

28. A Kinematic Theory of Turbulence*.

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1. *Generalities.* In the theory of turbulence¹⁾ the deviation of the velocity from its mean may be considered as a system of random vectors $u_\lambda(t, \mathfrak{x}, \omega)$, $\lambda=1, 2, 3$, where $t(\in R)$ is the time parameter and $\mathfrak{x}(\in R^3)$ denotes the position and $\omega(\in(\Omega, P))$ is the elementary event. Then we have

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{E}_\omega(u_\lambda(t, \mathfrak{x}, \omega)) = 0.$$

When the system $\{u_\lambda(t, \mathfrak{x}, \omega)\}$ is of Gaussian type²⁾, we say that the turbulence is of Gaussian type.

Now we define the moment tensor of the turbulence by

$$(2) \quad R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{y}) = \mathcal{E}_\omega\{u_\lambda(t, \mathfrak{x}, \omega)u_\mu(s, \mathfrak{y}, \omega)\}.$$

Then $R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{y})$ is a positive-definite function of $(\lambda, t, \mathfrak{x})$ and (μ, s, \mathfrak{y}) in the sense of Bochner, namely we have

$$(3) \quad R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{y}) = R_{\mu\lambda}(s, \mathfrak{y}; t, \mathfrak{x}) \quad \text{and}$$

$$(4) \quad \sum_{ij} \xi_i \xi_j R_{\lambda_i \lambda_j}(t_i, \mathfrak{x}_i; t_j, \mathfrak{x}_j) \geq 0;$$

in fact (3) is evident by (2) and the left side of (4) is equal to $\mathcal{E}_\omega\left\{\left(\sum_i \xi_i u_{\lambda_i}(t_i, \mathfrak{x}_i, \omega)\right)^2\right\}$. Conversely the function $R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{y})$ satisfying (3) and (4) may be considered as the moment tensor of a turbulence of Gaussian type³⁾.

A turbulence is defined as temporally homogeneous, if its moment tensor satisfies

$$(5) \quad R_{\lambda\mu}(t+\tau, \mathfrak{x}; s+\tau, \mathfrak{y}) = R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{y}).$$

It is defined as spatially homogeneous, if we have

$$(6) \quad R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}+\alpha; s, \mathfrak{y}+\alpha) = R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{y}).$$

We say that it is isotopic if we have always

$$(7) \quad \sum_{\lambda'\mu'} k_{\lambda'\lambda} k_{\mu'\mu} R_{\lambda'\mu'}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{x}+K(\mathfrak{y})+\mathfrak{x}) = R_{\lambda\mu}(t, \mathfrak{x}; s, \mathfrak{y})$$

for any orthogonal transformation $K \equiv \{k_{\lambda\mu}; \lambda, \mu=1, 2, 3\}$. We can easily prove by (3) that the isotropism implies the homogeneity.

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1) H. P. Robertson: The invariant theory of isotropic turbulence, Proc. Cambr. Phil. Soc. 36, 1940.

2) Cf. K. Itô: ガウス型確率変動数系=ツイテ (全国紙上数学談話會第 261 號).

3) See Theorem 3 in my above-cited note (2).