

## Turbulence and chaos:

Turbulence is  $\approx$  non-repeating motion with structure across a wide range of spatial scales.

How do we develop small-scale structures with the same boundary conditions?

Typically, we see turbulence develop as the speed of the flow is increased.

N.S. equation

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \right] \vec{v} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$

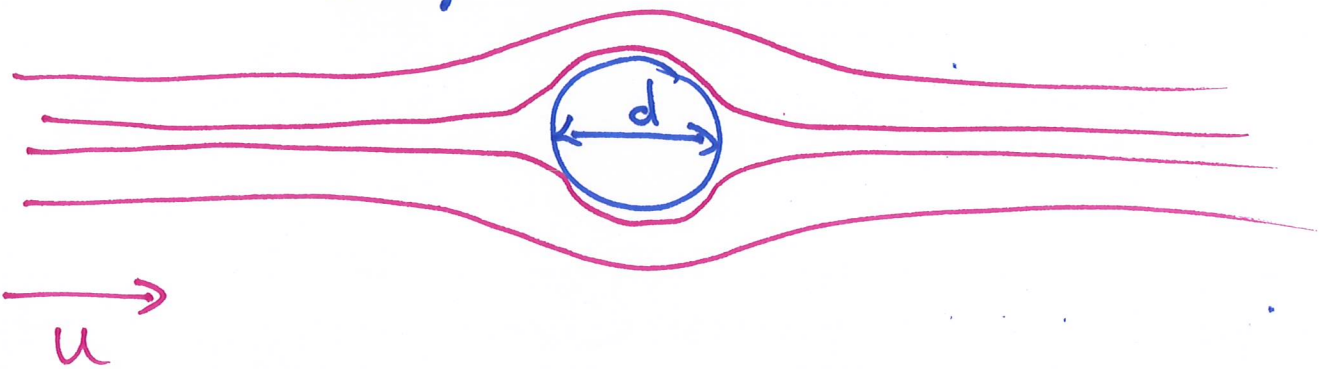
What are the dimensionless numbers in N.S. that characterize the system?

Assume incompressible flow  $\rho = \rho_0 = \text{constant}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Choose a representative length and velocity scale for the system?

length scale:  $L_0 = d$

velocity scale:  $V_0 = u$



Redefine our variables in terms of these quantities.

$$\vec{V} = V_0 \vec{V}' \rightarrow \text{dimensionless}$$

has all the shape information

constant  $\sim 2 \text{ m/s}$

$$\vec{\nabla} = \frac{1}{L_0} \vec{\nabla}' \rightarrow \text{dimensionless}$$

$$x = L_0 x' \rightarrow \text{dimensionless}$$

just a number.

What about  $t$ ?

$$t_0 = \frac{d}{u} = \frac{L_0}{V_0}$$

$$t = t_0 \underbrace{t'} \rightarrow \text{dimensionless}$$
$$= \frac{L_0}{V_0}$$

What about pressure?

$$P = \rho \cdot V_s^2$$

$$V_s = c \underbrace{V_s'} \rightarrow \text{dimers.}$$

$$P = (\rho c^2) V_s'^2$$

representative sand speed.

$$= (\rho c^2) \underbrace{P'} \rightarrow \text{dimensionless pressure.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Plug into N.S.

$$\rho_0 \left[ \frac{1}{L_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \underbrace{(v_0 \vec{v}') \cdot \left( \frac{1}{L_0} \vec{\nabla}' \right)}_{\frac{v_0}{L_0} (\vec{v}' \cdot \vec{\nabla}')} \right] v_0 \vec{v}'$$

$\frac{v_0}{L_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$        $\partial t$

$$= - \left( \frac{1}{L_0} \vec{\nabla}' \right) (\rho_0 c^2) \rho' + \mu \left( \frac{1}{L_0^2} \nabla'^2 \right) v_0 \vec{v}'$$

