Accretion disk Equations

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1 Advective Disk with Outflows

From Equation (14) of Lipunova+99

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(\dot{M}\omega r^2\right) = -2\pi \frac{d}{dr}\left(W_{r\phi}r^2\right) + \frac{d\dot{M}}{dr}\omega r^2 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{d\dot{M}}{dr}\omega r^2 + \dot{M}\frac{d}{dr}(\omega r^2) = -2\pi \left(\frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr}r^2 + 2rW_{r\phi}\right) + \frac{d\dot{M}}{dr}\omega r^2$$
 (2)

$$-\frac{\dot{M}\frac{d}{dr}\left(\omega r^{2}\right)}{2\pi} - 2rW_{r\phi} = \frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr}r^{2}$$

$$-\frac{\frac{1}{2}\dot{M}\omega r}{2\pi} - 2rW_{r\phi} = \frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr}r^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(3)$$

$$-\frac{\frac{1}{2}\dot{M}\omega \gamma'}{2\pi} - 2\gamma'W_{r\phi} = \frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr}r^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\tag{4}$$

$$-\frac{\dot{M}\omega}{4\pi} - 2W_{r\phi} = \frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr}r\tag{5}$$

$$-\left(\frac{\dot{M}\omega}{4\pi} + 2W_{r\phi}\right) = \frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr} \tag{6}$$

From Equation (9) (Hydrostatic equilibrium) we can eliminate any dependency on the pressure P

$$\frac{P}{\rho H} = \frac{GMH}{r^3} \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{P}{\rho H} = \omega^2 H \tag{8}$$

$$P = \omega^2 H^2 \rho \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = \omega^2 H \left(2 \frac{dH}{dr} \rho + H \frac{d\rho}{dr} - 3 \frac{H\rho}{r} \right) \tag{10}$$

From Equation (10) we can further eliminate dependencies on $\epsilon_{\rm rad}$ and therefore T, assuming radiation pressure is the dominant pressure (i.e. neglecting gas pressure):

$$P = \frac{\epsilon_{\rm rad}}{3} \tag{11}$$

From Equation (8) and using the found Equations for the pressure (Equation 7) and the radiative energy (Equation 11) we can find Q_{rad} as a function of H only:

$$Q_{\rm rad} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{c}{k_{\rm T} \rho H} \epsilon_{\rm rad} = \frac{Pc}{k_{\rm T} \rho H} = \frac{w^2 H^{\frac{4}{2}} \not \rho c}{k_{\rm T} \rho H}$$
(12)

$$Q_{\rm rad} = \frac{w^2 H c}{k_{\rm T}} \tag{13}$$

This implies that the scale height is determined by the radiation pressure of the disk. Using Equation (12) and using the expression of $Q_{\rm rad}$ (Equation 12)

$$\frac{\omega^2 r}{8\pi} \frac{d\dot{M}}{dr} = Q_{\rm rad} = \frac{\omega^2 H c}{k_{\rm T}} \tag{14}$$

$$\frac{\mathscr{Z}r}{8\pi}\frac{d\dot{M}}{dr} = \frac{\mathscr{Z}Hc}{k_{\rm T}} \tag{15}$$

$$\frac{d\dot{M}}{dr} = \frac{8\pi Hc}{rk_{\rm T}} \tag{16}$$

Note that the above equation is only valid for disks with outflows. For conservative disks $\frac{d\dot{M}}{dr} = 0$.

 $Q_{\rm adv}$ (Equation (22)) can be reduced to $Q_{\rm adv}(H,\rho,\dot{M})$ using Equations 13, 7 and 11:

$$Q_{\rm adv} = \frac{\dot{M}\omega^2 H}{4\pi\rho} \left(6\frac{dH}{dr} - H\frac{d\rho}{dr} - 9\frac{H\rho}{r} \right)$$
 (17)

the density can be replaced using the α -prescription

$$W_{r\phi} = -2\alpha H P = -2\alpha H \omega^2 H^2 \rho \tag{18}$$

$$\rho = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{W_{r\phi}}{\alpha \omega^2 H^3} \tag{19}$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{dr} = -\frac{1}{2\alpha H^3 \omega^2} \left(\frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr} - \frac{3}{H} W_{r\phi} \frac{dH}{dr} + 3 \frac{W_{r\phi}}{r} \right) \tag{20}$$

Finally from the energy Equation $(Q^+ = Q_{\text{rad}} + Q_{\text{adv}})$ and Equation (8) we have that:

$$Q^{+} = -\frac{3}{4}\omega W_{r\phi} = \frac{w^{2}Hc}{k_{T}} + \frac{\dot{M}\omega^{2}H}{4\pi\rho} \left(6\frac{dH}{dr} - H\frac{d\rho}{dr} - 9\frac{H\rho}{r}\right)$$
(21)

we can now replace ρ and $\frac{d\rho}{dr}$ from Equation 21 to obtain $\frac{dH}{dr}$:

$$\frac{dH}{dr} = \frac{9\frac{H}{\rho} - \left(\frac{3\pi r_{\rho}W_{r\phi}}{\dot{M}\omega H} + \frac{\frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr}}{2\alpha H^{2}\omega^{2}} + \frac{3}{2}\frac{W_{r\phi}}{\alpha rH^{2}\omega^{2}} + \frac{4\pi r_{\rho}c}{\dot{M}k_{T}}\right)}{6\rho - \frac{3}{2}\frac{W_{r\phi}}{H^{3}\omega^{2}}}$$
(22)

after that we have $\frac{dW_{r\phi}}{dr}(W_{r\phi},\dot{M})$, $\frac{d\dot{M}}{dr}(H)$ and $\frac{dH}{dr}(W_{r\phi},\dot{M},H)$ (Equations 1, 14 and 22) that depend only on $W_{r\phi},H$ and \dot{M} and need to be solved to find these three quantities. The boundary conditions are:

- $Q_{\rm rad}(r_{in}) = 0 \to H(r_{in}) = 0$ i.e all the energy (Q^+) is advected into the black hole
- $W_{r\phi}(r_{in}) = 0$ i.e. zero-torque boundary condition
- $\dot{M}(r_{sp})=\dot{M}_0$ i.e. the mass-transfer rate at the spherization radius (a parameter of the problem) is equal to the initial mass-transfer rate