

Exercise 3 to section 3.7.¹ Navier-Stokes equation

Take the divergence of the stress tensor of the linear fluid, substitute it into momentum balance and derive the Navier-Stokes equation for the velocity field. Also find its simplifications – incompressible fluid, Euler (non-viscous fluid) and hydrostatics equations.

Try to answer before continuing reading.

The stress tensor is given by (3.195), substitution from (3.188) gives:

$$\mathbf{T} = -P\mathbf{1} + \zeta(\text{tr}\mathbf{D})\mathbf{1} + 2\eta\mathbf{D} = -P\mathbf{1} + (\zeta - 2\eta/3)(\text{tr}\mathbf{D})\mathbf{1} + 2\eta\mathbf{D}. \quad (1)$$

The divergence of (1) contains three members. The first member is $-\text{div}P\mathbf{1}$ which, as easily seen, is $-\text{grad}P$; remember that divergence of a tensor (\mathbf{A}) is a vector with components:

$$(\text{div}\mathbf{A})^i = \sum_j \frac{\partial A^{ij}}{\partial x^j}. \quad (2)$$

The second member is $(\zeta - 2\eta/3)\text{div}[(\text{tr}\mathbf{D})\mathbf{1}]$. Equation (3.16) shows that $\text{tr}\mathbf{D} = \text{div}\mathbf{v}$. The term $(\text{div}\mathbf{v})\mathbf{1}$ is a tensor with components:

$$[(\text{div}\mathbf{v})\mathbf{1}]^{ij} = \sum_k \frac{\partial v^k}{\partial x^k} \delta^{ij} \quad (3)$$

where δ^{ij} is Kronecker's symbol. Then, $\text{div}[(\text{div}\mathbf{v})\mathbf{1}]$ is a vector with components, cf. (2):

$$\{\text{div}[(\text{div}\mathbf{v})\mathbf{1}]\}^i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left(\sum_k \frac{\partial v^k}{\partial x^k} \right); \quad (4)$$

for example, its second component is as follows:

$$\frac{\partial^2 v^1}{\partial x^2 \partial x^1} + \frac{\partial^2 v^2}{\partial (x^2)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^3}{\partial x^2 \partial x^3}.$$

Remind that

$$\text{div}\mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v^1}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial v^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial v^3}{\partial x^3}$$

and thus

$$(\text{grad div}\mathbf{v})^i = \frac{\partial \text{div}\mathbf{v}}{\partial x^i}. \quad (5)$$

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Summarizing the development between (3) and (5) we see that the second term can be rewritten using

$$\operatorname{div}[(\operatorname{tr}\mathbf{D})\mathbf{1}] = \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}\mathbf{v}. \quad (6)$$

The third member contains $\operatorname{div}\mathbf{D}$. The components of \mathbf{D} are, cf. (3.15) and (3.14):

$$D^{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial v^i}{\partial x^j} + \frac{\partial v^j}{\partial x^i} \right),$$

consequently, components of the vector $\operatorname{div}\mathbf{D}$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} (\operatorname{div}\mathbf{D})^i &= \sum_j \frac{\partial D^{ij}}{\partial x^j} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left(\frac{\partial v^i}{\partial x^j} + \frac{\partial v^j}{\partial x^i} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \left(\frac{\partial^2 v^i}{\partial (x^j)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^j}{\partial x^j \partial x^i} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v^i}{\partial (x^1)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^i}{\partial (x^2)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^i}{\partial (x^3)^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^1}{\partial x^1 \partial x^i} + \frac{\partial^2 v^2}{\partial x^2 \partial x^i} + \frac{\partial^2 v^3}{\partial x^3 \partial x^i} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad}\mathbf{v})^i + \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}\mathbf{v})^i. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Deriving (7), remember that $\operatorname{grad}\mathbf{v}$ is tensor with components

$$(\operatorname{grad}\mathbf{v})^{ij} = \frac{\partial v^i}{\partial x^j}.$$

Collecting all the three divergence members gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}\mathbf{T} &= -\operatorname{grad}P + (\zeta - 2\eta/3)\operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}\mathbf{v} + 2\eta \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad}\mathbf{v} + \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}\mathbf{v}) \\ &= -\operatorname{grad}P + (\zeta + \eta/3)\operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}\mathbf{v} + \eta \operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad}\mathbf{v}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Substituting from (8) into momentum balance (3.78), the *Navier-Stokes equation* results:

$$\rho \dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\operatorname{grad}P + (\zeta + \eta/3)\operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div}\mathbf{v} + \eta \operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad}\mathbf{v} + \rho(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{i}). \quad (9)$$

In the case of *incompressible fluid* $\operatorname{div}\mathbf{v} = 0$ (called also *isochoric flow*) and (9) is simplified to:

$$\rho \dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\operatorname{grad}P + \eta \operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad}\mathbf{v} + \rho(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{i}). \quad (10)$$

The non-viscous fluid is described by zero viscosity coefficients (ζ, η) ; then *Euler equation* follows from (9):

$$\rho \dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\operatorname{grad}P + \rho(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{i}). \quad (11)$$

In the special case of *hydrostatics*, i.e. non-flowing fluid ($\mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{o}$) we have from (9):

$$\operatorname{grad}P = \rho(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{i}) \quad (12)$$

which is the same equation as (3.228) (why?).