
Stability analysis in relativistic hydrodynamics

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1. About stability

What is stability?

- We expect any oscillating system to fall back into equilibrium after a perturbation
- A single perturbation can not make a quantity of the system tend to infinity



Is relativistic hydrodynamics stable?

- The equations of **ideal** hydrodynamics are stable
- But: including **dissipative parts** you find inconsistencies (Hiscock, Lindblom)

2. The equations of a relativistic hydrodynamic system

Governing equations

- Energy and momentum conservation

$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- Number current conservation

$$\partial_{\mu} N^{\mu} = 0$$

Ideal and dissipative parts

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu} + q^\mu u^\nu + q^\nu u^\mu$$

$$N^\mu = n u^\mu + v^\mu$$

— ideal part

— dissipative part

The dissipative equations

- In first order theory:

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta P^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha u_\beta$$

(unstable?)

$$q^\mu = -\kappa T \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$

(Eckart frame)

$$v^\mu = \frac{\kappa n T}{\varepsilon + P} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$

(Landau frame)

- In second order theory:

$$\tau_\pi P^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \dot{\pi}_{\alpha\beta} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta P^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha u_\beta$$

$$\tau_q \Delta^{\mu\nu} \dot{q}_\nu + q^\mu = -\kappa T \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$

(Eckart frame)

$$\tau_v \Delta^{\mu\nu} \dot{v}_\nu + v^\mu = \frac{\kappa n T}{\varepsilon + P} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$

(Landau frame)

Rest frame configurations

■ Landau frame

$u^\mu \equiv$ eigenvector of $T^{\mu\nu}$

$$\rightarrow q^\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}$$

~~$$\Rightarrow q^\mu = -\kappa T \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$~~

~~$$\Rightarrow \tau_q \Delta^{\mu\nu} \dot{q}_\nu + q^\mu = -\kappa T \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$~~

■ Eckart frame

$$u^\mu \parallel N^\mu$$

$$\rightarrow v^\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N^\mu = n u^\mu$$

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Sets of equations that are analysed

■ Landau frame:

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu [\epsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\partial_\mu N^\mu = \partial_\mu [n u^\mu + v^\mu]$$

+ (first order)

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta P^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha u_\beta$$

$$v^\mu = \frac{\kappa n T}{\epsilon + P} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$

or + (second order)

$$\tau_\pi P^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \dot{\pi}_{\alpha\beta} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta P^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha u_\beta$$

$$\tau_\nu \Delta^{\mu\nu} \dot{v}_\nu + v^\mu = \frac{\kappa n T}{\epsilon + P} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{T} \partial_\nu T + \dot{u}_\nu \right]$$

■ Eckart frame:

$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu [\epsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu} + q^\mu u^\nu + q^\nu u^\mu]$$

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3. How to analyse the stability

Perturbating the equations

Take any quantity of the system and add a perturbation around the hydrostatic equilibrium:

$$Q = Q_0 + \delta Q \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 + \delta\epsilon \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx},$$

$$P = P_0 + \delta P \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx},$$

$$n = n_0 + \delta n \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx},$$

$$u^\mu = u_0^\mu + \delta u^\mu \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx},$$

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = \pi_0^{\mu\nu} + \delta\pi^{\mu\nu} \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx},$$

$$q^\mu = q_0^\mu + \delta q^\mu \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx},$$

$$\nu^\mu = \nu_0^\mu + \delta\nu^\mu \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}.$$

Deriving the perturbed equations

Example:
$$\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu [\epsilon u^\mu u^\nu - P \Delta^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu}] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T^{00} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T^{x0} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \epsilon u^0 u^0 - P \Delta^{00} + \pi^{00} \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ \epsilon u^x u^0 - P \Delta^{x0} + \pi^{x0} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ (\epsilon_0 + \delta\epsilon \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}) \cdot (u_0^0)^2 - (P_0 + \delta P \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx})(1 - (u_0^0)^2) + \delta\pi^{00} \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx} \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left\{ (\epsilon_0 + \delta\epsilon \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}) \delta u^x \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx} + (P_0 + \delta P \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}) \delta u^x \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx} + \delta\pi^{x0} \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\delta\epsilon \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [(\epsilon_0 + P_0) \delta u^x \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}] \\ &= i\omega \delta\epsilon \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx} - ik(\epsilon_0 + P_0) \delta u^x \cdot e^{i\omega t - ikx}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = i\omega \delta\epsilon - ik(\epsilon_0 + P_0) \delta u^x$$

Getting the dispersion relation

$$\underline{\omega(k)}$$

Calculate the determinant of A and set it equal to 0:

$$\text{Det } A = \text{Det} \begin{bmatrix} i\omega & -ik(\epsilon_0 + P_0) & -ik \\ -ikc_s^2 & i\omega(\epsilon_0 + P_0) & -ik \\ & -ik\frac{4}{3}\eta & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{Det} \begin{bmatrix} i\omega(\epsilon_0 + P_0) & -ik \\ -ik\eta & 1 \end{bmatrix}^2 \cdot \text{Det} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

