

## Lec 13 Lagrangian Mechanics / Dynamics

→ Newtonian

→ Lagrangian

→ Hamilton's

- Define a new function - called Lagrangian.

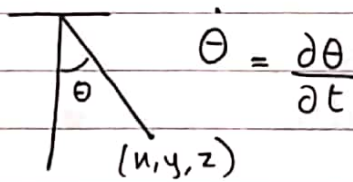
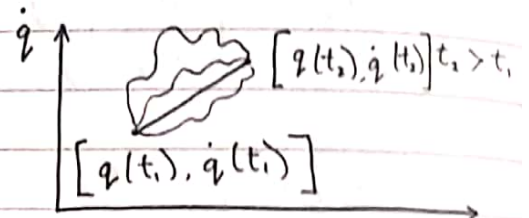
$$L(q, \dot{q}; t) \rightarrow \dot{q} = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$\swarrow$  generalized coordinates       $\swarrow$  generalized velocity

depends on  $t$   
implicitly & not  
explicit  
; implicit time dependence

$$= K(\dot{q}) - U(q)$$

Kinetic energy function      Potential energy function

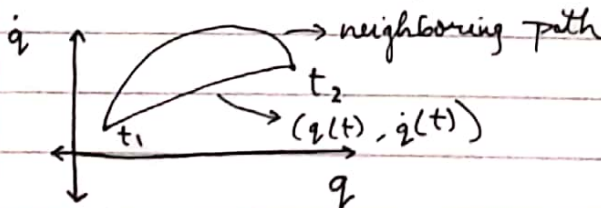


- only many paths exist  
- which is the most probable?

- Principle of least action

- Define action  $S \equiv \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(q, \dot{q}; t) dt$

Consider 2 paths:

 $(q(t), \dot{q}(t)) \rightarrow$  least action path $(q(t) + \delta q(t), \dot{q}(t) + \delta \dot{q}(t)) \rightarrow$  neighbouring path

Paths meet at  $t_1, t_2$

$$\delta q(t_1) = \delta q(t_2) = 0$$

Change in  $S : \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(q + \delta q, \dot{q} + \delta \dot{q}; t) dt$

$$- \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(q, \dot{q}; t) dt = \delta S$$

$$= \delta \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L(q, \dot{q}; t) dt$$

$$= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta \dot{q} \right) dt$$

$$\delta \dot{q} = \frac{d}{dt} (\delta q)$$

$$\rightarrow \delta S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \frac{d}{dt} (\delta q) \right) dt$$

Consider the 2nd term:  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \frac{d}{dt} (\delta q) dt$

Integrating by parts:

$$\left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \delta q \right]_{t_1}^{t_2} - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q dt$$

0

$$\rightarrow \delta S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} \delta q dt - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \delta q dt$$

$$\rightarrow \delta S = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \right] \delta q dt$$

$\rightarrow$  Since least action action  $\delta S = 0$ .

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \forall \quad \delta q$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) = 0} \quad \text{Lagrange's Equation of Motion.}$$

Now,  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial q}$  As  $L = K(\dot{q}) - U(q)$

force

$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \equiv$  rate of change of generalized momentum



◦ How do we get Hamiltonian from the Lagrangian?

$$\text{Calculate } \frac{dL}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \ddot{q}_i$$

↪  $N$  generalized coordinates

→ from Lagrange's Equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dL}{dt} &= \sum_i \dot{q}_i \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) + \sum_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{q}_i) \\ &= \sum_i \frac{d}{dt} \left( \dot{q}_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_i \dot{q}_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right] - \frac{dL}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_i \dot{q}_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - L \right] = 0$$

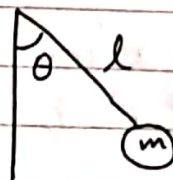
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_i \dot{q}_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - L} \equiv \text{Constant} \rightarrow \text{Hamiltonian}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = \frac{\partial K}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = m \dot{q}_i \rightarrow \sum_i \dot{q}_i (m \dot{q}_i) - L \equiv \text{Constant}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{K + U \equiv \text{Constant}}$$

Hamiltonian:  $H \equiv K + U$

◦ Simple Pendulum:



