A simple non-chaotic map generating subdiffusive, diffusive and superdiffusive dynamics

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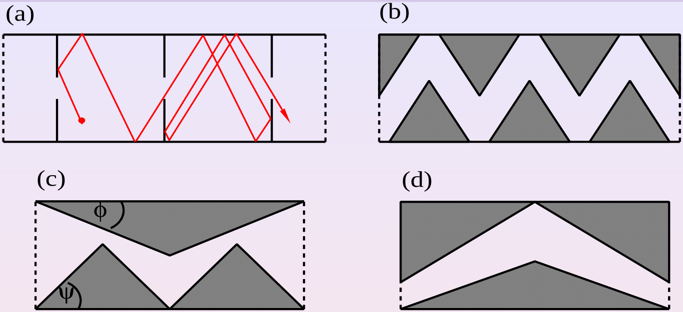
Diffusion in polygonal billiard channels

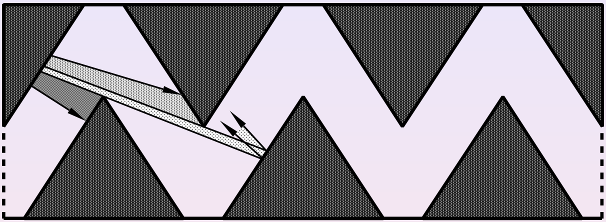


Zwanzig (1983), Zaslavsky et al. (2001), Li et al. (2002)

- **mean square displacement** $< x^2 >:= \int dx\, x^2 \rho(x,t) \sim t^\gamma$
- from simulations: sub- $(\gamma < 1)$, super- $(\gamma > 1)$ or normal $(\gamma = 1)$ diffusion depending on parameters with partially conflicting results

Alonso et al. (2002), Jepps et al. (2006), Sanders et al. (2006)

Non-chaotic dynamics in polygonal billiards

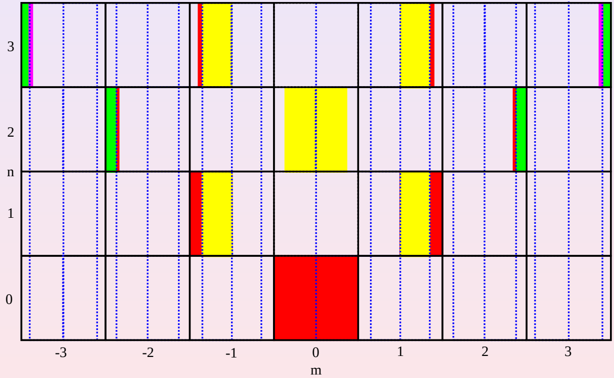


- **zero Lyapunov exponent**: different points separate *linearly* but not *exponentially* in time, hence **non-chaotic dynamics**
- instead, edges of scatterers **slice a beam**: non-trivial diffusion in these channels generated by this mechanism
- slicing is captured by interval exchange transformations

Hannay, McCraw (1990)

The slicer map: basic idea

a 1-dim **spatially dependent** interval exchange transformation;
diffusion of a density of points from uniform initial density in
space-time diagram:



again zero Lyaponuv exponent: slicer points of Lebesgue measure zero split the density; no stretching

Definition of the slicer model

- consider a **chain of intervals** $\widehat{M} := M \times \mathbb{Z}$, $M := [0,1]$ with point $\widehat{X} = (x,m)$ in $\widehat{M}$, where $\widehat{M}_m := M \times \{m\}$ is the m-th cell of $\widehat{M}$

- subdivide each $\widehat{M}_m$ in subintervals, separated by points called **slicers**: $\{1/2\} \times \{m\}$, $\{\ell_m\} \times \{m\}$, $\{1-\ell_m\} \times \{m\}$, where $0 < \ell_m < 1/2$ for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with

$$\ell_m(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\left(|m|+2^{1/\alpha}\right)^{\alpha}} , \ \alpha > 0$$

- **slicer map:** $S : \widehat{M} \to \widehat{M}$, $\widehat{X}_{n+1} = S(\widehat{X}_n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with

$$S(x,m) = \begin{cases} (x, m-1) & \text{if } 0 \le x < \ell_m \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} < x \le 1-\ell_m , \\ (x, m+1) & \text{if } \ell_m \le x \le \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1-\ell_m < x \le 1 . \end{cases}$$

Main result: Diffusion in the slicer map

Proposition (Salari et al., 2015)

Given $\alpha \geq 0$ *and a uniform initial distribution in* $\widehat{M}_0$*, we have*

1. $\alpha = 0$: *ballistic motion with MSD* $\langle \widehat{X}_n^2 \rangle \sim n^2$
2. $0 < \alpha < 1$: *superdiffusion with MSD* $\langle \widehat{X}_n^2 \rangle \sim n^{2-\alpha}$
3. $\alpha = 1$: *normal diffusion with linear MSD* $\langle \widehat{X}_n^2 \rangle \sim n$
   non-chaotic normal diffusion with non-Gaussian density
4. $1 < \alpha < 2$: *subdiffusion with MSD* $\langle \widehat{X}_n^2 \rangle \sim n^{2-\alpha}$
   subdiffusion with ballistic peaks
5. $\alpha = 2$: *logarithmic subdiffusion with MSD* $\langle \widehat{X}_n^2 \rangle \sim \log n$
6. $\alpha > 2$: *localisation in the MSD with* $\langle \widehat{X}_n^2 \rangle \sim const.$
   non-trivial phenomenon

The higher order moments in the slicer

Theorem (Salari et al., 2015)

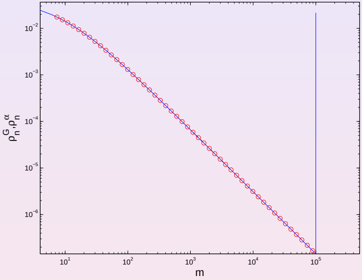
For $\alpha \in (0, 2]$ the moments $\langle \widehat{X}_n^p \rangle$ with $p > 2$ even and uniform initial distribution in $\widehat{M}_0$ have the asymptotic behavior

$$\langle \widehat{X}_n^p \rangle \sim n^{p-\alpha}$$

while the odd moments ($p = 1, 3, ...$) vanish.

Example: $\alpha = 1/3$

We have $\langle \widehat{X}_n^p \rangle \sim n^{p-1/3}$ with superdiffusion $\langle \widehat{X}_n^2 \rangle \sim n^{5/3}$;
plot of probability to find a particle in the m-th cell:



blue line: simulations; red circles: asymptotics

$$\rho_n^\alpha(m) = \begin{cases} \frac{C_\alpha}{(m + 2^{1/\alpha})^{\alpha+1}} , & m < n \\ 0 , & m > n \end{cases}$$

with normalisation C_α; note peak in the traveling area

Matching to stochastic dynamics?

curiously, the slicer moments bear formal similarity with **different stochastic models**:

- one-dimensional stochastic Lévy Lorentz gas:
  matching of all moments in the superdiffusive regime by a non-trivial scaling

- Lévy walk modeled by CTRW theory:
  matching of all moments in the superdiffusive regime by a *different* simple scaling

- correlated Gaussian stochastic process:
  same MSD in the subdiffusive regime

Summary

- **central theme:**
  diffusion generated by **non-chaotic dynamics**
- **main result:**
  slicer model generates 6 different types of diffusion covering the whole spectrum of **anomalous diffusion**
- slicer might help to explain a **controversy about different stochastic models for diffusion in polygonal billiards**

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