

# STEADY, INVISCID ( potential flow, irrotational) INCOMPRESSIBLE

## CONTINUITY EQUATION

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$\Psi$  is a solution to the continuity equation where,

$$u = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$$

substituting into the continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

$\Psi$  is the Stream Function

$\Psi = \text{constant}$  is a streamline

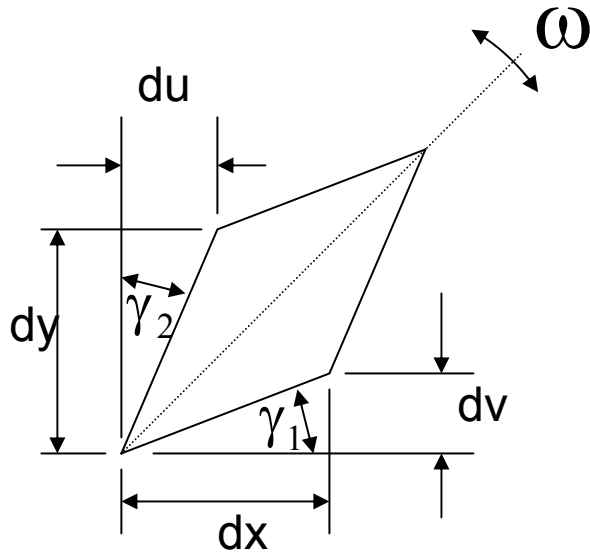
## MOMENTUM EQUATION

Bernoulli's equation along a streamline,  $\Psi = \text{constant}$

$$\vec{V} = \nabla \Phi$$

$$\vec{V} = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \vec{k}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$



$$\tan \gamma_1 = \frac{du}{dy} = \gamma_1, \quad \tan \gamma_2 = \frac{dv}{dx} = \gamma_2$$

for small angles  $\tan \alpha = \alpha$

$$\omega, \text{ rotation} = \frac{1}{2}(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dv}{dx} - \frac{du}{dy} \right)$$

for irrotational flow,  $\omega = 0$ ,

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{du}{dy}$$

$\Phi$  is a solution to this equation where,

$$u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y}$$

substituting to prove this,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right)$$

$\Phi$  is the Velocity Potential

$\phi$  and  $\Psi$  are perpendicular

$$d\Phi = \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial y} dy$$

$$d\Phi = u dx + v dy$$

where  $\Phi$  is constant  $d\Phi = 0$

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

$$d\Psi = \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial y} dy$$

$$d\Psi = -v dx + u dy$$

where  $\Psi$  is constant  $d\Psi = 0$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx_\Phi} \times \frac{dx}{dy_\Psi} = -\frac{u}{v} \times \frac{v}{u} = -1$$

## LAPLACE'S EQUATION

Laplace's equations is of the form,

$$\nabla^2 F = 0$$

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

where F is a function and solution

Laplace's equation is linear

solutions, F, can be added

$$\frac{\partial^2 F_{\text{combined solution}}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F_{\text{combined solution}}}{\partial y^2} = \sum_i \left( \frac{\partial^2 F_i}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 F_i}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$\Psi_{\text{combined solution}} = \sum_i \Psi_i$$

$$\Phi_{\text{combined solution}} = \sum_i \Phi_i$$

It can be shown that  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$  satisfy Laplace's equation

- 1) substitute the expressions for  $\psi$  into the irrotational condition
- 2) substitute the expressions for  $\Phi$  into the continuity equation

For Continuity.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

from the definition of  $\Phi$ ,

$$u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x}, v = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y}$$

substituting,

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

For the condition for irrotational flow,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

from the definition of  $\Psi$ ,

$$u = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y}, v = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x}$$

substituting,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} \right)$$

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

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \Phi) = \nabla^2 \Phi = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \Psi) = \nabla^2 \Psi = 0$$

## EXAMPLE

$$\Phi = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Psi = 2xy$$

$$u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} = 2x \quad u = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} = 2x$$

$$v = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} = -2y \quad v = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} = -2y$$

verify solutions,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} = 0 = 2 - 2 = 0$$

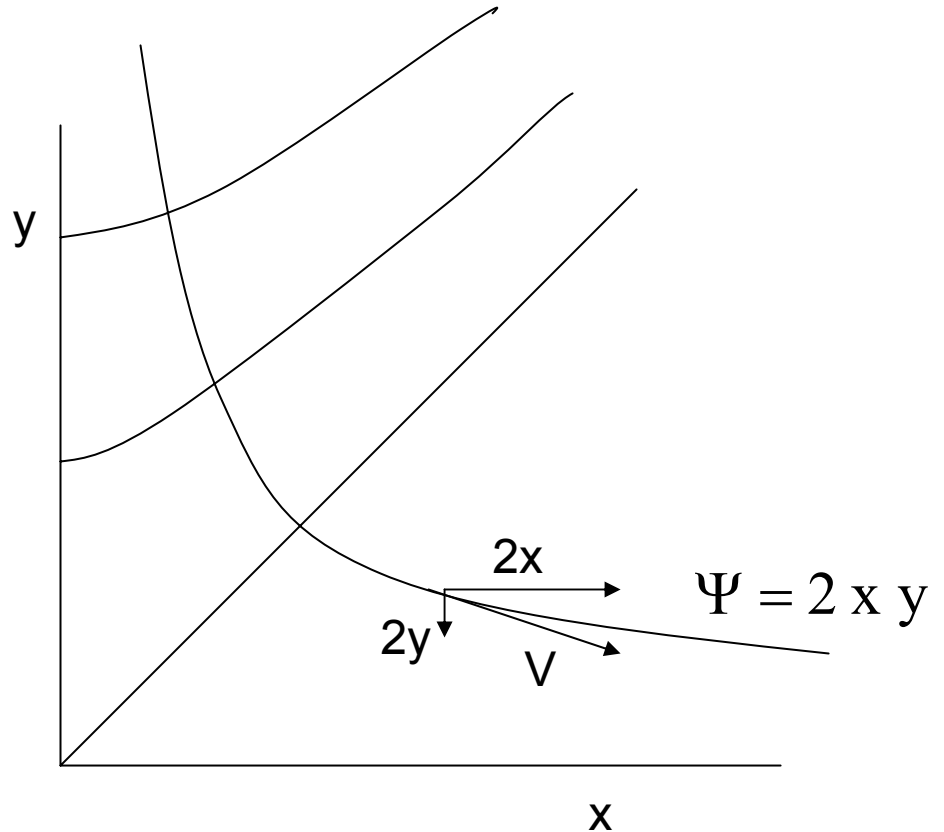
$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} = 0 - 0 = 0$$

Bernoulli's Equation

$$p = p_0 - \frac{\rho V^2}{2}$$

$$p = p_0 - \frac{\rho(u^2 + v^2)}{2}$$

$$p = p_0 - 2\rho(x^2 + y^2)$$



## UNIFORM FLOW SOLUTION

$$u = U, v = 0$$

$$u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} = U,$$

integrating,

$$\Phi = Ux + \text{constant}$$

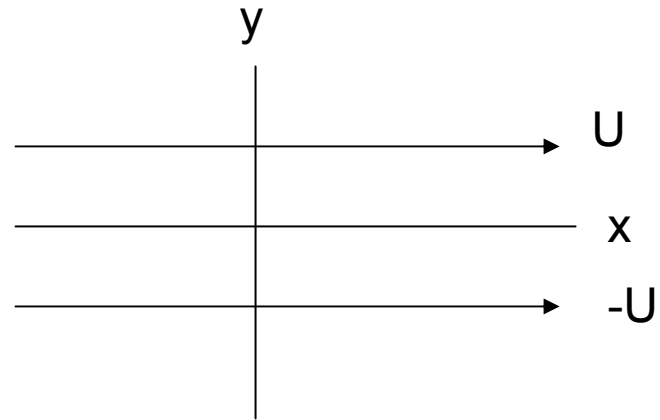
choose  $\Phi = 0, \Psi = 0$ , at  $x = 0, y = 0$

$$\Phi = Ux$$

in cylindrical coordinates where.

