

Corrections to Einstein's Relation for Brownian Motion in a Tilted Periodic Potential

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Abstract In this paper we revisit the problem of Brownian motion in a tilted periodic potential. We use homogenization theory to derive general formulas for the effective velocity and the effective diffusion tensor that are valid for arbitrary tilts. Furthermore, we obtain power series expansions for the velocity and the diffusion coefficient as functions of the external forcing. Thus, we provide systematic corrections to Einstein's formula and to linear response theory. Our theoretical results are supported by extensive numerical simulations. For our numerical experiments we use a novel spectral numerical method that leads to a very efficient and accurate calculation of the effective velocity and the effective diffusion tensor.

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1 Introduction

Brownian motion in periodic potentials is one of standard models in condensed matter physics. Applications include the modeling of Josephson junctions, polymer dynamics, superionic conduction, dielectric relaxation, plasma physics and surface diffusion [33]. A detailed discussion and extensive bibliography can be found in [4, 27].

The goal of this paper is to study Brownian motion in a tilted periodic potential for arbitrary values of the drift and of the tilt (external forcing). The dynamics of the Brownian

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particle is governed by the Langevin equation

$$\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{q}}\psi(\mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{F} - \gamma\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta^{-1}}\dot{\mathbf{W}}, \tag{1}$$

where ψ is a periodic potential with period L (in each direction), \mathbf{F} denotes a constant external force, so that the effective potential is

$$\psi_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{q}) = \psi(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{q}, \tag{2}$$

γ is the friction coefficient, β is the inverse temperature and $\mathbf{W}(t)$ is a standard Brownian motion on \mathbb{R}^d .

The main objective is the calculation of the drift and diffusion coefficients which are defined as

$$\mathbf{U} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle \mathbf{q}(t) - \mathbf{q}(0) \rangle}{t} \tag{3}$$

and

$$\mathbf{D} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle (\mathbf{q}(t) - \langle \mathbf{q}(t) \rangle) \otimes (\mathbf{q}(t) - \langle \mathbf{q}(t) \rangle) \rangle}{2t}. \tag{4}$$

Here $\langle \cdot \rangle$ denotes ensemble average and \otimes stands for the tensor product. Explicit formulas for these coefficients are available only in the overdamped limit and mostly in one dimension. An exact analytical formula for the effective velocity of an overdamped Brownian particle moving in a one dimensional tilted periodic potential was obtained many years ago by Stratonovich ([30], [31, Chap. 9]). A corresponding analytical formula for the diffusion coefficient was obtained and analyzed more recently [19, 23, 24], and verified in an experimental realization of the model involving rotating optical tweezers [8]. Simpler algebraic formulas were deduced from these for the special case of piecewise linear potentials in [12]. Only potentials with very specific geometries can lead to analytical formulas in dimension higher than one [2, 3]. A wealth of information on the problem of Brownian motion in a tilted periodic potential in one dimension can be found in [27, Chap. 11]. More recent developments, with particular attention to the remarkable physical transport phenomenology that arises, are presented in the review article [29] and the references therein.

It is well known that the equilibrium diffusion coefficient (i.e., the diffusion coefficient in the absence of an external drift) and the drift, or, rather, the mobility are related through the famous Einstein formula:

$$\mathbf{D}_0 = \beta^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}, \tag{5}$$

with

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \lim_{|F| \rightarrow 0} \nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{U}$$

The validity of this formula has been proved rigorously for several models [18], including that of a Brownian particle in a tilted periodic potential [28]. Formulas of the form (5) can be understood in the more general framework of linear response theory and of the Green-Kubo formalism [17, 26]. A recent rigorous analysis of the Green-Kubo formalism for the calculation of the shear viscosity can be found in [25].

The main goal of the present paper is to investigate the validity and usefulness of corrections to linear response theory. In particular, we calculate all terms in the power series expansions (with respect to the forcing F) for the drift and diffusion coefficients and we use these in order to calculate corrections to Einstein’s formula (5). Our analysis is based

on the formalism of averaging and homogenization [21]. From this formalism we know that both drift and diffusion coefficients can be expressed in terms of the solution of appropriate Poisson equations (14)–(17). Details are presented in the next section.

For simplicity of notation and presentation, we will restrict our calculations for corrections to linear response theory to the one dimensional case $d = 1$, and hence hereafter drop vector and tensor notation. Analogous formulas are applicable in multiple dimensions, as we discuss in Appendix A. We present our results in detail in Sect. 3, and summarize them here rather imprecisely:

Proposition 1.1 *The drift and diffusion coefficients admit the asymptotic expansions*

$$U = \sum_{\ell \geq 1} F^\ell V_\ell, \tag{6}$$

and

$$D = \sum_{\ell \geq 0} F^\ell \left[\beta^{-1} V_{\ell+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} \Sigma_{n\ell} \right] \tag{7a}$$

$$= \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} + \sum_{\ell \geq 1} F^\ell \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} \Xi_{n\ell}. \tag{7b}$$

The coefficients $V_j, \Sigma_{nj}, \Xi_{nj}; n, j = 1, 2, \dots$ can be computed in terms of solutions to Poisson equations for the generator of the equilibrium dynamics $F = 0$. In particular, the higher order corrections to the drift and diffusion coefficients are not compatible with an extension of the Einstein relation (5) beyond the linear response regime $F \rightarrow 0$.

For the case of a symmetric potential ($\psi(q) = \psi(-q)$), then $V_n = 0$ for even n and $\Sigma_{n\ell} = \Xi_{n\ell} = 0$ for odd ℓ .

Thus, it is possible, in principle, to calculate the drift and diffusion coefficients of the nonequilibrium dynamics (1) in terms of the equilibrium dynamics

$$\ddot{q} = -\psi'(q) - \gamma \dot{q} + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta^{-1}} \dot{W} \tag{8}$$

for at least a finite interval of values of F .

The validity and usefulness of the power series expansions (6) is tested by performing numerical experiments. For the calculation of drift and diffusion coefficients we need to solve Poisson equations of the form

$$-\mathcal{L}\phi = f(p, q), \tag{9}$$

with \mathcal{L} being the generator of the Markov process $\{q, p\}$ with $p = \dot{q}$. We solve equations of the form (9) using a spectral method [22] that is an extension of Risken’s continued fraction expansion method [27]. By comparing the results obtained using our spectral method with results obtained from (the computationally more expensive) Monte Carlo simulations, we demonstrate that our method performs very well.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2 we present the formulas for the drift and diffusion coefficients obtained using homogenization theory. In Sect. 3 we calculate the power series expansions for the drift and the diffusion coefficient. In Sect. 4 we

present results of numerical simulations on the calculation of U and D . Section 5 summarizes our conclusions. The extension of our results to multiple dimensions is presented in Appendix A. The details of the spectral method for the solution to the Poisson equation are presented in Appendix B. Some discussion of how our formulas relate to an alternative approach developed in [1] can be found in Appendix C.

2 Formulas for the Drift and Diffusion Coefficients

We start by writing (1) as a first order system, in $d = 1$ dimension:

$$\dot{q} = p, \quad \dot{p} = -\psi'(q) + F - \gamma p + \sqrt{2\gamma\beta^{-1}}\dot{W}. \tag{10}$$

The process $\{q, p\}$ is a Markov process with generator

$$\mathcal{L} = p\partial_q + (-\partial_q\psi + F)\partial_p + \gamma(-p\partial_p + \beta^{-1}\partial_p^2). \tag{11}$$

The Fokker-Planck operator, i.e. the L^2 -adjoint of the generator, is

$$\mathcal{L}^* = -p\partial_q + (\partial_q\psi - F)\partial_p + \gamma\partial_p(p + \beta^{-1}\partial_p). \tag{12}$$

The potential function ψ has period L . We can use homogenization theory [11, 19, 20] to prove that the rescaled process

$$q^\epsilon(t) := \epsilon q(t/\epsilon^2) - \frac{tU}{\epsilon}, \tag{13}$$

where U is the effective drift as defined below, converges weakly on $C([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$ to a Brownian motion with diffusion coefficient D . To write down the formulas for the drift U and the diffusion coefficient D we need to consider the process $X(t) = (q(t), p(t))$ defined on $\mathbb{X} := \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ where \mathbb{T} denotes a one-dimensional circle with length L corresponding to the period of the potential ψ . The generator and Fokker-Planck operator of this process are still given by formulas (11) and (12) but now restricted on \mathbb{X} , with periodic boundary conditions with respect to q . It can be shown [28] that $X(t)$ is an ergodic Markov process with invariant measure $\mu_\beta(dp dq)$ that has a smooth density $\rho_\beta(p, q)$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{X} . The invariant density is the unique solution of the stationary Fokker-Planck equation on \mathbb{X} :

$$\mathcal{L}^* \rho_\beta = 0. \tag{14}$$

The drift is then given by the average of the momentum with respect to ρ_β over \mathbb{X} :

$$U = \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \rho_\beta(p, q) dp dq. \tag{15}$$

The diffusion coefficient is given by the formula

$$D = \int_{\mathbb{X}} (p - U) \phi \rho_\beta(p, q) dp dq \tag{16a}$$

$$= \gamma \beta^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{X}} (\partial_p \phi)^2 \rho_\beta(p, q) dp dq, \tag{16b}$$

where ϕ is the solution of the Poisson equation

$$-\mathcal{L}\phi = p - U, \quad \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi \rho_{\beta} dp dq = 0. \tag{17}$$

Equations (14) and (17) are equipped with periodic boundary conditions in q and suitable integrability conditions [11, 19, 20]. Formula (16b), which shows that the effective diffusion tensor is positive semidefinite, follows from (16a) after an integration by parts.

