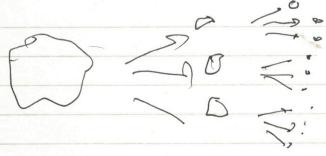
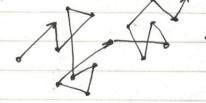
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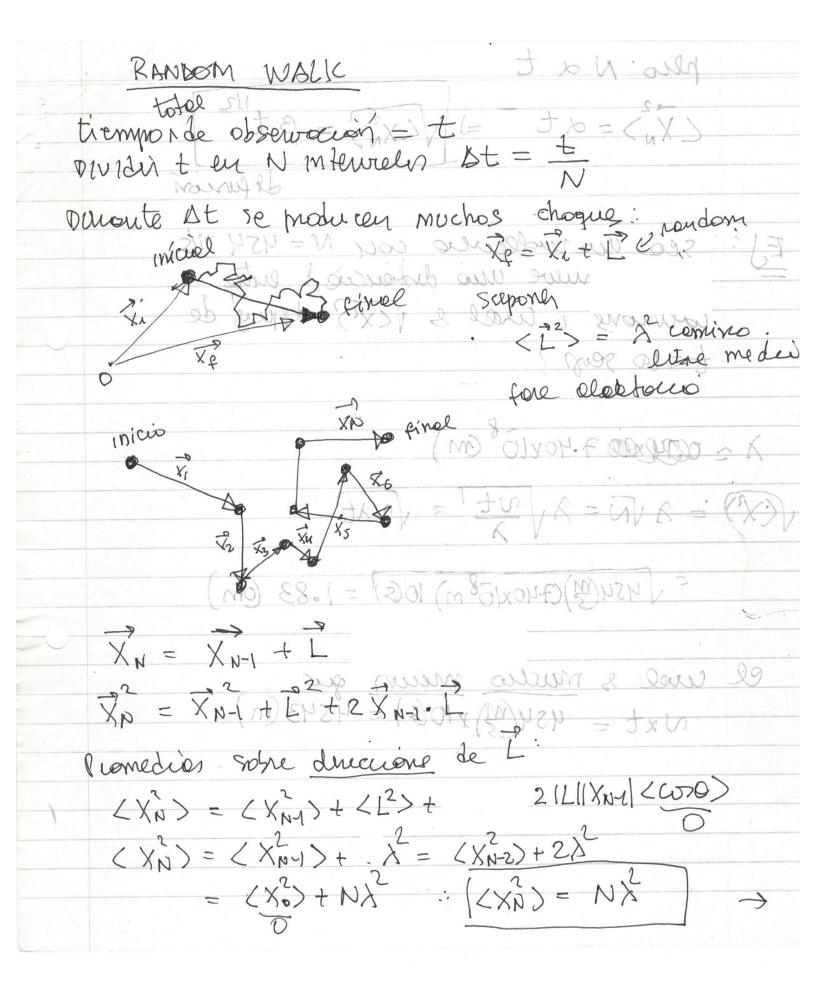
