

Assignment 6 Solutions

① (a) The centrifugal force per unit mass is  $v\phi^2/R$ . Since  $j = Rv\phi$ ,

$$f_{cen} = \frac{j^2}{R^3}$$

(b) The new outward force is  $f_{cen}(R_1) = j_0^2/R_1^3$ . Here I have used the fact that  $j$  is conserved during the displacement. There is also an inward force,  $f_{in}(R_1)$ . This used to balance the old centrifugal force, prior to the displacement. That is,  $f_{in}(R_1) = j_1^2/R_1^3$ . So the net outward force is

$$f_{out} = \frac{j_0^2 - j_1^2}{R_1^3}$$

(c) For stability,  $f_{out} < 0$ , or  $j_0^2 < j_1^2$ . Remember that  $j_0 \equiv j(R_0)$  and  $j_1 \equiv j(R_1)$ . Thus, in the limit of small displacement,

$$\frac{\partial j^2}{\partial R} > 0 \quad \text{for stability}$$

(d) We found

$$v\phi(R) = \frac{R_2^2 \Omega_2 - R_1^2 \Omega_1}{(R_2^2 - R_1^2)} R + \frac{R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)}{(R_2^2 - R_1^2)}$$

where  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  refer to the inner cylindrical wall, etc. Thus,

$$j(R) = Rv\phi = \frac{R_2^2 \Omega_2 - R_1^2 \Omega_1}{(R_2^2 - R_1^2)} R^2 + \frac{R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)}{(R_2^2 - R_1^2)}$$

$$\equiv AR^2 + B$$

Thus,  $j^2 = A^2 R^4 + B^2 + 2ABR^2$ . For stability

$$\frac{\partial j^2}{\partial R} = 4A^2 R^3 + 4ABR > 0$$

Suppose first that  $A > 0$ \*. Then, since  $4ABR > 0$ , the above inequality is equivalent to  $AR^2 + B > 0$ . But  $AR^2 + B > AR_1^2 + B = j(R_1) = R_1^2 \Omega_1 > 0$ . So the flow is indeed stable.

\* and that both  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are positive numbers.

Now suppose that  $A < 0$ . Since  $4AR < 0$ , we need  $AR^2 + B < 0$ . But, since  $A < 0$ ,  $AR^2 + B > AR_2^2 + B = j(R_2) = R_2^2 \Omega_2 > 0$ . Thus, the flow is unstable.

In summary, stability requires that  $A > 0$ , or  $\boxed{\Omega_2 > \Omega_1 (R_1^2/R_2^2)}$

(e) Let  $\Omega_1 > 0$  and  $\Omega_2 < 0$ . Then  $A < 0$  and  $B > 0$ . We still require  $4A^2R^3 + 4ABR > 0$  for stability. The first term is positive, the second negative. We need

$$4A^2R^3 > -4ABR \quad \text{or} \\ |A|R^2 > B \quad \text{which is}$$

$$\frac{R_1^2 \Omega_1 - R_2^2 \Omega_2}{(R_2^2 - R_1^2)} R^2 > \frac{R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)}{(R_2^2 - R_1^2)}$$

$$(R_1^2 \Omega_1 - R_2^2 \Omega_2) R^2 > R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)$$

When  $R = R_1$ , the left hand side is  $R_1^4 \Omega_1 - R_1^2 R_2^2 \Omega_2 < R_1^2 R_2^2 \Omega_1 - R_1^2 R_2^2 \Omega_2$   
 When  $R = R_2$ , the left hand side is  $R_1^2 R_2^2 \Omega_1 - R_2^4 \Omega_2 > R_1^2 R_2^2 \Omega_1 - R_1^2 R_2^2 \Omega_2$   
 There is thus a critical radius where  $\partial j^2 / \partial R = 0$ . This radius is given by

$$(R_1^2 \Omega_1 - R_2^2 \Omega_2) R_{crit}^2 = R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)$$

$$\text{or } R_{crit}^2 = \frac{R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)}{R_1^2 \Omega_1 - R_2^2 \Omega_2} = R_2^2 f + R_1^2 (1-f)$$

$$\text{where } f \equiv \frac{R_1^2 \Omega_1}{R_1^2 \Omega_1 - R_2^2 \Omega_2} \quad (\text{a number between 0 and 1})$$

A similar analysis holds if  $\Omega_1 < 0$  and  $\Omega_2 > 0$ . In summary, the flow is unstable.

(f) Here,  $u_{\theta}^2 = Gm_x / R \rightarrow j^2 = Gm_x R$ . Since  $\partial j^2 / \partial R = Gm_x > 0$ , the flow is stable.

$$(2) (a) \quad M_J \sim \frac{a_T^3}{\rho^{1/2} G^{3/2}} \quad t_{\text{ff}} \sim \frac{1}{G^{1/2} \rho^{1/2}}$$

$$\dot{M} \sim \frac{M_J}{t_{\text{ff}}} \sim a_T^3 \rho^{-1/2} G^{-3/2} G^{1/2} \rho^{1/2} = \frac{a_T^3}{G} \checkmark$$

(b) The momentum per unit area per unit time carried by radiation is  $F_{\text{rad}}/c$ . Thus, the radiative force per unit mass on a gas element is  $\kappa F_{\text{rad}}/c$ , where the opacity  $\kappa$  has units of  $\text{cm}^2 \text{gm}^{-1}$ .

