Error estimates on the computation of transport coefficients

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Motivation

- Transport coefficients can be obtained from
  - nonequilibrium dynamics in the linear response regime
  - integrated correlation functions at equilibrium (Green-Kubo)
  - transient response to displacement from equilibrium

For concreteness: mobility/self-diffusion (direction $F \in \mathbb{R}^d$)

$$F^T D F = \lim_{t \to +\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[\Big(F \cdot (Q_t - Q_0)\Big)^2\right]}{2t}$$

What is the numerical error arising from time discretization?

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Definition of the self-diffusion

Definition of the self-diffusion: Langevin dynamics

- Periodic potential V, Langevin dynamics for $(q,p) \in \mathcal{E} = (L\mathbb{T})^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\begin{cases} dq_t = M^{-1} p_t \, dt \\ dp_t = \Big(-\nabla V(q_t) + \eta \, F \Big) dt - \gamma M^{-1} p_t \, dt + \sqrt{\dfrac{2\gamma}{\beta}} \, dW_t \end{cases}$$

Mobility: averages in a nonequilibrium steady-state

$$\nu_F = \lim_{\eta \to 0} \frac{\mathbb{E}_\eta \left(F^T M^{-1} p \right)}{\eta} = \beta \int_{\mathcal{E}} F^T M^{-1} p \, f_{0,1}(q,p) \, \mu(dq \, dp) = \beta \, F^T D F$$

Effective diffusion computed at equilibrium: $\eta = 0$

Unperiodized displacement $Q_t - Q_0 = \displaystyle\int_0^t M^{-1} p_s \, ds$

$$F^T D F = \int_0^{+\infty} \mathbb{E}_0 \left[\left(F^T M^{-1} p_t \right) \left(F^T M^{-1} p_0 \right) \right] dt$$

- Integrability by exp. convergence to $\mu(dq \, dp) = Z^{-1} \mathrm{e}^{-\beta H(q,p)} \, dq \, dp$

Definition of the self-diffusion: overdamped Langevin

- Dynamics $dq_t = \left(-\nabla V(q_t) + \eta\, F \right) dt + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}}\, dW_t$
- Invariant measure $\nu(dq) = Z^{-1} \mathrm{e}^{-\beta V(q)}\, dq$

Mobility: averages in a nonequilibrium steady-state

$$\nu_F = \lim_{\eta \to 0} \frac{\mathbb{E}_\eta \left(-F^T \nabla V(q) \right)}{\eta} = \beta \int_{\mathcal{E}} -F^T \nabla V(q)\, g_{0,1}(q)\, \nu(dq) = \frac{1}{\beta} F^T \left(\mathrm{Id} - D \right) F$$

Effective diffusion computed at equilibrium: $\eta = 0$

Unperiodized displacement $Q_t - Q_0 = -\int_0^t \nabla V(q_s)\, ds + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}}\, W_t$

$$F^T D F = |F|^2 - \beta^2 \int_0^{+\infty} \mathbb{E}_0 \left[\left(F^T \nabla V(q_t) \right) \left(F^T \nabla V(q_0) \right) \right] dt$$

General definition of transport coefficients

- Ergodic stochastic dynamics $dX_t = b(X_t)\,dt + \sigma\,dW_t$
  - Invariant measure $\pi(dx)$
  - Generator $\mathcal{L} = b \cdot \nabla + \dfrac{\sigma^2}{2}\Delta$
- Drift perturbation $b + \eta\widetilde{b} \longrightarrow$ perturbation of generator $\widetilde{\mathcal{L}} = \widetilde{b} \cdot \nabla$

Linear response and Green-Kubo type formulas

With adjoints taken on $L^2(\pi)$ and when $\mathbb{E}_0(R) = 0$,

$$\alpha = \lim_{\eta \to 0} \frac{\mathbb{E}_\eta(R)}{\eta} = -\int_{\mathcal{E}} \left[\mathcal{L}^{-1}R\right]\left[\widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^*\mathbf{1}\right] d\pi = \int_0^{+\infty} \mathbb{E}_0\Big(R(x_t)S(x_0)\Big)\,dt$$

- Conjugated response function $S = \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}^*\mathbf{1}$
- Relies on the equality $-\mathcal{L}^{-1} = \displaystyle\int_0^{+\infty} \mathrm{e}^{t\mathcal{L}}\,dt$ (functional analysis)

Error estimates on α resulting from finite $\Delta t > 0$?

