

1. Show that

$$\int_V (\phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi) dV = \int_S (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

Solution: In the previous exercise (4.b), it was shown that

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi) = (\nabla \phi) \cdot (\nabla \psi) + \phi \nabla^2 \psi$$

By reordering this identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi \nabla^2 \psi &= \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi) - (\nabla \phi) \cdot (\nabla \psi) && \text{by interchanging } \phi \leftrightarrow \psi \\ \psi \nabla^2 \phi &= \nabla \cdot (\psi \nabla \phi) - (\nabla \psi) \cdot (\nabla \phi) && \text{difference of these equations} \\ \phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi &= \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi) - \nabla \cdot (\psi \nabla \phi) = \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

In course of Mathematics for physics, it was introduced the divergence theorem or Gauss' theorem:

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV = \int_S \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{S}, \quad \text{where S is the boundary of the volume V.} \quad (2)$$

Combining equations (1) and (2) produces

$$\int_V (\phi \nabla^2 \psi - \psi \nabla^2 \phi) dV \stackrel{(1)}{=} \int_V \nabla \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) dV \stackrel{(2)}{=} \int_S (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) \cdot d\mathbf{S}.$$

2. Calculate and describe particle paths and streamlines for the flow

$$\mathbf{v} = (ay, -ax, b(t)) \quad (3)$$

What could be modelled by the case $b(t)=\text{constant}$?

Solution:

Particle paths Notation: $v_x = \frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x}$, $v_y = \frac{dy}{dt} = \dot{y}$ and $v_z = \frac{dz}{dt} = \dot{z}$. The velocity in the component form is

$$\dot{x} = ay, \quad \dot{y} = -ax, \quad \dot{z} = b(t).$$

The x and y components are connected but the z component depends only on the function $b(t)$:

$$\text{dot } z = b(t) \Rightarrow dz = b(t) dt \Rightarrow \int_{z_0}^z dz = \int_0^t b(\tau) d\tau \Rightarrow z(t) = z_0 + \int_0^t b(\tau) d\tau.$$

For the x and y , the trick of additional derivation works well:

$$\dot{x} = ay \text{ time derivative on both sides } \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = a\dot{y} = a(-ax) \Rightarrow \ddot{x} + a^2x = 0.$$

The last of the above equations is a standard differential equation, which has general solution of

$$x(t) = A \cos at + B \sin at$$

From the eqn. $y = \frac{\dot{x}}{a}$, the y component is

$$y(t) = -A \sin at + B \cos at$$

Coefficients A and B are solved from initial values $(x(0), y(0)) = (x_0, y_0)$, and the general particle paths of the flow (3) are

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos at + y_0 \sin at \quad y(t) = -x_0 \sin at + y_0 \cos at \quad z(t) = z_0 + \int_0^t b(\tau) d\tau. \quad (4)$$

In the xy -plane, the particle paths are origo-centered circles of radius $\sqrt{x_0^2 + y_0^2}$. The drift in z direction from the initial point z_0 is determined through the time integral $\int_0^t b(\tau) d\tau$. If $b(t) = c$ then there is a constant drift in z direction and a particle path is a helix.

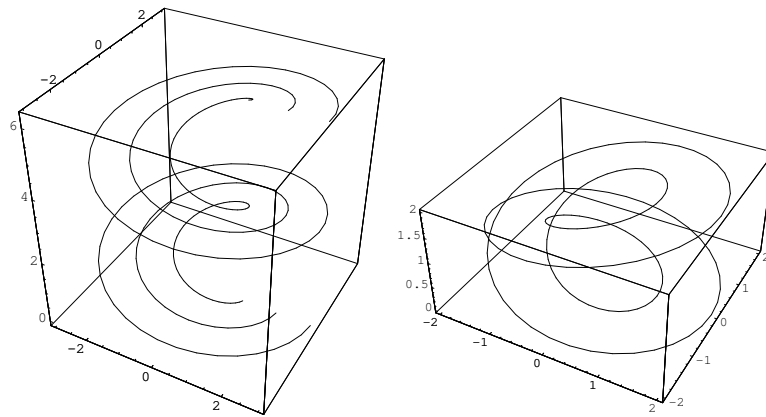


Figure 1: The particle paths of the equation group (4) with parameters (left figure): $b(t) = 1$, $z_0 = 0$, $a = 2$, $x_0 = 1, 2, 3$, $y_0 = 0$ and $t \in [0, 2\pi]$, (right figure): $b(t) = \sin t$, $z_0 = 0$, $a = 2$, $x_0 = 1, 2$, $y_0 = 0$ and $t \in [0, 2\pi]$.