It is possible to prove that both U and D are analytic functions of the forcing F . This has been proved for the drift in [5] (in fact, in this paper the analyticity of the drift with respect to the forcing is proved for several models including systems of coupled Fokker–Planck equations). A similar analysis can be used to prove the analytic dependence of D on F .

3 Corrections to Linear Response Theory

In this section we solve perturbatively equations (14) and (17) in one dimension, in order to obtain the power series expansions (6). Calculations of this form are quite standard when investigating the effect of colored noise on the drift and diffusion coefficients, e.g. [7, 14, 19]. Related calculations have presented recently in [25].

The main result of this section is a precise formulation of Proposition 1.1. To state the result, we need to introduce some notation. We denote by H_0 the Hamiltonian of the unperturbed (equilibrium) dynamics (1):

$$H_0(p, q) = \frac{1}{2} p^2 + \psi(q).$$

The invariant density of the unperturbed dynamics on \mathbb{X} is denoted by $\bar{\rho}$:

$$\bar{\rho}(q, p) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta H_0(q, p)}, \quad Z = \int_{\mathbb{X}} e^{-\beta H_0(q, p)} dq dp. \tag{18}$$

We will work in the weighted L^2 space $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}; \bar{\rho})$. The inner product in this Hilbert space will be denoted by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\beta}$. The generator of the unperturbed dynamics can be written in the form

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{A} + \gamma \mathcal{S}, \tag{19}$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = p \partial_q - \partial_q \psi \partial_p \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{S} = -p \partial_p + \beta^{-1} \partial_p^2,$$

denote the reversible and irreversible parts, respectively. The operators \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{S} are antisymmetric and symmetric, respectively, in \mathcal{H} . We introduce now the creation and annihilation operators [10, 13, 27, 32]

$$a^+ := -\partial_p + \beta p \quad \text{and} \quad a^- := \partial_p. \tag{20}$$

These two operators are \mathcal{H} -adjoint:

$$\langle a^+ f, h \rangle_{\beta} = \langle f, a^- h \rangle_{\beta}, \quad \forall f, h \in \mathcal{H}.$$

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$$U = \sum_{\ell \geq 1} F^\ell V_\ell \tag{21}$$

and

$$D = \sum_{\ell \geq 0} F^\ell \left[\beta^{-1} V_{\ell+1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} \Sigma_{n\ell} \right] \tag{22a}$$

$$= \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} + \sum_{\ell \geq 1} F^\ell \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} \mathcal{E}_{n\ell}. \tag{22b}$$

The coefficients $V_\ell, \Sigma_{k\ell}, \mathcal{E}_{k\ell}$ $k \leq \ell = 1, 2, \dots$ are given by the formulas

$$V_\ell = \int_{\mathbb{X}} f_\ell p \bar{\rho} dp dq = \beta \int \phi_{\ell-1} p \bar{\rho} dp dq, \tag{23a}$$

$$\Sigma_{n\ell} = \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_{\ell-n} f_n \bar{\rho} dp dq, \tag{23b}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{n\ell} = \beta^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_{\ell-n} \partial_p f_n \bar{\rho} dp dq \tag{23c}$$

where $f_j, \phi_j, j = 0, \dots$ are solutions to the (adjoint) Poisson equations

$$-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 f_j = a^+ f_{j-1}, \quad f_0 = 1, \quad \int f_j \bar{\rho} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{24a}$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_0 \phi_0 = p, \quad \int \phi_0 \bar{\rho} = 0, \tag{24b}$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_0 \phi_j = a^- \phi_{j-1} - V_j, \quad \int \phi_j \bar{\rho} = - \sum_{r=1}^j \int f_r \phi_{j-r} \bar{\rho}, \quad j = 1, \dots \tag{24c}$$

We have used the notation $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 = -\mathcal{A} + \gamma S$ to denote the \mathcal{H} -adjoint of the generator \mathcal{L}_0 .

Remark 3.1 The expansion formulas for the drift and velocity are consistent with the exact statistical reflection symmetry $q \rightarrow -q, p \rightarrow -p$, and $F \rightarrow -F$ in the stochastic system (10) or infinitesimal generator (11) when the potential is symmetric: $\psi(q) = \psi(-q)$. Since the drift is odd and the diffusivity even under reflection, this implies that the coefficients $V_\ell = 0$ when ℓ is even and the coefficients $\Sigma_{n\ell} = \mathcal{E}_{n\ell} = 0$ when ℓ is odd. One can verify that our formulas do indeed have these vanishing properties under symmetry of the potential, noting that the operators a^+ and a^- are odd under reflection, whereas \mathcal{L}_0 and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0$ are even. By uniqueness of solutions of the Poisson equations (24a), (24b), (24c) and the symmetry properties of the operators, inhomogeneity, and auxiliary conditions, we first verify by induction that the functions f_j have even reflection symmetry for even j and odd reflection symmetry for odd j . Then we similarly induce that the functions ϕ_j have odd reflection symmetry for even j and even reflection symmetry for odd j . Finally, $\bar{\rho}$ (18) has manifestly even symmetry under reflection symmetry. Therefore, when ℓ is even, V_ℓ can be checked to be the periodic integral of an odd function and when ℓ is odd, $\mathcal{E}_{n\ell}$ and $\Sigma_{n\ell}$ are periodic integrals of odd functions, and so vanish.

Using the notation that we have introduced in this section, Einstein’s formula (linear response theory) can be written in the form

$$D_0 = \beta^{-1} V_1.$$

However, formula (22a) shows that it is not true that a similar simple relation holds for higher order terms in the expansions for the drift and the diffusion coefficients. In particular, *it is not true* that

$$D_n = \beta^{-1} V_{n+1}, \quad n = 1, \dots, \tag{25}$$

but instead there is a non-trivial correction to (25) that is given by the second term on the right hand side of (22a). As an example, we present the formula for the diffusion coefficient that is valid up to $\mathcal{O}(F^3)$:

$$D = \beta^{-1} V_1 + F \left(\beta^{-1} V_2 + \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_0 f_1 \bar{\rho} dp dq \right) + F^2 \left(\beta^{-1} V_3 + \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_1 f_1 \bar{\rho} dp dq + \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_0 f_2 \bar{\rho} dp dq \right) + \mathcal{O}(F^3). \tag{26}$$

Notice that the calculation of the next two terms in the expansion for the diffusion coefficient requires the solution of an additional Poisson equation, in order to compute ϕ_1 , as well as the calculation of three additional integrals.

Similarly, *it is not true* that the Einstein relation (5) can be extended away from $F = 0$ in the form:

$$D(F) = \beta^{-1} \frac{dU(F)}{dF}, \tag{27}$$

because of the presence of correction terms in Eq. (22b). This issue is investigated numerically in the next section, see Figs. 4 and 5. The relation Eq. (27) was indeed hypothesized in [6], but [23] showed through analytical and numerical studies that while it seems qualitatively correct, and is quantitatively correct in the three limits $F \rightarrow 0$, $F \rightarrow \infty$, and $\beta \rightarrow \infty$, it is not quantitatively accurate for general parameter values. Our results in Proposition 3.1 give quantitative formulas for this discrepancy, for example, through third order:

$$D = \beta^{-1} \frac{dU(F)}{dF} + F \beta^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_0 \partial_p f_1 \bar{\rho} dp dq \tag{28}$$

$$+ F^2 \beta^{-1} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_0 \partial_p f_2 \bar{\rho} dp dq + \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_1 \partial_p f_1 \bar{\rho} dp dq \right). \tag{29}$$

The violation of the Einstein relation for $F \neq 0$ in the model under consideration, and other nonequilibrium steady-state models, was recently analyzed by [1] from a different nonperturbative perspective, expressing the correction terms with respect to various time-correlation functions of the dynamics. But as we discuss in Appendix C, our framework based on perturbation expansions of the equations from homogenization theory appear to yield more easily computable expressions. We remark also that [16] have examined deviations from the Einstein relation in the context of stochastic tracer dynamics in a random environment.

