

I The Continuum Navier-Stokes Equations

(A) Foundations of Macroscopic Hydrodynamics

See also Tennekes & Lumley, Section 2.2

Hamiltonian equations of a simple molecular fluid:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{p_n^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \neq m} \Phi(\mathbf{r}_{nm}), \quad \mathbf{r}_{nm} = \mathbf{r}_n - \mathbf{r}_m \\ \dot{\mathbf{r}}_n &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}_n} = \frac{\mathbf{p}_n}{m}, \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}}_n &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{r}_n} = \sum_{m \neq n} -\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r}_{nm}), \quad -\nabla \Phi(\mathbf{r}_{nm}) = \mathbf{F}_{nm}. \end{aligned}$$

Conservation laws:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{mass} : M &= mN \\ \underline{momentum} : \mathbf{P} &= \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{p}_n \\ \underline{energy} : E &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{p_n^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \neq m} \Phi(\mathbf{r}_{nm}) \end{aligned}$$

Local conservation laws

mass density:

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N m \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t))$$

mass current:

$$\hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{p}_n(t) \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t))$$

$$\implies \partial_t \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$$

momentum density:

$$\hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{p}_n(t) \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t))$$

momentum current(stress tensor):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{p}_n(t) \mathbf{p}_n(t) \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \neq m} \mathbf{F}_{nm} \mathbf{r}_{nm}(t) \int_0^1 ds \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t) + s \mathbf{r}_{nm}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$$

energy density

$$\hat{e}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{p_n^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m \neq n} \Phi(\mathbf{r}_{nm}) \right) \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t))$$

energy current

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{p_n^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m \neq n} \Phi(\mathbf{r}_{nm}) \right) \frac{\mathbf{p}_n}{m} \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n \neq m} \frac{1}{m} [(\mathbf{p}_n + \mathbf{p}_m) \cdot \mathbf{F}_{nm}] \mathbf{r}_{nm} \int_0^1 ds \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n + s \mathbf{r}_{nm}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies \partial_t \hat{e}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$$

Hydrodynamic regime: A sufficiently short-range potential $\Phi \implies$ the typical distance λ_{mfp} travelled by a molecule between $O(1)$ interactions is finite. Here, λ_{mfp} is the *mean-free path*.

Let

$$G_\ell(\mathbf{r}) = \ell^{-3} G\left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{\ell}\right)$$

for G smooth, rapidly decreasing in $|\mathbf{r}|$, positive, with unit integral. With

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}, t) = (\hat{\rho}_0, \hat{\rho}_1, \hat{\rho}_2, \hat{\rho}_3, \hat{\rho}_4) = (\hat{\rho}, \hat{g}_1, \hat{g}_2, \hat{g}_3, \hat{e})$$

set

$$\bar{\rho}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t) = (G_\ell \star \hat{\rho})(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}, t) G_\ell(\mathbf{r})$$

For example,

$$\bar{\rho}_{0\ell}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{\rho}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{n=1}^N m G_\ell(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_n(t))$$

Thus, $\bar{\rho}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the conserved density averaged over all the molecules in a region of radius $\sim \ell$ around the point \mathbf{x} . These are called “coarse – grained densities” at the length-scale ℓ .

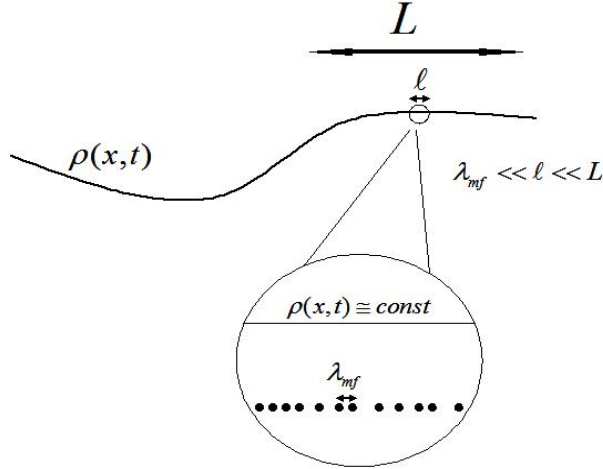


Figure 1.

Consider situations for which there exist smooth macroscopic densities $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$, with

$$L_\nabla = \max \frac{|\rho|}{|\nabla \rho|} \gg \lambda_{mf}$$

$$T_\nabla = \max \frac{|\rho|}{|\rho_t|} \gg \tau_{mf} = \lambda_{mf}/v_{th}$$

with v_{th} the typical molecular speed (a thermal velocity) such that

$$\bar{\rho}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t) \cong \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Gas	Collision times [10^{-10} sec]	Mean free Paths [10^{-8} m]
He	2.2	27.45
Ar	2.5	9.88
CO ₂	1.6	6.15
H ₂	1.0	17.44
N ₂	2.0	9.29
O ₂	2.2	9.93

Table 1: Ideal gases at temperature $T = 120^\circ\text{C}$ and pressure $p = 1 \text{ atm}$.

for all $\lambda_{mfp} \ll \ell \ll L_\nabla$. This is called a situation with separation of scales. The small parameter $\varepsilon = Kn = \frac{\lambda_{mfp}}{L_\nabla} \ll 1$ is called the *Knudsen number*. Since maximum macroscopic velocities are of the order of the sound speed which is $\cong v_{th}$, $\tau_{mfp}/T_\nabla \cong \varepsilon$.

Typically, on a timescale $O(\tau_{mfp})$, the particle distributions of positions and momentum in the region of radius ℓ achieve a local equilibrium distribution

$$P^{(0)} \propto \frac{1}{Z} \exp\{-\beta(\mathbf{x}, t)[H_\ell - \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \mathbf{P}_\ell - \mu(\mathbf{x}, t)N_\ell]\}$$

with $N_\ell, \mathbf{P}_\ell, H_\ell$ (i.e. $N_\ell \cong \frac{4}{3}\pi\ell^3\bar{\rho}_\ell$, etc) the particle number, total momentum and energy of the particles inside the region of radius ℓ at \mathbf{x}, t .

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \frac{1}{k_B T(\mathbf{x}, t)} \text{ is inverse temperature} \\ \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) &\text{ is macroscopic velocity} \\ \mu(\mathbf{x}, t) &\text{ is chemical potential} \end{aligned}$$

The potentials β, μ, \mathbf{v} uniquely determine the densities ρ, \mathbf{g}, e by equilibrium thermodynamics, and *vice versa*. Note in particular that, integrating over positions, the particle momenta have a very simple Maxwellian (i.i.d. Gaussian) distribution

$$P^{(0)}(\{\mathbf{p}_n | \text{for } n \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{x}_n(t) \in B_\ell(\mathbf{x})\}) \propto \exp\left(-\beta(\mathbf{x}, t) \sum_n \frac{p_n^2}{2m}\right).$$

Space-ergodicity of the local-equilibrium statistics ties together the spatial coarse-graining and the ensemble average over the equilibrium distribution $P^{(0)}$:

$$\bar{f}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t) \longrightarrow f^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \langle f \rangle_{\beta(\mathbf{x}, t), \mu(\mathbf{x}, t), \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)}^{(0)}, \quad \ell \gg \xi, \quad (\text{A})$$

where ξ is a correlation length of $P^{(0)}$ and $f_\omega(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is any “local density”, i.e. a function of \mathbf{x} , t and phase point

$$\omega = (\mathbf{r}_n, \mathbf{p}_n), n = 1, \dots, N$$

such that $f_\omega(\mathbf{x}, t)$ depends only upon the particles with location nearby \mathbf{x} at the t . For example, a strictly local density would satisfy $f_\omega(\mathbf{x}, t) = f_{\omega_{B(\mathbf{x}, R)}}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ where $\omega_{B(\mathbf{x}, R)}$ is the set $\{(\mathbf{r}_n, \mathbf{p}_n), \mathbf{r}_n \in B(\mathbf{x}, R) : n = 1, \dots, N\}$, so that R is the range of f . We also require that

$$f_{\sigma_{\mathbf{a}}\omega}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a}, t) = f_\omega(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

where $\sigma_{\mathbf{a}}\omega = \{(\mathbf{r}_n + \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{p}_n), n = 1, \dots, N\}$. Then (A) holds almost surely for every ω with respect to $P^{(0)}$. See:

H. Spohn, *Large-Scale Dynamics of Interacting Particles* (Springer, 1991)

A. Martin-Löf, *Statistical Mechanics and the Foundations of Thermodynamics* (Springer, 1979).

The mean currents (fluxes) $\mathbf{J}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t) \cong \mathbf{j}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ which satisfy

$$\partial_t \rho_a(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_a^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0, \quad a = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

are also given by equilibrium thermodynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbf{j}_0^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbf{j}_i^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho(\mathbf{x}, t)v_i(\mathbf{x}, t)\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) + P(\mathbf{x}, t)\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \\ \mathbf{s}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbf{j}_4^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) = (u(\mathbf{x}, t) + P(\mathbf{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2}\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)v^2(\mathbf{x}, t))\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &= (e(\mathbf{x}, t) + P(\mathbf{x}, t))\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) \end{aligned}$$

where $P = P(\rho, u)$ is the thermodynamic pressure. Note that the total energy density is the sum of $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$, the internal energy per volume, and the kinetic energy density:

$$e(\mathbf{x}, t) = u(\mathbf{x}, t) + \frac{1}{2}\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)v^2(\mathbf{x}, t).$$

The equations

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) &= 0, \\ \partial_t (\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + P \mathbf{I}) &= 0, \\ \partial_t e + \nabla \cdot [(e + P) \mathbf{v}] &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

are the compressible Euler equations. There are closed equations for the densities ρ , \mathbf{g} , e . Closure has been achieved because of the local equilibrium distribution of the molecules in the small regions of radius ℓ .

Navier-Stokes equation of a simple fluid

There is, however, an $O(\varepsilon)$ correction to local equilibrium

$$\mathbf{J}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, t) \cong \mathbf{j}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{j}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \mathbf{j}^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}, t) \sim O(\varepsilon)$$

where*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{g}^{(1)} &\equiv 0 \text{ (by momentum conservation!)} \\ \mathbf{T}^{(1)} &= -\eta \left[\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^\top - \frac{2}{3}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{I} \right] - \zeta(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{s}^{(1)} &= \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \kappa \nabla T.\end{aligned}$$

Here heat current $q^{(1)} = -\kappa \nabla T$. The following *transport coefficients* appear

$$\begin{aligned}\eta &= \text{shear viscosity;} \\ \zeta &= \text{bulk viscosity;} \\ \kappa &= \text{heat conductivity or thermal conductivity.}\end{aligned}$$

with $\eta, \zeta, \kappa \geq 0$.

★ Note: In principle, there is another rotational viscosity η_{rot} and an additional stress term $\mathbf{T}_{rot}^{(1)} = -\eta_{rot}[\nabla\mathbf{v} - (\nabla\mathbf{v})^\top - \boldsymbol{\Omega}]$ where $\Omega_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon_{ijk}\omega_k$ and $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ is the local angular velocity of the fluid. However, this term can generally be neglected!

Kinetic Theory derivation

For a linear shear profile $u(y)$, consider transport of x -momentum along the direction y

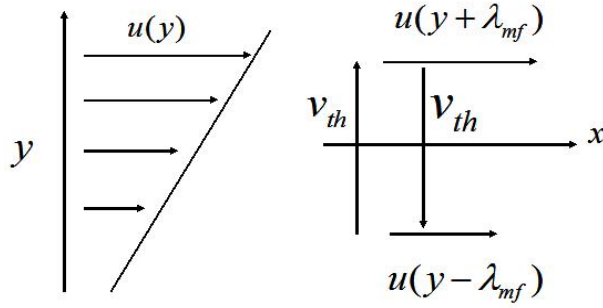


Figure 2.

$T_{xy}^{(1)}$ is the net flux of x -momentum in the y -direction

$$\begin{aligned} T_{xy}^{(1)} &= \rho u(y - \lambda_{mfp})v_{th} - \rho u(y + \lambda_{mfp})v_{th} \\ &\cong -2\rho\lambda_{mfp}v_{th}\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(y) \\ &= -\eta\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

where $\eta \cong \rho\lambda_{mfp}v_{th}$.

Note that compared with $\mathbf{T}^{(0)} = \rho\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v} + P\mathbf{I}$

$$\frac{|\mathbf{T}^{(1)}|}{|\mathbf{T}^{(0)}|} \cong \frac{\rho\lambda_{mfp}v_{th}\frac{u}{L}}{\rho u^2} = \frac{\lambda_{mfp}}{L} \frac{v_{th}}{u} = O(\varepsilon)$$

The final equations

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) &= 0, \\
\partial_t (\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + P \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{T}^{(1)}) &= 0, \\
\partial_t e + \nabla \cdot \left[(u + P + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2) \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{q}^{(1)} \right] &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{T}^{(1)} &= -\eta \left[\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I} \right] - \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I} \\
\mathbf{q}^{(1)} &= -\kappa \nabla T
\end{aligned}$$

are the compressible Navier-Stokes equations, with $\eta(\rho, T)$, $\zeta(\rho, T)$, $\kappa(\rho, T)$ functions of mass density ρ and temperature T (given by so-called Green-Kubo formulas).

Remarks:

(i) Like the Euler equations, the Navier-Stokes equations are closed hydrodynamic equations in terms of (ρ, \mathbf{g}, e) [or (ρ, \mathbf{v}, e)]. Closure is achieved because not only is the statistics of the molecules given by local equilibrium to $O(\varepsilon^0)$, but also the $O(\varepsilon^1)$ corrections are determined by the gradients of (ρ, \mathbf{v}, e) . To get closure, separation of scales and small $\varepsilon = \frac{\lambda_{mf} p}{L \nabla}$ is crucial.

(ii) There are also small random terms to $O(\varepsilon^1)$ which we have neglected

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{T}^{(1)} &= -\eta \left[\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I} \right] - \zeta (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I} + \tilde{\mathbf{T}}^{(1)} \\
\mathbf{q}^{(1)} &= -\kappa \nabla T + \tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(1)}
\end{aligned}$$

where the stochastic fluxes $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}^{(1)}$, $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}^{(1)}$ are called molecular noise. They represent the chaotic effects of the unknown molecular positions and momentum. The covariances of the random terms are given by fluctuation-dissipation relations in terms of transport coefficients η , ζ , κ :

$$\tilde{T}_{ij}^{(1)} = \sqrt{2k_B \eta T} \eta_{ij} + \sqrt{2k_B \zeta T} \eta'_{ij}, \quad \tilde{q}_i^{(1)} = \sqrt{2k_B \kappa T^2} \eta_i$$

where η_{ij} , η'_{ij} , η_i are space-time Gaussian white-noises with zero mean and covariances

$$\langle \eta_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t) \eta_{kl}(\mathbf{x}', t') \rangle = \left(\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \right) \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \delta(t - t')$$

$$\langle \eta'_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t) \eta'_{kl}(\mathbf{x}', t') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \delta(t - t'), \quad \langle \eta_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \eta_j(\mathbf{x}', t') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \delta(t - t').$$

Thus, the statistics of these terms are also given, once ρ , \mathbf{v} , e are known. Such equations of fluctuating hydrodynamics were first proposed by

L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, *Fluid Mechanics*, Course of Theoretical Physics, Vol. 6 (Pergamon Press, 1959)

A fundamental reference is

V. G. Morozov, “On the Langevin formalism for nonlinear and nonequilibrium hydrodynamic fluctuations,” *Physica A* **126** 443-460 (1984)

which first derived the correct fluctuation equations for a compressible Navier-Stokes fluid. It is important to emphasize that, despite appearances, these are not stochastic PDE’s! Instead, all fields and delta functions are cut off at some high wavenumber Λ , where $L_{\nabla}^{-1} \ll \Lambda \ll \lambda_{mfp}^{-1}$.

Even somewhat earlier an essentially equivalent formulation by an Onsager-Machlup “effective action” had been proposed by Robert Graham, see:

R. Graham, “Onset of cooperative behavior in nonequilibrium steady states”, in *Order and Fluctuations in Equilibrium and Nonequilibrium Statistical Mechanics*, G. Nicolis, G. Dewel, and J. W. Turner, eds. (Wiley, New York, 1981).

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We shall see that thermal fluctuations are non-negligible at very small scales in turbulent flows!

In fact, this was first noted in pioneering papers of Robert Betchov:

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R. Betchov, “Thermal Agitation and Turbulence,” in: *Rarefied Gas Dynamics*, Proceedings of the 2nd International Symposium, ed. L. Talbot. (Academic Press, New York, 1961), pp.307-321

We shall discuss this subject later after developing a deeper understanding of turbulence.

