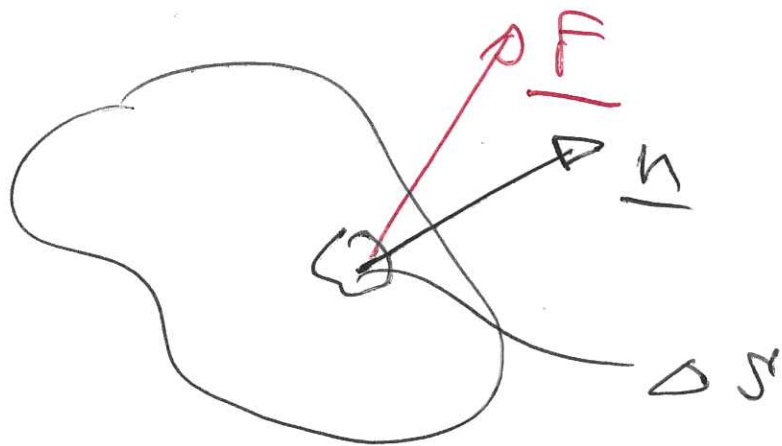


Stress, Cauchy's eqn

& the Navier-Stokes eqns

(1) The concept of stress/traction

Consider a finite blob of fluid loaded by some distributed force. (pressure or shear stresses etc)



Every patch  $\Delta S$  on the surface (with local outer unit normal  $\underline{n}$ ) is subject to a certain resulting force  $\underline{F}$ .

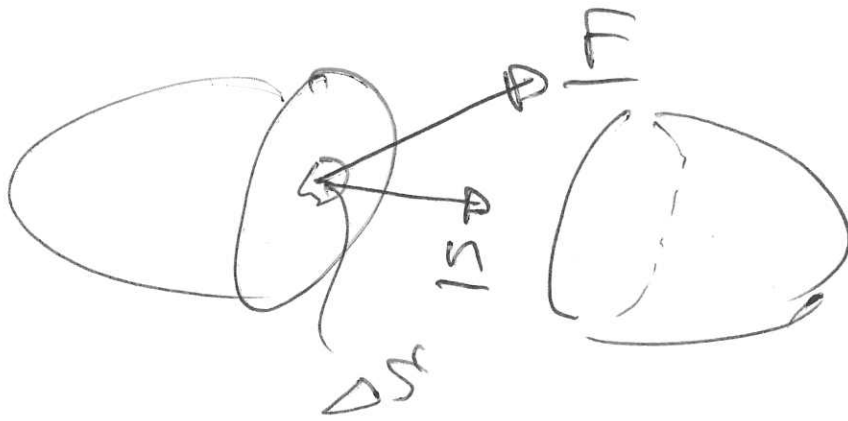
Def: Traction:

$$\underline{t} = \lim_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \frac{\underline{F}}{\Delta S}$$

acts on the fluid

Similarly: Cut the blob

along a plane with outer  
unit normal  $\underline{n}$



Then  $\underline{F}$  represents the force  
exerted onto  $\Delta S$  (with outer  
unit normal  $\underline{n}$ ) by the  
"other half" of the fluid.

Def: Stress

$$\underline{t} = \lim_{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \frac{\underline{F}}{\Delta S}$$

Note: The Stress is likely to  
depend on:

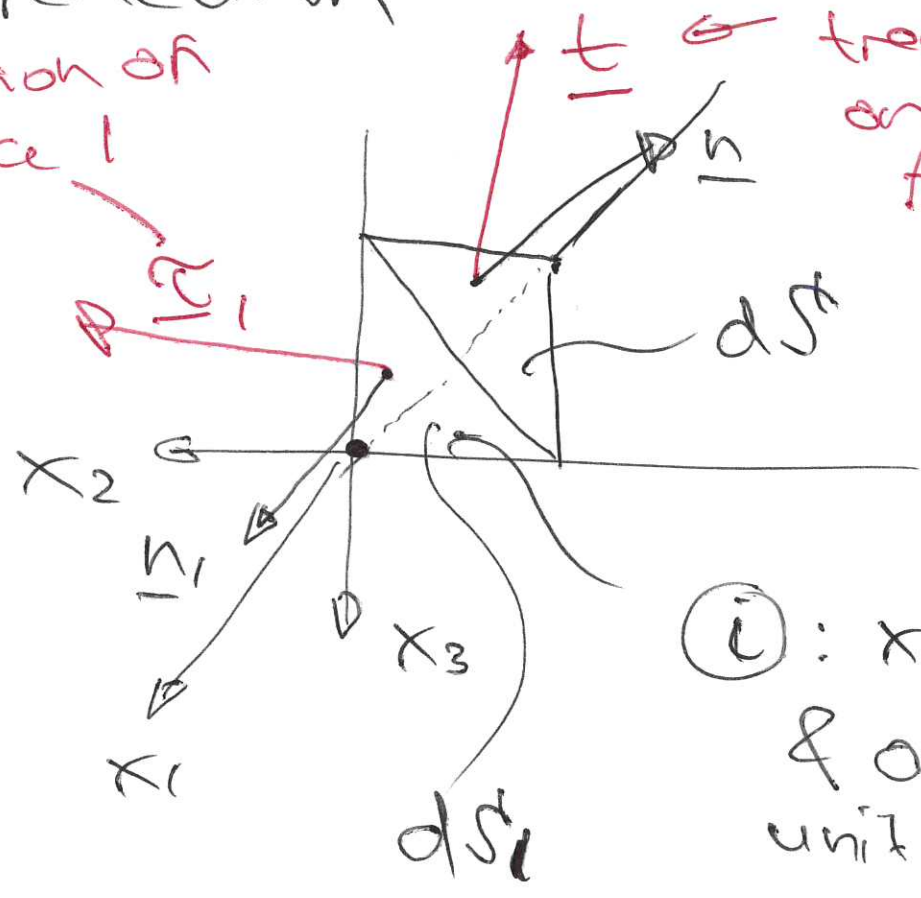
- posn. in fluid
- the direction of  $\underline{n}$

# ② The stress tensor

To examine dependence on  $\underline{n}$ , consider an infinitesimal tetrahedron

traction on face 1

traction on generic face



①:  $x_i = \text{const}$   
 & outer unit normal  
 $\underline{n}_i$  points in the pos.  
 $x_i$  - direction

$$\underline{n}_i = \underline{e}_i$$

etc.

Represent faces (orientation & area) by vectors that are parallel to outer unit normal & whose magnitude is equal to the area.

Then:

$$\underbrace{n_i}_{\substack{\text{orientation} \\ \text{area}}} dS_i + \underbrace{n}_{\text{volume}} dV = 0$$

(Exercise)

$$\underline{e}_i \cdot \underline{e}_j$$

$$\underline{e}_i \cdot \underline{e}_i = 1$$

$$\underbrace{n_i - n_j}_{\substack{d_{ij} \\ dS_i}} dS_i + \underbrace{n - n_j}_{n_j} dV = 0$$

$$dS_j + n_j dV = 0$$

$$\boxed{dS_i = -n_i dV}$$

Now: Balance of forces: (5)

Sum of all forces = 0

$$\underline{t} dS = - \underbrace{\tau_{ij}}_{-n_j} dS_j$$

$$\underline{t} dS = \tau_{ij} n_j dS$$

$$t_i = \tau_{ij} n_j$$

$\tau_{ij}$  = stress tensor

$\tau_{ij}$  represents the traction component in the  $i$ -th direction on the face where  $x_j = \text{const.}$  & whose outer unit normal points in the  $x_j$  direction

(6)

