Singular behavior of a rarefied gas on a planar boundary

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y: distance from the wall

$$u_2(y) - u_2(0) \propto y \ln y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du_2}{dy} \propto \ln y \ (\to \infty \text{ as } y \to 0)$$

For small *k* (near continuum limit) (structure of the Knudsen layer in the generalized slip-flow theory; BKW or BGK) For large *k* (near free molecular limit) (math. proof for the hard-sphere gas)

Logarithmic divergence is expected, irrespective of the Knudsen number

cf) Lilly & Sader (2007, 2008) empirical arguments by a power-law fitting to numerical data

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Purpose of research

to confirm

• the same logarithmic gradient divergence occurs *irrespective of the Knudsen number*

to show

• the above spatial singularity of weighted average of VDF induces *another logarithmic gradient divergence in molecular velocity* on the boundary

to identify

• the origin of the above singularities, proposing a simple damping model

Method: analysis + numerics

These features should be observed *generally* <u>on a planar boundary</u>, though we deal with only the thermal transpiration here.

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Setting of a specific problem x_{2} (Thermal transpiration)



Assumptions

- Boltzmann equation (hard-sphere gas)
- diffuse reflection boundary condition
- |*C*| << 1

Linearization around a reference absolute Maxwellian

Then formulate the problem for the perturbation from a local Maxwellain with the wall temperature and the uniform reference pressure 9



$$\zeta_{1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_{1}} = -\frac{1}{k} \nu(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)\phi + \frac{1}{k} K[\phi] - \zeta_{2}(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|^{2} - \frac{5}{2}),$$

b.c. $\phi = 0, \quad \zeta_{1} \leq 0, \quad x_{1} = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$

 $\phi(x_1, \boldsymbol{\zeta})$: perturbation of VDF (divided by C) $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$: dimensionless molecular velocity $E(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|) = \pi^{-3/2} \exp(-|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|^2)$: normalized reference absolute Maxwellian

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Hard-sphere gas}}{\nu(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\exp(-|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|^2) + (2|\boldsymbol{\zeta}| + \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|}) \int_0^{|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|} \exp(-t^2) dt \right), \\ K[\Phi] &= \int \kappa(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) \Phi(\boldsymbol{\xi}) E(|\boldsymbol{\xi}|) d\boldsymbol{\xi}, \\ \kappa(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}|} \exp\left(\frac{|\boldsymbol{\xi} \times \boldsymbol{\zeta}|^2}{|\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}|^2}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{2}} |\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\zeta}|, \end{aligned}$$

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This problem can be solved formally as

$$\phi = \int_{\mp 1/2}^{x_1} \frac{1}{k\zeta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)}{k|\zeta_1|} |x_1 - s|\right) K[\phi](s, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) ds + \phi_0, \quad \zeta_1 \ge 0,$$

where

$$\phi_0 = -\frac{k}{\nu(|\zeta|)} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\nu(|\zeta|)}{k\zeta_1}(x_1 \pm \frac{1}{2})\right)\right] I, \quad \zeta_1 \ge 0,$$
$$I = \zeta_2(|\zeta|^2 - \frac{5}{2}).$$

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All the moments of ϕ up to the second order vanish except for the mass flow u_2 in the x_2 -direction

$$u_2[\phi] = \int \zeta_2 \phi E(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|) d\boldsymbol{\zeta}$$

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$$u_{2}[\phi_{0}] = \int \zeta_{2}\phi_{0}Ed\zeta \qquad (x_{1} \pm 1/2)\ln|x_{1} \pm 1/2|$$

$$= \frac{k}{6\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{i=+,-} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\zeta^{4}}{\nu(\zeta)} (\zeta^{2} - \frac{5}{2})(a_{i}^{2} - 6)a_{i}\mathrm{Ei}(1, a_{i})\exp(-\zeta^{2})d\zeta$$

$$+ \frac{k}{6\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{i=+,-} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\zeta^{4}}{\nu(\zeta)} (\zeta^{2} - \frac{5}{2})(4 + a_{i} - a_{i}^{2})\exp(-a_{i} - \zeta^{2})d\zeta$$

$$- \frac{4k}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\zeta^{4}}{\nu(\zeta)} (\zeta^{2} - \frac{5}{2})\exp(-\zeta^{2})d\zeta,$$

$$a_{\pm} = \frac{\nu(\zeta)}{k\zeta} |x_1 \pm \frac{1}{2}|, \quad \text{Ei}(1, a > 0) = \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} \exp(-ax) dx.$$

$$\operatorname{Ei}(1, a > 0) = -\gamma - \ln a + e^{-a} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r} \right) a^n, \quad (\gamma: \operatorname{Euler's \ constant}),$$

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Since *the structure is the same*, the same singular nature is expected from $_{20}$ the *K* part (as far as the *K* behaves well).

