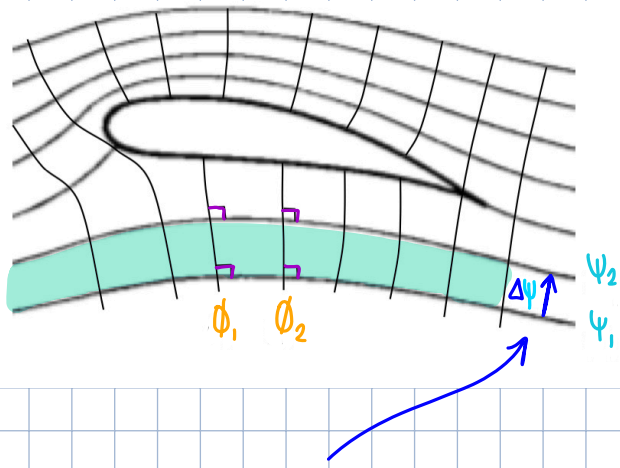


Scalar functions to describe a 2D flow, **potential** and **stream**, can be defined so long as the flow is **irrotational & incompressible**.



These functions are **orthogonal**, and relate to the velocity components by:

$$\begin{array}{l|l} U = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} & v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \\ \hline v = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} & U = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \end{array}$$

In polar coordinates:

$$\begin{array}{l|l} v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} & v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \\ \hline v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} & v_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \end{array}$$

Physically:

$$\psi_1 = C_{ref} \leftarrow \text{constant}$$

$$\psi_2 = C_{ref} + \Delta\psi$$

Increment in two stream function lines = **volume flow rate** between those lines

$$\therefore \dot{M} = \rho \Delta\psi$$

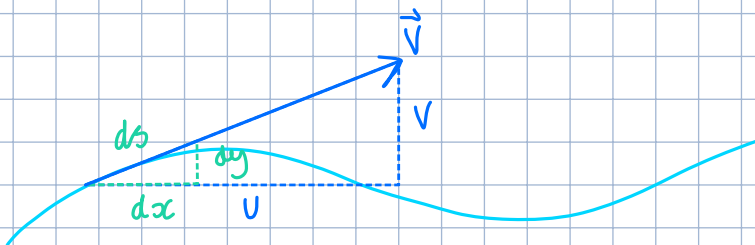
$\Delta\psi = \dot{v}$

These functions both satisfy Laplace's equation, which is **linear**, therefore the sum of solutions is also a solution.

→ This means you can take simple flow components & add them to model more complex flow.

On **streamlines**, $\psi(x, y) = C$

An alternative solution is **differential form**, which can be integrated to give streamline equation if the stream velocity is known:



& similar triangles

therefore

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v}{u}$$

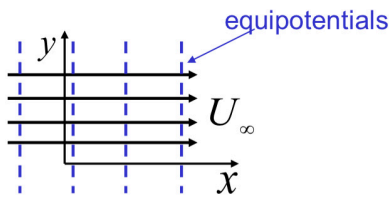
Elementary 2D Potential Solutions:

Uniform Horizontal Flow

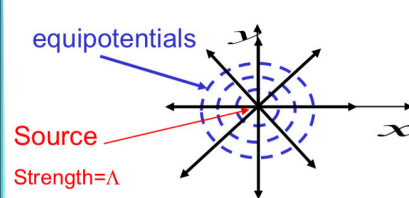
$$u = U_\infty, v = 0$$

$$\phi = U_\infty x + C$$

$$\psi = U_\infty y + C$$



Point Source Flow



$$v_r = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}, v_\theta = 0$$

$$\phi = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r + C$$

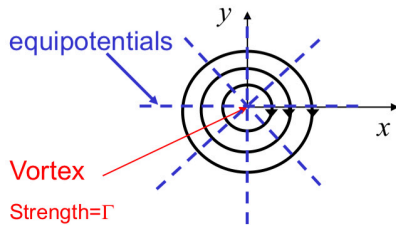
$$\psi = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta + C$$

2D Point Vortex Flow

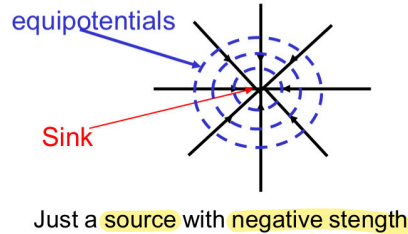
$$v_r = 0, v_\theta = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

