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Navier-Stokes equation, in [fluid mechanics](#), a [partial differential equation](#) that describes the flow of incompressible [fluids](#).

The equation is a generalization of the equation devised by Swiss mathematician [Leonhard Euler](#) in the 18th century to describe the flow of incompressible and frictionless fluids.

In 1821 French engineer [Claude-Louis Navier](#) introduced the element of [viscosity](#) (friction) for the more realistic and vastly more difficult problem of viscous fluids.

Throughout the middle of the 19th century, British physicist and mathematician [Sir George Gabriel Stokes](#) improved on this work, though complete solutions were obtained only for the case of simple two-dimensional flows.

The complex vortices and [turbulence](#), or [chaos](#), that occur in three-dimensional fluid (including [gas](#)) flows as velocities increase have proven intractable to any but approximate [numerical analysis](#) methods.



Part 1: Continuity Equation

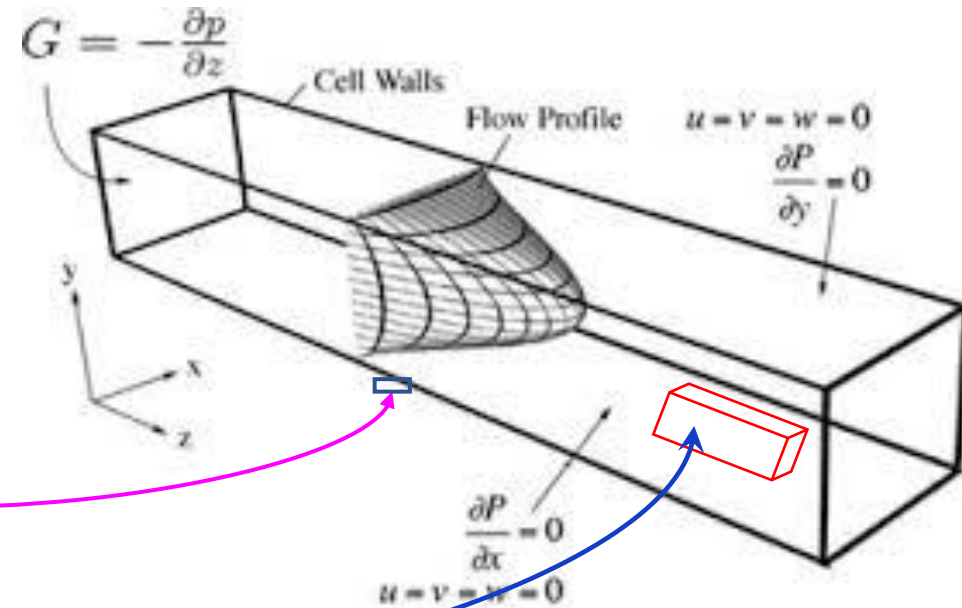
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Reflections

The **Navier-Stokes equation**, in fluid mechanics, a partial differential equation that describes the flow of incompressible fluids.

How can we get such differential equation?

- In order to do so, we need to imagine a flow of a liquid in a channel... 
- Then “take” a differential volume element and... 
- Make a mass balance on that differential element (CONTINUITY EQUATION) and
- Make a force balance on that differential element (MOMENTUM EQUATION)
- Apply the elements of the momentum equation appropriate for the system you have a channel, die, etc.
- Afterwards you use a Constitutive Equation to relate the Stresses to the Memory function data



