

*Module 3: Lecture 10 to 13*  
***Continuity Equation, Angular Strain Rate  
and Euler's Equation of Motion***

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**Topics Covered:**

1. Continuity Equation (Conservation of mass).
  - Control System Approach.
  - Control Volume Approach.
2. Angular Strain Rate (Angular Deformation of Fluid Particle).
  - Different Cases: When Flow is 2D, Incompressible and Irrotational.
3. Dynamics of Inviscid Fluid.
  - Euler's Equation of Motion.
  - Bernoulli's Equation of Motion.

## 1 Continuity Equation (Conservation of Mass)

Here in this section, we will do some gymnastics for deriving an equation which enforces conservation of mass *i.e.* the *continuity equation*.

***★ Continuity Equation ★***

In fluid dynamics, the *continuity equation* states that *the rate at which mass enters a system is equal to the rate at which mass leaves the system plus the accumulation of mass within the system*.

***★ Differential Form of the Continuity Equation ★***

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{q}) = 0.$$

here,  $\rho$  is the fluid density,  $t$  is the time and  $\vec{q}$  is the flow velocity vector field.

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**Note:** *The Navier-Stoke's equation form a vector continuity equation describing the conservation of linear momentum (which will be discussed in the module 4).*

This is not strictly a description of material behavior, but the resulting equation is often used as an identity to algebraically manipulate constitutive models describing material behavior. So ***it is worth reviewing***. It is also central to the analysis of fluid flow because classical fluids analyses cannot be Lagrangian since the positions of all the fluid particles at  $t = 0$  are unknown.

## 1.1 Control System Approach

Let us consider a *control system* with mass  $m$ , Then;

$$m = \rho V$$

$$\implies \log m = \log \rho + \log V$$

Taking *time derivative* (actually the **material derivative**<sup>1</sup>) to the both sides of above equation (*keeping in mind that the mass is treated as constant due to control system*), we get;

$$\frac{1}{m} \frac{Dm}{Dt} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{Dt}$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{Dt} = 0 \quad (1)$$

**Note:** The second term in equation (1) is nothing but *the rate of change of volume per unit time, per unit volume* i.e. **volumetric strain rate**. And that's the reason why we replaced it with the term  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$  in next step (*for more details please refer to the **module 2***).

$$\implies \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right] + \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] = 0$$

$$\implies \left[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right] + \rho \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{q}) = 0 \quad (2)$$

This is the required **differential form of the continuity equation**. The *time derivative* in equation (2) can be understood as the accumulation (or loss) of mass in the system, while the *divergence term* represents the difference in flow in versus flow out. In this context, this equation is also one of the Euler's equations (fluid dynamics).

**If the flow is incompressible:** Flow incompressible means the volumetric strain rate is zero, i.e.  $\frac{1}{V} \frac{DV}{Dt} = 0$  in equation (1)  $\implies \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = 0 \implies \frac{D\rho}{Dt} = 0$ .

<sup>1</sup>The **material derivative** is defined for any tensor field  $Q$  that is macroscopic, with the sense that it depends only on position and time coordinates,  $Q = Q(x, t)$  :

$$\frac{DQ}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \vec{q} \cdot \nabla Q$$

where  $\nabla Q$  is the *covariant derivative* of the tensor, and  $\vec{q}$  is the flow velocity.

## 1.2 Control Volume Approach

The equation is developed by adding up the rate at which mass is flowing in and out of a control volume, and setting the net in-flow equal to the rate of change of mass within it. This is demonstrated in the figure on right side and mathematically we can write it as;

$$\dot{m}_{in} - \dot{m}_{out} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(m_{CV}). \quad (3)$$

where  $\dot{m}_{in}$  is the mass flow rate that flows in,  $\dot{m}_{out}$  is the mass flow rate that flows out and  $m_{CV}$  is the rate of change of mass in control volume.

