

APP MTH 3002 Fluid Mechanics III

Tutorial 5 (Week 10)

1. Consider an inviscid flow in which there is no external force.

(a) Use Euler's equation,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} - \mathbf{u} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla |\mathbf{u}|^2,$$

to obtain Bernoulli's equation for unsteady incompressible irrotational flow.

Solution: For irrotational flow $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \phi$. In the absence of external forces, Euler's equation is then

$$\frac{\partial \nabla \phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla |\mathbf{u}|^2 \Rightarrow \nabla \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \right)}_f = \mathbf{0}.$$

Since $\nabla f = \mathbf{0}$,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 0.$$

This means that f can only depend in t , not on spatial coordinates, that is,

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 = f(t).$$

- (b) Suppose that the pressure $p \rightarrow p_\infty$, the fluid speed $|\mathbf{u}| \rightarrow 0$, and $\partial \phi / \partial t \rightarrow 0$ as $|\mathbf{x}| \rightarrow \infty$. Write down an expression for the pressure.

Solution: Far from the origin, $p \rightarrow p_\infty$, $|\mathbf{u}| \rightarrow 0$ and $\partial \phi / \partial t \rightarrow 0$, hence

$$\frac{p_\infty}{\rho} = f(t).$$

The pressure at any point in the flow is

$$p = p_\infty - \rho \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{u}|^2 \right).$$

2. The velocity potential of an irrotational flow in plane polar coordinates is

$$\phi = Ur \cos \theta \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \theta$$

where U , a , and κ are positive constants.

- (a) Show that this velocity potential represents a flow past a fixed cylinder of radius a and that it approaches uniform flow at infinity.

Solution: The velocity components are

$$u_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = U \cos \theta \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right)$$
$$u_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -U \sin \theta \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{\kappa}{2\pi r}$$

For $r = a$ to represent an impermeable boundary, $\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{e}_r = u_r$ at $r = a$. We find that

$$u_r(a, \theta) = U \cos \theta \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{a^2} \right) = 0,$$

hence $r = a$ is indeed an impermeable boundary.

As $r \rightarrow \infty$, $u_r \rightarrow U \cos \theta$ and $u_\theta \rightarrow -U \sin \theta$. Now

$$\mathbf{e}_r = \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}, \quad \mathbf{e}_\theta = -\sin \theta \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta \mathbf{j},$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} &= U \cos \theta \mathbf{e}_r - U \sin \theta \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ &= U \cos \theta (\cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}) - U \sin \theta (-\sin \theta \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta \mathbf{j}) \\ &= U (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \mathbf{i} + U (\cos \theta \sin \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta) \mathbf{j} \\ &= U \mathbf{i}. \end{aligned}$$

So the flow far from the cylinder is uniform flow in the x -direction at speed U .

- (b) Calculate the velocity and locate the stagnation points for the three cases $\Omega < 1$, $\Omega = 1$, and $\Omega > 1$, where $\Omega = \kappa/(4\pi Ua)$.

Solution: For stagnation points,

$$\begin{aligned} u_r &= U \cos \theta \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) = 0, \\ u_\theta &= -U \sin \theta \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{\kappa}{2\pi r} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the first equation,

$$\cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \quad 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \Rightarrow r = a.$$

Substituting $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ in the $u_\theta = 0$ equation,

$$-U \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{\kappa}{2\pi r} = 0.$$

Multiplying by r^2 and rearranging,

$$-Ur^2 + \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} r - Ua^2 = 0.$$

Solving this quadratic equation,

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{-\frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\kappa}{2\pi}\right)^2 - 4(-U)(-Ua^2)}}{-2U} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{r}{a} &= \frac{K}{4\pi Ua} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{K}{4\pi Ua}\right)^2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

