

# Kelvin's circulation theorem

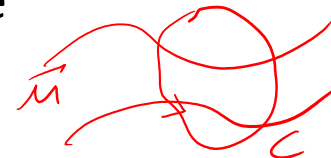
- An ideal fluid that is vorticity free at a given instant is vorticity free at all times.  $\vec{\omega} = 0$

- Demonstration: see Faber 120-122

- In three dimensions the conservation of vorticity (which corresponds to the conservation of angular momentum in mechanics) takes a somewhat subtle form.

- The circulation of a velocity field is defined to be

$$K(t) = \oint_C \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot d\mathbf{l},$$



where the line is a closed loop which moves with the fluid.

# Circulation and vorticity

- By Stokes' theorem

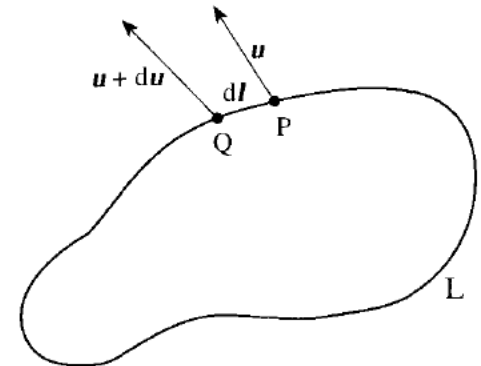
$$K = \oint_{C(t)} \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \int_{S(t)} \underbrace{(\nabla \times \mathbf{u})}_{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS = \int_{S(t)} \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS,$$

where  $S(t)$  is a surface whose edges connect with  $C(t)$ .

$K$  is zero for all loops if  $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$  is zero in the domain!

Kelvin's theorem asserts that

$$\frac{DK}{Dt} = 0.$$

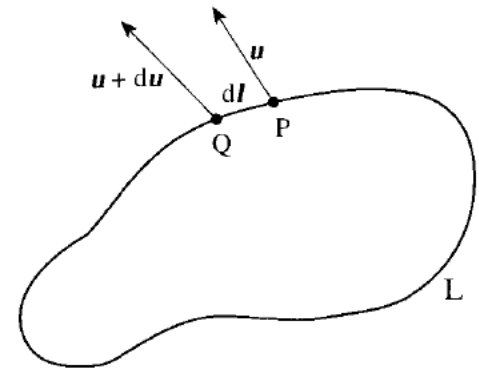


# Demonstration

The loop moves with the flow and thus

$$\frac{DK}{Dt} = \oint_C \underbrace{\frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt}} + \underbrace{\vec{u} \cdot \frac{D(d\vec{l})}{Dt}}$$

The second term is the relative velocity of two nearby points on the loop and can be written as  $(\partial u / \partial l) dl$ .



$$\frac{D(d\vec{l})}{Dt} = d\vec{l} \cdot \nabla \vec{u}$$



Hence

$$\oint_C \vec{u} \cdot \frac{D(d\vec{l})}{Dt} = \oint_C \vec{u} \cdot [d\vec{l} \cdot \nabla \vec{u}] = \frac{1}{2} \oint_C \nabla(\vec{u}^2) \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Stokes}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int_S \underbrace{(\nabla \times \nabla \vec{u}^2)}_{=0} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

If the fluid is incompressible, using Euler:

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} = -\nabla\left(\frac{p}{\rho} + gz\right),$$

$$\oint_C \frac{D\vec{u}}{Dt} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\oint_C \nabla\left(\frac{p}{\rho} + gz\right) \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Stokes}}{=} -\int_S \underbrace{[\nabla \times \nabla\left(\frac{p}{\rho} + gz\right)]}_{=0} \cdot d\vec{S} = 0$$

