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8 Research

8.1 Potential flow around a circular cylinder

A cylinder of radius L is placed in two-dimensional, incompressible, inviscid flow which flows in the direction of $\hat{\imath}$. Far away from the cylinder the velocity field $\mathbf{V}$ can be described as:

$$\mathbf{V} = U\hat{\imath} \tag{6}$$

Where U is some constant. Since the cylinder is impermissible, at the boundary $\mathbf{V} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$ where the vector $\hat{n}$ is the unit vector normal to the surface.

Since in this model the viscocity $\nu = 0$, the flow can be modeled using the Euler equations. If the Euler equations, apply, so does Kelvin's theorem:

Theorem 8.1 (Kelvin's circulation theorem)**.** *The circulation around a closed material loop moving with an inviscid, barotropic fluid in the presence of conservative body forces remains constant over time.*[Citation needed]

If Γ denotes the circulation around a material loop $C(t)$ moving with the fluid, then:

$$\frac{\mathrm{D}\Gamma}{\mathrm{D}t} = 0$$

Id est, if the vorticity of $\mathbf{V}$ is 0 initialy, it must remain 0 everywhere, thus $\nabla \times \mathbf{V} = 0$. Since the flow is irrotational, $\mathbf{V}$ can be expressed as $\mathbf{V} = \nabla\phi$, where ϕ is the velocity potential.

Furthermore, if $\mathbf{V}$ is incompressible, that bieng that $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$, then ϕ must satisfy Laplace's equation: $\nabla^2\phi = 0$.

8.2 Polar coordinate boundary conditions

8.2.1 $\mathbf{V} = U\hat{\imath}$

In polar coordinates, the base vectors $\hat{r}$ and $\hat{\vartheta}$ are defined as:

$$\hat{r} \overset{\Delta}{=} \hat{\imath}\cos\vartheta + \hat{\jmath}\sin\vartheta$$

$$\hat{\vartheta} \overset{\Delta}{=} -\hat{\imath}\sin\vartheta + \hat{\jmath}\cos\vartheta$$

Solving for $\hat{\imath}$ and $\hat{\jmath}$ gives:

$$\hat{\imath} = \frac{\hat{r} - \hat{\jmath}\sin\vartheta}{\cos\vartheta} \tag{7}$$

$$\hat{\jmath} = \frac{\hat{\vartheta} + \hat{\imath}\sin\vartheta}{\cos\vartheta} \tag{8}$$

Substituting 8 into 7 and isolating $\hat{\imath}$ shows that

$$\hat{\imath} = \frac{\hat{r} - \frac{\hat{\vartheta} + \hat{\imath}\sin\vartheta}{\cos\vartheta}\sin\vartheta}{\cos\vartheta}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{r}}{\cos\vartheta} - \frac{\hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta + \hat{\imath}\sin^2\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}$$

$$= \frac{\hat{r}}{\cos\vartheta} - \frac{\hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta} - \frac{\hat{\imath}\sin^2\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}$$

$$\implies \hat{\imath} + \frac{\sin^2\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}\hat{\imath} = \frac{\hat{r}}{\cos\vartheta} - \frac{\hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}$$

$$\hat{\imath}\left(1 + \frac{\sin^2\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}\right) = \frac{\hat{r}}{\cos\vartheta} - \frac{\hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}$$

$$\hat{\imath}\left(\frac{\sin^2\vartheta + \cos^2\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}\right) = \frac{\hat{r}}{\cos\vartheta} - \frac{\hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}$$

$$\frac{\hat{\imath}}{\cos^2\vartheta} = \frac{\hat{r}}{\cos\vartheta} - \frac{\hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta}{\cos^2\vartheta}$$

$$\hat{\imath} = \hat{r}\cos\vartheta - \hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta \quad \blacksquare \tag{9}$$

The condition stated in 6 was that *in infinitum*, $\mathbf{V} = U\hat{\imath}$. By substituting in 9, the statement becomes in terms of $\hat{r}$ and $\hat{\vartheta}$:

$$\text{as} \quad r \to \infty, \quad \mathbf{V} = U(\hat{r}\cos\vartheta - \hat{\vartheta}\sin\vartheta)$$

