

PHSX 565 Astrophysical Plasma Physics

Problem Set 4 - Accretion Disks

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Prepare Mathematica environment

Clear variables

```
In[144]:= Clear["Global`*"]  
vals = {};
```

Define shortcut to convert rule to equation

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In[146]:= r2e = Rule → Equal;
```

Use preprint variable to print derivatives in traditional form

```
In[147]:= (*$PrePrint=  
  #/.Derivative[id_][f_][args_]>TraditionalForm[HoldForm@D[f[args],#]&  
    Sequence@@(DeleteCases[Transpose[{args},{id}][_ ,0]/.{x_,1}>x)]]&*)  
$PrePrint = TraditionalForm  
Out[147]= TraditionalForm
```

Define the del operator

```
In[148]:= $x = {ϖ, ϕ, z}  
∇ /: ∇ f_ := Grad[f, $x, "Cylindrical"]  
∇ · f_ := Div[f, $x, "Cylindrical"]  
∇ /: ∇ × f_ := Curl[f, $x, "Cylindrical"]  
∇ · ∇ := Δ  
∇ /: ∇^2 := Δ  
Δ /: Δ f_ := Laplacian[f, $x, "Cylindrical"]  
CenterDot /: (v_ · ∇) f_ := Grad[f, $x, "Cylindrical"].v  
Out[148]= {ϖ, ϕ, z}
```

Save the information provided in the problem statement

The average mass of the plasma particle is

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In[156]:= m$ = m → mp / 2;  
$Assumptions = m > 0 && mp > 0;
```

The dominant, azimuthal flow velocity is given in cylindrical coordinates

as

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In[158]:= u$0 = u[w, z] → {0, w Ω[w], 0};
$Assumptions = $Assumptions && w > 0;
```

The gravitational potential is approximated as

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In[160]:= ψ$0 = ψ[w] → - G M / w + 1/2 Ωk[w]^2 z^2;
$Assumptions = $Assumptions && G > 0 && M > 0 && z ∈ Reals && Ωk[w] > 0;
AppendTo[vals, G → UnitConvert[Quantity["GravitationalConstant"]]]];
```

Where the Keplarian rotation is

```
In[163]:= Ωk$0 = Ωk[w] → Sqrt[G M / w^3];
```

Part a.

Write the axial component of the momentum equation using the azimuthal flow velocity and the gravitational potential

The momentum equation in a gravitational potential is given as

```
In[164]:= M$[ρ_, u_, p_, ψ_] := ρ (∂_t u) + ρ ( (1/2 (∇ (u.u)) ) - (u × (∇ × u)) ) == - (∇ p) - ρ (∇ ψ);
```

Evaluate the z-component of the momentum equation using the information given in the problem statement

```
In[165]:= (Mz$a = M$[ρ[w, z], u[w, z] /. u$0, p[w, z], ψ[w] /. ψ$0 /. Ωk$0][[;;, 3]] //
Simplify) // Framed
```

```
Out[165]:= 
$$G M z \rho(w, z) + w^3 p^{(0,1)}(w, z) = 0$$

```

Find the pressure within the disk

Use the ideal gas law

```
In[166]:= igl$ = p[w, z] == k B / m ρ[w, z] T[w];
$Assumptions = $Assumptions && kB > 0;
AppendTo[vals, kB → (UnitConvert[Quantity["Boltzmann Constant"]]] /.
"Kelvins" → "KelvinsDifference")];
AppendTo[vals, m → UnitConvert[Quantity["ProtonMass"]]]]
Out[169]:= {G → 6.674 × 10-11 m3/(kg s2), kB → 1.38065 × 10-23 kg m2/(s2 K), m → 1.6726219 × 10-27 kg}
```

To write density in terms of pressure and temperature

```
In[170]:= ρ$a = Solve[igl$, ρ[ω, z]] [[1, 1]]
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Out[170]= ρ(ω, z) →  $\frac{m p(\omega, z)}{k_B T(\omega)}$ 
```

and solve the differential equation found in the first part of this problem

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In[171]:= p$a = Mz$a
p$a = p$a /. ρ$a
(p$a = DSolve[{p$a, p[ω, 0] == p0[ω]}, p[ω, z], z] [[1, 1]]) // Framed
```

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Out[171]= G M z ρ(ω, z) + ω³ p(0,1)(ω, z) = 0
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Out[172]=  $\frac{G m M z p(\omega, z)}{k_B T(\omega)} + \omega^3 p^{(0,1)}(\omega, z) = 0$ 
```

