

This is my notes when reading Liu Chen's book[1].

1 Vlasov equation

The linearized Vlasov equation is

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{q}{m} \left(\mathbf{E}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0}{c} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \right] \delta f = - \frac{q}{m} \left(\delta \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \delta \mathbf{B}}{c} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} f_0, \quad (1)$$

where f_0 and δf are the equilibrium and perturbed distribution functions, respectively, \mathbf{E}_0 , \mathbf{B}_0 , $\delta \mathbf{E}$, and $\delta \mathbf{B}$ are the equilibrium and perturbed electromagnetic field. We consider the case of $\mathbf{E}_0 = 0$. Define the unperturbed Vlasov propagator

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{q}{mc} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}}, \quad (2)$$

then Eq. (1) is written as

$$\mathcal{F} \delta f = - \frac{q}{m} \left(\delta \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \delta \mathbf{B}}{c} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} f_0. \quad (3)$$

2 Guiding-center transformation

We now consider the guiding-center transformation in uniform magnetic field. The transformation from the particle variables (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) to the guiding-center variables $(\mathbf{X}, \varepsilon, \mu, \alpha, \sigma)$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} \times \frac{\mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega}, \quad (4)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{v^2}{2}, \quad (5)$$

$$\mu = v_{\perp}^2 / 2B_0, \quad (6)$$

$$\sigma = \text{sgn}(v_{\parallel}), \quad (7)$$

and α is the gyrophase angle which is defined in the following. Here $\mathbf{e}_{\parallel} = \mathbf{B}_0 / B_0$, $\Omega = qB_0 / (mc)$. In terms of $(\varepsilon, \mu, \alpha, \sigma)$, the parallel and perpendicular velocity of a particle are given respectively by

$$v_{\parallel} = \sigma \sqrt{2(\varepsilon - B_0 \mu)}, \quad (8)$$

and

$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp} = \sqrt{2B_0 \mu} (\mathbf{e}_1 \cos \alpha + \mathbf{e}_2 \sin \alpha), \quad (9)$$

where \mathbf{e}_1 and \mathbf{e}_2 are two orthogonal unit vectors perpendicular to \mathbf{B}_0 ; $\mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} = 0$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} \times \mathbf{e}_1$, thus Eq. (9) indicates the gyrophase angle is defined as the included angle between \mathbf{v}_{\perp} and \mathbf{e}_1 . We now consider the transformation of the $\partial/\partial \mathbf{x}$ and $\partial/\partial \mathbf{v}$ operators to the guiding-center variables. For notation convenience, we define $\mathbf{V} = (\varepsilon, \mu, \alpha, \sigma)$. Then we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} \quad (10)$$

From Eq. (4), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{I}, \quad (11)$$

and, since the equilibrium magnetic field is uniform, the definition of ε , μ , α , and σ do not involve spatial variables, thus \mathbf{V} is independent of \mathbf{x} , i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 0. \quad (12)$$

Using the above results in Eq. (10) gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{I} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + 0 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}}.\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

Now consider the transformation of the gradient in velocity space, $\partial/\partial \mathbf{v}$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} \quad (14)$$

From Eq. (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Omega} \mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

The second term of r.h.s. of Eq. (14) can be written as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} = \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \quad (16)$$

Using

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{v}, \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\perp}}{B_0}, \quad (18)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \frac{1}{v_{\perp}} \left(\mathbf{e}_{\parallel} \times \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\perp}}{v_{\perp}} \right) \quad (19)$$

Eq. (16) is written as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}}{v_{\perp}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \quad (20)$$

where

$$\mathbf{e}_{\alpha} = \mathbf{e}_{\parallel} \times \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\perp}}{v_{\perp}}. \quad (21)$$

Using Eqs. (15) and (20) in Eq. (14) yields

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \frac{\mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}}{v_{\perp}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \quad (22)$$

