



# MAE 3130: Fluid Mechanics

## Lecture 8: Differential Analysis/Part 2

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# Outline

- Potential Flow
- Stream-Function Solutions
- Navier-Stokes Equations
- Exact Solutions
- Intro. to Computational Fluid Dynamics
- Examples

## Potential Flow: Velocity Potential

For irrotational flow there exists a velocity potential:  $\phi(x, y, z, t)$

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

Take one component of vorticity to show that the velocity potential is irrotational:

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

Substitute u and v components:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial x} \right) = 0 \quad \text{we could do this to show all vorticity components are zero.}$$

Then, rewriting the u, v, and w components as a vector:  $\mathbf{V} = \nabla \phi$

For an incompressible flow:  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$

Then for incompressible irrotational flow:  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$

$\nabla^2( ) = \nabla \cdot \nabla( )$  is the *Laplacian operator*.

And, the above equation is known as Laplace's Equation.

## Potential Flow: Velocity Potential

Laplacian Operator in Cartesian Coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

Laplacian Operator in Cylindrical Coordinates:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

If a Potential Flow exists, with appropriate boundary conditions, the entire velocity and pressure field can be specified.

Where the gradient in cylindrical coordinates, the gradient operator,

$$\nabla( ) = \frac{\partial( )}{\partial r} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial( )}{\partial \theta} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + \frac{\partial( )}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

Then, 
$$\nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$\mathbf{V} = v_r \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + v_\theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + v_z \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \quad v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \quad v_z = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

May choose cylindrical coordinates based on the geometry of the flow problem, i.e. pipe flow.

## Potential Flow: Plane Potential Flows

Laplace's Equation is a Linear Partial Differential Equation, thus there are known theories for solving these equations.

Furthermore, linear superposition of solutions is allowed:

$$\phi_3 = \phi_1 + \phi_2 \quad \text{where } \phi_1(x, y, z) \text{ and } \phi_2(x, y, z) \\ \text{are solutions to Laplace's equation}$$

For simplicity, we consider 2D (planar) flows:

$$\text{Cartesian: } u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

$$\text{Cylindrical: } v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \quad v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}$$

We note that the stream functions also exist for 2D planar flows

$$\text{Cartesian: } u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{Cylindrical: } v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad v_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

## Potential Flow: Plane Potential Flows

For irrotational, planar flow:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$

Now substitute the stream function:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)$

Then,  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \longrightarrow$  Laplace's Equation

For plane, irrotational flow, we use either the potential or the stream function, which both must satisfy Laplace's equations in two dimensions.

Lines of constant  $\Psi$  are streamlines:  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\text{along } \psi = \text{constant}} = \frac{v}{u}$

Now, the change of  $\phi$  from one point  $(x, y)$  to a nearby point  $(x + dx, y + dy)$ :

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = u dx + v dy$$

Along lines of constant  $\phi$  we have  $d\phi = 0$ ,

$$\underbrace{d\phi}_0 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = u dx + v dy \longrightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\text{along } \phi = \text{constant}} = -\frac{u}{v}$$

## Potential Flow: Plane Potential Flows

Lines of constant  $\phi$  are called **equipotential lines**.

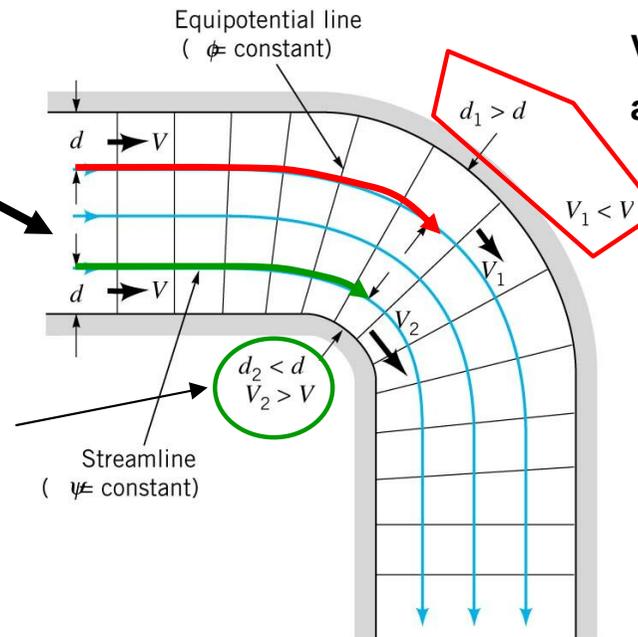
The equipotential lines are orthogonal to lines of constant  $\Psi$ , streamlines where they intersect.

The flow net consists of a family of streamlines and equipotential lines.

The combination of streamlines and equipotential lines are used to visualize a graphical flow situation.

The velocity is inversely proportional to the spacing between streamlines.

Velocity increases along this streamline.

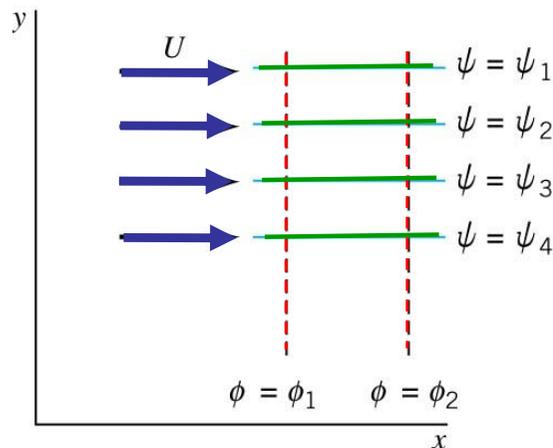


Velocity decreases along this streamline.

## Potential Flow: Uniform Flow

The simplest plane potential flow is a **uniform flow** in which the streamlines are all parallel to each other.

Consider a uniform flow in the x-direction:



Integrate the two equations:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = U \quad \longrightarrow \quad \phi = Ux + f(y) + C$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \phi = f(y) + C$$

Matching the solution  $\phi = Ux + C$

C is an arbitrary constant, can be set to zero:  $\phi = Ux$

Now for the stream function solution:

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

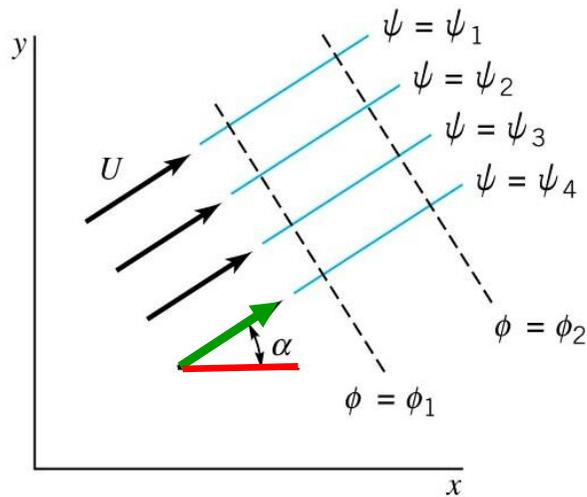
Integrating the two equations similar to above.

