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• Consider uniform flow in the *xy* plane in +*x* direction.

u = U , v = 0

· Let's find the equation for velocity potential.

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \longrightarrow U = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \longrightarrow \phi = Ux + f(y)$$

$$v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \longrightarrow 0 = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \longrightarrow \frac{df}{dy} = 0 \longrightarrow f = \text{constant}$$

• Taking f = 0 for simplicity

$$\phi = Ux$$

• Constant ϕ lines correspond to constant x lines, i.e. lines parallel to the y axis.

2 Exercise : Show that streamfunction equation is $\psi = Uy$





	2. Line Source (cont'd)	
•	Let's find the equation for velocity potential.	
	$V_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \longrightarrow \frac{q}{2\pi r} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \longrightarrow \phi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln(r) + f(\theta)$	
	$V_{\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \longrightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{df}{d\theta} \longrightarrow \frac{df}{d\theta} = 0 \longrightarrow f = \text{constant}$	
•	Taking $f = 0$ for simplicity	
	$\phi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln(r)$	
•	Constant ϕ lines correspond to constant r lines as shown in the previous slide.	
?	Exercise : Show that the streamfunction equation is $\psi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \theta$	
•	To study a line sink for which the flow is radially inward towards a point, simply use a negative <i>q</i> value.	1-19























Doublet

- Superposition of
 - a source of strength q at the orgin (moved from x axis to the origin),
 - a sink of strength -q at the origin (moved from +x axis to the origin),
- Consider the limiting case of the source and sink of Slide 1-29 approaching to the origin. Skipping the details we can get

$$\phi_{doublet} = rac{d}{2\pi r} \cos(\theta)$$
 , $\psi_{doublet} = -rac{d}{2\pi r} \sin(\theta)$

where d is the strength of the doublet.



A Doublet in Uniform Flow (Flow Past a Cylinder) • Superposition of • a doublet of strength d at the origin. • uniform flow of magnitude U in +x direction. $\frac{U}{\sqrt{1-\frac{1}{2\pi r}\cos(\theta)}}$ • $\phi = \phi_{uni} + \phi_{doublet} = Ux + \frac{d}{2\pi r}\cos(\theta)$ • $\psi = \psi_{uni} + \psi_{doublet} = Uy - \frac{d}{2\pi r}\sin(\theta)$

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- As seen from the above exercise potential flow theory predicts ZERO DRAG FORCE on the cylinder.
- Actually this is the case for any closed body, irrespective of its shape.
- This result is not physical and it is known as d'Alembert paradox (1752).
- In a real viscous flow
 - shear stresses inside the boundary layer will cause a frictional drag force.
 - viscous action will cause separation & the pressure at the front and back of the cylinder would not be symmetric.







Flow Past a Cylinder (cont'd)

Exercise : When a small circular cylinder is placed in a uniform stream, a stagnation point is created on the cylinder. If a small hole is located at this point, the stagnation pressure, can be measured and used to determine the approach velocity, *U* (similar to a Pitot tube).

a) Show how p_{stag} and U are related. Pressure far away is p_{∞} .

b) If the cylinder is misaligned by an angle α , but the measured pressure is still interpreted as the stagnation pressure, use potential flow theory to determine an expression for the ratio of the true velocity, U, to the predicted velocity, U'. Plot this ratio as a function of α for the range $0^{\circ} < a < 20^{\circ}$.















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Kutta Condition (Lift on an Airfoil) Magnus effect applies not only to cylinders but any closed shape. Consider the flow over a slender body with a sharp trailing edge, such as an airfoil. An airfoil is designed to generate small drag and high lift force. Image: the stream of th





Simulating Flows Near Walls using Mirror Images









- Finite Difference Method can be used to get the numerical solution.
- First we discretize the problem domain into a set of nodes.
- Following mesh has 55 nodes with $\Delta x = \Delta y = 1/3$.
- 27 of the nodes are at the boundaries and ψ is known at these nodes.
- 28 of the nodes are inside the domain and ψ needs to be calculated at them.