The solutions are real when

$$\frac{K}{4\pi Ua} \geq 1.$$

Following a similar analysis for $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ you should find that although you can get real solutions for r , they are negative, hence discarded. Substituting $r = a$ in the $u_\theta = 0$ equation,

$$-U \sin \theta \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) + \frac{\kappa}{2\pi a} = -2U \sin \theta + \frac{\kappa}{2\pi a} = 0,$$

hence

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\kappa}{4\pi U a}.$$

For

$$0 \leq \frac{\kappa}{4\pi U a} < 1,$$

this has two solutions

$$\theta_1 = \arcsin\left(\frac{\kappa}{4\pi U a}\right), \quad \theta_2 = \pi - \theta_1.$$

In summary, for $0 \leq \Omega < 1$, there are two stagnation points on the surface of the cylinder at the points $(r, \theta) = (a, \theta_1)$ and (a, θ_2) . When $\Omega = 1$, there is a single stagnation point on the surface of the cylinder at $(a, \pi/2)$. For $\Omega > 1$, there are two stagnation points on the y -axis, one inside the cylinder and one outside the cylinder, at the points

$$\left(\frac{\kappa}{4\pi U} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\kappa}{4\pi U}\right)^2 - a^2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \quad \left(\frac{\kappa}{4\pi U} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\kappa}{4\pi U}\right)^2 - a^2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

(c) Find the stream function.

Solution: The stream function satisfies

$$u_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad u_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r},$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} &= U r \cos \theta \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right), \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} &= U \sin \theta \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) - \frac{\kappa}{2\pi r}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the first of these,

$$\psi = U r \sin \theta \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) + f(r).$$

Differentiating the result,

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = U \sin \theta \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) + f'(r).$$

Equating this with the second equation

$$f'(r) = -\frac{\kappa}{2\pi r}.$$

Integrating,

$$f(r) = -\frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \ln r + C.$$

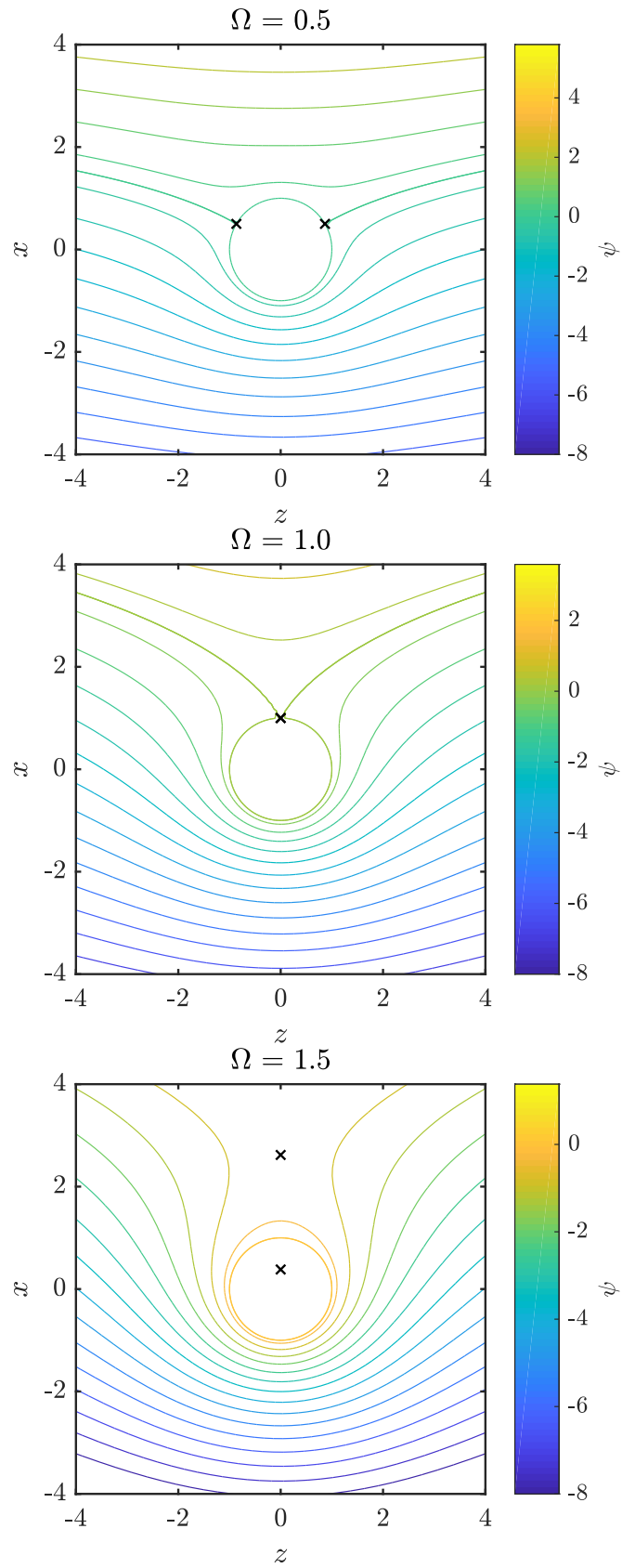
Choosing $C = 0$, the stream function is

