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Preface

The first edition of this book, developed to serve as the text for a course on gas dynamics at the introductory level for undergraduates and an advanced level at the graduate level was well received all over the world, because of its completeness and proper balance between the theoretical aspects and application of this science.

Over the years, the feedback received from the faculty and students made the author realize the need for adding solved examples and exercise problems at the end of the chapter on ramjets.

Some faculty suggested adding more examples at appropriate locations in various chapters and adding exercise problems on moving waves and similarity would make the book more effective for practicing the theory presented in the book.

Considering the feedback from faculty and students, the following material has been added to this edition.

- A number of new examples to different chapters of the book.
- A section on critical Mach number in Chapter 6.
- Examples using the theory of ramjet and a list of exercise problems along with answers in Chapter 11.
- A subsection highlighting new developments in the field of noncircular jets and the control of jets with shifted tab, which keeps the nozzle exit clean so that the jet will enjoy full momentum thrust potential in Chapter 12.

I would like to thank the faculty and students all over the world for adopting this book for their courses. I thank my doctoral student Maruthupandiyan and master's student Kaustubh Hirve for checking the material added in this edition and the Solutions Manual.

For instructors, a companion Solutions Manual that contains typed solutions to all the end-of-chapter problems and lecture slides for the complete book are available from the publisher.

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Author Biography

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1

Basic Facts

1.1 Definition of Gas Dynamics

Gas dynamics is the science of fluid flow in which both density and temperature changes become significant. Taking 5% change in temperature as significant, it can be stated that, at standard sea level, Mach number 0.5 is the lower limit of gas dynamics. Thus, gas dynamics is the science of flow fields with speeds of Mach 0.5 and above. Therefore, gas dynamic regimes consist of both subsonic and supersonic Mach numbers. Further, when the flow is supersonic, any change of flow property or direction is caused by waves. These waves are isentropic and nonisentropic compression waves (shock waves), expansion waves, and Mach waves. Among these, the compression and expansion waves can cause finite changes but the flow property changes caused by a Mach wave are insignificant. The essence of gas dynamics is that, when the flow speed is supersonic, the entire flow field is dominated by Mach waves, expansion waves, and shock waves. It is through these waves that the change of flow properties, from one state to another, takes place.

1.2 Introduction

Compressible flow is the science of fluid flow where the density change associated with pressure change is significant. *Fluid mechanics* is the science of fluid flow in which the temperature changes associated with the flow are insignificant. Fluid mechanics is essentially the science of *isenthalpic* flows, and thus the main equations governing a fluid dynamic stream are only the continuity and momentum equations plus the second law of thermodynamics. The energy equation is passive as far as fluid dynamic streams are concerned. At standard sea level conditions, considering less than 5% change in temperature as insignificant, flow with a Mach number of less than 0.5 can be termed a *fluid mechanic stream*. A fluid mechanic stream may be compressible or incompressible. For an incompressible flow, both temperature and density changes are insignificant. For a compressible flow, the temperature change may be insignificant but density change is finite.

However, in many engineering applications, such as the design of airplanes, missiles, and launch vehicles, the flow Mach numbers associated are more than 0.5. Hence both temperature and density changes associated with the flow become significant. The study of such flows where both density and temperature changes associated with pressure change become appreciable is called *gas dynamics*. In other words, gas dynamics is the science of fluid flow in which both density and temperature changes are significant. The essence of gas dynamics is that the entire flow field is dominated by Mach waves, expansion waves, and shock waves, when the flow speed is supersonic. It is through these waves that the change of flow properties

from one state to another takes place. In the theory of gas dynamics, a change of state in flow properties is achieved by three means: (i) with area change, treating the fluid as inviscid and passage to be frictionless; (ii) with friction, treating the heat transfer between the surroundings and the system to be negligible; and (iii) with heat transfer, assuming the fluid to be inviscid. These three types of flows are called *isentropic flow*, *frictional or Fanno type flow*, and *Rayleigh type flow*, respectively.

All problems in gas dynamics can be classified under the three flow processes described above, while, of course, bearing in mind the previously stated assumptions. Although it is impossible in practice to have a flow process which is purely isentropic or Fanno type or Rayleigh type, these assumptions are justified, since the results obtained with these treatments prove to be accurate enough for most practical problems in gas dynamics.

1.3 Compressibility

Fluids such as water are incompressible under normal conditions. But under conditions of high pressure (e.g. 1000 atm) they are compressible. The change in volume is the characteristic feature of a compressible medium under static conditions. Under dynamic conditions, that is when the medium is moving, the characteristic feature for incompressible and compressible flow situations are: the volume flow rate, $\dot{Q} = AV = \text{constant}$ at any cross-section of a streamtube for incompressible flow, and the mass flow rate, $\dot{m} = \rho AV = \text{constant}$ at any cross-section of a streamtube for compressible flow. In these relations, A is the cross-sectional area of the streamtube and V and ρ are, respectively, the velocity and density of the fluid at that cross-section (Figure 1.1).

In general, the flow of an incompressible medium is called *incompressible flow* and that of a compressible medium is called *compressible flow*. Though this statement is true for incompressible media under normal conditions of pressure and temperature, for compressible media, like gases, it has to be modified.

As long as a gas flows at a sufficiently low speed from one cross-section of a passage to another the change in volume (or density) can be neglected and, therefore, the flow can be treated as incompressible. Although the fluid is compressible, this property may be neglected when the flow is taking place at low speeds. In other words, although there is some density change associated with every physical flow, it is often possible (for low-speed flows) to neglect it and idealize the flow as incompressible. This approximation is applicable to many practical flow situations, such as low-speed flow around an airplane and flow through a vacuum cleaner.

From the above discussion it is clear that compressibility is the phenomenon by virtue of which the flow changes its density with changes in speed. Now, we may ask, what are the precise conditions under which density changes must be considered? We will try to answer this question now.

A quantitative measure of compressibility is the volume modulus of elasticity E , defined as

$$E = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V_i} \quad (1.1)$$

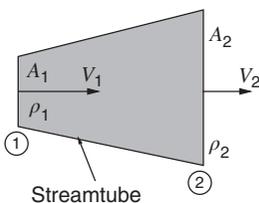


Figure 1.1 Elemental streamtube.

where Δp is the change in static pressure, ΔV is the change in volume, and V_i is the initial volume. For ideal gases, the equation of state is

$$pV = RT$$

For isothermal flows, this reduces to

$$pV = p_i V_i = \text{constant}$$

where p_i is the initial pressure.

The above equation may be written as

$$(p_i + \Delta p)(V_i + \Delta V) = p_i V_i$$

Expanding this equation, and neglecting the second-order terms, we get

$$\Delta p V_i + \Delta V p_i = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\Delta p = -p_i \frac{\Delta V}{V_i} \quad (1.2)$$

For gases, from Eqs. (1.1) and (1.2), we get

$$E = p_i \quad (1.3)$$

Hence, by Eq. (1.2), the compressibility may be defined as the volume modulus of the pressure.

1.3.1 Limiting Conditions for Compressibility

By mass conservation, we have $\dot{m} = \rho V = \text{constant}$, where \dot{m} is mass flow rate per unit area, V is the flow velocity, and ρ is the corresponding density. This can also be written as

$$(V_i + \Delta V)(\rho_i + \Delta \rho) = \rho_i V_i$$

Considering only first-order terms, this simplifies to

$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_i} = -\frac{\Delta V}{V_i}$$

Substituting this into Eq. (1.1) and noting that $V = \mathbf{V}$ for unit area per unit time in the present case, we get

$$\Delta p = E \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_i} \quad (1.4)$$

From Eq. (1.4), it can be seen that the compressibility may also be defined as the *density modulus* of the pressure.

For incompressible flows, by Bernoulli's equation, we have

$$p + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = \text{constant} = p_{\text{stag}}$$

where the subscript "stag" refers to *stagnation condition*. The above equation may also be written as

$$p_{\text{stag}} - p = \Delta p = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

that is the change of pressure from stagnation to static states is equal to $\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$. Using Eq. (1.4) in the above relation, we obtain

$$\frac{\Delta p}{E} = \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho_i} = \frac{\rho_i V_i^2}{2E} = \frac{q_i}{E} \quad (1.5)$$

where $q_i = \frac{1}{2}\rho_i V_i^2$ is the dynamic pressure. Equation (1.5) relates the density change to the flow speed.

The compressibility effects can be neglected if the density changes are very small, that is if

$$\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_i} \ll 1$$

From Eq. (1.5) it is seen that for neglecting compressibility

$$q/E \ll 1$$

For gases, the speed of sound a may be expressed in terms of pressure and density changes as (see Eq. (1.11))

$$a^2 = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta\rho}$$

Using Eq. (1.4) in the above relation, we get

$$a^2 = \frac{E}{\rho_i}$$

With this, Eq. (1.5) reduces to

$$\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_i} = \frac{\rho_i V_i^2}{2 E} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{V}{a} \right)^2 \quad (1.6)$$

The ratio V/a is called the Mach number M . Therefore, the condition of incompressibility for gases becomes

$$M^2/2 \ll 1$$

Thus, the criterion determining the effect of compressibility for gases is that the magnitude of the Mach number M should be negligibly small. Indeed, mathematics would stipulate this limit as $M \rightarrow 0$. But Mach number zero corresponds to stagnation state. Therefore, in engineering sciences flows with very small Mach numbers are treated as incompressible. To have a quantification of this limiting value of the Mach number to treat a flow as incompressible, a Mach number corresponding to a 5% change in flow density is usually taken as the limit.

It is widely accepted that compressibility can be neglected when

$$\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_i} \leq 0.05 \text{ or } 5\%$$

that is when $M \leq 0.3$. In other words, the flow may be treated as incompressible when $V \leq 100 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, that is when $V \leq 360 \text{ kmph}$ under standard sea level conditions. The above values of M and V are widely accepted values and they may be re-fixed at different levels, depending upon the flow situation and the degree of accuracy desired.

1.4 Supersonic Flow – What Is it?

The Mach number M is defined as the ratio of the local flow speed V to the local speed of sound a

$$M = \frac{V}{a} \quad (1.7)$$

Thus, M is a dimensionless quantity. In general, both V and a are functions of position and time. Therefore, the Mach number is not just the flow speed made nondimensional by dividing

by a constant. In other words, the flow Mach number is the ratio of V to a and this relation should not be viewed as M proportional to V , or inversely proportional to a , in isolation. That is, we cannot write $M \propto V$ or $M \propto 1/a$ in isolation. However, it is almost always true that M increases monotonically with V .

A flow with a Mach number greater than unity is termed *supersonic flow*. In a supersonic flow $V > a$ and the flow upstream of a given point remains unaffected by changes in conditions at that point.

