

# Dynamics in Classical Fluids

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The potential,  $U(r^N) = \sum_{i < j=1}^N u_{ij}(r_{ij})$

$$u_{ij}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$$

$\sigma \rightarrow$  defines a length scale

$\epsilon \rightarrow$  defines an energy scale

$m \rightarrow$  defines mass (also time!)

To do dynamics, we'll just use  $F=ma$ :

$m_i \ddot{r}_i = \vec{F}_i =$  force acting on particle  $i$

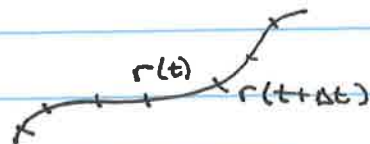
$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}_i} U(r^N) = -\sum_{j \neq i} \left( \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}}{|\vec{r}_{ij}|} \right) \frac{du_{ij}(r_{ij})}{dr_{ij}}$$

where:

$$\vec{r}_{ij} = \vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i$$

This equation is a second-order coupled differential equation for  $3N$  variables  $x_i(t), \dots, z_N(t)$

To integrate this, we imagine a path that is locally parabolic in time:

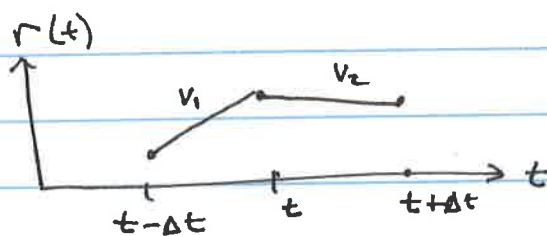


$$r(t+\Delta t) = r(t) + \Delta t v(t) + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta t)^2 \frac{F[r(t)]}{m} + \dots$$

where  $v(t) = \dot{r}(t)$  is the velocity

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We can approximate  $v(t)$



Slope of 1<sup>st</sup> segment  $v_1 = \frac{r(t) - r(t - \Delta t)}{\Delta t}$

Slope of 2<sup>nd</sup> segment  $v_2 = \frac{r(t + \Delta t) - r(t)}{\Delta t}$

Average slope  $v(t) \approx \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} = \frac{r(t + \Delta t) - r(t - \Delta t)}{2 \Delta t}$

$\therefore$

$$r(t + \Delta t) = r(t) + \Delta t \frac{r(t + \Delta t) - r(t - \Delta t)}{2 \Delta t} + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta t)^2 \frac{F[r(t)]}{m}$$

$$\boxed{r(t + \Delta t) = 2r(t) - r(t - \Delta t) + (\Delta t)^2 \frac{F[r(t)]}{m}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Verlet's leap frog algorithm. Given  $r$  at 2 different times and the forces at time  $t$  we can predict the future positions at time  $t + \Delta t$

For a Lennard-Jones fluid:  $\vec{r}_i^* = \frac{\vec{r}_i}{\sigma}$

$$\vec{r}_i^*(t + \Delta t) = 2\vec{r}_i^*(t) - \vec{r}_i^*(t - \Delta t) - (\Delta t)^2 \left( \frac{48\epsilon}{m\sigma^2} \right) \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\vec{r}_{ij}^*}{|\vec{r}_{ij}^*|^3} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_{ij}^*|} \right)^{13} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_{ij}^*|} \right)^7 \right]$$

The natural (reduced) unit of time is therefore:

$$\tau = \left( \frac{m\sigma^2}{48\epsilon} \right)^{1/2}$$

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For Argon,  $\frac{E}{k_B} = 119.8 \text{ K}$   
 $\sigma = 3.405 \text{ \AA}$   
 $\tau = 10^{-13} \text{ sec} \approx 0.1 \text{ psec}$

The errors in verlet are higher order than  $(\Delta t)^2$   
and can be made small by setting  $\Delta t$  small  
For LJ fluids

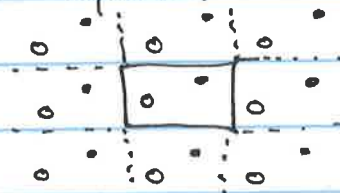
$$\Delta t^* \approx 0.03 \tau \quad (\text{i.e. } 3 \text{ fs})$$

is good for Argon.

