

FLUID MECHANICS

UNIT - IV Potential Flows

★ Stream Function and Velocity Potential in Fluid Dynamics. [Only for Understanding]

- The stream function and velocity potential are two powerful mathematical tools used to describe and analyse fluid flow, particularly in the context of aerodynamics.
- They provide simplified methods for visualising flow patterns and solving flow problems, especially for incompressible and irrotational flows.

* Stream Function :

- The stream function, denoted by ψ , is a scalar function that represents the flow rate across a curve in a two-dimensional flow field.
- It is defined in a way that automatically satisfies the continuity equation, which expresses the principle of conservation of mass in fluid dynamics.

* Significance :

- In a two-dimensional flow, lines of constant ψ are streamlines, which represent the trajectories of fluid particles.
- The difference in ψ between two streamlines represents the volumetric flow rate per unit depth between those two streamlines.
- Therefore, the stream function provides a direct visual representation of flow patterns and satisfies continuity by construction.

* Mathematical Formulation :

→ The stream function is related to the velocity components (u, v) in a cartesian coordinate system as follows :

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

→ For axisymmetric flows in spherical coordinates (r, θ, ϕ) , the stream function ψ is defined as

$$\omega_{\psi} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial r} \quad \text{--- Cylindrical}$$

$$\omega_{\psi} = \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (ru_{\theta}) - \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \quad \text{--- Spherical}$$

* Applications :

- Stream functions are used in various aerodynamics applications such as:
- Visualizing flow patterns around airfoil and other aerodynamic bodies.
- Analyzing the flow in wind tunnels and other test facilities.
- Calculating the lift and drag forces on aerodynamic bodies.

* Velocity Potential (ϕ) :

- The Velocity Potential, denoted by ϕ , is a scalar function that can be defined for irrotational flows.
- An irrotational flow is one where fluid particles do not rotate about their own axes.
- This condition greatly simplifies the mathematical analysis of the flow.

* Significance :

- The gradient of the velocity potential directly gives the velocity vector.
- If a velocity potential exists, it implies that the flow is irrotational.

* Mathematical Formulation: [IMP]

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

* Relationship between Stream Function ψ and Velocity Potential ϕ :

$\psi = \text{Constant}$ in the equation of streamlines

$\phi = \text{Constant}$ in the equation of equipotential line.

* Equation of a streamline is $\psi(x, y) = \text{Constant}$

$$\therefore d\psi = 0$$

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

$$\text{we know } u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \text{ and } v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

Putting this in the above

$$\therefore v dx = u dy$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\psi = \text{constant}} = \frac{v}{u} \text{ --- Slope of Streamline.}$$

* Equation of an equipotential line is $\phi(x, y) = \text{Constant}$

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

$$\text{we know that } u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \text{ and } v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$\therefore u dx + v dy = 0$$

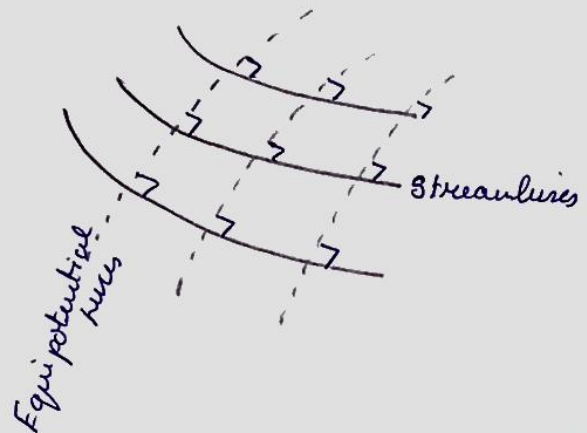
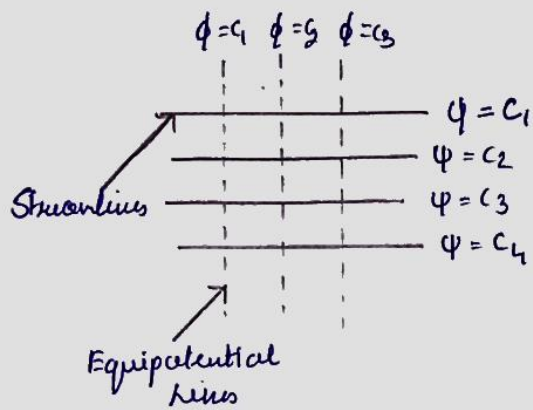
$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\phi = \text{constant}} = -\frac{u}{v}$$

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

$$\therefore \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\psi = \text{constant}} \times \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\phi = \text{constant}} = -1$$

→ Product of slope is -1 .