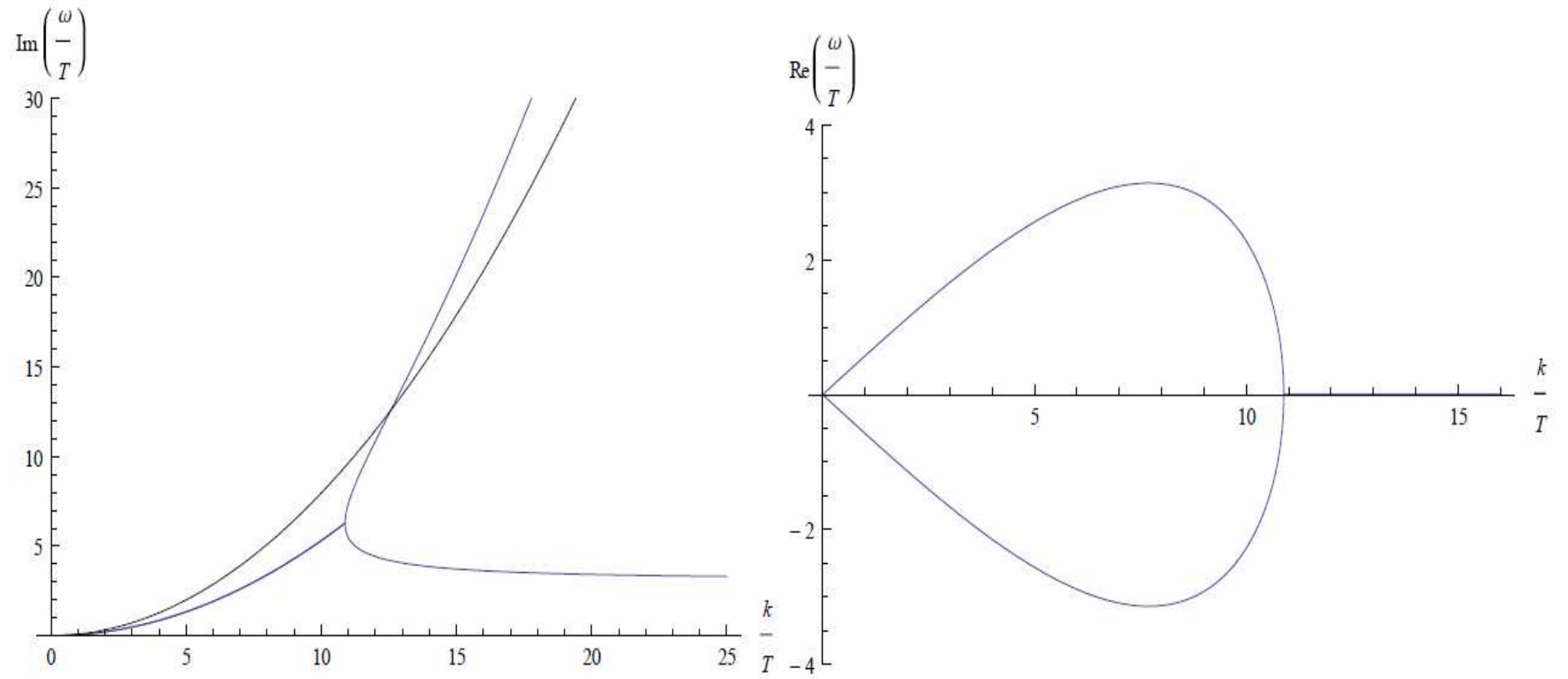
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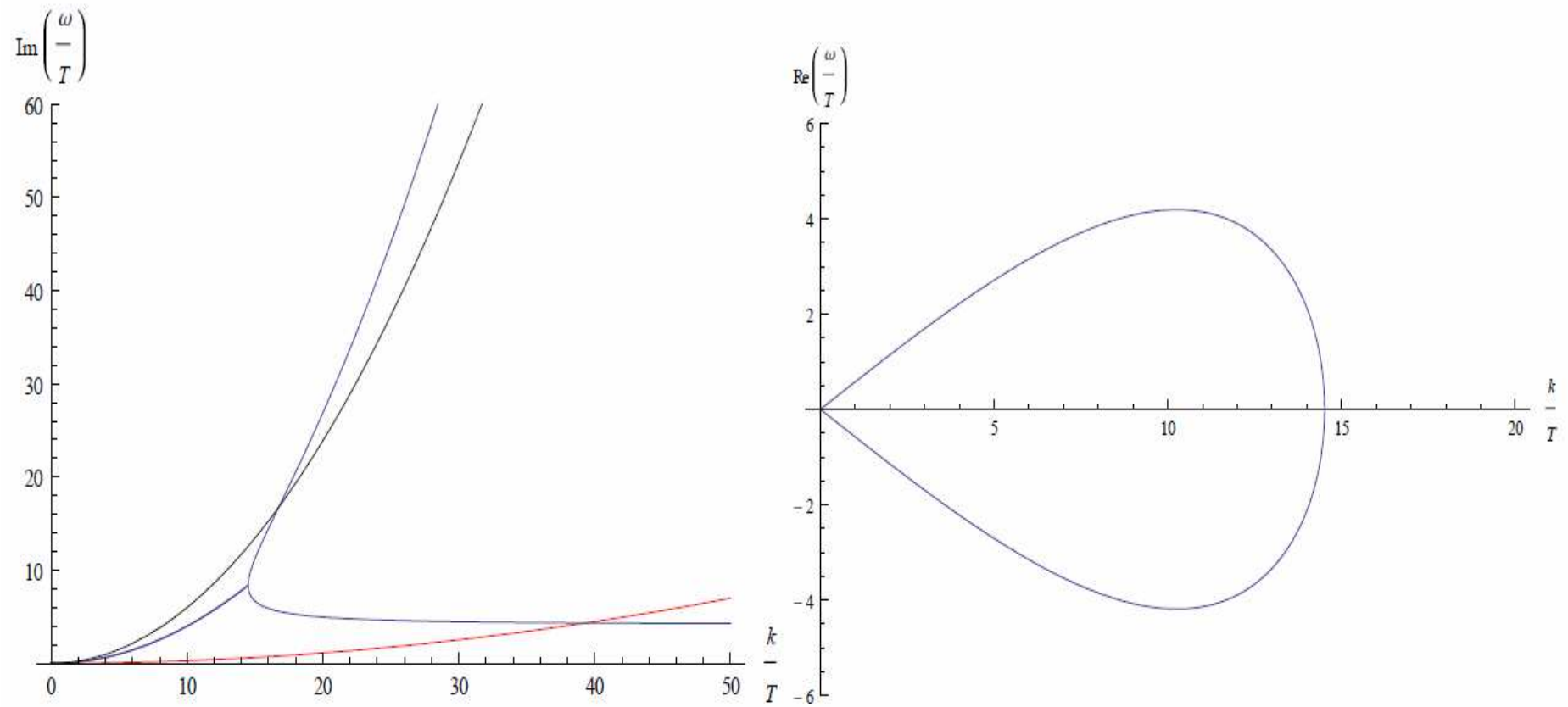
$$\text{Det} \begin{bmatrix} i\omega(\epsilon_0 + P_0) & -ik \\ -ik\eta & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \omega(k) = \frac{ik^2\eta}{\epsilon_0 + P_0}$$

