

Review of where we are:

Our equations of stellar structure are

$$\frac{dr}{dM} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dM} = - \frac{GM(r)}{4\pi r^4}$$

We just finished talking about  $P(\rho, T)$

$$\frac{dL}{dM} = \frac{\epsilon}{\tau}$$

We'll discuss this  
in Ch 6

+ temperature evolution

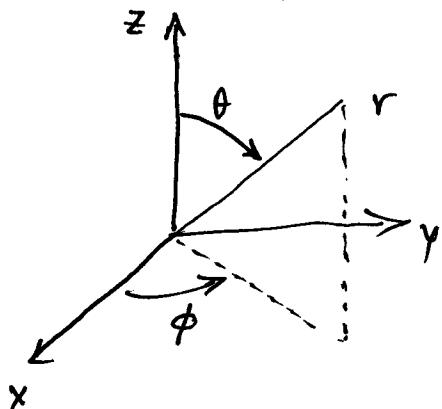
$$L = \frac{(4\pi r^2)^2 \alpha c}{3K} \frac{dT^4}{dM} \quad (\text{if radiation dominates})$$

$\tau$  we'll discuss this  
here

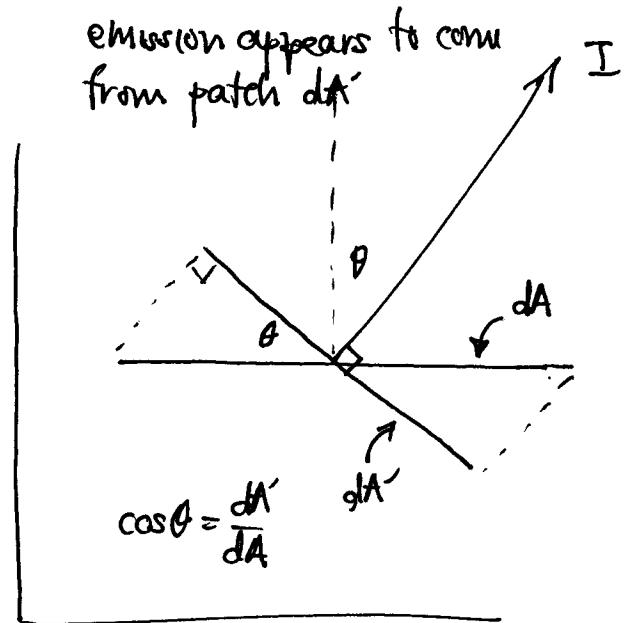
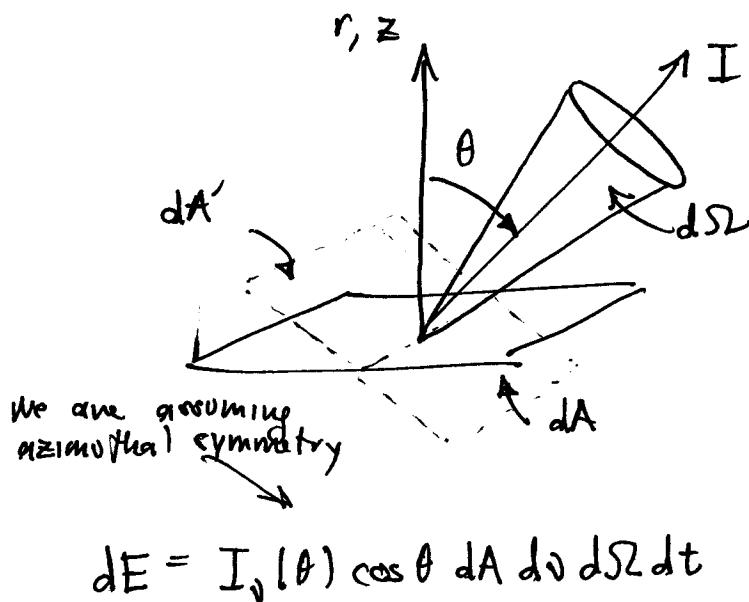
? if convection dominates (next chapter)

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note our convention for spherical angles



2. We discussed <sup>specific</sup> intensity when talking about blackbody radiation



We'll follow your book and start by considering all photons to have the same frequency

Then  $dF = \frac{dE}{dA dt} = I(\theta) \cos\theta dS_2$  (neglecting  $d\Omega$  for now)

$\uparrow$  flux  
(erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)

