



# Computational Fluid Dynamics

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## The Equations Governing Fluid Motion



Derivation of the equations governing fluid flow in integral form

- Conservation of Mass
- Conservation of Momentum
- Conservation of Energy

Differential form

Summary

Incompressible flows

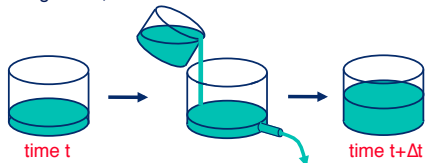
Inviscid compressible flows



## Conservation of Mass



In general, mass can be added or removed:




The conservation law must be stated as:

$$\text{Final Mass} = \text{Original Mass} + \text{Mass Added} - \text{Mass Removed}$$



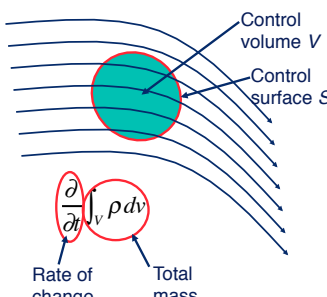
$$\text{Rate of increase of mass} = \text{Net influx of mass}$$

We now apply this statement to an arbitrary control volume in an arbitrary flow field




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 Conservation of Mass

The rate of change of total mass in the control volume is given by:

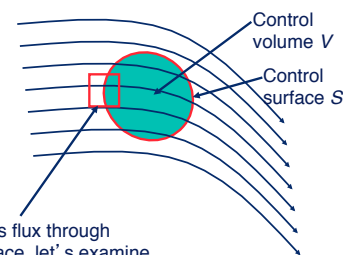


$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho dv$   
 Rate of change


$\int_V \rho dv$   
 Total mass



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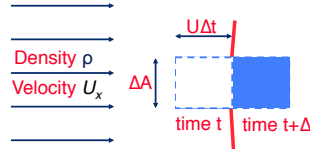


To find the mass flux through the control surface, let's examine a small part of the surface where the velocity is normal to the surface



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 Conservation of Mass


Select a small rectangle outside the boundary such that during time  $\Delta t$  it flows into the CV:



Mass flow through the boundary  $\Delta A$  during  $\Delta t$  is:

$$\rho U_x \Delta t \Delta A$$

where  $U_x = -\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$




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The sign of the normal component of the velocity determines whether the fluid flows in or out of the control volume. We will take the outflow to be positive:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} < 0 \quad \text{Inflow}$$


The net in-flow through the boundary of the control volume is therefore:

Negative since this is net inflow



Integral over the boundary


Mass flow normal to boundary



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Conservation of Mass Equation in Integral Form

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho dv}_{\text{Rate of change of mass}} = - \underbrace{\oint_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds}_{\text{Net inflow of mass}}$$



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# Conservation of momentum




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 Conservation of momentum

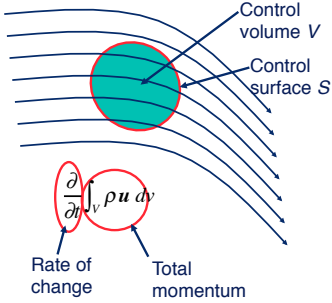
Momentum per volume:  $\rho u$

Momentum in control volume:  $\int_V \rho u \, dv$

Rate of increase of momentum = Net influx of momentum + Body forces + Surface forces




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 Rate of change of momentum



The rate of change of momentum in the control volume is given by:

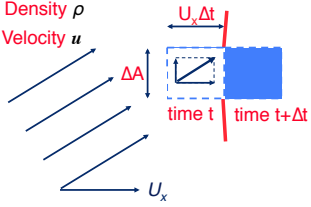
Rate of change:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho u \, dv$

Total momentum:  $\int_V \rho u \, dv$



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 In/out flow of momentum

Select a small rectangle outside the boundary such that during time  $\Delta t$  it flows into the CV:




Density  $\rho$   
Velocity  $u$

Momentum flow through the boundary  $\Delta A$  during  $\Delta t$  is:

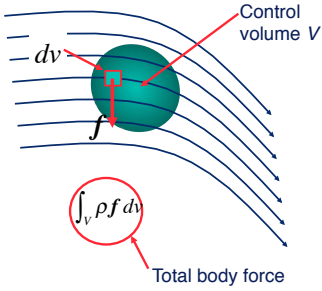
$(\rho u) U_x \Delta t \Delta A$

$U_x = -u \cdot n$  so the net influx of momentum per unit time (divided by  $\Delta t$ ) is:

$-\oint \rho u u \cdot n \, ds$




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 Body force

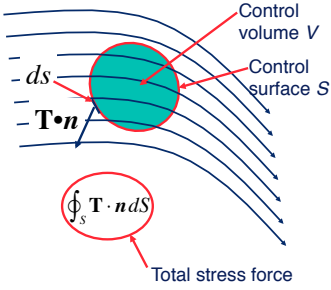


Body forces, such as gravity act on the fluid in the control volume.

