

Chapters 1 Preliminary Concepts & 2 Fundamental Equations of Compressible Viscous Flow

(5) Vorticity Theorems

The incompressible flow momentum equations focus attention on \underline{V} and p and explain the flow pattern in terms of inertia, pressure, gravity, and viscous forces. Alternatively, one can focus attention on $\underline{\omega}$ and explain the flow pattern in terms of the rate of change, deforming, and diffusion of $\underline{\omega}$ by way of the vorticity equation. As will be shown, the existence of $\underline{\omega}$ generally indicates that viscous effects are important since fluid particles can only be set into rotation by viscous forces. Thus, the importance of this topic (for potential flow) is to demonstrate that under most circumstances, an inviscid flow can also be considered irrotational.

1. Vorticity Kinematics

$$\underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \underline{V} = (w_y - v_z)\hat{i} + (u_z - w_x)\hat{j} + (v_x - u_y)\hat{k}$$

$$\omega_i = \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_j} = \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_k} \right) = 2 \times \text{the angular velocity of the fluid element (i, j, k cyclic)}$$

$$\varepsilon_{123} = \varepsilon_{231} = \varepsilon_{312} = 1$$

$$\varepsilon_{321} = \varepsilon_{213} = \varepsilon_{132} = -1$$

$$\varepsilon_{ijk} = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

alternating tensor

A quantity intimately tied with vorticity is the circulation:

$$\Gamma = \oint \underline{V} \cdot \underline{dx}$$

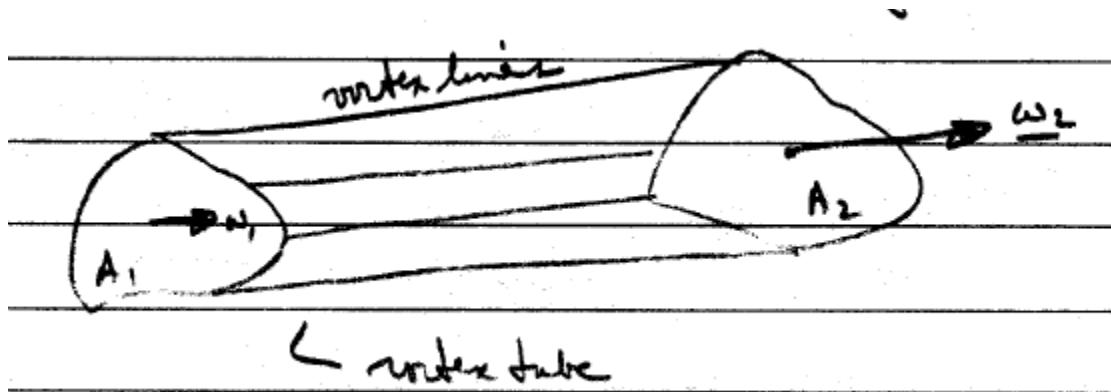
Stokes Theorem:

$$\oint \underline{a} \cdot \underline{dx} = \int_A \nabla \times \underline{a} \cdot \underline{dA}$$

$$\therefore \Gamma = \oint \underline{V} \cdot \underline{dx} = \int_A \nabla \times \underline{V} \cdot \underline{dA} = \int_A \underline{\omega} \cdot \underline{n} dA$$

Which shows that if $\underline{\omega} = 0$, i.e., if the flow is irrotational, then $\Gamma = 0$ also.

Vortex line = lines which are everywhere tangent to the vorticity vector.



Next, we shall see that vorticity and vortex lines must obey certain properties known as the Helmholtz vorticity theorems, which have great physical significance.

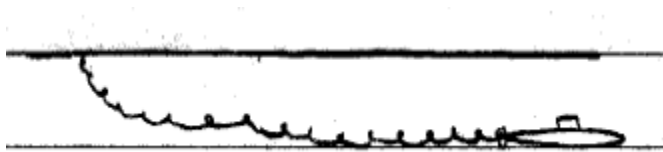
The first is the result of its very definition:

$$\underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \underline{V}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\omega} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{V}) = 0 \quad \text{Vector identity}$$

i.e., the vorticity is divergence-free, which means that there can be no sources or sinks of vorticity within the fluid itself.

Helmholtz Theorem #1: a vortex line cannot end in the fluid. It must form a closed path (smoke ring), end at a boundary, solid or free surface, or go to infinity.



Propeller vortex is known to drift up towards the free surface.

The second follows from the first and using the divergence theorem:

$$\int_{\forall} \nabla \cdot \underline{\omega} d\forall = \int_A \underline{\omega} \cdot \underline{n} dA = 0$$

Application to a vortex tube results in the following.

<p>Minus sign due to outward normal</p>	$\underbrace{\int_{A1} \underline{\omega} \cdot \underline{n} dA}_{\longrightarrow -\Gamma_1} + \underbrace{\int_{A2} \underline{\omega} \cdot \underline{n} dA}_{\Gamma_2} = 0$
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$$\text{Or } \Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2$$

Helmholtz Theorem #2:

The circulation around a given vortex line (i.e., the strength of the vortex tube) is constant along its length.

This result can be put in the form of a simple one-dimensional incompressible continuity equation. Define ω_1 and ω_2 as the average vorticity across A_1 and A_2 , respectively.

$$\omega_1 A_1 = \omega_2 A_2$$

which relates the vorticity strength to the cross-sectional area changes of the tube.

2. Vortex dynamics

Consider the substantial derivative of the circulation assuming incompressible flow and conservative body forces.

$$\frac{D\Gamma}{Dt} = \frac{D}{Dt} \oint \underline{V} \cdot \underline{dx} = \oint \frac{D\underline{V}}{Dt} \cdot \underline{dx} + \oint \underline{V} \cdot \frac{D}{Dt} \underline{dx}$$

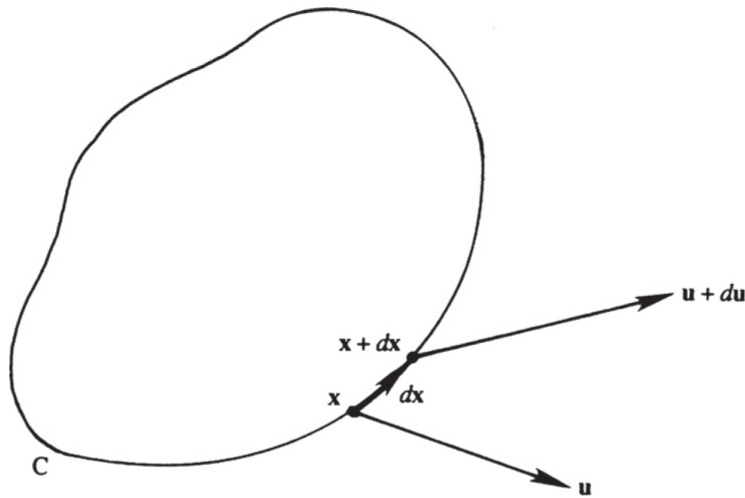


FIGURE 5.4 Contour geometry for the Proof of Kelvin's circulation theorem. Here the short segment dx of the contour C moves with the fluid so that $D(dx)/Dt = d\underline{u}$.

