



# ME 323: FLUID MECHANICS-II

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**Compressible Flow**

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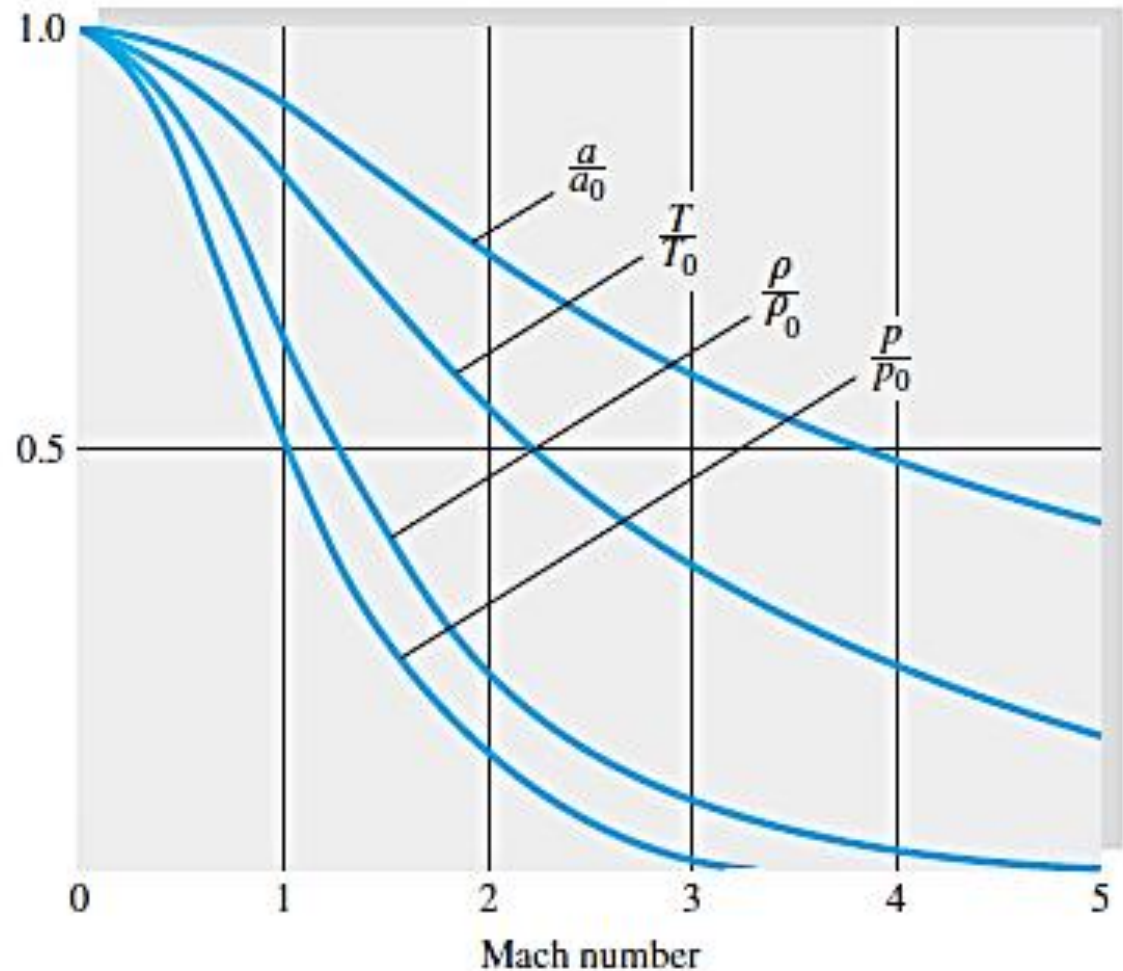
# Properties at various Mach number

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

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

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

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)

