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Oblique propagation of arbitrary amplitude ion acoustic solitary waves in anisotropic electron positron ion plasma

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The oblique propagation of arbitrary ion acoustic solitary waves (IASWs) in magnetized electron-positron-ion plasmas is investigated by employing Sagdeev pseudopotential approach. Ions are assumed to be adiabatic having anisotropic thermal pressure. Electrons and positrons are considered to be isothermal, following Maxwellian distribution. In terms of electrostatic potential, Sagdeev potential function is obtained and analyzed numerically in the context of relevant plasma configuration parameters. The existence region of solitary pulses is defined accurately. It is investigated how several plasma configuration parameters, such as the positron concentration, parallel, and perpendicular ion pressure affect soliton characteristics.

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1 Introduction

To understand the fundamental processes in the Universe, most of the researchers have taken keen interest in the study of electron-positron-ion ($e-p-i$) plasma. Such plasmas are thought to have most probable appearance in the early Universe [1]. Other regions of space where such plasma is assumed to be found are atmospheres of Sun, neutron stars, active galactic nuclei and pulsar magnetosphere [2–4]. The existence of ions in astrophysical plasmas has some interior source, i.e., the processes of accretion, evaporation or seismic processes on the surface of stars might be a source of ions [5]. Moreover in matter, intense short laser pulse propagation can generate $e-p-i$ plasma [6]. In laboratory experiments, the production of such three component plasma is possible when positron were made to probe particle transport in tokamaks, in which case the two-component electron-ion ($e-i$) plasma becomes a three-component $e-p-i$ plasma [7, 8]. Clearly the wave motion behavior should be totally different in $e-p-i$ plasma compared to the two component electron-positron ($e-p$) and $e-i$ plasmas. The existence of ions is necessary for various low-frequency wave propagation which is other wise not possible in $e-p$ plasma [9].

The ion-acoustic (IA) waves are the low frequency waves which have been investigated in both linear and non-linear limits in $e-i$ plasma [10–13]. Several researchers have theoretically studied the linear as well as the non-linear wave phenomena in both magnetized and unmagnetized $e-p-i$ plasmas [14–18]. The IA solitary waves (IASWs) were first investigated in unmagnetized $e-p-i$ plasmas by Popel *et al.* [14]

by considering one dimensional perturbations. The solution of non-linear equations was obtained in the form of a solitary pulse or soliton. It was shown that positron concentration reduces the maximum amplitude of the solitons. The study of IASWs in magnetized $e - p - i$ plasmas was made by Mushtaq *et al.* [18]. In their research work, they found that the increase values of positron concentration leads to an increase in the amplitude of the solitary structure which is the opposite behavior to the previous study of these waves in an unmagnetized plasma [14].

Various techniques, such as the reductive perturbation and the Sagdeev pseudopotential are used to examine non-linear waves in plasma. Reductive perturbation technique (RPT) is applied to study small amplitude non-linear waves in unmagnetized/magnetized plasmas in the form of Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation, modified KdV equation and Zakharov-Kuznetsov (ZK) equation etc. For the very first time SWs in plasmas were studied by Washimi and Taniuti [19] through RPT and derived the KdV equation for IASWs [20]. However with this technique large amplitude excitations can not be studied. To overcome the limitation of small amplitude approximations, Sagdeev pseudo-potential method [21], usually called the mechanical-motion analog, provides an exact approach to the problem of finding arbitrary amplitude SWs. This method provides non-linear solutions for a plasma model which can be considered as candidates for SWs. The method basically modifies the Poisson's equation which results into general energy equation of the form

$$(d\phi/dx)^2 + 2G(\phi) = 0$$

The first term of the energy equation corresponds to kinetic energy, while the second term corresponds to potential energy. The equation basically represents a moving classical particle of unit mass in one dimensional potential $G(\phi)$ at time x . This method has been adopted for studying wave phenomena in various plasma environments like dusty plasmas, $e - p - i$ plasmas and magnetospheric plasmas [22, 23].

The presence of an external magnetic field causes the collisionless plasma to behave in an anisotropic manner. As a result, according to the Chew-Goldberger-Low (CGL) theory, pressure differs in directions that are parallel and perpendicular to the magnetic field [24]. Therefore two equations of states are necessary to evaluate ion pressure i.e., the parallel ion pressure p_{\parallel} and perpendicular ion pressure p_{\perp} relative to the external magnetic field. Magnetic compression and expansion generated by plasma convection in some space regions might be one of the reason of this anisotropic behavior of plasma [25]. The CGL theory can be applied to such anisotropic plasma in the case when, the coupling between degree of freedom is ignorable [26]. While in the isotropic plasma the strong coupling between the degree of freedom gives rise to a simplified description due to wave-particle interaction, and hence ionic pressure can be evaluated using single equation of state [25].

IASWs in magnetized $e - i$ plasma using Sagdeev pseudopotential method have been investigated by Chatterjee *et al.* [27]. They used quasi neutrality condition to discuss the existence conditions, shape and speed of SWs. The same approach was used by Sultana *et al.* [28] to analyze the oblique propagation of IASWs in a magnetized plasma in the presence of

excess superthermal electrons. Oblique IA excitations in a magnetoplasma having κ -deformed Kaniadakis distributed electrons have also been discussed using Sagdeev's potential approach [29]. The same technique has also been used by various researchers to discuss the SWs in $e - p - i$ magnetoplasma [15, 30, 31].

The role of ion pressure anisotropy on the propagation characteristics of IA solitary structures in magnetized plasmas can not be ignored. Choi *et al.* used the Sagdeev potential approach and investigated the effect of anisotropy of ions on dust ion acoustic solitary waves (DIASWs) and double layer structures [32]. Adnan *et al.* [33] have examined the influence of pressure anisotropy on IASWs in superthermal magnetized $e - p - i$ plasma by applying RPT. It has been shown that the solitary structures are affected by superthermality of electrons and positrons, pressure anisotropy of ions as well as the positron concentration. Similarly pressure anisotropy effect on DIASWs in a nonthermal plasma in Ref. [34] have also been investigated. The oblique propagation of electrostatic SWs in non-Maxwellian $e - i$ plasma in the presences of ion pressure anisotropy with Sagdeev approach are studied in Ref. [35]. Khalid *et al.* [36] used Maxwellian electrons to investigate the modulation of multidimensional waves in anisotropic $e - i$ plasma. Similarly, Alyousef *et al.* have also used Sagdeev approach to study the IASWs in magnetoplasma [37]. In [38] Sagdeev approach is utilized and IASWs in magnetized $e - i$ plasma in the presences of pressure anisotropy is discussed. The results have revealed that the model supports only positive potential non-linear structures. Furthermore, the effect of relevant plasma parameters on the characteristics of IA solitary structures is evaluated. However, to the best of authors knowledge, the non-linear IASWs in the presence of pressure anisotropy in magnetized $e - p - i$ plasma has not been explored, so far. We aim to considered anisotropic $e - p - i$ plasma with Maxwellian electrons and positrons to study these waves.

