

Flow of Inviscid Flow Using Velocity Potential.

considering a situation where effect of viscosity is negligible.
 $Re \gg 1$, very high Reynolds number or
fast flow.

~~Situations where Potential~~

Flow over a submerged body, the whole flow field
can be determined using Potential flow theory and
Boundary layer theory.

① Potential Flow Theory.

Def: → Irrotational flow, two dimensional flow (planar flow)
Incompressible flow, viscous forces are neglected,
Steady flow.

Equation of motion for Inviscid flow:

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{g}$$

(Euler equation)
[Eqnⁿ is used to get
the velocity and
pressure distribution]

Assumptions

① Incompressible flow. $\rho = \text{const}$ (density is constant),
 $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ (from equⁿ of continuity).

② Irrotational flow
 $\nabla \times \vec{v} = 0$

(curl of velocity)

(Two dimensional, steady flow),

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{g}$$

Eq. (2)

$$\rho \left[\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} \right] = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{g}$$

$\nabla \times \vec{v} = 0$ for irrotational flow.

$$\left\{ \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla v^2 - \cancel{\vec{v} \times [\nabla \times \vec{v}]} \right\} \text{ from appendix.}$$

Eqn reduces to

$$\rho \left[\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla v^2 \right] = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{g}$$

$$\rho \left[\frac{1}{2} \nabla v^2 \right] = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{g}$$

$$\rho \int \frac{1}{2} \nabla v^2 = \int -\nabla P$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{1}{2} v^2 = -P + \text{const.}$$

$$\rho \frac{1}{2} v^2 + P = \text{const.} \rightarrow$$

Bernoulli eqn for incompressible flow, steady, irrotational flow.

$$(I) \leftarrow \boxed{\rho \left[\frac{1}{2} v_x^2 + \frac{1}{2} v_y^2 \right] + P = \text{const.}}$$

To solve for velocity & pressure profile we need additional equations.

$$\textcircled{II} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0. \quad [2-D \text{ continuity eqn}]$$

(Irrotational).

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

$$\textcircled{III} \quad \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} = 0.$$

Solve

$$v = -\nabla \phi \quad \phi = \text{velocity potential.}$$

or (3)

why we picked $v = -\nabla \phi$,

because $\nabla \cdot v = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot (-\nabla \phi) = \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \rightarrow \text{Laplace eqn}^n$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{v} &= 0 \\ \nabla \times (-\nabla \phi) &= 0 \end{aligned}}$$

$$\phi(x, y)$$

$$v_x = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

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

$$\phi(x, y) \cdot \psi(x, y)$$

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

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

Complex velocity

$$w(z) = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y)$$

$$z = x + iy$$

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

$$\nabla^2 \psi = 0]$$

→ The velocity potential ϕ is assumed to simplify the solution approach for velocity and pressure distribution. ϕ is picked as $\vec{v} = -\nabla \phi$ so that $\nabla \times \vec{v}$ is automatically satisfied, i.e. the irrotational flow assumption is satisfied.

From definition of velocity potential & stream function.

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$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}}$$

These are known as ~~Cauchy~~ Cauchy-Riemann equations. These allow to come up with the complex velocity function, as the real & imaginary part must ~~be~~ satisfy this condition.

Proof that ϕ & ψ satisfies the Laplace equation.
 $\nabla^2 \phi = 0.$

Proof:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad (a)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y}.$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (b)$$

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

$$a+b \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \phi = 0} \rightarrow \text{Proved.}$$

Calculus of complex variable.

$$z = u(x, y) + i v(x, y).$$

$$z' = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$