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\psi = Uy$$

## Potential Flow: Uniform Flow

For Uniform Flow in an Arbitrary direction,  $\alpha$ :

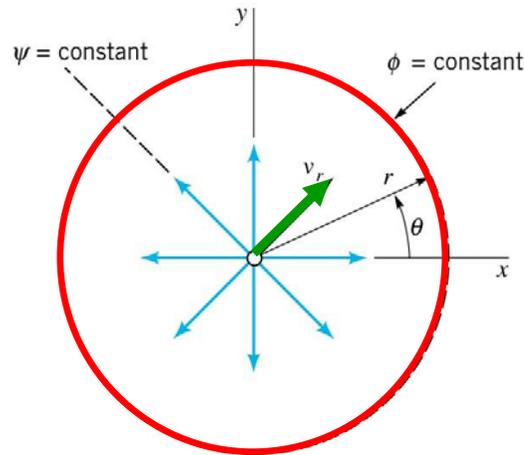


$$\phi = U(x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha)$$

$$\psi = U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha)$$

## Potential Flow: Source and Sink Flow

Source Flow:



Source/Sink Flow is a purely radial flow.

Fluid is flowing radially from a line through the origin perpendicular to the x-y plane.

Let  $m$  be the volume rate emanating from the line (per unit length).

Then, to satisfy mass conservation:

$$(2\pi r)v_r = m \implies v_r = \frac{m}{2\pi r}$$

Since the flow is purely radial:  $v_\theta = 0$

Now, the velocity potential can be obtained:

$$v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \quad v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \implies \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{m}{2\pi r} \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$v_r = \frac{m}{2\pi r}$$

Integrate  $\implies \phi = \frac{m}{2\pi} \ln r$

If  $m$  is positive, the flow is radially outward, source flow.  
If  $m$  is negative, the flow is radially inward, sink flow.

**$m$  is the strength of the source or sink!**

This potential flow does not exist at  $r = 0$ , the origin, because it is not a “real” flow, but can approximate flows.

## Potential Flow: Source and Sink Flow

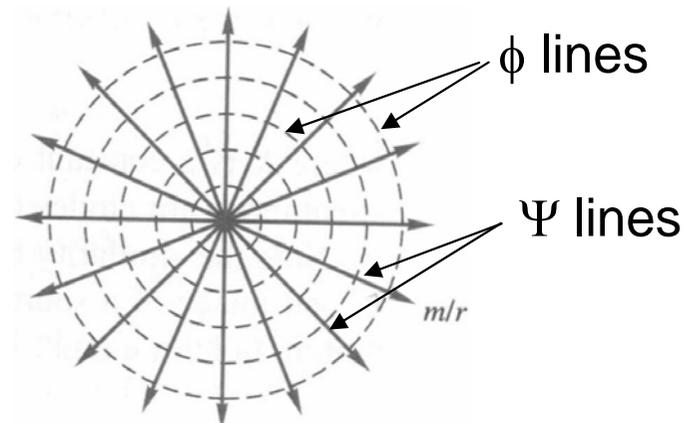
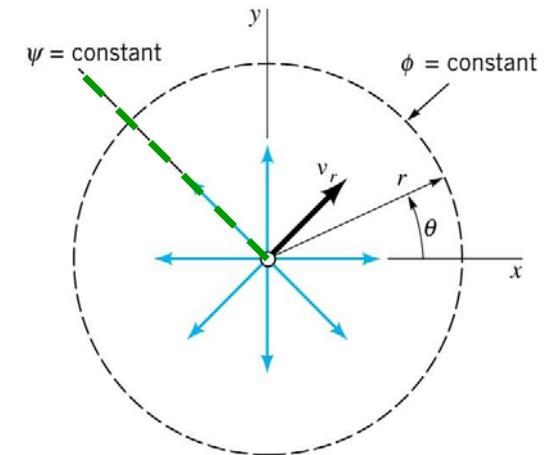
Now, obtain the stream function for the flow:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_r &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} & v_\theta &= -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} & \longrightarrow & \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{m}{2\pi r} & \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} &= 0 \\ v_r &= \frac{m}{2\pi r} & & 0 & & & & \end{aligned}$$

Then, integrate to obtain the solution:

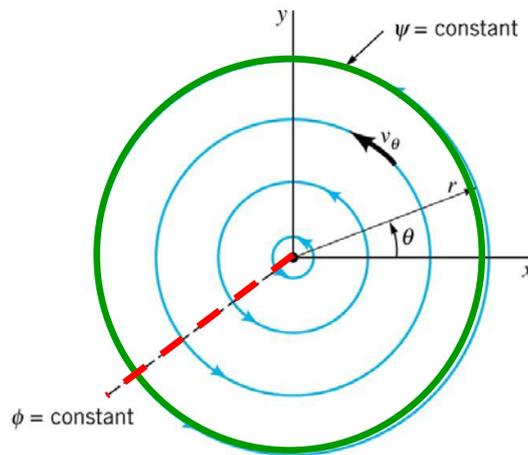
$$\psi = \frac{m}{2\pi} \theta$$

The streamlines are radial lines and the equipotential lines are concentric circles centered about the origin:



## Potential Flow: Vortex Flow

In vortex flow the streamlines are concentric circles, and the equipotential lines are radial lines.



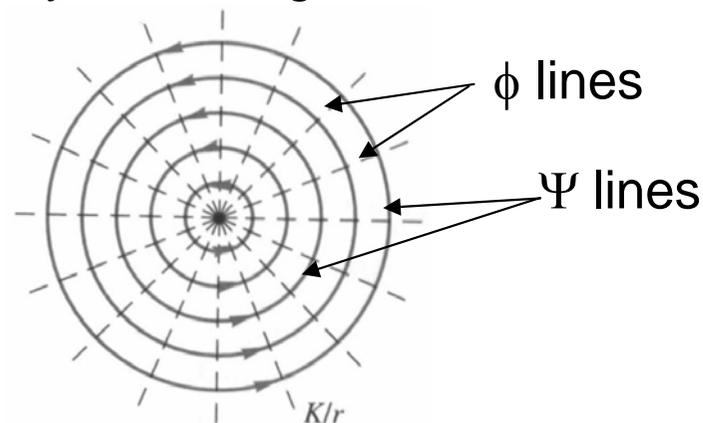
Solution:  $\phi = K\theta$        $\psi = -K \ln r$

where K is a constant.

The sign of K determines whether the flow rotates clockwise or counterclockwise.

In this case,  $v_r = 0$  ,  $v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = \frac{K}{r}$

The tangential velocity varies inversely with the distance from the origin. At the origin it encounters a singularity becoming infinite.

