

Chapter 2 Math Methods in Fluid Dynamics

Key: Introduce Lagrangian and Eulerian perspectives;
Advection, Vorticity, and divergence.

§ 2.1 Scalars and vectors

Scalars - numbers, time, temperature, wind speed, pressure,

Vectors - have a magnitude and direction

Q: What is this wind direction?
(235°)

Most common
example is wind velocity.

Horizontal wind:



From the North, 0°



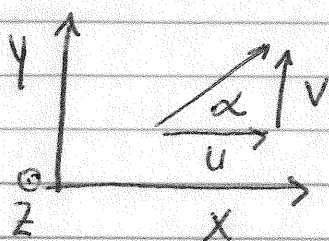
From the West 270°



From the East 90°



From the South 180°



$$\vec{u} = u\hat{x} + v\hat{y} = u_x\vec{i} + u_y\vec{j}$$

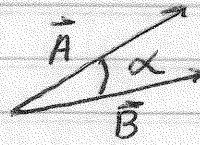
$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} v/u$$

$$[-180, \alpha, 180]$$

Dot Product of Vectors:

is a scalar

Scalar Product



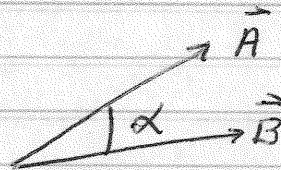
$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z = |\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}| \cdot \cos \alpha$$

Easy way to compute α

Cross Product of 2 vectors:

is a vector

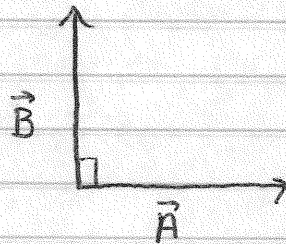
Vector Product



$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \alpha$$

Direction by right hand rule.

Example



$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} &= A_x \hat{x} \\ \vec{B} &= B_y \hat{y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} =$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0 - 0 \cdot B_y) + \hat{j}(A_x \cdot 0 - 0) + \hat{k}(A_x B_y) \\ = \hat{k} A_x B_y$$

is perpendicular to both $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$.

§ 2.3 Scalar Field $T(x, y, z)$ $P(x, y, z)$

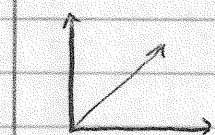
Each position
in space

Vector Field $\vec{U} = \vec{U}(x, y, z, t)$

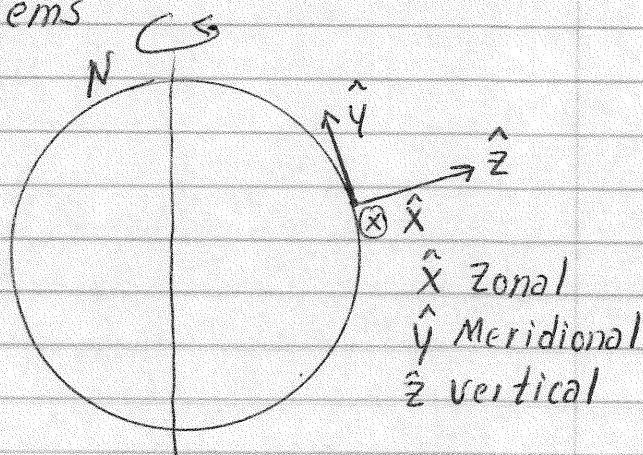
$$\vec{U} = U(x, y, z, t)\hat{x} + V(x, y, z, t)\hat{y} + W(x, y, z, t)\hat{z}$$

Scalar Fields are independent of coordinate system.

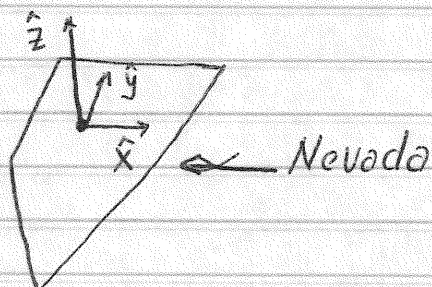
§ 2.4 Coordinate Systems



Fixed Coordinate
system in space
[inertial]



Rotating Coordinate System
constantly changing, non inertial,
accelerating.



§ 2.5 Gradients of vectors

Consider $\vec{U}$ = velocity of wind
 $= u(x, y, z, t) \hat{x} + v(x, y, z, t) \hat{y} + w(x, y, z, t) \hat{z}$

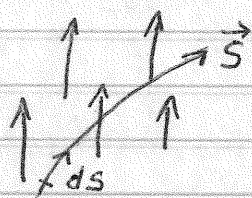
The acceleration vector is [Partial derivative with respect to time]

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \hat{x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \hat{y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \hat{z}$$

§ 2.6 Line integrals: Work and potential energy change.

