

Lecture 1

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Stoch. process

MOTIVATIONS:

- Classical thermodynamics provides a frame to understand the mean-value of macroscopic observables (energy, density, susceptibility, ...)
- Physical systems are composed of numerous but finite # of particles
→ one wants to understand fluctuations of those observables.

GENERIC SETUP:

- Set of configurations $\{\mathcal{C}\}$ (finite or discrete)
e.g.: occupation numbers $\{n_i\}$ on sites i of a network / lattice.
- Transition rates $W(\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}')$ between states (continuous-time dynamics)
($\mathcal{C} \neq \mathcal{C}'$)
- Evolution of the probability $P(\mathcal{C}, t)$ of being in \mathcal{C} at time t :

Master Equation

$$\partial_{\mathcal{C}} P(\mathcal{C}, t) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}'} W(\mathcal{C}' \rightarrow \mathcal{C}) P(\mathcal{C}', t) - r(\mathcal{C}) P(\mathcal{C}, t)$$

with $r(\mathcal{C}) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}'} W(\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}')$ (escape rate from conf. \mathcal{C})
one assumes $W(\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}) = 0$

- Where does this come from? **come back** to discrete time

$$P(\mathcal{C}, t+dt) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}'} \underbrace{dt W(\mathcal{C}' \rightarrow \mathcal{C}) P(\mathcal{C}', t)}_{\text{probability to have jumped from } \mathcal{C}' \text{ to } \mathcal{C} \text{ between } t \text{ and } t+dt} - \underbrace{\left(1 - dt \sum_{\mathcal{C}'} W(\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}')\right)}_{\text{probability to have remained in } \mathcal{C} \text{ btw } t \text{ and } t+dt} P(\mathcal{C}, t)$$

To understand / remember / recover the second term, one remarks that it ensures probability conservation:

$$\sum_{\mathcal{C}} P(\mathcal{C}, t+dt) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}} P(\mathcal{C}, t)$$

PROPERTIES:

- Conservation of probability: one has

$$\partial_t \sum_{\mathcal{E}} P(\mathcal{E}, t) = 0 \quad \text{as directly checked. Since } \sum_{\mathcal{E}} P(\mathcal{E}, 0) = 1$$

this property remains valid at all times

- Steady state:

[this is the case if one can reach any state from any other through $\{W(\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}')\}$, and if there are no recurrent states]

One assumes there exist a unique steady state $P_{st}(\mathcal{E})$ solution of $\partial_t P(\mathcal{E}, t) = 0$
i.e. verifying the ~~detailed~~ global balance condition

$$\sum_{\mathcal{E}'} W(\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}') P_{st}(\mathcal{E}) = \sum_{\mathcal{E}'} W(\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E}) P_{st}(\mathcal{E}') \quad \forall \mathcal{E}$$

- "Equilibrium dynamics": detailed balance condition

$$W(\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}') P_{eq}(\mathcal{E}) = W(\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E}) P_{eq}(\mathcal{E}') \quad \forall \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}'$$

- the steady state is then called "equilibrium state" $P_{st} = P_{eq}$

- this condition is much more restrictive

- interpretation 1: there is no current of probability in the steady state

$$0 = \sum_{\mathcal{E}'} \left(\underbrace{W(\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E}) P_{eq}(\mathcal{E}') - W(\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}') P_{eq}(\mathcal{E})}_{\text{current of probability in } \mathcal{E} (=0)} \right)$$

- interpretation 2: the dynamics starting from P_{eq} is reversible using detailed balance condition

$$P_{eq}(\mathcal{E}_0) W(\mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1) \dots W(\mathcal{E}_{k-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_k) = P_{eq}(\mathcal{E}_k) W(\mathcal{E}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{k-1}) \dots W(\mathcal{E}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_0)$$

probability density of the history $\mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_k$ of the system

probability density of the time-reversed history $\mathcal{E}_k \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_0$ of the system

Those probabilities are the same: reversibility, equilibrium.

OPERATOR NOTATION:

- One considers a vector space of basis $|e\rangle$, e in the set of all configs.
- The space is orthonormal, the scalar product denoted $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$:

$$\langle e' | e \rangle = \delta_{ee'} \quad (\text{Kronecker delta})$$

- Translation of the Markov evolution: (master equation)

Defining the vector $|P(t)\rangle = \sum_e P(e,t) |e\rangle$ of components $P(e,t)$:

$$\partial_t |P(t)\rangle = W |P(t)\rangle \quad \text{with} \quad \boxed{W_{ee'} = W(e' \rightarrow e) - r(e) \delta_{ee'}}$$

$W_{ee'}$ is the element $e'e'$ of the matrix (or 'operator') W ,
named 'evolution operator'

- Translation of the conservation of probability:

$$\partial_t \sum_e P(e,t) \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\langle -1 | W = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \langle -1 = \sum_e \langle e |}$$

in other words, the vector $\langle -1$ is a left eigen vector of W of eigenvalue 0.

- Translation of the steady state property:

the global balance condition rewrites $\boxed{W |P_{st}\rangle = 0}$

in other words the vector $|P_{st}\rangle$ is a right eigenvalue of W of e.v. 0.

It must exist if probability is conserved, since W and W^T have the same spectrum (and a left eigen vector of W corresponds to a right $e\vec{v}$ of W^T)

- Remark: All other eigen values of W are of ^{real part} ~~modulus~~ < 0 .

• Translation of the detailed balance condition:

$$W(e' \rightarrow e) P_{eq}(e') = W(e \rightarrow e') P_{eq}(e) \quad \forall e, e'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow W_{ee'} P_{eq}(e') = W_{e'e} P_{eq}(e)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P_{eq}(e)^{-1/2} W_{ee'} P_{eq}(e')^{1/2} = P_{eq}(e')^{1/2} W_{e'e} P_{eq}(e)^{1/2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \text{the 'symmetrised operator' } W^{sym} = \hat{P}_{eq}^{-1/2} W \hat{P}_{eq}^{1/2} \text{ is symmetric} \right\}$$

where \hat{P}_{eq} is the diagonal operator of elements $P_{eq}(e)$.

In this case, W^{sym} (and hence W) can be diagonalized.

