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Part I

# Vector Calculus

# 1 Review of Multivariable Calculus

## 1.1 Vectors and Vector-Valued Functions

- A vector is a quantity that has magnitude and direction
- Vectors having the same length and direction are equivalent
- Position Vector - Initial point of the vector at the origin of the coordinate system

## 1.2 Dot Product

- $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \rightarrow$  scalar product

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 \quad (\text{algebraic})$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta \quad (\text{geometric})$$

## 1.3 Cross Product

- $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \rightarrow$  another vector
- $\vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is perpendicular to the plane containing  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{algebraic})$$

$$|\vec{c}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta \quad (\text{geometric})$$

- $|\vec{c}|$  is the area of a parallelogram formed by  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

## 1.4 Triple Scalar Product

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

- Volume of Parallelepiped =  $|\vec{a}||\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|\cos\theta = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$

## 1.5 Vector Functions

A vector function is a function whose input is a scalar (such as time) and output is a vector.

$$\vec{r}(t) = f(t)\vec{i} + g(t)\vec{j} + h(t)\vec{k}$$

### 1.5.1 Derivatives of Vector Functions

$$\frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} = \vec{r}'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t+h) - \vec{r}(t)}{h} = f'(t)\vec{i} + g'(t)\vec{j} + h'(t)\vec{k}$$

At  $h = 0$ , the vector  $\frac{\vec{r}(t+h) - \vec{r}(t)}{h}$  approaches a vector that is tangent to the curve at point P.

### 1.5.2 Unit Tangent Vector

$$\vec{T}(\theta) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

### 1.5.3 Arc Length

$$S = \int_a^b |\vec{r}'(t)| dt = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2 + (z'(t))^2} dt$$

### 1.5.4 Partial Derivatives

For functions of multiple variables, select the variable to differentiate with respect to, and treat all others as constants.

$$f(x, b) = g(x) \quad \rightarrow \quad f_x(x, b) = g'(x)$$

example:

Set  $f(x, y) = 3x^4y^2$ . Find  $f_x(x, y)$  and  $f_y(x, y)$ .

$$f_x(x, y) = 12x^3y^2 \quad f_y(x, y) = 6x^4y$$

### 1.5.5 Higher Order Partial Derivatives

$$(f_x)_x = f_{xx} \quad (f_y)_y = f_{yy} \quad (f_x)_y = (f_y)_x = f_{xy} = f_{yx}$$

### 1.5.6 Gradient Vector

The gradient vector is the rate of change of a function  $f(x, y, z)$  composed of its partial derivatives.

$$\vec{\nabla} f = f_x \vec{i} + f_y \vec{j} + f_z \vec{k}$$

### 1.5.7 Chain Rule

$$h = f(x, y, z) \quad \rightarrow \quad x = x(t) \quad y = y(t) \quad z = z(t)$$

$$\frac{df(\vec{r}(t))}{dt} = \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{df(\vec{r}(t))}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$

### 1.5.8 Tangent Planes

$$z - f(a, b) = f_x(a, b)(x - a) + f_y(a, b)(y - b)$$

### 1.5.9 Linearization

If  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\Delta y \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\Delta z \approx dz$  :

$$\Delta z = f_x(a, b)\Delta x + f_y(a, b)\Delta y$$



## 2 Multiple Integrals

### 2.1 Double Integrals Over Rectangles

We can define a region,  $R$ , over which the integration will take place:

$$R = [a, b] \times [c, d] = \{(x, y) \in R^2 \mid a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$$

The **double integral** of  $f$  over the rectangle  $R$  is thus

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}, y_{ij}) \Delta A$$

If  $f(x, y) \geq 0$ , then the double integral could be interpreted as the volume in the defined region:

$$V = \iint_R f(x, y) dA$$

An iterated integral is defined as

$$\int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx = \int_a^b \left[ \int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right] dx$$

To evaluate the above, solve the inner integral with respect to  $y$  treating  $x$  as a constant. Then, solve the outer integral with respect to  $x$  treating  $y$  as a constant.

**Fubini's Theorem:** States if  $f$  is continuous on region  $R$ , then

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx = \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy$$

If  $f(x, y)$  can be expressed as  $g(x)h(y)$ , then we can express its integration as

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d g(x)h(y) dy dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx \int_c^d h(y) dy$$

### 2.2 Double Integrals Over General Regions

Double integrals do not always cover rectangular regions. They often cover general regions bounded by several functions.

If  $f$  is integrable over  $R$ , then we define the double integral of  $f$  over  $D$  by

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \iint_R F(x, y) dA =$$

In the case that  $f(x, y) \geq 0$ , we can still interpret  $\iint_D f(x, y) dA$  as the volume of the solid that lies above  $D$  and under the surface  $z = f(x, y)$ .

