

Lecture 7 - Collisions & the Pressure Tensor

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* Corrections to HW #2

$$\cdot V_{ei} = \frac{4\pi n_i Z^2 e^4 \ln(\Lambda)}{m_e^2 v^3}$$

(when he wrote the HW he used 2π , not 4π)

• for #3 → do in steady state

↳ from the coronal equilibrium model (Lec #3)

$$n_e = n_e [n_H \langle \sigma_I v \rangle - n_p \langle \sigma_R v \rangle] = 0 \text{ for steady state/equilibrium}$$

from last time...

Deriving the Fluid Equations from the Vlasov Equation

The Vlasov equation with a collision operator can describe the dynamics of a plasma for Γ small (weakly coupled)

0th Moment ($n=0$):

$$\frac{\partial n_\alpha}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha) = 0 \quad , \text{ the Continuity equation}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} n_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha &\equiv \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} f_\alpha \\ n_\alpha &\equiv \int d\vec{v} f_\alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{defines } \vec{U}_\alpha, \text{ the mean drift velocity} \\ \text{of plasma species } \alpha$$

1st Moment ($n=1$):

$$m_\alpha n_\alpha \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{U}_\alpha + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \vec{U}_\alpha \right] = n_\alpha q_\alpha (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{U}_\alpha \times \vec{B}) - \nabla \cdot \vec{\bar{P}}_\alpha - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta}$$

the Fluid Momentum Equation

pressure tensor

where

$\vec{R}_{\alpha\beta}$ = the drag between species α and β

$$\vec{\bar{P}}_\alpha = m_\alpha \int d\vec{v} \vec{v} \vec{v} f_\alpha$$

↳ the next moment is needed to get $\vec{\bar{P}}_\alpha$

This establishes the general pattern...

$$(0^{th}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_\alpha + \nabla \cdot n_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

$$(1^{st}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} m_\alpha n_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha + () + \nabla \cdot \vec{\bar{P}}_\alpha = ()$$

$$(2^{nd}) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{\bar{P}}_\alpha + () + \nabla \cdot [3^{rd} \text{ moment}] = () \text{ etc.}$$

⇒ No closure in a truly collisionless system

Closure with Collisions

We know that collisions drive f_α toward a Maxwellian distribution.
Thus, if collisions are strong enough we expect:

$$f_\alpha = \frac{n_\alpha}{(2\pi T_\alpha/m_\alpha)^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{v} - \vec{U}_\alpha)^2 m_\alpha}{2T_\alpha}} + \underbrace{\delta f_\alpha}_{\sim v' v \rightarrow \text{small}}$$

Plugging into our definition for the pressure tensor

$$P_\alpha = m_\alpha \int d\vec{v}' \vec{v}' \vec{v}' f_\alpha$$

$$\vec{v}' = \vec{v} - \vec{U}_\alpha$$

plasma velocity
random deviations from \vec{U}_α

↓ in terms of tensor components ↓

$$P_{\alpha,ij} \cong m_\alpha \int d\vec{v}' v'_i v'_j e^{-\frac{(v'^2 m_\alpha)}{2T_\alpha}} \frac{n_\alpha}{(2\pi T_\alpha/m_\alpha)^{3/2}}$$

This will be ↗ because of this
a diagonal tensor

all diagonal terms equal

$$P_{\alpha,ii} = m_\alpha \int d\vec{v}' v'^2 e^{-\frac{(v'^2 m_\alpha)}{2T_\alpha}} \frac{n_\alpha}{(2\pi T_\alpha/m_\alpha)^{3/2}}$$

* other two directions integrate out

$$= m_\alpha \int dv'_i v'^2 e^{-\frac{(v'^2 m_\alpha)}{2T_\alpha}} \frac{n_\alpha}{(2\pi T_\alpha/m_\alpha)^{3/2}}$$

$$\text{define } S^2 \equiv \frac{m_\alpha v'^2}{2T_\alpha}$$

↓ rewriting in terms of S^2 ↓

$$P_{\alpha,ii} = m_\alpha n_\alpha \left(\frac{2T_\alpha}{m_\alpha}\right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{(2\pi T_\alpha/m_\alpha)^{1/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds S^2 e^{-S^2}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds S^2 e^{-S^2} = -\frac{d}{dE} \int ds e^{-ES^2}$$

