

# Computational Methods in Astronomy

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## Module D : Gasdynamics

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Spacetime Coordinates :  $(x, t) \equiv (x_1, x_2, x_3, t)$

Fixed Orthonormal basis :  $(e_1, e_2, e_3)$ .

Velocity Field :  $v(x, t)$

Ideal Gas (Eq. of State) :  $p = \frac{k}{\mu m_p} \rho T$

$$\text{or } p = (c_p - c_v) \rho T$$

( Symbols have usual meanings,  
p is pressure ... )

What is fluid? ... or a hydrodynamic limit?

$$\lambda_{dB} \ll n^{-1/3} \ll \Delta x \ll L \quad (1)$$

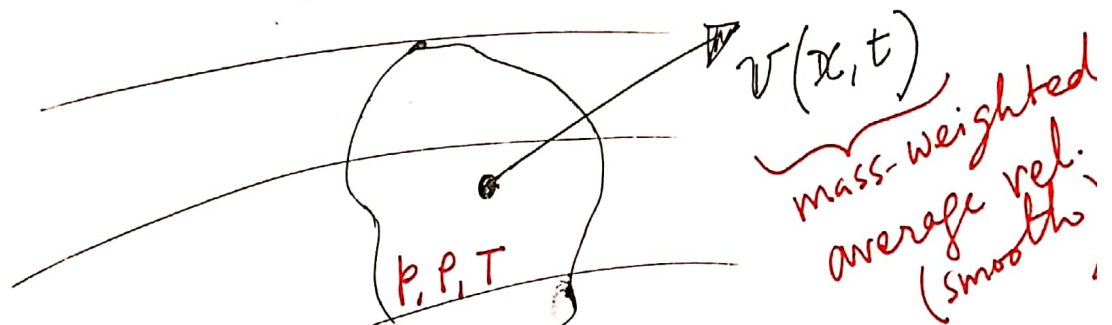
$\uparrow$  de Broglie wavelength       $\uparrow$  inter-particle separation       $\uparrow$  Unit cell       $\uparrow$  System Scale.

sufficiently dilute      sufficiently dense.

Such that

$$\lambda_{mfp} \ll \Delta x \ll L \quad (2)$$

$\uparrow$  mean free path : collisions are important.



A fluid particle.  
is assumed to be in  
local thermodynamic  
equilibrium.

... a continuum limit!

**Problem:** Convince yourselves that the  
ISM in a galaxy can be treated as  
fluid, whereas stars can not be.

- Let us first consider an ideal gas and express fluid equations as "Conservation laws".

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \text{Density of a quantity} \right) + \nabla \cdot \left( \text{Current / flux Density of the quantity} \right) = 0 \quad (3)$$

- (Take  $\rho$  for example) Comes from, an integral form.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho dV = - \oint \rho v dA \quad \dots$$

Area Element

### Total / Lagrangian / Convective Derivative

- Let a quantity  $C(x, t)$ , a field variable. A & B two points, s.t., A

$$A : (x, t) \quad ; \quad B : (x + \delta x, t + \delta t)$$

$$C_A \equiv C(x, t) \quad ; \quad C_B \equiv C(x + \delta x, t + \delta t).$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_B &= C(x + \delta x, t + \delta t) \neq C(x, t) + \delta x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_1} + \delta x_2 \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_2} + \delta x_3 \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_3} + \delta t \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} \\ &= \underbrace{C(x, t)}_{\equiv C_A} + v_1 \delta t \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_1} + v_2 \delta t \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_2} + v_3 \delta t \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_3} + \delta t \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{C_B - C_A}{\delta t} \right) = \left( v_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + v_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + v_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \right) C + \frac{\partial C}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{DC}{Dt} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underbrace{v \cdot \nabla}_{\text{Advection}} \right) C$$

with  $\frac{DC}{Dt} \equiv \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{C(x+\delta x, t+\delta t) - C(x, t)}{\delta t}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{D}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla} \quad (4)$$

**Ideal Fluids :** Non-dissipative

- Viscosity and Thermal conductivity are not important, hence ignored

- ~~Viscous~~ Entropy must be conserved.

$$\boxed{\frac{Ds}{Dt} = 0}$$

(5)  $s$  is entropy per unit mass

**Usual Thermodynamics :**

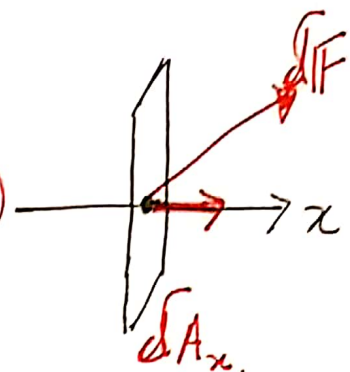
$$T ds = du + p d\left(\frac{1}{\rho}\right) = dh - \frac{1}{\rho} dp$$

specific enthalpy  $h = u + \frac{p}{\rho} \equiv h(T)$

$$u = c_v T \quad ; \quad h = c_p T.$$



## Internal Stresses.

$$S_{xx} = \frac{\delta F_x}{\delta A_x} \quad (\text{normal stress})$$


The diagram shows a vertical rectangular fluid element. A horizontal arrow labeled  $x$  points to the right. A red vector labeled  $\delta F$  points away from the right face of the element. The area of the right face is labeled  $\delta A_x$ .

$$S_{yx} = \frac{\delta F_y}{\delta A_x}$$

$$S_{zx} = \frac{\delta F_z}{\delta A_x}$$

Tangential stresses.

⇓  
Cause friction

⇓  
Viscosity

⇒ Hence ignored for ideal fluids.

•  $S_{ij}$  is tensor field

$i^{\text{th}}$  comp. of the force, exerted per unit area, across an area element oriented with its normal in  $j^{\text{th}}$  direct

• For Ideal/Inviscid fluid.

$$S_{ij} = p \delta_{ij} \quad (\text{isotropic}) \quad (6)$$

• Force per unit volume

$$f_i = - \frac{\partial S_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \quad (7)$$

- Mass Conservation :

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \quad (9)$$

- Incompressibility  $\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \quad (10)$

- Momentum Conservation (Euler Eq.).

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right) = -\nabla p + \mathbf{f}_{\text{body}}.$$

- $\mathbf{f}_{\text{body}}$  is a body force, e.g., gravity, ~~per~~ per unit volume.

- For gravity with  $\varphi$  as its potential  
 $\varphi \equiv \varphi(\mathbf{x}, t)$  in g/m.

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{body}} = -\rho \nabla \varphi.$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - \nabla \varphi} \quad (11)$$

In Conservation : form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho v_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} T_{ij} = 0 \quad (12)$$

Divergence of Stress tensor

$$T_{ij} = \rho v_i v_j + p \delta_{ij}$$

• Conservation of Energy :

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho v^2}_{\text{Kinetic Energy}} + \underbrace{\rho u}_{\text{Internal Energy}}$$

Show that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho u \right) + \nabla \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho h \right) \mathbf{v} \right] = 0 \quad (13)$$