The following is a breakdown of how this paper is structured. The model equations are presented in Section 2. The linear wave analysis is covered in Section 3. The Sagdeev pseudopotential technique is used to analyze large-amplitude electrostatic excitations in Section 4. The soliton existence domain for propagation of IASWs is discussed in Section 5. In Section 6, a parametric investigation is carried out to examine the effect of various relevant parameters on the solitary wave characteristics. The summary of the present study is given in Section 7.

2 Basic equations

The goal of the present study is to propose a model for the propagation of IASWs in a magnetized plasma made up of Maxwellian electrons (n_e) and positrons (n_p) as well as adiabatically heated ions (n_i). The ions are considered to be inertial exhibiting pressure anisotropy relative to the external magnetic field. The external magnetic field is assumed to be uniform and is taken along x -axis, i.e., $B = B_0 \hat{x}$. In the presence of ion pressure anisotropy, the ion fluid equations are,

$$\partial_t n_i + \nabla \cdot (n_i \mathbf{u}_i) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u}_i + (\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_i = -\frac{Ze}{m_i} \nabla \phi + \frac{Ze}{m_i c} (\mathbf{u}_i \times B_0 \hat{x}) - \frac{1}{m_i n_i} \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i, \quad (2)$$

where \mathbf{u}_p , ϕ , m_p , e and Z stand for ion fluid velocity, electrostatic potential, ion mass, magnitude of electron charge and ionic charge state (for simplicity $Z = 1$ is chosen), respectively. Owing to the plasma anisotropy because of a strong external magnetic field B_0 , the plasma behaves differently in the parallel and perpendicular direction (s). Thereby the pressure tensor ($\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i$) is divided into two components, i.e., the parallel ($p_{\parallel i}$) and perpendicular ($p_{\perp i}$) pressure components [24, 25], thus

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i = p_{\perp i} \hat{I} + (p_{\parallel i} - p_{\perp i}) \hat{x} \hat{x}, \quad (3)$$

where \hat{I} represents unit tensor and \hat{x} shows the unit vector along B_0 . The expressions for $p_{\parallel i}$ and $p_{\perp i}$ are

$$p_{\parallel i} = p_{\parallel i0} \left(\frac{n_i}{n_{i0}}\right)^3 \text{ and } p_{\perp i} = p_{\perp i0} \left(\frac{n_i}{n_{i0}}\right). \quad (4)$$

In Eq. 4 $p_{\parallel i0} = n_{i0} k_B T_{i\parallel}$ and $p_{\perp i0} = n_{i0} k_B T_{i\perp}$ which are, respectively, the equilibrium values of parallel and perpendicular pressure functions, where n_{i0} is the unperturbed ion density. In case of ion pressure isotropy, we have $p_{\parallel i} = p_{\perp i}$ and $\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i = \nabla p_i$.

The electrons and positrons are assumed to follow the Boltzmann distributions under the electrostatic potential perturbation, and their number densities are given as

$$n_e = n_{e0} \exp\left(\frac{e\phi}{T_e}\right), \quad (5)$$

and

$$n_p = n_{p0} \exp\left(\frac{-e\phi}{T_p}\right). \quad (6)$$

The system of evolution equations is closed via Poisson's equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi e(n_e - n_p - n_i), \quad (7)$$

where T_e and T_p are, respectively, the electron and positron temperatures, while n_{e0} (n_{p0}) is the unperturbed electron (positron) number density. We consider $n_{e0} = n_{i0} + n_{p0}$ at equilibrium i.e., the quasineutrality condition does hold.

2.1 Evolution equations

We have considered two dimensional perturbation in the xy -plane, by setting $\partial z = 0$. Thus, the above system of equations can be written as follows;

$$\partial_t n_i + \partial_x (n_i u_{ix}) + \partial_y (n_i u_{iy}) = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\partial_t u_{ix} + (u_{ix} \partial_x + u_{iy} \partial_y) u_{ix} = -\frac{e}{m_i} \partial_x \phi - \frac{3p_{\parallel i0}}{m_i n_{i0}^3} n_i \partial_x n_i, \quad (9)$$

$$\partial_t u_{iy} + (u_{ix} \partial_x + u_{iy} \partial_y) u_{iy} = -\frac{e}{m_i} \partial_y \phi + \Omega_i u_{iz} - \frac{p_{\perp i0}}{m_i n_{i0} n_i} \partial_y n_i, \quad (10)$$

$$\partial_t u_{iz} + (u_{ix} \partial_x + u_{iy} \partial_y) u_{iz} = -\Omega_i u_{iy}, \quad (11)$$

$$\partial_x^2 \phi + \partial_y^2 \phi = 4\pi e(n_e - n_p - n_i). \quad (12)$$

Here $\Omega_i = \frac{eB_0}{m_i c}$ is ion gyro-frequency, while u_{ix} , u_{iy} , and u_{iz} denote the fluid velocity components.

