



KINETIC EFFECT OF RELATIVITY IN A LOW - β PLASMA

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Abstract: Kinetic effect of relativity in a low- β plasma for electrons and ions are studied analytically. Here $\beta = \frac{8\pi n_o T}{B_G^2}$ is the ratio of the kinetic to the magnetic pressure is taken into account. Also $M =$ Mach number is the ratio of the wave velocity to the Alfvén velocity. Q , the electron to ion mass ratio. Both compressive and rarefactive solitons are found to exist in a definite range of K_z , the direction of propagation of the Kinetic Alfvén solitary wave with respect to the direction of magnetic field for assigned values of β , v_A , Alfvén velocity and M .

I.Introduction: Many research workers have proved that propagation of wave can be studied with $\beta > \frac{m_e}{m_i}$ (the electron- to- ion mass ratio)..Hasegawa and Mima(1976) and Yu and Shukla(1978) investigated the wave solitons for $1 \gg \beta \gg \frac{m_e}{m_i}$. Dominating electron inertia over electron pressure in the magnetic field direction establishes the equilibrium. Shukla et.al.(1982) established the existence of new kind of super-Alfvénic soliton for the case where ion inertia and displacement current are neglected.

Both supersonic and subsonic rarefactive wave solitons were studied by Kalita and Kalita (1986) with low $\beta (\ll \frac{m_e}{m_i})$ plasma. Kumar and Srivastava(1991) studied the non linear behavior of waves using Schrodinger equation.Using modified Schrodinger equation Buti(1991) established the parallel propagation with large amplitude depending on β . Properties of kinetic Alfvén wave solitons were modified using magnetohydrodynamic solutions. Low frequency kinetic Alfvén waves and electrostatic ion –cyclotron waves are supported by low β plasma with two dimensional structure. To neglect resonance for hydromagnetic waves $\omega < \Omega_i$ is taken into consideration so that ion cyclotron frequency is greater than velocity component of Alfvén solitons.

In this paper we have applied relativistic effect on low β plasma solitons and investigate the nature of wave solitons. Supersonic compressive and subsonic rarefactive waves are found to exist in this case.

II. Dynamics of motion: We consider relativistic effect on a low- β plasma with electron pressure gradient, finite electron inertia and current density. Also negligible inertia for highly magnetized electrons are assumed to move only in the direction of the magnetic field $B_0 Z$ where Z is the unit vector along the z -axis. The low- β ($\ll 1$) assumption for high magnetic pressure, the electric field can be written in terms of two potentials ϕ and ψ as

$$E_x = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad E_z = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$$

The field equation governing the dynamics of plasma in (x, z) plane, after normalizing the density by the equilibrium density n_0 , distances by Debye length λ_D , the potentials by $\frac{T_e}{e}$, velocity by Alfvén velocity v_A and time by the ion gyroperiod Ω_i^{-1} is given by

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(n_e v_{ez}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_{ez}}{\partial t} + v_{ez} \frac{\partial v_{ez}}{\partial z} + \frac{v_A^2}{2c^2} \frac{\partial v_{ez}^3}{\partial t} + \frac{v_A^2}{2c^2} \left(v_{ez} \frac{\partial v_{ez}^3}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\beta}{2Q} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} - \frac{\beta}{2Qn_e} \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial z} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(n_i v_{ix}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(n_i v_{iz}) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$v_{ix} = -\frac{\beta}{2(1+v_A^2 v_{ix}^2)} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t \partial x} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_{iz}}{\partial t} + v_{ix} \frac{\partial v_{iz}}{\partial x} + v_{iz} \frac{\partial v_{iz}}{\partial z} + \frac{v_A^2}{2c^2} \left(v_{ix} \frac{\partial v_{iz}^3}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{v_A^2}{2c^2} \left(v_{iz} \frac{\partial v_{iz}^3}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\beta}{2} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial^4 (\phi - \psi)}{\partial x^2 \partial z^2} = \frac{2}{\beta} \left[\frac{\partial^2 n_e}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial z} (n_i v_{iz}) \right] \quad (6)$$

