

Chp 9 (Pavliotis 14) Linear response theory for diffusion processes

- The effect of a weak external forcing on a system at equilibrium.
- response of the system to the forcing.
- based on perturbation theory \rightarrow linear response $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{fluctuation-dissipation thm} \\ \text{Green-Kubo formula} \end{array} \right.$

1. Motivating Examples

Example The Langevin Eq. $\dot{q} = -\nabla V(q) - \gamma \dot{q} + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta} W$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dq_t = \dot{q}_t dt \\ dp_t = -\nabla V(q_t) dt - \gamma p_t dt + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta} dW_t \end{array} \right.$

• Assume V is a confining potential ($e^{-\beta V} \in L^1, \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} V(x) = +\infty$)

\Rightarrow Ergodic w/ stationary distr. $f_\infty(p, q) \propto e^{-\beta H(p, q)}$, $H(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} p^2 + V(q)$.

⊙ Perturb the drift: Exp 9.3

$$dp_t = -\nabla V(q_t) dt - \gamma p_t dt + \epsilon F(t) + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta} dW_t \quad \epsilon \ll 1$$

⊙ Perturb the temperature (diffusion) Exp 9.4

$$dp_t = -\nabla V(q_t) dt - \gamma p_t dt + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta(1+\epsilon T(t))} dW_t$$

Question: How will an observable change? observable: a function of (p, q) . $L^2(f_\infty)$

$A: \mathbb{R}^{2d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

In general: $dx_t = h(x_t) dt + \sigma(x_t) dW_t$ ergodic & stationary (SDE)

$dx_t^\epsilon = h(x_t) dt + \epsilon F(t) dt + \sigma(x_t) dW_t$ or $[\sigma(x_t) + \epsilon F_t] dW_t$. (SDE ϵ)

What is the change in mean? $A(t) = \langle A(x_t^\epsilon) \rangle - \langle A(x_t) \rangle_{\epsilon=0}$ \rightarrow An estimation for all ϵ & F, T ?

$= |E[A(x_t^\epsilon)] - E[A(x_t)]|$ ($\epsilon \ll 1$, F, T "reasonable")

2. Linear response theory

Let X_t denote a stationary dynamical system w/ invariant measure $\mu(dx) = f_0(x) dx$; $f_t \equiv f_0$

Let X_t^ϵ denote the perturbed system, w/ density f_t^ϵ .

Assume that f_t^ϵ satisfies a linear kinetic equ.:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t f_t^\epsilon &= L^{*,\epsilon} f_t^\epsilon; & f_{t_0}^\epsilon &= f_0 \\ L^{*,\epsilon} f &= -\nabla(hf) + \frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 : (\sigma \sigma^T f) - \epsilon F(t) \cdot \nabla f & L^* &= F(t) \cdot \mathcal{D}, \quad \mathcal{D} = -\nabla \\ &= L^* f + \epsilon L_1^* f & L^{*,\epsilon} &= L^* + \epsilon L_1^* \end{aligned}$$

• Note that since X_t is ergodic: $L^* f_0 = 0$ and f_0 is the unique soln. to $L^* f = 0$.

• In the case of temperature perturbation $\mathcal{D} = \beta^{-1} \Delta_p$.

Let $f_t^\epsilon = f_t^0 + \epsilon f_t^1 + \dots$. Then $\partial_t f_t^\epsilon = \partial_t f_t^0 + \epsilon \partial_t f_t^1 + \dots$ $\forall \epsilon \ll 1$

$$(f_0^0 = f_0; f_0^1 = 0, \dots) \quad L^{*,\epsilon} f_t^\epsilon = L^*(f_t^0 + \epsilon f_t^1 + \dots) + \epsilon L_1^*(f_t^0 + \epsilon f_t^1 + \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(1): \quad \partial_t f_t^0 = L^* f_t^0 \quad f_0^0 = f_0 \quad f_t^0 \equiv f_0$$

$$O(\epsilon): \quad \partial_t f_t^1 = L^* f_t^1 + L_1^* f_0^0 = L^* f_t^1 + F(t) \cdot \mathcal{D} f_0 \Rightarrow f_t^1 = \int_0^t e^{L^*(t-s)} F(s) \cdot \mathcal{D} f_0 ds$$

Then, we can compute the change in mean of observable as.

$$\begin{aligned} |E[A(X_t^\epsilon)] - E[A(X_t)]| &= \int A(x) [f_t^\epsilon(x) - f_0(x)] dx \\ &= \epsilon \int A(x) \int_0^t e^{L^*(t-s)} F(s) \cdot \mathcal{D} f_0(x) ds dx + O(\epsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

Assume integrability conditions.

$$= \epsilon \int_0^t \int A(x) e^{L^*(t-s)} F(s) \cdot \mathcal{D} f_0(x) dx ds + O(\epsilon^2)$$

Define the Response function:

$$R_{L,A}(t) = \int A(x) e^{L^* t} \mathcal{D} f_0(x) dx$$

Linear response

We have: $E[A(X_t^\epsilon)] - E[A(X_t)] = \epsilon \int_0^t R_{L,A}(t-s) F(s) ds + O(\epsilon^2)$ (17)

Note that: $R_{L,A}(t) = \int A(x) e^{L^* t} \mathcal{D} f_0(x) dx = \int e^{L^* t} A(x) \mathcal{D} f_0(x) \frac{f_0}{f_0} dx$
 $= E[E^{X_t} [A(X_t)] \mathcal{D} f_0 / f_0(X_0)] = E[A(X_t) \frac{\mathcal{D} f_0}{f_0}(X_0)]$ (26)

$\Rightarrow E[A(X_t^\epsilon)] - E[A(X_t)] = \epsilon \int_0^t E[A(X_t) \frac{\mathcal{D} f_0}{f_0}(X_0)] F(s) ds + O(\epsilon^2)$ **Fluctuation dissipation theorem**

"It forms one of the cornerstones of nonequilibrium statistical mechanics. In particular, it enables us to calculate equilibrium correlation functions by measuring the response of the system to a weak external forcing."