

Current fluctuations in stochastic systems with long-range memory

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Outline

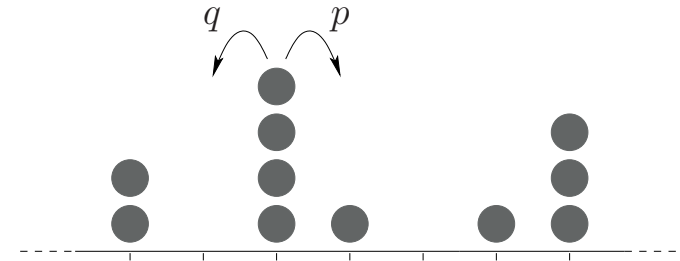
- Memoryless case
 - Stochastic Markovian dynamics
 - Current fluctuations, large deviations

- Memory-dependent case
 - Current-dependent rates
 - Temporal additivity principle
 - Random walk examples, fluctuation relations
 - *Open problems*
 - * Many-particle models, phase transitions
 - * Intrinsically non-Markovian systems

- Summary

Stochastic Markovian dynamics

- Interacting particles described by Markov process
- Configurations (microstates) $\sigma(t)$



- Stochastic approaches:

- Langevin: Differential equation for $\sigma(t)$, deterministic + noisy forces

- **Master equation:**

- * Transition rates $w_{\sigma',\sigma}$

- * Deterministic evolution for probability distribution $P(\sigma, t)$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(\sigma, t) = \sum_{\sigma' \neq \sigma} [w_{\sigma,\sigma'}P(\sigma', t) - w_{\sigma',\sigma}P(\sigma, t)]$$

- *Non-equilibrium*

- Broken detailed balance

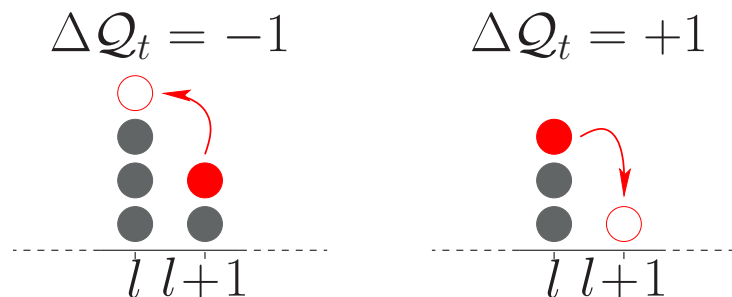
- Stationary state characterized by non-zero currents

Currents

- Counter Q_t , value increases by $\Theta_{\sigma',\sigma}$ at each transition $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma'$
- Θ usually real and *antisymmetric* matrix
- Q_t is a functional of history $\{\sigma(\tau), 0 \leq \tau \leq t\}$.

$$Q_t = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \Theta_{\sigma_{n+1}, \sigma_n}$$

- Example: Integrated particle current across bond



- Probability distribution of Q_t characterized by generating function

$$\langle e^{-\lambda Q_t} \rangle$$

Large deviations

- Particularly interested in long-time limiting behaviour

$$e_w(\lambda) := - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \langle e^{-\lambda Q_t} \rangle$$

- Now consider time-averaged current Q_t/t
- Typically have large deviation principle:

$$\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = j) \sim e^{-\hat{e}_w(j)t}$$

with “speed” t and rate function (analogous to entropy)

$$\hat{e}_w(j) := - \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln [\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = j)]$$

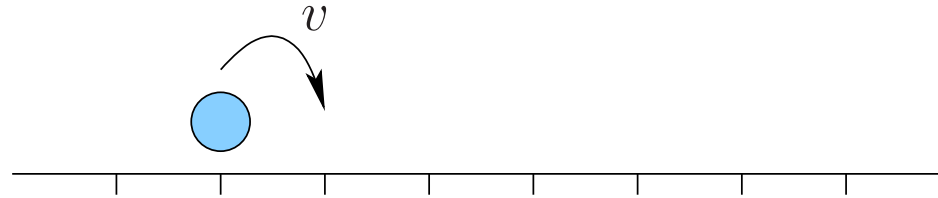
- $e_w(\lambda)$ and $\hat{e}_w(j)$ are related by Legendre transform¹

$$\hat{e}_w(j) = \sup_{\lambda} \{e_w(\lambda) - \lambda j\}, \quad e_w(\lambda) = \inf_j \{\hat{e}_w(j) + \lambda j\}$$

¹Strictly true only when $e_w(\lambda)$ is differentiable

Single particle on an infinite lattice

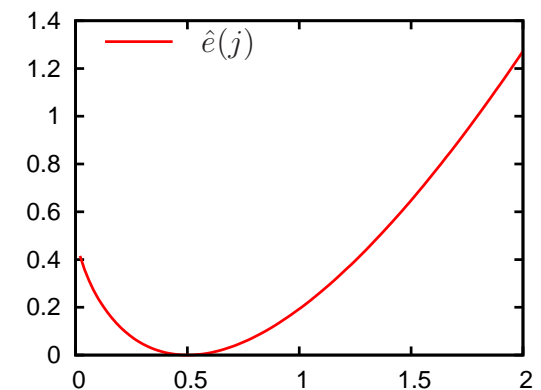
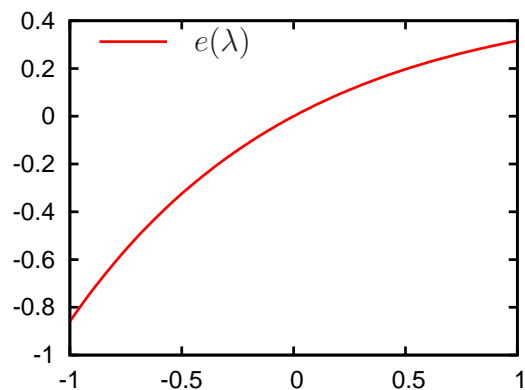
- Single particle hopping rightwards on an infinite lattice