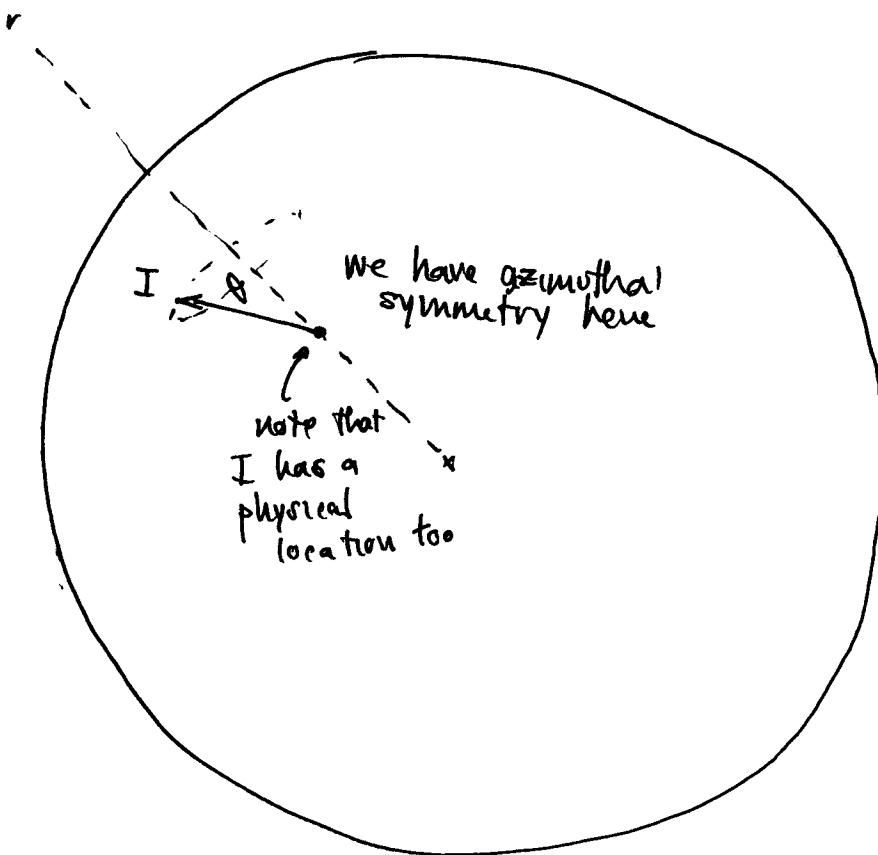
Here  $dF$  is the flux passing through  $dS_2$  at an angle  $\theta$  from the surface normal

- Note:
- <sup>specific</sup> intensity has direction
  - <sup>specific</sup> intensity does not fall off w/ distance (flux does)  
(assuming moving through vacuum)

specific intensity is per unit solid angle  
It is a measure of surface brightness

2a. Why  $I(\theta)$  and not  $I(\theta, \phi)$ ?

We are assuming spherical symmetry (or later, plane-parallel) and  $\theta$  is the angle from the outward radius vector (or vertical)



$\theta$  is basically telling us if the radiation is moving out of the star ( $\theta = 0$ ) or inward ( $\theta = \pi$ )

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surface brightness (from Choudhuri)

specific intensity is per unit solid angle — it measures surface brightness

As you move further away from a resolved object, both flux and angular size fall off as  $1/r^2$

Surface brightness  $\sim \frac{F}{\Omega} \sim I$  stays the same

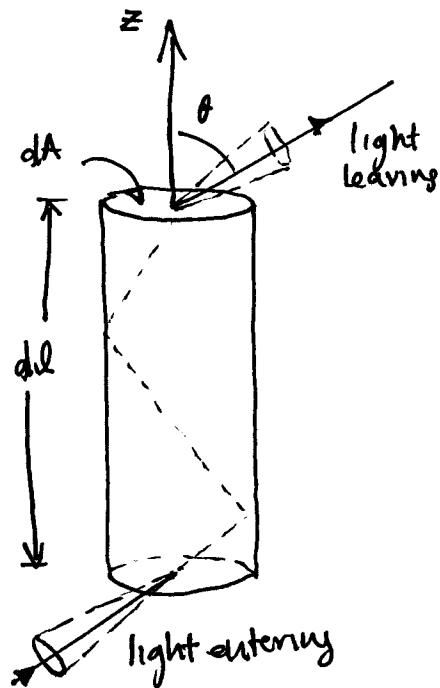
Ex: look at streetlights at varying distances — the closer ones will be bigger in size, but the surface brightness of each will appear the same

mean intensity

$$\langle I \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int I(\theta) d\Omega$$

If we are isotropic, then  $I = \text{const}$ , and  $\langle I \rangle = I$   
 (note: blackbody radiation is isotropic)

How much energy is contained in the radiation field (see C&O)



Consider a trap, open at both ends.  
 Light enters, bounces around, and exits the other end.

Radiation enters @  $\theta$  angle and travels  
 at  $c$  for a time

$$dt = \frac{dl}{c \cos \theta}$$

∴ energy inside the trap (ignoring  $\nu$  or  $\lambda$  dependence) is

$$dE = I dt dA \cos \theta d\Omega = I dA d\Omega \frac{dl}{c}$$

energy density (energy / volume) is

$$\frac{dE}{dV} = \frac{dE}{dA dl} = \frac{I}{c} d\Omega$$

to find the total energy density, integrate  
 over all solid angles

$$\text{total energy density} = U = \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{I}{c} d\Omega = \frac{2\pi}{c} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} I \sin \theta d\theta$$

4. Note: if  $I$  is isotropic, then

$$U = \frac{4\pi}{c} I$$

It is common to express the angle  $\theta$  as  $\mu = \cos \theta$

Then  $U = \frac{2\pi}{c} \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) (-d\mu) = \frac{2\pi}{c} \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) d\mu$

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Now back to flux — what is the total flux at some point inside the star?

$$F = \int_{\Omega} I(\theta) \cos \theta d\Omega = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) \mu d\mu$$

Note that if the radiation field is isotropic, then

$$F = 0 !$$

(in your homework, you integrated over the outgoing  $\Omega$  to get the surface flux from a black body)

No energy transport if  $I$  is isotropic

We are relying on photons to carry energy from the core to the surface, so we need an anisotropic  $I$  —  $I$  must vary w/  $\theta$  or  $\mu$

