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I. What is a fluid ?

I.1 The Fluid approximation:

The fluid is an idealized concept in which the matter is described as a continuous medium with certain macroscopic properties that vary as **continuous** function of position (e.g., density, pressure, velocity, entropy).

That is, one assumes that the scales *l* over which these quantities are defined is much larger than the mean free path λ of the individual particles that constitute the fluid,

$$l \gg \lambda; \qquad \lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma n}$$

Where n is the number density of particles in the fluid and σ is a typical interaction cross section.

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Furthermore, the concept of local fluid quantities is only useful if the scale /on which they are defined is much smaller than the typical macroscopic lengthscales L on which fluid properties vary. Thus to use the equations of fluid dynamics we require



Astrophysical circumstances are often such that strictly speaking not all criteria are fulfilled.









Lagrangian vs. Euleri	an View
There is a range of different ways in which we can a fluid. The two most useful and best known ones	n follow the evolution of are:
 1) Eulerian view Consider the system properties Q - density, flow velocity, temperature, pressure - at fixed locations. The temporal changes of these quantities is therefore followed by partial time derivative: <u>∂Q</u> <u>∂t</u> 2) Lagrangian view 	
Follow the changing system properties Q as you flow along with a fluid element. In a way, this "particle" approach is in the spirit of Newtonian dynamics, where you follow the body under the action of external force(s). The temporal change of the quantities is followed by means of the "convective" or "Lagrangian" derivative $\frac{DQ}{Dt}$	





Conservation Equations

To describe a continuous fluid flow field, the first step is to evaluate the development of essential properties of the mean flow field. To this end we evaluate the first 3 moment of the phase space distribution function $f(\vec{r},\vec{v})$, corresponding to five quantities,

For a gas or fluid consisting of particles with mass m, these are

1)	mass density	(ρ)		m	
2)	momentum density	ρū	=∫	$m\vec{v}$	$f\left(\vec{r},\vec{v},t\right)d\vec{v}$
3)	(kinetic) energy density	$(\rho\varepsilon)$		$\left(m\left \vec{v}-\vec{u}\right ^2/2\right)$	

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Note that we use \vec{u} to denote the bulk velocity at location r, and \vec{v} for the particle velocity. The velocity of a particle is therefore the sum of the bulk velocity and a "random" component \vec{w} ,

$$\vec{v} = \vec{u} + \vec{w}$$

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In principle, to follow the evolution of these (moment) quantities, we have to follow the evolution of the phase space density $f(\vec{r},\vec{v})$ This means we should solve the Boltzmann equation,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f - \vec{\nabla} \Phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} f = \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta t}\right)_c$$

The righthand collisional term is given by

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta t}\right)_{c} = \int \left|\vec{v} - \vec{v}_{2}\right| \sigma(\Omega) \left[f\left(\vec{v}'\right)f\left(\vec{v}_{2}'\right) - f\left(\vec{v}\right)f\left(v_{2}\right)\right] d\Omega d\vec{v}_{2}}{\text{in which}}$$

$$\sigma(\Omega) = \sigma(\vec{v}', \vec{v}_2' | \vec{v}, \vec{v}_2)$$

is the angle $\Omega\text{-dependent}$ elastic collision cross section.

On the lefthand side, we find the gravitational potential term, which according to the Poisson equation $\nabla^2\Phi\!=\!4\pi G(\rho+\rho_{ext})$

is generated by selfgravity as well as the external mass distribution $\mathcal{P}_{ext}(\vec{x},t)$.

Boltzmann Equation

To follow the evolution of a fluid at a particular location x, we follow the evolution of a quantity $\chi(x,v)$ as described by the Boltzmann equation. To this end, we integrate over the full velocity range,

$$\int \left(\chi \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \chi v_k \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} - \chi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_k} \right) d\vec{v} = \int \chi \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta t} \right)_c d\vec{v}$$

If the quantity $\chi(\vec{x}, \vec{v})$ is a conserved quantity in a collision, then the righthand side of the equation equals zero. For elastic collisions, these are mass, momentum and (kinetic) energy of a particle. Thus, for these quantities we have,

$$\int \chi \left(\frac{\delta f}{\delta t} \right)_c d\vec{v} = 0$$

The above result expresses mathematically the simple notion that collisions can not contribute to the time rate change of any quantity whose total is conserved in the collisional process.

For elastic collisions involving short-range forces in the nonrelativistic regime, there exist exactly five independent quantities which are conserved: mass, momentum and (kinetic) energy of a particle,

$$\chi = m;$$
 $\chi = mv_i;$ $\chi = \frac{m}{2}|\vec{v}|^2$

Boltzmann Moment Equations

When we define an average local quantity,

 $\langle Q \rangle = n^{-1} \int Q f d\vec{v}$

for a quantity Q, then on the basis of the velocity integral of the Boltzmann equation, we get the following evolution equations for the conserved quantities χ ,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(n \langle \chi \rangle \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(n \langle v_k \chi \rangle \right) + n \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_k} \left\langle \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial v_k} \right\rangle = 0$$

For the five quantities

 $\chi = m;$

$$\chi = mv_i;$$

the resulting conservation equations are known as the

1)	mass density
2)	momentum density

3) energy density

continuity equation Euler equation energy equation

 $\chi = \frac{m}{2} \left| \vec{v}^2 \right|$

In the sequel we follow - for reasons of insight - a slightly more heuristic path towards inferring the continuity equation and the Euler equation.



Since this holds for every volume, this relation is equivalent to

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0 \quad (I.1)$$
The continuity equation expresses
- mass conservation
AND
- fluid flow occurring in a continuous fashion !!!!!
One can also define the mass flux density as

$$\vec{j} = \rho \vec{u}$$
which shows that eqn. I.1 is actually a continuity equation

Continuity Equation & Compressibility

From the continuity equation,

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

we find directly that ,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \rho + \rho \, \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$$

Of course, the first two terms define the Lagrangian derivative, so that for a moving fluid element we find that its density changes according to

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u}$$

In other words, the density of the fluid element changes as the divergence of the velocity flow. If the density of the fluid cannot change, we call it an *incompressible fluid*, for which $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$

Momentum Conservation

When considering the fluid momentum, $\chi = mv_i$, via the Boltzmann moment equation,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(n \left\langle \chi \right\rangle \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(n \left\langle v_k \chi \right\rangle \right) + n \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_k} \left\langle \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial v_k} \right\rangle = 0$$

we obtain the equation of momentum conservation,

we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho v_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}(\rho \langle v_i v_k \rangle) + \rho \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

Decomposing the velocity vi into the bulk velocity ui and the random component wi,

$$\langle v_i v_k \rangle = u_i u_k + \langle w_i w_k \rangle$$

By separating out the trace of the symmetric dyadic $w_i w_k$, we write

$$\rho \langle w_i w_k \rangle = p \delta_{ik} - \pi_{ik}$$







Viscous Stress

A note on the viscous stress term π_{ik} :

For Newtonian fluids:

Hooke's Law states that the viscous stress π_{ik} is linearly proportional to the rate of strain $\partial u_i / \partial x_k$,

$$\pi_{ik} = 2\mu\Sigma_{ik} + \beta \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u}\right) \delta_{ik}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ik}$ is the shear deformation tensor,

$$\Sigma_{ik} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \right\} - \frac{1}{3} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} \right) \delta_{ik}$$

The parameters μ and β are called the *shear* and *bulk* coefficients of viscosity.





1) External (volume) forces;

$$\int_{V} \rho \vec{f} \, dV$$

where \vec{f} is the force per unit mass, known as the body force. An example is the gravitational force when the volume V is embedded in a gravitational field.

2) The pressure (surface) force is the integral of the pressure (force per unit area) over the surface ${\sf S}$

$$-\oint_{s} p \vec{n} dS$$

3) The momentum transport over the surface area can be inferred by considering at each surface point the slanted cylinder of fluid swept out by the area element δS in time δt , where δS starts on the surface S and moves with the fluid, i.e. with velocity \vec{u} . The momentum transported through the slanted cylinder is

$$\delta \left(\rho \, \vec{u} \right) = - \rho \, \vec{u} \left(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{n} \right) \delta \, t \, \delta \, S$$

so that the total transported monetum through the surface S is:

$$\delta\left(\rho\,\vec{u}\,\right) = -\oint_{S}\rho\,\vec{u}\,\left(\vec{u}\,\cdot\vec{n}\,\right)dS$$



Euler equation

Reordering some terms of the lefthand side of the last equation,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\rho u_i u_j) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \rho f_i$$

leads to the following equation:

$$\rho\left\{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}\right\} + u_i\left\{\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\rho u_j)\right\} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \rho f_i$$

From the *continuity equation*, we know that the second term on the LHS is zero. Subsequently, returning to vector notation, we find the usual expression for the *Euler equation*,

Returning to vector notation, and using the we find the usual expression for the Euler equation:

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u}\right) = -\vec{\nabla} p + \rho \vec{f} \qquad (I.4)$$



Euler equation

From eqn. (I.4)

$$\rho\left(\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u}\right) = -\vec{\nabla} p + \rho \vec{f} \qquad (I.4)$$

we see that the LHS involves the Lagrangian derivative, so that the $\it Euler$ equation can be written as

$$\rho \frac{D \vec{u}}{D t} = - \vec{\nabla} p + \rho \vec{f} \qquad (I.6)$$

In this form it can be recognized as a statement of Newton's 2nd law for an inviscid (frictionless) fluid. It says that, for an infinitesimal volume of fluid, mass times acceleration = total force on the same volume, namely force due to pressure gradient plus whatever body forces are being exerted.







Work Equation

Internal Energy Equation

For several purposes it is convenient to express energy conservation in a form that involves only the *internal energy* and a form that only involves the global *PdV work*.

The work equation follows from the full energy equation by using the Euler equation, by multiplying it by u_i and using the continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\rho}{2} \left| \vec{u} \right|^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\frac{\rho}{2} \left| \vec{u} \right|^2 u_k \right) = -\rho u_i \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} - u_i \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + u_i \frac{\partial \pi_{ik}}{\partial x_k}$$

Subtracting the *work equation* from the full energy equation, yields the *internal energy equation* for the internal energy ε

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho\varepsilon) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}(\rho\varepsilon u_k) = -P\frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial x_k} + \Psi$$

where Ψ is the *rate of viscous dissipation* evoked by the viscosity stress π_{ik}

$$\Psi = \pi_{ik} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k}$$

Internal energy equation

If we use the continuity equation, we may also write the internal energy equation in the form of the first law of thermodynamics,

$$\rho \frac{D\varepsilon}{Dt} = -P \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}_{cond} + \Psi$$

in which we recognize

$$-P\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{u} = -P\left[\rho\frac{D\rho^{-1}}{Dt}\right]$$

as the rate of doing PdV work, and

$$-\vec{\nabla}\cdot\vec{F}_{cond}+\Psi$$

as the time rate of adding heat (through heat conduction and the viscous conversion of ordered energy in differential fluid motions to disordered energy in random particle motions).











Flow Visualization: Streamlines, Pathlines & Streaklines

Fluid flow is characterized by a velocity vector field in 3-D space. There are various distinct types of curves/lines commonly used when visualizing fluid motion: *streamlines, pathlines* and *streaklines*.

These only differ when the flow changes in time, ie. when the flow is not *steady*! If the flow is not steady, streamlines and streaklines will change.

1) Streamlines

Family of curves that are instantaneously tangent to the velocity

vector \vec{u} . They show the direction a fluid element will travel at any point in time.

If we parameterize one particular streamline \vec{l}_s (s) , with \vec{l}_s (s=0) = $\vec{x}_{_0}$, then streamlines are defined as

$$\frac{d\vec{l}_s}{ds} \times \vec{u} (\vec{l}_s) = 0$$















Stokes' Flow Theorem Stokes' flow theorem: the terms of the relative motion wrt. point P are: $H = \frac{1}{3} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u}$ 2) Divergence term: uniform expansion/contraction 3) Shear term: $S = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{ik} R_i R_k$ uniform distortion $\Sigma_{ik} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \right\} - \frac{1}{3} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} \right) \delta_{ik}$ S : shear deformation scalar \sum_{ik} : shear tensor $\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega}$ 4) Vorticity Term: uniform rotation $\vec{\omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u}$

Stokes' Flow Theorem

Stokes' flow theorem:

One may easily understand the components of the fluid flow around a point P by a simple Taylor expansion of the velocity field \vec{u} (\vec{x}) around the point P:

$$\delta u_{i} = u_{i}(\vec{x} + \vec{R}, t) - u_{i}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{k}}R_{k}$$

Subsequently, it is insightful to write the rate-of-strain tensor $\partial u_i / \partial x_k$ in terms of its symmetric and antisymmetric parts:

$$\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{k}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{k}} + \frac{\partial u_{k}}{\partial x_{i}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{k}} - \frac{\partial u_{k}}{\partial x_{i}} \right)$$

The symmetric part of this tensor is the deformation tensor, and it is convenient -and insightful – to write it in terms of a diagonal trace part and the traceless shear tensor $\Sigma_{\ \mu}$,

$$\frac{\partial u_{i}}{\partial x_{k}} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} \right) \delta_{ik} + \Sigma_{ik} + \omega_{ik}$$

Stokes' Flow Theorem

where

1) the symmetric (and traceless) shear tensor Σ_{ik} is defined as

$$\Sigma_{ik} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} \right) \delta_{ik}$$

2) the antisymmetric tensor ω_{ik} as

$$\omega_{ik} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} - \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

3) the trace of the rate-of-strain tensor is proportional to the velocity divergence term,

$$\frac{1}{3} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} \right) \delta_{ik} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} \right) \delta_{ik}$$

Stokes' Flow Theorem

Divergence Term

$$\frac{1}{3} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} \right) \delta_{ik} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_3} \right) \delta_{ik}$$

We know from the Lagrangian continuity equation,

$$\frac{D \rho}{D t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u}$$





Stokes' Flow Theorem

Shear Term

Note that we can associate a quadratic form – ie. an ellipsoid – with the shear tensor, the shear deformation scalar S,

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{ik} R_i R_k$$

such that the corresponding shear velocity contribution is given by

$$\delta u_{\Sigma,i} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial R_i} = \Sigma_{ik} R_k$$

We may also define a related quadratic form by incorporating the divergence term,

$$\Phi_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2} D_{mk} R_m R_k = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \Sigma_{mk} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} \right) \delta_{mk} \right\} R_m R_k$$
$$\frac{\partial \Phi_{\nu}}{\partial R_i} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \right\} R_k$$

Evidently, this represents the *irrotational* part of the velocity field. For this reason, we call Φ_{u} the *velocity potential*:

$$\vec{u} = \vec{\nabla} \Phi_v \implies \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u} = 0$$





Linear Momentum Fluid Element

The linear momentum $\vec{p}~$ of a fluid element equal the fluid velocity $\vec{u}~(Q~)$ integrated over the mass of the element,

$$\vec{p} = \int \vec{u} (Q) dm$$

Substituting this into the equation for the fluid flow around P,

$$\vec{u}(Q) = \vec{u}(P) + H\vec{R} + \vec{\nabla}D + \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{R}$$

we obtain:

$$\vec{p} = \vec{u} (P) \int dm + \vec{\Omega} \times \int \vec{R} dm + H \int \vec{R} dm + \int \vec{\nabla} D dm$$

If P is the center of mass of the fluid element, then the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} terms on the RHS vanish as

 $\int \vec{R} \, dm = \vec{0}$

Moreover, for the 4th term we can also use this fact to arrive at,

$$\int \nabla_i D \, dm = \int \Sigma_{ik} R_k \, dm = \Sigma_{ik} \int R_k \, dm = 0$$



