

# THE COMPLETE FIRST ORDER EXPANSION OF A SLENDER VORTEX RING

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**Abstract.** Equations for the axisymmetric part of the velocity field and for the equation of motion of a *non circular* slender vortex ring are given at first order. This is the correction to the known leading order given by Callegari and Ting [2].

## I. DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS

The length scales of the vortex ring that are different from its thickness  $\delta$ , for example : the radius of curvature, the ring length, are of the same order  $L$  with  $\delta/L = O(\epsilon) \ll 1$ . The central curve is described parametrically with the use of a function  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(s, t)$ . A local curvilinear co-ordinate system  $(r, \varphi, s)$ , with a frame  $(\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\theta, \mathbf{t})$ , is introduced near this central curve [2]. There is an *outer problem* defined by the *outer limit* :  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  with  $r$  fixed, which describes the situation far from the central line and an *inner problem* defined by the *inner limit* :  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  with  $\bar{r} = r/\epsilon$  fixed, which describes the situation near the central line.

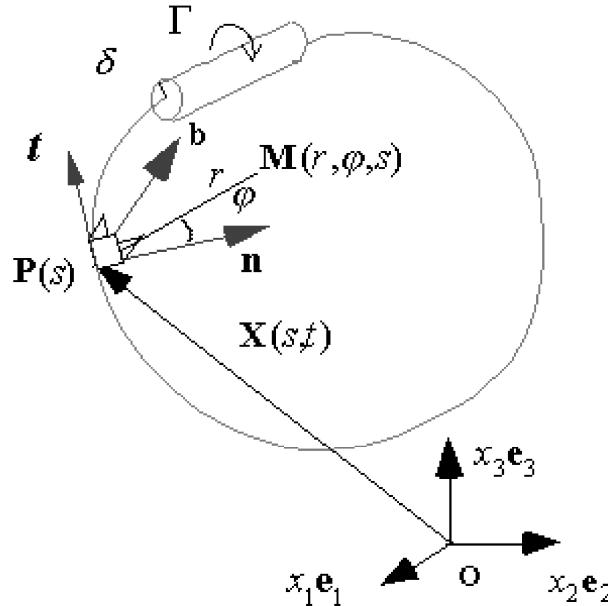


FIG. 1. The central curve and the local co-ordinates of the vortex ring.

The change between Cartesian co-ordinates  $\mathbf{M}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and local co-ordinates  $\mathbf{M}(r, \varphi, s)$  satisfies :

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{OM} = \mathbf{X}(s, t) + r\mathbf{e}_r(\varphi, s, t)$$

The variable

$$\sigma(s, t) = |\mathbf{X}_s| \quad (1)$$

is introduced, where  $|\cdot|$  is the usual norm of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . The Frenet formulas are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_s &= \sigma \mathbf{t} & \mathbf{t}_s &= \sigma K \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{n}_s &= \sigma(T\mathbf{b} - K\mathbf{t}) & \mathbf{b}_s &= -\sigma T \mathbf{n} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $T$  the local torsion of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $K$  the local curvature of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Notice that here and throughout this paper, the differentiation  $\partial f / \partial x$  of a function  $f$  with respect to its variable  $x$  is denoted  $f_x$ ;  $\times$  is the cross-product and  $\cdot$  is the dot-product. The polar vectors  $(\mathbf{e}_r, \mathbf{e}_\theta)$  are

$$\mathbf{e}_r(\varphi, s) = +\mathbf{n}(s) \cos(\varphi) + \mathbf{b}(s) \sin(\varphi) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{e}_\theta(\varphi, s) = -\mathbf{n}(s) \sin(\varphi) + \mathbf{b}(s) \cos(\varphi) \quad (4)$$

The small parameter  $\epsilon$  is defined by  $\epsilon = \delta_0/L = \delta(t=0)/L$ .

