

The Boussinesq Approximation

Definition of buoyancy: Buoyancy is the reduced gravity acceleration acting on a fluid parcel.

$$b = \frac{\rho_h - \rho}{\rho_0} g \approx \frac{T - T_0}{T_0} g \quad (\text{note that } T_0 \text{ must be expressed in Kelvin!})$$

$\rho(z)$ is density of the parcel of fluid at location z ; $\rho_h(z)$ is the density of surrounding at height z ; ρ_0 is a suitable reference density (eg. $\rho_0 = \rho_h(z=0)$ is often used)

Emptying Boxes (Simple case)

replenish source modelled as F (if there's any), no stratification

Part 1: What Drives a flow?

1. Temperature Difference creates Density Differences (Boussinesq)

According to the eqn of state (or known as The Boussinesq Approx.), fluid density depends on temperature:

$$b = \frac{\rho_0 - \rho}{\rho_0} g \approx \frac{T - T_0}{T_0} g \quad (\text{taking reference } \rho_0 \text{ and } T_0 \text{ as equal to surrounding})$$

$$\rho = \rho_0 - \rho_0 \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_0} \right) \rightarrow \rho = \rho_0 (1 - \beta(T - T_0)) \rightarrow \text{hotter fluid } (T > T_0) \text{ is lighter } (\rho < \rho_0)$$

2. Density Differences create Hydrostatic Pressure Differences. (Hydrostatic)

When the fluid is at rest (but not necessarily in equilibrium), pressure is determined by the height of fluid column above it.

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g \quad \begin{cases} \text{high density: pressure decreases rapidly with height} \\ \text{low density: pressure decreases slowly with height.} \end{cases}$$

(if question starts by asking how temp. diff. drives flow?)

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho_0 g + \frac{\rho_0}{T_0} (T - T_0) g \rightarrow \text{pressure changes is proportional to } T - T_0$$

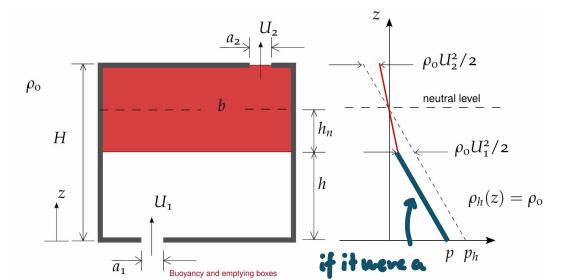
Because pressure drops at different rates outside and inside (or left and right), a pressure difference (Δp) develops between it at any given height (except at neutral level)

3. Pressure differences drives flow. (Bernoulli)

Fluids move from areas of high pressure to area of low pressure. The magnitude of this pressure difference determines the velocity of the air through the opening.

$$\Delta p = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 \rightarrow \text{potential energy (pressure) converts into kinetic energy (velocity)}$$

Part 2: Sketch the Pressure Distribution.



if it were a left room right room qm, this line's gradient (p) can be different from surrounding (ρ_0)

(F, Q, b given, find the other 2)

$$F = Qb \quad Q = A^* \sqrt{2b(H-h)} \quad F = Qb \quad \left[Q = \frac{k}{3} w \sqrt{bd^3} \right] \text{ solve simultaneously.}$$

eg. if given F , solve for Q and b : (treat F as a constant)

$$Q = (2A^* \cdot F \cdot H)^{1/3}$$

$$b = \left(\frac{F^2}{2A^* \cdot H} \right)^{1/3}$$

In Part 1: Passive Scalar, we kept on discussing about concentration, C . In Part 2: Active Scalar, our main focus are F, Q and b . However, it is still related to Part 1 when $C = \dot{m}/Q$ where \dot{m} is mass flux (kg s^{-1})

Source condition	Continuous (in time)	Discontinuous (in time)
Momentum flux	Jet	Puff
Buoyancy flux	Lazy \rightarrow pure plume	Thermal
Momentum flux and buoyancy flux	Forced \rightarrow pure plume	Buoyant puff

Introduction to Dimensional Analysis.
using thermal as example (cause it is simple)

Every phenomenon has a driver and obey conservation laws.
For thermal, the driver is the discontinuous source of buoyancy flux, F_0 . And total buoyancy, $B = bV$ is conserved. (even though $b(t)$ and $V(t)$ changes with time)

Question: How $R(t)$, $b(t)$, and $z(t)$ changes with time?

$$[R] = L, [b] = LT^{-2}, [B] = L^4 T^{-2}, [t] = T$$

$$\rightarrow R(t) \sim B^{1/4} t^{1/2}, b(t) \sim B^{1/4} t^{-3/2}, z \sim B^{1/4} t^{1/2} \text{ horizontally: } x \sim vt, z \sim \sqrt{xt}$$

ACTIVE SCALAR (Induce buoyancy-driven flow) (Modify the flow)

Turbulent Jets vs Plumes

Part 1: Turbulent Jets vs. Turbulent Plumes.