1.5 Speed of Sound

Sound waves are infinitely small pressure disturbances. The speed with which sound propagates in a medium is called the *speed of sound* and is denoted by a . If an infinitesimal disturbance is created by the piston, as shown in Figure 1.2, the wave propagates through the gas at the velocity of sound relative to the gas into which the disturbance is moving. Let the stationary gas at pressure p_i and density ρ_i in the pipe be set in motion by moving the piston. The infinitesimal pressure wave created by the piston movement travels with speed a , leaving the medium behind it at pressure p_1 and density ρ_1 to move with velocity V .

As a result of compression created by the piston, the pressure and density next to the piston are infinitesimally greater than the pressure and density of the gas at rest ahead of the wave. Therefore,

$$\Delta p = p_1 - p_i, \quad \Delta \rho = \rho_1 - \rho_i$$

are small.

Choose a control volume of length b , as shown in Figure 1.2. Compression of volume Ab causes the density to rise from ρ_i to ρ_1 in time $t = b/a$. The mass flow into volume Ab is

$$\dot{m} = \rho_1 AV \tag{1.8}$$

For mass conservation, \dot{m} must also be equal to the mass flow rate $A b(\rho_1 - \rho_i)/t$ through the control volume. Thus,

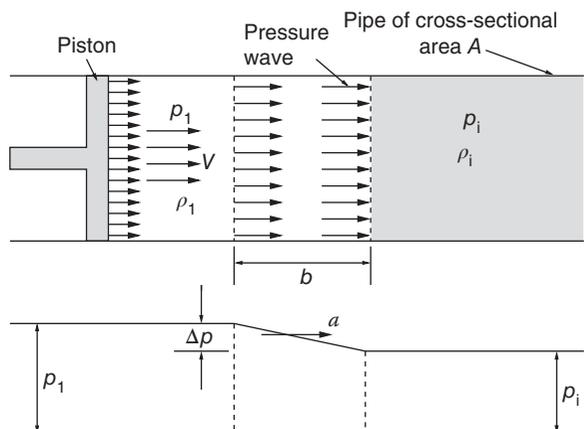
$$Ab(\rho_1 - \rho_i)/t = \rho_1 AV$$

or

$$a(\rho_1 - \rho_i) = \rho_1 V \tag{1.9}$$

because $b/t = a$.

Figure 1.2 Propagation of pressure disturbance.



The compression wave caused by the piston motion travels and accelerates the gas from zero velocity to V . The acceleration is given by

$$\frac{V}{t} = V \frac{a}{b}$$

The mass in the control volume Ab is

$$m = Ab\bar{\rho}$$

where

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{\rho_i + \rho_1}{2}$$

The force acting on the control volume is $F = A(p_1 - p_i)$. Therefore, by Newton's law,

$$\begin{aligned} A(p_1 - p_i) &= m \left(V \frac{a}{b} \right) \\ A(p_1 - p_i) &= (Ab\bar{\rho}) \left(V \frac{a}{b} \right) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\bar{\rho}Va = p_1 - p_i \quad (1.10)$$

Because the disturbance is very weak, ρ_1 on the right-hand side of Eq. (1.9) may be replaced by $\bar{\rho}$ to result in

$$a(\rho_1 - \rho_i) = \bar{\rho}V$$

Using this relation, Eq. (1.10) can be written as

$$a^2 = \frac{p_1 - p_i}{\rho_1 - \rho_i} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta \rho}$$

In the limiting case of Δp and $\Delta \rho$ approaching zero, the above equation leads to

$$\boxed{a^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho}} \quad (1.11)$$

This is the *Laplace equation* and is valid for any fluid.

The sound wave is an isentropic pressure wave, across which only infinitesimal changes in fluid properties occur. Further, the wave itself is extremely thin, and changes in properties occur very rapidly. The rapidity of the process rules out the possibility of any heat transfer between the system of fluid particles and its surrounding.

For very strong pressure waves, the traveling speed of a disturbance may be greater than that of sound. The pressure can be expressed as

$$p = p(\rho) \quad (1.12)$$

For an isentropic process of a gas,

$$\frac{p}{\rho^\gamma} = \text{constant}$$

where the isentropic index γ is the ratio of specific heats and is a constant for a perfect gas. Using the above relation in Eq. (1.11), we get

$$a^2 = \gamma p / \rho \quad (1.13)$$

For a perfect gas, by the state equation

$$p = \rho RT \quad (1.14)$$

where R is the gas constant and T the static temperature of the gas in absolute units.

Equations (1.13) and (1.14) together lead to the following expression for the speed of sound.

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma RT} \quad (1.15)$$

The perfect gas assumption is valid so long as the speed of the gas stream is not too high. However, at hypersonic speeds the assumption of a perfect gas is not valid and we must consider Eq. (1.11) to calculate the speed of sound.

1.6 Temperature Rise

For a perfect gas,

$$p = \rho RT, \quad R = c_p - c_v$$

where c_p and c_v are specific heats at constant pressure and constant volume, respectively. Also, $\gamma = c_p/c_v$; therefore,

$$R = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} c_p \quad (1.16)$$

For an isentropic change of state, an equation not involving T can be written as

$$p/\rho^\gamma = \text{constant}$$

Now, between state 1 and any other state the relation between the pressures and densities can be written as

$$\left(\frac{p}{p_1}\right) = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_1}\right)^\gamma \quad (1.17)$$

Combining Eqs. (1.17) and (1.14), we get

$$\frac{T}{T_1} = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_1}\right)^{\gamma-1} = \left(\frac{p}{p_1}\right)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \quad (1.18)$$

The above relations are very useful for gas dynamic studies. The temperature, density, and pressure ratios in Eq. (1.18) can be expressed in terms of the flow Mach number.

Let us examine the flow around a symmetrical body, as shown in Figure 1.3.

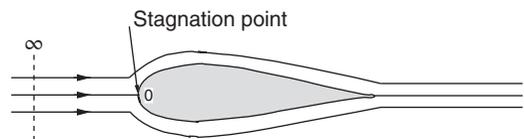
In a compressible medium, there will be a change in density and temperature at point 0. The temperature rise at the stagnation point can be obtained from the energy equation.

The energy equation for an isentropic flow is

$$h + \frac{V^2}{2} = \text{constant} \quad (1.19)$$

where h is the enthalpy.

Figure 1.3 Flow around a symmetrical body.



Equating the energy at far upstream, ∞ , and the stagnation point 0, we get

$$h_{\infty} + \frac{V_{\infty}^2}{2} = h_0 + \frac{V_0^2}{2}$$

But $V_0 = 0$, thus

$$h_0 - h_{\infty} = \frac{V_{\infty}^2}{2}$$

For a perfect gas $h = c_p T$; therefore, from the above relation we obtain

$$c_p(T_0 - T_{\infty}) = \frac{V_{\infty}^2}{2}$$

that is

$$\Delta T = T_0 - T_{\infty} = \frac{V_{\infty}^2}{2c_p} \quad (1.20)$$

Combining Eqs. (1.15) and (1.16), we get

$$c_p = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{a_{\infty}^2}{T_{\infty}}$$

Hence,

$$\Delta T = \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} T_{\infty} M_{\infty}^2 \quad (1.21)$$

that is

$$T_0 = T_{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_{\infty}^2 \right) \quad (1.22)$$

For air, $\gamma = 1.4$, and hence

$$T_0 = T_{\infty}(1 + 0.2M_{\infty}^2) \quad (1.23)$$

where T_0 is the temperature at the stagnation point on the body. It is also referred to as *total temperature*. For example, at the stagnation point 0 on the body shown in Figure 1.3, the flow will attain the stagnation temperature.

1.7 Mach Angle

The presence of a small disturbance is felt throughout the field by means of disturbance waves traveling at the local velocity of sound relative to the medium. Let us examine the propagation of pressure disturbances created by a moving object, shown in Figure 1.4. The propagation of disturbance waves created by an object moving with velocity $V = 0$, $V = a/2$, $V = a$, and $V > a$ is shown in Figures 1.4a–d, respectively. In a subsonic flow the disturbance waves reach a stationary observer before the source of disturbance could reach him, as shown in Figures 1.4a and b. But in supersonic flows it takes a considerable amount of time for an observer to perceive the pressure disturbance, after the source has passed. This is one of the fundamental differences between subsonic and supersonic flows. Therefore, in a subsonic flow the streamlines sense the presence of any obstacle in the flow field and adjust themselves well ahead of the obstacle and flow around it smoothly.

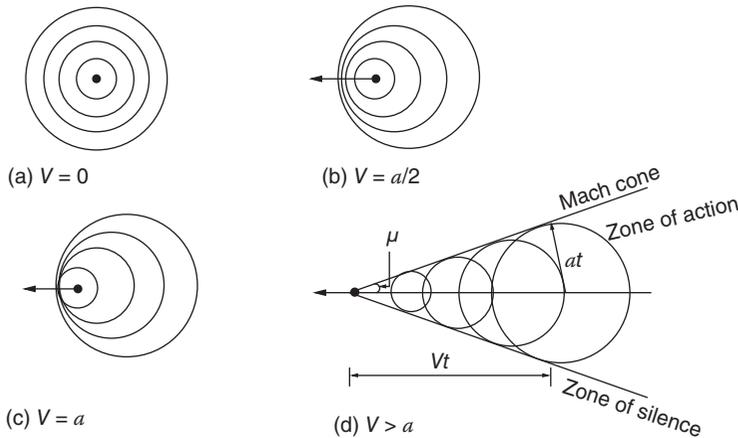


Figure 1.4 Propagation of disturbance waves.

But in a supersonic flow, the streamlines feel the obstacle only when they hit it. The obstacle acts as a source, and the streamlines deviate at the Mach cone, as shown in Figure 1.4d. Thus, in a supersonic flow, the disturbance due to an obstacle is sudden and the flow behind the obstacle has to change abruptly.

Flow around a wedge shown in Figures 1.5a and b illustrates the smooth and abrupt change in flow direction for subsonic and supersonic flow, respectively. For $M_\infty < 1$, the flow direction changes smoothly and the pressure decreases with acceleration. For $M_\infty > 1$, there is a sudden change in flow direction at the body, and the pressure increases downstream of the shock.

