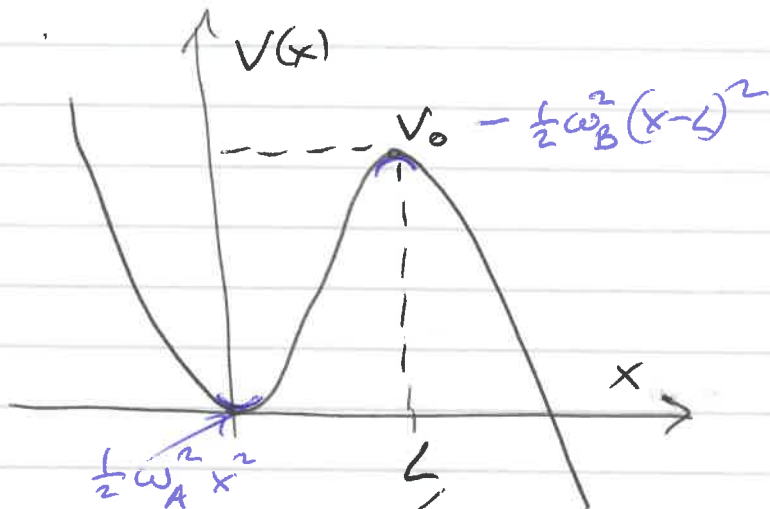


$$\tau = \frac{1}{D} \int_0^L dx \int_{-a}^x dy = \frac{1}{D} \int_0^L dx (x+a) = \frac{1}{2D} (L+2a)L$$

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# ① Kramers escape problem



Using MFPT method:  
find the time to reach  $x=L$ , starting from  $x=0$

$$\tau = \frac{1}{D} \int_0^L e^{\beta V(x)} dx \int_0^x e^{-\beta V(y)} dy$$

$x_0 \rightarrow 0$       or  $-\infty$ , it doesn't matter

dominated by max V

dominated by the min V ...

$\sqrt{\frac{2\pi kT}{\omega_A^2}}$   
upper limit x irrelevant

$$\tau = \frac{1}{D} \cdot e^{\beta V_0} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi kT}{2\omega_B^2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2\pi kT}{\omega_A^2}}$$

Half of Gaussian

After reaching the top:  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance of escape

$$\text{rate} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{D}{\pi kT} \omega_B \omega_A \cdot e^{-\beta V_0}$$

Classical Kramers solution uses flux = constant assumption:

$$J = -D e^{-\beta V(x)} \frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{\beta V(x)} P(x) \right]$$

integrate!

$$J \cdot \int_0^{\infty} e^{\beta V(x)} dx = -D e^{\beta V(x)} P(x) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

picks the maximum!

$$J \cdot e^{\beta V_0} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi kT}{\omega_B^2}} = D \cdot P(x=0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(\infty) &\rightarrow -\infty \\ V(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$J = D \sqrt{\frac{\omega_B^2}{2\pi kT}} e^{-\beta V_0} \cdot P(x=0)$$

already in place!

Need to find  $P(x=0)$ :

$$\int_{x=0}^{\infty} dN = \int_0^{\infty} P(x=0) e^{-\beta V(x)} dx$$

$$N_0 = P(x=0) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2\pi kT}{\omega_A^2}}$$

$$\text{Rate} \rightarrow k = \frac{J}{N} = D \frac{\omega_B \omega_A}{2\pi kT} e^{-\beta V_0}$$