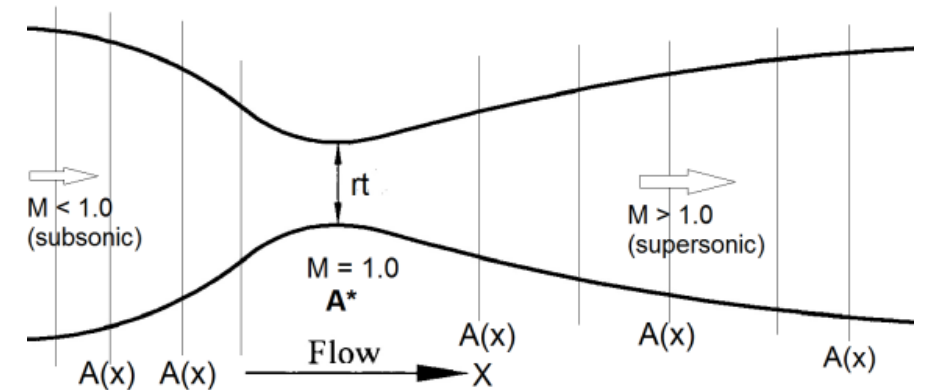
At low speeds, less than Mach number of about 0.3 (~100 m/s, 360 km/hr at STP), gas flows may be treated as incompressible flows since the density variations caused by the flow **are less than 5% which is insignificant in engineering sense.**



# Isentropic flow with area changes

For compressible flow, due to change of area both the velocity and density are affected. For simplicity the following assumptions are made in deriving the **area-velocity relation for compressible flow**:

- (i) One-dimensional flow i.e.  $V = V(x)$  only
- (ii) Steady state flow ( $d/dt = 0$ )
- (iii) Frictionless ideal flow ( $\mu = 0$ )
- (iv) Adiabatic condition ( $Q = W = 0$ )



In case of steady 1-D flow, the mass continuity equation is:

$$\rho(x)V(x)A(x) = \dot{m} = \text{constant} = C$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \rho + \log V + \log A = \log C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dA}{A} = 0 \quad (i) \quad (\text{On differentiating})$$



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Now the 1-D momentum equation (**Euler equation**) in differential form:

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + VdV = 0 \quad (ii)$$

And the equation for speed of sound in differential form:

$$a^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho} \rightarrow dp = a^2 d\rho \quad (iii)$$

Then equation (ii) comes as:

$$a^2 \frac{d\rho}{\rho} + VdV = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d\rho}{\rho} = -\frac{VdV}{a^2} \quad (iv)$$

Use the above expression (iv) into equation (i)

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dA}{A} = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{VdV}{a^2} + \frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dA}{A} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{V^2 dV}{a^2} + dV + \frac{VdA}{A} = 0 \quad (v) \quad (\text{multiply both side by } V)$$



# Isentropic flow with area changes

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{V^2 dV}{a^2} + dV + \frac{V dA}{A} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -M^2 dV + dV + \frac{V}{A} dA = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dA} = \frac{V}{A} \left[ \frac{1}{(M^2 - 1)} \right]$$

This equation governs the shape of a nozzle or a diffuser in subsonic or supersonic isentropic flow.

This equation shows the relationship between change of area with change of velocity for different Mach number (**qualitative relation**).

There are two regimes for this relation:

- ⊗ Subsonic flow,  $M < 1.0$        $\rightarrow \frac{dV}{dA} = -ve$       ←      **Area and velocity inversely proportional**
- ⊗ Supersonic flow,  $M > 1.0$        $\rightarrow \frac{dV}{dA} = +ve$       ←      **Area and velocity directly proportional**

