

# Waves and Compressible Flow

## Lecture 1

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- Part A: inviscid incompressible flow
  - B5.3 : viscous incompressible flow
  - B5.4 : inviscid compressible flow
- Resources: online lecture notes by Peter Howell
  - Ockendon & Ockendon, 'Waves & Compressible Flow' (Springer)
  - Acheson, 'Elementary Fluid Dynamics', Ch.3 (OUP)

# 1. Equations of motion

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- Fluid motion described by state variables:

density  $\rho(\underline{x}, t)$

pressure  $p(\underline{x}, t)$

velocity  $\underline{u}(\underline{x}, t)$

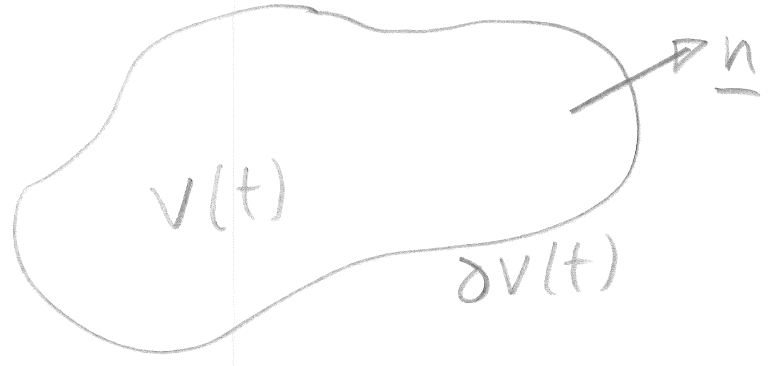
temperature  $T(\underline{x}, t)$

- For now, assume these are continuously differentiable (i.e.  $C^1$ ) functions of position  $\underline{x}$  and time  $t$ .

• Convective derivative:  $\frac{Df}{Dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + (\underline{u} \cdot \nabla) f$  represents rate of change of  $f(\underline{x}, t)$  following the flow.

• Reynolds' Transport Theorem: For a material volume  $V(t)$  and  $f \in C^1$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V(t)} f(\underline{x}, t) dV = \iiint_{V(t)} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (f\underline{u}) \right) dV \quad (\text{RTT})$$



- Conservation of mass: Mass of any  $V(t)$  is constant, i.e.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V(t)} \rho dV = 0 \quad \stackrel{\text{(RTT)}}{\Rightarrow} \quad \iiint_{V(t)} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \underline{u}) dV = 0$$

As  $V(t)$  arbitrary, integrand must vanish as continuous, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \underline{u}) = 0 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

- Corollary of RTT:  $f = \rho h \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V(t)} \rho h dV = \iiint_{V(t)} \rho \frac{Dh}{Dt} dV$

• Conservation of momentum: Newton's 2nd Law  $\Rightarrow$

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V(t)} \rho \underline{u} dV}_{\text{momentum}} = \underbrace{\iint_{\partial V(t)} -p \underline{n} dS}_{\text{internal pressure force (no viscosity)}} + \underbrace{\iiint_{V(t)} \rho \underline{g} dV}_{\text{external body force (gravity here)}}$$

$\Rightarrow$   
(Corollary RTT and div. thm)

$$\iiint_{V(t)} \rho \frac{D\underline{u}}{Dt} + \nabla p - \rho \underline{g} dV = \underline{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$   
( $V(t)$  arbitrary, integrand dt)

$$\underbrace{\rho \frac{D\underline{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \rho \underline{g}}_{\text{Euler's equation}}$$

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## Constant density recap

- If  $\rho$  is constant, ① - ② provide 4 equations for  $\underline{u}$ ,  $p$ .
- ①  $\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$ , i.e. flow is incompressible.
- If also assume flow is irrotational so  $\nabla \wedge \underline{u} = \underline{0}$ , then  $\underline{u} = \nabla \phi$  for some velocity potential  $\phi(\underline{x}, t)$  satisfying

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0.$$

- To find  $p$ , let  $\underline{g} = -\nabla \chi$  (usually  $\chi = gz$  if  $z$  points up)  
and use  $(\underline{u} \cdot \nabla) \underline{u} = \nabla \left( \frac{1}{2} |\underline{u}|^2 \right) + \underbrace{(\nabla \cdot \underline{u}) \underline{u}}_{= 0}$ , in (2), giving