2.2 Scaled evolution equations

To normalize the above system of equations, we normalize the number density variables n_s ($s = e, i, p$) by the unperturbed ion density n_{i0} , the electrostatic potential ϕ by $T_e \phi / e$, the ion fluid velocity components by the ion acoustic speed $(T_e / m_i)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. The time and space variables are scaled by the inverse ion plasma frequency $\omega_{pi}^{-1} = (4\pi n_{i0} e^2 / m_i)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and electron Debye radius $\lambda_{De} = (T_e / 4\pi n_{e0} e^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, respectively. The normalized equations obtained by applying the mentioned normalization to Eqs 5, 6 and to Eqs 8–12 are:

$$\partial_t n_i + \partial_x (n_i u_{ix}) + \partial_y (n_i u_{iy}) = 0, \quad (13)$$

$$\partial_t u_{ix} + (u_{ix} \partial_x + u_{iy} \partial_y) u_{ix} = -\partial_x \phi - p_{\parallel} n_i \partial_x n_i, \quad (14)$$

$$\partial_t u_{iy} + (u_{ix} \partial_x + u_{iy} \partial_y) u_{iy} = -\partial_y \phi + \Omega u_{iz} - \frac{p_{\perp}}{n_i} \partial_y n_i, \quad (15)$$

$$\partial_t u_{iz} + (u_{ix} \partial_x + u_{iy} \partial_y) u_{iz} = -\Omega u_{iy}, \quad (16)$$

$$n_e = \exp(\phi), \quad (17)$$

$$n_p = \exp(-\sigma \phi), \quad (18)$$

$$\partial_x^2 \phi + \partial_y^2 \phi = \eta n_e - \gamma n_p - n_i. \quad (19)$$

Here $p_{\parallel} = \frac{3p_{\parallel i0}}{n_{i0} T_e}$ and $p_{\perp} = \frac{p_{\perp i0}}{n_{i0} T_e}$ represent the normalized parallel and perpendicular pressures, respectively, and are normalized by the thermal pressure in the relevant directions, with $\frac{\Omega}{\omega_{pi}} = \Omega$ being the dimensionless parameter. Furthermore, $\sigma = \frac{T_e}{T_p}$, $\eta = \frac{n_{e0}}{n_{i0}}$, and $\gamma = \frac{n_{p0}}{n_{i0}}$ signify the electron to positron temperature ratio, unperturbed electron-to-ion density ratio and positron-to-ion density ratio, respectively. The over all charge neutrality in normalized form is $\eta - \gamma = 1$.

3 Linear wave analysis

To derive the dispersion relation (DR), we employ Poisson's Eq. 19 instead of plasma approximation, although plasma approximation will be used in Section 5 for non-linear analysis. The DR while using Eqs 13–19 is obtained as

$$\omega^4 - \left(\frac{k^2}{(k^2 + \eta + \gamma\sigma)} + k_x^2 p_{\parallel} + k_y^2 p_{\perp} + \Omega^2 \right) \omega^2 + \left(p_{\parallel} + \frac{1}{(k^2 + \eta + \gamma\sigma)} \right) \Omega^2 k_x^2 = 0, \quad (20)$$

where $k_x = k \cos \theta$ and $k_y = k \sin \theta$ are the wave numbers in the parallel and perpendicular directions to the magnetic field, respectively, and $k_x^2 + k_y^2 = k^2$. It can be noticed from Eq. 20 that DR depends on the ion pressure anisotropy. Also, the magnetic field dependence is visible through the frequency ratio Ω . By solving Eq. 20, we get

$$\omega_{\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{k^2}{(k^2 + \eta + \gamma\sigma)} + k_x^2 p_{\parallel} + k_y^2 p_{\perp} + \Omega^2 \right) \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{k^2}{(k^2 + \eta + \gamma\sigma)} + k_x^2 p_{\parallel} + k_y^2 p_{\perp} + \Omega^2 \right)^2 - 4 \left(p_{\parallel} + \frac{1}{(k^2 + \eta + \gamma\sigma)} \right) \Omega^2 k_x^2} \right]. \quad (21)$$

Equation 21 gives two modes i.e., ω_{-} and ω_{+} , representing slow and fast electrostatic modes, respectively. An acoustic mode is

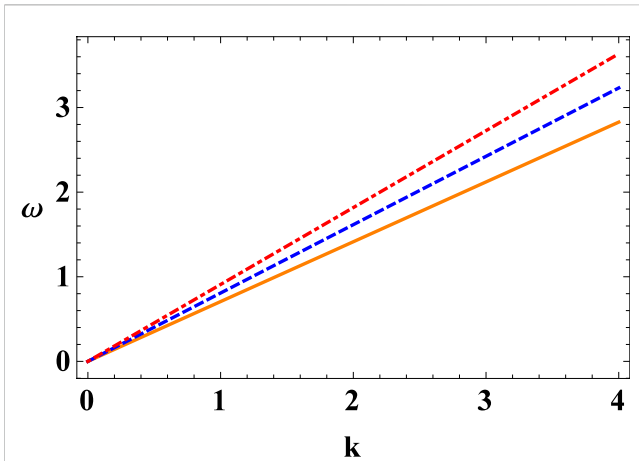


FIGURE 1
Plot of ω vs. k defined in Eq. 22 for different values of α i.e., $\alpha = 0.70$ (solid curve), 0.80 (dashed curve) and 0.90 (dot-dashed curve) with $p_{\parallel} = 0.2$, $\gamma = 0.2$ and $\sigma = 0.1$.

obtained by setting, $k_y \rightarrow 0$ and $k_x = k$ and considering $k \ll 1$. Thus, the phase speed parallel to the magnetic field is calculated as

$$\frac{\omega_-}{k} = \cos \theta \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\eta + \gamma\sigma)} + p_{\parallel}}. \tag{22}$$

This is called phase speed of acoustic mode which is independent of the magnetic field Ω and perpendicular pressure p_{\perp} . By inserting $\gamma = 0$ (i.e., in the absence of positron) and taking $p_{\parallel} = 0$, Eq. 22 reduces to the result of Ref. [29]. In Figure 1 Eq. 22 has been plotted for various values of obliqueness of the propagation direction, manifested via $\alpha (= \cos \theta)$. Increasing obliqueness (lowering α) results in a decrease in wave frequency and, consequently, in the phase speed of the magnetized IAW.

4 Arbitrary amplitude solitary wave analysis

We are now interested to investigate the existence of large amplitude solitary waves in Maxwellian plasmas with the inclusion of ion pressure anisotropy. The fluid variables in the evolution equations are considered to be transformed into a single variable via the transformation

$$\xi = \alpha x + \beta y - Mt, \tag{23}$$

to a moving frame (here M is the Mach number indicating the normalized pulse propagation velocity) where the solitary pulses are stationary. The parameters $\alpha = \frac{k_x}{k} = \cos \theta$ and $\beta = \frac{k_y}{k} = \sin \theta$, respectively, imply the direction cosines along x - axis and y -axis subject to the condition that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1$. By utilizing Eq. 23 in Eqs 13–18 we obtain a set of dimensionless non-linear differential equations in the co-moving co-ordinate (ξ). The transformed equations can be expressed as,

$$-Md_{\xi}n_i + \alpha d_{\xi}(n_i u_{ix}) + \beta d_{\xi}(n_i u_{iy}) = 0, \tag{24}$$

$$(-M + \alpha u_{ix} + \beta u_{iy})d_{\xi}u_{ix} + \alpha d_{\xi}\varphi + \alpha p_{\parallel}n_i d_{\xi}n_i = 0, \tag{25}$$

$$(-M + \alpha u_{ix} + \beta u_{iy})d_{\xi}u_{iy} + \beta d_{\xi}\varphi - \Omega u_{iz} + \beta p_{\perp} \frac{1}{n_i} d_{\xi}n_i = 0, \tag{26}$$

$$(-M + \alpha u_{ix} + \beta u_{iy})d_{\xi}u_{iz} + \Omega u_{iy} = 0. \tag{27}$$

