

## 22.616 Plasma Transport Theory

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## Prob Set # 1 Solutions

1. Fusion Transport Estimates:

$$D = \nu_{ei} \rho_{ep}^2 \tau_{tr} = \nu_{ei} \frac{v_{te}^2}{\Omega_{pe}^2} \tau_{tr}$$

$$= \nu_{ei} \frac{v_{te}^2}{\Omega_e^2} \frac{q^2}{\xi^2} \sqrt{\xi} = \frac{1}{\tau_{ei}} \rho_e^2 \frac{q^2}{\xi^2} \sqrt{\xi}$$

$$\chi = \nu_{ii} \rho_{ip}^2 \tau_{tr} = \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{m_i}} \nu_{ei} \frac{m_i}{m_e} \frac{v_{te}^2}{\Omega_e^2} \frac{q^2}{\xi^2} \sqrt{\xi}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{m_i}{m_e}} \frac{1}{\tau_{ei}} \rho_e^2 \frac{q^2}{\xi^2} \sqrt{\xi} = \sqrt{\frac{m_i}{m_e}} D$$

where

$$\tau_{ei} = 3.44 \times 10^{11} \frac{1}{n(\text{m}^{-3})} T(\text{eV})^{3/2} \frac{1}{Z_i/n\Lambda} \quad (\text{textbook})$$

$$= 3.44 \times 10^{11} \frac{1}{10^{20}} \times (2 \times 10^4)^{3/2} \times \frac{1}{16} = \underline{6.08 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (sec)}}$$

$$\rho_e = 2.38 T_e^{1/2} B^{-1} \Rightarrow \quad (\text{NRL Formula})$$

$$= 2.38 \times (10^4 \times 2)^{1/2} \frac{1}{5 \times 10^4}$$

$$= 6.73 \times 10^{-3} \text{ (cm)} \quad (\text{For toroidal field})$$

Choose  $\xi = \frac{a}{R} = 0.33$  then  $\frac{e^2}{8\xi} = 0.5$

$$D = \frac{1}{6.08 \times 10^{-4}} \times (2.38 \times 10^{-3})^2 \times 5^2 \times \sqrt{0.33}$$

$$= \underline{1.07 \text{ (cm}^2/\text{sec)}}$$

Then

$$\tau_p = \frac{a^2}{D} = \frac{300^2}{1.07} = \underline{8.41 \times 10^4 \text{ (sec)}}$$

$$\tau_E = \frac{a^2}{\chi} = \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{m_i}} \frac{a^2}{D} = \frac{1}{43} \times 8.41 \times 10^4 = \underline{1.96 \times 10^3 \text{ (sec)}}$$

The above calculation is based on the assumption of ~~Banana~~ banana orbits. random walk of Banana trapped orbits. Electron diffusion colliding with ions dominates particle transport. Ion ~~heat~~ diffusion dominates heat transport.

Neoclassical Pinch time scale

$$\tau_{\text{pinch}} = \frac{a}{V_p} = \frac{a B_p}{E_T} = \frac{2\pi R a B_p}{V_T}$$

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$$= \frac{2\pi \times 9 \times 3 \times 1}{0.02} = 8.5 \times 10^3 \text{ sec.}$$

Therefore, the heat diffusion effect is the strongest of all.

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2. Diffusion equation solution and properties

$$P(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{2t} P + \frac{x^2}{4Dt^2} P$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{x}{2Dt} P \right) = -\frac{1}{2Dt} P + \frac{x^2}{4D^2t^2} P$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2}}$$

$$P(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \neq 0 \\ \infty, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Also } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, 0) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, t) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$$

Therefore  $P(x, t)$  also satisfy the initial condition:

$$\underline{P(x, 0) = \delta(x)}$$

$$a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx P(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}} dx \quad \left( \text{let } y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4Dt}} \right)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-y^2} dy \quad \left( \text{let } z = \sqrt{y} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-z^2} \frac{1}{2} z^{-1} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

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b). Because  $xP(x,t)$  is an odd function about  $x$ , then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x,t) x dx = \langle x \rangle = 0$$

c)  $\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 P(x,t)$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Dt}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}} \quad \left(\text{let } y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4Dt}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{8Dt}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} dy y^2 e^{-y^2} \quad (z = \sqrt{y})$$

$$= \frac{4Dt}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} dz z^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-z}$$

$$= \frac{4Dt}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \underline{2Dt}.$$

we use the property of Gamma Function

$$\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(n - \frac{3}{2}\right) \dots \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi}$$

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### 3. Diffusion Equation & Green's Function

As stated

$$G(x, x', t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4Dt}} e^{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{4Dt}}$$

Satisfy 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x^2}, & -\infty < x < \infty, t > 0 \\ G(x, x', 0) = \delta(x-x') \end{cases}$$

Let  $T(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' G(x, x', t) T_0(x')$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= \int dx' \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} T(x') \\ &= \int dx' D \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x^2} T(x') \\ &= D \frac{\partial T}{\partial x^2} \end{aligned}$$

So  $T(x, t)$  satisfy the diffusion equation.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } T(x, 0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' G(x, x', 0) T_0(x') \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx' \delta(x-x') T_0(x') \\ &= T_0(x) \end{aligned}$$

which tells that  $T(x, t)$  satisfy initial condition.