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Out[173]=  $p(\omega, z) \rightarrow p_0(\omega) e^{-\frac{G m M z^2}{2 k_B \omega^3 T(\omega)}}$ 
```

Show that the vertical scale height is the ratio of the isothermal sound speed to the Keplerian rotation rate.

The isothermal sound speed is the usual

```
In[174]:= csi$a = csi[ω] →  $\sqrt{k_B T[\omega] / m}$ ;
$Assumptions = $Assumptions && T[ω] > 0 && csi[ω] > 0;
```

Write the pressure found in the previous part of the problem in terms of the isothermal sound speed and the Keplerian rotation rate

```
In[176]:= p1$a = p$a
p1$a = p1$a /. Solve[csi$a /. r2e, T[ω]] [[1, 1]]
p1$a = p1$a /. Solve[Ωk$0 /. r2e, M] [[1, 1]]
```

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Out[176]=  $p(\omega, z) \rightarrow p_0(\omega) e^{-\frac{G m M z^2}{2 k_B \omega^3 T(\omega)}}$ 
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Out[177]=  $p(\omega, z) \rightarrow p_0(\omega) e^{-\frac{G M z^2}{2 \omega^3 csi(\omega)^2}}$ 
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Out[178]=  $p(\omega, z) \rightarrow p_0(\omega) e^{-\frac{z^2 \Omega k(\omega)^2}{2 csi(\omega)^2}}$ 
```

Now write in terms of the scale height

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In[179]:= h$a = h[ω] →  $\frac{csi[\omega]}{\Omega k[\omega]}$ ;
$Assumptions = $Assumptions && h[ω] > 0;
```

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In[181]:= p2$a = p1$a
          (p2$a = p2$a /. Solve[h$a /. r2e, csi[w]] [[1, 1]]) // Framed
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Out[181]=  $p(w, z) \rightarrow p_0(w) e^{-\frac{z^2 \Omega k(w)^2}{2 \text{csi}(w)^2}}$ 
```

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Out[182]= 
$$p(w, z) \rightarrow p_0(w) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2 h(w)^2}}$$

```

Calculate the scale height using example parameters

Save the given parameters to memory

```
In[183]:= AppendTo[vals, M → 100 Quantity["SolarMass"]];
          AppendTo[vals, w → Quantity["AstronomicalUnit"]];
          AppendTo[vals, T[w] → 10^4 Quantity["KelvinsDifference"]];
```

Evaluate the scale height

```
In[186]:= h$a1 = h$a
          h$a1 = h$a1 /. csi$a // Simplify
          h$a1 = h$a1 /. Ωk$0 // Simplify
          (h$a2 = h$a1 /. vals) // Framed
```

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Out[186]=  $h(w) \rightarrow \frac{\text{csi}(w)}{\Omega k(w)}$ 
```

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Out[187]=  $h(w) \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{\frac{k_B T(w)}{m}}}{\Omega k(w)}$ 
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Out[188]=  $h(w) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{G m M}{k_B w^3 T(w)}}}$ 
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Out[189]= 
$$h(1 \text{ au}) \rightarrow 4.563 \times 10^9 \text{ m}$$

```

Compare the scale height to the radial coordinate

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In[190]:=  $\frac{h[w]}{w} \rightarrow \left( \frac{h[w]}{w} /. h$a /. csi$a /. \Omega k$0 \right) /. vals // Framed$ 
```

```
Out[190]= 
$$h(1 \text{ au}) (1/\text{au}) \rightarrow 0.03050$$

```

So the scale height at 1 AU is only 0.03 AU. This can be considered thin.

Part b.

Write the disk's surface density in terms of the scale height and the equatorial mass density

Start by using the ideal gas law to find the density from the pressure calculated in Part a.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In}[191]:= & \rho\$b = \rho\$a \\ & \rho\$b = \rho\$b /. p2\$a \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Out}[191]= \rho(w, z) \rightarrow \frac{m p(w, z)}{k_B T(w)}$$

$$\text{Out}[192]= \rho(w, z) \rightarrow \frac{m p_0(w) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2 h(w)^2}}}{k_B T(w)}$$

Write in terms of the density at z=0

$$\text{In}[193]:= \rho\$b1 = \rho[w, z] \rightarrow \rho_0[w] e^{-\frac{z^2}{2 h[w]^2}};$$

