

# Fluid Mechanics

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We consider velocities  $\mathbf{u} = (u, v, w)$ . The Lagrangian description tracks particular particles; whereas the Eulerian description looks at a window in space.

## 1 Proofs

### 1.1 Prove $\{\nabla(\phi\mathbf{a}) = \phi(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}) + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla)\phi\}$

Starting with:

$$\nabla(\phi\mathbf{a}) = \phi(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}) + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla)\phi \quad (1)$$

Now, in suffix notation, using the chain rule for differentiation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\phi a_i) = \phi \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_i} + a_i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} \quad (2)$$

Which, putting back into vector notation, gives:

$$\nabla(\phi\mathbf{a}) = \phi(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}) + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla)\phi \quad (3)$$

### 1.2 Use the Divergence Theorem to Prove That $\{\int_V \nabla\phi \, dV = \int_S \phi\mathbf{n} \, dS\}$

Now, the divergence theorem is:

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} \, dV = \int_S \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS \quad (4)$$

Now, let  $\mathbf{a} = \phi\mathbf{c}$ , where  $\mathbf{c}$  is an arbitrary constant vector. Thus:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} = \nabla \cdot (\phi\mathbf{c}) = \phi(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{c}) + (\mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla)\phi \quad (5)$$

$$= (\mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla)\phi \quad (6)$$

Thus, (4) becomes:

$$\int_V (\mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla)\phi \, dV = \int_S \phi\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dS \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c} \cdot \int_V \nabla\phi \, dV = \mathbf{c} \cdot \int_S \phi\mathbf{n} \, dS \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_V \nabla\phi \, dV = \int_S \phi\mathbf{n} \, dS \quad (9)$$

Thus proven.

### 1.3 Prove $\{\nabla \times (\phi\mathbf{a}) = \phi(\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) + (\nabla\phi) \times \mathbf{a}\}$

Now, looking at the LHS of:

$$\nabla \times (\phi\mathbf{a}) = \phi(\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) + (\nabla\phi) \times \mathbf{a} \quad (10)$$

We have that the  $i$ -component is:

$$\nabla \times (\phi \mathbf{a})|_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\phi a_3) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\phi a_2) \quad (11)$$

Which can be expanded by the chain rule:

$$\nabla \times (\phi \mathbf{a})|_i = \phi \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial y} + a_3 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \phi \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z} - a_2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \quad (12)$$

$$= \phi \left( \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z} \right) + \left( a_3 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - a_2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$= \phi(\nabla \times \mathbf{a})|_i + (\nabla \phi) \times \mathbf{a}|_i \quad (14)$$

All other components will be similar. Thus, we have proven:

$$\nabla \times (\phi \mathbf{a}) = \phi(\nabla \times \mathbf{a}) + (\nabla \phi) \times \mathbf{a} \quad (15)$$

#### 1.4 Prove $\{\mathbf{u} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \nabla(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}\}$

Now, looking at the  $i$ -component of  $\mathbf{u} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$ , we have:

$$\mathbf{u} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u}|_i = v \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + w \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \quad (16)$$

$$= \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) - \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \quad (17)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{1}{2}v^2 + \frac{1}{2}w^2 \right) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)u \quad (18)$$

Thus, all other components will work similarly to prove:

$$\mathbf{u} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \nabla\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}\right) - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} \quad (19)$$

## 2 Derivations

### 2.1 Streamlines

Consider the section of a streamline. We have one coordinate at  $\mathbf{x}$ , another at  $\mathbf{x} + \delta\mathbf{x}$ ; with velocities at each given by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{u} + \delta\mathbf{u}$ . Thus, as  $\delta\mathbf{x} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\delta\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  become more and more parallel. Thus, a streamline will have  $\mathbf{u}$  as a tangent vector:

$$\delta\mathbf{x} \propto \mathbf{u} \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow d\mathbf{x} = k\mathbf{u} \quad (21)$$

$$\Rightarrow (dx, dy, dz) = k(u, v, w) \quad (22)$$

Thus, we have the equation for a streamline:

$$\frac{dx}{u} = \frac{dy}{v} = \frac{dz}{w} \quad (23)$$

When  $u = v = w = 0$  we have stagnation points; and are the only places where streamlines cross.

## 2.2 Particle Path

The Lagrangian description yields:

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \quad (24)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = u \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = v \quad \frac{dz}{dt} = w \quad (26)$$

If the velocity flow is not a function of time (i.e. is a steady flow), then the streamlines are the same as the particle paths.

### 2.2.1 Proof of Streamline and Particle Path Coincidence for Steady Flows

Now:

$$u = \frac{dx}{dt} \quad (27)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{u} = \int_{t_0}^t dt \quad (28)$$

Which can only be done if  $u$  is not a function of time.

Now:

$$\int_{t_0}^t dt = t - t_0 \quad (29)$$

It follows that:

$$\int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{u} = \int_{y_0}^y \frac{dy}{v} = \int_{z_0}^z \frac{dz}{w} = t - t_0 \quad (30)$$

Now, differentiating w.r.t  $x$ , say:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{u} = \frac{1}{u} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{y_0}^y \frac{dy}{v} \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d}{dy} \int_{y_0}^y \frac{dy}{v} \quad (32)$$

$$= \frac{1}{v} \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (33)$$

$$= \frac{1}{w} \frac{dz}{dx} \quad (34)$$

That is:

$$\frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{v} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{w} \frac{dz}{dx} \quad (35)$$

Which is back to the streamline equation:

$$\frac{dx}{u} = \frac{dy}{v} = \frac{dz}{w} \quad (36)$$

### 2.3 The Material Derivative $\frac{D}{Dt}$

Now, if we have the density as

$$\rho = \rho(x, y, x, t) \quad (37)$$

Then, for small changes we have:

$$\delta\rho = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t}\delta t + \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x_i}\delta x_i \quad (38)$$

And, dividing by  $\delta t$ , and taking the limit  $\delta t \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\delta\rho}{\delta t} \right) = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\delta x_i}{\delta t} \right) \quad (39)$$

And, we have that:

$$\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\delta x_i}{\delta t} \right) = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} \quad (40)$$

$$= u_i \quad (41)$$

And, we define the LHS of (39) as the material derivative:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} \equiv \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\delta\rho}{\delta t} \right) \quad (42)$$

Hence, putting all this together, (39) can be written as:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x_i} \quad (43)$$

Which is equivalent to:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\rho \quad (44)$$

So, the material derivative itself is:

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \quad (45)$$

Notice that it is an operator.

### 2.4 Integral Form of the Continuity Equation

The mass in a volume  $V$  is:

$$\int_V \rho dV \quad (46)$$

Hence, the rate of change of mass in  $V$  is:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_V \rho dV = \int_V \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} dV \quad (47)$$

The rate of mass flow out of  $V$ , through a bounding closed surface  $S$  is;

$$\int_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (48)$$

Hence, if mass is conserved,(47) and (48) must balance:

$$\int_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV = - \int_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (49)$$

Which is the integral form of the continuity equation

## 2.5 Derivative Form of the Continuity Equation

Starting with the divergence theorem, and the integral form of the continuity equation:

$$\int_V (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}) dV = \int_S \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (50)$$

$$\int_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV = - \int_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS \quad (51)$$

Now, the RHS of (51), using (50) becomes:

$$\int_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) dV \quad (52)$$

Now, expanding out the divergence in the RHS of (52), by vector calculus:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = \rho(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\rho \quad (53)$$

Hence, (52) becomes:

$$\int_S \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_V \{\rho(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\rho\} dV \quad (54)$$

Now, putting (54) into (51); bringing everything over to the other side & putting under a single integral:

$$\int_V \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\rho dV = 0 \quad (55)$$

Now, the volume  $V$  can be shrunk down to a point, hence the integrand is zero:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\rho = 0 \quad (56)$$

We notice elements of the material derivative:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\rho \equiv \frac{D\rho}{Dt} \quad (57)$$

Hence, we have:

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad (58)$$

Which is the pointwise (derivative) form of the continuity equation.