LHS:

$$\rho_0 \frac{v_0^2}{L_0} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} + (\vec{v}' \cdot \vec{\nabla}') \right] \vec{v}'$$

dimension actual units.
dimensionless shape only

RHS:

$$- \left( \frac{\rho_0 c^2}{L_0} \right) \vec{\nabla}' \rho' + \left( \frac{\mu v_0}{L_0^2} \right) \nabla'^2 \vec{v}'$$

dimension
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Divide everything by  $\frac{\rho_0 v_0^2}{L_0}$

$$\frac{\frac{\rho_0 c^2}{L_0}}{\frac{\rho_0 v_0^2}{L_0}} = \frac{c^2}{v_0^2} = \frac{1}{M^2}$$

Mach number:  $M = \frac{v}{c}$

kinematic  
viscosity

$$\frac{\frac{\mu v_0}{L_0^2}}{\frac{\rho_0 v_0^2}{L_0}} = \frac{\mu/\rho}{v_0 L_0} = \frac{\eta}{v_0 L_0}$$

Reynolds number:  $Re = \frac{v_0 L_0}{\eta} = \frac{\text{inertia}}{\text{dissipation}}$

heavy stone: lots of inertia

→ not affected by drag

ping pong ball: small inertia

→ quickly reaches terminal velocity

Dimensionless form of N.S.

dissipation

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} + \vec{v}' \cdot \nabla' \right] \vec{v}' = - \frac{1}{M^2} \nabla' p' + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla'^2 \vec{v}'$$

The entire system (for a given shape of boundary conditions) is characterized by

M and Re.

Connection to algebra:

$$x = 3x^2 - 2$$

The solution (roots) depend on the specific numerical values of the coefficients.

$$3x^2 - x - 2 \rightarrow x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 24}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm 5}{6} = \left\{ -\frac{2}{3} \right.$$

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Why turbulence?

if  $Re$  is large then dissipation is small.

high speed = large  $Re$  = low dissipation

allows small scale structures to develop & grow before they decay by friction.

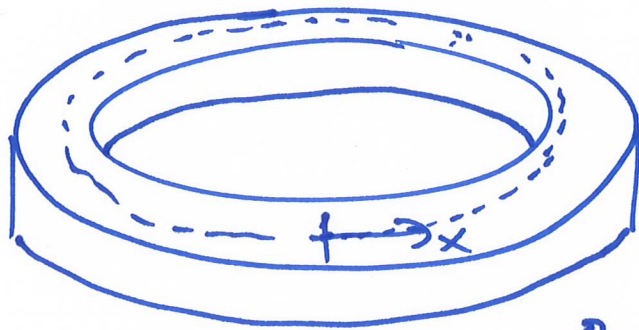
This explains the condition necessary to support small scale structure, but doesn't explain why.

~~Where do~~

From where do small scales come?

At high flow (large  $Re$ ) we ignore viscous effects.

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} + \vec{v}' \cdot \nabla' \right] \vec{v}' = - \frac{1}{M^2} \nabla' p'$$



→ sound waves propagate

Guess a solution of the form:

$$v(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

~~Extra work to show  $\ddot{p} \propto \frac{d}{dx} v$~~

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 p &= \frac{d}{dx} p = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{d}{dx} v \right) \\ &= -k^2 v \end{aligned}$$



if we had

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{v}' = - \frac{1}{M^2} \vec{\nabla}' p$$

then you get the wave equation

let  $v = \frac{d}{dt} (d)$  displacement of air.

$$p \propto \frac{d}{dx} d$$

$$\hookrightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} d = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} d$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$d = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

What happened to  $(\vec{v}' \cdot \vec{\nabla}') \vec{v}'$  ?

$$\vec{v}' = A \sin(kx - \omega t) (\hat{x})$$



$$\boxed{(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}') \vec{v}'} = A \sin(kx - \omega t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} A \sin(kx - \omega t) \\ = A^2 k \sin(kx - \omega t) \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  We ignore when  $A$  is small.

$$\sin(x) \cos(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} A^2 k \sin((2k)x - (2\omega)t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  doubles the frequency and halves the wavelength.

The  $(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}') \vec{v}'$  term is the primary source of turbulence generation.