- Let Q_t count the number of jumps up to time t
- Large deviation function given by

$$e_v(\lambda) = v(1 - e^{-\lambda}) \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \hat{e}_v(j) = v - j + j \ln \frac{j}{v}$$

- For example, $v = 0.5$:



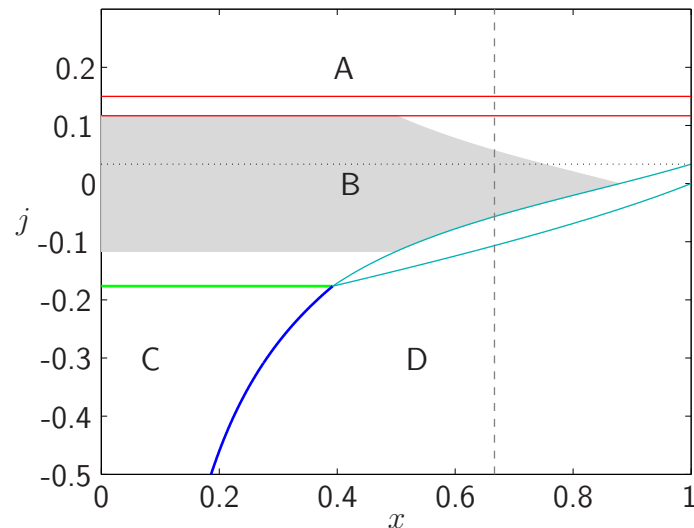
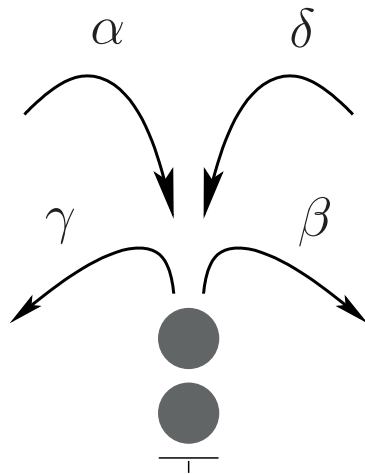
Driven many-particle systems: generic features

- Under general conditions, a fluctuation symmetry holds
[Gallavotti & Cohen '95, Lebowitz & Spohn '99]

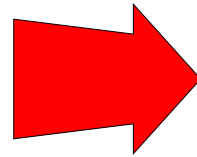
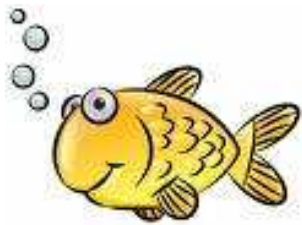
$$\frac{\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = -j)}{\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = +j)} \sim e^{-Ejt}$$

But can have breakdown in systems with unbounded state space

- Current large deviations can show complicated phase structure even in simple models
- Example: Single-site ZRP with open boundaries [RJH, Rákos & Schütz '06]



Current-dependent rates



- Many ways to introduce memory
- We consider class of process where rates $w_{\sigma',\sigma}$ depend explicitly on σ , σ' and Q_t/t
(To avoid singularities assume observations start at t_0 , where $0 \ll t_0 \ll t$)
- Includes analogues of “elephant random walk” [Schütz and Trimper '04]
- Non-Markovian process but Markovian in joint current/configuration space
- *How does memory affect the current large deviation principle?*
(i.e., do we still have form $\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = j) \sim e^{-\hat{e}_w(j)t}$?)

Temporal additivity principle

- Claim:

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{Q}_t/t = j) \sim \exp \left[- \min_{q(\tau)} \int_{t_0}^t \hat{e}_{w(q)}(q + \tau q') d\tau \right]$$

where integral is minimized over all $q(\tau)$ with $q(t_0) = j_0$ and $q(t) = j$

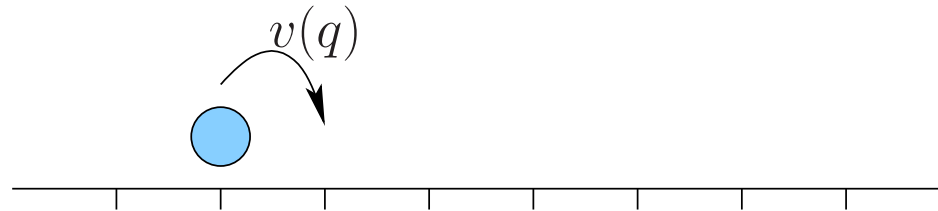
- General idea: Look for most probable path $q(\tau)$ satisfying boundary conditions
- Temporal analogue of additivity principle of [Bodineau and Derrida '04]
- *If Markovian rate function is known, can find large deviation principle for system with current-dependent rates by minimizing relevant integral...*
 - Analytically (Euler-Lagrange, Gaussian approximation)
 - Numerically