In Figure 1.4d, it is shown that for supersonic motion of an object there is a well-defined conical zone in the flow field with the object located at the nose of the cone, and the disturbance created by the moving object is confined only to the field included inside the cone. The flow field zone outside the cone does not even feel the disturbance. For this reason, von Karman termed the region inside the cone as the *zone of action*, and the region outside the cone as the *zone of silence*. The lines at which the pressure disturbance is concentrated and which generate the cone are called *Mach waves* or *Mach lines*. The angle between the Mach line and the direction of motion of the body is called the *Mach angle* μ . From Figure 1.4d, we have

$$\sin \mu = \frac{at}{Vt} = \frac{a}{V}$$

that is

$$\boxed{\sin \mu = \frac{1}{M}} \tag{1.24}$$

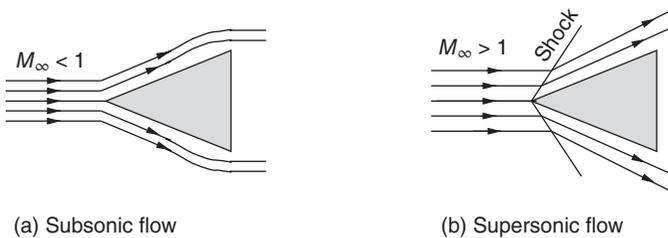


Figure 1.5 Flow around a wedge.

From the propagation of the disturbance waves shown in Figure 1.4, we can infer the following features of the flow regimes.

- When the medium is *incompressible* ($M = 0$, Figure 1.4a) or when the speed of the moving disturbance is negligibly small compared to the local sound speed, the pressure pulse created by the disturbance spreads uniformly in all directions.
- When the disturbance source moves with a *subsonic speed* ($M < 1$, Figure 1.4b), the pressure disturbance is felt in all directions and at all points in space (neglecting viscous dissipation), but the pressure pattern is no longer symmetrical.
- For *sonic velocity* ($M = 1$, Figure 1.4c) the pressure pulse is at the boundary between subsonic and supersonic flow and the wavefront is a plane.
- For *supersonic speeds* ($M > 1$, Figure 1.4d) the disturbance wave propagation phenomenon is totally different from those at subsonic speeds. All the pressure disturbances are included in a cone that has the disturbance source at its apex, and the effect of the disturbance is not felt upstream of the disturbance source.

1.7.1 Small Disturbance

When the apex angle of wedge δ is vanishingly small, the disturbances will be small, and we can consider these disturbance waves identical to sound pulses. In such a case, the deviation of streamlines will be small and there will be an infinitesimally small increase of pressure across the Mach cone, as shown in Figure 1.6.

1.7.2 Finite Disturbance

When the wedge angle δ is finite, the disturbances introduced are finite, then the wave is not called a Mach wave but a *shock* or shock wave (see Figure 1.7). The angle of shock β is always smaller than the Mach angle. The deviation of the streamlines is finite and the pressure increase across a shock wave is finite.

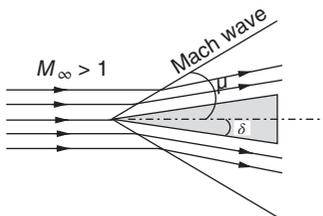


Figure 1.6 Mach cone.

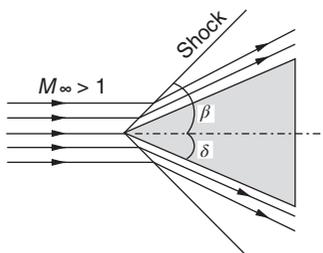


Figure 1.7 Shock wave.

1.8 Thermodynamics of Fluid Flow

Entropy and temperature are the two fundamental concepts of thermodynamics. Unlike low-speed or incompressible flows, the energy change associated with a compressible flow is substantial enough to strongly interact with other properties of the flow. Hence, the energy concept plays an important role in the study of compressible flows. In other words, the study of thermodynamics which deals with energy (and entropy) is an essential component in the study of compressible flow.

The following are the broad divisions of fluid flow based on thermodynamic considerations.

(i) Fluid mechanics of perfect fluids – fluids without viscosity and heat (transfer) conductivity – is an extension of equilibrium thermodynamics to moving fluids. The kinetic energy of the fluid has to be considered in addition to the internal energy which the fluid possesses, even when at rest. (ii) Fluid mechanics of real fluids (those that go beyond the scope of classical thermodynamics). The transport processes of momentum and heat (energy) are of primary interest here. But, even though thermodynamics is not fully and directly applicable to all phases of real fluid flow, it is often extremely helpful in relating the initial and final conditions.

For low-speed flow problems, thermodynamic considerations are not needed, because the heat content of the fluid flow is so large compared to the kinetic energy of the flow that the temperature remains nearly constant even if the whole of the kinetic energy is transformed into heat. In other words, the difference between the static and stagnation temperatures is not significant in low-speed flows. But in high-speed flows, the kinetic energy content of the fluid can be so large compared to its heat content that the difference between the static and stagnation temperature can become substantial. Hence, emphasis on the thermodynamic concepts assumes importance in high-speed flow analysis.

1.9 First Law of Thermodynamics (Energy Equation)

Consider a closed system, consisting of a certain amount of gas at rest, across whose boundaries no transfer of mass is possible. Let δQ be an incremental amount of heat added to the system across the boundary (by thermal conduction or by direct radiation). Also, let δW denote the work done on the system by the surroundings (or by the system on the surroundings). The sign convention is positive when the work is done by the system and negative when the work is done on the system. Owing to the molecular motion of the gas, the system has an internal energy U . The first law of thermodynamics states that the *heat added minus work done by the system is equal to the change in the internal energy of the system*:

$$\boxed{\delta Q - \delta W = dU} \quad (1.25)$$

This is an empirical result confirmed by laboratory experiments and practical experience. In Eq. (1.25), the internal energy U is a state variable (thermodynamic property). Hence, the change in internal energy dU is an exact differential and its value depends only on the initial and final states of the system. In contrast (the nonthermodynamic properties), δQ and δW depend on the process by which the system attained its final state from the initial state.

In general, for any given dU , there are an infinite number of ways (processes) by which heat can be added and work can be done on the system. In the present course of study, we will mainly be concerned with the following three types of processes only.

- *Adiabatic process*: A process in which no heat is added to or taken away from the system.
- *Reversible process*: A process which can be reversed without leaving any trace on the surroundings, that is both the system and the surroundings are returned to their initial states at the end of the reverse process.
- *Isentropic process*: A process which is adiabatic and reversible.

For an open system (e.g. pipe flow), there is always a term $(U + p \mathbf{V})$ instead of just U . This term is referred to as *enthalpy* or *heat function* H , and is given by

$$H = U + p \mathbf{V} \tag{1.26}$$

$$H_2 - H_1 = U_2 - U_1 + p_2 \mathbf{V}_2 - p_1 \mathbf{V}_1 \tag{1.27}$$

where $(p_2 \mathbf{V}_2 - p_1 \mathbf{V}_1)$ is termed *flow work*, and subscripts 1 and 2 represent states 1 and 2.

In general, we can say that the following are the major differences between the open and closed systems.

- The mass that enters or leaves an open system has kinetic energy, whereas there is no mass transfer possible across the boundaries of a closed system.
- The mass can enter and leave an open system at different levels of potential energy.
- Open systems are capable of delivering work continuously, because in the system the medium which transforms energy is continuously replaced. This useful work, which a machine continuously delivers, is called the *shaft work*.

1.9.1 Energy Equation for an Open System

Consider the system shown in Figure 1.8. The total energy E at the inlet station 1 and the outlet station 2 is given by

$$E_1 = U_1 + \frac{1}{2} m V_1^2 + m g z_1 \tag{1.28}$$

$$E_2 = U_2 + \frac{1}{2} m V_2^2 + m g z_2 \tag{1.29}$$

For an open system, the first-law expression given by Eq. (1.25) has to be rewritten with the total energy E in place of the internal energy U . Thus, we have

$$\boxed{Q_{12} - W_{12} = E_2 - E_1} \tag{1.30}$$

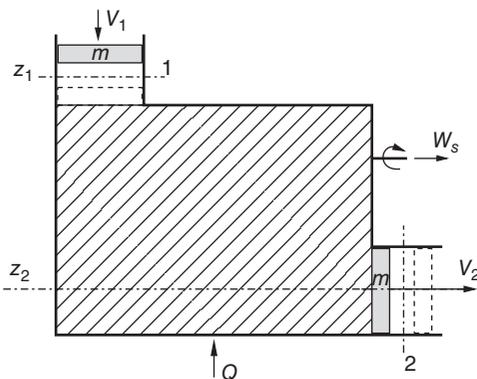


Figure 1.8 Open system.

Substituting for E_1 and E_2 from Eqs. (1.28) and (1.29), respectively, we get

$$Q_{12} - W_{12} = \left(U_2 + \frac{m}{2} V_2^2 + m g z_2 \right) - \left(U_1 + \frac{m}{2} V_1^2 + m g z_1 \right) \quad (1.31)$$

For an open system, the shaft (useful) work is not just equal to W_{12} , because the work done to move the pistons at 1 and 2 must also be considered. Work done with respect to the system by the piston at state 1 is

$$\begin{aligned} W'_1 &= -F_1 \Delta_1 & (F_1 = \text{force and } \Delta_1 = \text{displacement}) \\ W'_1 &= -p_1 A_1 \Delta_1 & (p_1 = \text{pressure at 1; } A_1 = \text{cross-sectional area of piston}) \\ W'_1 &= -p_1 V_1 \end{aligned}$$

Work delivered at 2 is $W'_2 = p_2 V_2$. Therefore,

$$W_{12} = W_s + p_2 V_2 - p_1 V_1 \quad (1.32)$$

In Eq. (1.32), W_s is the shaft work, which can be extracted from the system, and $(p_2 V_2 - p_1 V_1)$ is the flow work necessary to maintain the flow. Substituting Eq. (1.32) into Eq. (1.31), we get

$$Q_{12} - W_s = \left(U_2 + p_2 V_2 + \frac{m}{2} V_2^2 + m g z_2 \right) - \left(U_1 + p_1 V_1 + \frac{m}{2} V_1^2 + m g z_1 \right)$$

or

$$Q_{12} - W_s = \left(H_2 + \frac{m}{2} V_2^2 + m g z_2 \right) - \left(H_1 + \frac{m}{2} V_1^2 + m g z_1 \right)$$

where $H_1 = U_1 + p_1 V_1$ and $H_2 = U_2 + p_2 V_2$. This is the fundamental equation for an open system. If there are any other forms of energy, such as electrical energy or magnetic energy, their initial and final values should be added properly to this equation. The energy equation for an open system

$$\boxed{H_1 + \frac{m}{2} V_1^2 + m g z_1 = H_2 + \frac{m}{2} V_2^2 + m g z_2 + W_s - Q_{12}} \quad (1.33)$$

is universally valid. This is the expression of the first law of thermodynamics for any open system. In most applications of gas dynamics, the gravitational energy is negligible compared to the kinetic energy. For working processes such as flow in turbines and compressors, the shaft work W_s in Eq. (1.33) is finite and for flow processes like flow around an airplane, $W_s = 0$. Therefore, for a gas dynamic working process, Eq. (1.33) becomes

$$H_1 + \frac{m}{2} V_1^2 = H_2 + \frac{m}{2} V_2^2 + W_s - Q_{12} \quad (1.34)$$

This is usually the case with systems such as turbo machines and internal combustion engines, where the process is assumed to be adiabatic (that is, $Q_{12} = 0$). For a gas dynamic adiabatic flow process, the energy Eq. (1.33) becomes

$$H_1 + \frac{m}{2} V_1^2 = H_2 + \frac{m}{2} V_2^2 \quad (1.35)$$

or

$$\boxed{H_1 + \frac{m}{2} V_1^2 = H_0 = \text{constant}} \quad (1.36)$$

where H_0 is the stagnation enthalpy and H_1 is the static enthalpy. That is, the sum of static enthalpy and kinetic energy is constant in an adiabatic flow.

