

**Course on Momentum Transfer in Process Engineering**  
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**Lecture 31**  
**Module 7**  
**Sonic velocity**

Now we come to another very important topic, right? You remember the day we were seeing compressible fluid flow and flow through nozzle we had said that you are whistling phuu like that, right? So when you are whistling there is a sound when there is a pressure cooker there is a sound when (pla) aero plane is moving there is a sound but I do not know whether you are staying near to any airports area we have nearby one so we also hear in many days that there is a sound boom that boom sound is not because of the aero plane on movement of the aero plane it is that of course it is movement of the aero plane but that booming is because of that from that one phase top another phase of the sound it was crossing or coming up or down.

So because of that this booming happens, right? So that means when we are talking when we are listening any sound, then that sound unless it is some mechanical or some other. In normal if it is with a fluid, then definitely that fluid has to undergo a velocity which is known as sonic velocity, right? That is the velocity of sound, now you also know that in the whole universe there are so many things every now and then happening, but from the earth you are not listening anything, why? Because for the propagation of the sound of course this you have come across in higher secondary also in first year or some other class or from general knowledge you have upgraded yourself.

Then you have seen that this velocity of sound or the sound what is propagation it depends on the medium, right? That is why when you are swimming and if somebody is shouting you listen one (( ))(2:50) of, whereas the same thing when you are not swimming you are on the bank, then you are hearing a proper sound, right? So far we have talked about proper sound means when it is in the air, right? When the medium is air. So same is happening if you are in the vacuum under some vacuum level and then if you are hearing you will find that distortion of the sound, right?

So this is because the propagation of the sound needs some medium and in all our normal cases the medium is air, right? And that is why in the universe where things are happening we do not receive any sound only because there is no medium from there to bring to the earth and then we

can hear, right? So whatever is happening on the periphery of the earth we are hearing, but not be on that till the atmosphere is there, right?

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SONIC VELOCITY  
VELOCITY OF SOUND

Velocity of sound in air  $U_s = \sqrt{\frac{k}{\rho}}$  where  $k$  = bulk modulus of air -

$k = \frac{\Delta p}{\frac{\Delta v}{v}} = -\frac{\Delta p}{\frac{\Delta v}{v}} = -\frac{dp}{\frac{dv}{v}}$  Now,  $v = \frac{1}{\rho}$   
 $\therefore \frac{dv}{dp} = -\frac{1}{\rho^2}$

$= -\frac{dp}{\frac{1}{\rho^2}} = \frac{dp}{\frac{1}{\rho^2}} = \rho^2 dp \quad \therefore \frac{dp}{\frac{dv}{v}} = \rho^2 dp$

$\therefore k = \rho^2 dp$

$U_s = \sqrt{\frac{\rho^2 dp}{\rho}}$  ✓

So that we will do we will discuss today that is the sonic velocity are velocity of sound v, e, l sorry v, l, o, right? So velocity of sound by definition velocity of sound in air is defined as  $V_s$  is equals to under root  $k$  by  $\rho$ , where  $k$  is the bulk modulus of air, right? And this bulk modulus of air  $k$  is defined as  $\Delta p$  over  $\Delta v$  by  $v$  that is change in pressure or change in velocity per unit velocity for the change in pressure change in velocity per unit velocity for the sorry  $\Delta p$  by  $\Delta v$  by  $v$ , so this is specific this is specific volume.

So change in specific volume per unit volume of the air for a change in pressure, right? So this is the specific volume, so if  $\Delta p$  over  $\Delta v$  by  $v$  is  $k$ , then we can write this is equal to negative of  $\Delta p$  over  $\Delta v$  by  $v$ , why negative? The negative term is because that with the change in  $\Delta v$  per unit volume  $v$  per unit specific volume of obviously is decreasing with the increase of the pressure, right? So that is why the negative value is there. So change in this is decreasing as  $\Delta p$  is increasing, right? So that is why this negative indicates that. So this means we can also write that this is nothing but  $dp$  over  $\Delta p$  by  $v$  so  $1$  by  $v$  can be written as  $\rho$  and this is  $dv$ , right? Now we know that  $v$  is equals to  $1$  by  $\rho$ , right? Or we can also write that  $dv$  d  $\rho$  this is nothing but minus  $1$  by  $\rho$  square, right?

So we can write that  $dv$  is equals to minus  $d\rho$  over  $\rho$  square, right? So now if we substitute this value into the value of  $k$ , then we can write that this is  $d\rho$  over  $\rho$   $dv$  so  $\rho$  we have seen that is nothing but  $1$  by  $v$  or let us write it to be  $\rho$  and this is  $\rho$   $dv$ , right?  $dv$  we have already changed in the form of  $d\rho$  and here we had of course one negative which you have not given. So this negative should have been because here it was there so there it is there. So this negative and this negative or let us write rather otherwise there is a chance of mistake.

