MATHEMATICAL TRIPOS PART IIB 'Waves in Fluid and Solid Media'

Conservation of mass and of momentum give two equations relating the density $\rho(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and the velocity $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})$. The latter equation introduces another variable, the pressure $p(\mathbf{x}, t)$. In a compressible fluid (gas or liquid), an equation of state gives a relation between the pressure and density, which unfortunately introduces a further variable, temperature $T(\mathbf{x}, t)$. Hence we need a diversion into thermodynamics. The only result that we need from this diversion is the relationship between pressure and density when entropy is constant

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\gamma},$$

1.3 *A little thermodynamics*

The equation of state is in general a relation $F(p, \rho, T) = 0$. For a perfect gas (dilute, spacing between molecules is many molecules, air is 10) it is

$$p = \rho RT,$$

with gas constant $R = 8314 \text{ m}^2 \text{s}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$ (mole wt)⁻¹, mole wt for dry air is 29.

0th law – there exists temperature T

After several collisions with other molecules, the velocity of a molecule becomes randomised and the gas attains thermal equilibrium characterised by a temperature T. The time for air is 10^{-9} s and for water 10^{-12} s. Reversible change means slow compared with above times, so that remain near thermal equilibrium.

1st law – energy is conserved if count all forms

We consider a unit mass of gas. Then specific volume (volume per unit mass) is $V = 1/\rho$, and it has (specific) internal energy $E(\rho, T)$ from kinetic energy of thermal motion of molecules and possibly potential energy of excited vibrational modes; NB depends strongly on temperature and on density **now** and not past values.

Mechanical work done on simple gas against pressure is -p dV (positive work if compress, dV < 0). Heat energy input (by molecular conduction) δQ . Then 1st law:

$$dE = \delta Q - p \, dV.$$

Specific heats

Heat input to increase temperature of unit mass by 1 K. Two varieties – inputting heat while keeping volume constant, or while keeping pressure constant

$$c_{V} = \left(\frac{\delta Q}{\delta T}\right)_{V} = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_{V \text{ or } \rho},$$
$$c_{p} = \left(\frac{\delta Q}{\delta T}\right)_{p} = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_{p} + p\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_{p}.$$

Warning: thermodynamics is full of partial derivatives with different things being held constant. Be careful!

2nd law – chaos increases

Experimentally it is found that the total heat Q is not a well defined function of ρ and T, but depends on path taken to move between two ρ and T values. Instead there is another quantity **entropy** $S(\rho, T)$ which is well-defined independent of path

$$\delta Q = T dS.$$

For an isolated system, entropy must increase $\dot{S} \geq 0$. Roughly S is proportional to the number of arrangements of the molecules at a given volume V and temperature T/internal energy E. Thence increasing entropy means increasing chaos, e.g. heat flows from hot to cold.

In our sound, there is not sufficient time to conduct heat from peak to trough of a wave, and so $\delta Q = 0$, equivalent dS = 0 which is called *isentropic/adiabatic*. Actually not quite true, because there is important heat transport across the very thin shock-waves, i.e. dS > 0 across a shock.

Maxwell relations – mad maths of partial differentiation

Very important to display what is a function of what, and so what is being held constant during the partial differentiation. One is permitted to take any two as independent variables, e.g. $\rho \& T$ or $\rho \& p$ or $S \& \rho$.

For dE = T dS - p dV, viewing all variables (E, T, ρ) as functions of S & V $(=1/\rho)$, so

$$T = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial S}\right)_V$$
 and $p = -\left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_S$.

But by cross differentiation

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V}\right)_S = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial S \partial V} = -\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial S}\right)_V.$$

Another Maxwell relation is obtained by the following trick d(E + pV) = t dS + V dp, so

$$\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial p}\right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_p$$

The combination H = E + pV is important in fluid mechanics, called *enthalpy*.

3rd law – exists T = 0

There is a universal absolute zero where all thermal motion stops. Not useful in acoustics at room temperature.

1.4 *Perfect gas*

For dilute gases, fine for air as $\rho_{\rm air} = 10^{-3} \rho_{\rm liquid\ air}$. This course will only use perfect gas laws, although generalisations to dense gases are not too difficult.

Pressure

Pressure force on a surface is momentum exchanged from collisions in unit time $p = Nm \langle v_x^2 \rangle$, where N is the number of molecules per volume and $m \langle v_x^2 \rangle = kT$ with Boltzmann's constant $k = 1.38 \, 10^{-23} \, \mathrm{J \, K^{-1}}$. Hence

$$p = \rho RT$$

with gas constant $R = N_A k$, with Avogadro's number $N_A = 6.02 \, 10^{23}$ per mole (1 mole of C₁₂ weights 12 gm).

Internal energy

In a perfect gas, the internal energy E varies with temperature T but **not** with density ρ because dilute means the size of the molecules is irrelevant. If we further assume that the specific heats do not vary with temperature (OK for 100-2000 K when do not excite vibrational modes), then

$$c_V = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_V = \text{constant} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial V}\right)_T = 0$$

 $E = c_V T$

 \mathbf{SO}

setting constant of integration to zero.

From Kinetic Theory, $E = \frac{1}{2}kT$ per degree of freedom of the internal motion possessing energy, i.e. $\frac{3}{2}NkT = \frac{3}{2}RT$ for monatomic gases He and Ar, and $\frac{5}{2}NkT$ for diatomic gases H₂, N₂, O₂, CO – rigid with rotational KE but no vibrational modes.

The other specific heat is

$$c_p = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial T}\right)_p + p\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_p = c_V + R$$

using $E = c_V T$ and $V = 1/\rho = RT/p$. Thence the ratio of specific heats

$$\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_V} = \frac{c_V + R}{c_V}$$

 $\frac{5}{3}$ for monatomic and $\frac{7}{5}$ for diatomic gases. A useful alternative expression for the internal energy is then

$$E = c_V \left(T = \frac{pV}{R}\right) = \frac{c_V}{c_V + R} \frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{p}{\rho},$$

and for enthalpy

$$H = E + \frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} \frac{p}{\rho}.$$

Entropy of a perfect gas

Now T dS = dE + p dV and $E = c_V T$ and $p = RT/\rho$, so

$$dS = c_V \frac{dT}{T} + \frac{R}{V} dV$$

Integrating

$$S - S_0 = c_V \ln \frac{T}{T_0} + R \ln \frac{V}{V_0}$$
$$= c_V \ln \left[\left(\frac{T}{T_0} = \frac{pV}{p_0 V_0} \right) \left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{R/c_V} = \frac{p}{p_0} \left(\frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{1+R/c_V = \gamma} \right]$$

 So

$$S = S_0 + c_V \ln\left[\frac{p}{p_0} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\rho}\right)^{\gamma}\right].$$

Adiabatic/isentropic changes

In sound, where there is insufficient time to conduct heat across one wavelength, $\delta Q = 0$, so dS = 0, so S is constant, so

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{\gamma},$$

and also $T/T_0 = (\rho/\rho_0)^{\gamma-1}$ from $p = \rho kT$.

For small changes, we need the differential

$$\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_S = \gamma \frac{p}{\rho} = \gamma RT,$$

which will find is c^2 the square of the speed of sound, which is 340 m s^{-1} for dry air. Newton made a mistake of assuming an isothermal change $(\partial p/\partial \rho)_T = RT$ missing the factor of γ which is 1.4 for dry air. It can be shown for non-perfect gases (exercise in partial differentiation for student) that $(\partial p/\partial \rho)_S = \gamma (\partial p/\partial \rho)_T$.