Statistical Description of Acoustic Turbulence

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We develop expressions for the nonlinear wave damping and frequency correction of a field of random, spatially homogeneous, acoustic waves. The implications for the nature of the equilibrium spectral energy distribution are discussed.

1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

Weak or wave turbulence, which describes the behavior of a spatially homogeneous field of weakly interacting, random dispersive waves, has led to spectacular success in our understanding of spectral energy transfer processes in plasmas, oceans and planetary atmospheres[1]. Furthermore, the subject provides a useful paradigm for helping one think about some of the challenges of fully developed turbulence. First and foremost, the equation for the long time behavior of the spectral cumulants (which are in one to one correspondence with the spectral moments) are closed without making a priori and unjustifiable assumptions on the statistics of the processes (such as the quasi-Gaussian approximation). Second, the kinetic equation, which describes the spectral energy transfer via n-wave resonant processes, admits classes of exact equilibrium solutions that can be identified as pure Kolmogorov spectra, namely equilibria for which there is a constant spectral flux of one of the conserved densities (e.g., energy, number density) of the physical process under consideration. By contrast, the thermodynamic equilibria, which have very limited relevance in any turbulence theory that must account for a sink at small scales, have zero flux. Third, the theory allows one to glimpse the origin of the intermittency and the breakdown of the joint Gaussian statistics. The energy at each wavevector remains constant and there is no transfer. But the effects of these terms persist over long times because the cumulants undergo an initial decay, they are regenerated both by cumulants of higher order and by and products of lower order cumulants. Important means that even though the nonlinear coupling is weak, the effects of these terms persist over long times because of resonant interaction. Furthermore, the regeneration process takes place on a much longer time scale than does the initial decorrelation process due to wave dispersion. On this long time scale, namely the time taken for triad or quartet (or, as in some rare cases, quintic) resonances to produce order one effects, the system of equations for the cumulant hierarchy becomes closed. If ε is a typical dimensionless wave amplitude (for acoustic waves it is...
δρ/ρ₀, the ratio of average fluctuation density amplitude to the ambient value) then this time (measured in units of the timescale ωᵋ⁻¹) is ε⁻² for triad resonances and ε⁻⁴ for quartet resonances, although there is an additional frequency correction in the latter case that comes in on the ε⁻² time scale.

Mathematically, these results are obtained by perturbation theory; in which the terms leading to long time cumulative effects can be identified, tabulated and summed.

The method closely parallels that of the Dyson-Wyld diagrammatic approach which will be discussed in Section 4. A key part of the analysis is the asymptotic (lim t → ∞) evaluation of certain integrals such as

\[ \int f(k_r) \Delta \left[ \sum_{r=1}^{N} s_r \omega(k_r) \right] \delta \left( \sum_{r=1}^{N} k_r \right) \Pi d\mathbf{k}_r, \] (1.3)

where

\[ \Delta(h) = \int_{0}^{t} dt \exp(iht) = \frac{\exp(iht) - 1}{ih}, \] (1.4)

and δ(x) is the Dirac delta function. The function Δ(h) contains the fast (oscillations of the order of ωᵋ⁻¹) time t, whereas the other functions in the integrand, here denoted by f(k_r), only change over much longer times. The exponent of Δ(h) is \( \sum_{r=1}^{N} s_r \omega(k_r) \) where \( \omega(k_r) \) is the linear dispersion relation and \( s_r \) (often \( s_r = \pm 1 \)) denotes its multiplicity. For example, in acoustic waves, a wavevector \( \mathbf{k} \) has two frequencies corresponding to waves running on parallel and anti-parallel to \( \mathbf{k} \). The maximum contribution to integrals such as (1.3) in the limit of large time \( t \) occurs on the so called resonant manifold \( M \), where

\[ \sum_{r=1}^{N} k_r = 0, \quad h = \sum_{r=1}^{N} s_r \omega(k_r) = 0, \] (1.5)

for some choices of the sequence \( s_r \). However, the precise form of the asymptotic limit also depends on whether the zeros of \( h \) on \( M \) are simple or of higher order. For the case of (fully) dispersive waves, such as gravity waves on deep water, Rossby waves, waves of diffraction on optical beams, the zero of \( h \) is simple and (for sufficiently smooth \( f \)) one has

\[ \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(h) \frac{\exp(iht) - 1}{ih} dh = \pi \text{sgn}(t)f(0) + iP \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(h)}{h} dh \] (1.6)

or schematically,

\[ \Delta(h) \propto \pi \text{sgn}(t)\delta(h) + iP \left( \frac{1}{h} \right), \] (1.7)

where \( P \) denotes Cauchy principal value. In these cases, the integrand in the kinetic equation, the equation describing the resonant transfer of spectral density, contains products of energy densities and the Dirac delta-functions \( \delta(\sum_{r=1}^{N} s_r \omega(k_r)) \) and \( \delta(\sum_{r=1}^{N} k_r) \) clearly indicating that spectral energy transfer takes place on the resonant manifold \( M \). The asymptotic equations for the change of the higher order cumulants can be interpreted as a complex frequency modification whose real part describes the expected nonlinear shift in frequency and whose imaginary part describes a broadening of the resonant manifold along its normal directions.

But acoustic waves are not fully dispersive. The linear dispersion relation,

\[ \omega(k) = c|k| = c\sqrt{k_{\parallel}^2 + k_{\perp}^2}, \quad \mathbf{k} = (k_{\parallel}, k_{\perp}) \] (1.8)

where \( c \) is the sound speed, leads to a dispersion tensor which has rank (d − 1). As we will see, this changes the asymptotic. Furthermore, three wave resonances occur between wavevectors which are purely collinear. Therefore, since the kinetic equation (KE) only considers wave interaction on the resonant manifold, there is no way of redistributing energy out of a given direction. At best, the KE will only describe spectral energy transfer along rays in wavevector space. Moreover, depending on dimension \( d \), the long time behavior of the integrals (1.4) differ greatly. For a given vector \( \mathbf{k} \), the locus of the resonant partners \( \mathbf{k}_1 \) and \( \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 \) in a resonant triad is given by the surface in \( \mathbf{k}_1 \) space defined by

\[ h(\mathbf{k}_1) = s_1 k_1 + s_2 |k - k_1| - s|k| = 0. \] (1.9)

Here \( s, s_1, s_2 = \pm 1 \). For \( d = 1 \) and the appropriate choices of the wave directions \( s_1, s_2 \) and \( s \), this manifold is all \( \mathbf{k}_1 \). Therefore the fast oscillations in the integral are of no consequence and do not cause any decorrelation to occur. All waves moving in the same directions travel with the same speed. Initial correlations are completely preserved. Moreover, we know that for one dimensional compressible flow, nonlinear terms, no matter how weak initially, eventually lead to finite time multivalued solutions. Assuming the usual viscous regularization, multivalued solutions are replaced by shocks, namely almost discontinuous solutions where discontinuities are resolved across very thin viscous layers. One would naturally expect an energy spectrum \( E_1(k) \) which reflects this fact, namely

\[ E_1(k) \propto 1/k^2. \] (1.10)

In two dimensions, one has dispersion (diffraction) in one direction. Indeed, for \( d > 1 \), while

\[ \nabla_{\mathbf{k}_1} h = 0 \] (1.11)

on the manifold \( M \), the Hessian of \( h(\mathbf{k}_1) \) is not identically zero. In two dimensions, the integral (1.4) behaves as

\[ \int f(x) \frac{\exp(ix^2t) - 1}{ix^2} dx \propto 2t \int f(x) \exp(ix^2t) dx, \] (1.12)
where $\mu$ is the adiabatic constant $[p = p_0(\rho/\rho_0)^\mu]$ and $|k| = K$. In $d$ dimensions a little calculation show, that the RHS of (1.16) has the $t^d$ dependence $t^{2d-2}$ so that in general the nonlinear interaction time $\tau_{NL}$ for the resonant exchange of spectral energy is $e^{2t^{2d-2}} = O(1)$ or $\tau_{NL} \propto e^{-\frac{t}{\epsilon^d}}$. (Note that for $d \geq 5$, there is no cumulative effect of this resonance.)

