

Control Volume Approach & Reynolds Transport Theorem

Recall, in the last class we were discussing about a control volume.

- We took the duster, and in solid mechanics, we called this duster as a system.
- You were able to directly apply the principles of conservation of mass, linear momentum, etc. directly on the system to interpret the mechanics.
- For the duster, as its mass is constant and the particles inside are same, the above conservation principle were easy to apply.

- However, in fluid mechanics, it is difficult to analyze a **system** (or volume) from fluid by considering or tracking the same particle.
- Therefore, in fluids we assumed a definite volume in space that forms the required environment and we can apply mechanics principles on the volume. Such volumes are called **control volumes**.

- To analyze control volume, we need to convert the mechanics principles that were applicable to a system to the form of control volume.

- If you take a control volume of a liquid, where it is flowing, you can visualize that a fluid system that was initially occupying the control volume will be replaced by another fluid system at the next instant (i.e., the fluid particles are changing).
- To convert the systems analysis conservation concept to a control volume conservation concept, we need to appropriately relate, conceptually as well as mathematically, both of them. **How??**

- ❖ The conversion from system analysis to control volume analysis is represented by **Reynolds Transport Theorem**.

<i>System</i>	<i>Control Volume</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some fluid property of fluid described in space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume occupying a space and have a shape.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separated from its surroundings by boundaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume consists of surfaces called control surfaces.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The particles inside the system will be same throughout. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fluid particles inside will continuously change.

How will you do Control Volume Analysis?

Volume and Mass Flow Rate

Considering an arbitrary volume of liquid in space: It is separated from its surroundings by control surfaces.

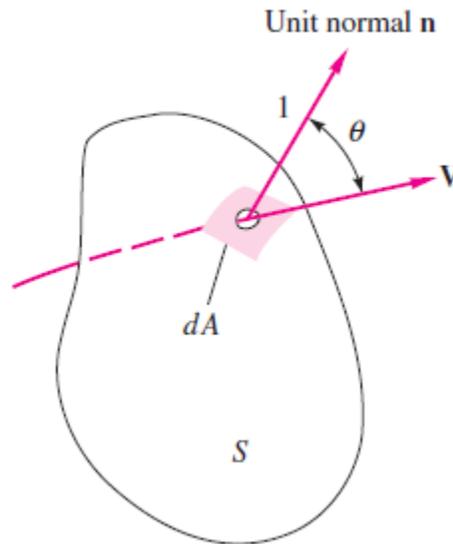


Fig. 1: Elemental area on control surface representation
(Source: Fluid Mechanics by F.M. White)

- Take a small elemental area ΔA on the control surface of the volume. The outward normal of the elemental area is \hat{n} as shown in Fig. 1
 - ❖ Let the velocity vector of fluid passing through the elemental area be \vec{v} .
 - ❖ \hat{n} and \vec{v} may not be collinear.
 - ❖ The volume of fluid that will sweep through the elemental area ΔA in an elemental time Δt will be :

$$\Delta V = \vec{v} \Delta t \Delta A \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta V = (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) \Delta A \Delta t$$

(The component of velocity vector in the direction of \hat{n} or the component of area vector in the direction of \vec{v})

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} = (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) \Delta A$$

where, $\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t}$ = volume flow rate through the elemental area ΔA . Also, you know, on integrating ΔA throughout, you will get the total surface area of the control volume.

❖ Therefore, to get the **total volume rate of flow** Q through S , we will first limit the elemental area ΔA

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0, \Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} = \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \int_S \frac{dV}{dt} = \int_S (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) dA$$

where, Q = total volume flow rate.

❖ If the fluid concerned in the control volume has a density ρ , then **Mass flow rate**

$$\dot{m} = \int_S \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) dA$$

Extensive and Intensive Property

For the control volume of the fluid, let B be any property of the fluid that is related to mass. (e.g., Mass, Momentum, Energy, etc.).

This B is called the **extensive** property.

Similarly, we can define another property

$$\beta = \frac{dB}{dm} \text{ (i.e., amount of } B \text{ per unit mass in any element of the fluid).}$$

where β is the intensive property.