By integrating Eqs 24–27 and implementing the appropriate boundary conditions, i.e., $n_i \rightarrow \eta - \gamma = 1$, $u_{ix, iy} \rightarrow 0$ and $\varphi \rightarrow 0$ at $\xi \rightarrow \pm\infty$, we obtain

$$\alpha u_{ix} + \beta u_{iy} = \frac{M(n_i - 1)}{n_i}, \tag{28}$$

$$u_{ix} = \frac{\alpha}{M} \left\{ -\left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right) + \int n_i d\varphi + \frac{1}{3} p_{\parallel} (n_i^3 - 1) \right\}, \tag{29}$$

$$u_{iy} = \frac{M}{\beta} \frac{(n_i - 1)}{n_i} - \frac{\alpha^2}{M\beta} \left\{ -\left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right) + \int n_i d\varphi + \frac{1}{3} p_{\parallel} (n_i^3 - 1) \right\}. \tag{30}$$

The combination of Eq. 28 with Eqs 26, 27 results in

$$-\frac{M}{n_i} d_{\xi}u_{iy} + \beta d_{\xi}\varphi - \Omega u_{iz} + \beta p_{\perp} \frac{1}{n_i} d_{\xi}n_i = 0, \tag{31}$$

$$-\frac{M}{n_i} d_{\xi}u_{iz} + \Omega u_{iy} = 0. \tag{32}$$

Substituting the value of u_{iy} from Eq. 30 into Eq. 32 one obtains

$$d_{\xi}u_{iz} = \frac{n_i \Omega}{\beta} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n_i} \right) - \frac{\alpha^2 \Omega}{M^2 \beta} \left\{ -n_i \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} \right) + n_i \int n_i d\varphi + \frac{1}{3} p_{\parallel} n_i (n_i^3 - 1) \right\}, \tag{33}$$

Differentiating Eq. 31 with respect to ξ and using Eqs 30 and 33 and after simplification, we have

$$d_{\xi} \left[d_{\xi} \left(\frac{M^2}{2} n_i^{-2} + \frac{\alpha^2 p_{\parallel}}{2} n_i^2 + \beta^2 p_{\perp} \log[n_i] + \varphi \right) \right] = \Omega^2 \left[n_i \left(1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{M^2} \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} \right) \right) - 1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{M^2} n_i \int n_i d\varphi - \frac{\alpha^2}{3M^2} p_{\parallel} n_i (n_i^3 - 1) \right] \tag{34}$$

Multiplying Eq. 34 by $d_{\xi} \left(\frac{M^2}{2} n_i^{-2} + \frac{\alpha^2 p_{\parallel}}{2} n_i^2 + \beta^2 p_{\perp} \log[n_i] + \varphi \right)$ and integrating once under the boundary conditions $\varphi \rightarrow 0$ and $d_{\xi}\varphi \rightarrow 0$ at $\xi \rightarrow \pm\infty$, we obtain the energy integral equation for the electrostatic potential φ , in the form

$$\frac{1}{2} (d_{\xi}\varphi)^2 + \psi(\varphi) = 0, \tag{35}$$

where $\psi(\varphi)$ is the Sagdeev pseudopotential, which is written as

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\varphi) = & \Omega^2 \left[\varphi - \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{M^2} \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\alpha^2 p_{\parallel}}{3M^2} \right\} \delta_1(\varphi) \right. \\ & + \frac{\alpha^2}{2M^2} \delta_2(\varphi) - \left\{ \frac{\alpha^4 p_{\parallel}}{3M^2} - \frac{\alpha^2 p_{\parallel}}{3M^2} \right\} \delta_3(\varphi) \\ & - \left\{ M^2 + \alpha^2 \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\alpha^2 p_{\parallel}}{3} \right\} \delta_4(\varphi) + \frac{M^2}{2} \delta_5(\varphi) - \alpha^2 \varphi + \alpha^2 \delta_6(\varphi) \\ & + \frac{\alpha^2 p_{\parallel}}{3} \delta_7(\varphi) - \left\{ \frac{\alpha^2 p_{\parallel}}{3} + \frac{\alpha^4 p_{\parallel}}{3M^2} \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\alpha^4 p_{\parallel}^2}{9M^2} \right\} \delta_8(\varphi) + \frac{\alpha^4 p_{\parallel}}{3M^2} \delta_9(\varphi) \\ & + \frac{\alpha^4 p_{\parallel}^2}{18M^2} \delta_{10}(\varphi) - \left\{ \beta^2 p_{\perp} + \frac{\alpha^2 \beta^2 p_{\perp}}{M^2} \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} \right) + \frac{\alpha^2 \beta^2 p_{\perp} p_{\parallel}}{3M^2} \right\} \delta_{11}(\varphi) \\ & + \beta^2 p_{\perp} \delta_{12}(\varphi) + \frac{\alpha^2 \beta^2 p_{\perp}}{M^2} \delta_{13}(\varphi) - \frac{\alpha^2 \beta^2 p_{\perp}}{M^2} \delta_{14}(\varphi) + \frac{\alpha^2 \beta^2 p_{\perp} p_{\parallel}}{12M^2} \delta_{15}(\varphi) \left. \right] \\ & \times \left[1 - M^2 \delta_{16}(\varphi) + \alpha^2 p_{\parallel} \delta_{17}(\varphi) + \beta^2 p_{\perp} \delta_{18}(\varphi) \right]^{-2}. \tag{36} \end{aligned}$$

Equation 35 is a well known pseudoenergy conservation equation of an oscillating particle of unit mass, with velocity $d_\xi\varphi$ and position φ in a potential well $\psi(\varphi)$. In Eq. 36 the potential functions $\delta_1(\varphi)$, $\delta_2(\varphi) \cdots \delta_{18}(\varphi)$ are given in the Appendix.

