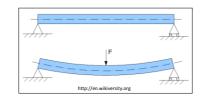


Different Viewpoints for Fluid and Solid Mechanics

• In solid mechanics we are usually interested in how material moves or deforms. We focus our attention on material and follow its motion/deformation.

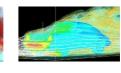




- We locate a solid particle (or group of particles) at an initial time and study their motion in time to determine where they go.
- We are interested in particles' trajectories and their final positions, such as golf ball's point of hitting or maximum deflection of the beam's center point.

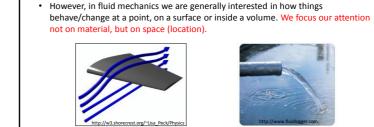
Field Representation • As a fluid moves, its properties in general change from point to point in space and from time to time. • In field representation of a flow, fluid and flow properties are given as functions of space coordinates and time. p = p(x, y, z, t), $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$, etc. • If there is no time dependency in a flow field, it is said to be steady, otherwise it is





Movie

Flow around a car



unsteady.



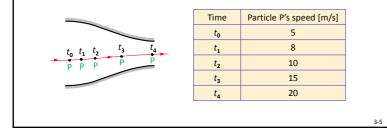
· For a lift force generating wing, we need to know the pressure distribution over the wing. We are not really interested in the original locations of fluid particles that cause the lift or where they go after they passed over the wing.

Different Viewpoints for Fluid and Solid Mechanics (cont'd)

• To measure the amount of liquid flowing in a pipe, we need to make calculations at the exit cross section of it. We do not need to follow the fluid particles that pass through that exit section.

Lagrangian (Material) Description

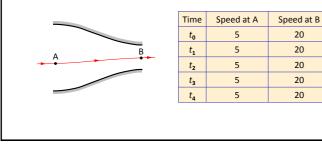
- Identified fluid particles are followed in the course of time as they move in a flow field.
- NOT preferred in fluid mechanics, more suitable to solid mechanics.
- · Consider the following experiment where a fluid flows in a converging duct.
- We located a particle P at time t_0 at the entrance of the duct and follow it in time and measure its speed.

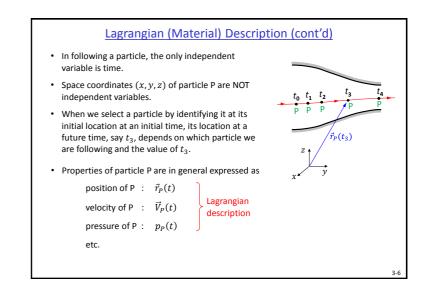


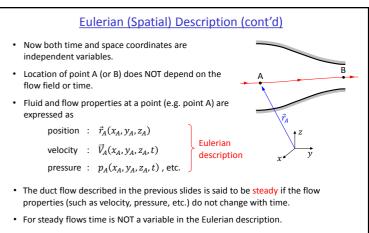
Eulerian (Spatial) Description

- Attention is focused at fixed points (or area or volume) in the flow field and the variation of properties at these points are determined as fluid particles pass through these points.
- · This is the preferred viewpoint for fluid mechanics.
- Consider the same flow in the converging duct, but now concentrating at two points, A and B (or two sections, inlet and exit).

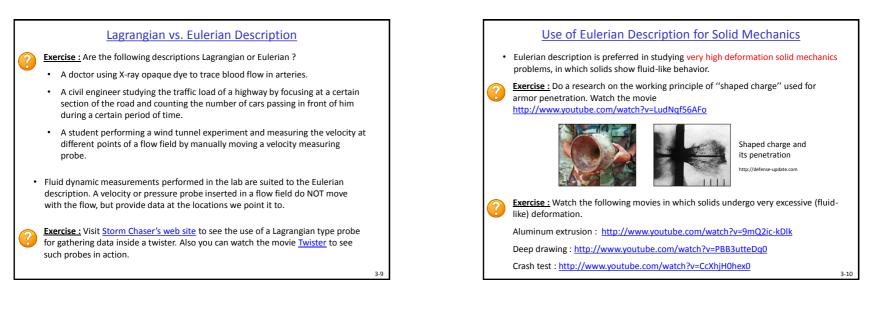
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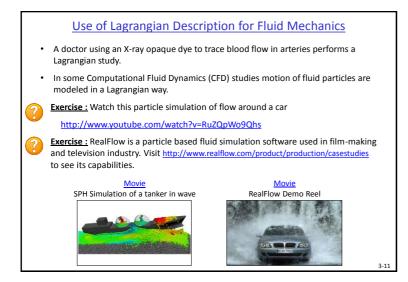