* characteristic quantity:

$$w_m = \frac{M}{Q}, r_m = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{2M}}, b_m = \frac{F}{Q} \quad (\text{plumes only})$$

Turbulent Plumes

1. Driver

A continuous source of Buoyancy flux (F_0) (eg. heat source, fire, fresh water salt water)

2. Physics

Driven by gravity acting on density differences ($b = \frac{\rho_h - \rho}{\rho_0}$) Fluid accelerates as it rises.

3. Conservation Laws

Volume flux INCREASED ($\frac{dQ}{dz} > 0$) due to entrainment.

Momentum flux CONSERVED ($\frac{dm}{dz} = 0$). No external forces acting on it.

Buoyancy Flux (F) is zero. No buoyancy ($b = 0$)

(everything that is not conserved can be found as a function of time by using dimensional analysis)

Part 2: Dimensional Analysis

Turbulent Jets cause M_0 is constant

The only quantity that are known: $[M] = L^4 T^{-2}, [z] = L$

we can hence solve for:

1. Volume flux, Q : $[Q] = [M]^{1/2} [z]^1 \rightarrow Q \propto M_0^{1/2} z$
2. Velocity, w_m : $[w] = [M]^{1/2} [z]^{-1} \rightarrow w_m \propto M_0^{1/2} z^{-1}$
3. Radius, r_m : $[r] = [Q][M]^{-1/2} \rightarrow r_m \propto z$

(although w_m, r_m, b_m can be found using dimensional analysis, in exam it is more practical to calculate Q (and M for plume) and then use characteristic eqn.)

(Note that if it is planar jets / plume: Q, M, F are all per unit length, eg. $[Q] = L^2 T^{-1}$)

entrainment ~

2. Multiple equal isolated point source

Single turbulent plume: $Q \propto F^{1/3}$

n small turbulent plume: $Q \propto n \left(\frac{F}{n} \right)^{1/3}$

(total buoyancy flux still equal to F)

$$\text{solution: } \frac{\sqrt{2} A^*}{n^2 C^{2/3}} = \left(\frac{F}{1-s} \right)^{1/2} \rightarrow n^{2/3} d \propto (A^*)^{2/3}$$

3. Multiple unequal isolated point source

can be used even if no turbulent plume point source eg. transient state emptying box replace Q in $\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{Q}{S}$ if it is multiple layer.

* If stratified instead of layers:
 $Q = A^* \left(2 \int_{h_1}^{H} b(z) dz \right)^{1/2}$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = Q_{\text{plume}}(h) - Q_{\text{ent}} \quad \frac{d(bV)}{dt} = F_{\text{source}} - F_{\text{ent}} \cdot b$$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = C F^{1/2} h^{1/2} - A^* \sqrt{2b(H-h)} = 0 \quad \text{STEADY STATE}$$

$$\frac{d(bV)}{dt} = F - b A^* \sqrt{2b(H-h)} = 0 \quad F_{\text{source}} \propto Q_{\text{ent}} \cdot b$$

Trying to solve for: What gives steady-state?

Unknown: F, b, A^*, h, H (A^* and H are constants)

$\rightarrow 3 \text{ unknowns, 2 eqns...}$

\rightarrow remember characteristic eqn: $b = \frac{F}{Q_{\text{plume}}} = \frac{F}{C F^{1/2} h^{1/2}} = \frac{F^{2/3}}{Ch^{2/3}}$

$$\text{solution: } \frac{\sqrt{2} A^*}{H^2 C^{2/3}} = \left(\frac{F}{1-s} \right)^{1/2} \quad (\text{use numerical method})$$

$$S_{n+1} = (1-S_n)^{1/3}, S_1 = 0.5 \quad (A^* T, S_1)$$