

# V. BUBBLE DYNAMICS.

- Non-dimensional variables (subscript 'l' : liquid  
'g' : gas, bubble).

- Reynolds number,  $Re = \rho_l u_b d_b / \mu_l$ .  
velocity of bubble

$\sim$  inertia / viscous force.

- Weber number,  $We = \rho_l u_b^2 d_b / \sigma_l$

$\sim$  inertia / surf. tension.

- Bond (Eötvös) number,

$$Bo (E_o) = \rho_l \Delta \rho d_b^2 / \sigma_l \sim \frac{\text{body force}}{\text{surf. tension}}$$

- Froude number,  $Fr = u_b^2 / g d_b$  ( $u_b / \sqrt{g d_b}$ )

↪  $\sim$  inertia/gravity  
wave instability

- Morton number,  $Mo \equiv We^3 / Fr \cdot Re^4$   
 $= \underline{\rho} \underline{\mu}_l^4 / \underline{\rho}_l \underline{\sigma}_l^3$

- Galilei number,  $Ga = \rho_l g d_b^3 / \mu_l \sim \frac{\text{gravity}}{\text{viscous force}}$

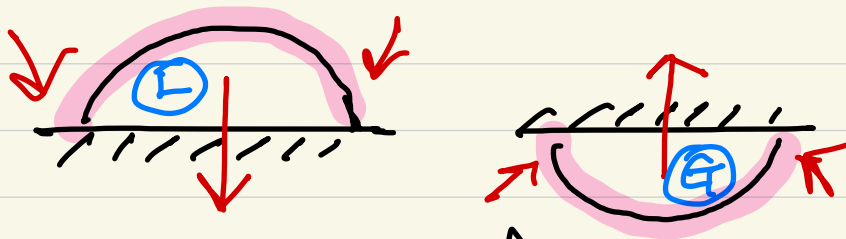
- Archimedes " ,  $Ar = \rho_l d_b^3 \Delta \rho / \mu_l^2$   
 $\sim \frac{\text{density difference}}{\text{viscous force}}$

- shape of fluid particle : bubbles and drops  
tend to deform subject to external fluid  
flows through the balance between stresses

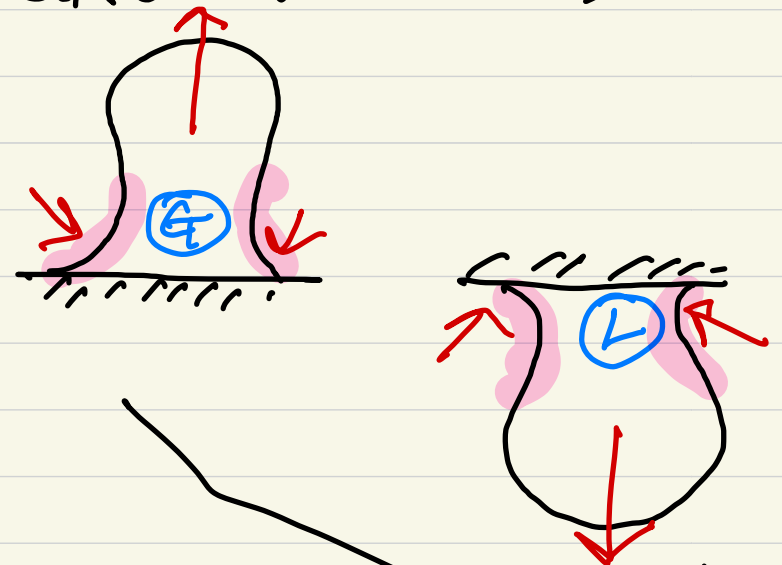
at the interface.  $\rightarrow$  smaller range of shapes than the solid particles.

• static bubbles and drops

- sessile and pendant (Clift et al. 1978)



prevented from moving  
by a solid plate under  
the gravity, and  
surface tension.  
(adhesion force)



remain attached,  
with gravity acting  
to pull away the  
bubble/drop.

