

Physics 210B

Goal of large part of course: Transport Coefficients.

III.) Linear Response Theory / Kubo Formalism; Quasilinear Theory

c.) Linear Response and Kubo Formalism - OV (follows: Dorfman, Kubo, Zwanzig)

"Look at him - a grown man, and he's still doing linear theory!?"

-overheard at a conference..

=> What is linear response theory about?

- seek transport coefficients (induced by) response to weak perturbation. (How weak is 'weak'?)

- Upshot: Kubo Formula (generalized previous)

For current, and conductivity:

sigma(omega) = (beta/V) integral dT e^{-i\*omega\*T} < j(t) j(T) >
Conductivity (tensor) equilibrium fluctuation correlation function!



i.e. generic result: F-T, of equilibrium correlation function yields

transport coefficient - here  $\chi(\omega)$   
(note frequency dependence!)

Why care?

- systematic, fundamental (Liouville Thm.)

\* relates (weakly) non-equilibrium response to equilibrium

fluctuation correlation function.

- frequently easy to measure equilibrium fluctuation spectra correlations

F.T. of spectra  $\leftrightarrow$  correlation

function  $\rightarrow$  transport coefficient



- useful for calculating / relating:

- response
- correlation
- susceptibility
- transport

- What's New? Chapman - Enskog etc. are all fundamentally linear response theories!!

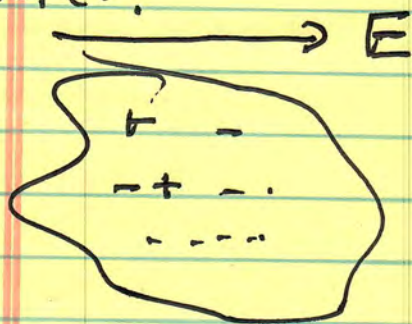
Yes, but:

- rooted in Fundamental, exact equation → Liouville (but calculate)
- reveals fundamentals of response, transport, etc. Eg.: Onsager Symmetry (proof of Linear Response Theory).
- relates non-equilibrium response to equilibrium fluctuation correlation.



→ Response and Kubo Formula →  
Case Study of Conductivity

Consider:



- system of charged, neutral particles (N/some)

- ECH applied

N.B. How compute conductivity, also Chapman-Enskog?

System described by:

$$\partial_t f + \{f, H\} = 0$$

Liouville Eqn.

(most basic)

$$f = f_{eq} + \delta f, \quad \{A, B\} = \sum_i \left[ \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial B}{\partial p_i} \right]$$

$$\delta f \sim E$$

Poisson Bracket

$$- \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \cdot \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_i}$$



For Hamiltonian:  
base state

$$H = H_0 + H_1$$

$$H_0 = \sum_i \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{\substack{ij \\ ik}} \phi_{ij}$$

Coulomb

perturbation

$$H_1 = \sum_{\vec{r}} -Zi \left( \vec{r} \cdot \underline{E}(t) \right)$$

Phase space variable

ext. parameter  
energy due  
external  
field

N.B.:  $\underline{E}(t) \rightarrow$  smooth, slow.  
(space)

$$F = f_0 + \delta F, \quad f_0 = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta H_0}$$

norm.

$\beta \equiv 1/T$

then,

$$\partial_t (f_0 + \delta F) + \{ f_0 + \delta F, H_0 + H_1 \} = 0$$

e.o.

$$\partial_t f_0 + \{ f_0, H_0 \} = 0$$



i.e. Base state is Hamiltonian → Liouville Theorem

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O(1):

$$d_t dF + \{F_1, H_0\} = - \{F_0, H_1\}$$

$$- \{F_1, H_1\}$$

h.o.

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$$d_t dF + \mathcal{L}_0 dF = - \{F_0, H_1\}$$

$\mathcal{L}_0 dF$  → Liouville operator (unperturbed)  
 $\{F, H_0\}$        $\mathcal{L}_0$  vs  $\mathcal{L}$

meaning!  
timescale

$$dF = e^{- (t-t_0) \mathcal{L}_0} dF(t_0)$$

$$- \int_{t_0}^t d\tau e^{- (t-\tau) \mathcal{L}_0} \{F_0, H_1(\tau)\}$$



Expanding the P.B.:

$$f = f_0 - \int_{t_0}^t e^{-(t-\tau) \mathcal{L}_0} \sum_i \left\{ \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial H_i}{\partial p_i} - \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial p_i} \cdot \frac{\partial H_i}{\partial x_i} \right\} B$$

no  $\neq$  d.o.f.

$$= f_0 + \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau) \mathcal{L}_0} \left[ \sum_i z_i \underline{E(\tau)} \cdot \frac{p_i}{m} f_0 \right] B$$

$$f = f_0 + \int_0^t e^{-(t-\tau) \mathcal{L}_0} f_0 B \underline{J \cdot E(\tau)}$$

is linear response

current

$$\sum_i z_i \frac{p_i}{m}$$

Now, what is  $e^{-(t-\tau) \mathcal{L}_0}$ ?

