Kharagpur Lectures

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Simple Systems Under Thermal Constraints Summary Conclusions

The Lucy fluid in two dimensions is a simple model system . Newton, Gauss, Hoover-Leete, and Nosé-Hoover mechanics are about equally costly . For small systems ergodicity can be promoted through velocity moments . Shockwave studies show that temperature can (briefly) be a tensor . The scale of shockwave structure is the mean free path . Smooth-particle weighting functions provide continuous field variables . The ϕ^4 model provides Fourier's law and chaos , even in one dimension .

1. Lucy Fluid, a Prototypical Simple System

















2. Newtonian Motion with the Lucy Fluid

The Lucy Fluid, a Prototypical Simple System Next comes RK4 Newtonian Motion ! do i = 1,99 ϕ (r< h) α 1 – 6(r/h)² + 8(r/h)³ – 3(r/h)⁴ do j = i+1,100[Two continuous derivatives everywhere] The derivative is computed as wp(r). if(xij.lt.-5) xij = xij + 10 * if(xij.gt.+5) xij = xij - 10There are 400 differential equations to solve : rij = dsqrt(xij*xij + yij*yij) if(rij.lt.3) then xdot(i) = px(i)fx(i) = fx(i) - (xij/rij)*wp(rij) ydot(i) = py(i)fx(j) = fx(j) + (xij/rij)*wp(rij)pxdot(i) = fx(i)fy(i) = fy(i) - (yij/rij)*wp(rij) pydot(i) = fy(i)fy(i) = fy(j) + (yij/rij)*wp(rij) endif A very conservative value dt = 0.01d00 enddo

enddo

Remember that xij = x(i) - x(j)

and likewise yij = y(i) - y(j)

replaced by two steps at dt = 0.005d00 can reveal errors in the differential equations [if the two agree but do not conserve energy then the differential equations are to blame].

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The Lucy Fluid, a Prototypical Simple System
                   2. RK4 Newtonian Motion
       A Few Minutes on the laptop provide a solution to a time of 1000.
The density is calculated at each particle, by summing up the weight function w<sub>Lucv</sub> :
Do I = 1,100
rho(i) = w(0.0d00)
enddo
do i = 1,99
rho(i) = rho(i) + w(dsqrt(xij*xij + yij*yij))
rho(j) - rho(j) + w(dsqrt(xij*xij + yij*yij))
enddo
enddo
The total energy E = 100 is conserved to 9-figure accuracy at a time of 1000. The
kinetic energy, averaged from time = 500 to 1000 is 45.58 and the potential is 54.42
where the potential energy is the sum of rho(i)/2 for all 100 particles. Whether
or not to include w(0) in the potential energy is an arbitrary choice .
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3 . RK4 Thermostated Motions Gauss Dynamics for the Lucy Fluid



4. RK4 Thermostated Motions Hoover-Leete Dynamics for the Lucy Fluid



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5. RK4 Thermostated Motions Nosé-Hoover Dynamics for the Lucy Fluid

The Lucy Fluid, a Prototypical Simple System 5. RK4 Thermostated Motions A Few Minutes on the laptop provide a solution to a time of 1000. We have seen that the Gauss, Hoover-Leete, and Nosé-Hoover thermostats can be used to keep the kinetic energy constant [Gauss or Hoover-Leete] or to constrain its timeaveraged value [Nosé-Hoover]. In the Nosé-Hoover case the initial kinetic energy is unimportant as feedback will drive it to a mean value of 45.58. Rather than solving just the 400 { x,y,px,py } equations it is necessary to solve 401, with the last one giving the Nosé-Hoover friction coefficient ζ : **Remember**: sumpp = 0fx(i) = fx(i) - z*px(i)do i = 1,100fy(i) = fy(i) - z*py(i)sumpp = sumpp + px(i)**2 + py(i)**2enddo Nosé-Hoover Dynamics zdot = sumpp - 2*45.58d00The total mean total energy, averaged One can just as well use from time 500 to time 1000 is 100.02, zdot = (sumpp/(2*45.58d00)) - 1close to the Newtonian value .









6. Multi-Moment Thermostated Oscillators

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The harmonic oscillator, with $\mathcal{H} = K + \Phi = (1/2)(q^2 + p^2)$, can be "thermostated" through any of its even moments : $< q^2, q^4, q^2p^2, p^2, p^4... >$. Evidently the moments cannot be constants of the motion so that some form of integral control, based on feedback, needs to be used. Nosé-Hoover "integral control" of the kinetic energy is the simplest illustration of this idea :

(dq/dt) = p ; (dp/dt) = – q – ζp ; (d ζ /dt) = [$p^2 - 1$]/ τ^2 .