• the profiles of pendant and sessile bubble/drop are used to determine the interfacial tension and contact angle.  $\rightarrow$  hydrostatic pressure gradient is balanced by the normal stress due to the surf. tension at the points on the curved interface.

$$\rho g y = \sigma \left( \frac{2}{R_0} - \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right)$$

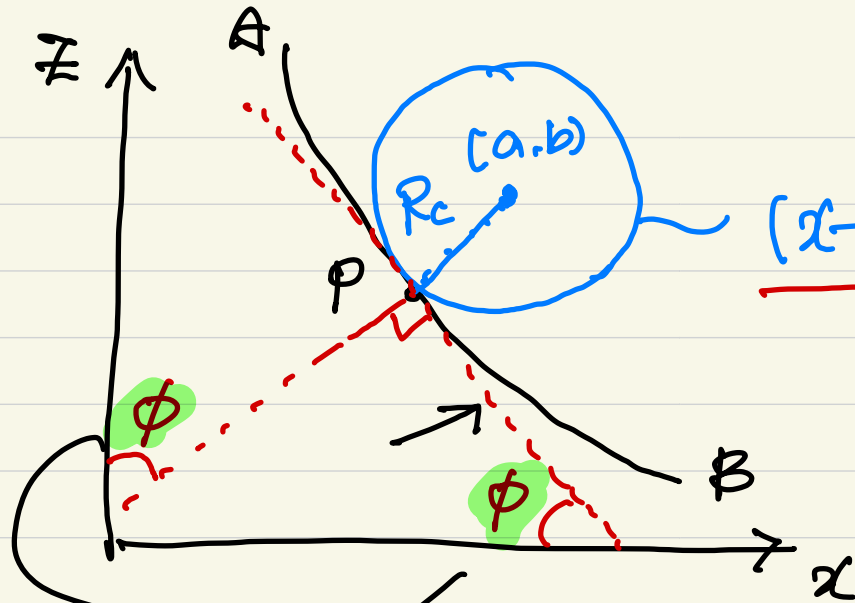
$\uparrow$  elevation                       $\uparrow$  radius of curvature

principal radii of curvature at the points of interest.

\* radius of curvature.

• radius of curvature of  $\widehat{AB}$  at  $P \rightarrow R_c$

$\rightarrow$  curvature,  $H = 1/R_c$



$$y = f(x)$$

$$\left[ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \right]$$

$$(x-a)^2 + (z-b)^2 = R_c^2$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = - \left( \frac{x-a}{z-b} \right)$$

$$\tan \phi = - \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{x-a}{z-b}$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{1}{(1 + \tan^2 \phi)^{0.5}} = \frac{1}{\left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{x-a}{z-b} \right)^2 \right\}^{0.5}} = \frac{z-b}{R_c}$$

$$\frac{d \cos \phi}{dz} = \frac{1}{R_c} = H \rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{d \cos \phi}{dz} < 0 \rightarrow H < 0 \\ \frac{d \cos \phi}{dz} > 0 \rightarrow H > 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ : concave outward}$$

On the other hand.

$$\cos\phi = \frac{1}{(1 + \tan^2\phi)^{0.5}} = \frac{1}{\left\{1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)^2\right\}^{0.5}}$$

: convex outward

$$H = \frac{d\cos\phi}{dz} = \frac{\frac{d^2z/dx^2}{\left\{1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)^2\right\}^{0.5}}}{dz}$$

$$\therefore H (= 1/R_c) = \pm \frac{d^2z/dx^2}{\left\{1 + \left(\frac{dz}{dx}\right)^2\right\}^{0.5}}$$

depends on the geometry  
(concave or convex)

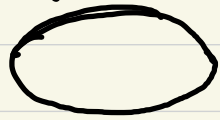
- Bubbles (and drops) in a dynamic motion.
- 1. spherical: in general, bubbles and drops can

○ be approximated as spheres if interfacial tension and/or viscous forces are dominant.

