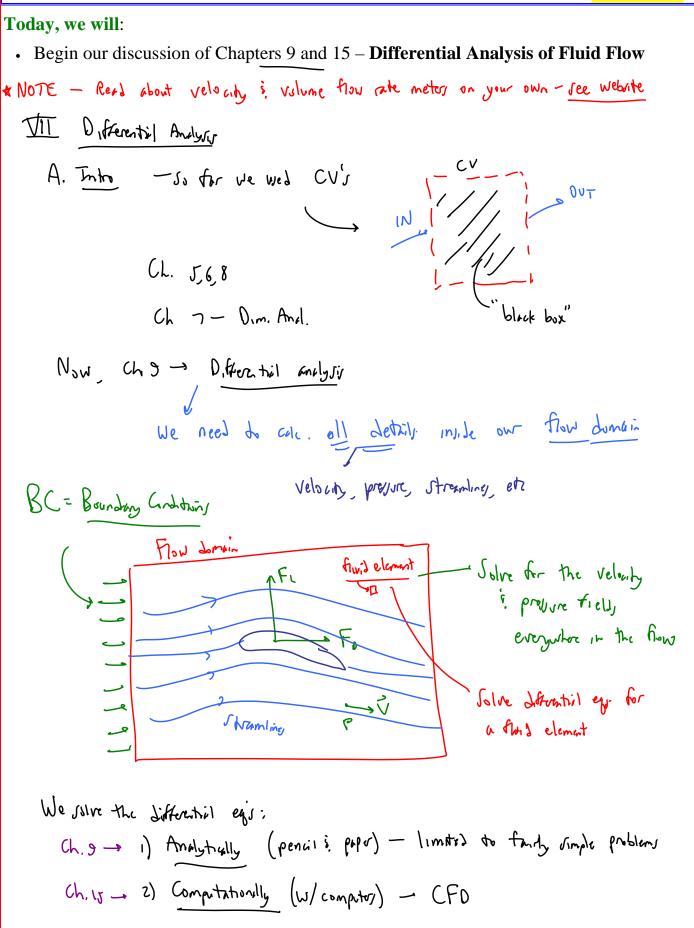
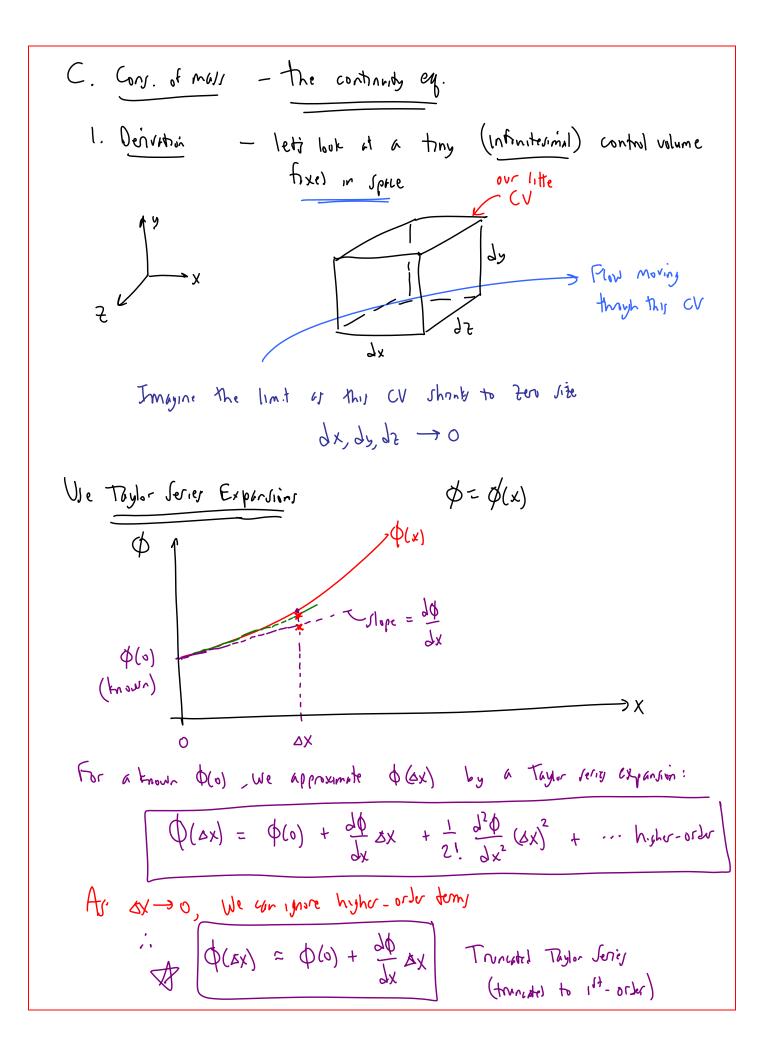
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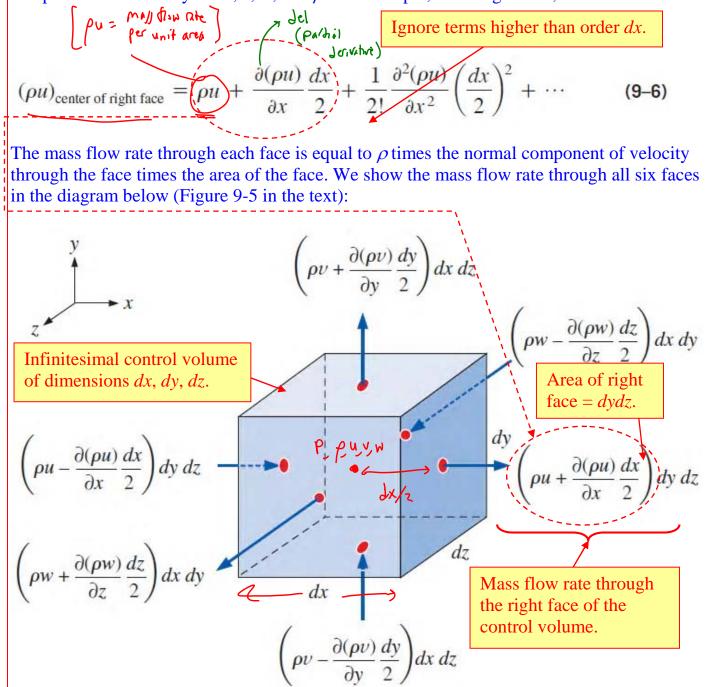
Lecture 28