When  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $G(x, x', t) \rightarrow 0$ , so we have

$$T(x, t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty \text{ \& } t \neq 0$$

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## 4. Solution For Metallic Heat Conduction

we have proved (In prob 3)

$$T(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\kappa_0 t}} e^{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{4\kappa_0 t}} T(x', 0) dx'$$

$$\text{Satisfy } \begin{cases} T_t = \kappa_0 T_{xx}, & -\infty < x < \infty, t > 0 \\ T(x, 0) = T_0(x) \end{cases}$$

Now we want to solve a half-infinite domain problem

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa_0 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, 0 < t < \infty$$

$$T(x, 0) = 0, \quad 0 < x < +\infty$$

$$T(0, t) = T_H, \quad 0 < t < \infty$$

Make up a function for  $T(x, 0)$  to extend the ~~prob~~ initialcondition to the whole space of  $x$  ( $-\infty < x < \infty$ ). i.e.

$$T(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0, & x > 0 \\ 2T_H, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } T(x, t) = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\kappa_0 t}} e^{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{4\kappa_0 t}} 2T_H dx'$$

$$\text{Hence } T(0, t) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\kappa_0 t}} e^{-\frac{x'^2}{4\kappa_0 t}} T_H dx'$$

$$= T_H$$

which satisfy the boundary condition of this problem automatically (8)

So, we have

$$T(x,t) = 2T_H \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\kappa_0 t}} e^{-\frac{(x-x')^2}{4\kappa_0 t}} dx' \quad \left(\text{Let } y = \frac{x'-x}{\sqrt{4\kappa_0 t}}\right)$$

$$= T_H \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{\frac{x}{\sqrt{4\kappa_0 t}}}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} dy$$

$$= \underline{T_H \left(1 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4\kappa_0 t}}\right)\right)}$$

5. Monte Carlo solution:

$$\langle R_n^2 \rangle = \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} P(R_n) R_n^2 dR_n$$

$$= \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} R_n^2 dR_n$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} R_n^2 dR_n$$

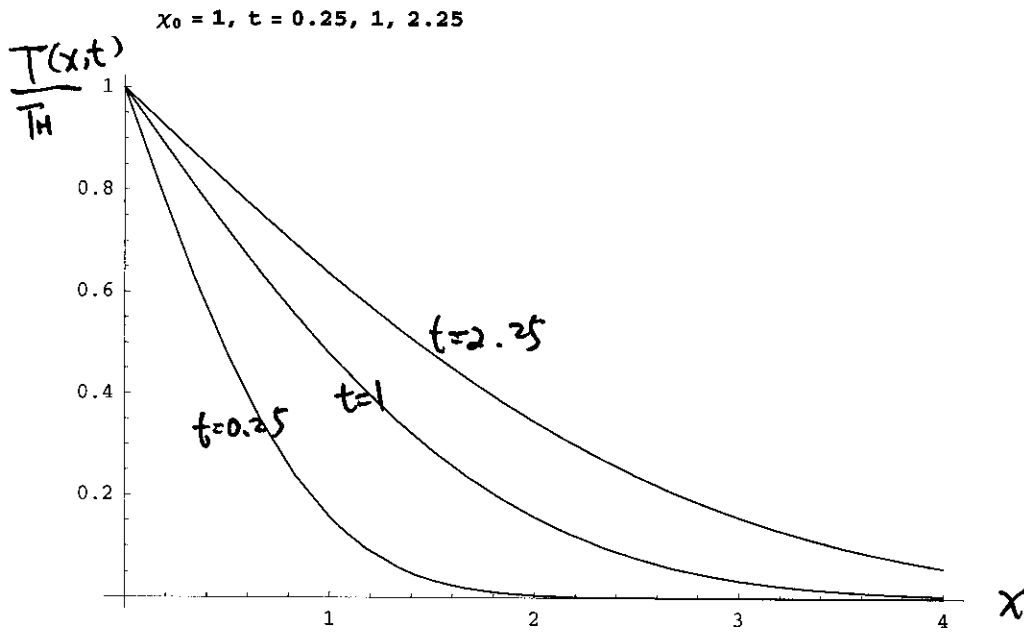
$$= \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\text{since } s^2 \langle R_n^2 \rangle = 2 \Rightarrow \underline{s^2 = \sqrt{24}}$$

$$\text{Also we have } \langle x^2 \rangle = N \langle 8X_n^2 \rangle = N s^2 \langle R_n^2 \rangle = \frac{N s^2}{12}$$

$$= 2DN \Rightarrow \underline{D = \frac{s^2}{24}}$$





$$T(x,t) = T_H \left( 1 - \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{4\chi_0 t}} \right) \right)$$

$$D=s^2/24$$