## 2.6 Hydrostatic Equilibrium

Now, suppose there is a body force  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  per unit mass. Thus, the total body force is:

$$\int_V \rho \mathbf{F} dV \quad (59)$$

The internal pressure force is:

$$- \int_S p \mathbf{n} dS \quad (60)$$

If the system is in equilibrium, (59) and (60) must balance. Hence:

$$\int_V \rho \mathbf{F} dV = \int_S p \mathbf{n} dS \quad (61)$$

Now, if we use the divergence theorem in the form:

$$\int_V \nabla \phi dV = \int_S \phi \mathbf{n} dS \quad (62)$$

the RHS of (61) becomes:

$$\int_S p \mathbf{n} dS = \int_V \nabla p dV \quad (63)$$

Hence, (61) becomes:

$$\int_V \rho \mathbf{F} - \nabla p dV = 0 \quad (64)$$

Again, we can shrink the volume down to a point, giving the equation for hydrostatic equilibrium:

$$\rho \mathbf{F} = \nabla p \quad (65)$$

## 2.7 Euler's Equation

Now, if we start from Newtons 2<sup>nd</sup> law:

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(m\mathbf{u}) \quad (66)$$

The fluid analogue is:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_V \mathbf{u} \rho dV \right) = - \int_S \rho \mathbf{u} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS + \int_V \rho \mathbf{F} - \nabla p dV \quad (67)$$

That is, the rate of change of momentum is mass flux in, plus the resultant force.

Now, if we look at the middle integral in (67):

$$\int_S \rho \mathbf{u} (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS = \left( \int_S \rho u (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS, \int_S \rho v (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS, \int_S \rho w (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS \right) \quad (68)$$



Using the divergence theorem (50) on one of the components of (68):

$$\int_S \rho \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS = \int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) dV \quad (69)$$

Which, upon expansion of the RHS of (69) gives:

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) dV = \int_V \{u \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) + \rho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)u\} dV \quad (70)$$

And, doing this for all components of (68), the middle integral in (67) becomes:

$$\int_S \rho \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}) dS = \int_V \{\mathbf{u}(\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u})) + \rho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}\} dV \quad (71)$$

Hence, (67) becomes:

$$\int_V \left( \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}(\nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u}) + \rho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} - \rho \mathbf{F} + \nabla p \right) dV = 0 \quad (72)$$

Now, notice that some components can be simplified:

$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \rho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} = \rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} \quad (73)$$

$$\mathbf{u} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \mathbf{u} \right) = 0 \quad (74)$$

(74) by the continuity equation (58). After doing these simplifications, and shrinking the volume  $V$  down to a point, we have that (72) becomes:

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} - \rho \mathbf{F} + \nabla p = 0 \quad (75)$$

Or, rearranging:

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \mathbf{F} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \quad (76)$$

Which is known as Euler's equation.

## 2.8 Bernoulli's Equation

Starting with Euler's equation:

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = \mathbf{F} - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \quad (77)$$

Now, under the assumption that  $\rho$  is barotropic  $\Rightarrow \rho = \rho(p)$ , we have:

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \quad (78)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dp} \left( \int \frac{dp}{\rho} \right) \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \quad (79)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \int \frac{dp}{\rho} \quad (80)$$

$$= \nabla \left( \int \frac{dp}{\rho} \right) \quad (81)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = \nabla \left( \int \frac{dp}{\rho} \right) \quad (82)$$

Under the assumption that  $\mathbf{F}$  is a conservative force, we can write an associated scalar potential:

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla\Omega \quad (83)$$

Under the assumption that  $\mathbf{u}$  is a steady flow ( $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = 0$ ), the material derivative compresses to:

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} \quad (84)$$

Now, there is a vector identity:

$$(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} = \nabla\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}\right) - \mathbf{u} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u} \quad (85)$$

We shall define the vorticity  $\omega \equiv \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$ .