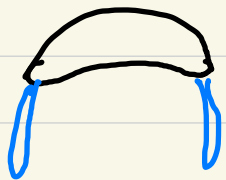
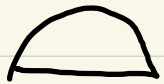
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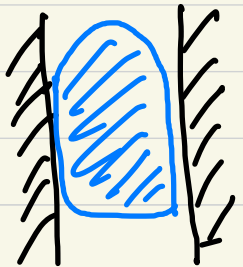
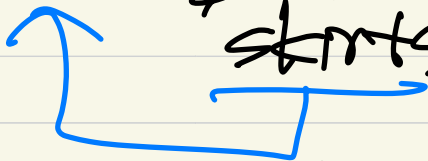
- ellipsoidal : oblate w/ a convex interface (viewed from inside), undergoes periodic dilation or random wobbling.



- cap : large size. flat or indented bottom



may trail thin envelopes of dispersed fluid, called as "skirts".



- slug (Taylor bubble) : in a confined condition, if sufficient large, it

fills most of the  
cross section.



- Regime of bubble shape is determined, in general, by  $Re$  and  $Eo$  ( $Bo$ ).

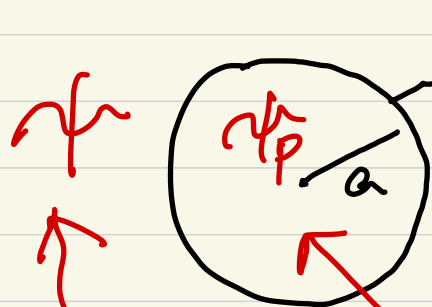
- spherical bubble at low  $Re$  and  $Eo$ .

- ellipsoidal at high  $Re$  and moderate  $Eo$

- cap bubble at high  $Re$  and  $Eo$ .

- Spherical fluid particle (Hadamard, Rybczynski, 1911).

•  $Re \ll 1$ . free from surface contamination  
(perfect slip BC @ the interface)



• for the Stokes flow.

$$\underline{E^4 u} = \underline{E^4 u_p} = 0.$$

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left( \frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \right) \quad \text{Laplacian in sph. coord. (axisymmetry)}$$

BC) (a)  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\psi \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} u_\infty r^2 \sin^2\theta$  (free stream)

(a)  $r = a$ .  $\psi = \psi_p = 0$  (no flow across the interface)

"  $\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial\psi_p}{\partial r}$  (continuity of tangential velocity)

"  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} \right) = \kappa \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial\psi_p}{\partial r} \right)$

$\kappa = \mu_p / \mu$  (continuity of tangential stress)

"  $P - 2\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\theta} \right) + \frac{2\sigma}{a}$   
 $= P_p - 2\mu_p \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r^2 \sin\theta} \frac{\partial\psi_p}{\partial\theta} \right)$

(balance of normal stress)

$$\Rightarrow \psi = \frac{1}{2} U_{\infty} r^2 \sin^2 \theta \left( 1 - \frac{a(2+3k)}{2r(1+k)} + \frac{ka^3}{2r^3(1+k)} \right)$$

$$\left( \psi_p = \frac{U_{\infty} r^2 \sin^2 \theta}{4(1+k)} \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right) \right)$$

for creeping flow ( $Re \ll 1.0$ ),

N-S equation reduces to  $\nabla^2 P = \mu \nabla^2 U$ .

$$\Rightarrow P = \underline{P_0} + \left( \frac{\mu U_{\infty} a \cos \theta (2+3k)}{2r^2 (1+k)} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( P_p = \underline{P_{0p}} - \left( \frac{5\mu U_{\infty} r \cos \theta}{a^2 (1+k)} \right) \right)$$

( $P_{0p} - P_0 = 20/a$ . for normal stress BC)

- bubbles and drops are spherical when the creeping flow approximation is valid, and only deform when the inertia becomes significant.

- it is not necessary for surf. tension to be dominant for a bubble/drop to be spherical.

