

From plasmas to galaxies

Coulomb potential: $\pm 1/|\vec{R}-\vec{R}'|$

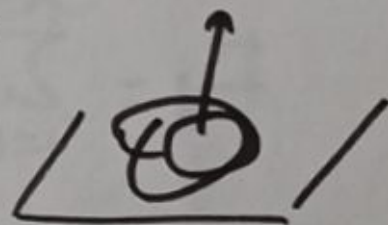
Newton potential: $- 1/|\vec{R}-\vec{R}'|$

(Always attractive, cannot be screened)

Analogies go beyond the change of sign!
goal of this program.

Examples of self-gravitating systems:

Disc Galaxies: $N = 10^{11}$
 $T_{dyn} = 10^8 \text{ yr}$



"Cold" & Young

Globular Clusters: $N = 10^5$
 $T_{dyn} = 10^5 \text{ yr}$
"Hot" & Old



Galactic Nuclei: $N = 10^6$
 $T_{dyn} = 10 - 1,000 \text{ yr}$
"Hot" & Very old



More generically, these are all long-range interacting systems. What is the dynamics of these?

Phase Space: $W = (X, U) = (q, P)$ (can be very general)

N particles of mass: M_{tot}/N

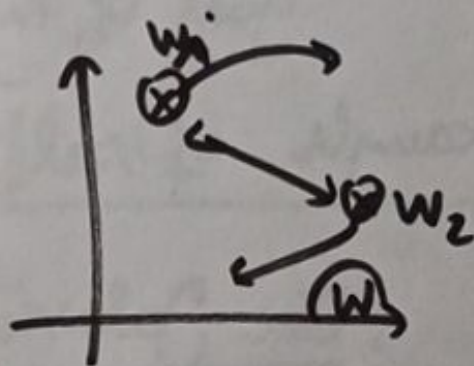
Hamiltonian:

$$H_{\text{tot}}(w) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N m U_{\text{ext}}(w_i)}_{\text{ex: } \frac{1}{2}v^2} + \sum_{i < j} m^2 \underbrace{U(w_i, w_j)}_{\text{ex: } -G/|x-x'|}$$

Can be (much) more generic

State of the system:

$$F_d = \sum_{i=1}^N m \delta(w - w_i(t))$$



N-body problem:

$$\frac{\partial F_d}{\partial t} + \underbrace{[F_d, H_d]}_{\substack{\text{Poisson bracket} \\ \text{Coordinate-free}}} = \underbrace{0}_{\text{Exact}}$$

} Simple space
} Complicated DF

Average dynamics:

$$F_d = \underbrace{\langle F \rangle}_{\text{Mean state}} + \underbrace{\delta F}_{\substack{\text{Perturbations} \\ \text{e.g: } \delta F \propto 1/\sqrt{N}}} \quad \text{Poisson shot noise}$$

This leads to a whole range of dynamics.

• Mean dynamics:

$$\frac{\partial \langle F \rangle}{\partial t} + [\langle F \rangle, \langle H \rangle] = 0$$

Vlasov eq.
CBE
linear

Collisionless dynamics. Is a fluid in phase space

Ex: Violent relaxation & NFW profile

• Dynamics of perturbations:

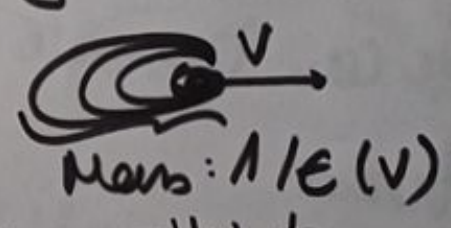
$$+ \frac{\partial \delta F}{\partial t} + \underbrace{[\delta F, \langle H \rangle]}_{\text{Phase Mixing}} + \underbrace{[\langle F \rangle, \delta H]}_{\text{Collective Effects}} = 0$$

• with $\Delta \delta \phi = 4\pi G \int dv \delta F$ (Poisson eq.)