Therefore:

$$\boxed{\frac{DK}{Dt} = 0}$$

- fluido ideal  
( $\nu = 0$ ,  $e = cte$ )
- $\vec{\omega} = 0$

# Superposition

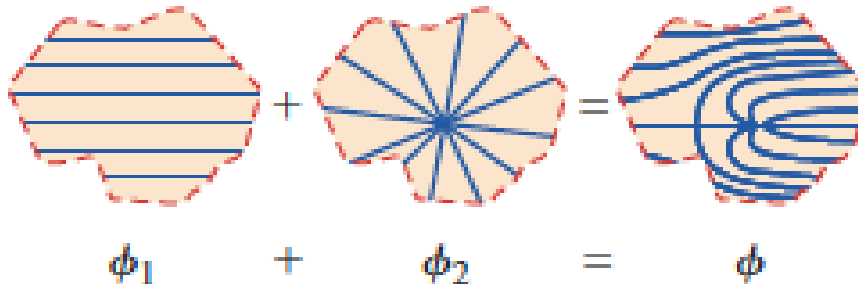
$$\nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla$$

- Since the Laplace equation is a linear homogeneous differential equation, the linear combination of two or more solutions of the equation must also be a solution.

- For example, if  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are each solutions of the Laplace equation, then  $A\phi_1 + B\phi_2$  are also solutions, where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants.

$$\nabla^2 \phi_r = \nabla^2 (A\phi_1 + B\phi_2) = A\nabla^2 \phi_1 + B\nabla^2 \phi_2$$

- By extension, you may combine several solutions of the Laplace equation, and the combination is guaranteed to also be a solution.



# Uniform (free) stream

Uniform stream:

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = V \quad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\phi = Vx + f(y) \rightarrow v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = f'(y) = 0 \rightarrow f(y) = \text{constant}$$

Velocity potential function for a uniform stream:

$$\phi = Vx = C_1 \Rightarrow u = \frac{C_1}{x}$$

Stream function for a uniform stream:

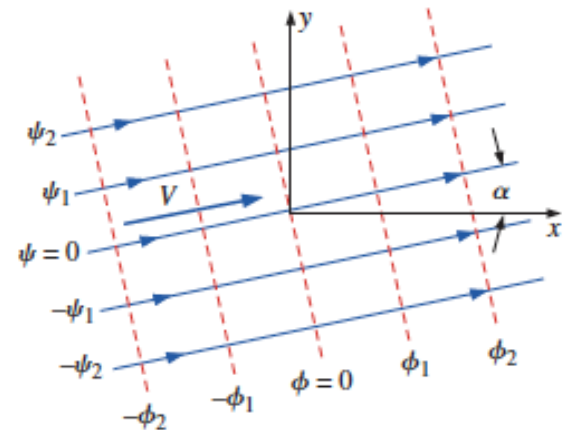
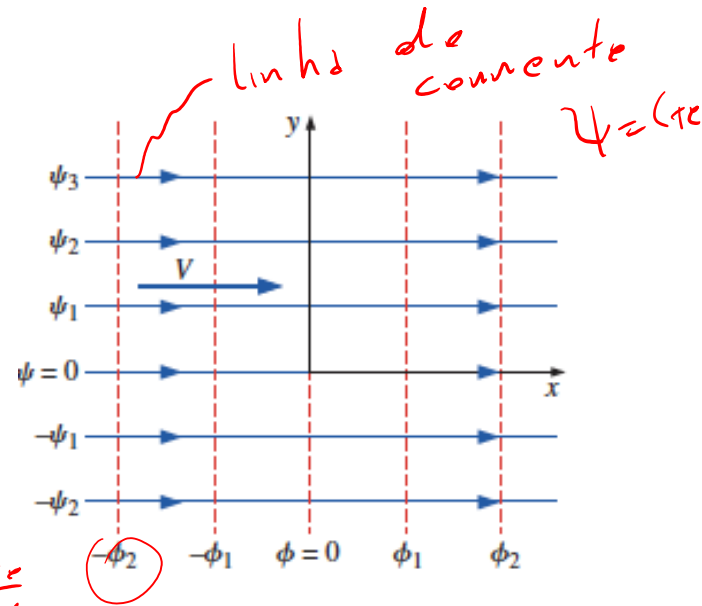
$$\psi = Vy = C_2 \Rightarrow y = \frac{C_2}{V}$$

Uniform stream:

$$\phi = Vr \cos \theta \quad \psi = Vr \sin \theta$$

Uniform stream inclined at angle  $\alpha$ :

$$\begin{cases} \phi = V(x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha) \\ \psi = V(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha) \end{cases}$$



# Line source or sink

Let the volume flow rate per unit depth, be the line source strength,  $m$

$$\frac{\dot{V}}{L} = 2\pi r u_r \quad u_r = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi r}$$

