

Lec 12

FLUID MECHANICS

What is a fluid?

Rigid body: A collection of particles in which the distances between particles remain fixed in time (neglect deformations and thermal motion)

Fluid: A continuous distribution of matter that can be deformed, ~~but~~ and cannot resist shear (tangential) stresses

Criterion:

If ℓ is the collisional mean free path and L the physical size of the system, then if

$$\ell \ll L$$

we can introduce the concept of a fluid, ~~different~~ in particular

We can introduce the concept of a fluid element with vol V whose linear size is much smaller than L , i.e.

$$V^{1/3} \ll L,$$

but $V^{1/3} \gg \ell$.

There are many particles in V , and we may effectively define a mean (bulk or fluid) velocity \vec{u} for the collection, with individual particle motions \vec{v} having a random component \vec{w} , above the mean i.e.

$$\vec{v} = \vec{u} + \vec{w}$$

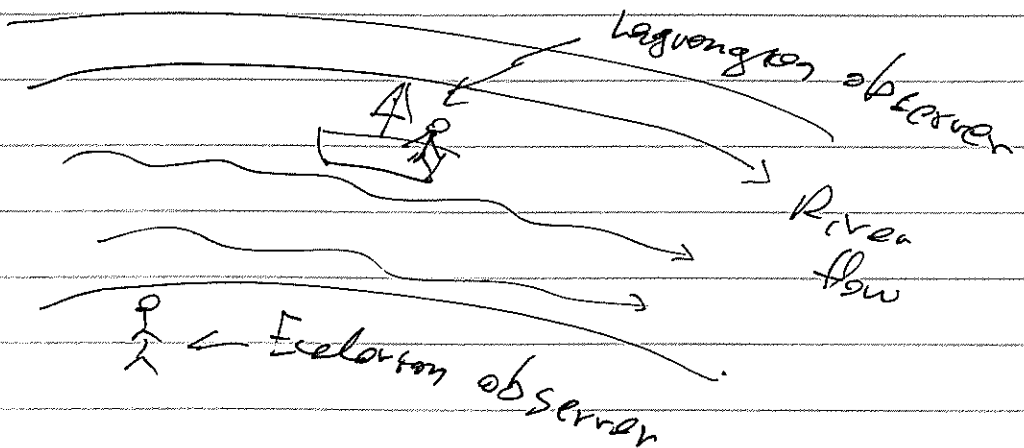
\vec{w} does not carry a particle away because of collisions, instead causes the particle to undergo random walk about the mean motion \vec{u} .

Eulerian & Lagrangian Reference frames

- With an Eulerian frame we study the time evolution of physical quantities at fixed points in space.
- With a Lagrangian frame we study the time evolution of physical quantities (e.g. density, temperature) as they vary along trajectories of individual fluid elements.

Eulerian: $Q = Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, t)$

Lagrangian: $Q = Q(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, t)$



Eulerian fixed coordinate system

$$Q = Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, t)$$

define Eulerian or local derivative as

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \equiv \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{x_i}$$

Lagrangian coord. system

$$Q = Q(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, t)$$

ξ_i are parameters labeling each volume fluid element continuously. For example, they may be the Eulerian coordinates of each vol. element at a given time. These coordinates would change in time as the medium flows/deforms. The Lagrangian derivative is defined as

$$\frac{DQ}{dt} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{\xi_i}$$

but each vol. fluid element has an eqn. of motion

of the form

$$x_i = x_i(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, t)$$

So, the Lagrangian derivative is

$$\frac{DQ}{Dt} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{\xi_i} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \Big|_{x_i} + \sum_i \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} \Big|_{\xi_i}$$

Eulerian derivative

(Where, $\frac{Dx^j}{Dt} = \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial t} \Big|_{\xi_i} = 0 + \sum_i \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial t} \Big|_{\xi_i} = \frac{\partial x^j}{\partial t} \Big|_{\xi_i}$)

Also $\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} = u_i$

Thus

$$\frac{DQ}{Dt} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \sum_i u_i \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_i} =$$

$$= \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} Q$$

directional derivative
relation between Eulerian and
Lagrangian derivatives for a
scalar quantity Q

What about acceleration?

$$\vec{a} = \frac{D\vec{u}}{dt}$$

or

$$a_i = \frac{Du_i}{dt} = \left. \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} \right|_{x_i} + \sum_j \left. \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial t} \right|_{\xi_i}$$

$$\text{Thus, } a_i = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \cdot u_i$$

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Basic Eqn's

The fluid properties can be described using the particle distribution function in phase space

$$\underline{f(\vec{x}, \vec{p}, t) d^3x d^3p}$$

particles per unit
phase space volume

In the absence of sources/sinks for particles, Liouville's theorem

$$\frac{Df}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \dot{x}_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} + \dot{p}_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial p_i} = 0$$

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classical eqn

Since $v_i = \dot{x}_i$, $p_i = m_i \dot{v}_i$
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mass

$\dot{p}_i = m_i \dot{a}_i \leftarrow \text{acceleration}$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + v_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} + a_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_i} = 0}$$

Collection of particles \rightarrow
averaged quantities, such as
density, mean velocity, etc.
based on ~~the~~ f .

Let's define the moments of
the dist. function

$$\rho(\bar{x}, t) = \int_{d_p} f(\bar{x}, p, t) dp =$$

$$= \int_{dv} m f(x, \bar{v}, t) d\bar{v}$$

density - zeroth moment

$$u_i(\bar{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\rho} \int m v_i f(x, \bar{v}, t) d\bar{v}$$

mean velocity - 1st moment

Taking moments of the Vlasov eqn. will allow us to derive Eqn's of motion for these average quantities.

General concept: Let Q be a physical quantity with a mean defined by

$$\langle Q \rangle(\bar{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\rho} \int_{dv} m Q f(x, \bar{v}, t) d\bar{v}$$

To derive an eqn. for Q multiply the Vlasov eqn by Q and integrate over all velocities

$$\underbrace{\int Q \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} d^3v}_A + \underbrace{\int Q v_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} d^3v}_B + \underbrace{\int \partial_i Q \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_i} d^3v}_C = 0$$

~~$$A = \int Q \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} d^3v$$~~

Assume that Q is not an explicit function of x_i, t , e.g. $Q =$

$$Q_i = u_i, \quad Q = \frac{1}{2} v^2, \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$A = \int Q \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} d^3v = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int Q f d^3v = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \langle Q \rangle)$$

$$B = \int Q v_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} d^3v = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \int Q v_i f d^3v =$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho \langle v_i Q \rangle)$$

$$C = \int Q \partial_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_i} d^3v = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} (f Q \partial_i) d^3v -$$

$$- \int f \frac{\partial}{\partial v_i} (Q \partial_i) d^3v =$$

$$= \int_{ds} f \cdot \vec{Q} \cdot \vec{\partial} ds - \int f \partial_i \frac{\partial Q}{\partial v_i} d^3v$$

$$= - \rho \langle \partial_i \frac{\partial Q}{\partial v_i} \rangle$$

* for external forces either ind.
of v or for which $\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial v_i} = 0$

Is $\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial v_i} = 0$ for B-fields?

Putting it all together

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (e \langle Q \rangle) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (e \langle v_i Q \rangle) -$$

$$- e \langle a_i \frac{\partial Q}{\partial v_i} \rangle = 0$$

Can also write it as

$$\left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_i} \right) + \rho \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$
$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \right)}_{\frac{D}{Dt}} \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

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

Thus, the density of a fluid element does not change when

$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0}$$

Incompressible = divergence-free velocity field