Proof of Proposition 3.1 We start with the analysis of the stationary Fokker-Planck equation (14). We set

$$\rho_\beta(p, q) = \bar{\rho}(p, q) f(p, q). \tag{30}$$

We substitute (30) into (14) and use the symmetry and antisymmetry of S and \mathcal{A} , respectively as well as equation (20) to obtain

$$(\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 + Fa^+)f = 0. \tag{31}$$

Equation (31) is posed on $\mathbb{X} := \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}$ and is equipped with periodic boundary conditions with respect to q as well as the normalization condition

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} f \bar{\rho} dp dq = 1.$$

We look for a solution to (31) as a power series expansion in F :

$$f(p, q) = \sum_{j=0}^N F^j f_j(p, q). \tag{32}$$

The normalization condition becomes

$$\sum_{j=0}^N F^j \int_{\mathbb{X}} f_j(p, q) \bar{\rho}(p, q) dp dq = 1.$$

This condition has to be satisfied for all $F \in \mathbb{R}$ which implies that the following normalization conditions should be satisfied

$$\langle f_0, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = 1, \quad \langle f_j, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \tag{33}$$

We substitute the expansion for f into (31) to obtain the sequence of equation

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 f_0 = 0, \tag{34a}$$

$$-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 f_j = a^+ f_{j-1}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \tag{34b}$$

The above equations are of the form

$$-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 g = u. \tag{35}$$

The null space of $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0$, as well as its \mathcal{H} -adjoint \mathcal{L}_0 is one-dimensional and consists of constants. Consequently, the solvability condition for equations of the form (35) is that

$$\langle \mathbf{1}, u \rangle_\beta = 0. \tag{36}$$

Provided that the solvability condition (36) is satisfied, the Poisson equation (35) has a unique mean zero solution, $\langle g, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = 0$. We correspondingly define the operator $(-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0)^{-1}$ on the subspace of functions satisfying (36) to be this unique mean zero solution.

From the first equation in (34a), (34b) and the normalization condition we deduce that

$$f_0 = 1. \tag{37}$$

The properties of the operators a^\pm immediately yield that the solvability condition is satisfied for all equations for $f_j, j = 1, \dots$:

$$\langle a^+ f_{j-1}, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = \langle f_{j-1}, a^- \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = 0.$$

The solution of Eqs. (34b) can be written as

$$f_j = (-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0)^{-1} a^+ f_{j-1} = \hat{\mathcal{K}} f_{j-1},$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{K}}$ is the \mathcal{H} -adjoint of $\mathcal{K} := a^- (-\mathcal{L}_0^{-1})$. Consequently,

$$f_j = \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots \tag{38}$$

Thus, we have obtained a power series expansion for the invariant distribution in powers of F :

$$\rho(p, q; F) = \bar{\rho}(p, q) \left(1 + \sum_{j \geq 1} F^j \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1} \right) \tag{39}$$

from which we immediately deduce the expansion for the effective drift:

$$\begin{aligned} U &= \sum_{j \geq 1} F^j \langle p, f_j \rangle_\beta \\ &= \sum_{j \geq 1} F^j \langle p, \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{j \geq 1} F^j \langle a^+ \mathbf{1}, \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{j \geq 1} F^j \langle \mathbf{1}, a^- \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta. \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

In particular:

$$V_j = \beta^{-1} \langle \mathbf{1}, a^- \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta. \tag{41}$$

Now we proceed with the analysis of the Poisson equation (17) which, in view of (40), (30), (32), and (37), can be written as

$$-\mathcal{L}\phi = p - \sum_{j \geq 1} F^j V_j, \quad \left\langle \phi, \sum_{j \geq 0} F^j f_j \right\rangle_\beta = 0, \tag{42}$$

with V_j given by (41). The generator of the perturbed dynamics is

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + F a^-,$$

where \mathcal{L}_0 is given by (19). We look for a solution of (42) in the form of a power series expansion in F :

$$\phi(p, q) = \sum_{j \geq 0} F^j \phi_j(p, q). \tag{43}$$

We substitute this expansion into Eq. (42) to obtain the sequence of equations (recalling from Eq. (37) that $f_0 = 1$):

$$-\mathcal{L}_0\phi_0 = p, \quad \langle \phi_0, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = 0 \tag{44a}$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_0\phi_j = a^- \phi_{j-1} - V_j, \quad \langle \phi_j, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = - \sum_{r=1}^j \langle f_r, \phi_{j-r} \rangle_\beta, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \tag{44b}$$

Equation (44a) is precisely the Poisson equation for the unperturbed dynamics $F = 0$. Now we show that the solvability condition (36) is satisfied for Eqs. (44b). We need to show that

$$V_j = \langle a^- \phi_{j-1}, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta. \tag{45}$$

Lemma 3.1 *The solvability condition (45) is satisfied for all $j \geq 1$, and moreover the relation*

$$\langle a^- \phi_0, f_k \rangle_\beta = \langle a^- \phi_m, f_{k-m} \rangle_\beta \quad \text{for } k = m, m + 1, \dots \tag{46}$$

holds for all $m \geq 0$.

Proof Our strategy pivots on the observation that if we can establish (46) for $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M$, then the solvability condition (45) follows for $j = 1, 2, \dots, M + 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} V_j &= \beta^{-1} \langle \mathbf{1}, a^- \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = \beta^{-1} \langle \mathcal{K}a^+ \mathbf{1}, \hat{\mathcal{K}}^{j-1} \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta \\ &= \beta^{-1} \langle a^- (-\mathcal{L}_0)^{-1} a^+ \mathbf{1}, \hat{\mathcal{K}}^{j-1} \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = \langle a^- \phi_0, f_{j-1} \rangle_\beta = \langle a^- \phi_{j-1}, f_0 \rangle_\beta \\ &= \langle a^- \phi_{j-1}, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta, \end{aligned}$$

using Eq. (46) with $m = j - 1$ in the penultimate equality.

We now proceed to establish (46) inductively for $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. The case $m = 0$ is trivial. Suppose now Eq. (46) has been shown for all $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M$; we will show that (46) also follows for $m = M + 1$. To this end, it is useful to introduce the operator \mathbb{P} which projects orthogonally onto the hyperplane in \mathcal{H} orthogonal to constants:

$$\bar{\mathbb{P}}g := g - \langle \mathbf{1}, g \rangle_\beta.$$

Since, by the above argument and the induction hypothesis, the solvability condition for (44b) is satisfied for $j = 1, 2, \dots, M + 1$, we can write

$$\phi_{M+1} = (-\mathcal{L}_0)^{-1} \mathbb{P}a^- \phi_M - \sum_{r=1}^{M+1} \langle f_r, \phi_{M+1-r} \rangle_\beta,$$

where the second sum of constants is included to meet the side condition in Eq. (17), as we have defined $(-\mathcal{L}_0)^{-1}$ to yield a mean zero solution. But the operator a^- will kill these constants, and therefore, for $k = M + 1, M + 2, \dots$, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a^- \phi_{M+1}, f_{k-M-1} \rangle_\beta &= \langle a^- (-\mathcal{L}_0)^{-1} \mathbb{P}a^- \phi_M, f_{k-M-1} \rangle_\beta \\ &= \langle \mathcal{K} \mathbb{P}a^- \phi_M, f_{k-M-1} \rangle_\beta = \langle a^- \phi_M, \mathbb{P} \hat{\mathcal{K}} f_{k-M-1} \rangle_\beta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle a^- \phi_M, \hat{\mathcal{K}} f_{k-M-1} \rangle_\beta = \langle a^- \phi_M, f_{k-M} \rangle_\beta \\ &= \langle a^- \phi_0, f_k \rangle_\beta. \end{aligned}$$

In the penultimate equality, we used $\mathbb{P}\hat{\mathcal{K}} = \hat{\mathcal{K}}$ from the fact that by definition of $(-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0)^{-1}$, $\mathbb{P}(-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0)^{-1} = (-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0)^{-1}$; the final equality follows from the induction hypothesis. \square

Now we derive (22a). Using the centering condition in (17) we have that the diffusion coefficient is given by

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi \rho_\beta dp dq = \sum_{\ell \geq 0} \sum_{n \geq 0} F^{n+\ell} \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_\ell f_n \bar{\rho} dp dq \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \sum_{n=0}^r F^r \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_{r-n} f_n \bar{\rho} dp dq \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \left[\int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_r f_0 \bar{\rho} dp dq + \sum_{n=1}^r \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_{r-n} f_n \bar{\rho} dp dq \right] \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \left[\beta^{-1} \langle \phi_r, a^+ \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta + \sum_{n=1}^r \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_{r-n} f_n \bar{\rho} dp dq \right] \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \left[\beta^{-1} V_{r+1} + \sum_{n=1}^r \Sigma_{nr} \right], \end{aligned}$$

yielding (22a).