→ Streamlines and Equipotential lines are Perpendicular to each other.



★ Governing Equation for Potential Flows: [Understanding]

→ Potential flow is a simplified form of fluid flow, particularly useful in aerodynamics, that assumes that the flow is inviscid (frictionless), incompressible and irrotational.

* Derivation of Governing Equations:

1] Incompressible Continuity Equation:

For an incompressible flow, the density remains constant. The continuity equation, representing, conservation of mass, states that the divergence of the velocity field is zero.

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \quad \dots \quad \vec{V} = \text{Velocity vector.}$$

2] Irrotational Flow and Velocity Potential:

Irrotational Flow means the fluid particles do not rotate about their own axes. Mathematically, the curl of the velocity field is zero:

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

This condition allows the velocity field to be expressed as the gradient of a scalar function, called the velocity potential (ϕ):

$$\vec{v} = \nabla \phi$$

3] Laplace's Equation:

Substituting the velocity potential into the continuity equation yields Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

This is a second-order partial derivative that governs potential flow.

* Boundary Conditions:

1] Free-Stream Conditions: Far from any solid boundaries, the flow approaches a uniform free-stream velocity.

2] Solid Surface Conditions: On the surface of solid bodies, the velocity component normal to the surface is zero (no penetration). The tangential velocity is not constrained by the no-slip condition as it could be in viscous flows. This "slip" condition is a significant simplification arising from neglecting viscosity.

3] Free-Surface Conditions: If a free surface is present (e.g. the interface between a liquid and a gas), the pressure is generally assumed to be constant (e.g. atmospheric pressure), and the Bernoulli's equation provides a relationship between the free surface elevation and the velocity.

* Derivation: [To heaven]

(i)

For an incompressible fluid, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

For an irrotational flow, $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} = 0$

$$\therefore u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Substituting eq (2) in (1):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

(ii)

Similarly, for an irrotational flow, $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

For an incompressible flow, we can define streamfunction ψ as:

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Substituting (4) in (3):

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

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

$$\therefore \nabla^2 \psi = 0 \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

Q Numerical : [To learn]

Q1 : The velocity components of an incompressible, two dimensional flow are given by :

$$u = y^2 - x(1+x)$$

$$v = y(2x+1)$$

Find : (A) Does a streamline function exists? If so, find it
(B) Does a velocity potential exists? If so, find it.

Sol : For a velocity potential to exist, flow has to be irrotational :

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

$$\therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} y(2x+1) = 2y$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y^2 - x - x^2) = 2y$$

$$\therefore 2y - 2y = 0$$

Thus, velocity field satisfies irrotational flow condition, hence velocity potential exists.

* To find velocity potential : $u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$

$$\therefore y^2 - x - x^2 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

Integrating on both sides w.r.t x

$$\therefore \phi(x, y) = xy^2 - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + f(y) + \text{Constant} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

* Now, also $v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2xy + y$

Integrating on both sides w.r.t y

$$\therefore \phi(x, y) = \frac{2xy^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{2} + f(x) + \text{Constant} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

* Comparing eq (1) and (2), we get:

$$\therefore f(x) = -\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad f(y) = \frac{y^2}{2}$$

$\therefore \phi(x, y)$ becomes:

$$\phi(x, y) = x^4 + \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + \text{Constant}$$

\rightarrow Req. Ans.

* Elementary Fluid Flows: [To learn]

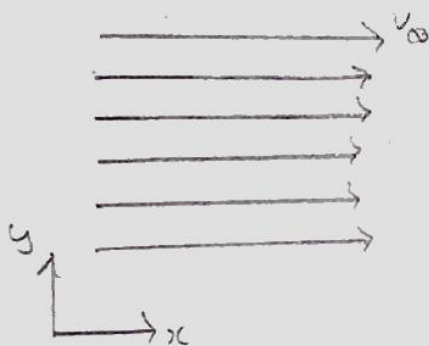
- \rightarrow Elementary flows are fundamental flow patterns that, due to their simplified nature, are easily analyzed and understood.
- \rightarrow They serve as the building blocks for understanding more complex flows encountered in fluid mechanics.

Types of Elementary Flow:

1] Uniform Flow: This is the simplest type of flow where the flow moves with a constant velocity in a single direction. Imagine a straight river with consistent current - this exemplifies uniform flow.

* Velocity Potential (ϕ): $\phi = U_x$ for flow in the x-direction

* Stream function (ψ): $\psi = U_y$ for flow in the x-direction.



$$\underline{\text{Now,}} \quad \phi = U_x = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\therefore U_\infty = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\therefore \phi = U_\infty x + f(y) \quad \therefore \phi = f(x)$$

On Comparison, $f(y) = 0$

$$\therefore \phi = U_\infty x$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{\phi}{U_\infty} = \text{Constant}$$

For ψ :

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

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

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = v_{\infty}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\therefore d\psi = v_{\infty} dy$$

$$\therefore \psi = f(y)$$

$$\therefore \psi = v_{\infty} y + f(x)$$

On Comparison, $f(x) = 0$

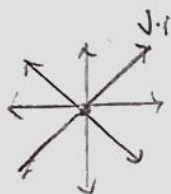
$$\therefore \psi = v_{\infty} y$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{\psi}{v_{\infty}} = \text{constant}$$

2] Source / Sink Flow: [To learn]

→ A source flow represents a point from which fluid emerges (spreads out) radially outwards in all directions, like water bubbling up from a spring.

→ A sink flow, conversely, is a point where fluid converges radially inward from all directions, akin to water draining down a plug hole.



Source



Sink

V_r - Radial Velocity

V_{θ} - Tangential Velocity.

* Source Flow:

$$V_r \propto \frac{1}{r}, \quad V_{\theta} = 0$$

$$\therefore V_r = \frac{C}{r}, \quad V_{\theta} = 0 \quad [\because C = \text{constant}]$$

(1)

To find C , consider volume flow rate at any distance r .

Volume Flow Rate $Q = \text{Area} \times \text{Velocity}$

$$Q = 2\pi r l \times V_r$$

$$\therefore \frac{Q}{l} = 2\pi r V_r$$

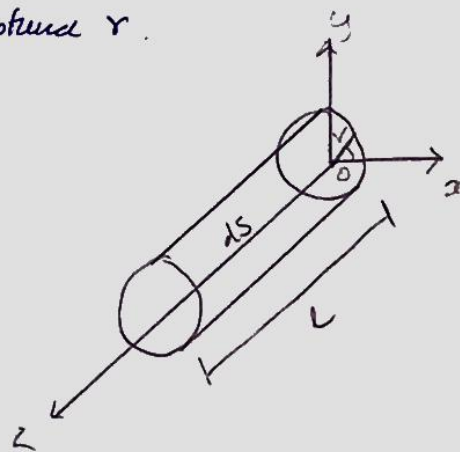
$$\therefore \lambda = 2\pi r V_r$$

$$\therefore V_r = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi r}$$

* Putting the value of V_r in eq (1)

$$\therefore \frac{\lambda}{2\pi r} = \frac{C}{r}$$

$$\therefore C = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$$



λ = Volume Flow Rate at any radius r per unit length.

λ = Source's strength

* Now, For Velocity Potential:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = V_r$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = V_\theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi r}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\therefore \phi = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln r + f(\theta)$$

$$\therefore \phi = f(r)$$

Comparing both, $f(\theta) = 0$

$$\therefore \phi = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln r$$

* Equipotential lines corresponds to lines of

$$\ln r = \text{Constant}$$

$$\therefore r = C_1$$

* For Streamline Functions,

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = v_{\mu}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mu} = -v_{\theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi r}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

$$\therefore \psi = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta + f(\mu) \quad \therefore \psi = f(\theta)$$

Comparing both the equations we get, $f(\mu) = 0$

$$\therefore \psi = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta$$

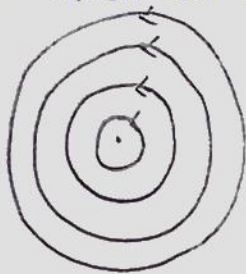
Streamlines corresponds to the lines of $\theta = \text{constant}$