$$x = r \cos\theta, y = r \sin\theta$$

$$\Phi = U r \cos\theta$$



$$u = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y} = U$$

$$\Psi = Uy$$

in cylindrical coordinates,

$$\Psi = U r \sin\theta$$

## SOURCE FLOW SOLUTION

$q$  = volume flow flux

$$u_R = \frac{q}{2\pi r}, v_\theta = 0$$

$$u_R = \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{q}{2\pi r}$$

$$\Phi = \int \frac{q}{2\pi} dr$$

$$\Phi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r$$

In Cartesian Coordinates where,

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\Phi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$u_R = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial\theta}$$

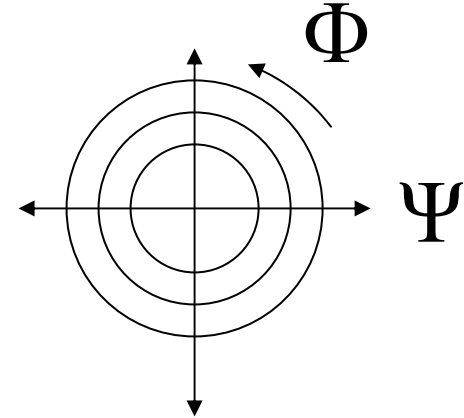
$$\frac{q}{2\pi r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial\theta}$$

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

In Cartesian Coordinates,

$$\text{where } \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \theta$$

$$\Psi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$





# POTENTIAL VORTEX SOLUTION

Potential Vortex

$$r u_{\theta} = \text{const} \tan t$$

$$u_{\theta} = \frac{\text{const} \tan t}{r}$$

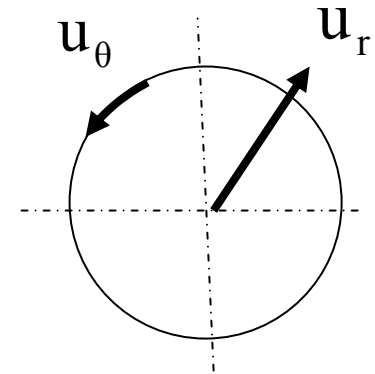
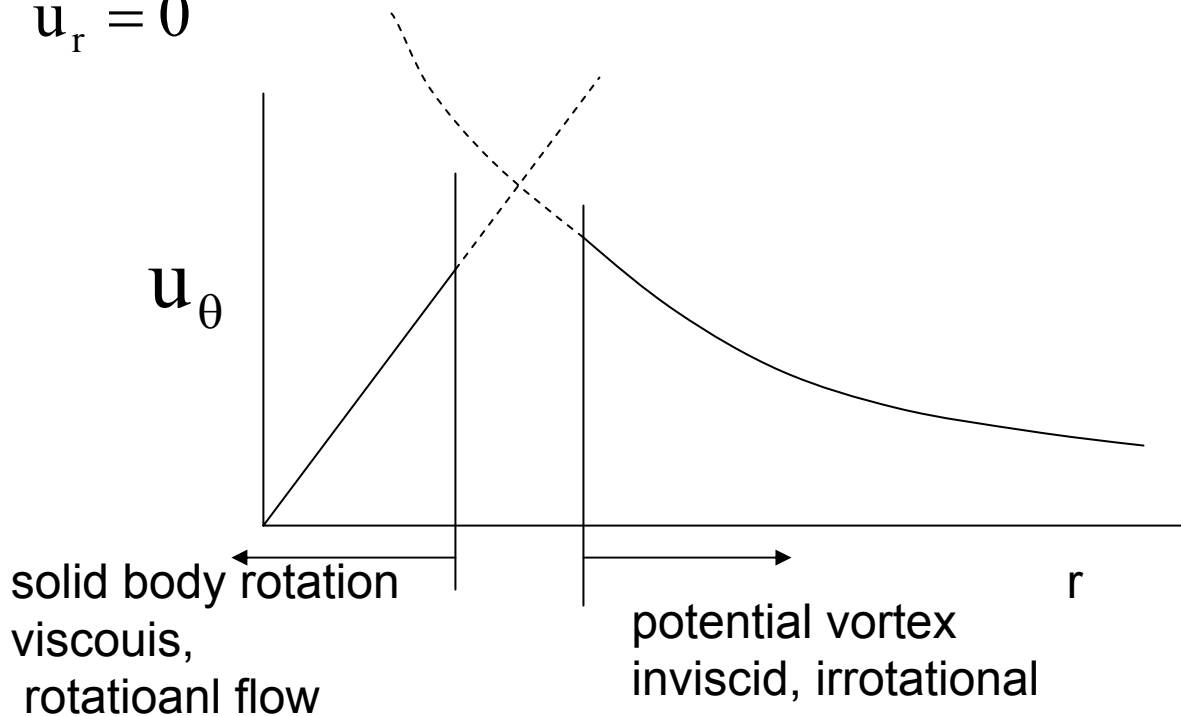
$$u_r = 0$$

Solid Body Rotation

$$u_{\theta} = \pi D \omega$$

$$u_{\theta} = 2\pi r \omega$$

$$u_{\theta} = C r$$



# Potential Vortex

## Circulation $\Gamma$

$$u_{\theta} r = \text{const} \tan t$$

$$u_{\theta} = \frac{\text{const} \tan t}{r}$$

$$\text{circulation, } \Gamma = \oint_S \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\Gamma = \int u_{\theta} r d\theta$$

$$\Gamma = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{\text{const} \tan t}{r} \right) r d\theta$$

$$\Gamma = 2\pi \times \text{const} \tan t$$

$$\text{const} \tan t = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi}$$

$$u_{\theta} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

## $\Psi$ and $\Phi$

$$u_{\theta} = \frac{d\Phi}{r d\theta} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

$$\Phi = \int \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} r d\theta$$

