

Linearized Equations and BCs

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We're studying the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{J^2}{n} + v_s^2 n \right) - \frac{\eta}{m} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) \frac{J}{n} &= \gamma (J_0 - J) - \frac{J^2}{n} \frac{1}{r}, \\ \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} &= -\frac{J}{r}. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

We are going to try to linearize these by writing $n = n_0 + n_1 e^{-i\omega t}$ and $J = J_0 + J_1 e^{-i\omega t}$. We'll also get rid of any terms quadratic in any of the parameters η , γ , and v_0 . So we'll only get the frequency ω accurately to that same order.

1 Boundary Conditions

Remember that the steady state is $J_0(r) = n_0 v_0 R_2 / r$. That makes the Neumann condition a little tricky. We want the BCs:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} (r = R_1) &= 0 \\ J (r = R_2) &= n_0 v_0 \end{aligned}$$

But if $J = J_0 + J_1 e^{-i\omega t}$ and $n = n_0 + n_1 e^{-i\omega t}$, then for the Neumann condition, you need, at $r = R_2$, the derivative to vanish:

$$\frac{\partial J_0}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial J_1}{\partial r} e^{i\omega t} = 0.$$

But the steady state solution J_0 does *not* obey this Neumann condition. So I think the boundary conditions are (in terms of the linearized things, n_1 and J_1):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} (r = R_1) &= \frac{n_0 v_0 R_2}{R_1^2} e^{i\omega t} \\ J (r = R_2) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

(NB: if R_1 is very large compared to the length scale of the problem, which is L , the Neumann condition looks pretty much homogenous).

2 Equations

For the real part of the frequency, you get:

$$r^2 \frac{\partial^2 J_1}{\partial r^2} + r \frac{\partial J_1}{\partial r} + \left(r^2 \frac{\omega_1^2}{v_s^2} - 1 \right) J_1 = 0. \quad (3)$$

For the complex part of the frequency, you get:

$$r \frac{\partial^2 J_1}{\partial r^2} + \left(1 - \frac{2v_0 R_2}{\nu} \right) \frac{\partial J_1}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{\nu} r (2\omega_2 + \gamma) J_1 = 0 \quad (4)$$