Useful Equations

Change between Polar and Cartesian coordinate systems

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad x = r\cos\theta, \quad y = r\sin\theta,$$

$$u = V_r\cos\theta - V_\theta\sin\theta, \quad v = V_r\sin\theta + V_\theta\cos\theta$$

$$V_r = u\cos\theta + v\sin\theta, \quad V_\theta = -u\sin\theta + v\cos\theta$$

2D Potential Flow

Velocity components in two-dimensional irrotational flow, in terms of the stream function and potential are given by

$$V_{r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \qquad V_{\theta} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \qquad u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \qquad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$V_{r} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \qquad V_{\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \qquad u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \qquad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

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The stream function & velocity potential in Polar coordinates and the velocity distribution for:

i) A uniform flow U_{∞} parallel to the x axis:

$$\psi = U_{\infty} r \sin \theta, \qquad \phi = U_{\infty} r \cos \theta, \qquad V_{r} = U_{\infty} \cos \theta, \quad V_{\theta} = -U_{\infty} \sin \theta, \qquad u = U_{\infty}, \quad v = 0$$

ii) A source, of strength Λ , at the origin:

$$\psi = \frac{+\Lambda\theta}{2\pi}, \qquad \phi = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r, \qquad V_r = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi r}, \quad V_\theta = 0, \qquad u = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi} \frac{x}{\left(x^2 + y^2\right)}, \quad v = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi} \frac{y}{\left(x^2 + y^2\right)}$$

iii) A doublet, of strength κ , at the origin:

$$\psi = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r}, \qquad \phi = \frac{+\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{\cos \theta}{r}, \qquad V_r = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi r^2} \cos \theta, \qquad V_\theta = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi r^2} \sin \theta,$$
$$u = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{\left(x^2 - y^2\right)}{\left(x^2 + y^2\right)^2}, \qquad v = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{2xy}{\left(x^2 + y^2\right)^2}$$

iv) A vortex, of strength Γ , at the origin:

$$\psi = \frac{+\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r, \qquad \phi = \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta, \qquad V_r = 0, \quad V_\theta = \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi r}, \qquad u = \frac{+\Gamma}{2\pi} \frac{y}{\left(x^2 + y^2\right)}, \quad v = \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi} \frac{x}{\left(x^2 + y^2\right)}$$

Using Bernoulli's equation between 1 and 2 for irrotational flow gives: $p_1 - p_2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_2^2 - V_1^2)$

If point 1 is in the freestream
$$p_1 - p_{\infty} = \frac{1}{2} \rho \left(U_{\infty}^2 - V_1^2 \right) \rightarrow c_p = \frac{p - p_{\infty}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_{\infty}^2} = 1 - \frac{V^2}{U_{\infty}^2}$$

Not given in exam: memorise