

## MODULE-2

### \* Stream Function:

Consider a 2-dimensional steady flow equation in X-Y plane.

$$u dy - v dx = 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v}{u} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Integrate eq (1), we will get:

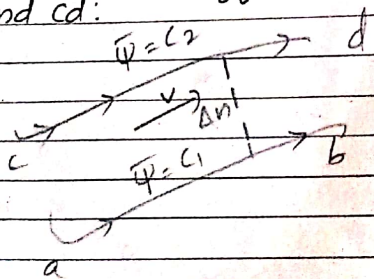
$$f(x, y) = C \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Denote  $f(x, y)$  by the symbol  $\Psi$ .

So eq (2) becomes:

$$\Psi(x, y) = C \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

The function  $\Psi(x, y)$  is called stream function. Consider a different streamlines ab and cd:



Let  $\Delta n$  be the normal distance b/w

ab and cd. The difference b/w  $\Psi$  is the mass flow b/w 2 streamlines is defined per unit depth  $\perp$ er to the page. Unit of  $\Psi$  is  $\frac{kg}{m^2 s}$

$$\Delta \Psi = \rho A V$$

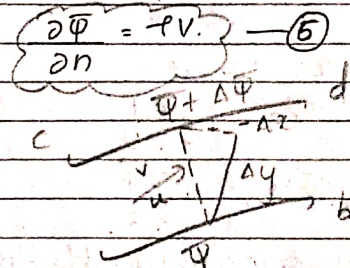
where, Area,  $A = \Delta n \times 1$

$$\Delta \Psi = \rho V \Delta n \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Psi}{\Delta n} = \rho V \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\lim_{\Delta n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \Psi}{\Delta n} = \rho V$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial n} = -\rho V \quad \text{--- (6)}$$



Due to the conservation of mass, the mass flow through  $\Delta n$  per unit depth = the sum of mass flow through  $\Delta y$  and  $-\Delta x$  per unit depth.

$$\text{So, mass flow} = \Delta \Psi = \rho V \Delta n$$

$$= \rho V (\Delta y - \Delta x)$$

$$\Delta \Psi = \rho u \Delta y - \rho v \Delta x$$

Now we are assuming that  $\Delta n$  is very small, so  $cd$  approaches  $ab$ .  
 $\therefore d\bar{\psi} = -u dy - v dx$  — (7)

$$d\bar{\psi}(x, y) = \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial y} dy \text{ — (8)}$$

Comparing (7) and (8) we get:

$$-u = \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial y}$$

$$-v = -\frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial x}$$

III) In

In polar coordinates

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial \theta}$$

$$v_\theta = -\frac{\partial \bar{\psi}}{\partial r}$$

In the case of incompressible flow ' $\rho$ ' is constant,  $\bar{\psi}$  is also constant and define a new stream function for incompressible flow ' $\psi$ '.

$$\frac{\bar{\psi}}{\rho} = \psi \cdot \left( \frac{\text{kg m}^3}{\text{m}^2 \text{kg s}} = \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} \right)$$

Unit is  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ .

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

In the case of Incompressible flow for polar coordinates.

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$$

$$v_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

\* Advantages of stream function

- i)  $\bar{\psi} = \text{constant}$  or  $\psi = \text{constant}$  gives the equation of streamline.
- ii) The flow velocities ' $u$ ' and ' $v$ ' can be obtained.

\* Velocity potential function:

For an irrotational flow the vorticity is zero.

$$\xi = \nabla \times \mathbf{V} = 0 \text{ — (1)}$$

If  $\phi$  is a scalar function then the curl of the gradient of a scalar function

is zero.

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0 \quad (2)$$

compare eq (1) & (2):

$$\mathbf{v} = \nabla \phi \quad (3)$$

For irrotational flow there exist a scalar function  $\phi$  such that the velocity is given by the gradient of  $\phi$ .  $\phi$  is denoted as velocity potential.

$$\phi = \phi(x, y, z) = \phi(r, \theta, z) = \phi(r, \theta, \phi)$$

Consider cartesian coordinates in eq (3)

$$\mathbf{v} = \nabla \phi$$

$$u\mathbf{i} + v\mathbf{j} + w\mathbf{k} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}\mathbf{k}$$

The coefficient of like unit vectors must be the same on both sides of equation, thus in cartesian coordinates:

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \text{ and}$$

$$w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

/// rly in cylindrical coordinates:

$$V_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}, V_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}, V_z = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$V_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}, V_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}, V_\phi = \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \phi}$$

Irrotational flows can be described by the velocity potential  $\phi$ . Such flows are called potential flow.