While the extra term in (1.14) proportional to $i \log t$ plays no role in the spectral energy transfer, it will, however, appear in the frequency modification. Calculating the long time behavior of the higher order cumulants leads to a natural re-normalization of the frequency,

$$\omega(k) = \epsilon |k| \left[ 1 - 2\pi(\mu + 1)^2 \epsilon^2 \ln \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \int_{0}^{\infty} \beta^2 e(\beta \hat{k}) d\beta + O(\epsilon^2) \right] + i\pi(\mu + 1)^2 \epsilon^2 \left[ \int_{0}^{\infty} \beta^2 e(\beta \hat{k}) d\beta + \frac{1}{|k|} \int_{0}^{|k|} \beta e(\beta \hat{k}) d\beta \right]$$

(1.17)

where $\hat{k} = k/K$. The calculation of the frequency renormalization is the new result of this paper. We present two derivations of this result, in the framework of the above analysis and making use of a diagrammatic perturbation approach.

The equation (1.10) is nothing but a “regular” kinetic equation for the three wave interactions, written in a dispersionless limit $\omega = \epsilon |k|$. In this case three wave resonant conditions

$$\pm \omega(k) = \pm \omega(k_1) \pm \omega(k_2) \quad k = k_1 + k_2$$

(1.18)

can be satisfied if and only if all three vectors $k, k_1, k_2$ are parallel, as a result, the integration over $k_1, k_2$ is along line parallel to $k$. It is unclear a priori that the three wave kinetic equation can be used in the dispersionless case; is certainly less plausible in the two dimensional case where the formal implementation of the kinetic equation leads to stronger divergences.

The derivation presented above is taken from the article of Newell and Anco [6], who made the first serious attempt of an analytical description of the dispersionless acoustic turbulence.

Newell and Anco [6] also argued that a natural asymptotic closure also obtains in two dimensions because of the relative higher asymptotic growth rates of terms in the kinetic equation involving only the spectral energy, but this is still a point of dispute, is not yet resolved and will not be addressed further here.

Independently the kinetic equation (1.16) was applied to acoustic turbulence by Zakharov and Sagdeev [8] who used it just as a plausible hypothesis. However, Zakharov
and Sagdeev also suggested an explicit expression for the spectrum of acoustic turbulence

\[ \epsilon(k) \propto k^{-3/2} \]  

(1.19)

which is just a Kolmogorov-type spectrum, first obtained by Kolmogorov from dimensional considerations in the context of hydrodynamic turbulence. Here, however, the \( k \) is an exact solution of the equation

\[ St(\epsilon, \tilde{\epsilon}) = 0. \]  

(1.20)

The proof of this fact can be found in the [1]. One should also mention, that the quantum kinetic equation applied to a description of a system of weakly interacting dispersionless phonons were done as long ago as in 1937 by Landau and Rumer ( [10] ).

Kadomtsev and Petviashvili [11] criticized this result on the grounds that the kinetic equation is in the dispersionless case can hardly be justified because of the special nature of the linear dispersion relation. They suggested that acoustic turbulence in two and three dimensions was much more likely to have parallels with its analogue in one dimension. We have already mentioned in that case that the usual statistical description is inadequate both because there is no decorrelation dynamics and because shocks form no matter how weak the nonlinearity initially is. The equilibrium statistics relevant in that case is much more likely to be a random distribution of discontinuities in the density and velocity fields which lead to an energy distribution of \( \left( \frac{1}{t^2} \right) \). Further, Kadomtsev and Petviashvili argued that even in two and three dimensions one would expect the same result, namely

\[ k^{d-1}\epsilon(k) \propto k^{-2} \]  

(1.21)

a random distribution of statistically independent shocks propagating in all directions.

But wave packets traveling in almost parallel directions are not independent. Consider a solid angle containing \( N = (k_\parallel/k_\perp)^{d-1} \) wavepackets with wavevectors \( (k_\parallel, k_\perp) \) where \( k_\parallel = l^{-1} \) is a typical length scale of the fluctuating field in the direction of the propagation, and \( k_\perp \ll k_\parallel \). The shock time \( \tau_{sh} \) for a single wave packet would be \( l\sqrt{\rho N^2/E} \propto (l/c)N^{1/2} \), where \( E \) is the total energy in the field. The dispersion (diffraction) time \( \tau_{disp} \), namely the time over which several different packets have time to interact linearly, is of the order of \( k_\parallel/(ck_\perp^2) \propto N^{2/(d-1)}/c \). As we have already observed, the nonlinear resonance interaction time \( \tau_{NL} \) for spectral energy transfer is \( (l/c)e^{-4/(5-d)} \). The ratio is \( \tau_{disp} : \tau_{sh} : \tau_{NL} = N^{2/(d-1)} : N^{1/2} : e^{-4/(5-d)} \). In the limits \( N \to \infty, \epsilon \to 0 \), the shock time is sandwiched between the linear interaction time and nonlinear interaction time and, if we choose \( N(\epsilon) \) by equating the first two, all three are the same. Moreover, the phase mixing which occurs due to the crossing of acoustic wave beams, occurs on a shorter time scale, a fact that suggests that the resonant exchange of energy is the more important process. But even then, several very important questions remain.

1. To what distribution does the energy along a given wavevector ray relax?
2. How does energy become shared between neighboring rays?
3. Does energy tend to diffuse away from the ray with maximum energy or can it focus onto that ray? In the latter case, one might argue that shock formation may again become the relevant process especially if the energy should condense on rays with very different directions.

The aim of this paper is to take a very modest first step in the direction of answering these questions. In particular, we present a curious result. The fact that there is a strong \( (\epsilon^2 \ln 1/\epsilon^2) \) correction to the frequency leads us to ask if that terms could provide the dispersion required to allow the usual triad resonance process carry energy between neighboring rays. At first sight, it would appear that that is indeed the case, that the modified nonlinear dispersion law is

\[ \omega(k) = c(k)(1 + \epsilon^2 \ln 1/\epsilon^2 \Omega(k)) \]  

(1.22)

where \( \Omega \) is proportional to \( |k| \). But a surprising and nontrivial cancellation occurs which means that the first corrections to the wave speed still keeps the system non dispersive in the propagation direction.

While this fact is the principal new result of this paper, our approach lays the foundation for a systematic evaluation of the contribution to energy exchange that occurs at higher order. Indeed, we expect that some of the terms found by Benney and Newell [5] involving gradients across resonant manifolds which, in the fully dispersive case, are not relevant because the resonant three wave interaction gives rise to an isotropic distribution, may be more important in this context.

The paper is written as follows. In the next Section, we derive the equation of motion for acoustic waves of small but finite amplitude. A second approach discussed in Subsect. 2B starts from the Hamiltonian formulation of the Euler equations and again makes use of the small amplitude parameter of the problem to simplify the interaction Hamiltonian. As we will see in Subsect. 2C both approaches are equivalent and which approach to use is the question of taste.

Next, in Section 3 we write down the hierarchy of equations for the spectral cumulants and solve them perturbatively. Certain resonances manifest themselves as algebraic and logarithmic time growth in the formal perturbation expansions and mean that these expansions are not uniformly asymptotic in time. The kinetic equation, describing the long time behavior of the zeroth order
satisfactory energy, and the equations describing the long time behavior of the zeroth order higher cumulants are simply conditions that effectively sum the effect of the unbounded growth terms. Under this renormalization, the perturbation series becomes asymptotically uniform. By asymptotically uniform, we mean that the asymptotic expansion for each of the cumulants remains an asymptotic expansion over long times. All unbounded growths are removed. While this procedure in principle requires one to identify and calculate unbounded terms to all orders, in practice one gains a very good approximation by demanding uniform asymptotic behavior only to that order in the coupling coefficient where the unboundedness first appears.

