

# Acoustic Wave Equation

## Properties of a Vibrating Fluid

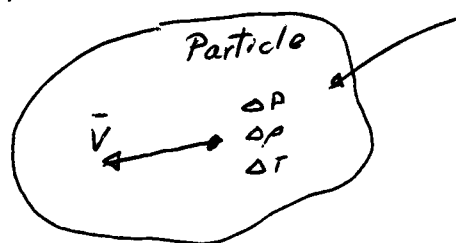
### Assumption / conditions

- Restoring force is due to pressure alone
- constant amplitude (no decay)
- Fluid is homogenous
- Fluid is isotropic
- stationary
- inviscid
- small perturbations

- 1) General Fluid properties
- 2) continuity equations
- 3) Eulers equation
- 4) Linearize
- 5) ~~AWE~~ <sup>WAVE</sup> - Acoustic Momentum Equation  
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## 1 - General Fluid Properties

speed of  
Propagation



$P_0$  Pressure

$\rho_0$  Density

$T_0$  Temperature

$$\Delta P \ll P_0 \quad \Delta \rho \ll \rho_0 \quad \Delta T \ll T_0$$

~~CONDENSATION~~  
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$$S \equiv \frac{P - P_0}{P_0} \quad (P = P_0 + \Delta P)$$

or  $S \ll 1$

$P_0$  = ambient density  
(density in absence of acoustic wave)

PERFECT GAS. ADIABATIC PROCESS (no heat transfer)

$$\frac{P}{P_0} \equiv \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma$$

$\gamma$  = ratio of specific heat

$\gamma = 1.4$  in Air at 1 bar and  $20^\circ\text{C}$

$$\frac{P_0 + \Delta P}{P_0} = \left( \frac{\rho_0 + \Delta \rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma$$

$$1 + \frac{\Delta P}{P_0} = \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma$$

$$1 + \frac{\Delta P}{P_0} = (1 + S)^\gamma$$

TAYLOR EXPANSION

$$(1+x)^m = 1 + mx + \frac{m^2 x^2}{2!} + \dots \quad \text{if } x \ll 1$$

$$P = P_0 + \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right)_P (\rho - \rho_0) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \rho^2} \right)_P (\rho - \rho_0)^2 + \dots$$

$$1 + \frac{\Delta P}{P_0} = 1 + \gamma S$$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{P_0} = \gamma S$$

Define  $B = \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right)_P$  (adiabatic modulus =  $P_0 \gamma$ )  
i.e. changes in thermal energy are negligible

$$\boxed{\Delta P = B S}$$

Condensation is a dimensionless quant.  $\epsilon$

& in most acoustical problems much less than 1

= ~~relative~~ change of densit, from its initial ~~state~~  
value  $\rho_0$  with the acoustic field absent.

## 2) Continuity Equation

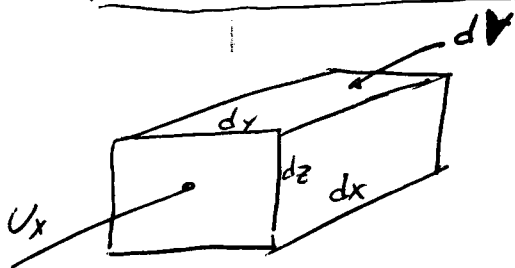
1<sup>st</sup> Law of the conservation of mass

(wave eqn in 3-D)

- 1) We cannot create or destroy matter
- 2) Matter that goes into a box and does not come out must still be there

X-Direction

3) Matter that is in a sealed box must always be there



Mass Flow Rate in =

$$\rho U_x dy dz$$

Mass Flow Rate out =

$$\left( \rho U_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho U_x) dx \right) dy dz$$

$\downarrow$  change

Newton's 2nd Law of motion - The force necessary

To move matter must be equal to the rate of change of its momentum

3rd Law - existence of an equation of state (a thermodynamic relation between sets of variables such as pressure & density)

Net Change = IN - OUT

in (X-DIR)

$$X = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho U_x) dx dy dz$$

$$Y = - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho U_y) dx dy dz$$

$$Z = - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho U_z) dx dy dz$$

$$(dV = dx dy dz)$$

Net Mass Flow Rate in all directions

$$\left[ - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho U_x) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho U_y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho U_z) \right] dV$$

$$= - \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{U}) dV$$

(= any change caused by a change in  $\rho$ )

$$- \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{U}) dV = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV$$

$\nabla = \text{div}$

So since the net influx must equal the rate of increase we obtain

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{U}) = 0}$$

continuity equation

$\rho$  = density

$\vec{U}$  = particle velocity

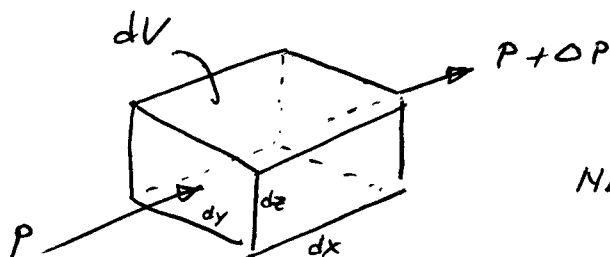
~~$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \bar{u}) dV$$~~