Similarly to rectangular regions, we can evaluate iterated integrals with functions as parameters.

If  $f$  is a continuous function such that  $D = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}$  (**Type I**), then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$$

If  $f$  is a continuous function such that  $D = \{(x, y) \mid c \leq y \leq d, h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y)\}$  (**Type II**), then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) dx dy$$

If regions do not overlap, they can also be summed:

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \iint_{D_1} f(x, y) dA + \iint_{D_2} f(x, y) dA$$

Finally, if we integrate the constant function  $f(x, y) = 1$ , we'll simply get the area of  $D$ .

$$\iint_D 1 dA = A(D)$$

## 2.3 Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates

Recall that polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  relate to rectangular coordinates  $(x, y)$  with the following equations:

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

We can define the region  $R = \{(r, \theta) \mid a \leq r \leq b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta\}$ . If  $f$  is continuous on a polar rectangle defined by this region  $R$ , where  $0 \leq \beta - \alpha \leq 2\pi$ , then

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_a^b f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \cdot r dr d\theta$$

## 2.4 Applications of Double Integrals

### 2.4.1 Density and Mass

Consider a lamina with variable density  $\rho(x, y) = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta A}$ . We can obtain its total mass as the limiting value of its Riemann approximation:

$$m = \lim_{k, l \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^l \rho(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A = \iint_D \rho(x, y) dA$$

### 2.4.2 Moments and Center of Mass

Consider a lamina that occupies a region  $D$  and has density function  $\rho(x, y)$ . We can define the moments about the  $x$ -axis and moments about the  $y$ -axis as follows:

$$M_x = \iint_D y\rho(x, y)dA \quad M_y = \iint_D x\rho(x, y)dA$$

We can then say the coordinates of the centre of mass  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  are

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{m} = \frac{1}{m} \iint_D y\rho(x, y)dA \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{m} = \frac{1}{m} \iint_D x\rho(x, y)dA$$

where  $m$  is given by  $m = \iint_D \rho(x, y)dA$

### 2.4.3 Moment of Inertia

To find the moment of inertia about an area, the following integrals apply:

$$I_x = \iint_D y^2\rho(x, y)dA \quad I_y = \iint_D x^2\rho(x, y)dA$$

The moment of inertia about the origin is given as

$$I_0 = \iint_D (x^2 + y^2)\rho(x, y)dA$$

## 2.5 Surface Area

The area of a surface with equation  $z = f(x, y)$ ,  $(x, y) \in D$  where  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  are continuous, is

$$A(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{[f_x(x, y)]^2 + [f_y(x, y)]^2 + 1} dA$$

We can also use an alternative notation to express the same surface area function:

$$A(S) = \iint_D \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1} dA$$

## 2.6 Triple Integrals

The same way that single and double integrals were defined for one variable and two variable functions, we can define triple integrals for functions of three variables.

We can consider  $f$  which is defined as a rectangular box.

$$B = \{(x, y, z) \mid a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d, r \leq z \leq s\}$$

The triple integral then, of  $f$  over box  $B$  is

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) \, dV = \lim_{l, m, n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V$$

**Fubini's Theorem (For Triple Integrals):** If  $f$  is continuous over the rectangular box  $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$ , then

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) \, dV = \int_r^s \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

The same rules for double integrals can also be applied to triple integrals

### 2.6.1 Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

We can convert to cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$  from rectangular coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  with the following equations:

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta \quad z = z$$

The formula for triple integrals in cylindrical coordinates then is:

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) \, dV = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} \int_{u_1(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)}^{u_2(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) \cdot r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$$

To solve for center of mass questions, apply the following formulas:

$$m = \iiint_E \rho(x, y, z) \, dV \quad (\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{V} (M_{yz}, M_{xz}, M_{xy})$$

### 2.6.2 Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates

The spherical coordinates  $(\rho, \theta, \phi)$  of a point  $P$  in space is where  $\rho = |OP|$  is the distance from the origin to  $P$ ,  $\theta$  is the same angle as in cylindrical coordinates, and  $\phi$  is the angle between the positive  $z$ -axis and the line segment  $OP$ .

$$\rho \geq 0 \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$$

We can convert from rectangular to spherical coordinates with the following equations

$$\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \quad y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \quad z = \rho \cos \phi$$

The formula for triple integrals in cylindrical coordinates then is:

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) \, dV = \int_c^d \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_a^b f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \cdot \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

