

**Today, we will:**

- Continue discussing Chapter 10 – Inviscid regions of flow; irrotational regions of flow

**D. Approximation for Inviscid Regions of Flow**

1. Definition of Inviscid Regions of Flow and the Euler Equation

**Definition: An inviscid region of flow is a region of flow in which net viscous forces are negligible compared to pressure and/or inertial forces.**

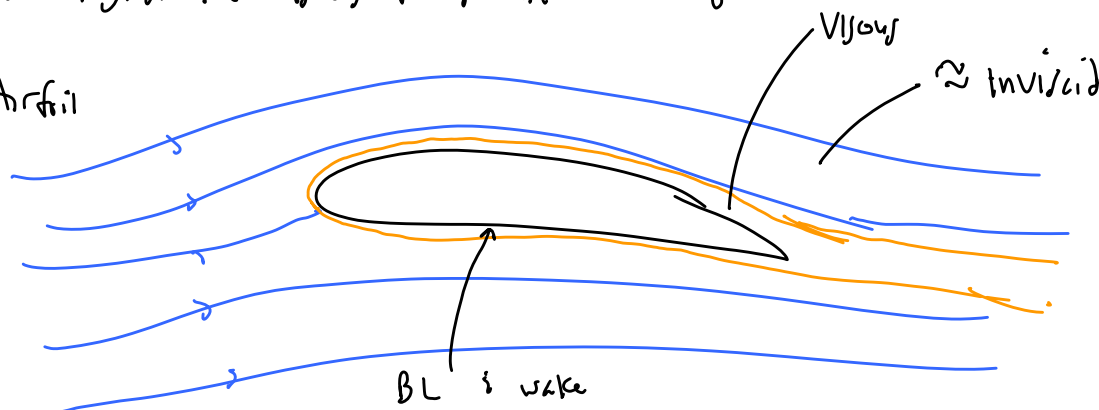
NOTE "Inviscid" does not mean that the viscosity is zero

All fluids have viscosity

But - there are regions in some flows where viscous effects are negligible compared to inertial & pressure effects  
 ∴ we neglect the viscous terms in N-S eq.

Eg.

Airfoil



Mathematically, this occurs at high Re (opposite of creeping flow)

• Normalized N-S eq:

$$[St] \frac{2\vec{V}^*}{dt^*} + (\vec{V}^* \cdot \nabla^*) \vec{V}^* = -[Eu] \nabla^* P^* + \left[\frac{1}{Fr}\right] \vec{g}^* + \left[\frac{1}{Re}\right] \nabla^{*2} \vec{V}^*$$

• Dimensional variables, N-S reduce to

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = -\nabla P + \rho \vec{g}$$

★ EULER EQ

≡ N-S eq. w/ viscous terms neglected

for  $Re \gg 1$  we ignore the viscous term

★ Valid in inviscid regions of flow

## 2. The Bernoulli Eq.

- In Ch. 5 (recall) → Bernoulli eq. is a degenerate form of the energy eq.

$$\frac{P}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = \text{constant along a streamline} \quad \star$$

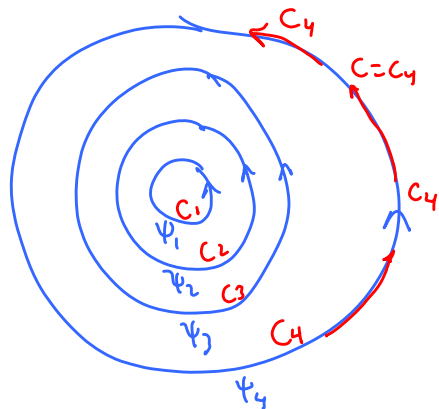
- We can derive (see text) the same eq. for inviscid regions of flow (from the Euler eq)

- E.g. → see Eg. 10-3 in text (solid body rotation)

↓ no shear, ∴ viscous terms go away

∴ Euler eq. & Bernoulli eq apply

Summary



$$\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = C$$

$C$  varies →  $C$  is different on different streamlines

$C = \text{constant along any one streamline}$

$$\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant along streamlines in inviscid regions of flow.}$$