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV}_{\text{mass change per unit time}} + \underbrace{\nabla(\rho \bar{u}) dV}_{\text{Flow in/out per unit time}} = 0$$

mass change  
per unit time

Flow in/out  
per unit time

### 3 - Euler's Equation



NET FORCE (x-Dir)

$$F_x = -(P + \Delta P) dy dz + P dy dz$$

$$= -\Delta P dy dz$$

$$= -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx dy dz$$

$$= -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dV$$

$$\text{Total Force } \bar{F} = \left( -\hat{i} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \hat{j} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \hat{k} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \right) dV$$

$$\bar{F} = -\nabla P dV$$

use "F=ma"

$$-\nabla P dV = \rho dV \bar{a}$$

$\bar{a}$  can be written  
more succinctly

$$\bar{a} \equiv \frac{d\bar{u}}{dt} + (\bar{u} \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} = \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + U_x \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + U_y \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + U_z \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z}$$

Euler's  
Equation

$$\boxed{-\nabla P = \rho \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + (\bar{u} \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} \right)}$$

since mass  $dm$  of the element  
is  $\rho dV$ , substitution into  $d\bar{F} = a dm$   
gives

these are all  
"u" not  $\bar{u}$

4 Linearize

1)  $\Delta P = B s$

2)  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{u})$

3)  $\rho = \rho_0 (1 + s)$

4)  $-\nabla P = \rho \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + (\bar{u} \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} \right)$

Substitute 3 into 2

$$\frac{\partial (\rho_0 + \rho_0 s)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 \bar{u} + \rho_0 s \bar{u})$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = \rho_0 (-\nabla \cdot \bar{u} - \nabla \cdot (s \bar{u}))$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \bar{u}}$$

linearized continuity equation

ASSUMPTION

$$(\bar{u} \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} \ll \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}$$

changes in space  $\ll$  changes in time (small vibrations)

so (4) becomes:

$$-\nabla P = \rho \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}$$

$$-\nabla P = \rho_0 \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \rho_0 s \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}$$

$$\boxed{-\nabla P = \rho_0 \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t}}$$

Acoustic Momentum Equation

CONSIDER

$$\Delta P = P - P_0$$

$$\nabla(\Delta P) = \nabla P - \cancel{\nabla P_0}^0 \quad (P_0 \text{ is constant})$$

$$\boxed{\nabla(\Delta P) = \nabla P}$$

Simplified  
Euler's eqn

$$\frac{\partial(\Delta P)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial(P_0)}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\Delta P)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$$

Next Rearrange eqn 1

$$S = \frac{\Delta P}{B}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\frac{\Delta P}{B})}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\frac{1}{B} \left( \frac{\partial(\Delta P)}{\partial t} \right) = -\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\frac{1}{B} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\frac{d(a)}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{B} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \vec{u})$$

$$\nabla(4) \Rightarrow -\nabla^2 P = -\rho_0 \nabla \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\vec{u})$$

$$-\frac{\nabla^2 P}{\rho_0} = -\frac{1}{B} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{B} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\nabla^2 P}{\rho_0} = 0$$

{ this is the Linearized, lossless  
wave equation for the propagation  
of sound in fluids

Define  $c = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho_0}}$   
c = speed of sound

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 P - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} = 0}$$

Acoustic Wave  
Equation

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this is the relation between pressure and speed of sound as a function of space and time

This equation can be written as

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$$P = \rho_0 c^2 s$$

because  $P$  and  $s$  are proportional, the condensation satisfies the wave equation.

since the density  $\rho$  and the condensation are linearly related, the instantaneous density also satisfies the wave equation.

since the curl of the gradient of a function must vanish  $\nabla \times \nabla \Phi = 0$ .

from  $\rho_0 \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} = -\nabla P$ , the particle velocity must be irrotational  $\nabla \times \vec{u} = 0$

$\therefore$  can be expressed as the gradient of a scalar function  $\Phi$

$$\vec{u} = \nabla \Phi$$

$\Phi$  = velocity potential

meaning of this result is that the acoustical excitation of an inviscid fluid involves no rotation (there are no effects such as boundary layers, shear waves or turbulence)

substituting:  $\rho_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \Phi = -\nabla P$

or  $\nabla \left( \rho_0 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + P \right) = 0$

if no acoustic excitation

$$P = -\rho_0 \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t}$$

integrating with respect to time will show that  $\Phi$  also satisfies the wave eqn.



The wave equation for condensation fluctuations is:

$$\nabla^2 s = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial t^2} \quad \left( \text{Acoustic wave eqn for condensation} \right)$$

Acoustic wave eqn for pressure fluctuations

$$\nabla^2 p = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2}$$

Acoustic wave eqn for velocity fluctuation,

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad u = \text{particle velocity}$$