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### Boundary Conditions

We usually imagine a bulk fluid by  
simulating a small portion of an infinitely  
replicated system



This is a fairly good model for bulk systems  
We can't observe any fluctuations larger than  
the box length.

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Equipartition can help set Initial Conditions

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m_i \vec{v}_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m_i (v_{i,x}^2 + v_{i,y}^2 + v_{i,z}^2)$$

↳  $3N$  "squared" terms

$$\langle K \rangle = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T$$



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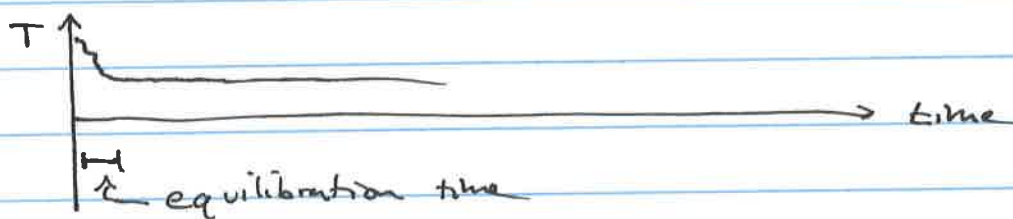
If all the velocities are uniformly distributed,

$$3N \left\langle \frac{1}{2} m (v_x^i)^2 \right\rangle = \frac{3N}{2} k_B T$$

$$\langle (v_x^i)^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{m_i}$$

We can distribute velocities based on some average temperature we want to simulate.

If we start the atoms in a regular lattice, and pick some velocities, do you expect  $T$  to go up or down in time? Why?



### Dynamics after equilibration

By the ergodic hypothesis:


$$\langle G \rangle = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} dt G[r^N(t), v^N(t)]$$



time →



initial lattice

If you focus your attention on a single tagged particle over time:  the path is highly irregular.

To quantify what we see in a liquid we use correlation functions:

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$$\rho(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta[\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i(t)]$$

$$\langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle = \left\langle \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \delta[\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i] \right) \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle N \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1) \rangle$$

$$\langle \rho \rangle = \frac{N}{V}$$

equilibrium average is time independent

particles are identical

in isotropic systems, the average is also independent of  $\vec{r}$ :

Generalities about fluctuating quantities:

For any fluctuating quantity  $\hat{x}$ ,

$$P(x) = \langle \delta(x - \hat{x}) \rangle_{\hat{x}} = \text{probability of finding fluctuating quantity } \hat{x} \text{ with value } x.$$

How we know: consider  $f(\hat{x}) = \text{arbitrary function}$

$$\langle f \rangle = \int dx P(x) f(x)$$

Also:

$$\langle f \rangle = \left\langle \int dx \delta(x - \hat{x}) f(x) \right\rangle_{\hat{x}}$$

$$= \int dx \langle \delta(x - \hat{x}) \rangle_{\hat{x}} f(x)$$

$\therefore$

$$P(x) = \langle \delta(x - \hat{x}) \rangle_{\hat{x}}$$

Why this matters:

$$\left\langle \sum_{i \neq j=1}^N \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_j) \right\rangle = \langle N(N-1) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_1) \delta(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_2) \rangle$$

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That is,

the average probability of  
any particle being found at  
 $\vec{r}$  and another being found  
at  $\vec{r}'$

$$= \langle N^2 \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_1) \delta(\vec{r}'-\vec{r}_2) \rangle - \langle N \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_1) \delta(\vec{r}'-\vec{r}_2) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}') \rangle - \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle \langle \rho(\vec{r}') \rangle g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$$

$g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$  = probability that a particle will be found  
at  $\vec{r}'$ , when one is at  $\vec{r}$ .

