# The equations of fluid motion with rotation

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#### Last time

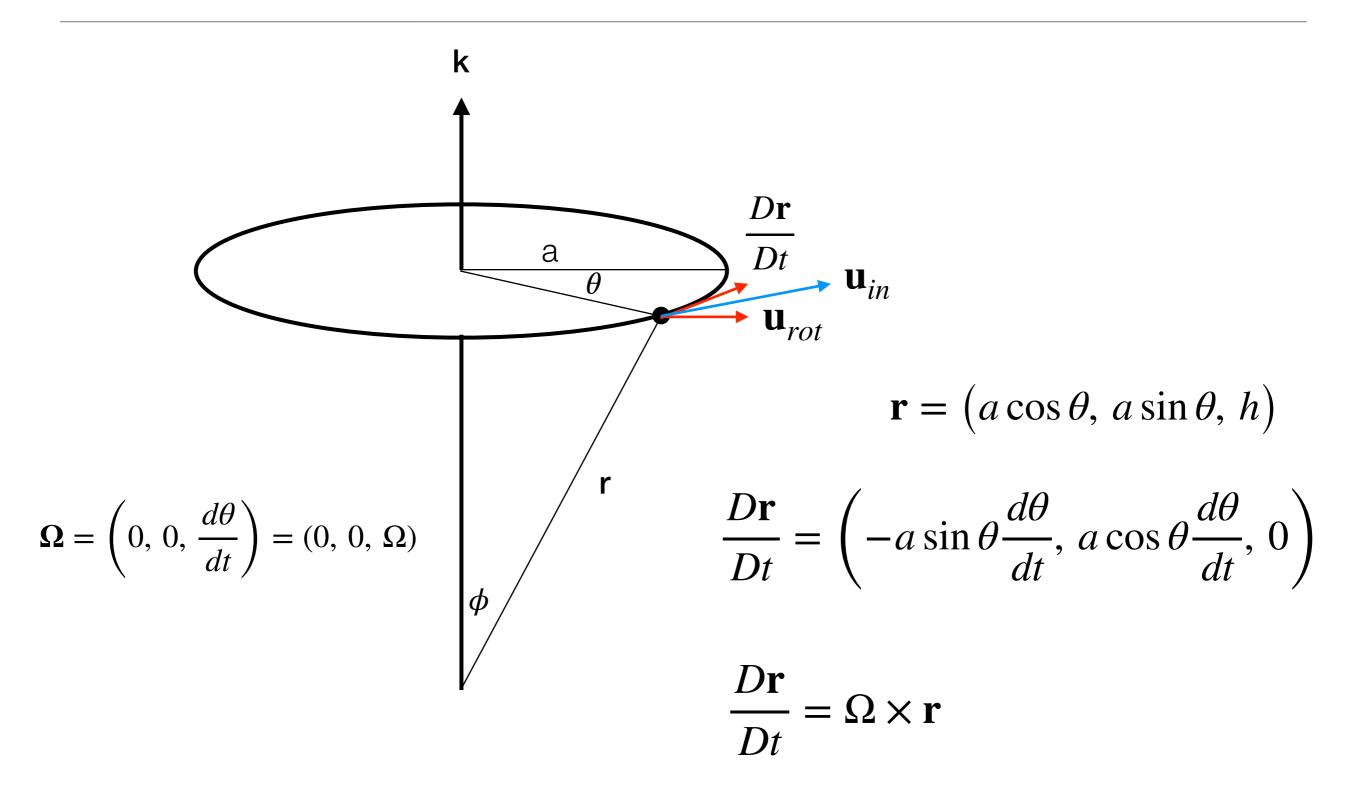
$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} + \frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + g\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \mathcal{F}$$