Example 1: Uni-directional random walk

- Recall Markovian case of single particle hopping rightwards on an infinite lattice

$$\hat{e}_v(j) = v - j + j \ln \frac{j}{v}$$

- Now modify picture so that rate for hopping at time t depends on average current $q(t)$ up to t



- Predict that distribution of number of jumps Q_t has asymptotic form

$$\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = j) \sim \exp \left[- \min_{q(\tau)} \int_{t_0}^t \hat{e}_{v(q)}(q + \tau q') d\tau \right]$$

- Minimizing integral gives Euler-Lagrange equation

$$\frac{dv}{dq} - q \frac{dv/dq}{v_R} - \frac{2\tau q'}{q + \tau q'} - \frac{\tau^2 q''}{q + \tau q'} = 0$$

Example 1: Uni-directional random walk

- Exactly solvable cases include $v(q) = aq$, i.e., rate for particle to move at given time is directly proportional to average velocity up to that time
- In this case, solving E-L equation and carrying out integration gives

$$\min_{q(\tau)} \int_{t_0}^t \hat{e}_{v(q)}(q + \tau q') d\tau \approx jt_0^a t^{1-a} + (a-1)j_0 t_0 \ln t$$

- Crossover at $a = 1$:
 - $a > 1$, escape regime: no large deviation principle
 - $a < 1$, localized regime:
 - * System approaches state where particle has zero velocity
 - * Large deviation principle with “speed” t^{1-a} :

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{Q}_t/t = j) \sim e^{-jt_0^a t^{1-a}}, \quad \text{for } j > 0.$$

- * Can show

$$\text{Var}[\mathcal{Q}_t] \sim (t/t_0)^{2a}$$

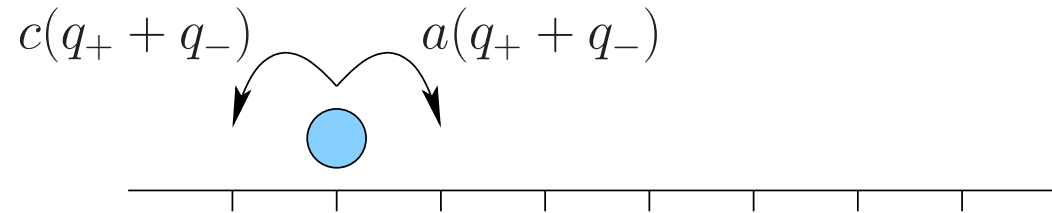
so transition from subdiffusive regime to superdiffusive regime at $a = 1/2$

Example 2: Bi-directional random walk with activity dependent rates

- Bi-directional random walk, count separately jumps to right and left so that

$$Q_t = Q_{+,t} - Q_{-,t}$$

- Consider rates proportional to “activity”



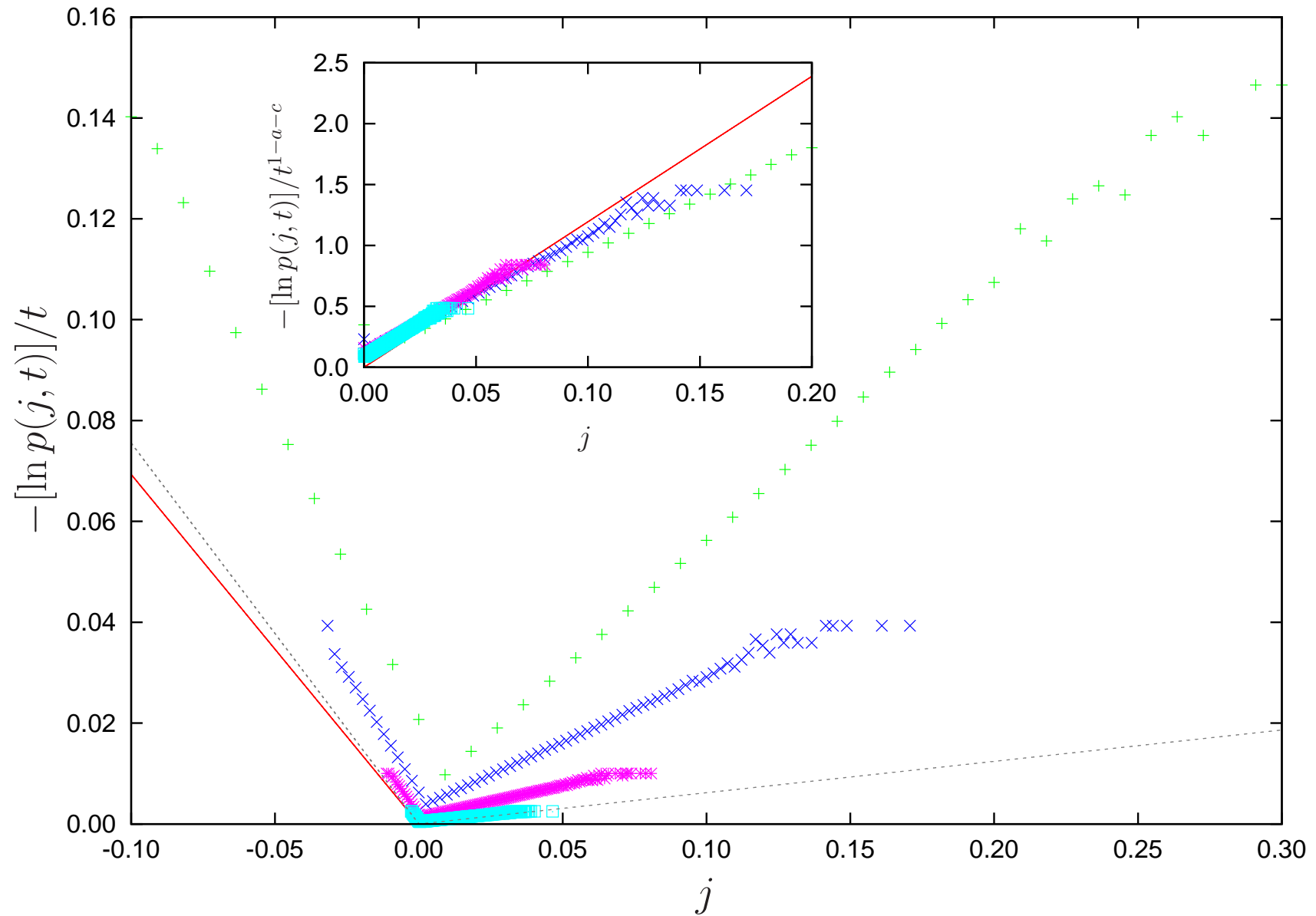
- Without loss of generality take $a > c$, i.e., drive to right
- For $a + c < 1$, we find

