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Theoretical Considerations

- Two incarnations of the canonical ensemble based on generalization of statistical mechanics of Tsallis
- A generalization of the law of mass action \rightarrow equilibrium constants. Rate constants for barrier crossing from TST.
- Monte Carlo and Molecular Dynamics algorithms to sample Tsallis statistical distributions. Demonstrate that Tsallis MC and MD algorithms enhance phase space sampling in complex systems. Better optimization methods.

An introduction to Tsallis statistics

- Generalization of Gibbs-Boltzmann statistical mechanics (Tsallis, 1988). Re-express Gibbs-Shannon entropy $S = -k \int p(\Gamma) \ln p(\Gamma) d\Gamma$ as

$$S = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} S_q = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{k}{q-1} \int p_q(\Gamma) (1 - [p_q(\Gamma)]^{q-1}) d\Gamma \quad (1)$$

where $d\Gamma = d\mathbf{r}^N d\mathbf{p}^N$ is a phase space increment.

- Inspired by “replica trick” identity $\ln x = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} (x^n - 1)/n$
- Tsallis studied properties of S_q , “generalized entropy.” Structure of Gibbs-Boltzmann statistics remained intact *before* the limit is taken; that is, for $S_{q \neq 1}$.
- This prompted use of generalized formalism (based on the **non-additive** entropy S_q) to re-derive stat mech for non-extensive systems (Tsallis, 1995).
- For example, define probability to be at $\Gamma = (\mathbf{r}^N, \mathbf{p}^N)$ by

extremizing S_q subject to constraints:

$$\int p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})d\mathbf{\Gamma} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int [p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^q H(\mathbf{\Gamma})d\mathbf{\Gamma} = E_q \quad (2)$$

where $H(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ is Hamiltonian.

- The result is

$$p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = \frac{1}{Z_q h^{dN}} [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^{1/(1-q)} \quad (3)$$

where

$$Z_q = \frac{1}{h^{dN}} \int [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^{1/(1-q)} d\mathbf{\Gamma} \quad (4)$$

plays role of (canonical) partition function. Using $\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} (1 + an)^{1/n} = \exp(a)$, in the limit $q = 1$, standard Gibbs-Boltzmann

$$p(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = \frac{1}{Z h^{dN}} \exp(-\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})) \quad (5)$$

is recovered.

Surely you're joking, Mr. Tsallis

Before limit is taken, properties are strange in five ways.

1. For $q \neq 1$ regime, certain points may have $p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ negative or imaginary. We set probability zero there. This may be even for finite energy.
2. Equally foreign, when $q \neq 1$, relative probability of two points depends on choice of zero of energy. By defining

$$\bar{H}(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = \frac{1}{\beta(q-1)} \ln [1 - (1-q)\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})] \quad (6)$$

probability at $\mathbf{\Gamma}$ takes familiar form:

$$p(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = \frac{1}{Z h^{dN}} \exp(-\beta \bar{H}(\mathbf{\Gamma})) \quad (7)$$

3. However, for constant shift ϵ , relative probability

$$\frac{p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{new}})}{p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{old}})} = \left[\frac{1 - (1-q)\beta(H(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{new}}) + \epsilon)}{1 - (1-q)\beta(H(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{old}}) + \epsilon)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \quad (8)$$

depends on ϵ !

4. A way out is to rewrite ratio

$$\frac{p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{new}})}{p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{old}})} = \left[\frac{1 - (1 - q)\beta' H(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{new}})}{1 - (1 - q)\beta' H(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{old}})} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \quad (9)$$

and absorb ϵ in effective “temperature”

$$\frac{1}{\beta'} = \frac{1}{\beta} + (q - 1)\epsilon. \quad (10)$$

In $q = 1$ limit, effective temperature equals standard temperature.

Otherwise, adding potential shift \equiv rescale temperature.

5. Equilibrium averages calculated using weighting by probability

$p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ of Eq. (3) raised to the power of q (required by the generalized statistical mechanics).

6. The so-called q -expectation value is written

$$\langle \dots \rangle_q = \int [p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^q \dots d\mathbf{\Gamma}. \quad (11)$$

In general, $\langle 1 \rangle_q \neq 1$ for $q \neq 1$. Clearly, an odd “average!” Also

inconvenient: requires Z_q .