Evaluate the density at z=0 in terms of the pressure at z=0

$$\text{In}[194]:= \rho_0\$b = \text{Solve}[(\rho[w, z] /. \rho\$b) == (\rho[w, z] /. \rho\$b1), \rho_0[w]] [[1, 1]]$$

$$\text{Out}[194]= \rho_0(w) \rightarrow \frac{m p_0(w)}{k_B T(w)}$$

Evaluate the surface density using the given formula

$$\text{In}[195]:= (\Sigma\$b = \Sigma[w] \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho[w, z] dz /. \rho\$b1) // \text{Framed}$$

$$\text{Out}[195]= \boxed{\Sigma(w) \rightarrow \sqrt{2 \pi} h(w) \rho_0(w)}$$

Write the density at z=0 in terms of the surface density

$$\text{In}[196]:= \rho_0\$b1 = \text{Solve}[\Sigma\$b /. r2e, \rho_0[w]] [[1, 1]]$$

$$\text{Out}[196]= \rho_0(w) \rightarrow \frac{\Sigma(w)}{\sqrt{2 \pi} h(w)}$$

Part c.

Write down the radial component of the momentum equation evaluated in the equatorial plane

```
In[197]:= Mz$c = M$[ρ[w, z], u[w, z] /. u$0, p[w, z], ψ[w] /. ψ$0 /. Ωk$0] [[ ; , 1]]
Mz$c = Mz$c /. Solve[Ωk$0 /. r2e, M] [[1, 1]] // Simplify
(Mz$c = Mz$c // Simplify) /. z → 0 // Framed
```

$$\text{Out[197]= } \left(\omega^2 (-\Omega(\omega)) \Omega'(\omega) + \frac{1}{2} (2 \omega^2 \Omega(\omega) \Omega'(\omega) + 2 \omega \Omega(\omega)^2) - 2 \omega \Omega(\omega)^2 \right) \rho(\omega, z) =$$

$$\rho(\omega, z) \left(-\left(\frac{GM}{\omega^2} - \frac{3GMz^2}{2\omega^4} \right) \right) - p^{(1,0)}(\omega, z)$$

$$\text{Out[198]= } \rho(\omega, z) ((3z^2 - 2\omega^2) \Omega k(\omega)^2 + 2\omega^2 \Omega(\omega)^2) = 2\omega p^{(1,0)}(\omega, z)$$

$$\text{Out[199]= } \boxed{\rho(\omega, 0) (2\omega^2 \Omega(\omega)^2 - 2\omega^2 \Omega k(\omega)^2) = 2\omega p^{(1,0)}(\omega, 0)}$$

Use scaling arguments to show that the pressure term is negligible

Plug the pressure found in Part a. and the density found in Part b.

```
In[200]:= p$c = {p :- Function[{w, z}, p[w, z] /. p2$a]};
p0$c = {p :- Function[{w, z}, p0[w] /. p2$a]};
$Assumptions = $Assumptions && p0[w] > 0;
Mz$c1 = Mz$c /. Equal → Greater
Mz$c1 = Mz$c1 /. p$c
Mz$c1 = Mz$c1 /. ρ$b
Mz$c1 = Mz$c1 /. z → 0
Mz$c1 = Mz$c1 // Simplify
```

$$\text{Out[203]= } \rho(\omega, z) ((3z^2 - 2\omega^2) \Omega k(\omega)^2 + 2\omega^2 \Omega(\omega)^2) > 2\omega p^{(1,0)}(\omega, z)$$

$$\text{Out[204]= } \rho(\omega, z) ((3z^2 - 2\omega^2) \Omega k(\omega)^2 + 2\omega^2 \Omega(\omega)^2) > 2\omega \left(\frac{z^2 p_0(\omega) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2h(\omega)^2}} h'(\omega)}{h(\omega)^3} + e^{-\frac{z^2}{2h(\omega)^2}} p_0'(\omega) \right)$$

$$\text{Out[205]= } \frac{m p_0(\omega) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2h(\omega)^2}} ((3z^2 - 2\omega^2) \Omega k(\omega)^2 + 2\omega^2 \Omega(\omega)^2)}{k_B T(\omega)} > 2\omega \left(\frac{z^2 p_0(\omega) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2h(\omega)^2}} h'(\omega)}{h(\omega)^3} + e^{-\frac{z^2}{2h(\omega)^2}} p_0'(\omega) \right)$$

$$\text{Out[206]= } \frac{m p_0(\omega) (2\omega^2 \Omega(\omega)^2 - 2\omega^2 \Omega k(\omega)^2)}{k_B T(\omega)} > 2\omega p_0'(\omega)$$

$$\text{Out[207]= } m \omega p_0(\omega) (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega k(\omega)^2) > k_B T(\omega) p_0'(\omega)$$