Dimensionless variables :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}^* &= \mathbf{X}/L & S^* &= S/L \\ K^* &= LK & T^* &= LT \\ \delta^* &= \delta/L & t^* &= t/(L^2/\Gamma) \\ \mathbf{v}^* &= \mathbf{v}/(\Gamma/L) & \boldsymbol{\omega}^* &= \boldsymbol{\omega}/(\Gamma/L^2) \\ r^* &= r/L & \sigma^* &= \sigma/L \end{aligned}$$

are introduced, where  $S$  is the length of the ring and  $\Gamma$  is its circulation. Here,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  are respectively the velocity and the vorticity fields. From here on, all quantities are dimensionless and the asterisks are omitted. The Reynolds number  $R_e$  is defined by  $R_e = \Gamma/\nu$  where  $\nu$  is the kinematic viscosity of the fluid. Let us define the number  $\alpha$  such that  $R_e^{-1/2} = \alpha\epsilon$ . Both inviscid :  $\alpha = 0$  and viscous :  $\alpha = O(1)$  vortex rings are studied. The velocity is decomposed as follows :

$$\mathbf{v}(r, \varphi, s, t, \epsilon) = \dot{\mathbf{X}}(s, t, \epsilon) + \mathbf{V}(r, \varphi, s, t, \epsilon) \quad (5)$$

where

$$\mathbf{V} = u\mathbf{e}_r + v\mathbf{e}_\theta + w\mathbf{t} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial t} \quad (7)$$

The following forms are chosen for the inner expansions of the velocity field :

$$\begin{aligned} u^{inn} &= u^{(1)}(\bar{r}, \varphi, s, t) + \dots \\ v^{inn} &= \epsilon^{-1}v^{(0)}(\bar{r}, s, t) + v^{(1)}(\bar{r}, \varphi, s, t) + \dots \\ w^{inn} &= \epsilon^{-1}w^{(0)}(\bar{r}, s, t) + w^{(1)}(\bar{r}, \varphi, s, t) + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

with an expression of the central curve of the form :

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}^{(0)}(s, t) + \epsilon \mathbf{X}^{(1)}(s, t) + \dots \quad (9)$$

## II. LIMIT OF $\mathbf{v}^{inn}$ AT $\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty$ UP TO ORDER $\epsilon$ THROUGH BIOT AND SAVART LAW

Let us have a vorticity field of the form :

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{(0)}(\bar{r}, \varphi, s) \quad (10)$$

The Biot and Savart law is given on local co-ordinates by the formula :

$$\mathbf{v}(r, \varphi, s, t, \epsilon) \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \iiint \frac{\epsilon^2 \boldsymbol{\omega}(\bar{r}', \varphi', s', t, \epsilon) \times [(\mathbf{X}(s, t, \epsilon) + r\mathbf{e}_r(\varphi, s, t, \epsilon)) - (\mathbf{X}(s', t, \epsilon) + \epsilon\bar{r}'\mathbf{e}'_r)]}{|(\mathbf{X}(s, t, \epsilon) + r\mathbf{e}_r(\varphi, s, t, \epsilon)) - (\mathbf{X}(s', t, \epsilon) + \epsilon\bar{r}'\mathbf{e}'_r)|} h'_3 \bar{r}' d\bar{r}' d\varphi' ds' \quad (12)$$

where

$$h'_3 = \sigma(s', t)(1 - K(s', t)\epsilon\bar{r}' \cos(\varphi')). \quad (13)$$

Next, in this section,  $s$  will be an arc length parameter.

The outer expansion of velocity is :

$$\mathbf{v}^{out}(r, \varphi, s, \epsilon) = \mathbf{v}^{out(0)}(r, \varphi, s) + \epsilon \mathbf{v}^{out(1)}(r, \varphi, s) + O(\epsilon^2).$$

If

$$\iint (\boldsymbol{\omega} - [\boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{t}) \bar{r} d\bar{r} d\varphi = 0 \quad (14)$$

one obtains :

$$\mathbf{v}^{out(0)}(r, \varphi, s, \epsilon) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_C \frac{\mathbf{t}(s') \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}(s'))}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}(s')|^3} ds' \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{v}^{out(1)}(r, \varphi, s) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \iiint \frac{\boldsymbol{\omega}'^{(0)} \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}'|^3} \bar{r}'^2 K(s') \cos(\varphi') d\bar{r}' d\varphi' ds' \\ & - \frac{1}{4\pi} \iiint 3 \frac{[\boldsymbol{\omega}'^{(0)} \times (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}')][\mathbf{e}'_r \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}')]}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}'|^5} \bar{r}'^2 d\bar{r}' d\varphi' ds' \\ & - \frac{1}{4\pi} \iiint \frac{\mathbf{e}'_r \times \boldsymbol{\omega}'^{(0)}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}'|^3} \bar{r}'^2 d\bar{r}' d\varphi' ds' \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

with :