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

$$u_{\theta} = -\frac{d\Psi}{dr} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

$$\Psi = \int \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} dr$$

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

# CIRCULATION

intensity of rotation  
in a control volume

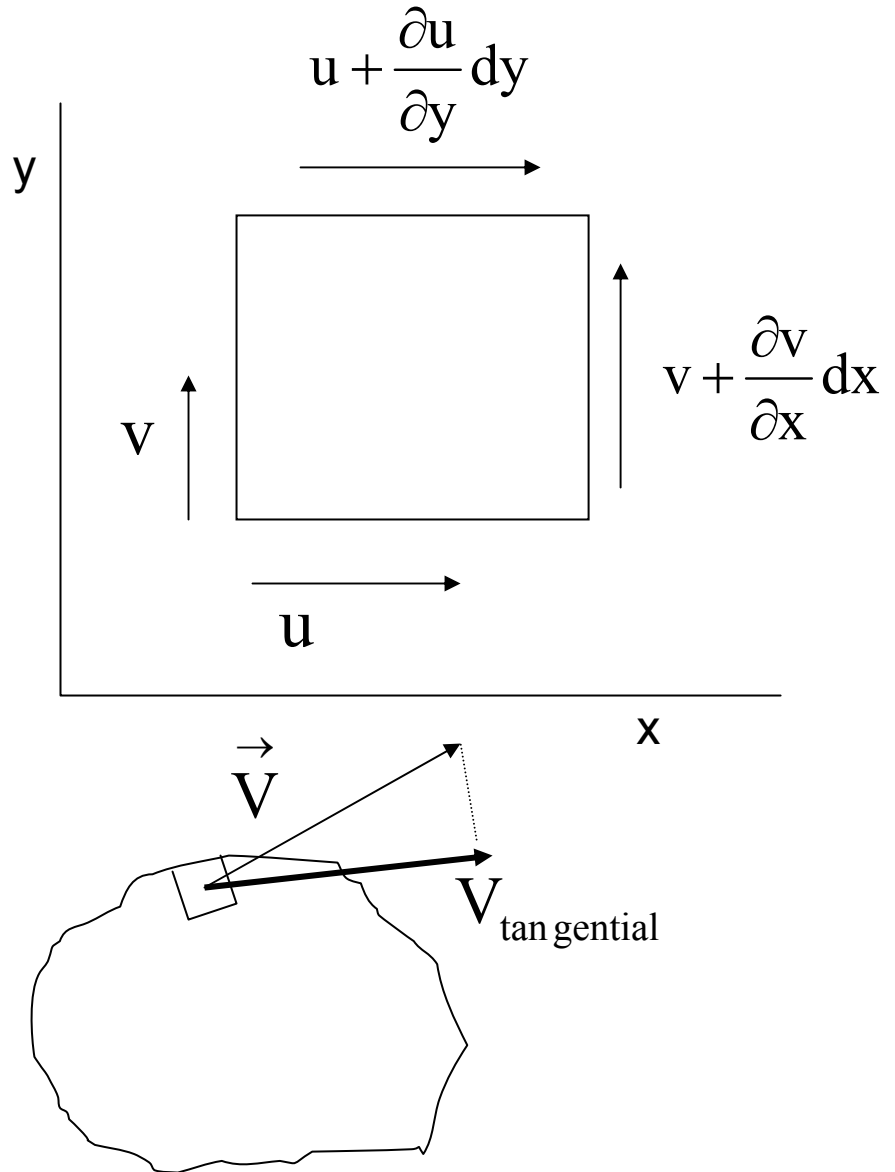
$$\Gamma = \iint_S \vec{V} \bullet d\vec{S}$$

$$\Gamma = \iint_S V_{\text{tangent to surface}} dS$$

$$d\Gamma = u dx + \left( v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx \right) dy$$

$$- \left( v + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \right) dx - v dy$$

$$= \iint_S \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = 2 \iint_S \omega_z dS$$



# DOUBLET $\Psi$ and $\Phi$

$$\sin k, \Psi_1 = -\frac{q}{2\pi} \theta_1, \quad \text{source}, \Psi_2 = \frac{q}{2\pi} \theta_2$$

DOUBLET – sink plus source

separated by a distance  $a$

$$\Psi = \Psi_1 + \Psi_2 = -\frac{q}{2\pi} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$\tan(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \approx \frac{2X}{r} \quad \text{as } a \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{for small } (\theta_1 - \theta_2), \quad \tan(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = \theta_1 - \theta_2$$

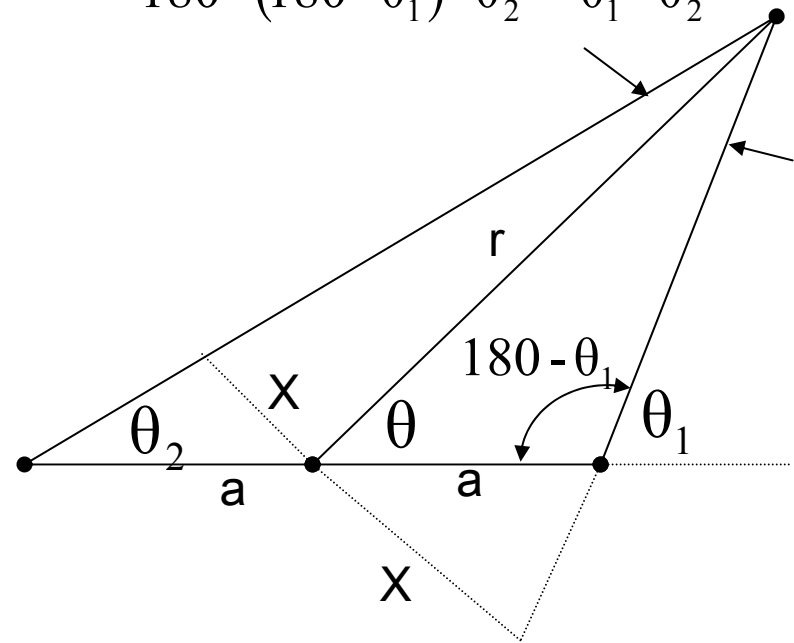
$$\theta_1 - \theta_2 \approx \frac{2X}{r}$$

$$X = a \sin \theta$$

$$\Psi = -\frac{q}{2\pi} \frac{2a \sin \theta}{r}$$

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

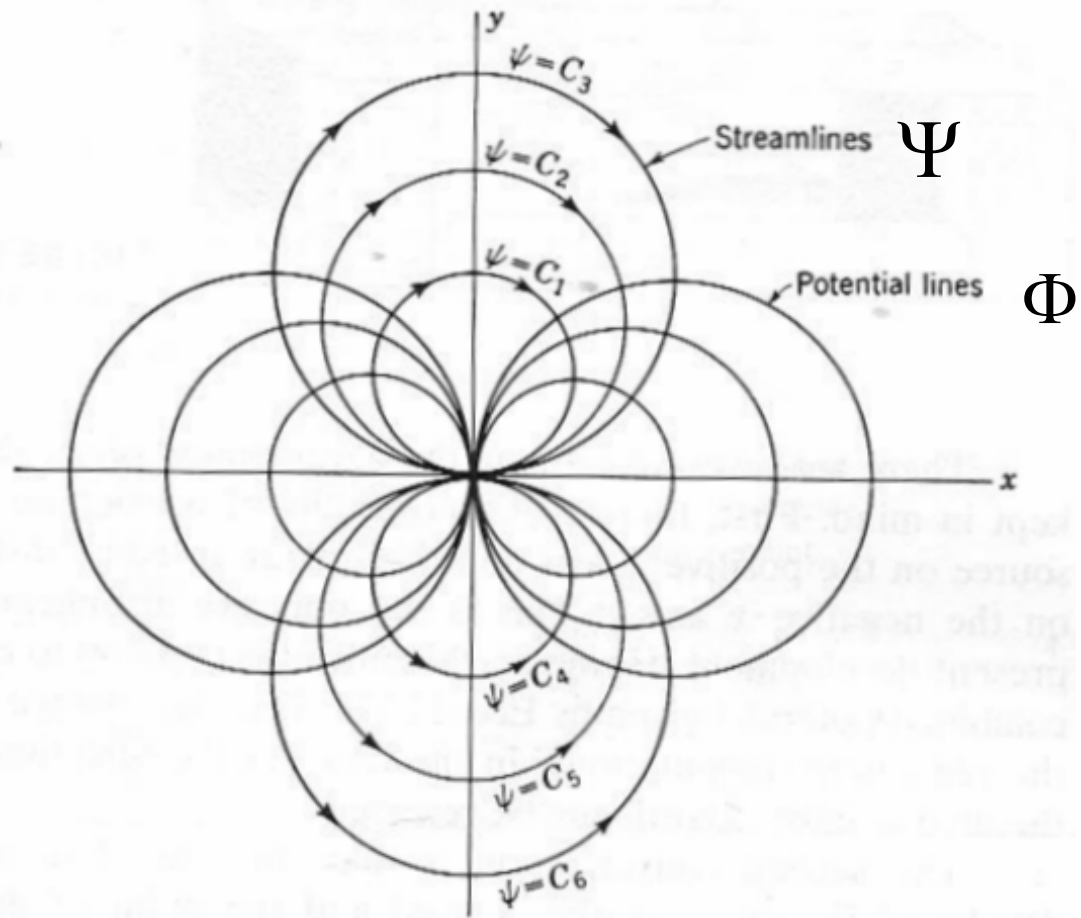
$$180 - (180 - \theta_1) - \theta_2 = \theta_1 - \theta_2$$



