

## Streaming Motions

**Question-01:** State and prove circle theorem.

**OR**

State and prove Milne Thomson circle theorem.

**Statement:** Let  $w = f(z)$  be the complex potential of a two dimensional irrotational motion of an incompressible inviscid fluid with no rigid boundaries. Further, let  $f(z)$  have no singularities within the circle  $|z| = a$ . Then if a circular cylinder is inserted in the flow field, the new complex potential will be

$$w = f(z) + \bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right)$$

where  $\bar{f}$  is the complex conjugate of  $f$ .

**Proof:** Let  $C$  be the cross-section of the circular cylinder  $|z| = a$ , then on the circle  $\bar{z}z = a^2$  we have

$$w = f(z) + \bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right)$$

which would be a real quantity and hence

$$\phi + i\psi = f(z) + \bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \phi + i\psi = \text{real quantity} \Rightarrow \psi = 0.$$

Thus the circle is a streamline.

Further, if the point  $z$  lies outside the circle then the point  $\bar{z} = \frac{a^2}{z}$  will lie inside the circle and vice-versa for all the singularities of  $f(z)$  and  $\bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right)$  lie in the domain  $|z| > a$  and  $|z| < a$  respectively. Hence  $\bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right)$  is the complex potential of the image of the system  $f(z)$  in the circle  $|z| = a$ .

$$\text{Hence } w = f(z) + \bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right) \quad \textbf{(Proved)}$$

**Question-02:** State and prove Blasius Theorem.

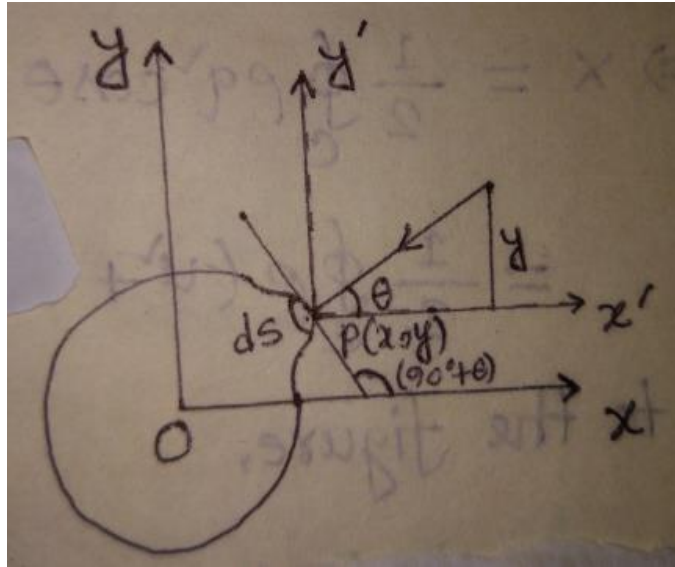
**Statement:** Let a cylinder of an arbitrary shape be placed in a liquid which is moving steadily and irrotationally. Let  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $M$  be the components along the axes and momentum about the origin of the pressure thrust on the cylinder.

If the external forces are absent, then

$$X - iY = \frac{1}{2} \rho i \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 dz$$

and  $M = \text{real part of } -\frac{1}{2}\rho \oint_c \left(\frac{dw}{dz}\right)^2 z dz$

where the integrals are taken around the contour of the cylinder and  $w$  represents complex potential.



**Proof:** Let  $p$  be the pressure at  $p(x, y)$  on the cross-section of the cylinder. Let  $\theta$  be the angle which the normal at  $p$  make with the positive direction of the axis of  $x$ .