\* Difference b/w  $\Psi$  and  $\phi$ .

| Stream function                                                                           | Velocity Potential                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (i) Stream function is used for both rotational & irrotational.                           | (i) <del>Stream</del> function is only applicable for irrotational flow.                             |
| (ii) Stream functions defined for 2d flows only.                                          | (ii) velocity potential function applicable for 3-D flows.                                           |
| (iii) Flow field velocities are obtained by differentiating $\Psi$ in the same direction. | (iii) Flow field velocities are obtained by differentiating $\phi$ normal to the velocity direction. |

### Irrrotational flow:

A given field of flow may be entirely free of vortices or vorticity i.e., the vorticity may be zero everywhere in the field. Such a flow is said to be irrotational. If the vorticity is zero the angular velocity is also zero.

$$\text{i.e., } \omega_x = \omega_y = \omega_z = 0$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

In the case of irrotational flow, velocity potential function ( $\phi$ ) will be constant.

$$V = \nabla \phi$$

$$\phi = c$$

$$d\phi = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy = 0$$

$$u dx + v dy = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\phi = \text{const}} = -\frac{u}{v} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Stream function,  $\psi = c$ .

$$d\psi = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy = 0$$

$$-v dx + u dy = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\phi = \text{const}} = \frac{v}{u} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

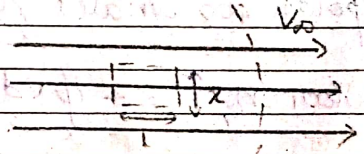
Multiplying (1) & (2); we get:

$$\left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\phi = \text{const}} \times \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\phi = \text{const}} = \frac{-u}{v} \times \frac{v}{u} = -1$$

$\therefore$  Stream function and velocity potential function will be perpendicular to each other.

### \* Uniform flow:

Consider an uniform flow with velocity  $V_\infty$  oriented in the +ve x direction.



Velocity potential for this uniform flow is defined as;  $u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = V_\infty$  --- (1)

$$v = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\text{Stream function } \psi = 0$$

from ①  $\Rightarrow \partial \phi = V_{\infty} dx$

By Integrating:  $\phi = V_{\infty} x$   
 $\phi = V_{\infty} r \cos \theta$   
 In cylindrical coordinates

From the definition of stream function

$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = V_{\infty}$  — (2)

$v = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 0$

from ②  $\Rightarrow \partial \psi = V_{\infty} dy$

By integrating:  $\psi = V_{\infty} y$

In polar coordinates  $\psi = V_{\infty} r \sin \theta$

Circulation,  $\Gamma = - \oint_C v ds$

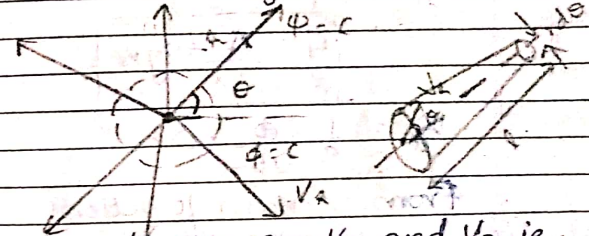
$= - \oint_C V_{\infty} ds$

$= V_{\infty} \oint_C ds$

$\Gamma = 0$  for uniform flow

\* Source flow:

Consider a 2 dimensional incompressible flow where all streamlines are straight from a central point 'O'. Such a flow is called source flow



Here the velocities are  $V_r$  and  $V_{\theta}$  i.e.,  $V_r$  = radial velocity and  $V_{\theta}$  = tangential velocity.

mass flow rate,  $\dot{m} = \rho \Delta V = \rho \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^r V_r r dr d\theta$   
 $= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^r \rho V_r r dr d\theta$

$= 2\pi V_r r \rho$

Volume flow rate,  $\dot{V} = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho} = 2\pi V_r r l$

