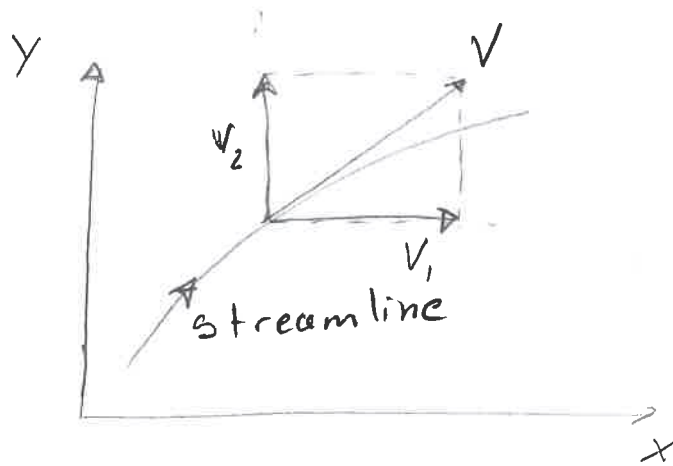


Fluid Flow (Potential theory)

Laplace's equation also plays a basic role in hydrodynamics, steady nonviscous flow under physical conditions. Assuming dimensional analysis, so that the velocity vector (V) by which the motion of the fluid can be given depends only on two space variables (x and y).



Then we can write
for V a scalar
function

$$V = \nabla \phi$$

Knowing a magnitude $|V|$ and direction of velocity at each point $z = x + iy$, V_1 and V_2 are components of the velocity in the x and y directions. V is tangent to the path of the moving particles (streamline) of the motion.

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For a given flow exists an analytic function

$$F(z) = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y), \text{ this is a}$$

Complex potential of the flow, such
the streamline are given by $\psi(x, y) = \text{const}$
and the velocity is given by

$$V = V_1 + iV_2 = \overline{F'(z)}$$

The bar denotes the complex conjugate
 ψ is the stream function. The function
called the velocity potential. The curves
are called equipotential lines. V is
of ϕ ; by definition,

$$V_1 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad V_2 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad \text{This}$$

for the Cauchy-Riemann equation,
analytic in a domain D if and only if the
derivative satisfy the two

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$F'(z) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

where $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$

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Example

The complex potential

$$F(z) = z^2 = x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy \text{ describes}$$

Equipotential $\phi = x^2 - y^2 = \text{const}$

Streamlines $\psi = 2xy = \text{const}$

The velocity vector is obtained as

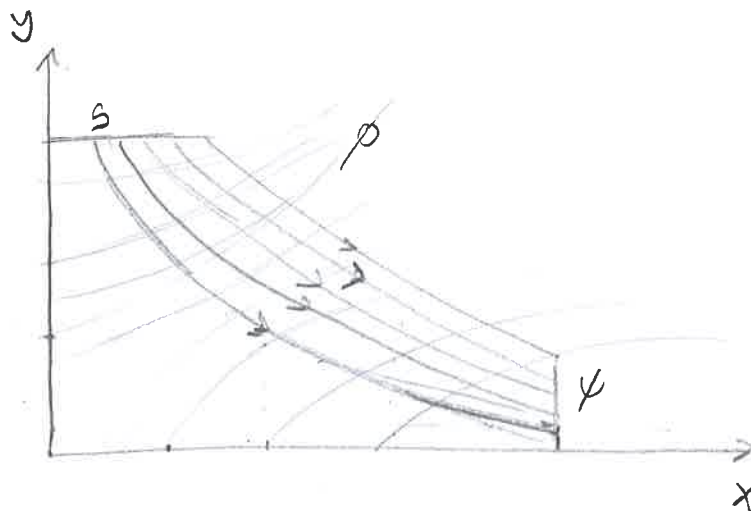
$$\overline{F'(z)} = V$$

$$F'(z) = 2x + i2y$$

$$\overline{F'(z)} = 2x - i2y = V$$

$$V_1 = 2x \text{ and } V_2 = -2y$$

The magnitude is $|V| = \sqrt{4x^2 + 4y^2} =$



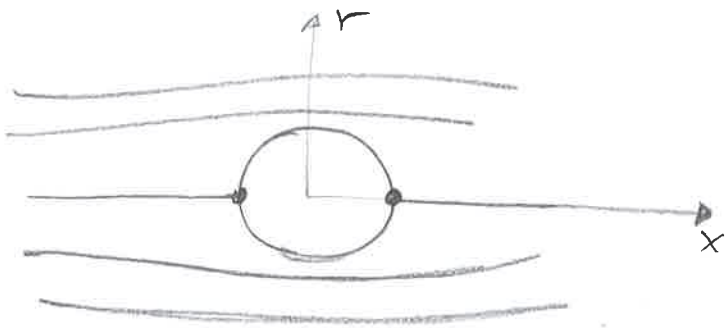
$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial x} = 0 \text{ Continuity}$$

$$2 - 2 = 0 \text{ satisfies the continuity equation}$$

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Special

$$\psi(x, y) =$$

$$(1) \left(r - \frac{1}{r}\right) =$$

$$(2) \sin \theta = 0$$

$r = \pm 1$ we take
positive, the
is the circle
 $r = 1$ and x-axis

Stagnation points

$V = 0$ for stagnation point

$$\left[F'(z) = 1 - \frac{1}{z^2} = 0 \quad z = \pm 1 \right]$$

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