5 Soliton existence conditions

Solitary wave solutions are allowed by Eq. 35, if the following constraints are fulfilled [21]:

1. $\psi|_{\varphi=0} = d_\varphi\psi|_{\varphi=0} = d_\varphi\psi|_{\varphi=\varphi_m} = 0$,
2. $\psi(\varphi) < 0$ at $0 < \varphi < \varphi_m$,
3. $d_\varphi^2\psi|_{\varphi=0} < 0$

where φ_m represents the maximum amplitude of SWs. The origin at $\varphi = 0$ defines the equilibrium state, which should represent a local maximum of the Sagdeev pseudopotential $\psi(\varphi)$. From Eq. 36, it is clear that both $\psi|_{\varphi=0} = 0$ and $d_\varphi\psi|_{\varphi=0} = 0$ holds at equilibrium. We have to investigate $d_\varphi^2\psi|_{\varphi=0} < 0$, from which one can specify a range of velocity values in which SWs may occur. Using the procedure explained in Refs. [28, 39], the third condition takes the form

$$d_\varphi^2\psi|_{\varphi=0} = \Omega^2 \frac{M^2 - M_1^2}{M^2(M^2 - M_2^2)} < 0, \tag{37}$$

with

$$M_1 = |\alpha| \sqrt{\frac{1}{\eta + \gamma\sigma} + p_\parallel} \leq 1, \tag{38}$$

and

$$M_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\eta + \gamma\sigma} + \alpha^2 p_\parallel + (1 - \alpha^2)p_\perp}, \tag{39}$$

where M_1 and M_2 are the lower (threshold M_c) and the upper (maximum M_{max}) limits of the Mach number. It is clear from Eq. 38 that the lower Mach number does not depend on p_\perp , while upper Mach number does depend on both p_\parallel and p_\perp . While keeping $\alpha = 1$, both the equations reduce to the true acoustic phase speed of IAWs given in Eq. 22. Eq. 37 is satisfied for Mach number values in the range

$$M_1 < M < M_2, \tag{40}$$

i.e.,

$$\alpha < \frac{M}{M_2} < 1. \tag{41}$$

In other words, the inequality in Eq. 37 is valid if $\alpha = \cos\theta \leq 1$. Because we employed the neutrality hypothesis rather than Poisson’s equation, our results are valid in the long wavelength limit. To examine the polarity of the non-linear structures, we have to check third derivative of Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$ at $\varphi = 0$ and $M = M_c$. If $d_\varphi^3\psi > 0$, then only positive structures (solitons or shocks) can exist otherwise, the plasma system can then support negative structures as well. It is found that,

$$d_\varphi^3\psi|_{\varphi=0, M=M_c} = \frac{\Omega^2 (2 + \gamma(1 + \sigma)(5 + \sigma + 3\gamma(1 + \sigma)) + 4(\eta + \gamma\sigma)^3 p_\parallel)}{(1 - \alpha^2)(1 + (\eta + \gamma\sigma)p_\parallel)(1 + (\eta + \gamma\sigma)p_\perp)}, \tag{42}$$

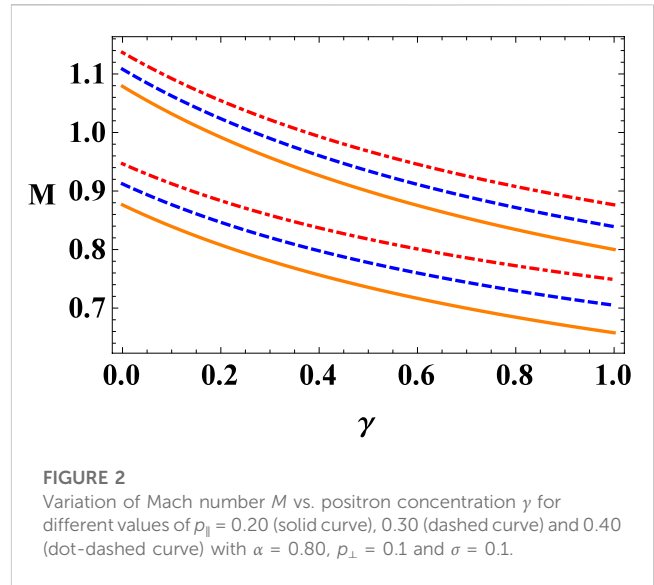


FIGURE 2 Variation of Mach number M vs. positron concentration γ for different values of $p_\parallel = 0.20$ (solid curve), 0.30 (dashed curve) and 0.40 (dot-dashed curve) with $\alpha = 0.80$, $p_\perp = 0.1$ and $\sigma = 0.1$.

which indicates that the current model can only support compressive (positive potential) solitary pulses. By keeping $\gamma = 0$ and neglecting p_\parallel and p_\perp we can retrieve the result of Ref. [29].

In order to emphasize the soliton existence region, we have plotted M_1 and M_2 in Figure 2 for different values of $p_\parallel = 0.20$ (solid curve), 0.30 (dashed curve) and 0.40 (dot-dashed curve). Considering, $p_\perp = 0.1$, $\alpha = 0.8$ and $\sigma = 0.1$, it can be seen that M decreases with the increasing values of γ while both limits of Mach numbers increase with increasing values of p_\parallel .

6 Parametric study

The Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$ depends on a number of important physical parameters in addition to the electric potential φ , including the excitation speed M , positron concentration γ , electron to positron temperature ratio σ , the obliqueness of propagation (via $\alpha = \cos\theta$), parallel ion pressure p_\parallel and perpendicular ion pressure p_\perp . In this study, we specifically focus to assess the effect of γ , p_\parallel and p_\perp . Therefore, the effect of these three parameters is studied on propagation characteristics of solitary structures.

In Figure 3, the variation of Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$, the resulting electrostatic potential φ and the associated electric field profile E have been shown for various values of positron concentration γ , while considering other fixed values $M = 0.9$, $\sigma = 0.1$, $\Omega = 0.3$, $\alpha = 0.8$, $p_\parallel = 0.2$ and $p_\perp = 0.1$. We note that as γ increases, the depth and root of the Sagdeev potential increases. It is clear from Figure 3B that, the amplitude of the solitary pulse increases while its width decreases with higher value of γ . Therefore, solitary structure gets taller and narrower with the increase of positron concentration in a magnetized anisotropic $e - p - i$ plasma. The same effect has been shown in Ref. [30] while studying these waves in unmagnetized isotropic plasma. It is clearly seen that in the absence of positron concentration $\gamma = 0$, the amplitude of solitary structure reduced as shown in Figure 3 by solid orange curve.

