

Heat and thermal response in non-equilibrium systems

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Introduction

Is heat capacity always positive?

- ▶ In equilibrium, it is
- ▶ How about non-equilibrium systems?

$$C_j = \left. \frac{\delta \langle Q \rangle}{\partial T_j} \right|_{V, T_1, \dots, T_{j-1}, T_{j+1}, \dots, T_N}$$

Examples of negative response

- ▶ Stars that emit energy in the form of radiation get hotter.
- ▶ Negative compressibility
- ▶ Negative resistance

Outline

Discrete systems

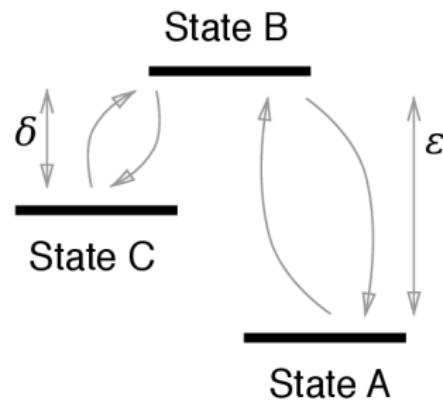
Continuous system

Conclusion

A three state system

Transition rates

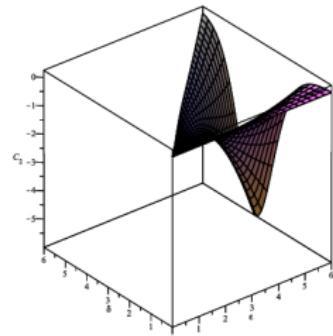
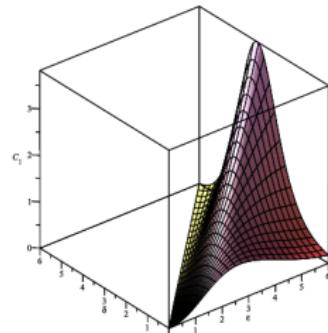
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k(a, b) = e^{-\beta_1 \epsilon} \\ k(b, a) = 1 \\ k(a, c) = 0 \\ k(c, a) = 0 \\ k(b, c) = 1 \\ k(c, b) = e^{-\beta_2 \delta} \end{array} \right.$$



Analytic results: two transitions

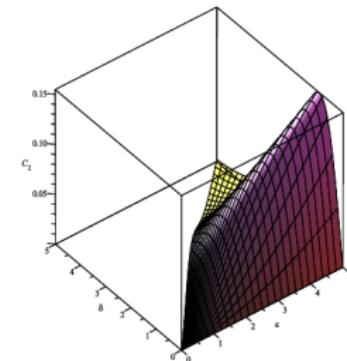
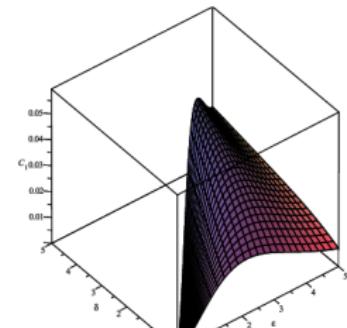
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_1 = \beta_1 \epsilon e^{\beta_1 \epsilon} \frac{\epsilon + (\epsilon - \delta) e^{\beta_2 \delta}}{T_1 (e^{\beta_1 \epsilon} + 1 + e^{\beta_2 \delta})^2} \\ C_2 = \beta_2 \delta e^{\beta_2 \delta} \frac{\delta + (\delta - \epsilon) e^{\beta_1 \epsilon}}{T_2 (e^{\beta_1 \epsilon} + 1 + e^{\beta_2 \delta})^2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$C_2 < 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta < \epsilon \frac{e^{\beta_1 \epsilon}}{1 + e^{\beta_1 \epsilon}}$$



Analytic results: three transitions

$$\begin{cases} C_1 = \frac{\epsilon \beta_1 e^{-\beta_1 \epsilon} (e^{-\beta_1 \epsilon} \epsilon + \epsilon + \delta)}{T_1 (e^{-\beta_1 \epsilon} + 2)^3 (e^{-\beta_2 \delta} + 2)} \\ C_2 = \frac{\delta \beta_2 e^{-\beta_2 \delta} (e^{-\beta_2 \delta} \delta + \epsilon + \delta)}{T_2 (e^{-\beta_1 \epsilon} + 2) (e^{-\beta_2 \delta} + 2)^3} \end{cases}$$





Simulation of discrete system

Two methods have been used to simulate the discrete system.