We can also alternatively restructure this expansion as follows, using the relations (45) and (46):

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \sum_{n=0}^r F^r \int_{\mathbb{X}} p \phi_{r-n} f_n \bar{\rho} dp dq = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \sum_{n=0}^r F^r \beta^{-1} \langle \phi_{r-n}, (a^+ + a^-) f_n \rangle_\beta \quad (47) \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \sum_{n=0}^r [\langle a^- \phi_{r-n}, f_n \rangle_\beta + \langle \phi_{r-n}, a^- f_n \rangle_\beta] \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \sum_{n=0}^r [\langle a^- \phi_r, f_0 \rangle_\beta + \langle \phi_{r-n}, a^- f_n \rangle_\beta] \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \sum_{n=0}^r [V_{r+1} + \langle \phi_{r-n}, a^- f_n \rangle_\beta] \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \left[(r+1) V_{r+1} + \sum_{n=0}^r \langle \phi_{r-n}, a^- f_n \rangle_\beta \right] \\ &= \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} + \sum_{r=1}^\infty F^r \sum_{n=1}^r \mathcal{E}_{nr}, \quad (48) \end{aligned}$$

establishing the statement (22b) in the proposition. In the last equality, we used that $a^- f_0 = 0$. \square

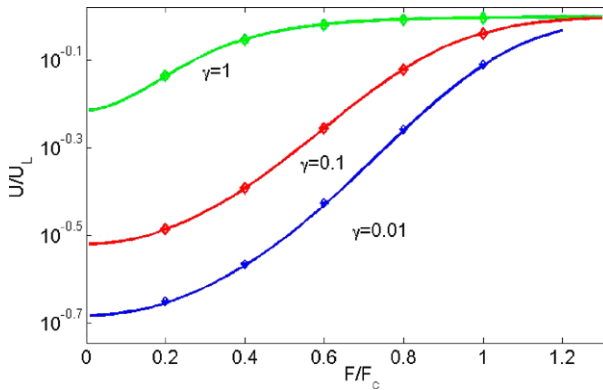


Fig. 1 *Solid lines:* U as a function of F for $\gamma = 0.01, 0.1$ and 1 . *Markers:* Monte Carlo estimates. Other parameters of the simulations are $\psi_0 = \pi^2/16$, $\beta = 1.2\psi_0^{-1}$, and $L = 2\pi$. Following convention, the force variable is scaled by the critical force $F_c \approx 3.36\gamma\sqrt{\psi_0}$ at which the effective potential (2) becomes monotonic, and the drift is scaled by the value $U_L = F/\gamma$ it would have in absence of the periodic potential $\phi(x)$. For the Monte Carlo simulations we use an Euler-Maruyama scheme with a time step $\Delta t = 0.1$ integrating over $N = 5000000$ time steps (after 100000 time steps of a transient integration interval) and averaging over 5000 trajectories

4 Numerical Simulations

In this section we present results of numerical simulations that corroborate the theoretical results presented in the previous section. The calculation of the drift and diffusion coefficients is based on the numerical solution of the hypoelliptic boundary value problems (14) and (17) as well as the calculation of the integrals (15) and (16a). Both PDEs are solved using a spectral method that relies on the expansion of the solution of the stationary Fokker-Planck and the Poisson equations in a Fourier-Hermite expansion. This method is adapted from Risken's continued fraction expansion method [27]; see also [9]. This method was used previously in the study of the diffusion coefficient for a Brownian particle in a periodic potential in [22]. Details about the numerical method can be found in Appendix B. The purpose of our calculations here is primarily to validate the perturbation expansions and spectral numerical method we have developed here. A recent review [29], and the references therein (see also [15]), covers analytical and computational studies of Brownian motion in tilted periodic potentials which explore a wide range of interesting phenomena beyond the scope of the present work.

In all the numerical experiments we use a cosine potential, $\psi(q) = \psi_0 \cos(\omega_1 q)$, with $\omega_1 = 2\pi/L$. As a first test for the validity of our numerical method, in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 we compare the results obtained from the solution of the two PDEs with results obtained using Monte Carlo simulations. In particular, in Figs. 1 and 2 we reproduce the results reported in [6] for $\gamma = 0.01$ and go beyond this for larger values of γ . In all the Monte Carlo simulations reported in this paper we take a sufficiently large number of realizations, a sufficiently small time step and sufficiently long paths so that the results of the simulations are very accurate.¹ Details on the values of the parameters used in the simulations can be found in the caption figures. In Fig. 3 we present results for U and D for larger values of γ .

¹In fact, in all the figures where the results of Monte Carlo simulations are presented, we also include the error bars. However, they are so small that they are barely visible.

Fig. 2 Solid lines: D as a function of F for $\gamma = 0.01, 0.1$ and 1 . Markers: Monte Carlo estimates. Parameters of the simulations are as in Fig. 1, with diffusivity now scaled by the value $D_L = (\beta\gamma)^{-1}$ it would have in absence of the periodic potential $\phi(x)$

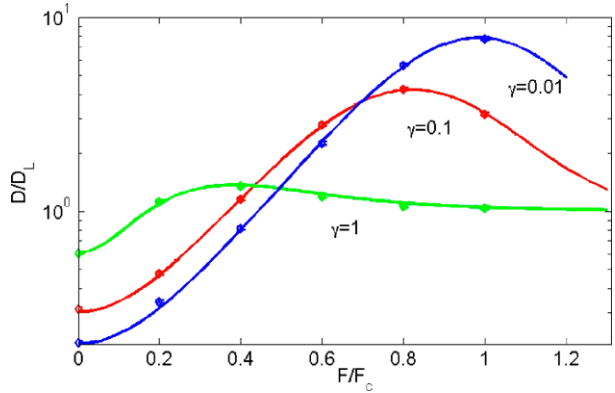
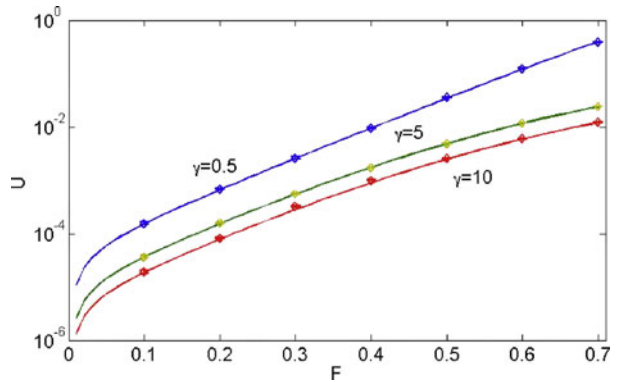
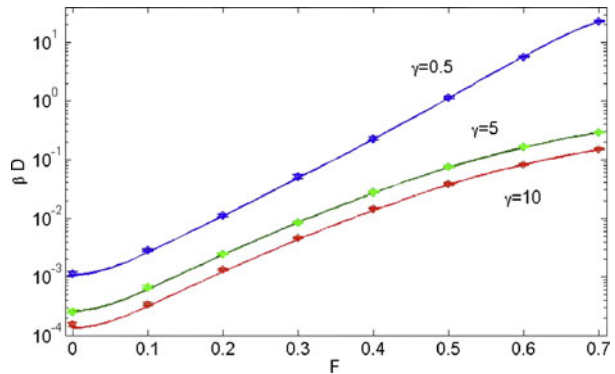


Fig. 3 (a) Solid lines: U computed from (15). (b) Solid lines: D computed from (16a). Markers: Monte Carlo estimates. Parameters of the simulations are $\psi_0 = 1, \beta = 5,$ and $L = 1$. For the Monte Carlo simulations we have used a time step $\Delta t = 0.01$ over 6000000 time steps and averaging over 6000 trajectories



a. U as a function of F for $\gamma = 0.5, 5$ and 10 .



b. D as a function of F for $\gamma = 0.5, 5$ and 10 .

We emphasize the fact that the spectral method enables us to calculate the drift and diffusion coefficients very accurately for a very wide range of values of the friction coefficient γ as well as the forcing F . As expected, the numerical method becomes computationally more expensive as γ decreases, since more Hermite and Fourier modes are needed for the accurate calculation of the diffusion coefficient. We note also that, in two and higher dimensions,

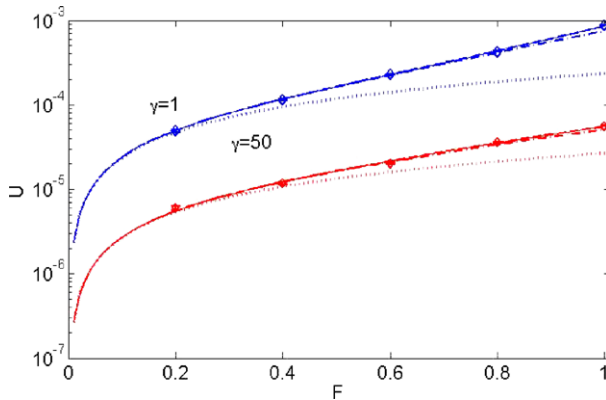


Fig. 4 U for $\gamma = 1$ (blue lines) and $\gamma = 50$ (red lines). Solid lines: U computed from (15). Markers: Monte Carlo estimates. Broken lines: Expansion for U in terms of F by solving numerically for the coefficients V_j given by (23a). $\gamma = 1$: Dots: linear approximation, Dash: 5th-order expansion, Dash-Dash: 9th-order expansion (overlapped with solid line). $\gamma = 50$: Dots: linear approximation, Dash-dot: 3rd-order expansion, Dash-Dash: 5th-order expansion (overlapped with solid line). Parameters of the simulations are $\psi_0 = 1$, $\beta = 5$, and $L = 1$. For the Monte Carlo simulations we have integrated 5000 trajectories using a time step $\Delta t = 0.01$ over 1000000 time steps for $\gamma = 1$, while $\Delta t = 0.005$ over 4000000 time steps for $\gamma = 50$ (Color figure online)

the underdamped regime requires appropriate preconditioning for the efficient solution of the resulting linear algebraic problem.

Now we turn our attention to the numerical study of formulas (21) and (27). In Fig. 4 we have calculated numerically the effective drift U using (15), and we have also calculated numerically the coefficients V_n in (21). For this we need to solve the Poisson equations (24a), where the generator of the unperturbed dynamics, i.e. with $F = 0$, appears. We can see that as we increase the number of terms in the power series expansion, the series converges to the value of u computed from solving the stationary Fokker-Planck equation (14) and computing the integral in (15). We stress that, using the expansion (21) we can calculate the nonequilibrium drift for arbitrary values of the external forcing F using only information from the equilibrium dynamics.