Then we have

$$X = -\oint_c p \cos \theta ds \quad (1)$$

$$Y = -\oint_c p \sin \theta ds \quad (2)$$

and  $M = -\oint_c xp \sin \theta ds + \oint_c yp \cos \theta ds \quad (3)$

since the motion is steady and external forces are absent, then we can write from Bernoulli's theorem that

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}q^2 = c \quad \text{where } c \text{ is a constant}$$

From this we can get

$$p = c\rho - \frac{1}{2}\rho q^2$$

Hence from equation (1), we get

$$X = -\oint_c \left( c\rho - \frac{1}{2}\rho q^2 \right) \cos \theta ds$$

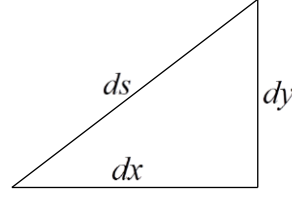
$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho q^2 \cos \theta ds \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho (u^2 + v^2) \cos \theta ds
\end{aligned}$$

According to the figure,

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \theta \right)$$

$$\text{or, } \cos \theta ds = dy$$

$$\therefore X = \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho (u^2 + v^2) dy$$



$$\text{Similarly, } Y = -\frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho (u^2 + v^2) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{and } X - iY &= \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho (u^2 + v^2) (dy + idx) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho i (u^2 + v^2) (dx - idy)
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{and } M &= -\frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho x (u^2 + v^2) dx - \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho y (u^2 + v^2) dy \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho x (u^2 + v^2) (xdx + ydy)
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Clearly the curve  $c$  is a streamline.

Its equation is given by

$$\frac{dx}{u} = \frac{dy}{v} = \frac{dx + idy}{u + iv} = \frac{dx - idy}{u - iv}$$

From the last two ratios

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dx + idy}{u + iv} &= \frac{dx - idy}{u - iv} \\
\text{or, } \frac{dx + idy}{dx - idy} &= \frac{u + iv}{u - iv} \\
\text{or, } \frac{dx + idy}{dx - idy} &= \frac{u^2 + v^2}{(u - iv)^2} \\
\therefore (u^2 + v^2)(dx - idy) &= (u - iv)^2
\end{aligned}$$

From equation (4), we get

$$X - iY = \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho i (u - iv)^2 (dx + idy)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho i \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 dz$$

From equation (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M &= -\frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho (u^2 + v^2) (x dx + y dy) \\ &= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \oint_c \rho (u - iv)^2 (x + iy) (dx + i dy) \\ &= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 z dz \end{aligned}$$

( Proved )

**Problem-01:** A circular cylinder is placed in a uniform stream. Find the force acting on the cylinder. The complex potential for the undisturbed motion is given by  $w = (u - iv)z$ .

**Solution:** The complex potential for the undisturbed motion is given by

$$w = (u - iv)z$$

if we insert a circular cylinder  $|z| = a$  in the flow field then by circle theorem the new complex potential will be

$$w = (u - iv)z + (u - iv)\frac{a^2}{z}$$

if the pressure thrust on the contour of the cylinder be represented by a force  $(X, Y)$  and a couple of momentum  $M$  then by Blasius theorem

$$X - iY = \frac{1}{2} \rho i \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 dz \quad (1)$$

and 
$$M = \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 z dz \quad (2)$$

Now 
$$\frac{dw}{dz} = (u - iv) - (u + iv)\frac{a^2}{z^2}$$

From equation (1), we get

$$X - iY = \frac{1}{2} \rho i \oint_c \left[ (u - iv) - (u + iv)\frac{a^2}{z^2} \right]^2 dz$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore X = 0, Y = 0$$

From equation (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
M &= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 z dz \\
&= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \oint_c \left[ (u-iv) - (u+iv) \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right]^2 z dz \\
&= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \oint_c \left[ (u-iv)^2 - 2(u^2+v^2) \frac{a^2}{z^2} + (u+iv)^2 \frac{a^4}{z^4} \right] z dz \\
&= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \times 2\pi i \left[ -2(u^2+v^2)a^2 \right] \\
&\quad \text{[By Cauchy Residue theorem]} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $X = 0$ ,  $Y = 0$ ,  $M = 0$ .

**Problem-02:** If a two dimensional motion of a liquid has complex potential

$w = U \left( z + \frac{a^2}{z} \right) + ik \ln \left( \frac{z}{a} \right)$  where  $a, U$  and  $k$  are real and positive, then show that

- 1) the velocity at infinity is  $U$  in the negative sense of the real axis.
- 2) the circle  $|z| = a$  is a streamline.
- 3) there are two stagnation points.
- 4) the circulation around the circle is  $2\pi k$ .
- 5) find  $(X, Y)$ .

