

# HW 12 of Plasma

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1. When  $\vec{E} \parallel \vec{B}$ ,  $B_1 = -B_0 \cdot \frac{u_1}{V_A}$

$$\text{so } \frac{E_m}{E_k} = \frac{\frac{1}{8\pi} \cdot B_0^2 \cdot \frac{u_1^2}{V_A^2}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \cdot u_1^2} = \frac{B_0^2}{4\pi \rho_0 \cdot V_A^2}, \text{ apply } V_A = \frac{B_0}{\sqrt{4\pi \rho_0}}$$

$E_m/E_k = 1$ , the disturbed magnetic & kinetic energy are same.

2. Applying  $V_A = B_0 / \sqrt{\mu_0 \cdot n_i \cdot m_p}$

(a)  $V_A = 2.725 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$

(b)  $V_A = 1.380 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$

(c)  $V_A = 6.898 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$

3. Taking displacement current into consideration.

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \vec{E}$$

(6.5.2) becomes:  $\rho_0 \partial_t \vec{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \vec{E}) \times \vec{B}_0 - \nabla P$

then (6.5.7) becomes:  $-i\omega \rho_0 \cdot \vec{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (i\vec{k} \times \vec{B} + \frac{i\omega}{c} \vec{E}) \times \vec{B}_0 - \nabla P$

and (6.5.12) becomes:  $\omega^2 \vec{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \rho_0} \left( \vec{k} \times [\vec{k} \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{B}_0)] - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{E} \right) \times \vec{B}_0 + V_s^2 \vec{k} (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{U})$

Now apply  $\vec{B}_0 = B_0 \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{k} = k \hat{k}$ ,  $\theta = 0$  ( $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  coordinate)

Solving extra  $E$  term, we need help from Faraday Law:

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B}, \text{ linearised as}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \omega \vec{B}$$

so  $-\vec{E} \times \vec{B} = \vec{B} \times \vec{E} = \frac{B_0}{k} \cdot \vec{k} \times \vec{E} = \frac{\omega B_0}{k} \cdot \vec{B}$ , then apply

$$\omega \vec{B} = -\vec{k} \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{B}_0), \text{ we get:}$$

$$-\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{E} \times \vec{B} = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \cdot \frac{B_0}{k} \cdot \vec{k} \times (\vec{U} \times \vec{B}_0) = \frac{\omega^2 B_0^2}{c^2} \begin{pmatrix} U_x \\ U_y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ add it into}$$

(6.5.13) we get:  $\left(\frac{\omega}{k}\right)^2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} U_x \\ U_y \\ U_z \end{pmatrix} = V_A^2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 c^2}\right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} U_x \\ U_y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + V_s^2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ U_z \end{pmatrix}$

so the dispersion relation should be:  $\boxed{\left(\frac{\omega}{k}\right)^2 = V_A^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{k}\right)^2 / c^2\right)}$

or:  $\frac{\omega}{k} = V_A / \sqrt{1 - (V_A/c)^2} = \gamma_A \cdot V_A$

so  $U_p = U_g = \gamma_A \cdot V_A$  ;  $(\gamma_A = 1/\sqrt{1 - (V_A/c)^2})$

4. When propagation direction is perpendicular to  $B_0 \hat{z}$ ,

$\vec{v} = (v_x, v_y)$ , then (6.5.13) becomes

$$v_p^2 \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} = v_A^2 \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \cos^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} + v_s^2 \begin{pmatrix} v_x \sin^2 \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

namely: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} v_p^2 - v_A^2 - v_s^2 \sin^2 \theta & 0 \\ 0 & v_p^2 - v_A^2 \cos^2 \theta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

the eigen - roots are:

$$v_p^2 = v_A^2 + v_s^2 \sin^2 \theta \quad (a)$$

$$v_p^2 = v_A^2 \cos^2 \theta \quad (b)$$

the fast magnetosonic mode is (a), and dispersion relation is:

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \sqrt{v_A^2 + v_s^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\text{the } v_p = v_g = \sqrt{v_A^2 + v_s^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \sqrt{\frac{B_0^2}{\mu_0 \rho_0} + \frac{\gamma P_0}{\rho_0} \sin^2 \theta}$$