

NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS

In the last few classes, we were discussing on differential approach for linear momentum.

→ For a three-dimensional cartesian co-ordinate system, we came up with a system of partial differential equations describing the motion of fluid

$$\rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} = \rho \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zy}}{\partial z} = \rho \left[\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} = \rho \left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right]$$

⇒ These three set of PDE's is the most general form of equation of fluid motion that accounts for any type of fluid motion.

$$\boxed{\rho \vec{g} - \vec{\nabla} p + \nabla \cdot \vec{\tau} = \rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}}$$

⇒ If the fluid is INVISCID, then effects of viscosity are neglected. ∴ The equations of fluid motion

reduces to

$$\boxed{\rho \vec{g} - \vec{\nabla} p = \rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}}$$

→ This is Euler's equation for inviscid fluid flow.

⇒ Recall our earlier discussions on viscosity.

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We had defined Newton's law of viscosity.

Newtonian liquids are those that obey linear laws of viscosity.

For INCOMPRESSIBLE Newtonian fluids we can derive shear stresses in terms of velocity gradients. Recall ~~shear~~^{viscous} stress tensor

$$\underline{\underline{\tau}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_{xx} & \tau_{yx} & \tau_{zx} \\ \tau_{xy} & \tau_{yy} & \tau_{zy} \\ \tau_{xz} & \tau_{yz} & \tau_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow Incompressible Liquids

Here for Newtonian fluids, $\tau_{xx} = 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

$$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx} = \mu \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$\tau_{zx} = \tau_{xz} = \mu \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$\tau_{yy} = 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \tau_{zz} = 2\mu \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

\therefore The equations of motion will then be for constant-density or incompressible fluid.

$$\rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\mu \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\mu \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \right]$$

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

$$\text{i.e. } \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right] + \mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial z} \right]$$

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

[Of course, we are assuming μ is a constant]

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i.e.

$$\rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right] + \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right]$$

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

Recall for incompressible fluid, what is $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$??

\therefore we get

$$\rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right] = \rho \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right] = \rho \left[\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right]$$

and

$$\rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right] = \rho \left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right]$$

This set of three PDE's is the famous NAVIER-STOKES equations of fluid motion for incompressible Newtonian fluids.

Navier-Stokes equations are second-order non-linear partial differential equations. You can solve them for various cases. Also you can see that p, u, v, w are the unknown or dependent variables in the above expressions. You have to use the equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

simultaneously solving them.

\Rightarrow The computational fluid dynamics (CFD) solves these partial differential equations while modeling the fluid flow.

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Example (Adapted from FM WHITE)

It was observed that velocity field for a fluid flow was obtained as:

$$u = a(x^2 - y^2), \quad v = -2axy,$$

$w = 0$. You know u, v, w , and p are solutions

of Navier-Stokes equations. Now find under what condition

the above expressions for u, v, w will be solutions of Navier-Stokes equations. Consider $g_x = g_y = 0$ and $g_z = -g$.

Soln Answer

\Rightarrow As it is given

$$\begin{aligned} u &= a(x^2 - y^2), & \therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= 2ax \\ v &= -2axy & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= -2ay \\ w &= 0 & \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= -2ay, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -2ax \end{aligned}$$

i.e. They are not functions of time t .

Hence the flow will be steady.

\Rightarrow We need to find $p(x, y, z)$

$$\rho * 0 - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu [2a - 2a + 0] = \rho \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + a(x^2 - y^2) 2ax + (-2axy)(-2ay) + 0 \right]$$

$$\rho * 0 - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu [0 + 0 + 0] = \rho \left[\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + a(x^2 - y^2)(-2ay) + (-2axy)(-2ax) + 0 \right]$$

$$\rho * -g - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu * 0 = \rho [0]$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= \rho [2a^2x^3 - 2a^2xy^2 + 4a^2xy^2] \\ -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} &= \rho [-2a^2x^2y + 2a^2y^3 + 4a^2x^2y] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} &= -\rho g \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= -\rho 2a^2 x (x^2 + y^2) \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} &= -\rho 2a^2 y (x^2 + y^2) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

So vertical pressure gradient is hydrostatic.
Pressure do vary in the x - y plane.

Here note that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) = -4\rho a^2 y x$
and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) = -4\rho a^2 x y$

Both are same.

\therefore The solutions u, v , and w are exact solutions of Navier-Stokes equation.

\Rightarrow The solution p will be.

$$p = \int \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx \Big|_{y,z} = \int -2\rho a^2 x (x^2 + y^2) dx$$

$$= -2a^2 \rho \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{2} \right] + f_1(y, z)$$

for now, $\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = -2a^2 \rho x^2 y + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = -2\rho a^2 y (x^2 + y^2)$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} = -2a^2 \rho y^3$$

$$\text{or } f_1 = \int \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} dy \Big|_z = -2a^2 \rho \frac{y^4}{4} + f_2(z)$$

$$\therefore p = -2a^2 \rho \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{2} \right] - 2a^2 \rho \frac{y^4}{4} + f_2(z)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = 0 + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z} = -\rho g$$

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$$\alpha \int_2 (\beta) = -\rho g z + C$$

where C is a constant

$$\therefore p(x, y, z) = -2\rho^2 g \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{y^4}{4} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{2} \right] - \rho g z + C$$