The components of the velocity are

*Line source:* 
$$u_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi r} \quad u_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = 0$$

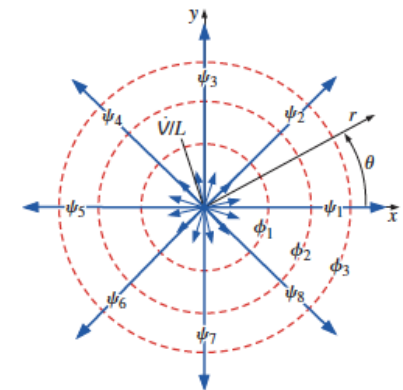
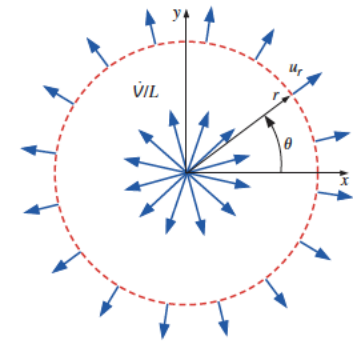
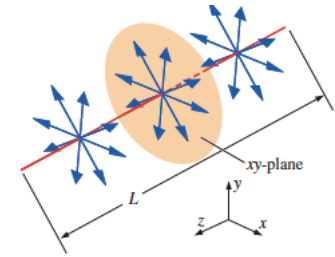
$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = -u_\theta = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \psi = f(\theta) \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = f'(\theta) = r u_r = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi}$$

With solution

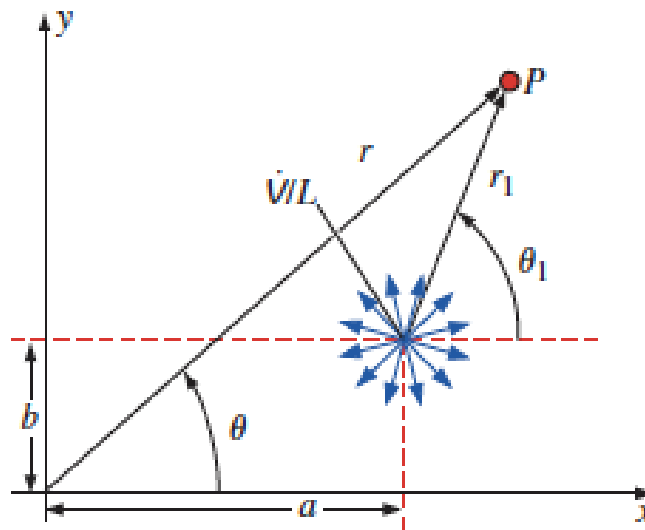
$$f(\theta) = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta + \text{constant}$$

*Line source at the origin:*

$$\phi = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \ln r \quad \text{and} \quad \psi = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta$$



# Line source or sink at an arbitrary point



$$r_1 = \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}$$

Line source at point  $(a, b)$ :

$$\phi = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \ln r_1 = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \ln \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2}$$

$$\psi = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta_1 = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \arctan \frac{y-b}{x-a}$$



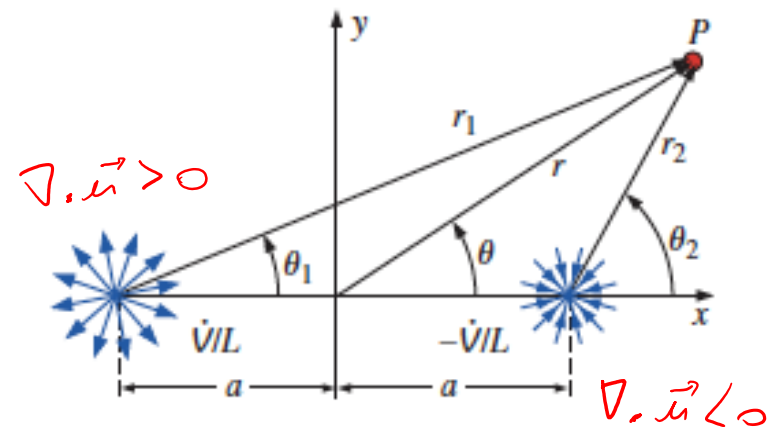
# Superposition of a source and sink of equal strength