In other words this means that if one finds that if the first two terms of the asymptotic expansion are $1 + e^2 t \psi_1 + \ldots$, then the effective removal of $\psi_1$ will remove all terms which are powers of $(e^2 t)$ in the full expansion. Likewise, it also assumes that there appear no worse secular terms at a higher order, such as for example $e^4 t^3 \psi_2$. To achieve uniformity, one requires an intimate knowledge of how unbounded growth appears. This sort of perturbative analysis was first done in the thirties by Dyson.

A technical innovation was to use graph notations, called diagrams, for representing lengthy analytical expressions for high order terms in the perturbation series. It often happens that one can find the principal sequence of terms just by looking on the topological structure of corresponding diagrams. This method of treating perturbation approaches is called the diagrammatic technique.

The first variant of diagrammatic technique for non-equilibrium processes was suggested by Wyld [12] in the context of the Naiver Stokes equation for an incompressible fluid. This technique was later generalized by Martin, Siggia and Rose [13], who demonstrated that it may be used to investigate the fluctuation effects in the low-frequency dynamics of any condensed matter system. In fact this technique is a classical limit of the Keldysh diagrammatic technique [14] which is applicable to any physical system described by interacting Fermi and Bose fields. Zakharov and L’vov [15] extended the Wyld technique to the statistical description of Hamiltonian nonlinear-wave fields, including hydrodynamic turbulence.

Consider the Euler equations for a compressible fluid:

\[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0, \]

\[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} = -\nabla p(\rho)/\rho. \]  

(2.1)

Here $v(x, t)$ is the Euler fluid velocity, $\rho(x, t)$ the density, and $p(x, t)$ is the pressure which, in the general case, is a function of fluid density and specific entropy $s = p(\rho, s)$. In ideal fluids where there is no viscosity and heat exchange, the entropy per unit volume is carried by the fluid, i.e. obeys the equation $\partial s/\partial t + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)s = 0$. A fluid in which the specific entropy is constant throughout the volume is called barotropic; the pressure in such fluid is a single-valued function of density $p = p(\rho)$. In this case, $\nabla p/\rho$ may be expressed via the gradient of specific enthalpy of unit mass $w = E + p V$ and $dw = V dp + p V^2$. Thus, $\nabla p/\rho = \nabla w$.

Writing the fluid density $\rho(x, t)$ as $\rho_0(1 + \eta(x, t))$, the velocity field as $v(x, t)$, the pressure field as $p = p_0(1 + \eta)^{\mu}$ and the enthalpy as

\[ w = \int \frac{dp}{\rho} = c_0^2 \left( \frac{1}{\mu - 1} \right) \left( (\mu - 1) \eta + \frac{(\mu - 1)(\mu - 2)}{2} \eta^2 + \ldots \right) \]

one can write (2.1) to third order in amplitude in the following form

\[ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \eta v_i, \]  

(2.2)

\[ \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial t} + \frac{c^2}{2} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_j} = -v_m \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_m} - c^2 (\mu - 2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \eta^2 \]

\[ - \frac{c^2 (\mu - 2)(\mu - 3)}{6} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \eta^3. \]  

(2.3)

Let us introduce new variables as
\[
\eta(x, t) = \int \sum_{s} \varepsilon a^*(\mathbf{k}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x} + is\omega(\mathbf{k})t} d\mathbf{k}, \tag{2.4}
\]
\[
v_j(x, t) = \int \sum_{s} \frac{\varepsilon^2 k_j}{s\omega(\mathbf{k})} a^*(\mathbf{k}, t) e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x} + is\omega(\mathbf{k})t} d\mathbf{k}, \tag{2.5}
\]

where \(0 < \varepsilon \ll 1\), \(\omega(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = c|\mathbf{k}|\) and \(\sum\) connotes summation over \(s = \pm 1\). From (2.2) and (2.3),

\[
\frac{\partial a^*(\mathbf{k}, t)}{\partial t} = \varepsilon \sum_{s_p, s_q, s_r} \int d\mathbf{k}_p d\mathbf{k}_q L^s_{s_p, s_q, s_r, s} a^*(\mathbf{k}_p, t)a^s(\mathbf{k}_q, t)
\]

\[
\delta(\mathbf{k}_p + \mathbf{k}_q - \mathbf{k}) \exp \{i[s_p\omega(\mathbf{k}_p) + s_q\omega(\mathbf{k}_q) - s\omega(\mathbf{k})]t\}
\]

\[
+ \varepsilon^2 \sum_{s_p, s_q, s_r} \int d\mathbf{k}_q d\mathbf{k}_r L^s_{s_p, s_q, s_r, s} a^s(\mathbf{k}_p, t)
\]

\[
\times a^s(\mathbf{k}_q, t) a^s(\mathbf{k}_r, t) \delta(\mathbf{k}_p + \mathbf{k}_q + \mathbf{k}_r - \mathbf{k})
\]

\[
\times \exp \{i[s_p\omega(\mathbf{k}_p) + s_q\omega(\mathbf{k}_q) + s_r\omega(\mathbf{k}_r) - s\omega(\mathbf{k})]t\} \tag{2.6}
\]

B. Hamiltonian Description of Acoustic Turbulence

1. Equations of Motion and Canonical Variables

Consider again the Euler equations for a compressible fluid (2.1). The enthalpy of a unit mass \(w = E + pV\) is equal to the derivative of internal energy of unit volume \(\varepsilon(\rho) = E\rho\) with respect to fluid density: \(w = \delta\varepsilon/\delta\rho\). As a result of direct differentiation with respect to time, it is readily evident that equations (2.1) conserve the energy of the fluid

\[
\mathcal{H} = \int [\rho v^2/2 + \varepsilon(\rho)] d\mathbf{r}. \tag{2.11}
\]

One can show (and see for example [1]) that Eqs. (2.1) may be written in the Hamiltonian form:

\[
\partial p/\partial t = \delta\mathcal{H}/\delta\Phi, \quad \partial\Phi/\partial t = -\delta\mathcal{H}/\delta\rho, \tag{2.12}
\]

\[
\partial\lambda/\partial t = \delta\mathcal{H}/\delta\mu, \quad \partial\mu/\partial t = -\delta\mathcal{H}/\delta\lambda, \tag{2.13}
\]

if the velocity \(\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}, t)\) is presented in terms of two pairs of Clebsch variables \((\rho, \Phi)\) and \((\lambda, \nu)\) as follows,

\[
\mathbf{v} = \lambda \frac{\nabla \mu}{\rho} + \nabla \Phi. \tag{2.14}
\]

Here the energy (2.11) is expressed in terms \((\rho, \Phi)\) and \((\lambda, \nu)\) so that (2.14) becomes the Hamiltonian of the system. As seen from (2.14), the case with \(\lambda = 0\) or \(\mu = \text{const}\) corresponds to potential fluid motions which are defined by a pair of variables \((\rho, \Phi)\) according to equations (2.12). It is convenient to transform in the \(k\)-representation from the real canonical variables, \(\Phi(\mathbf{k}), \rho(\mathbf{k})\) to the complex ones \(b(\mathbf{k})\) and \(b^*(\mathbf{k})\),

\[
\Phi(\mathbf{k}) = -i\sqrt{(c/2\rho_0)}[b(\mathbf{k}) - b^*(-\mathbf{k})], \tag{2.15}
\]

\[
\delta\rho(\mathbf{k}) = \sqrt{(\rho_0/c/2)}[b(\mathbf{k}) + b^*(-\mathbf{k})]. \tag{2.16}
\]

Here \(\delta\rho(\mathbf{k}) = [\rho(\mathbf{k}) - \rho_0(\mathbf{k})]\) is the Fourier transform of density deviation from the steady state.