Governs linear Response Theory:

Ex. (linear) Landau damping

• Collective damping:



• Modal response: $\delta \phi(\omega) \approx e^{-i\omega t}$
↑ Complex frequency

Ex: Spiral Arms,

• Collisional dynamics

→ (Quasi) Equilibrium: $[\langle F \rangle, \langle H \rangle] = 0$

→ $\delta F \rightarrow \delta F(t \rightarrow \infty)$ "Time Separation"

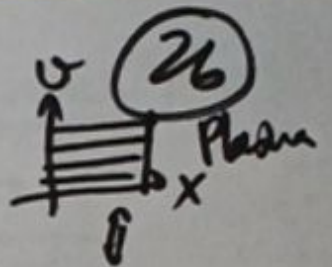
$$\frac{\partial \langle F \rangle}{\partial t} = \underbrace{C[\langle F \rangle]}_{\text{BL equation}} \quad \text{"Collision Operator"}$$

Ex: → Radial migration in discs

→ Gravitational Catastrophe

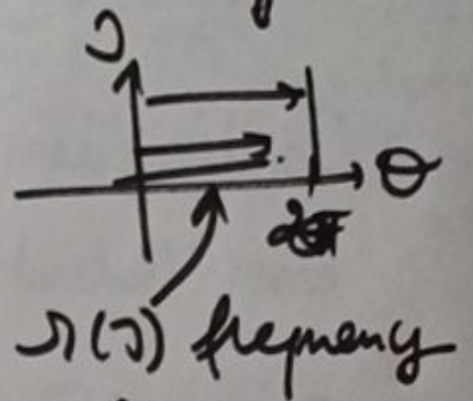
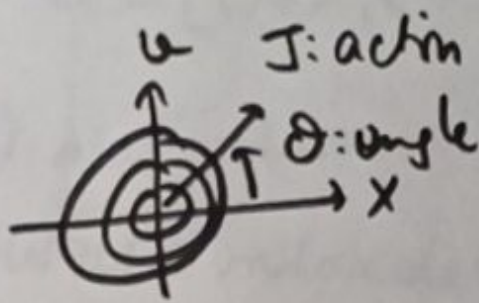
• Can we be more explicit?

A galaxy is a plasma in the good variables

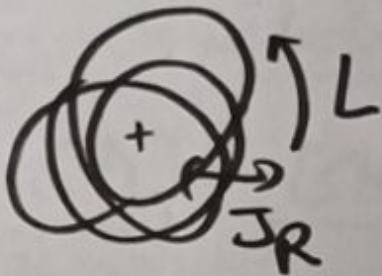


Harmonic oscillator

$$H = \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 x^2$$

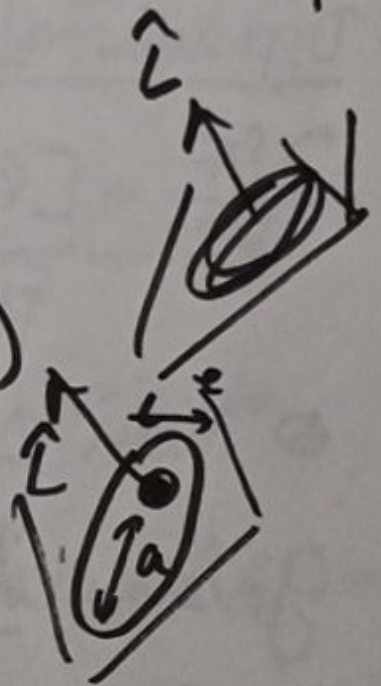


Examples: • Disc:
(J_R, L)



• Globular Clusters (J_R, L, \hat{L})

• Galactic nuclei: (a, e, \hat{L})



Now, we can translate

Plasmas

Galaxies

(x, v)