7. Is “temperature” $1/\beta$ related to the variance of momentum as in classical equipartition theorem? No simple generalization of equipartition theorem. For the $2N$ dimensional phase space $\mathbf{\Gamma} = (x_1 \dots x_N, p_1, \dots p_N)$ ensemble average of *harmonic* system is

$$\frac{\langle p_k^2 \rangle_q}{\langle 1 \rangle_q} = \frac{\int [p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^q p_k^2 d\mathbf{\Gamma}}{\int [p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^q d\mathbf{\Gamma}} = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{1 - (q-1)N} \quad (12)$$

For $q = 1$, standard result $\langle p_k^2 \rangle = 1/\beta$. In general, average proportional to $1/\beta$ but not equal to it. Situation equally strange for unnormalized “multifractal” average where

$$\langle p_k^2 \rangle_q = \text{stuff} \times \frac{1}{\beta^{1+(1-q)N/2}} \quad (13)$$

but the “stuff” is a q -dependent constant that may be negative or imaginary!

Distribution of momenta cannot be written as a product of single

particle distributions

$$\langle p_k^2 + p_k^2 \rangle_q \neq 2 \langle p_k^2 \rangle_q. \quad (14)$$

No linear scaling of momentum variance with degrees of freedom.

8. When $q = 1$, can use extensivity of entropy to derive Boltzmann entropy equation $S = k \ln W$ (microcanonical ensemble). When $q \neq 1$, odd property that the generalization of the entropy S_q not extensive leads to peculiar form of probability. Non-extensivity of S_q has led to speculation that Tsallis statistics applicable to gravitational systems where interaction length scales comparable to the system size violate the assumptions underlying Gibbs-Boltzmann statistics (Maddox, 1993)

Ideal systems

- Let's focus on the $q > 1$ regime for systems with a Hamiltonian of the form

$$H(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = \sum_k^N \frac{1}{2m} \mathbf{p}_k^2 + U(\mathbf{r}^N), \quad (15)$$

partition function:

$$Z_q = \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda \sqrt{q-1}} \right)^{dN} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{q-1} - \frac{dN}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{q-1}\right)} \int [1 - (1-q)\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]^{\frac{1}{1-q} + \frac{dN}{2}} d\mathbf{r}^N \quad (16)$$

where $\Lambda = \sqrt{\hbar^2 \beta / 2\pi m}$ thermal wavelength of k th oscillator.

- For an ideal gas ($U = 0$)

$$Z_q = \left(\frac{L}{\Lambda \sqrt{q-1}} \right)^{dN} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{q-1} - \frac{dN}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{q-1}\right)} \quad (17)$$

where L length of box with ideal gas. For $q \rightarrow 1$ use asymptotic

approximation $\Gamma(x + a)/\Gamma(x + b) = x^{a-b}$, (for large x) to show recovery of standard partition function ideal gas.

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} Z_q = \left(\frac{L}{\Lambda} \right)^{dN}. \quad (18)$$

- Now N 1-d harmonic oscillators with Hamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = \sum_k^N \left[\frac{1}{2m} p_k^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_k^2 x_k^2 \right]. \quad (19)$$

- Canonical partition function:

$$Z_q = \frac{1}{h^N} \int dx^N \int dp^N [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}. \quad (20)$$

- Configuration integral can be evaluated and partition function is

$$Z_q = \left(\frac{2\pi}{h\beta(q-1)} \right)^N \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{q-1} - N)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{q-1})} \prod_k^N \frac{1}{\omega_k} \quad (21)$$

- Note no unique separation $Z_q = Z_q^{\text{trans}} Z_q^{\text{vib}}$. However, using result

for the ideal gas translational partition function

$$Z_q^{\text{vib}} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{m\beta(q-1)} \right)^{N/2} \frac{1}{L^N} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{q-1} - N)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{q-1} - \frac{N}{2})} \prod_k^N \frac{1}{\omega_k} \quad (22)$$

- In the limit $q \rightarrow 1$:

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} Z_q = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\beta h} \right)^N \prod_k^N \frac{1}{\omega_k} \quad (23)$$

and Gibbs-Boltzmann canonical partition function recovered.