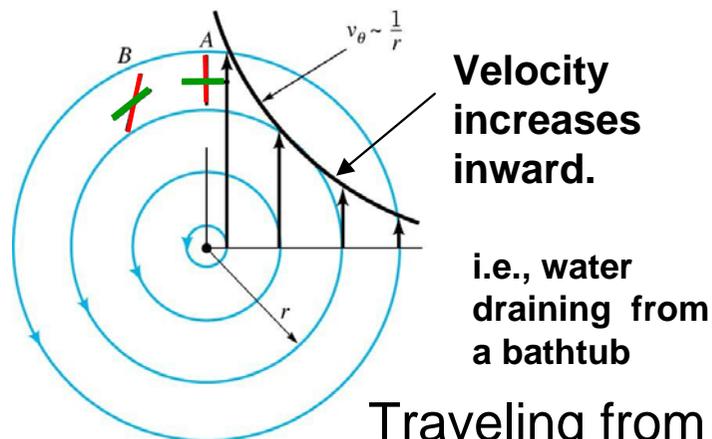


## Potential Flow: Vortex Flow

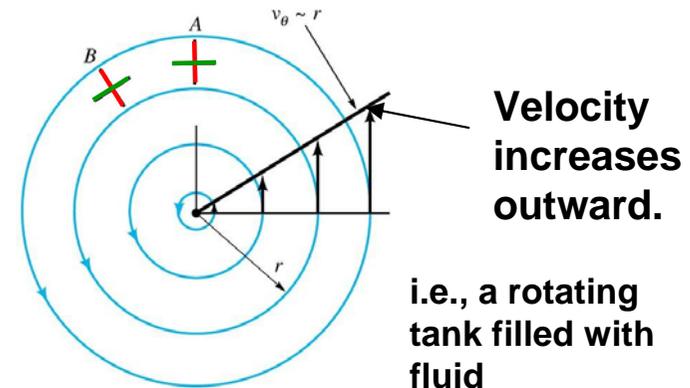
How can a vortex flow be irrotational?

Rotation refers to the orientation of a fluid element and not the path followed by the element.

Irrotational Flow: Free Vortex



Rotational Flow: Forced Vortex



Traveling from A to B, consider two sticks

**Irrotational Flow:**

Initially, sticks aligned, one in the flow direction, and the other perpendicular to the flow.

As they move from A to B the perpendicular-aligned stick rotates clockwise, while the flow-aligned stick rotates counter clockwise.

The average angular velocities cancel each other, thus, the flow is irrotational.

**Rotational Flow: Rigid Body Rotation**

Initially, sticks aligned, one in the flow direction, and the other perpendicular to the flow.

As they move from A to B they sticks move in a rigid body motion, and thus the flow is rotational.

## Potential Flow: Vortex Flow

A **combined vortex flow** is one in which there is a forced vortex at the core, and a free vortex outside the core.

$$v_{\theta} = \omega r \quad r \leq r_0$$

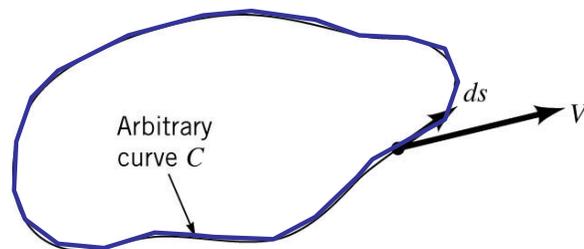
$$v_{\theta} = \frac{K}{r} \quad r > r_0$$



A Hurricane is approximately a combined vortex

**Circulation** is a quantity associated with vortex flow. It is defined as the line integral of the tangential component of the velocity taken around a closed curve in the flow field.

$$\Gamma = \oint_C \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$



$$\mathbf{V} = \nabla\phi \implies \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \nabla\phi \cdot d\mathbf{s} = d\phi$$

$$\Gamma = \oint_C d\phi = 0 \implies \text{For irrotational flow the circulation is generally zero.}$$

## Potential Flow: Vortex Flow

However, if there are singularities in the flow, the circulation is not zero if the closed curve includes the singularity.

For the free vortex:  $v_\theta = K/r$

$$\Gamma = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{K}{r} (r d\theta) = 2\pi K$$



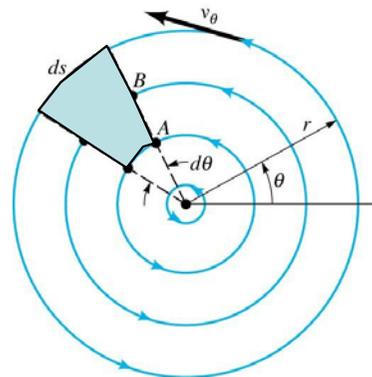
The circulation is non-zero and constant for the free vortex:  $K = \Gamma/2\pi$ .

The velocity potential and the stream function can be rewritten in terms of the circulation:

$$\phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta$$

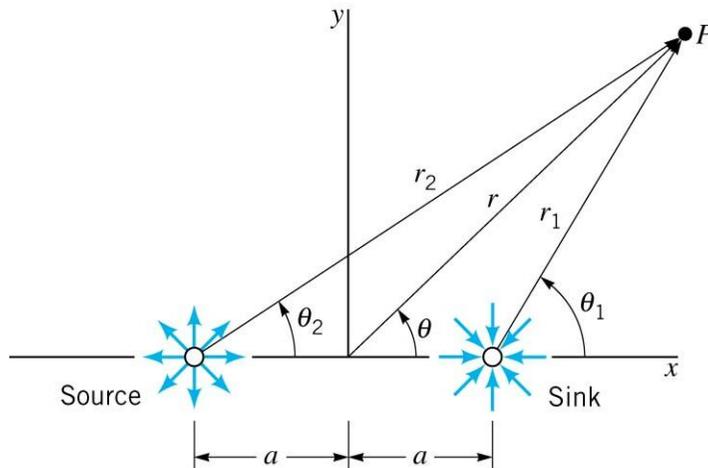
$$\psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r$$

An example in which the closed surface circulation will be zero:



## Potential Flow: Doublet Flow

Combination of a Equal Source and Sink Pair:



$$\psi = -\frac{m}{2\pi} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

Rearrange and take tangent,

$$\tan\left(-\frac{2\pi\psi}{m}\right) = \tan(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = \frac{\tan \theta_1 - \tan \theta_2}{1 + \tan \theta_1 \tan \theta_2}$$

Note, the following:  $\tan \theta_1 = \frac{r \sin \theta}{r \cos \theta - a}$  and  $\tan \theta_2 = \frac{r \sin \theta}{r \cos \theta + a}$

Substituting the above expressions,  $\tan\left(-\frac{2\pi\psi}{m}\right) = \frac{2ar \sin \theta}{r^2 - a^2}$

Then,  $\psi = -\frac{m}{2\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2ar \sin \theta}{r^2 - a^2}\right)$

If a is small, then tangent of angle is approximated by the angle:

$$\psi = -\frac{m}{2\pi} \frac{2ar \sin \theta}{r^2 - a^2} = -\frac{mar \sin \theta}{\pi(r^2 - a^2)}$$

## Potential Flow: Doublet Flow

$$\psi = -\frac{mar \sin \theta}{\pi(r^2 - a^2)}$$

Now, we obtain the doublet flow by letting the source and sink approach one another, and letting the strength increase.

