Introduction to Marine Hydrodynamics (NA235)

(2014-2015, 2nd Semester)

Solutions to Assignment No.3

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Problem 1: Consider two flows:

(a)
$$\begin{cases} v_x = 1 \\ v_y = 2 \end{cases}$$
; (b) $\begin{cases} v_x = 4x \\ v_y = -4y \end{cases}$

- Determine if the flow (a) has the stream function ψ. If does, solve the stream function and plot graph of the stream function;
- (2) Determine if the flow (b) has the velocity potential φ. If does, solve
 φ, and plot the equipotential lines.

Solution: (1) For flow (a), $\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0$, which satisfies the continuity

equation of a 2D incompressible flow, so there exists the stream function.

Based on:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = v_x = 1\\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -v_y = -2 \end{cases}$$

the stream function is solved as: $\psi = y - 2x$ (the integral constant has been neglected).

From the definition of the streamline: $\Psi = c$, so the streamline equation

is: y-2x=c, the streamlines are a group of parallel straight lines with a slope of 2.

(2) Because the vorticity is $\Omega_z = \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = 0$, flow (b) is irrotational flow, with potential function.

From
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} = v_x = 4x \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} = v_y = -4y \end{cases}$$
, the potential function is solved as: $\varphi = 2(x^2 - y^2)$

(the integral constant has been neglected).

Similarly, flow (b) satisfies the continuity equation of a 2D incompressible flow, so there exist the stream function.

From
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = v_x = 4x \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -v_y = 4y \end{cases}$$
, the stream function is $\psi = 4xy$. Thus, the

equipotential lines are expressed as: $x^2 - y^2 = c$, the streamline equation is: xy = c. The equipotential lines and streamlines are two groups of hyperbolic lines.

Problem 2: Consider a plane flow field $v_x = 1+2t$, $v_y = 3+4t$. Determine: (1) Streamline equation; (2) at t=0, the shapes of three streamlines passing points (0, 0), (0, 1), (0, -1); (3) at t=0, the pathline equation of a fluid particle locating at point (0, 0). **Solution:** (1) Because $\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0$, it satisfies the continuity equation of

a 2D incompressible flow, there exist the stream function.

From $\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = v_x = 1 + 2t \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -v_y = -3 - 4t \end{cases}$, the stream function is determined as:

 $\psi = (1+2t)y - (3+4t)x$ (the integral constant has been neglected). The streamline equation is: (1+2t)y - (3+4t)x = c.

(2) at t=0 and point (0, 0), the constant c is 0, so the streamline equation is: y-3x=0;

at *t*=0 and point (0, 1), the constant *c* is 1, so the streamline equation is: y-3x-1=0;

at *t*=0 and point (0, -1), the constant *c* is -1, so the streamline equation is: y-3x+1=0.

(3) From the velocity distribution: $\frac{dx}{dt} = v_x = 1 + 2t$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = v_y = 3 + 4t$ Thus, $x = t + t^2 + c_1$, $y = 3t + 2t^2 + c_2$

And because at *t*=0 and point (0, 0), the constants $c_1=c_2=0$. The pathline equation is: $x = t + t^2$, $y = 3t + 2t^2$

Problem 3: The velocity components of an incompressible plane flow are given as: $v_x = 1 - y$, $v_y = t$. Determine: (1) at *t*=0, the pathline equation of a particle passing point (0, 0); (2) at *t*=1, the streamline equation of a

particle passing point (0, 0).

Solution: (1) Differential form of pathline equation is:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{v_x} = dt & (a) \\ \frac{dy}{v_y} = dt & (b) \end{cases}$$

From equation (b), $dy = v_y dt = t dt$, integrating, we get: $y = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + c_1$

Because t=0, y=0, the constant $c_1=0$,

$$y = \frac{1}{2}t^2 \qquad (c)$$

From equation (a), $dx = v_x dt = (1 - y)dt$, substituting (c) into this equation: $dx = (1 - \frac{1}{2}t^2)dt$

Integrating, we get: $x = t - \frac{1}{6}t^3 + c_2$

Because t=0, y=0, the constant $c_2=0$,

$$x = t - \frac{1}{6}t^3 \qquad (d)$$

Thus, the parameter equation of pathline at t=0 passing (0, 0) is (c)+(d):

$$\begin{cases} y = \frac{1}{2}t^2\\ x = t - \frac{1}{6}t^3 \end{cases}$$

Eliminating t, pathline equation of a particle passing point (0, 0) is:

$$\frac{2}{9}y^3 - \frac{4}{3}y^2 + 2y - x^2 = 0$$

(2) The streamline equation is:

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{v_x} = \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{v_y} \Longrightarrow \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{1-y} = \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{t} \implies t\mathrm{d}x = (1-y)\mathrm{d}y \text{, time } t \text{ is a parameter.}$

Integrating, the streamline equation is: $tx = (y - \frac{y^2}{2}) + c$

From t=1, x=y=0, c=0. So at t=1, the streamline equation of a particle passing point (0, 0) is: $x = \frac{1}{t}(y - \frac{y^2}{2})$

Problem 4: The velocity distribution of an incompressible plane flow is given as: $v_x = x^2 + 2x - 4y$, $v_y = -2xy - 2y$. Determine if the flow: (1) satisfies the continuity equation; (2) is rotational; (3) has the velocity potential and stream function. If does, solve them.

Solution: (1) The condition of continuity equation is: $\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = (2x+2) + (-2x-2) = 0$$

The flow satisfies the continuity equation.

(2) For the plane flow, the components of the angular velocity are:

$$\omega_x = \omega_y = 0, \quad \omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[-2y - (-4) \right] = 2 - y \neq 0$$

So the flow is rotational.

(3) Because the flow is rotational, there is no velocity potential.The velocity components satisfy the continuity equation of a 2D incompressible flow, there is the stream function *ψ*:

$$\partial \psi / \partial x = -v_y, \partial \varphi / \partial y = v_x$$

1) Solve stream function ψ by method of undetermined coefficients

$$\partial \varphi / \partial y = v_x = x^2 + 2x - 4y$$

Integrating y, $\psi = \int (x^2 + 2x - 4y) dy = (x^2 + 2x)y - 2y^2 + f(x)$ (1)

This is the partial derivative of y, so the integral constant should be the function of x: f(x), i.e., undetermined coefficient.

Besides, ψ satisfies $\partial \psi / \partial y = -v_y$, so from equation (1):

$$\partial \psi / \partial x = (2x+2)y + f'(x) = -(-2x-2)y$$

 $f'(x) = 0, f(x) = const$

Substituting f(x) = const into equation (1) and omitting the constant:

$$\psi = x^2 y + 2xy - 2y^2$$

2) Solve stream function ψ by method of integral path independence

$$d\psi = -v_y dx + v_x dy$$
$$\psi = \int_L -v_y dx + v_x dy$$

Because the integral is independent of path, choose the path as: L: (0,0)-(x,0)-(x,y), then:

$$\begin{split} \psi &= \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} -v_y dx + v_x dy \\ &= \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,y)} -(-2xy - 2y) dx + (x^2 + 2x - 4y) dy \\ &= \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,0)} -(-2x \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot 0) dx + \int_{(x,0)}^{(x,y)} (x^2 + 2x - 4y) dy \\ &= x^2 y + 2xy - 2y^2 \end{split}$$

Problem 5: Consider the flow between two parallel plates separated by distance h = 2 m, the velocity distribution is: $v_x = 10 \times \left(\frac{1}{4}h^2 - y^2\right)$ (m/s), $v_y = 0$, axis x coincides with the center line of the two plates. Determine the stream function of the flow field and plot the streamlines in between the two plates.



Solution: using the method of integral path independence

$$d\psi = -v_y dx + v_y dy = v_y dy$$

$$\psi = \int_{L} 10 \times \left(\frac{1}{4}h^{2} - y^{2}\right) dy \qquad L: (0, 0) - (0, y) - (x, y)$$
$$= \int_{(0,0)}^{(0,y)} 10 \times \left(\frac{1}{4}h^{2} - y^{2}\right) dy = 10y \left(\frac{1}{4}h^{2} - \frac{1}{3}y^{2}\right)$$

The streamline equation is: $\psi = 10y \left(\frac{1}{4}h^2 - \frac{1}{3}y^2\right) = const$

Thus, y = const

The streamlines are a group of straight lines parallel to the center line.