→  $\mathcal{L}_0$  simply pushes the particles in time.

⇒ advanced along orbits (unperturbed)



i.e. if  $A$  time independent

$$A = A(p_i, x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{dt} &= \sum_i \left[ \frac{dx_i}{dt} \cdot \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} + \frac{dp_i}{dt} \cdot \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \right] \\ &= \sum_i \left[ \frac{p_i}{m} \cdot \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} + p_i \cdot \frac{\partial A}{\partial p_i} \right] = \mathcal{L}A \end{aligned}$$

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$$A(\Gamma(t)) = e^{+\int \mathcal{L} A(\Gamma)} \quad (\text{i.e. } \frac{d}{dt} \text{ time})$$

$\int$   
 orbit propagator

Then:

$$F = f_0 + \int_{t_0}^t dt \, f_0(t-\tau) \beta \underline{J}(t-\tau) \cdot \underline{E}(\tau)$$

$$F = f_0 + \int_{t_0}^t dt \, f_0(-t+\tau) \beta \underline{J}(-t+\tau) \cdot \underline{E}(\tau)$$







$$\langle \underline{J}(t) \rangle = \int d\tau \underline{J}(\tau) f_0 \left\{ 1 + \beta \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\tau(t-\tau)} \underline{J}(\tau) \cdot \underline{E}(t) \right\} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$e^{\int_{t_0}^t \dots} = \dots$$

①  $\rightarrow$  0, w/o  $\underline{E}$  (no  $\underline{E}$ , no current)

$$\langle \underline{J}(t) \rangle = \int d\tau \underline{J}(\tau) f_0 \beta \int_{t_0}^t e^{-\tau(t-\tau)} \underline{J}(\tau) \cdot \underline{E}(t)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^t d\tau \rightarrow \int_0^{t-t_0} d\tau', \quad \tau \rightarrow \tau' = t-\tau$$

so changing variables

$$\langle \underline{J}(t) \rangle = \beta \int d\tau f_0 \underline{J}(\tau) \int_0^{t-t_0} d\tau' e^{-\tau' f_0} \left[ \underline{E}(t-\tau') \underline{J}(\tau) \right]$$



and re-write:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle J(t) \rangle &= \int \mathcal{D}\Gamma f_0 \underline{J}(\Gamma) \int_0^{t-t_0} d\tau' e^{-\gamma \int_0^{\tau'} \underline{E}(t-\tau) \cdot \underline{J}(\Gamma)} \\
 &= \int \mathcal{D}\Gamma f_0 \int_0^{t-t_0} d\tau' \langle \underline{J}(\Gamma) e^{-\gamma \int_0^{\tau'} \underline{E}(t-\tau) \cdot \underline{J}(\Gamma)} \rangle \\
 &= \int_0^{t-t_0} d\tau' \int \mathcal{D}\Gamma f_0 ( \underline{J}(\Gamma) \underline{J}(\Gamma(\tau')) ) E(t-\tau')
 \end{aligned}$$

but

$$\int \mathcal{D}\Gamma f_0 ( \underline{J}(\Gamma) \underline{J}(\Gamma(\tau')) ) = \langle \underline{J}(\Gamma) \underline{J}(\Gamma(\tau')) \rangle$$

→ Note this is equilibrium fluctuation correlation function.

→ computed with  $f_0$ ,  $e^{-\mathcal{L}t}$  etc.

$$\langle J(t) \rangle = \int_0^{t-t_0} d\tau' \langle \underline{J}(\Gamma) \underline{J}(\Gamma(\tau')) \rangle \cdot \underline{E}(t-\tau')$$



→ Given current (mean), in terms of equilibrium correlation fctn.

