



Electromagnetic waves in magnetized plasma

The dispersion relation

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Vectors are in **bold**.

For each species $s = 1, \dots$, solve

$$\partial_t f_s + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f_s + \frac{q_s}{m_s} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_v f_s = 0$$

for the kinetic unknown $f_s = f_s(t, x, v)$, and couple with the Maxwell's equations

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}, \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E} = 0, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \\ \mathbf{J} = \sum_s q_s \int \mathbf{v} f_s dv, \\ \rho = \sum_s q_s \int f_s dv. \end{cases}$$

Expensive.

Simplify

For $s = 1, \dots$, solve for $n_s = n_s(t, x)$ and $\mathbf{u}_e = \mathbf{u}_e(t, x)$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t n_s + \nabla \cdot (n_s \mathbf{u}_s) = 0, \\ \partial_t (n_s \mathbf{u}_s) + \nabla \cdot (n_s \mathbf{u}_s \otimes \mathbf{u}_s + \frac{\nabla p_s}{m_s}) = q_s n_s (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_s \wedge \mathbf{B}), \end{cases}$$

coupled with the Maxwell's equations

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In the cold plasma approximation the pressure p_s is negligible

$$\frac{\nabla p_s}{m_s} \approx 0.$$

This is a closed system. Still expensive.

Simplify further

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For each species $s = 1, \dots$, solve

$$m_s (\partial_t \mathbf{u}_s + \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_s) = q_s (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_s \wedge \mathbf{B}),$$

coupled with the Maxwell's equations

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}, \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E} = 0, \\ \mathbf{J} = \sum_s q_s n_s \mathbf{u}_s. \end{cases} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0,$$

Notice that n_s has to be provided to close the system.



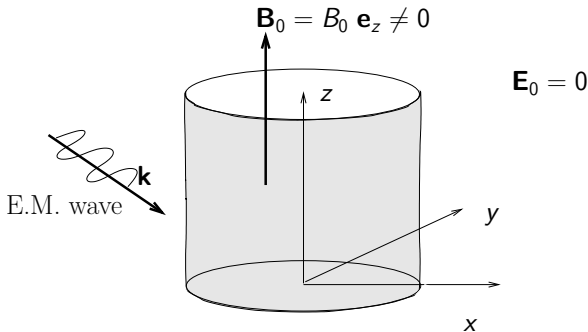
Geometry and constant coefficients

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$$\mathbf{B}_0 = B_0 \mathbf{e}_z \text{ and } \mathbf{k} = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta).$$

Invariance by rotation around \mathbf{e}_z : $\varphi = 0$ without restriction.

$$\mathbf{k} = (\sin \theta, 0, \cos \theta).$$



One linearizes

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E} = 0 & + \mathbf{E}_1 + \dots, \\ \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_0 & + \mathbf{B}_1 + \dots, \\ \mathbf{u}^s = 0 & + \mathbf{u}_1^s + \dots \end{cases}$$

One obtains

$$m_s \partial_t \mathbf{u}_1^s = q_s (\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{u}_1^s \wedge \mathbf{B}_0),$$

coupled with

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \mathbf{E}_1 + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{B}_1 = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_1, \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B}_1 + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E}_1 = 0, \\ \mathbf{J}_1 = \sum_s q_s n_s \mathbf{u}_1^s. \end{cases}$$

Here the densities n_s are given.

The system is closed.

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$$\begin{cases} -\frac{1}{c^2} \partial_t \mathbf{E}_1 + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{B}_1 = \mu_0 q_e N_e(x) \mathbf{u}_1^e, \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B}_1 + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E}_1 = 0, \\ m_s \partial_t \mathbf{u}_1^e = q_e (\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{u}_1^e \wedge \mathbf{B}_0). \end{cases}$$

Stix : *A general analysis of this model is able to provide a surprisingly comprehensive view of plasma waves.*

If you discuss this topic with a plasma physicist, just keep in mind that it is a model.