## 2.7 Change of Variables in Multiple Integrals

Changing integration variables in multiple integrals is a bit of different then it is in single integrals. We consider the change of variables as a transformation from the (u,v)-plane to the (x,y)-plane:

$$T(u, v) = (x, y)$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the equations

$$x = g(u, v) \quad y = h(u, v)$$

We can define the Jacobian of the transformation given by the above equations as

$$\left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}$$

With this definition, the formula for the change of variables in double integrals then is

$$\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA = \iint_S f(x(u, v), y(u, v)) \left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| \, du \, dv$$

Similarly in triple integrals, the Jacobian and change of variables are the following

$$\left| \frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(u,v,w)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) \, dA = \iiint_S f(x(u, v, w), y(u, v, w), z(u, v, w)) \left| \frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(u,v,w)} \right| \, du \, dv \, dw$$

## 3 Vector Calculus

### 3.1 Line Integrals

Line integrals are very similar to single integrals, except instead of integrating over an interval  $[a, b]$ , we integrate over a curve  $C$ . To evaluate a line integral, we can use the following formula:

$$\int_C f(x, y) \, dA = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} \, dt$$

This is called the line integral with respect to arc length. We can also evaluate a line integral with respect to  $x$  and  $y$  using the following formulas:

$$\int_C f(x, y) \, dx = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \, x'(t) \, dt \qquad \int_C f(x, y) \, dy = \int_a^b f(x(t), y(t)) \, y'(t) \, dt$$

We can also parametrize a line segment which begins at  $\vec{r}_0$  and ends at  $\vec{r}_1$  using a vector representation:

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1 - t)\vec{r}_0 + t\vec{r}_1$$

This helps to reduce the parameters of the integral to one variable  $t$ .

Line integral apply in vector fields in important equations such as that for work. If  $F$  is a continuous vector field on a smooth curve  $C$  given by vector function  $\vec{r}(t)$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ , then the line integral of  $F$  along  $C$  is

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \int_a^b F(\vec{r}(t)) \cdot r'(t) \, dt = \int_C F \cdot T \, ds$$

### 3.2 Fundamental Theorem for Line Integrals

**Theorem:** Let  $C$  be a smooth curve given by the vector function  $\vec{r}(t)$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ . Let  $f$  be a differentiable function of two or three variable whose gradient vector  $\nabla f$  is continuous on  $C$ . Then

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot dr = f(\vec{r}(b)) - f(\vec{r}(a))$$

We can say that  $\int_C \nabla f \cdot dr$  is independent of path in  $D$  if and only if  $\int_C \nabla f \cdot dr = 0$  for every closed path  $C$  in  $D$ . The line integrals of conservative vector fields are independent of path.

**Theorem:** Supposing that  $F$  is a vector field that is continuous on an open connected region  $D$ . If  $\int_C \nabla f \cdot dr$  is independent of path on  $D$ , then  $F$  is a conservative vector field on  $D$ , meaning there exists a function  $f$  such that  $\nabla f = F$

**Theorem:** If  $F(x, y) = P(x, y)\vec{i} + Q(x, y)\vec{j}$  is a conservative vector field on, where  $P$  and  $Q$  have continuous first order partial derivatives on a domain  $D$ , then throughout  $D$ :

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$$

If the above is true, then  $F$  is conservative

### 3.3 Green's Theorem

**Theorem:** Let  $C$  is a positively oriented, piecewise smooth, simple closed curve in the plane and let  $D$  be the region bounded by  $C$ . If  $P$  and  $Q$  have continuous partial derivatives on an open region that contains  $D$ , then

$$\int_C P \, dx + Q \, dy = \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \, dA$$

### 3.4 Curl and Divergence

#### 3.4.1 Curl

If  $F = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j} + R\vec{k}$  is a vector field on  $R^3$  and the partial derivatives of  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  all exist, then the curl of  $F$  is the vector field defined by

$$\text{curl } F = \left( \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z} \right) \vec{i} + \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right) \vec{j} + \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \vec{k} = \nabla \times F$$

**Theorem:** If  $F$  is a function that has continuous second-order partial derivatives, then

$$\text{curl}(\nabla F) = 0$$

This also tells us that if  $F$  is a conservative vector field, the  $\text{curl } F = 0$

**Theorem:** If  $F$  is a vector field defined on all of  $R^3$ , whose component functions all have continuous partial derivatives and  $\text{curl } F = 0$ , then  $F$  is conservative.