Total body force:  $\int_V \rho f \, dv$




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 Viscous force



The viscous force is given by the dot product of the normal with the stress tensor  $T$

Total stress force:  $\oint_S T \cdot n \, ds$



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 Viscous flux of momentum

Stress Tensor

$T = (-p + \lambda \nabla \cdot u) I + 2\mu D$

Deformation Tensor


$D = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$

Whose components are:

$D_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$

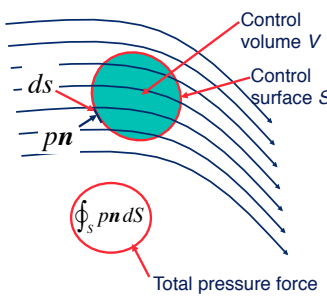
For incompressible flows  $\nabla \cdot u = 0$

And the stress tensor is  $T = -pI + 2\mu D$




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 Pressure force

The pressure produces a normal force on the control surface. The total force is:



Control volume  $V$   
Control surface  $S$   
 $ds$   
 $pn$   
 $\oint_S pn dS$   
Total pressure force



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 Conservation of Momentum


Gathering the terms

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho u dv = - \oint \rho u u \cdot n ds - \oint T n ds + \int \rho f dv$$

Substitute for the stress tensor  $T = -pI + 2\mu D$


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho u dv = - \underbrace{\oint \rho u u \cdot n ds}_{\text{Net inflow of momentum}} - \underbrace{\oint p n ds}_{\text{Total pressure}} + \underbrace{\oint 2\mu D \cdot n ds}_{\text{Total viscous force}} + \underbrace{\int \rho f dv}_{\text{Total body force}}$$

Rate of change of momentum



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# Conservation of energy



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 Conservation of energy

The energy equation in integral form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) dv = - \underbrace{\oint \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) u \cdot n ds}_{\text{Net inflow of kinetic+internal energy}} + \underbrace{\int_V u \cdot f dv}_{\text{Work done by body forces}} + \underbrace{\oint n \cdot (uT) ds}_{\text{Net work done by the stress tensor}} - \underbrace{\oint n \cdot q ds}_{\text{Net heat flow}}$$


Rate of change of kinetic+internal energy

Net inflow of kinetic+internal energy

Work done by body forces


Net work done by the stress tensor

Net heat flow



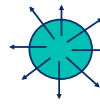
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# Differential Form of the Governing Equations



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 Differential form

The Divergence or Gauss Theorem can be used to convert surface integrals to volume integrals

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} dv = \oint_S \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds$$




## Computational Fluid Dynamics Differential form

Start with the integral form of the mass conservation equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho \, dv = - \oint_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds$$

Using Gauss' s theorem

$$\oint_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \, dv$$

The mass conservation equations becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho \, dv = - \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \, dv$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Differential form

Rearranging

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho \, dv + \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \, dv = 0$$

Since the control volume is fixed, the derivative can be moved under the integral sign

$$\int_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dv + \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \, dv = 0$$

Rearranging

$$\int_V \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \right) \, dv = 0$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Differential form

$$\int_V \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \right) \, dv = 0$$

This equation must hold for ANY control volume, no matter what shape and size. Therefore the integrand must be equal to zero

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



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Differential form

Expanding the divergence term:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

The mass conservation equation becomes:

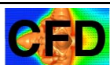
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

or

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

where

$$\frac{D()}{Dt} = \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla () \quad \text{Convective derivative}$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Differential form

The differential form of the momentum equation is derived in the same way:

Start with

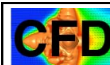
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho \mathbf{u} \, dv = \int \rho \mathbf{f} \, dv + \oint (\mathbf{nT} - \rho \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n})) \, ds$$

Rewrite as:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho \mathbf{u} \, dv = \int \rho \mathbf{f} \, dv + \int \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{T} - \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) \, dv$$

To get:

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \rho \mathbf{f} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{T} - \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u})$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Differential form

Using the mass conservation equation the advection part can be rewritten:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) &= \\ \mathbf{u} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} + \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} &= \\ \mathbf{u} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \right) + \rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} &= \rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} \end{aligned}$$

=0, by mass conservation



The momentum equation equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \rho \mathbf{f} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{T} - \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u})$$