$$\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = j) \sim \begin{cases} \exp[-jt_0^{a+c} (\frac{a+c}{a-c}) t^{1-a-c}] & \text{for } j \geq 0 \\ \exp[j(\ln \frac{a}{c})t + jt_0^{a+c} (\frac{a+c}{a-c}) t^{1-a-c}] & \text{for } j < 0. \end{cases}$$

- *Leading term in exponent is different for currents in forward and backward directions*

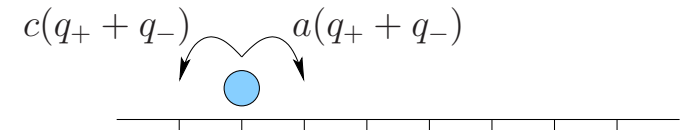
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Comparison with simulation:



Fluctuation theorems

- For activity-dependent random walk

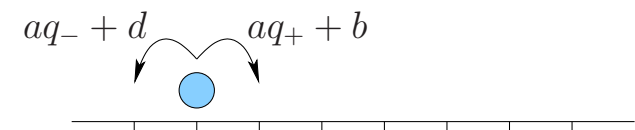


$$\frac{\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = -j)}{\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = +j)} \sim \exp \left[-j \left(\ln \frac{a}{c} \right) t \right]$$

i.e., fluctuation theorem still holds

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(also holds for $a + c > 1$ when there is no stationary state)

- But for “generalized elephant” random walk

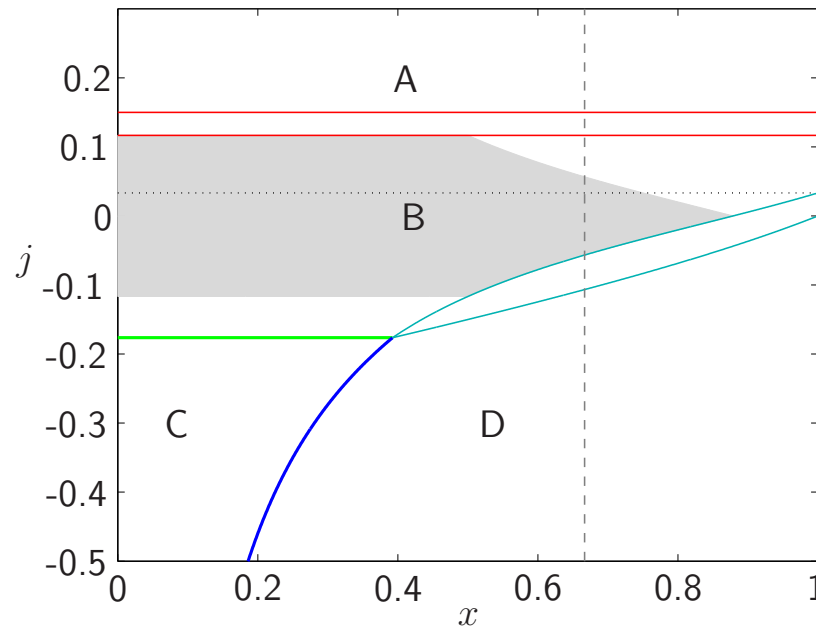


$$\frac{\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = -j)}{\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = +j)} \sim \begin{cases} \exp \left[-j \frac{2(b-d)(1-2a)}{1-a} t \right] & \text{for } 0 < a < 1/2 \\ \exp \left[-j \frac{2(b-d)(1-2a)}{1-a} t_0^{2a-1} t^{2-2a} \right] & \text{for } 1/2 < a < 1. \end{cases}$$

- For $1/2 < a < 1$ current symmetry apparently modified by superdiffusive spreading
(may still hold for appropriately defined entropy)

Many-particle systems

- In general would need to minimize integral numerically to find large deviations for memory-dependent case
- For example, Markovian 1-site open-boundary ZRP [RJH, Rákos & Schütz '06]