Step 1: Construct  $L$   
 $K(\dot{\theta})$ ,  $U(\theta)$

$$L(\theta, \dot{\theta}) = K(\dot{\theta}) - U(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \text{ \& \; } \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = -mgl \sin \theta, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = m l^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\rightarrow ml^2 \ddot{\theta} + mgl \sin \theta = 0$$

Reference : Mechanics by Landau.

z Lec 14 If  $L$  was time explicit

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \sum_i \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \ddot{q}_i \right] + \frac{\partial L}{\partial t}$$

( $L$  is not an explicit function of time, so  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0$ )  
 $L \rightarrow$  homogeneity in time

- Homogeneity of time  
 $L$  of an isolated system does not depend on time explicitly  $\rightarrow$  energy will be conserved.
- Homogeneity in time leads to energy conservation
- Conservation of momentum  
 $\rightarrow$  Homogeneity of Space - the mechanical properties would not change by any parallel displacement of the entire system.
- Displace energy particles by  $\epsilon$ , velocities remain fixed.  
 $\therefore q_i \rightarrow q_i + \epsilon, \quad \delta L = \sum_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} \delta q_i$   
 $\therefore \delta q_i = 0$

Homogeneity of space  $\Rightarrow \delta L = 0$  [Lagrangian does not change on translation]

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon \cdot \sum_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0 \quad (\because \text{every } \delta q_i = \epsilon)$$

• Using Lagrange's equation:

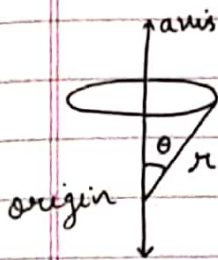
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_i \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right] = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \sum_i m \mathbf{q}_i \right] = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_i m \mathbf{q}_i = \text{constant}$$

i.e total linear momentum should be conserved.

- Conservation of Angular Momentum
  - isotropy of space
  - $L$  is invariant under the rotation of the whole system by an arbitrary angle.



change in  $\vec{r}_i$  due to rotation by  $\delta\phi$  angle.

$$\delta \vec{r}_i = \delta \vec{\phi} \times \vec{r}_i$$

- $\delta \vec{\phi}$  has magnitude of  $\delta\phi$  & direction along angle of rotation.

Similarly, for change in velocity:

$$\delta \vec{v}_i = \delta \vec{\phi} \times \vec{v}_i$$

$$\delta L = \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{r}_i} \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{v}_i} \cdot \delta \vec{v}_i \right)$$

Isotropy of space:  $\delta L = 0$

$$\text{Use Lagrange's eqn: } \sum_i \left\{ \vec{p}_i \cdot (\delta \vec{\phi} \times \vec{r}_i) + \vec{p}_i \cdot (\delta \vec{\phi} \times \vec{v}_i) \right\} = 0$$

$$\text{Permute factors: } (\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})) = \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$\delta \vec{\phi} \cdot \sum_i (\vec{r}_i \times \vec{p}_i + \vec{v}_i \times \vec{p}_i) = 0$$

$$\delta \vec{\phi} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{p}_i \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Since } \delta \vec{\phi} \text{ is arbitrary } \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{p}_i \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i \{ \vec{r}_i \times \vec{p}_i \} = \text{Constant}$$

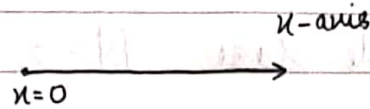
[ Conservation of Angular Momentum ]

- Position & Momentum are coupled.

## Lec 15 Mathematical Modelling

- Diffusion (Process)
- Random Walk (Model)

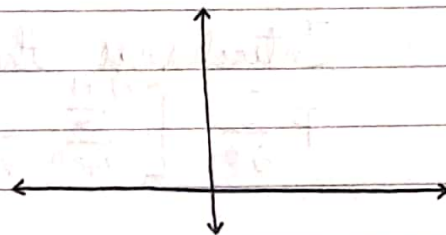
### • 1D Random Walk



- A drunk starts at  $x=0$
  - Each step of equal length  $l$
  - Direction of each step ( $l$  or  $r$ ) is random
  - At each point in time, Probability to go right  $p$ , left is  $q$ .
- $P[\text{Finding him at a certain point from origin after } N \text{ steps}]$

- How related is this to diffusion?
  - Drop of ink added to water. Consider 1D.
  - $P[\text{finding ink molecules at a certain distance after some time } t] \rightarrow P(t)$
- each ink molecule is a drunk molecule. Assumption - random walk. We have no such ink molecules.

