

3. Material derivative

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Problem 1.

Consider flow that is described in a lagrangian way using equations

$$x = Xe^{\alpha t}, \quad y = Ye^{-\alpha t}, \quad z = Z,$$

where X , Y and Z are the initial position of a fluid parcel and $\alpha > 0$. During the last tutorial, we derived for this flow that it holds, among others,

$$\begin{aligned} u(X, Y, Z, t) &= \alpha X e^{\alpha t}, & v(X, Y, Z, t) &= -\alpha Y e^{-\alpha t}, & w(X, Y, Z, t) &= 0, \\ u(x, y, z, t) &= \alpha x, & v(x, y, z, t) &= -\alpha y, & w(x, y, z, t) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Let the concentration of a pollutant be defined as $c(x, y, t) = \beta x^2 y e^{-\alpha t}$. Does the concentration change in time for a fluid parcel?
- Evaluate the acceleration in the direction x using both lagrangian and eulerian description.

Problem 2.

Decide when the following properties of the material derivatives D/Dt hold:

a) Formula for the derivative of a sum of two arbitrary smooth functions f, g :

$$\frac{D}{Dt}(f + g) = \frac{D}{Dt}f + \frac{D}{Dt}g.$$

b) Formula for the derivative of product of two arbitrary smooth functions f, g :

$$\frac{D}{Dt}(fg) = f \frac{D}{Dt}g + g \frac{D}{Dt}f.$$

c) Exchange of order of the material derivative and the partial spatial derivative of an arbitrary smooth function f :

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{Df}{Dt}.$$