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Introduction

- **Fluid kinematics:**
 - From geometrical viewpoint to describe fluid motion
 - Fluid field, velocity, acceleration, pathline, streamlines
 - Continuity equation – conservation of mass
- **Fluid dynamics:**
 - Based on Newton’s second law
 - Euler’s equation
 - Bernoulli’s equation
 - Navier-Stokes equation

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Descriptions of fluid motion

- Fluid field:
 - Continuum that consists of infinite number of fluid particles
 - Fluid motion concerns with the motion of fluid particles in the whole fluid field
- Lagrangian description:
 - Focuses on describing the motion of each single particle

Coordinates:
$$\begin{cases} x = x(a,b,c;t) \\ y = y(a,b,c;t) \\ z = z(a,b,c;t) \end{cases}$$

- (a,b,c) are the initial coordinates of a specific fluid particle
- For a specific fluid particle, its position (x,y,z) is a function of only t

Velocity:
$$u_x = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}, u_y = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}, u_z = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$

Acceleration:
$$a_x = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t}, a_y = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t}, a_z = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t}$$

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Descriptions of fluid motion

- Eulerian description:
 - Focuses on fluid flow at a general point (x,y,z) in the fluid field
 - Does not care much about which fluid particles cause the motion at the point in the fluid field
 - The velocity, acceleration, pressure and density fields are functions of four variables (x,y,z,t)

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t) \qquad p = p(x, y, z, t)$$
$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}(x, y, z, t) \qquad \rho = \rho(x, y, z, t)$$

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Acceleration of fluid particles using Eulerian description

- Velocity of fluid field is a function of four variables (x,y,z,t)

$$\mathbf{u} = u_x(x, y, z, t)\mathbf{i} + u_y(x, y, z, t)\mathbf{j} + u_z(x, y, z, t)\mathbf{k}$$

Velocity field of a fluid:

 - At a specific time, velocity changes with respect to space coordinates
 - At a specific position, velocity changes with respect to time
- Fluid particle velocity is a function of four variables (x,y,z,t), and (x,y,z) are functions of t, then the acceleration of fluid particle is

$$a_x = \frac{du_x(x(t), y(t), z(t), t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$$
$$= \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}$$
$$a_y = \frac{du_y}{dt} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z}$$
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$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$$
$$a_i = u_{i,j} + u_j u_{i,j}$$

where

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla = u_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

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Acceleration of fluid particles using Eulerian description

- Acceleration of fluid particles consists of two parts:

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$$

$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t}$ local acceleration, time-induced particle velocity changing ratio at a specific point

$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}$ convective acceleration, location-induced particle velocity changing ratio

particle acceleration = local acceleration + convective acceleration

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

material derivative

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{ local derivative} \qquad (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \text{ convective derivative}$$

particle derivative = local derivative + convective derivative

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Example

- Calculate the acceleration field of the following velocity field:

$u_x = 2x, u_y = -2y, u_z = 0$



$$a_x = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z}$$
$$= 0 + (2x) \times 2 + (-2y) \times 0 + 0 \times 0 = 4x$$

$$a_y = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z}$$
$$= 0 + (2x) \times 0 + (-2y) \times (-2) + 0 \times 0 = 4y$$

$$a_z = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} + u_z \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$$
$$= 0 + (2x) \times 0 + (-2y) \times 0 + 0 \times 0 = 0$$

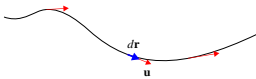


$\mathbf{a} = 4x\mathbf{i} + 4y\mathbf{j}$

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Fluid motion

- Path line:
 - The movement path of a fluid particle
 - Provides the history of the particle
 - Corresponding to Lagrangian approach
- Streamline:
 - A line in a flow to which all velocity vectors are tangent at a given time
 - Imaginary curve
 - Corresponding to Eulerian approach