1.9.2 Adiabatic Flow Process

For an adiabatic process, the heat transfer is associated with the process, $Q = 0$. Therefore, the energy equation is given by Eqs. (1.35) and (1.36). Dividing Eqs. (1.35) and (1.36) by m , we can rewrite them as

$$h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \quad (1.37)$$

$$h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_0 \quad (1.38)$$

or, in general,

$$\boxed{h + \frac{V^2}{2} = h_0 = \text{constant}} \quad (1.39)$$

where $h = H/m$ is called *specific static enthalpy* and h_0 is the specific stagnation enthalpy. With $h = p/\rho$, Eq. (1.39) represents Bernoulli's equation for incompressible flow,

$$p + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 = p_0 = \text{constant}$$

where p_0 is the stagnation pressure. That is, for the incompressible flow of air the energy equation happens to be the Bernoulli equation, because we are not interested in the internal energy and the temperature for such flows. In other words, Bernoulli's equation is the limiting case of the energy equation for incompressible flows. Here it is important to realize that, even though Bernoulli's equation for the incompressible flow of a gas is shown to be the limiting case of the energy equation, it is essentially a momentum equation. For a closed system,

$$Q_{12} - W_{12} = U_2 - U_1$$

In terms of specific quantities this becomes

$$q_{12} - w_{12} = u_2 - u_1$$

For the processes of a closed system there is no shaft work, that is no useful work can be extracted from the working medium. There will only be compression or expansion work. Therefore, w_{12} may be expressed as

$$w_{12} = \int_1^2 p \, dv$$

where v is the specific volume.

Thus, the change in internal energy becomes

$$du = \delta q - p \, dv \quad (1.40a)$$

Also, $h = u + pv$; $dh = du + p \, dv + v \, dp$. Using relation (1.40a), we can write the change in enthalpy as

$$dh = \delta q + v \, dp \quad (1.40b)$$

For adiabatic changes of state, Eqs. (1.40a) and (1.40b) reduce to

$$du = -p \, dv, \quad dh = v \, dp \quad (1.40c)$$

where u , q , and v in Eqs. (1.40) stand for specific quantities of internal energy, heat energy, and volume, respectively.

1.10 The Second Law of Thermodynamics (Entropy Equation)

Consider a cold body coming into contact with a hot body. From experience, we can say that the cold body will get heated up and the hot body will cool down. However, Eq. (1.25) does not necessarily imply that this will happen. In fact, the first law allows the cold body to become cooler and the hot body to become hotter as long as energy is conserved during the process. However, in practice this does not happen; instead, the law of nature imposes another condition on the process, a condition that stipulates the direction in which a process should take place. To ascertain the proper direction of a process, let us define a new state variable, the entropy, as follows.

$$ds = \frac{\delta q_{\text{rev}}}{T} \quad (1.41)$$

where s is the entropy (amount of disorder) of the system, δq_{rev} is an incremental amount of heat added reversibly to the system, and T is the system temperature. The above definition gives the change in entropy in terms of a reversible addition of heat, δq_{rev} . Since entropy is a state variable, it can be used in conjunction with any type of process, reversible or irreversible. The quantity δq_{rev} is just an artifice; an effective value of δq_{rev} can always be assigned to relate the initial and final states of an irreversible process, where the actual amount of heat added is δq . Indeed, an alternative and probably more lucid relation is

$$ds = \frac{\delta q}{T} + ds_{\text{irrev}} \quad (1.42)$$

Equation (1.42) applies in general to all processes. It states that the change in entropy during any process is equal to the actual heat added, δq , divided by the temperature, $\delta q/T$, plus a contribution from the irreversible dissipative phenomena of viscosity, thermal conductivity, and mass diffusion occurring within the system, ds_{irrev} . These dissipative phenomena always cause an increase in of entropy:

$$ds_{\text{irrev}} \geq 0 \quad (1.43)$$

The equals sign in the inequality (1.43) denotes a reversible process where, by definition, the above dissipative phenomena are absent. Hence, a combination of Eqs. (1.42) and (1.43) yields

$$ds \geq \frac{\delta q}{T} \quad (1.44)$$

Further, if the process is adiabatic, $\delta q = 0$, and Eq. (1.44) reduces to

$$ds \geq 0 \quad (1.45)$$

Equations (1.44) and (1.45) are two forms of the second law of thermodynamics. The second law gives the direction in which a process will take place. Equations (1.44) and (1.45) imply that a process will always proceed in a direction such that the entropy of the system plus its surroundings always increases, or at least remains unchanged. That is, in an adiabatic process the entropy can never decrease. This aspect of the second law of thermodynamics is important because it distinguishes between reversible and irreversible processes.

If $ds > 0$, the process is called an *irreversible process*, and when $ds = 0$, the process is called a *reversible process*. A reversible and adiabatic process is called an *isentropic process*. However, in a nonadiabatic process, we can extract heat from the system and thus decrease the entropy of the system.

1.11 Thermal and Calorical Properties

The equation $p\nu = RT$ or $p/\rho = RT$ is called the *thermal equation of state*, where p , T , and $\nu (=1/\rho)$ are *thermal properties* and R is the gas constant. A gas that obeys the thermal equation of state is called a *thermally perfect gas*. Any relation between the calorical properties u , h , and s and any two thermal properties is called a *calorical equation of state*. In general, the thermodynamic properties (the properties do not depend on process) can be grouped into thermal properties (p , T , ν) and calorical properties (u , h , s). From Eqs. (1.40), we have

$$u = u(T, \nu), \quad h = h(T, p)$$

In terms of exact differentials, the above relations become

$$du = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_\nu dT + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}\right)_T d\nu \quad (1.46)$$

$$dh = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial T}\right)_p dT + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial p}\right)_T dp \quad (1.47)$$

For a constant volume process, Eq. (1.46) reduces to

$$du = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_\nu dT$$

where $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_\nu$ is the specific heat at constant volume represented as c_ν ; therefore,

$$du = c_\nu dT \quad (1.48)$$

For an isobaric process, Eq. (1.47) reduces to

$$dh = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial T}\right)_p dT$$

where $\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial T}\right)_p$ is the specific heat at constant pressure represented by c_p ; therefore,

$$dh = c_p dT \quad (1.49)$$

From Eq. (1.40a) for a constant volume (isochoric) process, we get

$$\delta q = du = c_\nu dT \quad (1.50a)$$

and for a constant pressure (isobaric) process,

$$\delta q = dh = c_p dT, \quad \delta q = dh = c_\nu dT + p d\nu \quad (1.50b)$$

For an adiabatic flow process ($q = 0$), from Eq. (1.40c) we have

$$dh = \nu dp \quad (1.50c)$$

From Eqs. (1.50) it can be inferred that:

- If heat is added at constant volume, it only raises the internal energy.
- If heat is added at constant pressure, it not only increases the internal energy but also does some external work, that is it increases the enthalpy.
- If the change is adiabatic, the change in enthalpy is equal to the external work νdp .

1.11.1 Thermally Perfect Gas

A gas is said to be thermally perfect when its internal energy and enthalpy are functions of temperature alone, that is for a thermally perfect gas,

$$u = u(T), \quad h = h(T) \quad (1.51a)$$

Therefore, from Eqs. (1.48) and (1.49), we get

$$c_v = c_v(T), \quad c_p = c_p(T) \quad (1.51b)$$

Further, from Eqs. (1.46), (1.47), and (1.51a), we obtain

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right)_T = 0, \quad \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial p}\right)_T = 0 \quad (1.51c)$$

The important relations of this section are

$$\boxed{du = c_v dT, \quad dh = c_p dT}$$

These equations are universally valid so long as the gas is thermally perfect. Otherwise, in order to have equations of universal validity, we must add $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right)_T dv$ to the first equation and $\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial p}\right)_T dp$ to the second equation.

The state equation for a thermally perfect gas is

$$pv = RT$$

In the differential form, this equation becomes

$$p dv + v dp = R dT$$

Also,

$$h = u + pv$$

$$dh = du + p dv + v dp$$

Therefore,

$$dh - du = p dv + v dp = R dT$$

that is

$$R dT = c_p dT - c_v dT$$

Thus,

$$R = c_p(T) - c_v(T) \quad (1.52)$$

For thermally perfect gases, Eq. (1.52) shows that, though c_p and c_v are functions of temperature, their difference is a constant with reference to temperature.

1.12 The Perfect Gas

This is an even greater specialization than a thermally perfect gas. For a perfect gas, both c_p and c_v are constants and are independent of temperature, that is

$$c_v = \text{constant} \neq c_v(T), \quad c_p = \text{constant} \neq c_p(T) \quad (1.53)$$

Such a gas, with constant c_p and c_v , is called a *calorically perfect gas*. Therefore, a perfect gas should be thermally as well as calorically perfect.

From the above discussions it is evident that:

- A perfect gas must be both thermally and calorically perfect.
- A perfect gas must satisfy both the *thermal equation of state*: $p = \rho R T$, and the *caloric equations of state*: $c_p = (\partial h / \partial T)_p$, $c_v = (\partial u / \partial T)_v$.

- A calorically perfect gas must be thermally perfect, but a thermally perfect gas need not be calorically perfect. That is, thermal perfectness is a prerequisite for caloric perfectness.
- For a thermally perfect gas, $c_p = c_p(T)$ and $c_v = c_v(T)$; that is, both c_p and c_v are functions of temperature. But even though the specific heats c_p and c_v vary with temperature, their ratio, γ , becomes a constant and is independent of temperature, that is $\gamma = \text{constant} \neq \gamma(T)$.
- For a calorically perfect gas, c_p and c_v , as well as γ are constants and independent of temperature.

1.12.1 Entropy Calculation

Entropy is defined by the relation (for a reversible process)

$$\delta q = T ds$$

Using Eq. (1.40), we can write

$$T ds = du + p dv \quad (1.54)$$

$$T ds = dh - v dp \quad (1.55)$$

Equations (1.54) and (1.55) are as important and useful as the original form of the first law of thermodynamics, Eq. (1.25).