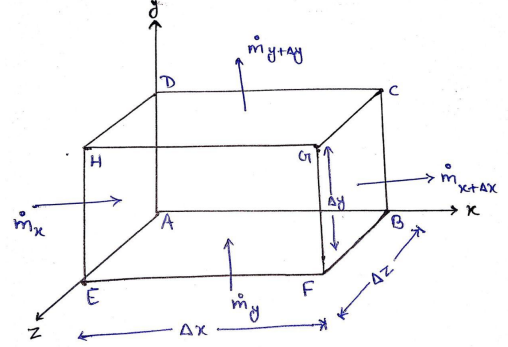


Figure 1: depicting the mass flow rates in control volume.

Now, let us do some gymnastics with equation (3);

$$[\dot{m}_x - \dot{m}_{x+\Delta x}] + [\dot{m}_y - \dot{m}_{y+\Delta y}] + [\dot{m}_z - \dot{m}_{z+\Delta z}] = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(m_{CV}). \quad (4)$$

Now, using the Taylor's series expansion;

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}_x - \dot{m}_{x+\Delta x} &= \dot{m}_x - \left( \dot{m}_x + \frac{\partial \dot{m}_x}{\partial x} \Delta x + \dots \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial \dot{m}_x}{\partial x} \Delta x - \dots \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can write others;

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}_y - \dot{m}_{y+\Delta y} &= -\frac{\partial \dot{m}_y}{\partial y} \Delta y - \dots \\ \dot{m}_z - \dot{m}_{z+\Delta z} &= -\frac{\partial \dot{m}_z}{\partial z} \Delta z - \dots \end{aligned}$$

Putting all these (ignoring the higher order terms) in equation (4), we get;

$$-\left[ \frac{\partial \dot{m}_x}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial \dot{m}_y}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial \dot{m}_z}{\partial z} \Delta z \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(m_{CV}). \quad (5)$$

also we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}_x &= \rho \Delta y \cdot \Delta z \cdot u \\ \dot{m}_y &= \rho \Delta z \cdot \Delta x \cdot v \\ \dot{m}_z &= \rho \Delta x \cdot \Delta y \cdot w \\ m_{CV} &= \rho \Delta x \cdot \Delta y \cdot \Delta z \end{aligned}$$

Therefore from equation (5), we get;

$$\begin{aligned} -\left[ \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} \right] (\cancel{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho (\cancel{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z}) \\ \implies -\left[ \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} \right] &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho \vec{q}) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

And thus, again we get the **differential form of the continuity equation**.

**If the flow is incompressible:** That means, if density is not variable  $x, y, z, t \implies \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$  and that further  $\implies \nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0$ .

**Example 1.1:** Check whether the flow is possible or not for the given velocity field  $\vec{q} = x\hat{i} - y\hat{j}$ .

**Explanation:** As  $\nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0$  for the given velocity field so the flow is possible or  $\vec{q}$  is the possible velocity field. Further, note that if the equation of continuity is not satisfied then we say flow is not possible (for an example take  $\vec{q} = x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ ).

## 2 Angular Strain Rate (Angular Deformation of Fluid Particle)

Consider a fluid element  $ABCD$  as shown in the figure with dimensions  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$ . Let after  $\Delta t$  time the fluid element deforms and occupies the shape of  $PQRS$ .

We have  $OP = v \cdot \Delta t$  and  $QN' = v(x + \Delta x) \cdot \Delta t$ . By using Taylor's series expansion we have;

$$QN' = \left[ v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cdot \Delta x + \dots \right] \Delta t$$

now,

$$QN = QN' - NN'$$

or

$$QN = QN' - OP$$

Then by using values of  $QN'$  and  $OP$  we will get,

$$QN = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta t + \dots$$

also we have

$$PN = \Delta x + \dots$$

$\therefore$  in  $\triangle PNQ$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\Delta\alpha) &= \frac{QN}{PN} \\ \implies \tan(\Delta\alpha) &= \frac{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta t + \dots}{\Delta x + \dots} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

If  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  then  $\Delta\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , in that case  $\tan(\Delta\alpha) \approx \Delta\alpha$  and therefore from equation (6) we get;

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\alpha}{\Delta t} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \implies \dot{\alpha} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