#### 3.4.2 Divergence

If  $F = P\vec{i} + Q\vec{j} + R\vec{k}$  is a vector field on  $R^3$  and  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$ , and  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial z}$  all exist then the divergence of  $F$  is the function of three variables defined by:

$$\text{div } F = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \vec{k} = \nabla \cdot F$$

If  $F$  is a function that has continuous second-order partial derivatives, then

$$\text{div } \text{curl } F = 0$$

### 3.4.3 Vector Form of Green's Theorem

The curl and divergence operators now allow us to write Green's theorem in vector form as follows:

$$\oint_C F \cdot dr = \iint_D (\text{curl } F) \cdot \vec{k} \, dA \quad \oint_C F \cdot \vec{n} \, ds = \iint_D \text{div } F(x, y) \, dA$$

### 3.5 Parametric Surfaces and Their Areas

Similar to how we can define parametric functions of one variable  $t$ , we can describe a surface  $r(u, v)$  of two parameters,  $u$ , and  $v$ , where

$$\vec{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\vec{i} + y(u, v)\vec{j} + z(u, v)\vec{k}$$

If a smooth parametric surface  $S$  is given by the equation  $\vec{r}(u, v) = x(u, v)\vec{i} + y(u, v)\vec{j} + z(u, v)\vec{k}$  and  $S$  is covered just once as  $(u, v)$  ranges throughout the parameter domain  $D$ , then the surface area of  $S$  is

$$A(S) = \iint_D |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \, dA$$

where  $\vec{r}_u$  and  $\vec{r}_v$  are

$$\vec{r}_u = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}\vec{k} \quad \vec{r}_v = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}\vec{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}\vec{j} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}\vec{k}$$

### 3.6 Surface Integrals

Using the parametrized function  $\vec{r}(u, v)$  from before, if the components are all non-zero and non-parallel, then the surface integral is

$$\iint_S f(x, y, z) \, dS = \iint_D f(\vec{r}(u, v)) |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| \, dA$$

If  $F$  is continuous vector field defined by a unit normal vector  $\vec{n}$ , then the surface integral of  $F$  over  $S$  is

$$\iint_S F \cdot ds = \iint_S F \cdot \vec{n} \, ds$$

where  $\vec{n}$  is

$$\frac{\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v}{|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|}$$

This is also known as the **flux** of  $F$  along  $S$ .

### 3.7 Stoke's Theorem

Stoke's Theorem can be considered a higher order version of Green's Theorem, where it relates a surface integral over a region  $S$  to a line integral around the boundary of  $S$ .



**Theorem:** Let  $S$  be an oriented piecewise-smooth surface that is bounded by a simple, closed, piecewise boundary curve  $C$  with positive orientation. Let  $F$  be a vector field whose components have continuous partial derivatives on an open region in  $R^3$  that contains  $S$ . Then

$$\int_C F \cdot dr = \iint_S \text{curl } F \cdot dS = \iint_S \text{curl } F \cdot k \, dA$$

**Part II**  
**Fluid Mechanics**

## 4 Dimensional Analysis

### 4.1 Primary and Secondary Dimensions

A dimension is a qualitative description of a physical quantity, which can either be **primary** or **secondary**.

Primary dimensions are those that are not formed from a combination of other dimensions. In fluid mechanics, these are usually either  $[Mass] = M$ ,  $[Length] = L$ ,  $[Time] = T$  or  $[Force] = F$ ,  $[Length] = L$ ,  $[Time] = T$ .

Secondary dimensions are those that are derived from combining primary dimensions

### 4.2 Buckingham Pi Theorem

If an equation involving  $k$  variable is dimensionally homogeneous, it can be reduced to a relationship among  $k - r$  independent dimensionless products ( $\pi$  terms) where  $r$  is the minimum number of reference dimensions required to describe the variables involved in the problem.

$$(\text{Number of } \pi \text{ Terms}) = (\text{Number of Variables}) - (\text{Minimum Number of Reference Dimensions})$$

To apply the Buckingham  $\pi$  theorem, use the following steps:

1. List all of the variables that are involved in the problem
2. Express each variable in terms of primary dimensions
3. Determine the required number of  $\pi$  terms using the Buckingham  $\pi$  theorem
4. Choose some repeating variables, such that the number of repeating variables is equal to the number of reference dimensions
5. Form a  $\pi$  term by multiplying one of the non-repeating variable by the product of the repeating variables, each raised to an exponent that will make the combination dimensionless. Do this for each non-repeating variable.
6. Check that all  $\pi$  terms are dimensionless
7. Express a relationship among the  $\pi$  terms

## 5 Introduction To Fluid Mechanics

### 5.1 Fluids

A **fluid** is a substance that deforms continuously under the application of shear (tangential) force, no matter how small that force may be. A substance in liquid or gas phase is called a fluid

### 5.2 Statistical vs Continuum Approach

When studying how fluids behave, we can either explicitly account for their molecular nature, referred to as the statistical approach, or instead treat them as being continuous, referred to as the continuum approach.

#### 5.2.1 Statistical Approach

We treat the fluid as a collection of molecules and the macroscopic behaviour of the fluid is determined through probability and statistics. This is not a very practical approach for modelling the behaviour of fluids in typical engineering applications.