• Formal solution through matrix exponentiation:

* form 1 : $\begin{cases} \partial_t |P(t)\rangle = W |P(t)\rangle \\ |P(0)\rangle = 0 \end{cases}$ has a solution $|P(e, t)\rangle = e^{tW} |P_0\rangle$
 but this form is not very useful. $= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} W^n |P_0\rangle$

* form 2 : description in terms of a jump process. To eliminate the diagonal term in $\partial_t |P(t)\rangle_e = \sum_{e'} W(e' \rightarrow e) |P(t)\rangle_{e'} - r(e) |P(t)\rangle_e$.

one sets $Q(e, t) = e^{-t\lambda(e)} P(e, t)$ which verifies

$$(*) \quad \partial_t |Q(t)\rangle = W(t) |Q(t)\rangle \text{ with } W(t)_{ee'} = W(e' \rightarrow e) e^{t(\lambda(e') - \lambda(e))}$$

this is a linear evolution with time-dependent operator $W(t)$

The solution is $|Q(t)\rangle = T \exp\left(\int_0^t W\right) |Q(0)\rangle$ (**)

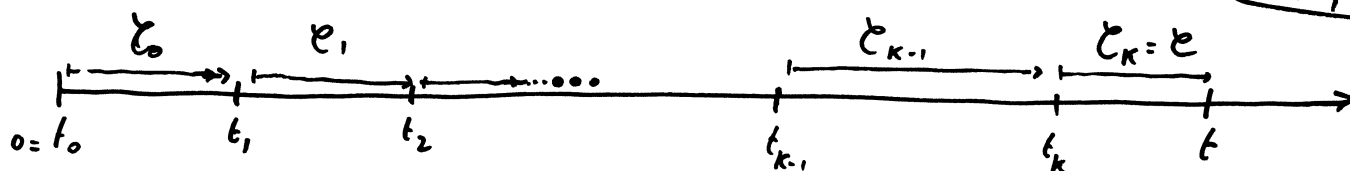
where the time-ordered exponential $T \exp$ writes $K \in \mathbb{N}$

$$T \exp\left(\int_0^t W\right) = \sum_{K \geq 0} \mathcal{T} \left(\int_0^t W \right)^K = \sum_{K \geq 0} \int_0^t dt_K \int_0^{t_{K-1}} dt_{K-1} \dots \int_0^{t_2} dt_2 W(t_K) \dots W(t_1)$$

check that (**) solves (*) using this expression

Final form of the result: coming back to $P(\mathcal{E}, t)$ from $Q(\mathcal{E}, t)$:

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sum over the number of jumps \downarrow sum over the histories of configurations \downarrow integrals over the time jump t_k 's between \mathcal{E}_{k-1} and \mathcal{E}_k \downarrow

$$P(\mathcal{E}, t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{\mathcal{E}_0 \dots \mathcal{E}_k} \int_{t_0}^t dt_1 \int_{t_1}^t dt_2 \dots \int_{t_{k-1}}^t dt_k$$

(A) \rightarrow $n(\mathcal{E}_0) e^{-(t_1 - t_0)n(\mathcal{E}_0)} \times \dots \times n(\mathcal{E}_{k-1}) e^{-(t_k - t_{k-1})n(\mathcal{E}_{k-1})} e^{-(t - t_k)n(\mathcal{E}_k)}$

(B) \rightarrow $\times \frac{W(\mathcal{E}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_1)}{n(\mathcal{E}_0)} \times \dots \times \frac{W(\mathcal{E}_{k-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_k)}{n(\mathcal{E}_{k-1})}$
 $\times P_0(\mathcal{E}_0)$

• in (A): all the $n(\mathcal{E}_{k-1}) e^{-(t_k - t_{k-1})n(\mathcal{E}_{k-1})}$ ($1 \leq k \leq K$) represent the probability that the time t_k of jump between \mathcal{E}_{k-1} and \mathcal{E}_k is t_k .
 • $e^{-(t - t_k)n(\mathcal{E}_k)}$ represents the probability not to jump between t_k and t .
 hence (A) is the probability distribution of the times jump t_k .

• in (B): $\frac{W(\mathcal{E}_{k-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_k)}{n(\mathcal{E}_{k-1})}$ represents the (normalised) probability to jump to \mathcal{E}_k starting from \mathcal{E}_{k-1} .

hence (B) represents the probability of the history of configurations $\mathcal{E}_0 \dots \mathcal{E}_k$

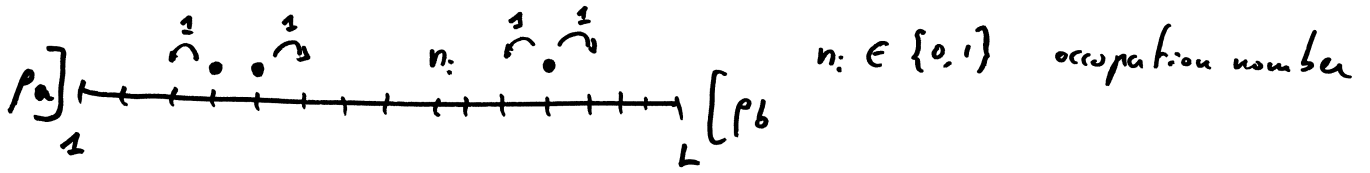
Remark: one can rewrite (A) = $\prod_{k=0}^{k-1} n(\mathcal{E}_k) \cdot e^{-\int_0^t dt' n(\mathcal{E}_{t'})}$

check that this is the correct solution when rates depend on time and hence n

LARGE DEVIATION FUNCTIONS

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Examples and motivation:



total current on a time interval $[0, t]$: $Q = \#\{\text{jumps to the right}\} - \#\{\text{jumps to the left}\}$
in time: $Q \mapsto Q+1$ each time a particle jumps to the right
 $Q \mapsto Q-1$ — — — — — left.

total time and space integrated density:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^t d\tau \sum_{i=1}^L n_i(\tau)$$

evolution in time: continuous (no jumps)

on each interval $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$ where the system does not change configuration:

$$\rho \mapsto \rho + \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} d\tau \sum_{i=1}^L \overbrace{n_i}^{\text{constant}}(t_{k-1}) = \rho + (t_k - t_{k-1}) \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L n_i(t_{k-1})$$

'dynamical activity' K : on a time interval $[0, t]$, $K = \#\{\text{change of configuration}\}$

in time: $K \mapsto K+1$ each time a configuration changes

'integrated escape rate' R : configuration at time τ , constant $\mathcal{E}_\tau = \mathcal{E}_{k-1}$ for $\tau \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$

$$R = \int_0^t d\tau r(\mathcal{E}_\tau)$$

$$R = \sum_{k=1}^K (t_k - t_{k-1}) r(\mathcal{E}_{k-1}) + (t - t_K) r(\mathcal{E}_K)$$

- Generic cases: A_1, A_2 observables depending on the history of the system on $(0, t]$

$$A_1 \text{ defined as: } \begin{cases} A_1|_{t=0} = 0, & A_1 \mapsto A_1 + a_1(\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}') \\ & \text{at each jump } \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}' \end{cases}$$

$$A_2 \text{ defined as } A_2 = \int_0^t dt a_2(\mathcal{E}_\tau) = \sum_{k=1}^K (t_k - t_{k-1}) a_2(\mathcal{E}_{k-1}) + (t - t_K) a_2(\mathcal{E}_K)$$

- Large deviation function:

x in direct space: for A an observable of type A_1 or A_2 :

• the probability density of being in \mathcal{E} at time t , having observed a value A of the observable, is denoted $P(\mathcal{E}, A, t)$.