$$\psi = Ur \sin \theta \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) - \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \ln r.$$

- (d) Sketch or plot the streamlines for $\Omega = 0.5, 1, 1.5$. Mark the location of the stagnation points on this plot.

Solution:

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15 % Parameters
16
17 Omega = 0.5;
18 a = 1;
19 U = 1;
20 K = 4*pi*U*a*Omega;
21 filename = 'Figures/t5q2_0p5.eps';
22
23 % Create grid points in spherical coordinate system for a < r < 8a,
24 % 0 <= t <= pi and phi = 0, then evaluate stream function.
25
26 [r, t] = meshgrid(linspace(a, 8*a, 50), linspace(-pi, pi, 100));
27 x = r.*cos(t);
28 y = r.*sin(t);
29 psi = U*r.*sin(t).*(1 - a^2./r.^2) - 0.5*K/pi*log(r);
30
31 % Plot streamlines. On cylinder, r=a => psi = 0.5*K/pi*log(a)
32
33 psi0 = 0.5*K/pi*log(a);
34 contour(x, y, psi, [psi0+1e-6 psi0-1e-6 linspace(-8, 8, 30)])
35 hold on
36
37 % Plot stagnation points.
38
39 r = a*(Omega + sqrt(Omega^2 -1)*[-1 1])*(Omega > 1) + [a a]*(Omega <= 1);
40 t0 = asin(Omega);
41 t = 0.5*pi*[1 1]*(Omega > 1) + [t0 pi-t0]*(Omega <= 1);
42 x = r.*cos(t);
43 y = r.*sin(t);
44 plot(x, y, 'xk')
45
46 axis equal
47 axis([-4*a, 4*a, -4*a, 4*a])
48 xlabel('$z$')
49 ylabel('$x$')
50 c = colorbar;
51 ylabel(c, '$\psi$', 'Interpreter', 'Latex');
52 title(sprintf('$\Omega$ = %3.1f', Omega))
53 set(gcf, 'units', 'inches', 'position', [4 4 4 4])
54 print(filename, '-depsc')
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- (e) By integrating over the surface of the cylinder, find the force per unit length on the cylinder.

Solution: The force per unit length of the cylinder is

$$\mathbf{F} = - \int_{\mathcal{C}} p \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, ds,$$

where s is the arclength around the circumference of the cylinder \mathcal{C} . Since the flow is steady and irrotational, Bernoulli's equation is

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{u}|^2 = C,$$

where C is a constant. The pressure is

$$p = \rho C - \frac{1}{2}\rho|\mathbf{u}|^2.$$

The velocity on the surface of the cylinder $r = a$ is

$$\mathbf{u} = \left(\frac{\kappa}{2\pi a} - 2U \sin \theta \right) \mathbf{e}_{\theta}.$$