Ensemble averages and the “ q -expectation value”

For certain q 's and harmonic potential, distribution $p_q(\Gamma)$ can have infinite variance (Cauchy). This motivated use of q -expectation value to compute average as

$$\langle A \rangle_q = \frac{1}{(Z_q h^N)^q} \int A(\Gamma) [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\Gamma)]^{\frac{q}{1-q}} d\Gamma. \quad (24)$$

To avoid $\langle 1 \rangle_q \neq 1$ and need to compute Z_q to average, we employed different generalization of canonical ensemble average

$$\langle A \rangle_q = \frac{\int A(\Gamma) [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\Gamma)]^{\frac{q}{1-q}} d\Gamma}{\int [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\Gamma)]^{\frac{q}{1-q}} d\Gamma}, \quad (25)$$

which is obviously normalized.

- With new definition, integrate over momenta to get

$$\langle A \rangle_q = \frac{\int A(\mathbf{r}^N) [1 - (1 - q)\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]^{\frac{q}{1-q} + \frac{dN}{2}} d\mathbf{r}^N}{\int [1 - (1 - q)\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]^{\frac{q}{1-q} + \frac{dN}{2}} d\mathbf{r}^N} \quad (26)$$

Useful: not necessary to evaluate the partition function to average.
(Difficult to compute partition function numerically by importance sampling.) Will lead to feasible algorithms.

Monte Carlo methods for pure Tsallis statistics

Configurational Monte Carlo algorithm based on uniform random trial moves and acceptance probability

$$p = \min \left[1, \left(\frac{p_q(\mathbf{r}_{\text{new}}^N)}{p_q(\mathbf{r}_{\text{old}}^N)} \right)^{q + \frac{dN}{2}(1-q)} \right], \quad (27)$$

where $p_q(\mathbf{r}) \propto [1 - (1 - q)\beta U(\mathbf{r})]^{-\frac{1}{1-q}}$, samples for Eq. (26). Such Monte Carlo algorithm used to compute averages for Tsallis statistical distribution.

- In thermodynamic limit (large N) for $q \neq 1$ we find acceptance probability = 1 for even the largest ΔU . Effectively, Monte Carlo sampling reduces to random walk on U landscape. Can use this to devise a sampling scheme to overcome **broken ergodicity**. Only part-time acceptance in Eq. (27), rest spent sampling by standard Metropolis criterion. (q-jumping)
- Alternatively, use MC with uniform trial moves and acceptance

probability

$$p = \min \left[1, \left(\frac{p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{new}})}{p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}_{\text{old}})} \right)^q \right] \quad (28)$$

to sample $[p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^q$. In thermodynamic limit, no peculiar behavior. Moreover, an algorithm of this sort can be used to calculate standard, Gibbs-Boltzmann ($q = 1$) equilibrium averages

$$\langle A \rangle = \left\langle \frac{A e^{-\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})}}{[1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^{1-q}} \right\rangle_q \left\langle \frac{e^{-\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})}}{[1 - (1 - q)\beta H(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^{1-q}} \right\rangle_q^{-1}. \quad (29)$$

Proper $q = 1$ equilibrium calculated over trajectory sampling for $q \neq 1$ (with advantage of enhanced sampling for $q > 1$).

Chemical equilibrium

Bistable system (reactant-product)



Equilibrium constant

$$K_{eq} = \frac{X_\gamma}{X_\alpha} = \frac{\int [p_q]^q \theta_\gamma(\mathbf{\Gamma}) d\mathbf{\Gamma}}{\int [p_q]^q \theta_\alpha(\mathbf{\Gamma}) d\mathbf{\Gamma}} \quad (31)$$

where X_α and X_γ mole fractions of reactants and products, Heaviside functions $\theta_\alpha(\mathbf{\Gamma})$ and $\theta_\gamma(\mathbf{\Gamma})$

- If barrier $\gg kT$, expand potential using a harmonic approximation to the α and γ potential wells. For the α state well

$$U(x) \simeq U(x_\alpha) + m\omega_\alpha^2(x - x_\alpha)^2/2 \quad (32)$$

Equilibrium constant low temperature equilibrium constant is

$$K_{eq}(\beta; q) = \frac{X_\gamma}{X_\alpha} = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{\omega_\gamma} \left[\frac{1 - (1 - q)\beta U(x_\alpha)}{1 - (1 - q)\beta U(x_\gamma)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}. \quad (33)$$

If $q \neq 1$, equilibrium distributions are more delocalized and low temperature approximation may not be well justified.