In Fig. 5 we plot the diffusion coefficient D , as a function of the forcing F , using (16a). In addition, we plot the power series expansions of different orders according to assumption (27) that linear response relationships between drift and diffusion extend to the higher order coefficients. The drift U is computed as in Fig. 4, using the expansion (21). While the power series expansion does match the value of D for $F = 0$, as it should according to linear response theory, the series does not converge to the values computed numerically for $F \neq 0$ using the spectral method described in Appendix B. This shows in particular that the correction terms $\mathcal{E}_{k\ell}$ in Eq. (23c) are nontrivial, as also evidenced by the results of Fig. 1 in [23]. To emphasize this point, we also compare in Fig. 6 the effective diffusion coefficient with formula (27), where U is computed using (15) and the derivative with respect to F is approximated numerically using a centered finite difference scheme. See Fig. 6. The linear response relations, however, do perform better for larger values of γ .

Finally, we investigate the overdamped limit. The drift and diffusion coefficients of an overdamped particle moving in a one dimensional periodic potential under constant external force can be computed analytically in terms of quadratures. The exact formula for the effective drift is computed in ([30], [31, Ch. 9]), whereas the exact formula for the diffusion coefficient can be found in [23] and [19].

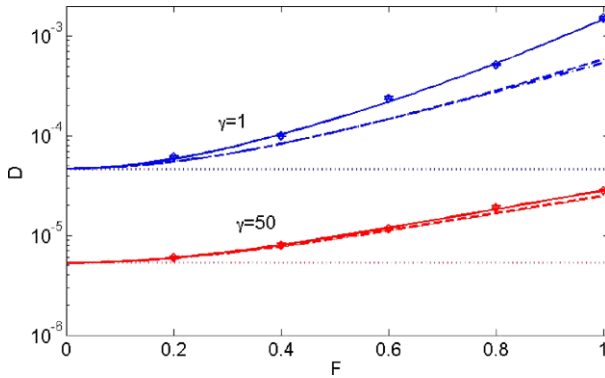
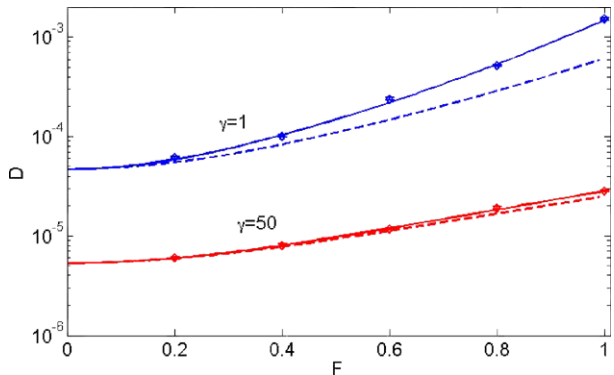


Fig. 5 D for $\gamma = 1$ (blue lines) and $\gamma = 50$ (red lines). Solid lines: Homogenization formula (16a). Markers: Monte Carlo estimates. Broken lines: Expansion for D in terms of F assuming (27) and using the drift expansion (21). $\gamma = 1$: Dots: constant approximation, Dash: 4th-order expansion, Dash-Dot: 8th-order expansion. $\gamma = 50$: Dots: constant approximation, Dash: 2nd-order expansion, Dash-Dot: 6th-order expansion. Parameters of the simulation are as in Fig. 4 (Color figure online)

Fig. 6 D for $\gamma = 1$ (blue lines) and $\gamma = 50$ (red lines). Solid lines: Homogenization formula (16a). Broken lines: Computation of D assuming the Einstein relation (27), with derivative evaluated through centered finite differences of the drift computed from the homogenization formula (15). Parameters of the simulation as in Fig. 4 (Color figure online)



Expanding (14) and (17) in inverse powers of γ we obtain

$$U = \frac{U_0}{\gamma} + O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^3}\right) \tag{49}$$

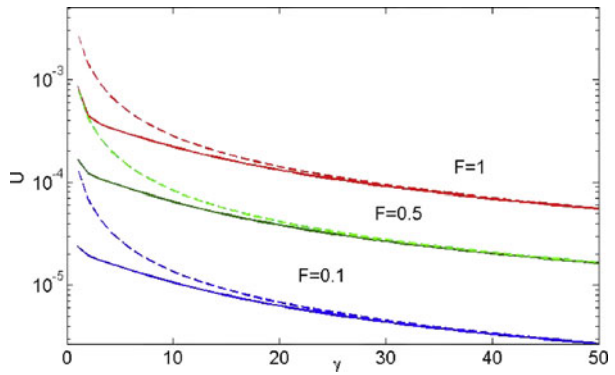
and

$$D = \frac{D_0}{\gamma} + O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^3}\right), \tag{50}$$

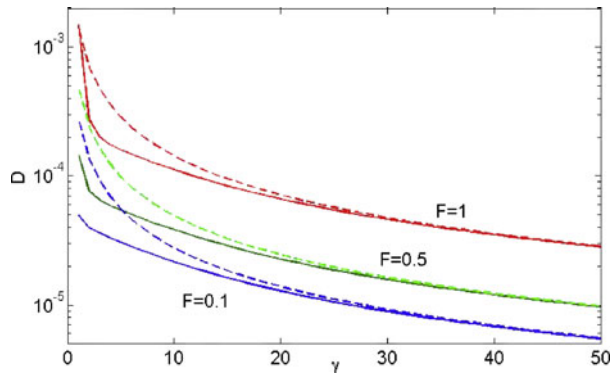
where U_0 and D_0 denote the drift and diffusion coefficients for the overdamped problem (with γ scaled out, as described by the generator (52) below). Rather than computing the integrals in the formulas for U_0 and D_0 (see, e.g. [19, Eq. B.6 and Eq. B.9]) we solve the stationary Fokker-Planck and the Poisson equations [22]:

$$U_0 = \int_0^L (-\psi'(q) + F)\rho_0(q) dq, \quad \mathcal{L}_0^* \rho_0 = 0, \tag{51}$$

Fig. 7 (a) *Solid lines*: Effective drift U computed from (15). *Broken lines*: Asymptotic approximation (49). (b) *Solid lines*: Effective diffusivity D computed from (16a). *Broken lines*: Asymptotic approximation (50). Parameters of the simulations are $\psi_0 = 1$, $\beta = 5$, and $L = 1$



a. U as a function of γ .



b. D as a function of γ .

with \mathcal{L}_O^* the adjoint (Fokker-Planck operator) of the generator of the overdamped dynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_O = (-\psi'(q) + F) \frac{\partial}{\partial q} + \beta^{-1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q^2}. \tag{52}$$

The generator is posed on $[0, L]$ equipped with periodic boundary conditions. Similarly, the diffusion coefficient is given by

$$D_O = \beta^{-1} \int (1 + \partial_q \phi_O(q)) \rho_O(q) dq,$$

with

$$-\mathcal{L}_O \phi_O(q) = -\psi'(q) + F,$$

on $[0, L]$ with periodic boundary conditions. Higher order corrections in (49) and (50) can be obtained through the solution of further auxiliary Poisson equations. As shown in Fig. 7, the overdamped formulas for the drift and diffusion coefficients offer a very accurate approximation even for moderately high values of the friction coefficient, uniformly in F .

5 Conclusions

Using the framework of homogenization theory and multiscale analysis, we have developed a systematic expansion of the effective drift and effective diffusivity for the nonequilibrium dynamics of a particle in a tilted periodic potential. The coefficients in this expansion relate the nonequilibrium transport coefficients to statistical averages involving the equilibrium dynamics (with no imposed tilt), computed through the solutions of boundary value problems for deterministic partial differential equations of hypoelliptic type. The expansions give a detailed description, valid also in multiple dimensions (see Appendix A), of how Einstein's relation between the diffusivity and mobility of a particle is violated in higher orders with respect to the perturbation from equilibrium. Our theoretical results were confirmed by numerical simulations based on a new efficient spectral method for the solution of Poisson equations for the generator of the Langevin dynamics.

Substantial directions for future research include the application of the homogenization procedure to multiscale and locally periodic potentials, as well as to time-dependent external forcing. This last setting could have particular relevance to the study of stochastic resonance phenomena.

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Appendix A: The Multidimensional Case

The computations presented in Sect. 3 can be readily extended to the multidimensional case. Since the analysis is almost identical to that for the one dimensional problem, we will be very brief.