Now;

$$\underline{E}(t) = E_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\langle \underline{J}(t) \rangle = \rho \int_0^{t-t_0} d\tau e^{i\omega\tau} \langle \underline{J}(t) \underline{J}(t-\tau) \rangle \underline{E}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$t_0 = 0$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\underline{J}_e = \frac{\langle \underline{J}(t) \rangle}{V} = \underline{\chi}(\omega) \cdot \underline{E}(t)$$

∫ electrical current density

where:

$$\underline{\chi}(\omega) = \frac{\rho}{V} \int_0^{\infty} d\tau e^{i\omega\tau} \langle \underline{J}(t) \underline{J}(t-\tau) \rangle$$



- Kubo / Green-Kubo Formula.
- Conductivity  $\sim$  F.T. of current correlation Fctn.
- $\underline{J}(\omega)$  reflects system history.
- relates transport coefficient to linear response.
- fundamental  $\rightarrow$  at level of Liouville's Thm / Egn.
- generalizable

Transport coeff  $\leftrightarrow$  Correlation of Flux.

A bit more:

$$\langle \underline{J}(\omega) \underline{J}(\omega + t) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H_0} \sum_{ij} z_i z_j v_i(\omega) v_j(t)$$

Now, from structure  $\mathcal{L}$ ,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v \rightarrow -v \\ t \rightarrow -t \end{array} \right\} \text{leaves } e^{t\mathcal{L}} \text{ invariant.}$$



as  $V \rightarrow -V$  symmetric

$$\langle \underline{J}(t) \underline{J}(t') \rangle = \langle \underline{J}(t) \underline{J}(t-t) \rangle$$

Comments:

$\rightarrow f_0$  ?  $\rightarrow$  un-perturbed Liouville

$\rightarrow \int e^{t\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow \gamma_c$  ? What is correlation time? How calculate?

$\rightarrow$  What makes it irreversible?

Where does entropy production enter?  $\rightarrow L_0$ .

$\rightarrow$  General, But formal

$\rightarrow$  Can extend to QM case. (coming).



→ Diffusion via Kubo Formalism.

Recall:  $D = \int_0^{\infty} dt \langle \dot{V}(0) \dot{V}(t) \rangle$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle x^2 \rangle = 2D$$

How show?

Now,

- consider a tagged test particle in equilibrium with a fluid of like particles.

- seek follow 'tagged' particle at  $\underline{r}_i$

so

$$P(\underline{r}, t=0) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta H_N} w(\underline{r}_i)$$

$\int$  norm       $\int$  behavior       $\hookrightarrow$  weight.

$$Z = \int d\underline{r} e^{-\beta H_N}, \quad \int d\underline{r}_i w(\underline{r}_i) = 1$$



as  $(\partial_t + \mathcal{L})f = 0$

$$f(\underline{r}, t) = e^{-t\mathcal{L}} f(\underline{r}, t=0)$$

$$= \frac{V}{Z} e^{-t\mathcal{L}} e^{-\beta H_N} w(\underline{r}_i)$$

$w(\underline{r}_i) \rightarrow w$  no preferred prob. for  $\underline{r}_i$

$$f(\underline{r}, t) = \frac{V}{Z} w e^{-t\mathcal{L}} e^{-\beta H_N}$$

Seek:  $P(\underline{r}, t) =$  prob tagged particle at  $\underline{r}$ , at  $t$ .

Clearly,

$$\partial_t P = D \nabla^2 P$$

but need show.

so

$$P(\underline{r}, t) = \int d\underline{r}' f(\underline{r}', t) \delta(\underline{r} - \underline{r}')$$

~~$$= \int d\underline{r}' \frac{V}{Z} w e^{-t\mathcal{L}} e^{-\beta H_N} \delta(\underline{r} - \underline{r}')$$~~



$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\underline{r}, t) &= \int d\Gamma \frac{V}{Z} e^{-t\mathcal{L}} e^{-\beta H_N} w \delta(\underline{r}_1(t) - \underline{r}) \\
 &= \frac{V}{Z} \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H_N} w \delta(\underline{r}_1(t) - \underline{r})
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Liouville thm:

$$e^{-t\mathcal{L}} e^{-\beta H_N} = e^{-\beta H_N}$$

equilibrium unchanged by test particles. (Result  $N-1$  vs  $N \dots$ )

$$P(\underline{r}, t) = \frac{V}{Z} \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H_N} w \delta(\underline{r}_1(t) - \underline{r})$$

so Fourier analyzing:

$$P(\underline{r}, t) = \frac{Z}{V} \sum_{\underline{k}} e^{i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}} P_{\underline{k}}(t)$$

$$P_{\underline{k}}(t) = \frac{V}{Z} \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H_N} w e^{-i\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r}_1(t)}$$



re-writing:

$$P_k(t) = \frac{1}{Z} \int d\Gamma e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} w(\mathbf{r}_i) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_i(t) - \mathbf{r}_i]}$$