With this respect, the situation is very different from Maxwell's equation in the vacuum.



Consider simple solutions

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})e^{-i\omega t} \text{ with } \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{e} e^{i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x})}, \text{ and } \mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{C}^3, \dots$$

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Propagative properties can be locally understood checking whether

$$\omega \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

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The phase velocity of a wave $e^{i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x} - \omega t)}$ is

$$v_\varphi = \frac{\omega}{|\mathbf{k}|}.$$

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Definition The accessible domain (in the phase space) is

$$\mathcal{A}(\omega) = \{(N_e, |\mathbf{B}_0|), \exists \mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ and a non trivial sol.}\}.$$



Plugging the dependency with respect to ω in the cold plasma model, one gets the linear system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \mathbf{E} + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 q_e N_e \mathbf{u}_e, \\ -i\omega \mathbf{B} + \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E} = 0, \\ -i\omega m_e \mathbf{u}_e = q_e (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_e \wedge \mathbf{B}_0) \end{cases}$$

Elimination of the magnetic field yields ($\mu_0 \epsilon_0 c^2 = 1$)

$$\nabla \wedge \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathbf{E} = i \frac{\omega}{c^2 \epsilon_0} q_e N_e \mathbf{u}_e.$$

It remains to compute the velocity \mathbf{u}_e with respect to the electric field.



First simple case : $\mathbf{B}_0 = 0$

Then $\mathbf{u}_e = -\frac{q_e}{i\omega m_e} \mathbf{E}$. One gets

$$\nabla \wedge \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathbf{E} = -\frac{q_e^2 N_e}{c^2 \epsilon_0 m_e} \mathbf{E}$$

which is conveniently rewritten as

$$\nabla \wedge \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) \mathbf{E} = 0$$

where the plasma frequency is

$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{q_e^2 N_e}{c^2 \epsilon_0 m_e}.$$

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Remind the Ansatz

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{e} e^{i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x})}, \quad \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b} e^{i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x})}, \quad \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^3,$$

where a priori $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

A possibility is to write

$$\mathbf{k} = k \mathbf{n}$$

where $k > 0$ and

$$\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad |\mathbf{n}| = 1.$$

is the direction in space of the wave.

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With this Ansatz

$$\nabla \wedge \nabla \wedge \mathbf{E} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) \mathbf{E} = 0$$

becomes

$$-k^2 \mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{e} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) \mathbf{e} = 0$$

or also

$$-\mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{e} = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 c^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) \mathbf{e}.$$

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Notice that $-\mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{e} = M(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{e}$ where the matrix is symmetric non negative

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$$M(\mathbf{n}) = -\mathbf{n} \wedge \mathbf{n} \wedge = I - \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{n} = M(\mathbf{n})^t \geq 0.$$

The whole problem reduces to

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$$M(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{e} = \lambda\mathbf{e}, \quad \lambda = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 c^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) = \frac{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2}{k^2 c^2}.$$

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This is an classical eigenproblem for a symmetric real matrix :

the eigenvector is \mathbf{e} ;

the eigenvalue is λ .



The characteristic polynomial is

$$\det(M(\mathbf{n}) - \lambda I) = (\lambda - 1)^2 \lambda = 0.$$

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- The eigenspace \mathbf{k}^\perp is associated to the same eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$ with multiplicity 2. One has the relation

$$k^2 c^2 = \omega^2 - \omega_p^2.$$

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- The eigenvector $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{k}$ is associated to $\lambda = 0$ with multiplicity 1. One gets

$$0 = \omega^2 - \omega_p^2.$$

Warnig : the classical discussion systematically disregard the zero eigenvalue.