#### 5.2.2 Continuum Approach

This approach ignores individual molecules and instead treats the fluid as being continuously distributed with no holes in space. This is valid as far as the system is large relative to the space between molecules. This assumptions may not always be valid however.

The Knudsen number ( $Kn$ ), is a dimensionless parameter that indicates when the continuum assumption is valid.

$$Kn = \frac{\text{Microscopic Length Scale}}{\text{Macroscopic Length Scale}} \ll 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Continuum Assumption Valid}$$

### 5.3 Forces

Fluids can have two types of force acting on them - **(1) Body Forces** and **(2) Surface Forces**

#### 5.3.1 Body Forces

Body forces are those that develop within a fluid without physical contact. This includes forces from gravitational and magnetic fields.

#### 5.3.2 Surface Forces

Surface forces are those that are generated at the surface of a fluid element by contact with other particles or a solid surface. This can be divided into two components - **(1) normal to the area**  $[F_n]$  and **(2) tangent to the area**  $[F_t]$  Stresses come from surface forces.

Stress is the force per unit area obtained by dividing the surface force by the area upon which it acts. The normal stress and shear stress are shown in the following equations:

$$\sigma = \lim_{\delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_n}{\delta A} \quad \tau = \lim_{\delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_t}{\delta A}$$

## 5.4 Viscosity

Viscosity is the property representing internal friction within a fluid. In fluids, it is found that the rate of deformation is directly proportional to the shear stress and the proportionality constant is the viscosity.

$$\tau = \mu \left( \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right)$$

Fluids where the deformation rate is linearly proportional to the shear stress are called Newtonian fluids.

- *Newtonian Fluids:* Water, Air, Gasoline, Oils
- *Non-Newtonian Fluids:* Blood, Plastic

The angular deformation of the element is equal to the velocity gradient giving the following relationship:

$$\tau = \mu \left( \frac{d\alpha}{dt} \right) = \mu \left( \frac{du}{dt} \right)$$

## 5.5 Compressibility

Compressibility is classified by a property called **bulk modulus** ( $E_V$ )

$$E_V = -\frac{dp}{dV/V} = \frac{\text{Differential Change in Pressure}}{\text{Fractional Change in Volume}}$$

This can also be written in terms of density rather than volume:

$$E_V = -\frac{dp}{d\rho/\rho} = \frac{\text{Differential Change in Pressure}}{\text{Fractional Change in Density}}$$

## 6 Hydrostatics

Hydrostatics considers fluids at rest or fluids moving such that there is no relative motion between adjacent particles. A fluid at rest or in rigid-body motion thus experiences zero shear stress. Since this is the case, the only surface forces present can develop from pressure.

### 6.1 Pressure

Pressure results from molecules colliding against a surface. Every time a particle bounces off a surface, its momentum changes, since velocity changes direction. The force due to pressure always acts in a normal direction to the surface. Pressure is a normal stress and is inward acting normal force per unit area. The force on one side of a small element of surface  $dA$  due to pressure is

$$d\vec{F}_n = -P dA \cdot \vec{n}$$

The pressure at a point in a fluid at rest, or in motion, is independent of direction as long as there are no shearing stresses present. This is known as **Pascal's Law**.

#### 6.1.1 Equations for A Pressure Field

The resultant surface force acting on an element can be expressed in vector form as

$$\sum \delta F_s = - \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} \vec{k} \right) \delta x \delta y \delta z$$

Thus the resultant pressure force per unit volume is

$$\frac{\sum \delta F_s}{\delta x \delta y \delta z} = -\vec{\nabla} P$$

The total body force comes through the weight of the element:

$$\sum \delta F_b = -\rho g \delta x \delta y \delta z \vec{k}$$

And the total body force per unit volume is

$$\frac{\sum \delta F_b}{\delta x \delta y \delta z} = -\rho g \vec{k}$$

From these equations, we can derive the general equation of motion for a fluid with no shearing stresses:

$$-\vec{\nabla} P - \rho g \vec{k} = \rho \vec{a}$$

#### 6.1.2 Fluids at Rest

For a fluid at rest ( $\vec{a} = 0$ ) we have that

$$\vec{\nabla} P = -\rho g \vec{k}$$

This shows us that the pressure does not depend on  $x$  or  $y$  and is constant to the direction of gravity. Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} = -\rho g = \gamma$$

A fluid with a constant density is considered an **incompressible** fluid. Through integration, we obtain

$$P_1 - P_2 = \rho g(z_2 - z_1) = \rho g h$$

which tells us that in an incompressible fluid at rest, the pressure increases linearly with depth in a gravity field and does not change in the horizontal direction.