Deterministic methode

- ▶ Uses the Markov framework
- ▶ Transition matrix
- ▶ Fast
- ▶ Easy to implement
- ▶ No direct physics involved, just mathematics
- ▶ Can be speed up by linearisation

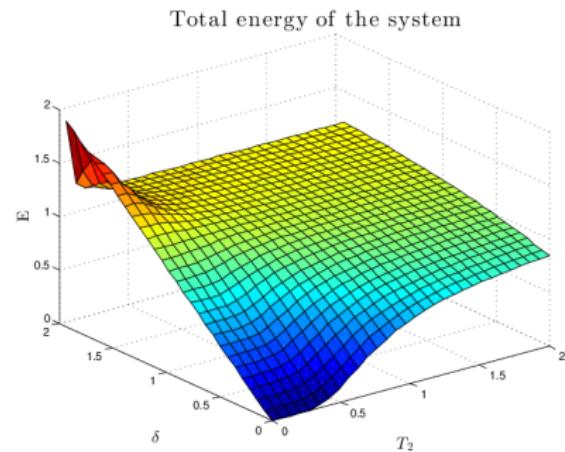
Stochastic methode

- ▶ Uses the a jump process
- ▶ The outcome is random
- ▶ One jump at the time
- ▶ Slow
- ▶ Represents the physical system very good
- ▶ Can produce more stochastic information

Deterministic method

Algorithm

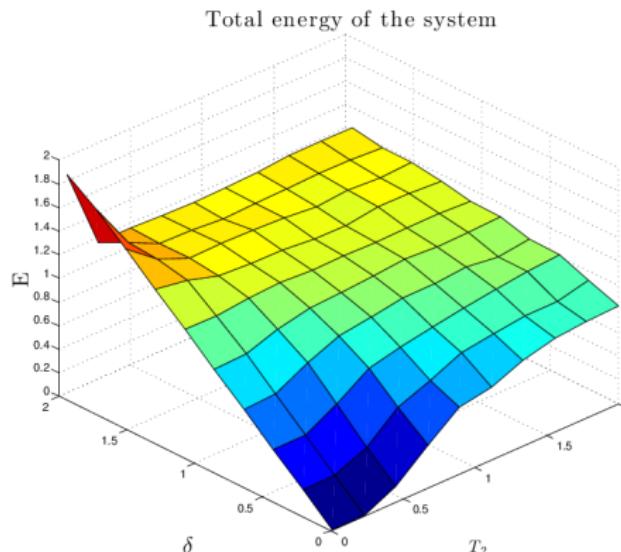
- ▶ Create a transition matrix $M(T)$
- ▶ Choose an initial distribution ρ_0
- ▶ Update the distribution $\rho(t) = \rho_0 e^{Mt}$
- ▶ Calculate the energy E
- ▶ Change the temperature by a small fraction
- ▶ repeat this process



Stochastic method

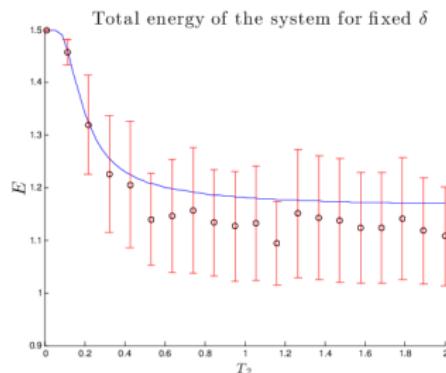
Algorithm

- ▶ Pick a random starting position
- ▶ Let the particle jump for some steps
- ▶ Calculate the energy
- ▶ Repeat this for a good result
- ▶ Change the temperature by a small fraction
- ▶ repeat this process

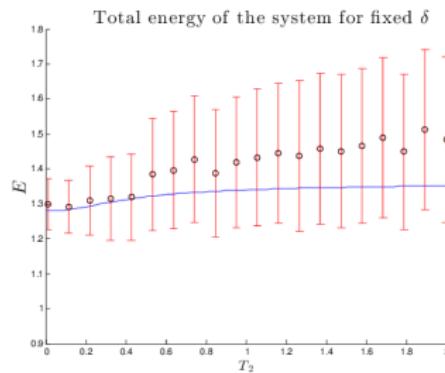


Comparison of the two results

Two transitions



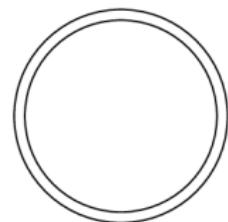
Three transitions



Langevin dynamics

$$\ddot{x} = F - \nabla U - \gamma \dot{x} + \sqrt{2T\gamma}\xi_t$$

- ▶ constant force F
- ▶ force caused by periodic potential U
- ▶ friction, proportional to the velocity
- ▶ Brownian motion



