

4.4 Equations Based on Conservation of Momentum

- Momentum

$$\mathbf{M} = m \cdot u$$

$$[\text{MLT}^{-1}] = [\text{M}] \cdot [\text{LT}^{-1}]$$

m = mass [M]

u = velocity [LT⁻¹]

- So, \mathbf{M} is a vector quantity having magnitude and direction

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- The time rate-of-change of momentum of a fluid is equal to the net force applied to the element
- Mathematically:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F,$$

$$[MLT^{-2}] = [F]$$

- Derived from Newton's laws of motion

ΣF = net force
acting on the
element

Newton's Laws of Motion

- The momentum of a body remains constant unless a net force acts upon the body (conservation of momentum)
- The rate of change of momentum of a body is proportional to the net force acting on the body, and is in the same direction as the net force:

$$\sum F = m \cdot a \quad a = U / t$$

$$\sum \vec{F} = \frac{D}{Dt} (M \times \vec{U})$$

a = acceleration

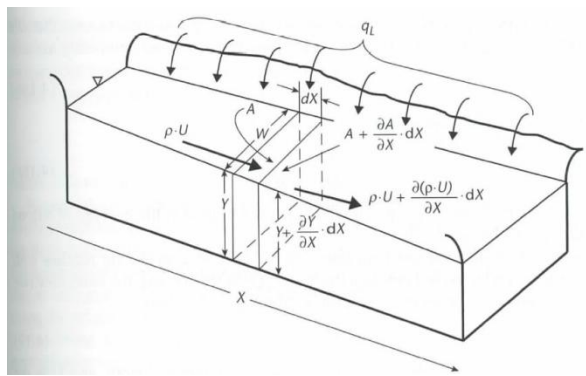
M = mass

\vec{U} = velocity

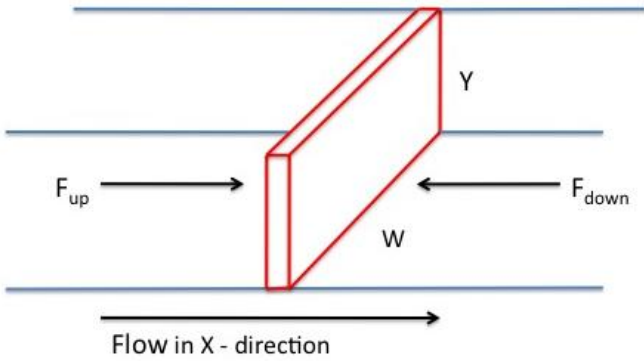
Deriving downstream x-direction momentum changes

- Dingman mentions that the conservation-of-momentum equation can be derived in 3-dimensional Cartesian coordinates but jumps to one-dimensional flow.
- Gives us this diagram:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F,$$



- Can be simplified to:



Deriving downstream X-direction momentum changes.....?

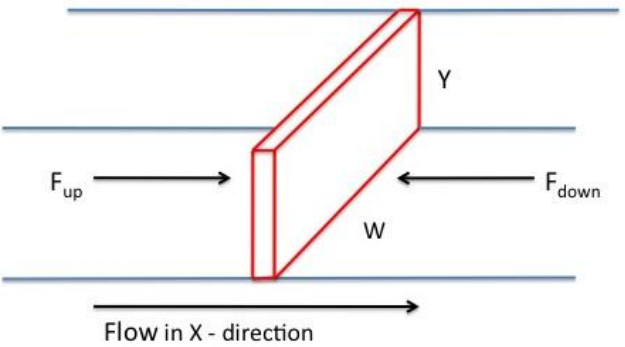
• First, let's work with the left side of the equation →

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \rho \cdot Q \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} \cdot dX$$

$$[MLT^{-2}] = [ML^{-3}] \cdot [L^3T^{-1}] \cdot [LT^{-1}L^{-1}] \cdot [L]$$

• Assumptions:

- Q is spatially & temporally constant
- ρ is constant
- No lateral inflow



Rate of change of M for an element passing through the channel segment is due only to is DS change in U

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F,$$

ρ = mass density

Q = discharge

$\frac{\partial U}{\partial X}$ = change if velocity in relation to X

dX = distance in DS direction

Deriving net force

• Let's move onto the right side of the equation \longrightarrow

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F,$$

• Which forces are we concerned with?