4. Results

First order Landau frame with $N^\mu = 0$:

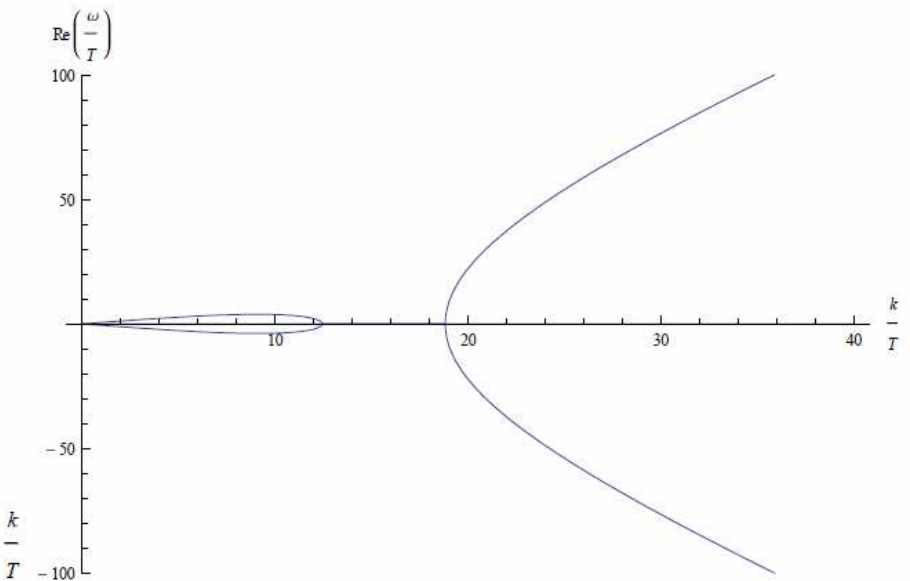
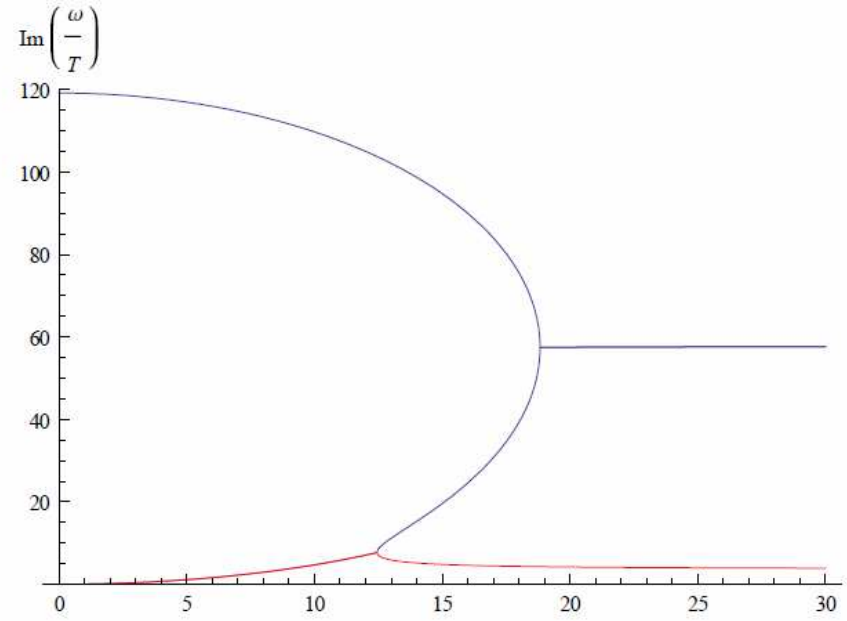
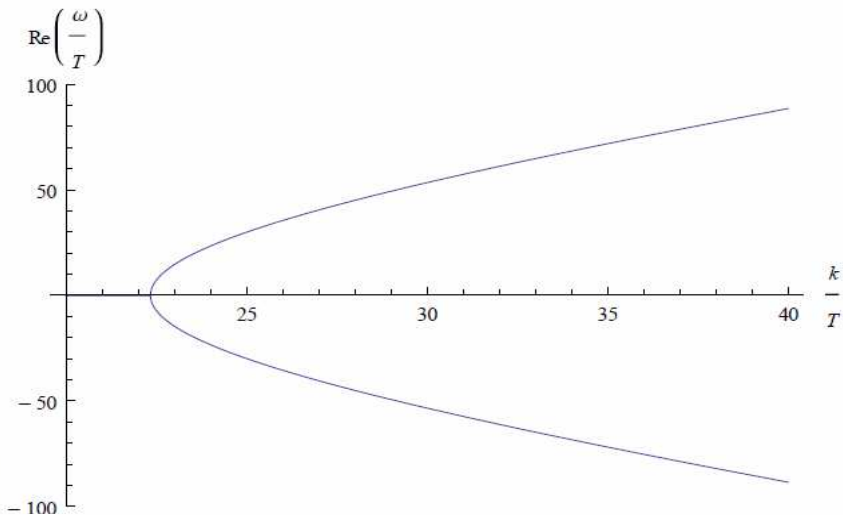
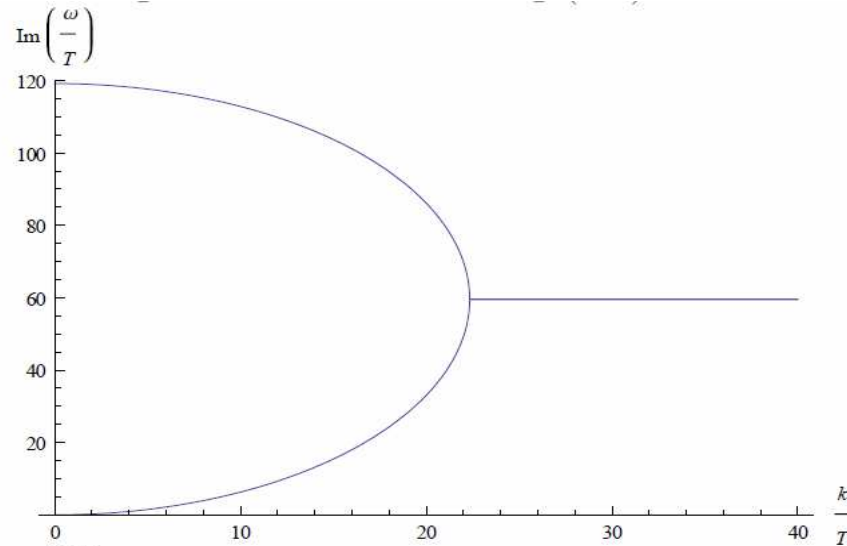


First order Landau Frame:



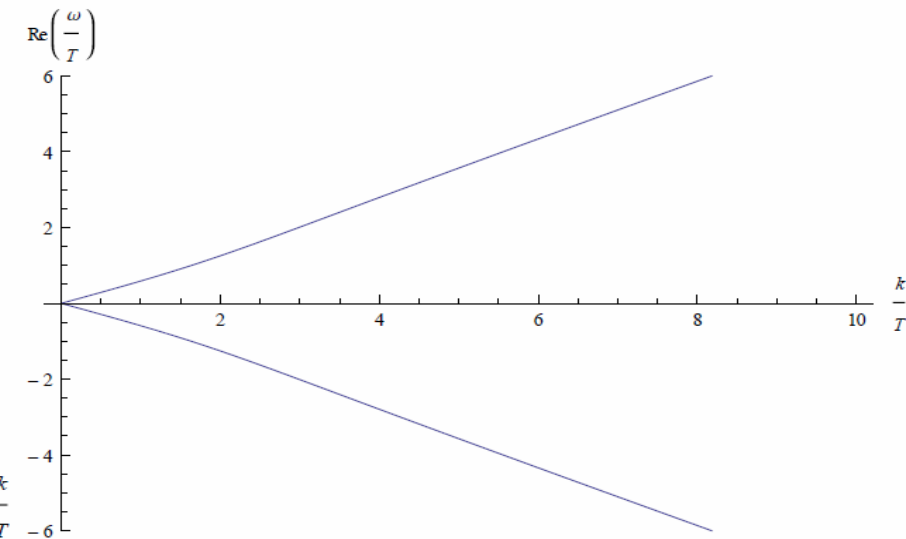
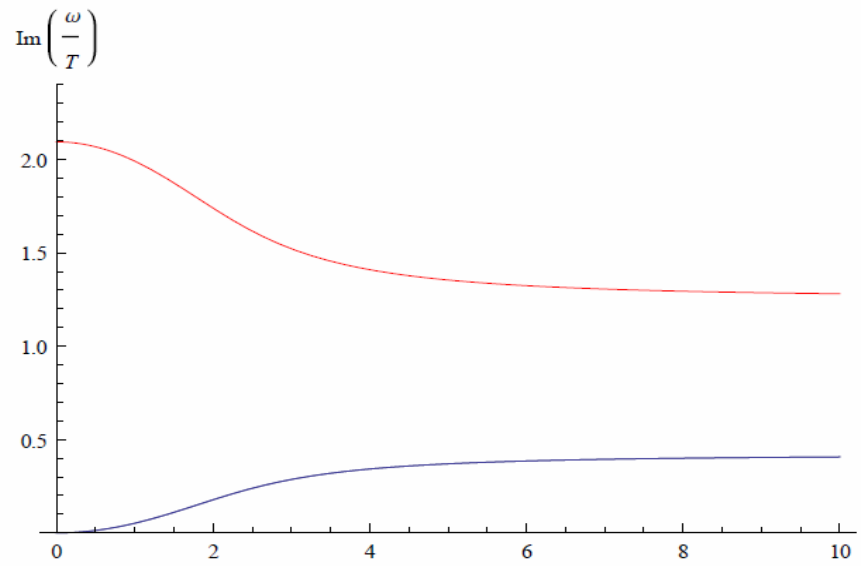
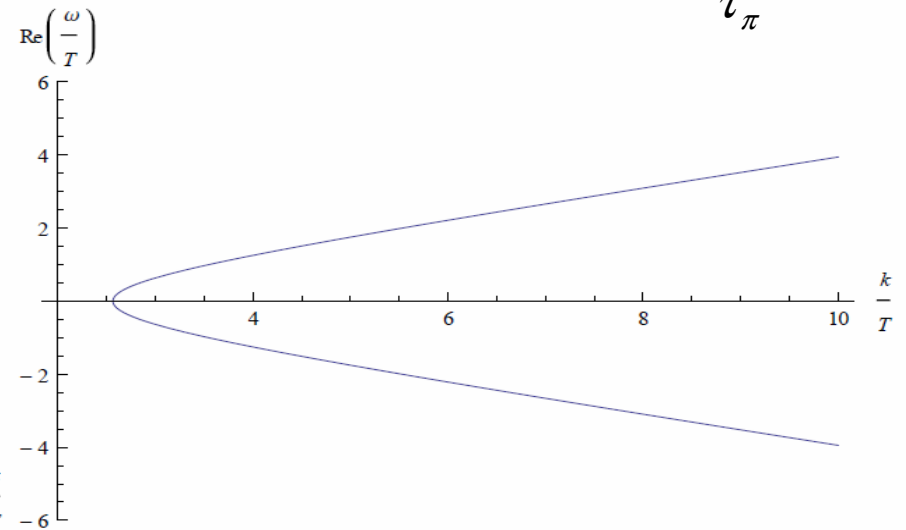
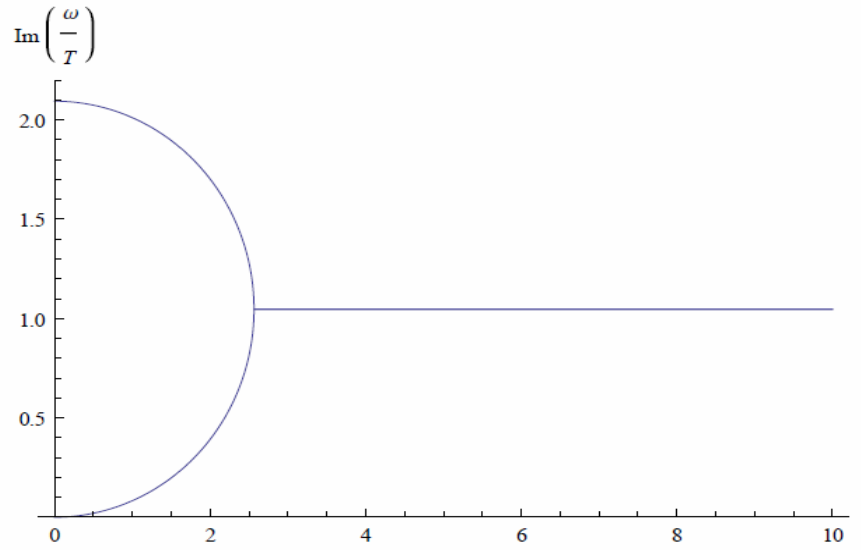
First oder Eckart frame:

Additional solution: $\omega(k) = 0$

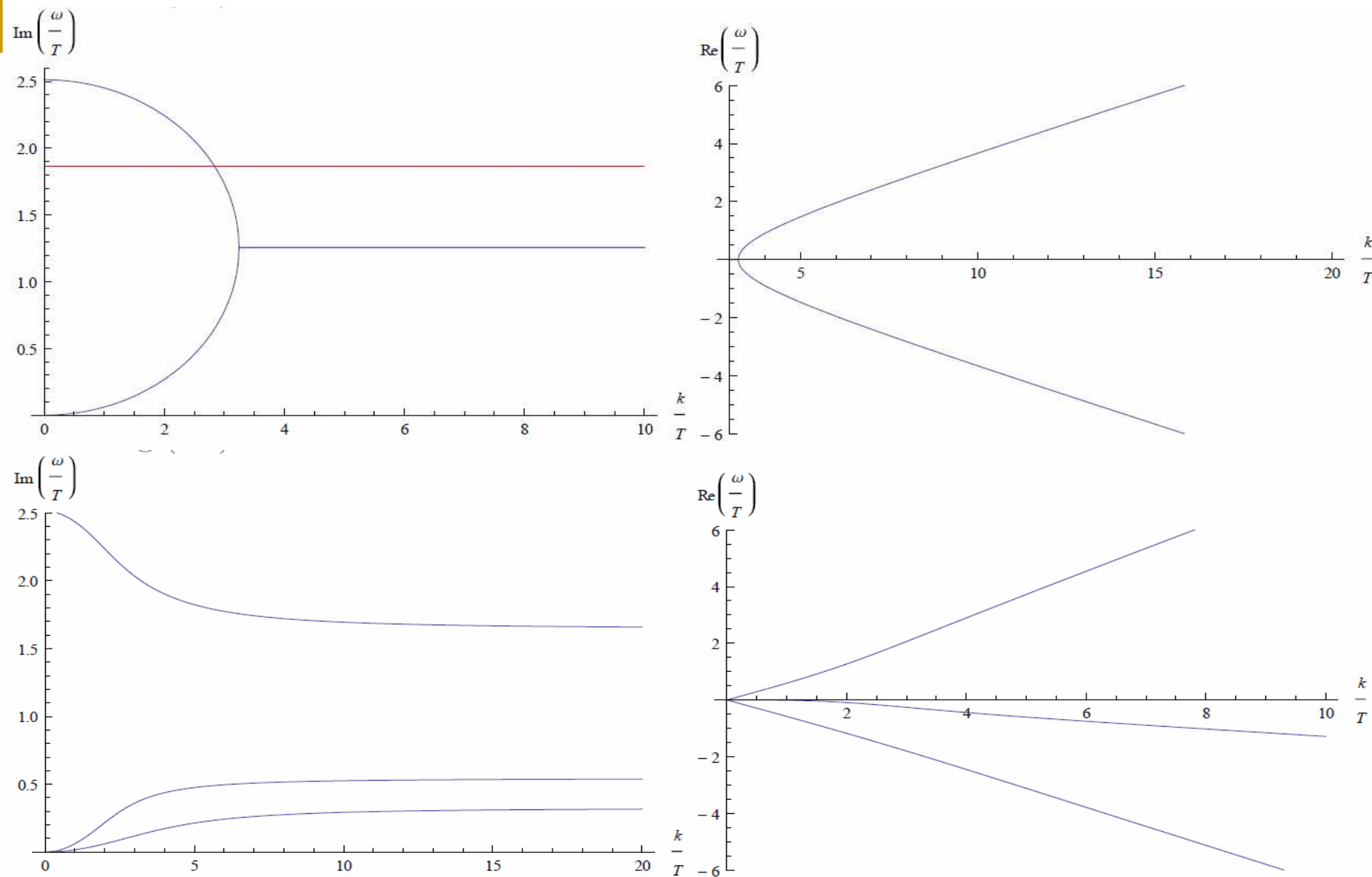


Second order Landau frame with $N^\mu = 0$:

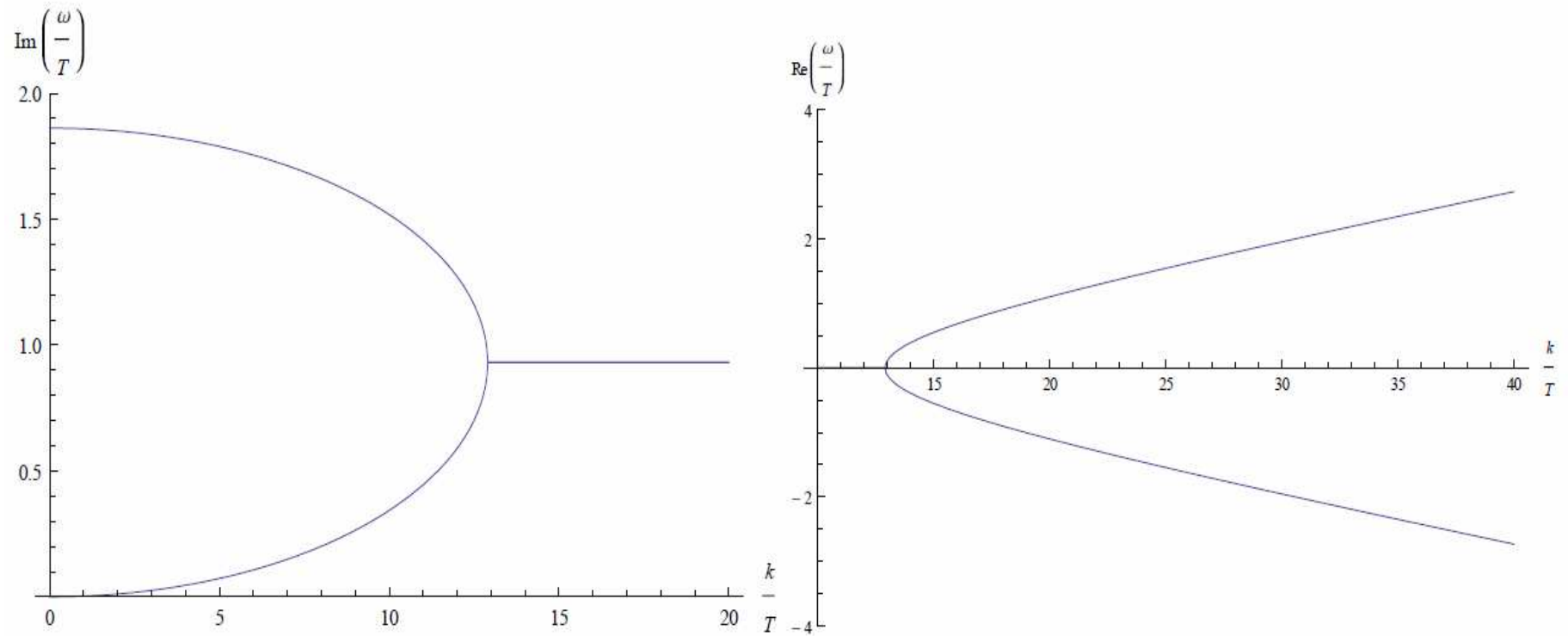
Additional solution: $\omega(k) = \frac{i}{\tau_\pi}$



