

22.616. Plasma Transport theory

Problem #3 Solutions

1. Momentum Equation Structure

Vlasov Equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla f + \frac{q}{m} (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{v}} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Assume

$$f \approx f^M = \frac{n}{(2\pi T/m)^{3/2}} e^{-\frac{m(\underline{v}-\underline{V})^2}{2T}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Let $\boxed{\underline{v}' = \underline{v} - \underline{V}}$, then $\underline{v} = \underline{v}' + \underline{V}$ --- (3)

$$f^M = \frac{n}{(2\pi T/m)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{m v'^2}{2T}\right) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

1° Take the density moment of Eq (1).

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d^3v f + \nabla \cdot \int d^3v \underline{v} f + \int d^3v \frac{q}{m} (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{v}} = 0$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3v f &= \int d^3v (f - f^M) + \int d^3v f^M \\ &= \int d^3v (f - f^M) + n \approx n \quad \text{--- (5)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int d^3v \underline{v} f = \int d^3v' (\underline{v}' + \underline{V}) f$$

$$= \int d^3v' \underline{v}' f + \int d^3v' f \underline{V} = n \underline{V} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\text{Assume } \int d^3v' \underline{v}' f = \int d^3v' \underline{v}' (f - f^M) = 0 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

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$$\frac{q}{m} \int (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} f d^3v$$

Integrate by

$$\text{parts} = - \frac{q}{m} \int f \nabla_{\underline{v}} \cdot (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) d^3v$$

$$\underline{E} = \underline{E}(\underline{x}, t) \text{ so } \nabla_{\underline{v}} \cdot \underline{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\underline{v}} \cdot (\underline{v} \times \underline{B}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} (\epsilon_{ijk} v_j B_k) = \epsilon_{ijk} B_k \delta_{ij} = \epsilon_{zik} B_k = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{q}{m} \int (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} f d^3v = 0 \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Then we have

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n \underline{V}) = 0} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

(3)

2° Take the momentum moment of Eq (1)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underbrace{\int d^3v m \underline{v} f}_{(1)} + \nabla \cdot \underbrace{\int d^3v m \underline{v} \underline{v} f}_{(2)} + \underbrace{\int d^3v q (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} f}_{(3)} = 0$$

$$(1) = \int d^3v m \underline{v} f = n m \underline{V} \quad (\text{proved at eq (6)})$$

$$(2) = m \int d^3v' (\underline{v}' + \underline{V})(\underline{v}' + \underline{V}) f$$

$$= m \int d^3v' (\underline{v}' \underline{v}' + \underline{v}' \underline{V} + \underline{V} \underline{v}' + \underline{V} \underline{V}) f$$

$$= m \int d^3v' \underline{v}' \underline{v}' f + n m \underline{V} \underline{V}$$

$$= m \int d^3v' \underline{v}' \underline{v}' (f - f^M) + m \int d^3v' \underline{v}' \underline{v}' f^M + n m \underline{V} \underline{V}$$

$$= \underline{\Pi} + n T \underline{\underline{I}} + n m \underline{V} \underline{V} \quad \dots (11)$$

$$(3) = - \int d^3v q (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \cdot \underline{\underline{I}} f$$

$$= - q n \underline{E} \cdot \underline{\underline{I}} - \frac{q}{c} (\int d^3v \underline{v} f) \times \underline{B}$$

$$= - q n \underline{E} - \frac{q}{c} n \underline{V} \times \underline{B} \quad \dots (12)$$

Therefore we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (nm\underline{V}) + \nabla \cdot (\underline{\Pi} + nT\underline{I} + nm\underline{V}\underline{V}) - qn\underline{E} - qn\frac{1}{c}\underline{V}\times\underline{B} = 0$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} nm \frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \underbrace{m\underline{V} \frac{\partial n}{\partial t}} + \nabla \cdot \underline{\Pi} + \nabla p + nm\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} + \underbrace{m\underline{V} \nabla \cdot (n\underline{V})} \\ = qn(\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c}\underline{V}\times\underline{B}) \end{aligned}$$

Plug in the density moment equation (9). we have -

$$nm \left(\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} \right) = -\nabla p + qn \left(\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c}\underline{V}\times\underline{B} \right) - \nabla \cdot \underline{\Pi} \quad \text{--- (13)}$$

with

$$\underline{\Pi} \equiv m \int d^3v \underline{v}\underline{v}' (f - f^M) \quad (\text{Stress tensor}) \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