$$\text{Since } \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta}$$

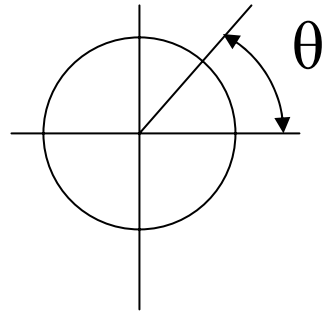
$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \left( -\frac{K \sin \theta}{r} \right)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{K \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

$$\Phi = +\frac{K \cos \theta}{r}$$



**FIGURE 12.28**  
Flow net for doublet.

# DOUBLET PLUS UNIFORM FLOW



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

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

$\psi = 0$ , is a closed surface

@  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\psi = 0$

@  $\theta = \pi$ ,  $\psi = 0$

$$U_{\infty} r \sin\theta = \frac{K \sin\theta}{r}$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{K}{U_{\infty}}} \Rightarrow \text{a circle of radius } r$$

$K = U_{\infty}^2 R^2$  doublet of strength  $K$  required to get a circle of radius  $R$

$$\Phi = U_{\infty} r \cos\theta + \frac{U_{\infty} R^2 \cos\theta}{r}$$

$$u_r = \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( U_{\infty} r \cos\theta + \frac{U_{\infty} R^2 \cos\theta}{r} \right)$$

$$u_r = U_{\infty} \cos\theta - \frac{U_{\infty} R^2 \cos\theta}{r^2}$$

$$u_{\theta} = \frac{\partial\Phi}{r\partial\theta} = \frac{\partial}{r\partial\theta} \left( U_{\infty} r \cos\theta + \frac{U_{\infty} R^2 \cos\theta}{r} \right)$$

$$u_{\theta} = -U_{\infty} \sin\theta - \frac{U_{\infty} R^2 \sin\theta}{r^2}$$

@  $\theta = 0$ ,  $u_{\theta} = 0$  at the front stagnation point

@  $\theta = \pi$ ,  $u_{\theta} = 0$  at the rear stagnation point

@  $r = R$ , the surface of the cylinder,

$$u_{\theta} = -U_{\infty} \cos\theta - \frac{U_{\infty} R^2 \sin\theta}{r^2}$$

$$u_{\theta} = -2 U_{\infty} \sin\theta$$

## STAGNATION POINTS

stagnation points at  $u_\theta = 0, v_r = 0, r = R$

$$u_\theta = -2U_\infty \sin \theta$$

$u_\theta = 0$  at  $\theta = 0$ , the trailing point  
and  $\theta = \pi$ , the leading point

$$u_r = U_\infty \cos \theta - \frac{U_\infty R^2 \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

at  $r = R$

$$u_r = U_\infty \cos \theta - \frac{U_\infty R^2 \cos \theta}{r^2}$$

$$u_r = U_\infty \cos \theta - \frac{U_\infty R^2 \cos \theta}{R^2}$$

$$u_r = U_\infty \cos \theta - U_\infty \cos \theta$$

$$u_r = 0 \text{ at all } \theta \text{ and } r = R$$

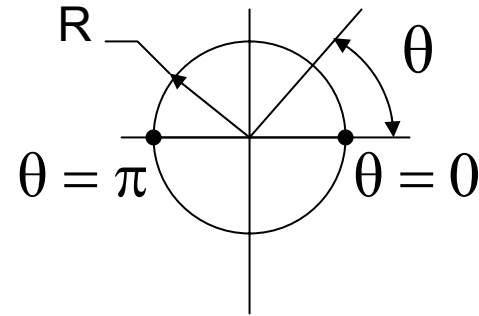
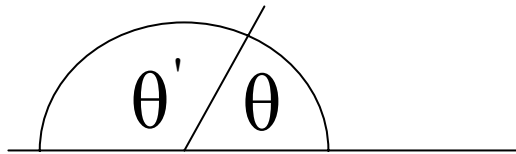


Fig. 11.6. Pressure distribution measured around a circular cylinder during the starting process, after M. Schwabe



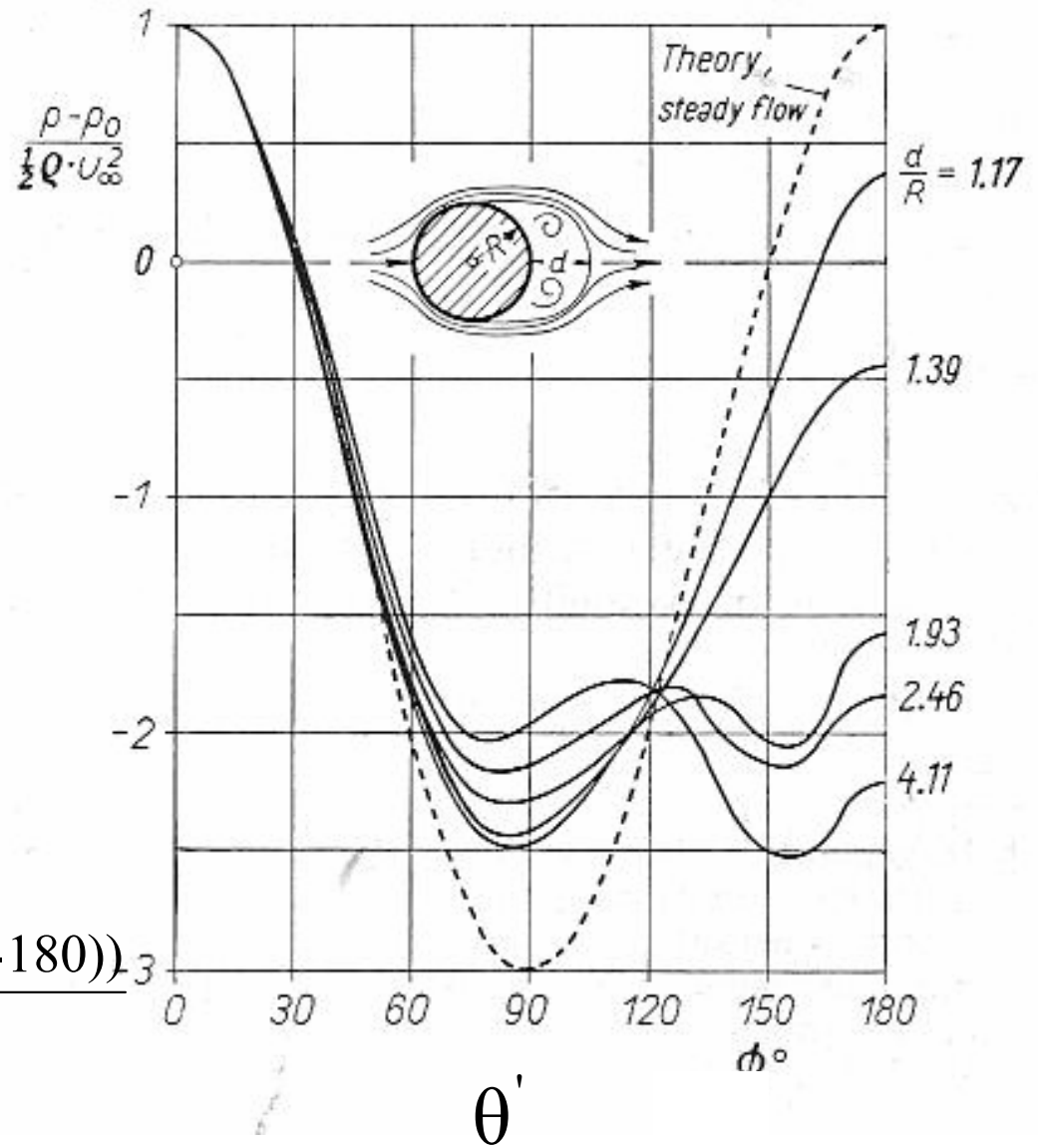
$$u_{\theta} = -2U_{\infty} \sin \theta = 2U_{\infty} \sin(\theta' - 180)$$

