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De Laval Nozzle

The de Laval nozzle is used to accelerate a hot, pressurised gas passing through it to a *supersonic* speed.

High-pressure gas coming from the combustion chamber enters the nozzle and flows into a region where the nozzle cross section decreases, dA/dx < 0. The thermal energy is converted into kinetic energy of the flow, and the flow goes through a sonic point at the critical point where the nozzle cross section narrows to its minimum (dA/dx=0). At that point the flow speed reaches the sound velocity. The cross section increases again after the critical point, and the gas is further accelerate to supersonic speeds.

The de Laval nozzle shapes the exhaust flow so that the heat energy propelling the flow is maximally converted into directed kinetic energy.

Because of its properties, the nozzle is widely used in some types of steam turbine, it is an essential part of the modern rocket engine, and it also sees use in supersonic jet engines.



Astrophysically, the flow properties of the de Laval nozzle have been applied towards understanding jet streams, such as observed in AGNs (see figure), the outflow from young stellar objects and likely occur in Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs).

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If we make the approximation of steady, quasi-1-D barotropic flow, we may write Bernoulli's theorem and the equation of continuity as

$$\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \int \frac{dP}{\rho} = cst$$

$$\rho uA = cst.$$

where A is the local sectional area of the nozzle.

Note that because of the compressibility of the gas we no longer assume a constant density, and thus have to keep ρ in the integral.

Gravitational potential variations are ignored, as for terrestrial applications the fast flow of jet gases is not relevant over the related limited spatial extent.





Two illustrations of the de Laval nozzle principle. The 2nd figure is a measurement of the flow speed in an experiment.

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The variation of the area A along the axis of the nozzle will introduce spatial variations for each of the other quantities.

To consider the rate of such variations, take the differential of the Bernoulli equation,

$$\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} = cst. \implies u \, du + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{d\rho} d\rho = 0$$

Taking into account that the sound velocity c_{s} associated with the barotropic relation is

$$c_s^2 \equiv \frac{dp}{d\rho}$$

we find from the equations above that

$$u\,du + \frac{c_s^2}{\rho}d\,\rho = 0$$

We define the Mach number of the flow as the ratio of the flow velocity to the sound velocity,

$$M = \frac{u}{c_s}$$







Illustration of the run of flow speed u, pressure p and temperature T, as the gas passes through the nozzle and its sonic point.







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Final Notes:

 whether supersonic exhaust is actually achieved in nozzle flow also depends on the boundary conditions. In particular, on the pressure of the ambient medium in comparison with the pressure of the reaction chamber.

If a sonic transition does occur, the flow behaviour depends sensitively on the nozzle conditions, since the coefficient $1\text{-}M^2$ becomes arbitrarily small near the transition region.

6) When external body forces are present, we do not need to have a throat to achieve the smooth transition of subsonic to supersonic flow. The external forces can provide the requisite acceleration.









Incompressible Flow

Many problems of practical importance, involving a large number of engineering and terrestric conditions concern incompressible flows.

For an incompressible flow, we have

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

which follows directly from the continuity equation on the basis of the conditions

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0; \qquad \vec{\nabla} \rho = 0$$

In other words, for an incompressible fluid (a liquid) the variation of pressure p in the force (Euler) equation equals whatever it needs so that $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$

Note that for an incompressible medium, Kelvin's circulation theorem is valid independent of the barotropic assumption: because $\vec{\nabla}\rho = 0$ the vorticity equation is true independent of





To solution of the Laplace equation is dictated by the boundary (and initial) conditions that are imposed.





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In the case of potential flow, we find from the fact that it is irrotational,

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

and the velocity can be written as the gradient of a potential D, that the Euler equation

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from which we can immediately infer that the Bernoulli function is a function of time:



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Systems where motion is a in hydrostatic equilibrium	absent altogether, or at least has no dynamic effects, are $ec{u}=0$			
In those situations, the fl	uid equations reduce to simple equilibrium equations.			
1) Continuity equation:	$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$			
2) Euler equation:	$\frac{1}{\rho}\vec{\nabla}p = \vec{f} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi$			
(the latter identity in the	Euler equation is for the body force being the gravitational for			
We will shortly address for astrophysical interest	our typical examples of hydrostatic equilibrium, all of major			
1) Archimedes' Principle, bouyancy forces				
2) Isothermal sphere				
3) Stellar Structure equations				
4) Mass determination of	f clusters from their X-ray emission			





Archimedes' Principle

In the situation where an object is (partially) immersed in a fluid (see figure), Archimedes' principle states, shortly, that

Buoyancy = Weight of displaced fluid

Pressure by water on displaced volume:

This is called the buoyancy force, and underlies a large amount of practical applications - starting from ships floating on water.



Archimedes Principle







Archimedes Principle: Iceberg



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Determine the fraction of the iceberg's volume immersed in the water ...

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Ie., only 8% of the iceberg is visible above the water, hence ...





Isothermal Sphere

What is the equilibrium configuration of a spherically symmetric gravitating body ?

The two equations governing the system are the hydrostatic equilibrium (Euler) equation and the Poisson equation:

$$\vec{\nabla}p = -\rho \,\vec{\nabla}\phi$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G\rho$$

Because of spherical symmetry, we write the Laplacian in spherical coordinates:

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2}$$

Therefore, in spherical coprdinates the hydrostatic and Paisson equation become:

$$\frac{d\rho}{dr} = -\rho \frac{d\phi}{dr}$$
$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = 4\pi G\rho$$

Isothermal Sphere

Integration of the second equation gives:

$$r^2 \frac{d\phi}{dr} = Gm(r)$$

where m(r) is the mass contained within the shell of radius r,

$$m(r) = \int_{0}^{0} 4\pi x^2 \rho(x) \, dx$$

To solve this equation, we have to invoke the nature of the gas, ie. the equation of state $p(\mathbb{P})$. We assume an ideal gas, for which

$$p = \frac{R}{\mu}\rho T = \rho c_s^2$$

We make the assumption that it concerns a gas with constant molecular weight ${\tt I}$ and a constant temperature T (an isothermal sphere). This yields the following equation:

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(\frac{r^2c_s^2}{\rho}\frac{d\rho}{dr}\right) = -4\pi Gr^2\rho$$





Clusters of Galaxies

- Assemblies of up to 1000s of galaxies within a radius of only 1.5-2h⁻¹ Mpc.
- · Representing overdensities of δ ~1000
- \cdot Galaxies move around with velocities ~ 1000 km/s
- They are the most massive, and most recently, fully collapsed structures in our Universe.













Which, after some algebraic manipulation, leads to ...











Stellar Structure	Equations
Continuity equation:	
conservation of mass in shell (r,r+dr)	$\frac{dr}{dm_r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\rho r^2}$
Hydrostatic Equilibrium:	
Pressure = Gravity	$\frac{dP}{dr} = -\frac{Gm_r}{4r^2}$
dP = pressure difference over shell mass dm _r	$dm_r = 4\pi r^2$
Energy conservation & generation:	
Energy generated by shell dm _r : - nuclear energy ī ⁿ - thermodynamic energy ī ^g - energy loss neutrinos ī ^a	$\frac{dL}{dm_r} = \varepsilon_n + \varepsilon_g - \varepsilon_v$
Energy transport	$\frac{dT}{dT} = \frac{3\kappa}{L_r}$
radiative & conductive energy transport, shell opacity 🛙	dm_r $64\pi^2 ac r^4 T^3$

