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ON THE KÁRMÁN-HOWARTH EQUATION

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Let us take the two points x, y, z and x, y', z in a Cartesian coordinate system. Let the nonsimultaneous velocity components at these points be $\mathcal{U}(t)$, $\mathcal{U}(t)$, $\mathcal{W}(t)$ and $\mathcal{U}(t')$, $\mathcal{U}'(t')$, w'(t'), respectively.

We can then write the Kármán-Howarth equation in the case of homogeneous isotropic turbulence in two ways

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle vv' \rangle &+ \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{4}{r} \right] \langle u^2 v' \rangle = v \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{4}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right] \langle vv' \rangle \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \langle vv' \rangle &- \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{4}{r} \right] \langle u'^2 v \rangle = v \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{4}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right] \langle vv' \rangle \\ r &= y' - y, \langle vv' \rangle = \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{4}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N v_n v'_n \quad (\mathcal{N} \text{ is the number of the experiment)} \\ \langle u^2 v' \rangle &= f(r, t, t'), \qquad \langle u'^2 v \rangle = -f(r, t', t) \end{aligned}$$

Here

These equations are independent, form a closed system, and permit elimination of the second moments. It follows that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{4}{r} \end{bmatrix} f(r, t, t') = F(r, t, t')$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} F(r, t, t') - \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F(r, t', t) = v \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{4}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right] \left[F(r, t, t') - F(r, t', t) \right]$$

is the functional differential equation in the third moments.

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