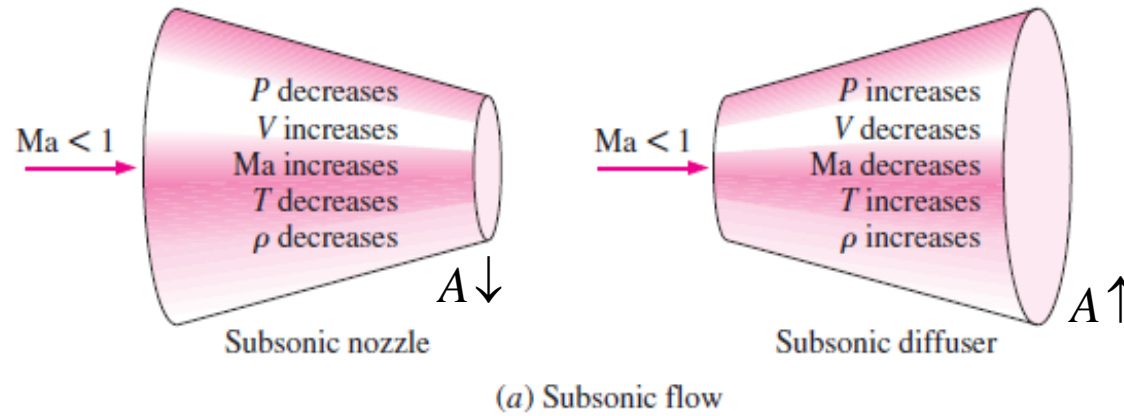
Change of velocity with change of area



# Isentropic flow with area changes

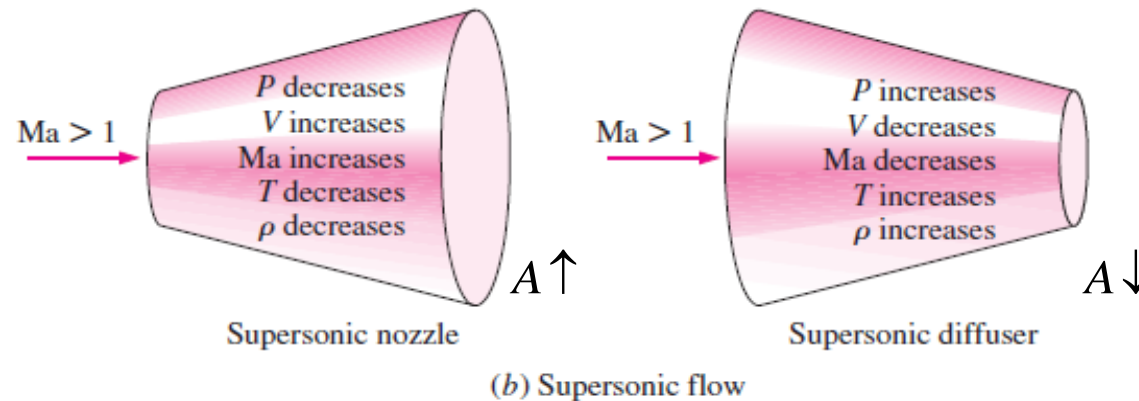
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dA} = \frac{V}{A} \left[ \frac{1}{(M^2 - 1)} \right]$$

## Subsonic flow



$$\frac{dA}{dV} < 0 \text{ (-ve)}$$

## Supersonic flow



$$\frac{dA}{dV} > 0 \text{ (+ve)}$$



# Isentropic flow with area changes

At sonic point ( $M = 1.0$ ),

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dA} = \frac{V}{A} \left[ \frac{1}{(M^2 - 1)} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\left( \frac{dV}{V} \right)}{\left( \frac{dA}{A} \right)} = \frac{1}{(M^2 - 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\left( \frac{dV}{V} \right)}{\left( \frac{dA}{A} \right)} = \infty \quad ; \quad \text{at sonic point } M = 1.0$$

Since infinite acceleration ( $dV/V$ ) is physically impossible, the above mathematical formulation states that  $dV$  can be finite only when  $dA = 0$  - **that is a minimum area (throat)**.





