

The material derivative

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla$$

Conservation laws

Consider a property L that is measurable within a finite volume Ω with boundary $\partial\Omega$. The rate of change equals the amount that is created/consumed inside the volume or what flows in/out through the boundary. This can be expressed as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} L dV = - \int_{\partial\Omega} L \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA - \int_{\Omega} Q dV,$$

where \mathbf{n} is the normal vector to the boundary pointing outwards, \mathbf{v} is the fluid velocity and Q represents the sources or sinks inside the fluid. If we apply the divergence theorem, this becomes

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} L dV = - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (L \mathbf{v}) dV - \int_{\Omega} Q dV,$$

or simply

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (L \mathbf{v}) + Q \right) dV = 0.$$

But since the volume Ω is arbitrary chosen, the integrand must be zero

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (L \mathbf{v}) + Q = 0.$$

Conservation of momentum

By using $L = \rho \mathbf{v}$, we get the conservation given as

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

The Q term, the source or sink, is simply the body force, i.e. external forces that we denote by \mathbf{b} . The term with $\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}$ is a dyad, i.e. a second rank tensor. This then becomes

$$\mathbf{v} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \mathbf{v} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}.$$