

# Fluid mechanics

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3 steps:

(I) Describe mathematically the flow field / motion of fluid particles: Kinematics.

(II) Formulate the equation of motion (balance of forces acting on fluid particles): Stresses.

(III) Constitutive eqns. relate kinematics to stresses.

} Navier Stokes eqns!  
+ examples.

# Kinematics

(2)

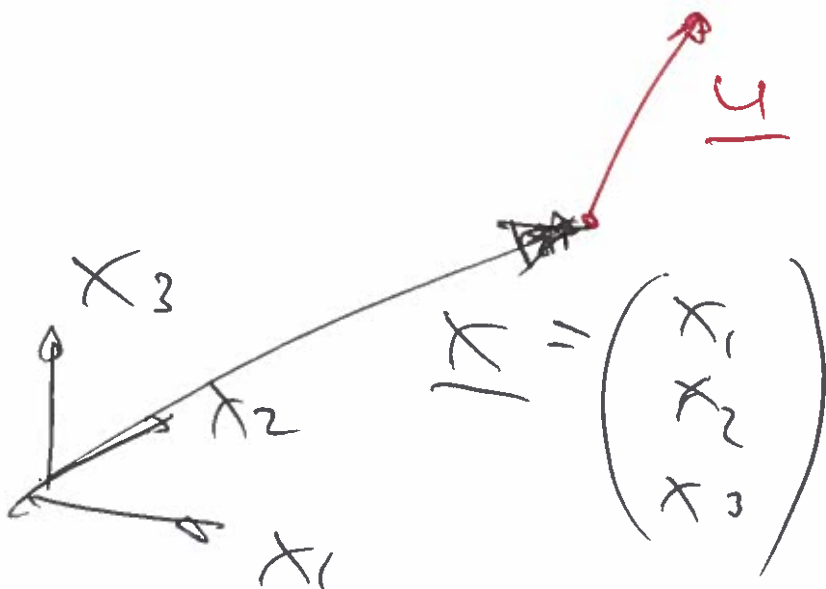
## The Eulerian flow field

Assume we know the velocity  $\underline{u}$  as a fct. of the three Cartesian coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  & time  $t$ .

$$\underline{u}(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) = \underline{u}(\underline{x}, t)$$

$$u_i(x_j, t)$$

↳ sloppy notation.



At time  $t$  the material fluid<sup>(3)</sup> particle at this point has velocity  $\underline{u}$ .

Note: At different times different fluid particles will be at this position. (Eulerian viewpoint).

This has important implications:

E.f: Acceleration of fluid particles

The material derivative

Assume we are given the position  $\underline{x}$  of a fixed ~~point~~ particle:

$$\underline{x} = \underline{x}^p(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^p(t) \\ x_2^p(t) \\ x_3^p(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

The instantaneous velocity of this particle is: (4)

$$\underline{u}(x^p(t), t)$$

$$\underline{u}(x_1^p(t), x_2^p(t), x_3^p(t), t)$$

The accel. of the particle is

$$\frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_1^p} \frac{dx_1^p}{dt} + \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_2^p} \frac{dx_2^p}{dt} + \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_3^p} \frac{dx_3^p}{dt}$$

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$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j^p} \frac{dx_j^p}{dt}$$

$u_j$

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u}$$

often written as

$$\frac{D\underline{u}}{Dt}$$

to indicate the material derivative.

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# The rate of strain tensor (6)

## & the vorticity.

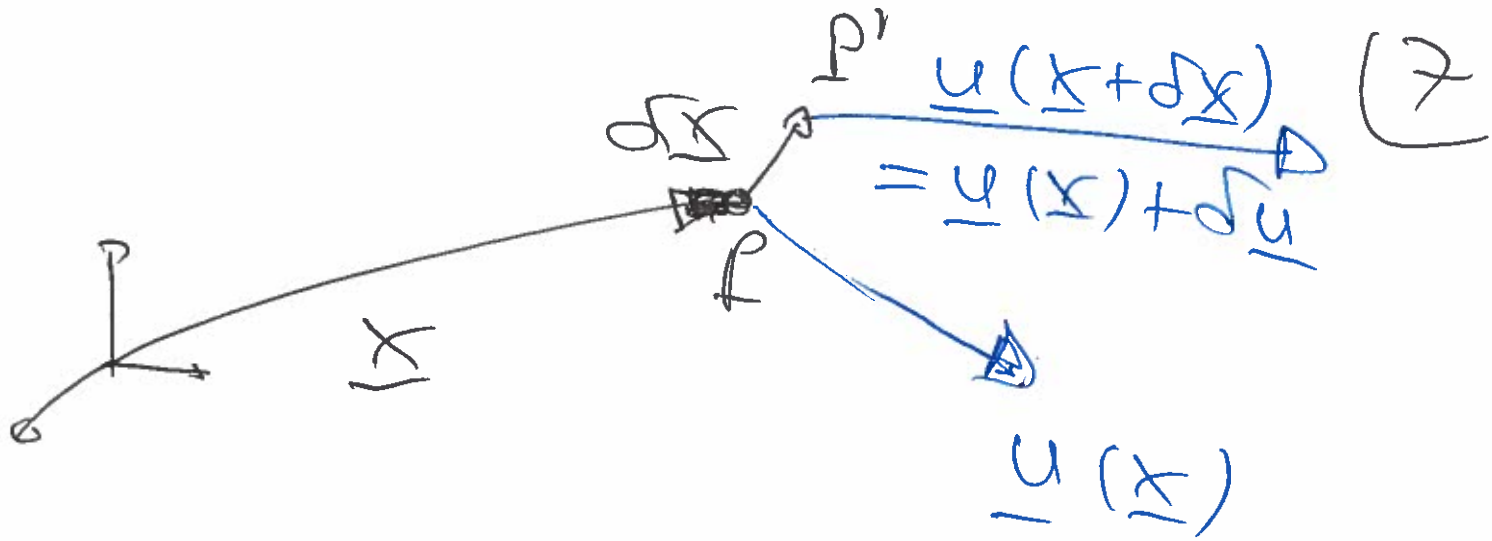
Velocity field itself  
is not very interesting  
in itself.

It contains:

- Translation
  - Rotation
  - Shearing
  - Dilation
- } motions

How do we identify  
these?

Examine the veloc. field  
in the vicinity of a  
point  $P$ .



Taylor expand

$$u(x + \delta x) = u(x_1 + \delta x_1, x_2 + \delta x_2, x_3 + \delta x_3)$$

$$= u(x_1, x_2, x_3) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3} \delta x_3 + \dots$$

$\delta u$

~~$\delta u$~~

$$\delta u_i = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \delta x_i + \dots$$

Now let  $\underline{\delta x} \rightarrow \underline{0}$

(8)

$$du_i = \underbrace{\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{velocity gradient tensor}} dx_j$$

velocity gradient  
tensor  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

If  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = 0$  then all particles have the same velocity.  $\Rightarrow$  pure translation.

The other "modes" of motion must be contained in  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$ .