On the other hand, we consider gases such as oxygen, nitrogen, and air as **compressible** fluids since the density can change with pressure and temperature changes. By applying the ideal gas law in isothermal conditions, we get that

$$P_2 = P_1 \exp\left(-\frac{g(z_2 - z_1)}{RT_o}\right)$$

### 6.1.3 Measurement of Pressure

Pressure values must be stated with respect to a reference level. The pressure is given as either absolute pressure or gauge pressure.

- *Absolute Pressure:* Pressure value measured referencing a perfect vacuum (absolute zero pressure)
- *Gauge Pressure:* Pressure value measured relative to the local atmospheric pressure

To convert between the two, we use the following relationship

$$P_{abs} = P_{atm} + P_{gauge}$$

### 6.1.4 Instruments for Measuring Pressure

- Manometers
- Bourdon Pressure Gauge
- Transducers

## 6.2 Hydrostatic Forces on Submerged Surfaces

When a surface is submerged in a fluid, forces develop on the surface due to the fluid. For fluids at rest, the force must be perpendicular to the surface since there are no shearing stresses present. The pressure will also vary linearly with depth if the fluid is incompressible. the differential force on a differential area  $dA$  of a submerged surface is

$$d\vec{F}_p = -p \, dA \, \vec{n} = -p \, dA$$

The total pressure force on an area can be obtained by integrating the differential force over the area

$$\vec{F}_R = \iint_A d\vec{F}$$

## 6.3 Buoyancy

Objects feel lighter and weigh less in a liquid than in air. This suggests that a fluid exerts an upward force on a body immersed in it. This is called the buoyant force and is denoted as  $F_B$ . This is caused by the increase of pressure in a fluid with depth. We conclude that the buoyant force acting on an object is equal to the weight of the liquid displaced by the solid body.

$$F_P = \rho g V \vec{k}$$

This is known as **Archimedes's Principle**. Note that the buoyant force acts upward, and it is independent of the density of the solid body

$$\frac{V_{sub}}{V_{total}} = \frac{\rho_{body}}{\rho_{fluid}}$$

### 6.3.1 Stability of Immersed and Floating Bodies

The stability of a body can be determined by considering what happens when it is displaced from its equilibrium position.

- *Stable Equilibrium*: Any small disturbance generates a restoring force to return to initial equilibrium position
- *Neutral Equilibrium*: If equilibrium is disturbed, the body will stay at the new position
- *Unstable Equilibrium*: Any disturbance, even infinitesimal, will prevent the body from returning to equilibrium

For completely submerged bodies:

- If the center of gravity is below the center of buoyancy, the object is bottom heavy, and is stable
- If the center of gravity is above the center of buoyancy, the object is top-heavy, and is unstable

## 7 Flowing Fluids

### 7.1 Fundamentals of Elementary Fluid Dynamics

#### 7.1.1 Velocity and Descriptions of Flow

There are two ways to describe fluid motion:



- **Lagrangian Approach:** Identifies a small mass of fluid in flow and describes the fluid's motion with time. It's position is described by

$$\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\vec{i} + y(t)\vec{j} + z(t)\vec{k}$$

and its corresponding fluid velocity is given by the time derivative

$$\vec{V}(t) = \frac{d\vec{r}(t)}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\vec{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\vec{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\vec{k}$$

- **Eulerian Approach:** Imagine an array of windows in the flow field and have information for the velocity of fluid particles that pass each window for all time. Here, the velocity is a function of space and time

$$\vec{V} = \vec{v}(x, y, z, t) = \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t)$$

Each velocity component is also a function of space and time

Generally, the Eulerian approach is more favoured because the Eulerian approach is more suited to the analysis of a continuum. In cases, where the continuum approach is invalid, the Lagrangian approach is used.

### 7.1.2 Flow Visualization

- **Streamlines:** A line that is tangent to the local velocity vector at every point along the line at that instant. There will be no flow across a streamline (it is tangent). Its slope is equivalent to the slope of the velocity vector at the same point.
  - **Streamtubes:** Consists of a bundle of individual streamlines. Fluid cannot cross a streamline, so a streamtube acts as a physical tube
  - **Stream Filaments:** A streamtube in which the cross-sectional area of the filament is small enough to have a constant velocity over the cross-sectional area of the filament
- **Pathlines:** The line traced out by a particular particle as it moves from one point to another; the actual path a particle takes
- **Streaklines:** A line that connects all fluid particles that have passed through the same point in space at a previous time

### 7.1.3 Flow Distinctions

- **Steady and Unsteady Flow**
  - **Steady Flow:** All fluid flow properties (velocity, temperature, pressure, density, etc.) are time independent, but they can be a function of space. In this case, the streamline, streakline, and pathline can all be different
  - **Unsteady Flow:** Any of the flow properties are time-dependent. In this case, the streamline, streakline, and pathline are identical