So  $\rho$  into  $dv$   $dv$  is nothing but minus  $d\rho$  over  $\rho$  square, right? So this means this is  $d\rho$  over this negative this negative goes off and this square this square goes off so  $d\rho$  over  $\rho$ , right? So that means it is nothing but equal to  $\rho$   $d\rho$  over  $d\rho$ , right? So we can write  $k$  by  $\rho$  is equals to  $d\rho$  over  $d\rho$ , right? So if that is true, then we can also write that  $V_s$  is nothing but it was  $k$  by  $\rho$  so that can be written as under root  $d\rho$  over  $d\rho$ . So velocity of sound is can be expressed then in terms of  $d\rho$  over  $d\rho$   $d\rho$  is the change in pressure  $d\rho$  is the change in density corresponding change in density, right? this is under root.

This we defined as the velocity of sound, right?

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for adiabatic flow,  
 $pV^\gamma = c$ ,  $p = cV^{-\gamma}$ ,  $V = \frac{1}{\rho}$   
 $\frac{dp}{d\rho} = \frac{c}{V^{\gamma+1}}$   
 $\frac{dp}{d\rho} = \gamma c \rho^{\gamma-1} = \gamma p V^{\gamma} \rho^{\gamma-1} = \frac{\gamma p \rho^{\gamma-1}}{\rho^\gamma} = \frac{\gamma p}{\rho}$   
 $V_s = \sqrt{\frac{dp}{d\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$  ✓  
 Mach No.  $N_{Ma} = \frac{V}{V_s} = \frac{V}{\frac{1}{\rho} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}}$   
 $V_0 = N_{Ma} V_s = N_{Ma} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0}} = N_{Ma} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0}}$   
 $V_0 = N_{Ma} \sqrt{\gamma \frac{p_0}{\rho_0}}$  or  $V_0 = N_{Ma} \sqrt{\gamma \frac{p_0}{\rho_0}}$

now if we look at the other relation sorry, if we look at the other relation that for adiabatic process we know  $p v^\gamma$  is equals to constant, right? Or we also can write that  $p$  is equals to  $c$  into  $v$  to the power minus  $\gamma$  because this comes down or  $v$  is equals to  $c$  by  $v$  to the power  $\gamma$  so  $p$  is equals to  $c v$  to the power minus  $\gamma$ , right? Or this can also be written in

terms of  $\rho$  as  $c \rho$  to the power  $\gamma$  because  $v$  is equal to  $1$  by  $\rho$ , right? So  $v$  is equal to  $1$  by  $\rho$ , so we can write that  $c \rho$  to the power  $\gamma$ , right?

So we can write our  $dp$  is equal to our  $dp$  over  $d\rho$  this is equal to  $\gamma c \rho$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$ , right? So this is nothing but  $\gamma p v$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$ , right? Because we have substituted  $c$  as  $pV$  to the power  $\gamma$ , right? So this we can write is equal to  $\gamma p \rho$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$  over  $\rho$  to the power  $\gamma$ , right? So if that be true so this is  $\rho$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$  so  $\gamma p$  plus  $\gamma$  it goes out so it becomes  $\rho$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$ , so  $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$ , right?

So this becomes  $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$ , now we have seen earlier that velocity of sound  $V_s$  was nothing but under root  $dp$  over  $d\rho$ , so now  $dp$  over  $d\rho$  we have found out to be  $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$ . So velocity of sound we can write nothing but equal to  $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$ , right? So velocity of sound is  $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$ , right? Then now if we define a new number which we have not come across till now that is called Mach number, so if possible someday I will introduce this kind of legendary people who have done a lot in the science of fluid flow so at least if I can collect their photographs and names so that really they are remembered whenever you are studying fluid flow, right? So they have done at least century back or even earlier they have done a lot when the facility was not so much, but they have done lots of miracle.

So hope that they also should be remembered or they also should be known very little if possible if time permits someday I will try to make that maybe not whole class but a little so that we come across, however one such similar scientist was Mach and in his name this number is written as Mach number, right? This is M, A, C, H Mach and the number is called Mach number like Reynolds number this is written  $N_{Re}$ , right? This Mach number is defined as the velocity of sound in the medium that is  $v$  over velocity of sound in that, right?

So this is the dimensionless velocity of that particular thing over velocity of sound, right? So this is  $v$  over  $V_s$ , right? Now if it is under nozzle because our concern is on in the nozzle we started with nozzle flow we are still continuing so if we look at the nozzle and at the nozzle we said that tip velocity of the nozzle is  $v_0$ . So we can write it to be  $v_0$  over  $V_s$  where  $v_0$  is the tip velocity of the nozzle, right? So if we write, then we can say Mach number is  $v_0$  by  $V_s$ , right? And then we can write this  $v_0$  that is the tip velocity equal to nothing but Mach number  $N_{Ma}$  into  $V_s$ , right?

