

**Problem 7.2 20 points:**

Derive the exact transport equation for turbulent kinetic energy (TKE),  $k$  (Eq. (10.35) in lecture notes).

Use the following steps:

- Subtract the Reynolds equations (momentum written for mean velocities) from N.S. momentum equations, thus obtain the equation for fluctuating velocity;
- Obtain a scalar product of fluctuating velocity and the vector-equation you got in part a) and apply Reynolds averaging to the result.

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\text{N.S. momentum equations } \frac{DU}{Dt} = \frac{-1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 U \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Reynolds equations } \frac{\overline{D} \langle U_j \rangle}{Dt} = \nu \nabla^2 \langle U_j \rangle - \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta \langle p \rangle}{\delta x_j} \quad (2)$$

Subtract (2) from (1):

$$\frac{DU}{Dt} - \frac{\overline{D} \langle U_j \rangle}{Dt} = \frac{-1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 U - \nu \nabla^2 \langle U_j \rangle + \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta \langle p \rangle}{\delta x_j}$$

Since

$$u = U - \langle U_j \rangle \text{ and } p' = p - \langle p \rangle$$

$$\frac{DU}{Dt} - \frac{\overline{D} \langle U_j \rangle}{Dt} = \frac{-1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 u_j + \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta \langle p \rangle}{\delta x_j}$$

$$\frac{DU}{Dt} - \frac{\overline{D} \langle U_j \rangle}{Dt} = \nu \nabla^2 u_j + \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} - \frac{1}{\rho} \left( \nabla p - \frac{\delta \langle p \rangle}{\delta x_j} \right)$$

$$\frac{DU}{Dt} - \frac{\overline{D} \langle U_j \rangle}{Dt} = \nu \nabla^2 u_j + \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j}$$

Since

$$\frac{DU_j}{Dt} = \frac{\delta U_j}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta (U_i \cdot U_j)}{\delta x_i}$$

$$\langle \frac{DU_j}{Dt} \rangle = \frac{\delta \langle U_j \rangle}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta \langle U_i \cdot U_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} = \frac{\delta \langle U_j \rangle}{\delta t} + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta \langle U_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} + \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i}$$

$$\frac{\overline{D} \langle U_j \rangle}{Dt} = \langle \frac{DU_j}{Dt} \rangle - \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i}$$

$$\frac{DU_j}{Dt} - \left[ \langle \frac{DU_j}{Dt} \rangle - \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} \right] = \nu \nabla^2 u_j + \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j}$$

$$\frac{DU_j}{Dt} - \left[ \frac{\delta \langle U_j \rangle}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta \langle U_i \cdot U_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} - \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} \right] = \nu \nabla^2 u_j + \frac{\delta \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j}$$

$$\frac{DU_j}{Dt} - \frac{\delta \langle U_j \rangle}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta \langle U_i \cdot U_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} = \nu \nabla^2 u_j - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j}$$

$$\frac{\delta U_j}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta (U_i \cdot U_j)}{\delta x_i} - \frac{\delta \langle U_j \rangle}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta \langle U_i \cdot U_j \rangle}{\delta x_i} = \nu \nabla^2 u_j - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j}$$

Using  $u = U - \langle U \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (U_i \cdot U_j - \langle U_i \cdot U_j \rangle) = \nu \nabla^2 u_j - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (U_i \cdot U_j - \langle U_i \cdot U_j \rangle) \\ &= \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (u_i \langle U_j \rangle + u_j \langle U_i \rangle + u_i \cdot u_j - \langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) \\ &= u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle U_j \rangle) + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j + u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j - \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} + u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle U_j \rangle) + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j + u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j - \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) = \nu \nabla^2 u_j - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j} \\ \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j + u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j &= -u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle U_j \rangle) + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) + \nu \nabla^2 u_j - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j} \\ \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} + (\langle U_i \rangle + u_i) \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j &= -u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle U_j \rangle) + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) + \nu \nabla^2 u_j - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Du_j}{Dt} &= \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} + (\langle U_i \rangle + u_i) \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j \\ \Rightarrow \frac{Du_j}{Dt} &= -u_i \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle U_j \rangle) + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) + \nu \nabla^2 u_j - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

Multiplying by  $u_j$  to the result of part a

$$u_j \cdot \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} + (\langle U_i \rangle + u_i) \cdot u_j \cdot \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} u_j = -u_i \cdot u_j \cdot \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle U_j \rangle) + u_j \cdot \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) + \nu \nabla^2 u_j u_j - u_j \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j}$$

Since

$$u_j \cdot \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta u_j^2}{\delta t} = 2 \cdot u_j \cdot \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\delta u_j^2}{\delta t} = u_j \cdot \frac{\delta u_j}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta}{\delta t} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} u_j \cdot u_j \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta}{\delta t} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} u_j \cdot u_j \right) + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \frac{1}{2} u_j \cdot u_j \right) + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \frac{1}{2} u_i \cdot u_j \cdot u_j \right) \\ = -u_i \cdot u_j \cdot \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle U_j \rangle) + u_j \cdot \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} (\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle) + \nu \nabla^2 u_j u_j - u_j \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p'}{\delta x_j} \end{aligned}$$

Taking the average and let  $\langle u_i \rangle = 0$

$$k = \langle \frac{1}{2} u_j \cdot u_j \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta k}{\delta t} + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta k}{\delta x_i} + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle \frac{1}{2} u_i \cdot u_j \cdot u_j \rangle \\ = -\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle U_j \rangle + \nu \langle u_j \nabla^2 u_j \rangle - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta \langle u_j \cdot p' \rangle}{\delta x_j} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\nu \langle u_j \nabla^2 u_j \rangle = 2 \cdot \nu \cdot \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle u_j \cdot s_{ij} \rangle - \epsilon$$

$$T_i = \langle \frac{1}{2} u_i \cdot u_j \cdot u_j \rangle - 2 \cdot \nu \cdot \langle u_j \cdot s_{ij} \rangle + \frac{\langle u_j \cdot p' \rangle}{\rho}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta k}{\delta t} + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta k}{\delta x_i} + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle \frac{1}{2} u_i \cdot u_j \cdot u_j \rangle \\ = -\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle U_j \rangle + 2 \cdot \nu \cdot \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle u_j \cdot s_{ij} \rangle - \epsilon - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta \langle u_j \cdot p' \rangle}{\delta x_j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta k}{\delta t} + \langle U_i \rangle \frac{\delta k}{\delta x_i} + \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \left( \langle \frac{1}{2} u_i \cdot u_j \cdot u_j \rangle - 2\nu \langle u_j \cdot s_{ij} \rangle + \frac{\langle u_j \cdot p' \rangle}{\rho} \right) \\ = -\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle U_j \rangle - \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Fluctuating flux of energy:  $T'_i = \langle \frac{1}{2} u_i \cdot u_j \cdot u_j \rangle - 2\nu \langle u_j \cdot s_{ij} \rangle + \frac{\langle u_j \cdot p' \rangle}{\rho}$

Production term:  $P = -\langle u_i \cdot u_j \rangle \frac{\delta}{\delta x_i} \langle U_j \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\overline{D}k}{Dt} + \nabla \cdot T'_i = P - \varepsilon$$