→ if  $Re$  is sufficiently low, it is spherical irrespective of the surf. tension.  $k = \mu_p / \mu$ .

- integration of pressure,  $\Rightarrow C_{p1} = \frac{\rho}{3Re} \left( \frac{2+3k}{1+k} \right)$ ,

- $\hat{\tau}_{ij} = \underbrace{\sigma_{ij}}_{\text{deviatoric normal stress}} + \underline{P} \delta_{ij} \rightarrow C_{p2} = \frac{32}{3Re} \left( \frac{1}{1+k} \right)$

→ deviatoric normal stress.

• from shear stress,  $C_{D3} = \frac{16}{Re} \left( \frac{\mu K}{1+K} \right)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow C_D &= C_{D1} + C_{D2} + C_{D3} \\ &= \frac{8}{Re} \left( \frac{2+3K}{1+K} \right). \end{aligned}$$

(for all  $K$ ,  $C_{D1} \approx \frac{1}{3} C_{D3}$ .)

(for gas bubble ( $K \approx 0$ ),  $C_{D3} \doteq 0$ )

• terminal velocity,  $u_T = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{g a^2 \Delta \rho}{\mu} \left( \frac{1+K}{2+3K} \right)$   
(drag  $\sim$  gravity)

• vorticity at the interface,  $\omega_S = \frac{u_{\infty} \sin \theta}{2a} \left( \frac{2+3K}{1+K} \right)$ .

## ⑤ Deformation of bubble/droplet.

particle in a fluid flow ← surface stress creates a deformation (may affect the particle motion)

↓  
bubble/drop : external stress is counteracted by surf. tension to keep the particle spherical.

solid particle : elasticity may work.

surface tension force,  $F_\sigma \sim \sigma/R$   
fluid force,  $F_F \sim \rho U_\infty^2$  (for higher  $Re$ )  
 $\sim \mu U_\infty/R$  (for lower  $Re$ )  $\leftarrow$  Stokes drag.

↓  
ratio of  $F_F/F_\sigma = \rho U_\infty^2 / (\sigma/R) = \rho U_\infty^2 R / \sigma \equiv We$ .

at lower  $Re$ ,  $(\mu U_\infty/R) / (\sigma/R)$

$$= \frac{\rho U_\infty^2 R}{\sigma} \cdot \frac{\mu}{\rho U_\infty R} = \frac{We}{Re}$$

$\therefore$  significant deformation will occur

at  $We > 1.0$  (when  $Re \gg 1$ ) or

$F_F > F_\sigma$   $\leftarrow$   $We/Re \geq 1.0$  ("  $Re \ll 1$  ).

To solve this phenomena, the relative velocity should be known first. In cases where the gravity works, it depends on the deformation state of the particle.

$$\rightarrow F(Re, We, Fr) = 0, \quad Fr \equiv \frac{u_0^2}{gR|1-\rho/\rho_f|}$$

competition between gravity wave to the convective flow in the free-surface flow.

Is not suitable to explain the bubble/droplet deformation.  $\rightarrow$  Morton number,  $Mo$ .

$$Mo \equiv \frac{g|1-\rho/\rho_f|\mu^4}{\rho_f \sigma^3} = \frac{We^3}{Fr^2 Re^3}$$



$$\rightarrow F(Re, We, Mo) = 0$$

or

$$F(Re, Mo, \underline{Co}) = 0. \quad U_{\infty} = f(Re, Co).$$

- We can use Eötvös number,  $Eu \left( \equiv \frac{\rho_f R^2}{\sigma} \right)$  for bubbles. For droplets, we call the same definition as Bond number ( $Bo$ ).

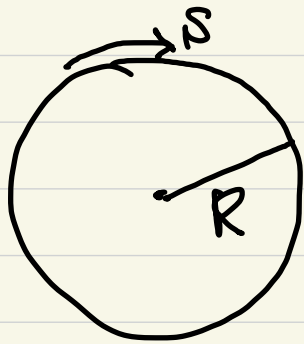
The spherical bubble deforms when  $Re > Mo^{1/4}$ , to ellipsoid, and then eventually be spherical cap bubble at higher  $Re$ .