3°. Take the Energy moment of Eq (13). we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int d^3v \frac{1}{2} m v^2 f + \nabla \cdot \left(\int d^3v \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \underline{v} f \right) + \left(\int d^3v \frac{q}{m} (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c}\underline{v}\times\underline{B}) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{v}} \right. \\ \left. \times \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\textcircled{1} &= \frac{1}{2} m \int d^3 v' (\underline{v}' + \underline{V}) \cdot (\underline{v}' + \underline{V}) f \\
&= \frac{1}{2} m \int d^3 v' (v'^2 + V^2 + 2 \underline{v}' \cdot \underline{V}) f \\
&= \frac{1}{2} m \int d^3 v' (v'^2 + V^2) f \\
&\approx \frac{1}{2} m \int d^3 v' v'^2 f_M + \frac{1}{2} m V^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \int d^3 v' v'^2 (f - f_M) \\
&= \frac{3}{2} n T + \frac{1}{2} n m V^2 \quad \text{--- (15)} \\
& \left(\text{Assume } \frac{1}{2} m \int d^3 v' v'^2 (f - f_M) = 0 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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Define

$$\begin{aligned}
\underline{Q} &\equiv \int d^3 v \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \underline{v} f \\
&= \frac{m}{2} \int d^3 v' (\underline{v}' + \underline{V})^2 (\underline{v}' + \underline{V}) f \\
&= \frac{m}{2} \int d^3 v' (v'^2 \underline{v}' + v'^2 \underline{V} + V \underline{v}' + V^2 \underline{V} + 2 \underline{v}' \cdot \underline{V} \underline{v}' + 2 \underline{v}' \cdot \underline{V} \underline{V}) f \\
\text{let } \underline{Q} &= \frac{m}{2} \int d^3 v' (v'^2 \underline{v}' + v'^2 \underline{V} + V \underline{v}' + 2 \underline{v}' \cdot \underline{V} \underline{v}') f \quad \text{--- (16)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } \underline{Q} \equiv \int d^3 v' \frac{m}{2} v'^2 \underline{v}' f$$

As we defined in Eq (14)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\Pi} &= \int d^3v m \underline{v}' \underline{v}' (f - f^M) \\ &= n \int d^3v' \underline{v}' \underline{v}' f - nT \underline{I} \end{aligned} \quad \text{--- (17)}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Q} &= \underline{q} + \frac{m}{2} \int d^3v' v'^2 \underline{V} f + \frac{nm}{2} V^2 \underline{V} + (\underline{\Pi} + nT \underline{I}) \cdot \underline{V} \\ &= \underline{q} + \frac{m\underline{V}}{2} \int d^3v' v'^2 (f - f^M) + \frac{3}{2} nT \underline{V} + \frac{nmV^2}{2} \underline{V} \\ &\quad + \underline{\Pi} \cdot \underline{V} + nT \underline{V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\underline{Q} = \underline{q} + \frac{5}{2} nT \underline{V} + \frac{nmV^2}{2} \underline{V} + \underline{\Pi} \cdot \underline{V}} \quad \text{--- (18)}$$

$$\textcircled{3} = \frac{q}{m} \int d^3v \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{v}} \cdot [(\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) f]$$

Integrate by parts \Rightarrow

$$\textcircled{3} = - \int d^3v q \underline{v} \cdot (\underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B}) f$$

$$= - \int d^3v \frac{q}{m} \underline{v} \cdot \underline{E} f$$

$$= - q n \underline{V} \cdot \underline{E} \quad \text{---(19)}$$

Therefore the energy moment equation turns out to be

$$\underline{\frac{\partial}{\partial t}} \left(\frac{3}{2} n T + \frac{1}{2} m n V^2 \right) + \nabla \cdot \underline{Q} = q n \underline{V} \cdot \underline{E} \quad \text{---(20)}$$

where

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{Q} = \nabla \cdot \left(q + \frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} + \frac{nmV^2}{2} \underline{V} + \underline{\Pi} \cdot \underline{V} \right)$$

$$= \nabla \cdot \left(q + \frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} \right) + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} nm V^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} nm V^2 \nabla \cdot \underline{V}$$

$$+ \underline{V} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \underline{\Pi}) + \underline{\Pi} : \nabla \underline{V}$$