Consequence for propagation

Corollary : Propagation ($\omega, n \in \mathbb{R}$) is possible iff

$$\omega^2 \geq \omega_p^2 = \frac{q_e^2 N_e}{c^2 \epsilon_0 m_e}.$$

The phase velocity of the wave $e^{ik((n,x) - \frac{\omega}{k}t)}$ is

$$v_\varphi = \frac{\omega}{k} = c \underbrace{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{k^2 c^2}}}_{v_\varphi(k)} = c \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}}}_{=v_\varphi(\omega)}.$$

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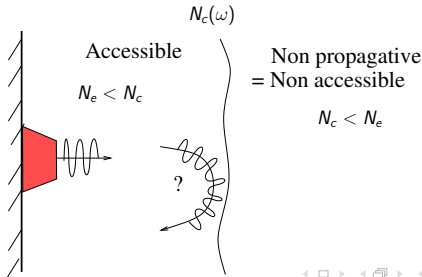
Accessibility in physical space

Consider a problem where $N_e = N_e(\mathbf{x})$.

Definition : The accessible domain in physical space is

$$\mathcal{B}_0(\omega) = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d; N_e(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{A}_0(\omega) \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$

An **antenna** with given frequency ω is facing a fusion plasma with increasing electronic density $\frac{d}{d\omega} N_c > 0$:
"the accessible domain" = "the prop. region" is near the wall.



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The linear system writes

$$-i\omega m_e \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i\frac{\omega_c}{\omega} & 0 \\ -i\frac{\omega_c}{\omega} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{pmatrix} = q_e \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix}$$

where the cyclotron frequency is $\omega_c = \frac{|q_e|B_0}{m_e}$.

Notice $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & i\frac{\omega_c}{\omega} \\ -i\frac{\omega_c}{\omega} & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 - \frac{\omega_c^2}{\omega^2} = \frac{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2}{\omega^2}$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{q_e}{i\omega} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & i\frac{\omega\omega_c}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & 0 \\ -i\frac{\omega\omega_c}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$



The elimination of the velocity yields the **generalized eigenvalue problem**

$$M(\mathbf{n})\mathbf{e} = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 c^2} \underbrace{\left(I - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & \mathbf{i} \frac{\omega \omega_c}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & 0 \\ -\mathbf{i} \frac{\omega \omega_c}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)}_{= \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^*} \mathbf{e}.$$

- If $\mathbf{B}_0 = 0$, then $\omega_c = 0$ and $\mathcal{M} = I$.
- The parallel direction \mathbf{e}_z is not modified by ω_c .
- Singular for $\omega = \omega_c$.

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One writes usually

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} S & -iD & 0 \\ iD & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P \end{pmatrix}$$

with $S = \frac{1}{2}(R + L)$, $D = \frac{1}{2}(R - L)$ and

$$\begin{cases} R = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\omega}{\omega - \omega_c} \\ L = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\omega}{\omega + \omega_c} \\ P = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \end{cases}$$

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As before the eigenproblem that one consider writes

$$\det(M(\mathbf{n}) - \lambda \mathcal{M}) = 0, \quad \lambda = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 c^2}$$

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Following Stix we study instead

$$\det(\mathcal{M} - \mu M(\mathbf{n})) = 0, \quad \mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{k^2 c^2}{\omega^2}.$$

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The dispersion relation reduces to the second order polynomial equation

$$A\mu^2 - B\mu + C = 0$$

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with

$$A = S \sin^2 \theta + P \cos^2 \theta, \quad B = RL \sin^2 \theta + PS(1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

and

$$C = \det(\mathcal{M}) = PRL.$$



Expansion of the dispersion relation

The dispersion relation $A\mu^2 - B\mu + C = 0$ can be rewritten as

$$\frac{c^4}{\omega^4} (S(\omega)k_1^2 + P(\omega)k_3^2) (k_1^2 + k_3^2)$$

$$-\frac{c^2}{\omega^2} (R(\omega)L(\omega)k_1^2 + P(\omega)S(\omega) (k_1^2 + 2k_3^2)) + C(\omega) = 0$$

where $S = \frac{1}{2}(R + L)$, $C = PRL$ and

$$\begin{cases} R = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\omega}{\omega - \omega_c} \\ L = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\omega}{\omega + \omega_c} \\ P = R = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \end{cases}$$

Notice that $B_0 = 0$ turns into $\omega_c = 0$ and $S(\omega) = P(\omega)$.