Replace derivatives with ratios of the variables

```
In[208]:= Mz$c2 = Mz$c1 /. D[p0[w], w] -> p0[w] / w
Mz$c2 = Mz$c2 // Simplify
Mz$c2 = Mz$c2 /. Solve[h$a1 /. r2e, T[w]] [[1]]
(Mz$c2 = Mz$c2 // Simplify) // Framed
```

$$\text{Out[208]= } m \, \omega \, p_0(\omega) (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega_k(\omega)^2) > \frac{k_B p_0(\omega) T(\omega)}{\omega}$$

$$\text{Out[209]= } m \, \omega^2 (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega_k(\omega)^2) > k_B T(\omega)$$

$$\text{Out[210]= } m \, \omega^2 (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega_k(\omega)^2) > \frac{G m M h(\omega)^2}{\omega^3}$$

$$\text{Out[211]= } \boxed{\omega^5 (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega_k(\omega)^2) > G M h(\omega)^2}$$

Because $\omega \ll h$, the RHS is much smaller than the LHS, so the pressure term is negligible. With the RHS equal to zero, we can show that the azimuthal velocity must have a Keplerian profile

```
In[212]:= Mz$c3 = Mz$c2 /. h[w] -> 0 /. Greater -> Equal
Mz$c3 = Mz$c3 // Simplify
(Ω$c = Solve[Mz$c3, Ω[w]] [[2, 1]]) // Framed
```

$$\text{Out[212]= } \omega^5 (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega_k(\omega)^2) = 0$$

$$\text{Out[213]= } \Omega(\omega)^2 = \Omega_k(\omega)^2$$

$$\text{Out[214]= } \boxed{\Omega(\omega) \rightarrow \Omega_k(\omega)}$$

Determine if an inwards pressure gradient creates faster or slower rotation

Returning to our expression before the scaling arguments were applied, set the gradient of the pressure to a constant negative value

```
In[215]:= Mz$c3 = Mz$c1 /. Greater -> Equal
Mz$c3 = Mz$c3 /. D[p0[w], w] -> -Γ
$Assumptions = $Assumptions && Γ > 0;
Solve[Mz$c3, Ω[w]] [[2, 1]] // Framed
```

$$\text{Out[215]= } m \, \omega \, p_0(\omega) (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega_k(\omega)^2) = k_B T(\omega) p_0'(\omega)$$

$$\text{Out[216]= } m \, \omega \, p_0(\omega) (\Omega(\omega)^2 - \Omega_k(\omega)^2) = \Gamma (-k_B) T(\omega)$$

$$\text{Out[218]= } \boxed{\Omega(\omega) \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{m \, \omega \, p_0(\omega) \Omega_k(\omega)^2 - \Gamma k_B T(\omega)}}{\sqrt{m} \, \sqrt{\omega} \, \sqrt{p_0(\omega)}}$$

From the expression above, we can see that a positive value of Γ (negative pressure gradient) *reduces* the rotation rate

Part d.

Use the continuity equation to show that $\varpi u_{\varpi} \Sigma$ is a constant

Insert small radial flow component into velocity expression

```
In[219]:= u$1 = u$0;
           u$1[[2, 1]] = u$w[w];
           u$1
Out[221]:= u(w, z) -> {u(w(w), w Omega(w), 0)}
```

The continuity equation is often expressed as

```
In[222]:= C$[ρ_, u_] := (∂tρ) + (∇ · (ρ u)) == 0
```

Now integrate the continuity equation over all space

In[223]:= $\text{IC}\$d = \text{Integrate}\left[\text{C}\$[\rho[w, z] /. \rho\$b1 /. \rho0\$b1, u[w, z] /. u\$1][[1]] w, \{w, 0, \infty\}, \{\phi, 0, 2\pi\}, \{z, -\infty, \infty\}\right] == \text{C1}$

Out[223]:= $\int_0^\infty 2\pi(w\Sigma(w)u w'(w) + u w(w)(w\Sigma'(w) + \Sigma(w)))dw = \text{C1}$