Derivation of the Continuity Equation (Section 9-2, Çengel and Cimbala)

We summarize the second derivation in the text – the one that uses a *differential control volume*. First, we approximate the mass flow rate into or out of each of the six surfaces of the control volume, using *Taylor series expansions* around the center point, where the velocity components and density are u, v, w, and ρ . For example, at the right face,



Next, we add up all the mass flow rates through all six faces of the control volume in order to generate the general (unsteady, incompressible) *continuity equation*:

Net mass flow rate into CV:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{all the positive mass flow rates (into CV)} \\
& \sum_{in} \dot{m} \cong \left(\rho u - \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) dy dz + \left(\rho v - \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz + \left(\rho w - \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{2} \right) dx dy \\
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\end{aligned}$$
Net mass flow rate out of CV:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{all the negative mass flow rates (out of CV)} \\
& \sum_{out} \dot{m} \cong \left(\rho u + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) dy dz + \left(\rho v + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz + \left(\rho w + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{2} \right) dx dy \\
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\end{aligned}$$

We plug these into the integral conservation of mass equation for our control volume:

$$\int_{CV} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dV = \sum_{\text{in}} \dot{m} - \sum_{\text{out}} \dot{m} \tag{9-2}$$

This term is approximated at the *center* of the tiny control volume, i.e.,

$$\int_{CV} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dV \cong \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

The conservation of mass equation (Eq. 9-2) thus becomes

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \underbrace{dx \, dy \, dz}_{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial (\rho u)}{\partial x} \underbrace{dx \, dy \, dz}_{\partial t} - \frac{\partial (\rho v)}{\partial y} \underbrace{dx \, dy \, dz}_{\partial t} - \frac{\partial (\rho w)}{\partial z} \underbrace{dx \, dy \, dz}_{\partial z}$$

Dividing through by the volume of the control volume, dxdydz, yields

Continuity equation in Cartesian coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial (\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (\rho w)}{\partial z} = 0$$
 (9-8)

Finally, we apply the definition of the *divergence* of a vector, i.e.,

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{G} = \frac{\partial G_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial G_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial G_z}{\partial z}$$
 where $\vec{\nabla} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right)$ and $\vec{G} = \left(G_x, G_y, G_z\right)$

Letting $\vec{G} = \rho \vec{V}$ in the above equation, where $\vec{V} = (u, v, w)$, Eq. 9-8 is re-written as

Continuity equation:
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0$$
 (9–5)

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3. Examples

Example: Continuity equation

Given: A velocity field is given by

$$u = a(x^{2}y + y^{2})$$
$$v = by^{2}x$$
$$w = c$$

To do: Under what conditions is this a valid steady, incompressible velocity field?

Solution:

To be a vaild steady, incompressible velocity field, it must satisfy continuity!

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

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Example: Continuity equation

Given: A velocity field is given by

$$u = 3x + 4y$$
$$v = by + 2x^{2}$$
$$w = 0$$

To do: Calculate *b* such that this a valid steady, incompressible velocity field.

Solution:

To be a vaild steady, incompressible velocity field, it must satisfy continuity!

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

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