• the probability distribution of A at time t is

$$P(A, t) = \sum_{\mathcal{E}} P(\mathcal{E}, A, t) \quad \text{and scales as}$$

$$\boxed{P(A, t) \sim \exp(+t\pi(A/t))} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

π is a dynamical equivalent of the entropy

• π is difficult to determine in general ("microcanonical problem")
one prefers to go to the "canonical dynamical ensemble"

x in Laplace space: one has the $t \rightarrow \infty$ scaling

$$\boxed{\langle e^{-sA} \rangle \sim \exp(t\psi(s))} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

average taken on histories on time interval $(0, t)$

$\psi(s)$ is the cumulant generating function: (ψ is a "dynamical free energy")

$$\boxed{\partial_s^k \psi|_{s=0} = (-1)^k \frac{1}{t} \langle A^k \rangle_{\mathcal{E}_t}} \quad \langle A^k \rangle_{\mathcal{E}_t} \text{ is the } k^{\text{th}} \text{ cumulant of } A.$$

• Interpretation of s ; link between $\Psi(s)$ and $\Pi(k)$:

* Starting from $\langle e^{-sA} \rangle = \int dA P(A,t) e^{-sA}$ $A=at$

$e^{t\Psi(s)} \approx \int da e^{t(\pi(a)-sa)}$
in the $t \rightarrow \infty$ limit, one may use the saddle point theorem

One has $\Psi(s) = \max_a (\pi(a) - sa)$ Ψ and π are Legendre transformed.

If π is convex, one may perform the inverse Laplace transform:

$\Pi(a) = \min_s (\Psi(s) + sa)$

* If $a^*(s)$ is the a where the max is reached or if $s^*(a) = s = \min_s$ one says that $a^*(s)$ and $s^*(a)$ and a are 'conjugated'

* s plays a role similar to the temperature β : it fixes the average value of A (in the same way as β fixes the average value of the energy)

* Indeed, in the large time limit: the mean value of an observable O in the 's-state' writes

$\langle O(\epsilon) \rangle_s \equiv \frac{\langle O(\epsilon) e^{-sA} \rangle}{\langle e^{-sA} \rangle} = \frac{1}{\langle e^{-sA} \rangle} \sum_{\epsilon, A} \tilde{P}(\epsilon, A, t) O(\epsilon) e^{-sA}$ $A=at$
 $\sim \frac{\int da \sum_{\epsilon} \tilde{P}(\epsilon, a) O(\epsilon) e^{t(\pi(a)-sa)}}{\int da e^{t(\pi(a)-sa)}}$
the saddle is reached at the same value $a = a^*(s)$

$\langle O(\epsilon) \rangle_s \sim \sum_{\epsilon} \tilde{P}(\epsilon, a^*(s)) O(\epsilon)$ mean value in the s-state, of $O(\epsilon)$ at final time
 $\langle O(\epsilon) \rangle_s \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{=} \langle O(\epsilon) \rangle |_{A=a^*(s)t}$
Mean value of $O(\epsilon)$ at final time for histories with $A = a^*(s)t$

In the same way, if $\pi(a)$ is convex: by Legendre transform (1.9)
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$$\langle O(\epsilon) \rangle_{A=at} \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{=} \langle O(\epsilon) \rangle_{s=s^*(a)}$$

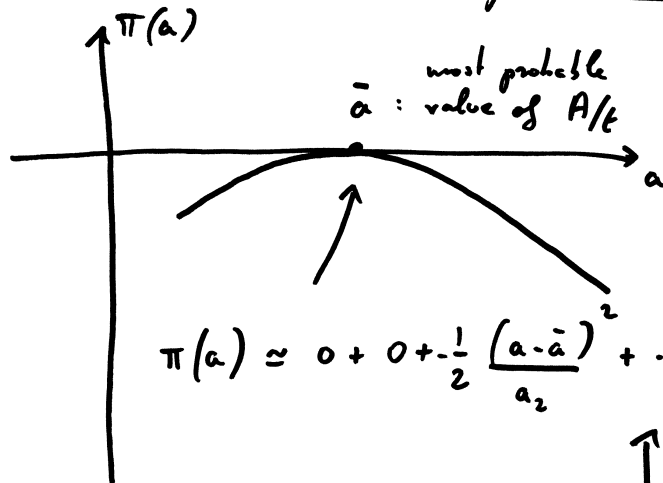
Mean value of $O(\epsilon)$ at final time
for histories with a value $A=at$
of the observable A

Mean value in the s -state of
 $O(\epsilon)$ at final time:

$$\langle O(\epsilon) \rangle_s = \frac{\langle O(\epsilon(t)) e^{-sA} \rangle}{\langle e^{-sA} \rangle}$$

In other words, to characterize the value of the observable O
in histories with a value $A=at$ of the observable A ,
one has to compute $\langle O(\epsilon) \rangle_s$ at $s=s^*(a)$.

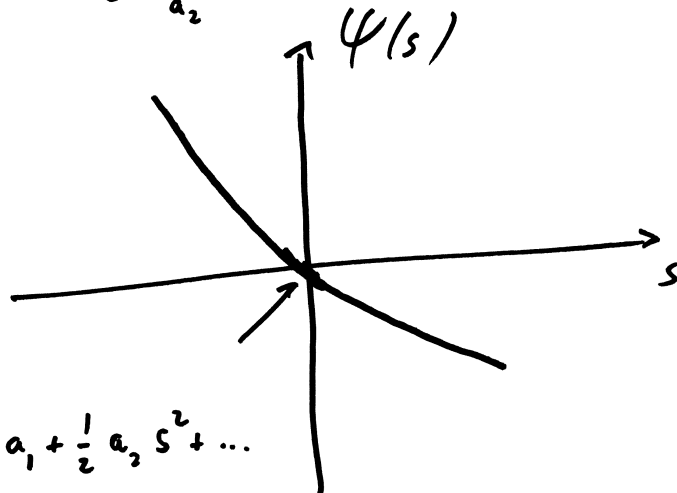
• Generic shape of the functions $\pi(a)$ and $\psi(s)$:



$$a_1 = \frac{\langle A \rangle}{\epsilon} \quad \text{mean value}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\langle A^2 \rangle_c}{\epsilon} \quad \text{second cumulant}$$

$$\pi(a) \simeq 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a - \bar{a})^2}{a_2} + \dots$$



$$\psi(s) \simeq -s a_1 + \frac{1}{2} a_2 s^2 + \dots$$

• Large deviation functions as maximal eigenvalues

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1. Cases of observables of type A_1

* Time evolution for $P(e, A_1, t)$:

$$\partial_t P(e, A_1, t) = \sum_{e'} W(e' \rightarrow e) P(e', A_1 - a_1(e' \rightarrow e), t) - r(e) P(e, A_1, t)$$

this evolution is non-diagonal in the direction A_1 ,
the operator of evolution is very difficult to diagonalize.