8.2.2 $\mathbf{V} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$

In polar coordinates, the base vector $\hat{r}$ points in the direction of positive change of r, that being outwards from the center. If the cylinder is assumed to be the center of the coordinate system, then $\hat{r}$ will always point normal to the surface of the cylinder. Therefore, at the boundary of the cylinder when $r = L$,

$$\mathbf{V} \cdot \hat{r} = 0$$

8.2.3 $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$

Lemma 8.2 (Polar-Form Laplacian). *For some scalar field $\phi(x, y)$ defined in a Cartesian system, the Laplacian of ϕ in polar coordinates $\langle r, \vartheta \rangle$ is given by:*

$$\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2}$$

Proof. In Cartesian coordinates, the Laplacian operator ∇^2 is defined as $\nabla \cdot \nabla$, which for the scalar field ϕ becomes:

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

Translating x and y to polar coordinates and calculating their derivatives with respect to r and ϑ gives:

$$x = r \cos \vartheta, \quad y = r \sin \vartheta$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = \cos \vartheta, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = \sin \vartheta \tag{10}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \vartheta} = -r \sin \vartheta, \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial \vartheta} = r \cos \vartheta \tag{11}$$

Consequently, by the chain rule and substitution from 10:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\frac{\partial y}{\partial r}\\ &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\sin \vartheta\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Taking the derivative of 12 with respect to r again gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\sin \vartheta\\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}\cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}\sin \vartheta\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Substituting 12 into 13 gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\sin \vartheta\right)\cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\sin \vartheta\right)\sin \vartheta\\ &= \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\cos^2 \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}\sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial x}\cos \vartheta \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\sin^2 \vartheta\\ &= \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\cos^2 \vartheta + 2\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}\sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\sin^2 \vartheta\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Applying the same process for $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \vartheta}$ with substitution from 11 yields:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \vartheta} &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\frac{\partial x}{\partial \vartheta} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\frac{\partial y}{\partial \vartheta}\\ &= -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}r \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}r \cos \vartheta\end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Taking the derivative of 15 with respect to ϑ again gives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}r \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}r \cos \vartheta$$

Since both terms contain a product of two functions dependent on ϑ the product rule needs

to be applied. This gives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} = -\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta \partial x} r \sin \vartheta - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} r \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta \partial y} r \cos \vartheta - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} r \sin \vartheta$$

$$= -r \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \sin \vartheta \right) + r \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \vartheta} \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \cos \vartheta \right) \qquad (16)$$

Substituting 15 into 16 gives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} = -r \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \sin \vartheta \right) + r \underbrace{\left(-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} r \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} r \cos \vartheta \right) \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \cos \vartheta \right)}_{\Phi}$$

$$(17)$$

Expanding Φ:

$$\Phi = \left(-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} r \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} r \cos \vartheta \right) \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \cos \vartheta \right)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} r \sin \vartheta \right) \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sin \vartheta \right) + \left(-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} r \sin \vartheta \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \cos \vartheta \right)$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} r \cos \vartheta \right) \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sin \vartheta \right) + \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} r \cos \vartheta \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \cos \vartheta \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} r \sin^2 \vartheta - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} r \cos \vartheta \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} r \cos^2 \vartheta$$

Substituting Φ back into 17 gives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} = -r \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \sin \vartheta \right) + r \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} r \sin^2 \vartheta - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} r \cos \vartheta \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} r \cos^2 \vartheta \right)$$

$$= r^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \sin^2 \vartheta - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} \cos \vartheta \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \cos^2 \vartheta \right) - r \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \sin \vartheta \right)$$

$$= r^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \sin^2 \vartheta - 2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} \cos \vartheta \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \cos^2 \vartheta \right) - r \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \qquad (18)$$

Combining 14 and 18 yields:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\cos^2 \vartheta + 2\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}\sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\sin^2 \vartheta$$

$$+ r^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\sin^2 \vartheta - 2\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}\cos \vartheta \sin \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\cos^2 \vartheta \right) - r\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\cos^2 \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\sin^2 \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\cos^2 \vartheta + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\sin^2 \vartheta - \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}\left(\cos^2 \vartheta + \sin^2 \vartheta \right) + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2}\left(\cos^2 \vartheta + \sin^2 \vartheta \right) - \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} - \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2}$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} \tag{19}$$

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8.3   Ad confluōrem

Summarized, the conditions translated to polar form in sections 8.2.1, 8.2.2 and 8.2.3 are:

$$\mathbf{V} = U(\hat{r}\cos \vartheta - \hat{\vartheta}\sin \vartheta) \qquad \text{as} \qquad r \to \infty$$

$$\mathbf{V} \cdot \hat{r} = 0 \qquad \text{when} \qquad r = L$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \vartheta^2} = 0$$

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