$$\begin{aligned} a &\rightarrow 0 \\ m &\rightarrow \infty \\ ma/\pi &\text{ is then constant.} \\ r/(r^2 - a^2) &\rightarrow 1/r. \end{aligned}$$



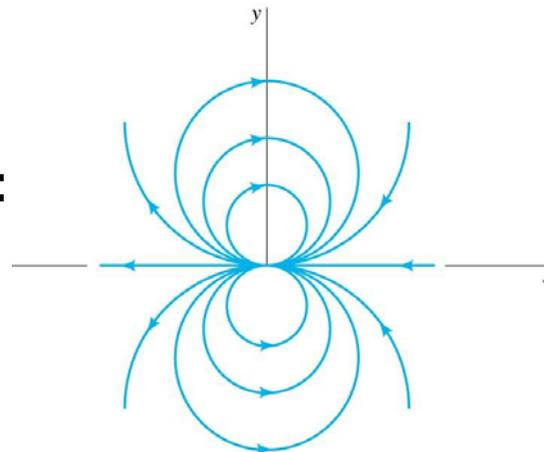
$$\psi = -\frac{K \sin \theta}{r}$$

**K is the strength of the doublet, and is equal to  $ma/\pi$ .**

The corresponding velocity potential then is the following:

$$\phi = \frac{K \cos \theta}{r}$$

**Streamlines of a Doublet:**



## Potential Flow: Summary of Basic Flows

### Summary of Basic, Plane Potential Flows.

Description of Flow Field	Velocity Potential	Stream Function	Velocity Components <sup>a</sup>
Uniform flow at angle $\alpha$ with the $x$ axis (see Fig. 6.16b)	$\phi = U(x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha)$	$\psi = U(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha)$	$u = U \cos \alpha$ $v = U \sin \alpha$
Source or sink (see Fig. 6.17) $m > 0$ source $m < 0$ sink	$\phi = \frac{m}{2\pi} \ln r$	$\psi = \frac{m}{2\pi} \theta$	$v_r = \frac{m}{2\pi r}$ $v_\theta = 0$
Free vortex (see Fig. 6.18) $\Gamma > 0$ counterclockwise motion $\Gamma < 0$ clockwise motion	$\phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta$	$\psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r$	$v_r = 0$ $v_\theta = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$
Doublet (see Fig. 6.23)	$\phi = \frac{K \cos \theta}{r}$	$\psi = -\frac{K \sin \theta}{r}$	$v_r = -\frac{K \cos \theta}{r^2}$ $v_\theta = -\frac{K \sin \theta}{r^2}$



## Potential Flow: Superposition of Basic Flows

Because Potential Flows are governed by linear partial differential equations, the solutions can be combined in superposition.

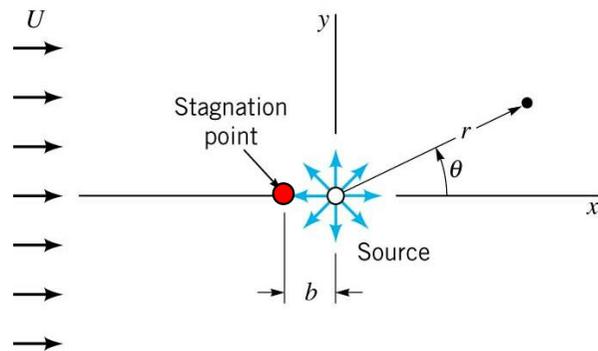
Any streamline in an inviscid flow acts as solid boundary, such that there is no flow through the boundary or streamline.

Thus, some of the basic velocity potentials or stream functions can be combined to yield a streamline that represents a particular body shape.

The superposition representing a body can lead to describing the flow around the body in detail.

## Superposition of Potential Flows: Rankine Half-Body

The Rankine Half-Body is a combination of a source and a uniform flow.



Stream Function (cylindrical coordinates):

$$\psi = \psi_{\text{uniform flow}} + \psi_{\text{source}}$$

$$= Ur \sin \theta + \frac{m}{2\pi} \theta$$

Potential Function (cylindrical coordinates):

$$\phi = Ur \cos \theta + \frac{m}{2\pi} \ln r$$

There will be a stagnation point, somewhere along the negative x-axis where the source and uniform flow cancel ( $\theta = \pi$ ):

Evaluate the radial velocity:  $v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$

For the source:  $v_r = \frac{m}{2\pi r}$       For the uniform flow:  $v_r = U \cos \theta$   
 For  $\theta = \pi$ ,  $v_r = U$

Then for a stagnation point, at some  $r = -b$ ,  $\theta = \pi$ :

$$v_r = -\frac{m}{2\pi} \quad \text{and} \quad U = \frac{m}{2\pi b} \quad \longrightarrow \quad b = \frac{m}{2\pi U}$$

## Superposition of Potential Flows: Rankine Half-Body

Now, the stagnation streamline can be defined by evaluating  $\psi$  at  $r = b$ , and  $\theta = \pi$ .

$$\psi_{\text{stagnation}} = \frac{m}{2}$$

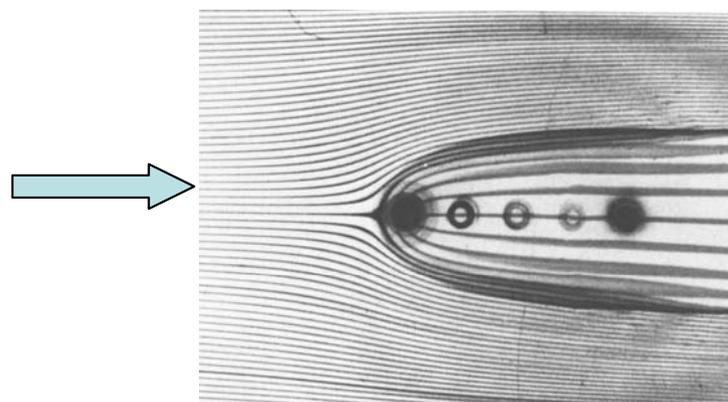
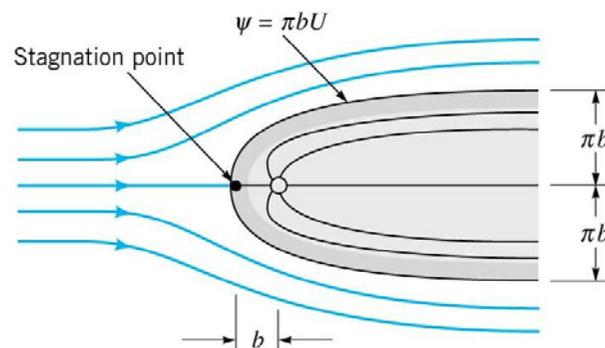
Now, we note that  $m/2 = \pi bU$ , so following this constant streamline gives the outline of the body:

$$\psi = \psi_{\text{uniform flow}} + \psi_{\text{source}} \implies \pi bU = Ur \sin \theta + bU\theta$$

Then,  $r = \frac{b(\pi - \theta)}{\sin \theta}$  describes the half-body outline.

