

Correction to “Self-similar behavior of plasma fluid equations – II”*

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Equation (14) should be changed to read (i.e. $\delta \not\equiv 0$),

$$X = \mu + vx + \delta t, \quad T = \rho + vt, \quad U = -2v\mu, \quad V = \delta, \quad W = -2vw. \quad (14)$$

The resulting invariants for various values of the constants μ , v , ρ and δ are listed below along with the resulting ordinary differential equations (ODE).

CASE I: $\mu \neq 0$, $v \neq 0$, $\rho \neq 0$, $\delta \neq 0$

The invariants are:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\equiv \xi = \frac{x + \frac{\mu}{v}}{t + \frac{\rho}{v}} - \frac{\delta}{v} \left[\ln \left(t + \frac{\rho}{v} \right) + \frac{\frac{\rho}{v}}{t + \frac{\rho}{v}} \right], \\ I_2 &\equiv N_i(\xi) = \left(t + \frac{\rho}{v} \right)^2 n_i(x, t), \\ I_3 &\equiv V_i(\xi) = v_i(x, t) - \frac{\delta}{v} \ln \left(t + \frac{\rho}{v} \right), \\ I_4 &\equiv N_e(\xi) = \left(t + \frac{\rho}{v} \right)^2 n_e(x, t). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{I-A})$$

The ODE are:

$$\begin{aligned} -2N_i - \frac{\xi dN_i}{d\xi} + \frac{d(N_i V_i)}{d\xi} - \frac{\delta}{v} \frac{dN_i}{d\xi} &= 0, \\ (V_i - \xi) \frac{dV_i}{d\xi} + \frac{1}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} - \frac{\delta}{v} \left(\frac{dV_i}{d\xi} - 1 \right) &= 0, \\ \frac{d}{d\xi} \left(\frac{1}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} \right) &= N_e - N_i, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{I-B})$$

CASE II: $\mu \neq 0, v \neq 0, \rho \neq 0, \delta = 0$

The invariants are:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\equiv \xi = \frac{x + \frac{\mu}{v}}{t + \frac{\rho}{v}}, \quad I_2 \equiv N_i(\xi) = \left(t + \frac{\rho}{v}\right)^2 n_i(x, t), \\ I_3 &\equiv V_i(\xi) = v_i(x, t), \quad I_4 \equiv N_e(\xi) = \left(t + \frac{\rho}{v}\right)^2 n_e(x, t), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II-A})$$

The ODE are:

$$\begin{aligned} -2N_i - \frac{\xi dN_i}{d\xi} + \frac{d(N_i V_i)}{d\xi} &= 0, \\ (V_i - \xi) \frac{dV_i}{d\xi} + \frac{1}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} &= 0, \\ \frac{d}{d\xi} \left(\frac{1}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} \right) &= N_e - N_i. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II-B})$$

CASE III: $\mu = 0, v = 0, \rho \neq 0, \delta \neq 0$

The invariants are:

$$I_1 \equiv \xi = \rho x - \frac{\delta t^2}{2}, \quad I_2 \equiv N_i(\xi) = n_i(x, t), \quad (\text{III-A})$$

$$I_3 \equiv V_i(\xi) = \rho v_i(x, t) - \delta t, \quad I_4 \equiv N_e(\xi) = n_e(x, t).$$

The ODE are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\xi} (N_i V_i) &= 0, \quad \delta + V_i \frac{dV_i}{d\xi} + \frac{\rho^2}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} = 0, \\ \rho^2 \frac{d}{d\xi} \left(\frac{1}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} \right) &= N_e - N_i. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{III-B})$$

CASE IV: $\mu = 0, v = 0, \rho = 0, \delta \neq 0$

The invariants are:

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \xi = t, \quad I_2 \equiv N_i(\xi) = n_i(x, t), \\ I_3 &\equiv V_i(\xi) = \frac{x}{t} - v_i(x, t), \quad I_4 \equiv N_e(\xi) = n_e(x, t). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV-A})$$

The ODE are:

$$\frac{dN_i}{d\xi} = 0, \quad \frac{dV_i}{d\xi} + \frac{V_i}{\xi} = 0, \quad N_e = N_i. \quad (\text{IV-B})$$

CASE V: $\mu \neq 0$, $v = 0$, $\rho \neq 0$, $\delta = 0$

The invariants are:

$$I_1 \equiv \xi = x - \frac{\mu}{\rho} t, \quad I_2 \equiv N_i(\xi) = n_i(x, t), \quad (\text{V-A})$$

$$I_3 \equiv V_i(\xi) = v_i(x, t), \quad I_4 \equiv N_e(\xi) = n_e(x, t).$$

The ODE are:

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\mu}{\rho} \frac{dN_i}{d\xi} + \frac{d(N_i V_i)}{d\xi} &= 0, \quad -\frac{\mu}{\rho} \frac{dV_i}{d\xi} + V_i \frac{dV_i}{d\xi} + \frac{1}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} = 0, \\ \frac{d}{d\xi} \left(\frac{1}{N_e} \frac{dN_e}{d\xi} \right) &= N_e - N_i \end{aligned} \quad (\text{V-B})$$

Cases II and V were discussed by us (Shen and Lonngrén [1]) and Cases III and IV were discussed by Zhmudsky (Zhmudsky [2]). Case I has not been noted previously.

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