

ADVANCED FLUID MECHANICS

Homework 1 : Mathematical Preliminaries and Governing Equations

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1. Proof of Vector Identities

(a) $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = 0$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) &= (\nabla \times \vec{F})_{i,i} \\ &= (\epsilon_{ijk} F_{k,j})_{,i} \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} F_{k,ji} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(b) $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{F}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F}) - \nabla^2 \vec{F}$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned}[\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{F})]_i &= \epsilon_{ijk} (\nabla \times \vec{F})_{k,j} \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} (\epsilon_{kpq} F_{q,p})_j \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{kpq} F_{q,pj} \\ &= (\delta_{ip} \delta_{jq} - \delta_{iq} \delta_{jp}) F_{q,pj} \\ &= F_{j,ij} - F_{i,jj} \\ &= (F_{j,j})_{,i} - (F_i)_{,jj} \\ &= [\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{F}) - \nabla^2 \vec{F}]_i\end{aligned}$$

Hence, proved.

(c) $\nabla \cdot (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) = \vec{G} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{F}) - \vec{F} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{G})$

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot (\vec{F} \times \vec{G}) &= (\vec{F} \times \vec{G})_{i,i} \\ &= (\epsilon_{ijk} F_j G_k)_{,i} \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} F_{j,i} G_k + \epsilon_{ijk} G_{k,i} F_j \\ &= \epsilon_{ijk} F_{j,i} G_k - \epsilon_{ikj} G_{k,i} F_j \\ &= (\nabla \times \vec{F})_k (\vec{G})_k - (\nabla \times \vec{G})_j (\vec{F})_j \\ &= (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \vec{G} - (\nabla \times \vec{G}) \cdot \vec{F}\end{aligned}$$

2. 2nd Law of Thermodynamics for Newtonian Fluids

The Gibbs equation, obtained by combining the first and second laws of thermodynamics, is :

$$Tds = de + p dv$$

Gibbs equation can be written for a moving fluid as :

$$T \frac{Ds}{Dt} = \frac{De}{Dt} + p \frac{Dv}{Dt} = \frac{De}{Dt} - \frac{p}{\rho^2} \frac{D\rho}{Dt}$$

Now, the rate of change of energy, De/Dt , can be expressed in terms of viscous dissipation and heat flux using the following equation.

$$\rho \frac{De}{Dt} = -p \nabla \cdot \vec{v} - \nabla \cdot \vec{q} + \Phi$$

where, $\Phi = \lambda(\nabla \cdot \vec{v})^2 + 2\mu \nabla^S \vec{v} : \nabla \vec{v}$

Eliminating De/Dt using the above two equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T \frac{Ds}{Dt} &= \frac{1}{\rho} (-p \nabla \cdot \vec{v} - \nabla \cdot \vec{q} + \Phi) - \frac{p}{\rho^2} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} \\ \implies \rho T \frac{Ds}{Dt} &= -\frac{p}{\rho} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v} + \frac{D\rho}{Dt}) - \nabla \cdot \vec{q} + \Phi \end{aligned}$$

Using the mass conservation equation, the expression within paranthesis is 0. Hence, the equation reduces to,

$$\implies \rho \frac{Ds}{Dt} = -\frac{\nabla \cdot \vec{q}}{T} + \frac{\Phi}{T}$$

Using the vector identity, $\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{T}\right) = \frac{\nabla \cdot \vec{q}}{T} - \frac{\vec{q}}{T^2} \cdot \nabla T$

$$\implies \rho \frac{Ds}{Dt} = -\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{T}\right) - \frac{\vec{q}}{T^2} \cdot \nabla T + \frac{\Phi}{T}$$

Using the constitutive equation for heat flux, $\vec{q} = -k \nabla T$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \rho \frac{Ds}{Dt} &= -\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{T}\right) + k \nabla T \cdot \nabla T \left(\frac{1}{T}\right)^2 + \frac{\Phi}{T} \\ \implies \rho \frac{Ds}{Dt} &= -\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{T}\right) + k \left(\frac{\|\nabla T\|}{T}\right)^2 + \frac{\Phi}{T} \end{aligned}$$

For a positive k, the second term of the RHS is positive, which is always (otherwise heat would flow up the temperature gradients and that would be a violation of the 2nd law of thermodynamics). The third term of RHS can be proven to be positive as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi &= \lambda(\nabla \cdot \vec{v})^2 + 2\mu \nabla^S \vec{v} : \nabla \vec{v} \\
&= \lambda(\nabla \cdot \vec{v})^2 + 2\mu \nabla^S \vec{v} : \left[\frac{\nabla^S \vec{v} + (\nabla^A \vec{v})}{2} \right] \\
&= \lambda(\nabla \cdot \vec{v})^2 + 2\mu \nabla^S \vec{v} : \nabla^S \vec{v} \\
&= \left(K - \frac{2}{3}\mu \right) (\nabla \cdot \vec{v})^2 + 2\mu \nabla^S \vec{v} : \nabla^S \vec{v} \\
&= \left(K - \frac{2}{3}\mu \right) \left(\sum_i \frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 + 2\mu \left[\sum_i \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 + \sum_{i,j}^{i \neq j} \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_j} + \frac{dv_j}{dx_i} \right)^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

rearranging the terms

$$= \underbrace{K \left(\sum_i \frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 + 2\mu \left[\sum_{i,j}^{i \neq j} \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_j} + \frac{dv_j}{dx_i} \right)^2 \right]}_A + \underbrace{2\mu \left[\sum_i \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{2}{3}\mu \left(\sum_i \frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2}_B$$

Consider the parts A and B of the above expression separately. A is always positive for $K > 0$ and $\mu > 0$. Reducing B further:

$$\begin{aligned}
B &= 2\mu \left[\sum_i \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{2}{3}\mu \left(\sum_i \frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 \\
\Rightarrow \frac{B}{2\mu} &= \sum_i \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_i \frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{2}{3} \sum_i \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{i,j}^{i \neq j} \frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \frac{dv_j}{dx_j} \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{3} \sum_i \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{i,j}^{i \neq j} \frac{dv_i}{dx_i} \frac{dv_j}{dx_j} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{Using } 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \\
&= (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i,j}^{i \neq j} \left(\frac{dv_i}{dx_i} - \frac{dv_j}{dx_j} \right)^2 \geq 0$$

Since, both expressions A and B are proven to be positive, it is safe to say $\Phi \geq 0$

Hence, the thermodynamic equation reduces to the following inequation :

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \rho \frac{Ds}{Dt} \geq -\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{T} \right) \\
&\Rightarrow \int_{V_t} \rho \frac{Ds}{Dt} dV \geq - \int_{V_t} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{T} \right) dV
\end{aligned}$$

Using the Gauss divergence theorem on the RHS of the inequation, we get

$$\implies \int_{V_t} \rho \frac{Ds}{Dt} dV \geq - \int_{S_t} \frac{\vec{q} \cdot \hat{n}}{T} dS$$

Using Reynold's Lemma,

$$\implies \frac{D}{Dt} \int_{V_t} \rho s dV \geq - \int_{S_t} \frac{\vec{q} \cdot \hat{n}}{T} dS$$

Hence, proved.