Bernoulli's Equation

$$p_{\infty} + \frac{\rho U_{\infty}^2}{2} = p_{\text{surface}} + \frac{\rho U_{\text{surface}}^2}{2}$$

$$p_{\infty} + \frac{\rho U_{\infty}^2}{2} = p_{\text{surface}} + \frac{\rho (4 U_{\infty}^2 \sin^2(\theta' - 180))}{2}$$

$$\frac{p_{\infty} - p_{\text{surface}}}{\rho U_{\infty}^2} = (1 - 4 \sin^2(\theta' - 180))$$



d = distance to rear stagnation point



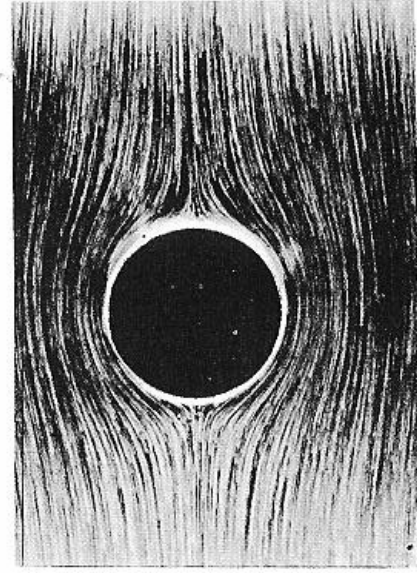


Fig. 11.5a

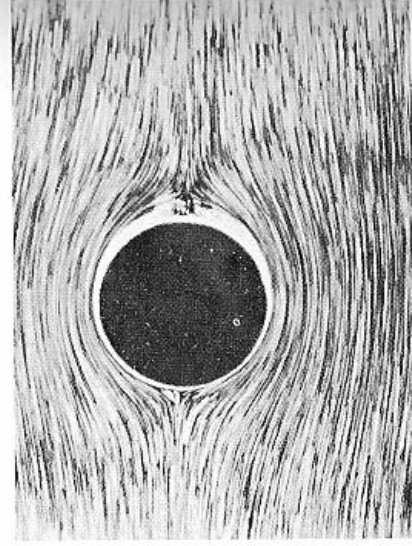


Fig. 11.5b

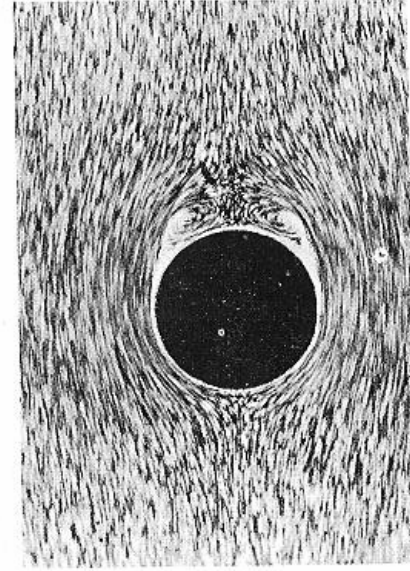


Fig. 11.5c

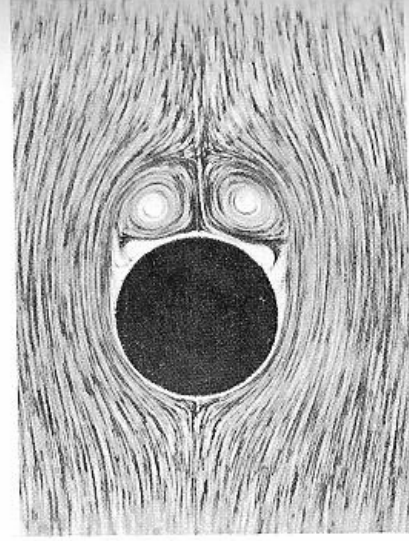


Fig. 11.5d

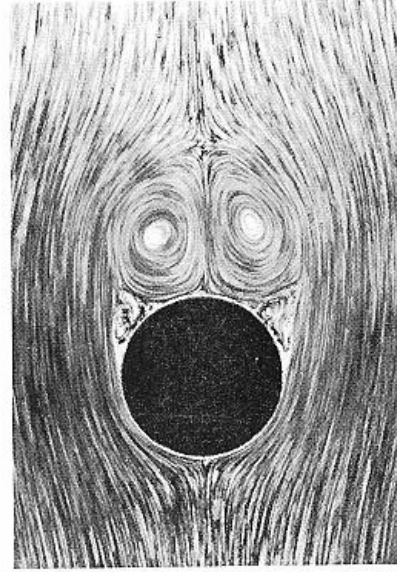


Fig. 11.5e

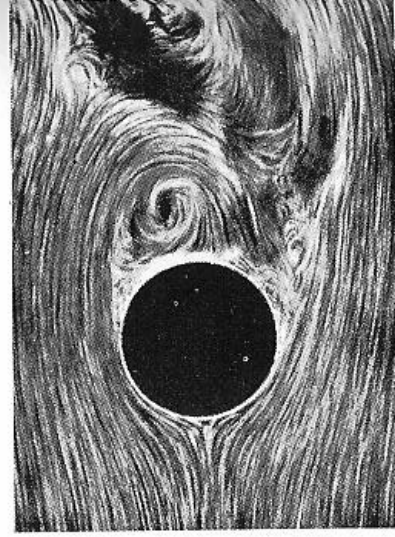


Fig. 11.5f

Fig. 11.5 a to f. Formation of vortices in flow past a circular cylinder after acceleration from rest (L. Prandtl)