$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \left( \frac{1}{2} |\underline{u}|^2 \right) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - \nabla \chi$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi|^2 + \frac{p}{\rho} + \chi \right) = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \phi|^2 + \frac{p}{\rho} + \chi}_{\text{Bernoulli's equation}} = F(t)$$

Bernoulli's equation



- NB: since  $\phi + f(t)$  is also a potential with  $F(t) \mapsto F(t) - f'(t)$ ,  $F(t)$  is arbitrary and can therefore be picked for convenience wlog.
- Q<sub>n</sub>: But is it reasonable to assume irrotational flow?
- Ans: Yes! Kelvin's Circulation Theorem implies that if  $\nabla \wedge \underline{u} = \underline{0}$  initially, then it remains so for all time.
- If we relax  $\rho = \text{const.}$  (e.g. gas), need two extra equations.

## Conservation of energy

(a)  $\iiint_{V(t)} \frac{1}{2} \rho |\underline{v}|^2 dV$  is kinetic energy in  $V(t)$ .

(b)  $\iiint_{V(t)} \rho c_v T dV$  is thermal energy in  $V(t)$ , where  $c_v$  is specific heat at constant volume ( $\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ ).

(c)  $\iiint_{V(t)} \rho \underline{g} \cdot \underline{y} dV$  is rate of working of body force in  $V(t)$ .

(d)  $\iint_{\partial V(t)} (-p\underline{n}) \cdot \underline{u} dS$  is rate of working of pressure on  $\partial V(t)$ .

(e)  $\iint_{\partial V(t)} (-k\underline{\nabla}T) \cdot (-\underline{n}) dS$  is net heat flux into  $V(t)$  through  $\partial V(t)$  according to Fourier's Law with thermal conductivity  $k$  (s.t.  $-k\underline{\nabla}T$  has units  $\text{Jm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ).

(f)  $\iiint_{V(t)} \rho \underline{q} dV$  is net rate of heating in  $V(t)$  (e.g. due to microwaves) at a prescribed rate  $\underline{q}(\underline{x}, t)$  per unit mass (so that  $\underline{q}$  has units  $\text{Jkg}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ ).

Conservation of energy:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (a) + (b) = (c) + (d) + (e) + (f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V(t)} \rho \left( \frac{1}{2} |\underline{u}|^2 + c_v T \right) dV = \iiint_{V(t)} \rho \underline{g} \cdot \underline{u} dV + \iint_{\partial V(t)} (-p \underline{n}) \cdot \underline{u} dS + \iint_{\partial V(t)} R \nabla T \cdot \underline{n} dS + \iiint_{V(t)} \rho \underline{q} dV$$

⇒  
(Corollary P1T  
& div. thm)

$$\iiint_{V(t)} \rho \frac{D}{Dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} |\underline{u}|^2 + c_v T \right) dV = \iiint_{V(t)} \rho \underline{g} \cdot \underline{u} - \nabla \cdot (p \underline{u}) + \nabla \cdot (R \nabla T) + \rho \underline{q} dV$$

⇒  
(V(t) arbitrary,  
integrand dt)

$$\underbrace{\rho \underline{u} \cdot \frac{D \underline{u}}{Dt}} + \rho c_v \frac{DT}{Dt} = \underbrace{\rho \underline{g} \cdot \underline{u}} - \underbrace{\nabla p \cdot \underline{u}} - p \nabla \cdot \underline{u} + \nabla \cdot (R \nabla T) + \rho \underline{q}$$

⇒  
(Euler's eqn)

$$\rho c_v \frac{DT}{Dt} = -p \nabla \cdot \underline{u} + \nabla \cdot (R \nabla T) + \rho \underline{q}$$

- Conduction is usually negligible for gases, so this simplifies to

$$\rho c_v \frac{DT}{Dt} = -p \nabla \cdot \underline{u} + \rho q \quad (3)$$

- Recall  $\nabla \cdot \underline{u}$  measures rate of expansion of the gas.

### The equation of state

- For a perfect or ideal gas, relate  $p$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $T$  via the equation of state

$$p = \rho R T, \quad (4)$$

where  $R$  is the specific gas constant.

- For a fixed mass  $M$  of gas of volume  $V$ , we have  $M = \rho V$  so that

$$pV = MRT$$

- Some corollaries: at fixed  $T$ ,  $p \propto 1/V$  (Boyle's Law)  
at fixed  $p$ ,  $V \propto T$  (Charles' Law)

### Summary

- The 6 scalar unknowns in  $p, \underline{u}, p, T$  are governed by the 6 scalar equations in ① - ④