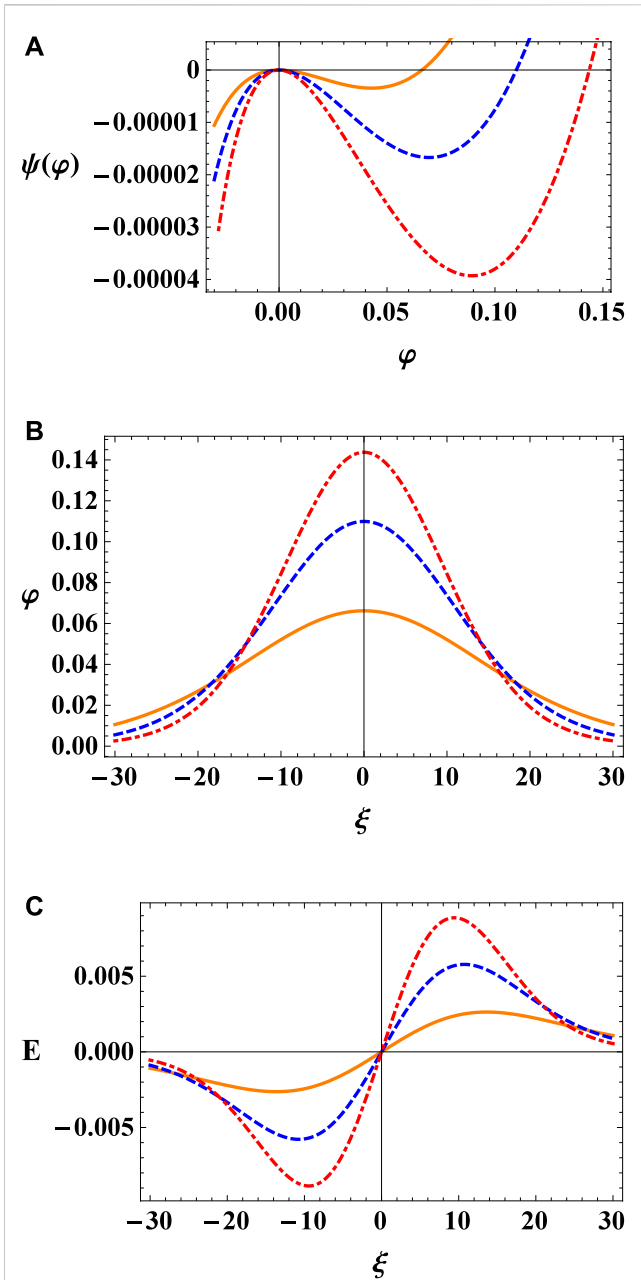


FIGURE 3
Plot of (A) Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$ vs. φ , (B) Electrostatic potential φ and (C) Electric field E for different values of $\gamma = 0.00$ (solid curve), 0.05 (dashed curve) and 0.10 (dot-dashed curve) with $M = 0.9$, $\Omega = 0.3$, $p_{\parallel} = 0.2$, $p_{\perp} = 0.1$, $\alpha = 0.80$, and $\sigma = 0.1$.

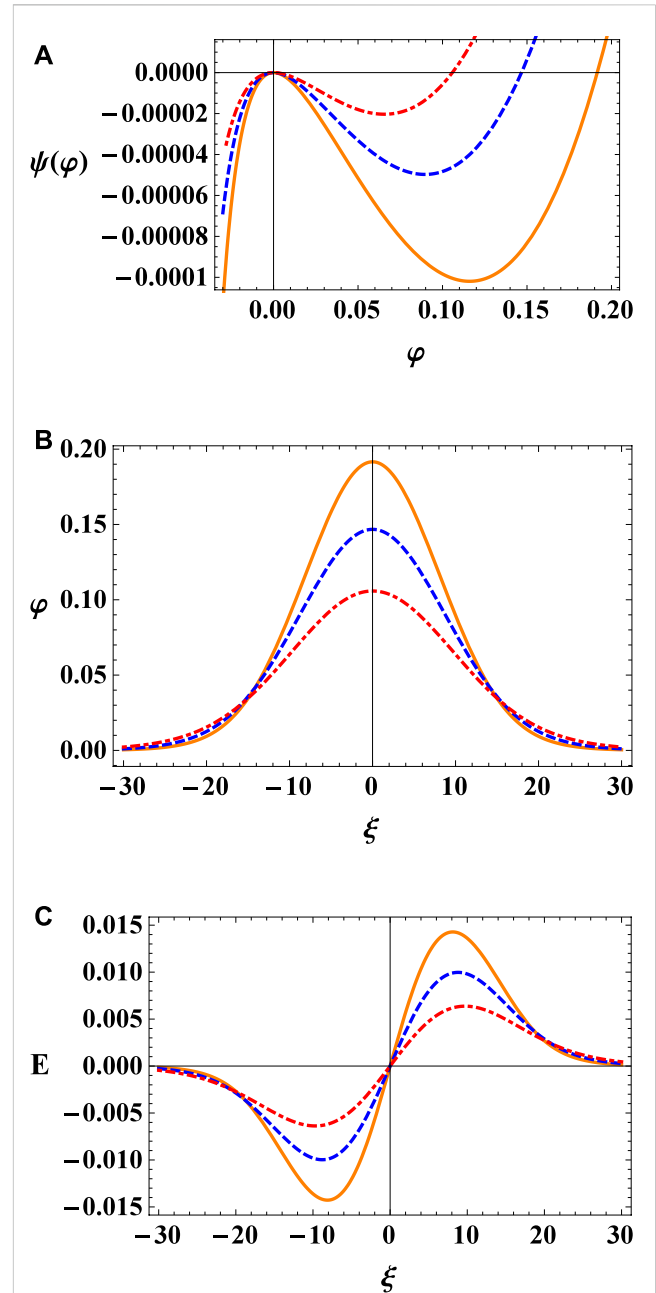


FIGURE 4
Plot of (A) Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$ vs. φ , (B) Electrostatic potential φ and (C) Electric field E for different values of $p_{\parallel} = 0.20$ (solid curve), 0.25 (dashed curve) and 0.30 (dot-dashed curve) with $M = 0.9$, $\Omega = 0.3$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $p_{\perp} = 0.1$, $\alpha = 0.80$, and $\sigma = 0.1$.