Gaussian  $\rightarrow$  as  $t \uparrow$



$N$ : total # steps

$n_1$ : # steps to the right

$n_2$ : # steps to the left

$$N = n_1 + n_2$$

Displacement  $m$ :  $(n_1 - n_2)l$   
 $l$  being the length of each step.

$$-Nl \leq m \leq Nl$$



$$P[n_1 \text{ out of } N \text{ steps taken to the right}] \\ = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2!} p^{n_1} q^{n_2} = W_N(n_1)$$

Simple case:  $N=3, n_1=2, n_2=1$

$$P_N(m) = \frac{N!}{\left[\frac{N+m}{2}\right]! \left[\frac{N-m}{2}\right]!} p^{\frac{N+m}{2}} q^{\frac{N-m}{2}}$$

with  $l=1$ .

• Mean # steps to the right

$$\langle n_1 \rangle = \sum_{n_1=0}^N W_N(n_1) \cdot n_1 \\ = \sum_{n_1=0}^N \frac{N!}{n_1! (N-n_1)!} p^{n_1} q^{N-n_1} n_1$$

$$\text{Now, } n_1 p^{n_1} = p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^{n_1}$$

$$\langle n_1 \rangle = \sum_{n_1=0}^N \frac{N!}{n_1! (N-n_1)!} \left[ p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^{n_1} \right] q^{N-n_1}$$

- Interchange the order of summation & differentiation

$$p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ \sum_{n_1=0}^N \frac{N!}{n_1! (N-n_1)!} p^{n_1} q^{N-n_1} \right]$$

$$\langle n_1 \rangle = p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} (p+q)^N = p N (p+q)^{N-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle n_1 \rangle &= Np \\ \langle n_2 \rangle &= Nq \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } p+q=1 \text{ i.e. } P[\text{Not} \\ \text{Moving}] = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Similarly

• Mean Displacement

$$\langle m \rangle = \langle n_1 - n_2 \rangle = \langle n_1 \rangle - \langle n_2 \rangle$$

if  $p = q = 1/2$ , on average:  $p = q$ .

{ electrons in a metal wire w/o bias - drunk person - same random walk model.

• Mean Squared Displacement:  $\langle m^2 \rangle \neq 0$ .

$$\langle m^2 \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\langle (\Delta n_1)^2 \rangle = \langle (n_1 - \langle n_1 \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle n_1^2 \rangle - \langle n_1 \rangle^2$$

$$\langle n_1^2 \rangle = \sum_{n_1=0}^N \frac{N!}{n_1! (N-n_1)!} p^{n_1} q^{N-n_1} n_1^2$$

$$\text{Use } n_1^2 p^{n_1} = n_1 \left( p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^{n_1} \right)$$

$$= p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} (n_1 p^{n_1}) = p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^{n_1} \right]$$

$$\langle n_1^2 \rangle = \sum_{n_1=0}^N \frac{N!}{n_1! (N-n_1)!} \left[ p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p^{n_1} \right) \right] q^{N-n_1}$$

$$= p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left\{ \sum_{n_1=0}^N \frac{N!}{n_1! (N-n_1)!} p^{n_1} q^{N-n_1} \right\} \right)$$

$$= p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \{ (p+q)^N \} \right)$$

$$= p \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left( p \cdot N (p+q)^{N-1} \right) = p \left( N (p+q)^{N-1} + p \cdot N (N-1) (p+q)^{N-2} \right)$$

$$= p \left[ N (p+q)^{N-1} + p N (N-1) (p+q)^{N-2} \right]$$

$$= p (p+q)^{N-2} [ \cancel{Np} + Nq + p N^2 - \cancel{pN} ]$$

$$= (pN)^2 + Npq \quad [\text{if } p+q = 1]$$

$$= \langle n_1 \rangle^2 + Npq$$

$$\langle (\Delta n_1)^2 \rangle = Npq$$

$$\langle m^2 \rangle = 4 \langle (\Delta n_1)^2 \rangle = 4 Npq$$

$$p = q = 1/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle m^2 \rangle &= 4 \langle (\Delta n_1)^2 \rangle = 4 Npq \\ &= 4 \cdot 1/2 \cdot 1/2 \cdot N \\ &= N \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle m^2 \rangle = N$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } m &= n_1 - n_2 \\ &= 2n_1 - N \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta m = 2 \Delta n_1$$

$$\langle m \rangle = 2 \langle n_1 \rangle - N$$

$$\langle (\Delta m)^2 \rangle = \langle (m - \langle m \rangle)^2 \rangle = \langle m^2 \rangle$$