Transition state theory for rates of barrier crossing

TST upper bound on rate of transition between states.

Assumption of theory: once reactant acquires energy to cross barrier, it will cross the transition and deactivated as product.

What is TST rate constant in Tsallis statistics?

- Need **not** know dynamics of p but only equilibrium.

For bistable potential with TS at $x = x^\ddagger$, the TST rate for forward reaction is

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q) = \frac{\int \delta(x - x^\ddagger) v \Theta(v) [p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^q d\mathbf{\Gamma}}{\int \Theta(x^\ddagger - x) [p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma})]^q d\mathbf{\Gamma}} \quad (34)$$

where $p_q(\mathbf{\Gamma}) = p_q(x, v)$ is generalized statistical distribution

$$p_q(x, v) = \frac{1}{Z_q h} [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(x, v)]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \quad (35)$$

with

$$Z_q = \frac{1}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv [1 - (1 - q)\beta H(x, v)]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \quad (36)$$

and $H(x, v) = mv^2/2 + U(x)$ Hamiltonian.

- TST rate constant

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{q}{q-1})}{\Gamma(\frac{q}{q-1} - \frac{1}{2})} \left(\frac{q-1}{2\pi m\beta} \right)^{1/2} [1 - (1-q)\beta U(x^\ddagger)]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \frac{1}{\chi(\beta; q)} \quad (37)$$

where

$$\chi(\beta; q) = \int_{-\infty}^{x^\ddagger} [1 - \beta(1-q)U(x)]^{\frac{q}{1-q} + \frac{1}{2}} dx. \quad (38)$$

- Can approximate this fraction of states in the reactant well, by expanding the potential in a harmonic approximation and assuming that the temperature is low compared with the barrier height.

- This leads to rate constant

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q) = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1 - (1 - q)\beta U(x^\ddagger)}{1 - (1 - q)\beta U(x_\alpha)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}. \quad (39)$$

- As expected, limit $q \rightarrow 1$ gives standard TST result

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q = 1) = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{2\pi} \exp[-\beta(U(x^\ddagger) - U(x_\alpha))] \quad (40)$$

- Returning to the more general expression, in the low temperature limit we find that the rate

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q) \rightarrow \frac{\omega_\alpha}{2\pi} \left[\frac{U(x^\ddagger)}{U(x_\alpha)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \quad (41)$$

independent of the temperature (even when $T=0$)!

- For the special case of $q = 2$ we find

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q = 2) = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1 + \beta U(x_\alpha)}{1 + \beta U(x^\ddagger)} \right] \quad (42)$$

Temperature scaling in simulated annealing

Using TST results, can derive scaling relation in simulated annealing **optimization** protocol.

- Suppose relevant energy scales of $U(\mathbf{r}^N)$ bounded by $\Delta U =$ the difference in energy between the ground and first excited state minima, and $U^\ddagger =$ highest barrier accessed from global energy minimum. Final temperature (maximum β) reached in simulated annealing run must be small enough so mole fraction in the **global** energy minimum is significant. In other words, based on Eq. (33) we demand that $K_{eq}^{\max} = K_{eq}(\beta_{\max}; q)$.
- Time trajectory must spend at β_{\max} to ensure equilibrium distribution sampled is at least τ_{min} , the time required to surmount largest barrier separating the global from other minima. Using Eq. (39), find

$$\tau_{\min} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_\alpha} \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\eta}\right) \frac{U^\ddagger}{\Delta U} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}. \quad (43)$$

where

$$\eta = \left(\frac{\omega_\alpha}{\omega_\gamma} K_{eq}^{\max} \right)^{q-1}. \quad (44)$$

K_{eq}^{\max} is maximum allowable equilibrium constant for ground and first excited state populations at final and lowest temperature reached in the annealing run, β_{\max} . For most cases of interest, $\eta \ll 1$.