For a thermally perfect gas, from Eq. (1.49), we have $dh = c_p dT$. Substituting this relation into Eq. (1.55), we obtain

$$ds = c_p \frac{dT}{T} - \frac{v dp}{T} \quad (1.56)$$

Substituting the perfect gas equation of state, $p v = R T$, into Eq. (1.56), we get

$$ds = c_p \frac{dT}{T} - R \frac{dp}{p} \quad (1.57)$$

Integrating Eq. (1.57) between states 1 and 2, we obtain

$$s_2 - s_1 = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_p \frac{dT}{T} - R \ln \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right) \quad (1.58)$$

Equation (1.58) holds for a thermally perfect gas. The integral can be evaluated if c_p is known as a function of T . Further, assuming the gas to be calorically perfect, for which c_p is constant, Eq. (1.58) reduces to

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) - R \ln \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right) \quad (1.59)$$

Using $du = c_v dT$ in Eq. (1.54), the change in entropy can also be expressed as

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_v \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) + R \ln \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1} \right) \quad (1.60)$$

From the above discussion, we can summarize that a perfect gas is both thermally and calorically perfect. Further, a calorically perfect gas must also be thermally perfect, whereas a thermally perfect gas need not be calorically perfect.

For a thermally perfect gas, $p = \rho RT$, $c_v = c_v(T)$, $c_p = c_p(T)$, and for a perfect gas, $p = \rho RT$, $c_v = \text{constant}$ and $c_p = \text{constant}$. Further, for a perfect gas, all equations get simplified, resulting in the following simple relations for u , h , and s .

$$u = u_1 + c_v T \quad (1.61a)$$

$$h = h_1 + c_p T \quad (1.61b)$$

$$s = s_1 + c_v \ln \left(\frac{p}{p_1} \right) - c_p \ln \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_1} \right) \quad (1.61c)$$

where the subscript 1 refers to the initial state.

Equations (1.61a), (1.61b), and (1.52), combined with the thermal equation of state ($p = \rho RT$), result in

$$u = u_1 + \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{p}{\rho}, \quad h = h_1 + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \frac{p}{\rho}$$

where γ is the ratio of specific heats, c_p/c_v . For the simplest molecular model, the kinetic theory of gases gives the specific heats ratio γ as

$$\gamma = \frac{n + 2}{n}$$

where n is the number of degrees of freedom of the gas molecules. Thus, for monatomic gases with $n = 3$ (only three translational degrees of freedom), the specific heats ratio becomes

$$\gamma = \frac{3 + 2}{3} = 1.67$$

Diatomic gases, such as oxygen and nitrogen, have $n = 5$ (three translational degrees of freedom and two rotational degrees of freedom), thus,

$$\gamma = \frac{5 + 2}{5} = 1.4$$

Gases with extremely complex molecules, such as freon and gaseous compounds of uranium, have large values of n , resulting in values of γ only slightly greater than unity. Thus, the value of specific heats ratio γ varies from 1 to 1.67, depending on the molecular nature of the gas:

$$1 \leq \gamma \leq 1.67$$

The above relations for u and h are important, because they connect the quantities used in thermodynamics with those used in gas dynamics. With the aid of these relations, the energy equation can be written in two different forms, as follows.

- The energy equation for an adiabatic process, as given by Eq. (1.39), is

$$h + \frac{V^2}{2} = h_0 = \text{constant}$$

When the gas is perfect, it becomes

$$c_p T + \frac{V^2}{2} = c_p T_0 = \text{constant} \quad (1.62a)$$

- Equation (1.62a), when combined with the state equation, yields

$$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} = \text{constant} \quad (1.62b)$$

Equation (1.62b) is the form of energy equation commonly used in gas dynamics. This is popularly known as the *compressible Bernoulli's equation* for isentropic flows.

From Eq. (1.62a), we infer that for an adiabatic process of a perfect gas,

$$T_{01} = T_{02} = T_0 = \text{constant} \quad (1.63)$$

So far, we have not made any assumption about the reversibility or irreversibility of the process. Equation (1.63) implies that the stagnation temperature T_0 remains constant for an adiabatic process of a perfect gas, irrespective of the process being reversible or irreversible.

Consider the flow of gas in a tube with an orifice, as shown in Figure 1.9. In such a flow process, there will be pressure loss. But if the stagnation temperature is measured before and after the orifice plate and if it remains constant, then the gas can be treated as a perfect gas and all the simplified equations (Eqs. (1.61a)–(1.61c)) can be used. Otherwise, it cannot be treated as a perfect gas, and Eq. (1.61c) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left(\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}\right)^\gamma \exp[(s_2 - s_1)/c_v] \quad (1.64)$$

1.12.2 Isentropic Relations

An adiabatic and reversible process is called an *isentropic process*. For an adiabatic process, $\delta q = 0$, and for a reversible process, $ds_{\text{irrev}} = 0$. Hence, from Eq. (1.42), an isentropic process is one for which $ds = 0$, that is the entropy is constant. Important relations for an isentropic process can be directly obtained from Eqs. (1.59), (1.60), and (1.64) by setting $s_2 = s_1$. For example, from Eq. (1.59) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_p \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right) - R \ln \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right) \\ \ln \left(\frac{p_2}{p_1}\right) &= \frac{c_p}{R} \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right) \\ \frac{p_2}{p_1} &= \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{c_p/R} \end{aligned} \quad (1.65)$$

From Eq. (1.52),

$$\begin{aligned} c_p - c_v &= R \\ 1 - \frac{c_v}{c_p} &= \frac{R}{c_p} \\ \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} &= \frac{R}{c_p} \end{aligned}$$

since $c_p/c_v = \gamma$. Therefore,

$$\frac{c_p}{R} = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}$$

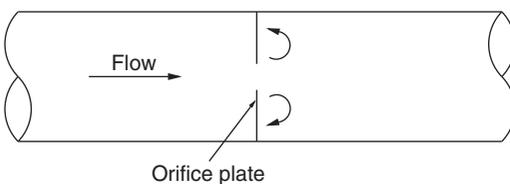


Figure 1.9 Flow through an orifice plate.

Substituting this relation into Eq. (1.65), we obtain

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \quad (1.66)$$

Similarly, from Eq. (1.60),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_v \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) + R \ln \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1} \right) \\ \ln \left(\frac{v_2}{v_1} \right) &= -\frac{c_v}{R} \ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) \\ \frac{v_2}{v_1} &= \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{-c_v/R} \end{aligned} \quad (1.67)$$

But it can be shown that

$$\frac{c_v}{R} = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1}$$

Substituting the above relation into Eq. (1.67), we get

$$\frac{v_2}{v_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{-1/(\gamma-1)} \quad (1.68)$$

Since $\rho_2/\rho_1 = v_1/v_2$, Eq. (1.68) becomes

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{1/(\gamma-1)} \quad (1.69)$$

Substituting $s_1 = s_2$ into Eq. (1.64), we obtain

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left(\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^{\gamma} \quad (1.70)$$

This relation is also called *Poisson's equation*. Summarizing Eqs. (1.66), (1.69), and (1.70), we can write

$$\boxed{\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left(\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^{\gamma} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)}} \quad (1.71)$$

Equation (1.71) is an important equation and is used very frequently in the analysis of compressible flows.

Using the isentropic relations discussed above, several useful equations of total (stagnation) conditions can be obtained as follows. From Eqs. (1.62a) and (1.15),

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{V^2}{2c_p T} = 1 + \frac{V^2}{2\gamma R T/(\gamma-1)} = 1 + \frac{V^2}{2a^2/(\gamma-1)}$$

where T is the static temperature, T_0 is the stagnation temperature and V is the flow velocity. Hence,

$$\boxed{\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M^2} \quad (1.72)$$

Equation (1.72) gives the ratio of total to static temperature at a point in an isentropic flow field as a function of the flow Mach number M at that point. Combining Eqs. (1.71) and (1.72), we get

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \quad (1.73)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2\right)^{1/(\gamma-1)} \quad (1.74)$$

Equations (1.73) and (1.74) give the ratio of total to static pressure and total and static density, respectively, at a point in an isentropic flow field as a function of the flow Mach number M at that point. Equations (1.72)–(1.74) form a set of most important equations for total properties, which are often used in gas dynamic studies. Their values as a function of M for $\gamma = 1.4$ (air at standard conditions) are tabulated in Table A.1 of the Appendix.

At this stage we may ask how Eq. (1.71), which is derived from the concept of an isentropic change of state, which is so restrictive (adiabatic as well as reversible) that it may find only limited applications – is so important, and why it is frequently used. In compressible flow processes, such as flow through a rocket engine, flow over an airfoil, etc., large regions of the flow fields are isentropic. In the region adjacent to the rocket nozzle walls and the airfoil surface, a boundary layer is formed wherein the dissipative mechanisms of viscosity, thermal conduction, and diffusion are strong. Hence, the entropy increases within these boundary layers. On the other hand, for fluid elements outside the boundary layer, the dissipative effects are negligible. Further, no heat is being added to or removed from the fluid element at these points, hence the flow is adiabatic. Therefore, the fluid elements outside the boundary layer experience a reversible adiabatic process, hence the flow is isentropic. Moreover, the boundary layers are usually thin, hence large regime of flow fields are isentropic. Therefore, a study of isentropic flow is directly applicable to many types of practical flow problems. Equation (1.71) is a powerful relation, connecting pressure, density, and temperature, and is valid for calorically perfect gases.

Expressing all the quantities as stagnation quantities, Eq. (1.61c) can be written as

$$s_{02} - s_{01} = c_v \ln \left(\frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}}\right) - c_p \ln \left(\frac{\rho_{02}}{\rho_{01}}\right) \quad (1.75)$$

Also, from Eq. (1.52),

$$R = c_p - c_v$$

and from the state equation

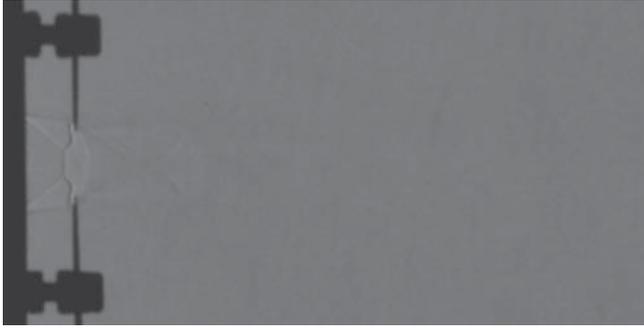
$$\frac{p_{01}}{p_{02}} = \frac{\rho_{01} T_{01}}{\rho_{02} T_{02}}$$

Substitution of the above relations into Eq. (1.75) yields

$$s_{02} - s_{01} = R \ln \left(\frac{p_{01}}{p_{02}}\right) + c_p \ln \left(\frac{T_{02}}{T_{01}}\right)$$

For an adiabatic process of a perfect gas,

$$T_{01} = T_{02}$$



(a)



(b)

Figure 12.73 Shadowgraph images of a Mach 2 circular jet at NPR 5, with sharp-edged tabs at 0.5D: (a) viewed normal to the tab; (b) viewed along the tab [96].

at the nozzle exit but also the combined effect of the pressure hill at the tab face and the level of expansion at the nozzle exit which dictates the size of the mixing-promoting small-scale vortices shed by the tab.