To study the effect of pressure anisotropy on the solitary waves, we have shown the variation of Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$ along with the corresponding electrostatic potential and electric field profiles with $p_{\parallel} = 0.20$ (solid curve), 0.25 (dashed curve) and 0.30 (dot-dashed curve) while considering $M = 0.9$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $\Omega = 0.3$, $\alpha = 0.8$, $\sigma = 0.1$, and $p_{\perp} = 0.1$ in Figure 4. It has been noted that the ion parallel pressure p_{\parallel} variation is quite effective (i.e., a minor change in p_{\parallel} causes a significant changes in the Sagdeev potential). Thereby increasing values of p_{\parallel} result in the decrease of depth and root of Sagdeev potential as well as in the amplitude of

associated soliton pulses. The changing values of perpendicular ion pressure p_{\perp} have no discernible influence on the amplitude of the solitary waves as shown in Figure 5. In Figure 6 we have considered three different cases, mainly $p_{\parallel} = p_{\perp} = 0$, $p_{\parallel} > p_{\perp}$ and $p_{\perp} > p_{\parallel}$ with fixed values of $M = 0.85$, $\gamma = 0.1$, $\Omega = 0.3$, $\alpha = 0.8$, $\sigma = 0.1$. For $p_{\parallel} > p_{\perp}$ the amplitude of solitary pulse decreases while in case of $p_{\perp} > p_{\parallel}$ the amplitude of solitary pulses is not significantly effected as compared to p_{\parallel} . In the absence of pressure anisotropy $p_{\parallel} = p_{\perp} = 0$, the amplitude of soliton increases as shown in Figure 6 by orange solid curve. We can infer from this Figure 6 that, in

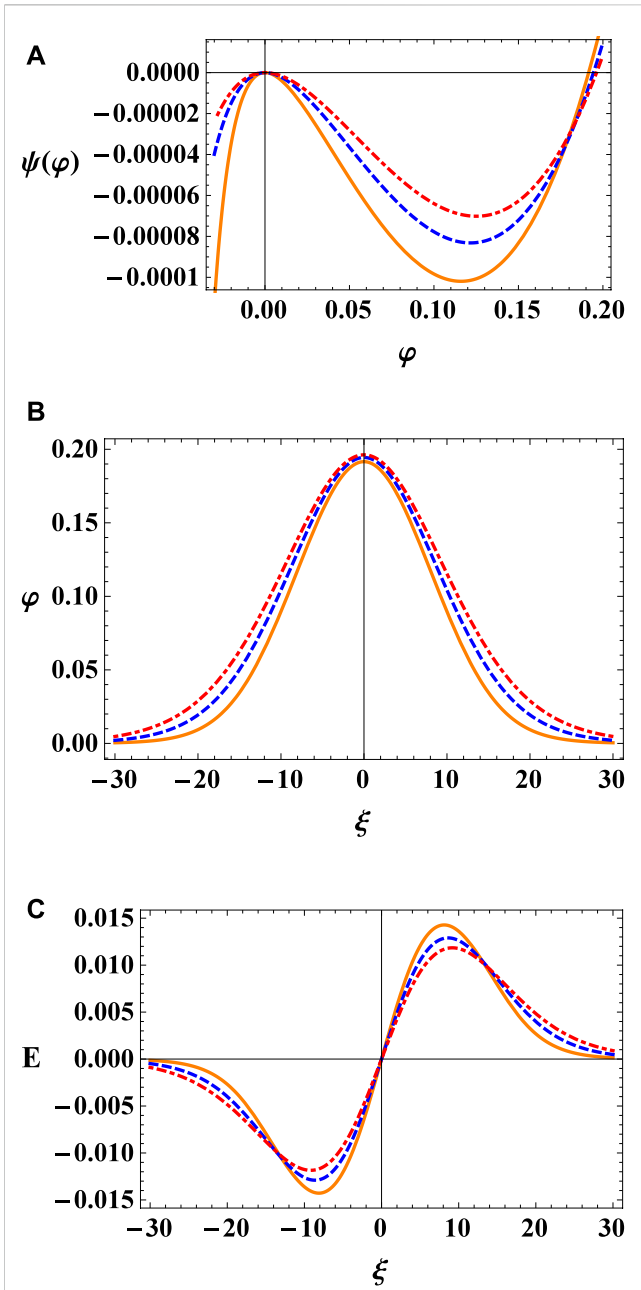


FIGURE 5 Plot of (A) Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$ vs. φ , (B) Electrostatic potential φ and (C) Electric field E for different values of $p_{\perp} = 0.1$ (solid curve), 0.5 (dashed curve) and 0.9 (dot-dashed curve) with $M = 0.9$, $\Omega = 0.3$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $\rho_{\parallel} = 0.2$, $\alpha = 0.80$, and $\sigma = 0.1$.

