

W/ STOKES-EINSTEIN, WE RELATED VELOCITY OF A PARTICLE TO TEMPERATURE:

$$kT \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} = -m\beta C \cdot v$$

FROM FICK'S LAW:

$$\frac{kT}{m\beta} = D, \quad \beta \text{ IS A DRAG COEFFICIENT.}$$

STOKES CALCULATION GAVE EXPRESSION FOR  $\beta$ .  
- PARTICLE SIZE & VISCOSITY.

HOW DO WE GET  $D$  FROM PARTICLE TRAJECTORIES?

TO MAKE THE CONNECTION B/T TRAJECTORIES &  $D$ , WE HAVE TO ANALYZE A RANDOM WALK.

A 1-D RANDOM WALK:

SUPPOSE WE HAVE A COLLECTION OF PARTICLES, MOVING ALONG THE  $x$ -AXIS. ALL PARTICLES START AT  $x=0$ ,  $t=0$ .

EACH WALKER OBEYS SOME SIMPLE RULES:

1. ALL WALKERS TAKE A STEP, EITHER LEFT OR RIGHT ALONG  $x$  AT EACH TIME INTERVAL  $\tau$ . THE STEP SIZE IS FIXED BY PARTICLE VELOCITY:

$$\delta = v_x \tau.$$

2. THE PROBABILITY OF A LEFT / RIGHT STEP IS  $1/2$ .

3. THE PARTICLES DO NOT INTERACT.

WE'LL ANALYZE THE BEHAVIOR OF OUR COLLECTION OF PARTICLES, ACCORDING TO THESE RULES.

DEFINING  $x_i(n)$  AS THE  $i^{\text{th}}$  PARTICLE'S POSITION AFTER  $n$  STEPS.

ACCORDING TO OUR RULES, WE EXPRESS  $i$ 'S POSITION AS A FUNCTION OF ITS PRIOR POSITION:

$$x_i(n) = x_i(n-1) \pm \delta$$

NOW WE CALCULATE THE MEAN POSITION OVER ALL  $N$  PARTICLES AT TIME STEP  $n$ :

$$\langle x(n) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(n)$$

IN TERMS OF PRIOR POSITIONS:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x(n) \rangle &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [x_i(n-1) \pm \delta] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(n-1) = \langle x(n-1) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

THUS, THE MEAN POSITION DOESN'T CHANGE.

TO MEASURE THE "SPREAD" OR SPREADING OF PARTICLES, WE'LL CALCULATE THE ROOT MEAN SQUARE DISPLACEMENT

$$\langle x^2(n) \rangle^{1/2}$$

THE SQUARE DISPLACEMENT OF PARTICLE  $i$ :

$$x_i(n)^2 = x_i(n-1)^2 \pm 2\delta x_i(n-1) + \delta^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle x_i(n)^2 \rangle &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(n)^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [x_i(n-1)^2 \pm \underbrace{2\delta x_i(n-1)}_0 + \delta^2] \\ &= \langle x(n-1)^2 \rangle + \delta^2. \end{aligned}$$

TO DETERMINE  $\langle x(n)^2 \rangle$ , CONSIDER DISCRETE TIME STEPS:

$$\langle x(0)^2 \rangle = 0; \quad \langle x(1)^2 \rangle = \delta^2, \quad \langle x(2)^2 \rangle = 2\delta^2, \dots$$

$$\langle x(n)^2 \rangle = n\delta^2$$

$$\text{FROM OUR RULES, } t = n\tau \Rightarrow n = \frac{t}{\tau}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle x(t)^2 \rangle = \frac{t}{\tau} \delta^2 = \frac{\delta^2}{\tau} \cdot t$$

↑ DIMENSIONS OF  $\frac{L^2}{T}$   
EQUIVALENT TO DIMENSIONS OF  $D$ .

IN FACT,  $D = \frac{\delta^2}{2\tau}$  EXACTLY.

$$\Rightarrow \langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2Dt$$

APPLYING THE SAME RULES TO  $x$ - &  $y$ -AXES:

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = 2Dt, \quad \langle y^2 \rangle = 2Dt$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{as} \quad \langle r^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle + \langle y^2 \rangle = \underline{4Dt}$$

OUR IMAGING DATA WILL GENERATE A TRAJECTORY OF OUR PARTICLE:

