

## Application to fluid flow problems:-

Consider two dimensional irrotational motion of fluid in plane (x-y)

Velocity  $v$  of fluid can be expressed as

$$v = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\downarrow$  velocity in x direction       $\downarrow$  velocity in y direction

motion is irrotational therefore  $\exists$  a function  $\phi(x, y)$  such that

$$v = \text{grad } \phi$$

$$v = \nabla \phi(x, y)$$

$$v = \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \phi$$

$$v = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

ie comparing (1) and (2)

$$v_x = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad v_y = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

$v_x$  component of velocity

this scalar function  $\phi(x, y)$  is called the velocity potential.

\* Note :-

The velocity potential  $\phi(x, y)$  which gives velocity components is always satisfy Laplace eq<sup>n</sup> i.e.  $\phi(x, y)$  is harmonic function

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

as fluid is incompressible

i.e.  $\text{div } \mathbf{v} = 0$

$$\left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Complex potential :-

\*  $\phi$  is a real part of complex function  $f(z)$  given as

$$f(z) = \phi + i\psi$$

where  $\phi$  is velocity potential

$\psi$  is Stream function

$f(z)$  is complex potential, which represent the flow pattern.

$\phi(x, y) = c_1$  &  $\psi(x, y) = c_2$  intersects orthogonally :-

\* Family of curves  $\phi(x, y) = c_1$  are called equipotential lines. and family of curves  $\psi(x, y) = c_2$  are called stream lines.

and these two curves intersects orthogonally

$$m_1 = \frac{\left( -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right)}{\left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right)}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{-\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)}{\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right)}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{C-R eq<sup>n</sup>} \\ \phi_x = \psi_y \\ \phi_y = -\psi_x \end{array} \right]$$

$$m_1 m_2 = -1$$

i.e.  $\phi = c_1$  &  $\psi = c_2$  intersects orthogonally.

Velocity of fluid :-

$$f(z) = \phi + i\psi$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

(Reqn)

$$\left[ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$f'(z) = v_x - i v_y$$

$$\overline{f'(z)} = v_x + i v_y$$

is ~~call~~ the expression for velocity of fluid.

Speed or magnitude of resultant velocity

$$|f'(z)| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2}$$

- 1) In two dimensional fluid flow if velocity potential is  $\phi = x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4$  then
- (1) find the stream function  $\psi$  & corresponding complex potential.
  - (2) write expression for velocity & hence find speed.
  - (3) verify that family of curves  $\phi(x, y) = c_1$  &  $\psi(x, y) = c_2$  intersect orthogonally.

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $\phi = x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4$

$$\phi_x = 4x^3 - 12xy^2 \quad \phi_y = 4y^3 - 12x^2y$$

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy$$

$$d\phi = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dy$$

$$d\phi = (-4y^3 + 12x^2y) dx + (4x^3 - 12xy^2) dy \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

diff. eq<sup>n</sup> is exact

$$\int d\phi = \int_{y \text{ const}} (-4y^3 + 12y^2x) dx + \int \text{ignoring } x (4x^3 - 12xy^2) dy$$

$$\psi = -4y^3x + 4x^3y + 0 + C$$

$$\boxed{\psi = 4x^3y - 4y^3x + C} \rightarrow \text{stream function.}$$

$$f(z) = \phi + i\psi$$

$$f(z) = (x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4) + i(4x^3y - 4xy^3 + C)$$

$$f(z) = (x + iy)^4 + iC \quad f(z) = z^4 + iC$$

$$\boxed{f(z) = z^4 + ic} \quad \text{complex potential}$$

(ii) velocity of fluid is

$$= f'(z)$$

$$f'(z) = 4z^3$$

$$\boxed{f'(z) = 4\bar{z}^3} \quad \text{velocity}$$

$$\overline{f'(z)} = 4(x-iy)^3$$

$$= 4(x^3 + iy^3 - 3ix^2y - 3xy^2)$$

$$f'(z) = 4[(x^3 - 3xy^2) - i(-y^3 + 3x^2y)]$$

Speed is  $|f'(z)|$

$$|f'(z)| = \sqrt{[4(x^3 - 3xy^2)]^2 + [4(-y^3 + 3x^2y)]^2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x^6 + y^6 + 9x^2y^4 - 6x^4y^2 + 9x^4y^2 - 6x^2y^4}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{x^6 + y^6 + 3x^4y^2 + 3x^2y^4}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)^3} = 2(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2} \quad \text{Speed}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Speed} = 2(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

(iii) To show  $\phi = c_1$  &  $\psi = c_2$  are orthogonal

$$m_1 = \frac{-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}} = \frac{-(4x^3 - 12xy^2)}{(4y^3 - 12x^2y)}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{-\left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}\right)}{\left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}\right)} = \frac{(4y^3 - 12x^2y)}{4x^3 - 12xy^2}$$

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 = \frac{-(4x^3 - 12xy^2)}{(4y^3 - 12x^2y)} \times \frac{(4y^3 - 12x^2y)}{(4x^3 - 12xy^2)}$$

$$\boxed{m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1}$$

i.e.  $\phi = C_1$  &  $\psi = C_2$  are orthogonal.

Q:- If  $w = \phi + i\psi$  represents the complex potential for electric field and  $\psi = x^2 - y^2 + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$ , determine the function  $\phi$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:-  $w = f(z) = \phi + i\psi$

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\boxed{d\phi = \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right) dx - \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}\right) dy} \quad (\text{C-R eqn})$$

$d\phi =$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2x + \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - 2x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2x + \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -2y - \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$



In electric field problems

$$w = u + i v$$

complex  
potential

$u$  is called  
potential function

$v$  is called  
flux function

In electric field problems

$$w = u + iv$$

Complex potential

$u$  is called potential function

$v$  is called flux function

\* Consider the complex potential

$$w = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y)$$

(i) The curves  $\phi(x, y) = a$  and  $\psi(x, y) = b$  are called equipotential lines and stream lines in the field of fluid flow.

2) The curves  $\phi(x, y) = a$  and  $\psi(x, y) = b$  are called equipotential lines and lines of force in the field of electrostatic and gravitational field.

3. In heat flow problems  $\phi(x, y) = a$  and  $\psi(x, y) = b$  are called isothermal and heat flow lines.