$$\phi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta + C$$

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



Point Sink Flow



$$v_r = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}, v_\theta = 0$$

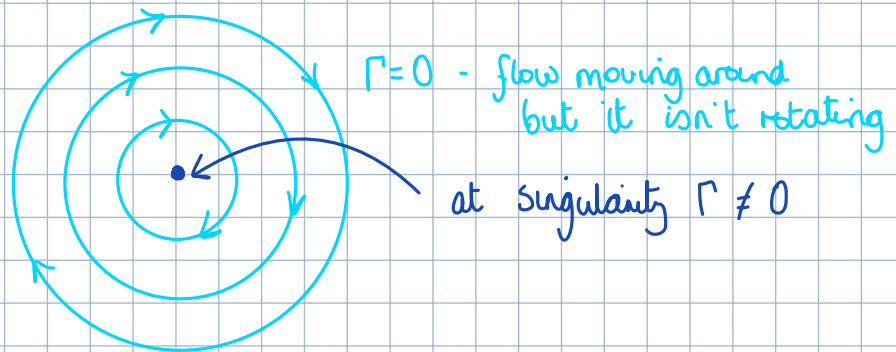
$$\phi = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r + C$$

$$\psi = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta + C$$

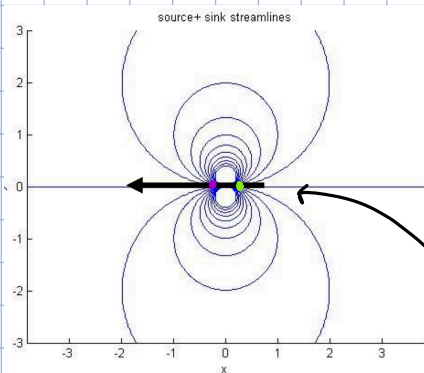
Sources & sinks can model just about any **inviscid** flow, as long as there is **no lift**.

→ lift flow is modelled with vortices & doublets to provide circulation.

Vortex strength, $\Gamma = 0$ for irrotational flow as $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = 0$, and at all points in the vortex the flow is irrotational, except the **singularity**, where there's **non-zero circularity**.



Doublet: source & sink of strength Λ (opposite strength), separated by dist. l



$$l \rightarrow 0, \text{ but } \Lambda l = \text{constant} = K$$

At this limit, the source & sink are superimposed in a doublet of finite strength K ('kappa')

the direction given by arrow drawn from **sink** to **source**.
A doublet has its own axes

When a doublet lies on x -axis (doublet at origin)

Doublet at Origin

$$\psi = \frac{K \sin \theta}{2\pi r}$$

However often the doublet axis will be at an angle α to the x -axis, in which case:

Doublet rotated to x -axis

$$\psi = \frac{K \sin(\theta - \alpha)}{2\pi r}$$

General Potential Model Comments:

- No flow can cross streamline \rightarrow can be regarded as solid boundary
- No singularities exist in real flow \rightarrow singularities in potential model must not lie in flow domain

Sources, sinks, doublets & vortices placed inside solid bodies, or outside for internal flows

Boundary Conditions:

Different flow solutions are found because different geometries apply different boundary conditions to solutions of Laplace's equation:

- For the external flow over a stationary body the boundary conditions are

① far away from body ($\rightarrow \infty$) the flow vel. \rightarrow uniform stream

② no flow perpendicular to solid surface

\hookrightarrow surface of body = streamline

- Sources, sinks and point vortices satisfy ① if added to uniform flow
- for boundary ② there are two possibilities

Direct

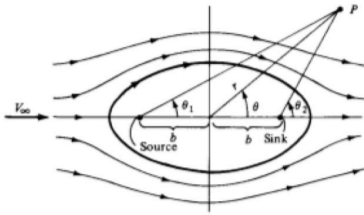
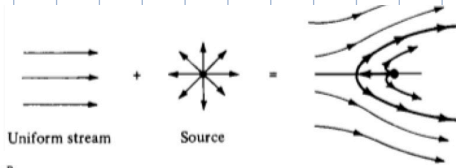
Sources, sinks & vortices added to uniform flow and any stream line of resulting flow pattern may represent body surface

Indirect

A flow boundary specified, then sources, sinks & vortices positioned, and strength adjusted so that body surface is stream line of flow

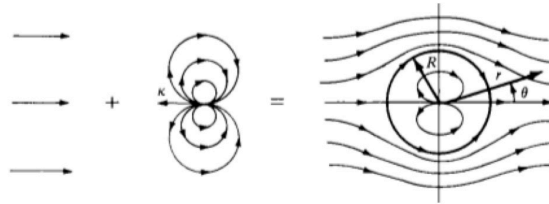
Simple Non-Lifting Flows:

(1) uniform flow + point source
= semi-infinite body

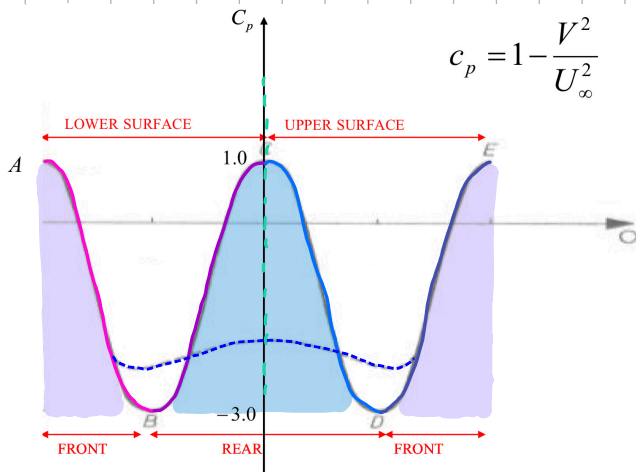


(2) uniform flow + point source and sink = axisymmetric body (eg Rankine oval)

(3) uniform flow + doublet
= flow around a cylinder



Forces on Non-Lifting Cylinder:



$$C_p = 1 - \frac{V^2}{U_\infty^2}$$

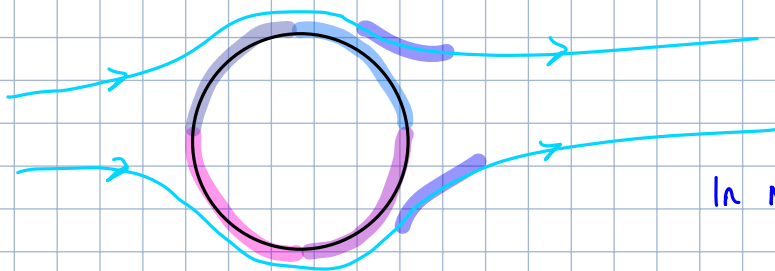
Pressure distribution symmetrical upper to lower surface
 $\rightarrow C_L = 0$ $C_p = 1 - 4\sin^2\theta$

Pressure distribution symmetrical left to right
 $\rightarrow C_D = 0$
 \hookrightarrow area of front = area rear

Zero drag general result for 2D potential around closed bodies

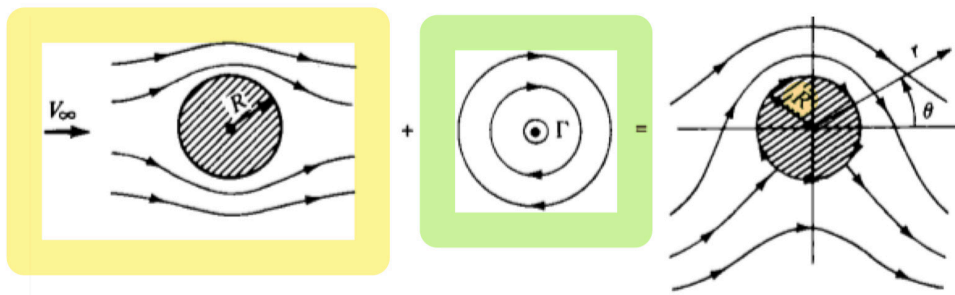
\hookrightarrow D'Alembert's paradox

In reality, viscosity \rightarrow separation $\rightarrow C_D \neq 0$



Lifting Cylinder Flow: add vortex to non-lifting cylinder flow

\hookrightarrow streamline of vortex = circle so cylinder streamline remains



$$\psi = U_\infty r \sin\theta \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln R = U_\infty r \sin\theta \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r}{R}$$

Freestream and doublet

Vortex

Arbitrary constant

radius of cylinder

→ added to match streamfunction value at surface to non-lifting case

→ when differentiated, constant removed so doesn't change velocity pattern

Differentiating gives velocity terms:

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) U_\infty \cos\theta$$

$$V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = -\left(1 + \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) U_\infty \sin\theta - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

On cylinder surface where $R=r$: $V_r = 0$, $V_\theta = -2U_\infty \sin\theta - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi R}$

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freestream & doublet
vortex

Surface Pressure found with

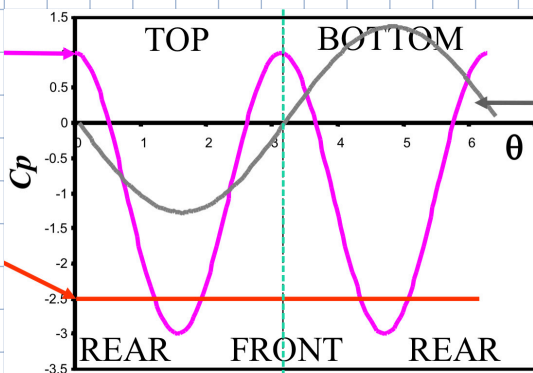
$$C_p = 1 - \frac{V^2}{U_\infty^2} = 1 - \frac{V_\theta^2}{U_\infty^2}$$