Underdamped

Particle needs infinite time to reach its final velocity

Overdamped

Very high friction
 → particle instantaneously reaches its final velocity v_f

$$\gamma v_f = F - \nabla U + \sqrt{2T\gamma}\xi_t$$

The Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial \mu_t(x)}{\partial t} + \nabla j_{\mu_t}(x) = 0, \quad j_{\mu_t} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \mu_t (F - \nabla U) - \frac{\nabla \mu_t}{\beta \gamma}$$

Solution

- ▶ $F = 0$ → equilibrium $\rho(x) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta U(x)}, Z = \int_0^1 e^{-\beta U} dx$
- ▶ $F \neq 0$ and $\int_0^1 F dx \neq 0 \rightarrow$ no equilibrium

$$\rho(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \int_0^1 \beta \gamma e^{\beta W(y,x)} dy, \quad Z = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \beta \gamma e^{\beta W(y,x)} dy dx$$

$$W(y, x) = U(y) - U(x) + \begin{cases} \int_y^x F dz & \text{for } y \leq x \\ \int_y^1 F dz + \int_0^x F dz & \text{for } y > x \end{cases}$$

The Fokker-Planck equation

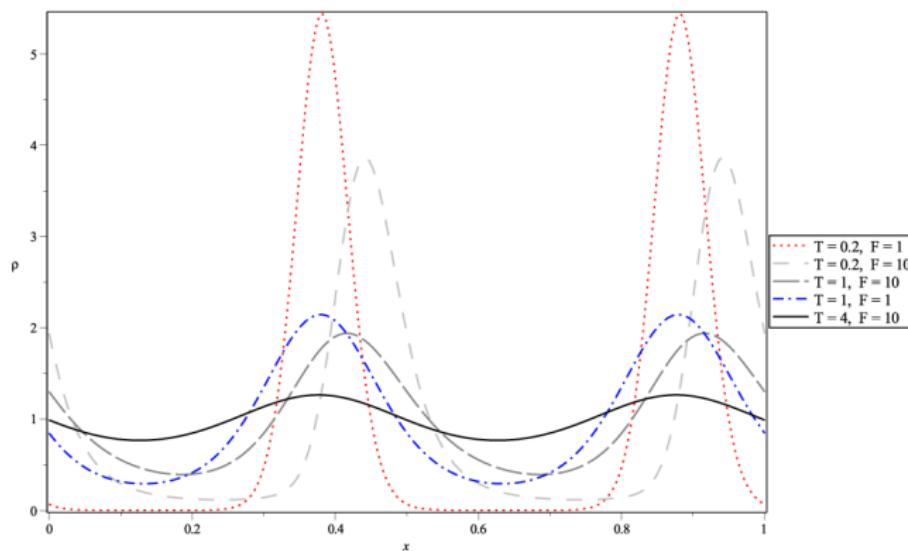


Figure : $\rho(T)$ with $U = \sin(4\pi x)$, $k_b = 1$, $\gamma = 1$

Simulation of the Langevin equation

Two possible approximation methods.

Overdamped

$$\dot{v} = F - \nabla U - \gamma v + \sqrt{2T\gamma}\xi_t$$

- ▶ This is the most general method

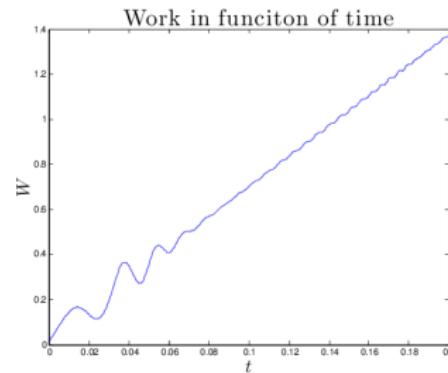
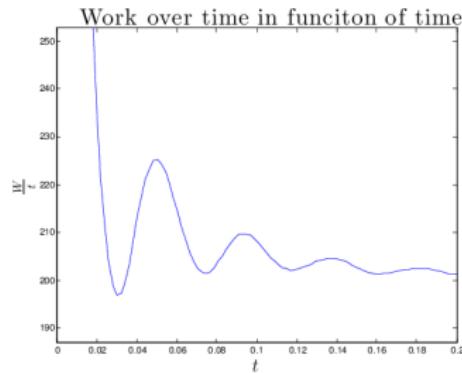
Underdamped

