

Fluid Mechanics

Introduction:

Eqⁿ of motion for an "ideal fluid"

⇒ Euler in 1755

for "viscous fluid" ⇒ Navier (1822)

& Stokes (1845)

describe many physical phenomena
in nature

Models for atmospheric & ocean flow
for weather prediction to applications
in chemical engineering, to the
development of thrusters

A material exhibits "flow" if shear
forces, however small, lead to deformation
which is unbounded → definition

of a "fluid". A "solid" has fixed
shape or at least limitation on deformation

The main distinguishing feature
betⁿ two fluids is the notion of
compressibility. Gases are usually
compressible, whereas liquids
generally incompressible.

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Fluids can be subcategorized
"ideal" or "inviscid". The only
internal force present is pressure.
However fluids can exhibit internal
frictional forces involves energy
loss - these are "inviscid"

Non-newtonian fluids exhibit
reaction to deformation depends on
past history eg. paints or temperature
eg. polymers or the size of deformation
eg plastic.

real fluid three natural scales

1. $L_{\text{molecular}} \Rightarrow$ mean free path
at collisions
2. $L_{\text{fluid}} \Rightarrow$ medium scale, fluid
droplets in pipe, ocean
3. $L_{\text{macro}} \Rightarrow$ scale of fluid geometry
scale of container.

$$L_{\text{molecular}} \ll L_{\text{fluid}} \ll L_{\text{macro}}$$

We assume properties of fluid at
 L_{fluid} propagate all the way
down to molecular level.

This is "continuum assumption"

Basic eqⁿ based on conservation

Suppose for a given fluid flow $\bar{u}(\bar{x}, t)$ we fix time t , then "streamline" is integral curve of $\bar{u}(\bar{x}, t)$ for fixed t i.e. curve $\bar{x} = \bar{x}(s)$ parametrized by variable s , that satisfy

$$\frac{d}{ds} \bar{x}(s) = \bar{u}(\bar{x}(s), t)$$

if velocity field \bar{u} is time independent i.e. $\bar{u} = \bar{u}(\bar{x})$ only $\partial \bar{u} / \partial t = 0$ & flow is called "Stationary"