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1 Convection

Second Law of Thermodynamics: $TdS = dE + PdV$, which isn't all that useful for stars, really.

$U = \frac{E}{\mu}$: Energy per unit mass

$s = \frac{S}{U}$: Entropy

$M = \text{conserved}$, l is small

$\rho = \frac{M}{V}, V = \frac{M}{\rho} \rightarrow \boxed{dV = -d\rho \frac{M}{\rho^2}}$: second law, for astrophysicists

1.1 Review of the Adiabatic Process

$$\epsilon = E/\text{unit volume}, NR : P = \frac{2}{3}\epsilon$$
$$R : P = \frac{1}{3}\epsilon$$

$$U = \frac{\epsilon}{\rho} = \frac{P}{\rho} = \phi U, \text{ where } \phi \text{ is either } 1/3 \text{ or } 2/3$$

$$dU = \frac{P}{\rho^2} d\rho = \phi U \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$
$$\frac{dU}{U} = \phi \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

$$U \propto \rho^\phi, \text{ for an adiabatic process}$$

$$P \propto \rho U \propto \rho^{\phi+1} \propto \rho^\gamma, \phi+1 \text{ is the adiabatic index}$$

For a NR gas: $\phi = \frac{2}{3}, \gamma = \frac{5}{3}, P \propto \rho^{5/3}, T \propto \rho^{2/3}$ for an adiabatic process

For a R gas: $\phi = \frac{1}{3}, \gamma = \frac{4}{3}, P \propto \rho^{4/3}, T \propto \rho^{1/3}$ for an adiabatic process

1.2 What is the Entropy of an Ideal Gas?

$$\begin{aligned}
TdS &= dU - \frac{P}{\rho^2} d\rho \\
\frac{TdS}{U} &= \frac{dU}{U} - (\gamma - 1) \frac{U \frac{d\rho}{\rho}}{U} \\
U &= \frac{P}{\rho} \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{kT}{m} \\
\frac{m(\gamma - 1)}{k} dS &= \frac{dU}{U} - (\gamma - 1) \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \\
\frac{m(\gamma - 1)}{k} s &= \ln U - (\gamma - 1) \ln \rho + c \\
\boxed{s} &= \frac{k}{m} \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \ln \left(\frac{U}{\rho^{\gamma-1}} \right) + c \\
s &= \frac{k}{m} \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \ln \left(\frac{P}{\rho^\gamma} \right) + c
\end{aligned}$$

For an adiabatic process, $s = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{Tds}{dt} &= \frac{dU}{dt} - \frac{P}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dt} \\
&= E_{fusion} - \frac{1}{\rho} (\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{F})
\end{aligned}$$

Say a blob is gaining/losing heat. E_{fusion} is the heating per mass per time and \bar{F} is the flux of E . In general:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{total cooling} &= \int \bar{F} \cdot d\bar{A} \\
&= \int \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{F} d\bar{V} \\
\text{cooling per unit } V &= \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{F} \\
\text{cooling per unit mass} &= \frac{1}{\rho} (\bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{F})
\end{aligned}$$

If a blob moves up a distance dr , given $T(r)$, $P(r)$, and $\rho(r)$, is the fluid buoyantly stable? i.e. $\rho_{blob} \geq \rho_*$? We'll be making 2 assumptions which we will then confirm *post-facto*.

Motion is adiabatic \leftarrow valid is the time scale to move (~ 1 month) is sufficiently smaller than the time to exchange heat with the surroundings ($\sim 10^7$ years)

$P_{blob} = P_*$ at all times; in pressure equilibrium with surroundings

The time scale to establish HE: $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{G\rho}} \sim 1$ hr \ll time to move dr , which is about a month. If it's adiabatic, $s_{blob} = s \neq s_*$ in general, where s_{blob} is the blob at the new position, s is the initial entropy, and s_* is the background entropy of the star at the new position.

$\frac{ds}{dr} < 0$	$\frac{ds}{dr} > 0$
$s > s_*$	$s < s_*$
$s_{blob} > s_*$	$s_{blob} < s_*$
$P_{blob} = P_*$	$P_{blob} = P_*$
$\rho_{blob} < \rho_*$	$\rho_{blob} > \rho_*$
buoyancy unstable, rises	sinks back down (stable)