

CHAPTER 3. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS USED IN FLUID FLOW ANALYSIS

1. Display of the fluid flow
2. Description and classification of fluid flow
3. The boundary layer concept
4. Concepts: streamtube, volumetric flow rate, mass flow rate
5. Reynolds' transport theorem
6. The continuity equation

1. Display of the fluid flow

1. Field of application of kinematics. Lagrangian and Eulerian description.
2. Display of the fluid flow
 - ✓ Streamline*
 - ✓ Pathline or trajectory*
 - ✓ Streakline*

1.1. Field of application of kinematics. Lagrangian and Eulerian description

- Kinematics
- Flow field

$$\vec{U} = u(x, y, z, t)\hat{i} + v(x, y, z, t)\hat{j} + w(x, y, z, t)\hat{k}$$

- Eulerian description
- Lagrangian description

1.2. Display of the fluid flow

✓ Streamline

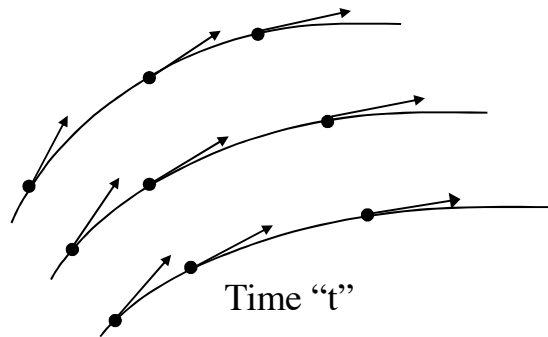


Figure 3.1 Streamlines

- Definition
- They cannot cut each other
- Analytical concept
- Line defined in a precise moment or time

1.2. Display of the fluid flow

✓ Pathline or trajectory

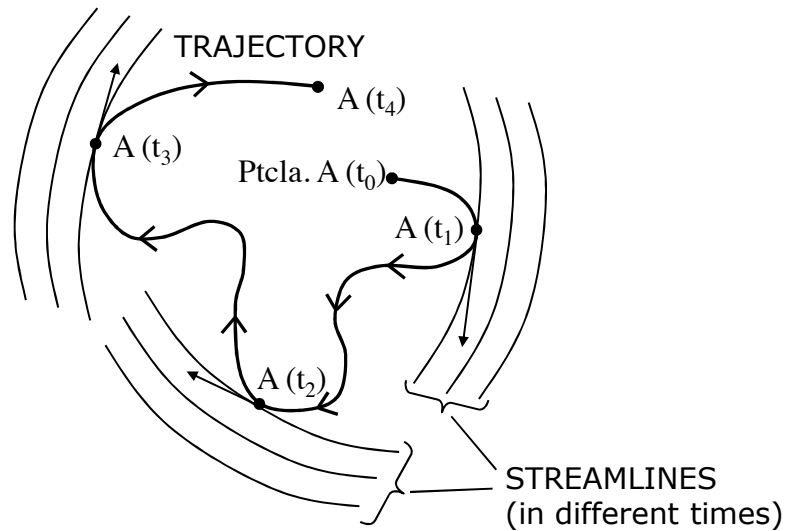


Figure 3.2 Trajectory

- Definition
- Observable in laboratory
- Line developed with the passage of time

1.2. Display of the fluid flow

✓ Streakline

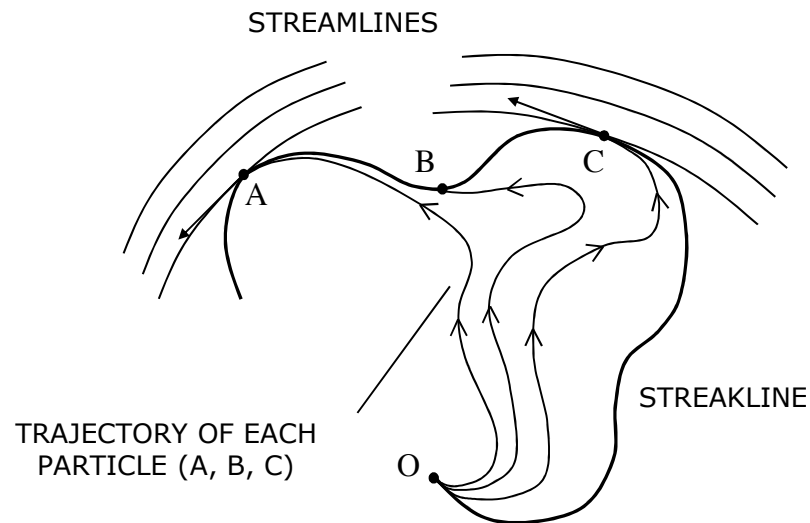


Figure 3.3 Streakline

- Definition
- Observable in laboratory
- Line modified with the passage of time

2. Description and classification of fluid flow

- ✓ Depending on the field of application
 - External flow
 - Internal flow

- ✓ Depending on the compressibility of the fluid
 - Incompressible fluid flow
 - Compressible fluid flow

