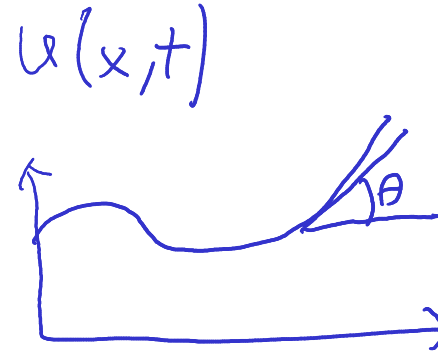

Asynchronous lecture 2

- Diffusion/Heat equation (finite domain)

Diffusion Equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

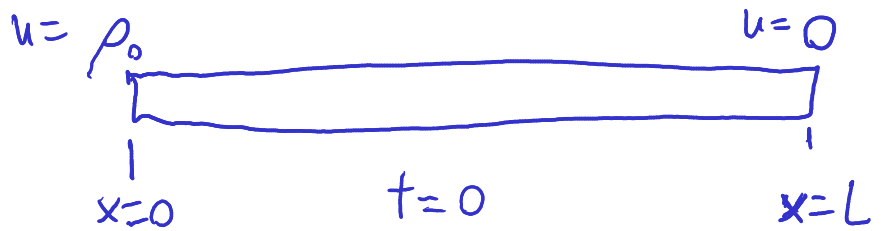
curvature



- ✦ Probabilistic description of Brownian motion
- ✦ Special case of the Fokker-Planck equation
 - Converts a general stochastic differential equation into a PDE on probabilities
- ✦ Many uses in physics, finance, time-series analysis, ...

↳ Temperature

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$



$$u(0,0) = \rho_0$$

$$u(L,0) = 0$$

$$u(0,t) = \rho_0 e^{-2t}$$

Separation of variables:

$$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$\partial_t (X(x)T(t)) = D \partial_{xx} (X(x)T(t))$$

$$X \cdot \partial_t T = D T \cdot \partial_{xx} X$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{D T(t)} \frac{dT}{dt}}_{f(t)} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{X(x)} \frac{d^2 X}{dx^2}}_{g(x)} = -c^2 \quad \text{constant}$$

$$\frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dt} = -c^2$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -c^2 T$$

$$\frac{D}{x} \frac{d^2 x}{dx^2} = -c$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dx^2} = -\frac{c^2}{D} x = 0$$

$$T = T_0 e^{-c^2 t}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dx^2} + \frac{c^2}{D} x = 0 \quad \text{try } e^{mx}$$

$$m^2 + \frac{c^2}{D} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow m = \pm i \frac{c}{\sqrt{D}}$$

Characteristic
equation.

$$\lambda \equiv \frac{c}{\sqrt{D}}$$

$$X(x) = A \cos(\lambda x) + B \sin(\lambda x)$$

$$= \tilde{A} e^{i\lambda x} + \tilde{B} e^{-i\lambda x}$$

General Solution:

$$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$= \left[A \cos(\lambda x) + B \sin(\lambda x) \right] \cdot e^{-c^2 t}$$