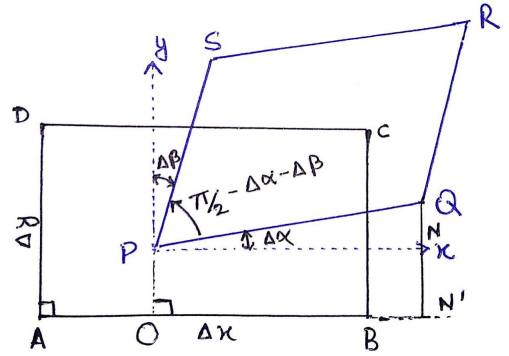


Figure 2: depicting the angular deformation of fluid particle.

similarly, doing whole process along  $y$  - coordinate we can get,

$$\dot{\beta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

where  $\dot{\alpha} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\alpha}{\Delta t}$  and  $\dot{\beta} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\beta}{\Delta t}$ .  $u$  and  $v$  velocity components in  $x$  and  $y$  directions respectively.

**Angular Strain Rate:** The angular strain rate is define as rate of change of angle between the line elements which were initially perpendicular to each other.

In our case, *angular strain rate is basically the rate of change of  $\angle SPQ$  with respect to time.*

$$\therefore \text{Change in angle} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \Delta\alpha - \Delta\beta \right) = \Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Rate of shear strain or rate of angular strain} &= \frac{\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta}{\Delta t} \\ &= \dot{\alpha} + \dot{\beta} \\ &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}. \end{aligned}$$

**Angular Velocity:** We define the angular velocity of the fluid element as;

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_z &= \frac{1}{2}(\dot{\alpha} - \dot{\beta}) \\ \omega_z &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Vorticity:** Vorticity is a *pseudovector* (a vector under a proper angular rotation), which is denoted by  $\vec{\Omega}$  and defined by;

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\Omega} &= \text{curl } \vec{q} = \nabla \times \vec{q} \\ \implies \vec{\Omega} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} \\ \implies \vec{\Omega} &= \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \\ \implies \vec{\Omega} &= \hat{i}(2\omega_x) + \hat{j}(2\omega_y) + \hat{k}(2\omega_z) \\ \implies \vec{\Omega} &= 2\vec{\omega} \\ \therefore \text{vorticity} &= 2 \times \text{angular velocity} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{\omega} = (\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z)$  is the angular velocity vector.

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**Note:** Vorticity vector is just effect of angular velocity. Moreover, flow vorticity= 0 if and only if flow is irrotational *or* irrotational flow  $\iff \text{curl } \vec{q} = \vec{0}$ .

## 2.1 Flow Analysis

- **Let the flow is 2-D and incompressible:** The equation of continuity is  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$ . Let us define  $\psi = \psi(x, y)$  such that;

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}.$$

Then the function  $\psi$  is called **stream function**. Consider  $\psi = \text{constant}$  (represents a family of curve), then;

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \partial \psi &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy &= 0 \\ \implies -v dx + u dy &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{dx}{u} &= \frac{dy}{v} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\psi = \text{constant}$ , represents streamlines of the flow.

- **Let the flow is irrotational:** Let  $\phi(x, y, z)$  be a scalar function;

$$\therefore \text{curl}(\nabla \phi) = \vec{0}.$$

Comparing both of the above equations, we can say that  $\exists$  a scalar function  $\phi(x, y, z)$  such that;

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{q} &= \nabla \phi \\ \implies (u, v, w) &= \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \\ \implies u &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \quad w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}. \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** The scalar function  $\phi(x, y, z)$  is called **velocity potential**. If the fluid flow is irrotational and inviscid then flow will always remain irrotational and such type of flow is called **potential flow**.

