Knudsen Layers from Moment Equations

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Knudsen layers in microscale transport e.g., Couette flow in ideal gases



Knudsen layers: dominate in linear flows (for not too small Knudsen numbers) not too important in strongly non-linear flows

Knudsen layers and moments?

Moments are superposition of many Knudsen layers [HS 2002]

Question: How many Knudsen layers / moment equations required?

Answer: use simple linear kinetic model

 \Rightarrow analytical calculations for all moment numbers

The kinetic model and its properties

kinetic model for 1-D heat transfer (simplified phonon/photon model)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mu \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left(f - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_0 \right)$$

 $f\left(x,t,\mu
ight)$ - distribution function, \mathcal{E} - Knudsen number, $\mu=\cosartheta$ - direction cosine

energy density and heat flux are moments

$$\lambda_{0}(x,t) = \int_{-1}^{1} f(x,t,\mu) \, d\mu \quad , \quad \lambda_{1}(x,t) = \int_{-1}^{1} \mu f(x,t,\mu) \, d\mu$$

energy is conserved

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \lambda_1}{\partial x} = 0$$

H-theorem

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \sigma \ge 0$$

entropy density, flux, generation

$$\eta = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} f^2 d\mu \ , \ \phi = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \mu f^2 d\mu \ , \ \sigma = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{-1}^{1} \left(f - \frac{\lambda_0}{2} \right)^2 d\mu$$

Moments and their equations

 ${\cal N}$ moments of Legendre polynomials

$$\lambda_n = \int_{-1}^{1} P_n(\mu) f d\mu \qquad (n = 0, 1, \dots, N)$$

 P_N - approximation of distribution

$$f^{(N)} = \sum_{n=0}^{N} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) P_n(\mu) \lambda_n$$

moment equations from $f^{(N)}$ and kinetic equation

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \lambda_1}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_n}{\partial t} + \frac{n}{2n+1} \frac{\partial \lambda_{n-1}}{\partial x} + \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \frac{\partial \lambda_{n+1}}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \lambda_n$$
$$\frac{\partial \lambda_N}{\partial t} + \frac{N}{2N+1} \frac{\partial \lambda_{N-1}}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \lambda_N$$

Question: what value of N for Knudsen number ε ??

H-theorem for moments

 P_N approximation gives second law

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \sigma \ge 0$$

with quadratic expressions

$$\eta = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \lambda_n^2$$

$$\phi = -\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{n+1}{2} \lambda_n \lambda_{n+1}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \lambda_n \lambda_n$$

Remark: Quadratic entropy for R13 eqs. [HS & MT 2007]

Boundary conditions

Maxwell boundary conditions for distribution function $(f_W = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_W)$

$$\bar{f} = \begin{cases} \chi f_W + (1 - \chi) f(-\gamma \mu) & \gamma \mu > 0 \\ & & \\ f(\gamma \mu) & \gamma \mu < 0 \end{cases}$$

 χ - accommodation coefficient, $\gamma=\pm 1~$ at $x=\mp 1/2~$

boundary conditions for moments: use odd moments only! [Grad 1949]

$$\begin{split} \bar{\lambda}_n &= -\gamma \Psi_{n0} \left[\bar{\lambda}_0 - \lambda_W \right] - \gamma \sum_{m=2}^N \Psi_{nm} \bar{\lambda}_m \quad (n \text{ odd, } m \text{ even}) \\ \Psi_{nm} &= \frac{2\chi}{2-\chi} \left(m + \frac{1}{2} \right) \int_0^1 P_n\left(\mu\right) P_m\left(\mu\right) d\mu \end{split}$$



Remark: H-theorem at walls fulfilled, computation via entropy fluxes

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Asymptotics: Chapman-Enskog expansion

expansion in Knudsen number only non-conserved moments

$$\lambda_n = \sum_{\alpha=0} \varepsilon^{\alpha} \lambda_n^{(\alpha)} \quad (n \ge 1)$$

zeroth order contributions vanish

$$\lambda_n^{(0)} = 0 \quad (n \ge 1)$$

only heat flux has first order contribution (Fourier's law)

$$\lambda_1^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial \lambda_0}{\partial x} \quad , \quad \lambda_n^{(1)} = 0 \quad (n \ge 2) \; .$$

n-th moment has order n

$$\lambda_n^{(\alpha-1)}=0 \ \text{ for } \ \alpha\leq n$$

e.g., third order transport eq.

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_0}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 \lambda_0}{\partial x^2} + \varepsilon^3 \frac{1}{45} \frac{\partial^3 \lambda_0}{\partial x^4} = 0$$

expansion only valid in bulk – not in Knudsen layer

Asymptotics: order of magnitude method based on CE order of magnitude

$$\lambda_n = \varepsilon^n \tilde{\lambda}_n$$

step by step reduction to order $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{2N})$ yields truncated set [Leicester 2005]

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \lambda_1}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_n}{\partial t} + \frac{n}{2n+1} \frac{\partial \lambda_{n-1}}{\partial x} + \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \frac{\partial \lambda_{n+1}}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \lambda_n \quad (n = 1, \dots, N-1)$$
$$\frac{\partial \lambda_N}{\partial t} + \frac{N}{2N+1} \frac{\partial \lambda_{N-1}}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \lambda_N$$

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Moment system as discrete velocity model