To develop Reynolds Transport Theorem

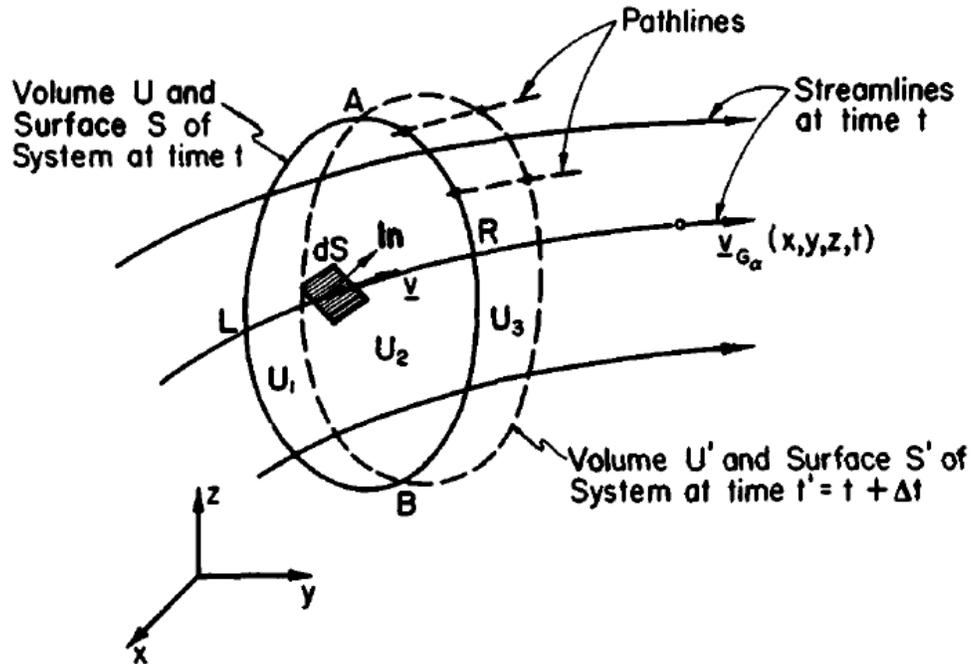


Fig. 2: Nomenclature to derive the Reynolds Transport Theorem
(Source: Dynamics of Fluids in Porous Media by Jacob Bear)

- Let us assume a control volume of a fluid (shown in solid black colour) at an instant “t”.
- As the control volume was chosen at the instant “t”, the fluid particles inside will be unique.
- This is as good as a system (e.g. the duster).
- However, as the fluid is moving, at another instant $t + \Delta t$, let the fluid particles that formed the system at time “t” be shifted to a new position and it occupies another location (shown in dotted lines).
- Therefore, at $t + \Delta t$, the fluid particles in the control volume is different from that at time “t”.
- At instant “t”, the extensive property:

$$B_{CV} = \int_{CV} \beta \rho dU$$

Where ρ is the density of the fluid.

➤ The extensive property in the control volume changes due to the following reasons:

1. Time rate of change of B within the control volume

$$\frac{d(B_{CV})}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{CV} \beta \rho dU \right]$$

2. The outflow of the property B through the surfaces of the control volume

$$\int_{CS} \beta \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) dA_{out}$$

where $\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}$ will be positive.

3. The inflow of the property B through the surfaces of the control volume

$$\int_{CS} \beta \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) dA_{in}$$

where $\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}$ will be negative.

➤ The inflow and outflow can be marked as net outflow.

➤ Extensive property in the control volume changes can be summated as:

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{CV} \beta \rho dU \right] + \int_{CS} \beta \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) dA$$

Note that this representation is **Eulerian**.

However, as said earlier, the conservation principles can only be directly applied to the system.

For that, let us take $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$.

Then the control volume and system volume will be the same.

$$\left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{system} = \left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{control\ volume}$$

$$\left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{system} = \frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_{CV} \beta \rho dU \right] + \int_{CS} \beta \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}) dA$$

That is, we can relate the time rate of change of property B stored in the system with respect to that of the control volume. The above equation is **Reynolds Transport Theorem**.