

1 Initialization of background fields

To initialize the background fields we will start by picking some reference values from the standard solar model, solar S (?). These are chosen to be at the bottom of the convection zone, at a radius $r_r = 0.7R_\odot$. These are downloaded from https://users-physics.au.dk/jcd/solar_models/cptrho.l5bi.d.15chhttps://users-physics.au.dk/jcd/solar_models/cptrho.l5bi.d.15ch by

$$m(r_r) = \int_0^{r_r} dm = 4\pi \int_0^{r_r} \rho(r') r'^2 dr', \quad (1)$$

using cumulative trapezoidal integration. We extract the temperature $T(r_r)$, density $\rho(r_r)$ and pressure $p(r_r)$, and calculate the entropy $s(r_r) = c_p$, where the specific heat at constant pressure

$$c_p = r_*/(1 - 1/\gamma),$$

$r_* = p/(\rho T)$ is the ideal gas constant normalized by the average mass per particle, and γ is the adiabatic parameter. We can then use these reference values to integrate outward and inward, assuming the background is hydrostatic and composed of an ideal gas. The first-order entropy gradient

$$\frac{ds}{dr} = -\frac{c_p}{H} \Delta \nabla,$$

where $\Delta \nabla$ is the superadiabaticity parameter and

$$H = -\frac{dz}{d \ln p} = -p \frac{dz}{dp}$$

is the pressure scale height (?). This gives us that the governing equations for the background fields are

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial r} = 4\pi r^2 \rho(r), \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = -\frac{Gm(r)}{r^2} \rho(r), \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial r} = \nabla_* \frac{T}{p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r}, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{ds}{dr} = \frac{c_p}{p} \frac{dp}{dr} \Delta \nabla, \quad (5)$$

where G is the universal gravitational constant. These equations, in order, are the mass of a shell with thickness dr , the hydrostatic equilibrium condition, the ????????? and the first-order entropy gradient.

For convective instability we require that the superadiabaticity parameter

$$\Delta \nabla = \left(\frac{\partial \ln T}{\partial \ln p} \right)_* - \left(\frac{\partial \ln T}{\partial \ln p} \right)_{ad} = \nabla_* - \nabla_{ad} > 0,$$

where ∇_* is the adiabatic temperature gradient of the star and $\nabla_{ad} = 0.4$ is the adiabatic temperature gradient for an ideal gas. We therefore set

$$\nabla_* - \nabla_{ad} = k > 0,$$

where k is constant, above $r = 0.7R_\odot$ and

$$\nabla_* = \nabla_{ad},$$

for $r < 0.7R_\odot$. Using this we can integrate , , and up to a point r_e and down to a point r_b , where we also calculate the gravitational acceleration by newtons law of gravity

$$g(r) = -\frac{Gm(r)}{r^2} \quad (6)$$

for updating the momentum in each timestep.

For stability we will use a variable steplength when integrating the background fields. For all the variables V we have that

$$\begin{aligned} dV &= f dr, \\ V_{i+1} &= V_i + dV, \end{aligned}$$

where f is some function updating the variable. We can then require that

$$\frac{|dV|}{V} < p,$$

where $p < 1$ is constant. Then

$$dr = \frac{pV}{f}.$$

To update the density we will use assume ideal gas and get the equation of state

$$pV = Nk_B T,$$

where V is the volume of the gas, N is the total number of particles and k_B is the boltzmanns constant. The total number of particles can be written as

$$N = \frac{m}{\mu m_u},$$

where μ is the average atomic weight and m_u is the atomic mass unit. Using this and $V = m/\rho$ we get the **equation of state**

$$\rho = \frac{p}{T} \frac{m_u \mu}{k_B}. \quad (7)$$

We set the average atomic weight to 0.6 to.....

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