Streamlines Notation: $\mathbf{p}(s) = (x(s), y(s), z(s))$ where the s is the arbitrary parametrization of the streamline \mathbf{p} . Now from the lectures: the definition of the streamline

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{ds} = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p}(s), t)$$

$$\frac{dx(s)}{ds} = ay(s), \quad \frac{dy(s)}{ds} = -ax(s), \quad \frac{dz(s)}{ds} = b(t).$$

The solution of the x and y components is identical with the case of particle paths, but now $b(t)$ is constant with respect to the parameter s , and thus the streamlines are

$$x(s) = x_0 \cos as + y_0 \sin as \quad y(s) = -x_0 \sin as + y_0 \cos as \quad z(s) = z_0 + b(t)s. \quad (5)$$

Streamlines are at *any time* helices as in figure 1 (left). We have now demonstrated the fact that the particle paths of the time-dependent velocity field $\mathbf{v}(t)$ are not the same as streamlines. For example when $v_z(t) = b(t) = \sin t$, as in figure 1 (right), the particle paths are closed curves but the streamlines are open helices.

3. Sketch streamlines for

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \mathbf{v} &= (a \cos \omega t, a \sin \omega t, 0), \\ (b) \quad \mathbf{v} &= (x - Vt, y, 0), \\ (c) \quad v_r &= r \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \quad v_\theta = r \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \quad v_z = 0, \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{v} = (a \cos \omega t, a \sin \omega t, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx(s)}{ds} &= a \cos \omega t & \frac{dy(s)}{ds} &= a \sin \omega t & \frac{dz(s)}{ds} &= 0 \\ x(s) &= x_0 + sa \cos \omega t & y(s) &= y_0 + sa \sin \omega t & z(s) &= z_0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Evidently streamlines are constrained to the xy -plane at the z_0 -altitude. The parametrization s is purely arbitrary, let's try to eliminate it to express streamlines in more concrete form

$$\begin{cases} y - y_0 = sa \sin \omega t \\ x - x_0 = sa \cos \omega t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} = \tan \omega t \quad (7)$$

Where x_0, y_0, z_0 are the coordinates of the streamline at parametrization point $s = 0$. The latter equation describe straight lines with time dependent slope $\tan \omega t$, see Fig. 2

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{v} = (x - Vt, y, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx(s)}{ds} &= x(s) - Vt & \frac{dy(s)}{ds} &= y(s) & \frac{dz(s)}{ds} &= 0 \\ \pm x(s) &= Ae^s + Vt & y(s) &= Be^s & z(s) &= z_0 \\ \pm x(s) &= (x_0 - Vt)e^s + Vt & y(s) &= \pm y_0 e^s & z(s) &= z_0 \end{aligned}$$

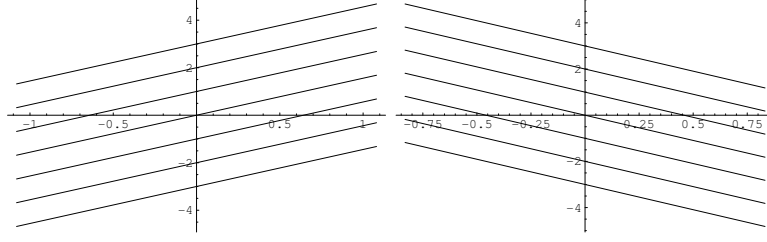


Figure 2: The streamlines of the equation group (7) with parameters (left figure): $t = 1$, $z_0 = 0$, $a = 1$, $x_0 = 0$, $y_0 = -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ and $s \in [-2, 2]$, (right figure): same as left figure put $t = 2$.