$$\text{define } p^2 \equiv ES^2 \rightarrow ds = (\epsilon)^{-1/2} dp$$

$$= -\frac{d}{de} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \underbrace{\int dp e^{-p^2}}_{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$-\infty \int^{\infty} ds s^2 e^{-s^2} = \sqrt{\pi}/2$$

$$= n_\alpha m_\alpha \left(\frac{2T_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{(2\pi T_\alpha/m_\alpha)^{1/2}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\alpha,ii} = n_\alpha T_\alpha \equiv P_\alpha$$

$$\text{where } \nabla \cdot \bar{P}_\alpha = \nabla P_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \bar{\delta P}_\alpha$$

returning to the fluid momentum eq...

$$n_\alpha m_\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{U}_\alpha + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \vec{U}_\alpha \right) = n_\alpha q_\alpha \left(\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{U}_\alpha \times \vec{B} \right) - \nabla P_\alpha - \nabla \cdot \bar{\delta P}_\alpha - \vec{R}_{\alpha p}$$

viscous stress $\sim 1/v$

BUT! We still need an equation for P_α

Second Moment ($n=2$): \Rightarrow The Energy Equation

Take the Vlasov equation with collisions

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{v} f_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \left(\int d\vec{v} \vec{v} f_\alpha \right) + \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \int d\vec{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \cdot \left(\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right) f_\alpha = \sum_p \int d\vec{v} C_{\alpha p} (f_\alpha)$$

↓ multiply through by $\frac{1}{2} m_\alpha v^2$ ↓

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} f_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \left(\int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} \vec{v} f_\alpha \right) + \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} \cdot \left(\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right) f_\alpha \\ &= \sum_p \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} C_{\alpha p} (f_\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Recall f_α is a drifting Maxwellian

$$\vec{v}' = \vec{v} - \vec{U}_\alpha \rightarrow \vec{v} = \vec{v}' + \vec{U}_\alpha$$

$$f_\alpha = \frac{n_\alpha}{(2\pi T_\alpha/m_\alpha)^{3/2}} e^{-(\vec{v}' - \vec{U}_\alpha)^2 m_\alpha / 2T_\alpha}$$

Plugging in term-by-term:

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} f_\alpha &= \frac{m_\alpha U_\alpha^2}{2} \underbrace{\int d\vec{v} F_\alpha}_{n_\alpha} + \frac{m_\alpha}{2} \underbrace{\int d\vec{v}' \vec{v}'^2 f_\alpha}_{3n_\alpha T_\alpha / m_\alpha} \quad \text{cross-terms go away;} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} n_\alpha m_\alpha U_\alpha^2 + \frac{3}{2} n_\alpha T_\alpha \quad \text{odd in } \vec{v}' = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha v^2}{2} \vec{v} f_\alpha = \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha (\vec{v}' + \vec{U}_\alpha)^2}{2} (\vec{v}' + \vec{U}_\alpha) f_\alpha$$

$$= \frac{m_\alpha V_\alpha^2}{2} \bar{U}_\alpha \int d\vec{v} f_\alpha + \int d\vec{v} \cdot \frac{m_\alpha V^2}{2} \bar{V} f_\alpha + \frac{m_\alpha}{2} \bar{U}_\alpha \int d\vec{v} V^2 f_\alpha \\ \underbrace{\quad}_{n_\alpha} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\bar{Q}_\alpha} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{3n_\alpha T_\alpha / m_\alpha} \\ + \int d\vec{v} \cdot \frac{m_\alpha}{2} 2 \bar{V} \cdot \bar{U}_\alpha \bar{V} f_\alpha$$

only survives if two components of \vec{V} are the same

lose two degrees of freedom

$$\int d\vec{v} V^2 f_\alpha - 2 \text{D.O.F.} = n_\alpha T_\alpha / m_\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} n_\alpha m_\alpha V_\alpha^2 \bar{U}_\alpha + \bar{Q}_\alpha + \frac{3}{2} n_\alpha T_\alpha \bar{U}_\alpha + n_\alpha T_\alpha \bar{U}_\alpha$$

heat flux

$$= \frac{1}{2} n_\alpha m_\alpha V_\alpha^2 \bar{U}_\alpha + \underbrace{\frac{5}{2} n_\alpha T_\alpha \bar{U}_\alpha + \bar{Q}_\alpha}_{\text{enthalpy flux}}$$

$$q_\alpha \int d\vec{v} \underbrace{\frac{V^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial V}}_{\vec{V}} \cdot (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{V} \times \vec{B}) f_\alpha = - q_\alpha \int d\vec{v} \vec{V} \cdot (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{V} \times \vec{B}) f_\alpha$$

motion of fluid in direction of the field

$$= - q_\alpha \vec{E} \int d\vec{v} \vec{V} f_\alpha = - q_\alpha \vec{E} \cdot \bar{U}_\alpha n_\alpha$$