Volume flow rate per unit length,  $\dot{V}/l = \Lambda$

$\Lambda = 2\pi V_r r \Rightarrow V_r = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}$  and  $V_{\theta} = 0$

$$V_r = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \quad (\text{from velocity potential function})$$

$$\partial \phi = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \frac{dr}{r}$$

By Integrating:

$$\phi = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r$$

$$V_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

From stream function:

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\partial \psi = V_r r d\theta$$

$$\int \partial \psi = \psi = \int \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} r d\theta$$

$$\psi = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta$$

$$\Gamma = - \oint_C \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

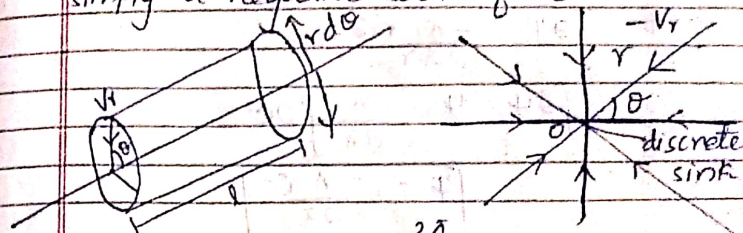
for evaluate the circulation for source flow, recall the  $\nabla \times \mathbf{V} = 0$  everywhere.

In turn

$$\Gamma = - \iint_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{V}) \cdot d\mathbf{S} = 0 \cdot \Lambda$$

### \* Sink flow:

In a sink flow, the streamlines are directed towards the origin. for sink flow, the streamlines are still radial lines from a common origin, along which the flow velocity varies inversely with distance from point 'O'. Indeed, a sink flow is simply a negative source flow.



$$\text{Mass flow rate, } \dot{m} = \int_0^{2\pi} -\rho V_r (r d\theta) l$$

$$\dot{m} = -\rho r l V_r \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$\dot{m} = -2\pi r l \rho V_r$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho} = -2\pi r l V_r$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{\dot{V}}{l} = -2\pi r V_r$$

$$V_r = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}$$

$$V_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}$$

$$\int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} dr = \phi = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \int \frac{1}{r} dr$$

$$\boxed{\phi = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r}$$

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \times \theta$$

$$\int \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} d\theta = \phi = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \int \theta d\theta$$

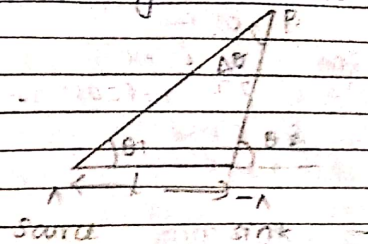
$$\boxed{\phi = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta}$$

To evaluate the circulation for source sink flow recall the  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = 0$  everywhere. In turn,  $\Gamma = -\oint (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$

\* Doublet:

The degenerative case of a source sink pair that leads to a singularity is called a doublet. Consider a source of strength  $\Lambda$  and a sink strength  $-\Lambda$ .

separated by a distance  $l$ .



At any point P in the flow the stream function is:

$$\psi = \psi_{\text{source}} + \psi_{\text{sink}}$$

$$\psi = \frac{\Lambda \theta_1}{2\pi} - \frac{\Lambda \theta_2}{2\pi}$$

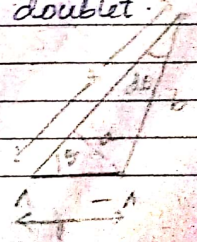
$$= -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \Delta \theta$$

Let  $l$  approach 0 while the absolute magnitudes of the strength of the source and sink increases in such a fashion that the product  $\Lambda l$  remains constant. In the process we obtain a doublet.

$$\Lambda l = k$$

$$\psi = -\frac{\Lambda dl}{2\pi}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{a}{b}$$



$$d\theta = \frac{l \sin \theta}{r - l \cos \theta} \quad [\because \sin \theta \approx d\theta]$$

$$= \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{l \sin \theta}{r - l \cos \theta}$$

$$\psi = -\frac{k}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\text{III} \text{ly } \phi = \frac{k}{2\pi} \frac{\cos \theta}{r}$$

$\psi$  is a constant.