* For Sink: $-\lambda \rightarrow$ Sink's strength

$$\therefore \psi = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln \mu$$

★ Free Vortex Flow: [To learn]

\rightarrow Flow in closed circular streamlines is called a vortex flow.



$$v_{\mu} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad v_{\theta} \propto \frac{1}{\mu} \quad C = \text{constant}$$

$$\therefore v_{\theta} = \frac{C}{r} \quad (1)$$

* Circulation: $\Gamma = - \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$

"It is defined as the negative line integral of velocity along the closed curve".



$$\therefore \Gamma = - \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\therefore \Gamma = -v_{\theta} \oint d\vec{l}$$

$$\therefore \Gamma = -v_{\theta} (2\pi r)$$

$$\boxed{v_{\theta} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}}$$

Comparing it with eq (1) :

$$\therefore v_{\infty} = \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi r} = \frac{C}{r}$$

$$\therefore C = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi}$$

→ Γ is called the Vortex's Strength.

* For Velocity Potential : $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = v_r$ and $\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = v_{\theta}$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$\therefore \phi = f(\theta)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

$$\therefore \partial \phi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \partial \theta$$

$$\therefore \phi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta + f(r)$$

On comparing, $f(r) = 0$

$$\therefore \boxed{\phi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta}$$

$\theta = \text{constant on the equipotential lines.}$

* For Streamline Function : $v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$

$$\therefore 0 = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\therefore \partial \psi = 0$$

$$\therefore \psi = f(r)$$

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

$$-\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

$$\therefore \partial \psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} \partial r$$

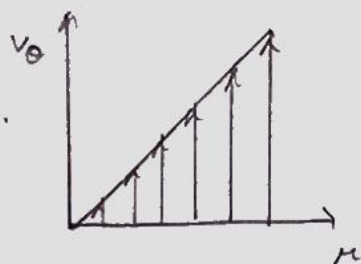
$$\therefore \psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r + f(\theta)$$

On comparing, $f(\theta) = 0$

$$\therefore \boxed{\psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r}$$

$r = \text{constant on the streamlines}$

★ Forced Vortex Flow: [To learn]



$$v_r = 0 \quad v_\theta \propto r$$

$$\therefore v_\theta = \Omega r \quad \Omega = \text{Angular Velocity in flow field.}$$

$$\rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial(r v_\theta)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \Omega)$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} 2r \Omega$$

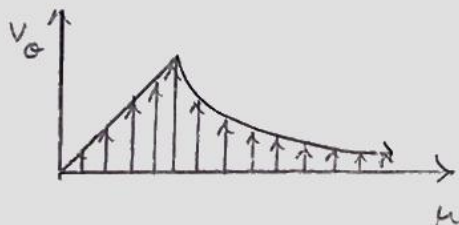
$$= 2 \Omega$$

\rightarrow Rotational vortex.

\rightarrow Not a potential flow

\rightarrow Does not satisfy the irrotational flow condition.

★ Real Vortex: [To learn]



Rankine Vortex

\rightarrow All real vortices will be a combination of both forced vortex and a free vortex.

\rightarrow Example: Whirlpools, Tornadoes, cyclones.

★ Combination of Elementary Flows: [To learn]

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

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

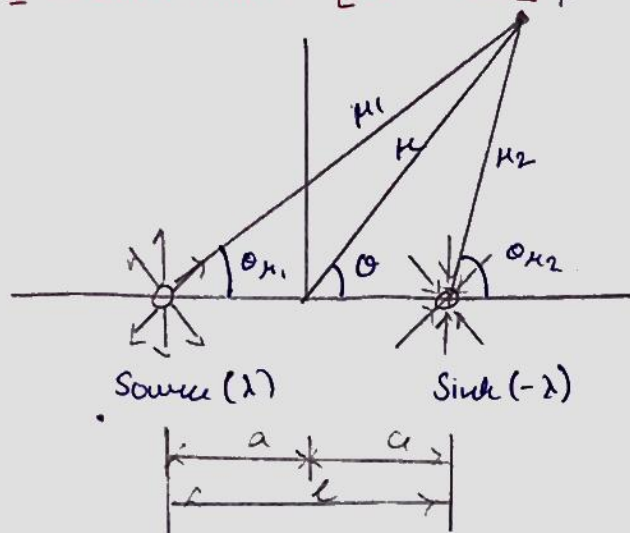
} — 2nd Order Linear Equations.