# Ideal Flow Machine + Mapper

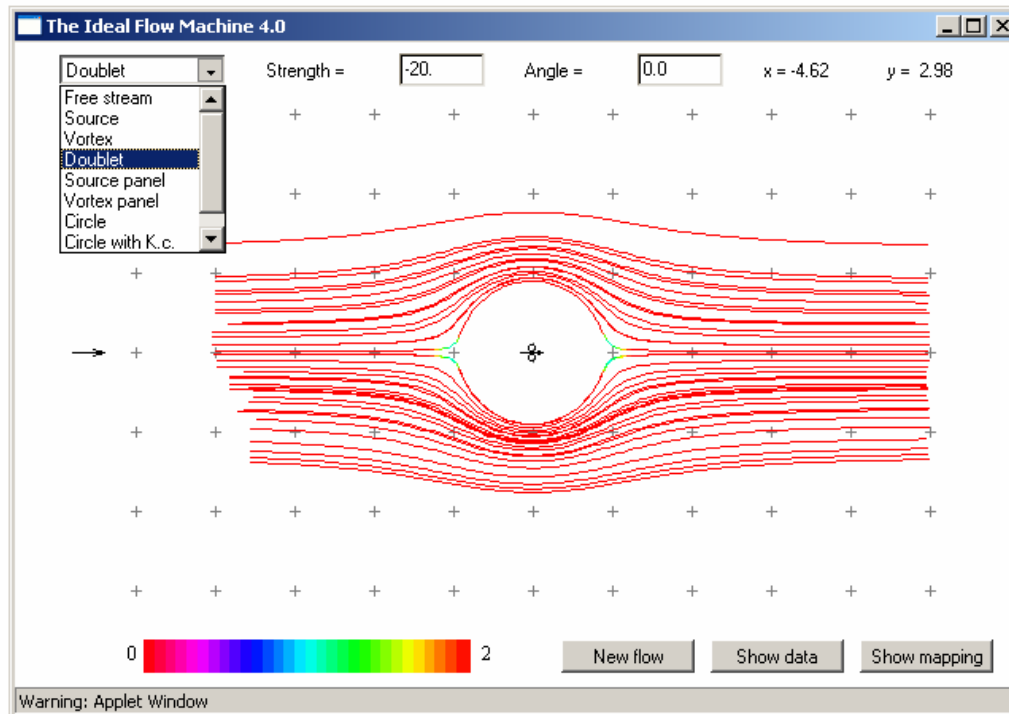
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Launch Ideal Flow Machine

An educational Java Applet for those studying elementary ideal flow, Version 4.0  
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DOUBLET IN UNIFORM FLOW

doublet  
strength

$$K = r^2 U_\infty^2$$

Jakowski Transformation (of the potential flow  $\Psi, \Phi$  field)

$$z_1 = a \left( z + \frac{b}{z} \right)$$

### The Ideal Flow Machine 4.0

Draw Streamline

Strength =

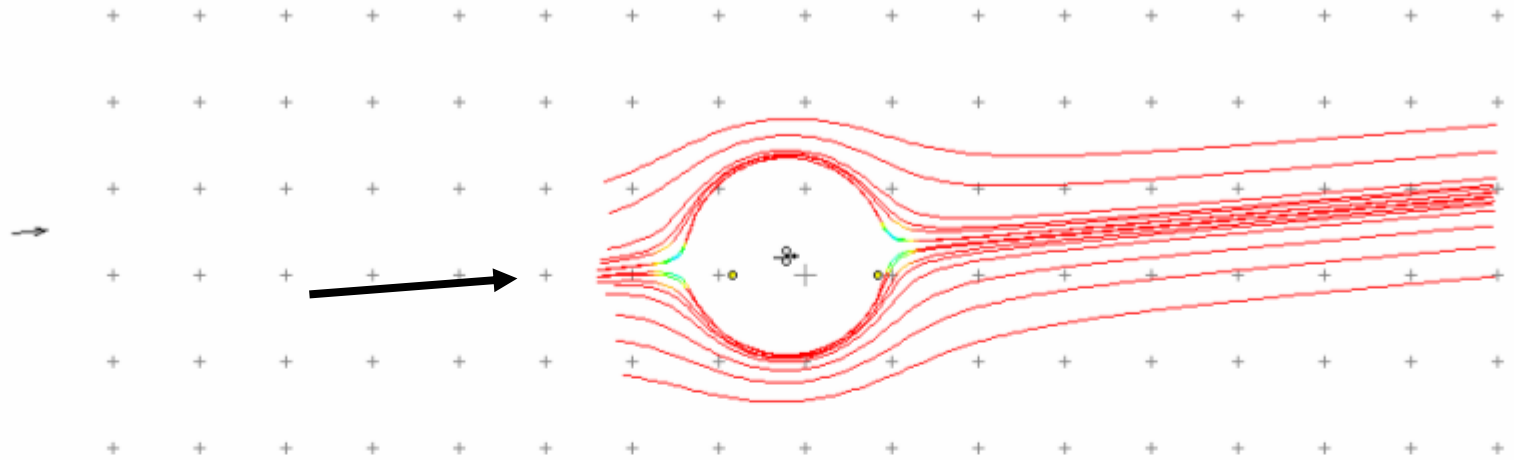
-32

Angle =

5

x = -7.02

y = -1.94



New flow

Show data

Show mapping

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### Mapped plane : $z_1 = z + 0.7/z$