The streamlines are now represented with parametrization $s \in [-\infty, \infty]$, let's make new parametrization $r = \pm e^s \in [-\infty, \infty]$.

$$\begin{aligned} x(s) &= (x_0 - Vt)r + Vt & y(s) &= y_0 r \quad \text{are combined as} \\ x &= \frac{x_0 - Vt}{y_0} y + Vt \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

which represents a straight line $x = x(y)$ with time-dependent slope $(x_0 - Vt)/y_0$. The crossing point $(x = Vt)$ of the x -axis travels with time to right with speed V and lines rotate counterclockwise as the slope $(x_0 - Vt)/y_0$ decreases with time, see Fig. 3.

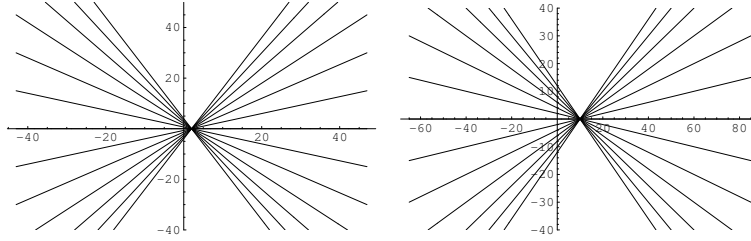


Figure 3: The streamlines of the equation group (8) with parameters (left figure): $t = 1$, $z_0 = 0$, $V = 3$, $x_0 = 5$, $y_0 = -6, -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ and $r \in [0, 15]$; (right figure): same as left figure put $t = 5$.

- (c) This is a bit more tricky exercices than the previous ones. $v_r = r \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$, $v_\theta = r \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$, $v_z = 0$, $0 < \theta < 2\pi$ First, one should know what is \mathbf{v} in cylindrical polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(r\hat{\mathbf{r}} + z\mathbf{k}) = \dot{r}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + r\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{r}}(\hat{\theta})}{dt} + \dot{z}\mathbf{k} = \dot{r}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + r\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{d\theta}\frac{d\theta}{dt} + \dot{z}\mathbf{k} \\ &= \dot{r}\hat{\mathbf{r}} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \dot{z}\mathbf{k} \\ &= v_r\hat{\mathbf{r}} + v_\theta\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + v_z\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Now, it is easy to identify relations $v_r = \dot{r}$, $v_\theta = r\dot{\theta}$ and $v_z = \dot{z}$. Transforming these to s -parametrization:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr(s)}{ds} &= r \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & r \frac{d\theta(s)}{ds} &= r \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & \frac{dz(s)}{ds} &= 0 \\ \frac{dr(s)}{ds} &= r \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & \frac{d\theta(s)}{ds} &= \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & z(s) &= z_0 \end{aligned}$$

To sketch the streamlines in polar coordinates, our idea is to express the variable r as function of θ as we did with the previous streamlines, where y was expressed as a function of x . Let's study

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr}{d\theta} &= \frac{dr/ds}{d\theta/ds} = \frac{r \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \quad \theta \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \\ \frac{dr}{r} &= 2 \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} d\theta \Rightarrow \\ \int \frac{dr}{r} &= 2 \int \frac{\frac{1}{2} d\theta \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Remembering formula $\int \frac{f'}{f} = \ln |f| + C$ we find out

$$\ln |r| = 2 \ln \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + C \Rightarrow \quad r = r_0 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (9)$$

where $r_0 = r(\pi)$.

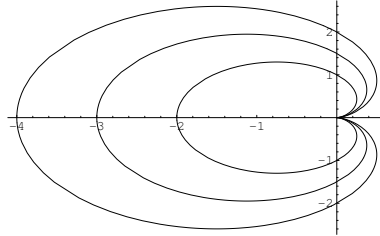


Figure 4: The streamlines of the equation (9) with parameters: $r_0 = 2, 3, 4$, $z_0 = 0$, and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$

4. Find streamlines and particle paths for the two-dimensional flows

- (a) $\mathbf{v} = (xt, -yt, 0)$,
- (b) $\mathbf{v} = (xt, -y, 0)$.

