

The perfect gas with radiation

- additionally to the gas pressure P_{gas} also the photons in the stellar interior contribute considerably to the total pressure P such that

$$P = P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{rad}}.$$

- because radiation is essentially that of a black body, its pressure P_{rad} is given by

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{3} U = \frac{a}{3} T^4,$$

where U is the energy density and a is the radiation density constant $a = 7.56464 \times 10^{-15} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-4}$. The total pressure is then

$$P = P_{\text{gas}} + P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\Re}{\mu} \rho T + \frac{a}{3} T^4.$$

- We define

$$\beta := \frac{P_{\text{gas}}}{P}, \quad 1 - \beta = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{P}.$$

For $\beta = 1$ the radiation pressure is zero, while $\beta = 0$ means that the gas pressure is zero.

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$$\beta := \frac{P_{\text{gas}}}{P}, \quad 1 - \beta = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{P}.$$

From differentiating above expression we also get ("β - derivatives")

$$\left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial T} \right)_P = - \left[\frac{\partial(1-\beta)}{\partial T} \right]_P = - \frac{4}{T} (1-\beta),$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial P} \right)_T = - \left[\frac{\partial(1-\beta)}{\partial P} \right]_T = \frac{1}{P} (1-\beta).$$

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Thermodynamics quantities:

$$\varrho = \frac{\mu}{\Re T} \left(P - \frac{a}{3} T^4 \right).$$

With the definitions $\alpha := \left(\frac{\partial \ln \varrho}{\partial \ln P} \right)_{T, \mu}$, $\delta := - \left(\frac{\partial \ln \varrho}{\partial \ln T} \right)_{P, \mu}$, $\varphi := \left(\frac{\partial \ln \varrho}{\partial \ln \mu} \right)_{P, T}$

we have $\alpha = \frac{1}{\beta}$, $\delta = \frac{4-3\beta}{\beta}$, $\varphi = 1$.

For mono-atomic gas we have for the internal energy per unit mass

$$u = \frac{3}{2} kT - \frac{a}{\varrho} + \frac{3\Re}{2\mu} T + \frac{\varrho}{\mu} = \frac{\Re T}{\mu} \left[\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3(1-\beta)}{\beta} \right].$$

From $c_P := \left(\frac{dq}{dT} \right)_P = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_P + P \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial T} \right)_P$

$$c_P = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_P + P \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial T} \right)_P = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_P - \frac{P}{\varrho^2} \left(\frac{\partial \varrho}{\partial T} \right)_P \quad \text{and}$$

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from differentiating the expression of the internal energy u w.r.t. T we obtain with the help of the expressions for the "β - derivatives"

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_P = \frac{\Re}{\mu} \left[\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3(4+\beta)(1-\beta)}{\beta^2} \right].$$

For the specific heat at constant pressure we get with the previously derived expression(s)

$$c_P = \frac{\Re}{\mu} \left[\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3(4+\beta)(1-\beta)}{\beta^2} + \frac{4-3\beta}{\beta^2} \right],$$

and for adiabatic (dimensionless) temperature gradient (it is a purely TD quantity!)

$$\nabla_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\Re \delta}{\beta \mu c_P} = \left(1 + \frac{(1-\beta)(4+\beta)}{\beta^2} \right) / \left(\frac{5}{2} + \frac{4(1-\beta)(4+\beta)}{\beta^2} \right).$$

The perfect gas with radiation $\beta := \frac{E_{\text{rad}}}{P}$, $1 - \beta = \frac{P_{\text{rad}}}{P}$.

The last two expressions become for a monoatomic gas with

$\beta \rightarrow 1$: $c_P = 5R/(2\mu)$ and $\nabla_{\text{ad}} = 2/5$,
 $\beta \rightarrow 0$: $c_P \rightarrow \infty$ and $\nabla_{\text{ad}} \rightarrow 1/4$.

The following expression plays an important role in stellar structure and oscillations

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{ad}}} := \left(\frac{d \ln \rho}{d \ln P} \right)_{\text{ad}},$$

which with the help of the differential form of the EOS

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = \alpha \frac{dP}{P} - \delta \frac{dT}{T},$$

and adiabatic condition $P dT / (T dP) = \nabla_{\text{ad}}$ becomes

$$\gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{1}{\alpha - \delta \nabla_{\text{ad}}}.$$

Note: every TD quantity depends on 3 other TD quantities (Maxwell relations).

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$$\gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{1}{\alpha - \delta \nabla_{\text{ad}}}.$$

For $\beta = 1$: $\gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{1}{1 - \nabla_{\text{ad}}}$,
 with $\nabla_{\text{ad}} = 0.4 \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{ad}} = 5/3$

For $\beta \rightarrow 0$: $\nabla_{\text{ad}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$, $\gamma_{\text{ad}} \rightarrow \frac{4}{3}$.

“adiabatic exponents” introduced by Chandrasekhar

$$\Gamma_1 := \left(\frac{d \ln P}{d \ln \rho} \right)_{\text{ad}} = \gamma_{\text{ad}},$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_2 - 1} := \left(\frac{d \ln P}{d \ln T} \right)_{\text{ad}} = \frac{1}{\nabla_{\text{ad}}},$$

$$\Gamma_3 := \left(\frac{d \ln T}{d \ln \rho} \right)_{\text{ad}} + 1,$$

and obey the relation

$$\frac{\Gamma_1}{\Gamma_3 - 1} = \frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_2 - 1}.$$