This is closely related to the density-density  
fluctuations at 2 points in space:

$$\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') = \langle [\rho(\vec{r}) - \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle] \cdot [\rho(\vec{r}') - \langle \rho(\vec{r}') \rangle] \rangle$$

$$= \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}') \rangle - \langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle \langle \rho(\vec{r}') \rangle$$

$$= \underbrace{\langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}')}_{\text{self correlations}} + \underbrace{\langle \rho(\vec{r}) \rangle \langle \rho(\vec{r}') \rangle [g(\vec{r}, \vec{r}') - 1]}_{\text{interparticle correlations}}$$

For an ideal gas, or a collection of uncorrelated  
particles,  $g(r) = 1$ . In that case, only  
self correlations contribute to  $\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{r}')$



## Dynamics

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Single particle:

$$F_S(\vec{r}-\vec{r}', t-t') = \langle \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_1(t) + \vec{r}_1(t')) \rangle$$



average probability that particle 1 was at  $\vec{r}$  at  $t$  and at  $\vec{r}'$  at  $t'$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}' - \vec{r}_i(t) + \vec{r}_i(t')) \right\rangle$$

If the system is uniform:

$$= \frac{V}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \delta[\vec{r}-\vec{r}_i(t)] \delta[\vec{r}'-\vec{r}_i(t')] \right\rangle$$

Therefore

$F_S(\vec{r}, t)$  = probability density that a particle is at position  $\vec{r}$  at time  $t$  given it was at the origin at time 0

The second moment of  $F_S(\vec{r}, t)$  is the mean squared distance travelled by a particle in the interval  $t-t'$ :

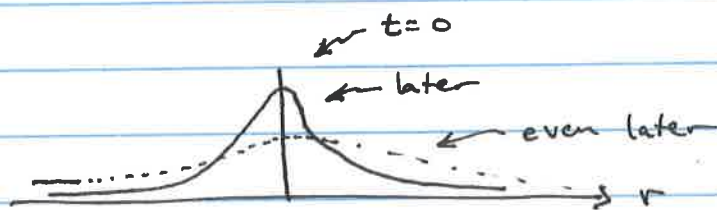
$$\begin{aligned} \int d\vec{r} r^2 F_S(\vec{r}, t-t') &= \langle |\vec{r}_1(t) - \vec{r}_1(t')|^2 \rangle \\ &= R^2(t-t') \end{aligned}$$

In random walks,  $F_S(\vec{r}, t)$  is a gaussian

$$F_S(r, t) = c(t) e^{-3r^2/2R^2(t)}$$

$\hat{=}$  normalization

That is:



$R^2(t)$  is one example of a time correlation function

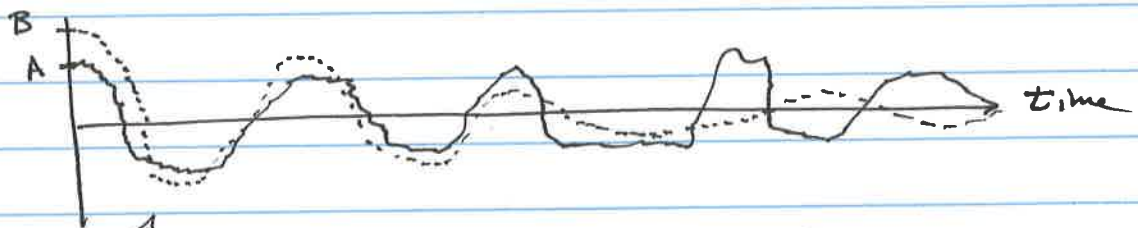
In general:

$$\langle A(t)B(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^{\tau} dt' A(t') B(t'+t)$$