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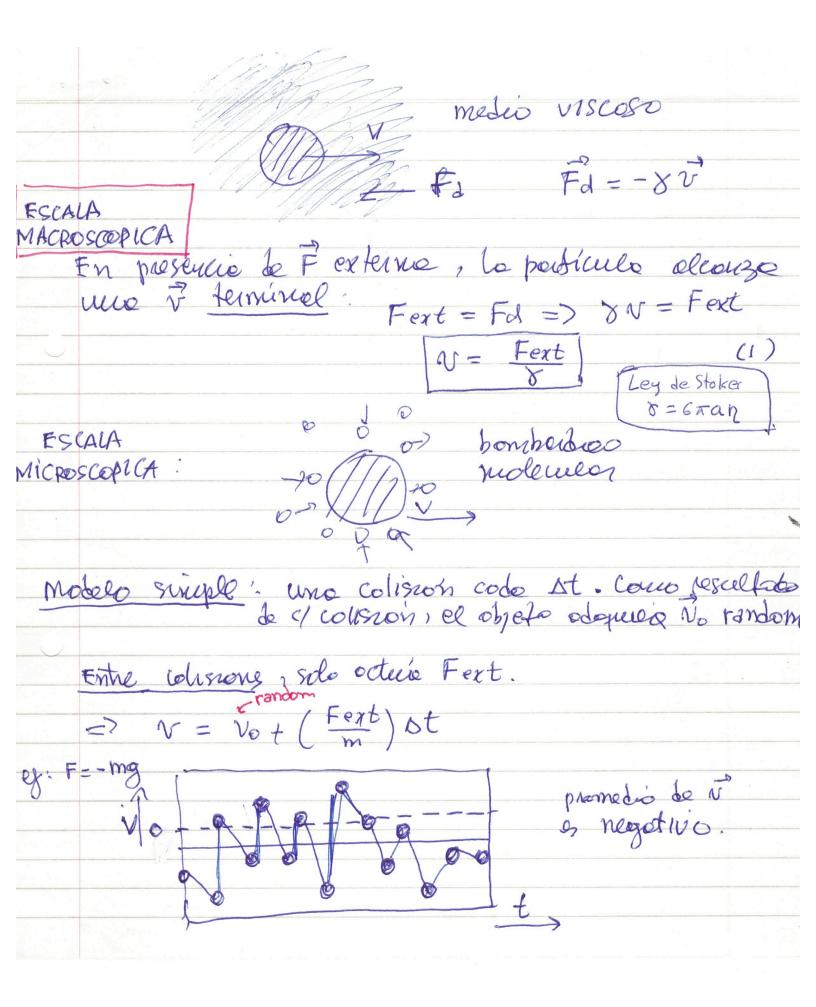
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