

Euler's Equation of motion for the perfect fluid:

Let us consider a closed surface S enclosing the non-viscous fluid moving with fluid, so that S contains the same fluid particles at any time.

Now take a point P inside S . Let ρ be the density of fluid at P and δV be the elementary volume enclosing P , \vec{q} be the velocity of the fluid at P .

Therefore the momentum \vec{M} of the volume V in S is given by

$$\vec{M} = \int_V \vec{q} \rho dV$$

\therefore The rate of change in momentum is

$$\frac{d\vec{M}}{dt} = \int_V \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} \rho dV + \int_V \vec{q} \frac{d}{dt} (\rho dV)$$

$$= \int_V \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} \rho dV \quad \left[\text{As } \rho dV \text{ is constant, } \therefore \frac{d}{dt} (\rho dV) = 0 \right]$$

— (1)

Let \vec{F} be the external forces per unit mass acting on the fluid, therefore the total force on the liquid in V i.e. body force

$$= \int_V \vec{F} \rho dV$$

Also if p be the pressure at a point of the surface element dS , the total force on the surface i.e. surface force

$$= - \int_S p \cdot \vec{n} dS, \text{ where } \vec{n} \text{ is the unit vector along the normal.}$$

$$\therefore - \int_S p \cdot n dS = - \int_V \nabla p dV \quad (\text{by Gauss theorem}) \quad (2)$$

\therefore From Newton's 2nd law of motion,
The rate of change of momentum
= total force acting on the mass,

$$\text{i.e.} \int_V \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} \rho dV = \int_V \vec{F} \rho dV - \int_V \nabla p dV$$

$$= \int_V (\rho \vec{F} - \nabla p) dV$$

$$\text{or} \int_V \left(\rho \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} - \rho \vec{F} + \nabla p \right) dV = 0$$

But the volume V enclosed in S is arbitrary;

So we have

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} - \rho \vec{F} + \nabla p = 0$$

$$\text{or} \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} - \vec{F} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = 0$$

$$\text{or,} \quad \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} = \vec{F} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{The operator } \frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla).$$

\therefore Equation (2) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) \vec{q} = \vec{F} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

As we know that

$$\nabla (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}) = 2 [\vec{q} \times \text{curl } \vec{q} + (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) \vec{q}]$$

$$\therefore (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) \vec{q} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla q^2 - \vec{q} \times \text{curl } \vec{q}$$

Putting this value in eqⁿ (3) we have

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} q^2 \right) - \vec{q} \times \text{curl } \vec{q} = \vec{F} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p$$

(3)

$$\text{or, } \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} - \vec{q} \times \text{curl } \vec{q} = F - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - \frac{1}{2} \nabla q^2 \quad (4)$$

Consider a flow for which $\nabla \times \vec{q} \neq 0$, then $\nabla \times \vec{q} = \vec{\xi}$, is called Vorticity. If the forces are conservative, we have

$F = -\nabla \Omega$, Therefore equation (4) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} - \vec{q} \times \vec{\xi} = -\nabla \left(\Omega + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} q^2 \right) \quad (5) \quad \because \text{curl } \vec{q} = \vec{\xi}$$

Eqⁿ (5) is required Euler's equation.

Now there arises two cases.

Case I :- When $\vec{q} \times \vec{\xi} = 0$ i.e. \vec{q} and $\vec{\xi}$ are parallel in which case stream line and vortex line coincide. For such motion \vec{q} is called a Beltrami vector and the flow a Beltrami flow. For steady and irrotational,

$$d\vec{q}/dt = 0$$

\therefore Eqⁿ (5) gives

$$d \left(\Omega + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} q^2 \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \Omega + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} q^2 = \text{Constant}$$

This is known as Bernoulli's equation for steady motion.

Helmholtz vorticity equation :- \rightarrow

Eqⁿ (5) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + \nabla \left(\Omega + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} q^2 \right) = \vec{q} \times \vec{\xi}$$

Taking curl of both sides and noting that $\text{curl grad} = 0$, we get

$$\text{curl } \frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} + 0 = \text{curl } (\vec{q} \times \vec{\xi})$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\text{curl } \vec{q}) = \text{curl } (\vec{q} \times \vec{\xi})$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{\partial \vec{\xi}}{\partial t} = \text{curl } (\vec{q} \times \vec{\xi}) = \vec{q} (\nabla \cdot \vec{\xi}) - \vec{\xi} (\nabla \cdot \vec{q}) + (\vec{\xi} \cdot \nabla) \vec{q} - (\vec{q} \cdot \nabla) \vec{\xi} \quad (6)$$

(4)
 But $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi} = \text{div Curl } \vec{q} = 0$ and equation
 of continuity $\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q}) = 0$ gives us,
 $(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q}) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dt}$

\therefore Eqⁿ (6) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \vec{q}}{\partial t} = 0 + \frac{d\rho}{dt} + (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}) \vec{q} - (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{\xi}$$

$$\text{or, } \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right] \vec{q} = \frac{d\rho}{dt} + (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{q}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} = \frac{d\rho}{dt} + (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{q}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\vec{q}}{dt} - \frac{d\rho}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dt} = (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \frac{\vec{q}}{\rho}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\vec{q}}{\rho} \right) = \left(\frac{d\rho}{\rho} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \vec{q}$$

This is known as "Helmholtz vorticity eqⁿ".