

Now that we understand some details, let's solve it!

- integrate Euler eqn over radius

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \int \frac{dP}{\rho} - \frac{GM}{r} = \text{constant}$$

From our e.o.s. $dP = K\gamma \rho^{\gamma-1} d\rho$

$$\text{so } \frac{1}{2} v^2 + K\gamma \int \frac{\rho^{\gamma-1}}{\rho} d\rho - \frac{GM}{r} = \text{const.}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{K\gamma}{\gamma-1} \rho^{\gamma-1} - \frac{GM}{r} = \text{const.}$$

$$\text{but } K\gamma \rho^{\gamma-1} = \frac{dP}{d\rho} = c_s^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{c_s^2}{(\gamma-1)} - \frac{GM}{r} = \text{const.}$$

As $r \rightarrow \infty$, $v \rightarrow 0$; $c_s \rightarrow c_s(\infty)$, so, at large r

$$0 + \frac{c_s^2(\infty)}{\gamma-1} - 0 = \text{const.}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{c_s^2}{\gamma-1} - \frac{GM}{r} = \frac{c_s^2(\infty)}{\gamma-1}$$

At the sonic point, $v^2 = c_s^2$; $r = \frac{GM}{2c_s^2}$, so

$$c_s^2(r_s) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\gamma-1} - 2 \right) = \frac{c_s^2(\infty)}{(\gamma-1)}$$

$$\text{or } c_s(r_s) = c_s(\infty) \left(\frac{2}{5-3\gamma} \right)^{1/2}$$

Sound speed @ r_s depends only on conditions at ∞ ; γ

Now, since \dot{M} is the same at all radii, evaluate at r_s

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi r_s^2 \rho(r_s) c_s(r_s)$$

From above $c_s^2 = K\gamma \rho^{\gamma-1}$ so

$$\rho(r_s) = \rho(\infty) \left[\frac{c_s(r_s)}{c_s(\infty)} \right]^{2/\gamma-1}$$

Substituting and ASA

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi G^2 M^2 \frac{\rho(\infty)}{c_s^3(\infty)} \left[\frac{2}{5-3\gamma} \right]^{(5-3\gamma)/2(\gamma-1)}$$

($\gamma=5/3$) ($\gamma=1$)
Varies from 1 \rightarrow ∞

eg. NS in ISM, $\rho(\infty) \approx 10^{-24} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$; $c_s \approx 10 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$ ($T \approx 10^4 \text{ K}$), $\gamma=1.4$

$$\dot{M} \approx 1.4 \times 10^{11} \left(\frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho(\infty)}{10^{-24} \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right) \left(\frac{c_s(\infty)}{10 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}} \right)^{-3} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\rightarrow L_{\text{acc}} = \frac{GM\dot{M}}{R_*} \approx 2 \times 10^{31} \text{ erg/s}$$

To estimate of the capture or accretion radius, r_{acc} , start w/

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 + \frac{c_s^2}{\gamma-1} - \frac{GM}{r} = \frac{c_s^2(\infty)}{\gamma-1}$$

if $c_s \rightarrow c_s(\infty)$, then

$$\frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{GM}{r} \approx 0, \text{ so gas is becoming bound}$$