- ✓ Depending on the evolution with time and space*
 - Steady-state regime
 - Variable regime

2. Description and classification of fluid flow

✓ Depending on the evolution with time and space

- Steady-state regime

$$\vec{U} = f(x, y, z) \quad \rho = f(x, y, z) \quad p = f(x, y, z) , \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = 0 , \dots$$

Uniform steady-state regime

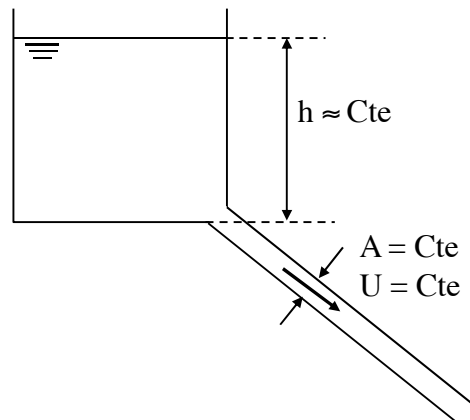


Figure 3.5 Uniform steady-state regime

Varied steady-state regime

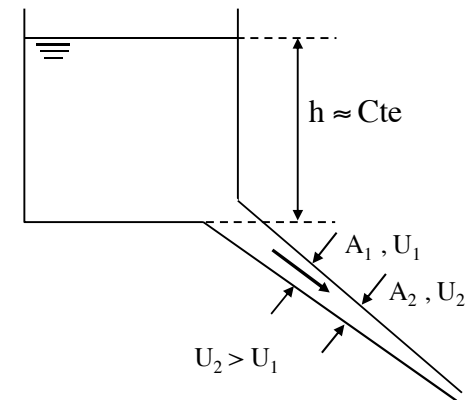


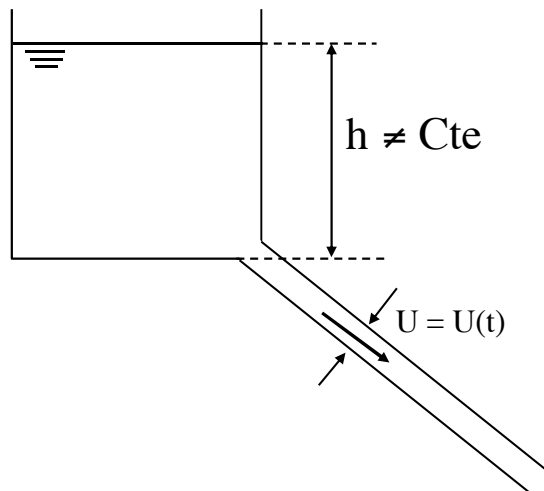
Figure 3.6 Varied steady-state regime

2. Description and classification of fluid flow

✓ Depending on the evolution with time and space

- Variable regime (non steady-state)

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U} = f(x,y,z,t) \quad \rho = f(x,y,z,t) \quad p = f(x,y,z,t) \quad , \dots \\ \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial t} \neq 0 \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \neq 0 \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \neq 0 \quad , \dots \end{aligned}$$



"Pseudo uniform" variable regime

Figure 3.7 Variable regime

2. Description and classification of fluid flow

✓ Depending on the viscous behaviour of the fluid

- Inviscid flow
- Viscous flow

Laminar regime

- Layers
- Streamlines
- Shock-absorbing effect of viscosity
- Parabolic velocity profile
- Energy loss