(but LTE said that  $\lambda_r \ll h$ , so we can only expect a very small anisotropy)

4a

Recall that previously we had

$$\rho_{\text{eg}} = 4\pi \int n(p) pc p^2 dp = \frac{8\pi c}{h^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{p^3}{e^{pc/kT} - 1} dp$$

$$\text{for a photon, } E = h\nu = pc \rightarrow p = \frac{h\nu}{c}, \quad dp = \frac{h}{c} d\nu$$

then

$$\rho_{\text{eg}} = \frac{8\pi c}{h^3} \left(\frac{h}{c}\right)^4 \int_0^\infty \frac{\nu^3 d\nu}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1} = U$$

↑ this is what we are calling  
this now

$$\therefore U d\nu = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \frac{\nu^3}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1} d\nu \quad [\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ Hz}]$$

$\frac{1}{T d\nu}$

$$\text{w/ } U = \rho_{\text{eg}} = \int_0^\infty U d\nu = a T^4$$

result we found previously

Now Planck function is

$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

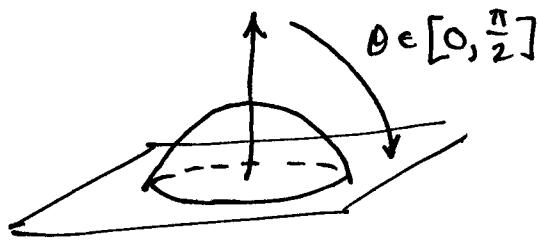
$$\text{defining } B \equiv \int B_\nu d\nu \quad \sigma = \frac{ca}{4}$$

$$\text{we have } B = I = \frac{c}{4\pi} U = \frac{ca}{4} \frac{T^4}{\pi} = \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi}$$

↑ isotropic

4b

## Outward flux from surface of a blackbody



$$F = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \frac{B}{T} \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

integrated over

$$= 2\pi B \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\mu = \cos \theta$$

$$d\mu = -\sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi B \int_0^1 \mu d\mu = 2\pi B \frac{\mu^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \pi B = \sigma T^4$$

## Sources (and sinks) of $I$

- $I(\theta)$  can increase by radiation scattering from another direction into  $\theta$
- direct emission from atoms at that location

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ j(\theta) \\ T \end{array} \right\}$   
 source  
 (mass emission coefficient)

We express this as

$$dI = + \underbrace{j(\theta) p}_{\text{addition}} ds$$

(erg/g/s)

Sinks:

- scattering out of  $\theta$
- absorption

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\}$  opacity,  $\kappa$  describes these

$$dI = - \kappa p I(\theta) ds$$

note that  $ds$  is measured along the direction of

note that the decrease depends on the amount of radiation we have

$\kappa$  is in  $\text{cm}^2/\text{g}$

Note: we are ignoring time-dependency in all of this!

Last time:

Our goal is to obtain the transport Eq. for radiation  
(<sup>specific</sup> intensity is defined as

$$dE = I_\nu(\theta) \cos\theta dA d\Omega dS dt$$

moments:

$$\langle I \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int I(\theta) dS \quad (\text{mean intensity})$$

$$U = \frac{c}{c} \int I(\theta) \cos\theta dS \quad (\text{energy density})$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{c} \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) \mu d\mu$$

$\mu \equiv \cos\theta$

$$F = \int_S I(\theta) \cos\theta dS = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) \mu d\mu \quad (\text{flux})$$

Planck function  $\downarrow$  isotropic

$$\frac{B}{T} = I = \frac{c}{4\pi} U = \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi}$$

$T$  integrated over  $\Omega$

$$F(\mu > 0) = \sigma T^4$$

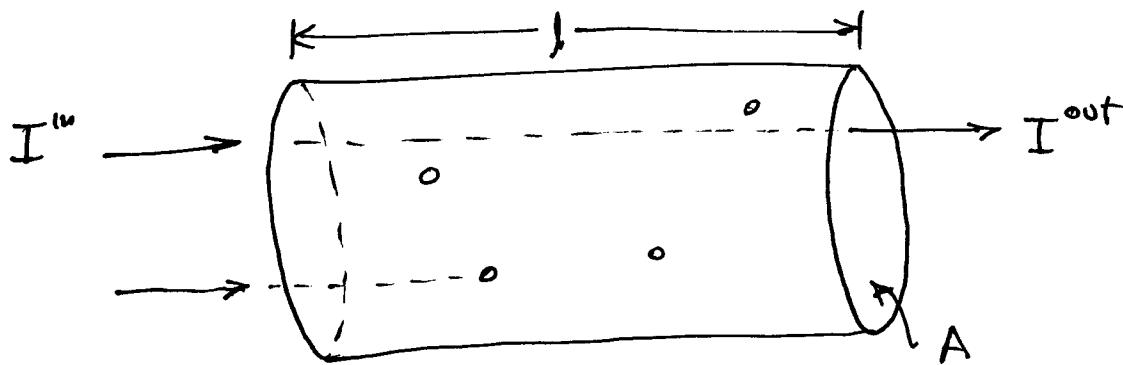
$T$  outward

$$\text{radiation transfer} \quad \frac{dI(\theta)}{ds} = J(\theta) \rho - \kappa \rho I(\theta)$$