From the N-S equations we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D\underline{V}}{Dt} &= \frac{1}{\rho} \underline{f} - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{V} \\ &= -\nabla \left(\Phi + \frac{p}{\rho} \right) + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{V} \end{aligned}$$

Define $\underline{f} = -\nabla \Phi$ for the gravitational body force $\Phi = \rho g z$.

$$\text{Also, } \frac{D}{Dt} \underline{dx} = d \frac{D\underline{x}}{Dt} = d\underline{V}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{D\Gamma}{Dt} &= \oint \underbrace{[-\nabla(\Phi + p/\rho)] \cdot d\underline{x}}_{-\oint d\Phi - \oint \frac{dp}{\rho}} \\
&\quad + \oint [\nu \nabla^2 \underline{V}] \cdot d\underline{x} + \underbrace{\oint \underline{V} \cdot d\underline{V}}_{\frac{1}{2} \oint d(\underline{V} \cdot \underline{V})} \\
&= \oint \left[-d\Phi - \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} dV^2 \right] + \nu \oint \nabla^2 \underline{V} \cdot d\underline{x} \\
&= 0 \text{ since integration is around a closed} \\
&\quad \text{contour and } \Phi, p, \text{ \& } V \text{ are single valued}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{D\Gamma}{Dt} = \oint [\nu \nabla^2 \underline{V}] \cdot d\underline{x} = -\nu \oint \nabla \times \underline{\omega} \cdot d\underline{x}$$

$$\nabla \times \underbrace{(\nabla \times \underline{V})}_{\underline{\omega}} = \underbrace{\nabla(\nabla \cdot \underline{V})}_{=0} - \nabla^2 \underline{V}$$

Implication: The circulation around a material loop of particles changes only if the net viscous force on those particles gives a nonzero integral.

If $\nu = 0$ or $\underline{\omega} = 0$ (i.e., inviscid or irrotational flow, respectively) then

$$\frac{D\Gamma}{Dt} = 0$$

The circulation of a material loop never changes.

Kelvins Circulation Theorem: for an ideal fluid (i.e., inviscid, incompressible, and irrotational) acted upon by conservative body forces (e.g., gravity) the circulation is constant about any closed material contour moving with the fluid, which leads to:

Helmholtz Theorem #3: No fluid particle can have rotation if it did not originally rotate. Or, equivalently, in the absence of rotational forces, a fluid that is initially irrotational remains irrotational. In general, we can conclude that vortices are preserved as time passes. Only through the action of viscosity can they decay or disappear.

Kelvins Circulation Theorem and Helmholtz Theorem #3 are very important in the study of inviscid flow. The important conclusion is reached that a fluid that is initially irrotational remains irrotational, which is the justification for ideal-flow theory.

Production of Vorticity at Walls: A solid wall produces vorticity that emanates into the fluid due to the no slip condition/shear stress

1) Limiting ψ and ω lines on a solid wall

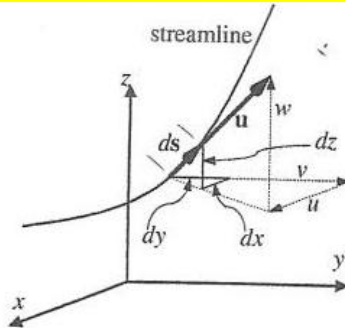


FIGURE 3.5 Streamline geometry. The arc-length element of a streamline, ds , is locally tangent to the fluid velocity \underline{u} so its components and the components of the velocity must follow (3.7).

$$\underline{u} \times d\underline{s} = 0 \Rightarrow (v dz - w dy)\hat{i} + (w dx - u dz)\hat{j} + (u dy - v dx)\hat{k}$$

i.e. along ψ $\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{v}{w}$ $\frac{dx}{dz} = \frac{u}{w}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v}{u}$

or $\frac{dy}{v} = \frac{dz}{w} = \frac{dx}{u}$ whose solution gives ψ

Note for $\underline{u} = 0$ no unique direction = stagnation point

Potential flow: $\psi =$ constant on surface solid body but slip velocity

Viscous flow: no slip condition implies stagnation surface
However, can define surface streamlines

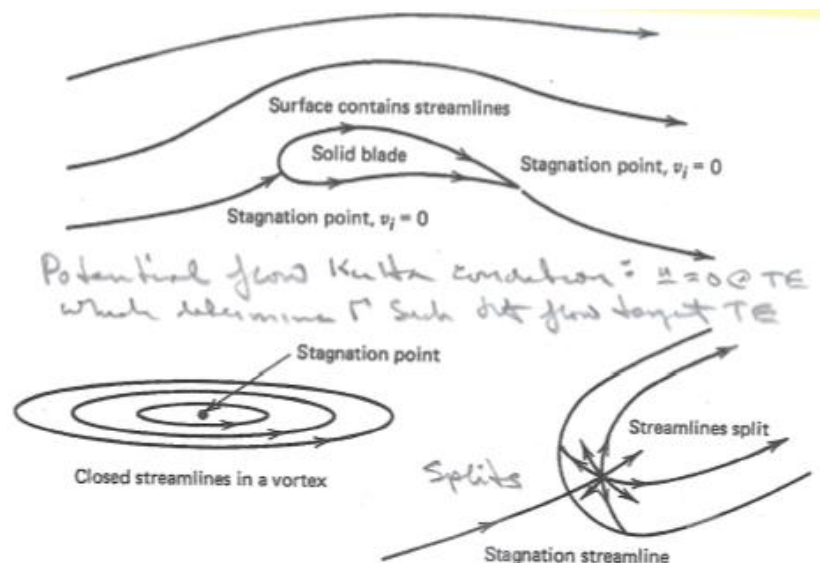
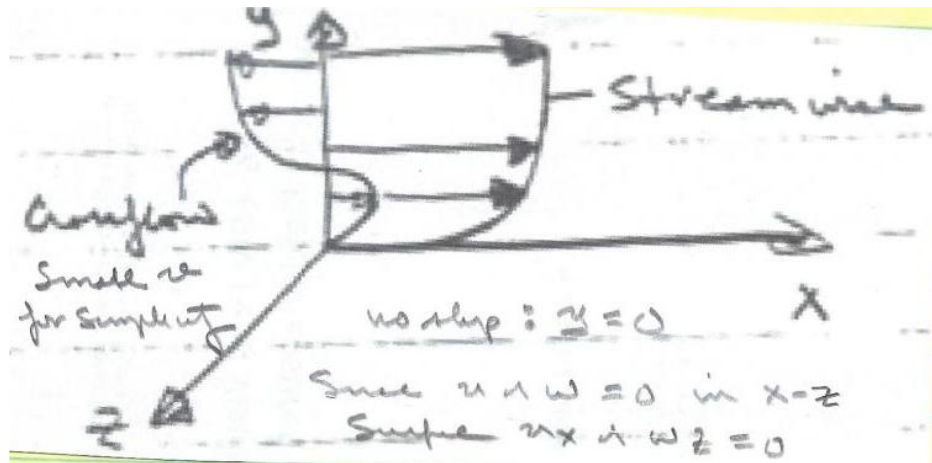


Figure 12.1 Streamline patterns with stagnation points.



$$\nabla \cdot \underline{V}|_{y=0} \Rightarrow u_x + v_y + w_z = 0|_{y=0}$$

Assume flat wall but
also valid curved
surface

$$v_y|_{y=0} = 0$$

Taylor series y direction

$$u = 0 + u_{y0}y + \dots$$

$$v = 0 + 0 + v_{yy0} \frac{y^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$w = 0 + w_{y0}y + \dots$$

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dx} \right|_{\psi_0} = \tan \theta = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{w}{u} = \frac{w_{y0}}{u_{y0}}$$

L'Hôpital rule

where θ = angle ψ_0 with x-axis in the plane of the wall since the streamline angles in the y-x and y-z planes, i.e., $\left. \frac{v}{u} \right|_{y=0} =$

$\left. \frac{w}{u} \right|_{y=0} = 0$, are both zero.

$\rho = \text{constant}$ $\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$ and ψ cannot end in fluid, i.e. end/return ∞ or closed loop or can emanate from surface stagnation point

$$\text{Stream tube: } \int \nabla \cdot \underline{u} dV = 0 = \int \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} dA = \int_{A_1} \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} dA + \int_{A_2} \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} dA$$

$$Q_{\text{in}} = Q_{\text{out}}$$

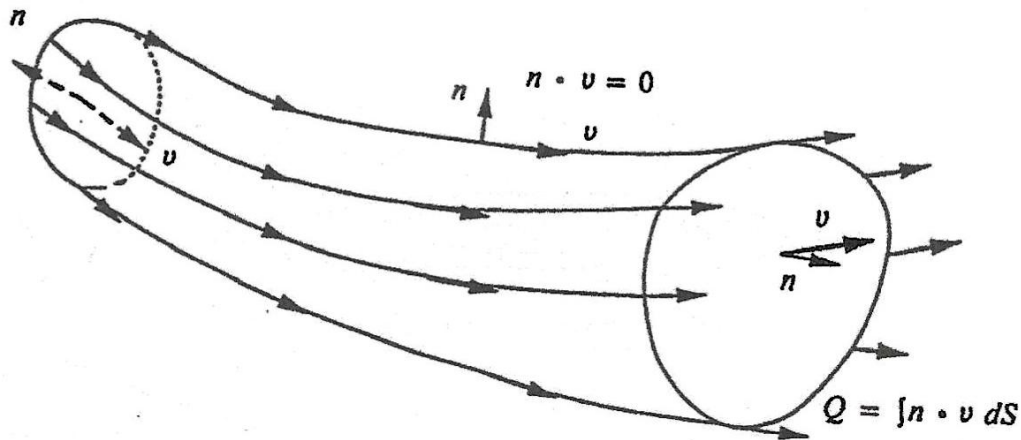


Figure 12.2 Streamtube at an instant in time.

Next consider $\underline{\omega}$ components on $y = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_x &= w_y - v_z = w_{y_0} \\ \omega_y &= u_z - w_x = 0 \\ \omega_z &= v_x - u_y = -u_{y_0} \end{aligned} \right\} y=0$$

Since $\omega_y = 0$, $\underline{\omega}$ lies in wall

$$\left. \frac{dz}{dx} \right|_{\omega \text{ lines}} = \frac{\omega_z}{\omega_x} = \frac{-u_{y_0}}{w_{y_0}} = -1 / \left. \frac{dz}{dx} \right|_{\psi}$$

Vortex lines are perpendicular to ψ on $y=0$ but not necessarily for $y \neq 0$ i.e. in fluid volume.

Since $\nabla \cdot \omega = 0$, ω cannot end in the fluid with same conclusions reached for ψ .

TOPOLOGY OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL SEPARATED FLOWS¹

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Singular Points

Singular points in the pattern of skin-friction lines occur at isolated points on the surface where the skin friction (τ_{w1} , τ_{w2}) in Equation (3), or alternatively the surface vorticity (ω_1 , ω_2) in Equation (4), becomes identically zero. Singular points are classifiable into two main types: nodes and saddle points. Nodes may be further subdivided into two subclasses: nodal points and foci (of attachment or separation).

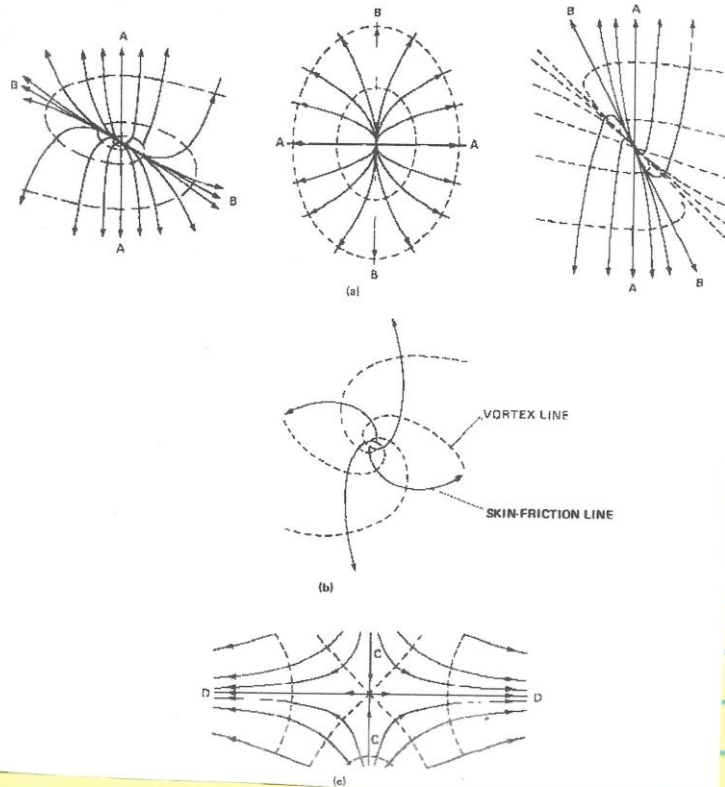
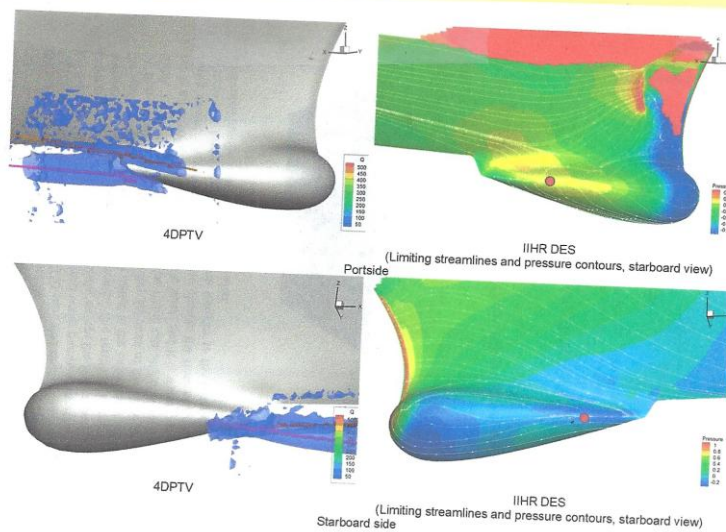