The speed on the surface of the cylinder is

$$|\mathbf{u}|^2 = u_r^2 + u_{\theta}^2 = \left(\frac{\kappa}{2\pi a} \right)^2 - \frac{2\kappa U}{\pi a} \sin \theta + 4U^2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

On the surface of the cylinder, $ds = a \, d\theta$ and $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{e}_r = \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}$, hence the force per unit length is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= - \int_{\mathcal{C}} p \hat{\mathbf{n}} \, ds \\ &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\rho C - \frac{1}{2}\rho|\mathbf{u}|^2 \right) (\cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}) a \, d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

But we know that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta \, d\theta = 0,$$

hence the constant ρC term doesn't contribute anything. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} &= \frac{a\rho}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} |\mathbf{u}|^2 (\cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}) \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{a\rho}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (A + B \sin \theta + C \sin^2 \theta) (\cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}) \, d\theta, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \left(\frac{\kappa}{2\pi a} \right)^2, \quad B = -\frac{2\kappa U}{\pi a}, \quad C = 4U^2.$$

What a smorgasbord of integrals!

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin 2\theta \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} [-\cos 2\theta]_0^{2\pi} = 0 \\ \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (1 - \cos 2\theta) \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left[\theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right]_0^{2\pi} = \pi \\ \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta &= \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin^3 \theta \right]_0^{2\pi} = 0 \\ \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^3 \theta \, d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\cos \theta + \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\theta \right]_0^{2\pi} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The force is

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{a\rho}{2}(B\pi \mathbf{j}) = -\frac{a\rho}{2} \frac{2\pi\kappa U}{\pi a} \mathbf{j} = -\rho\kappa U \mathbf{j}.$$

Recall that far from the cylinder $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow U\mathbf{i}$, hence the force is perpendicular to the free-stream direction. The component of force that is perpendicular to the free-stream direction is called ‘lift’. The component of force in the direction of the free-stream is called ‘drag’, which is zero in this case.

3. Two-dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow produced by a source of strength Q located at $(0, d)$ and a plane impermeable boundary located at $y = 0$ can be modelled by introducing an ‘image’ source of equal strength at $(0, -d)$.

- (a) Write down the velocity potential and stream function for the above flow if $Q = 2\pi$ and $d = 1$.

Solution: The velocity potential and stream function of a source located at the origin are

$$\phi = \frac{Q}{2\pi} \ln r = \ln r, \quad \psi = \frac{Q}{2\pi} \theta = \theta.$$

Since $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\theta = \arctan(y/x)$. So in Cartesian coordinates,

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + y^2), \quad \psi = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

For a source located at $(0, d)$,

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2} \ln [x^2 + (y - d)^2], \quad \psi = \arctan\left(\frac{y - d}{x}\right).$$

Using the superposition principle, the velocity potential and stream function of a source located at $(0, 1)$ and its image at $(0, -1)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \frac{1}{2} \ln [x^2 + (y - 1)^2] + \frac{1}{2} \ln [x^2 + (y + 1)^2] \\ \psi &= \arctan\left(\frac{y - 1}{x}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{y + 1}{x}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Verify that $y = 0$ is an impermeable boundary and calculate the velocity along the boundary.

Solution: The velocity components are

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{x^2 + (y - 1)^2} + \frac{x}{x^2 + (y + 1)^2}, \\ v &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{y - 1}{x^2 + (y - 1)^2} + \frac{y + 1}{x^2 + (y + 1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Along the x -axis $y = 0$, hence

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}, \quad v(x, 0) = \frac{-1}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} = 0.$$

The x -axis is an impermeable boundary because $\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{j} = v = 0$ on $y = 0$.

(c) Locate the stagnation point.

Solution: For stagnation points, $u = v = 0$. We already know that $v = 0$ for $y = 0$. For $y = 0$,

$$u = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0.$$

So the stagnation point is located at the origin $(0, 0)$.

(d) Show that the streamlines are given by

$$y = -Cx \pm \sqrt{(C^2 + 1)x^2 + 1},$$

where C is a constant.