As  $\langle m \rangle = 0$ .

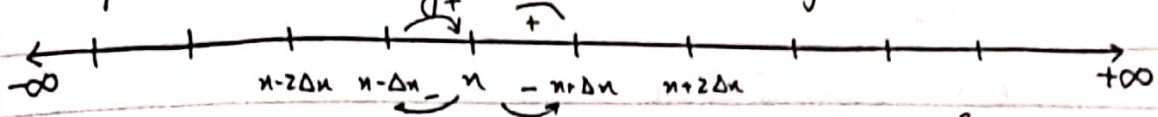
$$\therefore \langle (\Delta m)^2 \rangle = \langle m^2 \rangle = 4 \langle (\Delta n_1)^2 \rangle = N$$

i.e. Mean Squared Displacement varies linearly with time OR # steps taken.



Lec 16 Derive Diffusion equation from Random Walk Model

4 possible changes in probability.



$\Delta n$ : step length. if  $\Delta n \rightarrow 0$ , two space becomes continuous  $\rightarrow$  diffusion.

$\Delta t \rightarrow$  time step. Random walker  
Random walker  $\rightarrow$  count velocity

$P(n, t) = P[\text{finding random walker at } n \text{ at time } t]$

change in probability at  $n$

$$P(n, t + \Delta t) - P(n, t) = \frac{1}{2} P(n + \Delta n, t) - \frac{1}{2} P(n, t) + \frac{1}{2} P(n - \Delta n, t) - \frac{1}{2} P(n, t)$$

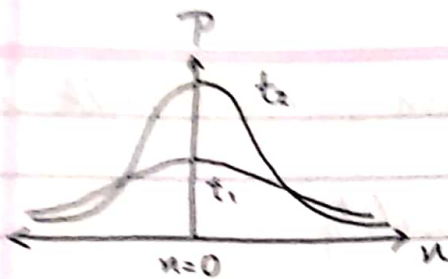
$$P(n, t + \Delta t) - P(n, t) = \frac{1}{2} [P(n + \Delta n, t) - 2P(n, t) + P(n - \Delta n, t)]$$

time variation — Dividing by  $(\Delta t)$   $(\Delta n)^2$  on both sides, spatial variation

$$\frac{P(n, t + \Delta t) - P(n, t)}{\Delta t} = \frac{(\Delta n)^2}{2 \Delta t} \left[ \frac{P(n + \Delta n, t) + P(n - \Delta n, t) - 2P(n, t)}{(\Delta n)^2} \right]$$

Set:  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0, \Delta n \rightarrow 0$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial P(n, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P(n, t)}{\partial n^2} \right\} \begin{cases} D \rightarrow \text{Diffusion constant} \\ \hookrightarrow \text{depends on medium} \\ \text{— for environmental conditions} \end{cases}$$



$t_2 > t_1$  ...  $P$  increases as a function of  $t$ .

• Prove by computation:

after  $t > 0$ :

•  $\langle n \rangle = 0$

•  $\langle n^2 \rangle \propto t$

17 Recap:

- diffusion

- random walk: mean displacement  $\langle m \rangle = 0$

mean squared displacement  $\langle m^2 \rangle \propto N \propto t$

- diffusion equation:  $\frac{\partial P(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$

$\frac{\partial C(x, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 C(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$   $C$ : concentration

- One Dimensional  $P(x, t) \propto e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}}$

- Three Dimensional  $P(\vec{r}, t) \propto e^{-\frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{4Dt}}$

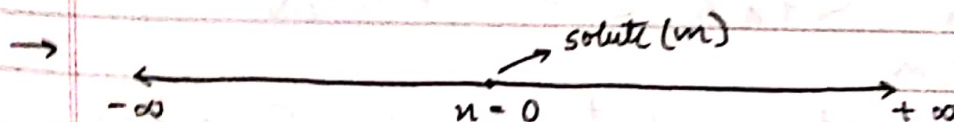
3D diffusion equations:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} P(\vec{r}, t)$

$$= D \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} P(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} P(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} P(\vec{r}, t) \right]$$

↳ isotropic diffusion.