A: $\hat{e}_w(j) = f_j(\alpha, \gamma)$

B: $\hat{e}_w(j) = f_j\left(\frac{\alpha\beta}{\beta+\gamma}, \frac{\gamma\delta}{\beta+\gamma}\right)$

C: $\hat{e}_w(j) = f_j(\alpha, \gamma) + f_j(\beta, \delta)$

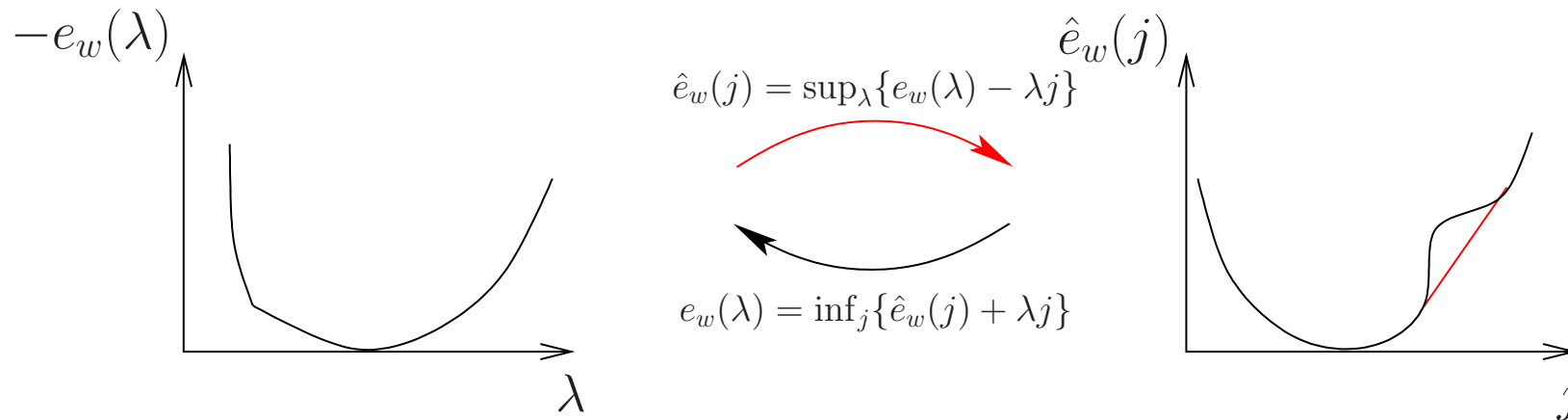
D: $\hat{e}_w(j) = f_j(\alpha, \gamma) + \beta(1-x) + \delta(1-x^{-1}) + j \ln x$

with $f_j(a, b) = a + b - \sqrt{j^2 + 4ab} + j \ln \frac{j + \sqrt{j^2 + 4ab}}{2a}$

- Particularly interested in effect of memory on dynamical phase transitions...

Non-convex rate functions

- For $e_w(\lambda)$ non-differentiable, Legendre transform *only* yields convex envelope of $\hat{e}_w(j)$



- For short-range temporal correlations then system can phase separate in time...
 - Gives straight-line section of rate function
- ...But not necessarily so for systems with memory/long-range temporal correlations
 - Non-convex rate functions are possible
- Analogy: long-range spatial correlations in equilibrium give non-concave entropies
- Can we demonstrate this explicitly in ZRP with appropriate current-dependent rates?

Harder problem

- Suppose rates at time t depend not on $q(t)$ but on full history, i.e., $q(\tau)$ for $0 \leq \tau \leq t$.
- Now have an intrinsically non-Markovian problem
- For example, take rates at time t which depend on $q(t/2)$
 - cf. “Alzheimer random walk” [Cressoni *et al.* '07, Kenkre '07]
- In principle, can still use additivity-type approach but have to minimize non-local integral...

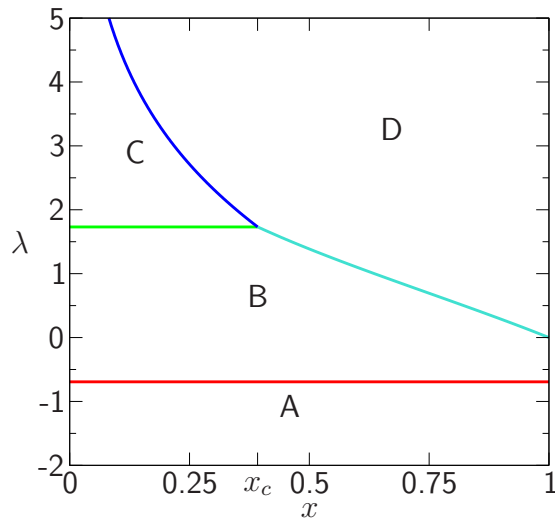
Summary

- Have proposed a general approach to calculate current fluctuations in systems with memory-dependent rates
- Long-range temporal correlations in non-equilibrium systems seem to have analogous effects to long-range spatial correlations in equilibrium
 - Modified speed (power of t) in current large deviation principle
 - Possibility of non-convex rate function
- Simple examples offer insight into applicability of fluctuation theorems for non-Markovian systems