So, the source and uniform can be used to describe an aerodynamic body.

The other streamlines can be obtained by setting  $\psi$  constant and plotting:



## Superposition of Potential Flows: Rankine Half-Body

The width of the half-body:  $y = b(\pi - \theta)$   
 $\theta \rightarrow 0$  or  $\theta \rightarrow 2\pi \longrightarrow \pm b\pi$

Total width then,  $2\pi b$

The magnitude of the velocity at any point in the flow:

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = U \cos \theta + \frac{m}{2\pi r} \quad \text{and} \quad v_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = -U \sin \theta$$

$$V^2 = v_r^2 + v_\theta^2 = U^2 + \frac{Um \cos \theta}{\pi r} + \left(\frac{m}{2\pi r}\right)^2$$

Noting,  $b = m/2\pi U$

$$V^2 = U^2 \left( 1 + 2 \frac{b}{r} \cos \theta + \frac{b^2}{r^2} \right)$$

Knowing, the velocity we can now determine the pressure field using the Bernoulli Equation:

$$p_0 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 = p + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$$

$P_0$  and  $U$  are at a point far away from the body and are known.



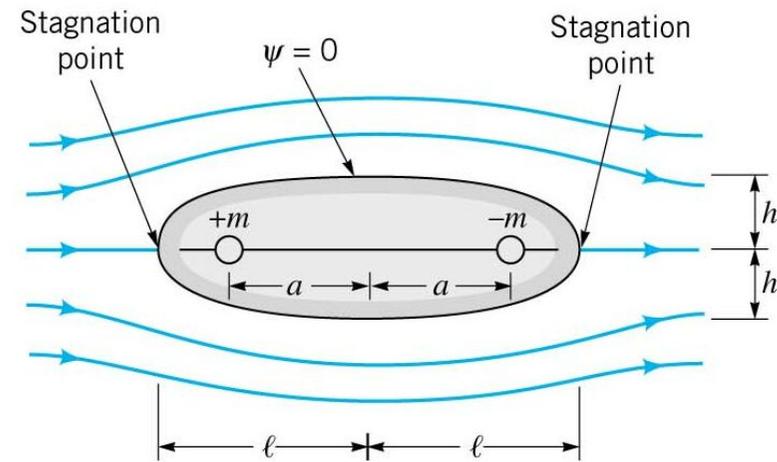
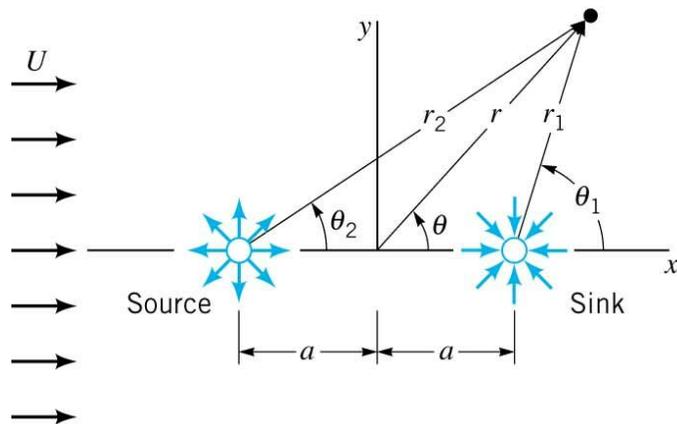
## Superposition of Potential Flows: Rankine Half-Body

Notes on this type of flow:

- Provides useful information about the flow in the front part of streamlined body.
- A practical example is a bridge pier or a strut placed in a uniform stream
- In a potential flow the tangent velocity is not zero at a boundary, it “slips”
- The flow slips due to a lack of viscosity (an approximation result).
- At the boundary, the flow is not properly represented for a “real” flow.
- Outside the boundary layer, the flow is a reasonable representation.
- The pressure at the boundary is reasonably approximated with potential flow.
- The boundary layer is too thin to cause much pressure variation.

## Superposition of Potential Flows: Rankine Oval

Rankine Ovals are the combination a source, a sink and a uniform flow, producing a closed body.



Some equations describing the flow:

Potential and Stream Function

$$\psi = Ur \sin \theta - \frac{m}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2ar \sin \theta}{r^2 - a^2} \right)$$

$$\psi = Uy - \frac{m}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2ay}{x^2 + y^2 - a^2} \right)$$

$$\phi = Ur \cos \theta - \frac{m}{2\pi} (\ln r_1 - \ln r_2)$$

The body half-length

$$l = \left( \frac{ma}{\pi U} + a^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

The body half-width

$$h = \frac{h^2 - a^2}{2a} \tan \frac{2\pi U h}{m} \quad \text{“Iterative”}$$



## Superposition of Potential Flows: Rankine Oval

Notes on this type of flow:

- Provides useful information about the flow about a streamlined body.
- At the boundary, the flow is not properly represented for a “real” flow.
- Outside the boundary layer, the flow is a reasonable representation.
- The pressure at the boundary is reasonably approximated with potential flow.
- Only the pressure on the front of the body is accurate though.
- Pressure outside the boundary is reasonably approximated.

## Superposition of Potential Flows: Flow Around a Circular Cylinder

Combines a uniform flow and a doublet flow:

$$\psi = Ur \sin \theta - \frac{K \sin \theta}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = Ur \cos \theta + \frac{K \cos \theta}{r}$$

Then require that the stream function is constant for  $r = a$ , where  $a$  is the radius of the circular cylinder:

$$\psi = \left( U - \frac{K}{r^2} \right) r \sin \theta \quad \psi = 0 \text{ for } r = a \implies U - \frac{K}{a^2} = 0 \implies K = Ua^2$$

$$\text{Then, } \psi = Ur \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = Ur \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta$$

Then the velocity components:

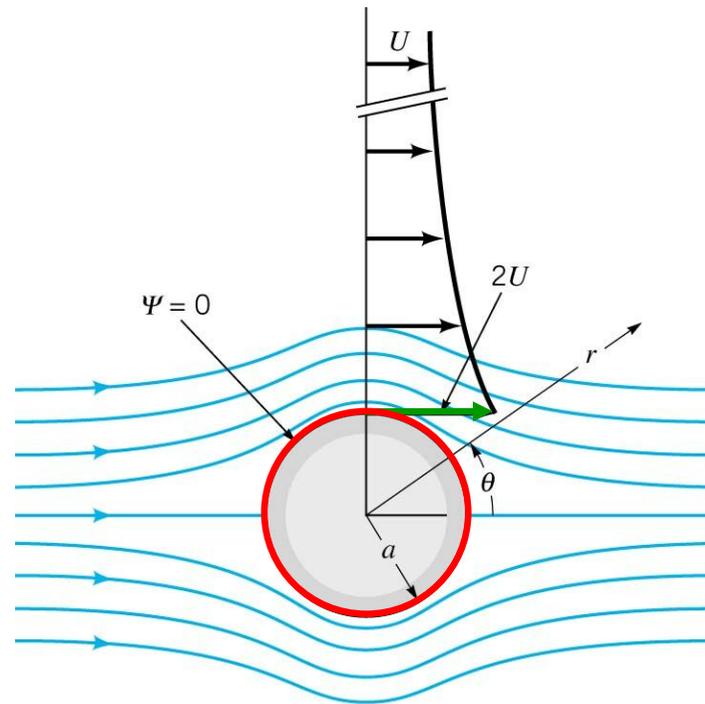
$$v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = U \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta$$

$$v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = -U \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta$$

## Superposition of Potential Flows: Flow Around a Circular Cylinder

At the surface of the cylinder ( $r = a$ ):  $v_{\theta s} = -2U \sin \theta$

The maximum velocity occurs at the top and bottom of the cylinder, magnitude of  $2U$ .