Orbits

(θ, J)

v

Frequencies

$\Omega(J)$

$U(x, x')$

Interaction

$U([\theta, J], [\theta', J'])$

$F(v)$

Distribution

$F(J)$

Translation of BL:

$$\frac{\partial F(\Omega, t)}{\partial t} = - \frac{M_{tot}}{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial \Omega} \cdot \left[\sum_{k, k'} k \int d\Omega' \left| \frac{U_{kk'}(\Omega, \Omega')}{\epsilon_{kk'}(\Omega, \Omega')} \right|^2 \right]$$

$$\delta(k\Omega - k'\Omega') \left\{ k' \frac{\partial}{\partial \Omega'} - k \frac{\partial}{\partial \Omega} \right\} F(\Omega, t) F(\Omega', t)$$

Elements

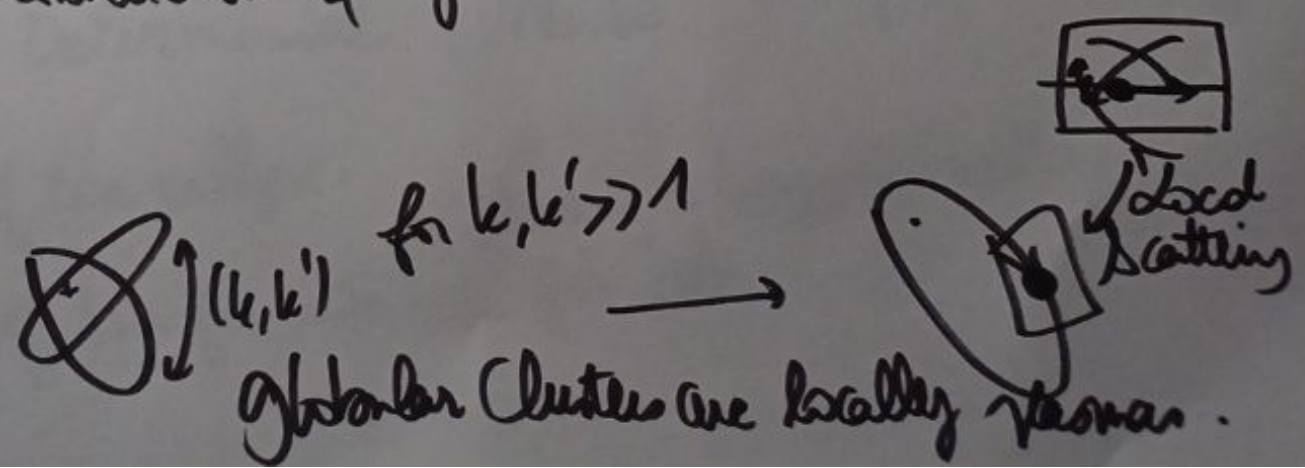
- Resonance condition, i.e. scattering in AA
 - $\propto M_{tot}/N$ resonced by Poisson (not wise) $\Rightarrow 1/N$
 - long-range interaction $U_{kk'}(\Omega, \Omega') \Leftrightarrow 1/k^2$ implies
 - Inerting: $1/\epsilon(k, \Omega)$: Equivalent of Debye Shielding
 - Friction & Diffusion
- Dynamical friction
of stars

 Thickening of the
MW disc

Does it work? Yes, it works where it works.

- Radial Migration in discs
- Eccentricity relaxation in Nuclei
- Contraction of Globular Clusters

Side-note

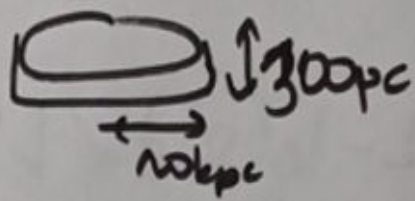



Should it work? No.

