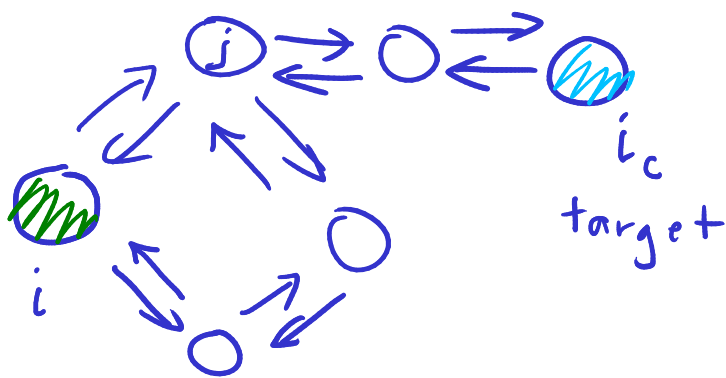


# PHYS 320/420 Lecture 9

$$\tau_i^{\text{esc}} = \frac{1}{|\Omega_{ii}|} = \text{avg. time to leave state } i$$

$$\pi_{ji} = \frac{\Omega_{ji}}{|\Omega_{ii}|} = \text{prob. to go to state } j \text{ immediately leaving } i$$



$\tau_i$  = avg. time to get from  $i$  to  $i_c$  for the 1st time

$$\tau_{i_c} = 0$$

$i \neq i_c$ :

$$\tau_i = \tau_i^{\text{esc}} + \sum_{j \neq i} \pi_{ji} \tau_j$$

$$|\Omega_{ii}| = -\Omega_{ii}$$

$$\tau_i = \frac{1}{-\Omega_{ii}} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\Omega_{ji}}{(-\Omega_{ii})} \tau_j$$

$$\Omega_{ii} = -\sum_{j \neq i} \Omega_{ji} \leq 0$$

multiply by  $\Omega_{ii}$  & rearrange:

$$\Omega_{ii} \tau_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \Omega_{ji} \tau_j = -1$$

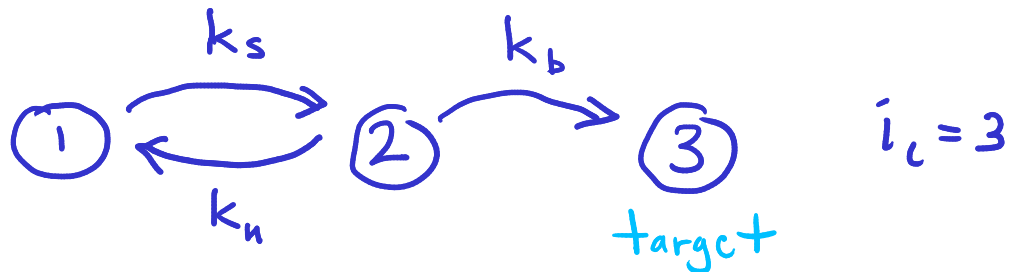
$$\sum_{j=1}^N \Omega_{ji} \tau_j = -1$$

this eqn is valid for all  $i \neq i_c$   
(N-1 equations)

unknowns:  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots$  (N unknowns)

last eqn:  $\tau_{i_c} = 0 \Rightarrow$  sys of equations where you can solve for  $\tau_i$

example:



goal: figure out  $\tau_1 =$  avg. time from 1  $\rightarrow$  3

$$\Omega = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} -k_s & k_u & 0 \\ k_s & -k_u & 0 \\ 0 & k_b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\tau_{i_c} = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_3 = 0$$

$$\sum_j \Omega_{ji} \tau_j = -1 \quad \begin{matrix} i=1 \\ i=2 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} -k_s \tau_1 + k_s \tau_2 = -1 \\ k_u \tau_1 - (k_u + k_b) \tau_2 + k_b \tau_3 = -1 \end{matrix}$$

$$k_u \tau_1 - (k_u + k_b) \tau_2 + k_b \tau_3 = -1$$

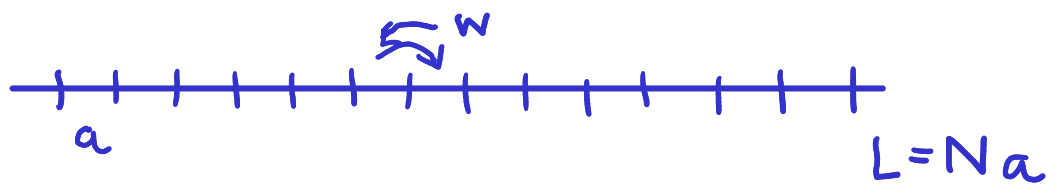
⇒ solve sys of eqn's for  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_1 = \frac{k_s + k_u + k_b}{k_s k_b}$$

if  $i_c = 2 \Rightarrow \tau_1 = \tau_1^{esc} = \frac{1}{k_s}$  for this problem