Line integral example:

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



$\vec{S}$ = Path of air
Parcel through force field

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Force field
due to pressure
gradient.

$$\text{Work} = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{S} = \text{Work done on air parcel by } \vec{F}$$

$$W = \int_{\vec{S}} (F(x, y, z, t) \hat{i} + g \hat{j} + h \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} dx + \hat{j} dy + \hat{k} dz)$$

$$= \int_{\vec{S}} F dx + g dy + h dz$$

We may always derive f, g, h
from a scalar function iff

$f dx + g dy + h dz$ is an

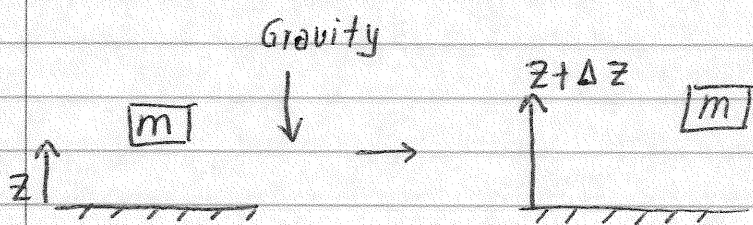
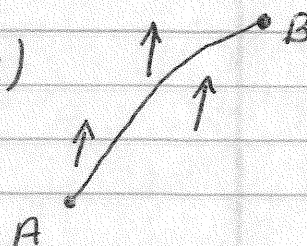
exact differential: Let $\phi(x, y, z, t) =$ Potential function
of $\vec{F}$

$$f(x, y, z, t) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$g = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} ; \quad h = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{Then } W = \int (f dx + g dy + h dz)$$

$$= \int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial s} ds = \phi(B) - \phi(A)$$

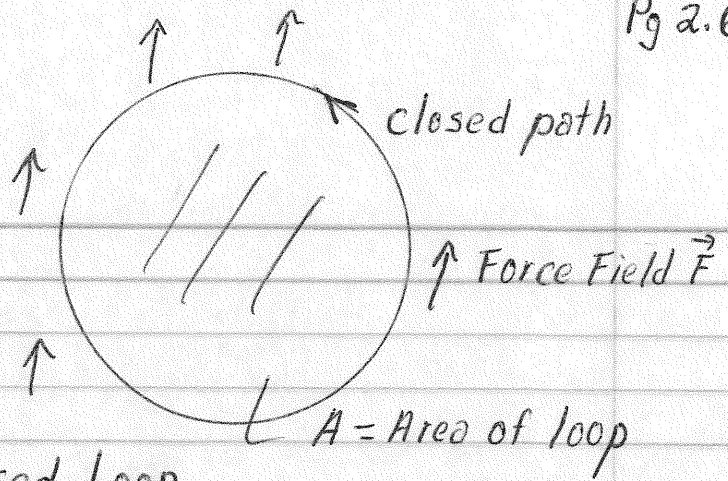


$$\text{Work} = mg \Delta z$$

$$\phi = mgz = \text{Potential Energy Function}$$

Simple Familiar Example

§ 2.6.2



Circulation in a Closed Loop

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint (F dx + G dy) = \iint_A \left(\frac{dG}{dx} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

closed path

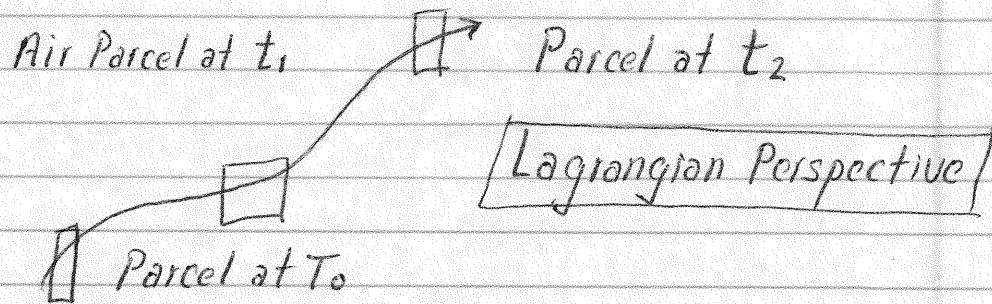
Stokes Theorem

$$\text{In 3D } \oint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = \iint_A (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dA$$

Normal to A

We will use circulation and $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{u}$ to get fluid vorticity.

§2.7.7 Eulerian and Lagrangian Frames of Reference



Path line of air parcel, like what is used in back trajectory analysis:

We follow the air parcel and record its properties.

Follow many air parcels to characterize the fluid.

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 $T(x, y, z, t)$ etc.