B. Building some intuition about radiation & opacity  
(ignoring sources)

consider a cylinder w/ some absorbers, characterized by  
a size  $r_a$ , and a cross-section for absorption of  $\sigma = \pi r_a^2$

Consider the case where the # density of absorbers,  $n$ , is small



If  $n$  is small, then we can assume that  
no two atoms lie on the same line of sight

Total absorption cross section is  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = N\sigma = nA\sigma$

our assumption implies that  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} \ll A$

Now, the fraction of incoming radiation that is absorbed is

$$f_{\text{abs}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{A} = n\sigma l = \frac{l}{\tau_{\text{optical depth}}}$$

Our assumption also means  $\tau \ll 1$  (optically thin)  
soon we'll see

$$\text{opacity: } \tau = k\rho l \quad \therefore k\rho = n\sigma$$

7. Note that the mean free path is just

$$\lambda_g = \frac{1}{n\sigma} = \frac{1}{k_p}$$

and then  $\tau = \frac{d}{\lambda_g}$  — optical depth is just the # of mean free paths we travel through

$\frac{1}{k_p}$  is the average distance a  $\gamma$  travels before being absorbed, so

$k_p$  is ~the # of absorptions / unit length

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Note if  $\tau \gg 1$ , then the above ideas are not necessarily true.

In particular  $\tau$  is no longer the fraction of radiation absorbed.

We can recover the same behavior by dividing  $\lambda$  into small slabs such that  $d\tau = k_p dl \ll 1$ , then

$$dI = -k_p dl I \quad \text{uses the fraction definition}$$

Integrating this, w/ constant  $k, p$ , gives

$$I = I_0 e^{-k_p d} = I_0 e^{-\tau} \quad (\text{no sources!})$$

$\uparrow$  incident radiation

Consider both absorption and emission

$$\boxed{\frac{dI(\theta)}{ds} = j(\theta) \rho - \kappa \rho I(\theta)}$$

— equation of radiation transfer. Note: for spherical there will be geometric terms

some notes (C&O):

if  $\frac{dI}{ds} = 0$  (intensity does not vary w/s)

then we have a balance of emission and absorption

rewriting:

$$-\frac{1}{\kappa \rho} \frac{dI}{ds} = I - \frac{j}{\kappa} = I - \underbrace{s}_{S \equiv j/\kappa}$$

$S$  is the source function, so in equilibrium  $I = S$

if  $\frac{dI}{ds} \neq 0$  then the balance will try to achieve  $I = S$

Let's examine the tendency for  $I$  to approach  $S$  (C&O ch 9)

our transfer equation is

$$-\frac{1}{kp} \frac{dI}{ds} = I - S$$

We can see that if  $S$  is constant and  $k$  and  $p$  are also constant, then

$$I(s) = I_0 e^{-kps} + S(1 - e^{-kps})$$

(proof by substitution:

$$\frac{dI}{ds} = -kp I_0 e^{-kps} + kp S e^{-kps}$$

$$\text{then } -\frac{1}{kp} \frac{dI}{ds} = I_0 e^{-kps} - S e^{-kps} = I_0 e^{-kps} + S - S - S e^{-kps} \\ = I - S )$$

Now if we consider  $S = 2I_0$  then the solution is

$$I(s) = I_0 e^{-kps} + 2I_0 (1 - e^{-kps}) \\ = I_0 (2 - e^{-kps})$$

Identifying mean free path as  $\lambda_r = \frac{1}{kp}$ , we have

$$I(s) = 2I_0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-s/\lambda_r}\right)$$

$\therefore$  after a few mean free paths, we have  $I \sim 2I_0 = S$

9.

Consider  $I$  is isotropic, and spatially uniform,  
then

$$I = S \left( = \frac{J}{K} \right) = \text{constant} \quad (\text{no transport})$$

the energy density in this case is

$$U = \frac{2\pi}{c} \int_{-1}^1 I d\mu = \frac{4\pi}{c} I$$

but we also know that in LTE,  $U = \alpha T^4$  (last chapter)

$$\therefore I = \frac{c}{4\pi} \alpha T^4 = \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi} = B(T)$$

$\uparrow$  frequency integrated  
Planck function

$$B(T) = \int_0^\infty B_\nu(T) d\nu$$

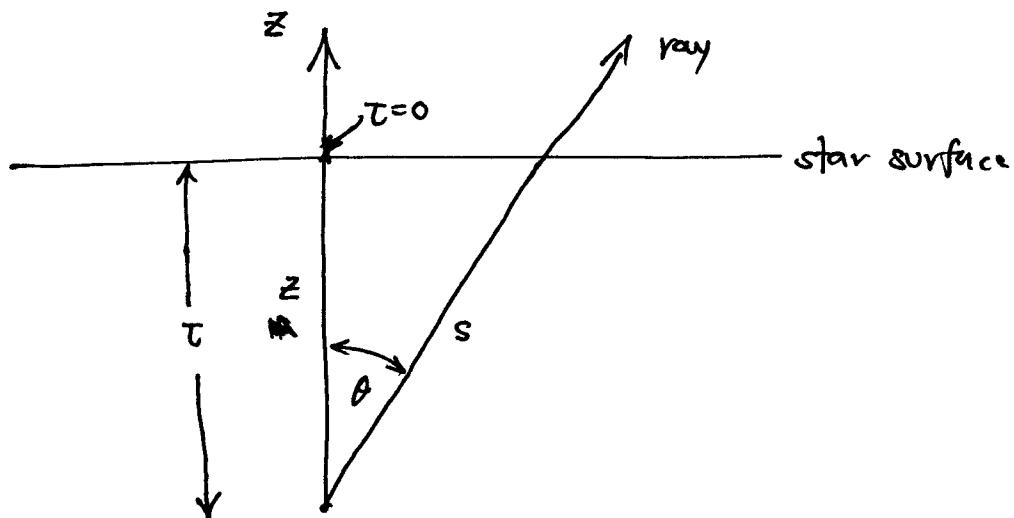
If we are nearly isotropic, then  $I \sim B$ , but  
how close?