In the case of the uncontrolled elliptic nozzle, the size of the vortices shed at the nozzle exit would vary continuously from one end of the major axis to the adjacent end of the minor axis, in accordance with vortex theory, which states that the size of the vortex shed from an edge is proportional to the radius of curvature of the edge [97].

Thus, the azimuthal vortices shed around the ends of the major axis would be smaller than those shed around the ends of the minor axis. Schematic diagrams illustrating the azimuthal vortices shed from the exit of a circular and elliptic nozzle are shown in Figure 12.74.

It can be seen that the circular nozzle sheds only vortices of uniform size compared with the elliptic nozzle, which sheds vortices of a continuously varying size from one end of the major axis to the adjacent end of the minor axis. Because of this, the jet issuing from an elliptic nozzle will have a better mixing environment than a circular nozzle of identical area and inlet condition. This will enable the jet issuing from an elliptic nozzle to enjoy better aerodynamic mixing than an identical jet issuing from a circular nozzle.

When a tab is placed normal to a flow, it will shed vortices from its edges. These small-scale transverse vortices leaving the tab will become streamwise soon after shedding, owing to the inertia of the jet. The size of the vortex shed from a tab is proportional to its local half-width. The results of centerline pressure decay of the elliptic jet controlled with two identical rectangular and triangular tabs placed diametrically opposite, along the major and minor axes at the exit of nozzle, show that the tabs (rectangular and triangular) along the minor axis are more efficient

Figure 12.74 Schematic of vortices shed from (a) a circular nozzle exit and (b) an elliptic nozzle exit.

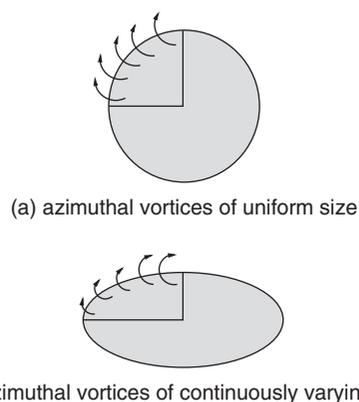
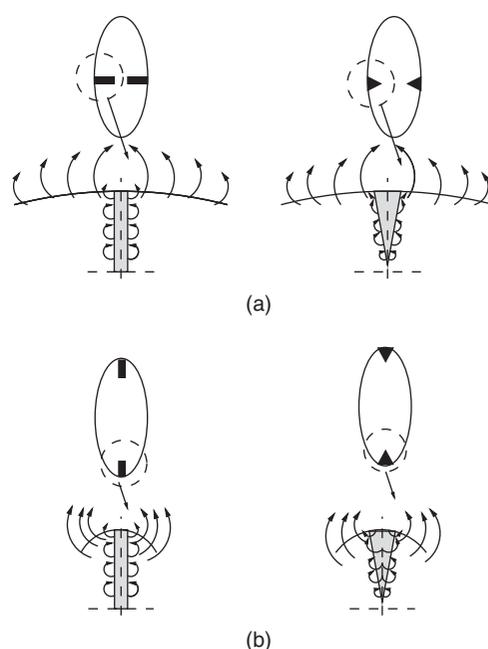


Figure 12.75 Schematic diagram of vortices shed from an elliptic nozzle exit and tabs: (a) rectangular and triangular tabs along the minor axis; (b) rectangular and triangular tabs along the major axis.



in enhancing the mixing of the jet with the ambient fluid than the tabs along the major axis [97]. This is because the azimuthal vortices shed at the minor axis side of the nozzle exit are relatively larger compared with the azimuthal vortices shed at the major axis side, owing to the curvature effect of the elliptic geometry. The relatively larger size of the azimuthal vortices shed around the minor axis, along with the relatively smaller small-scale vortices shed from the tabs placed along the minor axis (Figure 12.75a), seem to create a better mixing-promoting environment compared with those associated with the tabs along the major axis (Figure 12.75b). This might be the reason for the better mixing caused by the tabs along the minor axis. As can be seen in Figure 12.75, the width of the tab remains the same from base to tip for the rectangular tab compared with the triangular tab with varying width from base to vertex. Therefore, a triangular tab sheds vortices of continuously varying size from base to vertex, whereas a rectangular tab can shed only vortices of uniform size along its length [97].

Another important feature that dictates the size of the vortex shed from an object is the pressure hill at the front face [88]. For the triangular tab, the pressure hill at its face varies in size from

its base to tip. Therefore, the environment required for mixing-promoting vortices of mixed size is built in for the triangular shape. The mixing promotion caused by triangular tabs along the minor axis would be better than that of rectangular tabs along the same orientation because of the mixed size of the mixing-promoting small-scale vortices shed by the triangular tab compared with the rectangular tab, which would shed small-scale vortices of uniform size only (Figure 12.75a). The small-scale vortices of continuously varying size from base to vertex, introduced by the triangular tabs, along with the small-scale azimuthal vortices of relatively larger size shed from the nozzle exit, would provide an environment of mixed-size vortices favorable for promoting mixing of the mass entrained by the large-scale vortices at the jet boundary with the jet mass.

The tabs in limit length are found to be effective in promoting the mixing. However, the studies on the mixing efficiency of limiting tabs are only few, especially on the use of limiting tabs for promoting the mixing of noncircular jets. The control effectiveness of a limiting tab on a supersonic elliptic jet issuing from an elliptic nozzle of AR 4 was studied by Rathakrishnan [98]. The dominant source for the generation of the mixing-promoting streamwise vortices shed by the tab is the pressure hill formed at the tab face of the tab. The size of the pressure hill is governed not only by the projected area of the tab normal to the flow but also by the shape of the tab. The pressure hills formed at the face of the flat, triangular, circular arc, and circular (crosswire) geometry of the same projected area will be different. The effect of this difference in the shape of the pressure hill is to make the tabs shed streamwise vortices of different sizes. The influence of this change in the size of mixing-promoting vortices shed by tabs on jet mixing was studied in the presence of various levels of pressure gradient, without going into the details of the actual size of the pressure hill.

Among the tabs studied, the triangular tab was found to be the most efficient mixing promoter for this Mach 2 elliptical jet. The triangular tab promotes mixing to the largest extent when placed along the minor axis, leading to a core length reduction of about 82%, in the presence of an adverse pressure gradient of about 36%, at the nozzle exit, that is at NPR 5. At this NPR, circular arc and flat tabs protect the core, that is these tabs retard the jet mixing, leading to an elongation of the core by 8.7 and 42.4% respectively, whereas the core reduction caused by crosswire is only 36.8% at this NPR. The triangular tab is also found to be the most efficient mixing promoter for tab orientation along the major axis, but for this orientation the best core length reduction caused is only 73.4%, at NPR 8. The efficient mixing promotion caused by the triangular tab does not introduce any abnormal level of asymmetry to jet propagation.

Core length variations caused by the limiting tabs of different geometries, placed along the major and minor axes of the AR 4 elliptic Mach 2 jet, at different levels of expansion, are quantified in Figures 12.76 and 12.77, respectively. The plots in Figure 12.76 show the variation of non-dimensional core length L/D with NPR, for tabs along the major axis. It can be seen that for an uncontrolled jet the core length increases monotonically with NPR, which is typical for a free jet. For controlled jets, the effect of NPR on the core length is less pronounced than for an uncontrolled jet. However, at the overexpanded state corresponding to NPR 4, establishing a high level of adverse pressure gradient at the nozzle exit, the circular arc tab is found to retard the mixing, but this retardation is only at NPR 4. For NPRs above 4, all the tabs enhance the mixing considerably, as can be seen from Figure 12.76.

Variation of the non-dimensional core length of the controlled and uncontrolled jets with NPR, for tab orientation along the minor axis, is shown in Figure 12.77. For this orientation of the tab also, at NPR 4, the circular arc tab is found to retard the mixing. Furthermore, the mixing caused by the flat tab is found to be insignificant at NPR 6, but the same flat tab is found to enhance the mixing to the highest level compared to other tabs for NPRs 7 and 8. Other tabs

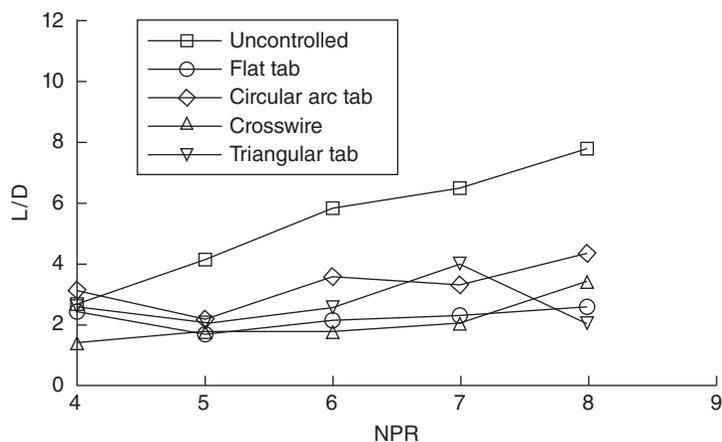


Figure 12.76 Jet core length variation with NPR, for tabs along the major axis [98].

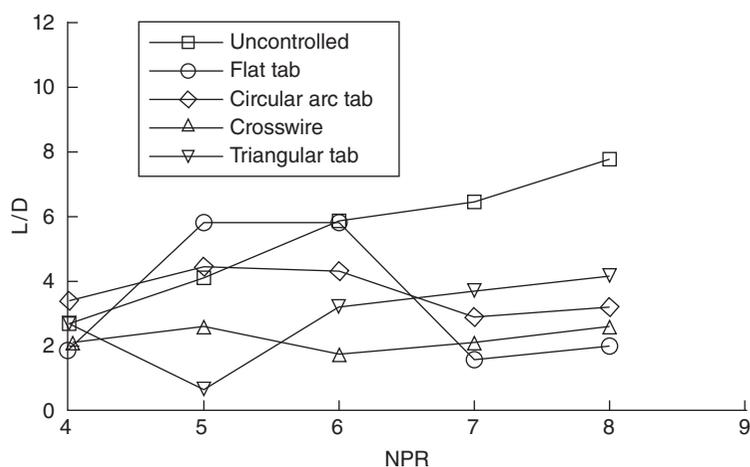


Figure 12.77 Core length variation with NPR for tabs along the minor axis [98].

also enhance the mixing considerably, but the mixing enhancement caused by the triangular tab at NPR 5 is the highest over the range of NPR, as well as across the tab geometries.

