

Homework #3 - Solutions

Problem 1. If A_0 is the cross-sectional area of the original vortex tube and if A is the same for the stretched tube, the conservation of vorticity flux (Helmholtz Theorem) implies

$$\omega_0 A_0 = \omega A.$$

On the other hand, conservation of volume (incompressibility) implies that

$$l_0 A_0 = l A.$$

Thus,
$$\frac{\omega}{\omega_0} = \frac{A_0}{A} = \frac{l}{l_0}. \quad \underline{\text{QED}}$$

Problem 2. The equation for balance of momentum of the fluid is

$$\partial_t(\rho \mathbf{u}) + \rho \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + p \mathbf{I} - 2\nu \mathbf{S}) = 0$$

Thus, the force of the body acting on the fluid \mathbf{F}' is given by

$$\mathbf{F}' = \frac{d\mathbf{P}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{u} dV$$

$$= - \int_{\partial\Omega} \rho \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + p \mathbf{I} - 2\nu \mathbf{S}) dA \quad \text{by divergence theorem}$$

$$= - \rho \int_{\partial\Omega} (p \hat{\mathbf{n}} - 2\nu \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}) dA \quad \text{using } \mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = 0$$

$$= - \rho \int_{\partial\Omega} (p \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \boldsymbol{\tau}_w) dA \quad \text{using } \boldsymbol{\tau}_w = -2\nu \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

By Newton's third law, $\mathbf{F} = -\mathbf{F}' = \rho \int_{\partial\Omega} (p \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \boldsymbol{\tau}_w) dA.$

Problem 3. (a) Note first by taking the gradient of

$$\frac{d}{dt} X^t(a) = u(X^t(a), t)$$

that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \nabla_a X^t(a) = \nabla_a X^t(a) \cdot \nabla_x u(X^t(a), t) \quad \text{by chain rule.}$$

In that case,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \nabla_a X^t(a) &= -(\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1} \frac{d}{dt} \nabla_a X^t(a) \cdot (\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1} \\ &= -\nabla_x u(X^t(a), t) (\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

With the definition of the Cauchy invariant $\Omega(a, t) = w(X^t(a), t) \cdot (\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1}$ we obtain from the product rule

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \Omega(a, t) &= D_t w(X^t(a), t) \cdot (\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1} \\ &\quad + w(X^t(a), t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1} \\ &= (w \cdot \nabla) u(X^t(a), t) \cdot (\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1} \\ &\quad - w(X^t(a), t) \cdot \nabla_x u(X^t(a), t) (\nabla_a X^t(a))^{-1} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Starting from the definition of the Weber velocity

$$w(a, t) := \nabla_a X^t(a) \cdot v(a, t)$$

and the Euler equations written in Lagrangian form

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(a, t) = -\nabla p(X^t(a), t)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}(a, t) &= \nabla_a \frac{\partial X^t(a)}{\partial t} \cdot v(a, t) + \nabla_a X^t(a) \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(a, t) \\ &= \nabla_a v(a, t) \cdot v(a, t) - \nabla_a X^t(a) \cdot \nabla_x p(X^t(a), t) \\ &= \nabla_a \left(\frac{1}{2} |v(a, t)|^2 - p(X^t(a), t) \right) \end{aligned}$$

by the product rule and the chain rule, respectively.

(c) Again using the definition of w :

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C da \cdot w(a, t) &= \oint_C (da \cdot \nabla_a) X^t(a) \cdot u(X^t(a), t) \\ &= \oint_{C(t)} dx \cdot u(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

where $C(t) = X^t(C)$, by the change of variables formula. We then obtain from part (b) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \oint_{C(t)} dx \cdot u(x, t) &= \oint_C da \cdot \partial_t w(a, t) \\ &= \oint_C da \cdot \nabla_a \left(\frac{1}{2} |v(a, t)|^2 - p(X^t(a), t) \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

since the integrand of the line-integral is a total gradient.

d) Let us define $\Omega_j^*(a, t) = \nabla_a \times w(a, t)$, or

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_j^* &= \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial w_l}{\partial a_k} \\ &= \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_k} \left[v_n(a, t) \frac{\partial X_n^t}{\partial a_l} \right] \quad \text{by definition of } w \\ &= \epsilon_{jkl} \left[\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial X_n^t}{\partial a_l} + v_n \frac{\partial^2 X_n^t}{\partial a_k \partial a_l} \right] \quad \text{by symmetry in } k, l \\ &= \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x_m} \frac{\partial X_m^t}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial X_n^t}{\partial a_l} \quad \text{since } \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial a_k} = \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x_m} \frac{\partial X_m^t}{\partial a_k} \\ & \quad \text{by the chain rule}\end{aligned}$$

Since $\epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial X_m^t}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial X_n^t}{\partial a_l}$ is anti-symmetric in m, n , only the anti-symmetric part Ω_{nm} of $u_{n,m} = \frac{\partial v_n}{\partial x_m}$ contributes, so that