- **Let the flow be 2D, incompressible and irrotational:** That is stream function  $\psi = \psi(x, y)$  exist and  $\psi = \text{constant}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \implies d\psi &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{dx}{u} &= \frac{dy}{v} \\ \implies \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{v}{u} \\ \implies \text{slope}|_{\psi=c} &= \frac{v}{u}. \end{aligned}$$

Also  $\phi = \text{constant} \implies d\phi = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}dy &= 0 \\ \implies udx + vdy &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{u}{v} \\ \implies \text{slope}|_{\phi=k} &= -\frac{u}{v}. \end{aligned}$$

At the point of intersection of  $\psi = c$  and  $\phi = k$ , we have;

$$(\text{slope}|_{\psi=c}) \cdot (\text{slope}|_{\phi=k}) = -1.$$

$\implies \psi = c$  and  $\phi = k$  are orthogonal to each other.

**Note:** For 2D, incompressible flow,  $u = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}$ ,  $v = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$ . If the flow is also irrotational then  $\omega_z = 0$ , that is we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial y^2} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\implies$  Stream function satisfies the Laplace equation.

For 2D irrotational flow,  $u = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}$ ,  $v = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}$ . If the flow is also incompressible, then we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \implies \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial y^2} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\implies \phi$  also satisfies the Laplace equation.

### ★ Exercise 2.1 ★

**Question:** Test whether the motion specified by  $\vec{q} = \frac{k^2(x\hat{j} - y\hat{i})}{x^2 + y^2}$ ; ( $k = \text{constant}$ ), is a possible motion for an incompressible fluid. If so, determine the equation of streamlines. Also test whether the motion is of potential kind and if so, obtain the velocity potential?

**Hint:** For checking the possibility of the flow we need to just check that  $\nabla \cdot \vec{q} = 0$  is satisfied or not. Then for streamlines, first find the stream function  $\psi$  from  $u = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}$ ,  $v = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$  and then find the equation of streamlines from  $\psi = \psi(x, y)$ . Finally for checking whether the flow is of potential kind or not, we need to just verify  $\nabla \times \vec{q} = 0$  and then one can find velocity potential  $\phi$  from  $u = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}$ ,  $v = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}$ .

### 3 Dynamics of Inviscid Fluid

#### 3.1 Euler's Equation of Motion

Consider a fluid element as shown in the figure with dimensions  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$  and  $\Delta z$ . According to the *Newton's second law of motion*;

$$\sum F_x = m \cdot a_x \quad (7)$$

where,  $m = \text{mass} = \rho \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$  and  $a_x$  is the material acceleration.

Force on the face  $AEHD = p(x) \Delta y \Delta z$

Force on the face  $BFGC = p(x + \Delta x) \Delta y \Delta z$

$$= \left[ p(x) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \Delta x + \dots \right] \Delta y \Delta z.$$

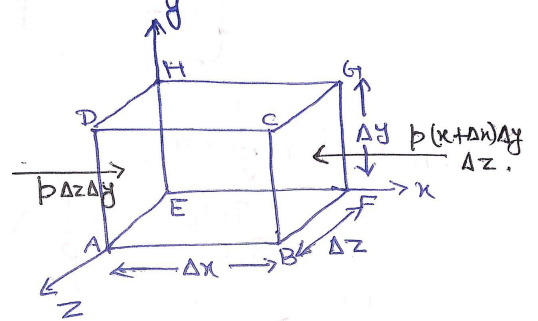


Figure 3: depicting the considered fluid element for Euler's equation of motion.

Sum of surface forces on the fluid element is;

$$\begin{aligned} &= p(x) \Delta y \Delta z - \left[ p(x) + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \Delta x + \dots \right] \Delta y \Delta z \\ &= - \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z + \dots \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $b_x$  be the body force per unit mass, then we have;

$$\text{Total body force} = \rho b_x \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z.$$

So *Total force = surface force + body force*, therefore from equation (7) we have;

$$\text{Surface force} + \text{body force} = m \cdot a_x$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (\cancel{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z}) + \rho b_x (\cancel{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z}) = \rho (\cancel{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z}) \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \rho b_x = \rho \frac{Du}{Dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Du}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + b_x. \quad (8)$$

The above equation is the required **Euler's equation of motion** in  $x$  - component.

In **vector form**;

$$\frac{D\vec{q}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \vec{b}$$



Or

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) \vec{q} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \vec{b}. \quad (9)$$

This (above) equation is the **Euler's equation of motion in vector form**.

