

# Memos on ideal gases

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Memos on ideal gases, from a thermomechanical viewpoint.

## 1 Notation

$t$ : time instant

$\mathbf{r}$ : position

$n$ : mole density (a 3-form)

$\mathbf{v}$ : velocity

$M$ : molar mass

$p$ : pressure

$T$ : temperature

$u$ : internal energy density

$\mathbf{q}$ : heat flow

For an ideal gas, the fields  $(n(t, \mathbf{r}), \mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{r}), T(t, \mathbf{r}))$  constitute the state.

We also define

$$\nabla \mathbf{v}^+ := \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{v} + \nabla \mathbf{v}^\top), \quad \nabla \mathbf{v}^\perp := \nabla \mathbf{v}^+ - 1/3 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \mathbf{I} \quad (1)$$

and note that from the balance of mass below

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \equiv \text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{v}^+) = - \frac{\partial_t n + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla n}{n} \quad (2)$$

The equations below are derived for example in Samohýl & Pekař<sup>1</sup>; compare also Truesdell & Muncaster<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Samohýl & Pekař 2014 §§ 3.5–3.7.

<sup>2</sup> Truesdell & Muncaster 1980 ch. I.

## 2 Balance laws

Quantity of matter, force (in an inertial frame), energy:

$$\partial_t n + \nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$M\partial_t(n\mathbf{v}) + M\nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v}) - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\partial_t u + \nabla \cdot (u\mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} - \boldsymbol{\tau} : \nabla \mathbf{v}^+ = 0 \quad (5)$$

Constitutive equations for heat flow, stress, internal energy:

$$\mathbf{q} = -k(n, T) \nabla T \quad (6)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = -[RnT - \zeta(n, T) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}] \mathbf{I} + \eta(n, T) \nabla \mathbf{v}^\perp \quad (7)$$

$$u = cT \quad (8)$$

$$k, \eta, \zeta \geq 0 \quad (9)$$

$k$  is the thermal conductivity,  $\eta$  the shear viscosity,  $\zeta$  the bulk or volume viscosity. Equations for these are given e.g. in Kannuluik & Carman<sup>3</sup>, Sutherland<sup>4</sup>, Cramer or Sharma & Kumar<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Kannuluik & Carman 1951.

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