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_j^* &= \epsilon_{jkl} \Omega_{nm} \frac{\partial X_m^t}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial X_n^t}{\partial a_l} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{jkl} \epsilon_{nmp} \omega_p \frac{\partial X_m^t}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial X_n^t}{\partial a_l} \quad \text{using } \Omega_{nm} = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{nmp} \omega_p.\end{aligned}$$

Next, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_j^* \frac{\partial X_i^t}{\partial a_j} &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{nmp} \omega_p \cdot \epsilon_{jkl} \frac{\partial X_i^t}{\partial a_j} \frac{\partial X_m^t}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial X_n^t}{\partial a_l} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{nmp} \omega_p \cdot \frac{\partial (X_i^t, X_m^t, X_n^t)}{\partial (a_1, a_2, a_3)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{nmp} \omega_p \cdot \epsilon_{imn}\end{aligned}$$

since $\frac{\partial (X_1^t, X_2^t, X_3^t)}{\partial (a_1, a_2, a_3)} = 1$ and the determinant is anti-symmetric under interchange of columns. Thus,

$$\Omega_j^* \frac{\partial X_i^t}{\partial a_j} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{imn} \epsilon_{pmn} \omega_p = \delta_{ip} \omega_p = \omega_i \quad \text{since } \epsilon_{imn} \epsilon_{pmn} = 2\delta_{ip}.$$

Thus,
$$\Omega_j^* = \omega_i \left(\frac{\partial X^t}{\partial a} \right)_{ij}^{-1} = \Omega_j.$$

QED

Problem 4. (a) Since $\tilde{W}(s)$ does not depend upon x , we see by applying the gradient ∇_x to the equation

$$\hat{d}_s \tilde{A}_t^s(x) = u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) ds + \sqrt{2\nu} \hat{d}\tilde{W}(s)$$

that

$$\hat{d}_s \nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x) = \nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x) \cdot \nabla_x u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) ds,$$

which is an ODE without a stochastic term. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} (\nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x))^{-1} &= - (\nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x))^{-1} \frac{d}{ds} \nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x) (\nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x))^{-1} \\ &= - \nabla_x u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) \cdot (\nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x))^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition $\tilde{D}_t^s(x) = (\nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^s(x))^{-T}$ we obtain by taking the transpose that

$$\frac{d}{ds} \tilde{D}_t^s(x) = - \tilde{D}_t^s(x) (\nabla_x u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s))^T.$$

By its definition, $\tilde{A}_t^t(x) = x \implies \nabla_x \tilde{A}_t^t(x) = \mathbf{I} \implies \tilde{D}_t^t(x) = \mathbf{I}^{-T} = \mathbf{I}$.

(b) Applying the backward Itô rule

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}_s w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) &= (\partial_s w - \nu \Delta w)(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) ds \\ &\quad + (u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) ds + \sqrt{2\nu} \hat{d}\tilde{W}(s)) \cdot \nabla w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) \\ &= (w \cdot \nabla) u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) ds + \sqrt{2\nu} (\hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) \cdot \nabla) w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) \end{aligned}$$

using $D_s w(x, s) = (w \cdot \nabla) u(x, s)$ to obtain the second line.

Using then the definition

$$\tilde{w}_s(x, t) := \tilde{D}_t^s(x) w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s)$$

we obtain from the product rule

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}_s \tilde{w}_s(x, t) &= \hat{d}_s \tilde{D}_t^s(x) \cdot w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) + \tilde{D}_t^s(x) \cdot \hat{d}_s w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) \\ &= -\tilde{D}_t^s(x) \cdot (\nabla_x u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s))^{-T} w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) ds \\ &\quad + \tilde{D}_t^s(x) \cdot \left[(w \cdot \nabla) u(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) ds + \sqrt{2\nu} (\hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) \cdot \nabla) w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s) \right] \\ &= \sqrt{2\nu} (\hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) \cdot \nabla) w(\tilde{A}_t^s(x), s), \end{aligned}$$

as required. Here it is worth noting that the product rule in general must be modified for backward Itô calculus, and that generally

$$\hat{d}_s(fg) = (\hat{d}_s f)g + f(\hat{d}_s g) + \hat{d}_s \langle f, g \rangle$$

where $\langle f, g \rangle$ is the so-called covariation or quadratic variation. However, when one of f and g has finite variation (as $\tilde{D}_t^s(x)$ does above), then $\langle f, g \rangle \equiv 0$ and the usual product rule holds.

Finally, we note by integration that

$$\tilde{w}_s(x, t) = w(x, t) - \sqrt{2\nu} \int_s^t (\hat{d}\tilde{W}(r) \cdot \nabla) w(\tilde{A}_r^s(x), s)$$

and that the latter backward Itô integral is a martingale backward in time in the variable s .

Problem 5, Exactly as in Problem 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{d}_s \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) &= (\partial_s \omega - \nu \Delta \omega)(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) ds \\
 &+ (u(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) ds + \sqrt{2\nu} \hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) - \nu \mathbf{n}(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x})) \hat{d}\tilde{\ell}_t^s(\mathbf{x})) \\
 &\quad \cdot \nabla \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) \\
 &= (\omega \cdot \nabla) u(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) ds + (\sqrt{2\nu} \hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) - \nu \mathbf{n}(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x})) \hat{d}\tilde{\ell}_t^s(\mathbf{x})) \\
 &\quad \cdot \nabla \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) \\
 &= (\omega \cdot \nabla) u(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) ds + (\sqrt{2\nu} \hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) \cdot \nabla) \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) \\
 &\quad + \sigma^P(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) \hat{d}\tilde{\ell}_t^s(\mathbf{x}).
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows by the product rule that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{d}_s (\tilde{D}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s)) &= -\tilde{D}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s))^{-T} \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) ds \\
 &\quad + (\tilde{D}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \hat{d}_s \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \tilde{D}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \left[(\sqrt{2\nu} \hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) \cdot \nabla) \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) + \sigma^P(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) \hat{d}\tilde{\ell}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \right]$$

On the other hand, with $\tilde{L}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) := \int_s^t \tilde{D}_t^r(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma^P(\tilde{A}_t^r(\mathbf{x}), r) \hat{d}\tilde{\ell}_t^r(\mathbf{x})$,

$$\hat{d}_s \tilde{L}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) = -\tilde{D}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \sigma^P(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) \hat{d}\tilde{\ell}_t^s(\mathbf{x})$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{d}_s \tilde{\omega}_s(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \hat{d}_s (\tilde{D}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s) + \tilde{L}_t^s(\mathbf{x})) \\
 &= \tilde{D}_t^s(\mathbf{x}) \cdot (\sqrt{2\nu} \hat{d}\tilde{W}(s) \cdot \nabla) \omega(\tilde{A}_t^s(\mathbf{x}), s),
 \end{aligned}$$

as required.

Problem 6. (a) Using the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations

in the form

$$\partial_t \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - \nabla h - \nu \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

from the identity $-(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) - \nabla(\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2)$, we can also rewrite this as

$$\partial_t u_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \Sigma_{jk} - \partial_i h$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{jk} &= u_j \omega_k - u_k \omega_j - \nu \left(\frac{\partial \omega_k}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial \omega_j}{\partial x_k} \right) \\ &= \epsilon_{jkl} (\mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - \nu \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\omega})_l. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the ensemble/time/ xz -average, we obtain

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} \overline{\Sigma_{jk}} - \partial_i \overline{h}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\overline{\Sigma_{ij}} = \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_k \overline{h}.$$

(i) $ij = yz$: From the above result

$$\overline{\Sigma_{yz}} = \frac{\partial \overline{h}}{\partial x}.$$

Also,

$$\overline{\Sigma_{yz}} = \overline{v \omega_z - w \omega_y} - \nu \frac{\partial \overline{\omega_z}}{\partial y}.$$

Here we have used the fact that $\overline{\omega_z} = -\partial \overline{u} / \partial y$ is the only non-vanishing component of mean vorticity. Finally,

$$\overline{vw_z - ww_y} - v \frac{\partial \bar{w}_z}{\partial y} = \overline{\sum_{yz}} = \frac{\partial \bar{h}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x},$$

where in the last equality we used $h = p + \frac{1}{2}|u|^2$ and $(\partial/\partial x) \overline{\frac{1}{2}|u|^2} = 0$.

(ii) ij = zx: Similarly, we obtain from the general relation

$$\overline{\sum_{zx}} = \frac{\partial \bar{h}}{\partial y}$$

and now

$$\overline{\sum_{zx}} = \overline{ww_x - uw_z}$$

since $\bar{w}_x = 0$ and $\partial \bar{w}_z / \partial x = 0$. Thus,

$$\overline{ww_x - uw_z} = \overline{\sum_{zx}} = \frac{\partial \bar{h}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{u^2 + v^2 + w^2} \right)$$

from the definition of h .

(iii) ij = xy: Again, since all z -derivatives vanish,

$$\overline{\sum_{xy}} = \frac{\partial \bar{h}}{\partial z} = 0$$

and

$$\overline{\sum_{xy}} = \overline{uw_y - vw_x}$$

since $\bar{w}_y = \bar{w}_x = 0$. Thus,

$$\overline{uw_y - vw_x} = \overline{\sum_{xy}} = 0.$$

(b) From part (a)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \bar{\Sigma}_{yz}.$$

However, recall that

$$\partial_t w_z + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \Sigma_{xz} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Sigma_{yz} = 0.$$

Taking the average and noting that $\partial_t \bar{w}_z = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \bar{\Sigma}_{xz} = 0$,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \bar{\Sigma}_{yz} = 0.$$

(c) The general identity

$$\mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} = -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \right)$$

for x-component gives

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{vw_z - ww_y} &= -\nabla \cdot (\overline{u u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{|\mathbf{u}|^2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{u v} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{u'v'}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\overline{u v} = \overline{u'v'}$ since $\bar{v} = 0$. Finally, the y-component of the vector calculus identity gives

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{ww_x - uw_z} &= -\nabla \cdot (\overline{u v}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{|\mathbf{u}|^2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \overline{v^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{u^2 + v^2 + w^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$