$$= \nabla \cdot \left(q + \frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} \right) + \frac{1}{2} nm \underline{V} \cdot \nabla V^2 + \frac{1}{2} m V^2 (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla n + n \nabla \cdot \underline{V})$$

$$+ \underline{V} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \underline{\Pi}) + \underline{\Pi} : \nabla \underline{V}$$

$$= \nabla \cdot \left(q + \frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} \right) + \frac{1}{2} nm \underline{V} \cdot \nabla V^2 + \frac{1}{2} m V^2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial t}$$

$$+ \underline{V} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \underline{\Pi}) + \underline{\Pi} : \nabla \underline{V}$$

$$\text{---(21)}$$

Plug Eq (21) into Eq (20). We obtain

(8)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} n T \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} + \underline{g} \right) + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \Pi + \underline{\Pi} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} n m \underline{V} \cdot \nabla V^2 + \frac{1}{2} m V^2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} n m V^2 \right) = 3 n \underline{V} \cdot \underline{E}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} n T \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} + \underline{g} \right) + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \Pi + \underline{\Pi} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} n m \underline{V} \cdot \nabla V^2 + \cancel{\frac{1}{2} m V^2 \frac{\partial n}{\partial t}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} n m V^2 \right) = 3 n \underline{V} \cdot \underline{E} \quad \dots (22)$$

Then evaluate $\underline{V} \cdot \underline{E}_g(13)$ (the Momentum moment Equation)

$$n m \left(\underline{V} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}) \right) = - \underline{V} \cdot \nabla P + 3 n \underline{V} \cdot \underline{E} - \underline{V} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \underline{\Pi}) \quad \dots (23)$$

Notice

$$\underline{V} \cdot (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}) = V_i V_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} V_i = V_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{1}{2} V_i V_i \right)$$

$$= \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \frac{1}{2} V^2 = \frac{1}{2} \underline{V} \cdot \nabla V^2$$

So $\underline{E}_g(23)$ is

$$n m \left(\underline{V} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} n m \underline{V} \cdot \nabla V^2 \right) = - \underline{V} \cdot \nabla P + 3 n \underline{V} \cdot \underline{E} - \underline{V} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \underline{\Pi})$$

--- (24)

combine Eq (22) & Eq (24), we finally get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} n T \right) + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} + \underline{g} \right) = \underline{V} \cdot \nabla P - \underline{\pi} : \nabla \underline{V}$$

--- (25)

Notice

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{5}{2} n T \underline{V} \right) &= \nabla \cdot (P \underline{V}) + \frac{3}{2} \nabla \cdot (n T \underline{V}) \\ &= \underline{V} \cdot \nabla P + P \nabla \cdot \underline{V} + \frac{3}{2} n \underline{V} \cdot \nabla T + \frac{3}{2} T \nabla \cdot (n \underline{V}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{3}{2} n T \right) = \frac{3}{2} n \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{3}{2} T \frac{\partial n}{\partial t}$$

So Eq (25) \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{2} n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \right) T + \frac{3}{2} T \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n \underline{V}) \right) &= 0 \\ + P \nabla \cdot \underline{V} &= -\nabla \cdot \underline{g} - \underline{\pi} : \nabla \underline{V} \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain

$$\frac{3}{2} n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \right) T + P \nabla \cdot \underline{V} = -\nabla \cdot \underline{g} - \underline{\pi} : \nabla \underline{V}$$

--- (26)

If $\underline{\pi} = 0$ (zero viscous stress), $\underline{q} = 0$ (no heat flux)

Eq(26) can be written as

$$\frac{3}{2} n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \right) T + P \nabla \cdot \underline{V} = 0 \quad \text{--- (27)}$$

From the density moment eq.

$$n \nabla \cdot \underline{V} = - \frac{Dn}{Dt}$$

So Eq(27) change to

$$\frac{3}{2} n \frac{DT}{Dt} - T \frac{Dn}{Dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{T} \frac{DT}{Dt} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{n} \frac{Dn}{Dt} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{D}{Dt} (\ln(T n^{-2/3})) = 0$$

$$\text{Since} \Rightarrow \frac{D}{Dt} (\ln P n^{-5/3}) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \boxed{\frac{D}{Dt} (P n^{-5/3}) = 0} \quad \text{--- (28)}$$