* Going to the s -state: Laplace transform

One introduces $\hat{P}(e, s, t) = \sum_{A_1} e^{-s A_1} P(e, A_1, t)$

It verifies $\langle e^{-s A_1} \rangle = \sum_{e, A_1} e^{-s A_1} P(e, A_1, t) = \sum_e \hat{P}(e, s, t)$

* Time evolution: from the time evolution of $P(e, A_1, t)$ one finds

$$\partial_t \hat{P}(e, s, t) = \sum_{e'} e^{-s a_1(e' \rightarrow e)} W(e' \rightarrow e) \hat{P}(e', s, t) - r(e) \hat{P}(e, s, t)$$

This time, the operator is diagonal in direction s . Putting $|\hat{P}(t)\rangle = \sum_e \hat{P}(e, s, t) |e\rangle$

one has

$$\partial_t |\hat{P}(s, t)\rangle = W(s) |\hat{P}(s, t)\rangle$$

$$(W(s))_{ee'} = e^{-s a_1(e' \rightarrow e)} W(e' \rightarrow e) - r(e) \delta_{ee'}$$

here, only the non-diagonal part of the evolution operator is modified by s

* Largest eigenvalue of $W(s)$: one has $\langle e^{-s A_1} \rangle = \sum_e \hat{P}(e, s, t)$
 but $|\hat{P}(s, t)\rangle = e^{t W(s)} |\hat{P}_0\rangle \sim e^{t \max Sp W(s)} \rightarrow n e^{t \max Sp W(s)}$
maximal eigenvalue of $W(s)$

Hence $\langle e^{-s A_1} \rangle \sim n e^{t \max Sp W(s)}$ and by definit.

$$\psi(s) = \max Sp W(s)$$

it is the largest eigenvalue of $W(s)$

2. Case of observable of type A_2

$\partial_t P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t)$ is not as directly obtained as previously.

* first approach: time discretization

OK up to order dt

$$P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t+dt) = \int_{\mathcal{E}'} dt W(\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E}) P(\mathcal{E}', A_2, t) + (1 - dt n(\mathcal{E})) P(\mathcal{E}, A_2 - \int_{t-dt}^t dt a_2(\mathcal{E}(t))) \approx dt a_2(\mathcal{E})$$

Hence, in the $dt \rightarrow 0$ limit:

$$P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t) - dt \partial_{A_2} P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t) a_2(\mathcal{E})$$

$$\partial_t P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t) = \int_{\mathcal{E}'} W(\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E}) P(\mathcal{E}', A_2, t) - (n(\mathcal{E}) P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t) + a_2(\mathcal{E}) \partial_{A_2} P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t))$$

Or, introducing $\hat{P}(\mathcal{E}, s, t) = \int dA_2 e^{-sA_2} P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t)$

one again has $\langle e^{-sA_2} \rangle = \int dA_2 \sum_{\mathcal{E}} P(\mathcal{E}, A_2, t) = \sum_{\mathcal{E}} \hat{P}(\mathcal{E}, s, t)$

The equation of evolution is thus (by integration by part)

$$\partial_t \hat{P}(\mathcal{E}, s, t) = \int_{\mathcal{E}'} W(\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E}) \hat{P}(\mathcal{E}', s, t) - (n(\mathcal{E}) + s a_2(\mathcal{E})) \hat{P}(\mathcal{E}, s, t)$$

Or, in vector notation:

$$\partial_t |\hat{P}(s, t)\rangle = W(s) |\hat{P}(s, t)\rangle$$

$$(W(s))_{\mathcal{E}\mathcal{E}'} = W(\mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{E}) - (n(\mathcal{E}) + s a_2(\mathcal{E})) \delta_{\mathcal{E}\mathcal{E}'}$$

this time, it is the diagonal part of the operator of evolution which is modified by s

* second derivation of the result:

One has $A_2 = \sum_{k=1}^K (t_k - t_{k-1}) a_2(\xi_{k-1}) + (t - t_K) a_2(\xi_K)$

Thus, using the expression previously obtained for the probability of an history

$$\langle e^{-sA_2} \rangle = \sum_{K \geq 0} \sum_{\xi_0, \dots, \xi_K} \int_{t_0}^t dt_1 \dots \int_{t_{K-1}}^t dt_K e^{-\sum_{k=1}^K (t_k - t_{k-1}) (n(\xi_{k-1}) + s a_2(\xi_{k-1})) - (t - t_K) (n(\xi_K) - n(\xi_{K-1}))} \times \prod_{k=1}^K W(\xi_{k-1} \rightarrow \xi_k) P_0(\xi_0)$$

And one recognizes precisely the expression of

$$\langle - | T_{exp} \underbrace{W_s(t)}_{\text{time dependent operator of evolution}} | P_0 \rangle$$

time dependent operator of evolution corresponding precisely to $W(s)$ for s associated to A_2

which is compatible with $|\hat{P}(s, t)\rangle = T_{exp} W_s(t) | P_0 \rangle$

• Remark: mixed observables:

The l.d.f. $\Psi(s_1, s_2) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log \langle e^{-s_1 A_1 - s_2 A_2} \rangle$ is the max e.v. of

$$\left(W(s_1, s_2) \right)_{\xi \xi'} = e^{-s_1 a_1(\xi \rightarrow \xi')} W(\xi' \rightarrow \xi) - (n(\xi) + s_2 a_2(\xi)) \delta_{\xi \xi'}$$

both diagonal and non-diagonal parts of the operator of evolution are modified, respectively by s_2 and s_1

• Time reversal symmetry and fluctuation theorem:

[Lebowitz & Spohn]

Consider the observable $Q_{Ls} = \text{Log} \frac{W(\epsilon_0 \rightarrow \epsilon_1) \dots W(\epsilon_{k-1} \rightarrow \epsilon_k)}{W(\epsilon_k \rightarrow \epsilon_{k-1}) \dots W(\epsilon_1 \rightarrow \epsilon_0)}$ ("entropy current")

Upon a jump $\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon'$ one has $Q_{Ls} \mapsto Q_{Ls} + \text{Log} \frac{W(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')}{W(\epsilon' \rightarrow \epsilon)}$

The modified operator of evolution for s associated to Q_{Ls} is

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{W}(s))_{\epsilon\epsilon'} &= e^{-s \text{Log} \frac{W(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')}{W(\epsilon' \rightarrow \epsilon)}} W(\epsilon' \rightarrow \epsilon) - n(\epsilon) \delta_{\epsilon\epsilon'} \\ &= W(\epsilon' \rightarrow \epsilon)^{1-s} W(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')^s - n(\epsilon) \delta_{\epsilon\epsilon'} \end{aligned}$$

One thus has $(\mathbb{W}(s))_{\epsilon\epsilon'} = (\mathbb{W}(1-s))_{\epsilon'\epsilon}$

$$\mathbb{W}(s)^T = \mathbb{W}(1-s)$$

Since those two operators have the same spectrum, one has $\Psi(s) = \Psi(1-s)$

This symmetry is an instance of 'Gallavotti-Cohen relation' (or 'Fluctuation Theorem')

