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1.1 Definition of vortex

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Vortex is recognized by the streamlines that resemble a helix. But that is not Galilean invariant, so maybe a *bundle of vorticity lines* is the correct topological definition.

More precisely, vortex is a *vorticity tube* surrounded by irrotational flow, but the boundary may not be clear in viscous flow,

so maybe add *threshold magnitude* $|\omega_0|$. But how to calculate that threshold quantitatively?

A starting point would be to say that the vortex is defined by *flow region where the vorticity prevails over the strain rate*. [1]

2 Equations and variable definitions

$$\Pi \equiv p - (\lambda + 2\mu)\vartheta \quad (1)$$

where ϑ is the trace of the shear tensor D .

$$D = \frac{1}{2}[\nabla u + (\nabla u)^T] \quad , \quad \text{with} \quad D_{ii} = \vartheta \quad (2)$$

so basically $\vartheta = \nabla \cdot u$. [1]

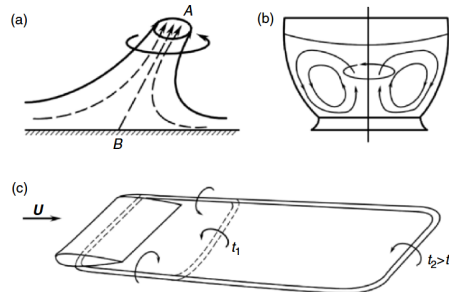
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Using spheroidal coordinates, one can express the continuity equation, the energy equation, using enthalpy, vorticity conservation equations.

Than, introducing $\Gamma = rv$ to be the same for ω_r and ω_z as ψ is for u and w . Using those, we can come up with solutions for inviscid flow. [1]

3 Pictures

Fig.3.5 from page 74.



References

[1] Jie-Zhi Wu. *Vorticity and Vortex Dynamics*. Springer Berlin / Heidelberg, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2006.