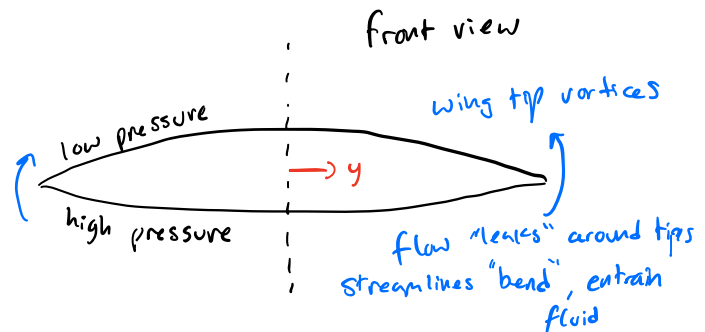
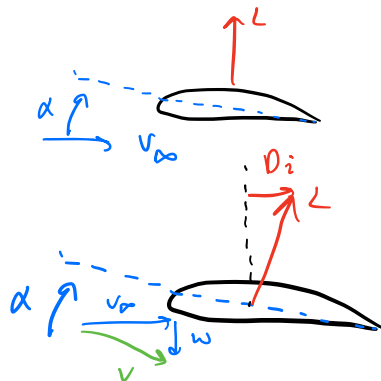


- $C(y)$ will usually vary
- airfoil profile may also vary across span
- variations generate flow in spanwise direction: $\underline{u} = u\hat{i} + v\hat{j} + w\hat{k}$

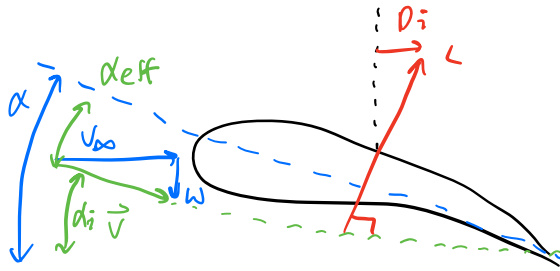


vortices induce a downward velocity called "down wash"

w = down wash



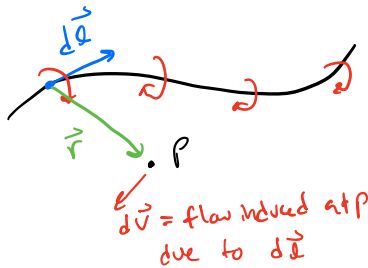
D_i = induced drag



- new velocity vector \vec{V} , as seen by airfoil
- new angle of attack, α_{eff} , " " " "
- α_i = induced angle of attack : $\alpha_i + \alpha_{eff} = \alpha$
- Lift vector L to \vec{V} creates induced drag

Goal: modify 2D thin airfoil theory to account for w
 estimate w (value); compute new C_L, C_D, C_M

Curved vortex filament



$$\rightarrow d\vec{V} = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^3}$$

Biot-Savart Law

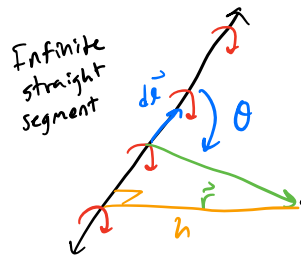
Side note:

$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^3}$$

E & m analog

\vec{B} = mag. field

I = current, μ = permeability



geometric relations

$$r = \frac{h}{\sin \theta}$$

$$d\theta = \frac{-h}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta$$

can show for straight:

$$\vec{V}(P) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l} \times \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^3} \rightarrow \text{Simplify w/ geometry}$$

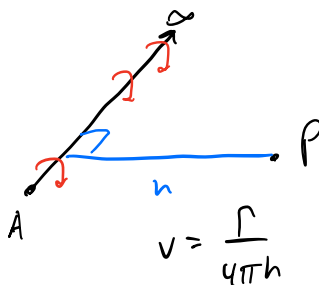
$$|\vec{V}| = V = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \theta}{r^2} d\theta$$

$$V = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi h}$$

Mag. of velocity

\perp distance h from infinite straight segment

Semi-infinite filament



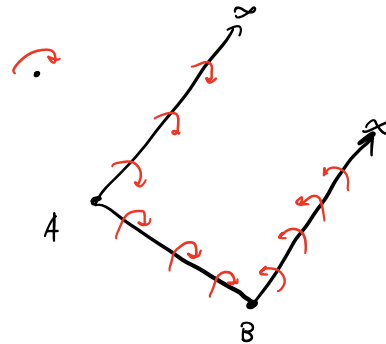
$$V = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi h}$$

Helmholtz vortex theorems:

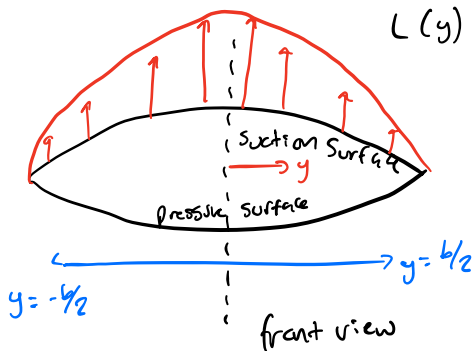
1. strength of vortex filament is const. along length
2. A vortex filament cannot end in a fluid

It must:

- extend to ∞
- extend to solid boundary (like A)
- OR
- combine & form a closed path



Lift distribution

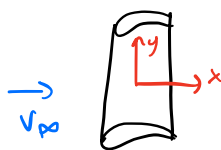


$L(y)$ = lift distribution

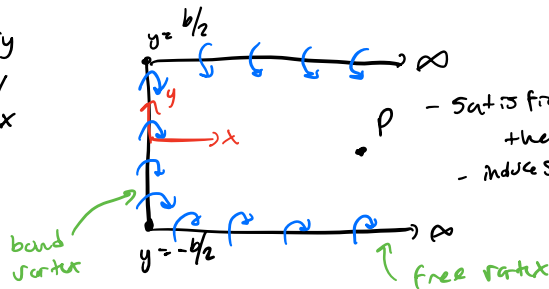
$$L = \rho V_{\infty} \Gamma$$

$$L(y) = \rho V_{\infty} \Gamma(y)$$

Prandtl's Lifting line theory



replace w/
bound vortex



- satisfies Helmholtz theorems
- induces downwash

$w(y)$ = induced velocity at $x=0$,

or as experienced by wing bound vortex

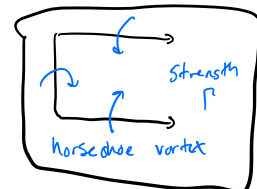
- bound vortex does not induce velocity on itself, but it is influenced by free vortices

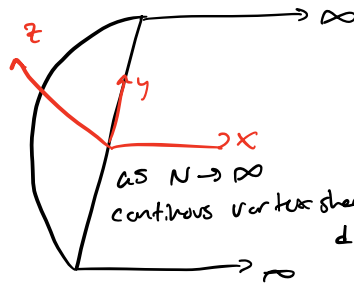
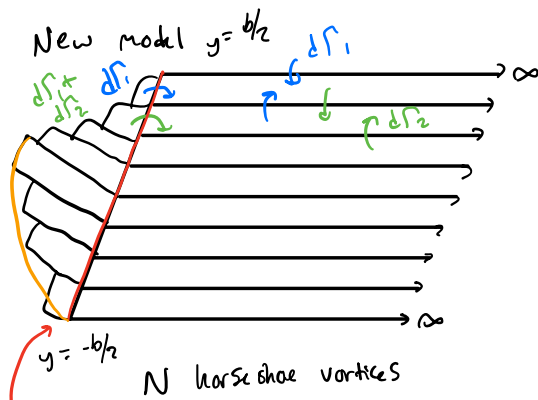
$$w(y) = \underbrace{-\frac{\Gamma}{4\pi(\frac{b}{2}+y)}}_{\text{left free vortex}} - \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma}{4\pi(\frac{b}{2}-y)}}_{\text{right free vortex}} \Rightarrow w(y) = -\frac{\Gamma}{4\pi} \frac{b}{(\frac{b}{2})^2 - y^2}$$

Model/theory for downwash

as $y \rightarrow \frac{b}{2}$, $w \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ not capturing all physics

\rightarrow must refine model





$$d\Gamma = \left(\frac{d\Gamma}{dy} \right) dy$$

$$\Gamma(y) = ? \rightarrow L(y)$$

Lifting line model: lifting line replaces wing

distribution of vortices, not constant as previous model

Recall Biot-Savart: velocity @ y_0 induced by the semi-infinite trail of vorticity at y

generic: $w = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi h}$

In this case: $dw = \frac{-d\Gamma}{4\pi(y_0 - y)}$

$$dw = \frac{-\left(\frac{d\Gamma}{dy}\right)dy}{4\pi(y_0 - y)}$$

\Rightarrow integrate to get total contribution \rightarrow

$$w(y_0) = \frac{-1}{4\pi} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{\left(\frac{d\Gamma}{dy}\right)dy}{y_0 - y}$$

velocity induced by entire vortex sheet

\rightarrow is downwash as lifting line (wing)

$$C_L = 2\pi(\alpha - \alpha_{L=0})$$

\downarrow
old model, 2D airfoils

Recall downwash diagram:

$$\alpha_i(y_0) = \arctan\left(-\frac{w(y_0)}{V_\infty}\right)$$

gives induced angle of attack.