— If ϕ_1 is a solution

— If ϕ_2 is a solution

then $\phi_1 + \phi_2$ is also a solution of this equation
Physically possible potential flow.

* Doublet Flow: [To learn] ρ



$$l \rightarrow 0 \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore l\lambda = \text{Constant}$$

$$\psi_{\text{source}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta_1$$

$$\psi_{\text{sink}} = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta_2$$

At a point P in the flow,

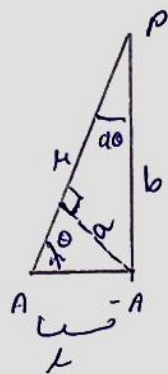
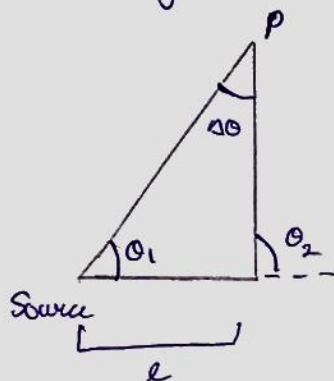
$$\psi = \psi_{\text{source}} + \psi_{\text{sink}}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta_2$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$= -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \Delta\theta$$

* Limiting case for a Doublet:



→ let the distance l approach zero while the absolute magnitude of the strengths of the source and sink increases in such a fashion that the product λl remains constant.

→ In the limit, $l \rightarrow 0$ while λl remains constant, we obtain a special flow pattern defined as doublet.

→ The strength of doublet is defined by K and is defined as
 $K = l\lambda$.

* Streamfunction of a doublet is:

$$\Psi = \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} d\theta \right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$k = l\lambda = \text{constant}$

From the diagram, $a = l \sin \theta$

$$\therefore \cos d\theta = \frac{r - l \cos \theta}{b}$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{r - l \cos \theta}{\cos d\theta}$$

Now, as $l \rightarrow 0$, $d\theta \rightarrow 0$, $\therefore \cos d\theta \approx 1$, $\tan d\theta \approx d\theta$

$$\therefore b = r - l \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \tan d\theta = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\therefore d\theta = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{l \sin \theta}{r - l \cos \theta} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

* Substituting (2) in (1), we get

$$\Psi = \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \frac{l \sin \theta}{r - l \cos \theta} \right]$$

$k = l\lambda$

$$= \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{k}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r - l \cos \theta} \right]$$

$$\Psi = \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{k}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right]$$

$$\Phi = \Phi_{\text{source}} + \Phi_{\text{sink}}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln r_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln r_2$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} \right) = -\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)$$

* From the diagram $r_1 = r$ and $r_2 = b = r - l \cos \theta$

$$\therefore \frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{r - l \cos \theta}{r} = 1 - \frac{l}{r} \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \phi = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{-\lambda}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) \right] = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{-\lambda}{2\pi} \ln\left(1 - \frac{\ell}{r} \cos\theta\right) \right]$$

$K = \ell\lambda = \text{constant}$

* Using Series Expansion for $\ln(1-x)$

$$\therefore \ln(1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$$

$$\therefore \phi = \lim_{\ell \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{-\lambda}{2\pi} \left(-\frac{\ell}{r} \cos\theta - \frac{\ell^2}{2r^2} \cos^2\theta - \frac{\ell^3}{3r^3} \cos^3\theta - \dots \right) \right]$$

$$\phi = \frac{K}{2\pi} \frac{\cos\theta}{r}$$

--- Velocity Potential for a Doublet Flow

Summary: [***** IMP]

Type of Flow	Velocity	ϕ	ψ
Uniform Flow in x-direction	$u = V_\infty$	$V_\infty x$	$V_\infty y$
Source	$V_r = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi r}$	$\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \ln r$	$\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta$
Vortex	$V_\theta = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$	$-\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta$	$\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r$
Doublet	$V_r = -\frac{K}{2\pi} \frac{\cos\theta}{r^2}$ $V_\theta = -\frac{K}{2\pi} \frac{\sin\theta}{r^2}$	$\frac{K}{2\pi} \frac{\cos\theta}{r}$	$-\frac{K}{2\pi} \frac{\sin\theta}{r}$

* Non-lifting Flow over a cylinder: [Understand Only]

→ When a fluid flows past a circular cylinder, the resulting flow field can be complex and depends on factors such as the fluid's viscosity and the speed of the flow.