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Streamline

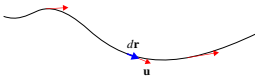
$d\mathbf{r} = dx\mathbf{i} + dy\mathbf{j} + dz\mathbf{k}$

$$d\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{u} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ dx & dy & dz \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} u_x dx - u_z dy = 0 \\ u_y dy - u_z dz = 0 \\ u_x dx - u_y dz = 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\frac{dx}{u_x(x,y,z,t)} = \frac{dy}{u_y(x,y,z,t)} = \frac{dz}{u_z(x,y,z,t)}$$

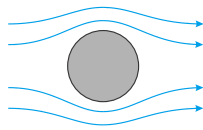
Differential equation of streamline



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Streamline

- Streamline is about a specific time
- Path line is about a specific particle
- Streamline and path line are not necessarily overlapping
- Generally, streamlines will not intersect



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Example

- Determine the streamlines of the following velocity field:

$$u_x = -\frac{ay}{x^2 + y^2}, u_y = \frac{ax}{x^2 + y^2}, u_z = 0, a > 0$$



$$\frac{dx}{u_x} = \frac{dy}{u_y} \quad \frac{dx}{-ay} = \frac{dy}{ax}$$

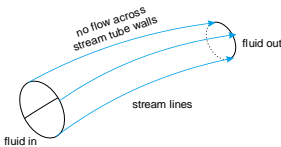
$$xdx + ydy = 0$$

Integrate WRT x & y $x^2 + y^2 = C$

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Stream tube

- By taking a given closed curve in a flow and drawing the streamlines passing all points on the curve, a tube can be formulated. This tube is called a stream tube
- Since fluid velocities are always parallel to the streamlines, fluid cannot flow in and out through the sides of stream tube



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Flow rate

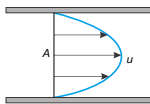
- The amount of fluid that flows through a specific surface during a unit time span

$$Q = \int_A u dA \quad \text{A is the surface that is perpendicular to all streamlines, effective cross-section}$$

generally,

$$Q = \int_A u_n dA = \int_A (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dA = \int_A u \cos(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{n}) dA$$

\mathbf{n} is the outer normal of the surface



Average velocity

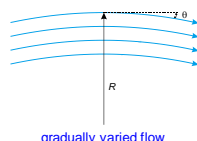
$$\bar{u} = \frac{Q}{A}$$

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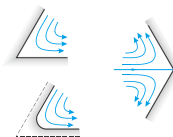
Gradually varied flow & rapidly varied flow

- Gradually varied flow:**

- θ is very small, or R is very large
- The effective cross-section is nearly planar
- The pressure distribution on the effective cross-section approximately follows that in fluid statics



gradually varied flow



rapidly varied flow

$$z_1 + \frac{p_1}{\rho g} \approx z_2 + \frac{p_2}{\rho g}$$

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Incompressible and compressible flows

- Incompressible flow:**

- The density of a fluid particle as it moves along is assumed to be constant

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = 0, \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} = 0, \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} = 0$$

- Liquid flows are assumed to be incompressible in most situations
- Examples of incompressible airflows: air flow in conduits, around automobiles and small aircraft, and the takeoff and landing of commercial aircraft

- The Mach number M_a is used to determine if an air flow is compressible

$$M_a = \frac{u}{c} \quad u \text{ is the characteristic velocity and } c \text{ is the speed of sound}$$

If $M_a < 0.3$, we often assume the air flow to be incompressible

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Steady flow and unsteady flow

- **Steady flow:**

- A flow whose flow state expressed by velocity, pressure, density, etc., at any position, does not change with time

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$$

- **Unsteady flow:**

- A flow whose flow state changes with time
- Very slow unsteady flow can be approximated as steady flow

Steady flow can significantly reduce the complexity of differential equations of fluid flow

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One-, two- and three-dimensional flow

