

## Euler's Equations of Motion in other coordinates

In cylindrical coordinates,  $(r, \theta, z)$ , Euler's equations of motion for an inviscid fluid become:

$$\rho \left[ \frac{Du_r}{Dt} - \frac{u_\theta^2}{r} \right] = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + f_r \quad (\text{Bdc1})$$

$$\rho \left[ \frac{Du_\theta}{Dt} + \frac{u_\theta u_r}{r} \right] = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + f_\theta \quad (\text{Bdc2})$$

$$\rho \frac{Du_z}{Dt} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + f_z \quad (\text{Bdc3})$$

where  $u_r, u_\theta, u_z$  are the velocities in the  $r, \theta, z$  directions,  $p$  is the pressure,  $\rho$  is the fluid density and  $f_r, f_\theta, f_z$  are the body force components. The Lagrangian derivative is

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + u_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (\text{Bdc4})$$

For reference and completeness note that for an incompressible fluid the equation of continuity in cylindrical coordinates is

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r u_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (\text{Bdc5})$$

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In spherical coordinates,  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ , Euler's equations of motion for an inviscid fluid become:

$$\rho \left\{ \frac{Du_r}{Dt} - \frac{u_\theta^2 + u_\phi^2}{r} \right\} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + f_r \quad (\text{Bdc6})$$

$$\rho \left\{ \frac{Du_\theta}{Dt} + \frac{u_\theta u_r}{r} - \frac{u_\phi^2 \cot \theta}{r} \right\} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + f_\theta \quad (\text{Bdc7})$$

$$\rho \left\{ \frac{Du_\phi}{Dt} + \frac{u_\phi u_r}{r} + \frac{u_\theta u_\phi \cot \theta}{r} \right\} = -\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \phi} + f_\phi \quad (\text{Bdc8})$$

where  $u_r, u_\theta, u_\phi$  are the velocities in the  $r, \theta, \phi$  directions,  $p$  is the pressure,  $\rho$  is the fluid density and  $f_r, f_\theta, f_\phi$  are the body force components. The Lagrangian or material derivative is

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{u_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (\text{Bdc9})$$

For completeness the equation of continuity for an incompressible fluid in spherical coordinates is

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 u_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (u_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (\text{Bdc10})$$