**Solution:** Given that

$$w = U \left( z + \frac{a^2}{z} \right) + ik \ln \left( \frac{z}{a} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dw}{dz} = U \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right) + \frac{ik}{z} \quad (2)$$

if  $z \rightarrow \infty$  then from (2), we have

$$-\frac{dw}{dz} = -U$$

which shows that the velocity at infinity is  $U$  in the negative sense.

**2nd part:** From (1), we have

$$w = U \left( z + \frac{a^2}{z} \right) + ik \ln \left( \frac{z}{a} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } \phi + i\psi = U \left( re^{i\theta} + \frac{a^2}{r} e^{-i\theta} \right) + ik \ln \left( \frac{re^{i\theta}}{a} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } \phi + i\psi = U \left( r \cos \theta + ir \sin \theta + \frac{a^2}{r} \cos \theta - i \frac{a^2}{r} \sin \theta \right) + ik \ln \left( \frac{r}{a} \right) - k\theta$$

Separating real and imaginary parts, we have the velocity potential and stream function respectively.

$$\phi = U \left( r \cos \theta + \frac{a^2}{r} \cos \theta \right) - k\theta$$

$$\text{and } \psi = U \left( r \sin \theta - \frac{a^2}{r} \sin \theta \right) + k \ln \left( \frac{r}{a} \right)$$

The lines of equipotential are given by

$$\phi = \text{const}$$

$$\text{or, } U \left( r \cos \theta + \frac{a^2}{r} \cos \theta \right) - k\theta = \text{const}$$

The streamlines are given by

$$\psi = \text{const}$$

$$\text{or, } U \left( r \sin \theta - \frac{a^2}{r} \sin \theta \right) + k \ln \left( \frac{r}{a} \right) = \text{const}$$

One of the streamlines is given by

$$U \left( r \sin \theta - \frac{a^2}{r} \sin \theta \right) + k \ln \left( \frac{r}{a} \right) = 0$$

it is possible if  $r = a$

$$\text{or, } r^2 = a^2$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } |z| = a$$

which shows that the circle is a streamline.

**3rd part:** The stagnation points are given by

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } U \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right) + \frac{ik}{z} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } U(z^2 - a^2) + ikz = 0$$

$$\text{or, } Uz^2 + ikz - Ua^2 = 0$$

which is a quadratic equation in  $z$ , So there are two values of  $z$  and hence there are two stagnation points.

**4th part:** If the pressure thrust on the contour of the cylinder be represented by a force  $(X, Y)$  and a couple of momentum  $M$  then by Blasius theorem

$$X - iY = \frac{1}{2} \rho i \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 dz \quad (3)$$

and

$$M = \text{real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 z dz \quad (4)$$

From equation (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} X - iY &= \frac{1}{2} \rho i \oint_c \left[ U \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right) + \frac{ik}{z} \right]^2 dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \rho i \times 2\pi i \times 2Uik \quad [\text{By Cauchy Residue theorem}] \\ &= -2\pi i \rho U k \\ \therefore X &= 0, Y = -2\pi \rho U k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 &= U^2 \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right)^2 - \frac{k^2}{z^2} + \frac{2ikU}{z} \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right) \\ &= U^2 - \frac{2U^2 a^2}{z^2} + \frac{U^2 a^4}{z^4} - \frac{k^2}{z^2} + \frac{2ikU}{z} - \frac{2ikU a^2}{z^3} \\ &= \frac{U^2 z^4 - 2U^2 a^2 z^2 + U^2 a^4 - k^2 z^2 + 2ikU z^3 - 2ikU a^2 z}{z^4} \\ \therefore \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 z &= \frac{U^2 z^4 - 2U^2 a^2 z^2 + U^2 a^4 - k^2 z^2 + 2ikU z^3 - 2ikU a^2 z}{z^3} \end{aligned}$$

The pole is at  $z=0$  of order 3.

