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## **FLOW KINEMATICS**



**Problem 2.1**

The following graph was drawn using EXCEL.

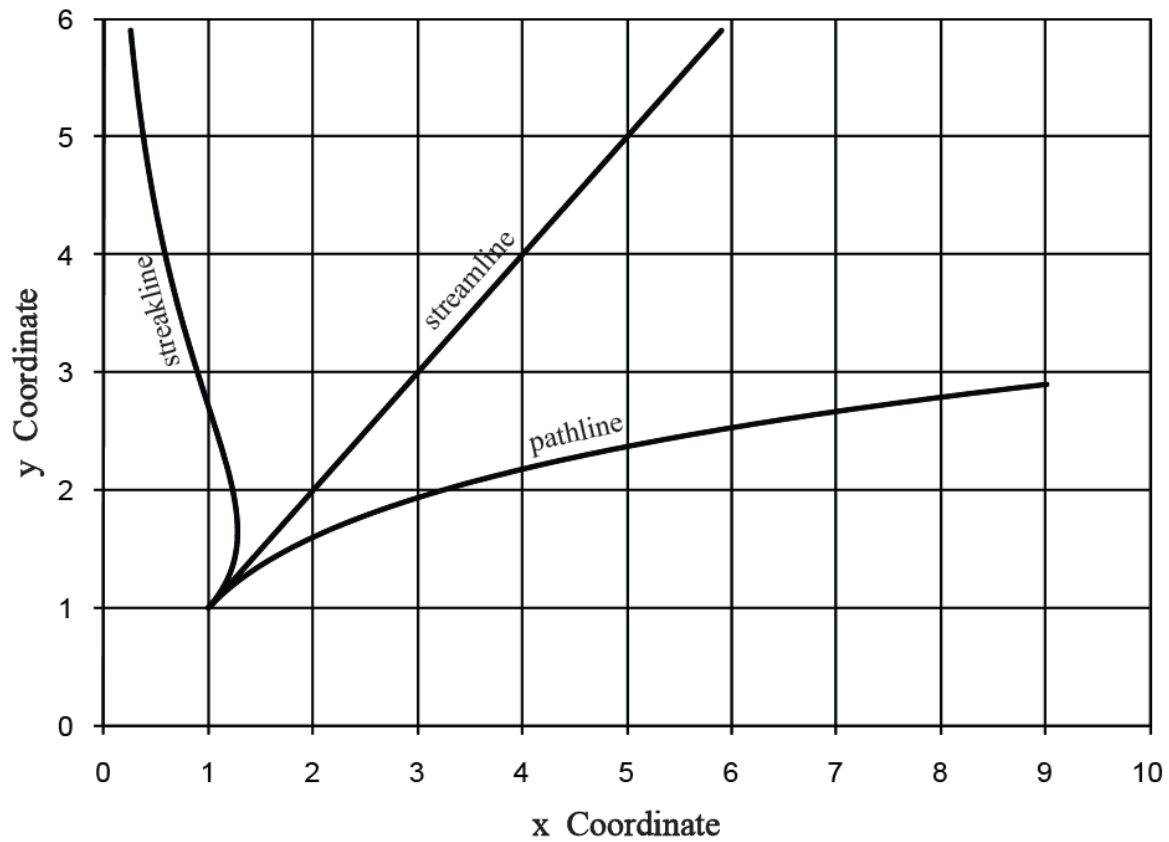


Figure Q.2.1: Streamline, pathline, and streakline for the flow field  $u = x(1+2t)$ ,  $v = w = 0$

**Problem 2.2**

$$(a) \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v}{u} = 1 + t$$

$$\therefore y = (1 + t)x + C$$

$$\text{But } x = y = 1 \text{ when } t = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$$

Hence at  $t = 0$  the equation of the streamline is:

$$y = x$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = u = \frac{1}{1+t} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = v = 1$$

$$\therefore x = \log(1+t) + C_1 \quad \therefore y = t + C_2$$

The condition that  $x = y = 1$  when  $t = 0$  requires that  $C_1 = C_2 = 1$ , so that:

$$x = 1 + \log(1+t) \quad y = 1 + t$$

Eliminating  $t$  between these two equations shows that the equation of the pathline is:

$$y = e^{x-1}$$

(c) Here, the equations obtained in (b) above are required to satisfy the condition  $x = y = 1$  when  $t = \tau$ . This leads to the values  $C_1 = 1 - \log(1 + \tau)$  and  $C_2 = 1 - \tau$ . Hence the parametric equations of the streakline are:

$$x = \log(1+t) + 1 - \log(1+\tau) \quad y = t + 1 - \tau$$

At time  $t = 0$  these equations become:

$$x = 1 - \log(1 + \tau) \quad y = 1 - \tau$$

Eliminating the parameter  $\tau$  between these two equations yields the following equation for the streakline at  $t = 0$ :

$$y = 2 - e^{1-x}$$

### **Problem 2.3**

$$(a) \quad u = x(1+t) \quad v = 1 \quad w = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = x(1+t) \Rightarrow x = C_1 e^{(1+t)s} = C_1 e^s \text{ at } t = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = 1 \Rightarrow y = s + C_2$$