N-moment equations in matrix form

$$rac{\partial \lambda_m}{\partial t} + \mathcal{A}_{mn} rac{\partial \lambda_n}{\partial x} = \mathcal{C}_{mn} \lambda_n$$

diagonalize

$$rac{\partial \gamma_l}{\partial t} + g^{(l)} rac{\partial \gamma_l}{\partial x} = -rac{1}{arepsilon} \gamma_l + rac{1}{arepsilon} heta_{l0}^{-1} heta_{0r} \gamma_r$$

 $g^{(l)}$ - eigenvalues, $heta_{mn}$ - matrix of eigenvectors, γ_n - population numbers, $\lambda_n = heta_{nr} \gamma_r$ - org. moments

eigenvalues correspond to discrete angles evenly distributed in $[0, \pi]$

$$g^{(l)} = \mu^{(l)} = \cos artheta^{(l)}$$



Question: Is there similar analogy for 3-D moment eqs??

Knudsen layer solutions (steady state)

bulk moments

$$\lambda_0 = K - \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \lambda_1 x - 2\lambda_2 \quad , \quad \lambda_1 = const.$$

Knudsen layer moments

$$\lambda_n = \sum_{m=2} \Phi_{nm} \Gamma_m^0 \exp\left[-\frac{x}{\varepsilon b^{(m)}}\right] \quad (n \ge 2)$$

 $b^{(m)}$, Φ_{nm} - eigenvalues/vectors of $\mathcal{B}_{nm} = \frac{n+1}{2n+3}\delta_{n,m-1} + \frac{n+2}{2n+3}\delta_{n,m+1}$



constants of integration K, λ_1 , Γ_m^0 from jump boundary conditions with $\lambda_W(\pm \frac{1}{2}) = \pm 1$

Results for $\varepsilon = 0.1$ (N = 1, 3, 5, 21)energy density



eigenvalues/amplitudes and moments



jumps, invisible Knudsen layers, no visible differences with N

Results for $\varepsilon = 1$ (*N* = 1, 3, 7, 21)

 $N = \{1, 3, 7, 21\}$: heat flux: $\lambda_1 = \{-0.2857, -0.2779, 0.2770, -0.2767\}$

energy density



eigenvalues/amplitudes and moments



marked Knudsen layers, already N = 3 gives good agreement!!

Results for $\varepsilon = 10 \ (N = 1, 11, 31)$

Energy density, second moment



Eigenvalues/amplitudes and moments



marked linear Knudsen layers, jumps; N must be large ($N \ge 31$)

Results for
$$0 < \varepsilon < \infty$$
 $(N = 31)$

energy density at wall, heat flux



deviation [%] for N = 1, 3 [corr: with Knudsen layer correction]



error less than 5% requires $\varepsilon < 0.3 (N = 1)$ and $\varepsilon < 1 (N = 3)$

Results for $0 < \varepsilon < \infty$ (N = 31)

entropy generation: total/bulk/boundary



Asymptotics with boundary conditions

evaluation of bulk eqs and boundary conditions shows

heat flux:
$$\lambda_1 = \mathcal{O}\left(\varepsilon\right)$$

energy jump
$$ar{\lambda}_0 - \lambda_W = \mathcal{O}\left(arepsilon
ight)$$

Knudsen layer moments
$$(n \ge 2)$$
 $\lambda_n = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$

energy first order

$$\lambda_0 = K - \frac{3}{\varepsilon}\lambda_1 x - 2\lambda_2$$

Knudsen layer correction: assume $\lambda_n \propto \lambda_1$, correction factor ζ of order unity

$$\bar{\lambda}_0 - \lambda_W = -\gamma \frac{2\chi}{2-\chi} \left[\lambda_1 + \sum_{m=2, m \text{ even}}^N \Psi_{1m} \lambda_m \right] \simeq -\zeta \gamma \frac{2\chi}{2-\chi} \lambda_1$$

improves energy jump, worsens heat flux $\zeta = 0.869$



Asymptotics with boundary conditions

Knudsen layer moments are $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$, contribute to $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$

 \Rightarrow higher order theories must include Knudsen layers of width $\varepsilon b^{(\alpha)}$

$$\Gamma^0_\alpha \exp\left[-\frac{x}{\varepsilon b^{(\alpha)}}\right]$$

- N=1: no Knudsen layer
- N=3: $b^{(a)} = \{\pm 0.5071\}$
- N=5 $b^{(l)} = \{\pm 0.8162, \pm 0.3122\}$
- N=7: $b^{(l)} = \{\pm 0.9065, \pm 0.6282, \pm 0.2243\}$

for $\varepsilon < 1$, one (two) Knudsen layer(s) is not too bad $\implies N = 3 (5)$

for $\varepsilon > 1$ need more, criterion presently unclear

$$\varepsilon = 1 \qquad N = 7$$

$$\varepsilon = 2 \qquad N = 9$$

$$\varepsilon = 4 \qquad N = 11$$

$$e = 10 \qquad N = 31$$

Conclusions

- linear moment equations with quadratic entropy (H-theorem)
- equivalent to discrete velocity model (DVM)
- boundary conditions from kinetic model
- Knudsen layers (from eigenvalue problem)
- Chapman-Enskog etc valid only in bulk
- Knudsen layers are second order effect
- include at least some Knudsen layers (more is better, but expensive)

Conjecture

• other (linear) moment systems should behave similarly