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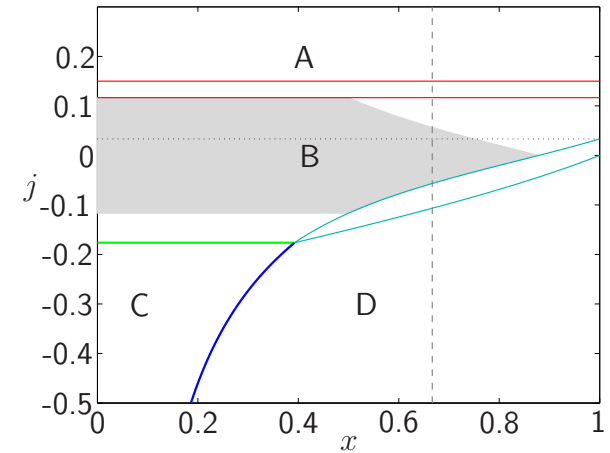
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Dynamical phase transitions in 1-site ZRP



$$\hat{e}(j) = \sup_{\lambda} \{e(\lambda) - \lambda j\}$$

$$e(\lambda) = \inf_j \{\hat{e}(j) + \lambda j\}$$



- Analogy to equilibrium:

$j \rightarrow$ (specific) volume

$\lambda \rightarrow$ pressure

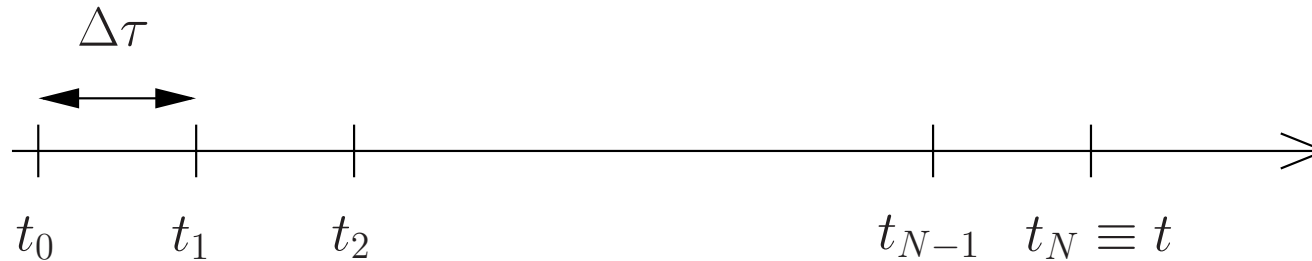
$\hat{e}(j) \rightarrow$ Helmholtz free energy (density)

$e(\lambda) \rightarrow$ Gibbs free energy (density)

$t \rightarrow$ system size

Sketch of argument for temporal additivity principle

1. Divide interval $[t_0, t]$ into N subintervals of length $\Delta\tau$.



2. Chapman-Kolmogorov equation for joint probabilities of being found in configuration σ_i with average current q_i :

$$\begin{aligned} & p(q_N, \sigma_N, t | q_0, \sigma_0, t_0) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{q_1, \dots, q_{N-1} \\ \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{N-1}}} p(q_N, \sigma_N, t | q_{N-1}, \sigma_{N-1}, t_{N-1}) \cdots p(q_2, \sigma_2, t_2 | q_1, \sigma_1, t_1) p(q_1, \sigma_1, t_1 | q_0, \sigma_0, t_0) \end{aligned}$$

3. If $\Delta\tau \gg 0$, then assume $p(q_{n+1}, \sigma_{n+1}, t_{n+1} | q_n, \sigma_n, t_n)$ independent of σ_n (true for an ergodic system with finite state space)

$$p(q_N, t | q_0, t_0) = \sum_{q_1, \dots, q_{N-1}} p(q_N, t | q_{N-1}, t_{N-1}) \cdots p(q_2, t_2 | q_1, t_1) p(q_1, t_1 | q_0, t_0)$$

Sketch of argument for temporal additivity principle

4. Now take t and N large whilst preserving their ratio (so $t \gg \Delta\tau \gg 0$);
 $q(\tau)$ almost constant in each timeslice (adiabatic approx.)

5. Observed average current in timeslice $(t_n, t_{n+1}]$ is

$$q_{\Delta\tau}^{(n)} = \frac{q_{n+1}t_{n+1} - q_n t_n}{\Delta\tau}$$

6. So using *Markovian* large deviation principle have

$$p(q_{n+1}, t_{n+1} | q_n, t_n) \approx A_n e^{-\Delta\tau \hat{e}_w(q_n)(q_{\Delta\tau}^{(n)})}$$

7. Putting all the slices together gives

$$p(q_N, t | q_0, t_0) \approx A \sum_{q_1, \dots, q_{N-1}} e^{-\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \Delta\tau I_w(q_n)(q_{\Delta\tau}^{(n)})}.$$

8. Then pass to continuum limit $N, t, \Delta\tau \rightarrow \infty, q_n \rightarrow q(\tau)$

$$p(j, t | j_0, t_0) \sim \int_{q(t_0)=j_0}^{q(t)=j} \mathcal{D}[q] e^{-\int_{t_0}^t \hat{e}_w(q)(q+\tau q') d\tau}$$

Sketch of argument for temporal additivity principle

9. In $t \rightarrow \infty$ limit, path integral dominated by most probable path in q -space, so

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{Q}_t/t = j) \sim \exp \left[- \min_{q(\tau)} \int_{t_0}^t \hat{e}_{w(q)}(q + \tau q') d\tau \right]$$

where integral is minimized over all $q(\tau)$ with $q(t_0) = j_0$ and $q(t) = j$

10. To make t -dependence more explicit write

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{Q}_t/t = q) \sim e^{-t^\alpha F(j)},$$

If $F(j)$ exists and is not everywhere zero then have large deviation principle.

$$F(j) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \min_{q(\tau)} \frac{1}{t^\alpha} \int_{t_0}^t \hat{e}_{w(q)}(q + \tau q') d\tau.$$

If Markovian rate function is known, can find large deviation principle for system with current-dependent rates by minimizing relevant integral...