Here and in what follows, operators and functions with identical symbolic representation as in the main text are just direct multidimensional versions, i.e., with one-dimensional variables p and q replaced by vectors \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} . In particular, ρ_β is the solution of the stationary Fokker-Planck equation $\mathcal{L}^* \rho_\beta = 0$, which is the multidimensional version of Eq. (14). We will find it convenient to decompose the applied vector force $\mathbf{F} = F \boldsymbol{\eta}$ into its magnitude $F = |\mathbf{F}|$ and direction $\boldsymbol{\eta}$, and to define creation and annihilation operators

$$a_\eta^+ := \boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot (-\nabla_{\mathbf{p}} + \beta \mathbf{p}); \quad a_\eta^- := \boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}. \tag{53}$$

The multidimensional version of Proposition 3.1 reads:

Proposition A.1 *The drift coefficient can be expressed in terms of a generalized mobility matrix $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{F})$ via:*

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{F}) \tag{54a}$$

where this generalized mobility matrix and the diffusion coefficient have the formal asymptotic expansions:

$$\mathbf{M} = \sum_{\ell \geq 0} F^\ell \boldsymbol{\Upsilon}_\ell(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \tag{54b}$$

and

$$D = \beta^{-1} \text{Sym} M + \sum_{\ell \geq 1} F^\ell \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\ell} \Sigma_{n\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \right]. \tag{55a}$$

We can also relate the expansion of the drift and diffusion coefficients as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot D \cdot \boldsymbol{\eta} = \beta^{-1} \boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial F} + \sum_{\ell \geq 1} F^\ell \sum_{n=1}^{\ell} \mathcal{E}_{n\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}). \tag{55b}$$

The coefficients M_ℓ , $\Sigma_{k\ell}$, $\mathcal{E}_{k\ell}$ $k \leq \ell = 1, 2, \dots$ are given by the formulas

$$\Upsilon_\ell(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \beta \int_{\mathbb{X}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_\ell \otimes \mathbf{p} \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q}, \tag{56a}$$

$$\Sigma_{n\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \text{Sym} \int_{\mathbb{X}} \mathbf{p} \otimes \boldsymbol{\phi}_{\ell-n} f_n \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q}, \tag{56b}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{n\ell}(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = \beta^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{X}} (\boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\phi}_{\ell-n})(\boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} f_n) \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \tag{56c}$$

where Sym denotes the symmetric part of a matrix, and f_j , $\boldsymbol{\phi}_j$, $j = 0, \dots$ are solutions to the (adjoint) Poisson equations

$$-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 f_j = a_\eta^+ f_{j-1}, \quad f_0 = 1, \quad \int f_j \bar{\rho} = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{57a}$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_0 \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 = \mathbf{p}, \quad \int \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 \bar{\rho} = 0, \tag{57b}$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_0 \boldsymbol{\phi}_j = a_\eta^- \boldsymbol{\phi}_{j-1} - \boldsymbol{\eta} \cdot \Upsilon_{j-1}, \quad \int \boldsymbol{\phi}_j \bar{\rho} = - \sum_{r=1}^j \int f_r \boldsymbol{\phi}_{j-r} \bar{\rho}, \quad j = 1, \dots. \tag{57c}$$

We stress that the expansion coefficients in Eq. (56a), (56b), (56c) depend on the direction $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ of the applied force, due to the appearance of $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ in the PDEs (57a), (57b), (57c) for $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ and $\{\boldsymbol{\phi}_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$. Therefore, the expansions (54a), (54b) cannot be interpreted as multi-variable Taylor expansions, but rather formal single variable expansions with respect to the magnitude F of the force, applied along an arbitrary direction $\boldsymbol{\eta}$. We note that the multidimensional version of Einstein’s formula (5) results directly from Eq. (55a), once we note that the standard mobility matrix is just the small force limit of the generalized mobility matrix $M(\mathbf{F})$:

$$\lim_{F \rightarrow 0} \nabla_{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{U} = M(\mathbf{0}),$$

and that this matrix is symmetric (though $M(\mathbf{F})$ need not be for $\mathbf{F} \neq \mathbf{0}$):

$$\begin{aligned} M(\mathbf{0}) &= \Upsilon_0 = \beta \int_{\mathbb{X}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 \otimes \mathbf{p} \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} = \beta \int_{\mathbb{X}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 \otimes (-\mathcal{L}_0 \boldsymbol{\phi}_0) \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \\ &= -\beta \int_{\mathbb{X}} \boldsymbol{\phi}_0 \otimes (S\boldsymbol{\phi}_0) \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\beta \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_0 \otimes (-\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} + \beta^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}) \phi_0 \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} (\nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \phi_0) \otimes (\nabla_{\mathbf{p}} \phi_0) \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{q} d\mathbf{q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The last line results from integrating by parts once with respect to \mathbf{p} ; no boundary terms arise because of the periodic domain.

We will derive Proposition A.1 through a close parallel of our one-dimensional derivation by first deriving formulas for the projections of the effective drift vector U and diffusion tensor D along an arbitrary unit vector $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|\xi\| = 1$:

$$U^\xi \equiv \xi \cdot U = \int_{\mathbb{X}} p^\xi \rho_\beta(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q}, \tag{58}$$

$$D^\xi = \int_{\mathbb{X}} (p^\xi - U^\xi) \phi^\xi \rho_\beta(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q}. \tag{59}$$

Here $p^\xi = \xi \cdot \mathbf{p}$, $\mathbb{X} \equiv \mathbb{T}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$, and ϕ^ξ is the solution of the Poisson equation on \mathbb{X} :

$$-\mathcal{L}\phi^\xi = p^\xi - U^\xi, \quad \int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi^\xi \rho_\beta d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} = 0. \tag{60}$$

We will also employ the following creation and annihilation operators together with those in Eq. (53):

$$a_\xi^+ := \xi \cdot (-\nabla_{\mathbf{p}} + \beta\mathbf{p}); \quad a_\xi^- := \xi \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}. \tag{61}$$

We write the stationary distribution ρ_β again in the form (30), so that the stationary Fokker-Planck equation can be written

$$(\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 + F a_\eta^+) f = 0. \tag{62}$$

The Poisson equation (60) can similarly be expressed as:

$$-(\mathcal{L}_0 + F a_\eta^-) \phi^\xi = p^\xi - U^\xi. \tag{63}$$

We solve these equations perturbatively using expansions:

$$f(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \sum_{j \geq 0} F^j f_j(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi^\xi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \sum_{j \geq 0} F^j \phi_j^\xi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}). \tag{64}$$

From the stationary Fokker-Planck equation (62) we obtain (34b), with a^+ replaced with a_η^+ . We can readily check that the solvability condition for these equations is satisfied and obtain a solution using (38):

$$f_j = \hat{\mathcal{K}}^j \mathbf{1}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \quad \hat{\mathcal{K}}_F := (-\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0)^{-1} a_\eta^+.$$

As in the one dimensional case, $\hat{\mathcal{K}}$ is the \mathcal{H} -adjoint of $\mathcal{K} := a_\eta^- (-\mathcal{L}_0^{-1})$. We emphasize the fact that the solution operator $\hat{\mathcal{K}}_F^j$ depends on the direction η of the forcing. We obtain in this way an asymptotic expansion for the drift along the direction ξ

$$U^\xi = \sum_{j \geq 1} F^j V_j^\xi$$

with

$$V_j^\xi = \beta^{-1} \langle \mathbf{1}, a_\xi^- \hat{\mathcal{K}}_F^j \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta. \tag{65}$$

Now we proceed with the analysis of the Poisson equation. Equations (44a), (44b) become

$$-\mathcal{L}_0 \phi_0^\xi = p^\xi, \quad \langle \phi_0^\xi, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = 0, \tag{66a}$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_0 \phi_j^\xi = a_\eta^- \phi_{j-1}^\xi - V_j^\xi, \quad \langle \phi_j^\xi, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = - \sum_{r=1}^j \langle f_r, \phi_{j-r}^\xi \rangle_\beta, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots \tag{66b}$$

We can check that Lemma 3.1 and consequently the solvability condition (45) which now becomes

$$V_j^\xi = \langle a_\eta^- \phi_{j-1}^\xi, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta = \langle \phi_{j-1}^\xi, a_\eta^+ \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta, \tag{67}$$

are satisfied. We can now obtain the expansions for the diffusion coefficient by proceeding as in the proof of Proposition 3.1. We obtain first:

$$D^\xi = \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \left[\beta^{-1} \langle \phi_r^\xi, a_\xi^+ \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta + \sum_{n=1}^r \int_{\mathbb{X}} p^\xi \phi_{r-n}^\xi f_n \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \right]. \tag{68}$$

Recognizing now that $\phi_j^\xi = \xi \cdot \phi_j$ and using the definitions in Eqs. (53) and (61) of the raising and lowering operators, we can rewrite Eqs. (67) and (68) as

$$V_j^\xi = \beta \xi \cdot \left[\int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_{j-1} \otimes \mathbf{p} \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \right] \cdot \eta = \xi \cdot \Upsilon_{j-1}(\eta) \cdot \eta$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D^\xi &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \xi \cdot \left[\int_{\mathbb{X}} \phi_r \otimes \mathbf{p} \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} + \sum_{n=1}^r \int_{\mathbb{X}} \mathbf{p} \otimes \phi_{r-n} f_n \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \right] \cdot \xi \\ &= \xi \cdot \left[\sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \Upsilon_r(\eta) + \sum_{n=1}^r \Sigma_{nr} \right] \cdot \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Since these expressions hold for arbitrary unit vectors ξ , they uniquely determine the coefficients in the asymptotic expansion of the drift vector \mathbf{U} and symmetric diffusion tensor \mathbf{D} , and we thereby verify all statements in Proposition A.1 except for Eq. (55b).