**Example 3.1:** Consider the flow field given by  $\vec{q} = x\hat{i} - y\hat{j}$  and discuss the fluid motion.

**Explanation:** Let us do gymnastics with the given flow field and discuss it point wise;

- Here  $u = x$  and  $v = -y$ ; so **flow is clearly 2D**.
- Rate of shear strain  $= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \implies$  *there is no shear deformation*  $\implies$  the **flow is inviscid**.
- As  $\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] = 0 \implies$  **flow is irrotational**  $\implies$  **flow is of potential kind**.
- As  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \implies$  **flow is incompressible or volumetric strain rate is zero**.
- **Streamlines:**  $\frac{dx}{u} = \frac{dy}{v} \implies \frac{dx}{x} = -\frac{dy}{y} \implies \frac{dx}{x} + \frac{dy}{y} = 0 \implies \log x + \log y = \log c \implies xy = c$ ; thus the **streamlines are of rectangular hyperbola shape**.
- **To find the pressure between any two points:** using the vector form of Euler's equation of motions;

$$\frac{D\vec{q}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \vec{b}$$

Assuming the body force is along  $z$ -direction (gravity) i.e.  $b_x = 0$  and  $b_y = 0$ . Writing the above equation component wise, we have;

$$\begin{aligned} x\text{-component:} \quad & -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + 0 = [0 + x \cdot 1 + (-y) \cdot 0 + 0] \implies -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \rho x \\ y\text{-component:} \quad & -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + 0 = [0 + x \cdot 0 + (-y)(-1) + 0] \implies -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \rho y \\ z\text{-component:} \quad & -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g = [0] \implies -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \rho g \end{aligned}$$

further solving the  $x$ -component, we have;

$$-p = \frac{\rho x^2}{2} + f_1(y, z)$$

Further removing this arbitrary function  $f_1(y, z)$  using other components of the equation, we can get the pressure  $p$  as;

$$-p = \frac{\rho x^2}{2} + \frac{\rho y^2}{2} + \rho g z + c.$$

### 3.2 Euler's Equation along a Streamline (Bernoulli's Equation of Motion)

We have already derived the *Euler's equation of motion for Inviscid flow*. Here we will use the vector form of that equation (which is given by equation (9) in last subsection), writing the  $x, y, z$  - components of that equation;

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= \rho \left[ -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)u + b_x \right] \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} &= \rho \left[ -\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)v + b_y \right] \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} &= \rho \left[ -\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)w + b_z \right]\end{aligned}$$

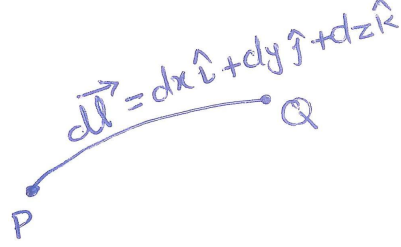


Figure 4: depicting the considered streamline for Euler's equation.

We also have, total differential of pressure;

$$dp = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz$$

$$\Rightarrow dp = \rho \left[ -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)u + b_x \right] dx + \rho \left[ -\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)v + b_y \right] dy + \rho \left[ -\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)w + b_z \right] dz$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow dp &= -\rho \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} dy + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} dz \right] - \rho \left[ (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)u dx + (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)v dy + (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla)w dz \right] \\ &\quad + \rho [b_x dx + b_y dy + b_z dz]\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow dp = -\rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} - \rho \{ (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) \vec{q} \} \cdot d\vec{l} - \rho g dz$$

$$\Rightarrow dp = -\rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} - \rho \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}) - \vec{q} \times (\nabla \times \vec{q}) \right] \cdot d\vec{l} - \rho g dz$$

$$\Rightarrow dp = -\rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} - \frac{\rho}{2} \nabla(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}) \cdot d\vec{l} + \rho \{ \vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega} \} \cdot d\vec{l} - \rho g dz$$