Using Eqs. (13) and (22), the unperturbed Vlasov propagator

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \frac{q}{mc} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}}, \quad (23)$$

can be written, term by term, as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \\ &= \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}_{\perp}} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}}\end{aligned}\quad (25)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{q}{mc} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} &= (\mathbf{v} \times \Omega) \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}}{v_{\perp}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \\ &= (\mathbf{v} \times \Omega) \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}}{v_{\perp}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \\ &= (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}) \cdot \left[(\mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \right] + (\mathbf{v} \times \Omega) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}}{v_{\perp}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \\ &= -\mathbf{v}_{\perp} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}_{\perp}} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}\end{aligned}\quad (26)$$

Using Eqs. (24), (25) and (26), the unperturbed Vlasov propagator, \mathcal{F} , is written as

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \equiv \mathcal{F}_g. \quad (27)$$

The equilibrium equation

$$\mathcal{F}_g f_{0g} = 0, \quad (28)$$

then reduces to (since equilibrium distribution function is independent of time and spatial location)

$$-\Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} f_{0g} = 0, \quad (29)$$

Here, the subscript g (standing for guiding-center) denotes a quantity of guiding-center variables, (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{V}) . The solution to Eq. (29) is obvious, i.e.,

$$f_{0g} = f_{0g}(\varepsilon, \mu, \sigma), \quad (30)$$

or equivalently, in term of the usual coordinators, the equilibrium distribution function is written as

$$f_0 = f_0(v_{\perp}, v_{\parallel}). \quad (31)$$

The linearized Vlasov equation in guiding-center coordinates is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \delta f_g &= -\frac{q}{m} \left(\delta \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \delta \mathbf{B}}{c} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} f_0 \\ &= -\frac{q}{m} \left(\delta \mathbf{E}_g + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \delta \mathbf{B}_g}{c} \right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g}, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where use has been made of that f_0 is independent of \mathbf{X} and α .

3 Solution to the linearized equation in the electrostatic limit

In the electrostatic limit, we have

$$\delta \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \quad (33)$$

$$= -\frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \quad (34)$$

then the linearized Vlasov equation in guiding-center coordinators is written as

$$\mathcal{F}_g \delta f_g = \frac{q}{m} \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \left(\mathbf{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g}(\varepsilon, \mu, \sigma), \quad (35)$$

which can be arranged into the form

$$\mathcal{F}_g \delta f_g = \frac{q}{m} \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \left[\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \right] f_{0g} \quad (36)$$

Noting that

$$\frac{\partial \delta \phi}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = 0, \quad (37)$$

Transforming to guiding-center coordinates, Eq. (37) is written as

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{I} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} + \mathbf{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_{\alpha}}{v_{\perp}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \delta \phi_g = 0. \quad (38)$$

Dotting the above equation by \mathbf{e}_{α} , and noting that $\mathbf{e}_{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\perp} = 0$ and $\mathbf{e}_{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, we obtain

$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp} \cdot \frac{\partial \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = -\Omega \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \alpha}. \quad (39)$$

Using this in the r.h.s of Eq. (36) gives

$$\mathcal{F}_g \delta f_g = \frac{q}{m} \left[\frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} - \Omega \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \alpha} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \right] f_{0g} \quad (40)$$

Following Chen's book, to make contact with the low-frequency limit, we would like to remove the $\partial/\partial \alpha$ terms in r.h.s of the above equation. Thus we let

$$\delta f_g = \frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} + \delta G_g \quad (41)$$

then substitute this into Eq. (40) gives a equation for δG_g

$$\mathcal{F}_g \left[\frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} \right] + \mathcal{F}_g \delta G_g = \frac{q}{m} \left[\frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} - \Omega \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \alpha} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \right] f_{0g}. \quad (42)$$

Using $\mathcal{F}_g \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} = 0$, the above equation is reduced to

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} \mathcal{F}_g \left(\frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \right) + \mathcal{F}_g \delta G_g = \frac{q}{m} \left[\frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} - \Omega \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \alpha} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \right] f_{0g}, \quad (43)$$