# Isentropic flow with area changes

The throat of a converging-diverging section can smoothly accelerate a subsonic ( $M < 1.0$ ) flow through sonic ( $M = 1.0$ ) to supersonic flow ( $M > 1.0$ ) as shown in figure:

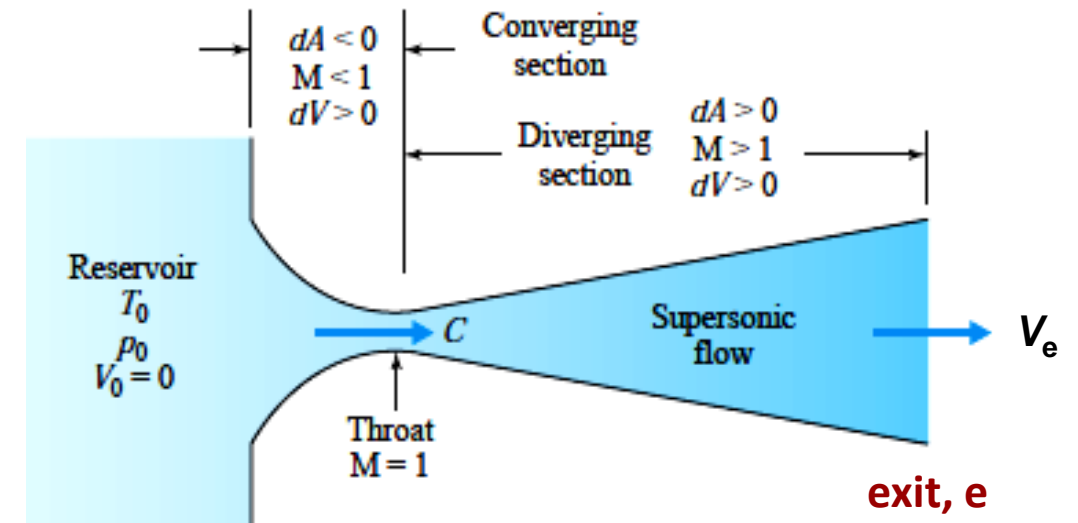
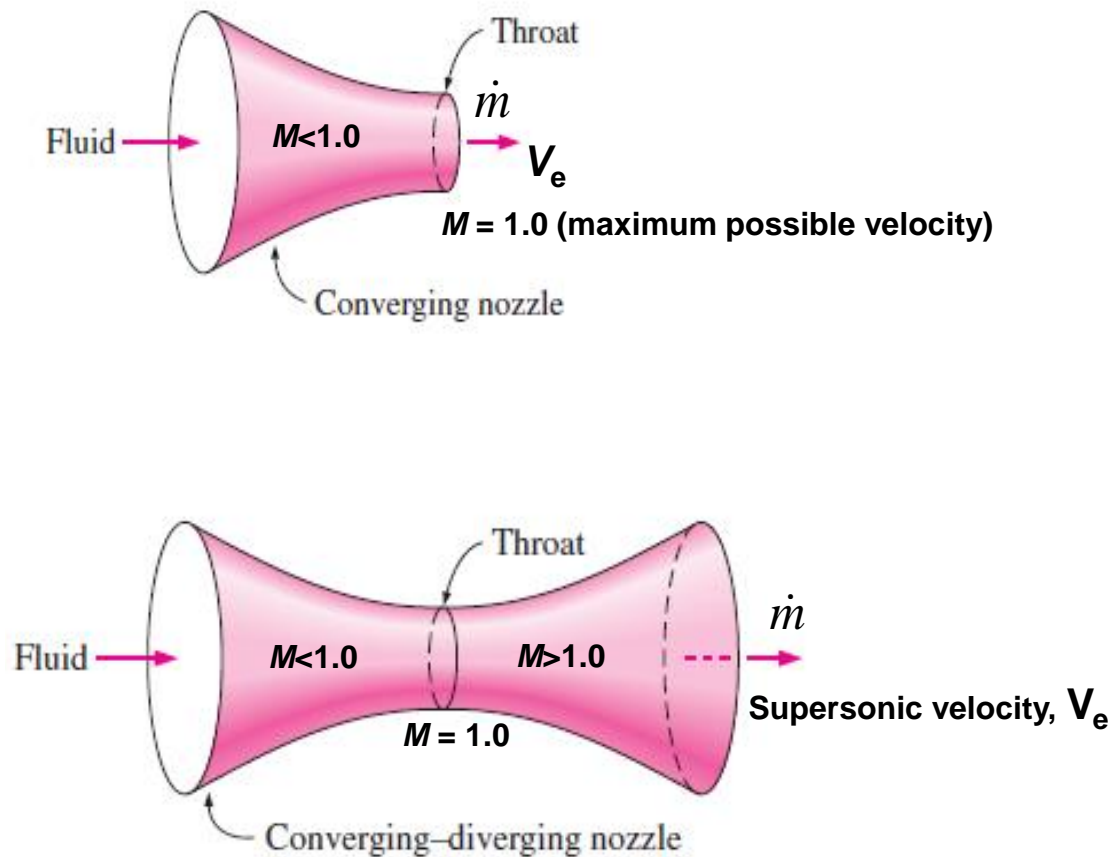