Figure 1 Singular points: (a) node; (b) focus; (c) saddle (Lighthill 1963).



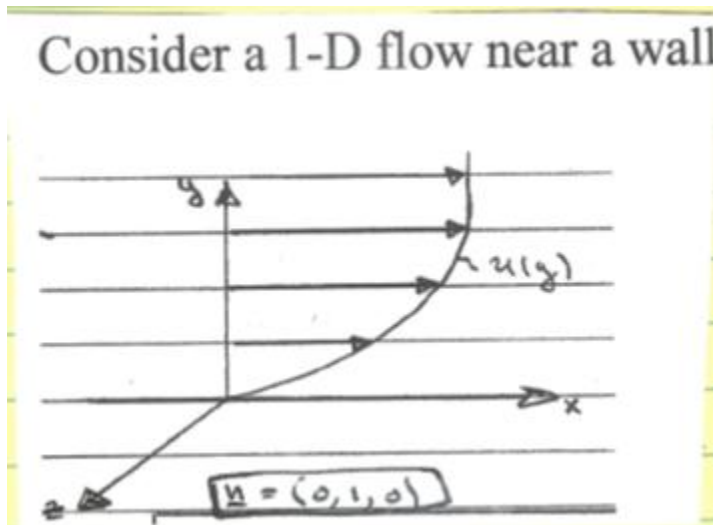
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Vortices formed by milk when poured into a cup of coffee

2) Relationship ω and τ_w

$$y = 0 \quad u_x = 0, v_y = 0 \text{ and } w_z = 0$$



or x-axis along $\psi|_{\theta=0}$
such that $w = 0$ and
 $w_{y0} = 0$

The viscous force per unit area (stress) is given by:

$$f_i = n_j \tau_{ij}, \quad \text{where } \tau_{ij} = \mu \varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{\mu}{2} (u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})$$

$$\tau_{11}n_1 + \tau_{12}n_2 + \tau_{13}n_3 = f_x$$

$$\tau_{21}n_1 + \tau_{22}n_2 + \tau_{23}n_3 = f_y$$

$$\tau_{31}n_1 + \tau_{32}n_2 + \tau_{33}n_3 = f_z$$

$$\tau_{12} = \mu \varepsilon_{12} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$\tau_{22} = \mu \varepsilon_{22} = 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\tau_{32} = \mu \varepsilon_{32} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

Which shows that

$$f_x = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \quad f_y = f_z = 0$$

However, from the definition vorticity we also see that

$$f_x = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\mu \omega_z$$

More generally, for any coordinate system

$$\underline{f}_{\text{viscous}} = f_i = n_j \tau_{ij} = -\mu \underline{n} \times \underline{\omega}^1 \quad \begin{aligned} f_x &= -\mu \omega_z = \mu u_{y_0} \\ f_z &= \mu \omega_x = \mu w_{y_0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\omega} = \omega_x \hat{i} + \omega_y \hat{j} + \omega_z \hat{k}$$

$$\underline{n} \times \underline{\omega} = -\omega_x \hat{k} + \omega_z \hat{i}$$

$$\underline{n} = n_2 \hat{j}$$

The wall shear stress and vorticity are directly related.

Once vorticity is generated, its subsequent behavior is governed by the vorticity equation.

¹ See Appendix A

3) Vorticity flux at a solid wall

In analogy with heat flux, the vorticity flux vector is

$$\sigma_i = -n_j \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial x_j} \quad \text{flux of } \omega \text{ across plane with normal } \underline{n}$$

$$\underline{\sigma} = -\underline{n} \cdot \nabla \underline{\omega} = \hat{j}$$

$$\sigma_x = -\frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial y}, \sigma_y = -\frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial y}, \sigma_z = -\frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial y}$$

σ_x and σ_z can be related to p_x and p_z by evaluating the momentum equation on $y=0$

$$\rho \left[\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla (\underline{V} \cdot \underline{V}) - \underline{V} \times \underline{\omega} \right] = -\nabla p - \mu \nabla \times \underline{\omega} \quad \text{neglect } \underline{g}$$

$$y=0$$

$$\nabla p = -\mu \nabla \times \underline{\omega}$$

$$\text{Since } \underline{V}(0) = 0$$

Pressure gradient along surface drives

σ_z and σ_x vorticity flux into the fluid.

Pressure gradient perpendicular surface related $\omega(0)$ gradients

along wall and flux into fluid using $\nabla \cdot \omega = 0$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -\mu \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial y} = \mu \sigma_z$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \mu \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial y} = -\mu \sigma_x$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = -\mu \left(\frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\sigma_y = -\frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial x} +$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) \times (\omega_x \hat{i} + \omega_y \hat{j} + \omega_z \hat{k})$$

$$\frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial x} \hat{k} - \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial x} \hat{j} - \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial y} \hat{k} + \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial y} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial z} \hat{j} - \frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial z} \hat{i}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial x} \right) \hat{j}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k}$$

on $y = 0$, since $\omega_y = 0$

$\omega_y = 0$ but flux ω_y out of wall depends on ω_x and ω_z gradients along the wall

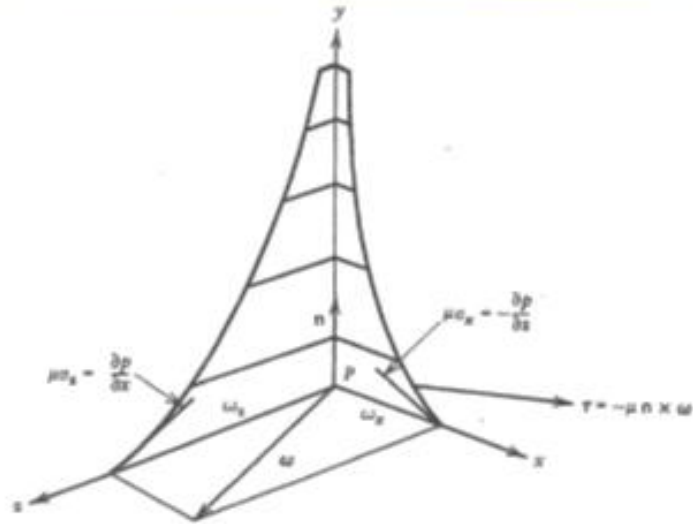


Figure 13.1 Vorticity and vorticity flux at a solid wall.

The vorticity transport equation does not explicitly include pressure:

$$\frac{D\underline{\omega}}{Dt} = \underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega}$$

Leading to idea pressure does not influence $\underline{\omega}$, which would be more accurately stated as not directly influence; since, ∇p related vorticity flux from wall.

ROLE OF FREE-SURFACE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS AND NONLINEARITIES
IN WAVE/BOUNDARY-LAYER AND WAKE INTERACTION

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3.4 Vortex/Free-Surface Interaction

Vorticity can either be distributed as in a shear flow or concentrated as in elemental vortices (i.e., vortex rings and pairs and a wing-tip vortex). Vortex/free-surface interaction refers to investigations of interactions of elemental vortices with a free surface. The interactions are primarily controlled by Re , Fr , Weber number $We (= \rho U^2 L / T$, where L is the vortex-ring radius R or the spacing of the vortex pair D , and T is surface tension), and contamination number $W (= \frac{\Delta T R}{\mu \Gamma}$, where ΔT is the difference in surface tension between a clean and contaminated surface and Γ is the circulation of the vortex ring or pair) values. Complex interactions occur involving interrelated free-surface deformation, secondary-vorticity generation, and vorticity disconnection/reconnection. The free-surface deformations include gravity and capillary waves and scars, striation, and whirls. Secondary-vorticity generation is related both to the free-surface deformation and the vortex disconnection/reconnection process, i.e.,

segments of vorticity lines move toward and merge with the free surface leaving the open ends of the remaining vortex lines terminating at the free surface.

First, some basic aspects of vorticity production, flux, and transport will be discussed (e.g., Panton, 1984). Vorticity can not be generated (or destroyed) in the interior of a homogeneous fluid under normal conditions since by vector identity $\nabla \cdot \omega = 0$, which implies that there can be no sources or sinks of vorticity within the fluid.

However, vorticity can be generated (i.e., produced/fluxed) at boundaries.

Production/flux refers to specified values and gradients of vorticity, respectively, at the boundary. Vorticity is produced at a solid-wall boundary due to the no-slip condition where the wall vorticity is related to the wall-shear stress by

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_w = -\frac{1}{Re} \mathbf{n} \times \boldsymbol{\omega} \quad (3.4)$$

In analogy to heat flux, the vorticity flux \mathbf{q} is defined as

$$q_i = -n_j \frac{\partial \omega_i}{\partial x_j} \quad (3.5)$$

where q_i means the flux of i vorticity across a boundary with normal n_j . Positive and negative values of q_i correspond to vorticity sinks and sources, respectively. (3.5) can be equivalently expressed through vector identity (Rood, 1993a,b) by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q} &= -\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\omega} \\ &= \mathbf{n} \times \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\omega} - (\nabla \boldsymbol{\omega}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

The terms on the right-hand side of (3.6) can be further expanded through the use of the NS equation [i.e., (4.2) for laminar flow] and vector identity, respectively, to read

$$\mathbf{n} \times \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{n} \times [-Re(\mathbf{a} + \nabla p)] \quad (3.7)$$

$$(\nabla \omega) \cdot \mathbf{n} = \nabla(\omega \cdot \mathbf{n}) - \omega \cdot \nabla \mathbf{n} \quad (3.8)$$

where $\mathbf{a} = \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial t} + \sum_{j=1}^3 U_j \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j}$ is the fluid acceleration and ∇p is the piezometric pressure gradient. (3.7) is a vector tangent to the free surface with magnitude proportional to the sum of the fluid acceleration and piezometric pressure gradient. (3.8) is the sum of the gradient of the normal component of vorticity and dot product of ω and $\nabla \mathbf{n}$, which is related to the surface curvature. Thus, the physical mechanism for \mathbf{q} is a combination of acceleration, piezometric pressure gradient, gradient of normal component of vorticity, and dot product of ω and $\nabla \mathbf{n}$. Vorticity flux at solid-wall boundaries due to pressure gradients and acceleration were discussed by Lighthill (1963) and Morton (1984), respectively. Vorticity flux at a free surface has been discussed by Batchelor (1967), Lugt (1987), and Rood (1993a,b). Once generated, vorticity is governed by the vorticity-transport equation

$$\frac{D\omega}{Dt} = (\omega \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V} + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \omega \quad (3.8)$$

$\frac{D\omega}{Dt}$ represents the temporal and convective rate of change of ω . $(\omega \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V}$ represents the change in magnitude and redistribution from one component to another of ω by stretching and turning, respectively. $\frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \omega$ represents the net rate of viscous diffusion of ω . For two-dimensional flow, $(\omega \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{V}$ is zero. For three-dimensional flow, complex interactions occur due to stretching and turning. Note that (3.8) does not contain either pressure or vorticity generation terms.

Once vorticity is generated, its subsequent behavior is governed by the vorticity equation.

$$\text{N-S} \quad \frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} = -\nabla(p/\rho) + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{V} \quad \text{Neglect } \underline{f}$$

$$\text{Or} \quad \frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{V} \cdot \underline{V} \right) - \underline{V} \times \underline{\omega} = -\nabla(p/\rho) + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{V}$$

The vorticity equation is obtained by taking the curl of this equation. (Note $\nabla \times (\nabla \theta) = 0$).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} - \underbrace{\nabla \times (\underline{V} \times \underline{\omega})}_{\downarrow} &= \nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega} \\ &= \underline{V}(\nabla \cdot \underline{\omega}) - \underline{\omega}(\nabla \cdot \underline{V}) - (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla) \underline{\omega} + (\underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla) \underline{V} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the transport Eq. for $\underline{\omega}$ is:

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} + (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla) \underline{\omega}}_{\substack{\frac{D\underline{\omega}}{Dt} \\ \text{Rate of change of } \underline{\omega}}} = \underbrace{(\underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla) \underline{V}}_{\substack{\text{Rate of} \\ \text{deforming} \\ \text{vortex lines}}} + \underbrace{\nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega}}_{\text{Rate of viscous diffusion of } \underline{\omega}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} + \left(u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \underline{\omega} \\ = \left(\omega_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \omega_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \omega_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \underline{V} + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \omega_x}{\partial z} \\
&= \underbrace{\omega_x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}}_{\text{stretching}} + \underbrace{\omega_y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \omega_z \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}}_{\text{turning}} + \nu \nabla^2 \omega_x \\
& \frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \omega_y}{\partial z} \\
&= \omega_x \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \omega_y \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \omega_z \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \nu \nabla^2 \omega_y \\
& \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \omega_z}{\partial z} \\
&= \omega_x \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \omega_y \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \omega_z \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \nu \nabla^2 \omega_z
\end{aligned}$$

Note:

(1) Equation does not involve p explicitly

(2) For 2-D flow $(\underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla) \underline{V} = 0$ since $\underline{\omega}$ is perpendicular to \underline{V} and there is no deformation of $\underline{\omega}$, i.e.,

$$\frac{D \underline{\omega}}{Dt} = \nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega}$$

To determine the pressure field, the divergence of the N-S equation is taken.

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_j^2}$$

$\nabla \cdot (NS)$:

$$\nabla \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} \right] = -\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{p}{\rho} \right) + \nu \nabla^2 \nabla \cdot \underline{V}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} - \nu \nabla^2 \underline{V} \right) + \nabla \cdot (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}) = -\nabla^2 \left(\frac{p}{\rho} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \nu \nabla^2 \right) \nabla \cdot \underline{V} + \nabla \cdot (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}) = -\nabla^2 \left(\frac{p}{\rho} \right)$$

$$\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} = u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) = \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + u_j \cancel{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}) = \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \nu \nabla^2 \right) \nabla \cdot \underline{V} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla^2 p - \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}$$

For $\nabla \cdot \underline{V} = 0$: $\nabla^2 p = -\rho \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}$

Poisson equation determines pressure up to additive constant. In the end, μ not in equation; however, RHS is $f(\mu)$.

Alternative derivation vorticity transport equation

$$\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} &= \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} \underline{V} \cdot \underline{V} \right) - \underline{V} \times \underline{\omega} \\ \nabla^2 \underline{V} &= \nabla (\nabla \cdot \underline{V}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{V}) = -\nabla \times \underline{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \nabla K - \underline{V} \times \underline{\omega} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - \nu \nabla \times \underline{\omega}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} - \underline{V} \times \underline{\omega} + \underbrace{\nabla \left(K + \frac{\hat{p}}{\rho} \right)}_{\text{Bernoulli equation for steady inviscid irrotational flow}} = -\nu \nabla \times \underline{\omega} \quad \text{Stokes form NS}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times (\underline{V} \times \underline{\omega}) &= \underline{V} (\cancel{\nabla \cdot \underline{\omega}}) + \underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} - \underline{\omega} (\cancel{\nabla \cdot \underline{V}}) - \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{\omega} \\ &= \underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} - \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

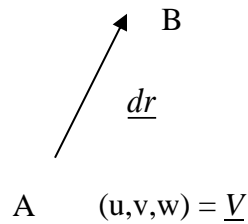
$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{\omega}) = \nabla (\cancel{\nabla \cdot \underline{\omega}}) - \nabla^2 \nabla \cdot \underline{\omega}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{\omega} = \underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega} = \frac{D \underline{\omega}}{Dt}$$

viscous diffusion

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\omega}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{\omega} = \underbrace{\underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}}_{\text{Vortex stretching / turning}} + \overbrace{\nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega}}^{\text{viscous diffusion}} = \frac{D \underline{\omega}}{Dt} = \text{rate of change following fluid particle}$$

The relative motion between two neighboring fluid particles.



@ B: $\underline{V} + \underline{dV} = \underline{V} + \nabla \underline{V} \cdot \underline{dr}$ 1st order Taylor Series

$$u_b = u_a + u_x dx + u_y dy + u_z dz + u_{xx} \frac{dx^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$v_b = v_a + v_x dx + v_y dy + v_z dz + v_{xx} \frac{dx^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$w_b = w_a + w_x dx + w_y dy + w_z dz + w_{xx} \frac{dx^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$\underline{dV} = (u_B - u_A, v_B - v_A, w_B - w_A)$$

$$\underline{dV} = \nabla \underline{V} \cdot \underline{dr} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ dz \end{bmatrix} = e_{ij} dx_j$$

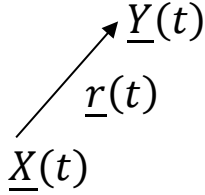
↑
relative motion

deformation rate
tensor = e_{ij}

$\underline{dV} = dV_i = (dV_1, dV_2, dV_3)$

Vortex Stretching & Turning

Consider two neighboring fluid particles



$$\underline{r} = \underline{Y} - \underline{X}$$

$$\underline{\hat{r}} = \frac{\underline{r}}{R}, \quad \text{where } R = |\underline{r}|$$

$$\frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} = \underline{u}(\underline{x}, t) \quad \underline{X}(t) = \underline{X}(0) + \int_0^t \underline{u} \, dt$$

$$\underline{X}(\Delta t) = \underline{X}(0) + \underline{u}(\underline{X}(0), 0) \Delta t \quad \Delta t \text{ small}$$

$$\underline{Y}(\Delta t) = \underline{Y}(0) + \underline{u}(\underline{Y}(0), 0) \Delta t$$

$$\underline{r}(\Delta t) = \underline{Y}(\Delta t) - \underline{X}(\Delta t) = \underbrace{\underline{Y}(0) - \underline{X}(0)}_{\underline{r}(0)} + \underbrace{[\underline{u}(\underline{Y}(0), 0) - \underline{u}(\underline{X}(0), 0)]}_{\text{arrow}} \Delta t$$

As per derivation $d\underline{V} = \nabla \underline{V} \cdot d\underline{r}$

$$\underline{u}(\underline{Y}(0), 0) = \underline{u}(\underline{X}(0), 0) + \nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{r}(0) \leftarrow \begin{cases} \underline{Y}(0) = \underline{X}(0) + \underline{r}(0) \\ \underline{r}(0) \text{ small w.r.t. TS} \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{r}(\Delta t) = \underline{r}(0) + \nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{r}(0) \Delta t$$

$$\underline{r}(\Delta t) = \underline{\hat{r}}(\Delta t) R(\Delta t)$$

$$\underline{r}(0) = \underline{\hat{r}}(0) R(0)$$

$$\underline{\hat{r}}(\Delta t) R(\Delta t) = \underline{\hat{r}}(0) R(0) + \nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\hat{r}}(0) R(0) \Delta t$$

$$\div (R(\Delta t) \Delta t) \\ \text{And } -\underline{\hat{r}}(0) / \Delta t$$

$$\frac{\underline{\hat{r}}(\Delta t) - \underline{\hat{r}}(0)}{\Delta t} = \frac{-\underline{\hat{r}}(0) [R(\Delta t) - R(0)]}{R(0) \Delta t} + \frac{R(0)}{R(\Delta t)} \nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\hat{r}}(0)$$