A flurry of interest in the configurational temperature led to investigations of "coordinate", or better yet "force" moments . Braga and Travis pointed out that the configurational analog of the Nosé-Hoover oscillator problem is simply a relabeling of the variables :

 $(dq/dt) = p - \xi q$; (dp/dt) = -q; $(d\xi/dt) = [q^2 - 1]/\tau^2$.

The same symmetry could be applied to thermostating $\langle q^4 \rangle$ or $\langle q^6 \rangle$.







Gibbs' canonical ensemble gives a Gaussian distribution for $\{q,p\}$ and the Nosé-Hoover equations are consistent with a Gaussian distribution for the friction coefficient ζ .

Here we show the probability densities for all three variables { q,p, ζ } from simulations that control the second moment (Nosé-Hoover) as well as those that control the fourth moment by solving the integral-feedback equations :

(dq/dt) = p; $(dp/dt) = -q - \zeta p^3$; $(d\zeta/dt) = p^4 - 3p^2$.

None of the distributions is close to Gaussian .

6. Multi-Moment Thermostated Oscillators

In Physics Letters A 211, 253-257 (1996) Bill and Brad Holian showed that *simultaneous thermostating* of the second and fourth moments, $< p^2 >$ and $< p^4 >$ very likely gives an ergodic distribution extending Gibbs' two-dimensional Gaussian to a four-dimensional distribution Gaussian in all four variables { q,p,ζ,ξ }.

The equations of motion are :

{ (dq /dt) = p ; (dp /dt) = $-q - \zeta p - \xi p^3$; (d ζ /dt) = $p^2 - 1$; (d ξ /dt) = $p^4 - 3p^2$ }

In The Journal of Chemical Physics 97, 2635-2643 (1992) Martyna, Klein, and Tuckerman suggested thermostating the thermostat variable(s) :

{ (dq /dt) = p ; (dp /dt) = $-q - \zeta p$; (d ζ /dt) = $p^2 - 1 - \xi \zeta$; (d ξ /dt) = $\zeta^2 - 1$ }

Liouville's phase-space continuity equation shows that $(\partial f/\partial t) = 0$ for both of these four-dimensional sets of equations if $f(q,p,\zeta,\xi)$ is Gaussian in all four variables . A variety of many-body problems have been solved successfully using these ideas .



Simple Systems with Thermal Constraints 6. Simultaneous control of $< p^2$, p^4 , $p^6 > !$

In the 90s Brad Holian, Harald Posch, and I concluded that it was unlikely that all three moments could be controlled simultaneously. With a fixed timestep it is clear that eventually a point too far from the origin would appear (because the Gaussian extends to infinity) so that no fixed timestep algorithm can run forever. In 2015, working with Clint Sprott, we came across Nosé oscillator problems that required an adaptive integrator to solve. Sure enough, if the adaptive integrator is applied to the three-moment control, there is no problem following the solution for long times. The main check of the calculation is the set of moments as the five-dimensional phase space is far too complex for good topological studies. One can check to make sure that the largest Lyapunov exponent is independent of the initial conditions, taking a few hundred initial conditions and then running the two with the highest and lowest Lyapunov exponents longer , tens or hundreds of billions of timesteps , and confirming that the two values tend to agree within the expected statistical errors , proportional to time $^{-1/2}$. Let's look at the details \rightarrow

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6. Simultaneous adaptive control of $< p^2$, p^4 , $p^6 > !$

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Comparison of two RK4 solutions requires very little new programming :
call rk(xx,xxp,dt/2)
call rk(xx,xxp,dt/2)
call rk(yy,yyp,dt/1)
error = error + (xx(i) - yy(i))***2
if(error.lt.10.0d00*-24) dt = dt*2
if(error.gt.10.0d00*-20) dt = dt/2
yy(i) = xx(i)
pdot = - q - z*p - y*p*p*p - x*p*p*p*p*p
zdot = p*p - 1
ydot = p*p*p*p - 3*p*p
xdot = p*p*p*p*p*p - 5*p*p*p*p
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The mean timestep < dt > turns out to be very close to dt = 0.001.



6. Multi-Moment Thermostated Oscillators

For a many-body system the various thermostats are consistent with one another and with Gibbs' canonical distribution. For small systems, with a few degrees of freedom, there are relatively large differences. The Gauss and Nosé-Hoover thermostats are relatively not necessarily easy to generalize.