⑤ Marangoni effect.

Gradient of surface tension ( $\sigma$ ), caused by the gradients in the temperature, solvent

concentration, electrical potential, ...

$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial T} < 0$ .



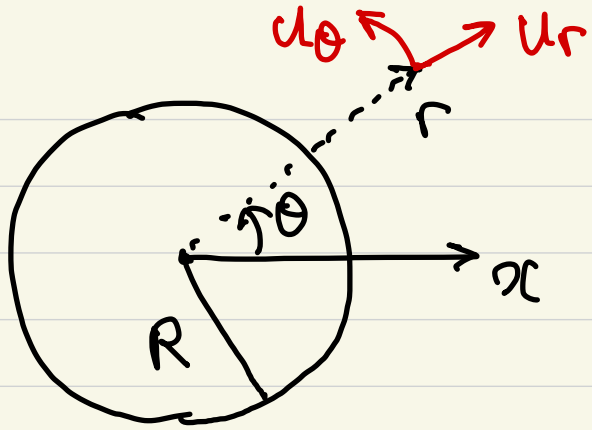
$$\frac{d\sigma}{ds} = \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \cdot \frac{dT}{ds}$$

tangential to the surface.

→ shear stress should act in the negative "s" direction to be in equilibrium with  $\frac{d\sigma}{ds}$ .

modification of BC.

↖ by external condition.



Steady translation of a spherical bubble in a viscous fluid w/  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$ .

two cases

$$\textcircled{1} T = \left( \frac{dT}{dx} \right) x \Rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \theta} \right)_{r=R} = -\sin \theta \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \cdot \frac{dT}{dx}$$

★  $\textcircled{2} \nabla^2 T = 0$  (thermal conduction dominates and there is no heat transfer across the surface).

thermo-capillary (more realistic)

$$\left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \theta} \right)_{r=R} = -\frac{3}{2} \sin \theta \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \frac{dT}{dx}$$

(Young et al. 1959).

↓ ↓  
the tangential stress BC becomes

(in Hadamard-Rybczynski problem).

$$\rho_l \nu_2 \left( \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{u_\theta}{r} \right)_{r=R} + \frac{1}{R} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \theta} \right)_{r=R} = 0$$

↳ implemented to HR solution.

$$\text{Then, } F_D = \underbrace{-4\pi \rho_l \nu_2 u_r R}_{\text{HR drag}} \underbrace{- 2\pi R^2 \frac{d\sigma}{dx}}_{\text{added Marangoni force}}$$

HR drag.

added Marangoni force.  
(acting in the direction  
of decreasing  $\sigma$ ).

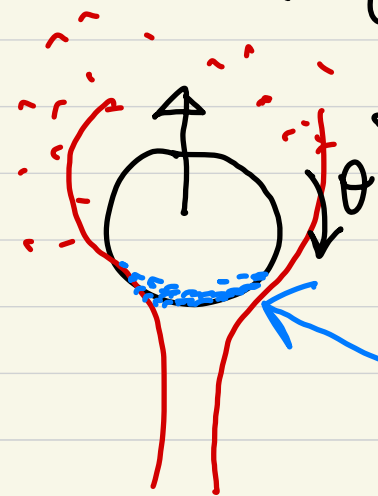
↙ (increasing  $T$ ).

thermo-capillary effect.

• Effect of surface contamination.

- convection may cause contaminants

to accumulate on the downstream side of the bubble.



⇒ positive  $\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \theta}$ . ⇒ shear stress acts opposite to the flow.

⇒ immobilize the surface. (H-R solution  
↓  
Stokes " ").