Error estimates for equilibrium dynamics

Weak type expansions

- Numerical scheme = Markov chain characterized by evolution operator

$$P_{\Delta t}\psi(x) = \mathbb{E}\left(\psi\left(x^{n+1}\right) \middle| x^n = x\right)$$

where (x^n) is an approximation of $(x_{n\Delta t})$

- (Infinitely) Many possibilities! Numerical analysis allows to discriminate

Δt-expansion of the evolution operator

$$P_{\Delta t}\varphi = \varphi + \Delta t\, \mathcal{A}_1\varphi + \Delta t^2 \mathcal{A}_2\varphi + \cdots + \Delta t^{p+1}\mathcal{A}_{p+1}\varphi + \Delta t^{p+2} r_{\varphi,\Delta t}$$

- Weak order p when $\mathcal{A}_k = \mathcal{L}^k/k!$ for $1 \leqslant k \leqslant p$
- Ergodicity of the numerical scheme with invariant measure $\pi_{\Delta t}$

$$\frac{1}{N_{\rm iter}} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\rm iter}} A(x^n) \xrightarrow[N_{\rm iter}\to+\infty]{} \int_{\mathcal{X}} A(x)\, \pi_{\Delta t}(dx)$$

Error estimates on the invariant measure

- Assumptions on the operators in the weak-type expansion
  - invariance of π by $\mathcal{A}_k$ for $1 \leqslant k \leqslant p$, namely $\displaystyle \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{A}_k \varphi \, d\pi = 0$
  - $\displaystyle \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{A}_{p+1} \varphi \, d\pi = \int_{\mathcal{X}} g_{p+1} \varphi \, d\pi$ (*i.e.* $g_{p+1} = \mathcal{A}_{p+1}^* \mathbf{1}$)

Error estimates on $\pi_{\Delta t}$

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi \, d\pi_{\Delta t} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi \Big(1 + \Delta t^p f_{p+1} \Big) d\pi + \Delta t^{p+1} R_{\varphi, \Delta t}$$

- In fact, $f_{p+1} = -\left(\mathcal{A}_1^*\right)^{-1} g_{p+1} \longrightarrow$ first order correction can be estimated by some integrated correlation function (or Romberg extrapolation)

- Error on invariant measure can be (much) smaller than the weak error

Error estimates on the linear response of nonequilibrium dynamics

Examples of splitting schemes for Langevin dynamics (1)

- Example: Langevin dynamics, discretized using a splitting strategy

$$A = M^{-1}p \cdot \nabla_q, \quad B_\eta = \Big(-\nabla V(q) + \eta F\Big) \cdot \nabla_p, \quad C = -M^{-1}p \cdot \nabla_p + \frac{1}{\beta}\Delta_p$$

- First order splitting schemes: Trotter splitting

$$P_{\Delta t}^{ZYX} = \mathrm{e}^{\Delta t Z}\mathrm{e}^{\Delta t Y}\mathrm{e}^{\Delta t X} \simeq \mathrm{e}^{\Delta t \mathcal{A}}$$

- Second order schemes: Strang splitting

$$P_{\Delta t}^{ZYXYZ} = \mathrm{e}^{\Delta t Z/2}\mathrm{e}^{\Delta t Y/2}\mathrm{e}^{\Delta t X}\mathrm{e}^{\Delta t Y/2}\mathrm{e}^{\Delta t Z/2}$$

- Other category: Geometric Langevin algorithms, *e.g.* $P_{\Delta t}^{\gamma C, A, B_\eta, A}$

Examples of splitting schemes for Langevin dynamics (2)

- $P_{\Delta t}^{B_\eta, A, \gamma C}$ corresponds to $\left\{ \begin{aligned} \widetilde{p}^{n+1} &= p^n + \Big(-\nabla V(q^n) + \eta\, F \Big) \Delta t, \\ q^{n+1} &= q^n + \Delta t\, M^{-1} \widetilde{p}^{n+1}, \\ p^{n+1} &= \alpha_{\Delta t} \widetilde{p}^{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{1-\alpha_{\Delta t}^2}{\beta} M}\, G^n \end{aligned} \right.$

where G^n are i.i.d. Gaussian and $\alpha_{\Delta t} = \exp(-\gamma M^{-1} \Delta t)$

