



# ME 323: FLUID MECHANICS-II

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# Isentropic flow

For compressible flows, change in thermodynamic property '**entropy**' is important. From the definition of entropy,  $s$ ; (review course of Engineering Thermodynamics (ME 203))

$$\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = \int \frac{\delta Q}{T} \Big|_{\text{reversible}}$$

where  $\delta Q$  represents the differential heat transfer.

For an **ideal gas (calorically perfect)** with constant specific heats; the change of entropy becomes as:

$$\Delta s = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

If the process is adiabatic (no heat transfer) and reversible, the **entropy change is zero** and then the flow is said to be **isentropic**. In this case

$$\Delta s = 0 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

The isentropic approximation is common in compressible flow theory.



# Isentropic flow

$$\Delta s = 0 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{c_p}{R} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{c_p}{c_p - c_v} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} \quad ; c_p - c_v = R$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{k}{k-1} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} \quad ; k = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$$

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$



**Power-law relation**

Relates the ratio of pressure at two different states with temperature at those states in an isentropic flow.

**Thermodynamic property relations for isentropic flows.**



# Isentropic flow

From ideal gas EOS (Equation of states)

$$p = \rho RT$$

$$\therefore \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{\rho_2 RT_2}{\rho_1 RT_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \times \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \times \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \quad ; \quad \therefore \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{1-\frac{k-1}{k}} = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^k$$



**Power-law relation**

Relates the ratio of pressure at two different states with density at those states in an isentropic flow.

**Thermodynamic property relations for isentropic flows**



# Flow Energy Equation

Recall the **Euler differential equation\*** (from RTT & differential control volume analysis: ME 321):

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + d\left(\frac{V^2}{2}\right) + gdz = 0$$

Integrate the Euler equation along a streamline:

$$\int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \int d\left(\frac{V^2}{2}\right) + \int gdz = \text{Constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{Constant}$$

for incompressible flow ( $\rho = \text{constant}$ ),  
Bernoulli equation:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{Constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{\gamma} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = \text{Constant}$$

for compressible flow ( $\rho \neq \text{constant}$ ),  
rather  $\rho = f(p)$ .

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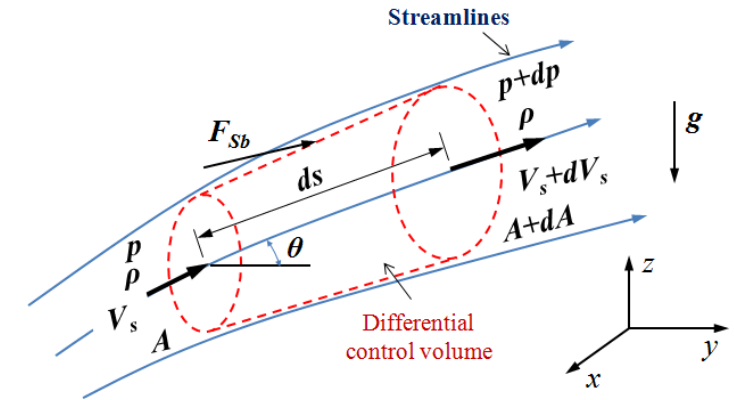


Fig. Differential control volume for momentum analysis of flow through a stream tube



# Flow Energy Equation

From isentropic flow relation for ideal gas:

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^k$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{p_2}{\rho_2^k} = \frac{p_1}{\rho_1^k} \equiv \frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{Constant} \equiv G_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{\rho^k} = G_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p^{\frac{1}{k}}}{\rho} = G_2 \quad (\text{another constant, } G_2 = G_1^{\frac{1}{k}})$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho} = G_2 p^{-\frac{1}{k}}$$

Then: 
$$\int \frac{dp}{\rho} = \int \frac{1}{\rho} dp = \int \left( G_2 p^{-\frac{1}{k}} \right) dp = G_2 \int p^{-\frac{1}{k}} dp$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dp}{\rho} = G_2 \frac{p^{-\frac{1}{k}+1}}{-\frac{1}{k}+1} + G_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dp}{\rho} = G_2 \frac{p^{\frac{k-1}{k}}}{\frac{k-1}{k}} + G_3 \quad (\text{another constant of integration, } G_3)$$



# Flow Energy Equation

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dp}{\rho} = \frac{p^{\frac{1}{k}}}{\rho} \frac{p^{\frac{k-1}{k}}}{k-1} + G_3$$

$$\frac{p^{\frac{1}{k}}}{\rho} = G_2$$

$$= \left( \frac{k}{k-1} \right) \frac{p^{\frac{1+k-1}{k}}}{\rho} + G_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dp}{\rho} = \left( \frac{k}{k-1} \right) \frac{p}{\rho} + G_3$$

So, the integrated form of the Euler equation along a streamline for compressible isentropic flow comes as:

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{Constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{k}{k-1} \right) \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{Constant}$$

**Compressible form of Bernoulli Eq:**

*Notice the difference*

Incompressible form of Bernoulli Eq:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{Constant}$$



# Flow Energy Equation

In general, the potential head is insignificant in flows with compressibility; then-

$$(gz)_{\text{compressible}} \approx 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{k}{k-1} \right) \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} = \text{Constant}$$



**Flow Energy equation for compressible flow.  
i.e. compressible form of Bernoulli Equation**

↑  
for air ( $k = 1.4$ ), this factor accounts a magnitude of 3.5;  
whereas this factor is 1.0 for incompressible flow for any fluid.

$$\phi \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} = \text{Constant}$$

$\phi = 1.0$  for incompressible flow

$\phi = \frac{k}{k-1}$  for compressible flow





# Stagnation state (total state)

The **stagnation condition** (total condition) is a reference state for compressible flow. This condition is extremely useful in the analysis of compressible flow. *These are the quantities with subscript zero (0).*

The **stagnation state** of a flowing fluid is defined by the state attained by the flowing fluid when it is decelerated to **zero velocity through isentropic process**. Alternatively, it can be defined as the static state from which a fluid must be accelerated isentropically in order to attain the actual state for a given flow.

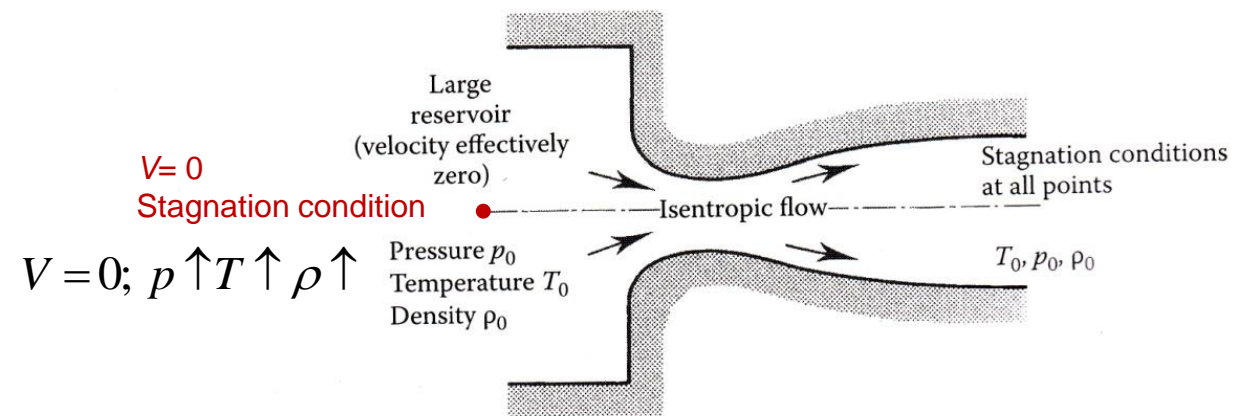
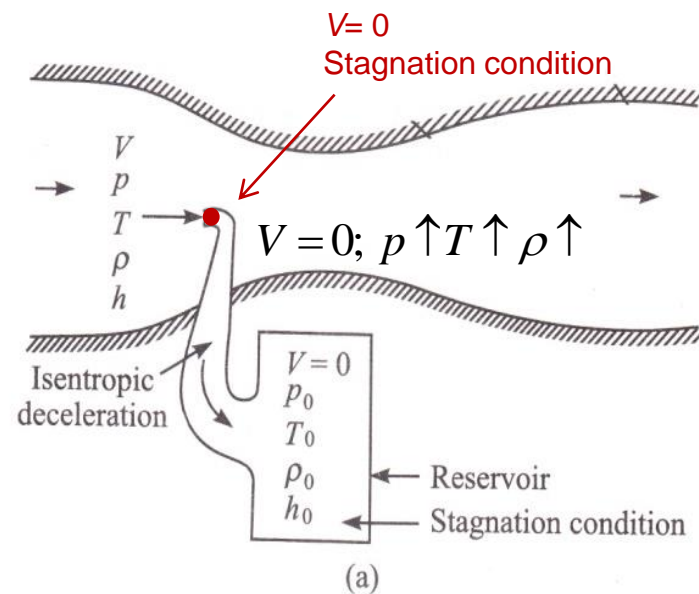


FIGURE 4.4 Stagnation conditions in an isentropic flow.