By inspection, we notice that the derivative of the conserved quantity

```
In[224]:= dcSd =  $\partial_w (\varpi \, u \varpi[w] \, \Sigma[w])$  // Simplify
Out[224]:=  $\varpi \Sigma(w) u'(w) + u \varpi(w) (\varpi \Sigma'(w) + \Sigma(w))$ 
```

Is equal to the integrand of the form of the continuity equation calculated above

```
In[225]:= dC$d == IC$d[[1, 1, 3]]
Out[225]= True
```

So by the fundamental theorem of calculus, we may deduce that the quantity $\varpi u_m \Sigma$ is indeed constant.

$$\text{In}[226]:= \text{C}\$d = w \cup w[w] \Sigma[w] \rightarrow \text{C1};$$

Unfortunately, Mathematica cannot handle symbolic integrals very effectively. A more illuminating proof would be to integrate the continuity equation and use the divergence theorem to remove the radial integral.

Compute the mass flux (accretion rate) across a given radius

Use the conserved quantity to compute the fluid velocity

```
In[227]:= uω$d = Solve[C$d /. r2e, uω[ω]] [[1, 1]]
```

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Out[227]= uω(ω) →  $\frac{C1}{\omega \Sigma(\omega)}$ 
```

The mass flux is then the product of the density and the radial fluid velocity

```
In[228]:= (M$d = M[ω, z] → uω[ω] ρ[ω, z] /. uω$d) // Framed
```

```
Out[228]= 
$$M(\omega, z) \rightarrow \frac{C1 \rho(\omega, z)}{\omega \Sigma(\omega)}$$

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Part e.

Introduce the radial flow component into the azimuthal momentum equation evaluated in the equatorial plane

Rewrite the momentum equation, eliminating the pressure term and incorporating the viscosity

```
In[229]:= (*M$1[ρ_, u_, p_, ψ_] := ρ (∂t u) + ρ ((1/2 (∇ (u . u))) - (u × (∇ × u))) == -ρ (∇ ψ) + μ (Δ u) ;*)
```

```
M$1[ρ_, u_, p_, ψ_] :=
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ρ (∂t u) + ρ ((1/2 (∇ (u . u))) - (u × (∇ × u))) == -ρ (∇ ψ) + μ ((∇ (∇ · u)) - (∇ × (∇ × u))) ;
```

Evaluate the azimuthal component of the momentum equation, using information gained from previous subproblems

```
In[230]:= Ms$0 = Solve[Ωk$0 /. r2e, M][[1, 1]] ;
Mφ$e = M$1[ρ[w, z], u[w, z] /. u$1 /. Ω[w] → Ωk[w] /. Ωk$0,
      p[w, z], ψ[w] /. ψ$0 /. Ωk$0][[;;, 2]] // Simplify
Mφ$e = Mφ$e /. Ms$0 /. z → 0
Mφ$e = Mφ$e // Simplify
```

$$\text{Out[231]}= 2 u \omega(\omega) \sqrt{\frac{G M}{\omega^3}} \rho(\omega, z) + 3 \mu \sqrt{\frac{G M}{\omega^5}} = 0$$

$$\text{Out[232]}= 2 u \omega(\omega) \sqrt{\Omega k(\omega)^2} \rho(\omega, 0) + 3 \mu \sqrt{\frac{\Omega k(\omega)^2}{\omega^2}} = 0$$

$$\text{Out[233]}= 2 \omega u \omega(\omega) \rho(\omega, 0) + 3 \mu = 0$$

Solve for the density in terms of the azimuthal flow velocity

```
In[234]:= ρ$e = Solve[Mφ$e, ρ[w, 0]][[1, 1]]
```

$$\text{Out[234]}= \rho(\omega, 0) \rightarrow -\frac{3 \mu}{2 \omega u \omega(\omega)}$$

Insert this expression into our equation for the accretion rate

```
In[235]:= (M$e = M$d /. z → 0 /. ρ$e /. uω$d) // Framed
```

$$\text{Out[235]}= \boxed{M(\omega, 0) \rightarrow -\frac{3 \mu}{2 \omega}}$$

Evaluate the accretion rate for the point on the disk used in Part a.