- $P_{\Delta t}^{\gamma C, B_\eta, A, B_\eta, \gamma C}$ for $\left\{ \begin{aligned} \widetilde{p}^{n+1/2} &= \alpha_{\Delta t/2} p^n + \sqrt{\frac{1-\alpha_{\Delta t}}{\beta} M}\, G^n, \\ p^{n+1/2} &= \widetilde{p}^{n+1/2} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \Big(-\nabla V(q^n) + \eta\, F \Big), \\ q^{n+1} &= q^n + \Delta t\, M^{-1} p^{n+1/2}, \\ \widetilde{p}^{n+1} &= p^{n+1/2} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \Big(-\nabla V(q^{n+1}) + \eta\, F \Big), \\ p^{n+1} &= \alpha_{\Delta t/2} \widetilde{p}^{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{1-\alpha_{\Delta t}}{\beta} M}\, G^{n+1/2} \end{aligned} \right.$

Error estimates on linear response

Error estimates for nonequilibrium dynamics

There exists a function $f_{\alpha,1,\gamma} \in H^1(\mu)$ such that

$$\int_{\mathcal{E}} \psi \, d\mu_{\gamma,\eta,\Delta t} = \int_{\mathcal{E}} \psi \Big(1 + \eta f_{0,1,\gamma} + \Delta t^\alpha f_{\alpha,0,\gamma} + \eta \Delta t^\alpha f_{\alpha,1,\gamma} \Big) d\mu + r_{\psi,\gamma,\eta,\Delta t},$$

where the remainder is compatible with linear response

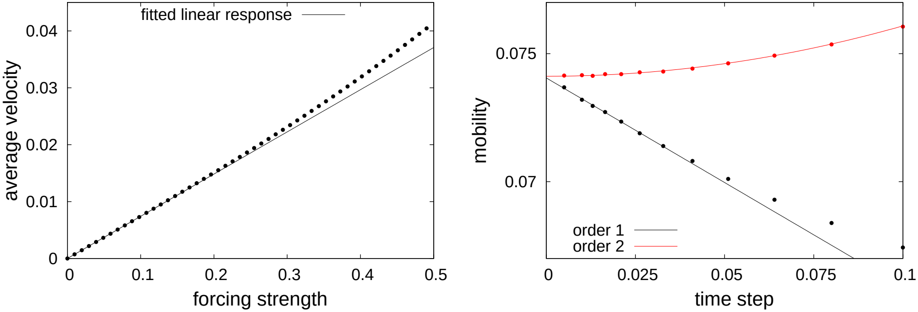
$$|r_{\psi,\gamma,\eta,\Delta t}| \leqslant K(\eta^2 + \Delta t^{\alpha+1}), \qquad |r_{\psi,\gamma,\eta,\Delta t} - r_{\psi,\gamma,0,\Delta t}| \leqslant K\eta(\eta + \Delta t^{\alpha+1})$$

- Corollary: error estimates on the numerically computed mobility

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_{F,\gamma,\Delta t} &= \lim_{\eta \to 0} \frac{1}{\eta} \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}} F^T M^{-1} p \, \mu_{\gamma,\eta,\Delta t}(dq\,dp) - \int_{\mathcal{E}} F^T M^{-1} p \, \mu_{\gamma,0,\Delta t}(dq\,dp) \right) \\ &= \nu_{F,\gamma} + \Delta t^\alpha \int_{\mathcal{E}} F^T M^{-1} p \, f_{\alpha,1,\gamma} \, d\mu + \Delta t^{\alpha+1} r_{\gamma,\Delta t}\end{aligned}$$

- Results in the overdamped limit

Numerical results



Left: Linear response of the average velocity as a function of η for the scheme associated with $P_{\Delta t}^{\gamma C, B_\eta, A, B_\eta, \gamma C}$ and $\Delta t = 0.01, \gamma = 1$.