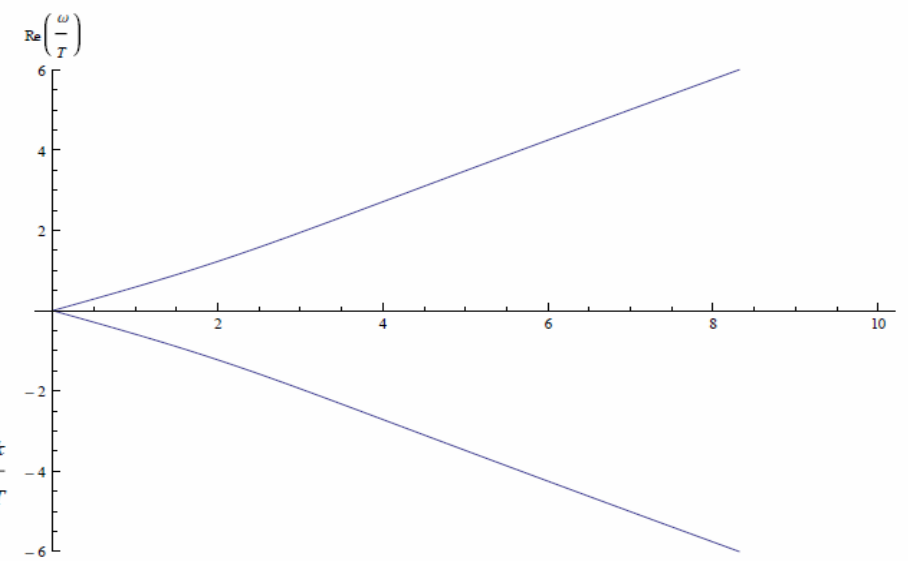
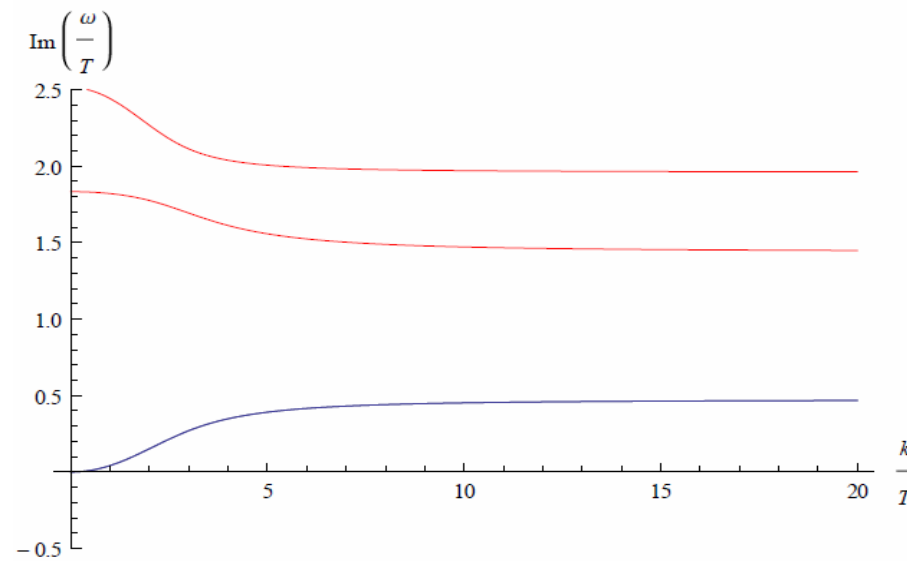
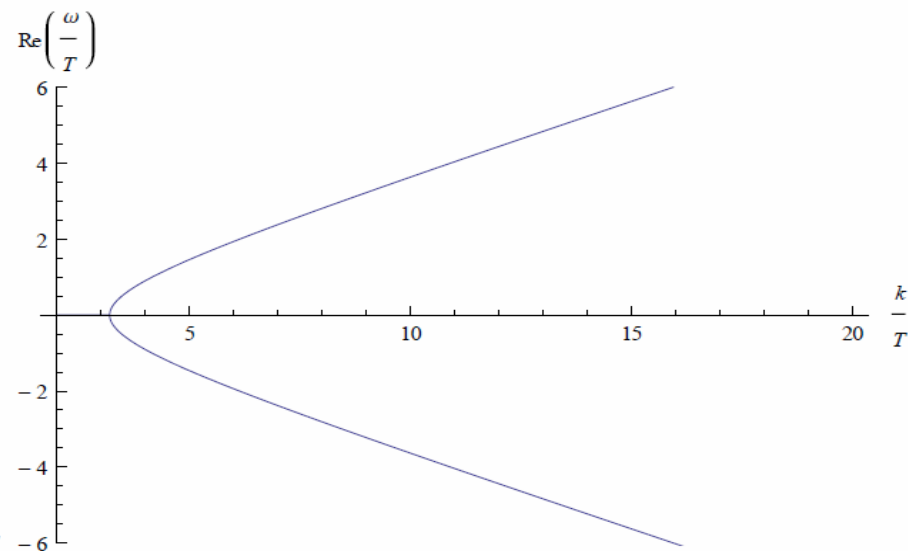
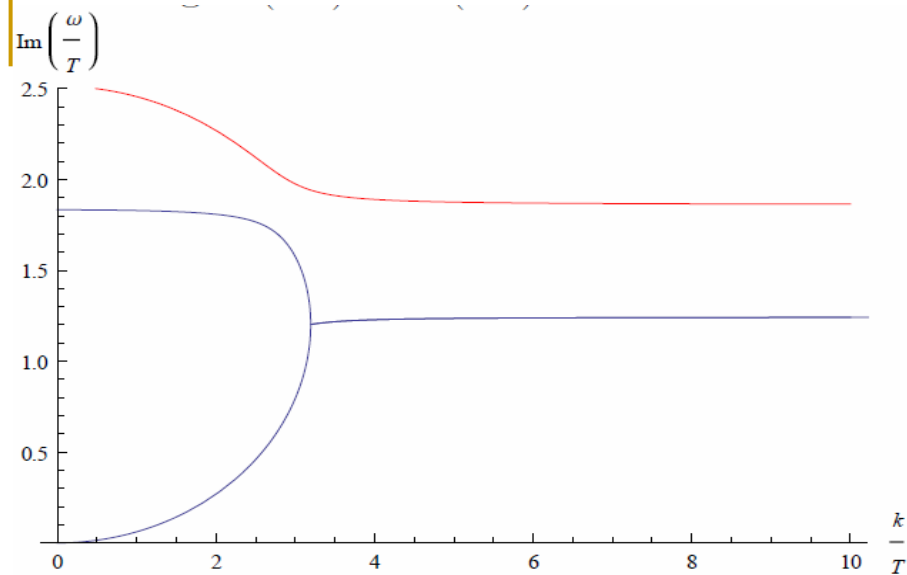
Second order Landau frame (1):



Second order Landau frame (2):



Second order Eckart frame:



5. Conclusions

- First order: instabilities occur in a general rest frame configuration (W. Hiscock, L. Lindblom).
But: If you choose a distinguished rest frame configuration you possibly find stable equations.
Still: Causality issues appear. And: Away from the rest frame the first order equations generate instabilities (W. Hiscock, L. Lindblom).
- Second order: No instabilities found; stability is independent from frame configurations (even away from the rest frame – Shi Pu, T. Koide, D. Rischke).