10. (see C&O §9)

Note that so far, we've been working w/  $s$  as our coordinate —  $s$  is the distance measured along a ray

But for a star,  $z$  or  $r$  is what we want — so we  
need a measure that corresponds to a physical depth in  
the star.

As we'll see later, only at the surface/atmosphere do  
a lot of the complex radiation transport features come  
into play, so we'll consider a plane parallel geometry



We are going to work now w/  $\tau$  defined as the  
vertical optical depth — that is, this is directly  
vertical (or along some radius). In this case, it  
corresponds to a physical depth in the star

We see that  $dz = \cos \theta ds$

so our equation of rad transfer becomes

$$-\frac{1}{k_p} \frac{dI_v}{ds} = I_v - S_v$$

$$-\cos\theta \frac{1}{k_p} \frac{dI_v}{dz} = I_v - S_v$$

recalling  $\mu \equiv \cos\theta$

and  $d\tau_v = -k_p p dz$  ← vertical position/depth in star

$$\boxed{\mu \frac{dI_v(\mu, \tau)}{d\tau_v} = I_v(\tau, \mu) - S_v(\tau, \mu)}$$

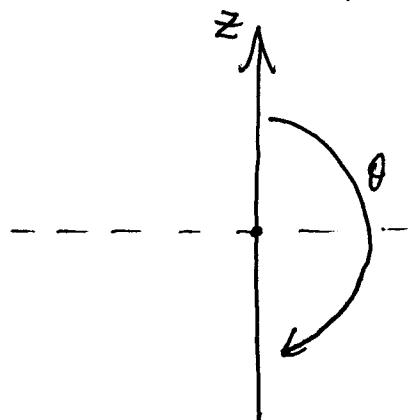
now note that

Let's now show that there is an  $I$  gradient — necessary for radiation transport

1. we can rewrite this as

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left[ e^{-\tau/\mu} I \right] = -e^{-\tau/\mu} \frac{S}{\mu}$$

2. we can break  $\mu$  up into outgoing and ingoing radiation



outgoing:  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow \mu = \cos\theta \geq 0$

ingoing:  $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \pi \rightarrow \mu = \cos\theta \leq 0$

We can integrate this new form easily

$$e^{-\tau/\mu} I \Big|_{\tau_0}^{\tau} = - \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} e^{-t/\mu} \frac{S}{\mu} dt$$

$\tau$  reference

Integration variable

$$e^{-\tau/\mu} I(\tau, \mu) = e^{-\tau_0/\mu} I(\tau_0, \mu) - \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} e^{-t/\mu} \frac{S}{\mu} dt$$

or finally

$$I(\tau, \mu) = e^{-(\tau_0 - \tau)/\mu} I(\tau_0, \mu) - \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau} e^{-(t-\tau)/\mu} \frac{S}{\mu} dt$$

consider outgoing,  $\mu \geq 0$

We want  $\tau_0 \rightarrow \infty$  (our reference is deep in the star),  
then

$$I(\tau, \mu > 0) = \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-(t-\tau)/\mu} \frac{S(t)}{\mu} dt$$

now consider inward. Take  $\tau_0 = 0$  (surface) and

$$I(\tau_0, \mu < 0) = 0 \quad (\text{boundary condition - no inward flux @ surface})$$

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$$I(\tau, \mu < 0) = \int_{\tau}^0 e^{-(t-\tau)/\mu} \frac{S(t)}{\mu} dt$$

To do this integral, we need  $S(t)$

We know that for  $\tau \gg 1$ , we expect  $S \sim B$

We can Taylor expand about this to account for variation w/ depth (still assume isotropic)

$$S(t) \sim B(\tau) + (t - \tau) \frac{dB}{d\tau} \Big|_{\tau} + \dots$$

outgoing:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\tau, \mu > 0) &= \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{\tau}^{\infty} e^{-(t-\tau)/\mu} \left[ B(t) + (t-\tau) \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \right] dt \\
 &\quad \tilde{\tau} = \frac{t-\tau}{\mu} \quad d\tilde{\tau} = \frac{dt}{\mu} \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\tilde{\tau}} \left[ B(\tau) + \mu \tilde{\tau} \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau} \right] d\tilde{\tau} \\
 &= -B(\tau) e^{-\tilde{\tau}} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau} \underbrace{\Gamma(2)}_{\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(2) = 1} \\
 &= B(\tau) + \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ingoing:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(\tau, \mu < 0) &= \frac{1}{\mu} \int_{\tau}^0 e^{-(t-\tau)/\mu} \left[ B(t) + (t-\tau) \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \right] dt \\
 &= \int_0^{-\tau/\mu} e^{-\tilde{\tau}} \left[ B(\tau) + \mu \tilde{\tau} \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau} \right] d\tilde{\tau} \\
 &= -B(\tau) e^{-\tilde{\tau}} \Big|_0^{-\tau/\mu} + \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\tilde{\tau}}}{-1} (\tilde{\tau} + 1) \right\} \Big|_0^{-\tau/\mu} \\
 &= B(\tau) \left( 1 - e^{\tau/\mu} \right) + \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau} \left[ 1 - e^{\tau/\mu} \left( -\frac{\tau}{\mu} + 1 \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

now if  $\tau$  is large (which is what we want — avoid the atmosphere)

$$e^{\tau/\mu} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{since } \mu < 0)$$

$$\therefore I(\tau, \mu < 0) \sim B(\tau) + \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau}$$