III. Derivation of energy integral: We assume that the wave is propagating obliquely to the external magnetic field and depends on the quantity $\eta = k_x x + k_z z - Mt$ (7)

$$\text{Where } M = \frac{v}{v_A} = \frac{\text{wave velocity}}{\text{Alfvén velocity}} \text{ and } k_x^2 + k_z^2 = 1$$

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$$v_{ez} = \frac{M}{k_z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta k_z^2 n^3} - \frac{3QM^4 (n-1)^2}{\beta c^2 k_z^4 n^5} \right\} \frac{\partial n}{\partial \eta}$$

$$k_x v_{ix} + k_z v_{iz} = M \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \eta^2} = \frac{2(1+v_A^2)}{\beta M k_x} (v_{ix} + v_{ix}^3 v_A^2)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_{iz}}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\beta k_z n}{2M} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta}$$

Eliminating v_{ix} from (6) in terms of new coordinate η (after integrating twice) gives

$$k_x^2 k_z^2 \frac{\partial^2 (\phi - \psi)}{\partial \eta^2} = \frac{2}{\beta} \left[M^2 n(1+Q) - M^2 Q + \frac{\beta k_z^2}{2} n(1-n) + \frac{QM^4}{2c^2 k_z^2} \left(n - 3 + \frac{3}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - M^2 \right] \quad (8)$$

In deducing these equations we have applied the boundary conditions

$$v_{ix} = v_{iz} = v_{ez} = 0, \quad \phi = \psi = \frac{\partial n}{\partial \eta} = 0 \text{ at } n=1 \text{ as } |n| \rightarrow \infty$$

And the charge-neutrality relation $n_e = n_i = n$

Putting the values of $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \eta^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \eta^2}$ into (8) and integrating twice, we get

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} \left[\left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta k_z^2 n^3} - \frac{3QM^4 v_A^2 (n-1)^2}{\beta c^2 k_z^4 n^5} \right) \frac{dn}{d\eta} \right] =$$

$$\frac{2(1+v_A^2)}{\beta M k_x^2} \left\{ \frac{\beta k_z^2}{2M} (1-n) + M(1+Q) \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{QM^3 v_A^2}{2c^2 k_z^2} \left(1 - \frac{3}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) \right\} -$$

$$\frac{2}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^2} \left\{ M^2 n(1+Q) - M^2 (1+Q) + \frac{\beta k_z^2}{2} n(1-n) + \frac{QM^4 v_A^2}{2c^2 k_z^2} \left(n - 3 + \frac{3}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - M^2 \right\}$$

Multiplying both sides by $\left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta k_z^2 n^3} - \frac{3QM^4 v_A^2 (n-1)^2}{\beta c^2 k_z^4 n^5} \right) \frac{dn}{d\eta}$ and integrating once, we get the energy integral for classical particles in a potential well as

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{dn}{d\eta} \right)^2 + \psi(n, m, \beta, v_A, k_x, k_z) = 0$$

Where the Sagdeev Potential $\psi(n)$, a function of density n with variable parameters M, k_x, k_z, v_A and β , is given by

$$\psi(n, m, \beta, v_A, k_x, k_z) = \frac{-1}{\left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta k_z^2 n^3} - \frac{3QM^4 v_A^2 (n-1)^2}{\beta c^2 k_z^4 n^5} \right)^2}$$