$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Angular Momentum Fluid Element}\\ \textbf{With respect to the center-of-mass P, the instantaneous angular momentum of a fluid element equals}\\ \vec{J} &\equiv \int \left[\ \vec{R} \times \vec{u} \ (Q \) \ \right] \ dm\\ \textbf{We rotate the coordinate axes to the eigenvector coordinate system of the deformation tensor <math>D_{m_k}$ (or, equivalently, the shear tensor \sum_{m_k}), in which the symmetric deformation tensor is diagonal $\Phi_v = \frac{1}{2} D'_{mk} R'_m \ R'_k = \frac{1}{2} \left(D'_{11} R'^2_1 + D'_{22} R'^2_2 + D'_{33} R'^2_3 \right) \\ \textbf{and all strains } D_{m_k} \text{ are extensional}, \end{array}$

$$D'_{11} = \frac{\partial u'_1}{\partial x'_1}; \qquad D'_{22} = \frac{\partial u'_2}{\partial x'_2}; \qquad D'_{33} = \frac{\partial u'_3}{\partial x'_3}$$

Then

$$J'_{1} = \int \left[R'_{2}u'_{3}(Q) - R'_{3}u'_{2}(Q) \right] dm$$



Angular Momentum Fluid Element

Using the simple observation that the difference

$$D'_{22} - D'_{33} = \Sigma'_{22} - \Sigma'_{33}$$

since the isotropic part of $I^{\,\prime}_{\,\,jl}$ does not enter in the difference, we find for all 3 angular momentum components

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$J_{1}' = I_{1l}'\Omega_{l}' + I_{23}'(\Sigma_{22}' - \Sigma_{33}')$
$J'_{2} = I'_{2l}\Omega'_{l} + I'_{31}(\Sigma'_{33} - \Sigma'_{11})$
$J'_{3} = I'_{3l}\Omega'_{l} + I'_{12} (\Sigma'_{11} - \Sigma'_{22})$

with a summation over the repeated I's.

Note that for a solid body we would have

$$I'_{j} = I'_{jl}\Omega'_{l}$$

For a fluid an extra contribution arises from the extensional strain if the principal axes of the moment-of-inertia tensor do not coincide with those of D_{ik} .

Notice, in particular, that a fluid element can have angular momentum wrt. its center of mass without possesing spinning motion, ie. even if $\vec{\Omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u} / 2 = 0$!



Inviscid Barotropic Flow

In this chapter we are going to study the flow of fluids in which we ignore the effects of viscosity .

In addition, we suppose that the energetics of the flow processes are such that we have a barotropic equation of state

$$P = P(\rho, S) = P(\rho)$$

Such a replacement considerably simplifies many dynamical discussions, and its formal justification can arise in many ways.

One specific example is when heat transport can be ignored, so that we have adiabatic flow,

$$\frac{D s}{D t} = \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \left(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\right)s = 0$$

with s the specific entropy per mass unit. Such a flow is called an *isentropic flow*. However, barotropic flow is more general than *isentropic flow*. There are also various other thermodynamic circumstances where the barotropic hypothesis is valid.

Inviscid Barotropic Flow

For a barotropic flow, the specific enthalpy h

$$dh = T ds + V dp$$

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becomes simply

$$dh = V dp = \frac{dp}{\rho}$$

and

$$h = \int \frac{dp}{\rho}$$

Kelvin Circulation Theorem

$$\vec{f} = \vec{g}$$

so that – ignoring the influence of viscous stresses and radiative forces – the flow proceeds according to the Euler equation,

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \left(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}\right)\vec{u} = \vec{g} - \frac{\vec{\nabla} p}{\rho}$$

To proceed, we use a relevant vector identity

$$\left(\vec{u}\cdot\vec{\nabla}\right)\vec{u} = \left(\vec{u}\times\vec{\nabla}\right)\times\vec{u} + \vec{\nabla}\left(\frac{1}{2}|\vec{u}|^2\right)$$

which you can most easily check by working out the expressions for each of the 3 components.

The resulting expression for the Euler equation is then

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

If we take the curl of equation

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

we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{u} \right) = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{g} + \frac{\vec{\nabla} \rho}{\rho^2} \times \vec{\nabla} p$$

where $\vec{\omega}$ is the vorticity vector,

$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u}$$

and we have used the fact that the curl of the gradient of any function equals zero.

