

# Zero Modes In Turbulence

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- For the mean distance of the particles is growing in time the conserved quantities need to involve the geometry of the cloud.  
→ We might learn something about the shape evolution of the cloud.

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In the limit  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $L \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty} d^{ij}(\mathbf{r}) = D_1 r^\xi \left( (d - 1 + \xi - \wp \xi) \delta^{ij} + (\wp d - 1) \xi \frac{r^i r^j}{r^2} \right)$$

$\wp = \langle (\nabla_i v^i)^2 / (\nabla_i v^j)^2 \rangle$  is the degree of compressibility.

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## Determination of $\mathcal{P}$

$$\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{\mathbf{r}}; \underline{\mathbf{R}}; t) = \langle p(\mathbf{r}_1, 0; \mathbf{R}_1, t | \mathbf{v}) \dots p(\mathbf{r}_N, 0; \mathbf{R}_N, t | \mathbf{v}) \rangle$$

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From the advection-diffusion-equation

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \nabla_{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{R}, t) - \kappa \Delta_{\mathbf{R}} \right] p(\mathbf{r}, s; \mathbf{R}, t | \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

one gets an equation for  $\mathcal{P}_N$  via the phase space integral representation of the solution of this equation .

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$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \mathcal{M}_N\right)\mathcal{P}_N(\underline{\mathbf{r}}; \underline{\mathbf{R}}; t) = \delta(t) \delta(\underline{\mathbf{R}} - \underline{\mathbf{r}})$$

with

$$\mathcal{M}_N = \sum_{n,m=1}^N \nabla_{r_n^i} \nabla_{r_m^j} D^{ij}(\mathbf{r}_{nm}) + \kappa \sum_{n=1}^N \Delta_{\mathbf{r}_n}$$

## Back to our intention

Our intention was to determine functions whose expectation value does not change in time. We already know that

$$\langle f(\underline{\mathbf{R}}(t)) \rangle = \int f(\underline{\mathbf{R}}) \tilde{\mathcal{P}}_N(\underline{\mathbf{r}}; \underline{\mathbf{R}}; t) dR$$

With our knowledge about the evolution equation of  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_N$  we can find a partial differential equation for  $f$ .

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Due to the fact, that  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$  ist a density, we just need to solve the equation

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_N^* f(\underline{\mathbf{R}}) = 0$$

## Definition of the zero modes

Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_N$  be defined as above.

We call a function  $f$  fulfilling the equation  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_N f = 0$  a zero mode of  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_N$ .

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Then one expects intuitively that  $\langle f(\underline{\mathbf{R}}(t)) \rangle \sim t^{\frac{\zeta}{2-\xi}}$  because an N-particle generalization of the Richardson-type behaviour gives  $\langle R(t)^\zeta \rangle \sim t^{\frac{\zeta}{2-\xi}}$ .

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The functions not fulfilling the dimensional prediction turn out to be the zero modes and the so called slow modes. (Slow modes are zero modes of  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_N^{k+1}$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .)

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The eigenvalues of  $\hat{\Delta}$  are  $0, 1, 2, \dots$  and the eigenfunctions are the hermite polynomials  $H_j$ .

Thus the zero modes in this case are  $f_{j,0}(\mathbf{R}) = R^j H_j(\hat{\mathbf{R}})$ .

Asymptotic expansion of  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_N$ 

The zero modes and the slow modes show up in the asymptotic behaviour of  $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_N$  when the initial points get close:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}_N(\lambda \underline{\mathbf{r}}; \underline{\mathbf{R}}; t) = \sum_a \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{\zeta_a + (2-\xi)k} f_{a,k}(\underline{\mathbf{r}}) g_{a,k}(\underline{\mathbf{R}}, t)$$

for small  $\lambda$ .

$\zeta_a$  are the scaling dimensions of the zero modes.

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Then the density of the shapes  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}(R)$  is:

$$\mathcal{P}_N(\hat{\mathbf{r}}; \hat{\mathbf{R}}; \frac{r}{R}) = \sum_a \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{\zeta_a} f_a(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) h_a(\hat{\mathbf{R}})$$

$h_a$  are the eigenfunctions of  $\mathcal{P}_N(\frac{r}{R})$ .

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One then gets

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They decrease when  $r$  grows and this decrease is given by the laws governing the decay of shape fluctuations. Thus the scaling exponents of the zero modes coincide with the scaling exponents of the structure functions:

$$S_N(r) \sim r^{\zeta_N} L^{\frac{N}{2}(2-\xi) - \zeta_N}$$

$L$  is the forcing scale of the scalar and  $\zeta_N$  is the lowest scaling exponent of an irreducible  $N$ -particle-zero mode.