Enter the viscosity of an unmagnetized, fully ionized plasma

```
In[236]:= AppendTo[vals, μ → 0.12 (T[w] / (10^6 Quantity["KelvinsDifference"]))^(5/2)
      Quantity[ $\frac{\text{"Grams"}}{\text{"Centimeters" "Seconds"}}$ ]] ;
```

Evaluate the accretion rate

```
In[237]:= M$e1 = M$e
M$e1[[2]] = M$e1[[2]] /. vals /. vals;
```

$$\text{Out[237]}= M(\omega, 0) \rightarrow -\frac{3 \mu}{2 \omega}$$

```
In[239]:= M$e1 /. ω → 1 Quantity["AstronomicalUnit"] // Framed
```

$$\text{Out[239]}= \boxed{M(1 \text{ au}, 0) \rightarrow -1.20323 \times 10^{-19} \text{ g}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})}$$

Evaluate the accretion luminosity

Save the value of the speed of light to memory

```
In[240]:= AppendTo[vals, c → Quantity["SpeedOfLight"]];
```

Evaluate the quantity $M c^2$.

```
In[241]:= Mc$e = M[w, 0] c^2 → ( M[w, 0] c^2 /. M$e /. vals /. vals) // UnitConvert // Framed
```

```
Out[241]=  $c^2 M(w, 0) \rightarrow -0.108141 \text{ kg/s}^3$ 
```

Compare to the solar luminosity (different units?)

```
In[242]:= Quantity["SolarLuminosity"] // UnitConvert
```

```
Out[242]=  $3.83 \times 10^{26} \text{ kg m}^2/\text{s}^3$ 
```

Part f.

Obtain an expression for the inward radial velocity

We are given that the kinematic turbulent viscosity has the form

```
In[243]:= νt$f = ν[w] → csi[w] h[w];
```

Kinematic viscosity is related to the dynamic viscosity through

```
In[244]:= μ$0 = μ → ν[w] ρ[w, z];
```

Evaluate the accretion rate obtained in part e. with this turbulent viscosity coefficient

```
In[245]:= M$f = M$e
M$f = M$f /. μ$0 /. z → 0
M$f = M$f /. νt$f
```

```
Out[245]=  $M(w, 0) \rightarrow -\frac{3\mu}{2w}$ 
```

```
Out[246]=  $M(w, 0) \rightarrow -\frac{3 \nu(w) \rho(w, 0)}{2w}$ 
```

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Out[247]=  $M(w, 0) \rightarrow -\frac{3 \text{csi}(w) h(w) \rho(w, 0)}{2w}$ 
```

Use the definition of the mass flux to solve for the radial velocity

```
In[248]:= (uω$F = Solve[M$F /. M[ω, θ] → uω[ω] ρ[ω, θ] /. r2e, uω[ω]] [[1, 1]]) // Framed
```

```
Out[248]=
```

$$u\omega(\omega) \rightarrow -\frac{3 \operatorname{csi}(\omega) h(\omega)}{2 \omega}$$

Show for a thin disk that $\|u_{\omega}\| \ll u_{\phi}$

We can relate the azimuthal velocity to the sound speed through the vertical scale height

```
In[249]:= Ωk$F = Solve[h$a /. r2e, Ωk[ω]] [[1, 1]]
```

```
Out[249]=
```

$$\Omega k(\omega) \rightarrow \frac{\operatorname{csi}(\omega)}{h(\omega)}$$

Plugging this expression into the azimuthal velocity yields

```
In[250]:= uφ$F = uφ[ω] → u$1[[2, 2]] /. Ω → Ωk /. Ωk$F
```

```
Out[250]=
```

$$u\phi(\omega) \rightarrow \frac{\omega \operatorname{csi}(\omega)}{h(\omega)}$$

Comparing the above azimuthal velocity to the radial velocity shows

```
In[251]:= Abs[(uω[ω] /. uω$F)] < (uφ[ω] /. uφ$F) // Simplify // Framed
```

```
Out[251]=
```

$$3 h(\omega)^2 < 2 \omega^2$$

Since $h \ll \omega$, the azimuthal flow velocity is indeed much larger than the radial velocity

Show for a thin disk that $\|u_{\omega}\| \ll c_{s,i}$

Comparing the radial flow velocity to the sound speed gives the inequality