$\vec{U}$

x, y, z, t

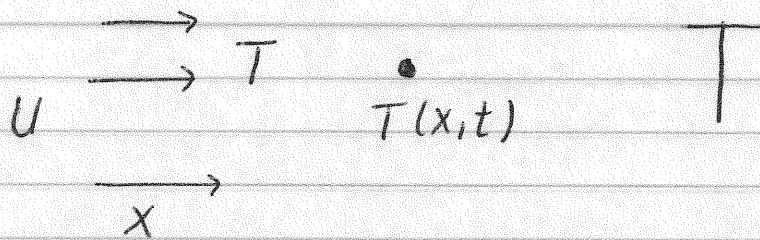
Fixed position of observation [Eulerian description]

Velocity Field: $\vec{U} = u(x, y, z, t)\hat{i} + v\hat{j} + w\hat{k} = (u, v, w)$

We use the Eulerian description and can integrate to get the path line,

$$\vec{S}(t) = \vec{S}_0(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \vec{U}[\vec{S}(\tau)] d\tau$$

§ 2.8 Advection:



Size of symbol represents local temperature value at locations downwind and upwind of x .

Example of cold air advection. In time dt , fluid from $dx = Udt$ is brought from left to right causing warmer air to be replaced by colder air.

$$\Delta T = T - \overset{\uparrow}{T} \leftarrow \text{Initial air } T \text{ at } x$$

Final air T at x after wind blows for time dt

$$= T(x-dx) - T(x)$$

$$\simeq T(\cancel{x}) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} dx - T(\cancel{x})$$

$$= -Udt \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

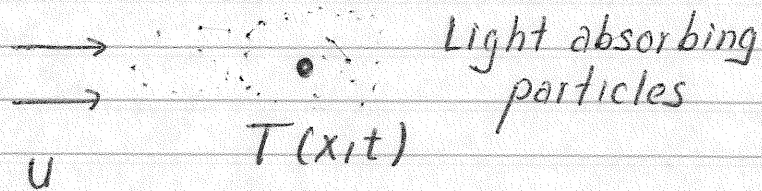
So

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -U \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}}$$

Temperature change at x due to advection.

Total temperature change at x includes effect of other local mechanisms like heating

sunlight



Absorption of sunlight causes heating as well as the air parcel moves along:

$\frac{DT}{Dt}$ along parcel

Temperature
Advection

So total temperature change is $\frac{\partial T(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{DT}{Dt} - u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$ by wind u

In situ heating
or cooling

$u > 0$

T



T



X



$T \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} < 0$



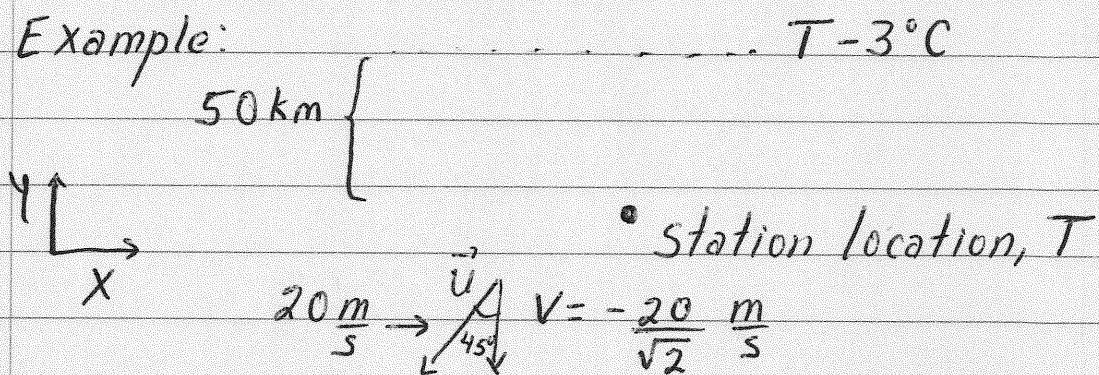
Warm Advection

Generally,

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{DT}{Dt} - \vec{U} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T$$

$$\vec{U} = (u, v, w); \quad \vec{\nabla} T = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

Example:



Advection brings in colder air.

Radiation heats at a rate of $1^\circ\text{C/hr} = 1^\circ\text{C} / 3600 \text{ secs}$

What is the rate of T change?

Advection Temperature change

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -V \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = - \left(-\frac{20}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{m}{s} \right) \left(\frac{-3^\circ\text{C}}{50,000 m} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right) = -\frac{1}{1179} \frac{^\circ\text{C}}{\text{sec}} \sim -\frac{3^\circ\text{C}}{\text{hr}}$$

Advection

$$\left[\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{DT}{Dt} - V \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 1 \frac{^\circ\text{C}}{\text{hr}} - 3 \frac{^\circ\text{C}}{\text{hr}} = -2 \frac{^\circ\text{C}}{\text{hr}} \right]$$