Fig. 9.4 Supersonic nozzle.

$$\text{Thrust, } T \approx \dot{m}V_e$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho_e A_e V_e$$

$$(T)_{C-D \text{ nozzle}} > (T)_{C \text{ nozzle}}$$

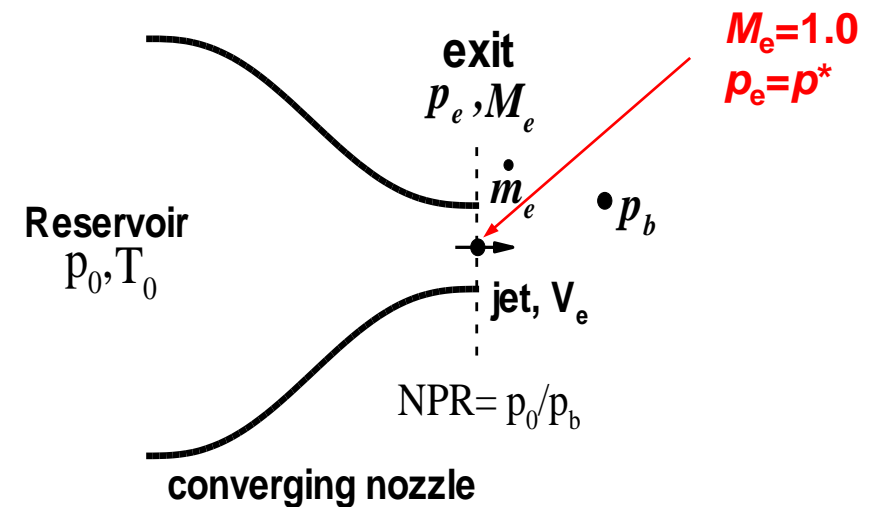


# Critical values at sonic point ( $M=1.0$ )

The stagnation values ( $p_0$ ,  $T_0$ ,  $\rho_0$ ) are useful reference conditions in a compressible flow, but of comparable usefulness are the conditions where the **flow is sonic,  $M = 1.0$** .

The **sonic** or **critical properties** are denoted by asterisks:  $p^*$ ,  $T^*$ ,  $\rho^*$ . These are certain ratios of stagnation properties when  $M=1.0$  (sonic point).

For air,  $k = 1.4$ ;



$$\text{at } M = 1.0; \quad \frac{p_0}{p^*} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \rightarrow \frac{p^*}{p_0} = \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^{\frac{k}{k-1}} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{p^*}{p_0} = 0.5283}$$

$$\text{at } M = 1.0; \quad \frac{T_0}{T^*} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2\right) \rightarrow \frac{T^*}{T_0} = \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right) \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{T^*}{T_0} = 0.8333}$$

$$\text{at } M = 1.0; \quad \frac{\rho_0}{\rho^*} = \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \rightarrow \frac{\rho^*}{\rho_0} = \left(\frac{2}{k+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\rho^*}{\rho_0} = 0.6339}$$

**Isentropic relations**

**Critical conditions**

**For air  
 $k = 1.4$**