```
In[252]:= (Abs[(uω[ω] /. uω$F)] < csi[ω]) // Simplify // Framed
```

```
Out[252]=
```

$$3 h(\omega) < 2 \omega$$

Since $h \ll \varpi$, the sound speed is also much larger than the radial velocity

Part g.

The problem statement instructs us to consider an isothermal sound speed

$$\text{In[253]:= } c_{\text{sig}} = c_{\text{si}}[\varpi] \rightarrow \xi \sqrt{\frac{GM}{\varpi}};$$

Find the requirements of ξ for a thin disk

Write the above isothermal sound speed in terms of the Keplerian rotation

```
In[254]:= csi$g1 = csi$g /. Solve[Omega$0 /. r2e, M][[1, 1]] // Simplify
Out[254]= csi(w) -> xi w Omega(w)
```

For a thin disk, $h \ll \varpi$, using the definition of $h[\varpi]$ defined in Part a., we have,

```
In[255]:= e$g1 = (h[w]) < w
e$g2 = e$g1 /. h$a /. csi$g1
e$g2 // FullSimplify // Framed
```

```
Out[255]= h(w) < w
```

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Out[256]= xi w < w
```

```
Out[257]=  $\xi < 1$ 
```

So the constant ξ must be much smaller than one and positive for the thin disk limit to hold.

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In[258]:= $Assumptions = $Assumptions && xi > 0 && xi < 1;
```

Compute the trajectory of the fluid element

The fluid element's trajectory satisfies the equation

```
In[259]:= T$g = D[{w[t], phi[t], z[t]}] == {u[w, z]}
T$g = T$g /. u$1 /. Omega -> Omega k
T$g = T$g /. u$w$1
T$g = T$g /. h$a
T$g = T$g /. csi$g1
T$g[[2]] = (T$g[[2]] /. Omega$0 // Simplify) /. w -> w[t];
T$g
```

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Out[259]= {w'(t), phi'(t), z'(t)} = u(w, z)
```

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Out[260]= {w'(t), phi'(t), z'(t)} = {u w(w), w Omega k(w), 0}
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Out[261]= {w'(t), phi'(t), z'(t)} = {-frac(3 csi(w) h(w))}{2 w}, w Omega k(w), 0}
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Out[262]= {w'(t), phi'(t), z'(t)} = {-frac(3 csi(w)^2)}{2 w Omega k(w)}, w Omega k(w), 0}
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Out[263]= {w'(t), phi'(t), z'(t)} = {-frac(3)}{2} xi^2 w Omega k(w), w Omega k(w), 0}
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Out[265]= {w'(t), phi'(t), z'(t)} = {-frac(3)}{2} xi^2 sqrt(G M / w(t)), sqrt(G M / w(t)), 0}
```

Solve the above set of differential equations for the trajectory

```
In[266]:= $Assumptions = $Assumptions && R > 0 && t > 0;
{w$g, phi$g, z$g} =
DSolve[{T$g, w[0] == R, phi[0] == 0, z[0] == 0}, {w[t], phi[t], z[t]}, t][[2]] //
Simplify
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Out[267]= {w(t) -> (9 xi^2 t sqrt(G M) - 4 R^(3/2))^(2/3) / (2 sqrt(2)), phi(t) -> (sqrt(G M) (18 xi^2 t - (8 R^(3/2) / sqrt(G M))^(2/3) - 4 R) / (6 xi^2)), z(t) -> 0}
```

Solve for t in terms of the radial coordinate

```
In[268]:= t$g = Solve[w$g /. w[t] -> w /. r2e, t][[1, 1]] // Simplify
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Out[268]= t -> (4 (R^(3/2) + w^(3/2))) / (9 xi^2 sqrt(G M))
```

Solve for t in terms of the azimuthal coordinate

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In[269]:= t$g = Solve[phi$g /. phi[t] -> phi /. r2e, t][[1, 1]] // Simplify
```

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Out[269]= t -> (4 R^(3/2) + 3 xi^2 phi sqrt(6 xi^2 phi + 4 R) + 2 R sqrt(6 xi^2 phi + 4 R)) / (9 xi^2 sqrt(G M))
```

Equate both expressions for t to find the trajectory in the form $\omega(\phi)$

```
In[270]:= $Assumptions = $Assumptions &&  $\phi > 0$  &&  $R > 0$ ;
( $\omega\phi$ $g = Solve[(t /. t $\omega$ $g) == (t /. t $\phi$ $g),  $\omega$ ][[1, 1]] // FullSimplify) // Framed
```

Out[271]=
$$\omega \rightarrow \frac{3 \xi^2 \phi}{2} + R$$

Compute the time required for a fluid element to fall onto the central mass

Use the expression for t[ω] calculated in the previous section of the problem to calculate the fall time by setting $\omega=0$.