This is the topic of this program.
Will conclude with examples of limits

Integrability: Absence of A&A

Ex: Thick disc of the MW



Oblate halos:  ~~Orbits are~~

Orbits explore phase-space much more efficiently

Degeneracies

$\delta(k\Omega - k'\Omega')$ Resonance condition

Ex: Harmonic cores: $\Omega(r) = \Omega_0$

$\frac{\delta(k\Omega - k'\Omega')}{\Omega_0}$



System is too resonant. Relaxation in cores at the center of halos "stalling of dynamical friction"

Analog

Ex: Relaxation of orbits



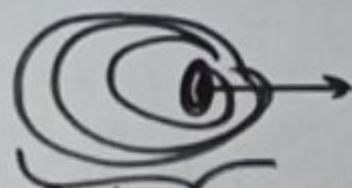
$\Omega(r) = 0$

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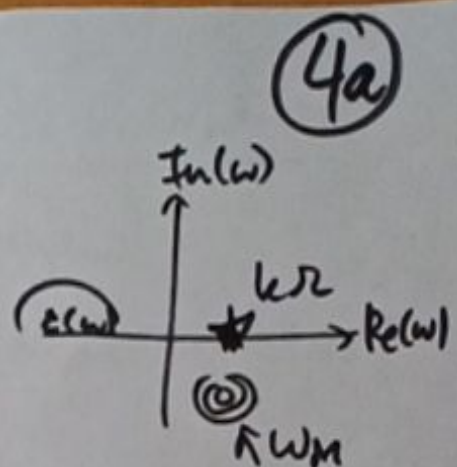
- Atsuyuki turbulence
- Gyrodynamics
- Renormalization Theory

Marginal Stability

Theory: $U \rightarrow \frac{U}{|E|}$

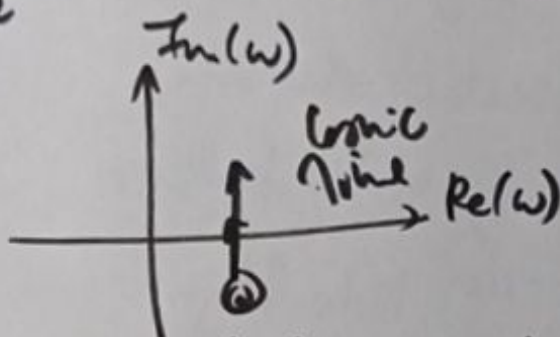


Wake: $1/E(\omega)$



$$\delta\phi(t) = \underbrace{\frac{e^{-ikz\Omega(t)t}}{E(k\Omega)}}_{\text{Wake}} + \underbrace{e^{\frac{i}{\omega} \omega t}}_{\text{Mode: Landau damping}}$$

Approaching instability



$(\partial F / \partial t)_{NL} \propto \frac{U^2}{|E|^2}$ diverges!

linked to: Non-linear trapping

- Mode particle
- Weak turbulence
- Bifurcation

What is happening

Large deviations

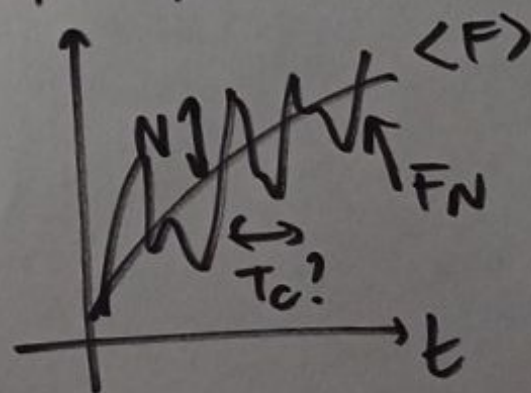
$\frac{\partial \langle F \rangle}{\partial t} = C[\langle F \rangle]$ Deterministic.

What about one galaxy? $F_d = \sum_i \delta[\omega - \omega_i(t)]$

$F_N = \int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} F_d$ (like $\int dx$ in plasma)

Stochastic

$\frac{\partial F_N}{\partial t} = \underbrace{C[F_N]}_{\text{Deterministic}} + \underbrace{\eta[F_N]}_{\text{Noise}}$



Ex: time of core collapse:

Time of bar formation:

Obtaining a Langevin writing for PDF

To conclude:

Plasmas & galaxies share deep similarities.

Could also venture?

- Branch cuts in linear response
- Orbit Averages & symplectics
- N-body simulation
- Kinematic diversity
- Phase-Space Turbulence
- N-body simulation

Interconnections have to be strengthened