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{d\underline{\hat{r}}}{dt} + \alpha \underline{\hat{r}} = \nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\hat{r}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt} = \text{fractional rate of change of line element } \underline{r}$$

Let $\hat{r} = \underline{\omega}/|\underline{\omega}|$, unit vector in direction vorticity

$$\underbrace{\nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\omega}}_{\text{vortex stretching \& turning term in vorticity transport equation or contraction}} = \alpha \underline{\omega} + |\underline{\omega}| \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \right) \quad (1) \quad (2)$$

(1) stretching in direction $\underline{\omega}$ due $\frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt}$, which strengthens or weakens $\underline{\omega}$

(2) using $\frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \cdot \frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} = 1$

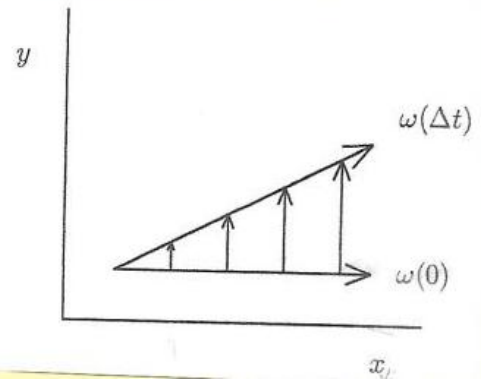
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \cdot \frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \right] = 0 = 2 \frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \right)$$

Shows (2) is a vector perpendicular $\underline{\omega}$, therefore it represents turning of $\underline{\omega}$ into two orthogonal directions

This analysis shows how $\nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\omega}$ term can stretch and turn vorticity as it evolves in time and can transfer energy between smaller scales via the Richardson energy cascade.

$$\nabla \underline{u} \cdot \underline{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y & u_z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \\ w_x & w_y & w_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 18.1. Shearing of ω_1 in a velocity field $v(x)$ to create ω_2 vorticity.



$$\underline{\omega} = \omega_1 \hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}, \quad \text{i.e. } \omega_2 = \omega_3 = 0$$

Neglecting $\nu \nabla^2 \underline{\omega}$

$$\frac{D\omega_1}{Dt} = \omega_1 u_x \quad \frac{D\omega_2}{Dt} = \omega_1 v_x \quad \frac{D\omega_3}{Dt} = \omega_1 w_x$$

using previous analysis:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_1 u_x &= \alpha \omega_1 \\ \omega_1 v_x &= \omega_1 \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \right) \hat{i} \\ \omega_1 w_x &= \omega_1 \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{\omega}|} \right) \hat{j} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &\alpha = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ &\text{creation } \omega_2 \text{ and } \omega_3 \text{ due to } v_x \text{ and } w_x \\ &\text{Fig illustrates production } \omega_2 \text{ from } \omega_1 \text{ where } v_x \text{ is component} \\ &\text{of } d(\underline{\omega}/|\underline{\omega}|)/dt \text{ projected onto } y \text{ direction} \end{aligned}$$

In the general case, arbitrarily oriented vorticity filaments are simultaneously stretched or compressed and reoriented by the shearing motions. The propensity for vorticity to stretch and reorient is the main driving force behind the appearance and maintenance of turbulence in flowing fluids. In essence, this physical process is how energy is transferred to small scales, where the action of viscous forces in smoothing the flow and dissipating energy become important. A discussion of these and other aspects of turbulent flow may be found in several books (e.g., Bernard & Wallace 2002; Pope 2000).

Vortex stretching and reorientation: fundamental importance energy cascade

Cartesian coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\Omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} &= \underbrace{(\Omega_x u_x + \Omega_y u_y + \Omega_z u_z)}_{\text{stretching}} \hat{i} \\ &+ \underbrace{(\Omega_x v_x + \Omega_y v_y + \Omega_z v_z)}_{\text{turning}} \hat{j} \\ &+ (\Omega_x w_x + \Omega_y w_y + \Omega_z w_z) \hat{k} \\ \Omega_i &= \text{component} \\ \text{Subscript } \underline{V} &= \text{derivative}\end{aligned}$$

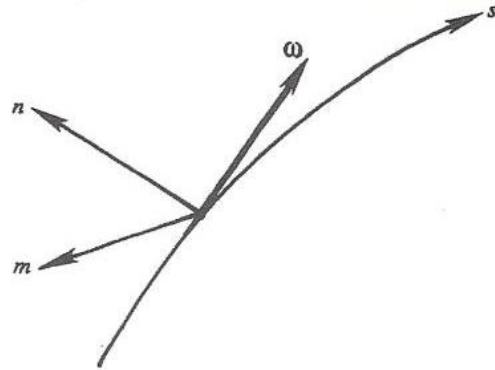


FIGURE 5.11 Natural coordinate system aligned with the vorticity vector.

Curvilinear coordinate tangent $\underline{\Omega}$: $\hat{e}_s = \underline{\Omega}/|\underline{\Omega}|$

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\Omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} &= \underline{\Omega} \cdot \left(\hat{e}_s \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \hat{e}_n \frac{\partial}{\partial n} + \hat{e}_m \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \right) \underline{u} \\ \text{where } \underline{\Omega} \cdot \hat{e}_n &= \underline{\Omega} \cdot \hat{e}_m = 0 \text{ and } \underline{\Omega} \cdot \hat{e}_s = \Omega = |\underline{\Omega}| \\ &= \Omega \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial s} = \Omega \times \text{derivative} \\ &\quad \underline{u} \text{ direction } \underline{\Omega}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\underbrace{\Omega \frac{\partial u}{\partial s}}_{\text{stretching}}, \quad \underbrace{\Omega \frac{\partial v}{\partial s}, \quad \Omega \frac{\partial w}{\partial s}}_{\text{turning about n \& m axes}} \right)$$

$$\frac{D\underline{\omega}}{Dt} = \underline{\omega} \cdot \nabla \underline{u}, \quad \text{neglect } \nu$$

$$\frac{D\underline{\omega}}{Dt} = \underline{\omega} \cdot \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{D\omega_s}{Dt} = \Omega \frac{\partial u_s}{\partial s} \quad \text{important turbulent flow}$$

$$\frac{D\omega_n}{Dt} = \Omega \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial s} \quad \frac{D\omega_m}{Dt} = \Omega \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial s}$$

$$\underline{\omega} \cdot \underline{\omega} = \omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2 = \omega^2$$

$$|\underline{\omega}| = \sqrt{\omega^2}$$

$$\hat{e}_s = \underline{\omega}/|\underline{\omega}|$$

$$\underline{\omega} \cdot \hat{e}_s = \omega/\sqrt{\omega^2} = \sqrt{\omega^2}$$

