

ME 57200 Aerodynamic Design

Lecture #9: Inviscid Incompressible Flow

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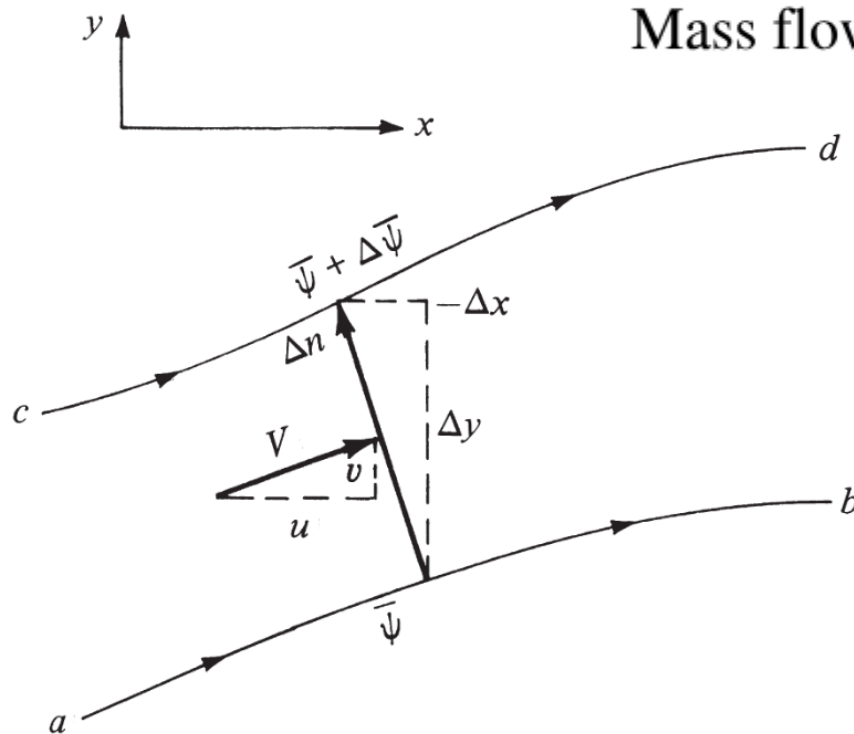
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Midterm Exam

- Tuesday, 3/12, from 09:30 to 10:45 am at Shepard S-308.
- The exam is open-book and open-notes.
- 5 True/False Questions: 10 pt
- 4 Math-based Problems: 40 pt
- Total: 50 pt

Stream Function

Stream Function: $\bar{\psi} = \text{constant}$ designates a streamline, and $\Delta\bar{\psi}$ equals to the mass flow rate between streamlines.



$$\text{Mass flow} = \Delta\bar{\psi} = \rho V \Delta n = \rho u \Delta y + \rho v (-\Delta x)$$

$$d\bar{\psi} = \rho u dy - \rho v dx$$

$$d\bar{\psi} = \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\boxed{\rho u = \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial y}}$$

$$\boxed{\rho v = - \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial x}}$$

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$$\rho u = \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}}{\partial y}$$

$$\rho v = -\frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}}{\partial x}$$

$$\rho V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\rho V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}}{\partial r}$$

For incompressible flow: $\psi \equiv \bar{\Psi}/\rho$.

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$$

$$V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

Velocity Potential

Velocity Potential: For an irrotational flow, there exists a scalar function ϕ such that the velocity is given by the gradient of ϕ . We denote ϕ as the **velocity potential**.

$$u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j} + w\mathbf{k} = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}\mathbf{k}$$

Cartesian

$$u = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \quad v = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} \quad w = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}$$

Cylindrical

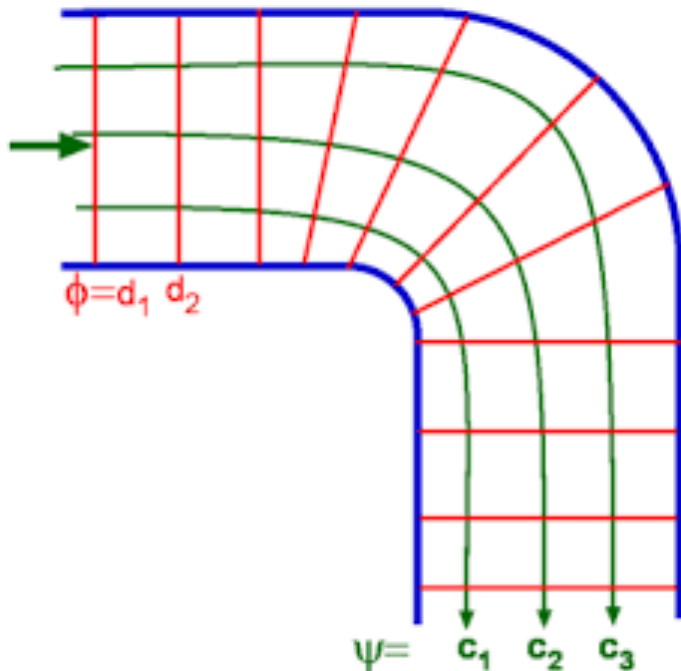
$$V_r = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} \quad V_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\theta} \quad V_z = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z}$$

Spherical

$$V_r = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} \quad V_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\theta} \quad V_\Phi = \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\Phi}$$

Stream Function & Velocity Potential

- A line of constant $\bar{\psi}$: *Streamline*
- A line of constant ϕ : *Equipotential Line*



The differential of ψ along a streamline is zero.