```
In[272]:= Tf$g = Tf -> (t /. t $\omega$ $g /.  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ )
Tf$g = Tf$g /. Solve[ $\Omega k \phi$  /.  $\omega \rightarrow R$  /. r2e, M][[1, 1]]
$Assumptions = $Assumptions &&  $\Omega k[R] > 0$ ;
Tf$g = Tf$g // Simplify
(Tf$g = Tf$g /.  $\Omega k[R] \rightarrow 2 \pi / Tk[R]$ ) // Framed
```

Out[272]=
$$Tf \rightarrow \frac{4 R^{3/2}}{9 \xi^2 \sqrt{G M}}$$

Out[273]=
$$Tf \rightarrow \frac{4 R^{3/2}}{9 \xi^2 \sqrt{R^3 \Omega k(R)^2}}$$

Out[275]=
$$Tf \rightarrow \frac{4}{9 \xi^2 \Omega k(R)}$$

Out[276]=
$$Tf \rightarrow \frac{2 Tk(R)}{9 \pi \xi^2}$$

Part h.

Solve for acoustic wave modes by using the eikenol approximation with the phase function

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In[277]:=  $\phi$ $h =  $\phi$ [ $\omega$ ,  $\phi$ ] -> m (f[ $\omega$ ] -  $\phi$ );
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This phase function should satisfy the dispersion relation

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In[278]:=  $\omega$ $h[u_,  $\phi$ _] :=  $\omega$  == u. (∇  $\phi$ ) + csa[ $\omega$ ] Norm[ (∇  $\phi$ ) ]
```

Where the adiabatic sound speed is given by

```
In[279]:= csa$h = csa[ $\omega$ ] ->  $\sqrt{\gamma}$  csi[ $\omega$ ];
```

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In[280]:= $Assumptions = $Assumptions &&  $\gamma > 0$ ;
```

Solve for the unknown function $f[\varpi]$ for standing wave solutions ($\omega = 0$)

```
In[281]:= f$h = \omega$h[u[\varpi, z] /. u$0, \varphi[\varpi, \phi] /. \varphi$h ]
f$h = f$h /. csa$h /. \omega \rightarrow 0
f$h = f$h /. csi$g
f$h = f$h /. \Omega \rightarrow \Omega k /. \Omega k$0 // Simplify
(f$h = DSolve[f$h, f[\varpi], \varpi][[1, 1]]) /. C[1] \rightarrow 0 // Framed // Quiet
```

$$\text{Out[281]= } \omega = \text{csa}(\varpi) \sqrt{\left| m f'(\varpi) \right|^2 + \left| \frac{m}{\varpi} \right|^2} - m \Omega(\varpi)$$

$$\text{Out[282]= } 0 = \sqrt{\gamma} \text{csi}(\varpi) \sqrt{\left| m f'(\varpi) \right|^2 + \left| \frac{m}{\varpi} \right|^2} - m \Omega(\varpi)$$

$$\text{Out[283]= } 0 = \sqrt{\gamma} \xi \sqrt{\frac{GM}{\varpi}} \sqrt{\left| m f'(\varpi) \right|^2 + \left| \frac{m}{\varpi} \right|^2} - m \Omega(\varpi)$$

$$\text{Out[284]= } \sqrt{\frac{GM}{\varpi^3}} = \xi \sqrt{\frac{\gamma GM (\varpi^2 |f'(\varpi)|^2 + 1)}{\varpi^3}}$$

$$\text{Out[285]= } f(\varpi) \rightarrow -\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{\gamma} - \xi^2 \log(\varpi)}{\xi}}$$

Show that density ridges follow a spiral

Plug the $f[\varpi]$ found in the previous step into the phase function

```
In[286]:= Solve[{ \varphi$h /. f$h /. r2e /. \varphi[\varpi, \phi] \rightarrow 0 }, \varpi][[1, 1]]
```

$$\text{Out[286]= } \varpi \rightarrow e^{\frac{\sqrt{\gamma} c_1 \xi}{\sqrt{1-\gamma \xi^2}} \frac{\sqrt{\gamma} \xi \phi}{\sqrt{1-\gamma \xi^2}}}$$

This spiral is much tighter than the accretion trajectory since it grows exponentially rather than linearly.