Assume small angles:

$$\alpha_i(y_0) \approx -\frac{w(y_0)}{V_\infty}$$

$$\alpha_i(y_0) = \frac{1}{4\pi V_\infty} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{\left(\frac{d\Gamma}{dy}\right)dy}{y_0 - y}$$

new model: $C_L = 2\pi(\alpha_{eff} - \alpha_{L=0})$

$$\alpha_{eff}(y_0) = \alpha - \alpha_i(y_0) \rightarrow C_L(y)$$

$$L(y_0) = L' = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_\infty^2 \underbrace{C(y_0)}_{\text{chord length}} \underbrace{C_L(y_0)}_{\text{lift coeff.}} = \text{lift per unit span}$$

$$L' = \rho V_{\infty} \Gamma(y_0) \rightarrow \text{combine \& solve for } C_L$$

$$\rightarrow C_L = \frac{2 \Gamma(y_0)}{V_{\infty} c(y_0)}$$

combine w/ $C_L = 2\pi(\alpha_{\text{eff}} - \alpha|_{L=0})$ & solve for α_{eff} :

$$\alpha(y_0) = \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma(y_0)}{\pi V_{\infty} c(y_0)}}_{\alpha_{\text{eff}}} + \underbrace{\alpha|_{L=0} + \frac{1}{4\pi V_{\infty}} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{(d\Gamma/dy) dy}{y_0 - y}}_{\alpha_i}$$

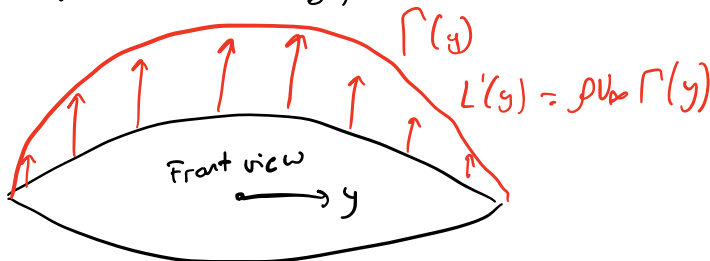
Prandtl's lifting
line theory:
unknown is Γ ;
solve for $\Gamma(y) = \Gamma$

Implementation : solve for $\Gamma(y)$

To solve, we will assume a form of $\Gamma(y)$:

A common solution is the Elliptical Lift Distribution

$$\Gamma(y) = \Gamma_0 \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{2y}{b}\right)^2}$$



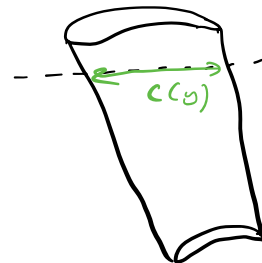
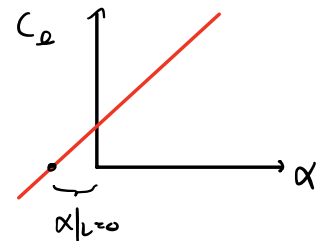
$$\Rightarrow L = \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} L'(y) dy$$

$$C_L = \frac{L}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V_{\infty}^2 S} = \frac{L}{\rho_{\infty} S}$$

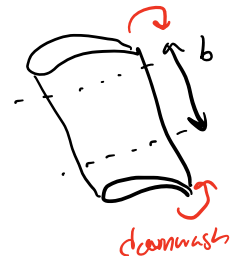
For 3D wing

$C_L = 2D$ for an airfoil

* The C_L of a wing will be lower than a 2D model of the same airfoil due to downwash.



for untwisted wing
then $\alpha|_{L=0} = \text{const}$



$$L'(y) = \rho V_\infty \Gamma(y_0) ; L = \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} L'(y) dy$$

In addition to decreasing lift, downwash will increase drag,

$$D_i' = L' \sin \alpha_i(y_0) \quad \text{or} \quad D_i' \approx L' \cdot \alpha(y) \quad \text{for small angles}$$

$$D_i = \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} D_i'(y) dy \Rightarrow \text{induced drag on wing, due to downwash}$$

- * still have drag from other sources:
- pressure drag (form drag)
 - shear stresses on surface (skin friction drag)
 - induced drag, due to downwash

Finite wing: General lift distribution

To develop a more general expression, assume the form:

$$\Gamma(\theta) = 2bV_\infty \sum_{n=1}^N A_n \sin(n\theta) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{change of variables:} \\ y = -b/2 \cos \theta \end{array} \right)$$

Next, substitute into lifting line: this will determine A_n

$$\alpha(y_0) = \frac{\Gamma(y_0)}{\pi V_\infty C(y_0)} + \alpha|_{L=0} + \frac{1}{4\pi V_\infty} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{(d\Gamma/dy) dy}{y_0 - y}$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dy} = \frac{d\Gamma}{d\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dy}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha(\theta_0) = \frac{2b}{\pi C(\theta_0)} \sum_1^N A_n \sin(n\theta_0) + \alpha|_{L=0}(\theta_0) + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sum_1^N n A_n \cos n\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos n\theta d\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0} = \frac{\pi \sin n\theta_0}{\sin \theta_0}$$

$$\rightarrow \alpha(\theta_0) = \frac{2b}{\pi C(\theta_0)} \sum_1^N A_n \sin(n\theta_0) + \alpha|_{L=0}(\theta_0) + \sum_1^N n A_n \frac{\sin n\theta_0}{\sin \theta_0}$$

