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A new diffusive model for rarefied gas dynamics

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Cea Context and objectives



Objectives

- Capture the correct thermal fluxes in order to design re-entry vehicles,
- Use a kinetic model able to recover Navier-Stokes equations in its hydrodynamic limit to ensure a continuity in models.
- One key point is to recover the correct Prandtl number:

$$\Pr = \frac{\gamma R}{\gamma - 1} \frac{\mu}{\kappa}$$

(equal to
$$\frac{2}{3}$$
 for monoatomic gases).

Cea Zoology of models (1): Boltzmann equation

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f = Q(f, f),$$
 (1)

with

$$Q(f,f)(v) = \int_{v_* \in \mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\sigma \in S^2} \left(f(v'_*) f(v') - f(v_*) f(v) \right) r^2 |v - v_*| \, d\sigma \, dv_*,$$

and

$$v' = \frac{v + v_*}{2} + \frac{|v - v_*|}{2} \sigma,$$
$$v'_* = \frac{v + v_*}{2} - \frac{|v - v_*|}{2} \sigma.$$

Advantages and drawbacks

- + Capture the correct physics: in the Chapman expansion one recovers the Prandtl number of Navier-Stokes equation which is equal to $\frac{2}{2}$
- High numerical cost in transitional area between 100km and 60km (6D non linear problem).

Zoology of models (2): BGK equation and Fokker Planck equation

BGK equation

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f = \frac{1}{\tau} \left(M(f) - f \right),$$
 (2)

 $M(f) = \frac{\rho}{(2\pi RT)^{3/2}} \exp\left(\frac{|v-u|^2}{2RT}\right)$ is the Maxwellian of equilibrium satisfying:

$$< f > = \int f dv = \rho, < f v > = \int f v dv = \rho u, < f \frac{1}{2} (v - u)^2 > = \int f \frac{1}{2} (v - u)^2 dv = \frac{3}{2} \rho T$$

 $\tau :$ characteristic time of collisions.

Fokker Planck equation

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f = \frac{1}{\tau} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \left((\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}) f + T \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f \right), \tag{3}$$

Zoology of models (2): BGK equation and Fokker Planck equation

Advantages and drawbacks

- Physics only approximated: thermal flux underestimated. The Prandtl number is equal to 1 for BGK model and $\frac{3}{2}$ for *FP* model.
- Numerical cost less important in transitional area between 100km and 60km.

How to recover the correct Prandtl number?

For BGK models it has been done using the ESBGK model:

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f = \frac{1}{\tau} \left(\mathbf{G}(f) - f \right),$$
(4)

with G(f) anisotropic Gaussian defined as

$$G(f) = \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Pi)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(v-u)\Pi^{-1}(v-u)}{2}\right)$$

 Π being a tensor linked to the different temperatures of thermal agitation.

Cea Equation of the ESFP model (1)

The model is the following:

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f = D(f),$$
 (5)

where the collision operator is defined by

$$D(f) = \frac{1}{\tau} \nabla_{v} \cdot \left((v - u)f + \Pi \nabla_{v} f \right), \tag{6}$$

where τ is a relaxation time, and Π is a convex combination between the temperature tensor Θ and its equilibrium value *RTI*, that is to say:

$$\Pi = (1 - \nu)RTI + \nu\Theta, \tag{7}$$

with ν parameter to be set and

$$\Theta := rac{1}{
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angle.$$

(8)

Cea Other formulations for ESFP

The operator *D* has two other equivalent formulations:

$$D(f) = \frac{1}{\tau} \nabla_{v} \cdot \left(\Pi G(f) \nabla_{v} \frac{f}{G(f)} \right),$$
(9)

and

$$D(f) = \frac{1}{\tau} \nabla_{v} \cdot \left(\prod f \nabla_{v} \log \left(\frac{f}{G(f)} \right) \right), \tag{10}$$

where G(f) is the anisotropic Gaussian defined by

$$G(f) = \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Pi)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(v-u)\Pi^{-1}(v-u)}{2}\right),\tag{11}$$

which has the same 5 first moments as f

$$\langle (1, \mathbf{v}, \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{v}|^2) G(f) \rangle = (\rho, \rho \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{E}),$$

and has the temperature tensor $\langle (v - u) \otimes (v - u)G(f) \rangle = \Pi$.

Condition of strict positiveness of П

The tensor Π is symmetric positive definite for every tensor Θ if, and only if,

$$-\frac{RT}{\lambda_{max} - RT} < \nu < \frac{RT}{RT - \lambda_{min}},\tag{12}$$

where λ_{max} and λ_{min} are the (positive) maximum and minimum eigenvalues of Θ .

Moreover Π is unconditionally definite positive with respect to the eigenvalues of Θ as long as :

$$-\frac{1}{2} < \nu < 1.$$
 (13)

Cea Kinetic properties of the model:

Conservation

We suppose that the condition of strict positiveness (equations 12) is fulfilled by ν . The operator *D* conserves the mass, momentum, and energy:

 $\left\langle (1, v, \frac{1}{2} |v|^2) D(f) \right\rangle = 0.$

Entropy decay

 $\langle D(f)\log f\rangle \leq 0.$

Equilibrium

$$D(f) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = G(f) \Leftrightarrow f = M(f).$$



Non dimensional ESFP equation

Assume we have some reference values of length x, pressure p, and temperature T.