$$\therefore -\frac{k}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} = C$$

$$r = -\frac{k}{2\pi C} \sin \theta \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

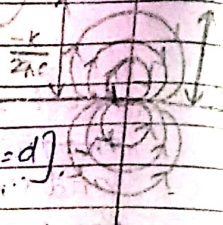
$$r = y \sin \theta$$

$$r = d \sin \theta \quad [\because y = d]$$

From (A) and (B)

$$-\frac{k}{2\pi C} \sin \theta = d \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore d = -\frac{k}{2\pi C} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{-ve sign indicates that} \\ \psi \text{ flows} \end{array} \right]$$



### \* Vortex flow:

It is a flow where all the streamlines are concentric circles about a given point. Velocity will be constant in a streamline but it varies from one streamline to another inversely with distance from the common centre.

$$V_r = 0$$

$$V_\theta = \frac{C}{r}$$

$$\Gamma = -\oint v ds = -V_\theta \int ds$$

$$\Gamma = -V_\theta 2\pi r$$

$$= -2\pi r V_\theta$$

$$V_\theta = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

In polar coordinates, velocity potential,

$$V_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}$$

$$-\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}$$

By integrating  $\phi = -\frac{\Gamma \theta}{2\pi}$

Stream function:

$$V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r}$$

$$\therefore -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r}$$

By integrating:  $\Psi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \log r$

Circulation: It is a flow in which  $\nabla \times V \neq 0$  at every point except origin.

$$V_\theta = \frac{C}{r} \quad \text{--- (A)}$$

$$V_\theta = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

$$(A) = (B)$$

$$\frac{C}{r} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} \Rightarrow \boxed{\Gamma = -2\pi C} \quad \text{--- (C)}$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma = -\iint_S (\nabla \times V) \cdot d\mathbf{s}} \quad \text{--- (D)}$$

$$(C) = (D) \Rightarrow -\iint_S (\nabla \times V) \cdot d\mathbf{s} = -2\pi C$$

$\therefore$  at origin  $r=0$ ,  $|\nabla \times V| \cdot ds = 2\pi C$   
&  $ds=0$   $|\nabla \times V| = \frac{2\pi C}{ds}$

At origin  $r=0$  and  $ds=0$   
 $\therefore |\nabla \times V| = \infty$

Vortex flow is irrotational everywhere except at the point  $r=0$  where the vorticity is infinite.

| Type of flow     | velocity            | $\Psi$                                 | $\phi$                                |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (i) Uniform flow | $V_\infty$          | $V_\infty y$                           | $V_\infty \frac{1}{2} x^2$            |
| (ii) Source      | $V_r, V_\theta=0$   | $\Psi = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi\theta}$    | $\phi = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \log r$  |
| (iii) Doublet    | $(V_r, V_\theta)$   | $-\frac{k}{2\pi} \frac{\sin\theta}{r}$ | $\frac{k}{2\pi} \frac{\cos\theta}{r}$ |
| (iv) Vortex flow | $(V_r=0, V_\theta)$ | $\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r$            | $-\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta$         |
| (v) Sink flow    | $V_r, V_\theta=0$   | $-\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta$         | $-\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r$         |

Circulation

uniform flow

$$0$$

Source flow

$$0$$

Sink flow

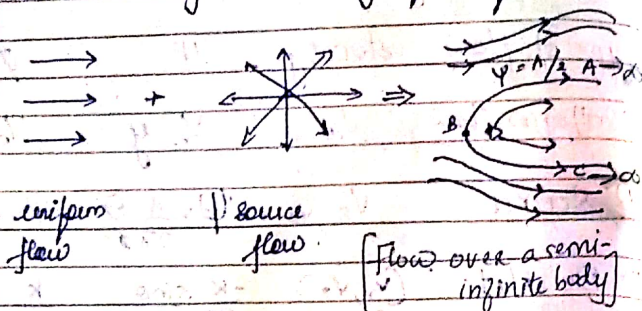
$$0$$

vortex flow

$$-2\pi C$$

\* Combination of Uniform flow with source and sink:

Consider a polar co-ordinate system with source strength " $\Lambda$ " located at the origin. Superimpose on this flow a uniform stream with velocity  $V_\infty$  moving from left to right.



uniform flow

source flow

[Flow over a semi-infinite body]

$\psi$  = the stream function

$$\psi = V_\infty r \sin \theta + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta = \text{constant} = C$$

$$\psi_0 = V_\infty r \sin \theta$$

$$\psi_0 = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \theta$$

Source is located @ O.