This radiative force equals gravity when  $\frac{\kappa F_{\text{rad}}}{c} = \frac{GM}{r^2}$

Setting  $F_{\text{rad}} = L/4\pi r^2$ , we find  $L = \frac{4\pi c GM}{\kappa}$

$$(c) \quad L_{\text{acc}} = \frac{GM\dot{M}}{R_*} \approx \frac{M a_T^3}{R_*}$$

Here,  $a_T$  is the isothermal sound speed in the cloud =  $0.2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for  $T=1 \text{ K}$ .

From the virial theorem,

$$\frac{GM}{R_*} \approx \alpha T_c$$

Here,  $T_c$  is the central temperature of the protostar, given as  $1 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$ .

$$\text{Thus, } L_{\text{acc}} = \frac{\alpha T_c a_T^3}{G} = 2 L_0$$

$$\text{However, } L_E = \frac{4\pi c GM}{\kappa} = 1 \times 10^3 L_0 \text{ for } M = 1 M_\odot$$

Thus,  $L_E/L_{\text{acc}} \sim 10^3$  for solar-mass stars, and we can ignore radiation pressure.

(d) Using Table 1.1 of "The Formation of Stars" for  $L_{\text{ms}}$ :

$m/m_\odot$	$L_{\text{ms}}/L_\odot$	$L_E/L_\odot$
6	$8 \times 10^2$	$7 \times 10^3$
8	$2 \times 10^3$	$1 \times 10^4$
10	$6 \times 10^3$	$1 \times 10^4$
18	$5 \times 10^4$	$2 \times 10^4$

Radiation pressure becomes important for  $M_* \gtrsim 10 M_\odot$ .

③ In the supersonic regime, we may ignore the gas pressure gradient. The momentum equation becomes:

$$u \frac{du}{dr} = -\frac{GM_\star}{r^2} + \frac{k_0 F_0 \Delta V_0}{c \tau}$$

$$= -\frac{GM_\star}{r^2} + \frac{F_0 \Delta V_0}{\rho c \Delta V_{\text{thom}}} \frac{du}{dr}$$

The continuum specific flux is  $F_0 = F_\star \left(\frac{R_\star}{r}\right)^2$ , where  $F_\star$  and  $R_\star$  are the flux and radius, respectively at the stellar surface. Thus

$$u \frac{du}{dr} = -\frac{GM_\star}{r^2} + \frac{F_\star R_\star^2 \Delta V_0}{\rho c r^2 \Delta V_{\text{thom}}} \frac{du}{dr}$$

From mass continuity,  $4\pi r^2 \rho u = \dot{m}_W \rightarrow \rho r^2 = \frac{\dot{m}_W}{4\pi u}$

$$\text{Thus } u \frac{du}{dr} = -\frac{GM_\star}{r^2} + \frac{F_\star R_\star^2 \Delta V_0}{c \dot{m}_W \Delta V_{\text{thom}}} 4\pi u \frac{du}{dr}$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha \equiv \frac{4\pi F_\star R_\star^2 \Delta V_0}{\dot{m}_W c \Delta V_{\text{thom}}} - 1 \quad (\text{a nondimensional quantity})$$

$$u \frac{du}{dr} = \frac{+GM_\star}{r^2 \alpha}$$

Clearly,  $\alpha$  must be positive so that the wind accelerates outward.

Integrating the above equation from  $r$  to  $\infty$  (where  $u = u_\infty$ ),

$$\frac{1}{2}(u_\infty^2 - u^2) = \frac{GM_\star}{\alpha} \left| -\frac{1}{r} \right|_r^\infty = \frac{GM_\star}{\alpha r}$$

We find that

$$u = u_\infty \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM_\star}{\alpha u_\infty^2 r}}$$

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(4) The evolution equation derived in class is

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[ R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2}) \right]$$

Let  $S \equiv \frac{1}{3} \Sigma R^{3/2}$  (the book omits the factor of  $1/3$ )

$$y \equiv v \Sigma R^{1/2}$$

$$X \equiv 2 R^{1/2} \rightarrow R = \frac{X^2}{4} \rightarrow \frac{\partial R}{\partial X} = \frac{X}{2} = R^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{\partial}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial R}{\partial X} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} = R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R}$$

We have  $\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = 3R^{-3/2} \frac{\partial S}{\partial t}$ , and  $R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (v \Sigma R^{1/2}) = \frac{\partial y}{\partial X}$ .

So the evolution equation becomes  $3R^{-3/2} \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \frac{3}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \frac{\partial y}{\partial X}$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = R^{1/2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \frac{\partial y}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial X^2}}$$

If  $y = y_0 + \beta (S - S_0)$ , then  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial X^2} = \beta \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial X^2}$ , and

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = \beta \frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial X^2}}$$

If  $\beta > 0$  [ $v \Sigma R^{1/2}$  increases with  $R^{1/2}$ ],  $S(x, t)$  diffuses outward.

If  $\beta < 0$  [ $v \Sigma R^{1/2}$  decreases with  $R^{1/2}$ ],  $S(x, t)$  concentrates inward.