Note that

$$I(\tau, \mu < 0) \sim I(\tau, \mu > 0) !$$

now  $\frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau} > 0$  ( $\tau$  increases inward), so since  $I = B(\tau) + \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau}$

we see  $I$  is slightly greater for outward directions ( $\mu > 0$ ) than for inward ( $\mu < 0$ )

∴ There is a small anisotropy in  $I$  resulting from the small  $\tau$  gradient in the star — this can transport energy!

Note:  $\frac{dT}{dr} \sim \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta r} \sim \frac{T_c}{R_\odot} = \frac{1.5 \times 10^7 \text{ K}}{7 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ K/cm}$  !

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Recall that flux is

$$F = \int_{\Omega} I \cos \theta d\Omega = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 I \mu d\mu$$

using  $I = B(\tau) + \mu \frac{\partial B(\tau)}{\partial \tau}$

$$F = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 \left[ B(\tau) + \mu \frac{\partial B(\tau)}{\partial \tau} \right] \mu d\mu$$

$\tau$  even — cancels out!

$$= 2\pi \frac{\partial B(\tau)}{\partial \tau} \left. \frac{\mu^3}{3} \right|_{-1}^1 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{\partial B(\tau)}{\partial \tau} \quad (\text{energy/time/area})$$

$B$  depends only on  $\tau$ , so  $\frac{\partial B}{\partial \tau}$  will be  $\propto \frac{dT}{d\tau}$

Diffusion (this applies for  $\tau \gg 1$  — away from the atmosphere)

taking  $F_v = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial T_v}$  (putting frequency dependence back in)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T_v} = - \frac{1}{K_v p} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}$$

↑  
vertical optical depth

$$F_v = - \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{K_v p} \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial r} = - \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{K_v p} \underbrace{\frac{\partial B_0}{\partial T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}}_{\text{chain rule}}$$

$$\therefore F_v = - \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{K_v p} \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial T} \frac{dT}{dr}$$

We will define the Roseland mean opacity

$$\frac{1}{K} = \frac{\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{K_v} \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial T} dv}{\int_0^\infty \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial T} dv}$$

↑

this is sometimes referred to as a "gray" opacity,  
since all the frequency info has been averaged out

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } F &= - \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{1}{p\bar{K}} \frac{dT}{dr} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial T} dv}_{= \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \int_0^\infty B_0 dv} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \int_0^\infty B_0 dv = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \frac{\sigma T^4}{\pi} \\ &= \frac{4c}{\pi} T^3 \\ T_0 &= \frac{ac}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Then finally

$$F = -\frac{4ac}{3} \frac{1}{k_p} T^3 \frac{dT}{dr}$$

$$L = 4\pi r^2 F(r) = -\frac{(4\pi r^2) 4ac}{3} \frac{1}{k_p} T^3 \frac{dT}{dr} \quad \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{luminosity} \\ \text{carried by} \\ \text{photons} \end{matrix}$$

$$= -\frac{16\pi ac r^2}{3 k_p} T^3 \frac{dT}{dr}$$

this is of the form we wrote earlier;

$$F = -D \nabla U = -D \nabla a T^4$$

$$\text{w/ } D = \frac{c}{3k_p} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{recall that } k_p \text{ has units of cm}^{-1} \\ (\text{inverse of mean free path}) \end{matrix}$$

$$\therefore D \text{ has units of cm}^2/\text{s}$$

The Lagrangian form:

$$L(r) = -\frac{(4\pi r^2)^2 a c}{3 k} \frac{dT^4}{dM}$$

$\nabla'$  : funny astronomer notation ...

Note: we can write  $\frac{1}{3} \alpha \frac{dT^4}{dM}$  as  $\frac{dP_r}{dM}$

from HSE:  $\frac{dP}{dr} = - \frac{GM_p}{r^2}$

$$-\frac{r}{P} \frac{dP}{dr} = \frac{GM_p}{rP} = -\frac{d \log P}{d \log r}$$

dividing by  $\frac{d \log T}{d \log r}$ , we have

$$\frac{d \log P}{d \log T} = - \frac{GM_p}{rP} \left( \frac{d \log T}{d \log r} \right)^{-1}$$