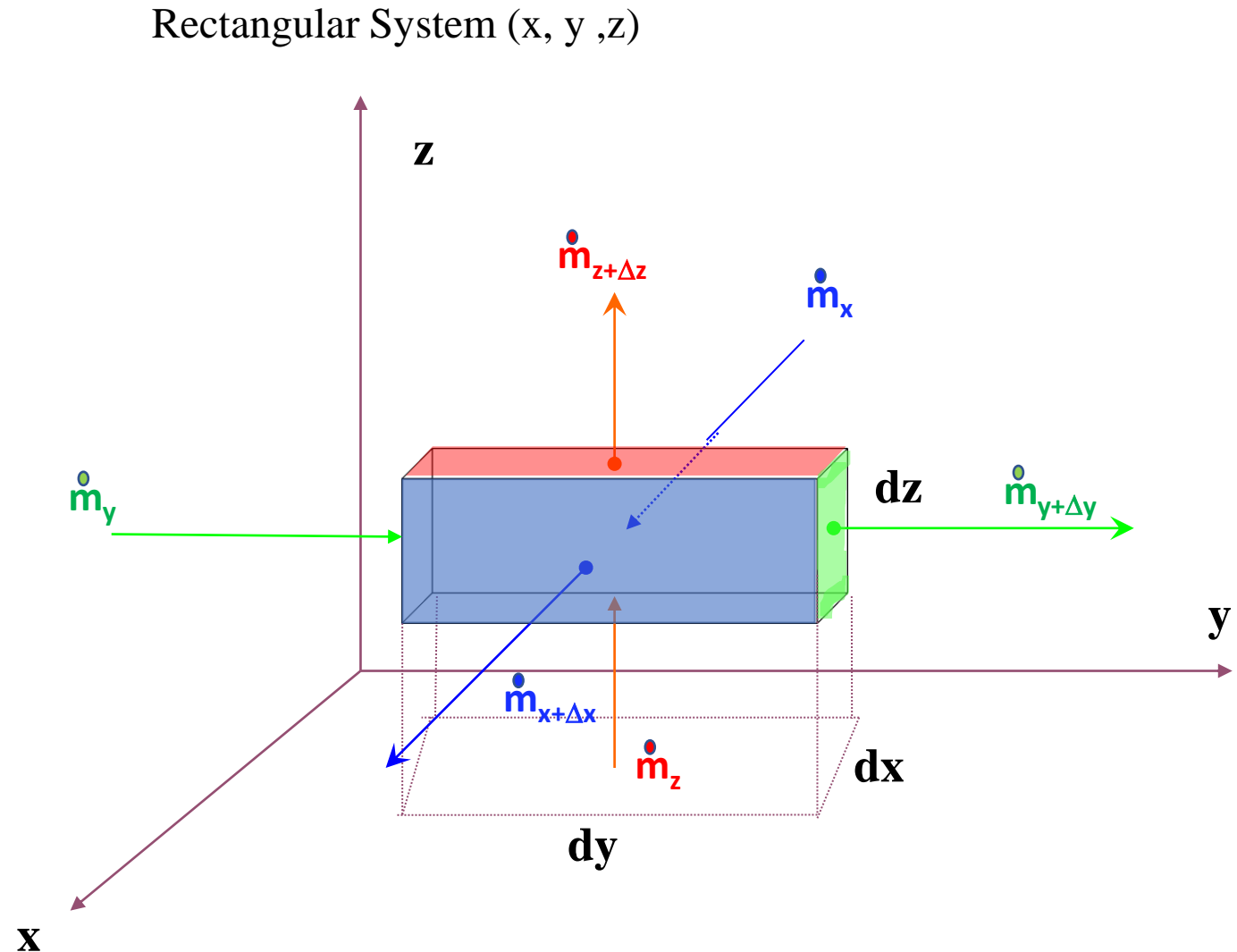
**Mass Balance
over differential element:**

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Input Rate} & & \text{Output Rate} & & \text{System's} \\ \text{to the} & - & \text{from the} & = & \text{Accumulation} \\ \text{System} & & \text{System} & & \end{array}$$

The differential element on cartesian coordinates

Imagine now that the material (mass) can enter and exit the volume through the faces of the element:

- The mass flowing (\dot{m}) in the x direction enters and leaves the element through a surface equal to $\Delta y \Delta z$.
- The mass flowing (\dot{m}) in the y direction enters and leaves the element through a surface equal to $\Delta x \Delta z$.
- The mass flowing (\dot{m}) in the z direction enters and leaves the element through a surface equal to $\Delta x \Delta y$.
- Now the mass flow rate (\dot{m}) can be expressed in terms of density and velocity flowing through a surface area:



Mass flux concept

The mass flow rate (kilograms/second) can be converted to something that is called **Mass Flux**, that is kilograms/(second meter²).

Such flux can be calculated as follows:

ρ is density	$\frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Vol}}$
v is velocity	$\frac{\text{meters}}{\text{second}}$

$$\rho \ v = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} \frac{\text{meters}}{\text{second}} = \frac{\text{Kilograms}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ s}}$$

The differential element on cartesian coordinates

Then the mass flux entering and leaving, in every direction can be expressed as:

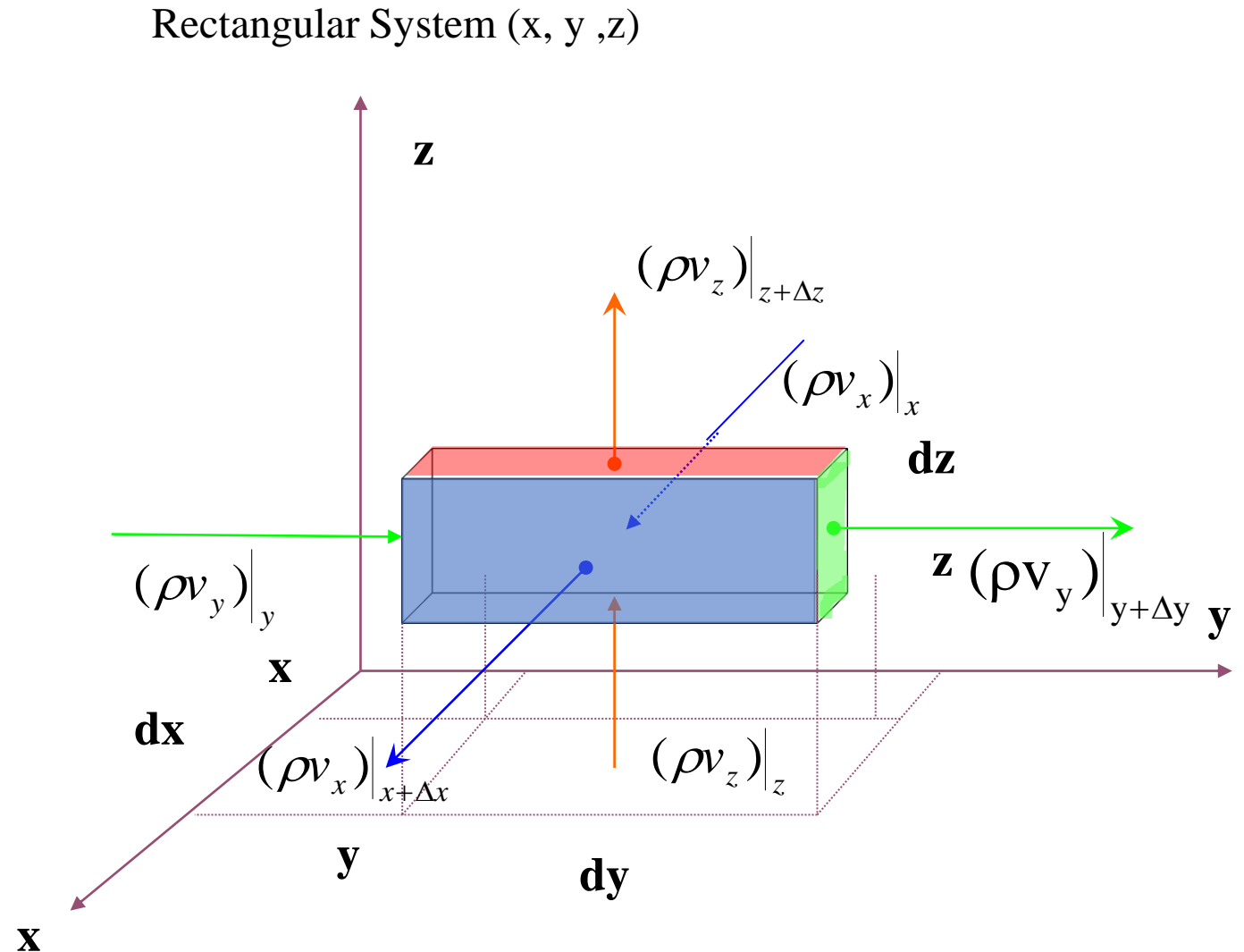
$$\rho v_x$$

$$\rho v_y$$

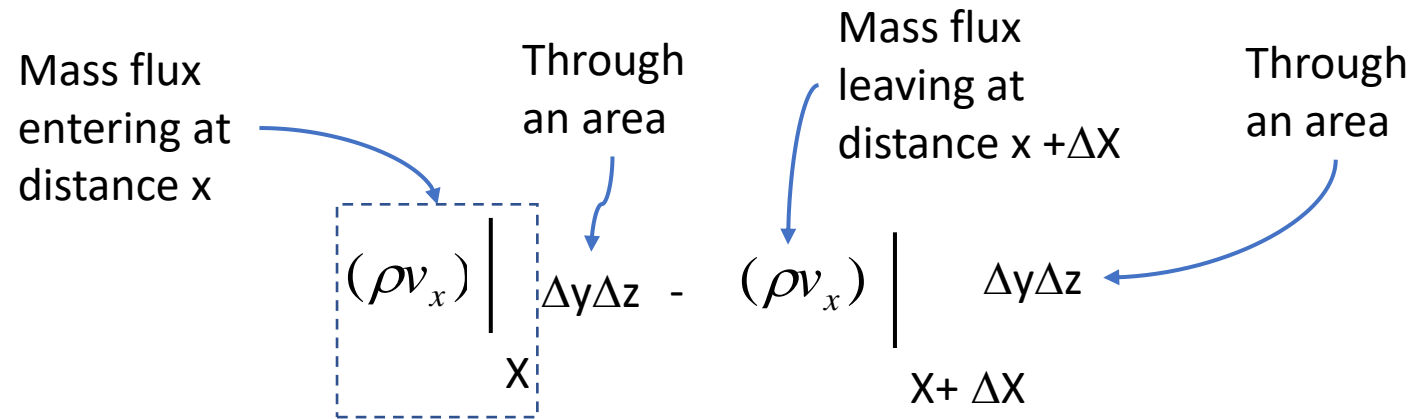
$$\rho v_z$$

And that (see the figure)

