## Linear Layer Physics

# Richard Fitzpatrick April 19, 2021

#### 1 Fundamental Quantities

```
Layer width - \delta
```

Layer tearing stability index -  $\Delta$ 

Poloidal mode number - m

Toroidal mode number - n

Major radius -  $R_0$ 

Minor radius - r

Toroidal magnetic field-strength -  $B_0$ 

Magnetic shear - s

Electrostatic potential -  $\Phi$ 

Poloidal magnetic flux -  $\psi$ 

Magnitude of electron charge - e

Electron mass -  $m_e$ 

Electron number density -  $n_e$ 

Electron temperature -  $T_e$ 

Ion mass -  $m_i$ 

Ion number density -  $n_i$ 

Ion temperature -  $T_i$ 

Parallel electrical resistivity -  $\eta_{\parallel}$ 

Perpendicular particle diffusivity -  $D_{\perp}$ 

Perpendicular energy diffusivity -  $\chi_E$ 

Perpendicular momentum diffusivity -  $\chi_{\phi}$ 

#### 2 Derived Quantities

Safety-factor - q = m/n

Scale length -  $l = R_0 q/s$ 

Electron pressure -  $p_e = n_e T_e$ 

Ion pressure -  $p_i = n_i T_i$ 

Alfvén velocity -  $v_A = B_0/\sqrt{\mu_0\,n_e\,m_i}$ 

Alfvén time -  $\tau_A = l/v_A = m\,\tau_H$ 

Hydromagnetic time -  $\tau_H = R_0/(n s v_A)$ 

Resistive time -  $\tau_R = \mu_0 \, r^2/\eta_\parallel$ 

Particle/energy confinement time -  $\tau_E = r^2/[D_{\perp} + (2/3)\,\chi_E]$ 

Effective momentum confinement time -  $\tau_M = (R_0 \, q)^2/\chi_\phi$ 

Ion sound radius -  $\rho_s = \sqrt{m_i T_e}/(e B_0)$ 

 $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$  frequency -  $\omega_E = d\Phi/d\psi$ 

Electron diamagnetic frequency -  $\omega_{*e} = (T_e/e) d \ln p_e/d\psi$ 

Ion diamagnetic frequency -  $\omega_{*i} = -(T_i/e) d \ln p_i/d\psi$ 

 $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$  velocity -  $v_E = (r/q) \, \omega_E$ 

Electron diamagnetic velocity -  $v_{*e} = (r/q) \omega_{*e}$ 

Ion diamagnetic velocity -  $v_{*i} = (r/q) \omega_{*i}$ 

### 3 Non-dimensional Quantities

Lundquvist number -  $S=\tau_R/\tau_H$ 

Magnetic Prandtl number -  $P_M = \tau_R/\tau_M$ 

Energy confinement number -  $P_E = \tau_R/\tau_E$ 

#### 4 Layer Theory Quantities

$$\left(\frac{k}{\eta}\right)^{1/3} = S^{1/3} \frac{l}{r}$$

$$\tau = -\frac{\omega_{*i}}{\omega_{*e}}$$

$$c_{\beta}^{2} = P_{E}$$

$$P = P_{M}$$

$$D = \frac{5}{3} S^{1/3} \frac{\rho_{s}}{r}$$

$$Q_{E} = S^{1/3} n \omega_{E} \tau_{H}$$

$$Q_{e,i} = -S^{1/3} n \omega_{*e,i} \tau_{H}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{\delta}{r} \tau_{R} i n (\omega_{E} - \omega_{*i})$$

$$\hat{\Delta} = \left(\frac{\eta}{l}\right)^{1/3} \frac{l}{r} \Delta$$

#### 5 Constant- $\psi$ Layer Physics

Layer equation:

$$\frac{d^{2}Y}{dp^{2}} - \left[ \frac{-Q_{E}(Q_{E} - Q_{i}) + i(Q_{E} - Q_{i})(P_{M} + P_{E})p^{2} + P_{M}P_{E}p^{4}}{i(Q_{E} - Q_{e}) + \{P_{E} + i(Q_{E} - Q_{i})D^{2}\}p^{2} + (1 + \tau)P_{M}D^{2}p^{4}} \right]p^{2}Y = 0.$$

Suppose that small-p behavior of solution that is well-behaved as  $p \to \infty$  is

$$Y(p) = Y_0 [1 - c p + \mathcal{O}(p^2)].$$

Layer width is

$$\frac{\delta}{r} = \frac{\pi |c|}{S^{1/3}}.$$

Large-p limit of layer equation is

$$\frac{d^2Y}{dp^2} - C \, p^2 \, Y = 0,$$

where

$$C = \frac{P_E}{(1+\tau) D^2}.$$

Solutions are

$$p^{1/2} I_{1/4} \left( \frac{C^{1/2} p^2}{2} \right), \quad p^{1/2} K_{1/4} \left( \frac{C^{1/2} p^2}{2} \right).$$

Should need to integrate to  $p \sim C^{-1/4}$ .