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CH1. Preliminaries

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1.3. Virial Theorem & Application

Virial theorem: again, use (global) energy principles to understand the stars

$$W = U + \Omega$$

How to relate U to Ω ?

for a typical star, $U \approx -\frac{\Omega}{2}$ from Virial Theorem

$$\left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = 2K + \Omega \right] \quad (1.18)$$

I : moment of inertia $\begin{cases} F = ma \\ \tau = I\omega \end{cases}$

$I = mr^2$ for a single particle

$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$ for a system of particles

K : kinetic energy of a system of particles related to internal energy U

$$K = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2$$

$$\boxed{K = U \text{ if } \gamma = \frac{5}{3} \text{ for ideal gas}}$$

Prove the Virial Theorem

Consider a system of particles \sum_i

for $\sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i$: \vec{p}_i : momentum

\vec{r}_i : position vector

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \sum_i \frac{d}{dt} (m_i r_i^2)$$

$$\text{because } \frac{d}{dt} r_i^2 = 2\vec{r}_i \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = 2\vec{r}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt^2} \left(\sum_i m_i r_i^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i = \sum_i \left(\frac{d\vec{p}_i}{dt} \right) \cdot \vec{r}_i + \sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d\vec{p}_i}{dt} = \vec{F}_i = \text{all forces acted on particle } i$$

$$\sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = \sum_i m_i \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i = \sum_i m_i v_i^2 = 2K$$

$$\text{where } K = \sum_i \left(\frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 \right) = \sum_i K_i$$

$$\text{Thus } \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = 2K + \sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i \right] \quad \dots \quad 1.17$$

$$\left[\sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i \right]; \text{ Virial of Clausius}$$

* For a gravitational system, such as stars

$$\boxed{\text{Virial} = \Omega} = \sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i$$

$$\vec{F}_i = \sum_{\substack{j \\ j \neq i}} \vec{F}_{ij} = \sum_{\langle i \rangle} \vec{F}_{ij} + \sum_{\langle j \rangle} \vec{F}_{ij}$$

$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i = \sum_i \left(\sum_{\langle i \rangle} \vec{F}_{ij} \cdot \vec{r}_i + \sum_{\langle j \rangle} \vec{F}_{ij} \cdot \vec{r}_i \right)$$

$$\sum_{\langle j \rangle} \vec{F}_{ij} \cdot \vec{r}_i \stackrel{\text{Flip } i, j}{=} \sum_{\langle i \rangle} \vec{F}_{ji} \cdot \vec{r}_j$$

$$\vec{F}_{ij} = -\frac{Gm_i m_j}{r_{ij}^2} (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{F}_{ji} = -\vec{F}_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \vec{r}_i = -\sum_{\langle i \rangle} \vec{F}_{ij} \cdot (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j) = -\sum_{\langle i \rangle} \frac{Gm_i m_j}{r_{ij}}$$

In discrete form, total

$$\Omega = -\sum_{\langle i \rangle} \frac{Gm_i m_j}{r_{ij}}$$

* How about K

$$K = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i$$

From statistical mechanics. Pressure is

$$P = \frac{1}{3} \int_{\vec{p}} n(\vec{p}) \vec{p} \cdot \vec{v} d^3\vec{p}$$

$d^3\vec{p}$: momentum space from $-\infty$ to ∞

$\frac{1}{3}$: from integration in all directions for isotropic distribution

P is defined by momentum

transfer through a surface



In discrete form $P = \frac{1}{3} \sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{v}_i$ in unit volume

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{3}{2} \int P dV$$

$$\Rightarrow K = 3 \int P dV = 3 \int \frac{P}{\rho} dM_r$$

$$\text{since } \rho = \frac{dM_r}{dV}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = \int_m \frac{3P}{\rho} dM_r + \Omega \right] \quad (1.23)$$

1.3.2 Virial Theorem Application

— Kelvin-Helmholtz Time Scale

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = 3(\gamma - 1)U + \Omega \quad (1.25)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = 3(\gamma - 1)W - (3\gamma - 4)\Omega \quad (1.26)$$

For a star in hydrostatic equilibrium.

