

Notes to accompany tovh.pro

The TOV equations are written using the function h as the independent variable, where

$$dh = \frac{dp}{\rho + p}, \quad h(p=0) = 0,$$

and the dependent variables are chosen to be r^2, m, \mathcal{N} and ϕ . \mathcal{N} is the enclosed baryon number times the baryon rest mass and ϕ is related to the rotational drag function ω (see below). All units are in km ($c = G = 1$). Note that h does not correspond to the enthalpy or any other usual thermodynamic quantity. The TOV equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr^2}{dh} &= -2r^2 \frac{r - 2m}{m + 4\pi p r^3}, \\ \frac{dm}{dh} &= -4\pi \rho r^3 \frac{r - 2m}{m + 4\pi p r^3}, \\ \frac{d\mathcal{N}}{dh} &= -4\pi \frac{m_b}{m_b + u_0} \rho r^{7/2} \frac{\sqrt{r - 2m}}{m + 4\pi p r^3}, \\ \frac{d\phi}{dh} &= \frac{\phi(\phi + 3)(r - 2m) - 4\pi(\phi + 4)r^3(\rho + p)}{m + 4\pi p r^3}. \end{aligned}$$

The boundary conditions at $r = 0$ are

$$h = h_c, \quad r^2(h_c) = m(h_c) = \mathcal{N}(h_c) = \phi(h_c) = 0.$$

The TOV equations, expressed in this way, do not become singular at either boundary, and very close to the origin the following limits apply:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr^2}{dh} &\rightarrow -\frac{3}{2\pi(\rho + 3p)}, \quad \frac{dm}{dh} \rightarrow -\frac{3\rho r}{\rho + 3p} \rightarrow 0, \\ \frac{d\mathcal{N}}{dh} &\rightarrow -\frac{3\rho r}{\rho + 3p} \frac{m_b}{m_b + u_0} \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{d\phi}{dh} = -\frac{24}{5} \frac{\rho + p}{\rho + 3p}. \end{aligned}$$

The range of integration is $h_c \geq h \geq 0$ so h_c must be varied to determine a given mass or baryon mass.

The internal energy per baryon u , energy density ρ , baryon number density n and pressure p are related by

$$\rho = n(m_b + u), \quad p = n^2 \frac{du}{dn}.$$

u_0 is the internal energy at zero density, usually taken to be the binding energy of iron. The binding energy of the star is $\text{BE} = \mathcal{N}(R) - M$ where $M = m(R)$ and R is the stellar radius where $p(R) = 0$.

Moment of Inertia

In the slow-motion approximation, the moment of inertia is given by

$$I = \frac{8\pi}{3} \int_0^R r^4 (\rho + p) e^{(\lambda-\nu)/2} \omega dr,$$

where $\lambda = -\ln(1 - 2m/r)$ and ν are the metric coefficients and ω is the rotational drag function. In terms of the function $j = e^{-(\lambda+\nu)/2}$, the rotational drag satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left(r^4 j \frac{d\omega}{dr} \right) = -4r^3 \omega \frac{dj}{dr},$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\omega_R = 1 - \frac{2I}{R^3}, \quad \left(\frac{d\omega}{dr} \right)_0 = 0.$$

Therefore, the moment of inertia can be written as

$$I = -\frac{2}{3} \int_0^R r^3 \omega \frac{dj}{dr} dr = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^R d \left(r^4 \omega \frac{dj}{dr} \right) = \frac{R^4}{6} (d\omega/dr)_R.$$

We note that the second order differential equation ω satisfies can be instead written as a first order differential equation in terms of the function $\phi = d \ln \omega / d \ln r$,

$$\frac{d\phi}{dr} = -\frac{\phi}{r} (\phi + 3) - (4 + \phi) \frac{d \ln j}{dr},$$

where

$$\frac{d \ln j}{dr} = -\frac{4\pi r^2}{r - 2m} (\rho + p),$$

with the boundary condition $\phi(0) = 0$. The moment of inertia becomes

$$I = \frac{R^3}{6} \phi_R \omega_R = \frac{\phi_R}{6} (R^3 - 2I),$$

using the boundary condition for ω . This simplifies to

$$I = \frac{R^3 \phi_R}{6 + 2\phi_R}.$$

Quark-Hadron Equation of State

We use an approximation to an equation of state representing at low densities a hadronic phase and at high densities a deconfined quark phase. Intermediate between the densities ρ_h and ρ_q is a mixed phase of hadrons and quarks. In this section, we use $\rho = m_b n$ for the baryon density and ϵ for the energy density. For hadrons a polytropic EOS with index n_h is employed; in the mixed phase a polytropic EOS with index n_m is employed; in the quark phase an MIT bag model is employed. The equation of state is

$$\begin{aligned} p &= p_h \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_h} \right)^{1+1/n_h}, & \epsilon &= \rho + n_h p & \rho < \rho_h \\ p &= p_h \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_h} \right)^{1+1/n_m}, & \epsilon &= \rho \left(1 + (n_h + n_m) \frac{p_h}{\rho_h} \right) + n_m p & \rho_h < \rho < \rho_q \\ p &= 3\epsilon - B = (B + p_q) \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_q} \right)^{4/3} - B & & & \rho > \rho_q \end{aligned}$$

The parameters of the EOS are p_h, ρ_h, n_h, n_m and ρ_q . The auxiliary quantities needed are

$$p_q = p_h \left(\frac{\rho_q}{\rho_h} \right)^{1+1/n_m}, \quad B = \frac{1}{4} \left[\rho_q \left(1 + (n_h - n_m) \frac{p_h}{\rho_h} \right) + (n_m - 3) p_q \right],$$

which assure continuity of pressure and energy density at the densities ρ_h and ρ_q .

In order to implement an equation of state into `tovh.pro`, it is necessary to express thermodynamic quantities in terms of the variable h . For the case at hand, one finds

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \rho_h \left(\frac{e^h - 1}{e^{h_h} - 1} \right)^{n_h} & h < h_h \\ \rho &= \rho_h \left[1 + \frac{\rho_h (e^h - e^{h_h})}{p_h (1 + n_m)} \right]^{n_m} & h_h < h < h_q \\ \rho &= \rho_q e^{3(h-h_q)} & h > h_q \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_h &= \ln \left[1 + \frac{p_h}{\rho_h} (n_h + 1) \right], \\ h_q &= h_h + \ln \left[\left(1 + \frac{p_h}{\rho_h} n_h + \frac{p_q}{\rho_q} (1 + n_m) \right) \right] - \ln \left[1 + \frac{p_h}{\rho_h} (1 + n_h + n_m) \right]. \end{aligned}$$