↳ 1D:  $\langle x \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle x^2 \rangle \propto t$

[Draw parallel with Random walk experiment]



$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$ ,  $m \frac{d\dot{x}}{dt} \equiv$  damping force + random force

$$= -\alpha \dot{x} + F(t) \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Positive Constant  
(Friction Constant)



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$$F(t) \rightarrow \text{[noisy signal]} \rightarrow t \quad \langle F \rangle = 0$$

(i)  $x \rightarrow$

$$m x \frac{dx}{dt} = -\alpha x \dot{x} + x F$$

$$\Rightarrow m \left[ \frac{d}{dt} (x \dot{x}) - \dot{x}^2 \right] = -\alpha x \dot{x} + x F$$

- average on both sides.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow m \left[ \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} (x \dot{x}) \right\rangle - \langle \dot{x}^2 \rangle \right] \\ = -\alpha \langle x \dot{x} \rangle + \underbrace{\langle x F \rangle}_{=0} \end{aligned}$$

• Uncorrelated Noise  $\langle x F \rangle = \langle x \rangle \langle F \rangle = 0$

- From equipartition theorem:  $\frac{1}{2} m \langle \dot{x}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} k_B T$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \text{ii) } \Rightarrow m \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} (x \dot{x}) \right\rangle - k_B T &= -\alpha \langle x \dot{x} \rangle \\ \text{Note: } \langle x \dot{x} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \langle x^2 \rangle \end{aligned} \right.$$

→ Solution:  $\langle x \dot{x} \rangle = C e^{-\Gamma t} + k_B T / \alpha$   
 $\Gamma = \alpha / m$

Initial condition: At  $t=0$ ,  $x=0$ ,  $C = -\frac{k_B T}{\alpha}$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{2 k_B T}{\alpha} \left[ t - \frac{(1 - e^{-\Gamma t})}{\Gamma} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \langle x \dot{x} \rangle &= C e^{-\Gamma t} + k_B T / \alpha \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \langle x^2 \rangle &= C e^{-\Gamma t} + \frac{k_B T}{\alpha} \end{aligned} \right. \text{Integrate wrt } t$$

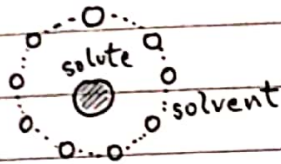
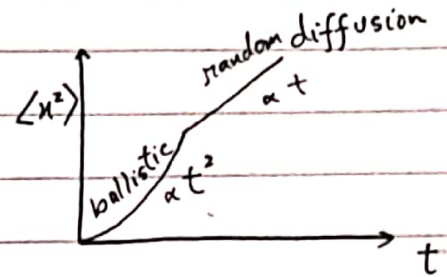
Limit 1:  $t \gg 1/\Gamma \rightarrow e^{-\Gamma t} \rightarrow 0$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle \approx \frac{2 k_B T}{\alpha} t$$

Limit 2:  $t \ll 1/\Gamma$  (Smaller Time Scale)

$$e^{-\Gamma t} \approx 1 - \Gamma t + \frac{1}{2} \Gamma^2 t^2$$

$$\langle n^2 \rangle \approx (k_B T / m) t^2$$



- when inside : ballistic
- once outside : random

□ Heat Equation.

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = D_T \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2}$$

$T(n, t)$  : temperature at  $n$  at time  $t$ .

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} (n, t) = D_T \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial n^2} (n, t)$$

Thermal Diffusivity

$$D_T = \frac{\sigma_T}{e c} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma_T = \text{thermal conductivity} \\ e = \text{density} \end{array}$$

• Class Assignment:  $TP(n, t) \propto e^{-\frac{n^2}{4 D t}}$

Calculate  $\langle n \rangle$ ,  $\langle n^2 \rangle$