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Let us expand the Hamiltonian (2.11) (expressed in terms of \(b, b^*\)) in power series:

\[
\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}. \tag{2.17}
\]

Here \(\mathcal{H}_0\) is quadratic in \(b, b^*\), giving the Hamiltonian of non-interacting waves:

\[
\mathcal{H}_0 = \int c k b(\mathbf{k}) b^*(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k}, \tag{2.18}
\]

with linear dispersion relation \(\omega_0(\mathbf{k}) = ck\). In the Hamiltonian of interaction \(\mathcal{H}_{\text{int}}\) we take into account only three-wave processes:
\[ \mathcal{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \int \left( V(k, k_1, k_2) b_1^* b_2 b_3 + \text{c.c.} \right) \times \delta(k_1 - k_2 - k_3) \, dk_1 dk_2 dk_3. \]  
(2.19)

We neglected here 0 ↔ 3 processes (processes described by \( b_1^* b_2 b_3^* \) and \( b_1 b_2 b_3 \) terms), because they are nonresonant. It means, that if we take into account 0 ↔ 3 term, it is not going to change our final results, thus we can neglect it from the very beginning. We also neglected contributions from 4-wave and higher terms, because three-wave interaction is the dominant one.

The coupling coefficient of the 3-wave interaction a given by

\[ V(k_0, k_1, k_2) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{4\pi^3 \rho_0}} \delta(g + 1), \]  
(2.21)

3. Canonical Equation of Motion

The Hamiltonian equations of motion (2.12) for the complex canonical variables \( b, b^* \) have standard form

\[ i \frac{\partial b(k, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta \mathcal{H}}{\delta b^*(k, t)}. \]  
(2.22)

For the acoustic Hamiltonian (2.17-2.19), this equation takes the form

\[
\begin{align*}
\left[ i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \omega \right] b(k, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \int V(k, q, p) b(q) b(p) \delta(k - q - p) \frac{dq dp}{(2\pi)^3} \\
+ \int V^*(k, q, p) b^*(q) b(p) \delta(k + q - p) \frac{dq dp}{(2\pi)^3}.
\end{align*}
\]  
(2.23)

It is sometimes convenient to concentrate attention on steady state turbulence, which is convenient to describe in the \( k, \omega \) -representation. After performing a time Fourier transform, one has instead of (2.23),

\[
\begin{align*}
\left[ i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \omega \right] b(k, \omega) &= \frac{1}{2} \int V(k, k_1, k_2) \times b_1 b_2 \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) \delta(\omega - \omega_1 - \omega_2) \frac{dk_1 d\omega_1 dk_2 d\omega_2}{(2\pi)^4} \\
+ \int V^*(k, k_1, k_2) b_1^* b_2 \delta(k + k_1 - k_2) \delta(\omega + \omega_1 - \omega_2) \frac{dk_1 d\omega_1 dk_2 d\omega_2}{(2\pi)^4}.
\end{align*}
\]  
(2.24)

Hereafter we will refer to this as the basic equation of motion for the acoustic turbulence normal variables \( b_k, b_k^* \) and use it for a statistical description of acoustic turbulence.

C. Relations between Wave Amplitudes \( a^+(k), a^-(k) \) with Normal Variables of Acoustic Turbulence \( b(k), b^*(k) \).

Comparing Eqs. (2.4) and (2.5) we get

\[
\begin{align*}
\delta \rho(k, t) &= \frac{\rho_0 \epsilon}{2(2\pi)^{3/2}} \left[ \frac{\delta \rho(k, t)}{\rho_0} - i \Phi(k, t) \frac{\omega(k)}{\epsilon} \right], \\
\Phi(k, t) &= \frac{i \epsilon^2}{\omega(k)} \left[ a^+(k, t) \exp[i\omega(k)t] - a^-(k, t) \exp[-i\omega(k)t] \right].
\end{align*}
\]  
(2.25)

(2.26)

Here \( \Phi \) is velocity potential: \( \mathbf{v} = \nabla \Phi \). This gives

\[
\begin{align*}
a^+(k, t) &= \frac{\exp[-i\omega(k)t]}{2(2\pi)^{3/2}} \left[ \frac{\delta \rho(k, t)}{\rho_0} - i \Phi(k, t) \frac{\omega(k)}{\epsilon} \right], \\
a^-(k, t) &= \frac{\exp[i\omega(k)t]}{2(2\pi)^{3/2}} \left[ \frac{\delta \rho(k, t)}{\rho_0} + i \Phi(k, t) \frac{\omega(k)}{\epsilon} \right].
\end{align*}
\]  
(2.27)

Note, that \( a^+ \) and \( a^- \) is dimensionless variables.

Now we can easily express \( a^+(k), a^-(k) \) in terms of \( b(k), b^*(k) \) and thereby relate the two alternative approaches presented in this paper,

\[
\begin{align*}
a^+(k, t) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{k}{2\epsilon \rho_0}} (2\pi)^{-3/2} \exp[i\omega(k)t] b^*(-k), \\
a^-(k, t) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{k}{2\epsilon \rho_0}} (2\pi)^{-3/2} \exp[-i\omega(k)t] b(k).
\end{align*}
\]  
(2.28)

(2.29)

To check, that the two approaches are consistent, we rewrite the equation of motion (2.6) for \( a^+ \) neglecting \( \epsilon^2 \) (four-wave interaction) terms:

\[
\frac{\partial a^+(k, t)}{\partial t} = \epsilon \sum_{s \neq q} \int d\mathbf{k}_p d\mathbf{q}_s L_{s, s, s, q} a_s^* (\mathbf{k}_p, t) a_s^* (\mathbf{q}_s, t) \times \delta(\mathbf{k}_p + \mathbf{q}_s - \mathbf{k}) \exp[i(s_p \omega(\mathbf{k}_p) + s_q \omega(\mathbf{q}_s) - s \omega(\mathbf{k}))t].
\]  
(2.30)

Now we substitute Eqs. (2.28) and (2.29) into (2.30) and obtain
\[
\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + i\omega(k) \right] b(k, t) = -i \int d\mathbf{p} d\mathbf{q} \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}c}{4\pi^3\rho_0}} \times \left[ (\mu - 2) + \cos \theta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}} + \cos \theta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}} + \cos \theta_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \right] \delta(k + \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}) b_{\mathbf{p}} b_{\mathbf{q}} + 2\delta(k - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) [b_{\mathbf{p}} b_{\mathbf{q}} + \delta(k - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) b_{\mathbf{p}} b_{\mathbf{q}}] \]
\]

Now one can see that equation (2.21) looks exactly as (2.20) with Hamiltonian (2.19) and with coupling coefficient (2.20). Thus one conclude that the two approaches are equivalent and the choice between them is the question of taste.

3. LONG-TIME ANALYSIS OF STATISTICAL BEHAVIOR

The analysis proceeds by first forming the hierarchy of equations for the spectral cumulants (correlation functions of the wave amplitudes) defined as follows. The mean is zero.

\[
\langle a^s(k) a^{s'}(k') \rangle = \delta(k + k') q^{s-s'}(k, k'),
\]

\[
\langle a^s(k) a^{s'}(k') a^{s''}(k'') \rangle = \delta(k + k' + k'') q^{s-s'-s''}(k, k', k''),
\]

\[
\langle a^s(k) a^{s'}(k') a^{s''}(k'') a^{s'''}(k''') \rangle = \delta(k + k' + k'' + k''') q^{s-s'-s''-s'''}(k, k', k'', k''')
\]

where \(\langle \ldots \rangle\) denotes average and the presence of the delta function is a direct reflection of spatial homogeneity. Indeed the property of spatial homogeneity affords a way of defining averages, which does not depend on the presence of a joint distribution. We can define the average \(\langle \eta(x) \eta(x + r) \rangle\) as simply an average over the base coordinate, namely

\[
\langle \eta(x) \eta(x + r) \rangle = \frac{1}{(2L)^3} \int_{-L}^{L} \eta(x)\eta(x + r) dx.
\]