- Analytically (Euler-Lagrange, Gaussian approximation)
- Numerically

Example 2: Bi-directional random walk with activity dependent rates

- What about fluctuation symmetry?
- Since

$$\text{Prob}(Q_t/t = j) \sim \begin{cases} \exp[-jt_0^{a+c} \left(\frac{a+c}{a-c}\right) t^{1-a-c}] & \text{for } j \geq 0 \\ \exp[j(\ln \frac{a}{c})t + jt_0^{a+c} \left(\frac{a+c}{a-c}\right) t^{1-a-c}] & \text{for } j < 0. \end{cases}$$

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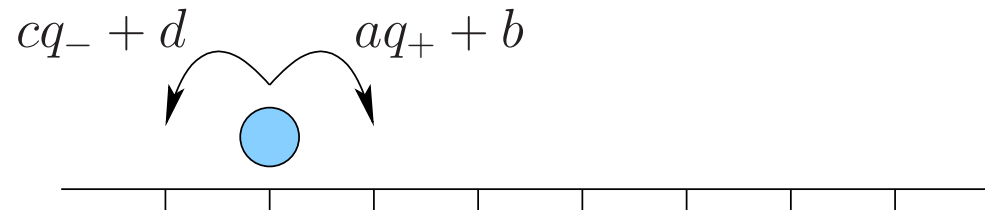
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Example 3: Generalized elephant

- Again consider bi-directional random walk but with rates



- For $a, c < 1$ have mean currents

$$\bar{q}_+ = \frac{b}{1-a}, \quad \bar{q}_- = \frac{d}{1-c} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{q} = \bar{q}_+ - \bar{q}_-$$

- Gaussian expansion (about means) and minimization of integral gives, for $a = c$:

– $0 < a < 1/2$, diffusive behaviour:

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{Q}_t/t = j) \sim \exp \left\{ - \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(j - \frac{b-d}{1-a} \right)^2}{\frac{b+d}{(1-a)(1-2a)}} \right] t \right\}$$

– $1/2 < a < 1$, superdiffusive behaviour:

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{Q}_t/t = j) \sim \exp \left\{ - \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(j - \frac{b-d}{1-a} \right)^2}{\frac{b+d}{(1-a)(2a-1)}} \right] t_0^{2a-1} t^{2-2a} \right\}$$

(generalization of results for original symmetric discrete-time elephant)

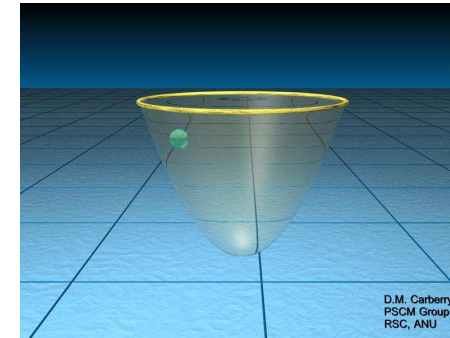
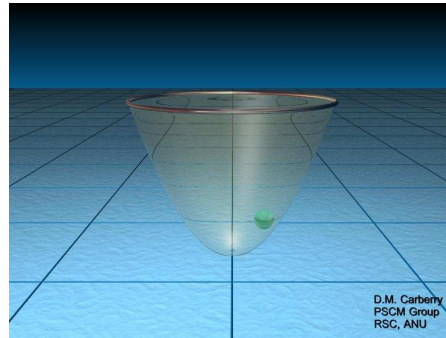
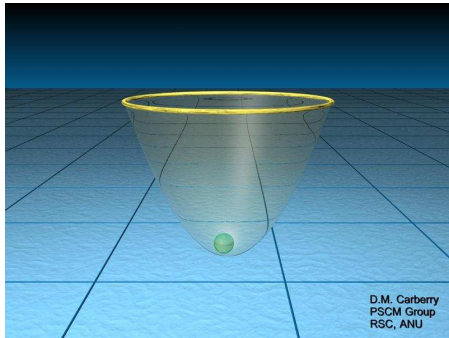
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- Within this Gaussian approximation

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- Both cases have well-defined mean stationary current...
- ...but only have usual fluctuation symmetry for $0 < a < 1/2$
- For $1/2 < a < 1$ symmetry is apparently modified by superdiffusive spreading about the mean
 - Logarithm of probabilities for forward and backward currents still asymptotically proportional to j but sublinear in t
- Scenario merits closer investigation

Experiment: colloidal particle in optical trap



“Experimental Demonstration of Violations of the Second Law of Thermodynamics for Small Systems and Short Time Scales”