$$\left[\left\{ \frac{k_z^2 (1+v_A^2)}{M^2 k_x^2} (\log n - n + 1) + \frac{2(1+Q)(1+v_A^2)}{\beta k_x^2} \left(\log n + \frac{1}{n} - 1 \right) + \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{QM^2 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left\{ \log n + 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) \right\} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{2M^6(1+Q)}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^6}(n-1) + \frac{2M^2 Q}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^2} \log n - \frac{1}{k_x^2} \left(n - \frac{n^2}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{M^4 Q v_A^2}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left\{ (n-1) + 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right\} \\
& + \frac{2M^2}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^2} \log n \left\{ \frac{2Q(1+v_A^2)}{\beta k_x^2} \frac{1}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{2QM^2(1+v_A^2)(1+Q)}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) + \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. \frac{2Q^2 M^4 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) - \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^5} \right) \right\} - \frac{4QM^4(1+Q)}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{2Q^2 M^4}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} - \log n \right) - \frac{2Q^2 M^6 v_A^2}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) \right\} + \frac{2QM^4}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right\} \\
& - \frac{3QM^2 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2) M^2}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left\{ - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) \right\} + \\
& \frac{6Q(1+Q)M^4 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) - \frac{1}{5} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^5} \right) \right\} + \\
& \frac{3Q^2 M^6 v_A^4 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta^2 c^4 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) + \frac{5}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) + \frac{5}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) - 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^5} \right) + \frac{5}{6} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^6} \right) - \frac{1}{7} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^7} \right) \right\} - \\
& \frac{6QM^6 v_A^2 (1+Q)}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) \right\} + \frac{6Q^2 M^6 v_A^2}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) \right\} - \\
& \frac{3QM^4 v_A^2}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left\{ 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) - \log n \right\} - \\
& \frac{3Q^2 M^8 v_A^2}{\beta^2 c^4 k_x^2 k_z^8} \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) - \frac{5}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) + \frac{10}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) - \frac{5}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^5} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^6} \right) \right\} + \\
& \left. \frac{6QM^6 v_A^2}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^3} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^4} \right) \right\} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

IV. Existence of solitary wave: To find the existence of solitary waves it is necessary to study the behavior of the potential $\psi(n)$ near $n=1$ and $n=N$. For solitary wave solitons the required conditions are

$$\psi(1) = \psi(N) = \left(\frac{d\psi}{dn} \right)_{n=1} = 0$$

$$\psi(n) < 0$$

Expanding in Taylors series near $n=1$ and $n=N$ we get for $n=1$

$$\psi(n) = - \frac{(n-1)^2}{2 \left(k - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta K_z^2} \right)^2} \left(\frac{2QK(1+v_A^2) \left(k - \frac{6QM^2}{\beta K_z^2} \right)}{\left(k - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta K_z^2} \right)} - \frac{K^2 K_z^2 (1+v_A^2)}{M^2 K_x^2} - \frac{2M^2 K}{\beta K_x^2 K_z^2} + \frac{K^2}{K_x^2} + \frac{2K(1+Q)(1+v_A^2)}{\beta K_x^2} + \frac{4QM^4(1+Q)}{\beta^2 K_x^2 K_z^4} + \frac{4QK(1+Q)}{\beta K_x^2} - \frac{2QM^2(1+Q)(1+v_A^2)}{\beta^2 K_x^2 K_z^2} \right)$$