$A(t)$  &  $B(t)$  are two (possibly different) variables

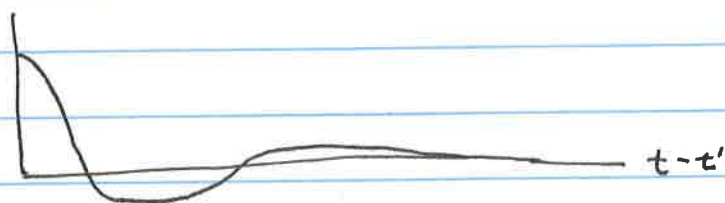
$$A(t) = A[r^N(t), p^N(t)]$$

↑ ↑ these evolve in time  
 this property evolves in time



↑ In this figure A & B are highly correlated at short times and anti-correlated later

$$\langle A(t)B(t') \rangle$$





At equilibrium:

$$\langle A(t_1) B(t_2) \rangle = \langle A(t_1) B(t_2) \rangle \text{ where } t_2 - t_1 = t$$

and

time origin doesn't matter

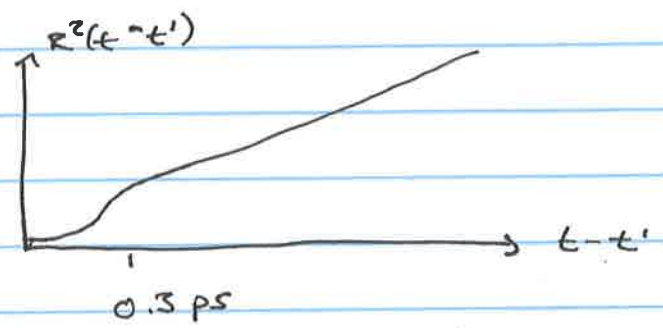
$$\langle A(t) B(t) \rangle = \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle \text{ when } t \rightarrow \infty$$

That is, loss of correlation & relaxation are identical concepts.

Back to  $R^2(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 R^2(t) &= \langle |\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(t')|^2 \rangle = \langle |\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0)|^2 \rangle \\
 &= \langle (\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0)) \cdot (\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0)) \rangle \\
 &= \langle \vec{r}_i^2(t) \rangle - 2 \langle \vec{r}_i(t) \cdot \vec{r}_i(0) \rangle + \langle \vec{r}_i^2(0) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

What it looks like:



After a short transient,  $R^2(t-t')$  becomes linear as a function of  $t-t'$

Slope =  $6D$  where  $D$  is the self-diffusion constant:

$$D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6t} \langle |\vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}(0)|^2 \rangle$$

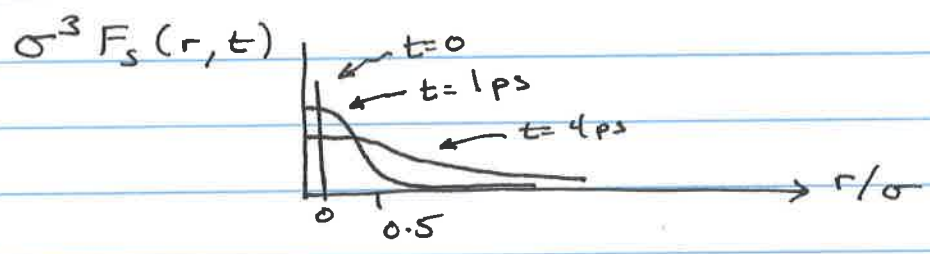
For LJ argon,  $D \approx 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

How long will it take an argon atom ( $\sigma = 3.4 \text{ \AA}$ ) to move a distance  $\sigma$  in a liquid?

$$D = \frac{\sigma^2}{6t} \quad \text{what's that?}$$

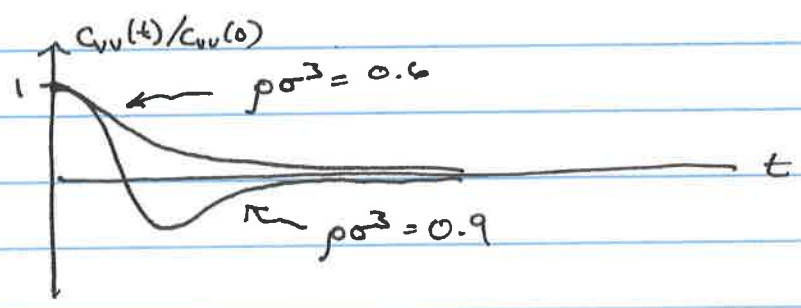
$$t = \frac{\sigma^2}{6D} = \frac{(3.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm})^2 \text{ sec}}{6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2} \approx 10 \text{ ps}$$

