

**DERIVATION OF AN EVOLUTION EQUATION FOR THE DENSITY  
 OF A TEST PARTICLE  
 SUBJECT TO PERTURBATIONS BY A POISSON PROCESS  
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We consider a dynamical system with dependent variables  $(x, p)$  evolving according to the dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \mathcal{F}(x, p) \\ \frac{dp}{dt} &= \mathcal{G}(x, p).\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

[One could think of a position  $x$  and momentum  $p$  for concreteness.] We assume in a short time interval  $\Delta t$ , with probability  $\varphi(x, p)\Delta t$  there is a perturbation  $f(x, p)$  to  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $g(x, p)$  to  $\mathcal{G}$ . To capture the essence of this scheme, we use an Euler approximation for (1) and write

$$\begin{aligned}x(t + \Delta t) &\simeq x(t) + \mathcal{F}(x(t), p(t))\Delta t + f(x(t), p(t))[y(t + \Delta t) - y(t)] \\ p(t + \Delta t) &\simeq p(t) + \mathcal{G}(x(t), p(t))\Delta t + g(x(t), p(t))[y(t + \Delta t) - y(t)],\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

where the distribution of  $z \equiv y(t + \Delta t) - y(t)$  is given by

$$\Phi_{xp}(dz) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } \varphi(x, p)\Delta t \\ 0 & \text{with probability } 1 - \varphi(x, p)\Delta t.\end{cases}\tag{3}$$

If we examine an ensemble of test particles with dynamics described by (1) subject to these perturbations, then we wish to find the evolution equation for the density  $u(t, x, p)$  defined by

$$\text{prob}\{x(t) \in \mathcal{X}, p(t) \in \mathcal{P}\} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} u(t, x, p) dx dp.$$

The following derivation of this evolution equation is an extension of a similar derivation by A. Lasota carried out in April, 1990.

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Let  $h(x, p) \in C_0^2(\mathbb{R})$  be an arbitrary function with compact support. The expected value of  $h(x(t + \Delta t), p(t + \Delta t))$  is given by

$$E_{\Delta t} \equiv E(h(x(t + \Delta t), p(t + \Delta t))) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, p) u(t + \Delta t, x, p) dx dp \quad (4)$$

so

$$E_0 \equiv E(h(x(t), p(t))) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, p) u(t, x, p) dx dp. \quad (5)$$

Defining

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x, p, z) &= x + \mathcal{F}(x, p)\Delta t + f(x, p)z \\ R(x, p, z) &= p + \mathcal{G}(x, p)\Delta t + g(x, p)z \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

it is clear that we may also write

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\Delta t} &= E(h(Q(x(t), p(t), z), R(x(t), p(t), z))) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(Q(x, p, z), R(x, p, z)) u(t, x, p) \Phi_{xp}(dz) dx dp. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Using the properties of the distribution  $\Phi_{xp}$ , equation (7) can be rewritten in the form

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\Delta t} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(Q(x, p, 0), R(x, p, 0)) u(t, x, p) [1 - \varphi(x, p)\Delta t] dx dp \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(Q(x, p, 1), R(x, p, 1)) u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) \Delta t dx dp \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(Q(x, p, 0), R(x, p, 0)) u(t, x, p) dx dp \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{h(Q(x, p, 1), R(x, p, 1)) - h(Q(x, p, 0), R(x, p, 0))\} \\ &\quad \quad \quad u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) \Delta t dx dp. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Note that to  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$  we may write

$$\begin{aligned} h(Q(x, p, 0), R(x, p, 0)) &\simeq h(x + \mathcal{F}(x, p)\Delta t, p + \mathcal{G}(x, p)\Delta t) \\ &\simeq h(x, p) + \mathcal{F}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Delta t + \mathcal{G}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \Delta t, \end{aligned} \quad (9a)$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} h(Q(x, p, 1), R(x, p, 1)) &\simeq h(x + \mathcal{F}(x, p)\Delta t + f(x, p), p + \mathcal{G}(x, p)\Delta t + g(x, p)) \\ &\simeq h(x + f, p + g) + \mathcal{F}(x, p) \frac{\partial h(x + f, p + g)}{\partial(x + f)} \Delta t \\ &\quad + \mathcal{G}(x, p) \frac{\partial h(x + f, p + g)}{\partial(p + g)} \Delta t. \end{aligned} \quad (9b)$$