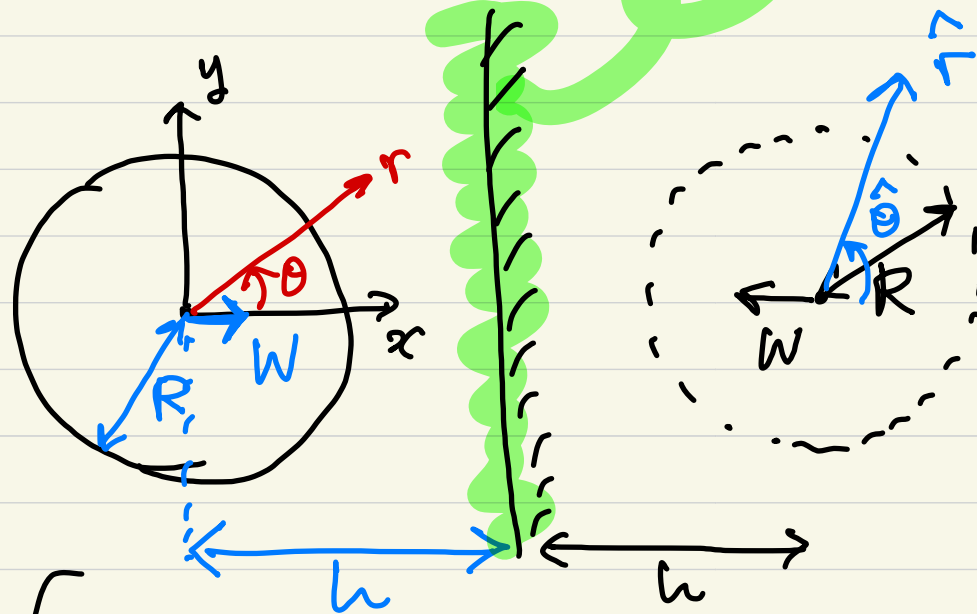
① Growing / Collapsing bubble (at high  $Re$ )

: A bubble growing / collapsing closer to a

boundary, may undergo translation due to

the induced asymmetry.  $\Leftarrow$  "underwater explosion",  
(Herring, 1941, Davies & Taylor 1942, 1943).

① Growing / collapsing bubble (high Re).



Herring (1941)  
 Davies & Taylor (1942, 1943).

only perpendicular to wall, inviscid, irrotational.  
 [zero vorticity?]

velocity potential  $\phi$ .

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \bar{v} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \bar{v} = \nabla \phi \end{array} \right)$$

$$\phi = \underbrace{-\frac{R\dot{R}}{r}}_{(1)} - \underbrace{\frac{WR^3 \cos\theta}{2h^2}}_{(2)} \pm \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{R^2\dot{R}}{\hat{r}}}_{(3)} + \underbrace{\frac{WR \cos\theta}{2\hat{r}^2}}_{(4)} - \underbrace{\frac{R\dot{R} \cos\theta}{2h^2 r^2}}_{(5)} \right]$$

$$(\dot{R} = dR/dt)$$

+ : solid boundary  
( - : free-surf. " )

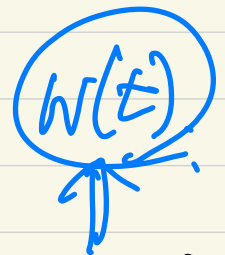
①, ③ : source/sink from the bubble  
spherical

②, ④ : dipole due to the bubble translation.

⑤ : convection term to satisfy BC's at the boundary.

Using the unsteady Bernoulli eq, to obtain pressure. (Davies & Taylor, 1943)

$$F_x = -\frac{2\pi}{3} \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} (R^3 W) \pm \frac{3}{4} \frac{R^2}{h^2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( R^3 \frac{dR}{dt} \right) \right\}$$



$$\hookrightarrow \text{eq. of motion : } \frac{d}{dt} (R^3 W) \pm \frac{3}{4} \frac{R^2}{h^2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( R^3 \frac{dR}{dt} \right) + \frac{4\pi R^3 \rho_x}{3} = 0$$