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U = -\frac{1}{3(\gamma - 1)} \Omega$$

$$W = \frac{3\gamma - 4}{3(\gamma - 1)} \Omega$$

For an ideal gas star, $\gamma = \frac{5}{3}$

$\Delta U = -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \Omega$: Half of gravitational energy goes to internal energy, the other half radiates away

$\Delta W = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Omega$: Total energy is negative
Total energy changes responsible for luminosity:

$$L = -\frac{dW}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d\Omega}{dt} = +\frac{g}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{GM^2}{R} \right)$$

$$L = -\frac{g}{2} \frac{GM^2}{R} \left(\frac{d \ln R}{dt} \right)$$

Introduce the KH (Kelvin-Helmholtz) time scale:
characteristic e-folding time for radius change

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{KH}} = -\frac{d \ln R}{dt}$$

$$d \ln R = -\frac{L}{t_{KH}} dt$$

$$\ln R \Big|_{R_0}^R = -\frac{L}{t_{KH}} \Big|_0^t$$

$$\ln \frac{R}{R_0} = -\frac{t}{t_{KH}}$$

$\Rightarrow R = R_0 e^{-\frac{t}{t_{KH}}}$; thus e-folding time

$$L = \frac{g}{2} \cdot \frac{GM^2}{R} t_{KH}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{KH} \approx \frac{g}{2} \frac{GM^2}{LR} \quad \text{--- (1.31)}$$

In solar units, $g = 3/2$

$$t_{KH} \approx 2 \times 10^7 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right)^{-1} \text{ years} \quad \text{--- 1.32}$$

For the Sun, $t_{KH} = 2 \times 10^7$ years.

\Rightarrow The Sun is not powered by gravitational contraction.

1.3.4 Virial Theorem Application

— Estimate stellar Temperature

$$U = -\frac{\Omega}{2}$$

$$U = \int E dV = \int \frac{E}{\rho} dM \quad E: \text{internal energy per unit volume.}$$

For ideal gas $E = \frac{3}{2} n k T$

$$n = \frac{\rho}{\mu} N_A$$

μ : mean molecular weight in amu

$N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ Mole}^{-1}$: Avogadro's constant

Assuming a star has a uniform temperature
(“big” assumption)

$$U = -\frac{\Omega}{2} = \int \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{\rho}{\mu} N_A k T \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} dM \Rightarrow M$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Omega}{R} = \frac{N_A}{2\mu} k T M$$

$$R = \left(\frac{M}{\rho} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 4.09 \times 10^6 \mu \left(\frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^{2/3} \rho^{1/3} \text{ K} \quad (1.36)$$

The Sun's temperature $\sim 4 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$

Realistically, $T_c \sim 15 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$

T High enough to ignite nuclear fusion

1.3.3 ; Virial Theorem Application — A Dynamic Time Scale.

Assuming internal pressure disappears. (e.g., photon - disintegration of iron core before supernova, or inverse - β process), a star collapses

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = \Omega$$

Dimensional analysis: $I \approx MR^2$
 $\Omega = -\frac{GM^2}{R}$
 $t \propto t_{dyn}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{I}{t_{dyn}^2} = \Omega$$

$$t_{dyn}^2 = \frac{I}{\Omega} = \frac{MR^2}{\frac{GM^2}{R}} = \frac{1}{G \frac{M}{R^3}} \approx \frac{1}{G \rho}$$

$$\boxed{t_{dyn} \approx \frac{1}{(G \langle \rho \rangle)^{1/2}}}$$
 1.33

$\langle \rho \rangle$ average density of a star

$$\langle \rho \rangle = 1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

In solar unit $\boxed{t_{dyn} = \frac{0.04}{[\rho/\rho_0]^{1/2}}}$ days --- 1.4

For the Sun, the collapse time $t_{dyn} \sim 1$ hour only

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1.4 Constant-Density Model:

only assume density is constant: $\rho = \rho_c$
 but not temperature and pressure
 * a more realistic model