$$\gamma v_f = F - \nabla U + \sqrt{2T\gamma}\xi_t$$

- ▶ Particle reaches terminal velocity after each step

Results

The result for both methods gave the same numerical result.



Discrete system

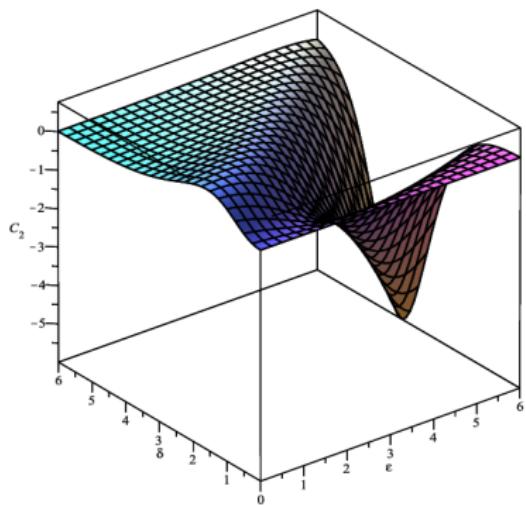


Figure : Result calculated using analytic calculations

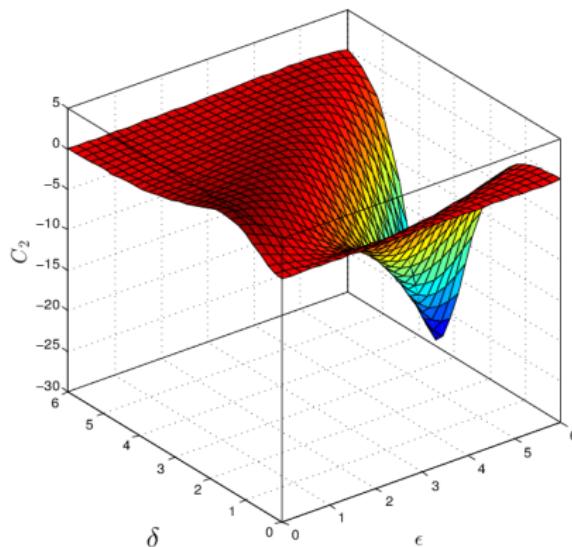


Figure : Data calculated using the stochastic method

Langevin equation

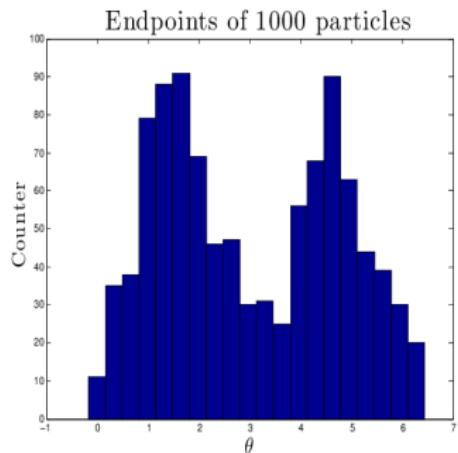


Figure : Simulated data

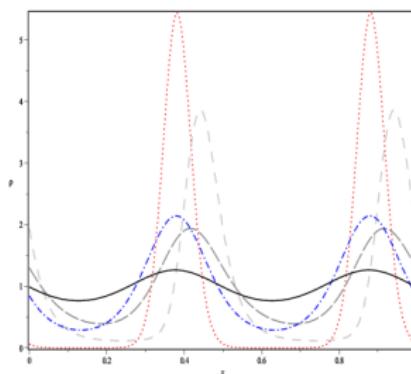


Figure : Analytic solution

Open questions

- ▶ Can we use the theory of the discrete systems for the ring?
- ▶ What is the heat capacity of this ring?
- ▶ How does the system change when the ring has a temperature in function of its position?

"The best thing about learning about equilibrium, is that nothing changes"

Anonymous