## Superposition of Potential Flows: Flow Around a Circular Cylinder

Pressure distribution on a circular cylinder found with the Bernoulli equation

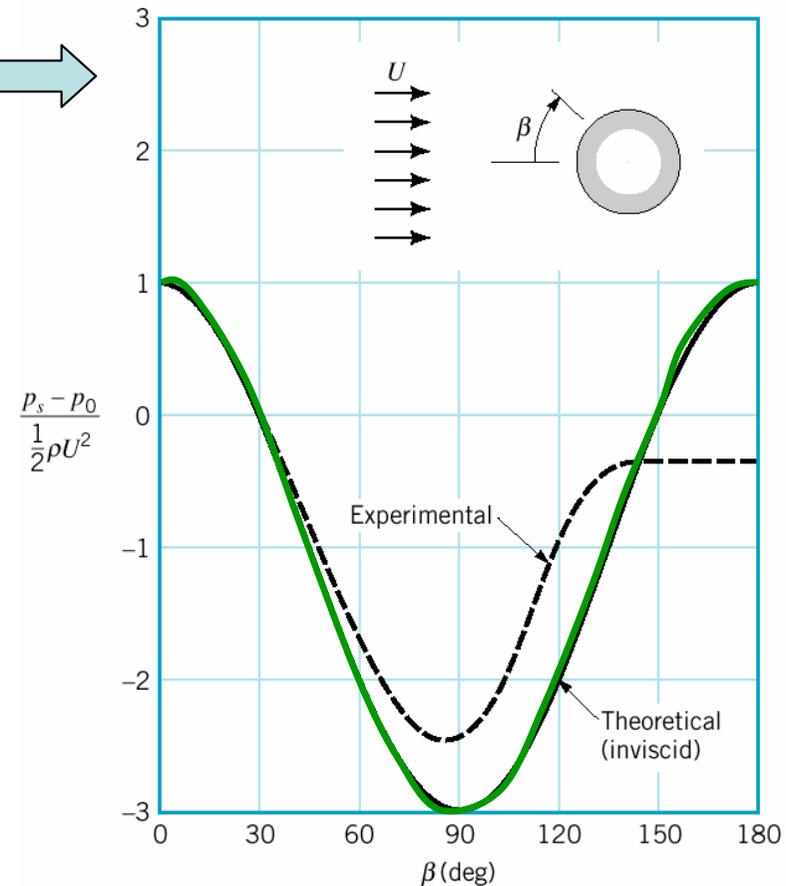
$$p_0 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 = p_s + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_{\theta s}^2$$

Then substituting for the surface velocity:  $v_{\theta s} = -2U \sin \theta$

$$p_s = p_0 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta)$$

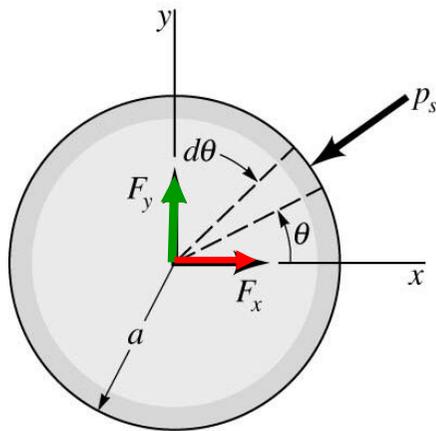
Theoretical and experimental agree well on the front of the cylinder.

Flow separation on the back-half in the real flow due to viscous effects causes differences between the theory and experiment.



## Superposition of Potential Flows: Flow Around a Circular Cylinder

The resultant force per unit force acting on the cylinder can be determined by integrating the pressure over the surface (equate to lift and drag).



$$F_x = - \int_0^{2\pi} p_s \cos \theta a d\theta \quad (\text{Drag})$$

$$F_y = - \int_0^{2\pi} p_s \sin \theta a d\theta \quad (\text{Lift})$$

Substituting,  $p_s = p_0 + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta)$

Evaluating the integrals:  $F_x = 0$  and  $F_y = 0$

Both drag and lift are predicted to be zero on fixed cylinder in a uniform flow?

Mathematically, this makes sense since the pressure distribution is symmetric about cylinder, ahowever, in practice/experiment we see substantial drag on a circular cylinder (d'Alembert's Paradox, 1717-1783).

Viscosity in real flows is the Culprit Again!



Jean le Rond  
d'Alembert  
(1717-1783)

## Viscous Flows: Surface Stress Terms

Now, we allow viscosity effects for a Newtonian Fluid:

Cartesian  
Coordinates:

Normal Stresses:

$$\sigma_{xx} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

$$\sigma_{zz} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

Shear Stresses:

$$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zy} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\tau_{zx} = \tau_{xz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)$$

Cylindrical  
Coordinates:

$$\sigma_{rr} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r}$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = -p + 2\mu \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r}{r} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{zz} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \tau_{\theta r} = \mu \left[ r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

$$\tau_{\theta z} = \tau_{z\theta} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$\tau_{zr} = \tau_{rz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right)$$

## Viscous Flows: Navier-Stokes Equations



French Mathematician, L. M. H. Navier (1758-1836) and English Mathematician Sir G. G. Stokes (1819-1903) formulated the Navier-Stokes Equations by including viscous effects in the equations of motion.