To derive the main results of this paper, it is sufficient to write the equations for the second and third order cumulants. They are

\[
\frac{d q^{s-s'}_{kk}}{dt} = \epsilon P_{00'} \sum_{s_p, s_q} \int d\mathbf{k}_p d\mathbf{k}_q L^{s_p, s_q}_{k, k_p, k_q} q^{s-s_p, s_q}_{k_p, k_q} \delta(k, k' - \mathbf{k}) \times \exp[i(s_p \omega + s_q \omega'_q - s_q \omega_k)t] \delta(k - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}),
\]

\[
\frac{d q^{s-s'-s''}_{kkk'}}{dt} = \epsilon P_{000'} \int d\mathbf{k}_p d\mathbf{k}_q L^{s_p, s_q, s_{s''}}_{k, k_p, k_q, k_{s''}} q^{s'-s_{s''}, s_{s''}}_{k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}} \delta(k, k') \times \exp[i(s_p \omega + s_q \omega'_q - s_q \omega_k)t] +
\]

\[
2\epsilon P_{000'} \sum_{s_p, s_q} L^{s_p, s_q}_{k, k_p, k_q} q^{s'-s_{s''}, s_{s''}}_{k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}, k_{s''}} \delta(k, k' + k'') \times \exp[i(s_p \omega + s_q \omega'_q - s_q \omega_k)t], \quad k + k' + k'' = 0
\]
and

\[ iq_0^2 s''(k, k', k'') (\bar{\Omega}_k'' + \bar{\Omega}_k' + \bar{\Omega}_k''') \]  

(3.10)

respectively. It is clear that \( \bar{\Omega}_k' \) can be interpreted as a complex frequency modification. Its exact expression is given by

\[
\bar{\Omega}_k' = -4i \lim_{\epsilon^2 \to 0} \sum_{s,p,q} \int \frac{S_q S_p}{s_qw} \int \left( I_{k, k, k}^{s, p, p} \right)^2 \times q^{s-r} \hspace{0.2cm} (k_p) \Delta(s q \omega_p + s q \omega_q - s \omega) \delta(k_p + k_q - k) d\bar{k}_p d\bar{k}_q
\]

and, when calculated out, is precisely equal to \( s(\omega - c|k|)^2 \) in (1.17). Note that in (3.11), \( t = T \epsilon^2 \) and \( T \) is finite. The \( \ln(1/\epsilon^2) \) coefficient comes from the term \( \ln t = \ln(T + \ln(1/\epsilon^2)) \) in the asymptotic expansion.

The perturbations method has the advantage that it is relatively simple to execute. However, there is no a priori guarantee that terms appearing later in the formal series cannot have time dependencies which mean that they affect the leading approximations on time scales comparable to or less than \( \epsilon^{-2} \) (e.g. a term \( \epsilon^4 t^3 \) should be accounted for before the term \( \epsilon^2 t \)). To check this, one must have a systematic approach for exploring all orders in the formal perturbation series and removing (renormalizing) in groups those resonances which make their cumulative effects at time scales \( \epsilon^{-N} (\ln(1/\epsilon)^{-M}) \), \( N, M = 1, 2, 3, ... \).

The diagram approach, which requires some familiarity to execute, is designed to do this and, both for completeness and the fact that we will have to proceed beyond the one-loop approximation to resolve the questions of causality (the arrow of time) is introduced in the perturbation approach by the limit \( \epsilon \to \infty \) and the fact that the Green function which is the response of interacting wave systems on this force:

\[
(2\pi)^4 G(k, \omega) \delta(k - k') \delta(\omega - \omega') = \frac{\delta b(k, \omega)}{\delta f(k', \omega')} \]  

(4.3)

We will be interested also in the double correlation function \( n(k, \omega) \) of the acoustic field \( b, b^* \)

\[
(2\pi)^4 n(k, \omega) \delta(k - k') \delta(\omega - \omega') = \langle b(k, \omega) b^*(k', \omega') \rangle .
\]

(4.4)

The simultaneous double correlator of the acoustic field \( n(k) \) is determined by

\[
(2\pi)^3 n(k) \delta(k - k') = \langle b(k, t) b^*(k', t) \rangle .
\]

(4.5)

This is related to the different-time correlators in the \( \omega \) representation \( n(k, \omega) \) as follows:

\[
n(k) = \int n(k, \omega) \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} .
\]

The Green’s and correlation functions together with the bare vertex \( V(k, q, p) \) \( (2.24) \) are the basic objects of diagrammatic perturbation approach which we are going to use (see Fig 1a).

FIG. 1. Panel (a): Basic objects of diagrammatic perturbation approach. Panel (b): First terms in the expansion of mass operator \( \Sigma(k, \omega) \).

FIG. 2. Diagrams (a) from Fig.1 with specified directions of arrows.

B. The Dyson-Wyld equations

In the diagrammatic series for the Green’s function one may perform the partial Dyson’s summation over one-particle irreducible diagrams. This results in the Dyson equation for the Green’s functions:

\[
G(k, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - \omega_0(k) + i0 - \Sigma(k, \omega)}
\]

(4.6)

where the “mass operator” \( \Sigma(k, \omega) \) gives the nonlinear correction to the complex frequency \( \omega_0(k) + i0 \) due to the interaction \( (2.14) \). This is an infinite series with respect to the bare amplitude \( V(k, q, p) \) \( (2.24) \), dressed Green’s function \( (4.2) \) and double correlation function \( n(k, \omega) \) \( (4.3) \). All of the contributions of the second and fourth order in \( V \) are shown on Fig 1(b).

We have not specified the direction of arrows on Fig 1(b); each diagram should be interpreted as a sum of diagrams with all possible directions of arrows compatible with vortex \( V(k, q, p) \), describing the three-wave processes \( 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \). For example, diagram (a) on Fig 1(b) corresponds to three diagrams shown on Fig 2. The diagram
(a4) on Fig 2 describes the nonresonant process $0 \leftrightarrow 3$ which is not essential for our consideration.

With the help of the similar Dyson’s summing of one-particle irreducible diagrams, one can derive Wyld’s equation for $n(k, \omega)$:

$$n(k, \omega) = |G(k, \omega)|^2 [D(k, \omega) + \Phi(k, \omega)] . \tag{4.7}$$

Here $D(k, \omega)$ is the correlation function of white noise,

$$(2\pi)^4 D(k, \omega) \delta(k - k') \delta(\omega - \omega') = \langle f(k\omega) f^*(k'\omega') \rangle , \tag{4.8}$$

and the mass operator $\Phi(k, \omega)$ describes the nonlinear corrections to $D(k, \omega)$. This is an infinite series with respect to the same objects $G(k, \omega), n(k, \omega)$ and $V(k, q, p)$. All diagrams of the second and fourth order are shown on Fig 3(a).

We also have not specified arrow directions in the diagrams for $\Sigma(k, \omega)$ and $\Phi(k, \omega)$. In complete analogy with diagrams for $G(k, \omega)$ one diagram on Fig 3a corresponds to two diagrams (a1) and (a2) on Fig 3b. All the rest diagrams for $\Phi(k, \omega)$ reproduces in the same way - one chooses all possible directions of arrows and discards those which incompatible with definition of vertex $V$ (see Fig 1a).

FIG. 3. First terms in the diagrammatic perturbation expansion for mass operator $\Psi(k, \omega)$.

C. One-pole approximation

1. The Green’s function

We have assumed from the beginning, that the wave amplitude is small. Therefore,

$$\Sigma(k, \omega) \ll \omega_0(k) . \tag{4.9}$$

As a result the Green’s function has a sharp peak in the vicinity of $\omega = ck$ and one may (as a first step in the analysis) neglect the $\omega$-dependence of $\Sigma(k, \omega)$ and put

$$\Sigma(k, \omega) \simeq \Sigma(k, \omega \approx ck) . \tag{4.10}$$

The validity of this assumption will be checked later. Under this assumption the Green’s function [4.2] has a simple one-pole structure:

$$\tilde{G}(k, \omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - \omega_0(k) + i\gamma(k)} , \tag{4.11}$$

where

$$\omega(k) = \omega_0(k) + \text{Re}\Sigma(k, \omega_*) , \tag{4.12}$$

$$\gamma(k) = -\text{Im}\Sigma(k, \omega_*) . \tag{4.13}$$

Now we have to decide how to choose $\omega_*$ “in the best way”. The simplest way is to put $\omega_* = \omega_0(k) = ck$, as it was stated in (4.10). As a next step we can take “more accurate” expression $\omega_* = \omega(k)$, i.e. to take into account the real part of correction to $\omega_0(k)$. But later we will see, that better choice is

$$\omega_* = \omega(k) + i\gamma(k) \tag{4.14}$$

which is consistent with the position of the pole of $G_*(k, \omega)$. We will show that this choice is self consistent while deriving the balance equation in section 5.3.