Using the form of \mathcal{F}_g given by Eq. (27) in the above equation gives

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \left(\frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \right) + \mathcal{F}_g \delta G_g = \frac{q}{m} \left[\frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} - \Omega \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \alpha} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \right] f_{0g},$$

which can be simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} \left[\frac{q}{m} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \delta \phi_g \right] + \mathcal{F}_g \delta G_g = \frac{q}{m} \left(\frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) f_{0g}, \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_g \delta G_g &= \frac{q}{m} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) f_{0g} - \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \delta \phi_g \right] \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_g \delta G_g &= -\frac{q}{m} \left[\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \delta \phi_g \right], \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

which agrees with Eq. (III.2.7) in Chen's book[1].

Noting that δG_g must be a periodic function in the gyrophase angle α , i.e.,

$$\delta G_g(\mathbf{X}, \mu, \varepsilon, \alpha + 2\pi, \sigma, t) = \delta G_g(\mathbf{X}, \mu, \varepsilon, \alpha, \sigma, t), \quad (45)$$

thus, δG_g can be expressed as

$$\delta G_g = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=+\infty} \langle \delta G_g \rangle_n \exp(-in\alpha), \quad (46)$$

where $\langle \delta G_g \rangle_n$ is independent of α . Similarly, $\delta \phi_g(\mathbf{X}, \varepsilon, \mu, \sigma, \alpha, t)$ must be a periodic function in the gyrophase angle α , thus, $\delta \phi_g$ can also be expressed as

$$\delta \phi_g = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{n=+\infty} \langle \delta \phi_g \rangle_n \exp(-in\alpha), \quad (47)$$

where $\langle \delta \phi_g \rangle_n$ is independent of α . Substituting the above expressions for δG_g and $\delta \phi_g$ into Eq. (44), yields the following equation for $\langle \delta G_g \rangle_n$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{gn}} \langle \delta G_g \rangle_n \equiv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} + i\Omega n \right) \langle \delta G_g \rangle_n = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \right\} \langle \delta \phi_g \rangle_n. \quad (48)$$

(In obtaining the above equation, we have made use of the fact that different n harmonics are not coupled.) We note in passing that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \delta G_g = \langle \delta G_g \rangle_0. \quad (49)$$

Eq. (48) is similar to the unmagnetic case, hence can be readily solved by Laplace transformation in time and Fourier in space. Using the following notation

$$\delta \hat{A}_g(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \equiv L_p(t) F_r(\mathbf{X}) [\delta A_g(\mathbf{X}, t)] \quad (50)$$

Eq. (48) is solved to give

$$\langle \delta \hat{G}_g \rangle_n = \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - \Omega n} \left(-\frac{q}{m} \right) \left\{ \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} (\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}) \right\} \langle \delta \hat{\phi}_g \rangle_n. \quad (51)$$

Now, in order to make contact with later discussions on nonuniform plasmas where v_{\parallel} is not a constant of the motion due to varying \mathbf{B}_0 , we want to remove the parallel propagator, $\partial/\partial X_{\parallel}$, from the r.h.s of Eq. (44). Thus, we further write

$$\delta G_g = -\frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} + \delta h_g. \quad (52)$$

Substituting this into Eq. (44) yields an equation for δh_g

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \left(-\frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) + \mathcal{F}_g \delta h_g = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \delta \phi_g \right] \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\}, \\ \Rightarrow & \left(-\frac{q}{m} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \delta \phi_g + \mathcal{F}_g \delta h_g = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \delta \phi_g \right\}, \\ & \Rightarrow \left(-\frac{q}{m} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \left(-\Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \delta \phi_g + \mathcal{F}_g \delta h_g = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial t} \right\}, \\ & \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_g \delta h_g = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \Omega \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial \alpha} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Then, for the n th harmonic in α , we obtain