Problem 6: The velocity potential of an incompressible plane potential flow is: $\varphi = 0.04x^3 + axy^2 + by^3$, units of *x*, *y* are m, unit of the potential

function is m^2/s . (1) Determine the constants *a*, *b*; (2) Compute the pressure difference between points (0, 0) and (3, 4), assume the density of the fluid is 1300 kg/m³.

Solution: (1)
$$\begin{cases} v_x = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} = 0.12x^2 + ay^2 \\ v_y = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} = 2axy + 3by^2 \end{cases}$$
 (a)

Because there is velocity potential, the flow must be irrotational, i.e.,

$$\Omega = \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = 0$$

In this problem, $\Omega = 2ay - 2ay = 0$, so the flow is irrotational and Ω is independent of *a*, *b*.

The flow has to satisfy the continuity equation, then:

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0.24x + (2ax + 6by) = (0.24 + 2a)x + 6by = 0$$

x, *y* are independent variables, so:

$$\begin{cases} 0.24 + 2a = 0 \\ b = 0 \end{cases}$$
 i.e.,
$$\begin{cases} a = -0.12 \\ b = 0 \end{cases}$$

Substituting *a* and *b* into equation (a),

$$\begin{cases} v_x = 0.12x^2 - 0.12y^2 \\ v_y = -0.24xy \end{cases}$$
(b)

(2) Determine the pressure difference: using Bernoulli equation

The plane potential flow deals with the ideal, incompressible, irrotational and steady plane flow, so the integral of steady-flow differential equation of ideal fluids is valid in the flow field:

$$z + \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g} = c \tag{g}$$

According to equation (b), at point (0, 0), $\begin{cases} v_x = 0 \\ v_y = 0 \\ v^2 = 0 \end{cases}$

at point (3, 4), $\begin{cases} v_x = 0.12 \times 3^2 - 0.12 \times 4^2 = -0.84 \text{ m/s} \\ v_y = -0.24 \times 3 \times 4 = 2.88 \text{ m/s} \\ v^2 = 9 \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2 \end{cases}$

From equation (g),

$$(z + \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g})\Big|_{(0,0)} = (z + \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g})\Big|_{(3,4)}$$
$$0 + \frac{p_{(0,0)}}{\rho g} + 0 = 0 + \frac{p_{(3,4)}}{\rho g} + \frac{9}{2g}$$
$$\Delta p = p_{(0,0)} - p_{(3,4)} = \rho g(\frac{9}{2g})$$
$$\Rightarrow = 1300 \times 9.807 \times \frac{9}{2 \times 9.807} = 5850 \text{ Pa}$$
$$= 5.85 \text{ kPa}$$

Problem 7: Consider an incompressible plane flow, the module (norm) of its velocity vector is: $q = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$. The streamline equation of the flow is: $y^2 - x^2 = c$, where c is a constant. Determine the velocity distribution of this flow.

Solution: Let the stream function: $\psi = A(y^2 - x^2)$ A: const (a) The streamline equation is: $\psi = A(y^2 - x^2) = c$, i.e., $y^2 - x^2 = c$

$$\begin{cases} v_x = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = 2Ay \\ v_y = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 2Ax \end{cases}$$
(b)

The module (norm) $q = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2} = \sqrt{(2Ay)^2 + (2Ax)^2} = 2|A|\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ Consider $q = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, then $2|A|\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, 2|A|=1 $A = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

Substituting into equation (b), thus: $\begin{cases} v_x = y \\ v_y = x \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} v_x = -y \\ v_y = -x \end{cases}$

Problem 8: The stream function is known as: $\psi = x^2 - y^2$. (1) Determine velocity potential φ ; (2) Neglect the mass force, determine the pressure distribution in the flow field.

Solution: (1) From the stream function, the velocity distribution can be determined:

$$\begin{cases} v_x = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -2y \\ v_y = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -2x \end{cases}$$

So the vorticity is $\Omega_z = \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = -2 - (-2) = 0$, the flow is irrotational, it

has the potential function, thus:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} = v_x = -2y \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} = v_y = -2x \end{cases}$$

The velocity potential function is solved as: $\varphi = -2xy$ (the integral constant has been neglected).

(2) According to Bernoulli equation:

$$\frac{V^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\rho} + gz = c$$

Substituting the velocity distribution into it and neglecting the mass force, the pressure distribution in the flow field is:

 $p = -2\rho(x^2 + y^2) + c$, c is a constant.