For this last statement, we choose $\xi = \eta$, and then argue similarly to Eq. (48):

$$\begin{aligned} \eta \cdot \mathbf{D} \cdot \eta &= D^\eta = \beta^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \sum_{n=0}^r [\langle a_\eta^- \phi_r^\eta, f_0 \rangle_\beta + \langle \phi_{r-n}^\eta, a_\eta^- f_n \rangle_\beta] \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \left[(r+1) \langle a_\eta^- \phi_r^\eta, \mathbf{1} \rangle_\beta + \sum_{n=0}^r \langle \phi_{r-n}^\eta, a_\eta^- f_n \rangle_\beta \right] \\ &= \beta^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^\infty F^r \left[(r+1) V_{r+1}^\eta + \sum_{n=0}^r \int_{\mathbb{X}} (\eta \cdot \phi_{r-n}) (\eta \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}) f_n \bar{\rho} d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \right], \end{aligned}$$

from which Eq. (55b) follows.

Appendix B: Numerical Algorithm

In this appendix we present a numerical approach for solving the 1-dimensional stationary Fokker-Planck equation (14) together with the cell problem (17) for computing U and D via (15) and (16a). This numerical method is based on the approach by [27] and consists in a spectral decomposition of the solution of (14) and (17) in terms of Hermite polynomials and Fourier series, followed by a recursive method to solve the resulting system of algebraic equations. Since this approach is presented in [27] for finding numerically $\rho_\beta(q, p)$ and U , we will focus on the computation of D via the solution for the auxiliary field $\phi(q, p)$ in Eq. (17) and Eq. (16a).

B.1 Solution in Terms of Hermite Polynomials

The cell problem for the auxiliary field $\phi(q, p)$ can be written in terms of the infinitesimal generator of the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck (OU) process as introduced in Sect. 3,

$$\mathcal{S} = -p\partial_p + \beta^{-1}\partial_p^2,$$

as

$$\mathcal{L}\phi(q, p) = p\partial_q\phi + (-\psi'(q) + F)\partial_p\phi + \gamma\mathcal{S}\phi = U - p,$$

with U the effective drift as given by (15). Note that the invariant distribution $\hat{\rho}(p)$ of the OU process, $\mathcal{S}^*\hat{\rho}(p) = 0$, implies $\hat{\rho} \sim e^{-\beta p^2/2}$. In view of the structure of the previous equation, we use the following representation for its solution,

$$\phi(q, p) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_n(q)H_n(p), \tag{69}$$

where $\phi_n(q)$ is a series of functions to be determined. $H_n(p)$ are rescaled Hermite polynomials

$$H_n(p) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}}\text{He}_n(p\beta^{1/2}),$$

$$\text{He}_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{x^2/2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-x^2/2},$$

which are the eigenfunctions of the operator \mathcal{S} ,

$$\mathcal{S}H_n(p) = -nH_n(p), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Also, these rescaled Hermite polynomials are orthonormal with respect to the unperturbed stationary distribution:

$$\langle H_n(p)H_m(p) \rangle_{\hat{\rho}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H_n(p)H_m(p)\hat{\rho}(p) \, dy = \delta_{nm},$$

and satisfy the relations:

$$pH_n(p) = \beta^{-1/2}(\sqrt{n+1}H_{n+1}(p) + \sqrt{n}H_{n-1}(p)),$$

$$H'_n(p) = (\beta n)^{1/2} H_{n-1}(p).$$

Upon substituting (69) into ((17)), projecting against H_0 , H_1 , and H_n for $n \geq 2$ respectively, and using the orthonormality property of the Hermite polynomials, we obtain the following infinite system of ordinary differential equations for $\phi_n(q)$,

$$\phi'_1(q) + \beta(-\psi'(q) + F)\phi_1(q) = \sqrt{\beta}U,$$

$$\phi'_0(q) - \gamma\sqrt{\beta}\phi_1(q) + \beta(-\psi'(q) + F)\sqrt{2}\phi_2(q) + \sqrt{2}\phi'_2(q) = -1,$$

$$\sqrt{n}\phi'_{n-1}(q) - \gamma\sqrt{\beta n}\phi_n(q) + \sqrt{n+1}\phi'_{n+1}(q) + \beta(-\psi'(q) + F)\sqrt{n+1}\phi_{n+1}(q) = 0,$$

for $n = 2, 3, \dots$

B.2 Spectral Decomposition

Since the solution to the cell problem must be periodic in q , the auxiliary functions $\phi_n(q)$ must also be periodic. It is natural then to express these functions in terms of their Fourier series,

$$\phi_n(q) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi_n^j e^{i\omega_j q}, \quad \omega_j = \frac{2\pi j}{L}.$$

For simplicity, we will focus now on the simplest periodic potential, namely,

$$\psi(q) = \psi_0 \cos(2\pi q/L),$$

although more complex potentials can be studied. In terms of this potential, the equations take the following form,

$$\begin{aligned} i\omega_j \Phi_1^j + \beta \left(\frac{\psi_0 \omega_1}{2i} (\Phi_1^{j-1} - \Phi_1^{j+1}) + F \Phi_1^j \right) &= \sqrt{\beta} U \delta_{j,0}, \\ i\omega_j \Phi_0^j - \gamma\sqrt{\beta}\Phi_1^j + \sqrt{2} \left(i\omega_j \Phi_2^j + \beta \left(\frac{\psi_0 \omega_1}{2i} (\Phi_2^{j-1} - \Phi_2^{j+1}) + F \Phi_2^j \right) \right) &= -\delta_{j,0}, \\ i\sqrt{n}\omega_j \Phi_{n-1}^j - \gamma\sqrt{\beta n}\Phi_n^j & \\ + \sqrt{n+1} \left(i\omega_j \Phi_{n+1}^j + \beta \left(\frac{\psi_0 \omega_1}{2i} (\Phi_{n+1}^{j-1} - \Phi_{n+1}^{j+1}) + F \Phi_{n+1}^j \right) \right) &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{70}$$

for $n = 2, 3, \dots, j = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

B.3 Solution of ϕ_n

We now proceed to describe the numerical algorithm for computing D . In order to solve (17) in its spectral representation (70), we approximate $\phi_n(q)$ by a Galerkin truncation of the Fourier series after the M th term,

$$\phi_n(q) \approx \sum_{j=-M}^M \Phi_n^j e^{i\omega_j q}.$$

The infinite system of algebraic equations (70) becomes then an infinite, tri-diagonal system of equations expressed as follows. By explicitly writing the real and imaginary parts of $\Phi_n^j = \xi_n^j + i\eta_n^j$ and using the fact that the solution must be real-valued (which implies that $\xi_n^{-j} = \xi_n^j$ and $\eta_n^{-j} = -\eta_n^j$) we form the vectors,

$$\Phi_n = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_n^0 \\ \xi_n^1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_n^M \\ \eta_n^1 \\ \vdots \\ \eta_n^M \end{pmatrix}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

This representation leads to the following system of equations,

$$Q_0^- \Phi_1 = B, \tag{71a}$$

$$Q_1^+ \Phi_0 + Q_1 \Phi_1 + Q_1^- \Phi_2 = A, \tag{71b}$$

$$Q_n^+ \Phi_{n-1} + Q_n \Phi_n + Q_n^- \Phi_{n+1} = 0, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \tag{71c}$$

These matrices are given, for $n = 0, 1, \dots$, by,

$$Q_n = -\gamma \sqrt{\beta n} I_{2M+1},$$

where I_k is the $k \times k$ identity matrix. For $n = 1, 2, \dots$ we have,

$$Q_n^+ = \sqrt{n} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} & & & & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & & -\omega_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & & \dots & 0 & & -\omega_M \\ \hline & & \mathbf{0} & & & & & \\ 0 & \omega_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & \dots & 0 & \omega_M & & \end{array} \right),$$

$$Q_n^- = \sqrt{n+1} \begin{pmatrix} Q_{aa} & Q_{ab} \\ Q_{ba} & Q_{bb} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Q_{aa} = F\beta I_{M+1}, \quad Q_{bb} = F\beta I_M$$

$$Q_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} -\beta \psi_o \omega_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\omega_1 & -\beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & -\omega_2 & -\beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & & & 0 & \beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & -\omega_M \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Q_{ba} = \begin{pmatrix} -\beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & \omega_1 & \beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & \omega_2 & \beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & & & 0 & -\beta \psi_o \omega_1/2 & \omega_M \end{pmatrix},$$

$$[B]_k = \sqrt{\beta} U \delta_{k,1}, \quad [A]_k = -\delta_{k,1},$$

where $[B]_k$ represents the k th element of the vector B (respectively for A). In order to solve the infinite system of algebraic equations, we impose some boundary condition of the form $\Phi_{N+1} = S_N \Phi_N$, for large N . Tested boundary conditions include $S_N = 0$ (Dirichlet boundary condition), which we employed in the simulations in Sect. 4, and $S_N = I_{2M+1}$ (Neumann boundary condition). Defining matrices $\{S_n\}_{n=0}^{N-1}$ recursively downwards from $n = N - 1$ by