- the mass flux at x enters and leaves at $x + \Delta x$, through an area $\Delta y \Delta z$
- the mass flux at y enters and leaves at $y + \Delta y$, through an area $\Delta x \Delta z$
- the mass flux at z enters and leaves at $z + \Delta z$, through an area $\Delta y \Delta x$



If we perform a balance in x direction:



Since the area is the same:

$$\left[(\rho v_x)|_x - (\rho v_x)|_{x+\Delta x} \right] \Delta y \Delta z$$

Then we can do a mass balance on the differential volume element: $\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$

Mass balance

i means entering (inn)

O means leaving (out)

Where the accumulation
of mass in the element
volume is dM/dt

$$\begin{aligned} & (\dot{m}_{ix} + \dot{m}_{iy} + \dot{m}_{iz}) - \\ & (\dot{m}_{ox} + \dot{m}_{oy} + \dot{m}_{oz}) = \\ & = dM_{\text{syst}} / dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta y \Delta z \left[(\rho v_x)|_x - (\rho v_x)|_{x+\Delta x} \right] + \Delta x \Delta z \left[(\rho v_y)|_y - (\rho v_y)|_{y+\Delta y} \right] + \\ & \Delta x \Delta y \left[(\rho v_z)|_z - (\rho v_z)|_{z+\Delta z} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z) \end{aligned}$$

The Continuity Equation in Rectangular System

By dividing this entire equation by $(\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z)$, and taking the limits these dimensions approach zero, we get:

Assuming that $dV = dx dy dz \neq f(x, y, z, t)$.

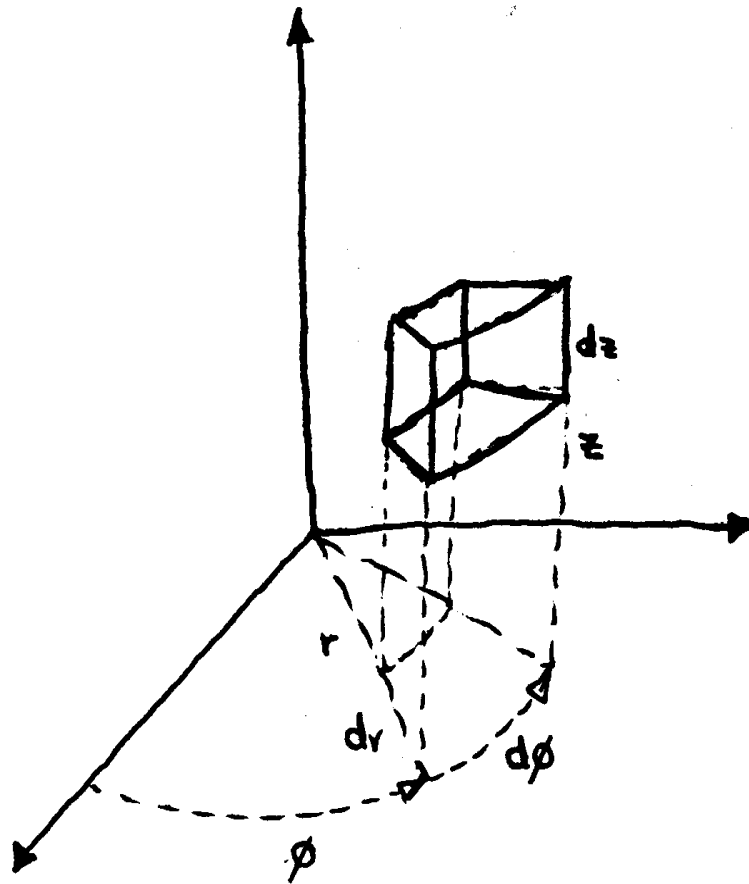
$$-\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho_x v_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho_y v_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho_z v_z) \right] = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$-(\bar{\nabla} \bullet \rho \bar{v}) = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

where $\bar{\nabla} \equiv \text{Nabla Operator} \equiv \frac{\partial \hat{i}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \hat{j}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \hat{k}}{\partial z}$