Now  $N_{Ma}$  Vs already we have found out is  $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$  under root  $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$  under root which can also be rewritten in terms of  $v$  specific volume as under root this is  $p$  this was  $\gamma p$  so not  $\rho p$   $\gamma p$  by  $\rho$ . So this we can write  $\gamma p$  into this corresponding to this  $\rho$  is the tip velocity corresponding  $\rho$  so  $\gamma \rho$  okay  $\gamma p$  by let us write here  $\gamma p$  by first  $\rho_0$  then is equals to  $N_{Ma}$   $\gamma p$  into this  $\rho_0$  that is  $v_0$ , right?

So  $\gamma p$  and this  $p$  is also corresponding to the  $p$  at the tip, so we can also write it to be  $\gamma p_0$  by  $\rho_0$ , right? So the Mach number velocity at the tip  $v_0$  is  $N_{Ma}$  under root  $\gamma p_0$   $v_0$ , right? Or we can also write  $v_0$  square is equals to  $N_{Ma}$  Mach number square into  $\gamma p_0$   $v_0$ , right? So this is velocity at the tip and this is  $N_{Ma}$  square  $\gamma p_0$   $v_0$ , right? So if we know this and we already have found out what is the velocity at the tip if you remember that that was  $2 \gamma p$  by  $\gamma$  minus 1 into  $\rho$  into  $1 - p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $\gamma$  minus 1 by  $\gamma$  whole under root if we remember that.

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The image shows a whiteboard with handwritten mathematical derivations. The main derivation starts with the definition of Mach number velocity at the tip:

$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2\gamma p}{(\gamma-1)\rho} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}\right]}$$

Then, it shows the Mach number squared multiplied by  $\gamma p_0 v_0$  equals  $v_0$  squared:

$$N_{Ma}^2 \gamma p_0 v_0 = v_0^2 = \frac{2\gamma p}{(\gamma-1)\rho} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}\right]$$

Next, it expresses  $N_{Ma}^2$  in terms of  $\rho v$ :

$$N_{Ma}^2 = \frac{2\gamma p}{\gamma \rho_0 v_0 (\gamma-1)\rho} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}\right]$$

$$= \frac{2\gamma p}{\rho_0 v_0 (\gamma-1)\rho} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}\right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{(\gamma-1)} \left(\frac{p}{\rho_0 v_0}\right) \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}\right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{(\gamma-1)} \left(\frac{p_0}{\rho_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}\right]$$

On the right side of the whiteboard, there are additional notes:

$$\rho v = \rho_0 v_0$$

$$\frac{p}{\rho_0} = \left(\frac{v_0}{v}\right)^\gamma$$

At the bottom right, there is a small circular inset image of a person's face.

So you can substitute that value of  $p$  here, right? So substituting that value of  $p$  here, we can write that value of  $v_0$  so  $v_0$  which we have already found out to be equals to  $v_0$  equals to under root  $2 \gamma p$  by  $\gamma$  minus 1 into  $\rho$  into  $1 - p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $\gamma$  minus 1 by  $\gamma$  this under root, right? So we can write from this previous expression that  $N_{Ma}$  square is into  $\gamma p_0$   $v_0$  this was equals to  $v_0$  square, right? So this on substitution of  $v_0$  we can

write is equals to  $2 \gamma p$  by  $\gamma - 1$  into  $\rho$ , right? Into  $1 - p_0$  over  $p$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$  by  $\gamma$ , right?

So this is  $N_{ma}$  square, now if we divide  $N_{ma}$  square if we divide both side with  $\gamma p_0 v_0$ , then we can write  $2 \gamma p$  over  $\gamma p_0 v_0$  into  $\gamma - 1$  into  $\rho$  into  $1 - p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$  over  $\gamma$ , right? Then, this we can write again equals to  $2 pV$  because this  $\rho$  we can take it to the top 2 and this  $\gamma$  this  $\gamma$  goes out, so  $2 pV$  by  $p_0 v_0$  into  $\gamma - 1$  this times  $1 - p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$  by  $\gamma$ , right?

Now this  $pV$  by  $p_0 v_0$  this we can again segregate like  $2$  by  $\gamma - 1$  so  $p$  by  $p_0$   $1$   $v$  by  $v_0$  another into  $1 - p_0$  over  $p$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$  by  $\gamma$ , right? So this again we can write  $2$  by  $\gamma - 1$ , right?  $p_0$  by  $p$  is okay, let it remain or  $p$  by  $p_0$  it was  $p$  by  $p_0$  and this  $v$  by  $v_0$  is nothing but  $p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$   $p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$  because we know  $pV$   $\gamma$  is equals to constant or  $pV$  is equals to  $p_0 v_0$ , right?

