Solution to Ex. 6.20

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From the definition of $\hat{R}_{ij}(\kappa)$ (Eq. (6.152)) show that

$$\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa}) \ge 0$$
, for $i = j$ (1)

$$\hat{R}_{ii}(\mathbf{\kappa}) \ge 0 \tag{2}$$

From conjugate symmetry show that

$$\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa}) = \hat{R}_{ij}(-\mathbf{\kappa}) = \hat{R}_{ij}^*(\mathbf{\kappa})$$
(3)

From the incompressibility condition $\mathbf{\kappa} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{\kappa}) = 0$, show that

$$\kappa_{i}\hat{R}_{ii}(\mathbf{\kappa}) = \kappa_{i}\hat{R}_{ii}(\mathbf{\kappa}) = 0 \tag{4}$$

Note that all of these properties also apply to the velocity-spectrum tensor $\Phi_{ij}(\mathbf{k})$.

Solution

Setting i = j, and from the definition of $\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa})$ we could write

$$\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) = \langle \hat{u}_i^*(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \hat{u}_{j=i}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \rangle = \langle \|\hat{u}_i\|^2 \rangle \ge 0$$
(5)

where ||z|| is the operation that calculates the modulus of a complex number z. So it is quite straight forward that

$$\hat{R}_{ii}\left(\mathbf{\kappa},t\right) = \left\langle \left\|\hat{u}_{1}\right\| \right\rangle + \left\langle \left\|\hat{u}_{2}\right\| \right\rangle + \left\langle \left\|\hat{u}_{3}\right\| \right\rangle \ge 0 \tag{6}$$

Again from the definition of $\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa},t)$

$$\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) = \langle \hat{u}_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \rangle = \langle \hat{u}_{i}(-\mathbf{\kappa},t) \hat{u}_{j}^{*}(-\mathbf{\kappa},t) \rangle = \hat{R}_{ji}(-\mathbf{\kappa},t)$$
(7)

For $\hat{R}_{ji}^*(\mathbf{\kappa},t)$

$$\hat{R}_{ji}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) = \left(\left\langle \hat{u}_{i}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \hat{u}_{j}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \right\rangle \right)^{*} = \left\langle \hat{u}_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa},t) \right\rangle = \hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa},t)$$
(8)

Thus Eq. (3) holds.

Let's examine Eq. (4)

$$\kappa_{i}\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa}) = \kappa_{i} \langle \hat{u}_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \rangle$$

$$= -\langle -\kappa_{i}\hat{u}_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \rangle$$

$$= -\langle -\kappa_{i}\hat{u}_{i}(-\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \rangle$$

$$= -\langle (-\mathbf{\kappa}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}(-\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \rangle$$

$$= 0$$
(9)

And

$$\kappa_{j}\hat{R}_{ij}(\mathbf{\kappa}) = \kappa_{j} \langle \hat{u}_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \rangle = \langle \hat{u}_{i}^{*}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \kappa_{j} \hat{u}_{j}(\mathbf{\kappa}, t) \rangle = 0$$
(10)