1 General Considerations

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x_i} \neq 0 \tag{1}$$

- Wave propagation
- · Convective flows with buoancy
- Flows with variable temperature, friction, sources of heat
- High speed flows with Mach numbers $Ma \ge 1$

Compressible flows can still be described through the continuum model and conservation laws. The assumption is also that the thermodynamic state of the fluid is in a local equilibrium.

Assumptions

- Length scale of flows $\underline{\text{large}}$ compared to molecular scales (mean free path λ)
- Length scale of flows $\underline{\rm small}$ compared to the geometric scales (length L)
- Time scale au_F of the flow $\underline{\mathrm{long}}$ compared to the molecular process (relaxation) time $\overline{\mathrm{constants}}\ au_R$

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