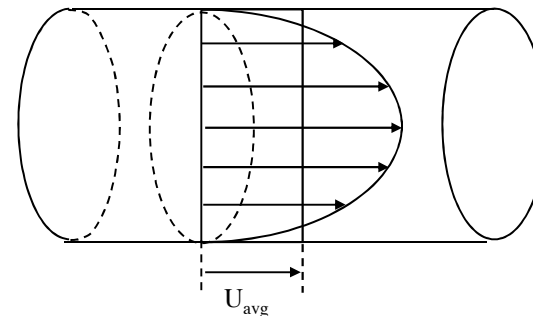


Figure 3.8 Velocity profile in laminar regime

2. Description and classification of fluid flow

✓ Depending on the viscous behaviour of the fluid

- Viscous flow

Turbulent regime

- Messy, chaotic
- Dissipation and additional shearing forces
- Turbulence
- Logarithmic velocity profile
- Energy loss

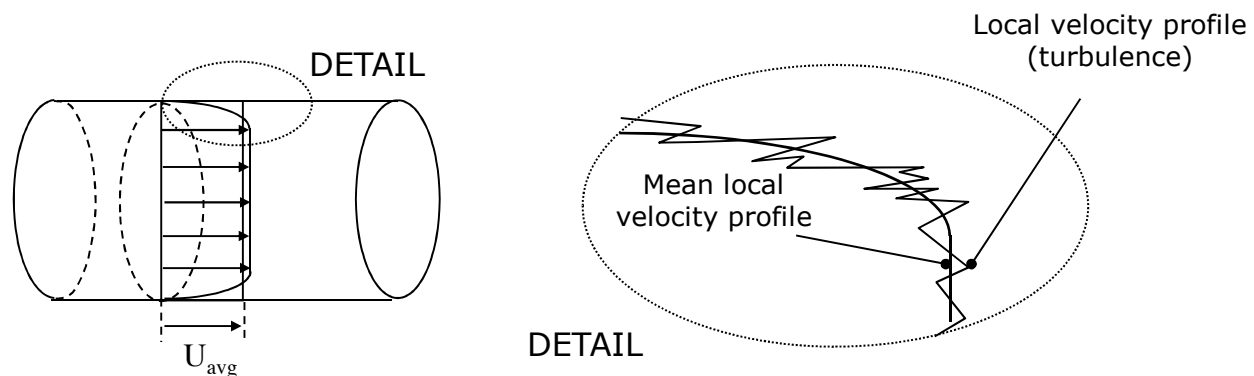


Figure 3.9 Velocity profile in turbulent regime

2. Description and classification of fluid flow

✓ Experience of Osborne Reynolds

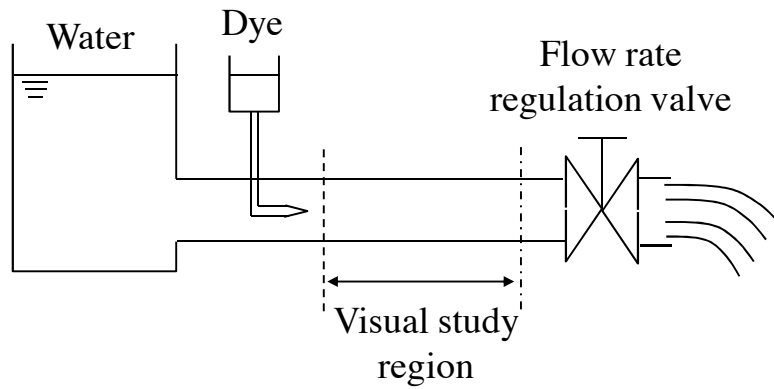
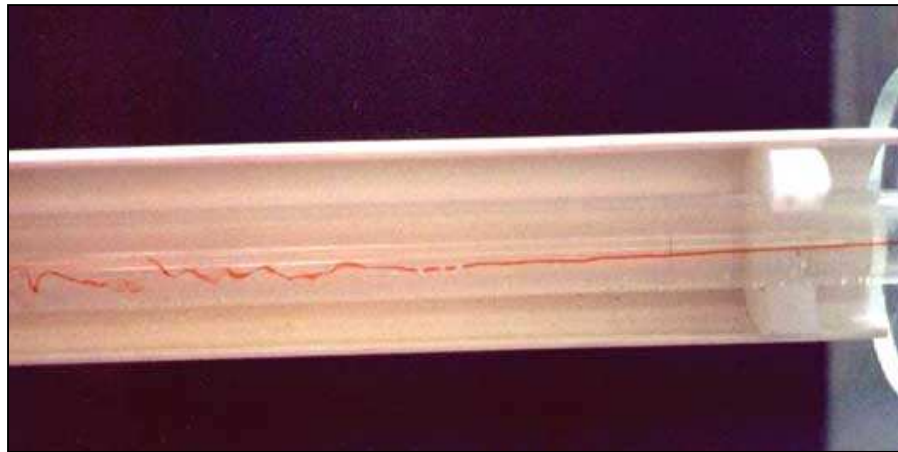
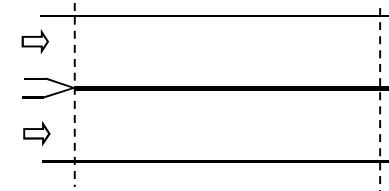