But  $x = y = 1$  when  $s = 0$  so that  $C_1 = C_2 = 1$ . Hence:

$$x = e^s \text{ and } y = s + 1$$

$$\therefore x = e^{y-1}$$

(b) 
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(1+t) \Rightarrow x = C_1 e^{t(1+t/2)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 1 \Rightarrow y = t + C_2$$

But  $x = y = 1$  when  $t = 0$  so that  $C_1 = C_2 = 1$ . Hence:

$$x = e^{t(1+t/2)} \text{ and } y = t + 1$$

$$\therefore x = e^{(y^2-1)/2}$$

(c) As in (b):  $x = C_1 e^{t(1+t/2)}$  and  $y = t + C_2$

But  $x = y = 1$  when  $t = \tau$  so that  $C_1 = e^{-\tau(1+\tau/2)}$  and  $C_2 = 1 - \tau$ . Hence:

$$x = e^{t(1+t/2)-\tau(1+\tau/2)} = e^{-\tau(1+\tau/2)} \text{ for } t = 0$$

$$\text{and } y = 1 + t - \tau = 1 - \tau \text{ for } t = 0$$

$$\therefore x = e^{-(1-y)(3-y)/2}$$

(d) From the continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho w) = \frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Hence: 
$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = -\rho(1+t) \text{ since } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = (1+t) \text{ here.}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{D}{Dt}(\log \rho) = -(1+t)$$

$$\text{Therefore } \log \rho = -t(1+t/2) + \log C$$

$$\text{So that } \rho = C e^{-t(1+t/2)}$$

But  $\rho = \rho_0$  when  $t = 0$  so that  $C = \rho_0$ . Hence:

$$\rho = \rho_0 e^{-t(1+t/2)} \text{ along the streamline}$$

### **Problem 2.4**

The equations that define the streamlines are as follows:

$$\frac{dx_i}{u_i} = ds \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dx_i}{x_i} = \frac{ds}{(1+t)}$$

$$\therefore \log x_i = \frac{s}{(1+t)} + \log C_i$$

$$\text{or } x_i = C_i e^{s/(1+t)}$$

Let  $x_i = x_{i0}$  when  $s = 0$ . Then:

$$x_i = x_{i0} e^{s/(1+t)}$$

So that:

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{x_0} = \frac{y}{y_0} = \frac{z}{z_0}} \quad \text{for any time } t.$$

The equations that define the pathlines are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx_i}{dt} &= u_i \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dx_i}{dt} = \frac{x_i}{(1+t)} \\ \therefore \log x_i &= \log(1+t) + \log C_i \\ \text{or } x_i &= C_i(1+t) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x_i = x_{i0}$  when  $s = 0$ . Then:

$$x_i = x_{i0}(1+t) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x_i}{x_{i0}} = (1+t)$$

So that:

$$\boxed{\frac{x}{x_0} = \frac{y}{y_0} = \frac{z}{z_0}} \quad \text{as per the streamlines.}$$

### **Problem 2.5**

(a)  $u = 16x^2 + y \quad v = 10 \quad w = yz^2$

On  $0 \leq x \leq 10, y = 0$ :  $\int_0^{10} u \, dx = \int_0^{10} 16x^2 \, dx = \frac{16,000}{3}$

On  $0 \leq y \leq 5, x = 10$ :  $\int_0^5 v \, dy = \int_0^5 10 \, dy = 50$

On  $10 \geq x \geq 0, y = 5$ :  $\int_{10}^0 u \, dx = \int_{10}^0 (16x^2 + 5) \, dx = -\frac{16,000}{3} - 50$

On  $5 \geq y \geq 0, x = 0$ :  $\int_5^0 v \, dy = \int_5^0 10 \, dy = -50$

Then, adding the components around the counter-clockwise path gives:

$$\boxed{\Gamma = -50}$$

(b) For the area specified,  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{e}_z$  and  $\omega_z = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -1$ .

$$\therefore \int_A \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dA = \int_0^{10} dx \int_0^5 (-1) \, dy$$

$$\int_A \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA = -50$$

This is the same result that was obtained in (a), so that Eq. (2.5) is verified for this flow.