Non-lifting Flow: This refers to a flow pattern where the cylinder does not experience a lift force, only drag. This typically occurs when the flow is symmetric around the cylinder.

Inviscid Flow: In an idealized scenario where the fluid is assumed to have no viscosity (inviscid), potential flow theory can be used to describe the flow field. This theory predicts a symmetrical pressure difference around the cylinder, resulting in zero drag.

D'Alembert's Paradox: This theoretical prediction of zero drag in inviscid flow contradicts the real-world observations, where drag is always present. This discrepancy is known as D'Alembert's Paradox.

* Viscous Flow:

→ In reality, all fluids have viscosity which significantly affects the fluid pattern.

→ Viscosity introduces friction between the fluid and the circular cylinder surface, creating a boundary layer.

- Boundary layer: The boundary layer is a thin region near the cylinder surface where the fluid velocity changes from zero at the surface (due to no-slip condition) to the free stream velocity away from the surface.
- Separation: As the flow moves around the cylinder, the pressure increases on the downstream side. This adverse pressure gradient can cause the boundary layer to separate from the cylinder surface.

- Wake : Separation leads to the formation of a wake behind the cylinder, a region of low pressure and recirculating flow

* Drag :

The separation and wake formation are the primary reasons for drag on a circular cylinder in a viscous flow. The drag is composed of two components:

- Pressure Drag : This arises from the pressure difference between the front and rear of the cylinder due to wake.
- Friction Drag : This results from the viscous shear stresses acting on the cylinder within the boundary layer.

* Effect of Reynolds Number :

The effect of flow pattern and the drag experienced by the cylinder are strongly influenced by the Reynolds Number (Re), a dimensional quantity that represents the ratio of inertial forces to viscous forces in the flow.

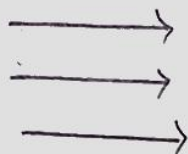
- Low Re (Creeping Flow) : At very low Re ($Re \ll 1$), viscous flow dominates, and the flow is smooth and attached to the cylinder. Drag is primarily due to friction.
- Moderate Re : As Re increases, the boundary layer becomes thinner, and eventually separation occurs, leading to wake formation and increased pressure drag.
- High Re : At high Re , the flow in the wake becomes turbulent, and the drag coefficient decreases, but remains significant due to large pressure drag component involved.

* Rotation and Magnus Effect :

If the cylinder is rotating, the flow pattern becomes asymmetric, and a lift force is generated perpendicular to the flow direction. This phenomenon is known as the Magnus effect.

* Derivation: [To learn]

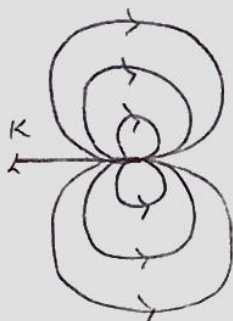
→ The combination of a uniform flow and a doublet produces the flow over a circular cylinder.



$$\psi = V_{\infty} r \sin \theta$$

Uniform Flow

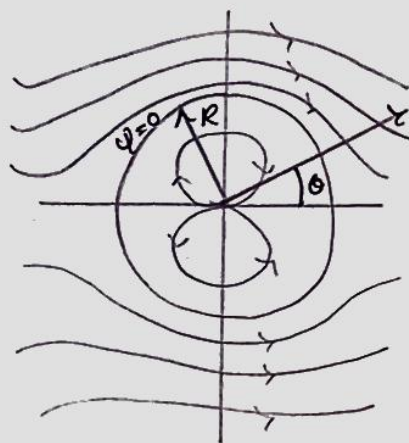
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$$\psi = \frac{-K}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

Doublet

=



$$\psi = V_{\infty} r \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

Flow over a cylinder

$$\rightarrow \psi = V_{\infty} r \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\psi = V_{\infty} K \sin \theta \left[1 - \frac{K}{2\pi V_{\infty} r^2} \right]$$

$$\text{let } R^2 = \frac{K}{2\pi V_{\infty}}$$

$$\boxed{\psi = V_{\infty} K \sin \theta \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2} \right)}$$

--- It is the stream function for a uniform flow over - doublet combination.