Figure 3.10 Experiment by Osborne-Reynolds



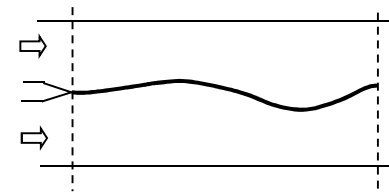
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1- Low flow rates



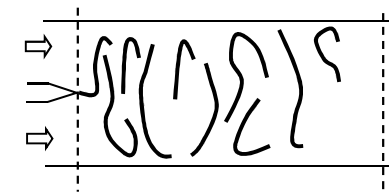
- The streakline is a straight line
- LAMINAR REGIME

2- Medium flow rates



- The streakline is wavy, it contains some disturbances
- TRANSITORY REGIME

3- High flow rate



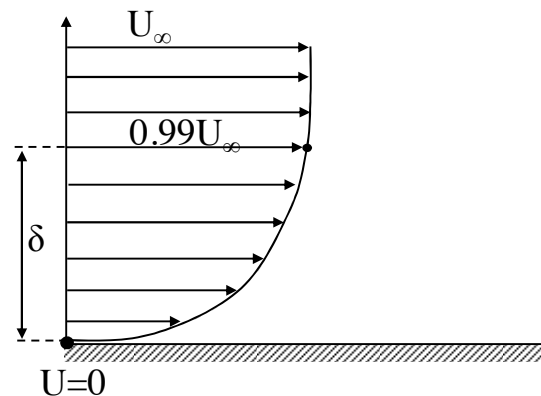
- The streakline loses its continuity, the turbulence of the fluid flow provokes the dilution of the tracer
- TURBULENT REGIME

3. The boundary layer concept: external and internal flow

✓ Motive

- Deficiencies in the Euler equations to describe the behaviour of real flows
- It joins together the applicability of Euler's equations with the obligatory nature of the Navier-Stokes' equations in some specific regions of the fluid

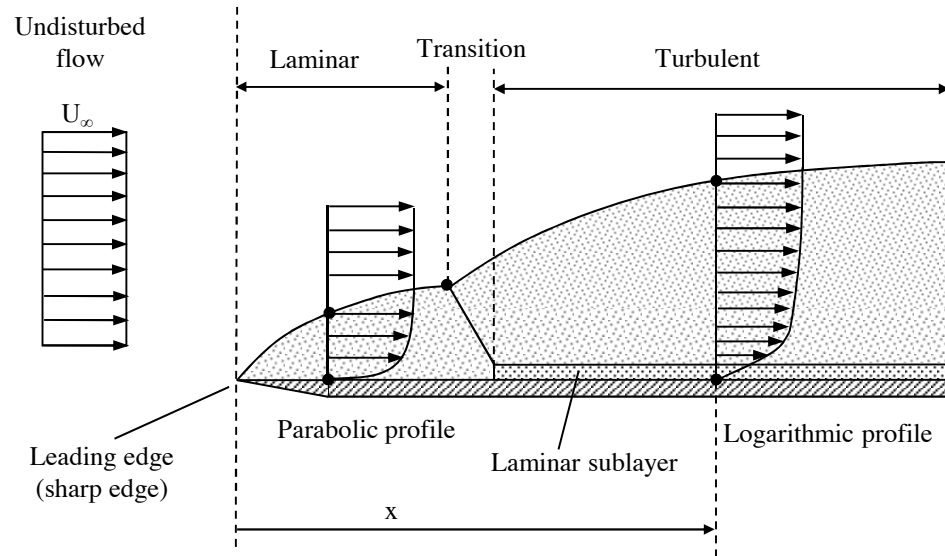
✓ Definition



(Thickness of the boundary layer)