So:

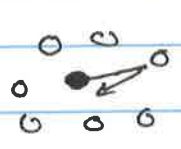


Consider this correlation function

$$C_{VV}(t) = \langle \vec{V}_i(0) \cdot \vec{V}_i(t) \rangle = 3 \langle v_{iz}(0) v_{iz}(t) \rangle$$



This indicates back-scattering at high densities



initial velocity is nearly reversed after 1 collision and is pointing in the opposite direction!

We can connect  $R^2(t)$  and  $C_{vv}(t)$

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$$\vec{r}_i(t) = \vec{r}_i(0) + \int_0^t dt' \vec{v}_i(t')$$

$$\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0) = \int_0^t dt' \vec{v}_i(t')$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0)|^2 &= \left( \int_0^t dt' \vec{v}_i(t') \right) \left( \int_0^t dt'' \vec{v}_i(t'') \right) \\ &= \int_0^t dt' \int_0^t dt'' \vec{v}_i(t') \cdot \vec{v}_i(t'') \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle |\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0)|^2 \rangle = \int_0^t dt' \int_0^t dt'' \langle \vec{v}_i(t') \cdot \vec{v}_i(t'') \rangle$$

We need to make some assumptions:

1)  $\vec{v}$  is a stationary random process, so  
 $\langle \vec{v}(t_1) \vec{v}(t_2) \rangle$  is independent of the origin of time:  
 $\langle \vec{v}(t_1) \cdot \vec{v}(t_2) \rangle = \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(t_2 - t_1) \rangle$

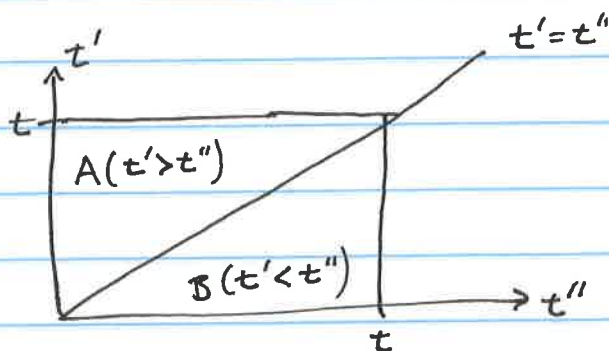
2) Eventually velocities will decorrelate:  
 $\langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(t) \rangle = 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

3)  $\langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(t) \rangle$  is an even function of time  
 $\langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(-t) \rangle = \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(t) \rangle$

Integration Method:

Integral above  
 is actually

2\* Integral over  
 region B



$$R^2(t) = 2 \int_0^t dt'' \int_0^{t''} dt' \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(t'' - t') \rangle$$

Assumption 2



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Now we can introduce a new set of variables:

$$y = t'' - t' \quad \leftarrow \text{replaces } t' \text{ with limits } (t'', 0)$$

$$x = t''$$

$$R^2(t) = 2 \int_0^t dx \int_0^x dy \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(y) \rangle$$

Integration by Parts :  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

$$R^2(t) = 2 \int_0^t \underbrace{\int_0^x dy \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(y) \rangle}_u \underbrace{dx}_{dv}$$

$$du = \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(x) \rangle \quad v = x$$

$$R^2(t) = 2 \left[ x \int_0^x \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(y) \rangle dy \Big|_0^t - \int_0^t x \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(x) \rangle dx \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[ t \int_0^t \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(y) \rangle dy - \int_0^t x \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(x) \rangle dx \right]$$

$$R^2(t) = 2 \int_0^t (t-x) \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(x) \rangle dx$$

Since  $D = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{6t} R^2(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3t} \int_0^t (t-x) \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(x) \rangle dx$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $(t-x) \sim t$ , so