- For limit $q \rightarrow 1$ of Gibbs-Boltzmann statistics, using $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [1 - a(1 - b^x)]^{1/x} = b^a$, find that

$$\tau_{min} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega_\alpha} \right) \eta^{-\frac{U^\ddagger}{\Delta U}}. \quad (45)$$

Time for classical simulated annealing increases exponentially as a function of the ratio $U^\ddagger/\Delta U$. However, for $q > 1$ the situation is qualitatively different. As a result of the weak temperature dependence in the barrier crossing times, the time increases only weakly as a power law.

Maxwell-Tsallis statistics

We developed MC algorithms based on sampling Tsallisian distributions. Using acceptance probability

$$p = \min \left[1, \left(\frac{p_q(\mathbf{r}_{\text{new}}^N)}{p_q(\mathbf{r}_{\text{old}}^N)} \right)^q \right]. \quad (46)$$

detailed balance

$$[p_q(x)]^q W(x \rightarrow x') = [p_q(x')]^q W(x' \rightarrow x) \quad (47)$$

is satisfied where $W(x, x')$ transition matrix.

- The walk generated by Eq. (28) samples the distribution

$$[p_q(\mathbf{r}^N)]^q = \frac{1}{Z_q} \left[1 - (1 - q)\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N) \right]^{\frac{q}{1-q}} \quad (48)$$

- This probability can be found by extremizing generalization of

entropy Eq. (1) subject to the constraints

$$\int p_q(\mathbf{r}^N) d\mathbf{r}^N = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int [p_q(\mathbf{r}^N)]^q U(\mathbf{r}^N) d\mathbf{r}^N = U_q \quad (49)$$

Hybrid Monte Carlo algorithm

- Implement a hybrid MD/MC method composed
 1. Velocities are randomly chosen from a Maxwell distribution at a given temperature.
 2. The positions and velocities are updated for a time step Δt according to Newton's equation of motion using the force deriving from \bar{U} .
 3. The point (phase space point or configuration) is accepted or rejected according to the criterion

$$p = \min [1, \exp[-\beta(\Delta K + \Delta\bar{U})]] \quad (50)$$

where ΔK is the change in standard classical kinetic energy and $\Delta\bar{U}$ is the change in the effective potential energy

$$\bar{U}(\mathbf{r}^N) = \frac{1}{\beta(q-1)} \ln [1 - (1-q)\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)] . \quad (51)$$

4. Return to 1.

- When integrator reversible and symplectic, acceptance exactly satisfies detailed balance and the walk samples equilibrium distribution $[p_q(\mathbf{r}^N)]^q$.
- Similar algorithm used to sample the equilibrium distribution $[p_q(\mathbf{r}^N)]^q$ in the conformational **optimization**. When $q > 1$, conformational sampling greatly enhanced over standard Metropolis MC. In this form, the velocity distribution can be thought to be Maxwellian.

Molecular dynamics with an effective potential

- MC algorithm generates

$$P_q(\mathbf{r}^N) = [1 - (1 - q)\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]^{\frac{q}{1-q}}. \quad (52)$$

- Define effective potential $\mathcal{W}_q(\mathbf{r}^N; \beta)$

$$P_q(\mathbf{r}^N) = \exp(-\beta \mathcal{W}_q(\mathbf{r}^N; \beta)) \quad (53)$$

such that when $q = 1$, $\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}^N; \beta) = U(\mathbf{r}^N)$. For $q \neq 1$, the effective potential will depend on temperature as well as the coordinates.

- Given this effective potential, it is possible to define constant temperature molecular dynamics algorithm such that the trajectory samples the distribution $P_q(\mathbf{r}^N)$. The equation of motion then takes on a simple and suggestive form

$$m_k \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}_k}{dt^2} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_k} \bar{U} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_k} U(\mathbf{r}^N) q [1 - (1 - q)\beta U(\mathbf{r}^N)]^{-1} \quad (54)$$

for particle of mass m_k and position \mathbf{r}_k and \bar{U} defined by Eq. (51).