$z_1 = a(z + b/z)$

a =

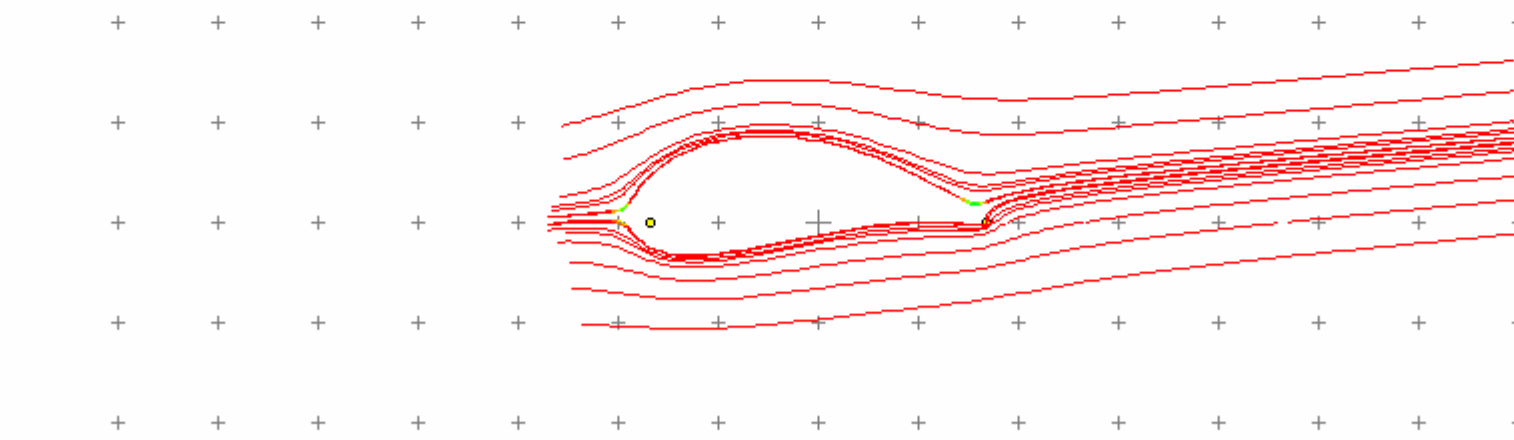
1.0

b =

.7

x1 = -1.32

y1 = -1.18



Apply Mapping

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## MAGNUS EFFECT

lift generated by a rotating cylinder in uniform flow

Uniform Flow + Doublet + Potential Vortex

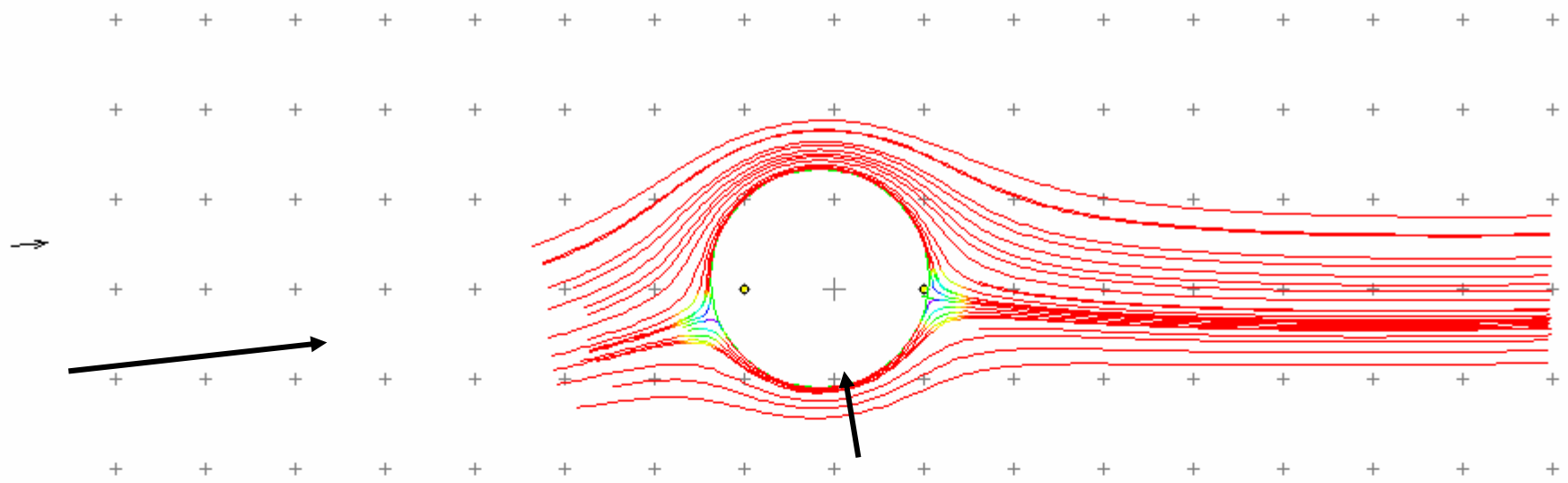
$$\psi = U r \sin\theta - \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r$$
$$\Phi = U R \cos\theta + \frac{K \cos\theta}{r} + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta$$

K - Doublet strength

$\Gamma$  – Potential Vortex circulation

$$u_r = \frac{d\Phi}{dx} \qquad u_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\Phi}{d\theta}$$

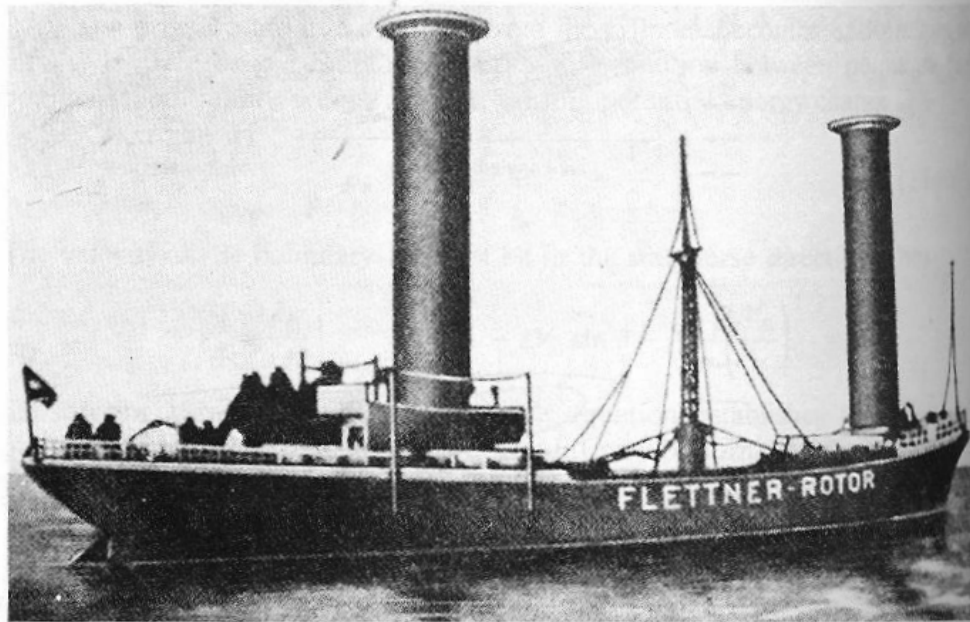
stagnation points  $u_\theta = 0, u_r = 0, r = R$



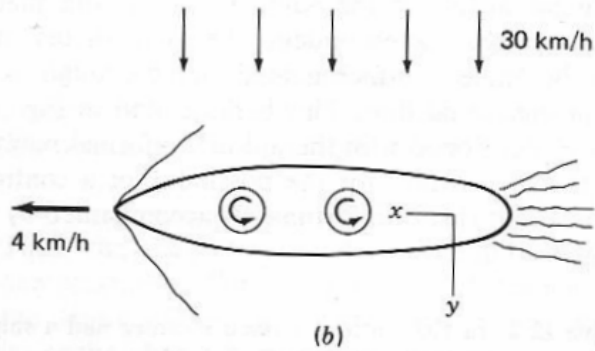
New flow

Show data

Show mapping



(a)



(b)

**FIGURE 12.43**  
Flettner's ship. (From Palmer Coslett, *Power from the Wind*, New York, Putnam, Van Nostrand Co.)

# Joukowski Transformation

$$z_1 = a \left( z + \frac{b}{z} \right)$$

$$a = 1, b = 1$$



Apply Mapping

Show data

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The Ideal Flow Machine 4.0

Draw Streamline

Strength =

4

Angle =

5

x = 2.30

y = -2.64

Uniform Flow

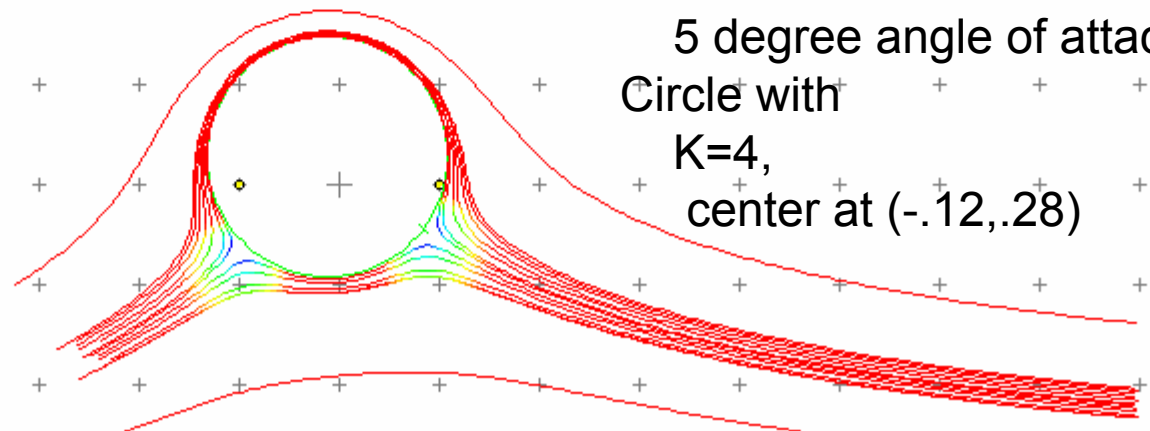
4 m/sec

5 degree angle of attack

Circle with

K=4,

center at (-.12,.28)





## Kutta Condition

Viscous fluid can not make the sharp trailing edge turn of the indal flow solution.

