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## A NEW REPRESENTATION OF THE RELATIVISTIC DIELECTRIC TENSOR FOR A MAGNETIZED PLASMA

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A representation of the dielectric tensor which does not involve the sum over harmonics is obtained. The novel form can be expressed in terms of either a product of two Bessel functions whose orders are functions of momentum, or an integral over the range  $(0, \pi/2)$  of combinations of  $J_{0,1,2}$  with cosine functions.

Introduction. The standard form of the (relativistic) dielectric tensor  $\epsilon_{ij}$ , relevant to electron cyclotron interaction in a magnetized plasma, involves both a double integral over the momentum variables, e.g.,  $p_{\perp}$  and  $p_{\parallel}$ , and an infinite sum over harmonics of terms each of which contains the product of two Bessel functions whose argument is a function of  $p_{\perp}$ . More specifically, in the reference frame in which  $\underline{B}_0 = \hat{z}B_0$  and  $\underline{k} = k_{\perp}\hat{x} + k_{\parallel}\hat{z}$ , one has

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + 2\pi \left[ \frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_c^2} \right] \int_0^{\infty} dp_{\perp} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp_{\parallel} \left[ \frac{p_{\parallel}}{\gamma} F(p_{\perp}, p_{\parallel}) \delta_{12} \delta_{jz} + \frac{\omega}{c} U(f_0) T_{ij}(p_{\perp}, p_{\parallel}) \right] \quad (1)$$

where  $F(p_{\perp}, p_{\parallel}) = p_{\perp} (\partial f_0 / \partial p_{\parallel}) - p_{\parallel} (\partial f_0 / \partial p_{\perp})$ , with  $f_0 = f_0(p_{\perp}, p_{\parallel})$  the (gyrotropic) equilibrium distribution ( $\int d^3p f_0 = 1$ ), and  $U(f_0) = \partial f_0 / \partial p_{\perp} + (N_{\parallel} / \gamma mc) F(p_{\perp}, p_{\parallel})$ . The tensor  $T_{ij}$  is given by an infinite sum over cyclotron harmonics of a quantity which contains a singular factor multiplying a dyadic tensor, namely,

$$T_{ij} = \sum_n \frac{v_{\perp}^{(n)} (v_{\perp}^{(n)})^*}{\mu - n} \quad , \quad \mu = \frac{\omega}{\omega_0} (\gamma - N_{\parallel} p_{\parallel} / mc) \quad (2)$$

with  $\underline{v}^{(n)} = \underline{v}_{\perp}^{(n)} + \hat{z} p_{\parallel} J_n$ , the perpendicular (to  $\underline{B}_0$ ) component being

$V_1^{(n)} = p_1 [\hat{x}(nJ_n/b) + i\hat{y}J_n'] = (p_1/2) [(\hat{x} + i\hat{y})J_{n-1} + (\hat{x} - i\hat{y})J_{n+1}]$ , the later representation referring to a frame of reference in which the wave electric field perpendicular to  $\underline{E}_0$  is  $\underline{E}_1 = (1/\sqrt{2})(E_x + iE_y, E_x - iE_y)$ . In this reference frame, to be referred to as the "circular frame", the dyad in (2) is real. Furthermore,  $J_n = J_n(b)$ ,  $J_n' = dJ_n/db$ , with  $b = (\omega/\omega_c)N_{||}(p_1/mc)$ .

The infinite number of singularities in  $p$ -space arising from the factor  $(\mu - n)^{-1}$  in (2) and connected with the relativistic resonance condition  $v - N_{||}p_{||}/mc - n\omega_c/\omega = 0$  is dealt with by performing the integration along the causal contour which amounts to assuming that  $N_{||}$  has a small (negative) imaginary part ( $\omega$  is taken real) so that, using the Plemelj formula,  $[\mu(\gamma, p_{||}) - n]^{-1} = P(1/(\mu - n)) - i\pi\delta(\mu - n)$ ,  $P$  indicating the Cauchy principal value. It follows that one can write  $T_{ij} = T_{h,ij} + iT_{a,ij}$ , respectively the Hermitian and anti-Hermitian part, so that, in particular, the anti-Hermitian part of the dielectric tensor (1) is

$$\epsilon_{a,ij} = -2\pi \left[ \frac{p_1}{\omega} \right]^2 \int dp_{||} dp_{\perp} U(p_o) \sum_n V_1^{(n)} \langle V_j^{(n)} \rangle^* \delta(\gamma - N_{||}p_{||}/mc - n\omega_c/\omega) \quad (3)$$

whose salient characteristic is the infinite sum over cyclotron harmonics.

Representation without expansion in harmonics. The tensor  $T_{ij}$  and, hence, the dielectric tensor  $\epsilon_{ij}$  can be expressed in forms whose Hermitian parts do not involve the (infinite) sum over harmonics, thus being possibly more advantageous than (2).

