

Navier – Stokes Equations

We were discussing the momentum equations in expanding form:

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

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

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

- You have also seen in index notation, the viscous stress is:

$$\tau_{ij} = 2\mu S_{ij} + \lambda S_{mm} \delta_{ij}$$

Where, S_{ij} is strain rate tensor

μ, λ is the constants to related viscous stress with strain rates.

- In expanded form:

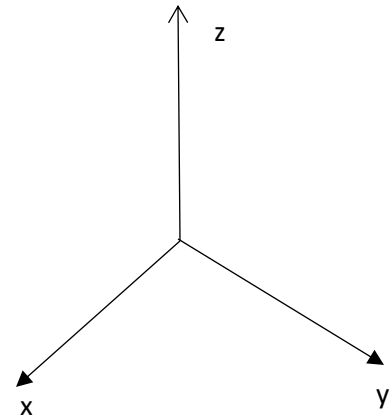
$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{xx} &= 2\mu S_{xx} + \lambda \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \delta_{mm} & \bar{\bar{\delta}} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \lambda (\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) & S_{xx} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] \end{aligned}$$

For incompressible liquids,

$$(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \tau_{xx} = 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

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



For the same incompressible fluid,

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

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

$$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zy} = \mu \left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right]$$

Therefore, in the expanded form, the set of momentum equations (1) will be for an incompressible fluid:

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

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

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

(As, from continuity equation, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$)

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

Similarly,

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

and

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

The set of momentum partial differential equation given in (2) is called the famous **Navier Stokes Equation**.

For flow of incompressible Newtonian Fluids

⇒ The Navier-Stokes equations are second-order non-linear partial differential equations.

- The independent variables are x, y, z , and t .
- The dependent variables are p, u, v and w and they are unknowns in the domain.
- There are three momentum equations and four unknowns (p, u, v, w). Hence you have to use the continuity equation for incompressible flow i.e., $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$ as the fourth equation to simultaneously solve for p, u, v , and w .
- The many famous CFD softwares that use Navier-Stokes equations to solve the fluid flow in any given domain.
- As obvious, the set of four partial differential equations, to be solved, you need to provide appropriate initial and boundary conditions.

Example: (Adopted from FM White's Fluid Mechanics)

For a fluid , it was observed that the velocity components are :

$u = a(x^2 - y^2)$, $v = -2axy$, $w = 0$. Find the pressure distribution for the given flow?

Ans. Given: $u = a(x^2 - y^2)$

$v = -2axy$

$w = 0$

Also, $\vec{g} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - g\hat{k}$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2ax, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -2ay$$

Therefore, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -2ay, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -2ax$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = 0$$

As the velocity variables are not changing with respect to time, it can be considered that the flow is steady.

- Our objective is to find $p(x, y, z, t)$.
Since the flow is steady, so we will find $p(x, y, z)$.
i.e., in the Navier-Stokes equations:

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

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \rho \times 0 - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu [2a + (-2a) + 0] = \rho [0 + a(x^2 - y^2)2ax - 2ay(-2ay) + 0]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e.} \quad -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= \rho [2a^2 x(x^2 - y^2) + 4a^2 xy^2] \\ &= \rho [2a^2 x^3 + 2a^2 xy^2] \\ &= 2a^2 \rho x(x^2 + y^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -2a^2 \rho x(x^2 + y^2)$$

In y-direction:

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

$$\text{i.e.} \quad -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \rho [-2a^2 x^2 y + 2a^2 y^3 + 4a^2 yx^2]$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = -2a^2 \rho y(x^2 + y^2)$$

In z-direction:

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

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho g$$

The vertical pressure gradient is hydrostatic.

$$p = \int \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx \Big|_{x,y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{➤ The solution} \quad &= \int -2\rho a^2 x(x^2 + y^2) dx \\ &= -2\rho a^2 \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^2 y^2}{2} \right] + f_1(y, z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} &= -2\rho a^2 x^2 y + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ &= -2\rho a^2 y(x^2 + y^2) \end{aligned}$$

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

or

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

Comparing,

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

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

$$f_2(z) = -\rho g z + c$$

where, c is a constant.

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