- Stagnation (total) properties are-
- Total pressure,  $p_0$
  - Total temperature,  $T_0$
  - Total density,  $\rho_0$
  - Total enthalpy,  $h_0$



# Stagnation state (total state)



Pressure cooker



Aerosol spray



Spray paint



CNG cylinder in a vehicle



Accidents due to CNG cylinder bursting



# Stagnation temperature (total temperature)

Compressible form of Bernoulli Equation:

$$\left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)\frac{p_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)\frac{p_2}{\rho_2} + \frac{V_2^2}{2}$$

①: any local point ( $V \neq 0$ )

②: stagnation point ( $V = 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} = \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)\frac{p_0}{\rho_0} + \frac{V_0^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)RT + \frac{V^2}{2} = \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)RT_0 + \frac{0^2}{2}$$

;  $p = \rho RT$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)RT + \frac{V^2}{2} = \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)RT_0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{V^2}{2} \left(\frac{k-1}{kRT}\right) = \left(\frac{k}{k-1}\right)RT_0 \times \left(\frac{k-1}{kRT}\right)$$

;  $\times \left(\frac{k-1}{kRT}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{V^2}{2} \left(\frac{k-1}{a^2}\right) = \frac{T_0}{T}$$

; speed of sound,  $a = \sqrt{kRT}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 = \frac{T_0}{T}$$

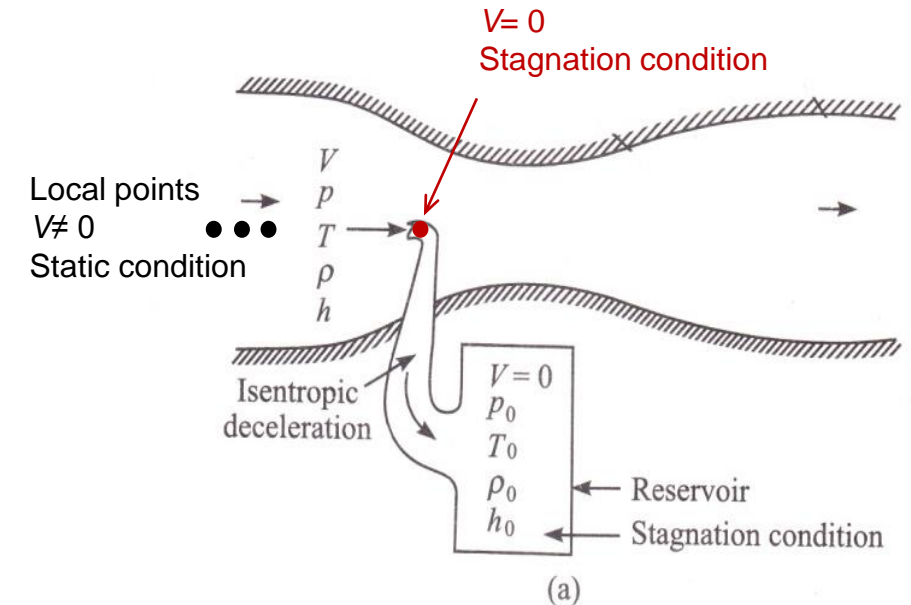
; Mach number,  $M = \frac{V}{a}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2$$



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**Relation between stagnation and static temperatures**



# Stagnation pressure (total pressure)

Thermodynamic property relations for isentropic flow-

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$

①: any local point ( $V \neq 0$ ),  $p_1 = p$

②: stagnation point ( $V=0$ ),  $p_2 = p_0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{p_0}{p} = \left( \frac{T_0}{T} \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{p_0}{p} = \left( 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$

**Relation between stagnation and static pressures**

$$\therefore \frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2$$

**Flow Mach number** can be conveniently calculated from:

$$\rightarrow M = \sqrt{\frac{2}{k-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}} - 1 \right]}$$



# Stagnation density (total density)

Thermodynamic property relations for isentropic flow-

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^k$$

①: any local point ( $V \neq 0$ ),  $\rho_1 = \rho$

②: stagnation point ( $V=0$ ),  $\rho_2 = \rho_0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{p_0}{p} = \left( \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \right)^k$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left( 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{k-1}}$$