2. The double correlation function

The same type of approximation may be performed for the correlation function. Namely in the Wyld equation (4.7) one may replace $G(k, \omega)$ by $\tilde{G}(k, \omega)$ and to neglect the $\omega$ dependence of $\Phi(k, \omega)$ by putting $\Phi(k, \omega) \rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}(k) = \tilde{\Phi}(k, \omega_*)$, or

$$\tilde{n}(k, \omega) = |\tilde{G}(k, \omega)|^2 \left[ D(k) + \tilde{\Phi}(k) \right] . \tag{4.15}$$

We will call this one-pole approximation for the correlation function.

D. One-loop approximation

Let us begin our treatment with the simple one-loop (or direct interaction) approximation for mass operators $\Sigma$ and $\Phi$. This approximation corresponds to taking into account just the second order (in bare vertex $V$ (2.20)) diagrams for the mass operators $\Sigma$ and $\Phi$. Two loop approximation will be considered in Appendix C. We will estimate two-loops diagrams and we will show, that some of them gives the same order contribution to $\gamma_k$ as one-loop diagrams. Therefore, one loop approximation is an uncontrolled approximation, but we believe, that it gives qualitatively correct results. Note that these diagrams include the dressed Green’s function in contrast to the approximation of kinetic equation which is nothing but one-loop approximation with the bare Green’s function inside. We will see later that this difference is very important in particular case of acoustic turbulence. The KE for waves with linear dispersion law forbids the angular evolution of energy because conservation laws of energy and momentum allow interaction only for waves with parallel wave vectors. In the one-loop approximation with dressed Green’s function, the conservation laws $\omega(k) \pm \omega(k_1) = \omega(k \pm k_1)$ are satisfied with some accuracy [of the order of $\gamma(k)$]. As a result, there exists a
cone of allowed angles between $k$ and $k_1$, in which interactions are allowed. Therefore one has to expect some angle evolution of wave packages within this approximation. Combining (4.11) with (4.12) one has the following expression:

$$n(k, \omega) = \frac{2\gamma(k) \bar{n}(k)}{|\omega - \omega(k)|^2 + \gamma^2(k)} .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.16)

1. Calculations of $\Sigma(k, \omega)$

In the one-loop approximation expression for $\Sigma(k, \omega)$ has the form

$$\Sigma(k, \omega) = \Sigma_{a1}(k, \omega) + \Sigma_{a2}(k, \omega) + \Sigma_{a3}(k, \omega) ,$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.17)

where $\Sigma_j(k, \omega)$ is given by (A1-A3). Our goal here is to analyze these expressions in one-pole approximation, by substituting in it “one-pole” $n(k, \omega)$ and $G(k, \omega)$ from (4.11) and (4.14). In the resulting expression one can perform the integration over $\omega$ analytically. The result is

$$\Sigma(k, \omega) = \int \frac{d^3k_1 d^3k_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\left( |V(k_2, k, k_1)|^2 \delta(k + k_1 - k_2) [n(k_1) - n(k_2)] \right)}{\omega + \omega(k_1) - \omega(k_2) + i(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)}$$

$$+ \frac{\left( |V(k_0, k_1, k_2)|^2 \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) n(k_2) \right)}{\omega - \omega(k_1) - \omega(k_2) + i(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)} .$$

Next we introduce $\Sigma(k) = \Sigma(k, \omega_*)$, with $\omega_*$ given by (4.13) in the limit of small $\gamma$, which allows us to perform analytically integrations over perpendicular components of wavevectors. The result for the damping frequency $\gamma(k)$ may be represented in the following form (for details see Appendix B):

$$\gamma(k) = \frac{A^2 k^2}{4\pi c} \int_{1/L}^{\infty} n(q) q^2 dq \approx \frac{A^2 k^2}{4\pi c} N(\Omega) .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.19)

We introduced here cut-off for small $k$ at $1/L$, where $L$ is the size of the box. We also introduced “the density of the number of particles” $N(\Omega)$ in the solid angle according to

$$N(\Omega) = \int k^2 n(k) dk ,$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.20)

such that the total number of particles

$$N = \int N(\Omega) d\Omega .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.21)

After substituting $A$ from (B11), one has the following estimate for $\gamma(k)$:

$$\gamma(k) \approx k^2 N(\Omega)/\rho_0 ,$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.22)

Consider now $\Sigma'(k) \equiv \text{Re}\Sigma(k)$. It follows from (B12) that

$$\Sigma(k) = \frac{A^2}{4\pi^2 c} \int dq \int dq' n(q) \frac{y}{y^2 + \Gamma_{k12}}$$

$$\times \left( [k^2 + 2kq + q^2] - (k^2 - 2kq + q^2) \right)$$

$$\simeq \frac{A^2 k^2}{\pi c} \int dq \int_{y_{\text{max}}}^{y_{\text{max}}} \frac{y dy}{y^2 + \Gamma_{k12}} [cq^3 n(q)] ,$$

where $\Gamma_{k12} = \gamma(k) + \gamma(k_1) + \gamma(k_2)$ is the “triad interaction” frequency. One may evaluate the integral with respect to $y$ as

$$L(q) = \ln \frac{y_{\text{max}}}{\Gamma_{kkq}} \approx \ln \frac{ck^2}{\gamma(k)} .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.24)

After substituting $\gamma(k)$ from (4.22), one has

$$L(q) \propto \ln \rho_0 / q N(\Omega) .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.25)

The main contribution to the integral (4.23) over $q$ comes from the infrared region $q \approx 1/L$. It gives the estimate,

$$\Sigma'(k) = \frac{A^2 k^2}{\pi c} LE(\Omega) ,$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.26)

where we have defined the density of the wave energy in solid angle as

$$E(\Omega) = \int \omega_0(n(\omega) k^2 d\omega .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.27)

This value relates to $N(\Omega)$ as follows:

$$E(\Omega) \approx \frac{c}{L} N(\Omega) .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.28)

Equation (4.26) together with the expression (B11) for $A$ may be written as

$$\Sigma'(k) \approx c k \epsilon \ln 1/\epsilon ,$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.29)

where

$$\epsilon \approx E(\Omega)/\rho_0 c^2 ,$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.30)

is the dimensionless parameter of nonlinearity, the ratio of energy of acoustic turbulence and the density of thermal energy of media $\rho_0 c^2 \approx \tilde{n} T$, where $\tilde{n}$ is the concentration of atoms.

Equation (4.24) for $\gamma(k)$ may be written in a similar form

$$\gamma(k) \approx c(kL) \epsilon .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.31)

One can see that

$$\frac{\gamma(k)}{\Sigma'(k)} \propto \frac{kL}{\ln 1/\epsilon} .$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.32)

It means that for large enough inertial interval

$$\gamma(k) \gg \Sigma'(k)$$  \hspace{1cm} (4.33)

and one may neglect the nonlinear corrections $\Sigma'(k)$ to the frequency with respect to the damping of the waves $\gamma(k)$. That shows that our above calculations of $\Sigma(k)$ is self-consistent. Later we also will take into account only damping $\gamma(k)$ in the expressions for the Green’s functions taking $\omega(k) = \omega_0(k) = ck$. 


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2. Calculations of $\Phi(k, \omega)$.