Putting it all together:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} n_\alpha m_\alpha V_\alpha^2 + \frac{3}{2} n_\alpha T_\alpha \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} n_\alpha m_\alpha V_\alpha^2 \bar{U}_\alpha + \frac{5}{2} n_\alpha T_\alpha \bar{U}_\alpha + \bar{Q}_\alpha \right)$$

P_α

P_α

$$- q_\alpha n_\alpha \bar{U}_\alpha \vec{E} = \sum_B \int d\vec{v} \frac{m_\alpha V^2}{2} C_{\alpha\beta} (f_\alpha)$$

$$= - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta} = \text{rate of energy transfer from } \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

* Note that

$$\left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta} = - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\beta\alpha}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\alpha} = 0$$

Collisions conserve total energy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} n_\alpha m_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha^2 + \frac{3}{2} P_\alpha \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} n_\alpha m_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha + \frac{5}{2} P_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha + \vec{Q}_\alpha \right)$$

$$- q_\alpha n_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \vec{E} = - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$

↳ We can simplify our expression by using the continuity and fluid momentum equations

- continuity:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_\alpha + \nabla \cdot (n_\alpha \vec{U}_\alpha) = 0$$

- fluid momentum:

$$m_\alpha n_\alpha \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{U}_\alpha + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \vec{U}_\alpha \right] = n_\alpha q_\alpha (\vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{U}_\alpha \times \vec{B}) - \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \vec{P}_\alpha}_{= \nabla P_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \delta P_\alpha} - \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta}$$

viscous stress term small
as to be discarded; $\propto 1/\nu_e$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \right) P_\alpha + \frac{5}{2} P_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = - \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \vec{Q}_\alpha}_{\text{often small}} + \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$

$\vec{R}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha$ = frictional heating of α due to drag with β

In a 3D system:

$\frac{3}{2} P_\alpha$ = the internal energy

$3 = n_f$, the # of degrees of freedom

$5 = n_f + 2$

So generalizing... (for any # of dimensions)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_f}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \right) P_\alpha + \frac{(n_f + 2)}{2} P_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = - \nabla \cdot \vec{Q}_\alpha + \vec{R}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha - \left(\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} \right)_{\alpha\beta}$$

* In the case of no heat flux, collisional heating, or energy loss, the LHS = 0

⇒ This is the Adiabatic Limit

$$\cancel{\frac{n_f}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \right) P_\alpha} + \frac{(n_f + 2)}{2} P_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

$$n_f \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \right) P_\alpha + (n_f + 2) P_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

$\hookrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} - \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla$

$$n_f \left[\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \right) + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \right] P_\alpha + (n_f + 2) P_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

$$n_f \frac{d}{dt} P_\alpha + (n_f + 2) P_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

↓ divide through by n_f & P_α ↓

$$\frac{1}{P_\alpha} \frac{n_f}{n_f} \frac{d}{dt} P_\alpha + \frac{(n_f + 2)}{n_f} \frac{P_\alpha}{P_\alpha} \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

* $\frac{(n_f + 2)}{n_f} = \gamma_s$ = ratio of specific heats *

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{P_\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} P_\alpha + \gamma_s \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

eq. ①

↪ very similar to the continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial n_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla n_\alpha + n_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt}}_{\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} - \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla}$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla \right) n_\alpha + \vec{U}_\alpha \cdot \nabla n_\alpha + n_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} n_\alpha + n_\alpha \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

↓ divide through by n_α ↓

$$\frac{1}{n_\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} n_\alpha + \frac{n_\alpha}{n_\alpha} \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

↓ multiply by γ_s ↓

$$\gamma_s \left(\frac{1}{n_\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} n_\alpha + \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha \right) = 0$$

eq. ②

Subtract eq. ② from eq. ①

$$\frac{1}{P_\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} P_\alpha + \gamma_s \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha - \gamma_s \frac{1}{n_\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} n_\alpha - \gamma_s \nabla \cdot \vec{U}_\alpha = 0$$