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{X}(s, t) + r\mathbf{e}_r(\varphi, s, t) \quad (17)$$

Thus at leading order in outer co-ordinates, the velocity field exactly correspond to the Dirac delta distribution

$\delta_C \mathbf{t}$  on the central line.

In case

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}^{(0)} = \omega_2(\bar{r})\mathbf{e}_\theta + \omega_3(\bar{r})\mathbf{t}, \quad (18)$$

when  $r = \epsilon\bar{r}$  is put in  $\mathbf{v}^{out}(r \rightarrow 0, \varphi, s)$ , one obtains :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^{inn}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbf{v}^{inn(0)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) + \ln \epsilon \mathbf{v}^{inn(01)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) + \mathbf{v}^{inn(1)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) \\ &\quad + \epsilon \ln \epsilon \mathbf{v}^{inn(12)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) + \epsilon \mathbf{v}^{inn(2)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) + O(\epsilon^2 \ln \epsilon) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

with :

$$\mathbf{v}^{inn(0)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\mathbf{e}_\theta}{\bar{r}} + \frac{\mathbf{I}_1}{\bar{r}^2} + O(\frac{1}{\bar{r}^3}) \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{inn(01)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) = -\frac{K}{4\pi} \mathbf{b} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{inn(1)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) = \frac{K}{4\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{S}{\bar{r}} - 1 \right] \mathbf{b} + \frac{K}{4\pi} \cos \varphi \mathbf{e}_\theta + \mathbf{A} + \frac{\mathbf{I}_2}{\bar{r}} + O(\frac{1}{\bar{r}^2}) \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{inn(12)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) = \mathbf{I}_3 + \mathbf{I}_5 \bar{r} \quad (23)$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{inn(2)}(\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty, \varphi, s) = (\mathbf{I}_3 + \mathbf{I}_5 \bar{r}) \ln \bar{r} + (\mathbf{I}_6 + \mathbf{E}_2(\varphi, s)) \bar{r} + \mathbf{I}_4 + \mathbf{E}_1(s) \quad (24)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2(\varphi, s) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\mathbf{B}(\varphi, s) - 3\mathbf{C}(\varphi, s)) \quad (25)$$

where expressions of  $\mathbf{A}$  ,  $\mathbf{B}$  ,  $\mathbf{C}$  ,  $\mathbf{E}_i$  ,  $\mathbf{I}_i$  ( $i=1\dots6$ ) are given in Appendix.

This expression (11) can be compared with that of Fukumoto and Miyazaki [4] (page 373) and Callegari et Ting [2] (page 173). It is the same all but here  $\mathbf{A}$  ,  $\mathbf{B}$  ,  $\mathbf{C}$  and order  $\epsilon$  are given. Besides here the derivation was performed in an algorithmic way with formal calculus (Maple) and with the matched asymptotic expansion of singular integral method following François [3] or Bender and Orszag [1].

Let us notice that the same result would have been obtained if  $\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty$  were put in the inner expansion of Biot and Savart law [6].

This result will be used in the following when the asymptotic matching will be performed.

