

POLYTROPES

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Consider the equations of hydrostatic equilibrium

$$\frac{dp(r)}{dr} = - \frac{GM(r)\rho(r)}{r^2}$$

$$\frac{dM(r)}{dr} = -4\pi r^2 \rho(r)$$

$$\frac{r^2}{\rho(r)} \frac{d\rho(r)}{dr} = -GM(r)$$

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{r^2}{\rho(r)} \frac{d\rho(r)}{dr} \right) = -G \frac{dM(r)}{dr} = -4\pi r^2 \rho(r) G$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{r^2}{\rho(r)} \frac{d\rho(r)}{dr} \right) = 4\pi G \rho(r) \quad \text{Poisson's Equation}$$

★ WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO HAVE AN EQUATION RELATING $\rho(r)$ TO $p(r)$?

WE WOULDN'T NEED $\frac{dT(r)}{dr}$ which makes things difficult!

Consider the first law of thermodynamics

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$$dU = dQ - p dV$$

$$dU = \left. \frac{\partial Q}{\partial T} \right|_{p,n} dT - p \left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right|_{p,n} dT$$

$$C_p \equiv \left. \frac{\partial Q}{\partial T} \right|_{p,n} \quad \text{heat capacity at constant pressure}$$

For an ideal gas: $pV = n k_B T$

$$\Rightarrow p dV + V dp = n k_B dT + T k_B dn$$

For constant pressure and constant number of particles $dp = dn = 0$

$$\Rightarrow p dV = n k_B dT$$

$$p \frac{dV}{dT} = n k_B$$

$$\frac{dU}{dT} = \frac{C_p dT}{dT} - \frac{n k_B dT}{dT} \equiv C_v$$

$$\Rightarrow C_p - C_v = n k_B$$

★ DOES IT MAKE SENSE
THAT C_p and C_v ARE NOT
EQUAL?

$$\frac{C_p - C_v}{C_v} = \frac{C_p}{C_v} - 1 = \frac{n k_B}{C_v}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_p/C_v = \frac{n k_B}{C_v} + 1 = \gamma$$

Adiabatic index

Consider the first law of thermodynamics

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for an ideal gas expanding adiabatically, so $dQ=0$
~~at constant pressure~~ ✓

$$du = -pdv$$

$$pdv + Vdp = nk_B dT + T k_B dn$$

for constant pressure and constant number of particles,

$$pdv = nk_B dT$$

~~so $du = nk_B dT$~~

from the definition of $C_v = \frac{du}{dT} \Rightarrow dT = \frac{du}{C_v}$

$$dT = \frac{-pdv}{C_v}$$

$$\Rightarrow pdv + Vdp = \frac{-nk_B pdv}{C_v}$$

$$Vdp = -pdv \left[\frac{nk_B}{C_v} + 1 \right]$$

$$\int \frac{dp}{p} = -\Gamma \int \frac{dv}{V}$$

$$\ln p = -\Gamma \ln V + K$$

$$\ln p + \Gamma \ln V = K$$

$$\ln p + \ln V^\Gamma = K$$

$$\ln(pV^\Gamma) = K$$

$$pV^\Gamma = e^K = K$$

$$\boxed{pV^\Gamma = K}$$

Adiabatic gas law

$$p = k \left(\frac{1}{v} \right)^{\Gamma} = k p^{\Gamma} \quad \underline{\underline{W 1.8.1.}}$$

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Poisson's Equation

$$-\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{r^2}{\rho(r)} \frac{d}{dr} k p^{\Gamma}(r) \right) = 4\pi G \rho(r)$$

Remember $\frac{d p^{\Gamma}}{dr} = \Gamma p^{\Gamma-1} \frac{dp}{dr} + \cancel{p^{\Gamma} \ln p \frac{d\Gamma}{dr}}$

so

$$-\frac{k}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{r^2}{\rho(r)} \Gamma p^{\Gamma-1}(r) \frac{dp}{dr} \right) = 4\pi G \rho(r)$$

$$\frac{k\Gamma}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 p^{\Gamma-2}(r) \frac{dp}{dr} \right) = -4\pi G \rho(r)$$

Second-order differential equation can be solved uniquely with two boundary conditions.

