

Compressible Viscous Equations

Also known as the compressible Navier-Stokes equations:

$$\text{Mass: } \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho v_j) = 0$$

$$\text{Momentum: } \frac{\partial (\rho v_i)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho v_i v_j) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\tau_{ij}), \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\text{Energy: } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\rho e + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\left(\rho e + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 \right) v_j \right] = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (p v_j) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\tau_{ij} v_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\dot{q}_j)$$

$$\tau_{ij} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right) + \delta_{ij} \lambda \frac{\partial v_k}{\partial x_k}$$

$$\dot{q} = k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j}, \quad e = e(p, T) \leftarrow \text{state relationship (ideal gas)}$$

Incompressible Viscous Equations

In this case, we assume $\rho = \text{const.}$

$$\text{Mass: } \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

$$\text{Momentum: } \rho \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (v_i v_j) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\mu \left(\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \right]$$

Usually, $\mu = \mu(T)$. Often, when temperature variations are small, $\mu = \text{const.}$ is assumed.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\mu \left(\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \right] &= \mu \left[\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j \partial x_i}}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} \right) = 0} \right] \\ &= \mu \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \end{aligned}$$

Usual form of momentum for incompressible flow:

$$\rho \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (v_i v_j) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \mu \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j}$$

In this case, the energy equation is not needed to find v_i & p .

Incompressible Inviscid Equations

In this case we assume that the effects of viscous stresses are small compared to acceleration and pressure forces:

Mass:
$$\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

Momentum:
$$\rho \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial t} + \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (v_i v_j) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}$$

These are known as the incompressible Euler equations.

Incompressible Potential Flow

In potential flow, we assume the flow is irrotational (i.e. $\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0$). This allows the velocity to be written as the gradient of a scalar potential:

$$v_i = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i}, \quad \phi = \text{Potential}$$

Mass:
$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} = 0$$

Also written out as:
$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

or

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0, \quad \nabla^2 \equiv \text{Laplacian}$$

This is a single equation for a single unknown ϕ . It is the same for steady and unsteady flows.

What happens to momentum?