* Where $\kappa = R \Rightarrow \psi = 0$

$\kappa = R$ is the equation of circle.

Therefore, $\psi = 0$ is the stream function for the flow over a circle of radius R .

* Velocity Field:

- Radial Velocity (V_r):

$$\begin{aligned} V_r &= \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[V_{\infty} \kappa \sin \theta \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\kappa} (V_{\infty} \cancel{\kappa} \cos \theta) \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{V_r = \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) V_{\infty} \cos \theta}$$

- Tangential Velocity (V_{θ}):

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\theta} &= -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \kappa} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \kappa} \left[V_{\infty} \kappa \sin \theta \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) \right] \\ &= -\left[V_{\infty} \sin \theta \frac{2R^2}{\kappa^3} + \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) V_{\infty} \sin \theta \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{V_{\theta} = -\left(1 + \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) V_{\infty} \sin \theta}$$

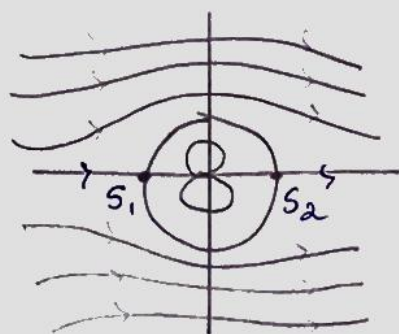
* To Locate the Stagnation Points:

[Stagnation Points are the points in the flow where velocity is zero].

$$\therefore V_r = 0 \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) V_{\infty} \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\therefore V_{\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow -\left(1 + \frac{R^2}{\kappa^2} \right) V_{\infty} \sin \theta = 0$$

- * Simultaneously solving these two equations for κ and θ , we find that there are two stagnation points, located at $(\kappa, \theta) = (\kappa, 0)$ and (κ, π)



→ Note that the $\psi = 0$ streamline, since it goes through the stagnation points, is dividing the streamline.

- That is, all the flow inside $\psi = 0$ (inside the circle) comes from the doublet and the flow outside $\psi = 0$ (outside the circle) comes from the uniform flow.
- Therefore, we replace the flow inside the circle by a solid body, and the external flow will not know the difference.
- Consequently the inviscid, irrotational, incompressible flow over a circular cylinder R can be synthesized by adding a uniform flow with velocity V_∞ and a doublet of strength κ , where R is related to V_∞ and κ through

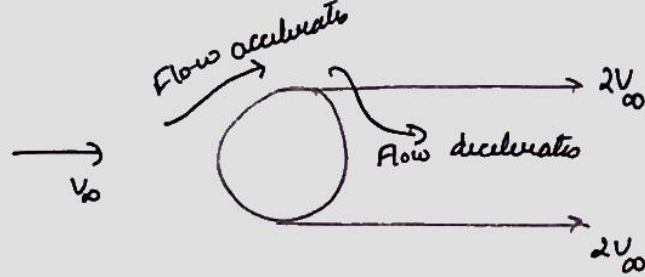
$$R = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{2\pi V_\infty}}$$

Ex Velocity distribution over a cylinder: [To learn]

$$V_r = \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) V_\infty \cos \theta \quad \xrightarrow[\kappa = R]{\text{Substituting}} \quad V_r = 0$$

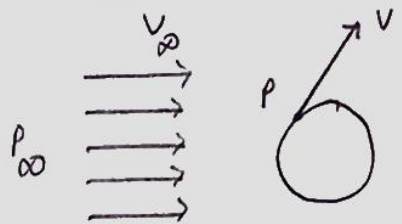
$$V_\theta = -\left(1 + \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) V_\infty \sin \theta \quad V_\theta = -2V_\infty \sin \theta$$

→ On the surface of the cylinder, $r = R$, $V = V_\theta = -2V_\infty \sin \theta$



★ Pressure Distribution over a cylinder: [To learn]

Co-efficient of Pressure: $C_p = \frac{P - P_\infty}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V_\infty^2}$



Applying Bernoulli's equation between 1 and 2:

$$P_\infty + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_\infty^2 = P + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

$$\therefore P - P_\infty = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_\infty^2 - \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

$$\therefore P - P_\infty = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_\infty^2 \left(1 - \frac{V^2}{V_\infty^2} \right)$$

