

CAUTION 2: The Bernoulli eq. is not linear (V^2 term)
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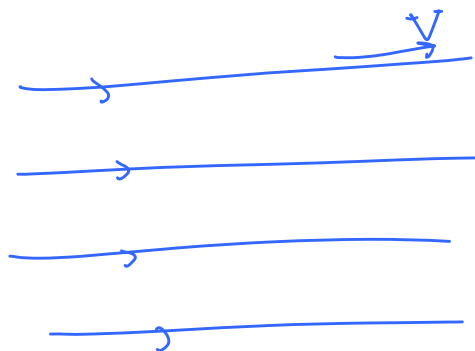
You cannot superpose pressures — you can superpose

- Velocity potentials ϕ
- Stream functions ψ
- velocity vector $\vec{V}$



4. Elementary Planar Irrotational Flow [Building Block Flows]

a. Uniform Stream



$$u = V = \text{constant}$$
$$v = 0$$

To calc. ψ :

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = V$$

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

Integrate $\psi = Vy + f(x)$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = f'(x) = -v = 0 \rightarrow \text{int. } f(x) = \text{constant}$$

$$\psi = Vy + \text{const}$$

(constant is arbitrary)
[set const = 0]

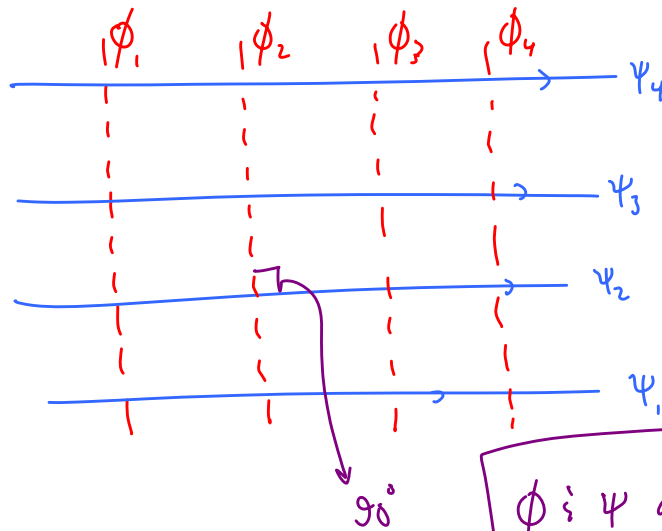
$$\psi = Vy$$

$$\phi = Vx$$

Similarly

lines of const ψ
are streamlines

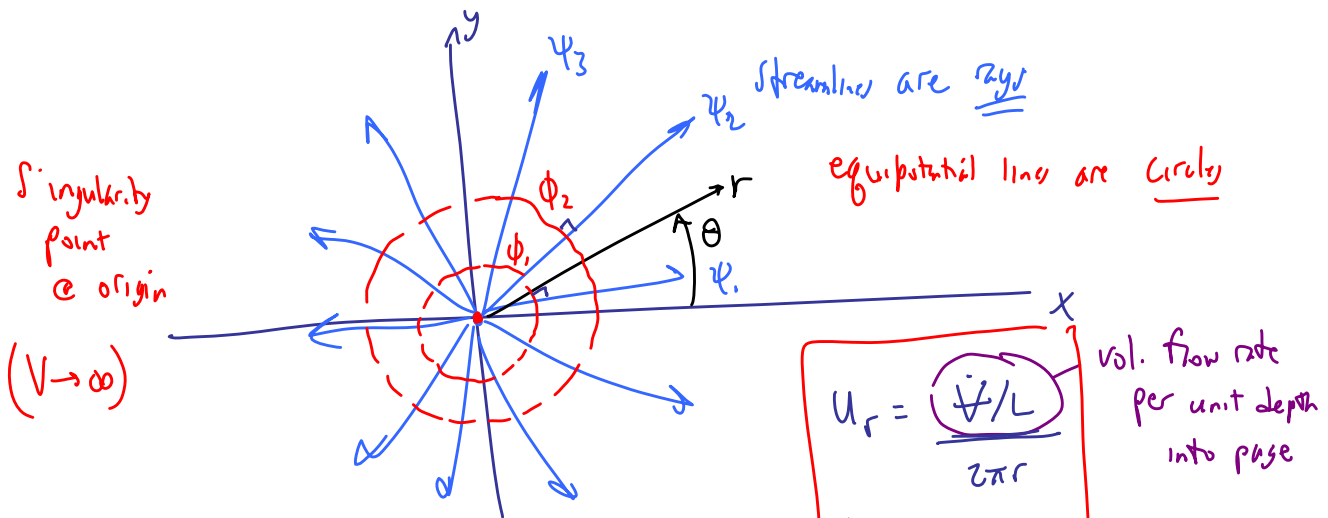
lines of const ϕ are
called equipotential lines