3. The boundary layer concept: external and internal flow

✓ External flow



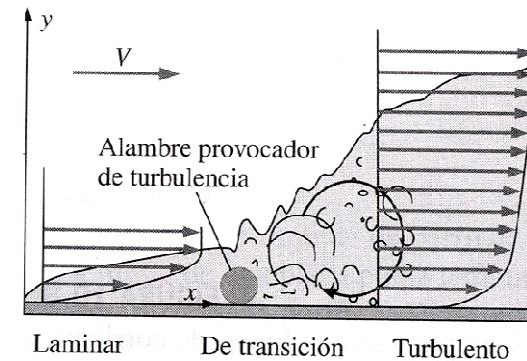
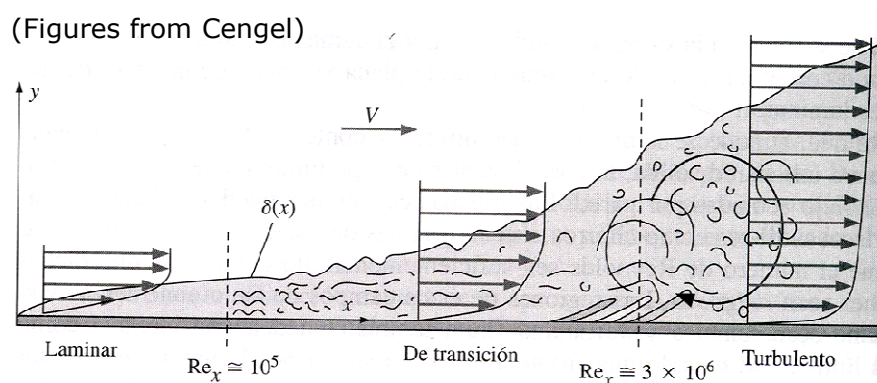
(Boundary layer in a plane plate)

- Transition from laminar to turbulent:

$$Re_x = \frac{U_\infty x}{\nu} = 5 \cdot 10^5 \div 10^6$$

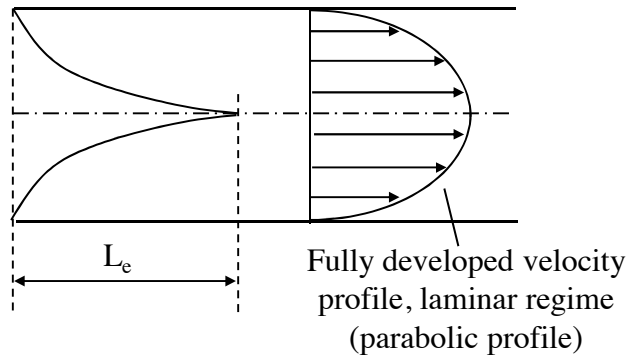
- Early transition, source of turbulence

(Figures from Cengel)

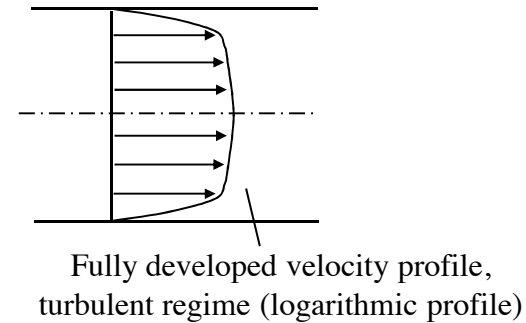


3. The boundary layer concept: external and internal flow

✓ Internal flow



Or,



(Development of the boundary layer in a closed duct)