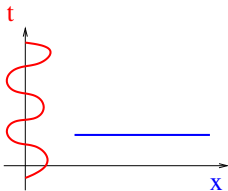


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Definition : Cutoff = $\{k = 0\}$.

That is $PRL = 0$.

- $P = 0$ is the previous cutoff : $\omega = \pm\omega_p$.
- $R = 0$ yields

$$\omega^3 - \omega^2\omega_c - \omega\omega_p^2 = 0$$

that is $\omega = \frac{\omega_c \pm \sqrt{\omega_c^2 + 4\omega_p^2}}{2}$.

- $L = 0$ yields

$$\omega^3 + \omega^2\omega_c - \omega\omega_p^2 = 0$$

that is $\omega = \frac{-\omega_c \pm \sqrt{\omega_c^2 + 4\omega_p^2}}{2}$.

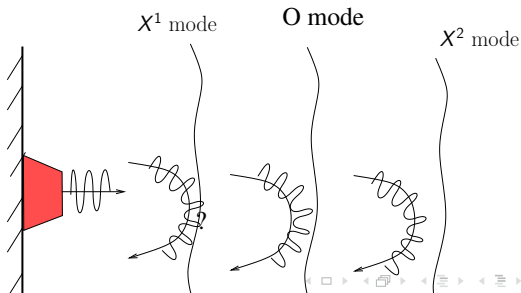


Cutoff and accessibility ($B_0 \neq 0$)

Assume ω and ω_c are given. Boundaries of the accessibility domain are given by

$$\omega_p^2 = \omega^2 + \eta\omega\omega_c, \quad \eta = -1, 0, 1.$$

The **antenna** with given frequency ω still facing the fusion plasma with increasing electronic density : the prop. region is near the wall ($\frac{d}{d\omega} N_c > 0$). The cyclotron frequency is assumed constant.



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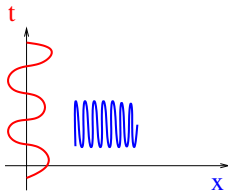
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Resonance : $\mathbf{B}_0 \neq 0$ necessary



Definition : Resonance = $\{k = \infty\}$.

Therefore $A = 0$ and $\tan^2 \theta = -\frac{P}{S}$. Two major cases of interest follow.

- If $\theta = 0$, it yields $S = \infty$ which is true for $\omega^2 = \omega_c^2$. This is the **cyclotron resonance**. Clearly the velocity (of electrons) goes to infinity, see (1).
- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, it yields

$$S = 0.$$

This is the more subtle **hybrid resonance**. We will see that the velocity (of electrons) also goes to infinity.



Definition : it is $K_r \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ the set of (k_1, k_3) such that

$$S(\omega)k_1^2 + P(\omega)k_3^2 = 0.$$

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- If $\omega_c = 0$ or is small enough, $S(\omega)P(\omega) > 0$. So $K_r = (0, 0)$.
- If $|B_0|$ is large enough, so $S(\omega)P(\omega) < 0$. So K_r is the union of 2 straight lines : at infinity one gets a solution of the dispersion relation.
- The case $SP = 0$ is described before.



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- The dispersion relation of the cold plasma theory exhibits many features of waves in magnetic plasmas, with surprising accuracy (Stix).
The algebra is tricky and needs time to be understood.
- Main features
 - Accessible domain
 - cut-off
 - resonance
 - resonant cone
 - dependance with respect to the principal plasma parameters which are ω_c and ω_p



The equations are linear. Additivity principle yields

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} S & -iD & 0 \\ iD & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & P \end{pmatrix}$$

with $S = \frac{1}{2}(R + L)$, $D = \frac{1}{2}(R - L)$ and

$$\begin{cases} R = 1 - \sum_s \frac{(\omega_p^s)^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\omega}{\omega - \varepsilon^s \omega_c^s} \\ L = 1 - \sum_s \frac{(\omega_p^s)^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\omega}{\omega + \varepsilon^s \omega_c^s} \\ P = R = 1 - \sum_s \frac{(\omega_p^s)^2}{\omega^2}, \end{cases}$$

where $\varepsilon^s = \pm 1$ depending on the charge.