ϕ & ψ are mutually orthogonal

b. Line source (or sink) (at the origin)

fluid shoots out in all directions along a line // to z -axis



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

$$u_\theta = 0$$

vol. flow rate per unit depth into page

See text → Line source @ origin →

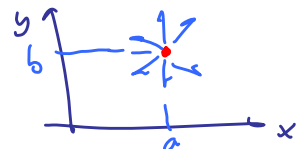
$\dot{V}/L$ = line source strength

$$\phi = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \ln r$$

$$\psi = \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta$$

• If $\dot{V}/L > 0 \rightarrow$ source, If $\dot{V}/L < 0 \rightarrow$ sink

• Line source @ $(x, y) = (a, b) \rightarrow$ See text



c. Line vortex

Example: Line Vortex – a third building block potential flow

Given: A line vortex around the origin of strength Γ (Γ is also called the circulation). The flow is steady and 2-D in the r - θ plane, and its velocity field is given by

$$u_r = 0 \quad u_\theta = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

To do: Sketch streamlines and equipotential lines, and generate expressions for ψ and ϕ .

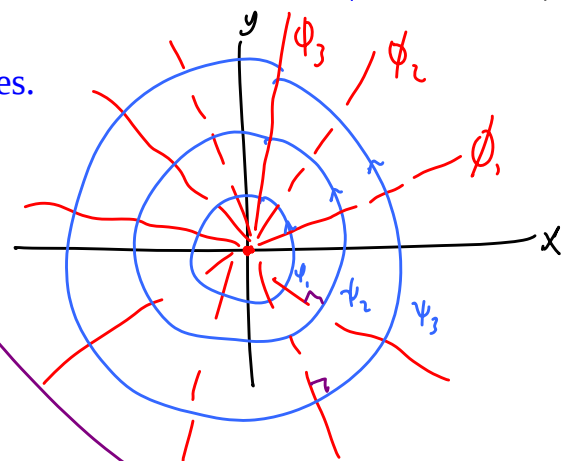
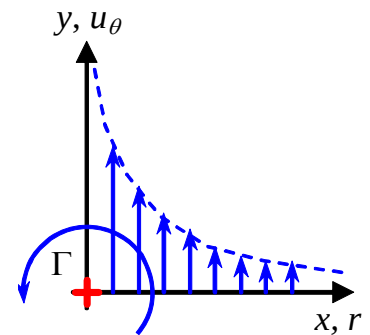
Solution:

A. Streamlines are circles, equipotential lines are circles.

B. Streamlines are circles, equipotential lines are rays.

C. Streamlines are rays, equipotential lines are circles.

D. Streamlines are rays, equipotential lines are rays.



Singularity @ origin

$$u_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

$$\times r \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \rightarrow \text{Integrate} \quad \phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta + f(r)$$

$$\text{also } u_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = 0 + f'(r) = 0 \rightarrow f'(r) = 0 \rightarrow f(r) = \text{const.}$$