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left| \vec{u} \right|^2 \right) = 0; \qquad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \left(p \right) = 0$$

Also, a classical gravitational field $\vec{g} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi$ satisfies this property,

 $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{g} = 0$

so that gravitational fields cannot contribute to the generation or destruction of vorticity.

Use of barotropic flow, ie. if $p = p(\rho)$ \Rightarrow $\nabla p = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right) \nabla \rho$ so that also the 2nd term on the RHS of the vorticity equation disappears, $\frac{1}{\rho^2} \vec{\nabla} \rho \times \vec{\nabla} p = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right) \vec{\nabla} \rho \times \vec{\nabla} \rho = 0$ The resulting expression for the vorticity equation for barotropic flow
in a conservative gravitational field is therefore, $\left(\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{u}) = 0\right)$ which we know as the Vorticity Equation.

Interpretation of the vorticity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{u} \right) = 0$$

Compare to magnetostatics, where we may associate the value of \vec{B} with a certain number of magnetic field lines per unit area.

With such a picture in mind, we may give the following geometric interpretation of magnetic field lines per unit area. With such a Picture, we may give the following geometric interpretation of the vorticity equation, which will be the physical essence of the

Kelvin Circulation Theorem

The number of vortex lines that thread any element of area, that moves with the fluid , remains unchanged in time for inviscid barotropic flow.



Time rate of change of Γ

Subsequently, we investigate the time rate of change of $\Gamma\,$ if every point on C moves at the local fluid velocity $\vec{u}\,$.

Take the time derivative of the surface integral in the last equation. It has 2 contributions:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \int_{A} \frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA + \int \vec{\omega} \cdot (tim \, e \, rate \, of \, change \, of \, area)$$

where \hat{n} is the unit normal vector to the surface area. The time rate of change of area can be expressed mathematically with the help of the figure illustrating the change of an area A moving locally with fluid velocity \overline{u} .

On the basis of this, we may write,

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \int_{A} \frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA + \oint_{C} \vec{\omega} \cdot \left(\vec{u} \times d\vec{l} \right)$$

We then interchange the cross and dot in the triple scalar product

$$\vec{\omega} \cdot \left(\vec{u} \times d\vec{l} \right) = \left(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{u} \right) \cdot d\vec{l}$$

Kelvin Circulation Theorem

Time rate of change of Γ

Using Stokes' theorem to convert the resulting line integral

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \int_{A} \frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} \cdot \hat{n} \, dA + \oint_{C} \left(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{u} \right) \cdot d\vec{l}$$

to a surface integral, we obtain:

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \int_{A} \left[\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \times \left(\vec{\omega} \times \vec{u} \right) \right] \cdot \hat{n} \ dA$$

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Closely related to Kelvin's circulation theorem we find Bernoulli's theorem. It concerns a flow which is steady and barotropic, i.e. $\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} = 0$ and $p = p(\rho)$ Again, using the vector identity, $(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{u} = (\vec{u} \times \vec{\nabla}) \times \vec{u} + \vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{2} |\vec{u}|^2\right)$ we may write the Euler equation for a steady flow in a gravitational field ϕ $\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{u} = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{u} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{\vec{\nabla} p}{\rho}$ \downarrow $\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{2} |\vec{u}|^2\right) + (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u}) \times \vec{u} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi - \frac{\vec{\nabla} p}{\rho}$

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Defining the Bernoulli function B

$$B = \frac{1}{2} \left| \vec{u} \right|^2 + \phi + h$$

which has dimensions of energy $\tilde{\operatorname{per}}$ unit mass. The Euler equation thus becomes

$$\vec{\omega} \times \vec{u} + \vec{\nabla} B = 0$$

Now we consider two situations, the scalar product of the equation with and \vec{u} and \vec{o} ,

1)
$$(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) B = 0$$

B is constant along streamlines
this is
Bernoulli's streamline theorem
2) $(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) B = 0$
B is constant along vortex lines
ie. along integral curves $\vec{\omega} (\vec{x})$
* vortex lines are curves tangent to the vector field $\vec{\omega} (\vec{x})$