### III. RESULTS AT ORDER 0

Callegari and Ting [2] considered the case where  $v^{(0)}, w^{(0)}$  are independent of  $s$  so that some compatibility conditions are satisfied. They deduced the following equations for  $v^{(0)}, w^{(0)}$  from Navier Stokes second order equations :

$$\bar{r} \frac{\partial v^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)}{\partial t} - \alpha^2 \frac{\partial v^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)}{\partial \bar{r}} + \frac{\alpha^2}{\bar{r}} v^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t) - \alpha^2 \bar{r} \frac{\partial^2 v^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)}{\partial \bar{r}^2} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{r} \frac{\partial \bar{r} v^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)}{\partial \bar{r}} \frac{\dot{S}^{(0)}}{S^{(0)}} = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$\bar{r} \frac{\partial w^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)}{\partial t} - \alpha^2 \frac{\partial w^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)}{\partial \bar{r}} - \alpha^2 \bar{r} \frac{\partial^2 w^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)}{\partial \bar{r}^2} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{r} \frac{(w^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t))^2}{\bar{r}^2} \frac{\dot{S}^{(0)}}{S^{(0)}} = 0 \quad (27)$$

where  $S^{(0)}$  is the length of the ring.

Through matching, they found the following equation for  $\mathbf{X}^{(0)}(s, t)$  :

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}^{(0)} - (\dot{\mathbf{X}}^{(0)} \cdot \mathbf{t})\mathbf{t} = \left( \frac{K^{(0)}}{4\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{S^{(0)}}{\epsilon} - 1 \right] + K^{(0)} C^* \right) \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{A} - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{t})\mathbf{t} \quad (28)$$

where

$$C^*(t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left\{ +\frac{1}{2} + \lim_{\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty} \bar{r} \left( 4\pi^2 \int_0^{\bar{r}} \xi \left( v^{(0)} \right)^2 d\xi - \ln(\bar{r}) \right) - 8\pi^2 \int_0^{\infty} \xi (w^{(0)})^2 d\xi \right\} \quad (29)$$

$$\lambda(s, \bar{s}, t) = \int_s^{s+\bar{s}} \sigma^{(0)}(s^*, t) ds^* \quad (30)$$

$$\mathbf{A}(s, t) \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} \left[ -\sigma^{(0)}(s + \bar{s}, t) \frac{\mathbf{t}^{(0)}(s + \bar{s}, t) \times (\mathbf{X}^{(0)}(s + \bar{s}, t) - \mathbf{X}^{(0)}(s, t))}{\left| \mathbf{X}^{(0)}(s + \bar{s}, t) - \mathbf{X}^{(0)}(s, t) \right|^3} - \frac{K^{(0)}(s, t)}{2} \frac{\mathbf{b}^{(0)}(s, t) \sigma^{(0)}(s + \bar{s}, t)}{|\lambda^{(0)}(s, \bar{s}, t)|} \right] d\bar{s} \quad (32)$$

#### IV. RESULTS AT ORDER 1

In the same way that first order Navier Stokes equations give compatibility equations for  $v^{(0)}, w^{(0)}$ , second order Navier Stokes equations give compatibility equations for the axisymmetric part  $v_c^{(1)}, w_c^{(1)}$  of  $v^{(1)}, w^{(1)}$ . These equations are automatically satisfied if  $v_c^{(1)}$  is assumed to be independent of  $s$  and if  $w_c^{(1)}$  is such that :

$$\frac{\partial w_c^{(1)}(\bar{r}, s, t)}{\partial s} = -\dot{\sigma}^{(0)} + a(s, t)\sigma^{(0)} \quad (33)$$

$$a(s, t) = \dot{S}^{(0)}/S^{(0)} \quad (34)$$

We write :

$$w_c^{(1)}(\bar{r}, s, t) = w_{cc}^{(1)}(s, t) + w_c^{(1)}(\bar{r}, t) \quad (35)$$

Equations for  $v_c^{(1)}, w_c^{(1)}$  can be extracted from third order Navier Stokes equations. We did this with the use of symbolic calculus (on maple) in the following way : we obtained third order Navier Stokes equations, then we carried out the  $\varphi$ -average and  $s$ -average of the axial and circumferential components of the third order momentum equations using the third order continuity equation to eliminate  $u_c^{(2)}$ . Lots of terms vanished and we found equations for  $v_c^{(1)}, w_c^{(1)}$ . Note that Fukumoto and Miyazaki ([4] page 378) postulated  $v_c^{(1)} = 0$ , kept  $w_c^{(1)}$  dependent of  $s$ , and did not have equation for  $w_c^{(1)}$ . The following equations are obtained :