In the one-loop approximation expression for $\Phi(k, \omega)$ has the form (4.34). After substitution of $n(k, \omega)$ in the one pole approximation (4.14) one may perform analytically integration over frequencies:

$$
\Phi(k, \omega) = \int \frac{d^3k_1 d^3k_2}{(2\pi)^3} n(k_1)n(k_2) (4.34)
\times \left[ \frac{|V(k_1, k_2, k_3)|^2}{\omega_0(k_1) - \omega_0(k_2) - \Gamma_{k12}} \right] \delta(k - k_1 - k_2)
$$

Where $\omega_0$ is given by (4.15). This is the justification of our choice $\omega_0$.

Next we will perform integration over $\omega$ in (4.44). Remember $\Sigma(k, \omega)$ is analytical function in the upper half plane of $\omega$ while $n(k, \omega)$ has one pole there. Therefore

$$
\text{Im} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} n(k, \omega) \Sigma(k, \omega) = n(k)\text{Im} \Sigma(k, \omega_*) \quad (4.42)
$$

This is the main result of the diagrammatic approach: the balance equation for stationary in time acoustic turbulence. In nonstationary case one can get similarly the generalized kinetic equation in the form

$$
\frac{\partial n(k, t)}{\partial t} = L(k, t) \quad (4.44)
$$

where $L(k, t)$ is given by Eq. (4.43) with correlator depending on time $n(k_1) \rightarrow n(k_1, t)$. In the limit $\gamma(k) \rightarrow 0$ this expression turns into well known (cf. [12]) collision integral for 3-wave kinetic equation

$$
\text{St}\{n(k, t)\} = \lim_{\Gamma_{k12} \rightarrow 0} L(k) = 2\pi \int \frac{d^3k_1 d^3k_2}{(2\pi)^3} \delta(k - k_1 - k_2)
\times \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \delta(k - k_1 - k_2)|V(k_1, k_2, k_3)|^2 \right\}
\times \left\{ n(k_1)n(k_2) - n(k)[n(k_1) + n(k_2)] \right\}
\times \delta(\omega_0(k) - \omega_0(k_1) - \omega_0(k_2))
\times \delta(k - k_1 - k_2)
\times \delta(\omega_0(k) + \omega_0(k_1) - \omega_0(k_2)) \quad (4.45)
$$

We see that the generalized kinetic equation differs from the well known collision term in the three wave kinetic equation by replacing $\delta$-functions on the corresponding Lorenz function with the width of $\Gamma_{k12}$-triat interaction frequency.
5. CONCLUSION

In the present paper we have begun to develop a consistent statistical description of acoustic turbulence based both on the long-time asymptotic analyses (Section 3) and on the perturbation diagrammatic approach (Section 4). The first approach is more straightforward. The diagrammatic approach provides a systematic way of analyzing higher order terms in the perturbation theory.

Our main result is that the nonlinear corrections to the frequency is much smaller than the nonlinear damping of the waves. We find also the balance equation which generalizes the simple kinetic equation for acoustic waves. One can show that the balance equation has the same isotropic solution (Zakharov-Sagdeev spectrum) as the kinetic equation. However the kinetic equation for acoustic turbulence does not describe the angle evolution of turbulence: any arbitrary angle distribution happens in the turbulence of waves with weak dispersion [17]. Another important question is: does the spectra of acoustic turbulence depend on the features of pump- ing or they are universal (independent of details of energy influx)? We intend to answer these questions (in the framework approximations we made in that paper) in our next project.

One may imagine three very different ways of the angle evolution of anisotropic acoustic turbulence. The first one is a tendency to form very narrow beams with the characteristic width of about interaction angle. The second one is an approach to isotropy downstream to the large wave vectors. The last possibility is to form a beam with a characteristic width of about unity, exactly like it happens in the turbulence of waves with weak dispersion [17]. Another important question is: does the spectra of acoustic turbulence depend on the features of pumping or they are universal (independent of details of energy influx)? We intend to answer these questions (in the framework approximations we made in that paper) in our next project.

It is an exciting challenge to try to go beyond the approximations made here in order to understand whether the scaling index of the interaction vertex in the system of acoustic waves in two- and three-dimensional media must be renormalized or not.

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APPENDIX A: RULES FOR WRITING AND READING OF DIAGRAMS FOR MASS OPERATORS

Here we state without proof the set of rules for writing down diagrammatic series:

1. In order to write down all diagrams for Σ and Φ of 2n order in vertices, one should draw 2n vertices and connect them with each other by lines n and G in all possible ways. Two ends must be left free. If both ends are straight, we shall get a diagram for Φ(k, ω); if one of them is wavy, this will be a diagram for Σ(k, ω).

2. The diagrams for Φ and Σ containing closed loops in GF are absent. This follows from the fact that the Wyld’s DT appears from glued trees.

3. There is no mass operator with two wavy ends in DT.

4. In the diagrams for Φ (for Σ) one can pass from every vertex along the G lines to the entrance and to the exit in a single way.

5. In every diagram for Σ there is a single root linking the entrance and exit along the G lines – the backbone of the diagram. The rest G lines of the diagrams may be called the rips.

6. The diagrams for Φ contain the basic cross section in which they may be cut in a single way into two parts only at lines n(k, ω).

7. Every V vertex is entered by one arrow and excited by two. The V* vertex is entered by two arrows and exited by one.

One can show (see [2]) that rules (3-7) follows from (1-2).

The rules of reading diagrams are the follows:

1. Write down product of DT objects (double correlator, Green function or vertex) (with corresponding arguments) corresponding to each element of the diagram.

2. Write down delta-functions in 4-momenta for 2 order in vertices, one should draw 2 vertices and connect them with each other by lines n and G in all possible ways. Two ends must be left free. If both ends are straight, we shall get a diagram for Φ(k, ω); if one of them is wavy, this will be a diagram for Σ(k, ω).

3. Perform integration along all internal lines of diagram: \( di = dk_1/(2\pi)^d d\omega_1/(2\pi) \) where d is space dimension.

4. Then you have to multiply diagram by \( (2\pi)^{(d+1)} \).

5. To multiply diagram by 1/p where p is the number of elements in its symmetry group.
analytical expressions for \( \Phi \)

We defined here the following shorthand notation.

For example diagrams (a1), (a2) and (a3) correspond to

where \( \Gamma \) is “triad-interaction” frequency and \( 1/\Gamma_{k12} \) is triad interaction time. One can consider \([B1]\) as an integral equation for the damping of wave \( \gamma(k) = -\text{Im} \Sigma(k) \) and for the frequency \( \omega(k) = \omega_0(k) + \text{Re} \Sigma(k) \).

First we consider these equations in the limit of weak interaction where, \( \Gamma \to 0 \), and the main contribution to the first term in \([B1]\) comes from the region where

\[
\omega(k) + \omega(k_1) = \omega(k_2), \quad k + k_1 = k_2. \tag{B3}
\]

These are conservation laws for 3-wave confluence processes \( 0 + 1 \to 2 \). The main contribution for the second term in \([B1]\) comes from the region

\[
\omega(k) = \omega(k_1) + \omega(k_2), \quad k = k_1 + k_2. \tag{B4}
\]

These are conservation laws for decays processes \( 0 \to 1 + 2 \). For weak interaction one may replace in \([1.2]\) \( \omega(k) \) on \( \omega_0(k) = ck \). Then it follows from \([1.2]\) and \([1.3]\) that \( k_1 \parallel k_2 \parallel k \) with \( k_1, k_2 \) directed along \( k \). This fact makes it natural to introduce in integrals \([B1]\) new variables: scale positive variable \( q > 0 \) and two-dimensional vector \( \kappa \) such that

\[
k_1 = qk/k + \kappa, \quad \kappa \perp k. \tag{B5}
\]

In the first term of \([B1]\)

\[
k_2 = (k + q)k/k + \kappa, \quad 0 \leq q \leq k. \tag{B6}
\]

In the second term

\[
k_2 = (k - q)k/k - \kappa, \quad 0 \leq q \leq k. \tag{B7}
\]