• Numerical algorithm for large deviation function: s conjugated to $A=A$,

By writing $W_s(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon') = e^{-sA(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')} W(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')$; $r_s(\epsilon) = \sum_{\epsilon'} W_s(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')$

$$(\mathbb{W}(s))_{\epsilon\epsilon'} = \underbrace{W_s(\epsilon' \rightarrow \epsilon) - r_s(\epsilon) \delta_{\epsilon\epsilon'}}_{\text{probability-conserving evolution with modified rates } W_s(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')} + \underbrace{(r_s(\epsilon) - n(\epsilon)) \delta_{\epsilon\epsilon'}}_{\text{cloning with rate } r_s(\epsilon) - n(\epsilon)}$$

(probability-conserving) evolution with modified rates $W_s(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')$ cloning with rate $r_s(\epsilon) - n(\epsilon)$

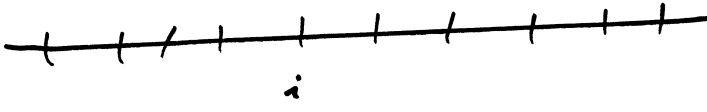
one can devise an algorithm to measure $\Psi(s)$ numerically:

- evolution with rate $W_s(\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon')$ of each copy
- cloning (pruning) of copies with rate $r_s(\epsilon) - n(\epsilon)$

then the global increase/decrease rate of the population is $\Psi(s)$
 [There are tricks to keep the population size constant - see Refs.]

Doi-Peliti Formalism for Lattice Gases

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• Settings:  lattice with sites i

Each site is described by an occupation number $n_i = 0, 1, \dots$

Dynamics: on each site i , a particle jumps to any neighbor j with rate $W_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n})$ which depends on the configuration of the whole system $\vec{n} = \{n_i\}$

Hence, in terms of particle occupations, rates write
number of particles that can jump.

$$W(\dots n_i \dots n_j \dots \rightarrow \dots n_i - 1 \dots n_j + 1 \dots) = n_i W_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n})$$

Example: biased diffusion in dimension 1 $\begin{cases} W_{i \rightarrow i+1} = p & \text{jump to the right} \\ W_{i \rightarrow i-1} = q & \text{jump to the left} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} W(\dots n_i n_{i+1} \dots \rightarrow \dots n_i - 1 n_{i+1} + 1 \dots) = p n_i \\ W(\dots n_i n_{i-1} \dots \rightarrow \dots n_i + 1 n_{i-1} - 1 \dots) = q n_i \end{cases}$$

• Equation of evolution: \leftarrow (boundary conditions may add terms)
 \leftarrow occupation number before the jump

$$\partial_t P(\vec{n}, t) = \sum_i \sum_{j \text{ neighb. } i} \left\{ (n_i + 1) W_{i \rightarrow j}(\dots n_i + 1, n_j - 1, \dots) P(\dots n_i + 1, n_j - 1, \dots) - n_i W_{i \rightarrow j}(\dots n_i, n_j, \dots) P(\dots n_i, n_j, \dots) \right\} \quad (*)$$

Written in this form, it is quite complex to use.

One introduces a (Fock) base $|\vec{n}\rangle$ and $|P(t)\rangle = \sum_{\vec{n}} P(\vec{n}, t) |\vec{n}\rangle$

By changing variables in (*) one has: $\rightarrow (n_i \leftrightarrow n_i - 1, n_j \leftrightarrow n_j + 1)$

$$\partial_t |P(t)\rangle = \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{j \text{ neighb. } i} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & n_i W_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) P(\vec{n}, t) |\dots n_i - 1, n_j + 1, \dots\rangle \\ & - n_i W_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) P(\vec{n}, t) |\vec{n}\rangle \end{aligned} \right\}$$

• Doi-Peliti: operators of creation and annihilation a and a^\dagger :

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on a single site: $a|n\rangle = n|n-1\rangle$ (with $a|0\rangle = 0$)
 $a^\dagger|n\rangle = |n+1\rangle$

on each site: $a_i|\vec{n}\rangle = n_i|\dots n_i-1 \dots\rangle$ $a_i^\dagger|\vec{n}\rangle = |\dots n_i+1 \dots\rangle$

One also defines a number operator $\hat{n}_i = a_i^\dagger a_i$, diagonal: $\hat{n}_i|\vec{n}\rangle = n_i|\vec{n}\rangle$
and also for a function $f(n)$ a diagonal operator $f(\hat{n}_i)$ such that $f(\hat{n}_i)|\vec{n}\rangle = f(n_i)|\vec{n}\rangle$

• Expression of the operator of evolution:

$$\partial_t |P(t)\rangle = \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{i: \text{neighb.}} \left\{ \underbrace{w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n})}_{\substack{\text{ordering} \\ \Downarrow}} P(\vec{n}(t)) \underbrace{a_i^\dagger a_j}_{\substack{\text{ordering} \\ \Downarrow}} |\vec{n}\rangle - w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) P(\vec{n}(t)) |\vec{n}\rangle \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{i: \text{neighb.}} \left(a_j^\dagger a_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) - \hat{n}_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) \right) \underbrace{\sum_{\vec{n}} P(\vec{n}(t)) |\vec{n}\rangle}_{= |P(t)\rangle \text{ by def.}} = |P(t)\rangle$$

Finally: $\partial_t |P(t)\rangle = \mathbb{W} |P(t)\rangle$ with

$$\mathbb{W} = \sum_i \sum_{j: \text{neighb.}} \left\{ a_j^\dagger a_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) - \hat{n}_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) \right\}$$

This is the Doi-Peliti form of the operator of evolution

If one is able to diagonalize \mathbb{W} one knows all the dynamics

Remark: The ordering is important.