Can therefore be rewritten as

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \rho \mathbf{f} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

where

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right)$$



The energy equation equation can be converted to a differential form in the same way. It is usually simplified by subtracting the “mechanical energy”



The “mechanical energy equation” is obtained by taking the dot product of the momentum equation and the velocity:

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \left( \rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = \rho \mathbf{f} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} \right)$$

The result is:

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{u^2}{2} \right) = -\rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \left( \frac{u^2}{2} \right) + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{f}_b + \mathbf{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{T})$$

The “mechanical energy equation”



Subtract the “mechanical energy equation” from the energy equation

The final result is

$$\rho \frac{De}{Dt} - \mathbf{T} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0$$

Using the constitutive relation presented earlier for the stress tensor and Fourier’s law for the heat conduction:

$$\mathbf{T} = (-p + \lambda \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \mathbf{D}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = -k \nabla T$$



The final result is

$$\rho \frac{De}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \Phi + \nabla \cdot k \nabla T$$

where

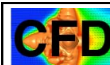
$$\Phi = \lambda (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})^2 + 2\mu \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{D}$$

is the dissipation function and is the rate at which work is converted into heat.

Generally we also need:

$$p = p(e, \rho); \quad T = T(e, \rho);$$

and equations for  $\mu$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $k$



# Summary of governing equations

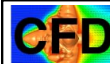


## Integral Form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V \rho dv = - \oint_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho \mathbf{u} dv = \int \rho \mathbf{f} dv + \oint (\mathbf{nT} - \rho \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n})) ds$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) dv = \int \mathbf{u} \cdot \rho \mathbf{f} dv + \oint \mathbf{n} \cdot \left( \mathbf{uT} - \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) - \mathbf{q} \right) ds$$



## Conservative Form

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

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = \rho \mathbf{f} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{T} - \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) = \nabla \cdot \left( \rho \left( e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{uT} + \mathbf{q} \right)$$

## Convective Form

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \rho \mathbf{f} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}$$

$$\rho \frac{De}{Dt} = \mathbf{T} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}$$



## Special Cases

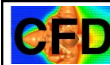
Compressible inviscid flows

Incompressible flows

Stokes flow

Potential flows

} Not in this course!



## Inviscid compressible flows



$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial z} = 0$$

Where we have taken  $\mathbf{T} = -p\mathbf{I}$ 

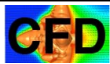
$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho w \\ \rho E \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ \rho uv \\ \rho uw \\ (\rho E + p)u \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{F} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho uv \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ \rho vw \\ (\rho E + p)v \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho w \\ \rho uw \\ \rho vw \\ \rho w^2 + p \\ (\rho E + p)w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p = \rho RT; \quad e = c_v T; \quad h = c_p T; \quad \gamma = c_p / c_v$$

$$c_v = \frac{R}{\gamma - 1}; \quad p = (\gamma - 1)\rho e; \quad T = \frac{(\gamma - 1)e}{R}; \quad \text{Assuming Ideal Gas}$$



## Incompressible flow



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Incompressible flows:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Navier-Stokes equations (conservation of momentum)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} - \nabla P + \rho \mathbf{f}_b + \nabla \cdot \mu (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^T \mathbf{u})$$

For constant viscosity

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla P + \rho \mathbf{f}_b + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Objectives:

The 2D Navier-Stokes Equations for incompressible, homogeneous flow:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics

Incompressibility (conservation of mass)

$$\oint_S \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds = 0$$

Navier-Stokes equations (conservation of momentum)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V u dV = -\oint_S u \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS + v \oint_S \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} dS - \frac{1}{\rho} \oint_S p n_x dS$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_V v dV = -\oint_S v \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS + v \oint_S \nabla v \cdot \mathbf{n} dS - \frac{1}{\rho} \oint_S p n_y dS$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Pressure and Advection

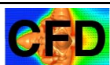
Advection:

Newton's law of motion: In the absence of forces, a fluid particle will move in a straight line

The role of pressure:

Needed to accelerate/decelerate a fluid particle:  
Easy to use if viscous forces are small

Needed to prevent accumulation/depletion of fluid particles: Use if there are strong viscous forces



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Pressure

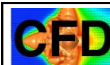
The pressure opposes local accumulation of fluid. For compressible flow, the pressure increases if the density increases. For incompressible flows, the pressure takes on whatever value necessary to prevent local accumulation:



High Pressure  
 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} < 0$

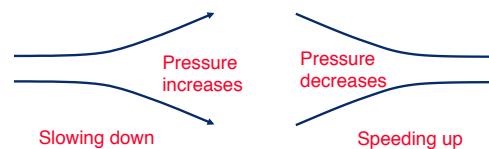


Low Pressure  
 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} > 0$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Pressure

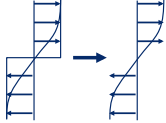
Increasing pressure slows the fluid down and decreasing pressure accelerates it





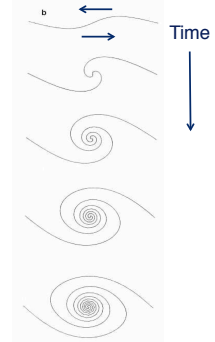


Diffusion of fluid momentum is the result of friction between fluid particles moving at uneven speed. The velocity of fluid particles initially moving with different velocities will gradually become the same. Due to friction, more and more of the fluid next to a solid wall will move with the wall velocity.



For all but the lowest Reynolds numbers, the fluid flow is unstable and unsteady, forming transient whorls and vortices that greatly increase the transfer of momentum over what viscosity alone can do.

The Kelvin Helmholtz instability of a slip line between flows in different directions is one of the fundamental ways in which steady flow becomes unstable.



## Nondimensional Numbers—the Reynolds number



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{u}, \tilde{v} = \frac{u, v}{U}; \quad \tilde{x}, \tilde{y} = \frac{x, y}{L}; \quad \tilde{t} = \frac{Ut}{L}$$

$$\frac{U^2}{L} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}} \right) = -\frac{1}{L\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{U}{L^2} \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = -\frac{L}{U^2} \frac{1}{L\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{L}{U^2} \frac{U}{L^2} \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} \right)$$



$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = -\frac{L}{U^2} \frac{1}{L\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{L}{U^2} \frac{U}{L^2} \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{L}{U^2} \frac{1}{L\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{x}} = \frac{1}{\rho U^2} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \tilde{x}} = \frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial \tilde{x}} \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{P} = \frac{P}{\rho U^2}$$

$$\frac{L}{U^2} \frac{U}{L^2} \frac{\mu}{\rho} = \frac{\mu}{UL\rho} = \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \quad \text{where} \quad \text{Re} = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu}$$



The momentum equations are:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{P}}{\partial \tilde{y}} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{y}^2} \right)$$

The continuity equation is unchanged

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial \tilde{x}} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial \tilde{y}} = 0$$



Derivation of the equations governing fluid flow in integral form

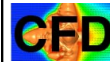
- Conservation of Mass
- Conservation of Momentum
- Conservation of Energy

Differential form

Summary

Incompressible flows

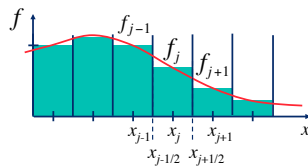
Inviscid compressible flows



## Integral versus differential form of the governing equations



When using FINITE VOLUME approximations, we work directly with the integral form of the conservation principles. The average values of  $f$  in a small volume are stored



To derive an equation that governs the evolution of the average value in each cell, consider:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$$

Integrating the equation over a small control volume of size  $h = \Delta x = x_{j+1/2} - x_{j-1/2}$

$$\int_{\Delta x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dx + \int_{\Delta x} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx = 0$$

yields:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Delta x} f dx + F_{j+1/2} - F_{j-1/2} = 0$$

The volume is fixed in space



or:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (hf_j) = F_{j-1/2} - F_{j+1/2}$$

where the average in each cell is defined by:

$$f_j = \frac{1}{h} \int_{\Delta x} f dx$$

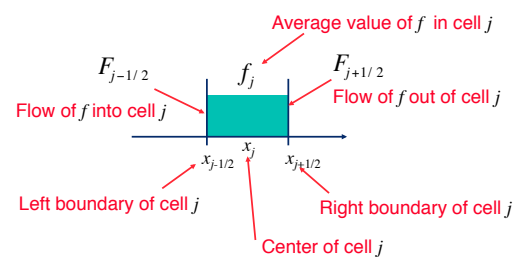
$F_{j-1/2}$  is the flow of  $f$  into cell  $j$

$F_{j+1/2}$  is the flow of  $f$  out of cell  $j$

$F$  is usually called the flux function



Notation:





## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

The exact form of  $F$  depends on the problem:

$$F = Uf \quad \text{Advection}$$

$$F = -D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad \text{Diffusion}$$

$$F = Uf - D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad \text{Advection/Diffusion}$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

The statement

$$\frac{d}{dt}(hf_j) = F_{j-1/2} - F_{j+1/2}$$

Is exactly the original conservation law

The rate of increase of the average value of  $f$  is equal to the inflow into the control volume minus the outflow from the control volume

