< 2.3. Models of the fluid >

Physical laws

In developing the equations of aerodynamics we will invoke the firmly established and time-tested physical laws:

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Conservation of mass

Conservation of momentum

Conservation of energy

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Physical laws

- Because we are not dealing with isolated point masses, but rather a continuous deformable medium, we will require new conceptual and mathematical techniques to apply these laws correctly.
 - Finite control volume approach
 - Infinitesimal fluid element approach
 - Molecular approach

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Control volume approach

- One concept is the *control volume*, which can be either finite or infinitesimal. Two types of control volumes can be employed :
 - Volume is fixed in space (Eulerian type). Fluid can freely pass through the volume's boundary.



Eulerian Control Volume fixed in space

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Control volume approach

- One concept is the <u>control volume</u>, which can be either finite or infinitesimal. Two types of control volumes can be employed : (cont'd)
 - Volume is attached to the fluid (Lagrangian type).
 Volume is freely carried along with the fluid, and no fluid passes through its boundary. This is essentially the same as the free-body concept employed in solid mechanics.



Lagrangian Control Volume moving with fluid

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Control volume approach

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One concept is the <u>control volume</u>, which can be either finite or infinitesimal. Two types of control volumes can be employed : (cont'd)

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 Both approaches are valid.
Here we will focus on the *fixed* control volume. (Eulerian type)



Eulerian Control Volume fixed in space

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Mass flow

Consider a small patch of the surface of the fixed, permeable control volume. The patch has area A, and normal unit vector n.



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Mass flow

The plane of fluid particles which are on the surface at time t will move off the surface at time $t+\Delta t$, sweeping out a volume given by $\Delta v = V_n A \Delta t$.



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Mass flow

The mass of fluid in this swept volume, which evidently passed through the area during the Δt interval, is

$$\Delta m = \rho \Delta v = \rho V_n A \Delta t$$



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Mass flow

The *mass flow* is defined as the time rate of this mass passing though the area.

mass flow =
$$\dot{m} = \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} = \rho V_n A$$

• The *mass flux* is defined simply as mass flow per area.

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

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Mass conservation application

The conservation of mass principle can now be applied to the finite fixed control volume, but now it must allow for the possibility of mass flow across the volume boundary.

 $\frac{d}{dt}(Mass in volume) = Mass flow into volume$

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Mass conservation application

Using the previous relations we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iiint \rho dv = - \oiint \rho \vec{V} \cdot \hat{n} dA$$

where the negative sign is necessary because n is defined to point outwards, so an inflow is where -Vn is positive.

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Mass conservation application

Using Gauss's Theorem and bringing the time derivative inside the integral we have the result

$$\iiint \left[\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho \vec{V}\right)\right] dv = 0$$

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Mass conservation application

This relation must hold for any control volume whatsoever. If we place an infinitesimal control volume at every point in the flow and apply the above equation, we can see that the whole quantity in the brackets must be zero at every point. This results in the <u>Continuity Equation</u>

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

which is the embodiment of the Mass Conservation principle for fluid flow.

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Mass conservation application

The steady flow version is

 $\nabla \cdot \left(\rho \vec{V} \right) = 0$

• For <u>low-speed flow</u>, steady or unsteady, the density ρ is essentially constant, which gives the very great simplification that the velocity vector field has zero divergence.

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

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Mass conservation application

All of the above forms of the continuity equation are used in practice. The *surface-integral form* with the *steady assumption*,

$$\oint \rho \vec{V} \cdot \hat{n} dA = 0$$

is particularly useful in many engineering applications.

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- Channel flow application
 - Placing the control volume inside a pipe or channel of slowly-varying area, we now evaluate above equation.

$$\int \rho \vec{V} \cdot \hat{n} dA = -\rho_1 V_1 A_1 + \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = 0$$

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



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Channel flow application

The negative sign for station 1 is due to $Vn = -V_1$ at that location. The control volume faces adjacent to walls do not contribute to the integral, since their normal vectors are perpendicular to the local flow and therefore have Vn=0.



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- Channel flow application
 - Placing plane 2, say, at any other location, gives the general result that

 $\rho VA = const.$

The product ρVA is also recognized as the constant channel mass flow.