Stream Function Vorticity Approach (restricted 2D)

$$u = \psi_y, \quad v = -\psi_x, \quad \omega_z = v_x - u_y = \omega$$

$$\psi_{xx} + \psi_{yy} = -\omega \quad \text{Poisson equation}$$

$$\omega_t + u\omega_x + v\omega_y = \nu \nabla^2 \omega$$

$$\omega_t + \psi_y \omega_x - \psi_x \omega_y = \nu (\omega_{xx} + \omega_{yy}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{parabolic t} \\ \text{elliptic (x, y)} \end{array}$$

two equations two unknowns ω and ψ

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 p &= 2\rho(u_x v - u_y v_x) \\ &= 2\rho(-\psi_{yx} \psi_{xy} + \psi_{yy} \psi_{xx}) \\ &= 2\rho(\psi_{xx} \psi_{yy} - \psi_{xy}^2) \end{aligned}$$

vs primitive variable approach

$$\nabla \cdot V = 0$$

$$\frac{DV}{Dt} = -\nabla(p/\rho) + \nu \nabla^2 V$$

$$\nabla^2(p/\rho) = -\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial u_j}$$

In both cases need appropriate initial and boundary conditions

3-46 Derive the two-dimensional Poisson relation for pressure, Eq. (3-256).

$$\nabla \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \underline{V}}{\partial t} + \underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} \right] = -\nabla \left(\frac{p}{\rho} \right) + \nu \nabla^2 \underline{V}$$

$$\nabla^2 \left(\frac{\hat{p}}{\rho} \right) = -\nabla \cdot (\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V}) \quad \underline{V} = u\hat{i} + v\hat{j}$$

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\hat{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\hat{j}$$

$$\nabla \cdot [(uu_x + vu_y)\hat{i} + (uv_x + vv_y)\hat{j}]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(uu_x + vu_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(uv_x + vv_y)$$

$$= \overset{1}{u_x^2} + \cancel{\overset{2}{uu_{xx}}} + \overset{3}{v_x u_y} + \cancel{\overset{4}{vu_{yx}}} + \overset{5}{u_y v_x} + \cancel{\overset{6}{uv_{xy}}} + \overset{7}{v_y^2} + \cancel{\overset{8}{vv_{yy}}}$$

$$2 + 6 = u_y(u_x + v_y) = 0$$

$$4 + 8 = v_x(u_x + v_y) = 0$$

$$3 = 5 = 2u_y v_x$$

$$1 + 7 = -u_x v_y - v_y u_x = -2u_x v_y$$

$$\nabla^2 \hat{p} = 2(u_x v_y - u_y v_x) = \nabla^2 p$$

See Appendix B

To do this, write the x- and y-momentum (Navier–Stokes) equations in the forms

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \dots (2)$$

Take $\partial/\partial x$ (Eq. 1) and add it to $\partial/\partial y$ (Eq. 2) to give $\nabla^2 p$. The gravity term vanishes (assuming that g is constant) and the viscous terms (assuming constant μ) vanish by virtue of the continuity equation. What remains is a string of 8 acceleration-related terms:

$$\nabla^2 p = -\rho \left[\underset{1}{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2} + \underset{2}{u \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}} + \underset{3}{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}} + \underset{4}{v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}} + \underset{5}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}} + \underset{6}{u \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y}} + \underset{7}{\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)^2} + \underset{8}{v \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2}} \right]$$

Now combine as follows: Terms 2 and 6, when $(u \partial/\partial x)$ is factored out, vanish due to continuity; likewise for terms 4 and 8 when $(v \partial/\partial y)$ is factored out. Replace one $(\partial u/\partial x)$ in term 1 by $(-\partial v/\partial y)$, and replace one $(\partial v/\partial y)$ in term 7 by $(-\partial u/\partial x)$, thus making terms 1 and 7 equal. Terms 3 and 5 are already equal. The final result is Eq. (3-256):

$$\nabla^2 p = 2\rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \quad (\text{Answer})$$

3. Kinematic Decomposition of flow fields

Previously, we discussed the decomposition of fluid motion into translation, rotation, and deformation. This was done locally for a fluid element. Now we shall see that a global decomposition is possible.

Helmholtz's Decomposition: any continuous and finite vector field can be expressed as the sum of the gradient of a scalar function ϕ plus the curl of a zero-divergence vector \underline{A} . The vector \underline{A} vanishes identically if the original vector field is irrotational.

$$\underline{V} = \underline{V}^\omega + \underline{V}^\phi$$

Where: $\underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \underline{V}^\omega$
 $0 = \nabla \times \underline{V}^\phi$

The irrotational part of the velocity field can be expressed as the gradient of a scalar.

$$\rightarrow \underline{V}^\phi = \nabla \phi$$

If $\nabla \cdot \underline{V} = \nabla \cdot \underline{V}^\omega + \nabla \cdot \underline{V}^\phi = 0$

Then	$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$	The GDE for ϕ is the Laplace Eq.
And	$\underline{V}^\omega = \nabla \times \underline{A}$	Since $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{A}) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla \times \underline{V}^\omega &= \underline{\omega} = \nabla \times \nabla \times \underline{A} \\
&= -\nabla^2 \underline{A} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \underline{A}) \quad \text{Again, by vector identity} \\
\text{i.e.} \quad \nabla^2 \underline{A} &= -\underline{\omega}
\end{aligned}$$

The solution of this equation is $\underline{A} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\underline{\omega}}{|\underline{R}|} d\mathcal{V}$

$$\text{Thus} \quad \underline{V}^\omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\underline{R} \times \underline{\omega}}{|\underline{R}|^3} d\mathcal{V}$$

Which is known as the Biot-Savart law.

The Biot-Savart law can be used to compute the velocity field induced by a known vorticity field. It has many useful applications, including in ideal flow theory (e.g., when applied to line vortices and vortex sheets it forms the basis of computing the velocity field in vortex-lattice and vortex-sheet lifting-surface methods).

The important conclusion from the Helmholtz decomposition is that any incompressible flow can be thought of as the vector sum of rotational and irrotational components. Thus, a solution for irrotational part \underline{V}^ϕ represents at least part of an exact solution. Under certain conditions, high Re flow about slender bodies with attached thin boundary layer and wake, \underline{V}^ω is small over much of the flow field such that \underline{V}^ϕ is a good approximation to \underline{V} . This is probably the strongest justification for ideal-flow theory: incompressible, inviscid, and irrotational flow.