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} + i n \Omega \right) \langle \delta h_g \rangle_n = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - i n \Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\} \langle \delta \phi_g \rangle_n, \quad (54)$$

which further gives (Laplace in time and Fourier in space)

$$\langle \delta \hat{h}_g \rangle_n = -\frac{q}{m} \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n \Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n \Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) \langle \delta \hat{\phi}_g \rangle_n. \quad (55)$$

Using Eqs. (41) and (52), δf_g can be expressed in terms of δh_g as

$$\delta f_g = \frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} f_{0g} + \delta h_g, \quad (56)$$

which can be further written as

$$\delta f_g = \frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle \delta h_g \rangle_n \exp(-i n \alpha). \quad (57)$$

Laplace transforming in time and Fourier transforming in space, the above equation is written as

$$\delta \hat{f}_g = \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi}_g \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \langle \delta \hat{h}_g \rangle_n \exp(-i n \alpha). \quad (58)$$

Substituting $\langle \delta \hat{h}_g \rangle_n$ given by Eq. (55) into the above equation, gives

$$\delta \hat{f}_g = \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi}_g \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} - \frac{q}{m} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \langle \delta \hat{\phi}_g \rangle_n \exp(-in\alpha), \quad (59)$$

For the electromagnetic field, we have $\delta A = \delta A(\mathbf{x}, t)$. Transforming to guiding-center coordinates, δA_g

$$\delta A(\mathbf{x}, t) = \delta A_g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{V}, t). \quad (60)$$

Note that δA_g depends on \mathbf{V} . We now derive the relation between $\delta \hat{A}$ and $\delta \hat{A}_g$,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta A \equiv L_p^{-1}(\omega) F_r^{-1}(\mathbf{k}) \delta \hat{A} &= \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \delta \hat{A}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \exp(-i\omega t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \delta A_g = L_p^{-1}(\omega) F_r^{-1}(\mathbf{k}) \delta \hat{A}_g \\ &= \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \delta \hat{A}_g(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{V}) \exp(-i\omega t + i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{X}) \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

Using

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega}, \quad (62)$$

we obtain

$$\delta \hat{A}_g \exp(iL_k) = \delta \hat{A}, \quad (63)$$

where

$$L_k = \mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}}{\Omega} \quad (64)$$

Without any loss of generality, we define $\mathbf{k} = k_{\perp} \mathbf{e}_{\perp} + k_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_{\parallel}$, then we have $L_k = \lambda \sin \alpha$, where $\lambda = k_{\perp} v_{\perp} / \Omega$, α is the gyrophase angle, which is defined as the included angle between \mathbf{v}_{\perp} and \mathbf{e}_{\perp} . Using the identity

$$\exp(\pm i\lambda \sin \alpha) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\lambda) \exp(\pm in\alpha) \quad (65)$$

in Eq. (63) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \hat{A}_g &= \delta \hat{A} \exp(-iL_k) \\ &= \delta \hat{A} \exp(-i\lambda \sin \alpha) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta \hat{A} J_n(\lambda) \exp(-in\alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

For the electrical potential, the above equation is written as

$$\delta \hat{\phi}_g = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta \hat{\phi} J_n(\lambda) \exp(-in\alpha) \quad (67)$$

Comparing the above equation with Eq. (47), we obtain

$$\langle \delta \hat{\phi}_g \rangle_n = \delta \hat{\phi} J_n(\lambda). \quad (68)$$

Using this in Eq. (59) gives

$$\delta \hat{f}_g = \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi}_g \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} - \frac{q}{m} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \delta \hat{\phi} J_n(\lambda) \exp(-in\alpha), \quad (69)$$

Using Eq. (67), the above equation is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \hat{f}_g &= \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\lambda) \exp(-in\alpha) - \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + \right. \\ &\quad \left. n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) J_n(\lambda) \exp(-in\alpha), \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

Using that $\delta \hat{f}_g \exp(i\lambda \sin \alpha) = \delta \hat{f}$, Eq. (70) is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \hat{f} &= \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\lambda) \exp(-in\alpha + i\lambda \sin \alpha) \\ &\quad - \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) J_n(\lambda) \exp(-in\alpha + i\lambda \sin \alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