Rear stagnation point must be at the training edge.

Add vortex strength to achieve this condition.

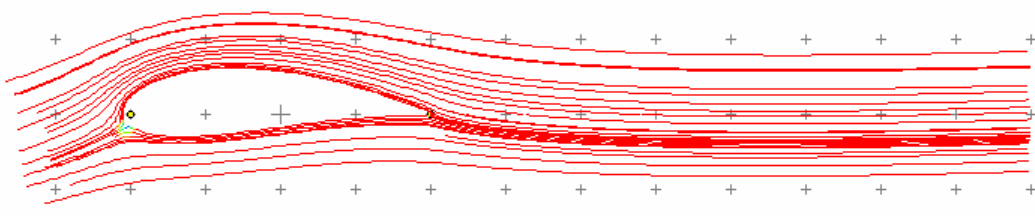
- $z_1 = a(z + b/z)$
- $z_1 = z$
- $z_1 = az^b$
- $z_1 = a(z + b/z)$
- $z_1 = a \ln(z) - ib$
- $z_1 = a(\exp(bz) + bz)$
- $z_1 = [z \cdot a]/(az - 1) + b$

a =       b =        $x_1 = -7.86$        $y_1 = 2.84$

# Joukowski Transformation

$$z_1 = a \left( z + \frac{b}{z} \right)$$

$a = 1, b = 1$

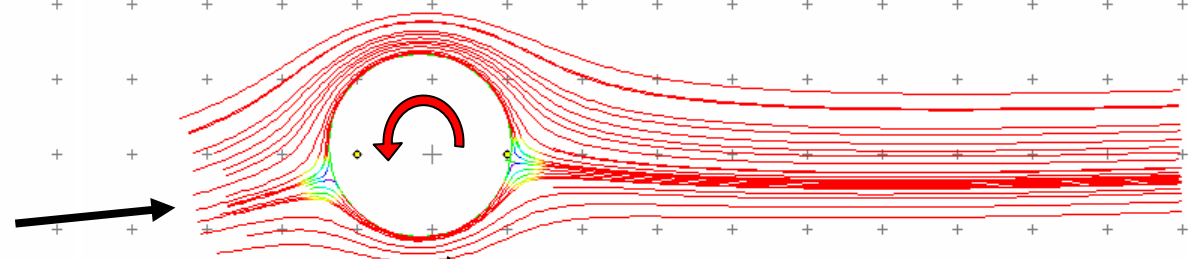


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     Strength =       Angle =        $x = -9.60$        $y = 2.88$

Uniform Flow  
 4 m/sec  
 5 degree angle of attack  
 Circle with  
 $K=1.4$ ,  
 center at  $(-.12, .28)$



Force

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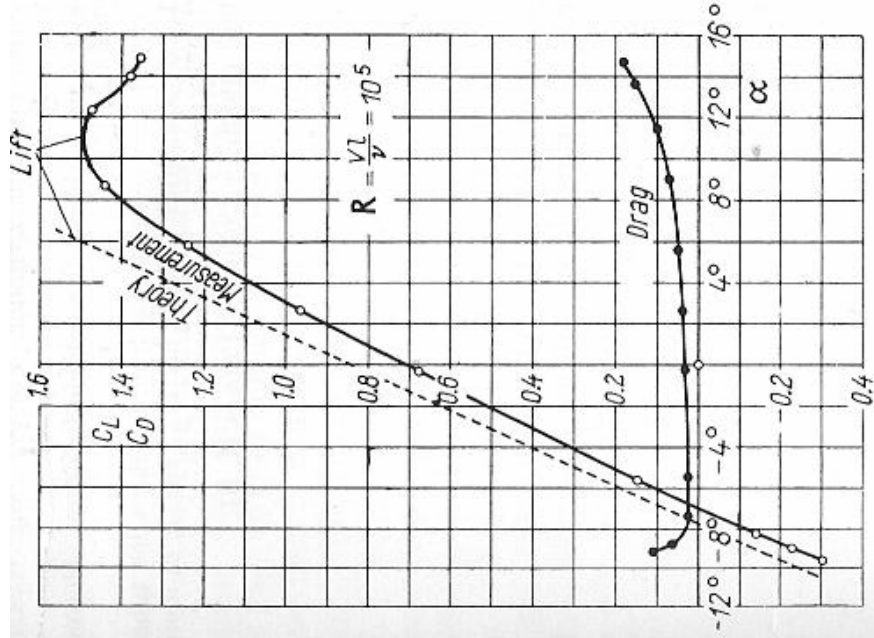


Fig. 1.12. Lift and drag coefficient of a Joukovsky profile in plane flow, as measured by Betz [1]

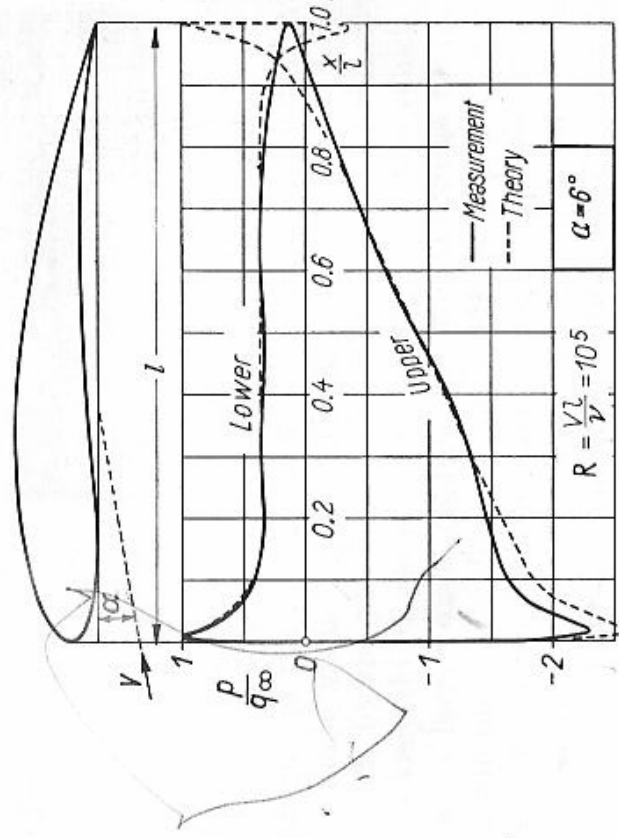


Fig. 1.13. Comparison between the theoretical and measured pressure distribution for a Joukovsky profile at equal lifts, after A. Betz [1]