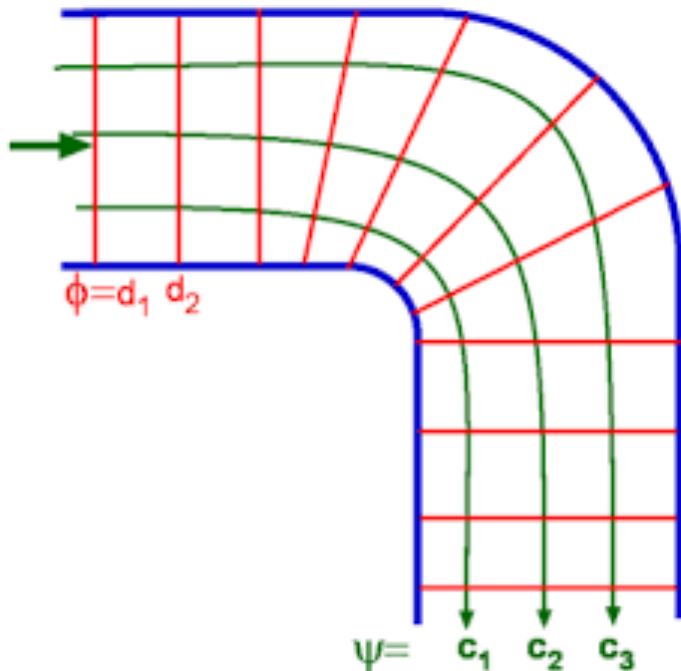
$$d\psi = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}dx + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}dy = 0$$

$$d\psi = -vdx + udy = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\psi=\text{const}} = \frac{v}{u}$$

Stream Function & Velocity Potential

- A line of constant $\bar{\psi}$: *Streamline*
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The differential of ϕ along an equipotential line is zero.

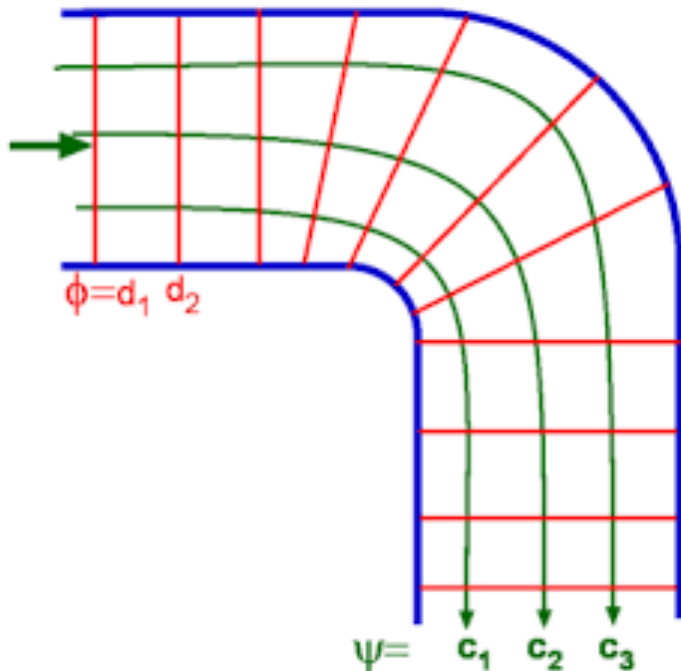
$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = 0$$

$$d\phi = u dx + v dy = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\phi=\text{const}} = -\frac{u}{v}$$

Stream Function & Velocity Potential

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$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\psi=\text{const}} = - \frac{1}{(dy/dx)_{\phi=\text{const}}}$$

The slope of a $\Psi = \text{constant}$ line is the negative reciprocal of the slope of a $\phi = \text{constant}$ line.

Streamlines and equipotential lines are mutually perpendicular

Stream Function & Velocity Potential

Similarity between stream function and velocity potential

- *They are both related to velocity by taking the derivative*

Differences between stream function and velocity potential

- *The flow field velocities are obtained by differentiating ϕ in the same direction as the velocities, whereas ψ is differentiated normal to the velocity direction.*
- *The velocity potential is defined for irrotational flow only. The stream function can be used in either rotational or irrotational flows*
- *The velocity potential can be applied to 3D flows, the stream function is defined for 2D flow only.*

Inviscid, Incompressible Flow

Bernoulli's Equation:

$$P + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \text{constant}$$

↳ component of the momentum equation, for inviscid flow

with no body force:

$$\rho \frac{Du}{Dt} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \rho w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

For steady flow:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}$$

Inviscid, Incompressible Flow

$$\rightarrow u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx$$

Consider the flow along a streamline in 3-D space

$$\begin{cases} v dx - u dy = 0 \\ u dz - w dx = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz \right) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} dx$$

$$\textcircled{du} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz$$

Inviscid, Incompressible Flow

$$\Rightarrow u \, du = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} d(u^2) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{2} d(v^2) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{2} d(w^2) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} d(u^2 + v^2 + w^2) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \right)$$

Inviscid, Incompressible Flow

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} d(V^2) = -\frac{1}{\rho} (dp)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{dp = -\rho V dV} \quad \text{"Euler's Equation"}$$

If the flow is incompressible: $\rho = \text{constant}$

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} dp = -\rho \int_{V_1}^{V_2} V dV$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = -\rho \left(\frac{V_2^2}{2} - \frac{V_1^2}{2} \right)$$

Inviscid, Incompressible Flow

$$\Rightarrow P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_1^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_2^2 = \text{Constant}$$

"Bernoulli's Equation"

For both rotational and irrotational flows.

Laplace's Equation

Continuity Equation: $\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$
"incompressible"

For an irrotational flow: $\vec{V} = \nabla \phi$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\nabla \phi) = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\phi = \phi(x, y, z)$$

Laplace's Equation

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

Laplace's Equation

For 2-D incompressible flow : $u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$, $v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)$$
$$= \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} = 0$$

Laplace's Equation

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$(\nabla \times \vec{v} = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

In-Class Quiz