

SYMMETRICAL BROADWELL MODEL: CALCULATION OF SOLUTION

BY

HENRI CABANNES

Broadwell equations, in symmetrical case, are equations (1), where $i = 1, 2, 3$. Unknowns functions $n_i(t)$ are densities, the variable t is the time. To simplify we omit coefficients, appearing in original Broadwell model. Then functions $n_i(t)$ are inverse of time, and they have same dimensions as $(1/t)$. We will search general solution of equations (1) on the form (2).

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} + 3n_i^2 = \sum_{j=1}^3 n_j^2, \quad (1)$$

$$n_i(t) = A(t) + \frac{\alpha(t)}{\varphi(t) + C_i}. \quad (2)$$

Functions $A(t)$, $\alpha(t)$ and $\varphi(t)$ are functions to be determined, instead quantities C_i are constants, also to be determined. Putting formulas (2) in equations (1), one obtains equations (3) :

$$\begin{aligned} & \dot{A} + 3A^2 \frac{\dot{\alpha} + 6A\alpha}{\varphi + C_i} + \frac{3\alpha^2 - \alpha\dot{\varphi}}{(\varphi + C_i)^2} \\ & = 3A^2 + 2A\alpha \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{1}{\varphi + C_j} \right\} + \alpha^2 \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{1}{(\varphi + C_j)^2} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The right hand-side of equations (3) are independent of index i , instead left hand-side depends of that index. In order that equations (3) can be reduced to a single equation unique, it is sufficient to choose $\dot{\alpha} + 6A\alpha = 0$ and $3\alpha - \dot{\varphi} = 0$, what we will do. Equations (3) can be replaced by single

equation (4), instead relations (2) become relations (5).

$$\frac{1}{6} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\ddot{\varphi}}{\dot{\varphi}} \right) = \frac{\ddot{\varphi}}{9} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{1}{\varphi + C_j} \right\} - \frac{\varphi^2}{9} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{\varphi + C_j} \right\}, \quad (4)$$

$$n_i(t) = -\frac{\ddot{\varphi}}{6\dot{\varphi}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{\varphi + C_i}. \quad (5)$$

Equation (4), which replace system (1) can be integrated a first time under form (6), then a second time under form (7), from which we deduce that φ is inverse of a time, and that is the same for constants C_i .

$$\frac{\ddot{\varphi}}{\dot{\varphi}} = \frac{2}{3} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{\varphi + C_j} \right\} - K_1, \quad (6)$$

$$\log |\dot{\varphi}| = \frac{2}{3} \log |(\varphi + C_1)(\varphi + C_2)(\varphi + C_3)| - K_1 t + K_2. \quad (7)$$

From equations (1) the sum of three densities $n_i(t)$ is a constant, we will note by \bar{n} . From equations (5) and (6), $\sum_{i=1}^3 n_i(t) = K_1 = \bar{n}$. We will then put $\bar{n}t - K_2 = \tau$, dimensionless variable, and $\exp(-\tau) = T$, also dimensionless, then $\bar{n}dt = d\tau = -\frac{d\tau}{T}$. We choose as initial time, the time t_0 corresponding to $\varphi = 0$. Then we choose $K_2 = \bar{n}t_0$, so that when $t = t_0$, $T = T_0 = 1$. From equation (7) we can successively write :

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \left\{ (\varphi + C_1)(\varphi + C_2)(\varphi + C_3) \right\}^{\frac{2}{3}} T, \quad (8a)$$

$$T(\varphi) = 1 - \bar{n} \int_0^\varphi \frac{d\varphi}{\left\{ (\varphi + C_1)(\varphi + C_2)(\varphi + C_3) \right\}^{\frac{2}{3}}}. \quad (8b)$$

Relation (8b) defines function $T(\varphi)$ and inverse $\varphi(T)$, consequently the three functions $\varphi(t)$, $\dot{\varphi}(t)$ and $\ddot{\varphi}(t)$. Then: $n_i = -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\ddot{\varphi}}{\dot{\varphi}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{\varphi + C_i}$, $\dot{\varphi} = \bar{n} \frac{d\varphi}{d\tau}$,

$$n_i = \frac{\bar{n}}{6} - \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{9} \left\{ \frac{1}{\varphi + C_1} + \frac{1}{\varphi + C_2} + \frac{1}{\varphi + C_3} \right\} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{\varphi + C_i}, \quad (9a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_i(\varphi) &= \frac{\bar{n}}{6} - \frac{T(\varphi)}{9} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\varphi + C_1} + \frac{1}{\varphi + C_2} + \frac{1}{\varphi + C_3} \right) - \frac{3}{\varphi + C_i} \right\} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ (\varphi + C_1)(\varphi + C_2)(\varphi + C_3) \right\}^{\frac{2}{3}}. \end{aligned} \quad (9b)$$

To summarize: solution of symmetrical Broadwell equations is defined, on a

parametric form by relations (8b) et (9b).

Dimensions of different quantities. n_i being inverse of a time one can, from equations (1), multiply unknowns n_i by a constant k , and divide variable t by these constant. $A = -\ddot{\varphi}/(6\dot{\varphi})$ is also the inverse of a time, and is also multiplied by k . From formula (8a), φ is the inverse of a time, like n_i , and then like C_i , instead $\alpha = \dot{\varphi}/3$, is the square of the inverse of a time, like n_i^2 . Then A , φ et C_i are multiplied by k , instead α is multiplied by k^2 . Therefore one can choose the three constants C_i so that $C_1 C_2 C_3 = \bar{n}^3$, what we will do.

References

1. Broadwell, J. E., Study of rarefied shear flow by the discrete velocity method, *J. Fluid Mech.*, **19**(1964), 401-414.

Membre de l'Académie des sciences, 23, quai de Conti - 75006 Paris, France.

E-mail: henri.cabannes@normalesup.org