Hence, putting (85) on the LHS of (77); and using (82) and (83) on the RHS of (77), we have:

$$\nabla\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \Omega\right) = \mathbf{u} \times \omega \quad (86)$$

Now, if the flow is irrotational, i.e.  $\omega = 0$ , then the object in the grad is a constant. Hence:

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \Omega = \text{const} \quad (87)$$

Which is known as Bernoulli's equation.

### 3 Complex Potential

We define vorticity as  $\omega \equiv \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$ . Now, if a flow is irrotational, then:

$$\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (88)$$

Hence, we can introduce some scalar potential:

$$\mathbf{u} = \nabla\phi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \times \nabla\phi = 0 \quad (89)$$

If a flow is incompressible, then:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla \cdot \nabla\phi = \nabla^2\phi = 0 \quad (90)$$

That is, in a 2D incompressible flow, with  $\mathbf{u} = (u, v)$ :

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (91)$$

Now, if we let:

$$u = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} \quad (92)$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} \quad (93)$$

Then:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad (94)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) \quad (95)$$

$$= 0 \quad (96)$$

Hence, with this condition for the stream function  $\psi$ , the condition for incompressibility is satisfied. The same is true for the divergence expressed in plane- or spherical-polars.

Now, for a 2D irrotational flow, we have  $\mathbf{u} = (u, v) = \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)$ :

$$\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{u} \quad (97)$$

$$= -\mathbf{k} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (98)$$

$$= 0 \quad (99)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2 \psi = 0 \quad (100)$$

Thus, Laplace's equation is satisfied for both the stream function  $\psi$ , and scalar potential  $\phi$ , in an incompressible, irrotational 2D flow.

Notice:

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad (101)$$

$$v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (102)$$

That is:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad (103)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (104)$$

Which are the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

That is, there exists an analytic complex function  $w(z) = \phi + i\psi$ . This is known as the complex potential.

$$w(z) = \phi + i\psi \quad (105)$$

Lines on which  $\Im\{w(z)\} = \psi = \text{const}$  are streamlines.

Also notice:

$$\nabla^2 w = \nabla^2(\phi + i\psi) \quad (106)$$

$$= \nabla^2 \phi + i\nabla^2 \psi \quad (107)$$

$$= 0 \quad (108)$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^2 w = 0 \quad (109)$$

Now, we can derive a complex velocity, given that the complex potential is only a function of  $z$ , and not its conjugate:

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = u - iv \quad (110)$$

### 3.1 Special 2D Flows

#### 3.1.1 Uniform Stream

Suppose we have a uniform flow of speed  $U$ , inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the  $x$ -axis. Thus, the velocity vector is:

$$\mathbf{u} = (U \cos \alpha, U \sin \alpha) = (u, v) \quad (111)$$

Now, the complex velocity is given by:

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = u - iv \quad (112)$$

$$= U \cos \alpha - iU \sin \alpha \quad (113)$$

$$= Ue^{-i\alpha} \quad (114)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dw}{dz} = Ue^{-i\alpha} \quad (115)$$

$$\Rightarrow dw = Ue^{-i\alpha} dz \quad (116)$$

Thus, integrating, we have the complex potential for a uniform flow, of strength  $U$ , inclined by an angle  $\alpha$  to the  $x$ -axis:

$$w(z) = Uze^{-i\alpha} \quad (117)$$

#### 3.1.2 Source

We look at a source of strength  $m$ , at the origin.