< 2.5. Momentum equations >

Momentum flow

When material flows through the surface, it carries not only mass, but momentum as well. The momentum flow can be described as

momentum $flow = \left(mass \ flow\right) \times \left(momentum/mass\right)$



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Momentum flow

where the mass flow was defined earlier, and the momentum/mass is simply the velocity vector V. Therefore

momentum flow =
$$\dot{m}\vec{V} = \rho(\vec{V}\cdot\hat{n})A\vec{V} = \rho V_n A\vec{V}$$

where $V_n = V n$ as before.

 $\hat{n} \wedge f$

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Momentum flow

Note that while mass flow is a scalar, the <u>momentum flow is</u> <u>a vector</u>, and points in the same direction as V. The momentum flux vector is defined simply as the momentum flow per area.



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Momentum conservation

Newton's second law states that during a short time interval dt, the impulse of a force F applied to some affected mass, will produce a momentum change dP_a in that affected mass. When applied to a fixed control volume, this principle becomes \vec{F}



 \vec{P}_{in} $\vec{P}(t)$ \vec{P}_{out}

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Momentum conservation

In the second equation (2), *P* is defined as the instantaneous momentum inside the control volume.

$$\vec{P}(t) \equiv \iiint \rho \vec{V} dv$$



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Momentum conservation

- The P_{out} is added because mass leaving the control volume carries away momentum provided by F, which P alone doesn't account for.
- The P_{in} is subtracted because mass flowing into the control volume is incorrectly accounted in P, and hence must be discounted.



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Momentum conservation

Both terms are evaluated by a surface integral of the momentum flux over the entire boundary.

$$\dot{\vec{P}}_{out} - \dot{\vec{P}}_{in} = \oiint \rho \left(\vec{V} \cdot \hat{n} \right) \vec{V} dA$$

• The sign of *Vn* automatically accounts for both inflow and outflow.

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* Applied forces

The force F consists of three types.

• <u>Body forces</u> :

These act on fluid inside the volume. The most common example is the gravity force, along the gravitational acceleration vector g.

$$\vec{F}_{gravity} = \iiint \rho \, \vec{g} \, dv$$



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* Applied forces

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• The force *F* consists of three types. (cont'd)

<u>Surface forces</u> :

These act on the surface of the volume, and can be separated into pressure and viscous forces.



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* Applied forces

• The force *F* consists of three types. (cont'd)

Viscous forces :

The viscous force is complicated to write out, and for now will simply be called $F_{viscous}$.



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Integral momentum equation

Substituting all the momentum, momentum flow, and force definitions into Newton's second law (2) gives the *Integral* <u>Momentum Equation</u>.

$$\frac{d}{dt}\iiint\rho\vec{V}dv + \oiint\rho\left(\vec{V}\cdot\hat{n}\right)\vec{V}dA = \oiint-p\hat{n}dA + \iiint\rho\vec{g}dv + \vec{F}_{viscous} \quad (3)$$

Along with the Integral Mass Equation, this equation can be applied to solve many problems involving finite control volumes.

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Differential momentum equation

The pressure surface integral in equation (3) can be converted to a volume integral using the Gradient Theorem.

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Differential momentum equation

- The momentum-flow surface integral is also similarly converted using Gauss's Theorem. This integral is a vector quantity, and for clarity the conversion is best done on each component separately.
- After substituting V = ui + vj + wk, we have

$$\oint \rho(\vec{V} \cdot \hat{n})(u\hat{i} + v\hat{j} + w\hat{k})dA = \hat{i} \iiint \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}u)dv + \hat{j} \iiint \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}v)dv + \hat{k} \iiint \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}w)dv$$

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Differential momentum equation

The *x*-component of the integral momentum equation (3) can now be written strictly in terms of volume integrals.

$$\iiint \left[\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho u \vec{V} \right) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} - \rho g_x - \left(F_x \right)_{viscous} \right] dv = 0 \qquad (4)$$

This relation must hold for any control volume whatsoever.

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Differential momentum equation

If we place an infinitesimal control volume at every point in the flow and apply equation (4), we can see that the whole quantity in the brackets must be zero at every point. This results in the x-Momentum Equation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho u \vec{V}) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \rho g_x + (F_x)_{viscous}$$
(5)

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Differential momentum equation

The *y*- and *z*-Momentum Equations follow by the same process.

$$\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho v \vec{V}\right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \rho g_y + \left(F_y\right)_{viscous}$$
(6)

$$\frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho w \vec{V}\right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \rho g_z + \left(F_z\right)_{viscous}$$
(7)

These three equations are the embodiment of the Newton's second law of motion, applied at every point in the flow-field. The steady flow version has the $\partial/\partial t$ terms omitted.