We can derive reference values for all the other quantities: mass density $\rho = p/RT$, velocity $v = \sqrt{RT}$, time $t_* = x/v$, distribution function $f = \rho/(RT)^{3/2}$. We also assume we have a reference value for the relaxation time τ .

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} D(f),$$
 (14)

where $\varepsilon = \frac{v\tau}{x}$ is the Knudsen number.

Main result of the Chapman-Enskog analysis (1)

The solution of the ESFP model satisfies, up to $O(\varepsilon^2)$ the Navier-Stokes equations (ε being the Knudsen number defined below):

$$\partial_{t}\rho + \nabla \cdot \rho u = 0,$$

$$\partial_{t}\rho u + \nabla \cdot (\rho u \otimes u) + \nabla p = -\nabla \cdot \sigma,$$

$$\partial_{t}E + \nabla \cdot (E + p)u = -\nabla \cdot q - \nabla \cdot (\sigma u),$$

(15)

where the shear stress tensor and the heat flux are given by

$$\sigma = -\mu (\nabla u + (\nabla u)^T - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot u), \quad \text{and} \quad q = -\kappa \nabla \cdot T,$$
(16)

The viscosity and heat transfer coefficients are following:

$$\mu = \frac{\tau p}{2(1-\nu)}, \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa = \frac{5}{6}\tau pR.$$
(17)

The corresponding Prandtl number is $Pr = \frac{3}{2(1-\nu)}$.

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Cea Complete ESFP model

Pros and cons

- We can only recover a Prandtl of 1 because ν is bounded below by $-\frac{1}{2}$ to ensure positiveness of the Θ tensor.
- + In real cases near equilibrium Θ is nearly equal to TId so that we can use $\nu = -\frac{5}{4}$ and recover the correct Prandtl number.

Complete ESFP model

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f &= D(f), \\ D(f) &= \frac{1}{\tau} \nabla_v \cdot \left((v - u)f + \Pi \nabla_v f \right), \\ \Pi &= (1 - \nu_{eff})RTI + \nu_{eff}\Theta, \\ \nu_{eff} &= \max\left(-\frac{5}{4}, -\frac{RT}{\lambda_{max} - RT} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Cea Numerical method

Solving the collision operator

We use standard DSMC methods to proceed. Re-normalization is used to provide noiseless moments of the p.d.f. . One million particles are used.

Numerical test cases and solutions

- We present only 0-D test cases,
- Validation is made through two test cases, one with inactive correction on ν and one with active correction,
- One should recover the following ODEs for the Θ tensor and the third moment q.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\Theta &= \frac{1}{\tau}2(1-\nu)\left(RT-\Theta\right),\\ \Theta(t) &= \exp\left(-\frac{2(1-\nu)t}{\tau}\right)\Theta(0) + \left(1-\exp\left(-\frac{2(1-\nu)t}{\tau}\right)\right)RTI,\\ \text{(for ν constant)}\\ \frac{d}{dt}q &= -\frac{3}{\tau}q, \text{ so that } q(t) = q(0)\exp\left(-\frac{3t}{\tau}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Numerical results for an homogeneous case: $\partial_t f = D(f)$ with inactive correction



- On the left: behaviour of the diagonal components T_{11} , T_{22} , T_{33} of tensor Θ and of its trace T.
- On the right: histogram of the first component of velocity at time t = 1.

Numerical results for an homogeneous case: $\partial_t f = D(f)$ with inactive correction



• On the left: ν and *Pr* along time.

- On the right: convergence of the logarithms of $|T T_{11}|$ and q
- the Prandtl number numerically captured is equal to $Pr_n = \frac{2.8971}{4.5001} = 0.6428$

Numerical results for an homogeneous case: $\partial_t f = D(f)$ with active correction



- On the left: behaviour of the diagonal components T_{11} , T_{22} , T_{33} of tensor Θ and of its trace T.
- On the right: histogram of the first component of velocity at time t = 0.5.

Numerical results for an homogeneous case: $\partial_t f = D(f)$ with active correction



- On the left: ν and *Pr* along time.
- On the right: convergence of the logarithms of |T T₁₁| and q

Numerical results for an homogeneous case: $\partial_t f = D(f)$ with active correction



On the left: comparison between log(|T - T₁₁|) ant its linear fitting.
On the right: comparison between log(|q|) ant its linear fitting.



- Construction of a new kinetic model able to recover the correct Prandtl number in the hydrodynamic limit,
- More numerical tests need to be performed with a non homogeneous code,
- Extension to polyatomic gases necessary for real cases,
- Extension to chemistry / sprays should be investigated.

Numerical results for an homogeneous case: $\partial_t f = D(f)$ for polyatomic gases



• Convergence towards equilibrium for the different temperatures

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