Constant-temperature molecular dynamics algorithm generates $P_q(\mathbf{r}^N)$.

- Effective force derived from the effective potential $\mathcal{W}(\mathbf{r}^N)$ has interesting properties. $F_q(\mathbf{r}^N; \beta) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_k} \bar{U} = F_1(\mathbf{r}^N) \alpha_q(\mathbf{r}^N; \beta)$ where $F_1(\mathbf{r}^N)$ is “exact” force for standard MD ($q = 1$) and $\alpha_q(\mathbf{r}^N; \beta)$ is a scaling function which is unity when $q = 1$ but can otherwise have a strong effect on the dynamics.
- In the regime $q > 1$, the scaling function $\alpha_q(\mathbf{r}^N, \beta)$ is largest near low lying minima of the potential. In barrier regions, where the potential energy is large, $\alpha_q(\mathbf{r}^N, \beta)$ small. It may surprise you that for the function to be well defined, βU must be greater than zero.
- Use of the effective potential has the effect of reducing the magnitude of the force in the barrier regions. Therefore, a particle attempting to pass over a potential energy barrier will meet with less resistance when $q > 1$ than when $q = 1$.
- At equilibrium, this leads to more delocalized probability distributions with an increased probability of sampling barrier

regions. This argument demonstrates that when $q > 1$ the generalized molecular dynamics or Monte Carlo trajectories will cross barriers more frequently.

Rate and equilibrium constants

Once again carry out integral in low T approximation

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q) = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{q}{q-1})}{\Gamma(\frac{q}{q-1} - \frac{1}{2})} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (1-q)\beta U(x_\alpha)}} \left[\frac{1 - (1-q)\beta U(x^\ddagger)}{1 - (1-q)\beta U(x_\alpha)} \right]^{\frac{q}{q-1}} \quad (55)$$

Equilibrium constant is

$$K_{eq}(\beta; q) = \frac{X_\beta}{X_\alpha} = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{\omega_\beta} \left[\frac{1 - (1-q)\beta U(x_\alpha)}{1 - (1-q)\beta U(x_\beta)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q} + \frac{1}{2}}. \quad (56)$$

In the limit $q \rightarrow 1$, standard TST:

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q = 1) = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{2\pi} \exp[-\beta(U(x^\ddagger) - U(x_\alpha))] \quad (57)$$

recovered.

- Return to more general expression, in low temperature limit TST

estimate of rate is

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q) \rightarrow \frac{\omega_\alpha}{2\pi} \left[\frac{U(x^\ddagger)}{U(x_\alpha)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta U(x_\alpha)}} \quad (58)$$

which scales as $1/\sqrt{\beta}$ at low T for all q .

- For special case of $q = 2$ find

$$k_{TST}(\beta; q = 2) = \frac{\omega_\alpha}{\pi} \left[\frac{1 + \beta U(x_\alpha)}{1 + \beta U(x^\ddagger)} \right]^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \beta U(x_\alpha)}} \quad (59)$$

- For $q = 1$, normal TST rate independent of T at high T and varies exponentially with T in the limit $kT \ll U^\ddagger$ as

$$k_{TST} \sim \exp(-\beta U^\ddagger). \quad (60)$$

- For $q \neq 1$, at high temperature the rate is independent of temperature $k_{TST} = \omega_\alpha/\pi$ which is a factor of two larger than the result for $q = 1$. At low temperature

$$k_{TST} \sim \beta^{-1/2} \quad (61)$$

independent of q ! As $q \rightarrow 1$ exponential (Arrhenius) T dependence recovered. However, for larger values of q temperature scaling of rate is weak inverse power law. At all temperatures, the TST rate is significantly larger for $q > 1$ than for $q = 1$.