Energy balance

From

$$\partial_t(\rho\mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot [\rho\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v} + P\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{T}^{(1)}] = 0$$

one easily derives

$$\partial_t\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho v^2\right) + \nabla \cdot \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + P\right)\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{v}\right] = -Q + P(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

with $Q = -\mathbf{T}^{(1)} : \nabla\mathbf{v} = 2\eta|\mathbf{S}|^2 + \zeta(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})^2 \geq 0$ where $\mathbf{S} = \overset{\circ}{\nabla}\mathbf{v}^s = \frac{1}{2}[\nabla\mathbf{v} + (\nabla\mathbf{v})^\top] - \frac{1}{3}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{I}$.

Thus, kinetic energy is not conserved!

However, total energy is conserved

$$\partial_t e + \nabla \cdot \left[\left(u + P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2\right)\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{T}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{q}^{(1)}\right] = 0$$

\implies internal energy $u = e - \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2$ satisfies

$$\partial_t u + \nabla \cdot (u\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{q}^{(1)}) = -\mathbf{T}^{(1)} : \nabla\mathbf{v} - P(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})$$

Hence, the viscous energy dissipation appears as a sink for kinetic energy and as a source for internal energy. As the fluid slows down, it also heats up!

Another very important property of the Navier-Stokes system has to do with thermodynamic entropy $s(u, \rho)$ which satisfies the equation

$$\partial_t s + \nabla \cdot [s\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{q}^{(1)}/T] = \frac{Q}{T} + \frac{\kappa|\nabla T|^2}{T^2} \geq 0.$$

This is a local form of the second law of thermodynamics.

Incompressible Limit

Another important simplification appears if the typical fluid velocities U are much less than the sound speed $c \cong v_{th}$. This corresponds to a limit of small Mach number

$$Ma \equiv \frac{U}{c}.$$

Sound waves are compressible waves with periodic variation of the mass density ρ . When $c \gg U$, then difference in density are adjusted very quickly compared with fluid motions. Thus,

$$\rho \cong \text{constant}$$

In that case

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0 \implies \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \implies \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

The viscous stress becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}^{(1)} &= -\eta[\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^\top] - \frac{2}{3}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{I} - \zeta(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{I} \\ &= -2\eta \mathbf{S} \end{aligned}$$

with $\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2}[\nabla \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^\top]$ the strain(rate) field since $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ and*

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}^{(1)} = -\eta[\Delta \mathbf{v} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})] = -\eta \Delta \mathbf{v}$$

* Weak variations of η with temperature have been neglected here!

Thus, the momentum equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot [\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + P\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{T}^{(1)}] &= 0 \\ \implies \rho \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \rho[(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{v}] + \nabla P - \eta \Delta \mathbf{v} &= 0 \\ \implies \partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -\nabla p + \nu \Delta \mathbf{v}, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

the incompressible Navier-Stokes equation with $p = \frac{P}{\rho}$ the kinetic pressure; $\nu = \frac{\eta}{\rho}$ the kinetic viscosity. Note that the (kinematic) pressure is determined from the Poisson equation

$$-\nabla p = \nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}] = (\partial_i v_j)(\partial_j v_i)$$

using $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$

The energy equation also satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u + \nabla \cdot (u \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{q}^{(1)}) &= -\mathbf{T}^{(1)} : \nabla \mathbf{v} - P(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \\ \implies (\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) u - \kappa \Delta T &= 2\eta |\mathbf{S}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

This equation for internal energy can be written as one for temperature, using the definition*

$$c_p = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_p = \text{specific heat at constant pressure (per unit mass)}$$

$$\implies \rho c_p (\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) T = \kappa \Delta T + 2\eta |\mathbf{S}|^2$$

$$\implies (\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) T = \lambda_T \Delta T + \frac{\varepsilon}{c_p}$$

with

$$\lambda_T = \frac{\kappa}{\rho c_p} = \text{thermal diffusivity}$$

$$\varepsilon = 2\nu |\mathbf{S}|^2 = \text{energy dissipation per unit mass.}$$

★ In fact, one gets directly the stated result with instead the specific heat at constant volume $c_v = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T} \right)_\rho$, but $c_v = c_p$ for an incompressible fluid. The result as stated is more generally valid for a so-called Boussinesq fluid, taking into account some compressibility effects.

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Derivation of Incompressible Navier-Stokes

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