$\underbrace{\phantom{...}}_{\equiv \nabla^{-1}}$

$$\therefore \nabla = - \frac{r^2 P}{GM_p} \frac{1}{T} \frac{dT}{dr} \quad \leftarrow \text{this is the actual log slope of } T \text{ vs. } P \text{ in the star}$$

note  $\nabla$  is positive since  $\frac{dT}{dr} < 0$

nothing  
radiation-  
specific  
here

Our radiation equation

$$L = - \frac{16\pi acr^2}{3kP} T^3 \frac{dT}{dr}$$

becomes

$$L_r = - \frac{16\pi acr^2}{3kP} T^3 \left[ - \frac{GM_P T}{r^2 P} \nabla \right]$$

$$= \frac{16\pi ac GM(r)}{3P} T^4 \nabla$$

this is the luminosity that can be carried by radiation

For radiation only, we define

$$\nabla_{rad} \equiv \left( \frac{d \log T}{d \log P} \right)_{rad} \quad - \text{this is the log slope of } T \text{ vs. } P \text{ if } \underline{\text{all}} \text{ the luminosity is carried by radiation (the } L \text{ is } L_{\text{total}} \text{)}$$

if  $\nabla = \nabla_{rad}$  then  $L = L_{rad}$  and  $L_{\text{conv.}} = 0$  (no need for convection)

if  $\nabla_{rad} > \nabla$  then  $L > L_{rad}$  and convection must play a role

$\uparrow$

actual gradient

needed gradient to carry  $L$

## Atmospheres (following HKT § 4.3)

What should our T BC be?

We've been using  $T(R_*) = 0$  — not very good

- Doesn't tell us the effective T of the star

Start with our radiation flux:

$$F_0 = - \frac{4\pi}{3} \kappa_p \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial r} = \frac{L_0}{4\pi r^2}$$

recall from the EoS discussion that

$$P_g = \frac{1}{3} \rho e_g$$

$\downarrow$  we've been calling this U here

so

$$P_{rad} = \frac{4\pi}{3c} B_0 \quad (\text{since } U = \frac{4\pi}{c} I \text{ and } I \sim B \text{ in LTE})$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial P_{rad,0}}{\partial r} = \frac{4\pi}{3c} \frac{\partial B_0}{\partial r} = - \frac{\kappa_p}{c} \frac{L_0}{4\pi r^2}$$

now define an average opacity (not the Rosseland mean)

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^\infty \kappa_0 L_0 d\lambda$$

then the gray equation is

$$\frac{dP_{rad}}{dr} = - \frac{\kappa p L}{4\pi r^2 c} = - \frac{\kappa p}{c} F_{rad}$$

20.

We care about the surface, so we take  $r \sim R_*$  and we know that

$$L_* = 4\pi R_*^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$$

$\tau_{\text{photosphere}}$   
radius

the photosphere is defined as the layer we see — it can be  $\sigma$  dependent

Note that  $T_{\text{eff}}$  may depend on frequency,

How does  $R_*$  relate to the surface where  $\tau = 0$ ?

$$P_{\text{rad}} = - \int_{\text{surface}}^{\text{some point inside}} \frac{F_{\text{rad}}}{c} k_p dr = + \int_{\tau=0}^{\tau} \frac{F_{\text{rad}}}{c} d\tau$$

↑  
since  $d\tau \equiv -k_p dr$

this gives

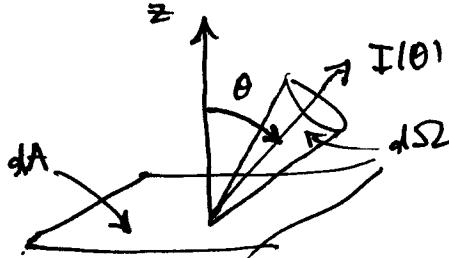
$$P_{\text{rad}}(\tau) = \frac{F_{\text{rad}}}{c} \tau + P_{\text{rad}}(\tau=0) = \frac{\sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4}{c} \tau + P_{\text{rad}}(\tau=0)$$

Here we are assuming that  $F_{\text{rad}} = \frac{L_*}{4\pi R_*^2} = \text{const}$  — this is true in the plane parallel approximation when there are no sources in the atmosphere

In this case, we expect  $\frac{dF_{\text{rad}}}{d\tau} = 0$  — radiative equilibrium.

21.

The pressure is just the momentum flux  
(momentum / unit time / unit area)



The momentum flux along the ray  $I(\theta)$  (at angle  $\theta$ ) is just  $dF_0/c$   
(since a photon carries momentum  $p = E/c$ )

$$\therefore P_{\text{rad}} = \int_S \frac{dF_0}{c} \cos \theta dS = \frac{1}{c} \int_S \frac{dE}{dA dt} \cos \theta dS \\ = \frac{1}{c} \int_S I(\theta) \cos^2 \theta dS$$

↑  
momentum flux/  
pressure

Notice: we now have 3 quantities that are moments of  $I$

$$U = \frac{2\pi}{c} \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) d\mu$$

(assuming azimuthal symmetry)

$$F_{\text{rad}} = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) \mu d\mu$$

$$P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{2\pi}{c} \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) \mu^2 d\mu$$

21a.