$V^2 \rightarrow V_\theta^2$ as $V^2 = \sqrt{V_\theta^2 + V_r^2}$
and $V_r = 0$ at surface

$$C_p = 1 - 4\sin^2\theta + \frac{2\Gamma \sin\theta}{\pi R U_\infty} + \left(\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi R U_\infty}\right)^2$$

- basic cylinder flow
- Asymmetric swirl comp. due to vortex - freestream interaction

- constant component (lift & drag contribution zero)



- Lift contribution $\neq 0$ due to vortex + freestream
- +ve lift from suction on upper surface and positive pressure on lower surface

→ no top to bottom symmetry

- Drag = 0 because front & rear pressure distributions are equal

Lift Generation:

$$L = \rho_{\infty} U_{\infty} \Gamma$$

Kutta-Joukowski Theorem

↳ non-dimensional:

$$C_L = \frac{L}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_{\infty} U_{\infty}^2 R} = \frac{2\Gamma}{RU_{\infty}}$$

20 so m instead of m²

Stagnation Points: (cylinder)

- at a stagnation point, velocity is zero: (stagnation points not just on surface)

$$v_r = \left(1 - \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) U_{\infty} \cos\theta = 0 \rightarrow \text{to satisfy, } R=r \text{ or } \cos\theta = 0 \rightarrow \theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$v_{\theta} = -\left(1 + \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) U_{\infty} \sin\theta - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} = 0 \rightarrow \text{to satisfy } \sin\theta = \left(\frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi r U_{\infty} (1 + R^2/r^2)}\right)$$

-ve means
sinθ -ve &
stagnation points ∴ in
lower half plane
(Γ is +ve)

subbing R=r

$$\sin\theta = \left(\frac{-\Gamma}{4\pi R U_{\infty}}\right)$$

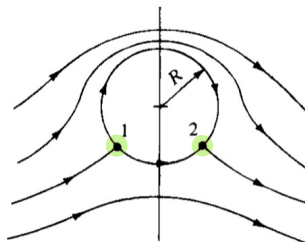
$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{-\Gamma}{4\pi R U_{\infty}}\right)$$

Possible Solutions:

- If $r = R$, stagnation points lie on cylinder surface, then

→ if $\frac{\Gamma}{4\pi U_{\infty} R} < 1$ there are two values of θ , symmetric about y-axis on surface

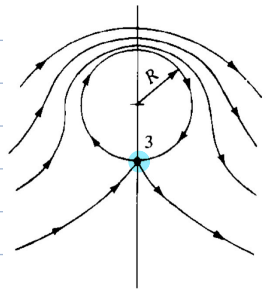
as $\Gamma \uparrow$, points
move down
cylinder



aka. $\Gamma < 4\pi U_{\infty} R$

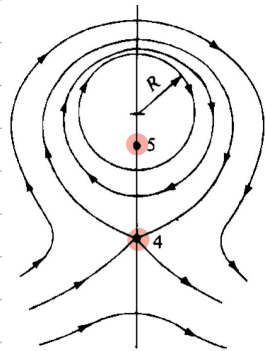
→ if $\frac{\Gamma}{4\pi U_\infty R} = 1$, $\sin\theta = -1$ there is one solution on y-axis on surface

aka. $\Gamma = 4\pi U_\infty R$



→ if $\frac{\Gamma}{4\pi U_\infty R} > 1$, we aren't restricted to cylinder surface, we can check $\cos\theta = 0$, finding solutions on y-axis

$\sin^{-1}(>1)$



aka. $\Gamma > 4\pi U_\infty R$

for $\cos\theta = 0$ $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$

subbing into $V_\theta = -\left[V_\infty \sin\theta \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}\right] = 0$

$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \rightarrow -\left[V_\infty \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}\right]$

as r & R +ve, expression can never equal 0, $\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ invalid

for $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$, $V_\theta = V_\infty \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{r^2}\right) + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} = 0$ (quadratic of 'r')

→ $V_\infty r^2 - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} r + R^2 V_\infty = 0$

$$r = \frac{\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi}\right)^2 - 4R^2 V_\infty}}{2V_\infty} = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi V_\infty} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Gamma}{4\pi V_\infty}\right)^2 - R^2}$$

Summary of stagnation points on cylinder:

- when $\Gamma = 0$, stagnation points lie at $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = \pi$ (on x axis)
- as Γ increased, points move down cylinder surface
- when $\Gamma = 4\pi U_\infty R$, points merge to become one at bottom of cylinder
- as Γ increased further, points split on y axis: one moves off cylinder & one inside cylinder