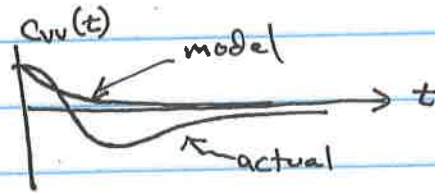
$$D = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^\infty dx \langle \vec{v}(0) \cdot \vec{v}(x) \rangle$$

Green-Kubo relation

Models for  $C_{vv}(t)$

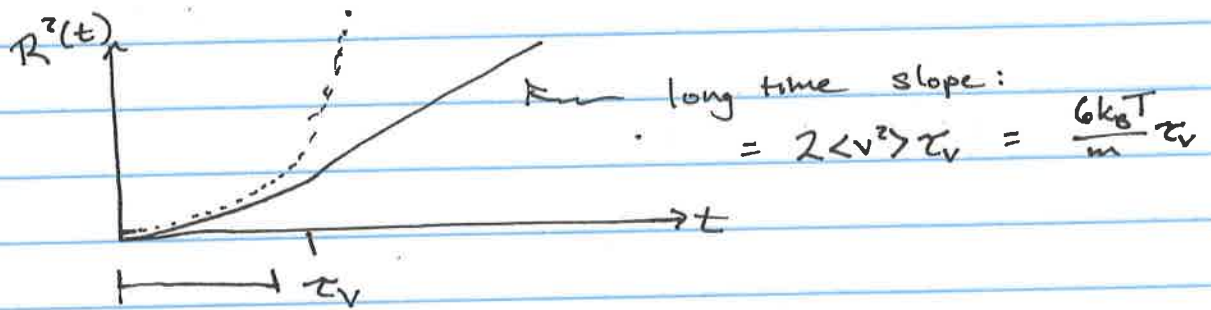
$C_{vv}(t) \approx \langle v^2 \rangle e^{-t/\tau_v}$  ← Exponential relaxation model

(Models random walks with  $\tau_v^{-1}$  = collision frequency)



In this model,  $R^2(t) = \langle v^2 \rangle 2 \int_0^t dx (t-x) e^{-x/\tau_v}$

$R^2(t) = 2\langle v^2 \rangle [t\tau_v - \tau_v^2 (1 - e^{-t/\tau_v})]$



At short times this model

Predicts:  $\langle v^2 \rangle t^2$

This simple model predicts diffusion!

$D = \frac{k_B T \tau_v}{m}$  i.e. rate of momentum relaxation ↑ → Diffusion ↓

or frequent collisions slow down diffusion

or a collision that occurs before a particle can move will slow down transport,

Independent of this relaxation model for  $C_{vv}(t)$

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We can define:

$$\tau_v = \int_0^{\infty} dt \frac{\langle \vec{v}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(0) \rangle}{\langle v^2 \rangle}$$

And therefore

$$\frac{mD}{k_B T} \equiv \tau_v \text{ is an identity}$$

At short times,

$$\vec{r}_i(t) = \vec{r}_i(0) + t\vec{v}_i(0) + \underbrace{O(t^2)}$$

All interparticle forces

The definition of the self-correlation function:

$$F_S(\vec{r}, t) = \langle \delta[\vec{r}_i(t) - \vec{r}_i(0) - \vec{r}] \rangle$$

$$\approx \langle \delta[t\vec{v}_i - \vec{r}] \rangle$$

$$= \int d\vec{v}_i \phi_{MB}(\vec{v}_i) \delta(\vec{v}_i t - \vec{r})$$

where

$$\phi_{MB}(\vec{v}) = e^{-m\vec{v}^2/2k_B T}$$

is the Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$\delta(\vec{v}_i t - \vec{r}) \Rightarrow \vec{v}_i = \frac{\vec{r}}{t}$$

$$\therefore F_S(\vec{r}, t) = c e^{-r^2/(2t^2 \beta m)}$$

$\therefore$

$F_S(r, t)$  is Gaussian &  $R^2(t)$  is quadratic at small times

$F_S(r, t)$  is Gaussian &  $R^2(t)$  is linear at long times