

# Equation of continuity by Lagrangian Approach (4)

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## 1 The equation of continuity by Lagrangian Method

Let  $R_0$  be the region occupied by portion of a fluid at time  $t = 0$ , and  $R$  the region occupied by the same fluid at any time  $t$ .

Let  $(a, b, c)$  be the initial co-ordinate of a fluid particle  $P_0$  enclosed in this element and  $\rho_0$  is the density.

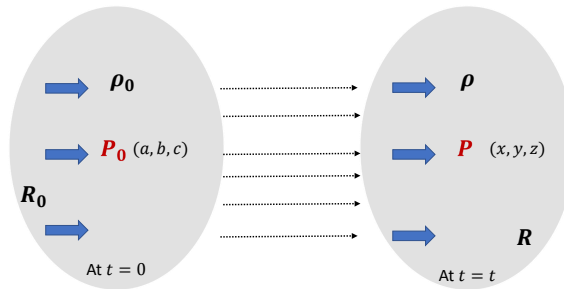


Figure 1: Fluid flow in Lagrangian form.

Then mass of the fluid element at  $t = 0$  is  $\rho_0 \delta a \delta b \delta c$

Let  $P$  be the subsequent position of  $P_0$  at time  $t$  and let  $\rho$  be density of the fluid here.

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Then mass of the fluid element at  $t = t$  is  $\rho_0 \delta x \delta y \delta z$

From law of conservation of mass

$$\iiint_{R_0} \rho_0 \delta a \delta b \delta c - \iiint_R \rho_0 \delta x \delta y \delta z = 0 \quad (1)$$

We know that

$$J = \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(a, b, c)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\delta x \delta y \delta z = \mathbf{J} \delta a \delta b \delta c \quad (2)$$

$$\rho_0 - \mathbf{J} \rho = 0 \quad (3)$$

Which is required equation of continuity in Lagrangian approach.

**Theorem 1.** *Equivalence between Euler and Lagrangian form of equations of continuity.*

*Proof.* Let  $R_0$  be the region occupied by portion of a fluid at time  $t = 0$ , and  $R$  the region occupied by the same fluid at any time  $t$ . Let  $(a, b, c)$  be the initial co-ordinate of a fluid particle  $P_0$  enclosed in this element and  $\rho_0$  is the density. Then mass of the fluid element at  $t = 0$  is  $\rho_0 \delta a \delta b \delta c$ . Let  $P$  be the subsequent position of  $P_0$  at time  $t$  and let  $\rho$  be density of the fluid here. Then mass of the fluid element at  $t = t$  is  $\rho_0 \delta x \delta y \delta z$

The velocity components in the two systems are given by

$$u = dx/dt, \quad v = dy/dt, \quad w = dz/dt$$

and also,

$$x = x(a, b, c, t), \quad y = y(a, b, c, t), \quad z = z(a, b, c, t)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right) \quad \text{So that} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} \right) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial a}$$

Similarly above result for the velocity  $\mathbf{q} = (u, v, w)$

For velocity component  $u$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial a} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial b} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial c} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4)$$

For velocity component  $v$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial a} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial b} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial c} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

For velocity component  $w$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial a} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial b} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \right) &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial c} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

The equation of continuity in the Lagrangian form is

$$\rho \mathbf{J} = \rho_0 \quad (7)$$

where

$$J = \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(a, b, c)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Also. the equation of continuity in the Eulerian form is

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) \quad (9)$$

Differentiating equation (7) w.r.t.  $t$  and using equations (4), (5) and (6), we get

$$\frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} = \mathbf{J}_1 + \mathbf{J}_2 + \mathbf{J}_3 \quad (11)$$

where  $\mathbf{J}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{J}_2$  and  $\mathbf{J}_3$  are represent first, second and third term of R.H.S. of equation (10)

For  $\mathbf{J}_1$ , Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial a} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial b} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial c} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial c} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial c}$$

Then  $\mathbf{J}_1$  can be written as (using concept Determinant( $\mathbf{J}_1^T$ ) = Determinant $\mathbf{J}_1$ )). Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_1 &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial c} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial c} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial c} \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_1 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{J} \quad (12)$$

Similarly,

$$\mathbf{J}_2 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{J} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{J}_3 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{J}$$

$\therefore$  equation (11) becomes

$$\frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} = \mathbf{J} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) \quad (13)$$

- **Derivation of Eulerian form from Lagrangian form**

Lagrangian equation of continuity (7)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(\rho\mathbf{J})}{dt} &= \frac{d\rho_0}{dt} = 0 \\ \mathbf{J} \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} &= 0 \\ \implies \mathbf{J} \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \mathbf{J} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) &= 0 \quad \text{using (13)} \\ \therefore \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) &= \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Which is required Eulerian equation of continuity (14).

- **Derivation of Lagrangian form from Eulerian form**

Equation (14) can be written with the help of equation (13)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} (\rho\mathbf{J}) &= 0 \\ \implies \int \frac{d}{dt} (\rho\mathbf{J}) dt &= \int (0) dt \quad \therefore \quad \rho\mathbf{J} = \rho_0 \quad (\text{Constant}) \quad \text{say} \end{aligned}$$

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