For \( \kappa \ll k \) the denominators in integrals \([B1]\) strongly depend on \( \kappa \). Indeed:

\[
\omega_0(k) + \omega(k_1) - \omega(k + k_1) = ck \frac{\kappa^2}{2q(k + q)}, \tag{B8}
\]

\[
\omega_0(k) - \omega(k_1) - \omega(k - k_1) = -ck \frac{\kappa^2}{2q(k - q)}. \tag{B9}
\]

This allows to neglect \( \kappa \) dependence of interaction \( V(k, q, p) \) and correlation \( n(k_1) \) in numerator of \([B1]\) for estimation. The result is

\[
\Sigma(k) = \frac{A^2}{8\pi^2} k \int_0^{k} \frac{dk'}{\pi} \int_0^{k} \frac{dk''}{\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\infty} dq \frac{q(k + q)}{ck^2/2q(k + q) + i\Gamma_{k12}} \left( q(k + q) n(q) + q(k + q) n(k + q) \right) \right. \tag{B10}
\]

where

\[
A = 3(g + 1) \sqrt{c/4\pi^4 \rho}, \tag{B11}
\]

is a factor in \([2.20]\) so that for parallel or almost parallel wavevectors \( V(k, q, p) = A\sqrt{kq}p \). After changing of variables this integral becomes to be more transparent:

\[
\Sigma(k) = \frac{A^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left[ \int dq \int_{y + i\Gamma_{k12}}^{y + i\Gamma_{k12}} dq \frac{n(q)}{y + i\Gamma_{k12}} \right] \tag{B12}
\]

One may estimate \( y_{\text{max}} \simeq ck^2/2q \) from the fact that our expressions were obtained by expanding in \( \kappa/k \), therefore should be at least \( \kappa < k \).

Now let us consider the imaginary and real part of \( \Sigma \) separately. It is convenient to begin with \( \gamma(k) = -\text{Im} \Sigma(k) \):
Here we changed the upper limit of integration: \( y_{\text{max}} \to \infty \) because the main contribution to the integral comes from the area \( y \approx \Gamma \ll c k \). After trivial integration with respect to \( y \) one has:

\[
\gamma(k) \simeq \frac{A^2}{4\pi^2 c} \int_0^\infty dy \left[ \int_0^\infty dq \frac{q^2(k+q)^2}{y^2+\Gamma_{k12}^2} \right].
\]

This expression for \( \gamma(k) \) corresponds to that given by the kinetic equation \[ \text{[4]} \] for waves. For further progress it is necessary to do some assumption about \( n(q) \). Let us assume that \( n(q) \) vanishes with growing of \( q \) faster than \( 1/q^4 \). For such spectra the main contribution to the integral comes from small \( q \ll k \). In this case contributions from first and second integrals in \[ \text{(B14)} \] coincide and may be represented in the form:

\[
\gamma(k) = \frac{A^2k^2}{4\pi c} \int_{1/L}^\infty n(q)q^2dq \simeq \frac{A^2k^2}{4\pi c} N(\Omega). \tag{B15}
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\]

### APPENDIX C: ESTIMATION OF THE TWO-LOOP DIAGRAMS.

Let us write down analytical expression which correspond to one of the diagrams \( \text{(b)} \) in Fig.1(b)

\[
\Sigma_b(k,\omega) = \int \frac{dk_1dk_2d\omega_1d\omega_2}{(2\pi)^8} V_\alpha V_b V_c V_d n(k_1,\omega_1)n(k_2,\omega_2) G(k_1 + k_2, \omega_1 + \omega_2) G(k + k_1 + k_2, \omega + \omega_1 + \omega_2)
\]

where \( V_\alpha, V_b, V_c, V_d \) are vertices,

\[
V_\alpha = V(k_1 + k_2, k, k_1 + k_2), \quad V_b = V(k_1 + k_2, k, k_1, k_2), \quad V_c = V(k_2 + k, k_2, k), \quad V_d = V(k_1 + k_2, k_1, k_2)
\]

We just followed the rules of DT and integrated over all delta-functions. From now, the analyses will be parallel to that of appendix B. Let us use \[ \text{(4.10)} \] for \( n(k,\omega) \) and \[ \text{(4.11)} \] for \( G(k,\omega) \). Now we can easily perform integration over \( \omega_1 \) and \( \omega_2 \). Now, as it was done in appendix B, introduce \( \Sigma_b(k,\omega) = \Sigma_b(k,\omega_*) \). Since all interacting wavevectors are almost parallel, we introduce two-dimensional vectors \( \kappa_1 \) and \( \kappa_2 \) such that

\[
k_1 = q_1 k/k + \kappa_1, \quad \kappa_1 \perp k \tag{C6}
k_2 = q_2 k/k + \kappa_2, \quad \kappa_2 \perp k \tag{C7}
\]

We use \( V(k, q, p) = A\sqrt{kp} \). Since \( \kappa_i \ll k \), we can expand resonance denominators in \[ \text{(C1)} \] with respect to \( \kappa_i \). The integrals will be dominated by regions, where \( q_i \ll k \). By putting everything together, one gets

\[
\Sigma_b(k) \simeq \int \frac{\pi^2dq_1dq_2dk_1^2dk_2^2}{2\pi^6} A^4k^3(q_1 + q_2)q_1q_2\tilde{n}_q \tilde{n}_q \tilde{n}_q \tag{C9}
\]

\[
\left[ \left( \frac{c\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2}{2q_1 + q_2} + \Gamma_{q_1,q_2,q_1,q_2} \right) \left( \frac{\kappa_1^2}{q_1} + \frac{\kappa_2^2}{q_2} + i\gamma_k \right) \right]^{-1} \tag{C10}
\]

Substituting \( \tilde{n}_q = n/q^{-9/2} \) we see, that indeed, the dominant part comes from the region of small \( q_1 \). We can estimate all these integrals to get

\[
\Sigma_b \simeq \frac{A^4k^3L^2n^2}{\gamma_k^2 c^2} \tag{C11}
\]

where we used the small \( q \) cutoff \( 1/L \). Finally

\[
\frac{\Sigma_b}{\gamma_k} \simeq \frac{k^3L^2n^2}{\rho_0^2 \gamma_k} \simeq \frac{1}{kL} \ll 1, \tag{C12}
\]

and we conclude, that contribution from diagrams of type \( \text{(b)} \) on Fig.1(b) is much less, than contribution from one-loop diagrams. But this is not the end of the story. Let us try to estimate contributions from diagrams of type \( \text{(c)} \) on Fig.1(b). Following the same guidelines, we obtain

\[1\] Remember, that in Zakharov-Sagdeev spectrum \( n(q) \propto q^{-9/2} \), and in Kadomtsev-Petviashvili spectrum \( n(q) \propto q^{-4} \). This assumption is true for the Zakharov-Sagdeev spectrum and is not true for Kadomtsev-Petviashvili one.
\[ \Sigma_e(k) = \int \frac{dk_1k_2}{(2\pi)^8} A^4 k_1 k_2 (k + k_1)(k + k_1 + k_2)(k + k_2) \hat{n}_k \hat{n}_{k_2} \] 
\[ \times [ (\omega_k + \omega_{k_1} - \omega_{k+k_1} + i\Gamma_{k,k_1,k+k_1}) \] 
\[ \times (\omega_k + \omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2} - \omega_{k+k_1+k_2} + i\Gamma_{k,k_1,k_2,k+k_1+k_2}) \] 
\[ \times (\omega_k + \omega_{k_2} - \omega_{k+k_2} + i\Gamma_{k,k_1,k+k_2})]^{-1} \]

Let us again introduce \( \kappa_1 \) and \( \kappa_2 \) as above, and substituting \( \hat{n}_q = n/q - 9/2 \) we obtain the following estimation:

\[ \frac{\Sigma_e}{\gamma_k} \simeq A^4 k_1^4 n^2 L^3 \gamma_{k_1}^2 \simeq 1 \quad (C13) \]

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