### **Problem 2.6**

$$u = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

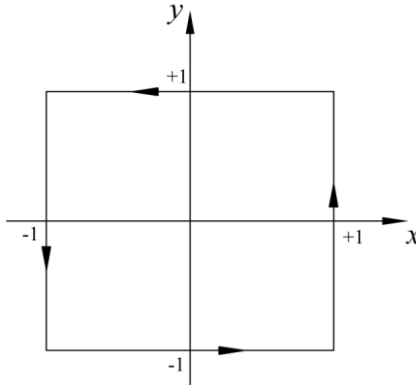
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Gamma &= \int_{-1}^{+1} u(x, -1) dx + \int_{-1}^{+1} v(+1, y) dy + \int_{+1}^{-1} u(x, +1) dx + \int_{+1}^{-1} v(-1, y) dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{-x dx}{x^2 + 1} + \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{y dy}{1 + y^2} + \int_{+1}^{-1} \frac{-x dx}{x^2 + 1} + \int_{+1}^{-1} \frac{y dy}{1 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

In the foregoing equation, we note that there are two pairs of offsetting integrals. Hence:

$$\Gamma = 0$$

### **Problem 2.7**

(a)



$$u = 9x^2 + 2y \quad v = 10x \quad w = -2yz^2$$

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} u(x, -1) dx = \int_{-1}^{+1} (9x^2 - 2) dx = [3x^3 - 2x]_{-1}^{+1} = 2$$

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} v(+1, y) dy = \int_{-1}^{+1} 10 dy = [10y]_{-1}^{+1} = 20$$

$$\int_{+1}^{-1} u(x, +1) dx = \int_{+1}^{-1} (9x^2 + 2) dx = [3x^3 + 2x]_{+1}^{-1} = -10$$

$$\int_{+1}^{-1} v(-1, y) dy = \int_{+1}^{-1} (-10) dy = [-10y]_{+1}^{-1} = 20$$

Hence:

$$\Gamma = \oint \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 2 + 20 - 10 + 20 = 32$$

(b)

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{e}_x + \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{e}_y + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{e}_z = -2z^2 \mathbf{e}_x + 8 \mathbf{e}_z$$

Hence

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = -50 \mathbf{e}_x + 8 \mathbf{e}_z$$

on the plane  $z = 5$

(c) For the plane  $z = 5$  the unit normal is  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{e}_z$ . Hence:

$$\int_A \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA = \int_{-1}^{+1} dx \int_{-1}^{+1} 8 dy = 32$$

This agrees with the result obtained in (a) - as it should, since

$$\Gamma = \oint \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_A \boldsymbol{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA$$

### **Problem 2.8**

$$u = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad v = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \Gamma &= \int_{-1}^{+1} u(x, -1) dx + \int_{-1}^{+1} v(+1, y) dy + \int_{+1}^{-1} u(x, +1) dx + \int_{+1}^{-1} v(-1, y) dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} + \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{dy}{1 + y^2} + \int_{+1}^{-1} \frac{-x dx}{x^2 + 1} + \int_{+1}^{-1} \frac{-dy}{1 + y^2} \\ &= 4 \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{d\alpha}{1 + \alpha^2} = 4[\tan^{-1} \alpha]_{-1}^{+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma = 2\pi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \omega &= \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)} - \frac{2x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)} - \frac{2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \omega = 0 \quad \text{provided} \quad x \text{ and } y \neq 0$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{-2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \text{provided} \quad x \text{ and } y \neq 0$$



**Problem 2.9**

$$u = \alpha y; \quad v = \beta x$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \Gamma = \oint \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l} &= \int_{-1}^{+1} (-\alpha) dx + \int_{-1}^{+1} \beta dy + \int_{+1}^{-1} \alpha dx + \int_{+1}^{-1} (-\beta) dy \\ &= [-\alpha x]_{-1}^{+1} + [\beta y]_{-1}^{+1} + [\alpha x]_{+1}^{-1} + [-\beta y]_{+1}^{-1} \\ &= -2\alpha + 2\beta - 2\alpha + 2\beta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma = -4(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$(b) \quad \int_A \omega \cdot \mathbf{n} dA = \int \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = \int (\beta - \alpha) dx dy$$

$$\int_A \omega \cdot \mathbf{n} dA = -4(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad \frac{dx}{ds} &= \alpha y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{ds} = \beta x \\ \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\beta x}{\alpha y} \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha y dy = \beta x dx \\ \alpha \frac{y^2}{2} &= \beta \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{c^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta x^2 - \alpha y^2 = c^2$$

$$(d) \quad \alpha = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = +1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = c^2 \quad \text{where } u = -y \quad \text{and} \quad v = x.$$

But  $x = 1$  when  $y = 0$  so that  $c^2 = 1$ . Therefore;

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$(e) \quad \alpha = \beta = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 = c^2 \quad \text{where } u = y \quad \text{and} \quad v = x.$$

But  $x = 0$  when  $y = 0$  so that  $c = 0$ . Therefore;

$$y = \pm x$$

**Problem 2.10**

The vorticity vector will be in the  $z$  direction and its magnitude will be:

$$\omega(R, \theta) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R u_\theta) - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial u_R}{\partial \theta}$$

(a)  $u_R = 0$  and  $u_\theta = \omega R$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R u_\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (\omega R^2) = 2 \omega R$$

and  $\frac{\partial u_R}{\partial \theta} = 0$

$$\therefore \omega(R, \theta) = 2 \omega R$$

(b)  $u_R = 0$  and  $u_\theta = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi R}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R u_\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \right) = 0$$

and  $\frac{\partial u_R}{\partial \theta} = 0$

$$\therefore \omega(R, \theta) = 0 \quad \text{provided } R \neq 0$$