* Find P_c , T_c

$$\frac{dP}{dM_r} = -\frac{GM_r}{4\pi r^4}$$

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Lagrangian form of hydrostatic
equilibrium equation

$$M_r = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \rho_c$$

$$M = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho_c$$

$$\frac{r^3}{R^3} = \frac{M_r}{M}$$

$$\Rightarrow dP = -\frac{GM^2}{4\pi R^4} \left(\frac{M_r}{M}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \frac{dM_r}{M}$$

$$P \Big|_0^{M_r} = -\frac{GM^2}{4\pi R^4} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}}\right) \left(\frac{M_r}{M}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \Big|_0^{M_r}$$

At center, $r=0$, $M_r=0$, $P = P_c$ (maximum)

At surface $r=R$, $M_r=M$, $P=0$

$$P_c - P_c = -\frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{GM^2}{R^4} \left(\frac{M_r}{M}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P_c = \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{GM^2}{R^4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_c(r) = P_c \left[1 - \left(\frac{M_r}{M}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}\right] = P_c \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right] \quad \dots 1.41$$

$$P_c = 1.34 \times 10^{15} \left(\frac{M}{M_\odot}\right)^2 \left(\frac{R}{R_\odot}\right)^{-4} \text{ dyne cm}^{-2} \quad \dots (1.42)$$

1.4.2. Temperature Distribution in constant ρ model

Ideal gas. $P = n k T = \frac{\rho}{\mu} N_A k T$

$$T = \frac{\mu}{N_A k} \frac{P}{\rho}$$

$$T_c = \frac{\mu}{N_A k} \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{GM^2}{R} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3} \right)$$

$$T_c = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{R} \frac{\mu}{N_A k}$$

$$T_c = 1.15 \times 10^7 \mu \left(\frac{M}{M_\odot} \right) \left(\frac{R}{R_\odot} \right)^{-1} \text{ K} \quad \text{--- (1.56)}$$

$$T = T_c \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right]$$

A more realistic model, higher T_c at center.

but not realistic at $r=R \Rightarrow T=0$.

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#1.7. Evolution lifetimes on the Main Sequence

Main sequence: 10% of H is used up

$$\Delta M = 0.1 M$$

$$\boxed{E = mc^2}$$

$$E = (1 \text{ g}) \left(3 \times 10^{10} \text{ (cm/s)} \right)^2 = 9 \times 10^{20} \text{ ergs/g}$$

Total nuclear energy generated

$$W = M \times \underbrace{0.1}_{(10\%)} \times \underbrace{0.007}_{(0.7\%)} \cdot 9 \times 10^{20}$$

$$t_{\text{nuc}} \approx \frac{W}{L}$$

$$t_{\text{nuc}} \approx 10^{10} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right) \left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}} \right)^{-1} \text{ years}$$

For the Sun, $t_{\text{nuc}} \sim 10^{10}$ yrs

⇒ From observations and simple dimensional analysis

$$\left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}} \right) \sim \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{3.9}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{\text{nuc}} \approx 10^{10} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{-2.9} \text{ years}$$

$$M = 10 M_{\odot}, \quad t_{\text{nuc}} = 1.25 \times 10^7 \text{ yrs} = 12 \text{ million yrs}$$

$$M = 25 M_{\odot}, \quad t_{\text{nuc}} = 8.8 \times 10^5 \text{ yrs} = 0.8 \text{ million yrs}$$

$$M = 0.5 M_{\odot}, \quad t_{\text{nuc}} = 7.46 \times 10^{10} \text{ yrs} = 74 \text{ billion yrs}$$

⇒ life of universe