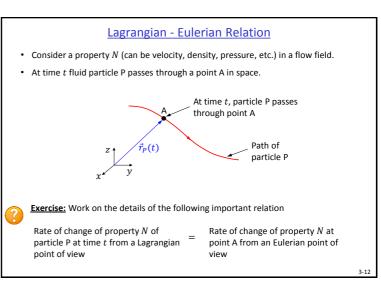


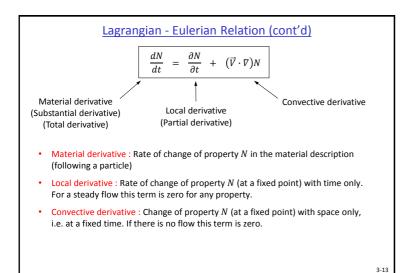


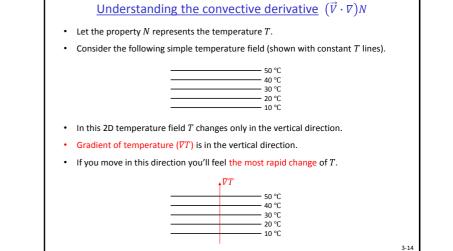
• But time is always an independent variable in the Lagrangian description, even for steady flows. Without time, a fluid particle simply can not move.

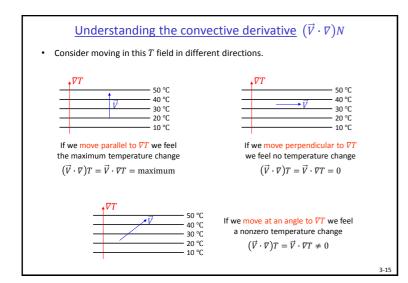


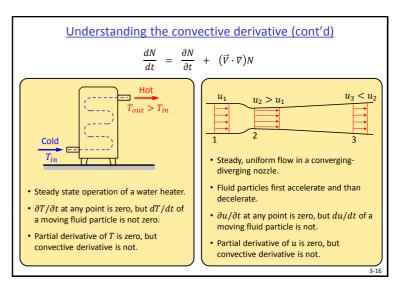


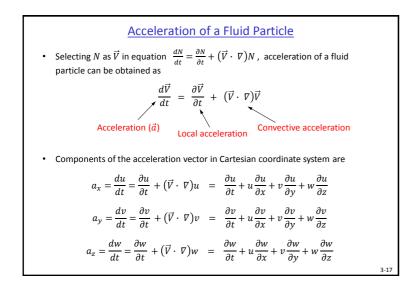


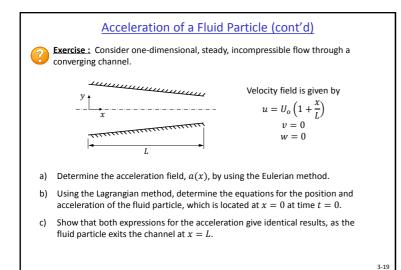


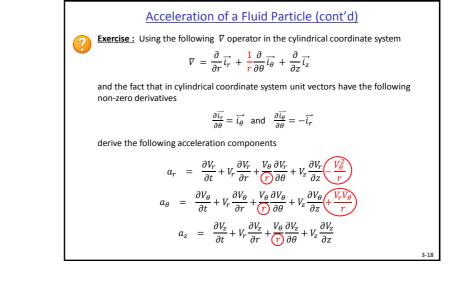


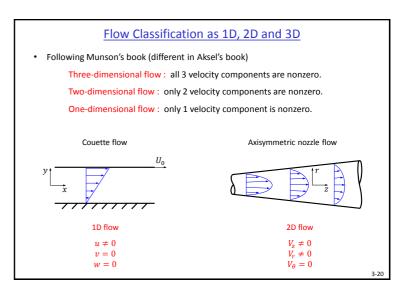


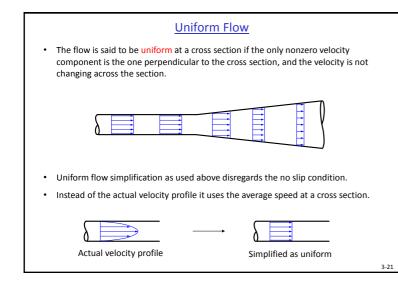












Flow Classification as Steady, Unsteady (cont'd)

- Sometimes an unsteady flow can be studied as steady by a proper choice of reference frame.
- Consider the following wing moving at a constant speed in still air.
- For an observer fixed at the ground this flow is unsteady.
 At an upstream point A, initially air speed is zero.

But as the wing approaches point A, it will push

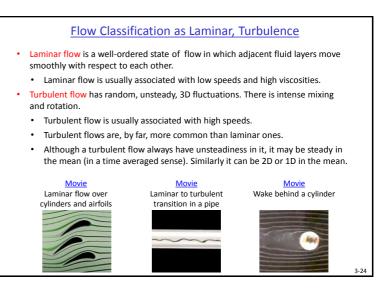
the air there. Observer fixed at the ground will observe different things at point A at different

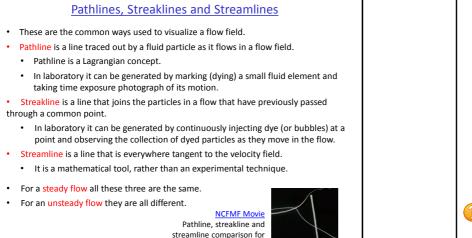
times.

