

Euler equations

For incompressible flow the inviscid 1D Euler equations decouple to:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_t + u\rho_x &= 0 \\ u_t + \frac{p_x}{\rho} &= 0 \\ e_t + ue_x &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The 3D Euler equations are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho v \\ \rho w \\ E \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ \rho uv \\ \rho uw \\ (E+p)u \end{pmatrix}_x + \begin{pmatrix} \rho v \\ \rho v^2 + p \\ \rho vw \\ \rho vw \\ (E+p)v \end{pmatrix}_y + \begin{pmatrix} \rho w \\ \rho w^2 + p \\ \rho vw \\ \rho vw \\ (E+p)w \end{pmatrix}_z = 0 \quad (1)$$

where ρ is the density, $\mathbf{u} = (u, v, w)$ are the velocities, E is the total energy per unit volume and p is the pressure. The total energy is the sum of the internal energy and the kinetic energy.

$$\begin{aligned}E &= \rho \left(e + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \right) \\ &= \rho e + \rho(u^2 + v^2 + w^2)/2\end{aligned}$$

where e is the internal energy per unit mass. The assumption of incompressibility gives

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = u_x + v_y + w_z = 0, \quad (2)$$

Show that in 3D the inviscid Euler equations with the assumption of incompressible flow decouple to:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho &= 0 \\ u_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla u + \frac{p_x}{\rho} &= 0 \\ v_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla v + \frac{p_y}{\rho} &= 0 \\ w_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla w + \frac{p_z}{\rho} &= 0 \\ e_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla e &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The mass conservation equation takes the form:

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) \\ &= \rho_t + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho \\ &= \boxed{\rho_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho = 0}.\end{aligned}$$

The momentum equation along the x -axis can be condensed into

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= (\rho u)_t + (\rho u^2)_x + (\rho uv)_y + (\rho uw)_z + p_x \\ &= \rho u_t + u\rho_t + \rho uu_x + u(\rho u)_x + \rho vu_y + u(\rho v)_y + \rho wu_z + u(\rho w)_z + p_x \\ &= \rho u_t + \rho uu_x + \rho vu_y + \rho wu_z + p_x + (\rho_t + (\rho v)_y + (\rho u)_x + (\rho w)_z) \\ &= \rho u_t + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla u + p_x + (\rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u})) \\ \Rightarrow &\boxed{u_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla u + \frac{p_x}{\rho} = 0}.\end{aligned}$$

A similar argument reveals that the y - and z -axis momentum equations reduce to their appropriate equations, giving (in vector form):

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{u}_t + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} = 0}. \quad (3)$$

Finally, The energy equation can be manipulated in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= E_t + \nabla \cdot [(E + p)\mathbf{u}] \\ &= E_t + \nabla \cdot (E\mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (p\mathbf{u}) \\ &= E_t + E\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla E + p\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla p \\ &= \rho \left(e + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right)_t + \rho_t \left(e + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \left(\rho e + \rho \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla p \\ &= \rho e_t + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}_t + \rho_t \left(e + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla(\rho e) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \left(\rho \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla p \\ &= \rho e_t + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}_t + \rho_t \left(e + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla e + e\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho + \left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla p \\ &= \rho e_t + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla e + \left(e + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \right) (\rho_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \rho) + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \left(\mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{e_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla e = 0}. \end{aligned}$$

Compressible Flow

Find the Jacobian and the right eigenvectors for Euler's equations in 1-D, (*hint: it is useful, in the calculation of the eigenvectors, to consider the enthalpy $H = \frac{E+p}{\rho}$, and the sound speed $c = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$).*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ E \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + p \\ Eu + pu \end{pmatrix}_x = 0. \quad (4)$$

You should assume the ideal gas law as your equation of state,

$$p(\rho, e) = (\gamma - 1)\rho e. \quad (5)$$

We begin by converting the flux term into our independent variables, $x_1 = \rho$, $x_2 = \rho u$ and $x_3 = E$. Then we can write the Flux term as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ \frac{x_2^2}{x_1} + (\gamma - 1) \left(x_3 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x_2^2}{x_1} \right) \\ \frac{x_3 x_2}{x_1} + (\gamma - 1) \left(x_3 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{x_2^2}{x_1} \right) \frac{x_2}{x_1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ (\gamma - 1)x_3 + \frac{1}{2}(3 - \gamma) \frac{x_2^2}{x_1} \\ \gamma x_3 \frac{x_2}{x_1} + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma) \frac{x_2^3}{x_1^2} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

which gives our Jacobian the form:

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(3 - \gamma) \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} & (3 - \gamma) \frac{x_2}{x_1} & (\gamma - 1) \\ -\gamma \frac{x_3 x_2}{x_1^2} + (\gamma - 1) \frac{x_2^3}{x_1^3} & \gamma \frac{x_3}{x_1} + \frac{3}{2}(1 - \gamma) \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} & \gamma \frac{x_2}{x_1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(3 - \gamma)u^2 & (3 - \gamma)u & (\gamma - 1) \\ -\gamma \frac{Eu}{\rho} + (\gamma - 1)u^3 & \gamma \frac{E}{\rho} - \frac{3}{2}(\gamma - 1)u^2 & \gamma u \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

We are given the eigenvalues in lecture as $\lambda = \{u, u \pm c\}$, where $c = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$. The first eigenvector then simply becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} J\vec{v} &= \lambda\vec{v} \\ \Rightarrow v_2 &= uv_1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(3 - \gamma)u^2v_1 + (3 - \gamma)u^2v_1 + (\gamma - 1)v_3 &= u^2v_1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}u^2v_1 &= v_3 \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{v_1 = 1 \quad v_2 = u \quad v_3 = \frac{1}{2}u^2} \end{aligned}$$

In order to solve the other eigenvectors, it is useful to introduce the enthalpy term $\rho H = E + p$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{E + p}{\rho} \\ &= e + \frac{1}{2}u^2 + (\gamma - 1)e \\ &= \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \gamma e \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma)u^2 + \gamma \frac{E}{\rho}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we can manipulate the following to get our eigenvectors:

$$J\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_2 = \lambda v_1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 3)u^2 v_1 + (3 - \gamma)uv_2 + (\gamma - 1)v_3 = \lambda v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma v_3 = v_3 + \left(\lambda^2 - (3 - \gamma)u\lambda - \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 3)u^2 \right) v_1$$

$$- \gamma \frac{E}{\rho} uv_1 + (\gamma - 1)u^3 v_1 + \gamma \frac{E}{\rho} \lambda v_1 - \frac{3}{2}(\gamma - 1)u^2 \lambda v_1 + \gamma uv_3 = \lambda v_3$$

$$- \left(H + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)u^2 \right) uv_1 + (\gamma - 1)u^3 v_1 + \left(H + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)u^2 \right) \lambda v_1 - \frac{3}{2}(\gamma - 1)u^2 \lambda v_1 + \gamma uv_3 = \lambda v_3$$

$$- Huv_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)u^3 v_1 + H\lambda v_1 - (\gamma - 1)u^2 \lambda v_1 + \gamma uv_3 = \lambda v_3$$

$$(\lambda - u)Hv_1 + (\lambda^2 u - 2u^2 \lambda + u^3) v_1 = (\lambda - u)v_3$$

$$Hv_1 + (\lambda - u)uv_1 = v_3$$

$$\Rightarrow v_3 = H \pm uc v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_1 = 1 \quad v_2 = \lambda \quad v_3 = H \pm uc}$$