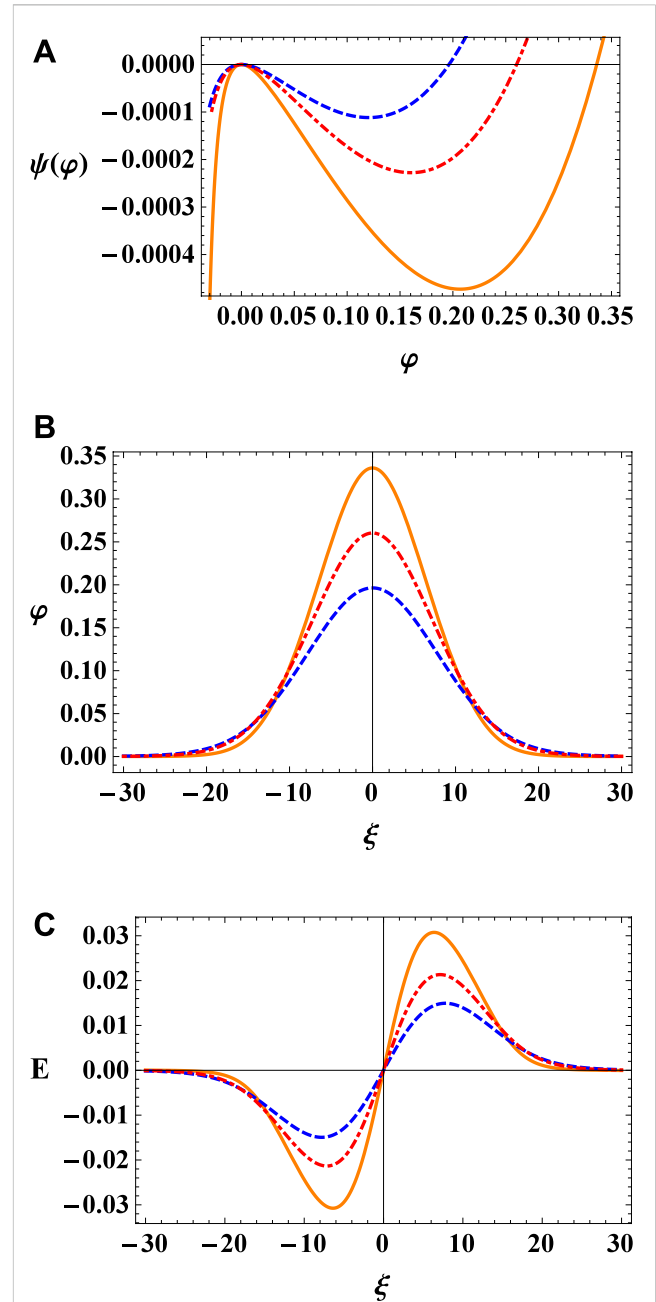


FIGURE 6 Plot of (A) Sagdeev potential $\psi(\varphi)$ vs. φ , (B) Electrostatic potential φ and (C) Electric field E for different pressure anisotropy cases $p_{\perp} = p_{\perp} = 0$ (solid curve), $p_{\perp} > p_{\perp}$ (dashed curve) and $p_{\perp} > p_{\perp}$ (dot-dashed curve) with $M = 0.85$, $\Omega = 0.3$, $\gamma = 0.2$, $\alpha = 0.80$, and $\sigma = 0.1$.

comparison to p_{\perp} , the characteristics of IASWs are more sensitive to variations in p_{\parallel} as compared to p_{\perp} . Similar results have been demonstrated in Ref. [35].

7 Conclusion

We have presented a study of the properties of arbitrary amplitude non-linear IASWs, propagating in a magnetized plasma characterized by anisotropic ions and Maxwellian distributed

electrons and positrons. The linear analysis gives two modes, the IA and the ion-cyclotron modes, whose characteristics depends on the Maxwellian electron and positron and on the pressure anisotropy of the ions. We have shown that the frequency of the acoustic mode decreases with increasing obliqueness of propagation. In the non-linear regime, Sagdeev approach is used for the investigation of the properties of arbitrary amplitude IASWs. A parametric analysis was carried out for studying the characteristics of these waves, which can be summarize as follows.

- The amplitude of solitary pulses increases with rising values of positron concentration γ .
- The amplitude of solitary pulses reduced with higher values of parallel ion pressure p_{\parallel} .
- Finally, we found that the characteristics of IASWs are more sensitive to the parallel ion pressure p_{\parallel} than perpendicular ion pressure p_{\perp} .

These results are general and might be applied to astrophysical plasma environments like the polar caps region of pulsars and near active galactic nuclei, where magnetized $e - p - i$ plasma and ions with anisotropic pressure can exist.

Data availability statement

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/Supplementary Material, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

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Appendix: Potential functions used in Eq. 36 are given as

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_1(\varphi) &= \eta e^\varphi + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} e^{-\sigma\varphi} - \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right) \\ \delta_2(\varphi) &= \left(\eta e^\varphi + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} e^{-\sigma\varphi}\right)^2 - \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right)^2 \\ \delta_3(\varphi) &= \left(\begin{aligned} &\frac{\eta^4}{4} e^{4\varphi} - \frac{4\eta^3\gamma}{3-\sigma} e^{(3-\sigma)\varphi} + \frac{6\eta^2\gamma^2}{2-2\sigma} e^{(2-2\sigma)\varphi} - \\ &\frac{4\eta\gamma^3}{1-3\sigma} e^{(1-3\sigma)\varphi} - \frac{\gamma^4}{4\sigma} e^{-4\sigma\varphi} \\ &- \left(\frac{\eta^4}{4} - \frac{4\eta^3\gamma}{3-\sigma} + \frac{6\eta^2\gamma^2}{2-2\sigma} - \frac{4\eta\gamma^3}{1-3\sigma} - \frac{\gamma^4}{4\sigma} \right) \end{aligned} \right) \\ \delta_4(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^{-1} - (\eta - \gamma)^{-1} \\ \delta_5(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^{-2} - (\eta - \gamma)^{-2} \\ \delta_6(\varphi) &= \left(\eta e^\varphi + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} e^{-\sigma\varphi}\right) (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^{-1} - \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right) (\eta - \gamma)^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_7(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^2 - (\eta - \gamma)^2 \\ \delta_8(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^3 - (\eta - \gamma)^3 \\ \delta_9(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^3 \left(\eta e^\varphi + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} e^{-\sigma\varphi}\right) - (\eta - \gamma)^3 \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right) \\ \delta_{10}(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^6 - (\eta - \gamma)^6 \\ \delta_{11}(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi}) - (\eta - \gamma) \\ \delta_{12}(\varphi) &= \log(\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi}) - \log(\eta - \gamma) \\ \delta_{13}(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi}) \left(\eta e^\varphi + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma} e^{-\sigma\varphi}\right) - (\eta - \gamma) \left(\eta + \frac{\gamma}{\sigma}\right) \\ \delta_{14}(\varphi) &= \left(\frac{\eta^2 e^{2\varphi}}{2} - \frac{\gamma^2 e^{-2\sigma\varphi}}{2\sigma} - \frac{2\eta\gamma e^{(1-\sigma)\varphi}}{(1-\sigma)}\right) - \left(\frac{\eta^2}{2} - \frac{\gamma^2}{2\sigma} - \frac{2\eta\gamma}{(1-\sigma)}\right) \\ \delta_{15}(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^4 - (\eta - \gamma)^4 \\ \delta_{16}(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^{-3} (\eta e^\varphi + \gamma\sigma e^{-\sigma\varphi}) \\ \delta_{17}(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi}) (\eta e^\varphi + \gamma\sigma e^{-\sigma\varphi}) \\ \delta_{18}(\varphi) &= (\eta e^\varphi - \gamma e^{-\sigma\varphi})^{-1} (\eta e^\varphi + \gamma\sigma e^{-\sigma\varphi})\end{aligned}$$