Constant is arbitrary, let's set it to zero

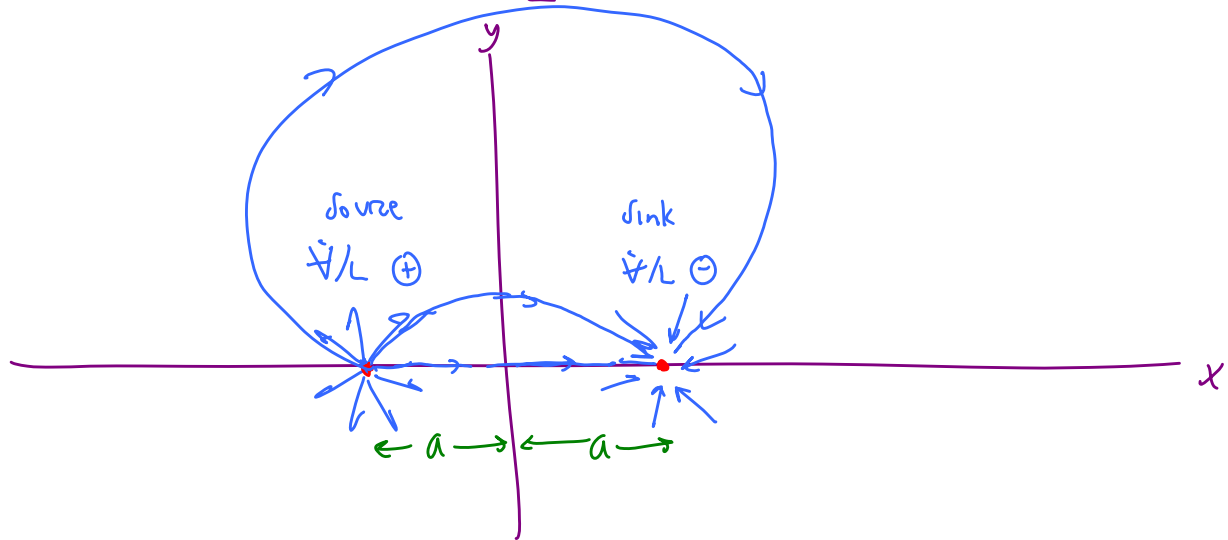
$$\phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta = \underline{\text{rays}}$$

$$\text{similarly, } \psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r = \underline{\text{circles}}$$

} at origin

- $\Gamma > 0 \rightarrow$ counterclockwise vortex (mathematically $\oplus$) 
- $\Gamma < 0 \rightarrow$ clockwise " (" $\ominus$) 
- Line vortex @ (a,b) – shift the origin (see text)

d. Doublet (building block an example of superposition)



Let $a \rightarrow 0$; let $\dot{V}/L \rightarrow \infty$ simultaneously

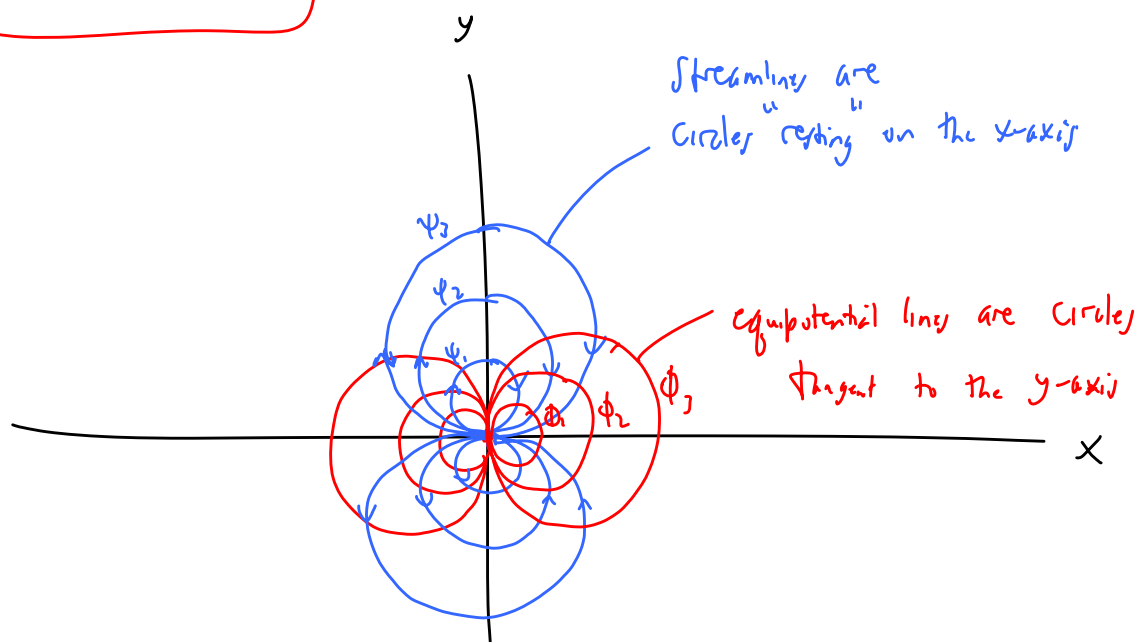
Let $\underline{K = \text{Doublet Strength} = \frac{a}{\pi} \frac{\dot{V}}{L}}$