Returning to spatial diffusion  
→ continuum approximation

Recall



$$a \rightarrow 0, N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$D = wa^2 \text{ constant}$$

$$L = \text{constant}$$

$$P_j(t) \longrightarrow P(x, t)$$

$$\sum_j \Omega_{ij} P_j = \frac{dp_i}{dt} \Rightarrow D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$$

boundaries :  $\Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0, L} = 0$   
(where can't jump past)

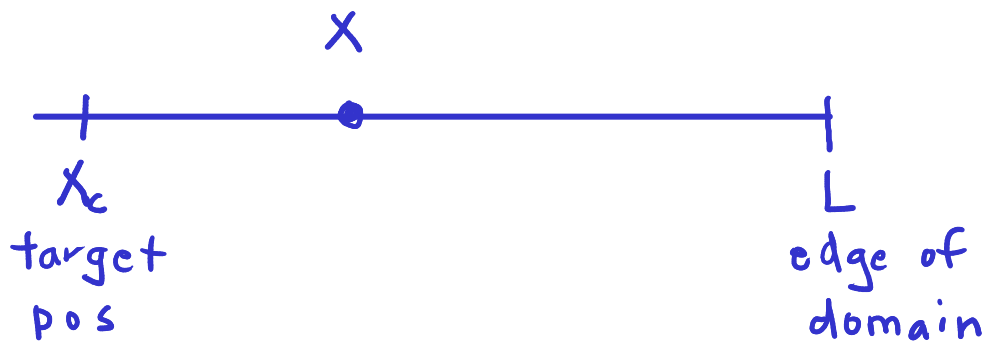
for MFPT equ:  $\tau_i \rightarrow \tau(x)$   
(1D diff.)

$$\sum_j \Omega_j \tau_j = -1 \Rightarrow \boxed{D \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial x^2} = -1}$$

$$\boxed{\left. \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x} \right|_{x=L} = 0}$$

(boundary)

How long on avg. to hit  $x_c$ ?



$$\tau(x_c) = 0 \quad \left. \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x} \right|_{x=L} = 0$$

$$D \frac{\partial^2 \tau}{\partial x^2} = -1$$

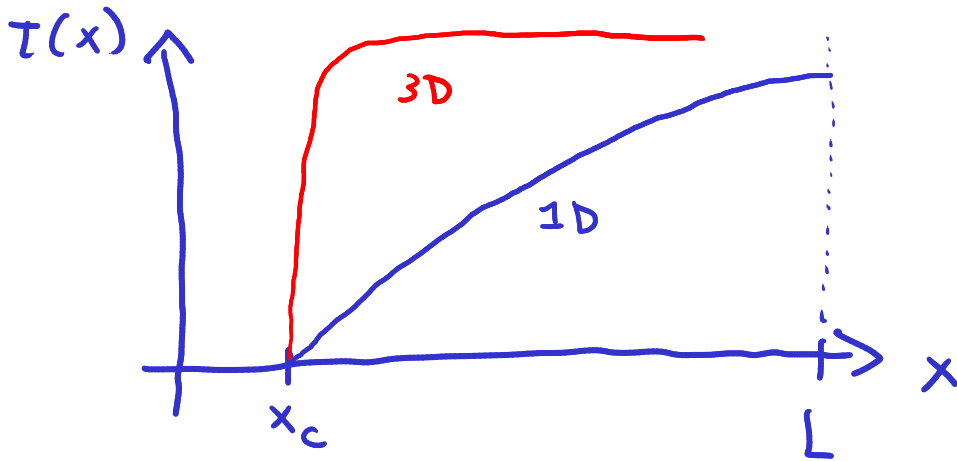
$$\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x} = -\frac{x}{D} + c_1$$

$$\tau = -\frac{x^2}{2D} + c_1 x + c_2$$

$$\left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=L} = -\frac{L}{D} + c_1 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{L}{D}$$

$$T(x_c) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = \frac{x_c^2}{2D} - \frac{Lx_c}{D}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(x) = \frac{(x-x_c)(2L-x-x_c)}{2D}$$



as  $L \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $x \ll L$ :

$$T(x) \approx \frac{(x-x_c)L}{D}$$