
FLOW KINEMATICS

Problem 2.1

The following graph was drawn using EXCEL.

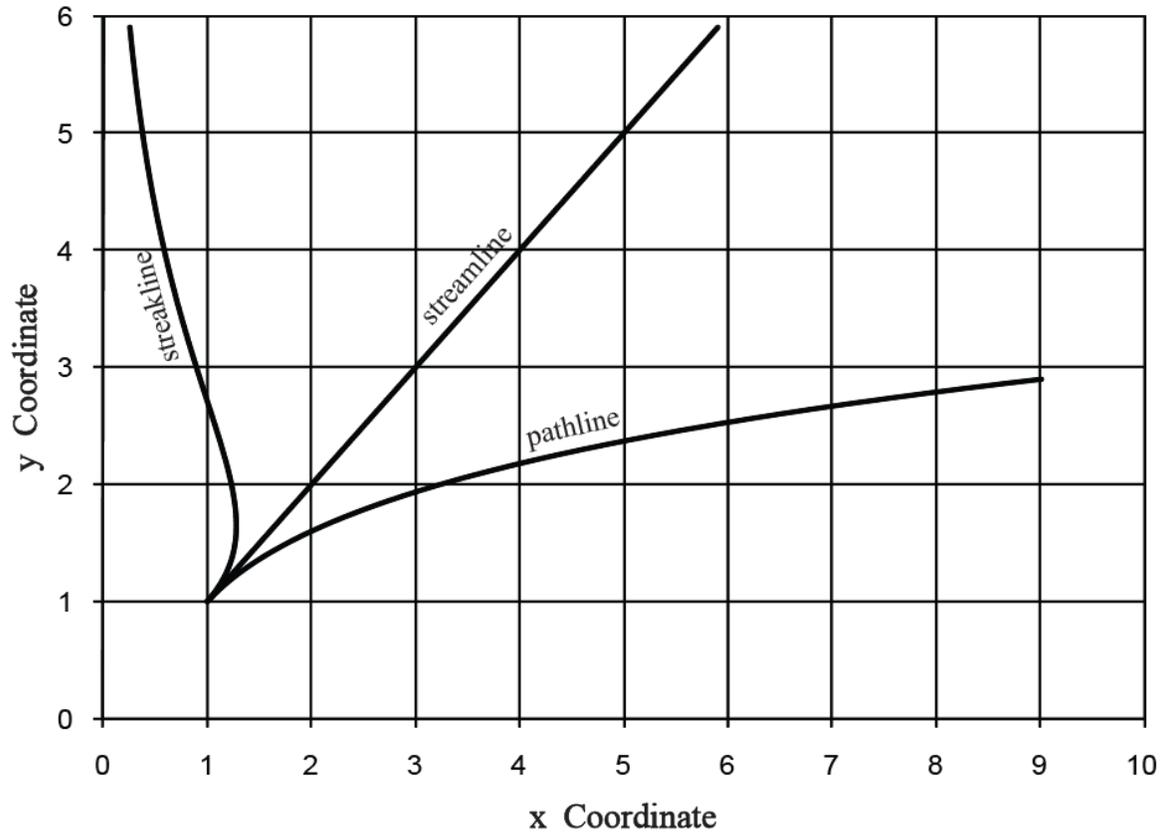


Figure Q.2.1: Streamline, pathline, and streakline for the flow field $u = x(1+2t)$, $v = w = 0$

Problem 2.2

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

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

But $x = y = 1$ 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 τ between these two equations yields the following equation for the streakline at $t = 0$:

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

Problem 2.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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:

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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:

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

$$\therefore \log x_i = \log(1+t) + \log C_i$$

$$\text{or } x_i = C_i(1+t)$$

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

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

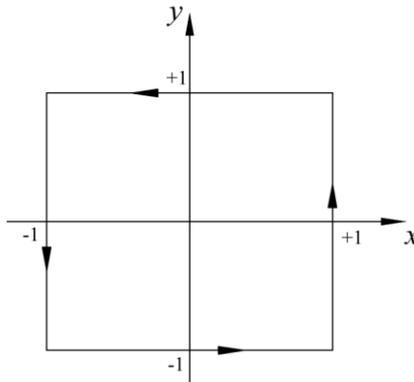
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Gamma &= \int_{-1}^{+1} u(x, -1) \, dx + \int_{-1}^{+1} v(+1, y) \, dy + \int_{+1}^{-1} u(x, +1) \, dx + \int_{+1}^{-1} v(-1, y) \, dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{-x \, dx}{x^2 + 1} + \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{y \, dy}{1 + y^2} + \int_{+1}^{-1} \frac{-x \, dx}{x^2 + 1} + \int_{+1}^{-1}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

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

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

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

$$\Gamma = 2\pi$$

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

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

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

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

Problem 2.9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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