

3. Stellar models I

- **Numerical solutions:**
 - Shooting method
 - Difference method
- **Analytical approximations:**
 - Homologous models

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3.1 Shooting method

- **Divide star into two zones, inner and outer.**
- **Estimate additional boundary conditions**
- **Inward solution:**
 - At $m=M$ we have $P_s=0$, $T_s=T_{\text{eff}}$
 - Estimate R and L
 - Integrate inwards to fitting point m_f
 - Hence obtain P_{if} , T_{if} , L_{if} , r_{if}
- **Outward solution:**
 - At $m=0$ we have $R_c=0$, $L_c=0$
 - Estimate P_c and T_c
 - Integrate outwards to fitting point m_f
 - Hence obtain P_{of} , T_{of} , L_{of} , r_{of}
- **Adjust till conditions match at fitting point.**

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Matching at fitting point

- In general:

$$\delta P_f = P_{if} - P_{of} \neq 0, \quad \delta T_f = T_{if} - T_{of} \neq 0,$$

$$\delta L_f = L_{if} - L_{of} \neq 0, \quad \delta r_f = r_{if} - r_{of} \neq 0.$$

- Repeat inward solution:

– with $R + \delta R$, L

– with R , $L + \delta L$

- Repeat outward solution:

– with $P_c + \delta P_c$, T_c

– with P_c , $T_c + \delta T_c$

- From resulting changes in r_{if} , r_{of} etc form derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial \delta r_f}{\partial R}, \quad \frac{\partial \delta r_f}{\partial L}, \quad \frac{\partial \delta r_f}{\partial P_c}, \text{ etc.}$$

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Differential corrections

- Now correct the original estimates for R , L , P_c , T_c by solving:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \delta r_f}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial \delta r_f}{\partial L} & \frac{\partial \delta r_f}{\partial P_c} & \frac{\partial \delta r_f}{\partial T_c} \\ \frac{\partial \delta L_f}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial \delta L_f}{\partial L} & \frac{\partial \delta L_f}{\partial P_c} & \frac{\partial \delta L_f}{\partial T_c} \\ \frac{\partial \delta P_f}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial \delta P_f}{\partial L} & \frac{\partial \delta P_f}{\partial P_c} & \frac{\partial \delta P_f}{\partial T_c} \\ \frac{\partial \delta T_f}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial \delta T_f}{\partial L} & \frac{\partial \delta T_f}{\partial P_c} & \frac{\partial \delta T_f}{\partial T_c} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta R \\ \delta L \\ \delta P_c \\ \delta T_c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta r_f \\ \delta L_f \\ \delta P_f \\ \delta T_f \end{pmatrix}$$

- for δR , δL , δP_c , δT_c . Repeat until $\delta P_f < \epsilon$, etc where ϵ is some suitably small number.

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3.2 Difference method

- **Alternative numerical approach:**
- **Write ODEs for stellar structure as difference equations:**

$$\frac{r_{j+1} - r_j}{m_{j+1} - m_j} = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi r^4 \rho} \right)_{j+1/2}.$$
- **Subscript j refers to variable values at position j inside star.**
- **Divide star into J+1 shells from $m_0 = 0$ to $m_J = M$:**
 - 4 nonlinear equations for J shells
 - 4 boundary equations
 - 4J unknowns
- **Linearize resulting 4J nonlinear simultaneous eqs in 4J unknowns and solve (using, e.g. Newton-Raphson).**

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3.3 Homologous stars

- **How do properties of stars vary with mass?**
- **Use simplifying assumptions to avoid detailed numerical treatment of full problem.**
- **Look at family of models:**
 - in complete equilibrium
 - each related to others by a change of scale
- **Define a family of *homologous* models, i.e. having same radius, mass distributions relative to reference model denoted by subscript 0:**

$$r = \frac{R}{R_0} r_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dr}{dr_0} = \frac{R}{R_0} \quad \text{and}$$

$$m = \frac{M}{M_0} m_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dm}{dm_0} = \frac{M}{M_0}$$

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3.3.1 Mass continuity

$$\frac{dr}{dm} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho} \Rightarrow \rho \propto \frac{1}{r^2 (dr/dm)}$$

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \propto \frac{(dr_0/dm_0)}{(dr/dm)} \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\propto \frac{(dm/dm_0)}{(dr/dr_0)} \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\propto \frac{(M/M_0)}{(R/R_0)^3} \Rightarrow \rho \propto \frac{M}{R^3}$$

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3.3.2 Hydrostatic equilibrium

- Can use H.E. similarly to show that:

$$P \propto \frac{M^2}{R^4}$$

- Write equation of state as a power law:

$$P = P_0 \rho^{\chi_\rho} T^{\chi_T} \text{ where the constants } P_0, \chi_\rho, \chi_T$$

are assumed to be the same for

all stars in the homologous family.

- Equate the two expressions for P above and differentiate:

$$4d \ln R + \chi_\rho d \ln \rho + \chi_T d \ln T = 2d \ln M.$$

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3.3.3 Energy and transport equations

- Treat in same way as mass continuity and hydrostatic equilibrium equations
- Adopt power laws for dependence of energy generation and opacity on local density and temperature:

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_0 \rho^\lambda T^\nu$$

$$\kappa = \kappa_0 \rho^n T^{-s}$$

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3.3.4 Power-law relations

- Can we predict how stellar properties vary with mass using an analytic treatment?
- i.e. we want to construct relations of the form:

$$R \propto M^{\alpha_R} \Rightarrow d \ln R = \alpha_R d \ln M$$

$$\rho \propto M^{\alpha_\rho} \Rightarrow d \ln \rho = \alpha_\rho d \ln M$$

$$T \propto M^{\alpha_T} \Rightarrow d \ln T = \alpha_T d \ln M$$

$$L \propto M^{\alpha_L} \Rightarrow d \ln L = \alpha_L d \ln M$$

- Substitute these into expression found in Section 3.3.2 for hydrostatic equilibrium:

$$4d \ln R + \chi_\rho d \ln \rho + \chi_T d \ln T = 2d \ln M$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\alpha_R + \chi_\rho \alpha_\rho + \chi_T \alpha_T = 2$$

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