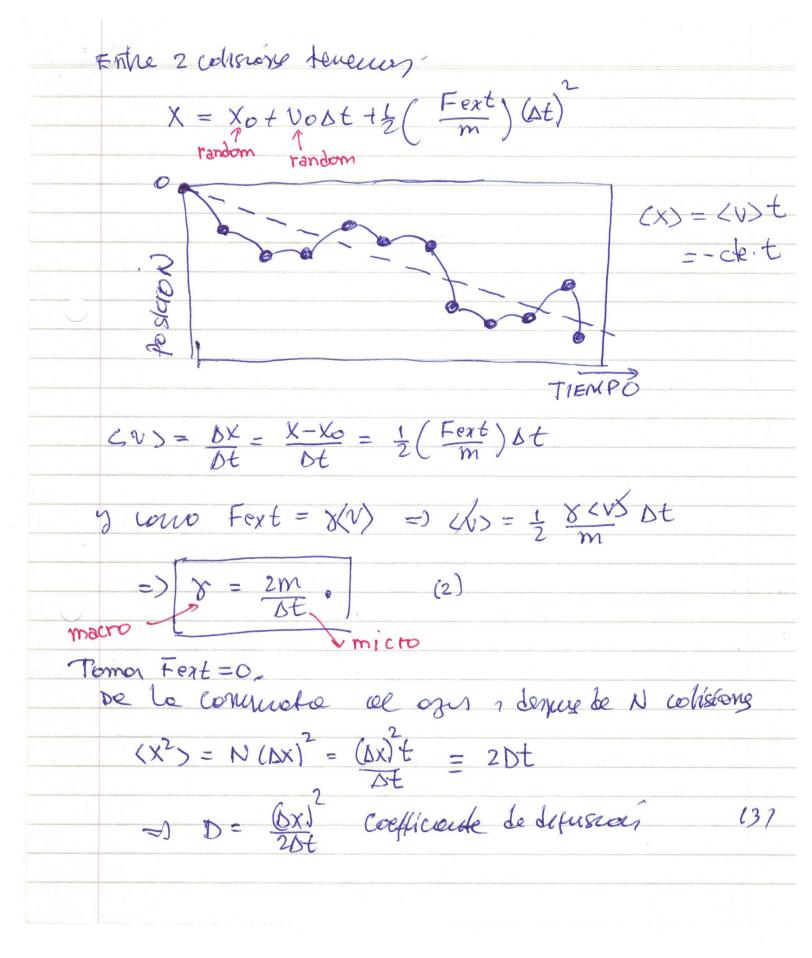
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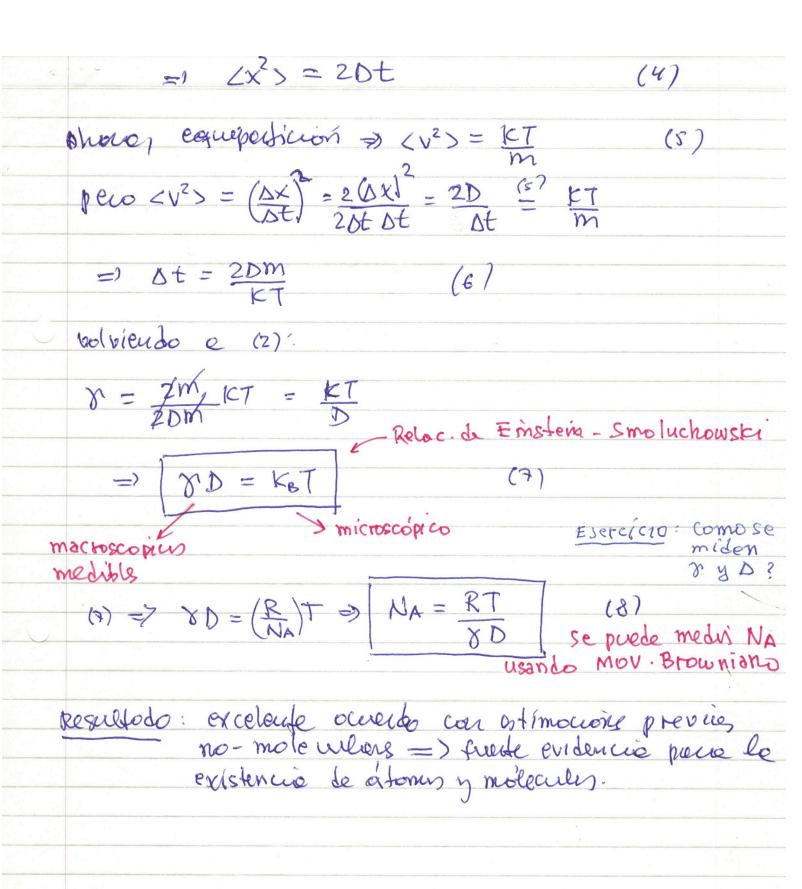