Given: we can find the pressure relation

$$\frac{dP_{rad}}{dr} = - \frac{\kappa \rho}{c} F_{rad}$$

starting w/ the radiation transfer equation

$$\mu \frac{dI}{dT} = I - S$$

integrating over  $d\Omega$

$$2\pi \left\{ \frac{d}{dT} \int I \mu d\mu \right\} = \int I d\mu - \int S d\mu$$

take  $S$  to be isotropic

$$\frac{dF}{dT} = 4\pi \langle I \rangle - 4\pi S$$

This shows  $\langle I \rangle = S$  — radiative equilibrium — implies  $dF/dT = 0$

now multiply by  $\mu$  and integrate again

$$c \frac{dP}{dT} = F \quad (\text{since } S \text{ is isotropic, } \int S \mu d\mu = 0)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{F}{c}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = - \frac{\kappa \rho}{c} F$$

## 22. The Eddington approximation

(this follows C&O Ch 9)

We need to find the constant ( $\tau=0$ ) in our expression

$$P_{\text{rad}}(\tau) = \frac{\sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4}{c} \tau + P_{\text{rad}}(\tau=0)$$

Eddington = decompose  $I$  into inward  $I_{\text{in}}$  and outward  $I_{\text{out}}$

impose BC that  $I_{\text{in}}(\tau=0) = 0$

require that  $P = \frac{1}{3}U$  still holds everywhere  
 (true at  $\tau > 1$  when  $I$  becomes nearly isotropic, but near the surface? ...)

$$\text{using } P_{\text{rad}}(\tau=0) = \frac{1}{3}U$$

$$\text{and recalling } \langle I \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int I dS = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) d\mu = \frac{C}{4\pi} U$$

$$\text{we have } P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{4\pi}{3c} \langle I \rangle$$

our moments give

$$\langle I \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) d\mu = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 I_{\text{in}} d\mu + \int_0^1 I_{\text{out}} d\mu \right\} = \frac{I_{\text{out}}}{2}$$

$$F = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 I(\mu) \mu d\mu = 2\pi \left\{ \int_{-1}^0 I_{\text{in}} \mu d\mu + \int_0^1 I_{\text{out}} \mu d\mu \right\} = \pi I_{\text{out}}$$

$$\therefore I_{\text{out}} = \frac{F}{\pi}$$

$$\langle I \rangle = \frac{F}{2\pi}$$

$$P_{\text{rad}}(\tau=0) = \frac{4\pi}{3c} \left( \frac{F}{2\pi} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{F}{c}$$

Finally, our full expression is

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{rad}}(\tau) &= \frac{\sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4}{c} \tau + \frac{2}{3} \frac{F}{c} \\ &= \frac{\sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4}{c} \left( \tau + \frac{2}{3} \right) \quad (\text{using } F = \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4) \end{aligned}$$

and since  $P_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{3} a T^4$

$$\frac{1}{3} a T^4 = \frac{\sigma}{c} T_{\text{eff}}^4 \left( \tau + \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

w/  $a = \frac{4\sigma}{c}$  we get

$$T^4 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2} \tau \right) T_{\text{eff}}^4$$

this shows that the photosphere lies at a depth of  $\tau = \frac{2}{3}$   
( $T = T_{\text{eff}}$  there)

The surface BC should be  $T(\tau=0) = \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{2^{1/4}} \sim .84 T_{\text{eff}}$

Notice also that  $\tau = \frac{2}{3} \sim 1$  — this means that the photosphere  
is approx. 1 mean free path into the Sun

in the plane-parallel approximation, the surface flux is the same as the flux at deeper layers

# Eddington luminosity

Start w/ HSE:

$$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\rho g$$

Consider just the outer layers (again, plane-parallel), the  
 $g = g_s = \text{const}$

$$-\frac{1}{\rho K} \frac{dP}{dz} = \frac{g_s}{K}$$

$$P(\tau) = g_s \int_0^\tau \frac{d\tau}{K}$$

take  $K = \text{constant}$  (gray)

$$P(\tau) = \frac{g_s}{K} \tau + P(\tau=0)$$

@ the photosphere,  $\tau = \frac{2}{3}$ ,

$$P_p = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g_s}{K} + P(\tau=0)$$

$\tau_{\text{photosphere}}$

Take  $P(\tau=0) = P_g(\tau=0)$  matter has little impact, then

$$P_p = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g_s}{K} + \frac{2}{3c} F(\tau=0) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g_s}{K} + \frac{2}{3c} \frac{L_*}{4\pi R_*^2}$$

$$\text{noting } g_s = \frac{GM_*}{R_*^2} \rightarrow R_*^2 = \frac{GM_*}{g_s}$$

$$P_p = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g_s}{K} + \frac{2}{3c} \frac{L_* g_s}{4\pi GM_*} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g_s}{K} \left( 1 + \frac{K L_*}{4\pi c G M_*} \right)$$

This last term is small — except for massive stars

consider  $P_p$  dominating over gravity

$$-\frac{dP_p}{dr} > g_c \rho$$

if radiation transport is in play, then

$$L = -\frac{4\pi R_*^2}{\kappa \rho} c \frac{dP_p}{dr}$$

and  $\therefore \frac{\kappa \rho L}{4\pi R_*^2 c} > \frac{GM_*}{R_*^2} \rho$

$$L > \underbrace{\frac{4\pi c GM}{\kappa}}_{\text{Eddington luminosity}}$$

if  $L > L_{\text{Edd}}$ , we get mass loss

usually  $\chi$  here is electron scattering,  $\kappa_e \sim 0.34 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$

$$\frac{L_{\text{Edd}}}{L_\odot} \sim 3.5 \times 10^4 \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)$$

← incidentally, this is the biggest  $L$  you can find on the MS

if we are in the regime  $L \ll L_{\text{Edd}}$ , then

$$P_p \sim \frac{2g_s}{3\chi}$$

and we can find the density at the photosphere