- Entrance length: $\frac{L_e}{D} = f(Re_D)$

- Laminar regime: $\frac{L_e}{D} = 4.4 Re_D^{1/6}$

- Turbulent regime: $\frac{L_e}{D} = 0.06 Re_D$

4. Concepts

1. Streamtube*
2. Volumetric and mass flow rate*
3. Average velocity*

4.1. Streamtube

- ✓ Definition
- ✓ Usefulness

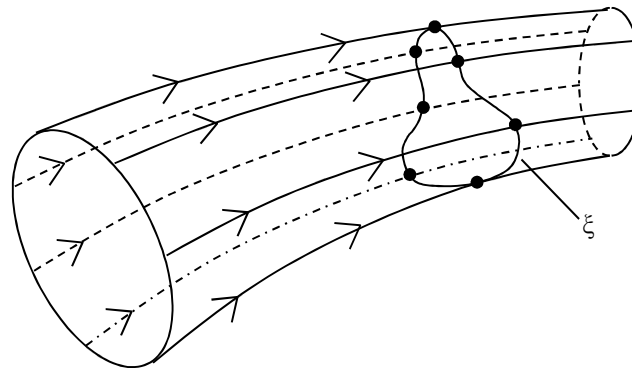


Figure 3.15 Streamtube

4.2. Volumetric and mass flow rate

✓ Definition

✓ Calculation

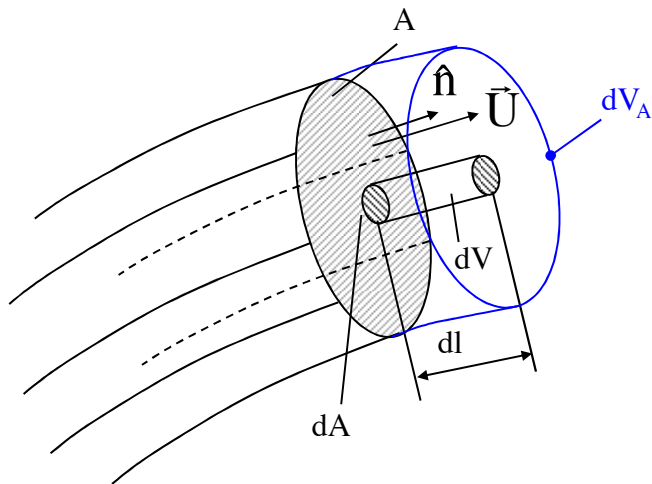


Figure 3.16 Volumetric and mass flow rate

$$Q = \iint_A U dA$$

$$q_m = \iint_A \rho U dA$$

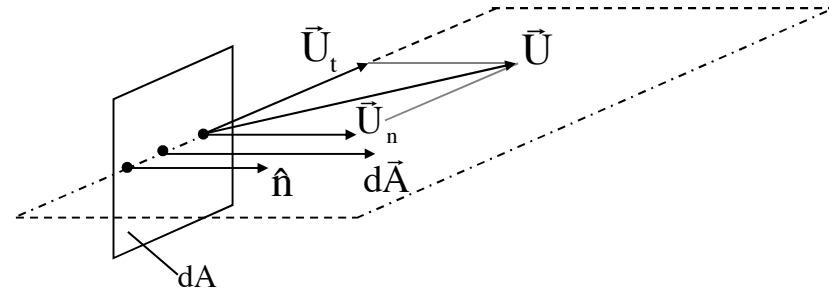


Figure 3.17 Situation wherein streamlines are not perpendicular to the area

$$Q = \iint_A \vec{U} d\vec{A}$$

$$q_m = \iint_A \rho \vec{U} d\vec{A}$$

4.3. Average velocity

✓ Definition

$$U_{av} = \frac{\iint_A U dA}{A}$$

$$Q = U_{av} A$$

$$q_m = \rho U_{av} A$$

• But:

$$q_m = \iint_A \rho U dA = (\rho U)_{av} A \neq \rho_{av} U_{av} A = \left(\frac{\iint_A \rho dA}{A} \right) \left(\frac{\iint_A U dA}{A} \right) A$$

5. Reynolds' transport theorem

- ✓ Study of the behaviour of a fluid. Fundamental laws:
 - Three-dimensional space. Control volume (Euler)
 - Fluid mass. System (Lagrange)
- ✓ Detail level
 - Differential approach. Differential volumes in each point
 - Integral approach. Finite control volume