Define the gyrophase average

$$\langle \delta \hat{f} \rangle_O = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\alpha \delta \hat{f}_g, \quad (72)$$

then Eq. (71) can be integrated to give

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \delta \hat{f} \rangle_O &= \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(\lambda) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp(-in\alpha + i\lambda \sin \alpha) d\alpha \\ &\quad - \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) J_n(\lambda) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp(-in\alpha + i\lambda \sin \alpha) d\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

We note that (the integral representation of the Bessel function)

$$J_n(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i(n\alpha - \lambda \sin \alpha)} d\alpha, \quad (74)$$

then, Eq. (73) is written as

$$\langle \delta \hat{f} \rangle_O = \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n^2(\lambda) - \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) J_n^2(\lambda). \quad (75)$$

Using $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n^2(\lambda) = 1$, the above equation is written

$$\langle \delta \hat{f} \rangle_O = \frac{q}{m} \delta \hat{\phi} \left[\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{J_n^2(\lambda)}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \right], \quad (76)$$

which agrees with Eq. (III.2.23) in Chen's book[1].

3.1 Dispersion relation

Poisson's equation is

$$\nabla^2 \delta \phi = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \sum_j q_j \delta n_j. \quad (77)$$

Laplace in time and Fourier in space, we obtain

$$-k^2 \delta \hat{\phi} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \sum_j q_j \delta \hat{n}_j, \quad (78)$$

where the perturbed density is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{n}_j &= \int \hat{f}_j d^3 \mathbf{v} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma} \int \hat{f}_j \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_{\parallel}|} d\alpha \\ &= \sum_{\sigma} 2\pi \int \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_{\parallel}|} \langle \delta \hat{f}_j \rangle_O \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

Using Eqs. (76) and (79), Eq. (78) is written as

$$-k^2 \delta \hat{\phi} = -2\pi \sum_j \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{q_j^2}{m_j} \delta \hat{\phi} \sum_{\sigma} \int \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_{\parallel}|} \left[\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{J_n^2(\lambda)}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \right], \quad (80)$$

from which we obtain the dispersion relation

$$D_{e,s} = 1 + \sum_j \chi_j = 0 \quad (81)$$

where χ_j , the j th-species susceptibility, is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_j &= -2\pi \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{q_j^2}{m_j} \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_\sigma \int \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_\parallel|} \left[\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{J_n^2(\lambda)}{\omega - k_\parallel v_\parallel - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \right] \\ &= -2\pi \frac{\omega_{pj}^2}{k^2} \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_\sigma \int \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_\parallel|} \left[\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} - \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{J_n^2(\lambda)}{\omega - k_\parallel v_\parallel - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $\omega_{pj}^2 = n_j e^2 / m_j \varepsilon_0$, n_j is the equilibrium density of the j th-species. Using $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n^2(\lambda) = 1$, the above equation can also be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_j &= 2\pi \frac{\omega_{pj}^2}{k^2} \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_\sigma \int \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_\parallel|} \left[- \sum_n J_n^2 \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \sum_n \frac{J_n^2(\lambda)}{\omega - k_\parallel v_\parallel - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \right] \\ &= 2\pi \frac{\omega_{pj}^2}{k^2} \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_\sigma \int \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_\parallel|} \left[\sum_n \frac{-\omega + k_\parallel v_\parallel + n\Omega}{\omega - k_\parallel v_\parallel - n\Omega} J_n^2 \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \sum_n \frac{J_n^2(\lambda)}{\omega - k_\parallel v_\parallel - n\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} \omega + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right) \right] \\ &= 2\pi \frac{\omega_{pj}^2}{k^2} \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_\sigma \int \frac{B_0 d\varepsilon d\mu}{|v_\parallel|} \sum_n \frac{J_n^2(\lambda)}{\omega - k_\parallel v_\parallel - n\Omega} \left[(k_\parallel v_\parallel + n\Omega) \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + n\Omega \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 d\mu} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

which agrees with Eq. (III.2.26) in Chen's book[1].