↑ Time propagator

$$u(0,0) = \rho_0 = A$$

$$u(L,0) = 0$$

$$= \rho_0 \cos(\lambda L) + B \sin(\lambda L)$$

$$\Rightarrow B = -\rho_0 \cot(\lambda L)$$

$$u(x,t) = \frac{-\rho_0}{\sin \lambda L} \sin(\lambda(x-L)) e^{-c^2 t}$$

$$u(0,t) = \rho_0 e^{-2t}$$

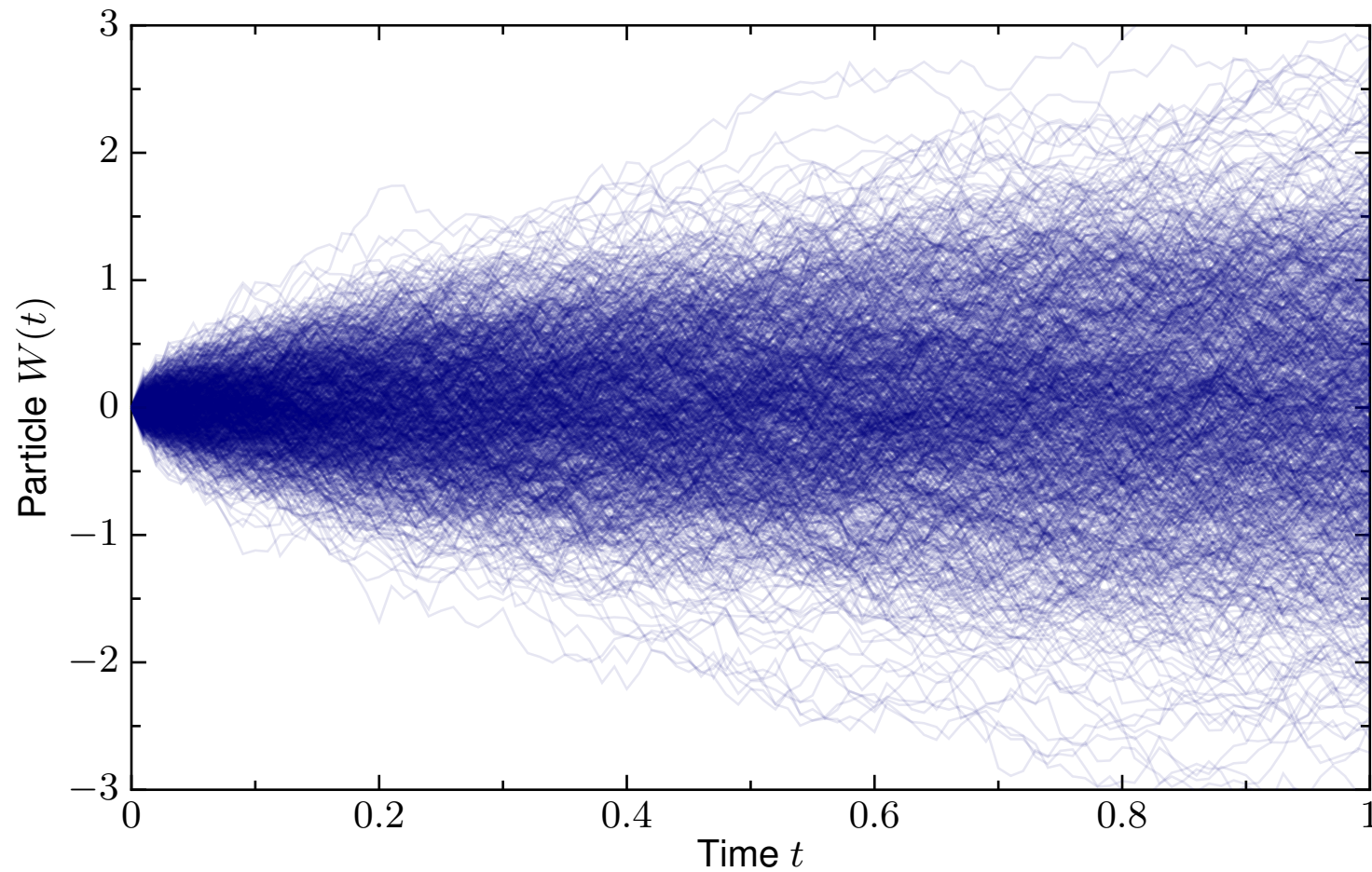
$$= \frac{\rho_0}{\sin(\lambda L)} \sin(\lambda L) e^{-c^2 t}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$ so doesn't matter which branch

$$u(x,t) = \frac{-P_0}{\sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{D}}L\right)} \sin\left[\sqrt{\frac{2}{D}}(x-L)\right] e^{-2t}$$

Brownian motion



Solving with finite boundaries

Consider the diffusion equation with finite boundaries and initial data