① $p(0) = \text{some value}$

② $\frac{dp(r)}{dr} = k \frac{dp^{\Gamma}}{dr} = k \Gamma p^{\Gamma-1} \frac{dp}{dr} = - \frac{GM(r) \rho(r)}{r^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dp}{dr} \Big|_{r=0} = - \frac{GM(r) \rho^{\Gamma-2}(r)}{k \Gamma r^2} = 0 \quad (\text{L'Hôpital})$$

Let $\Theta \equiv \left(\frac{\rho(r)}{\rho(0)} \right)^{\Gamma-1}$, then
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$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \Theta \right) = - \frac{4\pi G (\Gamma-1)}{K \Gamma} \rho(0)^{(2-\Gamma)/(\Gamma-1)} \Theta^{1/(\Gamma-1)}$$

Let $\xi \equiv \left[\frac{4\pi G (\Gamma-1)}{K \Gamma} \right]^{1/2} \rho(0)^{(2-\Gamma)/2} r$
xi

Then Poisson's becomes Lane-Emden Equation

$$\frac{1}{\xi^2} \frac{d}{d\xi} \left(\xi^2 \frac{d}{d\xi} \Theta(\xi) \right) + \Theta(\xi)^{1/(\Gamma-1)} = 0 \quad \text{W1.8.5}$$

with boundary conditions

$$\Theta(0) = 1$$

$$\Theta'(0) = 0$$

~~depends on~~ and K free parameter

(depends on $\rho(0)$, $p(0)$, etc)

Another way to write Lane-Emden is $\Gamma = \frac{n+1}{n}$

so $\frac{1}{\Gamma-1} = \frac{1}{\frac{n+1}{n} - 1} = \frac{1}{\frac{n+1-n}{n}} = n$ where n is called the index of the polytrope

★ WHY IS LANE-EMDEN USEFUL?

For ideal gas $\Gamma = 5/3$, $5n = 3n + 3 \Rightarrow 2n = 3 \Rightarrow n = 1.5$

For pure radiation $\Gamma = 4/3$, $4n = 3n + 3 \Rightarrow n = 3$

light white dwarfs
Gas giants
Ideal gas: Convective stars

heavy white dwarfs
pure radiation: Supermassive stars

There are only three values of Γ for which Lane-Emden has an analytic solution: $\infty, 2, 6/5$

$$\Gamma = \infty \Rightarrow n = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\xi^2} \frac{d}{d\xi} \left[\xi^2 \frac{d}{d\xi} \Theta(\xi) \right] + \cancel{\Theta(\xi)}^{\infty} = 0$$

$$\int \frac{d}{d\xi} \left[\xi^2 \frac{d}{d\xi} \Theta(\xi) \right] = - \int \xi^2 d\xi$$

$$\xi^2 \frac{d}{d\xi} \Theta(\xi) = - \frac{\xi^3}{3} + \frac{C}{\xi^2}$$

since $\Theta'(0) = 0$ ~~$C \neq 0$~~ $C = 0$

$$\int \frac{d}{d\xi} \Theta(\xi) = \int - \frac{\xi}{3} d\xi$$

$$\Theta(\xi) = - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\xi^2}{2} + D = - \frac{\xi^2}{6} + D$$

Since $\Theta(0) = 1$ $D = 1$

So $\Theta(\xi) = - \frac{\xi^2}{6} + 1$

The root is at $\Theta(\xi) = - \frac{\xi^2}{6} + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \xi_1 = \sqrt{6}$

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Γ	ξ_1	$\xi^2 / \Theta'(\xi_1)$	n
$\star A \frac{6}{5}$	∞	$\sqrt{3}$	5
$N \frac{4}{3}$	6.89	2.01	3
$N \frac{3}{2}$	4.35	2.41	2
$N \frac{5}{3}$	3.65	2.71	$3/2$
$\star A 2$	π	π	1
$\star A \infty$	$\sqrt{6}$	$2\sqrt{6}$	0

important because

$$R = \left(\frac{4\pi G(\Gamma-1)}{K\Gamma} \right)^{-1/2} \rho(0) \xi_1^{-(2-\Gamma)/2}$$

$$M = 4\pi \rho(0) \xi_1^{(3\Gamma-4)/2} \left(\frac{K\Gamma}{4\pi G(\Gamma-1)} \right)^{3/2} \xi_1^2 / \Theta'(\xi_1)$$

From integrating the solution.