Solution: For streamlines,

$$\psi = \arctan\left(\frac{y-1}{x}\right) + \arctan\left(\frac{y+1}{x}\right) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 = K,$$

where K is a constant and

$$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{y-1}{x}, \quad \tan \theta_2 = \frac{y+1}{x}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2) &= \frac{\tan \theta_1 + \tan \theta_2}{1 - \tan \theta_1 \tan \theta_2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{y-1}{x} + \frac{y+1}{x}}{1 - \frac{y-1}{x} \frac{y+1}{x}} \\ &= \frac{x(y-1+y+1)}{x^2 - (y-1)(y+1)} \\ &= \frac{2xy}{x^2 - y^2 + 1} \\ &= \tan K = \frac{1}{C} \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging,

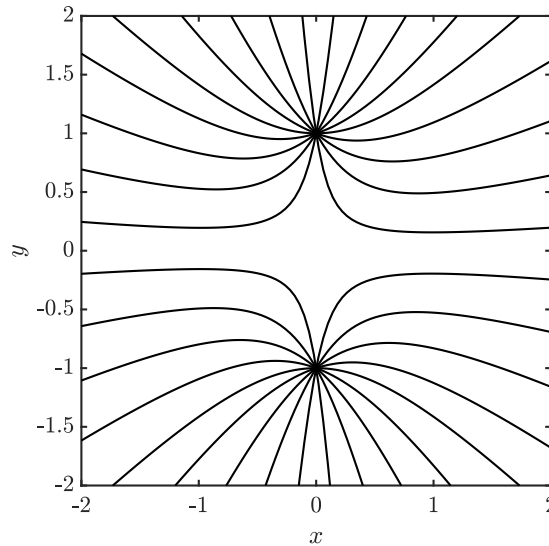
$$2Cxy = x^2 - y^2 + 1 \Rightarrow y^2 + 2Cxy - x^2 - 1 = 0.$$

Streamlines are given by the solution

$$y = \frac{-2Cx \pm \sqrt{4C^2x^2 - 4(1)(-x^2 - 1)}}{2} = -Cx \pm \sqrt{(C^2 + 1)x^2 + 1}.$$

(e) Sketch or plot the streamlines.

Solution:



4. A flow field in the xy -plane has the velocity components

$$u = 3x + y, \quad v = 2x - 3y.$$

Show that the circulation around the circle $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 6)^2 = 4$ is 4π .

Solution: The circulation is

$$\Gamma = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{x} = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} u \, dx + v \, dy.$$

A parametric expression of the curve \mathcal{C} is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1 + 2 \cos \theta \Rightarrow dx = -2 \sin \theta, \\ y &= 6 + 2 \sin \theta \Rightarrow dy = 2 \cos \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the velocity along the curve \mathcal{C} ,

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 3(1 + 2 \cos \theta) + 6 + 2 \sin \theta \\ &= 9 + 6 \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta, \\ v &= 2(1 + 2 \cos \theta) - 3(6 + 2 \sin \theta) \\ &= -16 + 4 \cos \theta - 6 \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into the integral,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \int_0^{2\pi} (9 + 6 \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta)(-2 \sin \theta) + (-16 + 4 \cos \theta - 6 \sin \theta)(2 \cos \theta) \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-18 \sin \theta - 24 \sin \theta \cos \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta - 32 \cos \theta + 8 \cos^2 \theta) \, d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Using the results

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \, d\theta = 0,$$

this simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma &= \int_0^{2\pi} (-4 \sin^2 \theta + 8 \cos^2 \theta) \, d\theta \\&= \int_0^{2\pi} -2(1 - \cos 2\theta) + 4(1 + \cos 2\theta) \, d\theta \\&= \int_0^{2\pi} 2 + 6 \cos 2\theta \, d\theta \\&= [2\theta + 3 \sin 2\theta]_0^{2\pi} = 4\pi\end{aligned}$$