The residue at  $z=0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(3-1)!} \frac{d^{3-1}}{dz^{3-1}} \left\{ z^3 \cdot \frac{U^2 z^4 - 2U^2 a^2 z^2 + U^2 a^4 - k^2 z^2 + 2ikU z^3 - 2ikU a^2 z}{z^3} \right\} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (U^2 z^4 - 2U^2 a^2 z^2 + U^2 a^4 - k^2 z^2 + 2ikU z^3 - 2ikU a^2 z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dz} (4U^2 z^3 - 4U^2 a^2 z - 2k^2 z + 6ikU z^2 - 2ikU a^2) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} (12U^2 z^2 - 4U^2 a^2 - 2k^2 + 12ikU z) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-4U^2 a^2 - 2k^2) \\ &= -2U^2 a^2 - k^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 z dz = 2\pi i (-2U^2 a^2 - k^2)$$

$$= -2\pi i (2U^2 a^2 + k^2)$$

From equation (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \oint_c \left( \frac{dw}{dz} \right)^2 z dz \\ &= \text{Real part of } -\frac{1}{2} \rho \left\{ -2\pi i (2U^2 a^2 + k^2) \right\} \\ &= \text{Real part of } \rho \pi i (2U^2 a^2 + k^2) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

**5th part:** On the cylinder  $|z| = a$  we have

$$z = ae^{i\theta}$$

From (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} w &= U \left( ae^{i\theta} + \frac{a^2}{ae^{i\theta}} \right) + ik \ln \left( \frac{ae^{i\theta}}{a} \right) \\ \text{or, } \phi + i\psi &= U (ae^{i\theta} + ae^{-i\theta}) - k\theta \\ \text{or, } \phi + i\psi &= Ua (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta + \cos \theta - i \sin \theta) - k\theta \\ \text{or, } \phi + i\psi &= 2Ua \cos \theta - k\theta \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\phi = 2Ua \cos \theta - k\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \psi = 0$$

From it is obvious that  $\psi = 0$  on  $|z| = a$ , hence it is a streamline. Again in going once round the cylinder  $|z| = a$  in the direction of  $\theta$  increasing we see that  $\theta$  increases by  $2\pi$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= 2Ua \cos(\theta + 2\pi) - k(\theta + 2\pi) \\ &= 2Ua \cos \theta - k(\theta + 2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $\phi$  decreases by an amount  $2\pi k$ .

But *circulation = decrease in  $\phi$  in going once round the cylinder*

$$= 2\pi k \quad (\text{Showed})$$

**Problem-03:** Show that for a liquid streaming past a fixed cylinder of radius  $a$ , the velocity potential and the stream function are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= U \left( r + \frac{a^2}{r} \right) \cos \theta \\ \psi &= U \left( r - \frac{a^2}{r} \right) \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

**OR**

Determine streaming motion past a fixed circular cylinder.



**OR**

Show that the complex potential  $w = U \left( z + \frac{a^2}{z} \right)$  represents a streaming motion past a circular cylinder. Hence find the stagnation points.

**Solution:** We know that the uniform stream having velocity  $-Ui$  gives rise to a complex potential  $Uz$ . We consider  $f(z) = Uz$ .

Now if a circular cylinder is inserted in the flow field, then for the region  $|z| \geq a$ , we have the complex potential

$$\begin{aligned} w &= Uz + \frac{Ua^2}{z} \\ &= U \left( z + \frac{a^2}{z} \right) \\ &= U \left( re^{i\theta} + \frac{a^2}{r} e^{-i\theta} \right) \\ &= U \left( r \cos \theta + ir \sin \theta + \frac{a^2}{r} \cos \theta - i \frac{a^2}{r} \sin \theta \right) \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts we have,

The velocity potential

$$\phi = U \left( r + \frac{a^2}{r} \right) \cos \theta$$

the stream function

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

(Shown)

Now 
$$\frac{dw}{dz} = U - \frac{Ua^2}{z^2}$$

For stagnation point

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dw}{dz} &= 0 \\ \text{or, } U - \frac{Ua^2}{z^2} &= 0 \\ \text{or, } 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} &= 0 \\ \therefore z &= \pm a \end{aligned}$$

Hence the stagnation points are  $z = a$  and  $z = -a$ .

The fluid speed is given by

$$\begin{aligned} q &= \left| \frac{dw}{dz} \right| \\ &= \left| U \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right) \right| \\ &= U \left| 1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right|. \end{aligned}$$