If rates for particles are of the form $w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) = v_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}') \cdot \dots$ where \vec{n}' is after the jump

the term in the exponent for P is $(n_i+1) w_{i \rightarrow j}(n_i+1, n_j, \dots) v_{i \rightarrow j}(n_i, n_j, \dots) P(n_i, n_j, \dots)$

— (P) is $n_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) v_{i \rightarrow j}(n_i-1, n_j+1, \dots) |\dots n_i-1, n_j+1 \dots\rangle$

— \mathbb{W} is: $\boxed{v_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) a_j^\dagger a_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n})}$
after jump before jump

• Including large deviation parameter s:

* 1st case: s associated to $A = A_1$

One assumes that $A_i \mapsto A_i + a_i(i \rightarrow j)$ when a jump $i \rightarrow j$ occurs $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{which does not depend on the} \\ \text{occupation numbers (this is} \\ \text{easily generalized)} \end{array} \right.$

Then, in the equation for $\hat{P}(\vec{n}, s, t)$ one has:

$$\dots (n_i + 1) e^{s a_i(i \rightarrow j)} w_{i \rightarrow j}(\dots n_i + 1, n_j - 1, \dots) P(\dots n_i + 1, n_j - 1, \dots)$$

The operator of evolution is then

$$\mathbb{W}(s) = \sum_i \sum_{j \text{ neighb.}} \left\{ a_j^+ a_i e^{s a_i(i \rightarrow j)} w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) - n_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) \right\}$$

* 2nd case: s associated to $A = A_2$

In this case, only the diagonal term of \mathbb{W} is affected:

$$\mathbb{W}(s) = \sum_i \sum_{j \text{ neighb.}} \left\{ a_j^+ a_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) - (n_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) + s a_2(\vec{n})) \right\}$$

• Remark on conservation of probab. l.t.s:

$$\hat{n}_i = a_i^+ a_i$$

When $s=0$, one writes $\mathbb{W} = \sum_i \sum_{j \text{ neighb.}} (a_j^+ - a_i^+) a_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n})$

We now use the identity $\langle n | a^+ = \langle n-1 |$ (for a single site) see later why.
 $\langle \vec{n} | a_i^+ = \langle \dots n_i - 1, \dots |$

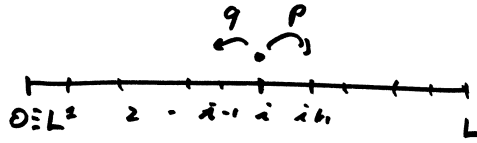
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \langle -1 | \mathbb{W} &= \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{i \text{ neighb. } j} \langle -1 | (a_j^+ - a_i^+) a_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{ij} (\langle \dots n_j - 1, \dots | - \langle \dots n_i - 1, \dots |) a_i w_{i \rightarrow j} \\ &\stackrel{\text{changing}}{=} \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{ij} \underbrace{(\langle n | - \langle n |)} a_i w_{i \rightarrow j}(\vec{n}) \end{aligned}$$

$\langle -1 | \mathbb{W} = 0$ Probab. l.t.s is conserved.

EXAMPLES - (At last!)

• (Biased) Diffusion in dimension 1 : with various boundary conditions

• periodic boundary conditions,



$$a) W = \sum_{i=1}^L \left\{ q a_i^+ a_{i+1} + p a_{i+1}^+ a_i - q a_{i+1}^+ a_{i+1} - p a_i^+ a_i \right\}$$

unbiased case: symmetric diffusion

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^L a_i^+ (a_{i+1} - a_i) + a_{i+1}^+ (a_i - a_{i+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^L \underbrace{(a_{i+1}^+ - a_i^+) (a_{i+1} - a_i)}_{\text{"} \nabla a^+ \nabla a \text{"}}$$

$$n: W = \sum_{i=1}^L a_i^+ (a_{i+1} + a_{i-1} - a_i - a_i) = \sum_{i=1}^L \underbrace{a_i^+ (a_{i+1} + a_{i-1} - 2a_i)}_{\text{"} a^+ \Delta a \text{"}}$$

b) With s conjugated to the current Q: $Q \mapsto \begin{cases} Q+1 & \text{if } \rightarrow \\ Q-1 & \text{if } \leftarrow \end{cases}$

$$W(s) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left\{ e^s q a_i^+ a_{i+1} + e^{-s} p a_{i+1}^+ a_i - (p+q) a_i^+ a_i \right\}$$

c) With s conjugated to the activity K: $K \mapsto K+1$ at each jump

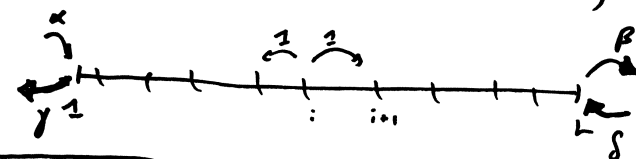
$$W(s) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left\{ e^s [q a_i^+ a_{i+1} + p a_{i+1}^+ a_i] - (p+q) a_i^+ a_i \right\}$$

d) With s conjugated to the total particle number: $N = \int_0^t \sum_i \dot{n}_i$
 $\hat{n}_{tot} = \sum_i \hat{n}_i$

$$W(s) = \sum_{i=1}^L \left\{ q a_i^+ a_{i+1} + p a_{i+1}^+ a_i - (p+q) a_i^+ a_i - s a_i^+ a_i \right\}$$

• boundary condition: reservoirs

Δ correct indexing is important!



$$W = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{L-1} \left\{ a_{i+1}^+ a_i + a_i^+ a_{i+1} - a_i^+ a_i - a_{i+1}^+ a_{i+1} \right\}}_{\text{bulk dynamics}} + \underbrace{\alpha (a_1^+ - 1) + \beta (a_L - a_L^+ a_L) + \gamma (a_1 - a_1^+ a_1) + \delta (a_L^+ - 1)}_{\text{contact with reservoirs}}$$

• Annihilation/creation:

On a single site: $n = \text{occupation number}$ $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Dynamics: $\begin{cases} \cdot \text{creation at rate } c \\ \cdot \text{annihilation of each particle at rate } 1 \cdot c \end{cases}$

Hence: for particle number $\begin{cases} W(n \rightarrow n+1) = c \\ W(n \rightarrow n-1) = n. \end{cases}$

Equation for $P(n, t)$:

$$\partial_t P(n, t) = (n+1)P(n+1, t) + c P(n-1, t) - (n+c)P(n)$$

$$\partial_t |P\rangle = \sum_n \left\{ (n+1)P(n+1, t) |n\rangle + c P(n-1, t) |n\rangle - (n+c)P(n, t) |n\rangle \right\}$$

$$\boxed{W = a^\dagger + c a^\dagger - (a^\dagger a + c)}$$

a and a^\dagger directly represent reaction and annihilation

Remark: check that $\begin{cases} \cdot \text{probability is conserved: } \langle -1 | W = 0 \\ \cdot \text{the equilibrium state is Poissonian: } |P_{eq}\rangle = e^{-c} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{c^n}{n!} |n\rangle \end{cases}$

• Reaction $A + A \xrightarrow{k} \emptyset$ (k is the reaction rate)

$$W(n \rightarrow n-2) = k n (n-1) \quad \begin{matrix} (n: \text{choice for the first particle} \\ (n-1: \text{choice for the 2nd} \end{matrix}$$

$$\partial_t P(n, t) = \sum_n \left\{ k(n+2)(n+1)P(n+2, t) - k n(n-1)P(n, t) \right\}$$

$$\partial_t |P\rangle = \sum_n \left\{ k n(n-1) P(n) |n-2\rangle - k n(n-1) P(n) |n\rangle \right\} \quad [a, a^\dagger] = 1$$

$$W = k(a^\dagger)^2 - k a^\dagger a (a^\dagger a - 1) \quad \begin{cases} a a^\dagger = 1 + a^\dagger a \\ a^\dagger a (a^\dagger a - 1) = a^\dagger (1 + a^\dagger a) a - a^\dagger a = a^\dagger a \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{W = k(1 - a^{\dagger 2}) a^2}$$