Continuity Equation (Mass Conservation)

Cilindric System (r, ϕ, z)



Mass Balance
over diferencial element:

Input Rate to the System - Output Rate from the System = System's Accumulation

$$A_{in\ r} = \iint rd\phi dz \quad A_{out\ r} = \iint rd\phi dz$$

$$A_{in\ \phi} = \iint dr dz \quad A_{out\ \phi} = \iint dr dz$$

$$A_{in\ z} = \iint rd\phi dr \quad A_{out\ z} = \iint rd\phi dr$$

$$V = \iiint rd\phi dr dz$$

$$(\dot{m}_{ir} + \dot{m}_{i\phi} + \dot{m}_{iz}) - (\dot{m}_{or} + \dot{m}_{o\phi} + \dot{m}_{oz}) = dM_{sys} / dt$$

Similarly, and if $dV = r dr d\phi dz \neq f(r, \phi, z, t)$

$$-\left[\frac{\partial}{r \partial r} (\rho_r v_r r) + \frac{\partial}{r \partial \phi} (\rho_\phi v_\phi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho_z v_z) \right] = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$-(\bar{\nabla} \bullet \rho \bar{v}) = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

*The Continuity Equation
in Cylindrical System*

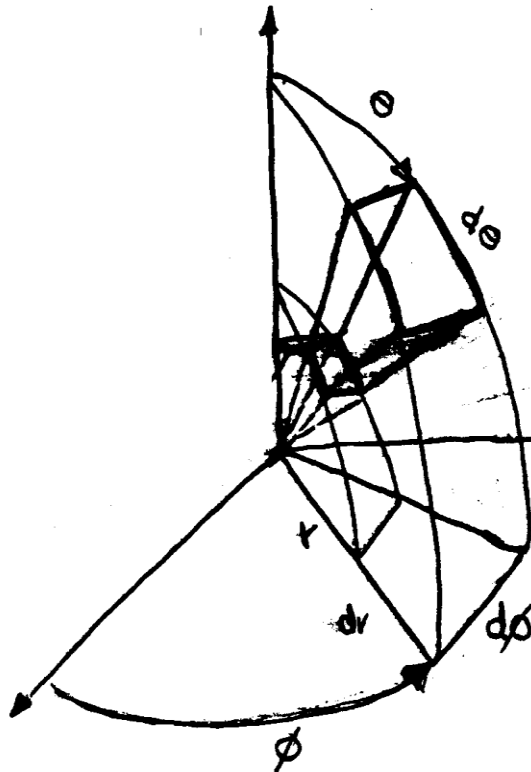
$$\text{where } \bar{\nabla} \equiv \text{Nabla Operator} \equiv \frac{\partial \hat{i}}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \hat{j}}{r \partial \phi} + \frac{\partial \hat{k}}{\partial z}$$

Continuity Equation (Mass Conservation)

Spheric System (r, ϕ, θ)

Mass Balance
over diferencial element:

Input Rate to the System - Output Rate from the System = System's Accumulation



$$A_{in\ r} = \iint r d\theta r \sin\theta d\phi$$

$$A_{out\ r} = \iint r d\theta r \sin\theta d\phi$$

$$A_{in\ \phi} = \iint r d\theta dr$$

$$A_{out\ \phi} = \iint r d\theta dr$$

$$A_{in\ \theta} = \iint r \sin\theta d\phi dr$$

$$A_{out\ \theta} = \iint r \sin\theta d\phi dr$$

$$V = \iiint r^2 \sin\theta d\phi dr d\theta$$

$$(\dot{m}_{ir} + \dot{m}_{i\phi} + \dot{m}_{i\theta}) - (\dot{m}_{or} + \dot{m}_{o\phi} + \dot{m}_{o\theta}) = dM_{\text{sys}} / dt$$

Similarly and if $dV = r^2 \sin\theta dr d\phi d\theta \neq f(r, \phi, \theta, t)$

$$-\left[\left(\frac{\partial}{r^2 \partial r} (r^2 \rho_r v_r) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{r \sin\theta \partial \phi} (\rho_\phi v_\phi) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{r \sin\theta \partial \theta} (\rho_\theta v_\theta \sin\theta) \right) \right] = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

$$-(\bar{\nabla} \bullet \rho \bar{v}) = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

*The Continuity Equation
in Spherical System*

where $\nabla \equiv \text{Nabla Operator} \equiv \frac{\partial \hat{i}}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \hat{j}}{r \sin\theta \partial \phi} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \hat{k}}{\partial \theta}$