5. Reynolds' transport theorem

✓ Deduction

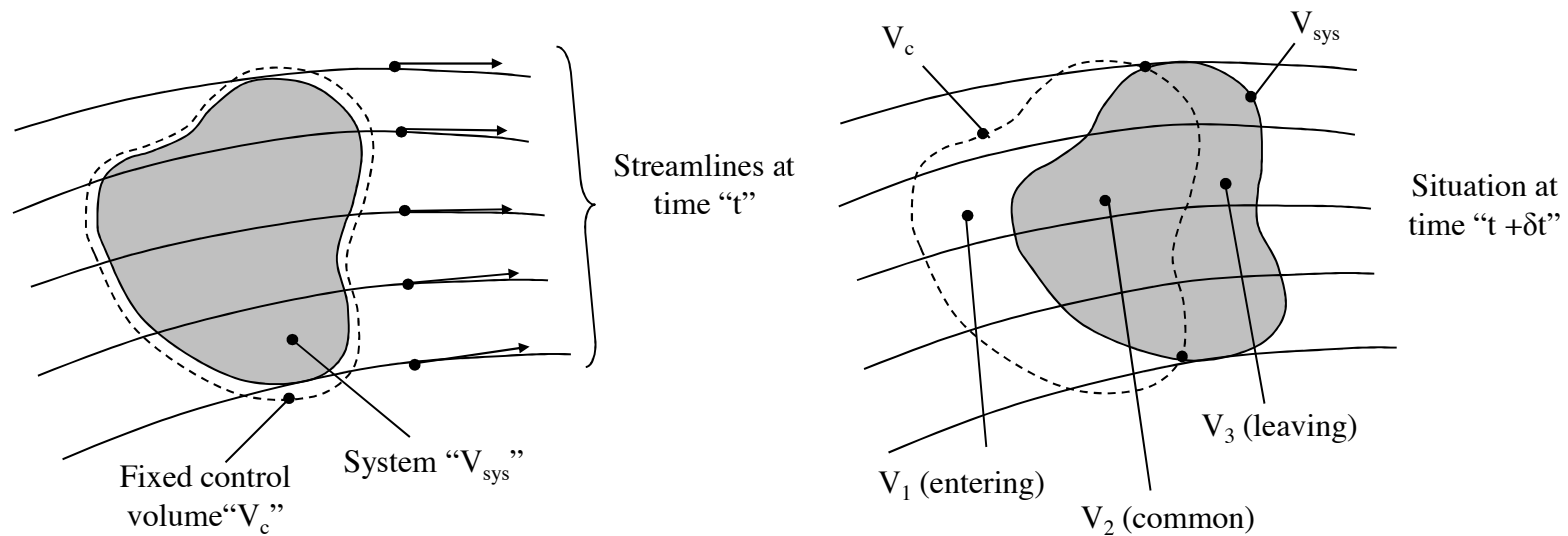


Figure 3.18 Relationship between system and control volume

- "Extensive" generic property "B". Specific (intensive) property "b"

$$B_{sys} = \iiint_{V_{sys}} \rho b dV$$

5. Reynolds' transport theorem

✓ Deduction

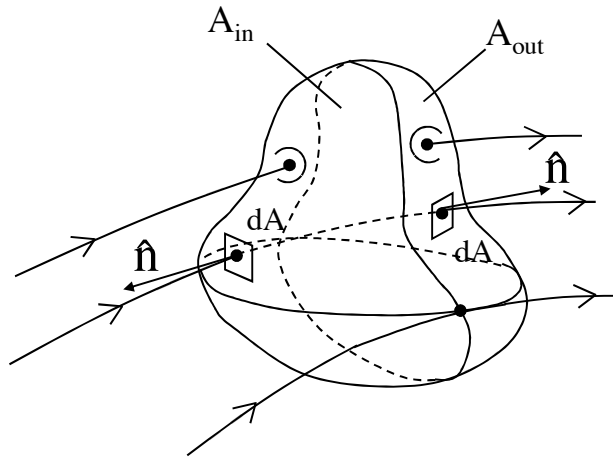
$$\frac{dB_{\text{sys}}}{dt} = \frac{dB_{\text{vc}}}{dt} + \dot{B}_{\text{out}} - \dot{B}_{\text{in}}$$

- "Accumulation rate" or "local variation term"
- "Leaving flux" or "leaving convective variation term"
- "Entering flux" or "entering convective variation term"

✓ Word statement

5. Reynolds' transport theorem

✓ Deduction



$$\frac{dB_{sys}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V_c} \rho b dV + \oint_{A_c} b \rho \vec{U} d\vec{A}$$

Figure 3.19 Fluxes into and out of a control volume

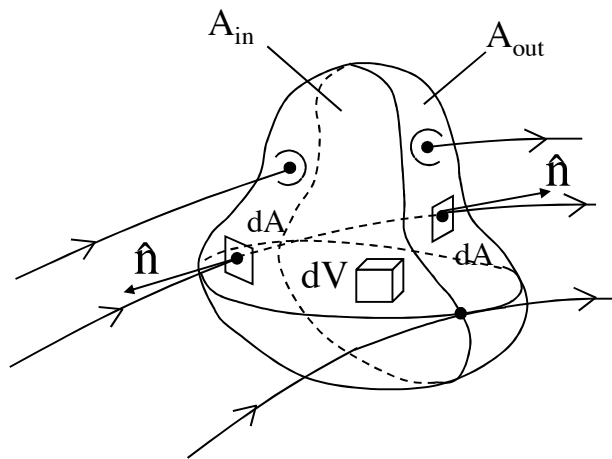
$B = m$	Mass	Mass conservation or continuity equation
$B = E$	Energy	Energy conservation, 1 st law of Thermodynamics
$B = \vec{M} = m\vec{U}$	Momentum	Conservation of momentum Euler's 1st theorem
$B = \vec{H} = \vec{r} \wedge m\vec{U}$	Angular momentum	Conservation of angular momentum (Euler's 2nd theorem).