Master equations and relaxation to equilibrium

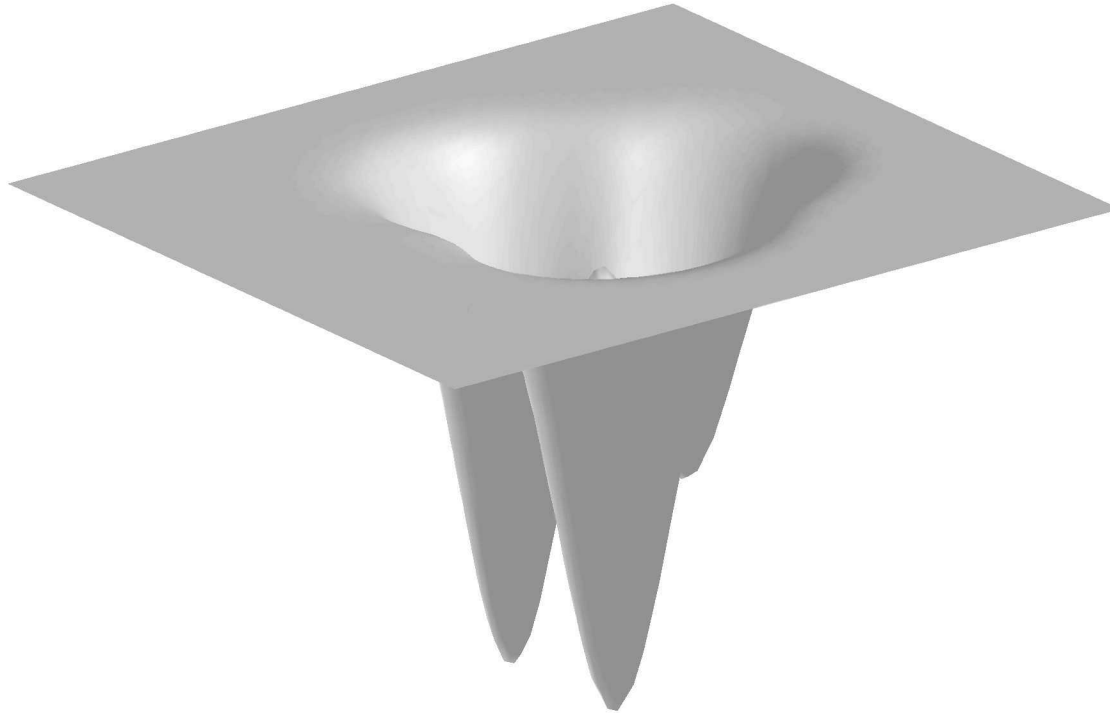


Fig. 1 The two-dimensional potential considered in the text has two deep holes, seen in the front and left sides of the plot, and a less deeper hole to the right.

- Relaxation of a system to equilibrium can be modeled using a master equation

$$\frac{dP_i}{dt} = \sum_{j \neq i} [L_{ij}P_j(t) - L_{ji}P_i(t)]. \quad (62)$$

- Elements of the transition matrix from state j to state i can be estimated in the transition state theory approximation

$$L_{ij} = \frac{\omega_j}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1 + (q-1)\beta U(x_{ij}^\ddagger)}{1 + (q-1)\beta U(x_j)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}, \quad (63)$$

where the total phase space probability of the j th state is proportional to

$$M_j = \frac{2\pi}{\beta\omega_j} [1 + (q-1)\beta U(x_j)]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}. \quad (64)$$

- The symmetric transmission coefficients are defined $B_{ij} = L_{ij}M_i$.

The general solutions are of the form

$$P_i(t) = \sum_n a_n \phi_i^{(n)} \exp(-\lambda_n t) \quad (65)$$

in terms of the eigenfunctions $\phi_i^{(n)}$ and eigenvalues λ_n of the transmission matrix \hat{L} .

- Calculate eigenvalues for a two-dimensional model system described by a potential function consisting of three holes, two deeper holes of equal depth, and a more shallow hole.
- The barrier between the deeper holes is higher than the other two barriers, which have equal height.
- One of the three eigenvalues is zero, for any q , for reasons of conservation of probability.
- Plot the other two as a function of q , together with their ratio. There is to be observed, for a thermal energy of a tenth of the well depth, the quick increase in the magnitude of the eigenvalues for $q > 1$.

- This implies fast relaxation to equilibrium even at low temperatures, due to the delocalized character of the Tsallisian distributions.

