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A Note on Kinetic Energy of Fluid Motion

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Abstract

It is pointed out that, we can deduce from Kelvin's extension of Green's theorem, when a body immersed in a water region vibrates, it's theoretical value of virtual mass is the same whether the water is flowing with a steady potential-flow or there is no flow at all.

Let us consider a connected region (extending to infinity or not) bounded by one or more closed surfaces S_1, S_2, \dots as sketched in Fig. 1. Let barriers

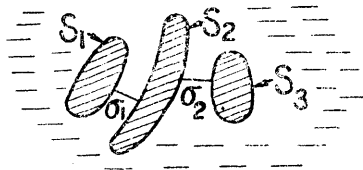


Fig. 1

necessary to reduce the region to a simply connected one ($\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$) be drawn. Let two functions ϕ, Φ be given, both of which are continuous functions and are differentiable, throughout the region. Let the cyclic constants of the function ϕ be k_1, k_2, \dots . Then

we have, by Kelvin's extension of Green's Theorem : -

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint \phi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} ds + k_1 \iint \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} d\sigma_1 + k_2 \iint \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} d\sigma_2 + \dots \\ &= - \iiint \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \right] dx dy dz \\ & \quad - \iint \phi \nabla^2 \Phi dx dy dz \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where the surface-integrations on the left-hand side extend, the first over the original boundaries of the region only, and the rest over the several barriers $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$. $\partial/\partial n$ indicates the derivative with respect to inwardly drawn normal to the boundary surface of the reduced region. (Lamb, Hydrodynamics, Art. 53)

Now, let us assume that (a) $\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$ throughout the region, (b) $\partial \Phi / \partial n = 0$ on the boundary surfaces S_1, S_2, \dots (c) $k_1 = 0, k_2 = 0, \dots$. Then we have, no matter whether Φ is cyclic or not.

$$\iiint \left[\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right] dx dy dz = 0 \tag{2}$$

In order to apply this equation to a case of fluid motion, let Φ and ϕ represent two velocity potentials such that

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_x &= \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}, & V_y &= \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y}, & V_z &= \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \\ v_x &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, & v_y &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, & v_z &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

As to the potential Φ , we assume that $\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$ throughout the region, and $\partial \Phi / \partial n = 0$ on the surfaces S_i . This means that Φ is the potential corresponding to a steady potential-flow of incompressible fluid around the rigid bodies S_1, S_2, \dots . ϕ may be any continuous and single valued function of (x, y, z) , but it may depend on time t . For example, it may be a solution of wave-equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2}$$

or a potential function such that $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$.

Consider now the motion of fluid, obtainable by superposition $\phi + \Phi$ of two potentials ϕ and Φ . Kinetic energy T of fluid at any instant, contained in the region, is given by

$$T = \frac{\rho}{2} \iiint \left[(V_x + v_x)^2 + (V_y + v_y)^2 + (V_z + v_z)^2 \right] dx dy dz$$

According to the above lemma (2), we have

$$T = T_0 + T_1 \quad (4)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_0 &= \frac{\rho}{2} \iiint \left[V_x^2 + V_y^2 + V_z^2 \right] dx dy dz \\ T_1 &= \frac{\rho}{2} \iiint \left[v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2 \right] dx dy dz \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

Thus, the total kinetic energy of fluid is equal to the sum of kinetic energies of two component motions represented respectively by Φ and ϕ .

CASE A Let us consider a closed rigid boundary D inside of which there may exist several rigid bodies B_1, B_2, \dots (Fig. 2) Let Φ denote any potential flow through the space thus formed. Φ may be many valued. Also, ϕ be any other single valued potential of flow, for example, motion of fluid generated by small oscillations of bodies B . Then the kinetic energy of combined motion of the fluid is given by the formula (4) of superposition.

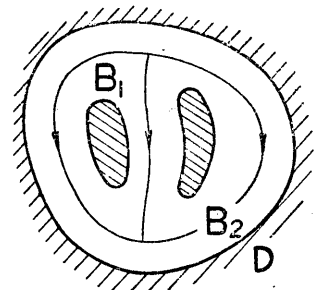


Fig. 2

CASE B Let Φ be a potential flow through several bodies B_1, B_2, \dots (Fig. 3) Imagine a closed boundary surface D which is very far away from any one of them. Let ϕ be another motion of the fluid, for example generated by oscillations of bodies B_1, B_2, \dots , and such that at an infinite distance from

the bodies we have $\phi \rightarrow 0$. In this case $\phi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial n} = 0$ on the boundary surface D . So that the formula (4) of superposition also holds true in this case.

CASE C Take the case of two-dimensional flow. Let there be bodies B_i infinite in number and arranged in a row spaced at equal distances. Let Φ be the potential of a potential-flow through the row of bodies B , which is a periodic function of period L . ϕ be some other motion as before. Draw a curve ab passing

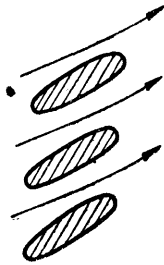


Fig. 3

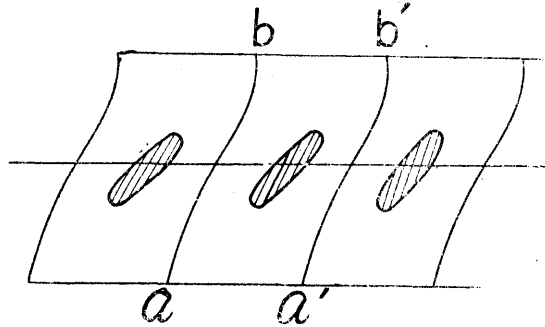


Fig. 4

through the fluid, and another curve $a'b'$ which is obtained by translation of ab by the distance L . Suppose that when we make the points a, b, a', b' infinitely distant from the row of bodies B_i , we have $\phi \rightarrow 0$. Taking the region enclosed by contour $abb'a'$, we find, as before, that the law of superposition (4) also holds.

As application of these inferences, suppose that there exist steady flow around the bodies B in any one of water regions, Fig. 2, 3 or 4, with or without the circulation around each body B . Let this flow be represented by a velocity potential Φ . Moreover, suppose that each body B is vibrating, and are causing vibratory motions of surrounding water. This vibration of water gives rise to so called phenomenon of "virtual mass" on the vibration of bodies B themselves. In this case, however, the total kinetic energy of water is given by (4), and consist of the sum of steady part T_0 and vibratory part T_1 . Thus we see that the steady flow Φ has no effect upon the "virtual mass" of water of a body or bodies which are vibrating in water region.