

# FLUIDS I

## Example sheet 5: Potential Flow (short revision)

1. What are the fundamental principles used to derive the Navier-Stokes?
2. The usual form of Bernoulli's equation is found by integrating the 1D Euler equation. What assumptions are needed to first derive the 1D Euler equation  $dp = \rho \mathbf{V} d\mathbf{V}$ ? What further assumption is necessary to integrate this equation to get the familiar form of Bernoulli's equation  $p + 1/2 \rho \mathbf{V}^2 = \text{constant}$ ?
3. For what type of flow can a velocity potential be defined?
4. The velocity potential if it exists satisfies Laplace's equation. Give expressions for  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  in terms of the potential? Why is it advantageous to be able to solve Laplace's equation?
5. What is the name given to a line whose tangent at any point is in the direction of the local fluid velocity?
6. What is the equation for a streamline in 2D flow (assume that we are working in the  $x$ - $y$  plane)?
7. Using the above equation obtain an equation for the streamlines of a flow which has  $u = w x$  and  $v = -w y$ , where  $w$  is a constant. Also sketch the streamlines.
8. For the flow in question 7 find the expressions for the potential and streamfunction
9. Give expressions for the velocities  $u$  and  $v$  in terms of (a) the stream function  $\psi$ , (b) the potential  $\phi$ .
10. For a uniform flow parallel to the  $x$  axis, derive expressions for the stream function and the potential
11. Give expressions for the radial and tangential velocity components  $v_r$ ,  $v_\theta$  in terms of the stream function and the potential
12. For a source  $\phi_{\text{source}} = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r$  and  $\psi_{\text{source}} = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta$  Sketch the equipotentials and streamlines
13. What is the line integral equation for circulation?
14. For a vortex  $\phi_{\text{vortex}} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta$  and  $\psi_{\text{vortex}} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r$  Sketch the equipotentials and Streamlines.
15. Explain briefly in words how a doublet flow is obtained from a combination of elementary flows.
16. What elementary flows can be combined to produce a 2D potential model for a non-lifting flow over a circular cylinder
17. Derive an expression for the pressure coefficient  $C_p$  in terms of velocity from Bernoulli's equation.
18. Briefly describe the physical significance of the stream function  $\psi$  in incompressible flow. What are the limits on its application, compared with the potential function  $\phi$ ?
19. The non-lifting flow over a cylinder has a stream function given by  $\psi = U_\infty y - \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$ 
  - (a) This flow is modelled as a combination of which two flows?
  - (b) Put the stream function into consistent  $(r, \theta)$  coordinates assuming that  $R^2 = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi U_\infty}$
  - (c) Find expressions for the radial and tangential velocity components  $v_r$ ,  $v_\theta$
  - (d) What is the pressure coefficient distribution for the cylinder which has radius  $R$ ?
20. State D'Alembert's paradox.