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In this case the equation  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathcal{P}_N = \mathcal{M}_N \mathcal{P}_N$  simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) = & \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} C(0) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} C(0) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_3^2} C(0) \right. \\ & + 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} C(x_1 - x_2) + 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1 \partial x_3} C(x_1 - x_3) \\ & \left. + 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2 \partial x_3} C(x_2 - x_3) \right\} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) \end{aligned}$$

# Transformation to relative coordinates

Transformation to relative coordinates gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(r_1, r_2, t) &= \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1^2} Q(r_1) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_2^2} Q(r_2) \right. \\ &+ \left. \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1 \partial r_2} (Q(r_1) + Q(r_2) - Q(r_1 - r_2)) \right) \right\} f(r_1, r_2, t) =: M f(r_1, r_2, t) \end{aligned}$$

with  $Q(r) = 2(C(0) - C(r))$

# Calculating the adjoint operator

Calculating  $M^*$  with partial integration gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \int g(r_1, r_2) M f(r_1, r_2, t) dr_1 dr_2 &= \int f(r_1, r_2, t) \left( Q(r_1) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1^2} \right. \\ &+ Q(r_2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_2^2} + (Q(r_1) + Q(r_2)) \\ &- Q(r_1 - r_2) \left. \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1 \partial r_2} \right) g(r_1, r_2) dr_2 dr_1 \\ \implies M^* &= Q(r_1) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1^2} + Q(r_2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_2^2} \\ &+ (Q(r_1) + Q(r_2) - Q(r_1 - r_2)) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_1 \partial r_2} \end{aligned}$$

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Presuming  $f(r, \rho) = r^\gamma g(\rho)$  we obtain an ordinary differential equation for  $g(\rho)$  (WLOG  $r_1 > r_2 > 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} & (\gamma\rho^2 + \gamma(\gamma - 2)\rho + \gamma(\gamma - 1) + \gamma(\gamma - 1)\rho^{\alpha+2} + \gamma(\gamma - 2)\rho^{\alpha+1} \\ & + \gamma\rho^\alpha + \gamma(2 - \gamma)\rho(\rho - 1)^\alpha) g(\rho) \\ & + (1 + \rho^2)(2\rho^3 - (1 + \gamma)\rho^2 + 2(1 - \gamma)\rho + \gamma - 1 - \\ & (1 + \gamma)\rho^{\alpha+2} + 2\gamma\rho^{\alpha+1} + (\gamma - 1)\rho^\alpha + \\ & (1 - \gamma)(\rho - 1)^\alpha + (1 + \gamma)\rho^2(\rho - 1)^\alpha) g'(\rho) \\ & + (\rho^2 - \rho - \rho^{\alpha+1} + \rho^\alpha + \rho(\rho - 1)^\alpha)(1 + \rho^2)^2 g''(\rho) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



## The case $\alpha = 0$

- For  $\alpha = 0$  we obtain a Brownian motion and the results are a special case of the example above.
- The scaling exponents of the zero modes are the natural numbers.
- For we are just interested in translation invariant zero modes we get two independent zero modes for every scaling exponent due to the second order differential equation above.
- The lowest scaling dimension of irreducible zero modes is 2.

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*etc.*

# The case $\alpha = 2$

If we set  $\alpha = 2$  the equation we get is rather simple.  
We obtain

$$r^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial r^2} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

Thus we get

$$\gamma(\gamma - 1)r^{\gamma-2} g(\rho) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

Hence the scaling exponents of the zero modes are just 0 and 1.  
But for  $g$  an arbitrary function can be chosen.

# The case $\alpha = 2$

It is interesting that from  $\gamma = 0$  follows that

$$\langle g(\rho) \rangle = 0$$

for arbitrary  $g$ .

Consequently the shape is identically distributed.

# The case $\alpha = 1$

This case is the most complicated of the three.

Assuming  $f(r, \rho) = r^\gamma g(\rho)$  we obtain

$$g(\rho) = (1 + \rho^2)^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}} (\rho - 1) h(\rho)$$

where  $h$  is a solution of the hypergeometric differential equation with certain parameters:

$$\rho(\rho - 1)h''(\rho) + (2 - 2\gamma - ((2 - \gamma) + (1 - \gamma) + 1)\rho)h'(\rho) - (2 - \gamma)(1 - \gamma)h(\rho) = 0$$

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Solving the resulting hypergeometric equation we get two linearly independent solutions:

$$h_1(\rho) = \rho^{\gamma-2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$$h_2(\rho) = \rho^{\gamma-2} \left[ \rho + \gamma(1-\gamma) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} K_n a_n \frac{1}{\rho} - \gamma(1-\gamma) \log(\rho) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{1}{\rho} \right]$$

with

$$a_n = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(2+i-\gamma)(1+i+\gamma)}{i(i+1)}$$

$$K_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2+i-\gamma} + \frac{1}{1+i+\gamma} - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} - \frac{1}{\gamma} \right)$$



# The case $\alpha = 1$

To find the scaling exponents we have to continue the above solution for the range  $r_1 > r_2 > 0$  to the other ranges.

Using the property of the velocity field that two particles which start together will stay together during the whole evolution, mathematically formulated  $f(r_1, r_2) = f(r_1) \delta(r_1 - r_2)$ , we get that the zero modes have to be zero whenever two particles have the same coordinate, that means  $r_1 = r_2$  or  $r_1 = 0$  or  $r_2 = 0$ .

This leads us to the conclusion that the scaling exponents are the natural numbers and the zero modes are:

$$f(r, \rho) = r^\gamma (1 + \rho^2)^{-\frac{\gamma}{2}} (\rho - 1) \rho^{\gamma-2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{1}{\rho}$$

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- In the Kraichnan model they are given as zero modes of explicit evolution operators.
- In very simple cases it is possible to calculate the zero modes and their scaling exponents analytically, in others perturbation theory is needed.

# The end

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!