At any radius, mass flux must be the same:

$$2\pi rU = m \quad (118)$$

The velocity field is also purely radial. Hence, we have:

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = u - iv \quad (119)$$

$$= U \cos \theta - Ui \sin \theta \quad (120)$$

$$= Ue^{-i\theta} \quad (121)$$

$$= \frac{U}{e^{i\theta}} \quad (122)$$

$$= \frac{m}{2\pi r e^{i\theta}} \quad (123)$$

$$= \frac{m}{2\pi z} \quad (124)$$

$$\Rightarrow dw = \frac{m}{2\pi z} dz \quad (125)$$

Hence, integrating, we have an expression for the complex potential of a source at the origin:

$$w(z) = \frac{m}{2\pi} \log z \quad (126)$$

Which may be easily generalised to a source of strength  $m$ , at  $z = z_0$ :

$$w(z) = \frac{m}{2\pi} \log(z - z_0) \quad (127)$$

If  $m < 0$ , then we have a sink.

### 3.1.3 Vortex

Here, the velocity field is purely tangential. Again, we have that the mass flux through any radius is constant  $2\pi rV = k$ . So:

$$\mathbf{u} = V\hat{\theta} \quad (128)$$

$$= (-V \sin \theta, V \cos \theta) \quad (129)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dw}{dz} = -iV(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) \quad (130)$$

$$= -iVe^{-i\theta} \quad (131)$$

Thus, along a very similar argument for the source: for a vortex, at  $z = z_0$ , we have the complex potential:

$$w(z) = -\frac{ik}{2\pi} \log(z - z_0) \quad (132)$$

Convention: if  $k > 0$ , then vortex is anti-clockwise;  $k < 0$  for clockwise.

### 3.1.4 Dipole Flow

Suppose we put a source and a sink very close together, with the source at  $z = \delta e^{i\alpha}$ :

$$w(z) = \frac{m}{2\pi} \log(z - \delta e^{i\alpha}) - \frac{m}{2\pi} \log z \quad (133)$$

$$= \frac{m}{2\pi} \log \left( 1 - \frac{\delta e^{i\alpha}}{z} \right) \quad (134)$$

Now, bring the two very close together:  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , and  $m\delta \equiv \mu$  be constant. Using the following Taylor expansion:

$$\log(1 - x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots \quad (135)$$

We have:

$$w(z) = \frac{m}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{\delta e^{i\alpha}}{z} - \frac{\delta^2 e^{2i\alpha}}{2z^2} - \dots \right) \quad (136)$$

$$= -\frac{\mu}{2\pi} \left( \frac{e^{i\alpha}}{z} + \frac{\delta e^{2i\alpha}}{2z^2} + \dots \right) \quad (137)$$

Which, as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , tends to the complex potential for a dipole at  $z = z_0$ , inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the  $x$ -axis:

$$w(z) = -\frac{\mu e^{i\alpha}}{2\pi(z - z_0)} \quad (138)$$

### 3.1.5 Flow in a Corner

For a corner of angle  $m$ , we purely have:

$$w(z) = Az^m = A r e^{im\theta} \quad (139)$$

## 3.2 Circle Theorem

If  $w = f(z)$  is a given flow, and if a circle is placed in the flow at the origin, with a radius  $|z| = a$ , then, under the assumption that  $f(z)$  is analytic inside and on the circle, the new potential is:

$$w(z) = f(z) + \bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right) \quad (140)$$

For example:

Uniform flow past a circle, with  $\alpha = 0$ :

$$f(z) = Uz \quad (141)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{f}(z) = Uz \quad (142)$$

$$\bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right) = \frac{Ua^2}{z} \quad (143)$$

Thus:

$$w(z) = f(z) + \bar{f}\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right) \quad (144)$$

$$= Uz + \frac{Ua^2}{z} \quad (145)$$

$$= U \left( r e^{i\theta} + \frac{a^2}{r} e^{-i\theta} \right) \quad (146)$$

Thus, the streamlines are on:

$$\Im\{w(z)\} = \psi = U \left( r \sin \theta - \frac{a^2}{r} \sin \theta \right) \quad (147)$$

$$= U \sin \theta \left( r - \frac{a^2}{r} \right) \quad (148)$$

$$= \text{const} \quad (149)$$

Notice, that for  $\psi = 0$ , we have  $r = a$ . So that flow on the surface of the circle is a streamline.