

Task 1 (50 points). (a) Show that $w = -u_\infty^* z$ with $u_\infty = u_{\infty,x} + i u_{\infty,y}$ and $u_\infty^* = u_{\infty,x} - i u_{\infty,y}$ is a suitable complex potential for uniform flow in the direction $-\vec{u}_\infty = -(u_{\infty,x} \hat{e}_x + u_{\infty,y} \hat{e}_z)$. In particular, find the velocity potential ϕ and the stream function ψ . (c) Make an approximate drawing showing the velocity field, and the stream lines, for the case $u_{\infty,x} = 3\text{m/s}$ and $u_{\infty,y} = 1\text{m/s}$ (the relative magnitude of $u_{\infty,x}/u_{\infty,y}$ is important for the drawing, but you can scale the x and y axes according to your taste). You may use computer-based plotting software, if so desired.

Task 2 (60 points). Investigate the complex potential

$$w = -i \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{z}{a} \right), \quad (1)$$

where $z = x + iy$. Here, a is the radius of the cylinder. (a) Show that the cylinder wall is a streamline. (b) Find the derivatives $\partial w / \partial z$, $\partial w / \partial x$, and $-i \partial w / \partial y$, and show that they are all equal. (c) Find the corresponding velocity field and make a drawing for the case $a = 1\text{m}$ and $\Gamma = 1\text{m}^2/\text{s}$. (d) Find the dependence of the modulus of the velocity field, $|\vec{u}|$, on the distance $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ from the center of the cylinder.

Task 3 (60 points). (a) Consider the complex potential

$$w = w(z) = -u_\infty \left(z + \frac{a^2}{z} \right), \quad z = x + iy. \quad (2)$$

Decompose w into real and imaginary parts, i.e., calculate the velocity potential ϕ and the stream function ψ , as in the formula $w = \phi + i\psi$, where $\phi = \text{Re } w$ and $\psi = \text{Im } w$. Show that

$$\phi = -u_\infty \left(x + \frac{a^2}{r^2} x \right), \quad \psi = -u_\infty \left(y - \frac{a^2}{r^2} y \right). \quad (3)$$

(b) Show that the stream function $\psi(x, y)$ assumes a constant value (which one?) along the line $y = 0$ (trivial question) and also along the border of the circle, at $r^2 = a^2$, and interpret your result in terms of a streamline which extends along the y axis, and along the upper (or lower) part of the cylinder wall.

(c) Now, investigate the line of constant stream function $\psi = \psi(x, y) = -u_\infty c$ where c is a constant. Show that, for $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$, one has, asymptotically, $y = c + a^2 c/x + \mathcal{O}(1/x^4)$ on the given streamline. Furthermore, show that the curve of constant stream function $\psi = \psi(x, y) = -u_\infty c$ meets the y axis at the point $x = 0$ (obviously!) and $y = \frac{1}{2}(c + \sqrt{4a^2 + c})$.

Task 4 (40 points). (a) Consider again the velocity potential for incompressible flow around a cylinder,

$$\phi(x, y) = -u_\infty \left(x + \frac{a^2}{r^2} x \right), \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \geq a. \quad (4)$$

Show that, in the asymptotic limit, for a point $(x, y) = x \hat{e}_x + y \hat{e}_y$ far from the origin, one has

$$\vec{\nabla} \phi(x, y) \rightarrow -u_\infty \hat{e}_x, \quad \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \rightarrow \infty. \quad (5)$$

and interpret your result geometrically.

(b) Evaluate the gradient of the velocity potential at $x = 0$ and $y = y$,

$$\vec{u}(0, y) = \vec{\nabla} \phi(0, y), \quad |y| > a, \quad (6)$$

and show that the maximum modulus of the velocity as the fluid moves around the cylinder is $2u_\infty$, i.e., twice the speed encountered at infinity.

Hint: You *might* obtain the vector-valued result $\vec{u}(0, y) = -u_\infty \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{y^2} \right) \hat{e}_x$, but this needs to be checked. Show all your work!