Solution: (a) $\mathbf{v} = (xt, -yt, 0)$

Solution procedure goes simultaneous in three columns

Particle paths

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{x} &= xt & \dot{y} &= -yt & \dot{z} &= 0 \\
 \frac{dx}{x} &= tdt & \frac{dx}{y} &= -tdt & z(t) &= z_0 \\
 \ln|x| &= \frac{1}{2}t^2 + C & \ln|y| &= -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + d & z(t) &= z_0 \\
 x(t) &= \pm x_0 e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} & y(t) &= \pm y_0 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} & z(t) &= z_0 \\
 xy &= \pm x_0 y_0 \Rightarrow & y &= \pm \frac{x_0 y_0}{x} & z &= z_0
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Streamlines

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dx}{ds} &= xt & \frac{dy}{ds} &= -yt & \frac{dz}{ds} &= 0 \\
 x(s) &= \pm x_0 e^{st} & y(s) &= y_0 e^{-st} & z(s) &= z_0 \\
 xy &= \pm x_0 y_0 \Rightarrow & y &= \pm \frac{x_0 y_0}{x} & z &= z_0
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

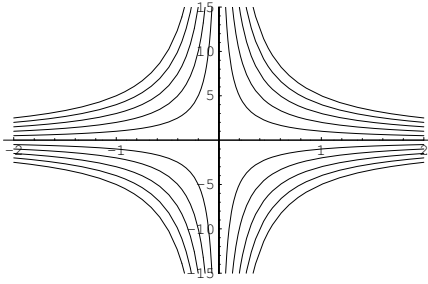


Figure 5: Particle paths (10) and streamlines (11) with initial values $x_0 = 1$ and $y_0 = -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

(b) $\mathbf{v} = (xt, -y, 0)$

Particle paths

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{x} &= xt & \dot{y} &= -y & \dot{z} &= 0 \\
 \frac{dx}{x} &= tdt & \frac{dx}{y} &= -dt & z(t) &= z_0 \\
 x(t) &= \pm x_0 e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} & y(t) &= \pm y_0 e^{-t} & z &= z_0
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

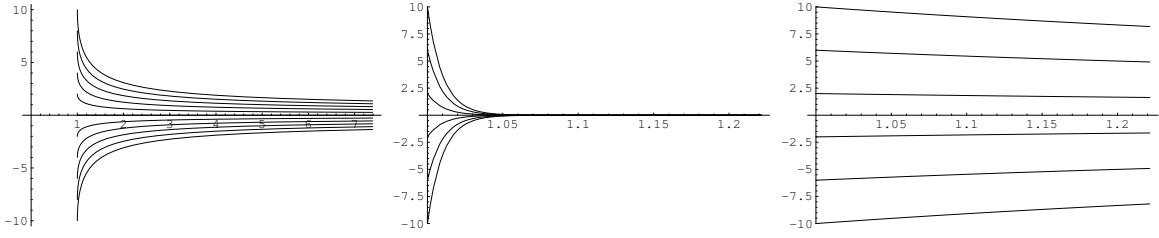


Figure 6: (left) Particle path (12) with parameters: $x_0 = 1, y_0 = -10, -6, -2, 2, 6, 10, z_0 = 0$, streamlines (13) at (center) $t = 0.01$ (right) $t = 1$ with same initial values for x_0, y_0 and z_0 .

Streamlines

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dx}{ds} &= xt & \frac{dy}{ds} &= -y & \frac{dz}{ds} &= 0 \\
 \pm x(s) &= x_0 e^{st} & \pm y(s) &= y_0 e^{-s} & z(s) &= z_0 \\
 \pm x(s) &= x_0 e^{st} & s &= -\ln \frac{y}{y_0} & z &= z_0 \\
 \pm x(y) &= x_0 e^{-t \ln(y/y_0)} = \frac{x_0 y_0^t}{y^t} & & & &
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$