

Turbulence

Vorticity Equation

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Outline

- Vorticity Transport in Viscous Flows
- Mean Flow Vorticity Energy Budget
- Turbulence Mean Square Vorticity
- Order of Magnitude Analysis

Navier-Stokes Equation

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

Vector Identity

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{u} + \nabla \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u} + \nabla \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u} + \nabla \frac{|\mathbf{u}|^2}{2} = -\nabla \frac{p}{\rho} + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

Vorticity



$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$$

Vector Identities

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \nabla \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = -\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

Vorticity Transport Eq.



$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u}) = \nu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

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Vector Identities

$$\nabla \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \boldsymbol{\omega} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{u} (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega})$$

$$= \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}$$

Vorticity Transport Eq.

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\omega}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{d} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} + \nu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

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Turbulent Flows

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{u}' \quad U_i = \bar{u}_i \quad \bar{u}'_i = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\Omega} + \boldsymbol{\omega}' \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega} = \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}' = 0$$

Mean Vorticity Transport Equation

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_i}{\partial t} + U_j \frac{\partial \Omega_i}{\partial x_j} = - \frac{\partial \overline{\omega'_i u'_j}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \overline{\omega'_j u'_i}}{\partial x_j} + \Omega_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \Omega_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j}$$

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Instantaneous Vorticity Transport Equation

$$\frac{\partial \omega'_i}{\partial t} + U_j \frac{\partial \omega'_i}{\partial x_j} = -u'_j \frac{\partial \Omega_i}{\partial x_j} - u'_j \frac{\partial \omega'_i}{\partial x_j} + \Omega_j d'_{ij}$$

$$+ \omega'_j D_{ij} + \omega'_j d'_{ij} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 \omega'_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \overline{\omega'_i u'_j}}{\partial x_j} - \overline{\omega'_j d'_{ij}}$$

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$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \Omega_i \Omega_i \right) = \underbrace{- \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\Omega_i \overline{\omega'_i u'_j} \right)}_{\text{transport by turbulence velocity-vorticity interaction}} + \underbrace{\overline{u'_j \omega'_i} \frac{\partial \Omega_i}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{gradient production of fluctuating vorticity}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\overline{\Omega_i \Omega_j D_{ij}}}_{\text{stretching of vorticity by mean shear flow}} + \underbrace{\overline{\Omega_i \omega'_j d'_{ij}}}_{\text{stretching of vorticity by mean shear flow}} + \nu \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \left(\frac{1}{2} \Omega_i \Omega_i \right) - \underbrace{\nu \frac{\partial \Omega_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \Omega_i}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{dissipation of mean vorticity}}$$

$\nu u'^2 / \Lambda^3 = u'^3 / \Lambda^3 R_\Lambda$

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$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{\omega'_i \omega'_i} \right) = \underbrace{-u'_j \omega'_i \frac{\partial \Omega_i}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{gradient production of fluctuating vorticity}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \overline{u'_j \omega'_i \omega'_i}}_{\text{diffusion of turbulence vorticity by turbulence}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\frac{u^3/\lambda^3}{2} \overline{\omega'_i \omega'_j d'_{ij}}}_{\text{production of turbulence vorticity by turbulent stretching}} + \underbrace{\overline{\omega'_i \omega'_j D_{ij}} \frac{u^3/\Lambda^2 \lambda}{2}}_{\text{production of turbulence vorticity by mean shear flow stretching}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\frac{u^3/\Lambda^3}{2} \overline{\Omega_j \omega'_i d'_{ij}}}_{\text{production by mixed turbulence-mean flow stretching}} + \underbrace{v \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{1}{2} \overline{\omega'_i \omega'_i} \right)}_{\text{diffusion by viscosity}} - \underbrace{v \frac{\partial \omega'_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \omega'_i}{\partial x_j}}_{\text{dissipation destruction}}$$

$\nu u^2/\lambda^2 \Lambda^2 = u^3/\Lambda^3$

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$$\overline{\omega'_i \omega'_i} \sim \frac{u^2}{\lambda^2} \quad \overline{u'_i \omega'_i} \sim \frac{u^2}{\Lambda} \quad \overline{\omega'_j d'_{ij}} \sim \frac{u^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\overline{\omega'_i \omega'_j} \sim \frac{u^2}{\lambda^2} (a \delta_{ij} + b_{ij} \frac{\lambda}{\Lambda} + \dots)$$

$$\overline{\omega'_i \omega'_j} \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} = \overline{\omega'_i \omega'_j} D_{ij} \sim \frac{u^2}{\lambda^2} \frac{\lambda}{\Lambda} \frac{u}{\Lambda} = \frac{u^3}{\lambda \Lambda^2}$$

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Concluding Remarks

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