$$S_n = - (Q_{n+1} + Q_{n+1}^- S_{n+1})^{-1} Q_{n+1}^+ \quad \text{for } n = 0, \dots, N - 1,$$

we can check by induction (again downwards) that for $n = 1, \dots, N$,

$$\Phi_{n+1} = S_n \Phi_n \tag{72}$$

Indeed, this relation is already in force for $n = N$, and assuming it to be true for some $n = m \geq 2$, from Eq. (71c) we find:

$$Q_m^+ \Phi_{m-1} + Q_m \Phi_m + Q_m^- S_m \Phi_m = Q_m^+ \Phi_{m-1} + (Q_m + Q_m^- S_m) \Phi_m = 0,$$

so that Eq. (72) holds for $n = m - 1$ as well. Turning now to Eqs. (71a) and (71b), we have

$$Q_1^+ \Phi_0 + (Q_1 + Q_1^- S_1) \Phi_1 = A, \tag{73a}$$

$$Q_0^- \Phi_1 = B, \tag{73b}$$

from which we find by solving for Φ_1 in terms of Φ_0 :

$$\Phi_1 = S_0 \Phi_0 + (Q_1 + Q_1^- S_1)^{-1} A.$$

Substituting this expression into Eq. (73b), we finally obtain a closed equation for Φ_0 :

$$Q_0^- S_0 \Phi_0 = B - Q_0^- (Q_1 + Q_1^- S_1)^{-1} A. \tag{74}$$

The matrix $Q_0^- S_0$ will have one null eigenvalue (corresponding to the null space of \mathcal{L}). One can verify, by considering the analogous numerical solution scheme for ρ_β and U , presented in [27], that the right-hand side of Eq. (74) satisfies the solvability condition that it be orthogonal to the left eigenvector of $Q_0^- S_0$ with zero eigenvalue. A unique solution for Φ_0 is then obtained by discretization of the auxiliary condition in Eq. (17). In particular, representing the solution to the stationary Fokker-Planck (14) by a Hermite polynomial expansion

$$\rho_\beta(q, p) = \hat{\rho}(p) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R_n(q) H_n(p),$$

and approximating the functions $R_n(q)$ by a finite Fourier series, with coefficients organized into vectors \mathbf{R}_n analogously to Eq. (69), this auxiliary condition reads:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N (2\mathbf{R}_n^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_n - [\mathbf{R}_n^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_n]_1) = 0.$$

This then determines, with Eq. (74), $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_0$ from which the remaining $\{\boldsymbol{\Phi}_n\}_{n=1}^N$ are found recursively using the matrices \mathbf{S}_n and the relations (72). Once the vectors $\boldsymbol{\Phi}_i$ are found, D is easily computed by replacing the proposed solution for $\rho_\beta(q, p)$ and $\phi(q, p)$ in (16a) and using the Hermite polynomial properties to obtain:

$$D = L \sum_{n=0}^N \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{\beta}} (2\mathbf{R}_{n+1}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_n - [\mathbf{R}_{n+1}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_n]_1 + 2\mathbf{R}_n^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{n+1} - [\mathbf{R}_n^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{n+1}]_1).$$

Appendix C: Alternative Approach to Obtaining Corrections to Einstein’s Formula

The relation between the diffusivity and mobility is expressed in [1] as follows (in our notation):

$$D = \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} + \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\gamma} \int_0^T \left\langle \frac{(q(T) - q(0))}{T}; -\psi'(q(t)) + F \right\rangle dt, \tag{75}$$

where $\langle g; h \rangle = \langle gh \rangle - \langle g \rangle \langle h \rangle$ and $\langle \cdot \rangle$ denotes an average over the stochastic noise (and possibly random initial conditions). The correction term was studied in [1] on the model system (1) as well as other non-equilibrium systems through direct numerical simulation of the governing dynamical equations and Monte Carlo estimation of the statistical average. We can express Eq. (75) in terms of deterministic operators through the following formal manipulations. First, we re-express

$$q(T) - q(0) = \int_0^T p(t') dt',$$

which avoids the complication of working with the nonperiodic variable $q(t)$. We then have:

$$D = \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} + \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\gamma T} \int_0^T \int_0^T \langle p(t'); -\psi'(q(t)) + F \rangle dt' dt.$$

Now, thanks to the large factor of T in the denominator, we may neglect initial transients and evaluate the statistical average in the nonequilibrium steady state, i.e., with single-time statistics governed by the invariant density ρ_β , the solution of the stationary Fokker-Planck equation (14). We then express the two-time correlation function formally using the evolution operator $e^{\mathcal{L}\Delta t}$, where \mathcal{L} denotes the generator of the Langevin dynamics, for the forward-in-time variable, and the projection operator

$$\mathbb{P}g = g - \langle g \rangle_\rho$$

where

$$\langle g \rangle_\rho \equiv \int_{\mathbb{X}} g \rho_\beta dp dq$$

to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} - \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\gamma T} \int_0^T \left[\int_0^t \langle (\mathbb{P}p)(e^{\mathcal{L}(t-t')} \mathbb{P}\psi'(q)) \rangle_\rho dt' \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_t^T \langle (e^{\mathcal{L}(t'-t)} \mathbb{P}p)(\mathbb{P}\psi'(q)) \rangle_\rho dt' \right] dt \\
 &= \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} - \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\gamma T} \left[\langle (\mathcal{L}^{-2}(e^{\mathcal{L}T} - 1 - \mathcal{L}T)\mathbb{P}p)(\mathbb{P}\psi'(q)) \rangle_\rho \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \langle (\mathbb{P}p)(\mathcal{L}^{-2}(e^{\mathcal{L}T} - 1 - \mathcal{L}T)\mathbb{P}\psi'(q)) \rangle_\rho \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

where 1 is the identity operator. Using now the nonpositivity of the operator \mathcal{L} and the fact that $\text{Ran } \mathbb{P} = \text{Ran } \mathcal{L}$ since \mathbb{P} projects onto the subspace orthogonal to the kernel of \mathcal{L}^* , the L^2 adjoint of \mathcal{L} , we can evaluate the $T \rightarrow \infty$ limit to obtain the following formal operator-theoretic equivalent to the formula (75) from [1]:

$$D = \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \left[\langle (\mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathbb{P}p)\psi'(q) \rangle_\rho + \langle (\mathbb{P}p)(\mathcal{L}^{-1}\mathbb{P}\psi'(q)) \rangle_\rho \right]. \tag{76}$$

A somewhat more compact formula can be obtained by defining the $L^2(\rho)$ adjoint of \mathcal{L} , which can be computed as:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 - Fa^- + 2\gamma(p + \beta^{-1}\partial_\rho \ln \rho_\beta)a^-, \tag{77}$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0$ is defined at the end of Proposition 3.1, so that

$$D = \beta^{-1} \frac{dU}{dF} + \frac{1}{2\gamma} \langle ((\mathcal{L}^{-1} + \hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1})\mathbb{P}p)\mathbb{P}\psi'(q) \rangle_\rho. \tag{78}$$

In both of these expressions, we note that $\mathbb{P}p = p - U$, from Eq. (15).

Inspecting expression (76) for the correction to the Einstein relation, we see that beyond computing ρ_β as the stationary solution of the Fokker-Planck equation (14), we must solve a Poisson equation of the form (17) as well as a second Poisson equation of the form

$$-\mathcal{L}\psi = \mathbb{P}\psi'.$$

In the expression (78), we must solve a stationary Fokker-Planck equation (14), a Poisson equation of the form (17), as well as an adjoint-Poisson equation of the form

$$-\hat{\mathcal{L}}\eta = \mathbb{P}p.$$

In both cases, it seems that an additional equation would need to be solved beyond the stationary Fokker-Planck equation (14) and a single Poisson equation (17) necessary in the homogenization approach. On the other hand, computing the mobility $\frac{dU}{dF}$ at general values of the tilt F from the nonperturbative homogenization equations would require a differentiation between different values of F . The direct formula (75) would generally of course need to be evaluated through Monte Carlo averages involving a large number of sample trajectories run for sufficiently long.

The perturbation theory with respect to F developed for the homogenization equations in Sect. 3 has the virtue of allowing the simultaneous numerical computation of the diffusivity

and drift for a range of values of tilt F , rather than one value at a time. One could introduce similar perturbation expansions with respect to tilt F into the formulas (76) and (78). We attempted to examine whether this would give equivalent results, but found this effort frustrating. On the one hand, computing Eq. (76) perturbatively would introduce the perturbative series solution to a second Poisson equation completely absent from the homogenization theory, so it would be difficult to relate the results. Expression (78) has more promise because to leading order, $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}$ is identical to the simple operator $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^{-1}$, which is just a time reversal of the operator \mathcal{L}_0^{-1} . However, implementing the perturbation expansion on Eq. (78), even to first order, produced considerably more unwieldy equations than emerged from the homogenization equations, and again how to relate the resulting expressions was unclear. The main complication is the propagation of the perturbation expansion (32) for the invariant density through the adjoint operator $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$ (77). Perhaps a more clever analysis would provide a linkage between the formula for the correction (75) to the Einstein relation from [1] and the perturbative expansion we have developed in Proposition 3.1, but it appears that computations are considerably simpler by conducting the perturbation expansion on the homogenization equations as we have done in Sect. 3.

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