Right: Scaling of the mobility $\nu_{F,\gamma,\Delta t}$ for the first order scheme $P_{\Delta t}^{A, B_\eta, \gamma C}$ and the second order scheme $P_{\Delta t}^{\gamma C, B_\eta, A, B_\eta, \gamma C}$.

Error estimates on Green-Kubo formulas

Error estimates on Green-Kubo formulas (1)

- Error of order α on invariant measure: $\displaystyle\int_{\mathcal{X}} \psi \, d\pi_{\Delta t} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \psi \, d\pi + \mathrm{O}(\Delta t^{\alpha})$
- Expansion of the evolution operator ($p+1 \geqslant \alpha$ and $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{L}$)

$$P_{\Delta t}\varphi = \varphi + \Delta t \, \mathcal{L}\varphi + \Delta t^2 \mathcal{A}_2 \varphi + \cdots + \Delta t^{p+1} \mathcal{A}_{p+1}\varphi + \Delta t^{p+2} r_{\varphi,\Delta t}$$

Ergodicity of the numerical scheme

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \qquad \|P_{\Delta t}^n\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^\infty_{\mathcal{K}_s,\Delta t})} \leqslant C_s \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda_s n \Delta t}$$

where $\mathcal{K}_s$ is a Lyapunov function ($1+|p|^{2s}$ for Langevin) and

$$L^\infty_{\mathcal{K}_s,\Delta t} = \left\{ \frac{\varphi}{\mathcal{K}_s} \in L^\infty(\mathcal{X}), \ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi \, d\pi_{\Delta t} = 0 \right\}$$

- Proof: Lyapunov condition + uniform-in-Δt minorization condition[1]

[1] M. Hairer and J. Mattingly, *Progr. Probab.* (2011)

Error estimates on Green-Kubo formulas (2)

Error estimates on integrated correlation functions

Observables φ, ψ with average 0 w.r.t. invariant measure π

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \mathbb{E}\Big(\psi(x_t)\varphi(x_0)\Big)dt = \Delta t \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \mathbb{E}_{\Delta t}\left(\widetilde{\psi}_{\Delta t,\alpha}(x^n)\,\varphi\left(x^0\right)\right) + \Delta t^{\alpha} r_{\Delta t}^{\psi,\varphi},$$

where $\mathbb{E}_{\Delta t}$ denotes expectations w.r.t. initial conditions $x_0 \sim \pi_{\Delta t}$ and over all realizations of the Markov chain (x^n), and

$$\widetilde{\psi}_{\Delta t,\alpha} = \psi_{\Delta t,\alpha} - \int_{\mathcal{X}} \psi_{\Delta t,\alpha}\, d\pi_{\Delta t}$$

with $\psi_{\Delta t,\alpha} = \Big(\mathrm{Id} + \Delta t\, \mathcal{A}_2\mathcal{L}^{-1} + \cdots + \Delta t^{\alpha-1}\mathcal{A}_\alpha\mathcal{L}^{-1}\Big)\psi$

- Useful when $\mathcal{A}_k\mathcal{L}^{-1}$ can be computed, *e.g.* $\mathcal{A}_k = a_k\mathcal{L}^k$
- Reduces to trapezoidal rule for second order schemes

Extension to Metropolized overdamped Langevin dynamics

- Superimpose Metropolis-Hastings correction to discretization of SDE

$$\widetilde{q}^{n+1} = q^n + \Delta t \, \nabla V(q^n) + \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta t}{\beta}} \, G^n$$

$\longrightarrow$ no bias on invariant measure / stabilization for singular potentials
$\longrightarrow$ error estimates on the diffusion of order Δt

- HMC-like scheme $\widetilde{q}^{n+1} = q^n + \Delta t \, \nabla V \left(q^n + \sqrt{\frac{\Delta t}{2\beta}} \, G^n \right) + \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta t}{\beta}} \, G^n$
  - Error of order $\Delta t^{3/2}$ when the Metropolis-Hastings rule is used
  - Reduced to Δt^2 when a Barker rule is used (replace $\min(1, r)$ by $r/(r+1)$)
  - Requires some time renormalization since rejection rate $\simeq 1/2$
  - Trade-off between increased variance (factor 2) and reduced bias

- Extension to diffusions with multiplicative noise

Numerical results