Causality and stability of third-order fluid dynamics

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Motivation

Why do we study relativistic fluid dynamics? Heavy-ion collisions!



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Building a theory

- What are the necessary ingredients?
 - Conservation laws
 - Equation of state
 - Relations for the dissipative currents
 - Phenomenology or kinetic theory
- What are the **minimal** conditions a formalism must satisfy?
 - (Linear) stability of the equilibrium state

Linear stability analysis

How can we conclude if a given formalism is suitable to describe relativistic fluids?



Necessary conditions, although not always sufficient!

Ideal fluid dynamics

Conservation laws

$$\partial_{\mu}N^{\mu} = 0$$

net-charge conservation

energy-momentum conservation

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^{\mu} u^{\nu} - \Delta^{\mu\nu} P$$
$$N^{\mu} = n u^{\mu}$$

Complete description using conservation laws + equation of state

Ideal fluids?

In general, there are no ideal fluids



shear viscosity





diffusion

[Song @ CATHIE/TECHQM Workshop (2009)]

These effects must be taken into account in the equations

Dissipative fluid dynamics

Conserved currents

shear-stress tensor

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon u^{\mu} u^{\nu} - \Delta^{\mu\nu} (P + (\pi^{\mu\nu})),$$

bulk viscous pressure
$$N^{\mu} = n u^{\mu} + (\pi^{\mu\nu}),$$

net-charge diffusion

Navier-Stokes theory

$$\pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta \Delta^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial_{\alpha} u_{\beta}$$

Eckart, Phys. Rev. (1940) Landau & Lifshitz (1959)

- **First-order** theory
- Dissipative currents in terms of the fluid-dynamical variables
- Acausal and unstable in the linear regime

Hiscock & Lindblom, PRD (1983) Hiscock, PRD (1986) Hiscock & Lindblom, PRD (1987)

Israel-Stewart theory

$$\tau_{\pi}\dot{\pi}^{\langle\mu\nu\rangle} + \pi^{\mu\nu} = 2\eta\Delta^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\partial_{\alpha}u_{\beta} + \cdots \xrightarrow{\text{nonlinear}}_{\text{terms}}$$

Israel, Ann. Phys. (1976) Israel & Stewart, Ann. Phys. (1979)

- Second-order theory
- Dissipative currents as dynamical variables
- Linearly **causal** and **stable** in certain conditions
- Olson & Hiscock, Ann. Phys (1989) Olson, Ann. Phys (1990) Denicol et. al., J. Phys. G (2008) Pu et. al., PRD (2010) CVB & Denicol, PRD (2020)

• Widely used in numerical models

Third-order fluid dynamics



Jaiswal, PRC (2013)

<u>Acausal</u> and <u>unstable</u>

- Boltzmann equation
- Relaxation Time Approximation (RTA)
- Chapman-Enskog method
- Only shear viscosity



Third-order fluid dynamics

Converting gradients of shear-stress into an independent variable

$$\nabla^{\langle \alpha} \pi^{\mu\nu\rangle} \longrightarrow \rho^{\alpha\mu\nu}$$

Equation of motion for the shear-stress tensor

$$\tau_{\pi} \dot{\pi}^{\langle \mu\nu\rangle} + \pi^{\langle \mu\nu\rangle} = 2\eta \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \tau_{\pi} \nabla_{\alpha} \rho^{\alpha\mu\nu} + \cdots$$

Introducing a relaxation equation

$$\tau_{\rho}\dot{\rho}^{\langle\mu\nu\lambda\rangle} + \rho^{\mu\nu\lambda} = \frac{3}{7}\eta_{\rho}\nabla^{\langle\mu}\pi^{\nu\lambda\rangle} + \text{nonlinear terms}$$

Causality and stability

Israel-Stewart:

Pu et. al., PRD (2010)

$$3(1-c_s^2)\tau_{\pi} \ge \frac{4\eta}{\varepsilon_0 + P_0}$$

Third-order:

CVB & Denicol, [arXiv:2107.10319]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3\tau_{\pi} \left(1-c_{\rm s}^2\right) - 4\frac{\eta}{\varepsilon_0 + P_0} \end{bmatrix} \tau_{\rho} > \frac{27}{35}\eta_{\rho}\tau_{\pi} \left(1-c_{\rm s}^2\right),$$
$$3(1-c_{\rm s}^2)\tau_{\pi} \ge \frac{4\eta}{\varepsilon_0 + P_0}.$$

Conclusions & Perspectives

- The original third-order theory is linearly unstable
- Stability implies the inclusion of a relaxation time scale
- Constraints for the transport coefficients
- Derivation of a complete nonlinear third-order theory
- Analyze the effects of including bulk viscosity
- Compare simulations with previous results

Thank you!