**Note:** Let us write the simplified version of the second term of above equation;

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\rho}{2} \nabla(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}) \cdot d\vec{l} &= \frac{\rho}{2} \left[ \hat{i} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial z} \right] \cdot d\vec{l} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\rho}{2} \nabla(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}) \cdot d\vec{l} &= \frac{\rho}{2} \left[ \hat{i} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial z} \right] \cdot (dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\rho}{2} \nabla(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}) \cdot d\vec{l} &= \frac{\rho}{2} \left[ \hat{i} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial x} dx + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial y} dy + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \vec{q}^2}{\partial z} dz \right] \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\rho}{2} \nabla(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}) \cdot d\vec{l} &= \frac{\rho}{2} d\vec{q}^2.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have;

$$dp = -\rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} - \frac{\rho}{2} d\vec{q}^2 + \rho(\vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega}) \cdot d\vec{l} - \rho g dz$$

$$\implies dp + \frac{\rho}{2} d\vec{q}^2 + \rho g dz + \rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} + \rho[d\vec{l} \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega})] = 0$$

**Note:**

- **If velocity of the fluid element is in direction of  $d\vec{l}$  i.e.  $d\vec{l}$  is along the streamlines** then;

$$[d\vec{l} \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega})] = \begin{vmatrix} dx & dy & dz \\ u & v & z \\ \Omega_x & \Omega_y & \Omega_z \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\because R_1 \text{ is scalar multiple of } R_2]$$

- **If the flow is steady** then  $\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} = 0$ .

Therefore, we have;

$$dp + \frac{\rho}{2} d\vec{q}^2 + \rho g dz + \rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} + \rho[d\vec{l} \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega})] = 0$$

$$\implies dp + \frac{1}{2} \rho d\vec{q}^2 + \rho g dz = 0. \quad (10)$$

This (above) equation is the required **Euler's equation along a streamline** or **Bernoulli's equation of motion**.

**If  $\rho$  is constant:** then from above equation (10), we can write;

$$\int_P^Q \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} \int_P^Q d\vec{q}^2 + \int_P^Q g dz = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho}(p_Q - p_P) + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{q}_Q^2 - \vec{q}_P^2) + g(z_Q - z_P) = 0 \quad (11)$$

**Note:** As a conclusion we can say that *if the flow is irrotational then Bernoulli's equation can be applied between any two points P and Q in the flow field.*

### 3.2.1 Unsteady Version

If  $d\vec{l}$  is along the streamlines but the **flow is unsteady**, then we have;

$$dp + \frac{\rho}{2} d\vec{q}^2 + \rho g dz + \rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} + \rho[d\vec{l} \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega})] = 0$$

$$\implies dp + \frac{\rho}{2} d\vec{q}^2 + \rho g dz + \rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0$$

$$\implies dp + \frac{\rho}{2} d\vec{q}^2 + \rho g dz = -\rho \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

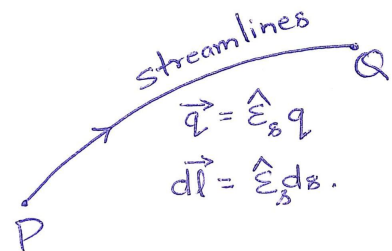


Figure 5: depicting the considered streamline for Euler's equation.

If  $\rho$  is constant, then we have;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\rho}(p_Q - p_P) + \frac{1}{2}(\vec{q}_Q^2 - \vec{q}_P^2) + g(z_Q - z_P) &= - \int_P^Q \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} ds \\ \implies \frac{p_Q}{\rho} + \frac{\vec{q}_Q^2}{2} + gz_Q &= \frac{p_P}{\rho} + \frac{\vec{q}_P^2}{2} + gz_P - \int_P^Q \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} ds \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** If flow is irrotational, then  $\implies \vec{q} \times \vec{\Omega} = 0$  and this further  $\implies \exists$  a scalar function  $\phi$  such that  $\vec{q} = \nabla \phi$  and we get the **Bernoulli's equation** as;

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}d(\nabla\phi^2) + gdz = -d\left(\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t}\right). \quad (12)$$

This (above) equation is the **Euler's equation in terms of velocity potential**.