$$S^{(0)} \left( \frac{\partial v_c^{(1)}}{\partial t} - \alpha^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{r}} (\bar{r} v_c^{(1)})_{\bar{r}} \right]_{\bar{r}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \dot{S}^{(0)} \left( \bar{r} v_c^{(1)} \right)_{\bar{r}} = \frac{\bar{r}}{2} \left( \dot{S}^{(1)} - S^{(1)} \frac{\dot{S}^{(0)}}{S^{(0)}} \right) \zeta^{(0)} \quad (36)$$

where

$$S^{(1)} = \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{(1)} ds. \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S^{(0)} \left( \frac{\partial w_c^{(1)}}{\partial t} - \alpha^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{r}} \left( \bar{r} \left( w_c^{(1)} \right)_{\bar{r}} \right)_{\bar{r}} \right]_{\bar{r}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \dot{S}^{(0)} \bar{r}^3 \left( \frac{w_c^{(1)}}{\bar{r}^2} \right)_{\bar{r}} &= \frac{\bar{r}^3}{2} (w^{(0)} / \bar{r}^2)_{\bar{r}} \left( \dot{S}^{(1)} - S^{(1)} \frac{\dot{S}^{(0)}}{S^{(0)}} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \ln \left( \frac{S}{\epsilon} \right) + C - 4\pi \bar{r} v^{(0)} \right) \int_0^{2\pi} K^{(0)} \mathbf{A}_s(s, t) \cdot \mathbf{b}^{(0)} ds \\ &- \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{(0)} \mathbf{A}(s, t) \cdot \mathbf{t}^{(0)} ds - \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{(0)} \frac{\partial w_{cc}^{(1)}(s, t)}{\partial t} ds - \frac{\dot{S}^{(0)}}{S^{(0)}} \int_0^{2\pi} \sigma^{(0)} w_{cc}^{(1)}(s, t) ds \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

The left hand side of these equations are the same for  $v_c^{(1)}(\bar{r}, t)$  and  $w_c^{(1)}(\bar{r}, t)$  than for  $v^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)$  and  $w^{(0)}(\bar{r}, t)$ . We may notice that even if initially  $w_c^{(1)}(\bar{r}, 0) = 0$ , the right hand side terms will induce  $w_c^{(1)}(\bar{r}, 0) \neq 0$  when  $t \neq 0$ .

These equations for  $v_c^{(1)}, w_c^{(1)}$  are linked to  $\mathbf{X}^{(1)}(s, t)$ , so an equation for  $\mathbf{X}^{(1)}$  is needed to have a closed system of equations for the first order solutions  $v_c^{(1)}, w_c^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{X}^{(1)}$ . The best attempt to find this equation is by Fukumoto and Miyazaki ([4] page 382), where contribution from Navier Stokes equations up to order  $\epsilon^1$  have been found in order to performed the asymptotic matching. We may note that in their expression the term due to first order curvature  $K^{(1)}$  is missing. Moreover, their expression for  $\mathbf{X}^{(1)}$  is not complete, as local and non-local (named  $\mathbf{Q}$  in [4]) contribution from Biot and Savart integral are given only up to order  $\epsilon^0$  in Fukumoto and Miyazaki [4] (page 373) and Callegari and Ting [2] (page 173), while order  $\epsilon^1$  is obviously needed to obtain complete and correct equation for  $\mathbf{X}^{(1)}$ . The complete expression, up to  $\epsilon$  order, was performed in section 2. The matching is then done and lacking terms in equation of  $\mathbf{X}^{(1)}$  are found :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{X}}^{(1)} - (\dot{\mathbf{X}}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{t}) \mathbf{t} &= \left\{ C_2^* - \frac{1}{8\pi} K^{(1)}(s, t) + \frac{1}{4\pi} K^{(1)}(s, t) \ln \epsilon - \frac{m}{4\pi} K_s \left[ 3 \ln \epsilon + 3 + \frac{5}{6} - 3 \ln S \right] \right\} \mathbf{n} \\ &+ \left\{ C_1^* + \frac{m}{4\pi} K T \left[ \ln \epsilon + \frac{5}{6} - \ln S \right] \right\} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{E}_1 - (\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{t}) \mathbf{t} \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