- A http://w3.shorecrest.org/~Liss_Peck/Physik
- The same flow becomes steady with respect to an observer moving with the wing. This observer will always see the same air motion around him/her. Nothing will change in time.
- Similar simplifications are observed when turbomachinery flows are studied using a rotating reference frame.

Flow Classification as Steady, Unsteady

- Steady flow : Local derivatives (∂ /∂t) are zero in a flow field. Properties at a fixed point do not change in time.
 - See slide 3-16 for two examples.
 - A centrifugal pump working constantly at the same speed between the same input and output conditions is said to be working steadily, although there is a rotating blade inside it.
 - Air flow around a car moving at constant speed is considered to be steady, although there are fluctuations in the wake region behind the car.
- Unsteady flow : Local derivatives (at least for 1 property) are nonzero. Properties at a fixed point change in time.
 - If the inlet water temperature of the heater shown in slide 3-16 changes with time, it will be an unsteady flow.
 - Pulsatile blood flow in our veins is unsteady. But it is a special kind of unsteady flow, it is time periodic. It repeats itself after a certain period.
 - von Karman vortex street of slide 3-2 is also unsteady and time periodic.
 - A gusty wind blowing over a house is unsteady.

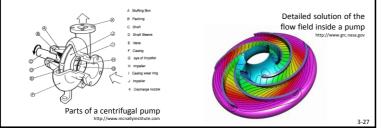


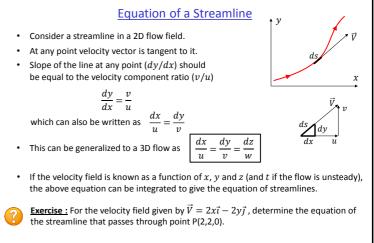


Differential vs. Integral Formulation

unsteady oscillating plate flow

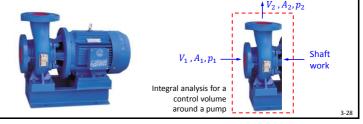
- Differential formulation provides a very detailed solution of a flow field.
- When used with Eulerian point of view, it provides information at all points in the problem region at all times of interest.
- It requires the solution of differential equations for conservation laws (mass, linear momentum and energy).
- Analytical solution of conservation equations are available only for a few very simple problems. Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) provides an alternative.

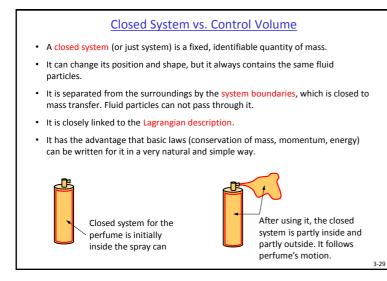




Differential vs. Integral Formulation (cont'd)

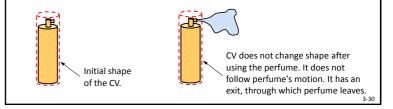
- Integral formulation used with Eulerian viewpoint focuses at a fixed region of space (control volume).
- It studies the interaction of this control volume with its surroundings.
- It is used to determine gross flow effects (not details), such as the lift force generated by a wing, thrust generated by a jet engine or the shaft work required to run a pump.
- It provides less information compared to differential approach. But it has much simpler mathematics. No differential equation is solved.





Closed System vs. Control Volume (cont'd)

- A control volume (CV) is a fixed region of a flow field.
- It can NOT change its position or shape, but it contains different fluid particles at different times (Note: Moving/deforming CVs can also be defined).
- It is separated from the surroundings by the control surface (CS), which is open to mass transfer. Fluid particles can pass through the CS.
- It is closely linked to the Eulerian viewpoint.
- Reynolds Transport Theorem (RTT) is used to convert basic conservation laws written for a closed system to equations that can be used for a CV.



Basic Laws Written for a System

Conservation of Mass : Mass of a closed system does not change, i.e. time rate of change of a closed system's mass is zero.

$$\frac{dm_{sys}}{dt} = 0 \qquad \text{where} \qquad m_{sys} = \int_{\forall_{sys}} \rho \ d\forall$$

Conservation of Linear Momentum (Newton's 2nd Law) : Sum of all external forces acting on a system is equal to the time rate of change of its linear momentum.

$$\sum \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}_{sys}}{dt} \qquad \text{where} \qquad \vec{P}_{sys} = \int_{\forall_{sys}} \rho \vec{V} \, d\forall$$

Conservation of Angular Momentum : Sum of all external torques acting on a system is equal to the time rate of change of its angular momentum.

$$\sum \vec{T} = \frac{d\vec{H}_{sys}}{dt} \qquad \text{where} \qquad \vec{H}_{sys} = \int_{\forall_{sys}} \rho(\vec{r} \times \vec{V}) d\forall$$