Inserting the approximations (9a,b) into equation (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\Delta t} \simeq & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ h(x, p) + \mathcal{F}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Delta t + \mathcal{G}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \Delta t \right\} u(t, x, p) dx dp \\
 & + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [h(x + f, p + g) - h(x, p)] u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) \Delta t dx dp. \quad (10)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating (4) and (10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, p) u(t + \Delta t, x, p) dx dp = \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ h(x, p) + \mathcal{F}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \Delta t + \mathcal{G}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \Delta t \right\} u(t, x, p) dx dp \\
 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [h(x + f, p + g) - h(x, p)] u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) \Delta t dx dp \quad (11)
 \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging the terms in (11), dividing through by  $\Delta t$ , taking the limit as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  in the result yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, p) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx dp + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \mathcal{F}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + \mathcal{G}(x, p) \frac{\partial h}{\partial p} \right\} u(t, x, p) dx dp \\
 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [h(x + f, p + g) - h(x, p)] u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) dx dp \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using integration by parts on the left hand side of (12), and remembering that  $h$  has compact support, we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x, p) \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{F}u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{G}u)}{\partial p} \right\} dx dp \\
 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [h(x + f, p + g) - h(x, p)] u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) dx dp \quad (13)
 \end{aligned}$$

We are almost there! All we have to do is change the variables in the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x + f, p + g) u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) dx dp.$$

Define new variables  $v = x + f(x, p)$  and  $w = p + g(x, p)$  so the pair  $(v, w)$  is given by the transformation  $(v, w) = T(x, p)$ . Assume that  $T$  is invertible so  $(x, p) = T^{-1}(v, w)$ , and denote the Jacobian of  $T^{-1}$  by  $J^{-1}(v, w)$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x + f, p + g) u(t, x, p) \varphi(x, p) dx dp = \\
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(v, w) u(t, T^{-1}(v, w)) \varphi(T^{-1}(v, w)) J^{-1}(v, w) dv dw. \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (14) and the fact that the function  $h$  was arbitrary, it is immediate from equation (13) that  $u$  satisfies the evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{F}u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{G}u)}{\partial p} = -u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p) + u(t, T^{-1}(x, p))J^{-1}(x, p)\varphi(T^{-1}(x, p)). \quad (15)$$

To proceed to investigate equation (15), assume for simplicity that the perturbations  $f$  and  $g$  are both independent of  $x$  and  $p$ . Then our evolution equation (15) takes the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{F}u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{G}u)}{\partial p} = -u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p) + u_{f,g}(t, x, p)\varphi_{f,g}(x, p), \quad (16)$$

where we have used the notation  $u_{f,g}(t, x, p) = u(t, x - f, p - g)$ . Assume further that the pair  $(f, g)$  is distributed with density  $\sigma(f, g)$ . Multiplying (16) by  $\sigma(f, g)$ , and integrating we obtain

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{F}u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{G}u)}{\partial p} = -u\varphi + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{f,g}\varphi_{f,g}\sigma(f, g)dfdg. \quad (17)$$

**Example 1.** To proceed further, expand the product  $u(t, x - f, p - g)\varphi(x - f, p - g)$  about the point  $(x, p)$  to give

$$\begin{aligned} u_{f,g}(t, x, p)\varphi_{f,g}(x, p) &= u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p) + f\frac{\partial [u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p)]}{\partial x} + g\frac{\partial [u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p)]}{\partial p} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f^2 \frac{\partial^2 [u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p)]}{\partial x^2} + fg \frac{\partial^2 [u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p)]}{\partial x \partial p} + g^2 \frac{\partial^2 [u(t, x, p)\varphi(x, p)]}{\partial p^2} \right\} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Inserting the expansion (18) into (17) and carrying out the indicated integrations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{F}u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\mathcal{G}u)}{\partial p} &= \langle f \rangle \frac{\partial [u\varphi]}{\partial x} + \langle g \rangle \frac{\partial [u\varphi]}{\partial p} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \langle f^2 \rangle \frac{\partial^2 [u\varphi]}{\partial x^2} + \langle fg \rangle \frac{\partial^2 [u\varphi]}{\partial x \partial p} + \langle g^2 \rangle \frac{\partial^2 [u\varphi]}{\partial p^2} \right\} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where

$$\langle f^n \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^n \sigma(f, g) df dg$$

and the other moments are defined in an obvious way.