Mass flow profile near the boundary



open circle: present numerical result solid line: least mean square approx. $a + b(1/2 - x_1) \ln(1/2 - x_1) + c(1/2 - x_1)$

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6 2

1

0.6

0.2940

0.1907

0.1337

0.0969

-0.1728

-0.2003

-0.2221

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0.1196

0.0603

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$$\phi = \begin{cases} \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \frac{1}{k\zeta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu}{k\zeta_1}(\frac{1}{2} - s)\right) K[\phi](s, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) ds + \phi_0, \quad \zeta_1 > 0, \\ 0, \quad \zeta_1 < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_0 = -(k/\nu) [1 - \exp\left(-\nu/k\zeta_1\right)] I \text{ for } \zeta_1 > 0,$$

BGK (or BKW) model: $K[\phi] = 2\zeta_2 u_2[\phi]$

 $K[\phi](s)$ is singular in s at $s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ as $(s \mp \frac{1}{2}) \ln |s \mp \frac{1}{2}|$ because of $u_2[\phi](s)$ but is regular in $|\zeta|$

We expect the same property for the Boltzmann collision kernel

$K[\phi](s=\frac{1}{2},\boldsymbol{\zeta})$ on the boundary

Evidence

(a) k = 6

(b) k = 1 (c) k = 0.6



$$K[\phi] = (\zeta_2/|\zeta|)[f_-(\zeta_1, |\zeta|)(s - \frac{1}{2})\ln|s - \frac{1}{2}| + f_+(\zeta_1, |\zeta|)(s + \frac{1}{2})\ln(s + \frac{1}{2}) + f_0(\zeta_1, |\zeta|) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} s^m f_m(\zeta_1, |\zeta|)].$$

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Mass flow (>0)

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$$k = 0$$

$$k =$$

Numerical validation

$$\phi = \int_{\mp 1/2}^{x_1} \frac{1}{k\zeta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)}{k|\zeta_1|} |x_1 - s|\right) K[\phi](s, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) ds + \phi_0, \quad \zeta_1 \ge 0,$$

Two methods have been tested for numerical integration Method 1. Piecewise quadratic interpolation in s Method 2. Piecewise quadratic + $s \ln s$ interpolation in s for $K[\phi]$ from its discretized data $K[\phi] = (\zeta_2/|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)[f_-(\zeta_1,|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)(s-\frac{1}{2})\ln|s-\frac{1}{2}| + f_+(\zeta_1,|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)(s+\frac{1}{2})\ln(s+\frac{1}{2})$ $+ f_0(\zeta_1, |\boldsymbol{\zeta}|) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} s^m f_m(\zeta_1, |\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)].$ This part is missing in Method 1

Evidence

Velocity distribution func. on the boundary

(a) k = 6 (1)

(b) k = 1





	grid			Note
	coarse	intermediate	fine	
Method 1	C1	11	F1	Slow convergence
Method 2	C2	-	F2	Satisfactory convergence

Validate the logarithmic singularity of VDF on the boundary

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- 1. No contribution from $\zeta_1 > 0$ (impinging side)
- 2. Contribution only from $f_0(\zeta_1 = 0, |\boldsymbol{\zeta}|)$ for $\zeta_1 < 0$ (reflected side)
- \Rightarrow same as the contribution from

$$\phi_0 = \int_{\pm \frac{1}{2}}^{x_1} \frac{1}{\zeta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu}{k|\zeta_1|}|x_1 - s|\right) I ds_{31}$$

$$\begin{split} f &:= \int_{\pm \frac{1}{2}}^{x_1} \frac{1}{\zeta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu}{k|\zeta_1|} |x_1 - s|\right) I ds \\ &+ \int_{\pm \frac{1}{2}}^{x_1} \frac{1}{k\zeta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu}{k|\zeta_1|} |x_1 - s|\right) \frac{1}{k} K[\phi]|_{\zeta_1 = 0, x_1 = \pm \frac{1}{2}} ds, \quad \zeta_1 \leq 0 \\ &\text{Note: } \phi = \int_{\pm 1/2}^{x_1} \frac{1}{k\zeta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu(|\zeta|)}{k|\zeta_1|} |x_1 - s|\right) K[\phi](s, \zeta) ds + \phi_0, \quad \zeta_1 \geq 0, \end{split}$$