$$C_1^* = \pi \int_0^\infty \xi v^{(0)}(\xi, t) H s_{12}^{(2)}(\xi, t) d\xi \quad (40)$$

$$C_2^* = \pi \lim_{\bar{r} \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_0^{\bar{r}} \xi v^{(0)}(\xi, t) H s_{11}^{(2)}(\xi, t) d\xi - \frac{1}{4} \frac{K^{(1)}(s, t)}{\pi^2} \ln \bar{r} \right) \quad (41)$$

$$H s_{12}^{(2)} = 2 \frac{\xi}{v^{(0)}(\xi, t)} \frac{\partial w^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi} \left( \dot{\mathbf{t}}^{(0)}(s, t) \cdot \mathbf{b}^{(0)}(s, t) \right) - 2 \xi \frac{w^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{\sigma^{(0)}(s, t)} \frac{\partial K^{(0)}(s, t)}{\partial s} \quad (42)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Hs_{11}^{(2)} = & 2\xi K^{(0)}(s, t) \frac{\partial v_c^{(1)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi} + v^{(0)}(\xi, t) K^{(1)}(s, t) + 2 \frac{\xi}{v^{(0)}(\xi, t)} \frac{\partial w^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi} (\dot{\mathbf{t}}^{(0)}(s, t) \cdot \mathbf{n}^{(0)}(s, t)) \\
& + 6K^{(0)}(s, t)v_c^{(1)}(\xi, t) + 2\xi \frac{\partial v^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi} K^{(1)}(s, t) + 2\xi w^{(0)}(\xi, t) K^{(0)}(s, t) T^{(0)}(s, t) \\
& + 2 \frac{\xi K^{(0)}(s, t) v_c^{(1)}(\xi, t)}{v^{(0)}(\xi, t)} \frac{\partial v^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi} + 2 \frac{\xi K^{(0)}(s, t) w_c^{(1)}(\xi, t)}{v^{(0)}(\xi, t)} \frac{\partial w^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi} \\
& + 2 \frac{\xi K^{(1)}(s, t) w^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{v^{(0)}(\xi, t)} \frac{\partial w^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi} + 2 \frac{\xi K^{(0)}(s, t) w^{(0)}(\xi, t)}{v^{(0)}(\xi, t)} \frac{\partial w_c^{(1)}(\xi, t)}{\partial \xi}
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

This equation (39) is the first order equation of motion of the central line. Fukumoto and Miyazaki [4] (page 373) had written this equation without  $K^{(1)}$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_1$  and terms with the axial flux  $m$ .

## V. CONCLUSION

A closed and complete system of equations (36,38,39) for the first order axisymmetric part  $v_c^{(1)}, w_c^{(1)}$  of the velocity field and for the first order central line :  $\mathbf{X}^{(1)}$  of a slender non circular vortex ring has been given. It would be interesting to find a simple case where a solution to these equations can be found and to compare these equations with those of a circular vortex ring [5].

## VI. APPENDIX

In this appendix, terms that appears in formulas of section 2 are given.

$$m = \pi \int_0^\infty \omega_2 \bar{r}^2 d\bar{r} = 2\pi \int_0^\infty w^{(0)} \bar{r} d\bar{r}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_1 = \frac{m}{\pi} \mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} Km \cos \varphi \mathbf{t}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_3 = m \left[ \left( \frac{1}{8\pi} K^2 - \frac{1}{4\pi} T^2 \right) \mathbf{t} - \frac{1}{4\pi} (KT \sin \varphi + 3K_s \cos \varphi) \mathbf{e}_r - \frac{1}{4\pi} (KT \cos \varphi - 3K_s \sin \varphi) \mathbf{e}_\theta \right]$$

$$\mathbf{I}_4 = \frac{m}{4\pi} \left\{ \left( \left[ -\frac{5}{6} + \ln S \right] KT \sin \varphi + \left[ -3 - \frac{5}{6} + 3 \ln S \right] K_s \cos \varphi \right) \mathbf{e}_r \right.$$