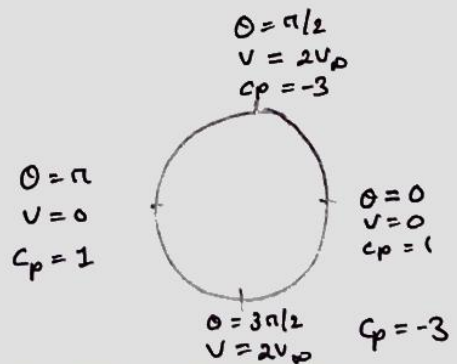
$$\therefore \frac{P - P_\infty}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V_\infty^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{V}{V_\infty} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore C_p = 1 - \left(\frac{V}{V_\infty} \right)^2$$

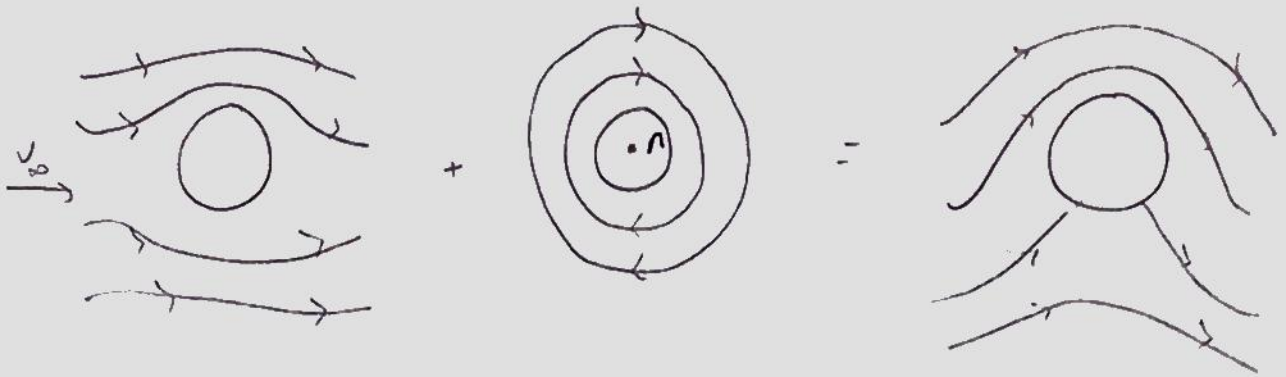
$$\therefore C_p = 1 - \left(\frac{-2V_\infty \sin \theta}{V_\infty} \right)^2 \quad \left[\because \text{On the cylinder surface} \right]$$

$V = -2V_\infty \sin \theta$

$$\therefore C_p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta$$



★ Lifting Flow over a circular cylinder - Flow over a rotating cylinder.



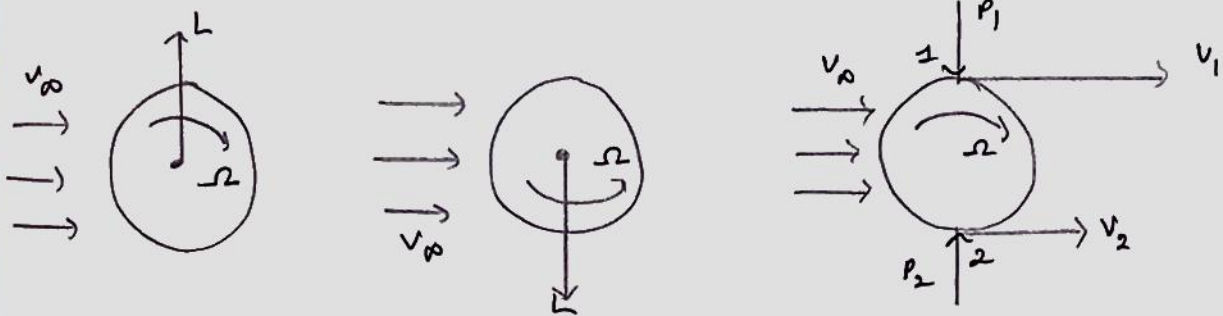
Non-lifting
Flow over a cylinder

Vortex
of Strength Γ

Lifting Flow
over a cylinder

→ A rotating cylinder or sphere moving in a fluid produces lift force.

↳ Magnus Effect \equiv Robin-Magnus Effect.



$$V_1 > V_2$$

$$\therefore P_1 < P_2$$