- **One-dimensional flow:**

- All flow parameters depends on coordinates x and t

$$u = u(x, t)$$

- Flow in a tube in terms of average velocity
- Flow along streamlines

- **Two-dimensional flow:**

- All flow parameters depends on coordinates x , y and t

$$u = u(x, y, t)$$

- Flow between two parallel plates, if the flow states are the same on all planes parallel to the vertical cross-cut plane

- **Three-dimensional flow:**

- All flow parameters depends on coordinates x , y , z and t

$$u = u(x, y, z, t)$$

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Gravitational and non-gravitational flow

- **Gravitational flow:**

- If the gravity is considered in the fluid
- Fluid flow with low velocity in which gravity is the main effect

- **Non-gravitational flow:**

- Flow of gas, the gravity can be neglected

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Viscous and inviscid flow

- **Viscous flow:**
 - All fluids have viscosity and if the viscous effects cannot be neglected, it is a viscous flow
 - If velocity is very small, the viscosity-induced shear stress could be neglected, then the flow can be treated as **inviscid flow**
- **Inviscid flow (Ideal flow)**
 - No viscous force

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Spinning and non-spinning flow

- **Spinning flow:**
 - The fluid particles in the fluid field have spinning motion
 - i.e. $\omega \neq 0$
- $$\omega(x,y,z,t) = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ u_x & u_y & u_z \end{vmatrix} = \omega_x \mathbf{i} + \omega_y \mathbf{j} + \omega_z \mathbf{k} \quad \text{where}$$
$$\omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right)$$
$$\omega_y = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x} \right)$$
$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\Omega(x,y,z,t) = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = 2\omega \quad \text{vorticity}$$



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Example

- Determine if the following velocity field gives a spinning flow:

$$u_x = -\frac{ay}{x^2 + y^2}, u_y = \frac{ax}{x^2 + y^2}, u_z = 0, a > 0$$

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Streamline

$$\frac{dx}{u_x} = \frac{dy}{u_y} \rightarrow xdx + ydy = 0 \rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = C$$

Angular velocity

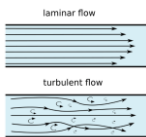
$$\omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$
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$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{a}{2} \left(\frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} - \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right) = 0$$

Although the fluid flows around a circle, it is not a spinning flow

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Laminar and turbulent flows

- A **viscous flow** is either a laminar flow or a turbulent flow
- **Turbulent flow:**
 - Mixing of fluid particles so that the motion of a given particle is random and highly irregular
 - Statistical averages are used to specify the velocity, the pressure, and other quantities
- **Laminar flow:**
 - There is negligible mixing of fluid particles
 - The motion is smooth and noiseless



turbulent flow

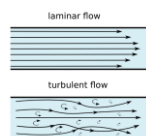
laminar flow

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Laminar and turbulent flows

- Reynolds number:

$$Re = \frac{\rho u d}{\mu} = \frac{u d}{\nu}$$



turbulent flow

laminar flow

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Subsonic, transonic and supersonic flow

- Mach number is a measure of the relative speed

$$M_a = \frac{u}{c} \quad u \text{ is the characteristic velocity and } c \text{ is the speed of sound}$$

- $M_a < 1$: subsonic flow
- $M_a \approx 1$: transonic flow
- $1 < M_a \leq 5$: supersonic flow

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External and internal flow

- **External flow:**
 - Flow of a fluid over an object, such as in aerodynamics
- **Internal flow:**
 - Flow in pipe and channel, etc., where the fluid flows within a confining structure
 - Viscosity and the viscous shear stress with respect to the walls cannot be ignored

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Classification of fluid flow

Flow type		Based on
Compressible	Incompressible	Compressibility
Viscous	Inviscid	Viscosity
Unsteady	Steady	Time
Spinning	Non-spinning	Spinning & rotation
Turbulent	Laminar	Flow state
Gravitational	Non-gravitational	Gravity
3d, 2d, 1d		Dimension
Subsonic, transonic, supersonic		Velocity
External	Internal	Position

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