↪ move to other side

$$\frac{1}{P_\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} P_\alpha = \gamma_s \frac{1}{n_\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} n_\alpha$$

- rewrite in terms of the natural log ↗

$$\ln\left[\frac{1}{x}\frac{dx}{dt}\right] = \frac{d}{dt}\ln(x), \quad C\ln[x] = \ln(x^C)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\ln(P_\alpha) - \ln(n_\alpha \gamma_s)] = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \ln(x) - \ln(y) = \ln(x/y)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{P_\alpha}{n_\alpha \gamma_s}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{P_\alpha}{n_\alpha \gamma_s} = \text{constant in the frame of the moving plasma}$$

NOW: Start talking about waves!

↪ go back to talk about waves in warm plasma, solve kinetic energy, look at $T \rightarrow$ small values, and some other stuff

→ Basically, how you do kinetic theory

* Start off in plasma systems with no magnetic fields ($\vec{B} = 0$)

Electrostatic Waves in a Warm Plasma

→ No ambient magnetic field

From Lecture #2: Cold plasma limit dielectric function

↪ plasma frequency, e^-

$$\epsilon = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2} - \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2}; \quad \omega_{pe}^2 = \frac{4\pi n e^2}{m_e}, \quad \omega_{pi}^2 = \frac{4\pi n e^2}{m_i}$$

for $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, $\omega = \pm \omega_{pe}$; $\omega_{pe} \gg \omega_{pi}$

Kinetic Theory for this? We want to explore what happens in a warm plasma — Do this by solving the Vlasov equation

We take the electric field to be small

↪ assuming small amplitude wave, we can throw away collisions

↪ 1st order in E

$$f = f_0(x) + f_1 + \dots$$

(0th order in E)

Expand distribution f'n. as a series in the small parameter, electric field

Trying to solve...

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f + \frac{q}{m} \vec{E} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f = 0 \rightarrow \text{Solve order-by-order, taking wave amplitude to be small}$$

Zero Order

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_0 + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f_0 = 0 \quad \rightarrow E_0 = 0$$

$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_0 = 0 \rightarrow f_0$ is constant

this is a homogeneous system: $\vec{v} \cdot \nabla f_0 = 0$

Take f_0 to be a Maxwellian distribution and require $-en_e + Ze_n = 0$
 \Rightarrow charge neutrality in initial state

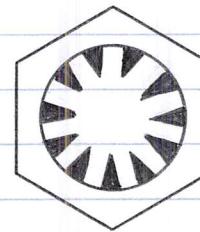
First Order

No magnetic field, $\vec{B}_0 = 0 \rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{E}_0 = 0$

$\vec{E}_1 = -\nabla \Phi_1$ wave vector

$$\Phi_1 = \text{Re}\{\hat{\Phi} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - i\omega t}\}$$

complex amplitude frequency; might be complex



Now linearize the Vlasov equation!

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla f_1 - \frac{q}{m} \nabla \Phi_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_0 = 0$$

$f_1 = \text{Re}\{\hat{f} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - i\omega t}\}$

→ all terms the same order in the expansion parameter; keeping only 1st order in amplitude

↓ plugging in ↓

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \right) \text{Re}\{\hat{f} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - i\omega t}\} - \frac{q}{m} \nabla \left[\text{Re}\{\hat{\Phi} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - i\omega t}\} \right] \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_0(\vec{v}) = 0$$

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow -i\omega$ $\nabla \rightarrow i\vec{k}$

$$\text{Re}\left\{ (-i\omega + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}) \hat{f} - \frac{q}{m} i\hat{\Phi} \vec{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_0 \right\} = 0$$

This must be zero → yields solution for \hat{f}
 (it's imaginary)

$$(-i\omega + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}) \hat{f} - \frac{q}{m} i\hat{\Phi} \vec{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_0 = 0$$

$$\hat{f} = \frac{q/m i\hat{\Phi} i\vec{k} \cdot \partial/\partial \vec{v} f_0}{-i\omega + i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}} \Rightarrow \hat{f} = -\frac{q}{m} \hat{\Phi} \frac{1}{\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}} \vec{k} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{v}} f_0$$

$\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}$ = frequency seen by moving particles