and for $n=N$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(n) = & \frac{-(n-N)}{\left(\frac{1}{N} - \frac{2QM^2}{\beta k_x^2 N^3} - \frac{3QM^4 v_A^2 (N-1)^2}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4 N^5} \right)^2} \\ & \left[\left\{ \frac{k_x^2 (1+v_A^2)}{M^2 k_x^2} \left(\frac{1}{N} - 1 \right) + \frac{2(1+Q)(1+v_A^2)}{\beta k_x^2} \left(\frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{N^2} \right) + \frac{QM^2 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} - \frac{3}{N^2} + \frac{3}{N^3} - \frac{1}{N^4} \right\} \right. \right. \\ & - \frac{2M^6(1+Q)}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^6} + \frac{2M^2 Q}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^2} \frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{k_x^2} (1-N) - \frac{M^4 Q v_A^2}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{N} + \frac{3}{N^2} - \frac{1}{N^3} \right\} \\ & + \left. \frac{2M^2}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^2} \frac{1}{N} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{2Q(1+v_A^2)}{\beta k_x^2} \left(\frac{2}{N^3} - \frac{1}{N^2} \right) + \frac{2QM^2(1+v_A^2)(1+Q)}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left(\frac{1}{N^3} - \frac{1}{N^4} \right) \right. \\ & + \frac{2Q^2 M^4 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^4 C2} \left(\frac{1}{N^3} - \frac{3}{N^4} + \frac{3}{N^5} - \frac{1}{N^6} \right) - \frac{4QM^4(1+Q)}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \frac{1}{N^2} + \frac{4Q^2 M^4}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \frac{1}{N^3} + \\ & \left. \frac{2QM^2}{\beta k_x^2 k_z^2} \left(\frac{1}{N^2} - \frac{1}{N} \right) - \frac{2Q^2 M^6 v_A^2}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left(\frac{1}{N^2} - \frac{3}{N^3} + \frac{3}{N^4} - \frac{1}{N^5} \right) + \frac{4QM^4}{\beta^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \frac{1}{N^3} \right\} - \\ & - \frac{3QM^2 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2) M^2}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left(\frac{1}{N^5} - \frac{3}{N^4} + \frac{3}{N^3} - \frac{1}{N^2} \right) + \frac{6Q(1+Q) M^4 v_A^2 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left(\frac{1}{N^3} - \frac{3}{N^4} + \frac{3}{N^5} - \frac{1}{N^6} \right) + \\ & \frac{3Q^2 M^6 v_A^4 (1+v_A^2)}{\beta^2 c^4 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left(\frac{1}{N^3} - \frac{5}{N^4} + \frac{10}{N^5} - \frac{10}{N^6} + \frac{5}{N^7} - \frac{1}{N^8} \right) + \\ & \frac{6Q^2 M^6 v_A^2}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left(\frac{1}{N^3} - \frac{2}{N^4} + \frac{1}{N^5} \right) - \frac{3QM^4 v_A^2}{\beta c^2 k_x^2 k_z^4} \left(\frac{1}{N^4} - \frac{3}{N^3} + \frac{3}{N^2} - \frac{1}{N} \right) - \frac{6QM^6 v_A^2 (1+Q)}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^2} \left(\frac{1}{N^2} - \frac{2}{N^3} + \frac{1}{N^4} \right) \\ & \left. \frac{3Q^2 M^8 v_A^4}{\beta^2 c^4 k_x^2 k_z^8} \left(\frac{1}{N^2} - \frac{5}{N^3} + \frac{10}{N^4} - \frac{10}{N^5} + \frac{5}{N^6} - \frac{1}{N^7} \right) + \frac{6QM^6 v_A^2}{\beta^2 c^2 k_x^2 k_z^6} \left(\frac{1}{N^3} - \frac{2}{N^4} + \frac{1}{N^5} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

V.Discussion: In the low K_z plasma under consideration supersonic compressive and subsonic rarefactive solitons found to exist depending on β , M and K_z . The amplitude of the supersonic compressive ($N > 1$) solitons uniformly increases as $M (> K_z)$ and a fixed value of $\beta = .009$ for $K_z = .6, .7, .8, .6, .9$ [fig-1].

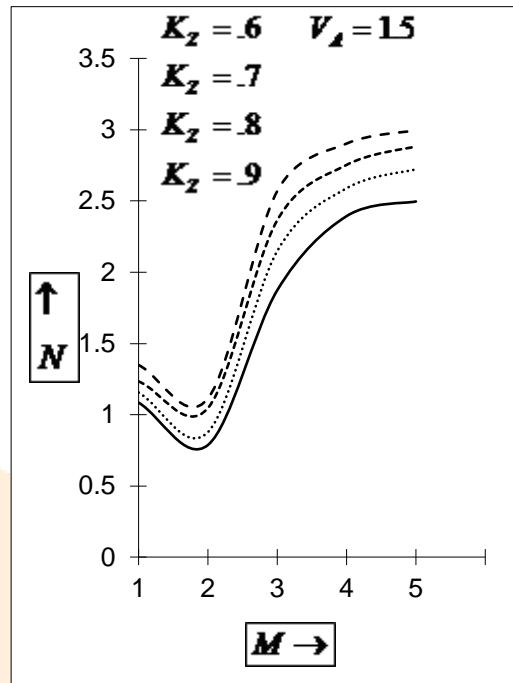
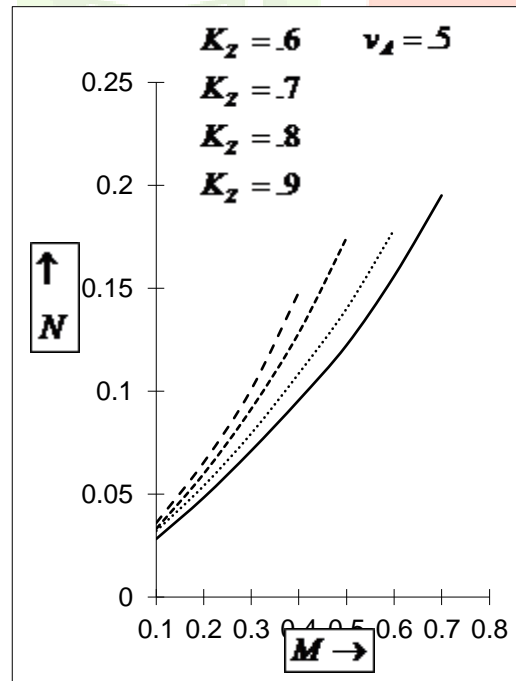


