

Space Weather - Homework - Due Dec 7

The purpose of this assignment is to make sure that you are prepared for the lecture on Thursday, December 7th.

This is a short and easy assignment, so you should be able to complete it before class. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I will do a better job of teaching on Thursday if you bring questions to me. My contact information is:

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Problem 1

Derive the equations of the two-fluid Maxwell model by taking moments of the kinetic (i.e. “Vlasov”) equation. You may neglect the deviatoric pressure, the heat flux, and all moments of the collision operator; *except resistive drag force in the momentum evolution equation*. Do not just plug e.g. $\chi = \mathbf{v}$ into the generic moment formula derived in the slides. Do a full derivation. You will need to use integration by parts to handle the velocity divergence.

We started this in class. For example:

$$\int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} \left(\partial_t f + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}f) + \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{a}f) \right) = \mathcal{C}$$

The term with the spatial derivative gives rise to nonlinearity; decompose the velocity as $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{c}$, where $\mathbf{u} := \langle \mathbf{v} \rangle$ is the fluid velocity and \mathbf{c} is the *thermal velocity*. $\int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}f) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} f$, and $\int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} f = \rho \langle \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \rangle = \rho \langle (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{c}) \rangle = \rho(\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}\langle \mathbf{c} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{c} \rangle \mathbf{u} + \langle \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \rangle) = \rho\mathbf{u}\mathbf{u} + \rho\langle \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \rangle$; $\mathbb{P} := \rho\langle \mathbf{c} \mathbf{c} \rangle$ contains unknown “bad stuff” arising from nonlinearity (for which a closure assumption is

needed). Using integration by parts and assuming that f vanishes at $\mathbf{v} = \infty$, $\int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{a}f) = \int_{\mathbf{v}} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \mathbf{v} f) - \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{a} \cdot (\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v}) f = - \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbb{I} f = - \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{a} f = -\rho \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle$. For the collision term you will need to make use of its conservation properties, e.g.: $\int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{v} \mathcal{C} = \int_{\mathbf{v}} (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{c}) \mathcal{C} = \mathbf{u} \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathcal{C} + \int_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{c} \mathcal{C} =: \mathbf{R}$. Finish this up and move on to energy evolution.

Problem 2

Integrate the equations of mass, momentum, and energy evolution over a fixed or convected control volume Ω and physically interpret each term. For example, choosing a fixed control volume Ω and integrating the momentum equation yields:

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{u} \right)_t + \oint_{\partial\Omega} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) + \oint_{\partial\Omega} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbb{P} = \int_{\Omega} \sigma \mathbf{E} + \dots,$$

which says that the rate of change of fluid momentum in Ω is minus the flow of momentum across the boundary minus the total pressure on the boundary plus the force of the electric field plus...

Problem 3

Add the mass density evolution equations for ions and electrons to obtain a bulk density evolution equation. Do the same for bulk momentum. Handle the nonlinear term $\sum_s \rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \mathbf{u}_s$ by writing $\mathbf{u}_s = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}_s$, where \mathbf{u} is bulk fluid velocity. Separate out the “bad stuff” involving \mathbf{w}_s , just like in Problem 1. You can call it “drift pressure.”

Problem 4

Read the notes posted at the top of “<http://www.danlj.org/eaj/math/research/presentations/>”. **Identify the first point in the notes that you do not understand and formulate a question.** I will poll you for questions on Thursday!