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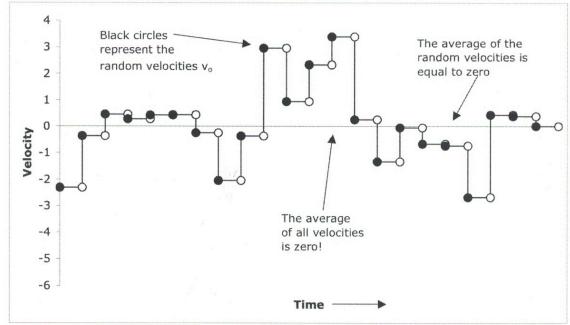




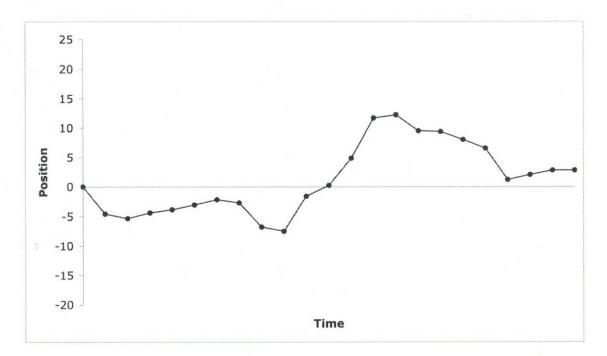
$$f = \frac{2m}{\Delta t}$$

According to this equation, the *macroscopic* viscous drag coefficient of an object with mass m depends only on the frequency of *microscopic* collisions with that object! This relationship should make sense: if the collisions are very frequent (so  $\Delta t$  is small), then the viscous drag coefficient will be larger. Next time you pull a spoon out of a jar of honey, think about how the extremely rapid collisions between the "honey molecules" and the spoon give rise to the viscous drag you feel on the spoon!

We can immediately see the connection to Brownian motion if we *remove the constant* external force from our above discussion. Then the velocity as a function of time would look like this: the object moves at a *constant random velocity* over each time interval:



Now, if we integrate the velocities to find the position, we see that the *average* position of the object is zero, but the object still "wanders" up and down over time:



Compare this graph of positon with the previous one: in this case, the object moves with a constant velocity between each collision. This is an example of what physicists and mathematicians refer to as a *random walk*: the object moves randomly, taking a series of small "steps." Each step can be in either direction (up or down, in this example).

Because a random walk is, by definition, random, we can only inquire about the *average* behavior of an object undergoing a random walk. For instance, we note that the average *displacement* of the object is always zero, since each step is equally likely to be up or down. Thus, in some sense, the object, on average, doesn't "go anywhere."

This observation is misleading, however, because the average distance from the origin will not be zero. We can better characterize the average distance by considering the mean square displacement, or  $< x^2 >$ . (We use this definition because we want the "distance" to always be positive, so we square the displacement to obtain a positive measure of distance.)

Why will the mean square displacement not be zero? Consider a random walk of four steps, where the steps are  $\Delta x_1$ ,  $\Delta x_2$ ,  $\Delta x_3$ , and  $\Delta x_4$ . If the object starts at x = 0, then the final displacement of the object is given by  $(\Delta x_1 + \Delta x_2 + \Delta x_3 + \Delta x_4)$ . What happens if we square that? We get a hideous mess that looks something like this:

$$(\Delta x_1 + \Delta x_2 + \Delta x_3 + \Delta x_4)^2 = (\Delta x_1)^2 + (\Delta x_2)^2 + (\Delta x_3)^2 + (\Delta x_4)^2 + (\Delta x_1)(\Delta x_2) + (\Delta x_1)(\Delta x_3) + \dots$$

where we have omitted a number of the "cross terms"  $(\Delta x_i)(\Delta x_j)$  in which  $i \neq j$ . Now what can we say about the *sign* of all of these terms? We know that the squared terms such as  $(\Delta x_1)^2$  will *always* be positive, regardless of the sign of  $\Delta x_1$ . However, the *cross* terms will, on average, be equal to **zero**, because each cross term could have either a positive or negative sign, depending on the signs of the individual  $\Delta x_i$ . Thus, the mean square displacement is given by dropping all of the cross terms in the above expression:

$$\left\langle x^{2}\right\rangle =\left\langle \left(\Delta x_{1}+\Delta x_{2}+\Delta x_{3}+\Delta x_{4}\right)^{2}\right\rangle =\left\langle \left(\Delta x_{1}\right)^{2}\right\rangle +\left\langle \left(\Delta x_{2}\right)^{2}\right\rangle +\left\langle \left(\Delta x_{3}\right)^{2}\right\rangle +\left\langle \left(\Delta x_{4}\right)^{2}\right\rangle$$

The bottom line is that *random displacements add in quadrature*: the square of the overall displacement is equal to the sum of the squares of the individual displacements. You may recall a similar formula for adding standard deviations of random variables: the square of the standard deviation of the sum of a number of random variables is given by the sum of the squares of the individual standard deviations:

$$\sigma^2 = (\sigma_1)^2 + (\sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_3)^2$$