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Equation (5.1) is the solution of a simple damping model

 $\zeta_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = -\frac{\nu}{k} f, \qquad \text{What does it mean physically?} \qquad (5.2a)$ $f = \underbrace{-\frac{k}{\nu} (\frac{1}{k} K[\phi] - I)|_{\zeta_1 = 0, \ x_1 = \pm 1/2}}_{\nu}, \quad \zeta_1 \leq 0, \ x_1 = \pm 1/2. \qquad (5.2b)$

Origin of the spatial singularity

What is it?

$$f = -\frac{k}{\nu} (\frac{1}{k} K[\phi] - I)|_{\zeta_1 = 0, \ x_1 = \pm 1/2}, \quad \zeta_1 \leq 0, \ x_1 = \pm 1/2.$$

Let us go back to the original problem...

$$\zeta_{1} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_{1}} = -\frac{1}{k} \nu(|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|) \phi + \frac{1}{k} K[\phi] - \zeta_{2} (|\boldsymbol{\zeta}|^{2} - \frac{5}{2}), \qquad (2.3a)$$

b.c. $\phi = 0, \quad \zeta_{1} \leq 0, \ x_{1} = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$ (2.3b)

Since ϕ is a solution of (2.3a), we have

$$\phi(x_1, \zeta_1 = 0) = \frac{k}{\nu} (\frac{1}{k} K[\phi] - I)|_{\zeta_1 = 0} \text{ for } -1/2 < x_1 < 1/2.$$

This expression gives the limiting value of ϕ for $\zeta_1 = 0_{\pm}$ and $x_1 \to \pm 1/2$, and thus we have the following relation on the boundary *Impinging side limit*

$$-\frac{k}{\nu}(\frac{1}{k}K[\phi] - I)|_{\zeta_1 = 0, \ x_1 = \pm 1/2} = \frac{\phi(x_1 = \pm 1/2, \zeta_1 = 0_{\mp})}{\phi(x_1 = \pm 1/2, \zeta_1 = 0_{\pm})} - \frac{\phi(x_1 = \pm 1/2, \zeta_1 = 0_{\pm})}{\phi(x_1 = \pm 1/2, \zeta_1 = 0_{\pm})}.$$

Equation (5.1) is the solution of a simple damping model

$$\zeta_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = -\frac{\nu}{k} f,\tag{5.2a}$$

$$f = -\frac{k}{\nu} \left(\frac{1}{k} K[\phi] - I\right)|_{\zeta_1 = 0, \ x_1 = \pm 1/2}, \quad \zeta_1 \leq 0, \ x_1 = \pm 1/2. \tag{5.2b}$$

Discontinuity of VDF on the boundary at $\zeta_1 = 0$



Spatial singularity $(x_1 \pm \frac{1}{2}) \ln |x_1 \pm \frac{1}{2}|$ of $u_2[\phi]$ is the trace of the discontinuity of ϕ on the boundary at $\zeta_1 = 0$. It is produced by the damping of discontinuity through the collision frequency ν .

Comparison of the coefficient *b* of *x* ln *x* Original problem vs. Dumping model



Numerically validated

Conclusion

- The logarithmic gradient divergence of macroscopic quantity is confirmed *irrespective* of the Knudsen number.
- The spatial singularity of weighted average of VDF induces another logarithmic gradient divergence in molecular velocity on the boundary.
- The origin of the above singularities are *the discontinuity of VDF on the boundary and can be expressed by its damping through the collision frequency*

Conclusion (# comments)

Our argument applies to

- Cut-off potential models, for which the splitting of the collision integral can be made
- More general boundary condition such as the Maxwell boundary condition (specular+diffuse) and other non-diffuse conditions