Rate of increase in  $f$  = inflow of  $f$  - outflow of  $f$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

Example: advection/diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = D \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$

Rewrite:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$$

were

$$F = Uf - D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

Assume  
here that  $U$   
is a constant

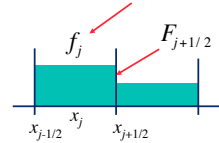


## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

For each cell

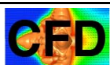
$$\frac{d}{dt}(hf_j) = F_{j-1/2} - F_{j+1/2}$$

Average value of  $f$  in cell  $j$

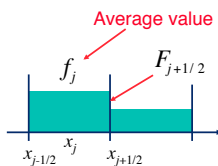


$$f_j = \frac{1}{h} \int_{\Delta x} f dx$$

$$F_{j+1/2} = Uf_{j+1/2} - D \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{j+1/2}$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations



Average value of  $f$  in cell  $j$

Need to find

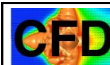
$$F_{j+1/2} = Uf_{j+1/2} - D \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{j+1/2}$$

Approximate:

$$f_{j+1/2} \approx \frac{1}{2}(f_{j+1} + f_j) \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{j+1/2} \approx \frac{f_{j+1} - f_j}{h}$$

$f$  at a cell boundary

gradient of  $f$  at a  
cell boundary



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

Approximate:

$$F_{j+1/2} = Uf_{j+1/2} - D \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{j+1/2} \approx \frac{1}{2} U(f_{j+1} + f_j) - D \left( \frac{f_{j+1} - f_j}{h} \right)$$

$$F_{j-1/2} = Uf_{j-1/2} - D \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{j-1/2} \approx \frac{1}{2} U(f_j + f_{j-1}) - D \left( \frac{f_j - f_{j-1}}{h} \right)$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dt} f_j \approx \frac{1}{\Delta t} (f_j^{n+1} - f_j^n) \quad \text{time derivative of } f$$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

Substituting:

$$\frac{h}{\Delta t} (f_j^{n+1} - f_j^n) =$$

$$-U \left( \frac{1}{2} (f_{j+1} + f_j) - \frac{1}{2} (f_j + f_{j-1}) \right) + D \left( \frac{f_{j+1} - f_j}{h} - \frac{f_j - f_{j-1}}{h} \right)$$

Or, rearranging the terms:

$$\frac{f_j^{n+1} - f_j^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{U}{2h} (f_{j+1} - f_{j-1}) = \frac{D}{h^2} (f_{j+1} - 2f_j + f_{j-1})$$

Which is exactly the same as the finite difference equation if we take the average value to be the same as the value in the center of the cell

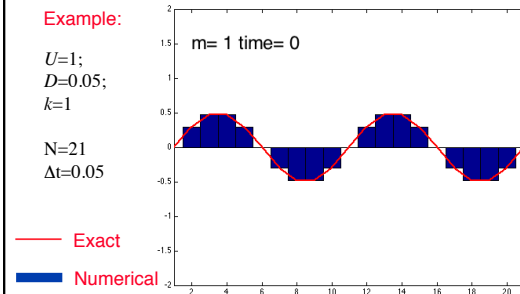


## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

Example:

$U=1$ ;  
 $D=0.05$ ;  
 $k=1$

$N=21$   
 $\Delta t=0.05$



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

The finite volume point of view has two main advantages over the finite difference point of view

1. Working directly with the conservation principle (no implicit assumption of smoothness and differentiability)
2. Easier visualization of how the solution is updated (the fluxes have a physical meaning)

Analysis of accuracy and stability is, however, usually easier using the finite difference point of view



## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

Most physical laws are based on CONSERVATION principles: In the absence of explicit sources or sinks,  $f$  is neither created nor destroyed.

For a control volume fixed in space, we can state the conservation of  $f$  as:

Amount of $f$ in a control volume after a given time interval $\Delta t$	=	Amount of $f$ in the control volume at the beginning of the time interval $\Delta t$	+	Amount of $f$ that flows into the control volume during $\Delta t$	-	Amount of $f$ that flows out of the control volume during $\Delta t$
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## Computational Fluid Dynamics Finite Volume Approximations

This can be restated in rate form as:

Rate of increase of $f$ in a control volume during a given time interval $\Delta t$	=	Net rate of flow of $f$ into the control volume during the time interval $\Delta t$
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The mathematical equivalent of this statement is:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{cv} f dv = - \oint_{cs} f \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds$$

While we can derive a partial differential expression from this equation, often it is better to work directly with the conservation principle in integral form