Suppose for example that it is desired to constrain the fourth moment rather than the second , so that < p^4 > is constant . The constraint equation suggests trying

 $(dp/dt) = F - \zeta p^3$ with $p^3(dp/dt) = 0 = Fp^3 - \zeta p^6$

It turns out that this idea fails , as without controlling the center of mass of the three-oscillator problem the system simply moves away from the origin . In the early days of nonequilibrium molecular dynamics Bill Ashurst thermostated manybody systems by [1] subtracting the center-of-mass velocity and then [2] rescaling the second moment to reproduce T. Although my attempts to use two Lagrange multiplier constraints to control the moment and the center of mass failed with a conservative timestep of 0.001 zeroing of the center of mass followed by a rescaling of the fourth moment successfully reached a "normal mode" which can be followed by reducing dt : $0.1 \rightarrow 0.001$. The next graphic shows the result.





7. The ϕ^4 Model for Heat Conduction

$\mathcal{H} = \mathsf{K}(\mathsf{p}) + \Sigma(1/2)(\mathsf{q}_{\mathsf{i}} - \mathsf{q}_{\mathsf{j}})^2 + \Sigma(1/4)\mathsf{q}^4$

Although the harmonic chain is particularly useful for evaluating integration algorithms it is of little use away from equilibrium. Two examples make this clear . Energy and momentum travel along a harmonic chain *at the velocity of sound*. In more "realistic" systems heat obeys Fourier's $Q_x = -\kappa (dT/dx)$. Flow proceeds outward from a source as the *square root* of the time. This qualitative difference (linear *versus* square root) can be understood. It is due to the scattering of the phonons which travel at the sound speed. The mean free path of molecules in air is about a hundred nanometers and can be nicely described by the Boltzmann equation. Scattering in the ϕ^4 model Is local with energy conservation but without any long wavelength phonons .

7. Simple Systems with Thermal Constraints --An aside regarding the diffusion of mass and heat [reminiscent of the Central Limit Theorem]

7. Why Does Heat Travel as the Square Root of time ?

A simple explanation can be based on squaring the sum of N steps of unit length and averaging : $< L^2 > = < (\Sigma U)^2 > = N$ (because the steps are not correlated). There is a huge literature on "random walks" including recurrence and fractal dimension. Although the sum of all possible walks gives the binomial distribution which approximates the Gaussian distribution for large N the diffusion equation : $(\partial_p / \partial t) = (\partial_p^2 / \partial x^2)$ does not have a Gaussian as its solution. Because the diffusion equation provides an effect traveling faster than the speed of sound it is unphysical.

The many problems introduced by dimensionality, self-avoidance, time delay, and stochastic models make this area of mathematics interesting today. One might expect that solutions of the Boltzmann Equation would agree with solutions of the diffusion equation but no doubt this is an example of problems in which taking limits has to be done carefully (if at all). There is similarity to computing $\langle x^2 \rangle \approx N$, ln(N), O(1) using lattice dynamics in one, two, and three dimensions. The Maxwell-Cattaneo equation, $Q + \tau(\partial Q/\partial t) = -(\partial T/\partial x)$, for instance, can be used to limit the speed of the response to gradients, but can exhibit other problems, such as negative temperature.









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Points to remember and consider :

Two-dimensional Lucy-Fluid simulations provide insight into shear and heat flows , hydrodynamic instabilities like Rayleigh-Bénard , and steady shockwaves .

Many thermostat types are available with both instantaneous and time-averaged control of velocity , energy , temperature , . . .

By eliminating the propagation of long waves the ϕ^4 model provides simple examples of systems obeying Fourier's Law in one , two , and three dimensions .

Problem :

Does the one-dimensional harmonic chain provide insight into the shockwave problem ? The motion of such a chain , where we choose the force constant and particle mass equal to unity , is governed by nearest-neighbor linear forces :

{ $F_i = q_{i+1} - 2q_i + q_{i-1}$ } reminiscent of the wave equation $(d/dt)^2 q = c^2 (d/dx)^2 q$.

We can generate a "shockwave" through the collision of two mirror-image systems .

8. Harmonic Chain Dynamics







9. Levesque-Verlet Dynamics

Simulations of Irreversible Processes Using the Levesque-Verlet Integer Leapfrog Algorithm

Carol has explained that *integer arithmetic* makes it possible to *reverse* any leapfrog history. The shockwave problem is an interesting example because it includes an irreversible process converting cold low-density fluid into hot compressed fluid with a greater entropy.

If one begins a simulation with hot compressed fluid expanding into a vacuum rather than a shock one sees a "rarefaction fan" in which states of nearly the same entropy vary smoothly from the original density to low density. It seems to me that the velocity gradient, which produces entropy through the viscosity, gets smaller as the system size is increased. In the shockwave things are different : the velocity gradient stays at the inverse mean free path so that the viscous entropy production does not change as the system size is increased.

The rarefaction fan is also irreversible, but for another reason. When, as is usual, the sound velocity is an increasing function of density, the denser part of a rightmoving wave moves faster than the rarefied part. A shockwave is formed !