L. M. H. Navier  
(1758-1836)

Sir G. G. Stokes  
(1819-1903)

Now plugging the stresses into the differential equations of motion for incompressible flow give Navier-Stokes Equations:

(x -direction)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \rho g_x + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

(y direction)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \rho g_y + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

(z direction)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \rho g_z + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

## Viscous Flows: Navier Stokes Equations

Terms in the x-direction:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \rho g_x + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

Local Acceleration      Advective Acceleration (non-linear terms)      Pressure term      Weight term      Viscous terms

## Viscous Flows: Navier-Stokes Equations

The governing equations can be written in cylindrical coordinates as well:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right)$$

(r-direction)

$$= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \rho g_r + \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{v_r}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

( $\theta$  direction)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + \rho g_\theta + \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{v_\theta}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

(z direction)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \rho g_z + \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right]$$



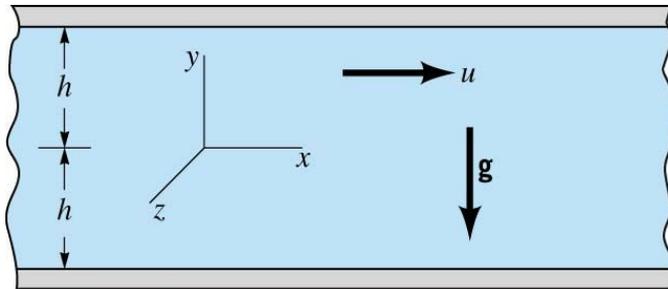
## Viscous Flows: Navier-Stokes Equations

There are very few exact solutions to Navier-Stokes Equations, maybe a total of 80 that fall into 8 categories. The Navier-Stokes equations are highly non-linear and are difficult to solve.

Some “simple” exact solutions presented in the text are the following:

1. Steady, Laminar Flow Between Fixed Parallel Plates
2. Couette Flow
3. Steady, Laminar Flow in Circular Tubes
4. Steady, Axial Laminar Flow in an Annulus

## Viscous Flows: Exact Solutions/Parallel Plate Flow



Assumptions:  
 Plates are infinite  
 The flow is steady and laminar  
 Fluid flows in the x-direction only  
 $u = u(y)$  only,  $v$  and  $w = 0$

Navier-Stokes Equations Simplify Considerably:

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (\text{Integrate Twice})$$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - \rho g$$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$$



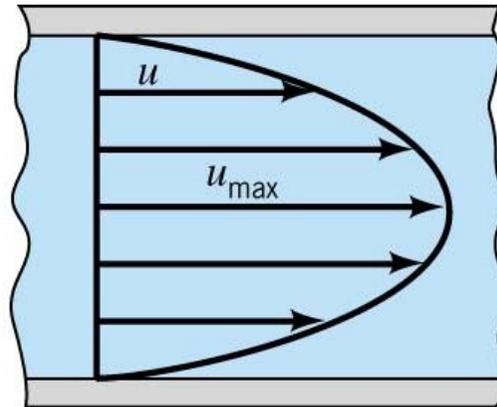
Applying Boundary conditions (no-slip conditions at  $y = \pm h$ ) and solve:

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) (y^2 - h^2)$$

The pressure gradient must be specified and is typically constant in this flow! The sign is negative.

## Viscous Flows: Exact Solutions/Parallel Plate Flow

Solution is Parabolic:



Can determine Volumetric Flow Rate:

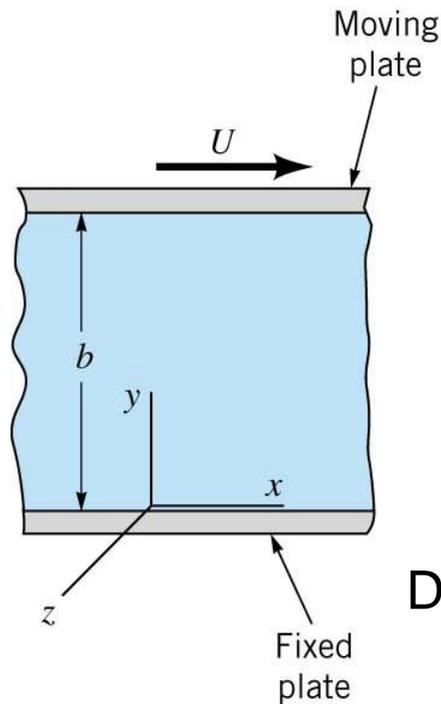
$$q = \int_{-h}^h u \, dy = \int_{-h}^h \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) (y^2 - h^2) \, dy$$

$$q = -\frac{2h^3}{3\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right)$$

## Viscous Flows: Exact Solutions/Couette Flow

Again we simplify Navier-Stokes Equations:

Same assumptions as before except the no-slip condition at the upper boundary is  $u(b) = U$ .



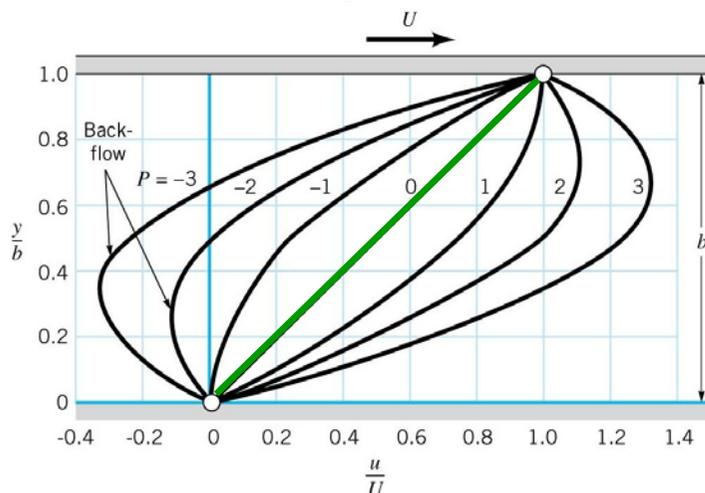
Solving,

$$u = U \frac{y}{b} + \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) (y^2 - by)$$

Dimensionless,  $\frac{u}{U} = \frac{y}{b} - \frac{b^2}{2\mu U} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{y}{b} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{y}{b} \right)$

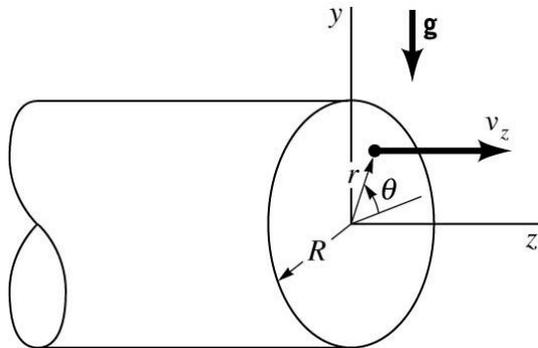
Define,  $P = -\frac{b^2}{2\mu U} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right)$  **Determines effects of pressure gradient**

If there is no Pressure Gradient:  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$



$$u = U \frac{y}{b}$$

## Viscous Flows: Exact Solutions/Pipe Flow



Assumptions:

Steady Flow and Laminar Flow

Flow is only in the z-direction

$$v_z = f(r)$$

$$v_r = 0 \text{ and } v_\theta = 0$$

Simplifying the Navier-Stokes Equation in Cylindrical Coordinates:

$$0 = -\rho g \sin \theta - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r}$$

$$0 = -\rho g \cos \theta - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta}$$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) \right]$$

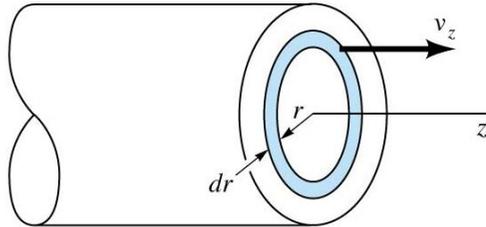
Solving the equations with the no slip conditions applied at  $r = R$  (the walls of the pipe).