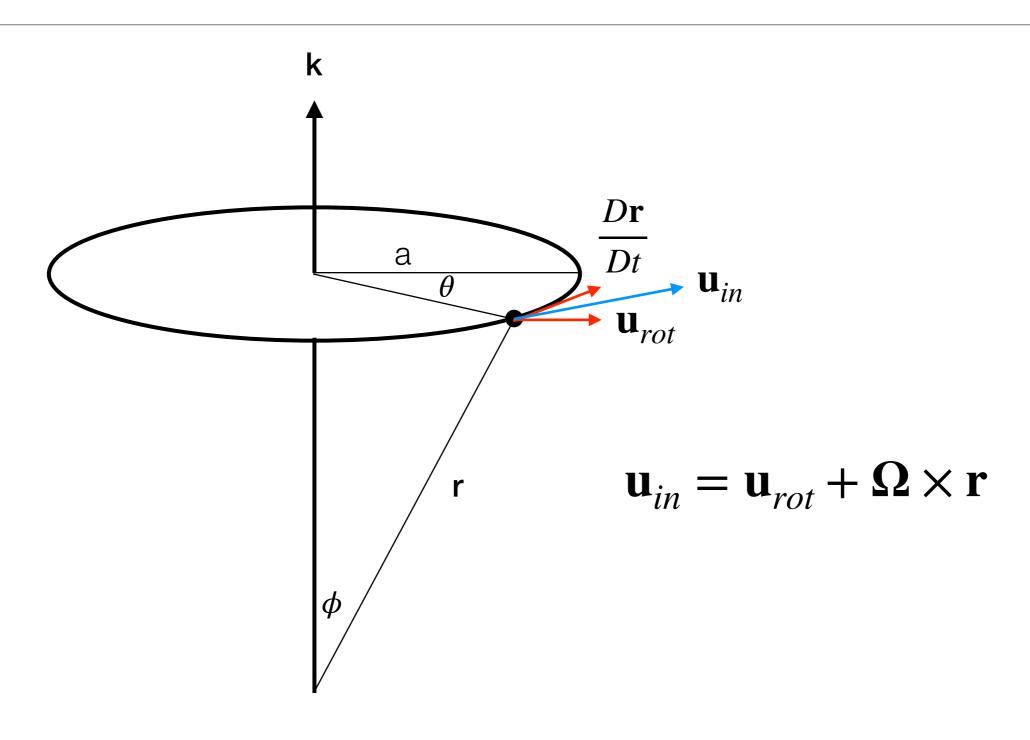
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho w) = 0$$

$$\frac{DQ}{Dt} = c_p \frac{DT}{Dt} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{Dp}{Dt}$$

# Today's topic

The equations of motion with rotation





A vector,  $\mathbf{A}$ , can be written with any three independent unit vectors.

$$\mathbf{A} = A_i \,\,\hat{\mathbf{i}} + A_j \,\,\hat{\mathbf{j}} + A_k \,\,\hat{\mathbf{k}} \longrightarrow \text{in the absolute frame}$$

$$= A_x \,\,\hat{\mathbf{x}} + A_y \,\,\hat{\mathbf{y}} + A_z \,\,\hat{\mathbf{z}} \longrightarrow \text{in the rotating frame}$$

Then, let's find out the Lagrangian differentiation of **A** with respect to the absolute (inertial) frame

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{A}}{Dt}\right)_{in} = \frac{D}{Dt} \left(A_i \,\hat{\mathbf{i}}\right) + \frac{D}{Dt} \left(A_j \,\hat{\mathbf{j}}\right) + \frac{D}{Dt} \left(A_k \,\hat{\mathbf{k}}\right)$$
$$= \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{DA_i}{Dt} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{DA_j}{Dt} + \hat{\mathbf{k}} \frac{DA_k}{Dt}$$

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{A}}{Dt}\right)_{in}$$
 can also be written as

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{A}}{Dt}\right)_{in} = \frac{D}{Dt} \left(A_x \,\hat{\mathbf{x}}\right) + \frac{D}{Dt} \left(A_y \,\hat{\mathbf{y}}\right) + \frac{D}{Dt} \left(A_z \,\hat{\mathbf{z}}\right) \qquad \frac{D\mathbf{r}}{Dt} = \mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{DA_x}{Dt} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{DA_y}{Dt} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{DA_z}{Dt} + A_x \frac{D\hat{\mathbf{x}}}{Dt} + A_y \frac{D\hat{\mathbf{y}}}{Dt} + A_z \frac{D\hat{\mathbf{z}}}{Dt}$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{DA_x}{Dt} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{DA_y}{Dt} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{DA_z}{Dt} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times \left(A_x \hat{\mathbf{x}} + A_y \hat{\mathbf{y}} + A_z \hat{\mathbf{z}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{D\mathbf{A}}{Dt}\right)_{rot} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_{in}}{Dt}\right)_{in} = \left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_{in}}{Dt}\right)_{rot} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_{in} \qquad \mathbf{u}_{in} = \mathbf{u}_{rot} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

$$= \left(\frac{D\left(\mathbf{u}_{rot} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}\right)}{Dt}\right)_{rot} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times \left(\mathbf{u}_{rot} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_{rot}}{Dt}\right)_{rot} + 2\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_{rot} + \mathbf{\Omega} \times (\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$$