From these results it is evident that the mixing-promoting environment, established by the momentum-transporting small-scale vortices shed from the edges of the tabs and mass entraining large-scale vortices formed at the jet boundary, is strongly influenced by the combined effect of the pressure hill at the tab face, which is governed by the geometry of the tab, and the pressure gradient present at the nozzle exit, which governs the convection of mixing-promoting small-scale vortices shed by the tabs.

12.8 Summary

A jet may be defined as a *pressure-driven shear flow with the characteristic that the width-to-axial distance is a constant*. This constant assumes a value of 8 for jet Mach numbers < 0.2 and the constant decreases with an increase of Mach number.

When a jet is issuing into a still environment it is termed a *free jet* or a *submerged jet*. If it is issuing into a flow, constituting a field that has the jet surrounded by a flow field of different velocity, it is referred to as a *co-flowing jet*. When the jet is issuing normal to a boundary (either a solid or a fluid boundary), it is referred to as an *impinging jet*. If the jet axis is at an oblique angle to the boundary and the boundary is a wall, it is called a *wall jet*. If a jet is opposed by another jet, the combination is termed *opposing jets*.

For subsonic jets, the axial distance up to which the jet velocity along the axis is unaffected is called the *jet core*. The jet core is essentially a potential region where the jet retains its axial velocity at all axial points in the region. After the core the entire jet field is dominated by viscous action. The core for a subsonic free jet usually extends up to about six times the nozzle exit diameter (D). After that, the characteristic decay begins and that dominates from about $6D$ to about $12D$. The region from the end of characteristic decay to infinity is also referred to as a *self-similar region* or a *fully developed region*.

Large-scale vortices are efficient suction creators and thus efficient in engulfing the fluid from the surroundings into the jet. This process of bringing mass from the surroundings into the jet is termed *mass entrainment* or simply *entrainment*. The fluid mass with zero momentum from the surrounding zone, entrained by the large vortex structures, will interact with the jet fluid at a finite momentum. In the process the jet fluid will exchange momentum with the entrained mass. Thus, the momentum of the jet fluid will decrease and that of the entrained fluid will increase, but the total momentum of the jet is conserved. During the process, the large vortices get fragmented into small eddies. Small-scale eddies have a longer life and they also serve as good transporters of mass and momentum. Therefore, in a jet flow large- and small-scale structures must be present in suitable proportion to result in an efficient mixing of the jet flow with the surrounding fluid. However, identifying this proportion in a turbulent field such as a jet is an impossible task. Hence, it is usual practice to ensure the existence of these structures in appropriate proportion by indirect means. One of the popular means for this is the measurement of jet centerline decay, which is a direct measure of the mixing taking place in the jet field. A fast decay implies rapid mixing, and vice versa.

A jet with faster decay of its centerline pressure implies that it contains a proper combination of large and small vortices compared to an identical jet with a slower decay of centerline pressure. Enhancement of jet decay can be achieved with controls which are passive or active in nature. An *active control* is one which requires an additional source of energy for its action and a *passive control* is one that does not require any external energy for its action. Most of the passive control techniques make use of geometrical modification of the nozzle exit.

The velocity at the center of the section of an axially symmetric submerged jet is inversely proportional to the distance from the pole.

$$u_m = \frac{\text{constant}}{x}$$

The velocity decay along the axis of a plane-parallel jet is inversely proportional to the square root of the distance from the pole.

$$u_m = \frac{\text{constant}}{\sqrt{x}}$$

All free jets are turbulent, even at Reynolds numbers close to zero. This is because of the differential shear experienced by the jet at its periphery. Therefore, the laws governing the distribution of different pulsation characteristics of the stream and their interrelationships are very important in the theory of the turbulent jet in particular, and in the theory of turbulence in general.

Some of the well-known theories of the jet or the so-called free turbulence are

- Prandtl's old theory
- Taylor's theory
- Prandtl's new theory
- Richard's theory
- Mattioli's theory.

Basically, jets can be classified into incompressible jets and compressible jets. The jets with a Mach number of less than 0.3, up to which the compressibility effects are negligible, are called *incompressible jets*. Jets with a Mach number of more than 0.3 are termed *compressible jets*. Compressible jets can further be subdivided into subsonic, sonic, and supersonic jets. Jets with a Mach number of less than 1.0 are called *subsonic jets*, and jets with a Mach number of 1.0 are called *sonic jets*, which can be correctly expanded or underexpanded. Jets with a Mach number of more than 1.0 are called *supersonic jets*, and these can be further classified into *overexpanded*, *correctly expanded*, and *underexpanded jets*.

Subsonic jets are those with Mach numbers of between 0.3 and 1.0, and are always correctly expanded, and develop with an included angle of about 10° . The flow regimes in a subsonic jet are classified as follows.

- *Potential core region*. This region consists of a core zone of constant axial velocity equal to the jet (nozzle) exit velocity, surrounded by a rapidly growing and predominantly shear dominated annulus of mixing layer or shear layer with intense turbulence. The potential core of a subsonic jet typically extends to about five times the nozzle exit diameter (D_e) downstream of the nozzle exit. This is because the mixing initiated at the jet boundary (periphery) has not yet permeated into the entire flow field, thus leaving a region that is characterized by a constant axial velocity.
- *Transition region*. This is the region where the centerline velocity begins to decay. This characteristic decay zone extends from about $5D_e$ to $10D_e$ downstream, over which the turbulence changes from its annular to a somewhat pseudo-cylindrical distribution. As a result, the velocity difference between the ambient fluid and the high-speed core region of the jet decreases and attenuates the shear that supports the vortical rings in the jet, and thus the velocity profiles become smoother with jet propagation. The transition region is characterized by a growth of three-dimensional flow due to wave instability of the cores of the vortex rings. The merging of these distorted vortices produces large eddies which can remain coherent around the potential core region of the jet.
- *Fully developed region*. Beyond the transition region the jet becomes similar in appearance to a flow of fluid from a source of infinitely small thickness (in an axially symmetric case the source is a point, and in a plane parallel case it is a straight line perpendicular to the plane of flow of jet). In practice, the jet velocity becomes insignificant after about $30D_e$.

A jet is said to be overexpanded when the nozzle exit pressure p_e is lower than the ambient pressure p_a to which it is discharging.

A jet is said to be correctly expanded when the nozzle exit pressure is equal to the ambient pressure. This jet is also wave dominated, as is an imperfectly expanded jet, even though we think that there would not be any waves. The reason for this is that, as the jet is issuing from a confined area to an infinite area, it tries to expand through expansion waves and after that gets compressed through compression waves (the reflected waves from the jet boundary), and this results in a periodic wave structure.

A jet is said to be underexpanded when the nozzle exit pressure (p_e) is higher than the backpressure (p_b). Since the nozzle exit pressure is higher than the backpressure, wedge-shaped

expansion waves occur at the edge of the nozzle. These waves cross one another and are reflected from the boundaries of the jet flow field as compression waves. The compression waves again cross one another and are reflected on the boundaries of the jet as expansion waves. For an underexpanded jet also, in addition to the expansion fan caused by the level of underexpansion, there will be another expansion effect, owing to the relaxation experienced by the jet on exiting from the nozzle into a large space. Thus, the combined effect of these two causes establishes a stronger expansion fan than the underexpansion level alone can establish. Beyond some limiting NPR, the shock intersecting point becomes an intersecting zone, which resembles a disc, as seen in Figure 12.9d for NPR 4.25. This disc is termed a *Mach disc*. The Mach disc is essentially a compression wave identical to a normal shock, across which the flow decelerates to a subsonic level. A sonic or supersonic jet with a Mach disc in the core is termed *highly underexpanded*.

The diverse nature of applicability jets demands that they be made suitable for a specific application, by controlling them. Here, control may be defined as the ability to modify the jet flow mixing characteristics to achieve engineering efficiency, technological ease, economy, adherence to standards, and so on.

Jet controls can be broadly classified into active and passive controls, but passive controls are the more desirable, partly because they require no external power source.

Large-scale coherent structures control the dynamics of all free shear flows, including plane mixing layers, jets of different geometries (axisymmetric, plane, elliptic, rectangular, and so on), and wakes. These two-dimensional structures were found to play an important role in entrainment and mixing processes in incompressible shear layers.

Mixing in supersonic shear layers is critically dependent upon the compressibility effects in addition to the velocity and density ratios across the shear layer. The compressibility level is best described by a parameter called the *convective Mach number*.

Supersonic jets normally possess complex shock patterns. Therefore, the role of shock waves in noise generation becomes significant. The main sources of high-speed noise are the turbulent nature of the flow, shock-turbulence interaction, flow-induced oscillations of shocks, and resonance effects. An intense, discrete acoustic emission termed *screech* or *whistle*, as a consequence of oscillating shock waves within a supersonic jet, usually dominates the noise emitted by a cold model converging jet operated at slightly above a choked flow condition.

The turbulent mixing noise is from both large-scale turbulence structures and fine-scale turbulence of the jet flow. The large-scale turbulence structures generate the dominant part of the turbulent mixing noise. The fine-scale turbulence is responsible for the background noise.

Broadband shock-associated noise and screech tones are generated only when a quasi-periodic shock cell structure is present in the jet core. The quasi-periodicity of the shock cells plays a crucial role in defining the characteristics of both the broadband and discrete frequency shock noises.

Noncircular jets, such as elliptic jets, owing to the continuous variation in the azimuthal radius of curvature, form flow structures of different size at the jet boundary and the jet spreads differently along different planes. Studies on noncircular jets show that the jet experiences fine-scale mixing at the corners and at high curvature regions and large suction at the low curvature/flat side regions, owing to the formation of large-scale vortices, resulting in large entrainment.

The increased entrainment and enhanced mixing capabilities of the elliptic jet (noncircular jets) relative to the equivalent circular jet are due to the phenomenon known as *axis-switching*, which is unanimously supported by the literature. Axis-switching is a phenomenon in which the cross-section of an asymmetric jet evolves in such a manner that, after a certain distance from the nozzle exit, the major and the minor axes are interchanged.

Waves (expansion/compression) present in the elliptic jet core are unsymmetrical and the waves in the circular jet core are symmetrical about the jet axis. This asymmetrical nature of the waves in the elliptic jet is due to the azimuthal asymmetry of the elliptic nozzle. Also, the shock cells in the core of the elliptic jet are shorter than the circular jet.

The distance from the orifice exit where axis-switching takes place depends on the orifice AR and the expansion level of the orifice. The increase of a favorable pressure gradient at the orifice exit results in the upward shifting of the axis-switching location, indicating an increase in near-field mixing.