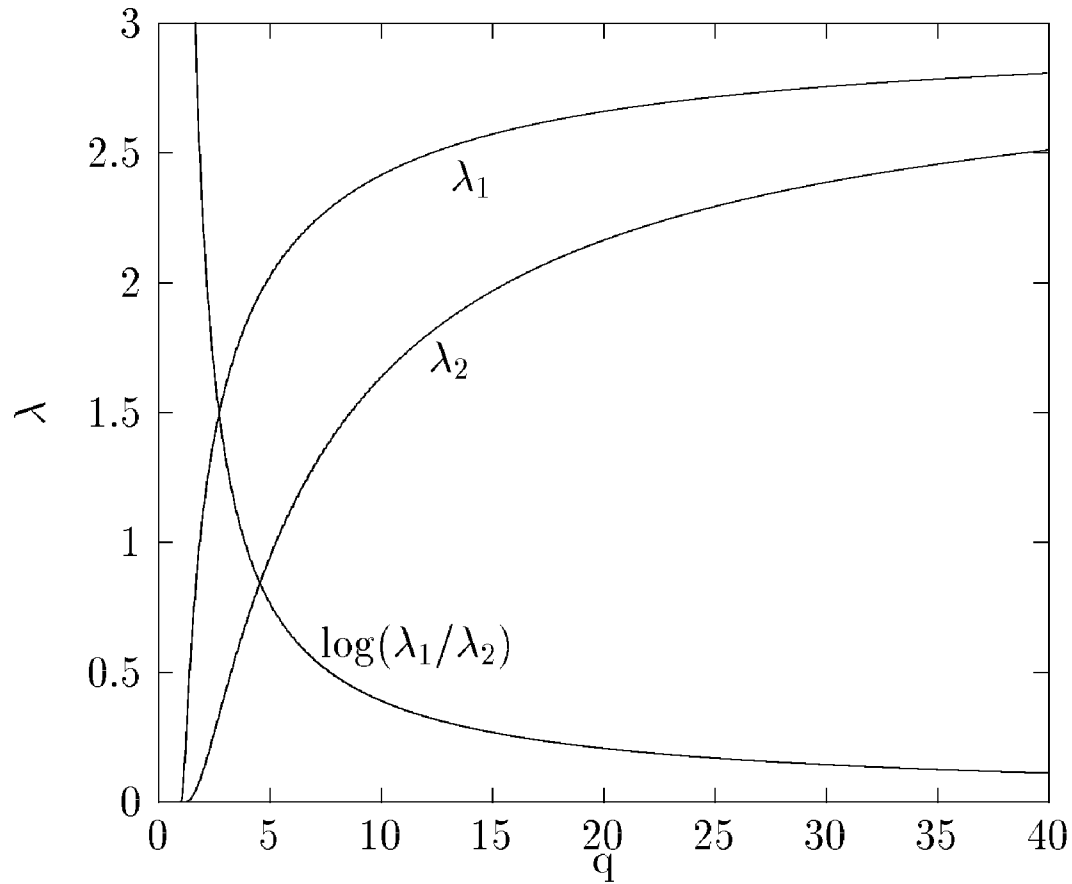


Fig. 2 The dependence on q of the non-zero eigenvalues of the two-dimensional, three-hole model described in the text shows the rapid onset of escape from wells as soon as q exceeds unity and the saturation at higher values of q . Also shown is the logarithm of the ratio of the two non-zero eigenvalues.

- Do we expect this model to be accurate for a dynamics dictated by Tsallis statistics?
- A jump diffusion process that randomly samples the equilibrium canonical Tsallis distribution shown to lead to anomalous diffusion and Lévy flights in the $5/3 < q < 3$ regime (Tsallis, 1995)
- Due to delocalized nature of equilibrium distributions, might find that microstates of master equation are not well defined. Even at low T , it may be difficult to identify distinct microstates.
- Same delocalization can lead to large transition probabilities for states not adjacent in configuration space. This would violate assumption of the transition state theory - that once the system crosses the transition state from the reactant microstate it will be deactivated and equilibrated in the product state.
- However: Concerted transitions between spatially far-separated states may be common. This would lead to a highly connected master equation where each state is connected to a significant fraction of all other microstates of the system.(Zwanzig 1995)