Now:  $w \Rightarrow \text{const}$  / nothing special about  $\Gamma$

$$P_k(t) = \frac{1}{Z} \int d\Gamma e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} w e^{-\beta H_N} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{r}_i}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{r}_i(t) - \mathbf{r}_i$$

$$P_k(t) = \frac{1}{Z} \left[ w e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} \right] F(\mathbf{k}, t)$$

$w(\mathbf{k})$

orbit scattering function

$$F = \frac{1}{Z} \int d\Gamma e^{-\beta H_N} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{r}_i}$$

or

$$F = \langle e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{r}_i(t)} \rangle$$

ensemble avg. over equilibrium.



Now, a cumulant expansion:

Case  
previous

$$F = \langle e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \underline{\Delta r}_1(t)} \rangle$$

$$\approx \left\langle 1 - i\mathbf{k} \cdot \underline{\Delta r}_1(t) - \frac{k^2}{2} (\underline{\Delta r}_1)^2 + \dots \right\rangle$$

$\Delta$   
no drift  
ensemble avg  
 $\rightarrow 0$

$$\approx 1 - \frac{k^2}{2} \langle (\underline{\Delta r}_1)^2 \rangle$$

$$F \approx \exp \left[ -\frac{k^2}{2} \langle (\underline{\Delta r}_1(t))^2 \rangle \right]$$

for simplicity,  $k$  in  $x$  direction,

$$F(k, t) = \exp \left[ -\frac{k^2}{2} \langle (\Delta r_{1x}(t))^2 \rangle \right].$$



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$$\rho = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} w_{\mathbf{k}} F(\mathbf{k}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \quad (\text{inversion})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &= - \langle \Delta r_{i,x} \dot{\Delta r}_{i,x} \rangle \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hbar^2 w_{\mathbf{k}} F(\mathbf{k}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \\ &= \langle \Delta r_{i,x} \dot{\Delta r}_{i,x} \rangle \nabla^2 \rho \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D(\mathbf{r}) \nabla^2 \rho$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mathbf{r}) &= \langle \Delta r_i \dot{\Delta r}_i \rangle \\ &= \langle v_x \Delta r_{i,x} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

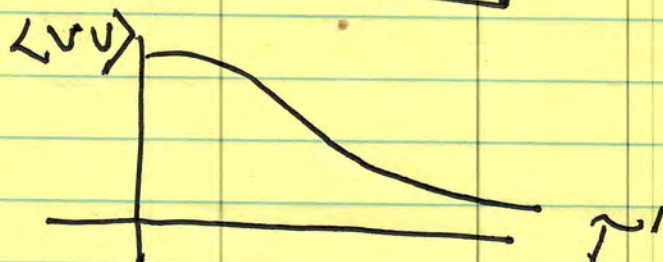
$$\begin{aligned} D(t) &= \int_0^t \langle v_x(t) v_x(t') \rangle dt' \\ &= \int_0^t \langle v_x(t) v_x(t') \rangle dt' \end{aligned}$$



$$D(t) = \int_0^t \langle v_{i,x}(\omega) v_{i,x}(T-t) \rangle d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^t \langle v(\omega) v(T) \rangle d\tau'$$

LF  $t \gg \tau_{ac}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 micro



$$D(t) \rightarrow D = \int_0^\infty d\tau \langle v(\omega) v(T) \rangle$$

and,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle A^2(t) \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t dt_1 \int_0^t dt_2 \langle v(t_1) v(t_2) \rangle$$

$$= 2 \int_0^t \langle v(\omega) v(T) \rangle d\tau$$

$$= 2D(t)$$



$t \gg \tau_{ac}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \Delta r^2 \rangle = 2D$$

$$\langle \Delta r^2 \rangle = 2Dt$$

- diffusion const characterizes random walk.

- Note:

→ autocorrelation time  $\tau_{ac}$  (scattering field)

→ decorrelation / scattering time for mode  $k$

$$e^{-k^2 \langle \Delta r^2 \rangle} \rightarrow e^{-k^2 D t}$$

$$\tau_c = (k^2 D)^{-1}$$

(time to scatter)

mode  $k$

obviously  $\tau_{ac} \ll \tau_c$ .



Next: Generalization!