- **Dimensionality of a Flow Field:** A flow field can be one-, two-, or three- dimensional if the flow velocity or any of the flow properties vary in one, two, or three spatial dimensions. The dimensionality depends on the choice of coordinate system and orientation.
- **Viscous and Inviscid Regions of Flow**
  - **Viscous Flow Regions:** Regions in which the frictional effects are significant (close to solid surfaces)
  - **Inviscid Flow Regions:** Regions where viscous forces are negligibly small compared to inertial or pressure forces (not close to solid surfaces). Neglecting viscous effects simplifies analysis without loss of accuracy
- **Laminar and Turbulent Flow**
  - **Laminar Flow:** Highly ordered fluid motion characterized by smooth layers of fluid
  - **Turbulent Flow:** Highly disordered fluid motion that typically occurs at high velocities and is characterized by velocity fluctuations
  - **Transitional Flow:** Flow that alternates between being laminar and turbulent

## 7.2 Conservation of Mass and Energy

The concentration for this section will be the conservation of mass and energy for steady incompressible flow (one-dimensional flow)

### 7.2.1 Definitions

- **Volume Flow Rate:** The volume of fluid which passes through a given surface per unit time

$$\dot{V} = \frac{dV}{dt} = \iint_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iint_A \vec{V} \cdot dA \vec{n}$$

If the velocity distribution is uniform over a surface, then

$$\dot{V} = V_n A = V \cos \theta A$$

- **Mass Flow Rate:** The mass of fluid which passes through a given surface per unit time

$$\dot{m} = \iint_A \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iint_A \rho \vec{V} \cdot dA \vec{n} = \iint_A \rho V_n dA$$

If the velocity distribution and density are uniform over the area, then

$$\dot{m} = \rho V_n A$$

### 7.2.2 Conservation of Mass Along a Streamtube

The flow entering and exiting from two cross-sectional areas  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  is

$$\dot{m}_1 = \iint_{A_1} \rho_1 \vec{V}_1 \cdot d\vec{A}_1 \quad \dot{m}_2 = \iint_{A_2} \rho_2 \vec{V}_2 \cdot d\vec{A}_2$$

In steady and incompressible flow, we have that  $\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2$ , otherwise the difference should result in a change in mass. With this, we can arrive to the conclusion

$$A_1 V_1 = A_2 V_2$$

With steady flow that is compressible, we still have that  $\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2$ , but in this case

$$\rho_1 A_1 V_1 = \rho_2 A_2 V_2$$

### 7.2.3 Conservation of Energy

In fluids, potential, kinetic, and pressure energies are exchangeable and ignoring frictional losses, the total energy is constant. This is the law of conservation of energy. The **Bernoulli** equation is an approximate relation between the fluid energies due to pressure, velocity, and elevation, and is valid in regions of steady incompressible flow where frictional forces are negligible along a streamline

$$\frac{V^2}{2} + gz + \frac{P}{\rho} = \text{constant}$$

This tells us that the sum of kinetic, potential, and pressure energies of a fluid particle per unit mass is constant along a streamline during steady flow when the compressibility and frictional effects are negligible

### 7.2.4 Static, Dynamic, Total, and Stagnation Pressures

By multiplying the Bernoulli equation by  $\rho$ , each term changes to units of pressure and will then represent some form of pressure.

$$P + \rho \frac{V^2}{2} + \rho gz = P_T$$

- $P$  is the static pressure representing the actual thermodynamic pressure of the fluid
- $\rho \frac{V^2}{2}$  is the dynamic pressure representing the pressure rise when the fluid motion is brought to a stop isentropically
- $\rho gz$  is the hydrostatic pressure which accounts for elevation effects

### 7.2.5 Limitations of the Bernoulli Equation

It is important to understand the restrictions on the Bernoulli equation's applicability and observe the limitations on its use. The assumptions for its use are as follows:

1. Steady flow
2. Incompressible flow (if Mach number  $< 0.3$ )
3. Frictionless flow
4. Flow along a streamline
5. No shaft work between point 1 and point 2
6. No heat transfer between 1 and 2

## 7.3 Conservation of Momentum

### 7.3.1 Control Volume Approach vs System Approach

- **Control Volume Approach:** A volume in the flow field is identified and the governing equations are solved for the flow properties associated with this volume. This is the Eulerian concept and is used for most fluid flow analysis problems.
- **System Approach:** Involves a continuous collection of mass of a fluid system that moves with the flow and solving equations for this system. This is the Lagrangian concept, where the system moves with the flow and consists of the same particles. This is used in thermodynamics and solid mechanics.