Line source at  $(-a, 0)$ :  $\psi_1 = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta_1$  where  $\theta_1 = \arctan \frac{y}{x+a}$

Similarly for the sink,

Line sink at  $(a, 0)$ :  $\psi_2 = \frac{-\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta_2$  where  $\theta_2 = \arctan \frac{y}{x-a}$

Composite stream function:  $\psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$



Final result, Cartesian coordinates:  $\psi = \frac{-\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \arctan \frac{2ay}{x^2 + y^2 - a^2}$

Final result, cylindrical coordinates:  $\psi = \frac{-\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \arctan \frac{2ar \sin \theta}{r^2 - a^2}$

Using

$$\arctan(u) \pm \arctan(v) = \arctan\left(\frac{u \pm v}{1 \mp uv}\right) \pmod{\pi}, \quad uv \neq 1.$$

# Line vortex

The radial component of the velocity is zero and

*Line vortex:* 
$$u_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad u_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

where  $\Gamma = 2\pi r u_\theta$ , is the circulation, around a loop of radius  $r$ .

Then,

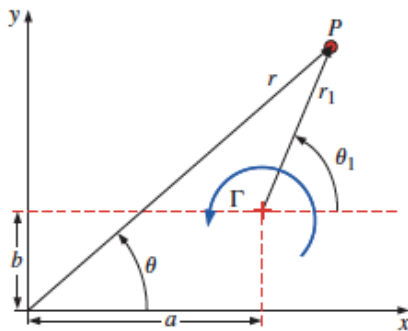
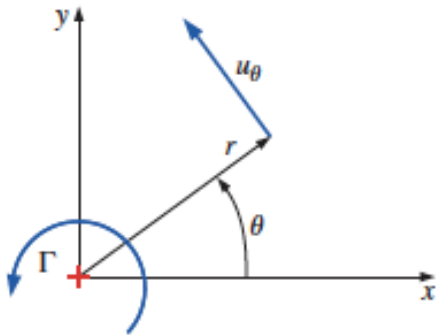
*Line vortex at the origin:*

$$\phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta \quad \psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r$$

$$\phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta_1 = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \arctan \frac{y - b}{x - a}$$

*Line vortex at point (a, b):*

$$\psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r_1 = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \sqrt{(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2}$$



# Superposition of a line sink and a line vortex at the origin

The stream function is

*Superposition:*

$$\psi = \underbrace{\frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta}_{\text{fonte}} - \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r}_{\text{vortice}}$$

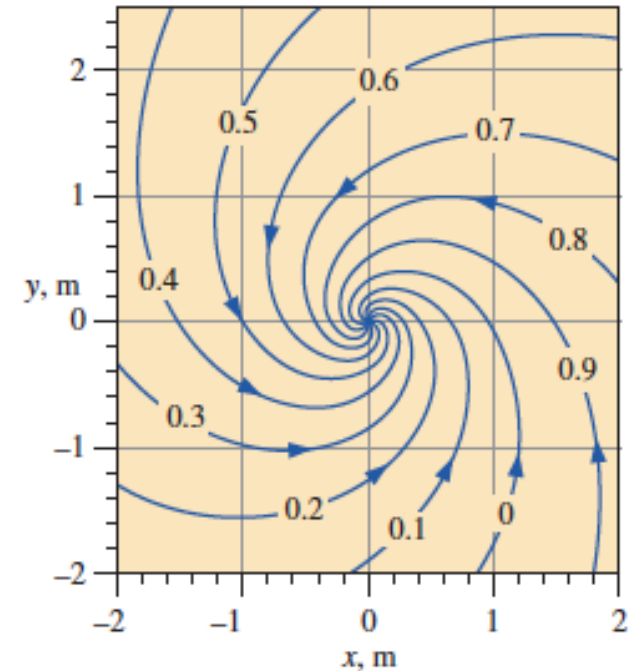
with streamlines

*Streamlines:*

$$r = \exp\left(\frac{(\dot{V}/L)\theta - 2\pi\psi}{\Gamma}\right)$$

*Velocity components:*

$$u_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi r} \quad u_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$



Note that velocity diverges at the origin, which is a singularity (unphysical).