Hence for instance the reaction-diffusion operator on a 1d lattice:

$$W = - \sum_i (a_{i+1}^\dagger - a_i^\dagger)(a_{i+1} - a_i) + k \sum_i (1 - a_i^{\dagger 2}) a_i^2$$

Chemical reaction btw species: $\begin{cases} B \xrightarrow{k_1} A \\ A+B \xrightarrow{k_2} 2B \end{cases}$

operators a, a^\dagger for A
 b, b^\dagger for B

think that this part is diagonal, and equal to the escape rate

$$W = k_1 (a^\dagger b - b^\dagger b) + k_2 (b^\dagger a b - a^\dagger a b^\dagger b)$$

$$W = k_1 (a^\dagger - b^\dagger) b + k_2 (b^\dagger - a^\dagger b^\dagger) a b$$

Kinetically constrained models (KCM) (Bosonic version) on a 1d lattice

$\circ : n_i = 0$ $\circ \xrightarrow{c} \bullet$ with rates proportional to the number of active neighbors before the jump
 $\bullet : n_i = 1$ $\bullet \xrightarrow{(1-c)} \circ$ neighbors before the jump

$$\begin{cases} W(n_i \rightarrow n_i + 1) = c (n_{i+1} + n_{i-1}) \\ W(n_i \rightarrow n_i - 1) = (1-c) n_i (n_{i+1} + n_{i-1}) \end{cases}$$

$$W = \sum_i \left[c a_i^\dagger + (1-c) a_i - (c + (1-c) a_i^\dagger a_i) \right] (a_{i+1}^\dagger a_{i+1} + a_{i-1}^\dagger a_{i-1})$$

Mean-Field version: n is the number of active sites

$$\begin{cases} W(n \rightarrow n+1) = c n \quad \# \text{ choice} \\ W(n \rightarrow n-1) = (1-c) n (n-1) \quad n-1 \text{ neighbors to the one which decays} \end{cases}$$

$$W = c (a^\dagger a - a^\dagger a) + (1-c) \left[\underbrace{a (a^\dagger a - 1)}_{a^\dagger a^2} + a^\dagger a \underbrace{(a^\dagger a - 1)}_{a^\dagger a^2} \right]$$

$$W = c a^\dagger (a^\dagger - 1) a + (1-c) a^\dagger (1 + a^\dagger) a^2$$

• Technical remark 1: useful similarity transformations:

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$$1) \varphi(l) = e^{-l\hat{n}} a e^{l\hat{n}} : \begin{cases} \varphi(0) = a & a\hat{a} - \hat{a}a = (a\hat{a} - \hat{a}a) = a \\ \varphi'(l) = e^{-l\hat{n}} (\hat{n}a + a\hat{n}) e^{l\hat{n}} = e^{-l\hat{n}} a e^{l\hat{n}} = \varphi(l) \end{cases}$$

thus $\varphi(l) = e^l \varphi(0) = e^l a$ $\boxed{e^{-l\hat{n}} a e^{l\hat{n}} = e^l a}$

$$2) \varphi(l) = e^{-l\hat{n}} a^\dagger e^{l\hat{n}} : \begin{cases} \varphi(0) = a^\dagger & a^\dagger\hat{a} - \hat{a}a^\dagger = a^\dagger(\hat{a} - a\hat{a}) = -a^\dagger \\ \varphi'(l) = e^{-l\hat{n}} (\hat{n}a^\dagger + a^\dagger\hat{n}) e^{l\hat{n}} = -e^{-l\hat{n}} a^\dagger e^{l\hat{n}} = -\varphi(l) \end{cases}$$

thus $\varphi(l) = e^{-l} \varphi(0) = e^{-l} a^\dagger$ $\boxed{e^{-l\hat{n}} a^\dagger e^{l\hat{n}} = e^{-l} a^\dagger}$

1+2): One thus have found a similarity transformation $Q = e^{+l\hat{n}}$ such that

$$\boxed{\begin{cases} Q^{-1} a Q = z a \\ Q^{-1} a^\dagger Q = \frac{1}{z} a^\dagger \end{cases}} \quad (\text{one has set } z = e^l)$$

(Any similarity transformation does not modify the spectrum.)

$$3) \varphi(l) = e^{-la^\dagger} a e^{la^\dagger} \quad \begin{cases} \varphi(0) = a \\ \varphi'(l) = e^{-la^\dagger} (a\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a}^\dagger a) e^{la^\dagger} = 1 \end{cases} \quad \varphi^*(l) = a + l$$

in this case, setting $Q = e^{-la^\dagger}$ one has $\boxed{\begin{cases} Q^{-1} a Q = a + l \\ Q^{-1} a^\dagger Q = a^\dagger \end{cases}}$

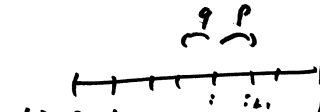
4) Similarly $Q = e^{+la}$ yields $\boxed{\begin{cases} Q^{-1} a Q = a \\ Q^{-1} a^\dagger Q = a^\dagger + l \end{cases}}$

Remark: 1) and 2) can also be obtained directly:

$$z^{+\hat{n}} a z^{-\hat{n}} |n\rangle = z^{+\hat{n}} z^{-n} a |n\rangle = z^{+\hat{n}} z^{-n} |n-1\rangle = z^{+n-1-n} a |n\rangle = z^{-1} a |n\rangle$$

$$z^{-\hat{n}} a^\dagger z^{+\hat{n}} |n\rangle = z^{-\hat{n}} z^n |n+1\rangle = z^{-(n+1)} z^n |n+1\rangle = z^{-1} a^\dagger |n\rangle$$

Technical remark 2: Consequence of particle conservation

Let's consider the (biased) walk 

with s conjugated $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{to the total current} \rightarrow W_{tot}(s) \\ \text{to the current through the bond } 1 \leftrightarrow 2: W_1(s) \end{array} \right.$

One has
$$W_{tot}(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} \left[e^s q a_i^+ a_{i+1} + e^s p a_{i+1}^+ a_i - q a_{i+1}^+ a_{i+1} - p a_i^+ a_i \right]$$

$$W_1(s) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=0}^{L-2} \left[q a_i^+ a_{i+1} + p a_{i+1}^+ a_i - q a_{i+1}^+ a_{i+1} - p a_i^+ a_i \right] \\ + q e^{sL} a_{L-1}^+ a_L + p e^{-s} a_L^+ a_{L-1} - q \hat{n}_L - p \hat{n}_{L-1} \end{array} \right.$$