A. Two Bessel functions representation of  $T_{ij}$ . The summation of the harmonic series appearing in (2) can be performed by means of the summation rule<sup>2</sup>

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{J_{n+p}(b)J_{n+1}(b)}{\mu - n} = \frac{\pi}{\sin[\pi(\mu+1)]} J_{\mu+p}(b)J_{-(\mu+1)}(b), \quad \text{Re}(\mu-1) > -1 \quad (4)$$

With (4), the tensor (2) reduces to

$$T_{ij} = - \frac{\pi p_1}{\sin(\pi\mu)} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_{\perp}}{2} J_{\mu+1} J_{-(\mu+1)} & \frac{p_{\perp}}{2} J_{\mu+1} J_{1-\mu} & -\frac{p_{||}}{\sqrt{2}} J_{-\mu} J_{\mu+1} \\ \frac{p_{\perp}}{2} J_{\mu+1} J_{1-\mu} & \frac{p_{\perp}}{2} J_{\mu-1} J_{1-\mu} & -\frac{p_{||}}{\sqrt{2}} J_{-\mu} J_{\mu-1} \\ -\frac{p_{||}}{\sqrt{2}} J_{-\mu} J_{\mu+1} & -\frac{p_{||}}{\sqrt{2}} J_{-\mu} J_{\mu-1} & -\frac{p_{||}}{p_{\perp}} J_{\mu} J_{-\mu} \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

the matrix appearing in (5) being (real and) symmetric. The main features of the form (5) of the tensor  $T_{ij}$  with respect to (2) are: i) the infinite sum over harmonics is no longer present (explicitly); ii) the orders of the Bessel functions appearing in (5) are now functions of the momentum via the same variable  $\mu$  ( $= (\omega/\omega_c)(\gamma - N_{||}p_{||}/mc)$ ) that appears in the denominator  $\sin(\pi\mu)$ . Using (5) into the double integral over the momentum variables in (1) makes it convenient to chose  $\mu$  as one of the integration variables, instead of  $p_{\perp}$  or  $p_{||}$ , and split the range of the corresponding integral into symmetric intervals around each singular point  $\mu = n$  ( $n$  integer), with the result that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mu \frac{f(\mu)}{\sin(\pi\mu)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} d\mu \frac{f(\mu)}{\sin(\pi\mu)} = \sum_n \left[ P \int_{n-1/2}^{n+1/2} d\mu \frac{f(\mu)}{\sin(\pi\mu)} - i(-1)^n f(n) \right] \quad (6)$$

Since the matrix on the right-hand-side of (5) is real, the anti-Hermitian part of the dielectric tensor comes entirely from the singularities connected with  $1/\sin(\pi\mu)$ . Thus, from (6) one recovers the standard harmonic expansion (3) for  $\epsilon_{a,ij}$  and, hence, no real advantage is obtained by using (5) rather than (2). As for the Hermitian part of  $\epsilon_{ij}$  instead, for every singular point  $n$  the  $\mu$ -integration in (6) is over a finite range instead of being an infinite integral as in the standard harmonic expansion (2). This fact turns out to be advantageous for the numerical evaluation of  $\epsilon_{h,ij}$  at high temperatures and high frequencies<sup>3,4</sup> (We note that the (2,3)-element

(the (1,3)-element) obtained by Weiss<sup>3</sup> (Tamor<sup>4</sup>) in the expression corresponding to (5) does not appear to be correct).

B. Integral representation of  $T_{ij}$ . Each element of matrix (5) can be expressed in integral form with a single Bessel function by using the relation<sup>5</sup>

$$J_{\nu}(z)J_{\lambda}(z) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi J_{\nu+\lambda}(2z\cos\phi) \cos[(\nu-\lambda)\phi], \quad \text{Re}(\nu+\lambda) > -1 \quad (7)$$

Applying (7) to (5) yields the symmetric form

$$T_{ij} = -\frac{2p_1}{\sin(\pi\mu)} \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p_1}{2} J_0 \cos[2(\mu+1)\phi] & \frac{p_1}{2} J_2 \cos[2\mu\phi] & -\frac{p_{11}}{\sqrt{2}} J_1 \cos[(2\mu+1)\phi] \\ \frac{p_1}{2} J_2 \cos(2\mu\phi) & \frac{p_1}{2} J_0 \cos[2(\mu-1)\phi] & t_{23} \\ -\frac{p_{11}}{\sqrt{2}} J_1 \cos[(2\mu+1)\phi] & t_{23} & -\frac{p_{11}^2}{p_1} J_0 \cos[2\mu\phi] \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

with  $t_{23} = -(p_{11}/\sqrt{2})\{J_0 \cos(2\mu\phi) - J_1 \cos[(2\mu+1)\phi]\}$ ; the argument of  $J_{0,1,2}$  being  $2b \cos \phi = 2(\omega/\omega_c) N_1 (p_1/mc) \cos \phi$  (A representation similar to (8) has been obtained also by Shi et al.<sup>6</sup>). The salient characteristic of (8) is the  $\phi$ -integral over the  $(0, \pi/2)$ -range of combinations of  $J_{0,1,2}$  with cosine functions. As for (5) the poles connected with  $\sin(\pi\mu)=0$  contribute an anti-Hermitian part to the dielectric tensor. More specifically, for  $N_{||}^2 < 1$  one has

$$\epsilon_{a,ij} = 4\pi \left( \frac{\omega_p}{\omega} \right)^2 \sum_n (-1)^n \int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi \int_0^{p_o} dp_1 \frac{p_1}{2} \left[ \gamma U(\rho_o) t_{ij} \right]_{\mu=n} \quad (9)$$

where  $t_{ij}$  is the integrand of the  $\phi$ -integration in (8),  $\Delta = [(1-N_{||}^2)(p_o^2 - p_1^2)]^{1/2}/(mc)^2$  and  $p_o = [(n\omega_c/\omega)^2 / (1-N_{||}^2) - 1]^{1/2} mc$ .

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