# Riemann-Roch and the trace formula 

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\begin{equation*}
m \frac{d^{2} x}{d t^{2}}=-6 \pi \mu a \frac{d x}{d t}+\mathrm{X} \tag{3}
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Sur la force complémentaire $X$ nous savons qu'elle est indifféremment positive et négative, et sa grandeur est telle qu'elle maintient l'agitation de la particule que, sans elle, la résistance visqueuse finirait par arrêter.

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