

SO335: Examples of the Material Derivative (Chapter 4)

1. Find the material rate of change of the temperature field at the point (50 m, 50 m) if the flow \vec{u} is $\vec{u} = 5 \text{ m s}^{-1} \hat{i}$ and temperature is given by $T = 10^\circ\text{C} + 0.2^\circ\text{C} \left(e^{-\alpha} \beta (x^2 + y^2) \right)$.

Solution:

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)T$$

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(10^\circ\text{C} + 0.2^\circ\text{C} \left(e^{-\alpha} \beta (x^2 + y^2) \right) \right) + \left[(5\text{ms}^{-1}\hat{i}) \cdot \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \right] \left(10^\circ\text{C} + 0.2^\circ\text{C} \left(e^{-\alpha} \beta (x^2 + y^2) \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} = \left(0.2^\circ\text{C} \beta (x^2 + y^2) - \alpha e^{-\alpha} \right) + 5\text{ms}^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(10^\circ\text{C} + 0.2^\circ\text{C} \left(e^{-\alpha} \beta (x^2 + y^2) \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} = \left(0.2^\circ\text{C} \beta (x^2 + y^2) (-\alpha e^{-\alpha}) \right) + 5\text{ms}^{-1} \left(0.2^\circ\text{C} e^{-\alpha} \beta (2x) \right)$$

Now solve at the point (50,50), and note that $\alpha = 1\text{s}^{-1}$:

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} = 0.2^\circ\text{C} \left(\frac{1}{2500\text{m}^2} \right) \left((50\text{m})^2 + (50\text{m})^2 \right) \left(-1\text{s}^{-1} e^{-1\text{s}^{-1}t} \right) + 5\text{ms}^{-1} 0.2^\circ\text{C} e^{-1\text{s}^{-1}t} \left(\frac{1}{2500\text{m}^2} \right) (2) (50\text{m})$$

$$\frac{DT}{Dt} = e^{-ts^{-1}} \left(-0.4^\circ\text{C}\text{s}^{-1} + 0.04^\circ\text{C}\text{s}^{-1} \right)$$

*Colors (**red** and **black**) have been provided to help show the progression of each term.

2. Find the material acceleration if $\vec{u} = \alpha \sin(\beta xt)\hat{i} - \alpha \sin(\beta yt)\hat{j}$. α and β are dimensional constants with units ms^{-1} and $m^{-1}s^{-1}$, respectively.

Solution:

Note that for that vector, the components are $u = \alpha \sin(\beta xt)$ and $v = -\alpha \sin(\beta yt)$.

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u}$$

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\vec{u}) + \left[(u\hat{i} + v\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}) \cdot \left(\hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \right] \vec{u}$$

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\alpha \sin(\beta xt)\hat{i} - \alpha \sin(\beta yt)\hat{j}) + \alpha \sin(\beta xt) \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\alpha \sin(\beta xt)\hat{i} - \alpha \sin(\beta yt)\hat{j}) - \alpha \sin(\beta yt) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\alpha \sin(\beta xt)\hat{i} - \alpha \sin(\beta yt)\hat{j})$$

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = \alpha \beta x \cos(\beta xt)\hat{i} - \alpha \beta y \cos(\beta yt)\hat{j} + \alpha \sin(\beta xt)(\alpha \beta t \cos(\beta xt)\hat{i} - 0\hat{j}) - \alpha \sin(\beta yt)(-\alpha \beta t \cos(\beta yt)\hat{j})$$

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = \hat{i}(\alpha \beta x \cos(\beta xt) + \alpha \sin(\beta xt)\alpha \beta t \cos(\beta xt)) + \hat{j}(-\alpha \beta y \cos(\beta yt) + \alpha \sin(\beta yt)(\alpha \beta t \cos(\beta yt)))$$

$$\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} = \hat{i}\alpha \beta \cos(\beta xt)(x + \alpha t \sin(\beta xt)) + \hat{j}\alpha \beta \cos(\beta yt)(-y + \alpha t \sin(\beta yt))$$

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