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According to Eqs. (41) and (44), we have

$$\delta f_g = \frac{q}{m} \delta \phi_g \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right) f_{0g} + \delta G_g, \quad (83)$$

and

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_\parallel \frac{\partial}{\partial X_\parallel} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) \delta G_g = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta \phi_g}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_\parallel \frac{\partial}{\partial X_\parallel} \right) \delta \phi_g \right] \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\}. \quad (84)$$

We consider $\Omega \partial / \partial \alpha$ term to be at the fastest times scale, at the order of $O(1)$, all other terms, namely, $\partial / \partial t$ and $v_\parallel \partial / \partial X_\parallel$, are at the order of $O(\eta)$, where η is a small parameter. Expanding δG_g as

$$\delta G_g = \delta G_{g0} + \delta G_{g1} + \dots, \quad (85)$$

where $\delta G_{gn} \sim O(\eta^n)$. Similarly for $\delta \phi_g$, i.e.,

$$\delta \phi_g = \delta \phi_{g0} + \delta \phi_{g1} + \dots \quad (86)$$

Substituting the expansions into Eq. (84), we have, to the order of $O(1)$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \delta G_{g0} = 0, \quad (87)$$

which indicates δG_{g0} is independent of gyrophase α . To the next order, $O(\eta)$, we have

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_\parallel \frac{\partial}{\partial X_\parallel} \right) \delta G_{g0} - \Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \delta G_{g1} = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta \phi_{g0}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_\parallel \frac{\partial}{\partial X_\parallel} \right) \delta \phi_{g0} \right] \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\}. \quad (88)$$

Making use of the periodicity of δG_{g1} in gyrophase α , we can average the above equation over gyrophase to eliminate the last term on the l.h.s, which gives (noting that δG_{g0} is independent of α)

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \delta G_{g0} = \langle r.h.s \rangle_O, \quad (89)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \langle r.h.s \rangle_O &\equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\alpha (r.h.s) \\ &= -\frac{q}{m} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\alpha \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta \phi_{g0}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \delta \phi_{g0} \right] \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ \frac{\partial \langle \delta \phi_{g0} \rangle_0}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial X_{\parallel}} \right) \langle \delta \phi_{g0} \rangle_0 \right] \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (90)$$

where, in obtaining the last equality, we have used the fact that f_{0g} is independent of α . Also we have used that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \delta \phi_{g0} d\alpha = \langle \delta \phi_{g0} \rangle_0, \quad (91)$$

where $\langle \delta \phi_{g0} \rangle_0$ is the expansion coefficient when expanding $\delta \phi_{g0}$ as series of α harmonics. Equation (89) along with Eq. (90) gives the electrostatic low-frequency linear gyrokinetic equation for uniform magnetized plasmas. (The equations agree with Eq. (III.7.7) and Eq. (III.7.8) in Chen's book[1].)

Noting that

$$\langle \delta \hat{\phi}_{g0} \rangle_0 = J_0(\lambda) \hat{\phi}_0 \quad (92)$$

and making Laplace transformation in time and Fourier in space to both sides of Eq. (89), we obtain

$$(-i\omega + ik_{\parallel}v_{\parallel})\delta \hat{G}_{g0} = -\frac{q}{m} \left\{ -i\omega J_0(\lambda) \hat{\phi}_0 \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \left[(-i\omega + k_{\parallel}v_{\parallel}) J_0(\lambda) \hat{\phi}_0 \right] \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\} \quad (93)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \hat{G}_{g0} = -\frac{q}{m} J_0(\lambda) \hat{\phi}_0 \left\{ \frac{\omega}{\omega - k_{\parallel}v_{\parallel}} \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{\partial \varepsilon} + \frac{\partial f_{0g}}{B_0 \partial \mu} \right\} \quad (94)$$

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