

- **Total torque on inner ring by outer:**

$$G(R) = 2\pi R v \Sigma R^2 \Omega'$$

Boundary length
kinematic viscosity  $v = \lambda \tilde{u}$

- **G(R) is negative for Keplerian rotation**  
**i.e. Inner rings lose angular momentum to the outer rings and the gas slowly spirals inwards**

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## Keplerian rotation

- **Angular velocity at radius R:**  $R[\Omega_K(R)]^2 = \frac{GM_*}{R^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \Omega_K(R) = \left(\frac{GM_*}{R^3}\right)^{1/2}$
- **So  $\Omega$  decreases outward:**  $\Rightarrow \Omega' = \frac{d\Omega}{dR} = -\frac{3GM_*}{2\Omega_K R^4}$   
 $u_\phi(R) = R\Omega_K(R)$
- **Circular velocity:**  $u_R < 0$  near star,  $|u_R| \ll u_\phi$
- **Radial drift speed:**

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## Mass conservation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (2\pi R \cdot \Delta R \cdot \Sigma)$$

Mass of annulus, radius R, width  $\Delta R$ 
Mass flux out of annulus at radius R

$$= u_R(R, t) \cdot 2\pi R \cdot \Sigma(R, t)$$

Mass flux in to annulus at radius  $R + \Delta R$

$$- u_R(R + \Delta R, t) \times 2\pi (R + \Delta R) \cdot \Sigma(R + \Delta R, t)$$

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## Angular momentum conservation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (2\pi R \cdot \Delta R \cdot \Sigma \cdot R^2 \Omega)$$

Angular momentum of annulus, radius R, width  $\Delta R$

$$= u_R(R, t) \cdot 2\pi R \cdot \Sigma(R, t) \cdot R^2 \Omega(R)$$

$$- u_R(R + \Delta R, t) \cdot 2\pi (R + \Delta R) \times \Sigma(R + \Delta R, t) \cdot (R + \Delta R)^2 \Omega(R + \Delta R)$$

Net flow of ang. mom. in at R and out at  $R + \Delta R$

$$+ \frac{\partial G}{\partial R} \Delta R$$

Transport due to net effects of viscous torques

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## Limit $\Delta R \rightarrow 0$

Mass conservation:

$$R \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \Sigma u_R) = 0$$

Angular momentum conservation:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial G}{\partial R} = R \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\Sigma R^2 \Omega) + \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \Sigma u_R R^2 \Omega)$$

$$= R^2 \Omega \left[ R \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\Sigma) + \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \Sigma u_R) \right] + \Sigma \cdot R \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (R^2 \Omega) + R \Sigma u_R \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R^2 \Omega)$$

0 from mass cons.

$$\Rightarrow R \Sigma u_R \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R^2 \Omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial G}{\partial R}$$

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## Time evolution of surface density

- **Combine mass and ang. mom. eqs, to eliminate  $u_R$ :**  
 $R \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \Sigma u_R) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi (R^2 \Omega)'} \frac{\partial G}{\partial R} \right]$
- **Use:**  $G(R, t) = 2\pi R v \Sigma R^2 \Omega'$  Prime denotes differentiation wrt R here.
- **and subst. for  $R \cdot R^2 \Omega'$  and  $(R^2 \Omega)'$  using Keplerian expressions to get:**

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

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## Separation of variables

- Assume  $v = \text{const}$  & put  $s = 2R^{1/2}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (R^{1/2} \Sigma) = \frac{12v}{s^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2} (R^{1/2} \Sigma)$$

- Write  $R^{1/2} \Sigma = T(t)S(s)$ :

$$\frac{T'}{T} = \frac{12v}{s^2} \frac{S''}{S} = \text{constant} = -\lambda^2$$

Exponentials
Bessel functions

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## Green function solution for $\Sigma$

- Initial ring of mass  $m$  at  $R=R_0$ :

$$\Sigma(R, t=0) = \frac{m}{2\pi R_0} \delta(R - R_0)$$

Dirac  $\delta$ -function

- Solution is:

$$\Sigma(x, \tau) = \frac{m}{\pi R_0^2} \tau^{-1} x^{-1/4} \exp\left\{-\frac{(1+x^2)}{\tau}\right\} I_{1/4}(2x/\tau)$$

$x = \frac{R}{R_0}$ 
 $\tau = \frac{12vt}{R_0^2}$ 
Modified Bessel function

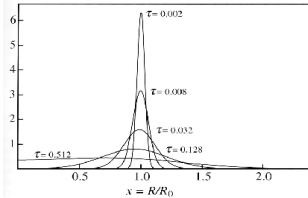
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## Viscous time scale

- Viscosity has the effect of spreading an original ring out in radius on a typical timescale

$$t_{\text{visc}} \sim R^2/\nu$$



- Combining (1) and the mass continuity equation gives:

$$u_R = -\frac{3}{\Sigma R^{1/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[ \nu \Sigma R^{1/2} \right]$$

- Hence  $u_R \sim \nu/R$  and  $t_{\text{visc}} \sim R/u_R$

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## The role of viscosity in accretion discs

- Transfers angular momentum along velocity gradients via random gas motions.
- Allows material to flow inward while transferring angular momentum outward.
- Causes dissipation within the gas, converting gravitational energy into heat and re-radiating it.

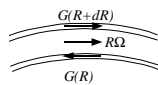
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## Work and viscous torques

- Torque on ring of gas between  $R$  and  $R+dR$ :

$$G(R+dR) - G(R) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial R} dR$$



- Acts in same sense as  $\Omega$ , so rate of working:

$$\Omega \frac{\partial G}{\partial R} dR = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (G\Omega) - G\Omega' \right] dR$$

'Advection' of rotational energy through disc by torques, per unit radius  $dR$ .

Local rate of loss of mechanical energy to gas as internal (heat) energy via dissipative viscous torques, per unit radius  $dR$ .

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## Radiation of dissipated energy

- Energy dissipated locally is radiated from disc faces at rate  $D(R)$  per unit area:

$$D(R) = \frac{G\Omega'}{4\pi R} = \frac{1}{2} \nu \Sigma (R\Omega')^2$$

Each ring has 2 plane faces and hence area  $4\pi R dR$

- Note that  $D(R) \geq 0$ , vanishing only for rigid rotation.

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## Disc thickness

- **No flow in z direction => hydrostatic equilibrium:**

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \frac{GM}{(R^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} \right] = -\frac{GMz}{R^3} \text{ for } z \ll R.$$

- **Define disc scale height H, with  $z \sim H$ :**

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \sim \frac{P}{H} \text{ and } P \sim \rho c_s^2 \Rightarrow \frac{H}{R} \cong c_s \left( \frac{R}{GM} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{c_s}{u_\phi}.$$

i.e. Keplerian orbital speed must  
be highly supersonic if  $H \ll R$