

Equations #1, #2, and #3:

Governing Equations

Newton's 2nd law in a rotating frame

$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{u} = \sum_i \vec{F}_i$$

acceleration of fluid
particle

sum of all forces
applied to that particle

A fluid parcel is defined by

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}(t, \vec{x}(t=0))$$

and has a velocity

$$\vec{u} = \vec{u}(t, \vec{x}(t=0))$$

or, if we tag it by its
trajectory $\vec{x}_p(t)$

$$\vec{u} = \vec{u}(t, x_p(t), y_p(t), z_p(t))$$

then the time-rate-of-change becomes

$$\vec{i} \cdot \frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$$

velocity of a particle

velocity field through which a particle may move

$$= \vec{i} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u} \right)$$

$$\text{where } \sigma \equiv \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

Lagrangian

Eulerian $\left\{ \frac{D}{Dt} \vec{u} \right.$ advective acceleration
(nonlinear)

We have interpret velocity as a velocity field

Thus

$$\frac{D \vec{u}}{Dt} + 2 \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{u} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} p + \vec{F}_{\text{stress}} - \vec{\nabla} \left(\Phi_g - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^2 \frac{r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2} \right)$$

acceleration pressure gradient friction gravity centrifugal
 "normal stress" "tangential stress" = \vec{g} body force
 appendix - A

$$\frac{U}{T^2}$$

$$\frac{\Omega U}{T}$$

$$\frac{P}{\rho}$$

?

g

T ~ 1 day

g ~ 9.81 m/s²

$$\text{atm: } \frac{10 \text{ m/s}}{(24 \cdot 3600) \text{ s}}$$

$$\frac{10 \text{ m/s}}{24 \cdot 3600 \text{ seconds}}$$

$$\frac{10 \text{ m/s}^2}{1 \text{ second}}$$

$$\text{ocean: } \frac{1 \text{ m/s}}{\text{day}}$$

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Thus in geophysical flows gravity is usually several orders of magnitudes larger than the accelerations

Hence we define perturbation pressure p' and perturbation density ρ' as departures from an equilibrium (one at rest $p' = 0, \rho' = 0$):

$$p = p_0(z) + p' \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \rho_0(z) + \rho'$$

that satisfy

$$\frac{dp_0}{dz} = -g \rho_0$$

in the vertical
(hydrostatic)

(will return
to this later)

The perturbation pressure and density then are

Pressure p :
 $p = p_0(z) + p'(x, y, z, t)$

Density ρ :
 $\rho = \rho_0(z) + \rho'(x, y, z, t)$

$$p = p_0(z) \pm p'(x, y, z, t)$$

$$\underbrace{\rho}_{\text{actual}} = \underbrace{\rho_0(z)}_{\text{@ rest}} \pm \underbrace{\rho'(x, y, z, t)}_{\text{perturbation due to motion}}$$

$$\boxed{\rho_0 \gg \rho'}$$

and our momentum balance becomes

not used

after
Boussinesq

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \vec{u} + 2 \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{u} = - \frac{1}{\rho_0} \vec{\nabla} p' - \underbrace{\frac{\rho'}{\rho_0} \vec{g}}_{\text{"new" not yet explained}} + \vec{F}_{\text{stress}}$$

This is the
Boussinesq
Approximation

In the special case of a homogeneous fluid (uniform density)
 $\rho' = 0$

(barotropic dynamics
no buoyancy forces)

Otherwise $-\rho' \vec{g}$ represents the buoyancy force (baroclinic dynam.

Independent variables : t, x, y, z

Dependent variables : u, v, w, p, ρ

3 equations for 5 dependent variables

→ need two more independent equations to determine the system's properties