

# Fluid mechanics



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

(II) Kinematics  
Formulate the equations of motion (balance of forces on fluid particles; stress)

(III) Constitutive eqns.  
relate the kinematics to stresses.

} The Navier-Stokes eqns.  
+ lots of examples!

## § 2 Kinematics

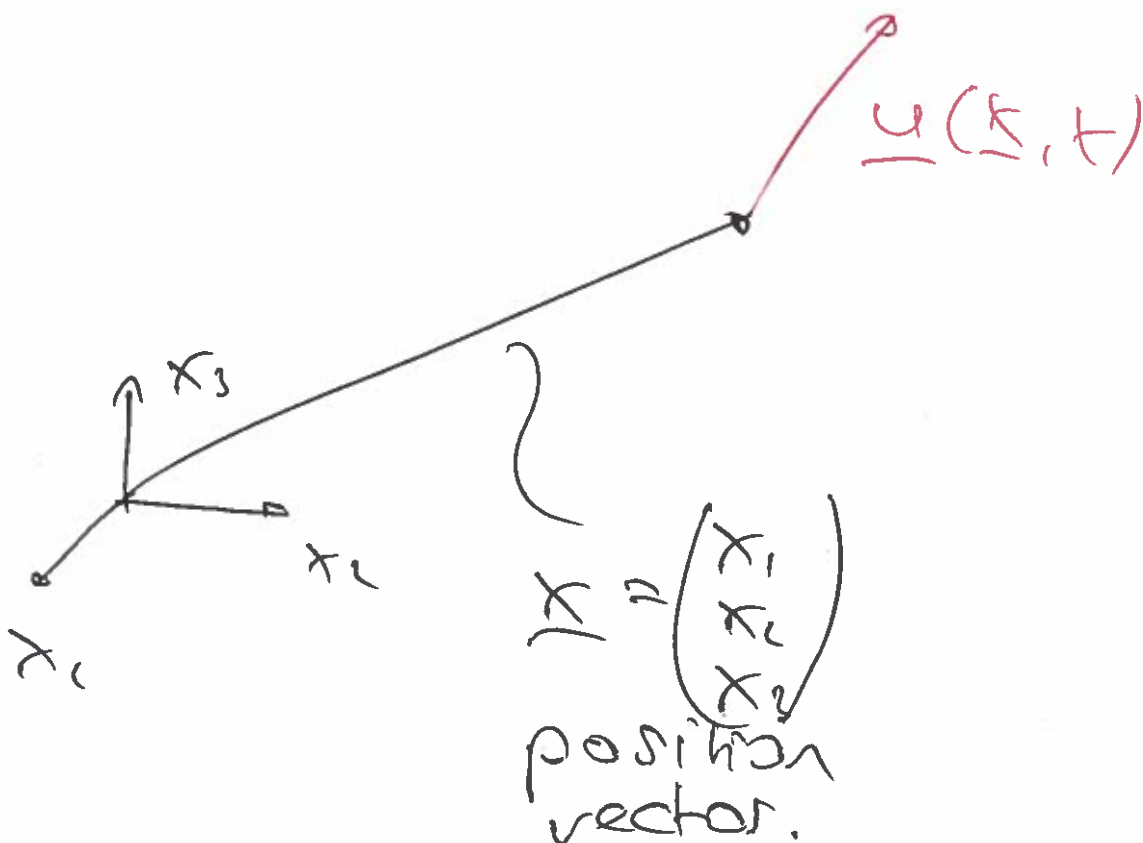
(2)

### The Eulerian flow field

Assume we know the velocity  $\underline{u}$  as a fct. of the 3 Cartesian coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x, y, z)$  & time  $t$ .

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

$$u_i = u_i(x_j, t)$$



Note: At different times (3  
different fluid particles  
occupy this position.

This has important  
implications, e.g. for the  
acceleration of fluid  
particles:

The material derivative  
follow particles: The  
position of a fluid particle  
is given by

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

particle path (trajectory).

The velocity of this particle is given by


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

So acceleration of the particle is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_1} \bigg|_{x^p} \frac{dx_1^p}{dt} + \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_2} \bigg|_{x^p} \frac{dx_2^p}{dt} + \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_3} \bigg|_{x^p} \frac{dx_3^p}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\frac{dx_j^p}{dt} = u_j$$


$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \left[ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right]$$

Symbolically:

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

often written as

$\frac{D\underline{u}}{Dt} =$  accel. of the particle that currently occupies  $\underline{x}$ .

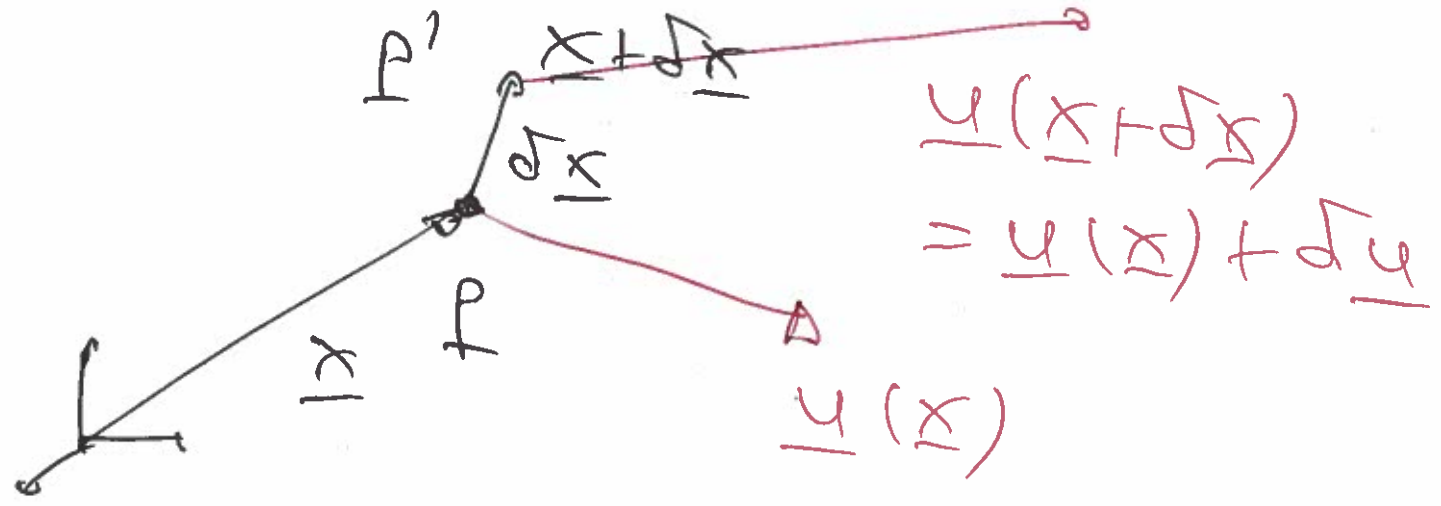
# The rate of strain tensor & the vorticity

Velocity field itself is not very interesting.

- It contains:
- translation
  - rotation
  - shearing
  - dilation

How do we identify these?

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



The posn. changes from

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + \delta x_1 \\ x_2 + \delta x_2 \\ x_3 + \delta x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

3d Taylor expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underline{u}(x_1, x_2, x_3) + \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_1} \delta x_1 + \\ &+ \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_2} \delta x_2 + \\ &+ \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x_3} \delta x_3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial x}$

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

Now  $\delta x_i \rightarrow 0$

$$du_i = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} dx_j$$

velocity gradient tensor (3x3 matrix)

If  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = 0$  then all fluid particles move with the same veloc.

$\Rightarrow$  translation. ✓