Time asymmetric driving and entropy production

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- Micromachines
- Reversible transport (1998)
- Hidden pumps (M. Esposito, 2014)
- Carnot cycles (Leo Granger and Johannes Hoppenau, 2015)

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Micromachines



Autonomous



JMRP, PRE (1998). Reversible ratchets as Brownian particles in an adiabatically changing periodic potential.

An overdamped Brownian particle in a driven periodic potential:

$$\dot{x}(t) = -V'(x;\lambda(t)) + \xi(t)$$
$$V(0;\lambda) = V(L;\lambda)$$
$$\lambda(t), \ 0 \le t \le \tau$$

Quasistatic limit:

$$\dot{\lambda}(t) \to 0 \Rightarrow \rho(x,t) = \frac{1}{Z(\lambda(t))} e^{-\beta V(x;\lambda(t))}$$



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Zero current, BUT...

Integrated current:

Total work:

$$J = \int_0^\tau \delta J(t)$$

 $W = \int_0^\tau \delta W(t)$

Exact differential

 $\delta J(t) = \int_0^L dx \int_0^x dx' \rho_+(x;\lambda(t)) \left[\vec{\nabla}_\lambda \rho_-(x';\lambda(t))\right] \cdot \dot{\lambda}(t) dt \left[\delta W(t) = -kT \left[\vec{\nabla}_\lambda \ln Z_-(\lambda(t))\right] \cdot \dot{\lambda}(t) dt\right]$

$$\rho_{\pm}(x;\lambda) = \frac{e^{\pm\beta V(x;\lambda)}}{Z_{\pm}}$$

Not an exact differential

0.5

0.4





Efficiency:





Line integral (it only depends on the path in the parameter space)

 $\delta J(t) = \int_0^L dx \int_0^x dx' \rho_+(x;\lambda(t)) \left[\vec{\nabla}_\lambda \rho_-(x';\lambda(t))\right] \cdot \dot{\lambda}(t) dt' \dot{\lambda}(t) dt'$



In a flashing ratchet with an asymmetric potential J=0

Time asymmetry is not enough to induce reversible transport

Adiabatic pumps (Astumian, PRL 2003)

An auxiliary state a



Hidden pumps (Esposito & JMRP. PRE 2015)

Set A pump biases a transition, i.e., creates an effective force.

The original motivation: To compare chemical motors and Maxwell demons (Horowitz, Sagawa, JMRP. PRL 2013).







Markovianity at the coarse grained level: \bigcirc A cyclic protocol with period $\Delta t \ll 1/w_{i \rightarrow j}$ \bigcirc In each cycle a small amount of probability is transferred.

Low entropy production:

Protocol must be slow compared to the kinetics of the hidden states:
 $\Delta t \gg (\text{hidden rates})^{-1}$

An auxiliary state a





We transfer an amount of probability from 1 to 2:





Effective force induced by the pump

 $\frac{w_{1\to 2}}{m} = e^{-\beta(E_2 - E_1 - F_{21}^{\text{eff}})}$ $w_{2\rightarrow 1}$

 $F_{21}^{\text{eff}} \equiv E_{\mu}^{(2)} - E^{(2)}$

Entropy production of the coarse-grained description:

$$T\dot{S}_{tot}^{(cg)} = J_{12}F_{12}^{(eff)} - \sum_{\text{all links}} \delta\dot{\mathcal{F}}_{ij} \ge 0$$

Real entropy production:

 $T\dot{S}_{\rm tot} = - \qquad \sum \qquad \delta \dot{\mathcal{F}}_{ij} \ge 0$

all links but 12



It is even possible to have zero entropy production with finite current!

Hidden variables

Entropy production:

$$S_{\text{tot}} = k \sum_{\substack{(x,y)\\(x',y')}} p(x,y;x',y';\{\lambda_t\}) \ln \frac{p(x,y;x',y';\{\lambda_t\})}{p(\tilde{x}',\tilde{y}';\tilde{x},\tilde{y};\{\tilde{\lambda}_t\})} \quad \textbf{~= time reversa}$$

Coarse grained entropy production:

$$S_{\text{tot}}^{(\text{cg})} = k \sum_{x,x'} p(x,x';\{\lambda_t\}) \ln \frac{p(x,x';\{\lambda_t\})}{p(\tilde{x}',\tilde{x};\{\tilde{\lambda}_t\})}$$

Marginal probability distribution

$$p(x, x'; \{\lambda_t\}) = \sum_{y, y'} p(x, y; x', y'; \{\lambda_t\})$$

One can prove:

$$S_{\rm tot}^{\rm (cg)} \leq S_{\rm tot}$$



 $\tilde{y} = y$ (overdamped systems + no magnetic fields) No hidden driving.

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The pump induces the production of A.





Finite current with zero entropy production

Carnot cycles



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Carnot cycles



Conclusions

Driven systems apparently perform much better than autonomous systems.

Time asymmetry is not enough to have reversible transport.

Most likely reversible trajectories have finite power.

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