## E. The Irrotational Flow Approximation [Sec 10-5]

- Intro recall, Vorticity =  $\vec{\zeta} = \nabla \times \vec{V}$  (curl of  $\vec{V}$ )

• if  $\vec{\zeta} = 0$ , flow is irrotational in some region of flow

• if  $\vec{\zeta} \neq 0$ , flow is rotational " "

• From math class, an identity:

for any vector  $\vec{V} \Rightarrow$

$$\text{if } \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} = 0, \text{ then } \vec{V} = \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

$[\phi = \text{potential function}]$

Here, let  $\vec{V} = \vec{v} = \text{velocity vector}$ . So,

if the flow is irrotational, then  $\vec{\omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} = 0$ ,  $\therefore$  we can write  $\vec{V}$

$$\text{as } \vec{V} = \vec{\nabla} \phi \quad \star$$

$\phi = \text{velocity potential (a scalar)}$

Summary

If the flow is irrotational, then  $\vec{V} = \vec{\nabla} \phi \quad \star$

$\star$  Irrotational flows are also called potential flows.

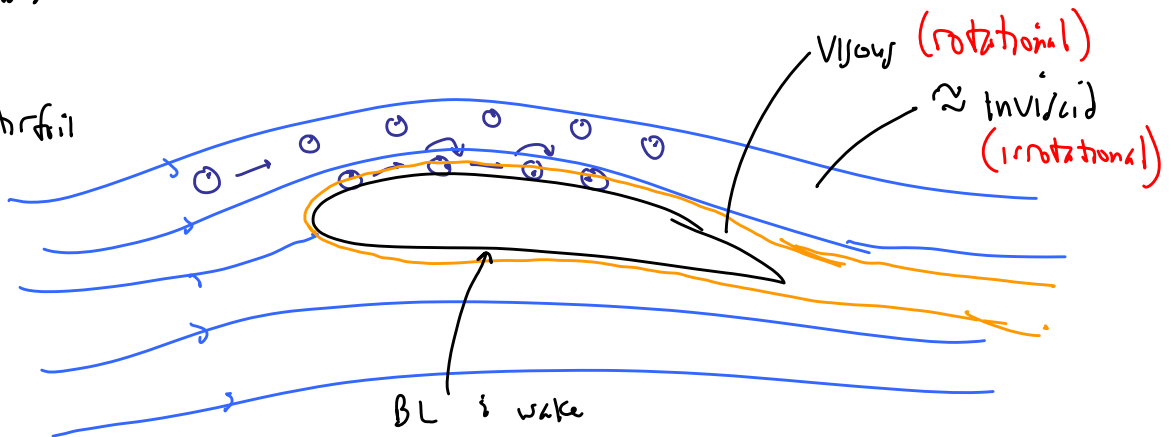
$$\vec{V} = \vec{\nabla} \phi \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} & v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} & w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} & \text{Cartesian coord} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} u_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} & u_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} & u_z = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} & \text{cyl. coord.} \end{matrix}$$

• Usefulness:

Eg.

Airfoil



## 2. Eqs of motion for irrotational flow

a. Continuity

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

but

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

$$\therefore \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \phi) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

= Laplacian eq.  $\star$

b. N-S eq

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = -\vec{\nabla}P + \rho\vec{g} + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{V}$$

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

$$\mu \nabla^2 (\vec{\nabla}\phi)$$

But, for a smooth continuous function  $\phi$ , the order of differentiation does not matter.

$$\mu \vec{\nabla} (\nabla^2 \phi)$$

$$0 \quad \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \text{ (const)}$$

N/S eq reduces to the Euler Eq.

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = -\vec{\nabla}P + \rho\vec{g}$$

Euler Eq holds for irrotational flow

c. Bernoulli eq.

(See text for derivation)

When  $\vec{\zeta} = 0$  (irrotational region of flow) then

$$\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = C = \text{constant everywhere in the irrotational region}$$

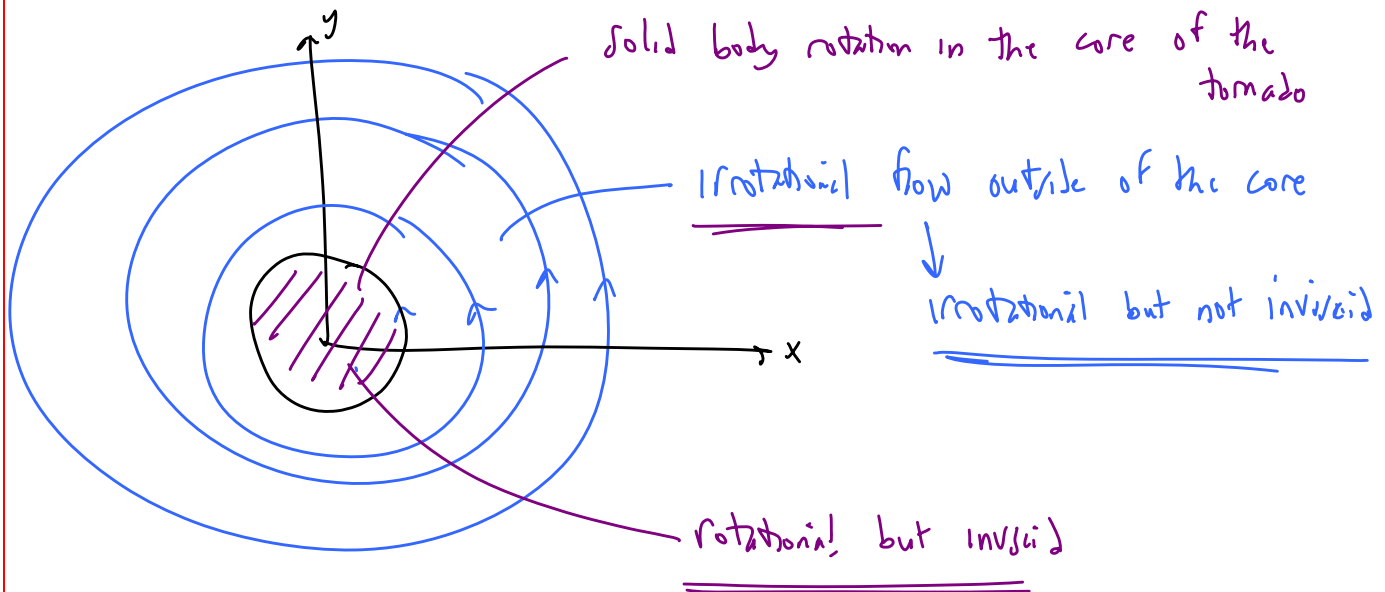
Compare

- Inviscid region  $\rightarrow$  Bernoulli eq is valid, but  $C$  is const. only along streamlines
- Irrotational region  $\rightarrow$  " " " "  $C$  is const. everywhere.

the irrotational flow approx. is more restrictive than the inviscid approx

d. Examples

See Eq 10-4 in text  $\rightarrow$  simple model of a tornado



### 3. 2-D Irrotational Flow

- a. Approximations:
- 2-D
  - steady
  - incompressible
  - irrotational

Eqs:  $\vec{V} = \vec{\nabla} \phi \Rightarrow \left[ u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right]$

Continuity  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\nabla^2 \phi = 0}$  Laplace eq.

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0 \right]$$

Stream function  $\left[ u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right]$

Irrotationality  $\vec{\zeta} = 0 \rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$

In 2-D, only the z-component remains

Plug in  $\psi$ :  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \psi = 0} \quad \star$$

Stream func. also satisfies Laplace Eq!

• N-S eq  $\rightarrow$  reduces to Euler eq.

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = -\vec{\nabla}P + \rho\vec{g}, \text{ which reduces to Bernoulli's eq}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant everywhere}}$$

SUMMARY OF EQ'S FOR 2D, steady, incompressible, irrotational flow:



$$\boxed{\vec{V} = \vec{\nabla}\phi}$$

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \phi = 0}$$

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

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 \psi = 0}$$



$$\boxed{\vec{\omega} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} = 0 \text{ (irrotational)}}$$

∴

$$\boxed{\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant everywhere}}$$

[ or, in terms of head,

$$\boxed{\frac{P}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = \text{constant everywhere}} ]$$