$$\left. + \left( \left[ -\frac{5}{6} + \ln S \right] KT \cos \varphi + \left[ 4 - \frac{1}{6} - 3 \ln S \right] K_s \sin \varphi \right) \mathbf{e}_\theta \right\}$$

$$+ \left( \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2) + \frac{5}{16} - \frac{8}{S^2} + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2\varphi \right] K^2 + \left[ \ln(2) - \frac{3}{2} \right] T^2 \right) \mathbf{t} \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}_1(a) = & \frac{m}{4\pi} \left\{ \int_{-S/2}^{S/2} \frac{K(a+\bar{a}) \mathbf{b}(a+\bar{a}) \times (\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a)) + 2T(a+\bar{a})}{|\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a)|^3} \right. \\
& + 3 \frac{[\mathbf{n}(a+\bar{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a))] (\mathbf{b}(a+\bar{a}) \times (\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a)))}{|\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a)|^3} \\
& \left. - 3 \frac{[\mathbf{b}(a+\bar{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a))] (\mathbf{n}(a+\bar{a}) \times (\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a)))}{|\mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}) - \mathbf{X}(a)|^3} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$+ \left( -2\frac{1}{|\bar{a}|^3} + \frac{K(a)^2}{4|\bar{a}|} - \frac{T(a)^2}{2|\bar{a}|} \right) \mathbf{t}(a) - \frac{K(a)T(a)}{2|\bar{a}|} \mathbf{b}(a) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{K_a(a)}{|\bar{a}|} \mathbf{n}(a) d\bar{a} \Big\}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_5 = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ (K_s \sin \varphi - KT \cos \varphi) \mathbf{t} + \frac{3}{4} K^2 \sin(2\varphi) \mathbf{e}_r + \frac{3}{4} K^2 \cos(2\varphi) \mathbf{e}_\theta \right]$$

$$\mathbf{I}_6 = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left[ \begin{aligned} & (K_s \sin \varphi - KT \cos \varphi) [1 - \ln S] \mathbf{t} + \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{4} \ln S \right] K^2 \sin(2\varphi) \mathbf{e}_r \\ & + \left[ \frac{4}{S^2} - \frac{K^2}{24} + \left( \frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{4} \ln S \right) K^2 \cos(2\varphi) \right] \mathbf{e}_\theta \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{E}_2(\varphi, a) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (\mathbf{B}(\varphi, a) - 3\mathbf{C}(\varphi, a))$$

with :

$$\mathbf{A}(a) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-S/2}^{+S/2} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{t}(a+\bar{a}) \times (\mathbf{X}(a) - \mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a}))}{|\mathbf{X}(a) - \mathbf{X}(a+\bar{a})|^3} - \frac{K(a)\mathbf{b}(a)}{2|\bar{a}|} \right] d\bar{a}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(a) = \mathbf{e}_r(\varphi, a) \times \int_{-S/2}^{+S/2} \left[ -\frac{\mathbf{t}(a+a')}{|\mathbf{X}(a) - \mathbf{X}(a+a')|^3} - f_b(a, a') \right] da'$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\varphi, a) = \int_{-S/2}^{+S/2} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{e}_r(\varphi, a) \cdot (\mathbf{X}(a+a') - \mathbf{X}(a))}{|\mathbf{X}(a) - \mathbf{X}(a+a')|^5} [\mathbf{t}(a+a') \times (\mathbf{X}(a+a') - \mathbf{X}(a))] - f_c(a, a') \right] da'$$

$$f_b(a, a') = -\frac{1}{|a'|^3} \left[ \mathbf{t}(a) + K(a)\mathbf{n}(a)a' + \frac{a'^2}{2} [K_a(a)\mathbf{n}(a) + K(a)T(a)\mathbf{b}(a) - \frac{3}{4} K^2(a)\mathbf{t}(a)] \right]$$

$$f_c(a, a') = -\frac{K^2(a)\mathbf{b}(a) \cos(\varphi)}{4|a'|}$$

where  $S$  is the length of the vortex ring.

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