6. Continuity equation

- ✓ Equation of conservation of mass (or continuity)

$$\frac{dm_{\text{sys}}}{dt} = 0$$

- ✓ Reynolds' transport theorem



$$\frac{dB_{\text{sys}}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V_c} \rho b dV + \iint_{A_c} b \rho \vec{U} d\vec{A}$$

- Property: mass

$$B_{\text{sys}} = m_{\text{sys}} = \iiint_{V_{\text{sys}}} \rho b dV = \iiint_{V_{\text{sys}}} \rho dV \quad \boxed{b = 1}$$

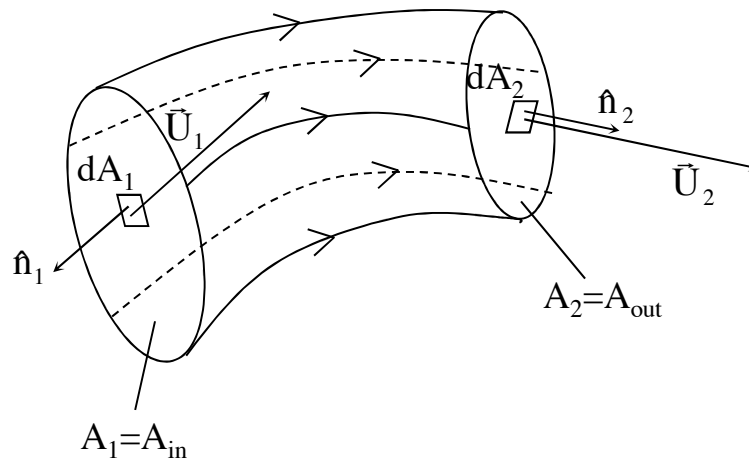
$$\frac{dm_{\text{sys}}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \iiint_{V_c} \rho dV + \iint_{A_c} \rho \vec{U} d\vec{A} = 0$$



$$\frac{dm_{V_c}}{dt} + \dot{m}_{\text{out}} - \dot{m}_{\text{in}} = 0$$

6. Continuity equation

- ✓ Application to a streamtube (steady-state regime)



$$\dot{m}_{\text{out}} - \dot{m}_{\text{in}} = \oiint_{A_c} \rho \vec{U} d\vec{A} = 0$$



$$q_{m1} = q_{m2}$$

$$\rho_1 U_{\text{av1}} A_1 = \rho_2 U_{\text{av2}} A_2$$

Figure 3.20 Application of the continuity equation to a streamtube

Incompressible fluid:

$$U_{\text{av1}} A_1 = U_{\text{av2}} A_2$$

$$Q_1 = Q_2$$

6. Continuity equation

- ✓ Uniform velocity profile:

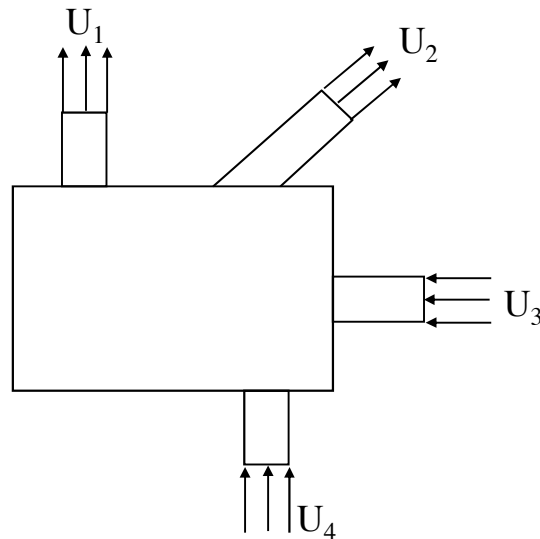
Compressible fluid:

$$q_m = \rho UA = \text{Cte}$$

Incompressible fluid:

$$Q = UA = \text{Cte}$$

Several inlets and outlets:



$$\sum q_{m,in} = \sum q_{m,out}$$

Incompressible fluid:

$$\sum Q_{in} = \sum Q_{out}$$

Figure 3.21 Control volume with several inlets and outlets