So  $pV$   $\gamma$  is equals to constant or  $pV$   $\gamma$  is equals to  $p_0 v_0$   $\gamma$ , right? So we can write  $p$  by  $p_0$  is equals to  $v_0$  by  $v$  to the power  $\gamma$  or  $p_0$  by  $p$  is equals to  $v_0$  by  $v$  to the power  $\gamma$ , right? This is  $1$  by  $\gamma$  because that is inverted, right? So  $v_0$  by  $v$   $v$  by  $v_0$  sorry this is then  $v$  by  $v_0$   $p$  by  $p_0$  is so  $p$  by  $p_0$  is  $v_0$  by  $v$  to the  $\gamma$ , fine so that can be written as  $v$  by  $v_0$  that can be written as  $v$  by  $v_0$ , right? To the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$   $p$  by  $p_0$ , okay.

Then, so  $p$  by  $p_0$  is  $v_0$  by  $v$  to the power  $\gamma$  and  $p_0$  by and here we have  $v$  by  $v_0$ , right? Here we have here  $v$  by  $v_0$  so  $v$  by  $v_0$  we can write equals to  $p_0$  by  $p$ , right? okay. So  $v_0$  by  $v$  to the power  $\gamma$  or is equals to  $v$  by  $v_0$  to the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$ , right?  $p$  by  $p_0$  is so much so it is  $p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$  is  $v$  by  $v_0$ , right?  $p$  by  $p_0$  remains  $p_0$  by  $p$ , okay that this is from here we can write this that  $p_0$  by  $p$  is equals to  $v$  by  $v_0$  to the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$  that is there.

So we write  $p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$   $p$  by  $p_0$  this is equals to not equals to into sorry into  $1 - p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $\gamma - 1$  by  $\gamma$ , right? So we can then write this we can then take it inside  $p_0$  by  $p$ , right?  $p$  by  $p_0$  it was in the inside  $p_0$  by  $p$ , okay. So  $p_0$  by  $p$   $\gamma - 1$  by  $\gamma$ , right? And if we put  $1$  by  $\gamma$  inside  $p_0$  by  $p$  we can write  $2$  by  $\gamma - 1$  this into  $p_0$  by  $p$  to the power  $1$  by  $\gamma$  into if we take it inside, right?  $p$  by  $p_0$

if we take it inside, then this is if we take it inside then p by p0 we can write 1 minus gamma 1 minus p0 by p to the power gamma minus 1 by gamma and here we also had this p0 by p to the power 1 by gamma, right?

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$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{ma}^2 &= \frac{2}{(\gamma-1)} \left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma}}\right] \\
 &= \frac{2}{(\gamma-1)} \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma}}\right] \\
 N_{ma}^2 &= \frac{2}{(\gamma-1)} \left[\left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}-1} - 1\right] \\
 &= \frac{2}{(\gamma-1)} \left(\frac{p_0}{p}\right)^{\frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{\gamma} - 1 + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma} &= \frac{1 - \gamma + \gamma}{\gamma} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\gamma}
 \end{aligned}$$

So rather let us rewrite here, Nma square is equals to 2 by gamma minus 1, right? And p by p0 into p0 by p to the power 1 by gamma into 1 minus p0 by p to the power gamma minus 1 by gamma, right? So this is equals to 2 by gamma minus 1, so this is 1 by inverse, right? p0 by p and 1 by gamma, so this is 1 by gamma minus 1. So it comes p0 by p to the power 1 by gamma minus 1, right? Into 1 minus p0 by p to the power gamma minus 1 by gamma, right?

So if we take it inside, then we can write that Nma square is equals to 2 by gamma minus 1, right? Into if we multiply this p0 by p inside, then it becomes p0 by p to the power 1 by gamma minus 1 by gamma minus 1 that is 1 minus gamma by gamma and minus this was p0 by p to the power gamma minus 1 by gamma and this is p0 by p to the power 1 by gamma minus 1 that is 1 by gamma minus 1 plus gamma minus 1 by gamma is equals to gamma so 1 minus gamma plus gamma minus 1, right? So it becomes then gamma gamma goes out this 1, 1 goes out, then it becomes equal to 1, right?

So p0 by p that goes out this becomes equals to 1. So p0 by p to the power 0 so that becomes 1, so this is equals to 2 by gamma minus 1, right? Into p0 by p to the power 1 minus gamma by gamma minus 1, right? So this is what we get and subsequently I think our time is up, so in the

next class we will do that from here what could be the relation between Mach number and the velocity, right? Thank you.