One sets $Q = e^{\sum_{i=0}^{L-1} s \hat{n}_i}$ $\rightarrow \Delta q_L^+ = a_0^+ \quad a_L = a_0$

one has $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q^{-1} a_i^+ a_{i+1} Q = e^{is} e^{-(i+1)s} a_i^+ a_{i+1} = e^{-s} a_i^+ a_{i+1} \\ \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq L-2 \quad Q^{-1} a_{i+1}^+ a_i Q = e^{(i+1)s} e^{-is} a_{i+1}^+ a_i = e^s a_{i+1}^+ a_i \end{array} \right.$

But: for $i=L-1$: $Q^{-1} a_{L-1}^+ a_L Q = Q^{-1} a_{L-1}^+ a_0 Q = e^{(L-1)s} a_{L-1}^+ a_0$
 $Q^{-1} a_L^+ a_{L-1} Q = Q^{-1} a_0^+ a_{L-1} Q = e^{-(L-1)s} a_0^+ a_{L-1}$

Hence:
$$Q^{-1} W_{tot}(s) Q = \sum_{i=0}^{L-2} \left[q a_i^+ a_{i+1} + p a_{i+1}^+ a_i - q a_{i+1}^+ a_{i+1} - p a_i^+ a_i \right] + q e^{Ls} a_{L-1}^+ a_L + p e^{-Ls} a_L^+ a_{L-1} - q \hat{n}_L - p \hat{n}_{L-1}$$

$Q^{-1} W_{tot}(s) Q = W_a(Ls)$ thus, since spectra are the same:

$\Psi_{tot}(s) = \Psi_1(Ls)$

We thus have shown that the large deviation function for the total current is simply related to that of the current through one bond.

• Technical remark 3:

a^\dagger is not the adjoint of a , contrary to the situation in quantum mech.

• Reminder on quantum mechanics

The quantum creation and annihilation operators (denoted α, α^\dagger here) are such that

$$\begin{cases} \alpha |n\rangle = \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle \\ \alpha^\dagger |n\rangle = \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle \end{cases}$$

α^\dagger is the hermitian conjugate of α . Indeed:

$$\langle n | \alpha^\dagger = \langle n | \alpha^\dagger \sum_m |m\rangle \langle m| = \sum_m \langle n | \sqrt{m+1} |m+1\rangle \langle m| = \sqrt{n} \langle n-1| = (\sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle)^\dagger$$

$$\boxed{\langle n | \alpha^\dagger = (\alpha |n\rangle)^\dagger}$$

• Similarity transformation from α, α^\dagger to a, a^\dagger :

The quantum operator number $\alpha^\dagger \alpha$ is equal to $a^\dagger a = \hat{n}$: $\alpha^\dagger \alpha |n\rangle = \alpha^\dagger \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle = n |n\rangle$

One sets:

$$\begin{cases} a = (\hat{n}!)^{-1/2} \alpha (\hat{n}!)^{1/2} \\ a^\dagger = (\hat{n}!)^{-1/2} \alpha^\dagger (\hat{n}!)^{1/2} \end{cases}$$

Then:

$$a |n\rangle = (\hat{n}!)^{-1/2} (n!)^{1/2} \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle = \underbrace{\left(\frac{n!}{(n-1)!}\right)^{1/2}}_{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{n} |n-1\rangle = n |n-1\rangle \quad \text{OK}$$

$$a^\dagger |n\rangle = (\hat{n}!)^{-1/2} (n!)^{1/2} \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle = \underbrace{\left(\frac{n!}{(n+1)!}\right)^{1/2}}_{1/\sqrt{n+1}} \sqrt{n+1} |n+1\rangle = |n+1\rangle \quad \text{OK}$$

The expressions above are thus correct representations of a, a^\dagger

→ In other words the (statistical physics) Doi-Peliti operator a, a^\dagger are (non-unitary) similarity transformed of the quantum creation and annihilation operators α, α^\dagger .

The non-unitarity explains why $(a)^\dagger \neq a^\dagger$.

• Technical remark 4: how can one transpose a, a^t ?

$$\langle n | a^t = \langle n | a^t \sum_m \underbrace{|m\rangle\langle m|}_{\text{(identity)}} = \sum_m \langle n | \underbrace{m+1}_m \rangle \langle m | = \langle n-1 | \Rightarrow \boxed{\langle n | a^t = \langle n-1 |}$$

$$\langle n | a = \langle n | a \sum_m |m\rangle\langle m| = \sum_m \langle n | \underbrace{m-1}_m \rangle \langle m | = \langle n+1 | \langle n+1 | \Rightarrow \boxed{\langle n | a = \langle n+1 | \langle n+1 |}$$

• Technical remark 5: What is the meaning of the eigen vectors associated to $W(s)$?

Let's call $|R\rangle$ and $\langle L|$ the left and right eigen vectors associated to the maximum eigen value $\psi(s)$ of $W(s)$ steady state.

One knows that at $s=0$: $\langle L| = \langle -1| = \sum_e \langle e|$ and $|R\rangle = |P_s\rangle$

• One can normalize $|R\rangle$ such that $\langle -1|R\rangle = 1$ (ie $\sum_e R(e) = 1$; R is normalized).

Consider an observable $O(e)$ depending on the configuration.

diagonal operator of elements $O(e)$: $\hat{O} = \sum_e O(e) |e\rangle\langle e|$

• Final-time average in the s -state:

$$\langle O \rangle_s^{\text{final}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \langle O(e(t)) \rangle_s = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dots$$

$$\frac{\langle - | \hat{O} e^{tW(s)} | P_0 \rangle}{\langle - | e^{tW(s)} | P_0 \rangle} \sim \text{initial configuration}$$

$$= \frac{\langle - | \hat{O} e^{t\psi(s)} | R \rangle}{\langle - | e^{t\psi(s)} | R \rangle}$$

in the long time limit: $\sim e^{t\psi(s)} |R\rangle$

Hence: $\boxed{\langle O \rangle_s^{\text{final}} = \langle - | \hat{O} | R \rangle}$

• Intermediate-time average in the s -state: let $0 \ll \tau \ll t$

$$\langle O \rangle_s^{\text{interm.}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \langle O(e(\tau)) \rangle_s = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dots$$

$$\frac{\langle - | e^{(t-\tau)W(s)} \hat{O} e^{\tau W(s)} | P_0 \rangle}{\langle - | e^{(t-\tau)W(s)} e^{\tau W(s)} | P_0 \rangle}$$

$$\boxed{\langle O \rangle_s^{\text{interm.}} = \langle L | \hat{O} | R \rangle}$$

$$\sim \langle L | e^{(t-\tau)\psi(s)} \sim e^{\tau\psi(s)} |R\rangle$$

• Other demonstration: consider the average of the time-integrated O :

$$\langle O \rangle_s^{\text{integ}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t O(e(\tau)) \right\rangle_s = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \partial_e \partial_h \Big|_{h=0} \langle - | e^{t(W(s) + h\hat{O})} | P_0 \rangle$$

on the line via their distribution

$$= \langle L | \hat{O} | R \rangle$$