Momentum equation we did last time can be applied to the parcel in the absolute frame

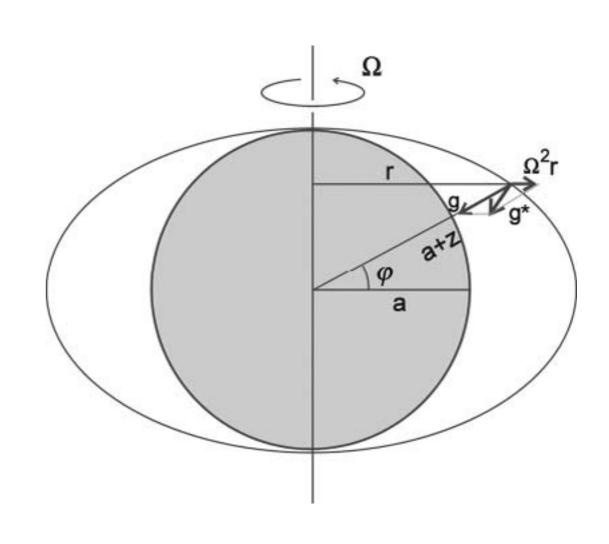
$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_{in}}{Dt}\right)_{in} + \frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + g\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \mathcal{F}$$

$$\left(\frac{D\mathbf{u}_{rot}}{Dt}\right)_{rot} + \frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + g\hat{\mathbf{z}} = -2\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_{rot} - \mathbf{\Omega} \times (\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) + \mathcal{F}$$

$$Centrifugal acceleration$$

$$Coriolis acceleration$$

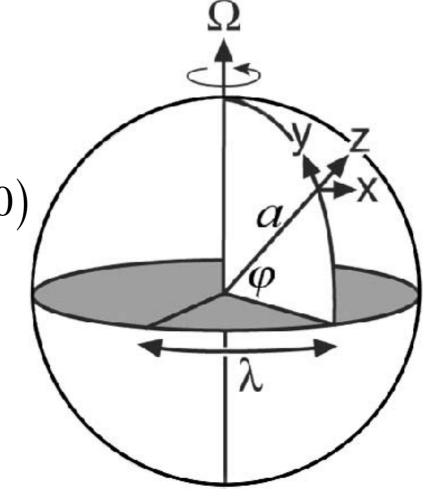
- Centrifugal acceleration:  $-\mathbf{\Omega} \times (\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})$ 
  - Modifies gravity acceleration
  - Effective gravity: g\*
  - $\Omega$  ~ 7.27 x 10<sup>-5</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> makes centrifugal acceleration small.
  - Geoid: The surface perpendicular to the effective gravity
  - We may use this surface to make centrifugal acceleration to disappear.



- Coriolis force:  $-2 \Omega \times \mathbf{u}$ 
  - $\Omega = (0, \Omega \cos \phi, \Omega \sin \phi)$
  - $\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} = (\Omega \cos \phi \ w \Omega \sin \phi \ v, \ \Omega \sin \phi \ u, \ -\Omega \cos \phi \ u)$
  - w is smaller than other terms.
  - $\Omega u$  is smaller than g.
  - $-2\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} \approx -(-2\mathbf{\Omega}\sin\phi \ v, \ 2\mathbf{\Omega}\sin\phi \ u, \ 0)$

$$=f\hat{\mathbf{z}}\times\mathbf{u}$$

$$(f = 2\Omega \sin \phi)$$



$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + g^* \hat{\mathbf{z}} + f \hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathcal{F} \longrightarrow$$

- Hydrostatic approximation
- Vertical component of the frictional force is negligible compared with gravity

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - fv = \mathcal{F}_x$$

$$\frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + fu = \mathcal{F}_y$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + g = 0$$
• Hydrostatic approximation