The size of vortices shed from an object is proportional to the half-width of the object normal to the stream direction. For rectangular tab the half-width is uniform all along the tab length from the root end to the tip end, whereas the triangular tab, owing to its geometry, would shed vortices of continuously varying size all along its edges, with the largest at the root end and continuously decreasing in size toward the tip end. The isosceles triangular tab, capable of shedding vortices of continuously varying size along its edges, at every height from the base, would be of identical size, though of an opposite family. But, the mixing-promoting vortices shed from the right-angled triangular tab would be of a different size at all heights, in addition to being of an opposite family. Moreover, the vortices of continuously varying size shed from the opposite sides of the isosceles triangular tab would be inclined at an equal angle with respect to the axis of the tab. But the vortices from the opposite edges of the right-angled triangular tab are inclined with respect to the tab axis at different angles. Another important feature to be noted is that, near the sharp vertex tip, though the vortices shed would be of different size and opposite family, their closer proximity would make them interact intensely, leading to a loss of vorticity content. When the vertex is truncated, even at the tip, vortices of an opposite family would not interact among themselves. This might be an advantage because almost the entire vorticity content available with the mixing-promoting vortices would be used for mixing promotion.

Limiting tabs of triangular and circular (crosswire) cross-sectional geometry of a projected area of 5% of the nozzle exit area (that is a tab of 5% geometrical blockage), placed along the minor axis at the nozzle exit, were found to be efficient mixing promoters. The better mixing-promoting capability of the triangular tab compared to the crosswire may be because of the vertex of the triangle facing the flow, which might result in a reduced extent of pressure hill at the face. For a given tab geometry, the tab width can play a dominant role in modifying the mixing.

One of the serious shortcomings associated with the control of a jet with tabs is the momentum thrust loss caused by the blockage of the nozzle exit area by the tabs. Also, the detached shock envelope formed ahead of the tab will make the flow to deviate away from the nozzle centerline. Both the effects – the reduction of the nozzle exit area and the divergence of the jet – will lead to a loss of momentum thrust that the nozzle is capable of generating if the tabs are not at the nozzle exit. Therefore, it will be of great value, from both the propulsion and application points of view, if the aerodynamic mixing of the jet with the surrounding environment to which it is discharged is enhanced using a control, which will augment the jet mixing without any adverse effect (such as a decrease of jet velocity). This concept of jet control with the tab positioned slightly downstream of the nozzle exit is termed *shifted tabs*.

Mixing modification caused by limiting rectangular tab with and without corrugations located at the nozzle exit and at 0.5D, downstream of the nozzle exit, for subsonic and sonic jet was found to be inferior to a tab at the nozzle exit.

For the case of a Mach 2 jet, mixing promotion caused by a shifted tab was found to increase with an increase of adverse pressure gradient. In fact, the mixing enhancement caused by a tab placed at the nozzle exit decreases with an increase of the adverse pressure gradient.

The efficacy of passive control in the form of a ventilated triangular tab on the mixing characteristics of supersonic jets to apprehend the governing flow physics and to capture the flow structure, in the presence of different levels of expansion at the exit of a Mach 1.5 elliptic nozzle of AR 3, revealed that an important geometrical feature, which influenced the mixing modification caused by both ventilated and unventilated triangular tab, is its vertex angle.

Study of the effect of modifying the shape of tab edges, on the aerodynamic mixing characteristics of a circular Mach 2.0 jet, controlled with a rectangular tab, revealed that when placed at the same location from the nozzle exit a sharp-edged tab is a better mixing promoter than a square-edged tab, for a highly overexpanded jet. At a marginal level of a positive pressure gradient, the square-edged tab is found to be a far superior mixing promoter than the sharp-edged tab, in all the three zones of the jet. This mixing-promoting superiority of the square-edged tab increases with a decrease of the adverse pressure gradient and an increase of a favorable pressure gradient.

An important feature that dictates the size of the vortex shed from an object is the pressure hill at the front face. For the triangular tab, the pressure hill at its face varies in size from its base to its tip. Therefore, the environment required for mixing-promoting vortices of mixed size is built in for the triangular shape. The mixing promotion caused by triangular tabs along the minor axis would be better than that of rectangular tabs along the same orientation because of the mixed size of the mixing-promoting small-scale vortices shed by the triangular tab compared with the rectangular tab, which would shed small-scale vortices of uniform size only. The small-scale vortices of continuously varying size from base to vertex, introduced by the triangular tabs, along with the small-scale azimuthal vortices of a relatively larger size shed from the nozzle exit, would provide an environment of mixed-size vortices, which is favorable for promoting mixing of the mass entrained by the large-scale vortices at the jet boundary with the jet mass.

Appendix A

Table A.1 Isentropic flow of perfect gas ($\gamma = 1.4$).

M	p/p_0	T/T_0	ρ/ρ_0	A/A^*	a/a_0	M^*	μ	ν
0.00	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	∞	1.0000	0.0000		
0.01	0.9999	1.0000	1.0000	57.874	1.0000	0.0110		
0.02	0.9997	0.9999	0.9998	28.942	1.0000	0.0219		
0.03	0.9994	0.9998	0.9996	19.301	0.9999	0.0329		
0.04	0.9989	0.9997	0.9992	14.481	0.9998	0.0438		
0.05	0.9983	0.9995	0.9988	11.591	0.9998	0.0548		
0.06	0.9975	0.9993	0.9982	9.666	0.9996	0.0657		
0.07	0.9966	0.9990	0.9976	8.292	0.9995	0.0766		
0.08	0.9955	0.9987	0.9968	7.262	0.9994	0.0876		
0.09	0.9944	0.9984	0.9960	6.461	0.9992	0.0985		
0.10	0.9930	0.9980	0.9950	5.822	0.9990	0.1094		
0.11	0.9916	0.9976	0.9940	5.299	0.9988	0.1204		
0.12	0.9900	0.9971	0.9928	4.864	0.9986	0.1313		
0.13	0.9883	0.9966	0.9916	4.497	0.9983	0.1422		
0.14	0.9864	0.9961	0.9903	4.182	0.9980	0.1531		
0.15	0.9844	0.9955	0.9888	3.910	0.9978	0.1639		
0.16	0.9823	0.9949	0.9873	3.673	0.9974	0.1748		
0.17	0.9800	0.9943	0.9857	3.464	0.9971	0.1857		
0.18	0.9776	0.9936	0.9840	3.278	0.9968	0.1965		
0.19	0.9751	0.9928	0.9822	3.112	0.9964	0.2074		
0.20	0.9725	0.9921	0.9803	2.964	0.9960	0.2182		
0.21	0.9697	0.9913	0.9783	2.829	0.9956	0.2290		
0.22	0.9668	0.9904	0.9762	2.708	0.9952	0.2398		
0.23	0.9638	0.9895	0.9740	2.597	0.9948	0.2506		
0.24	0.9607	0.9886	0.9718	2.496	0.9943	0.2614		
0.25	0.9575	0.9877	0.9694	2.403	0.9938	0.2722		
0.26	0.9541	0.9867	0.9670	2.317	0.9933	0.2829		
0.27	0.9506	0.9856	0.9645	2.238	0.9928	0.2936		
0.28	0.9470	0.9846	0.9619	2.166	0.9923	0.3043		

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Table A.1 (Continued)

M	p/p_0	T/T_0	ρ/ρ_0	A/A^*	a/a_0	M^*	μ	ν
0.29	0.9433	0.9835	0.9592	2.098	0.9917	0.3150		
0.30	0.9395	0.9823	0.9564	2.035	0.9911	0.3257		
0.31	0.9355	0.9811	0.9535	1.977	0.9905	0.3364		
0.32	0.9315	0.9799	0.9506	1.922	0.9899	0.3470		
0.33	0.9274	0.9787	0.9476	1.871	0.9893	0.3576		
0.34	0.9231	0.9774	0.9445	1.823	0.9886	0.3682		
0.35	0.9188	0.9761	0.9413	1.778	0.9880	0.3788		
0.36	0.9143	0.9747	0.9380	1.736	0.9873	0.3893		
0.37	0.9098	0.9733	0.9347	1.696	0.9866	0.3999		
0.38	0.9052	0.9719	0.9313	1.659	0.9859	0.4104		
0.39	0.9004	0.9705	0.9278	1.623	0.9851	0.4209		
0.40	0.8956	0.9690	0.9243	1.590	0.9844	0.4313		
0.41	0.8907	0.9675	0.9207	1.559	0.9836	0.4418		
0.42	0.8857	0.9659	0.9170	1.529	0.9828	0.4522		
0.43	0.8807	0.9643	0.9132	1.501	0.9820	0.4626		
0.44	0.8755	0.9627	0.9094	1.474	0.9812	0.4729		
0.45	0.8703	0.9611	0.9055	1.449	0.9803	0.4833		
0.46	0.8650	0.9594	0.9016	1.425	0.9795	0.4936		
0.47	0.8596	0.9577	0.8976	1.402	0.9786	0.5038		
0.48	0.8541	0.9559	0.8935	1.380	0.9777	0.5141		
0.49	0.8486	0.9542	0.8894	1.359	0.9768	0.5243		
0.50	0.8430	0.9524	0.8852	1.340	0.9759	0.5345		
0.51	0.8374	0.9506	0.8809	1.321	0.9750	0.5447		
0.52	0.8317	0.9487	0.8766	1.303	0.9740	0.5548		
0.53	0.8259	0.9468	0.8723	1.286	0.9730	0.5649		
0.54	0.8201	0.9449	0.8679	1.270	0.9721	0.5750		
0.55	0.8142	0.9430	0.8634	1.255	0.9711	0.5851		
0.56	0.8082	0.9410	0.8589	1.240	0.9700	0.5951		
0.57	0.8022	0.9390	0.8544	1.226	0.9690	0.6051		
0.58	0.7962	0.9370	0.8498	1.213	0.9680	0.6150		
0.59	0.7901	0.9349	0.8451	1.200	0.9669	0.6249		
0.60	0.7840	0.9328	0.8405	1.188	0.9658	0.6348		
0.61	0.7778	0.9307	0.8357	1.177	0.9647	0.6447		
0.62	0.7716	0.9286	0.8310	1.166	0.9636	0.6545		
0.63	0.7654	0.9265	0.8262	1.155	0.9625	0.6643		
0.64	0.7591	0.9243	0.8213	1.145	0.9614	0.6740		
0.65	0.7528	0.9221	0.8164	1.136	0.9603	0.6837		
0.66	0.7465	0.9199	0.8115	1.127	0.9591	0.6934		
0.67	0.7401	0.9176	0.8066	1.118	0.9579	0.7031		
0.68	0.7338	0.9153	0.8016	1.110	0.9567	0.7127		

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