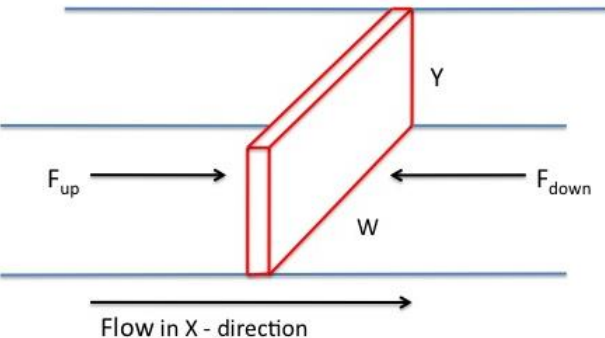
As the DS fluid element is relatively small:

\longrightarrow Ignore gravitational & frictional forces

\longrightarrow Leaves us to deal with pressure forces

• Net pressure force:

$$\Sigma F = F_{up} - F_{down}$$



F_{up} = force on the US face

F_{down} = force on the DS face

Pressure force on the upstream face.....

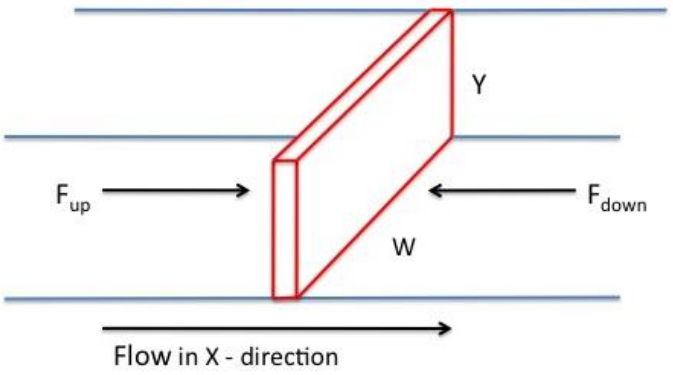
• Pressure:

$$P = \gamma \cdot Y$$

• F_{up} is the product of the **average** pressure and the area of the face:

$$F_{up} = \frac{\gamma \cdot W \cdot Y^2}{2}$$

$$= (P \cdot W \cdot Y) / 2$$



$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F$$

γ = weight density of water

W = width

Y = depth

Pressure force on the downstream face.....

$$F_{\text{down}} = \frac{\gamma \cdot W}{2} \cdot \left(Y + \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} \cdot dX \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\gamma \cdot W}{2} \right) \cdot \left(Y^2 + 2 \cdot Y \cdot \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} \cdot dX \right)$$

From here \longrightarrow here ???

Let's go to the board.....

$$\Sigma F = F_{\text{up}} - F_{\text{down}} = -\gamma \cdot W \cdot Y \cdot \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} \cdot dX$$

Pressure Width Depth Δ Depth over distance X Δ distance X

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F$$

γ = weight density of water [FL⁻³]

Y = depth [L]

W = width [L]

Putting it all back together.....

- Back to where we started:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F,$$

$$\rho \cdot Q \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} = -\gamma \cdot W \cdot Y \cdot \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}$$

- One more simplification: $\gamma = \rho \cdot g,$ $Q = W \cdot Y \cdot U,$

which leads to:

$$U \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} = -g \cdot \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}.$$

$$[LT^{-1}] \quad [LT^{-1}L^{-1}] = [LT^{-2}] \quad [L^{-1}L^1]$$

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One more quick note.....

$$U \cdot \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} = -g \cdot \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}$$

$$[LT^{-1}] \quad [T^{-1}] = [LT^{-2}]$$

- if $\frac{\partial U}{\partial X} > 0$ (i.e. velocity increases DS) then $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial X} < 0$ (i.e. depth decreased downstream)

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \Sigma F,$$

U = velocity

$\frac{\partial U}{\partial X}$ = Δ velocity in relation to X

g = gravitational acceleration

$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}$ = Δ depth in relation to X