G. Wang *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. **89** 050601 (2002)

Non-equilibrium fluctuation theorems

“Relate the probability of observing a given entropy increase to the probability of observing the same magnitude of entropy decrease”

$$\frac{p(-\mathcal{X}, t)}{p(\mathcal{X}, t)} \sim e^{-\chi t}$$

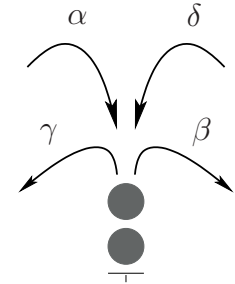
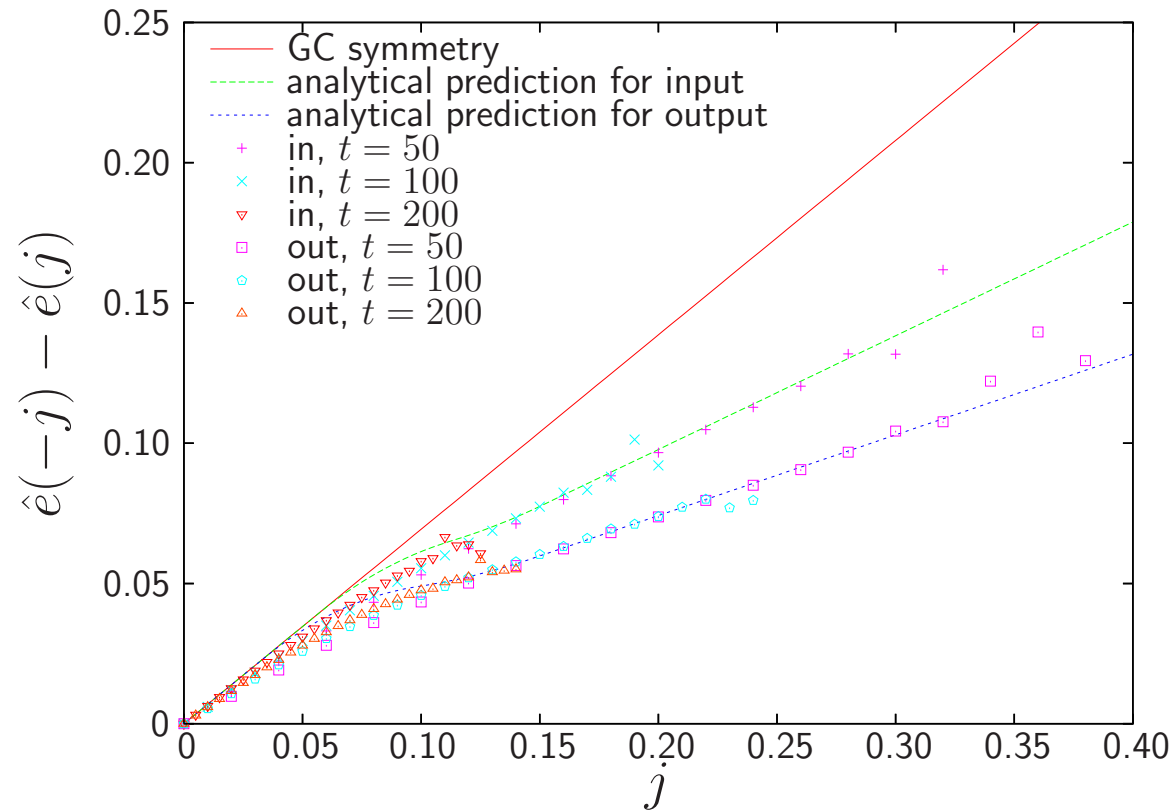
1. Computer simulations of sheared fluids [D.Evans *et al.* '93]
2. Steady state of deterministic systems [Gallavotti & Cohen '95]:
 - \mathcal{X} is rate of phase space contraction
3. Stochastic systems (with bounded state space) [Lebowitz & Spohn '99]
 - \mathcal{X} can often be identified with average particle current
 - Symmetry $\tilde{H}(\lambda)^T = P_{\text{eq}}^{-1} \tilde{H}(E - \lambda) P_{\text{eq}} \Rightarrow e(\lambda) = e(E - \lambda)$
 - *But the zero-range process has unbounded state space!*

Back to single-site ZRP

- Prediction:

$$\frac{p(-j, t)}{p(j, t)} \sim e^{-Ejt} \quad \text{with } E \text{ an effective field}$$

- e.g., 1 site ZRP with steady-state initial condition:



- *Breakdown of Gallavotti-Cohen symmetry*
— Physically due to “instantaneous condensates”

Fluctuation Theorems: General perspective

- Consider “dissipation function” $W(t)$ [for $w_n = 1$]

$$W(t) = \sum_{l=0}^L E_l J_l(t) - \ln \frac{P_0(\sigma(t))}{P_0(\sigma(0))}$$

- Distribution of $w(t) = W(t)/t$ obeys

$$\frac{p(-w, t)}{p(w, t)} = e^{-wt}$$

→ transient fluctuation theorem [D.Evans & Searles '94]

- *For bounded state space*, in the long-time limit one can replace $W(t)$ by $(\sum_{i=0}^L E_i) J_t$
- **For unbounded state space, boundary terms are non-vanishing and GC symmetry can be violated**
- Analogous effects due to unbounded potentials:
 - Deterministic forces, single-particle Langevin dynamics
[Bonetto *et al.* '05, van Zon & Cohen '03, Farago '02, Baiesi *et al.* '06]

[Experimentally relevant, e.g., trapped colloids, granular media, electric circuits, ...]