

## Short Communications: Compressible Flows

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### PART 1:

#### EQUILIBRIUM THERMODYNAMICS IN COMPRESSIBLE FLOWS

**Abstract:** For an ideal gas, we have the equations of state  $pv = RT$ ,  $de = C_v dT$  for a unit mass. We show that for differential of  $q$ , the external heat supplied to raise the temperature under arbitrary conditions, is not an exact differential. We show that  $1/T$  plays the role of an integrating factor and that differential  $q/T$  is an exact differential for equilibrium thermodynamics.

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We start with the following where  $k(T)$  is the thermal conduction.

$$q = -k \nabla T$$

$$\nabla q = \nabla(-k) \nabla^2 T$$

$$\nabla^2 q = \nabla^2(-k) \nabla^3 T$$

But, the Laplacian squared of  $(-k)$  is just a constant. This implies the following:

$$\nabla^2 q = -k \nabla^3 T$$

Next, divide both sides by Laplacian squared of  $T$ , to get the following:

$$\frac{\nabla^2 q}{\nabla^2 T} = -k \frac{\nabla^3 T}{\nabla^2 T}$$

$$\Delta(q/T) = -k \nabla T$$

Therefore, the differential of  $q/T$  is an exact differential since  $q$ , the heat flux, satisfies the Fourier Law in a perfect or ideal gas.

**PART 2:****SPEED OF SOUND UNDER SONIC CONDITIONS IN COMPRESSIBLE FLOWS**

**Abstract:** The speed of sound under sonic conditions  $c_*$  is obtained when  $u = c_*$  locally; and in an ideal gas  $c^2 = \gamma (p / \rho)$ . We show that the stagnation enthalpy  $h_s$  can be written as  $h_s = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma+1/\gamma-1) (c_*)^2$ . We consider now a stationary, normal shock with flow speed  $u_1$  upstream and  $u_2$  downstream. Using the matching relations across the shock demonstrable  $u_1$  times  $u_2 = (c_*)^2$ . This result is called the Prandtl-Meyer equation. By further considering the stagnation enthalpy and its implied relationship between  $u$  squared and  $c$  squared, we show that if  $u/c_* > 1$  then  $u/c > 1$  and that  $u/c > u/c_*$ .

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$$h_s = h + (1/2)u^2$$

$$C_p T_s = C_p T + (1/2)u^2$$

$$\frac{T_s}{T} = 1 + \frac{u^2}{2C_p T} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \left( \frac{u^2}{\gamma R T} \right)$$

If we have the following:

$$C_p = \gamma R / (\gamma - 1)$$

Then, we get this equation:

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2$$

Now,

$$u_1 \rightarrow u, u_2 \rightarrow u \Rightarrow u^2 = c_*^2$$

$$M \equiv u/c > 1; c_* = u/M, M \equiv 1 \Rightarrow c_* = u.$$

$$\Rightarrow u/c_* = 1 \Rightarrow M \equiv u/c > u/c_* \geq 1.$$

**PART 3:****STATIONARY OBLIQUE SHOCKS & SHOCK FRONTS IN A COMPRESSIBLE FLOW**

**Abstract:** Consider the flow with velocity  $v_1$  incident on an oblique shock front that is stationary in the flow, making an included angle  $\beta$  to the shock. The exit flow speed is  $v_2$  and is deflected by angle  $\theta$ . We obtain the appropriate balances across the shock, and establish that the velocity components tangential to the shock are continuous across the shock. In terms of  $M_1 = v_1/c_1$  and  $\beta$ , we show what the shock relations are.

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We start with the following flows:

$$v_1 = \sqrt{u_1^2 + v^2}, \beta = \tan^{-1}(u_1/v)$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{u_2^2 + v^2}, \beta - \theta = \tan^{-1}(u_2/v)$$

We get the following shock relations:

$$M_{n1} = u_1/c_1 = M_1 \sin \beta > 1$$

$$M_{n2} = u_2/c_2 = M_2 \sin(\beta - \theta) < 1$$

$$P_2/P_1, \rho_2/\rho_1, T_2/T_1, (S_2 - S_1)/C_v$$

For normal shock and replacing  $M_1$  with  $M_1 \sin \beta$ , we get the following equations:

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = 1 + \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma + 1}(M_1^2 \sin^2 \beta - 1)$$

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{(\gamma + 1)M_1^2 \sin^2 \beta}{(\gamma - 1)M_1^2 \sin^2 \beta + 2} = \frac{u_1}{u_2} = \frac{\tan \beta}{\tan(\beta - \theta)}$$

This is the upstream/downstream Mach relationship.

$$M_2^2 \sin^2(\beta - \theta) = \frac{(\gamma - 1)M_1^2 \sin^2 \beta + 2}{2\gamma M_1^2 \sin^2 \beta + 1 - \gamma}$$

**PART 4:****A SUPERSONIC COMPRESSIBLE FLOW WHERE SHOCK FORMS ON A CORNER & A WEDGE**

**Abstract:** A supersonic flow is incident on a corner where the corner makes an angle  $\alpha$ . A shock forms at the corner. We use the results of Part 3 to determine the angle of the shock to the incoming flow and specify the outflow conditions. Similarly, an oblique shock forms where a supersonic flow is incident on a wedge. We show what the angle is of the shock to the wedge and where there are the outflow conditions. We demonstrate that if  $\alpha$  is large, roughly  $\alpha$  greater than 24 degrees say, then such a configuration cannot be maintained. Under these conditions, a detached shock forms upstream of the wedge.

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We look at mass conservation in equations of motion on a disk/plate surface.  $u/v, u/r, w$  are functions of  $z$  where  $(u, v, w)$  are velocity components of  $r, \theta$  and  $z$  or  $(r, \theta, z)$  in cylindrical coordinate system with  $u/r = 0$ .

$\beta$  is shock wave at corner;  $\alpha$  is a deflection at corner. Therefore, we have the following:

$$\tan(\alpha) = 2\cot(\beta) \left( \frac{M_1^2 \sin^2 \beta - 1}{M_1^2 (\gamma + \cos(2\beta) + 2)} \right)$$

Using the above and  $\tan(-\alpha)$  instead where  $\beta$  is a shock wave at a wedge and  $\alpha$  is a deflection from a wedge such that we have the following:

$$\tan(-\alpha) = 2\cot(-\beta) \left( \frac{M_1^2 \sin^2(-\beta) - 1}{M_1^2 (\gamma + \cos(2(-\beta)) + 2)} \right)$$

If  $M_1 = 2$ , then we have a maximum deflection angle. Otherwise,  $M_1$  implies  $\alpha$  trending towards 0 at  $\beta = \pi/2$  (normal shock) and at  $\beta = \arcsin$  of  $(1/M_1)$ .

$$M_1 = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha_{max} \simeq 24^\circ.$$

$$M_1 = \alpha \rightarrow 0, \beta = \pi/2; \beta = \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{M_1}.$$

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