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \left[ V_\infty r \cos \theta + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \right] = \left[ V_\infty \cos \theta + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r} \right] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$V_\theta = -V_\infty \sin \theta \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}$  is the radial velocity from the source.

$V_\infty \cos \theta$  is the component of free stream velocity in radial direction.

$V_\theta = -V_\infty \sin \theta$  is the tangential velocity at stagnation point B,  $V_r = 0$  &  $V_\theta = 0$  &  $\theta = \pi$

$$V_\theta = 0$$

$$-V_\infty \sin \theta = 0$$

$$V_\theta = 0$$

$$V_\infty \cos \theta + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r} = 0$$

$$V_\infty \cos \theta + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r} = 0$$

$$-V_\infty + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r} = 0$$

$$r = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi V_\infty} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Stagnation point located at  $(r, \theta) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi V_\infty}, \pi\right)$

Substituting the value of  $r$  &  $\theta$  in (2)

$$\psi = V_\infty \times \frac{\lambda}{2\pi V_\infty} \sin \pi + \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \pi = \text{constant}$$

$$\psi = \frac{\lambda}{2} = \text{constant}$$

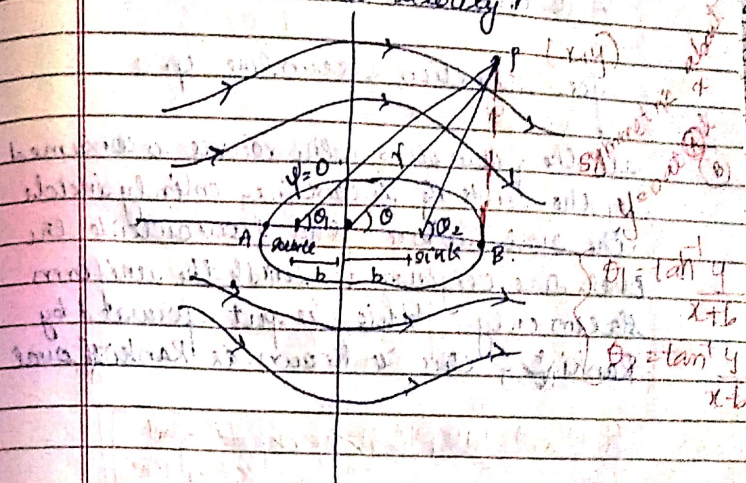
Stagnation point is a distance  $\frac{\lambda}{2\pi V_\infty}$  directly upstream of the source

Value of  $\lambda$  decrease if  $V_\infty$  increases.

Since the streamline that goes through the stagnation point is described as  $\psi = \lambda$ . This streamline is shown as curve ABC.

If we take a sink of equal strength as the source then the resulting body shape will be closed. Consider a polar co-ordinate system with a source & sink placed at a distance  $b$  to the left & right of the origin respectively.

The strength of the source & sink are  $\lambda$  &  $-\lambda$ . In addition superimpose a uniform stream with ' $V_\infty$ ' as the velocity.



The stream function for the combined flow at any point  $P$  with coordinates  $(r, \theta)$

$$\psi = \psi_{\text{uni}} + \psi_{\text{source}} + \psi_{\text{sink}}$$

$$= V_\infty r \sin \theta + \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta_1 - \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \theta_2$$

$$\psi = V_\infty r \sin \theta + \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \& \quad V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \Rightarrow V_r = V_\infty \cos \theta + \frac{\lambda}{2\pi r} \left( \frac{1}{b} \right)$$

A & B are stagnation points at

$$A = \phi = \psi_1 = \psi_2 = \pi \quad \text{at } B = \phi = \psi_1 = \psi_2 = 0$$

for stagnation streamline  $\psi = 0$

all the flow from the source is consumed by the sink & is contained entirely inside the oval where the flow outside the oval has originated with the uniform stream only. This is put forward by Rankine & this is known as Rankine oval