

# Lecture 1

XIX century: deterministic diff'l eq's.

XX century: QM, chaos, fluctuating phenomena

("curve + noise")

## Brownian motion

Robert Brown (1827)  $\Rightarrow$  particles suspended in water undergo random motion

Einstein's explanation: introduce  $\tau \ll t$   
f, independently, (1905) Smoluchowski  
Subseq. collisions are indep.; part's also move independently  
collision time successive observ'g times

In a time  $\tau$ ,  $x$  changes by  $\Delta$ :

$\psi(\Delta)$  is the prob. distr'n:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\Delta) d\Delta = 1$ ,  
total # part. suspended in liquid

$$dn = n \psi(\Delta) d\Delta$$

# part. ~~whose~~ whose coordinates change in the  $(\Delta, \Delta + d\Delta)$  interval

Assume: 1.  $\psi(\Delta) \neq 0$  only for "small"  $\Delta$ ;

2.  $\psi(\Delta) = \psi(-\Delta)$  [symm.]

Consider  $f(x, t)$  - # part. per unit volume @  $x$ , @  $t$ .

$$\text{Then } f(x, t + \tau) dx = dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\Delta \psi(\Delta) f(x \mp \Delta, t)$$

$$\tau \text{ small: } f(x, t) + \tau \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \dots$$

$$\Delta \text{ small: } f(x \mp \Delta, t) \approx f(x, t) \mp \Delta \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\Delta^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \dots$$

Then  $f + \tau \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = f \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\Delta) d\Delta + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\Delta \frac{\Delta}{\Delta} \psi(\Delta) +$   
 $+ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\Delta \frac{\Delta^2}{2} \psi(\Delta)$   
" Dτ "

$$\left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right] \text{ diff'n eq'n}$$

$$f(x,t) = \frac{n}{\sqrt{4\pi D}} \frac{e^{-x^2/4Dt}}{\sqrt{t}}$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{2Dt}$$

Einstein's eq'n

Consider part. of mass  $m$  & diam.  $a$  suspended in liquid. Two forces:

1. Viscous drag force: from hydrodynamics

$$-6\pi\eta a v$$

↑  
viscosity

2. Fluctuating force  $X$  from random collisions

↙ stochastic diff'le eq'n

So,  $m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -6\pi\eta a \frac{dx}{dt} + X \quad |_{x}$

$$\frac{m}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (x^2) - m \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 = -3\pi\eta a \frac{d(x^2)}{dt} + Xx$$

$$\frac{m}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( 2x \frac{dx}{dt} \right) - m \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 =$$

$$= m x \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

$\langle \dots \rangle$  - average over all particles:  
 use  $\langle \frac{mv^2}{2} \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{2}$  equip. theorem

$$\frac{m}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \langle x^2 \rangle + 3\pi\eta a \frac{d\langle x^2 \rangle}{dt} = k_B T + \langle Xx \rangle$$

Then  $\frac{d\langle x^2 \rangle}{dt} = \frac{k_B T}{3\pi\eta a} + \underbrace{C}_{\text{const}} e^{-\frac{6\pi\eta a t}{m}} \underbrace{\langle Xx \rangle}_{=0} = 0$

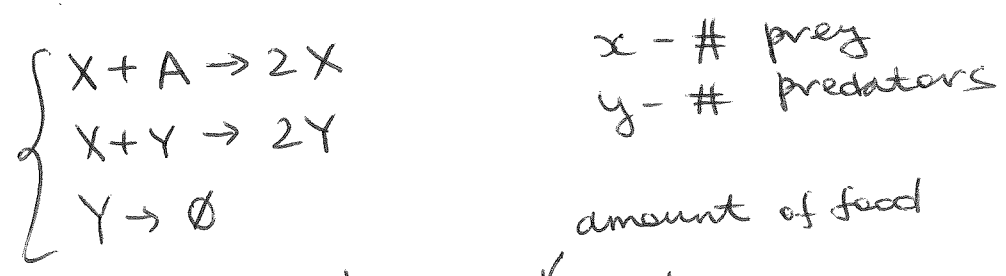
$\frac{6\pi\eta a}{m} \gg 1 \Rightarrow$  neglect 2nd term

Then  $\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x^2_0 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{3\pi\eta a} t$

"2D", same as Einstein's result  
 (see  $\sigma_x$  above)

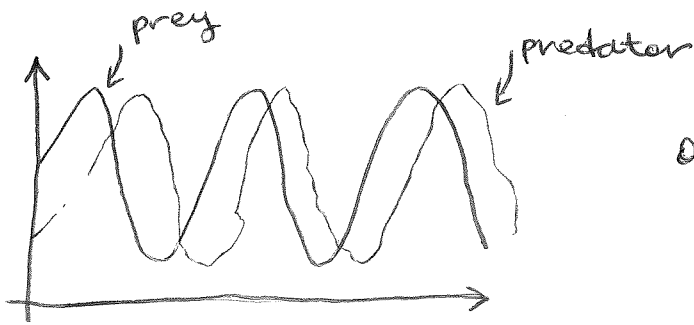
Birth-death processes

Consider  $X$ : ~~prey~~ prey  
 $Y$ : predator  
 $A$ : food for prey



Then  $\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = k_1 a x - k_2 x y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = k_2 x y - k_3 y \end{cases}$   $\{k_i\}$  are rates

Lotka-Volterra eq'ns



oscillatory  
sol's

But: real data  
has noise...

How to include fluct's?

Birth-death master eq'n (ME):

Consider  $P(x, y, t) \leftarrow$  prob. distr'n

Consider small  $\Delta t$ :

transition probs

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(x \rightarrow x+1; y \rightarrow y) = k_1 a x \Delta t, \\ P(x \rightarrow x-1; y \rightarrow y+1) = k_2 x y \Delta t, \\ P(x \rightarrow x; y \rightarrow y-1) = k_3 y \Delta t, \\ P(x \rightarrow x; y \rightarrow y) = 1 - (k_1 a x + k_2 x y + k_3 y) \Delta t \end{array} \right.$$

no memory  
(Markov  
assumption):  
probs can  
be constructed  
simply from  
(x, y)

Then

$$\frac{P(x, y, t + \Delta t) - P(x, y, t)}{\Delta t} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= k_1 a (x-1) P(x-1, y, t) + k_2 (x+1)(y-1) \times \\ &\times P(x+1, y-1, t) + k_3 (y+1) P(x, y+1, t) - \\ &- (k_1 a x + k_2 x y + k_3 y) P(x, y, t) \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Is Markov postulate justified?  
(not clear...)

ME ; determines both fluct's and average  
behavior