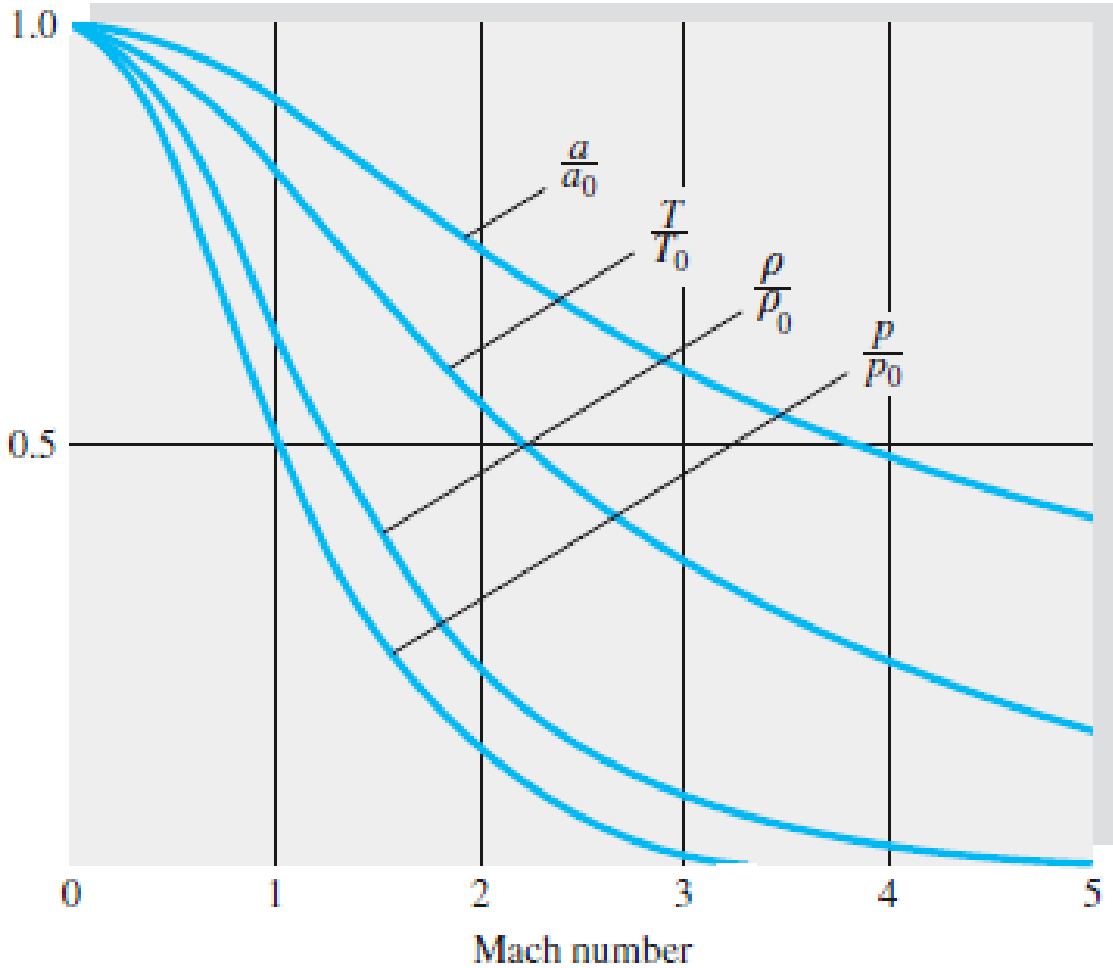
**Relation between stagnation and static densities**

$$\therefore \frac{p_0}{p} = \left( 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$$





**Fig. 9.3** Adiabatic ( $T/T_0$  and  $a/a_0$ ) and isentropic ( $p/p_0$  and  $\rho/\rho_0$ ) properties versus Mach number for  $k = 1.4$ .





## are all gas flows compressible flows??

Not all gas flows are compressible flows, neither are all compressible flows gas flows

Table: Variation of density with  $M$

$M$	$\rho_0/\rho$	$\Delta\rho$
0.1	1.005	0.5%
0.2	1.02	2%
0.3	1.04	4%
0.4	1.08	8%
0.5	1.13	13%
1.0	1.58	58%
2.0	4.35	335%

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{k-1}}$$

For air  $k=1.4$

General High speed/bullet train  
Shinkansen (Japan), TGV (France)

At low speeds, less than Mach number of about 0.3 (~100 m/s, 360 km/hr at STP), gas flows may be treated as incompressible flows since the density variations caused by the flow **are less than 5% which is insignificant in engineering sense.**