get

$\phi = K \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$

$\psi = -K \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$

Doublet @ the origin (origin = singularity)



5. Example of Superposition

a. The Rankine Half-Body

Superpose

• Uniform stream, V

• Line source @ origin, $\dot{V}/L$

add up either ψ or ϕ

For ψ ,

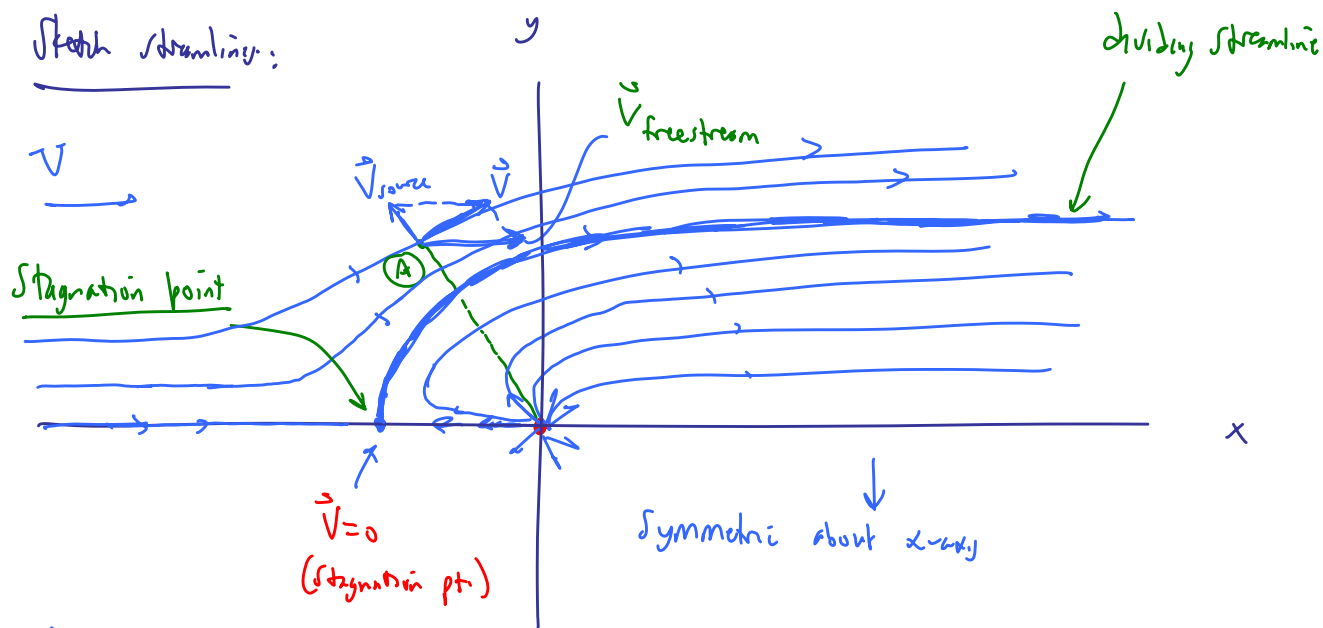
$$\psi = Vy + \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta$$

$$\psi = V r \sin \theta + \frac{\dot{V}/L}{2\pi} \theta$$

This is a valid irrotational flow

What is it?

Sketch streamlines:



At any location in the flow, the velocity vector is the sum of the velocity vectors of the two building block flow — see pt. (A) above