$$v_z = \frac{1}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \right) (r^2 - R^2)$$

“Parabolic Velocity Profile”

## Viscous Flows: Exact Solutions/Pipe Flow

The volumetric flow rate:  $Q = 2\pi \int_0^R v_z r dr$



$$Q = -\frac{\pi R^4}{8\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \right)$$

Pressure drop per length of pipe:  $\frac{\Delta p}{\ell} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$

The mean velocity:  $V = Q/\pi R^2$

Substituting Q, 
$$V = \frac{R^2 \Delta p}{8\mu \ell}$$

The maximum velocity:  $v_{\max} = 2V$

Non-Dimensional velocity profile: 
$$\frac{v_z}{v_{\max}} = 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2$$

For Laminar Flow:  $Re = \rho V(2R)/\mu$ , below 2100



## Computational Fluid Dynamics: Differential Analysis

Governing Equations:

$$\text{Navier-Stokes: } \rho \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{V} \right) = -\nabla p + \rho \mathbf{g} + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{V}$$

$$\text{Continuity: } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$$

The above equations can not be solved for most practical problems with analytical methods so Computational Fluid Dynamics or experimental methods are employed.

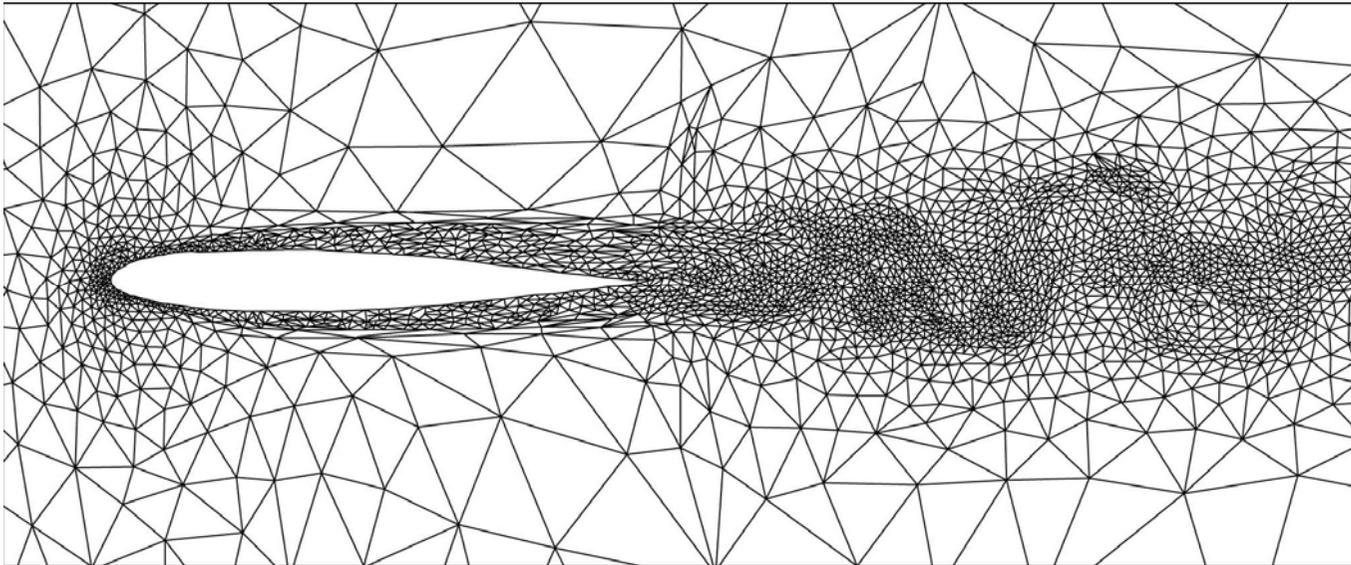
The numerical methods employed are the following:

1. Finite difference method
2. Finite element (finite volume) method
3. Boundary element method.

These methods provide a way of writing the governing equations in discrete form that can be analyzed with a digital computer.

## Computational Fluid Dynamics: **Finite Element**

These methods discretize the domain of the flow of interest (Finite Element Method Shown):

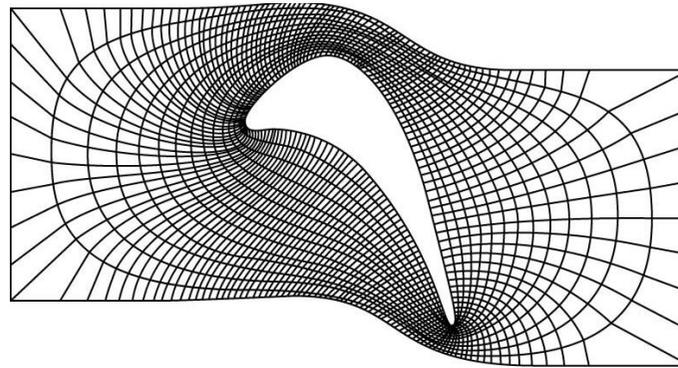


The discrete governing equations are solved in every element. This method often leads to 1000 to 10,000 elements with 50,000 equations or more that are solved.

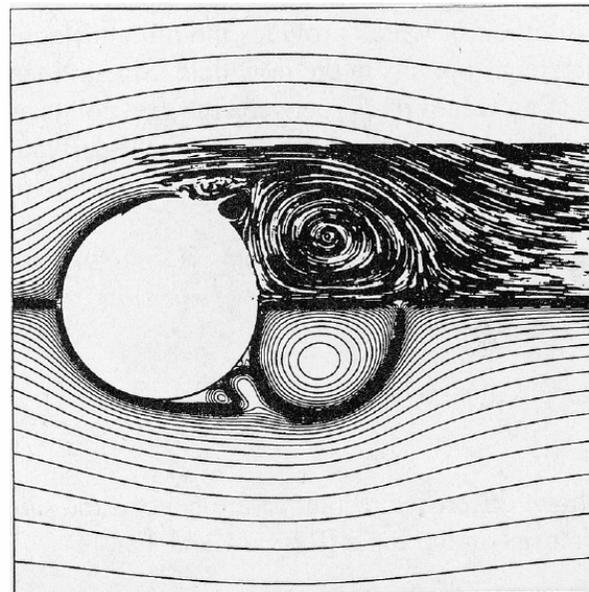
## Computational Fluid Dynamics: **Finite Difference**

These methods discretize the domain of the flow of interest as well (Finite Difference Method Shown):

Finite Difference Mesh:



Comparison between  
Experiment and CFD  
Analysis:





## Computational Fluid Dynamics: **Pitfalls**

Numerical Solutions can diverge or exhibit unstable wiggles.

Finer grids may cause instability in the solution rather than better results.

Large flow domains can be computationally intensive.

Turbulent flows have yet to be well described with CFD.



## Some Example Problems