A_n unknown; N unknowns

• θ_0 is a specific location along span of wing

• b, c , are known parameters of geometry

• α is also known

- Solution method:
- choose N locations (θ_0 values) along wing $\rightarrow N$ equations + N unknowns (A_n 's)
 - system of equations to solve for A_n
 - once we know A_n , sub back into $\Gamma(\theta)$ expression to obtain lift distribution

once $\Gamma(\theta)$ is known:

$$C_L = \frac{2}{\rho \infty S} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \Gamma(y) dy = \frac{2b^2}{S} \sum_1^N A_n \int_0^\pi \sin(n\theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\rightarrow C_L = A_1 \pi b^2/S$$

$b = \text{span}$

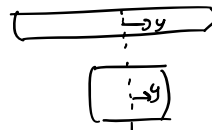
$S = \text{planform area}$

$b^2/S = \text{aspect ratio} = AR$

Recall:

$$\int_0^\pi \sin(n\theta) \sin \theta d\theta = \begin{cases} \pi/2 & n=1 \\ 0 & n \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$C_L = A_1 \pi \cdot AR$$



* C_L only depends on A_1 but must have N large enough for accuracy!

same analysis for induced drag, compute $C_{D,i}$

$$C_{D,i} = \frac{2}{\rho \infty S} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \Gamma(y) \alpha_i(y) dy = \frac{2b^2}{S} \int_0^\pi \left(\sum_1^N A_n \sin(n\theta) \right) \alpha_i(\theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

Recall α_i given by:

$$\alpha_i(y_0) = \frac{1}{\pi \infty} \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{\Gamma(y)}{y_0 - y} dy \quad \text{OR} \quad \alpha_i(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_1^N n A_n \int_0^\pi \frac{\cos n\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0} d\theta$$

simplifies to:

$$\alpha_i(\theta) = \sum_1^N n A_n \frac{\sin n\theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$C_{D,i} = \frac{2b^2}{S} \int_0^\pi \left[\sum_1^N A_n \sin n\theta \right] \left[\sum_1^N n A_n \frac{\sin n\theta}{\sin \theta} \right] d\theta \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} A, A_1, A, A_2, A_2 A_2, A_2 A_3, \text{etc} \\ \text{only keep w/ same subscript,} \\ \text{others go to zero.} \end{array} \right\}$$

use integral: $\int_0^\pi \sin m\theta \sin k\theta d\theta = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq k \\ 1 & m = k \end{cases}$

$$\rightarrow C_{D,i} = \frac{2b^2}{S} \left(\sum_1^N n A_n^2 \right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{C_{D,i} = \pi \cdot AR \sum_1^N n A_n^2}$$

$$C_{D,i} = \pi AR A_1^2 \left[1 + \underbrace{\sum_1^N n \left(\frac{A_n}{A_1} \right)^2}_{\delta = \text{induced drag factor}} \right]$$

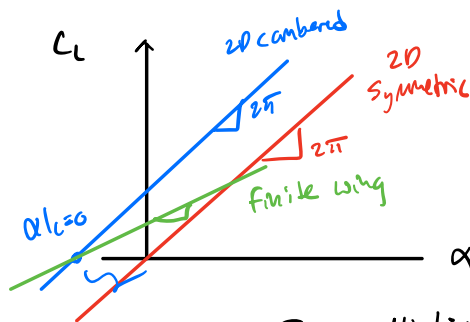
$$\boxed{C_{D,i} = \frac{C_L^2}{\pi \cdot AR} (1 + \delta)}$$

$$e = \frac{1}{1 + \delta} = \text{span efficiency factor}$$

$$\boxed{C_{D,i} = \frac{C_L^2}{\pi \cdot AR \cdot e}}$$

when $\delta = 0$ then $e = 1$, considered the best possible case
minimum amount of induced drag

- this best case is equivalent to the elliptical distribution of Γ



$a =$ lift slope

can compute lift slope for various lift dist. ($\Gamma(y) = ?$)

$$\text{For elliptical: } a = \frac{a_0}{1 + a_0 / (\pi \cdot AR)} ; a_0 = 2\pi$$

General distribution:

$$a = \frac{a_0}{1 + (a_0 / \pi \cdot AR)(1 + \tau)}$$

$\tau =$ induced factor for lift slope

$\tau = 0.05 \rightarrow 0.25$ common range