Different combinations yields an enormous number of different modes.

This feature is the main justification of the method used.

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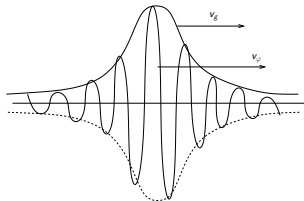


Phase velocity (Reminder) : By definition $v_\varphi = \frac{\omega}{k}$.

Group velocity : It is defined by

$$\mathbf{v}_g = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}}\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

It is the velocity of wave packets : a priori $v_g \neq |v_\varphi|$.



If $\mathbf{B}_0 = 0$, it is easy to check that in 1D $\frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{c^2 k^2}}}$.



Rewrite the eigenvalue problem without elimination

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i c^2 \mathbf{k} \wedge & \mu_0 c^2 q_e N_e l \\ i \mathbf{k} \wedge & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{q_e l}{m_e} & 0 & \omega_c \mathbf{e}_z \wedge \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{u}_e \end{pmatrix} = i \omega \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{u}_e \end{pmatrix}$$

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Symetrize

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & c \mathbf{k} \wedge & -i \omega_p l \\ -c \mathbf{k} \wedge & 0 & 0 \\ i \omega_p l & 0 & -i \omega_c \mathbf{e}_z \wedge \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e} \\ c \mathbf{b} \\ \omega_p \mathbf{u}_e \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e} \\ c \mathbf{b} \\ \omega_p \mathbf{u}_e \end{pmatrix}$$

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That is $A(\mathbf{k})U = \omega U$ where $A(\mathbf{k}) = A(\mathbf{k})^*$.

Consider $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_0 + \alpha \mathbf{d} : \tilde{A}(\alpha) = A(\mathbf{k}_0 + \alpha \mathbf{d})$ is linear in α .

By theorem (Kato) : all eigenvalues $\omega_j(\alpha)$ are real analytic with respect to α . Orthonormal eigenvectors are analytic.



A simple consequence

$\forall \mathbf{d}$ such that $|\mathbf{d}| = 1$

$$|\omega'_j(0)| \leq c, \quad \forall j.$$

Proof :

$$1) \quad A(\alpha)u_j(\alpha) = \omega_j(\alpha)u_j(\alpha)$$

$$2) \quad A'(\alpha)u_j(\alpha) + A(\alpha)u'_j(\alpha) = \omega'_j(\alpha)u_j(\alpha) + \omega_j(\alpha)u'_j(\alpha)$$

$$3) \quad (A'(\alpha)u_j(\alpha), u_j(\alpha)) = \omega'_j(\alpha) (u_j(\alpha), u_j(\alpha)) = \omega'_j(\alpha)$$

Here $A'(\alpha)$ is easy to compute. And it is clear that $\|A'(0)\| \leq c$. Therefore

Prop. : The group velocity is bounded by c .

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Take $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{k}$. So

$$A'(0) = A(\mathbf{k}) - \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i\omega_p l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i\omega_p l & 0 & -i\omega_c \mathbf{e}_z \wedge \end{pmatrix}}_H \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{c}\mathbf{b} \\ \omega_p \mathbf{u}_e \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore : $(A'(0)u_j(0), u_j(0)) = ((\omega \mathbf{I} - H)u_j(0), u_j(0))$.

Prop : Assume $\omega_p^2 < \omega^2 - \omega\omega_c$, then $\omega \mathbf{I} - H > 0$. Therefore the group velocity is in the direction of \mathbf{k} , that is

$$\omega'_j(0) = \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_j > 0.$$



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