Some important definitions are explained below:

- **Control Volume:** A volume in space
- **Control Surface:** The surface enclosing the control volume
- **Fluid System:** A continuous mass of fluid that always contains the same fluid particles.

### 7.3.2 Reynolds Transport Theorem

Let  $B$  represent a fluid parameter proportional with the mass of the fluid considered and  $b$  represent the amount of that parameter per unit mass

$$B = mb$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the fluid of interest. For a fluid system the amount of parameter  $B$  can be determined by adding the amount associated with the mass of each particle within the system

$$B_{sys} = \int_{sys} b \rho dV = \int_{sys} b dm$$

For a control volume, the amount of parameter  $B$  contained in the control volume at a given instant

$$B_{CV} = \int_{CV} b \rho dV = \int_{CV} b dm$$

We'll often encounter the following two equations

### 7.3.3 Momentum Principle

The most general form of the momentum equation is

$$\sum \vec{F}_{CV} = \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{CV} \vec{V}(\rho dV) + \oint_{CS} \vec{V}(\rho \vec{V} d\vec{A})$$

$\sum \vec{F}_{CV}$  are body and surface forces that act on what is contained in the control volume. The only body forces considered are the ones associated with the action of gravity. The surface forces are basically exerted on the contents of the control volume by material just outside the control volume in contact with material just inside the control volume. The equation above states that the sum of the body forces and surface forces is the sum of the time rate of change of momentum due to unsteady fluctuations of flow properties inside the control volume and the net flow rate of momentum across the control surface.

There are a few special cases to consider

- For steady flow:

$$\sum \vec{F}_{CV} = \oint_{CS} \vec{V}(\rho \vec{V} d\vec{A})$$

- For steady, one-dimensional flow:

$$\sum \vec{F}_{CV} = \sum \dot{m}_{out} \vec{V}_{out} - \sum \dot{m}_{in} \vec{V}_{in}$$

if there is only one inlet and one outlet

$$\sum \vec{F}_{CV} = \dot{m}(\vec{V}_{out} - \vec{V}_{in})$$

### 7.3.4 Interpretation of Momentum Equation

## 8 General Forms of the Continuity Equation

### 8.1 Models of the Fluid

There have generally been five different models used to study the motion of a fluid:

- **Finite Control Volume:** The control volume is a reasonably large but finite region of flow fixed in space with the fluid particles moving through it
- **Finite System Approach:** The system moves with the fluid. If the density is changing within the flow field, its volume and shape would change as it moves with the flow
- **Infinitesimal Control Volume:** The control volume is infinitesimal in the same sense as in differential calculus, but is large enough to enable a huge number of fluid molecules to pass through it
- **Infinitesimal System:** The system of fluid is infinitesimal, consists of the same fluid particles and moves with the flow with a velocity equal to the local flow velocity
- **Molecular Approach:** Beyond the scope of this course, but good to know

### 8.2 Physical Understanding

#### 8.2.1 Substantial Derivative

The substantial derivative is defined as follows:

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

- $\frac{D}{Dt}$  is the substantial derivative, which is physically, the time rate of change following a moving fluid element
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  is the local derivative, which is physically the time rate of change at a fixed point
- $u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  is called the convective derivative, which is physically the time rate of change due to the movement of the fluid element from one location to another in the flow field where the flow properties are spatially different

This is also considered the **total derivative** with respect to time and can be written in the following form

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\vec{V} \cdot \vec{\nabla})$$

#### 8.2.2 Gradient of a Scalar Field

The gradient of a scalar quantity \* is defined as a vector such that

1. Its magnitude is the maximum rate of change of \* per unit length of the coordinate space at a given point
2. Its direction is the direction of the maximum rate of change at p at a given point

### 8.2.3 Divergence of Velocity

The divergence of velocity is given by the following:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

Physically, this is the time rate of change of the volume of a moving infinitesimally small system per unit volume.

### 8.2.4 Mass Flow Rate and Mass Flux

The mass flow rate is given by

$$\dot{m} = \rho V_n A$$

and the mass flux is defined as the mass flow per unit area

$$\text{mass flux} = \frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \rho V_n$$

## 8.3 Continuity Equation

The integral form of the continuity equation for a finite control volume fixed in space is

$$\oint_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{S} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{\Omega} \rho d\Omega = 0$$

The integral form of the continuity equation for a finite system of constant mass moving with the flow is

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \iiint_{\Omega} \rho d\Omega = 0$$

The differential form of the continuity equation for an infinitesimal control volume fixed in space is

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0$$

The differential form of the continuity equation for an infinitesimal system of constant mass moving with the flow is

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

Consult the class notes if interested in the derivation of these equations