fig-1

Again the amplitude of the subsonic rarefactive ($N < 1$) solitons uniformly increases as $M (< K_z)$ and a fixed value of $\beta = .0001$ for $K_z = .6, .7, .8, .9$



[fig-2]

Again the amplitude of the supersonic compressive ($N > 1$) solitons uniformly decreases as $M (> K_z)$ and a fixed value of $\beta = .009$ for $M = 2, 3, 4, 5$ [fig-3].

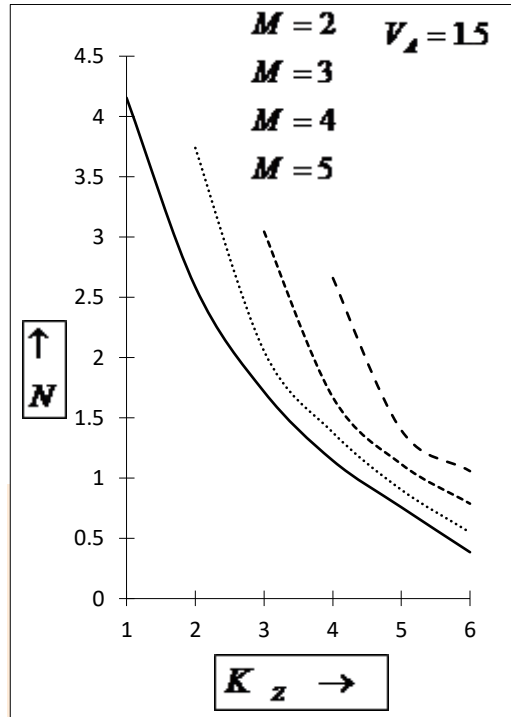


fig-3

Again the amplitude of the subsonic rarefactive ($N < 1$) solitons uniformly decreases as $M (< K_z)$ and a fixed value of $\beta = .001$ for $M = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ [fig-4].

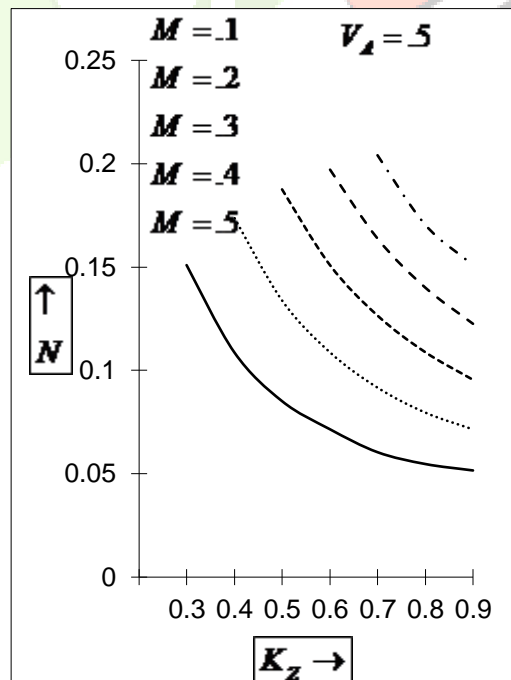


fig-4

Finally consideration of electron pressure gradient with relativistic effect are found to suppress the speed ($M < K_z$) of both types of Alfvén solitons.

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