# MEC516/BME516: Fluid Mechanics I

# Chapter 3: Control Volume Analysis Part 4



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### Overview

- Conservation of Mass for a Control Volume
  - using RTT to derive the "Continuity Equation"
- Numerical Example



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# Conservation of Mass (Continuity Equation)

• For 1-D flow, Reynolds Transport Theorem (RTT) for arbitrary extensive property B is:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(B_{SYS}) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \beta \rho dV + \sum_{outlets} \beta_o \dot{m}_o - \sum_{inlets} \beta_i \dot{m}_i$$

where  $\beta = \frac{dB}{dm}$   $\beta$  is the intensive property (i.e., property per unit mass)

- Considering conservation of mass, we set B=m. Thus,  $\beta = \frac{dm}{dm} = 1$ .
- Principle of conservation of mass simply states:

 $\frac{d}{dt}(B_{SYS}) = 0$  The mass of the **<u>system</u>** is constant!



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## Conservation of Mass (Continuity Equation)

• Conservation of mass for 1-D flow becomes:

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho \, d\Psi + \sum_{outlets} \dot{m}_o - \sum_{inlets} \dot{m}_i$$

• Re-arranging, and noting that  $\dot{m} = \rho A V$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho \, dV = \sum_{inlets} \rho_{in} A_{in} V_{in} - \sum_{out} \rho_{out} A_{out} V_{out}$$
Rate of accumulation Rate of mass flow of mass in the CV Rate of the CV Rate of the CV Rate of the CV Rate of the CV

• This is very simple "mass" accounting. (Try replacing  $\dot{m}$ =\$.)



# Conservation of Mass (Continuity Equation)

- For 1-D <u>steady</u> flow,  $\frac{d}{dt}(m_{cv}) = 0$
- So, conservation of mass becomes:

$$\sum_{outlets} \dot{m}_o = \sum_{inlets} \dot{m}_i \quad OR \quad \sum_{inlets} \rho_{in} A_{in} V_{in} = \sum_{out} \rho_{out} A_{out} V_{out} \quad \text{(Steady 1-D Flow)}$$
• We will use this equation extensively.
• For the example, consider 1-D steady flow for the CV in the diagram:  

$$\rho_1 A_1 V_1 + \rho_2 A_2 V_2 = \rho_3 A_3 V_3 \quad (V = 0)$$
If the flow is incompressible (p=constant):

$$A_1V_1 + A_2V_2 = A_3V_3$$
 OR  $Q_1 + Q_2 = Q_3$  (volume flow rates)

# **Calculating Average Velocities**

- So far we have considered 1-D flows.
- Often the velocity across the sectional area A is not uniform.
- In this case, we use the average velocity  $\overline{V}$  in the 1-D continuity equation.
- We calculate the average by equating the  $\dot{m}$  for the 1-D flow to the  $\dot{m}$  non-uniform flow:

$$\rho A \, \overline{V} = \int_A \rho V \, dA$$

$$\bar{V} = \frac{\int_A \rho V \, dA}{\rho A}$$

• See solved Example 3.4 in textbook.



# An Aside: Laminar and Turbulent Velocity Profiles in a Pipe

- Jumping ahead... details in Chapter 6.
- Consider two fully developed flows with the same average velocity,  $\overline{V}$

#### Laminar flow (Re<2,300)

- smooth streamlines, no lateral mixing
- parabolic profile
- For round pipe:  $\overline{V} = u_{max}/2$



(*a*)

#### Fully Turbulent Flow (Re>10,000)

- random eddies in the flow, mixing.
- much more uniform velocity profile (1-D flow is a better approx.)



(b)

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## Example

Water at 20°C is pumped steadily through a fire hose with a round nozzle. The mean jet velocity at the nozzle exit is 35 m/s. The exit of the nozzle has a diameter of 45 mm.

Calculate the flow rate Q generated by the pump in  $m^3/s$ .



### Solution

Continuity equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{V} \rho \, d\Psi = \sum_{inlets} \rho_{in} \, A_{in} V_{in} - \sum_{out} \rho_{out} \, A_{out} V_{out}$$

$$0 \text{ (steady flow)}$$

No storage of mass in the control volume. Only one inlet at section (1) and one outlet at section (2). So,

$$\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2$$
  $\rho_1 A_1 V_1 = \rho_2 A_2 V_2$   $\rho_1 Q_1 = \rho_2 Q_2$ 

Liquid water is incompressible, so:  $\rho_1 = \rho_2$ 

Thus, 
$$Q_1 = Q_2 = A_2 V_2$$

# Solution



$$A_{2} = \frac{\pi D_{2}^{2}}{4} = \frac{\pi (0.045m)^{2}}{4} = 1.59x10^{-3} m^{2}$$
$$Q = A_{2} V_{2} = (1.59x10^{-3} m^{2}) \left(35\frac{m}{s}\right) = 5.57x10^{-2}\frac{m^{3}}{s} \qquad (55.7\frac{litres}{s})$$
$$(1 \text{ litre} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}^{3})$$

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#### **END NOTES**

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