

Chapter 2

2.1 (a) Write $\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v})$ in summation subscript notation. (b) Consider the viscous force per unit mass \mathbf{e} introduced in equation 2.5.1. Write down the complete form of this by substituting equation 2.3.11, and then simplify for incompressible flow. (c) Determine $\partial x_i x_j / \partial x_i$ (*Hint: be careful*).

2.2 Write a short program to determine the maximum thickness and chordlength of a symmetric Joukowski airfoil as a function of the position of the center of the mapping circle to the left of the origin, i.e. $-Re\{\xi_1\}/C$ (see Figure 2.9A). Compare with the expressions in equation 2.3.37. Plot the true thickness to chord ratio as a function of $-Re\{\xi_1\}/C$.

2.3 Determine expressions for the velocity potential and streamfunction for the flow of a vertically upward free stream of unit velocity past a horizontal flat plate extending from $(-a, 0)$ to $(a, 0)$. (a) Consider the case of no circulation. (b) Consider the case of circulation chosen so that the flow attaches to the plate at $(a, 0)$. (c) Show that the flow past a flat plate airfoil with Kutta condition at angle of attack can be generated by the weighted superposition of the flow in part (b) and a uniform free stream in the positive x direction. Use plots of the streamlines and equipotentials to illustrate your solutions in each part.

[Worked example solution](#)

Solution Problem 2.3

Potential and streamfunction are given by the real and imaginary parts of equation 2.7.30

$$w(z) = U_{\infty}z \cos \alpha - iU_{\infty}\sqrt{z^2 - a^2} \sin \alpha - \frac{i\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2}\right)$$

So, for a vertical free stream $\alpha = \pi/2$ and we have

$$\psi(z) = \text{imag} \left(-iU_{\infty}\sqrt{z^2 - a^2} - \frac{i\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2}\right) \right)$$

And

$$\phi(z) = \text{real} \left(-iU_{\infty}\sqrt{z^2 - a^2} - \frac{i\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2}\right) \right)$$

If necessary, these relations can be expanded by using the substitutions $r_1 e^{i\theta_1} = z^2 - a^2$ where

$$r_1 = \sqrt{(x^2 - y^2 - a^2)^2 + (2xy)^2}$$

$$\theta_1 = \arctan\left(\frac{2xy}{x^2 - y^2 - a^2}\right)$$

and $r_2 e^{i\theta_2} = z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{(x + \sqrt{r_1} \cos \theta_1/2)^2 + (y + \sqrt{r_1} \sin \theta_1/2)^2}$$

$$\theta_2 = \arctan\left(\frac{y + \sqrt{r_1} \sin \theta_1/2}{x + \sqrt{r_1} \cos \theta_1/2}\right)$$

Giving

$$\psi(z) = -U_{\infty}\sqrt{r_1} \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{2}$$

$$\phi(z) = U_{\infty}\sqrt{r_1} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta_2$$

(a) For no circulation the result is

$$\psi(z) = \text{imag} \left(-iU_{\infty}\sqrt{z^2 - a^2} \right)$$

$$\phi(z) = \text{real} \left(-iU_{\infty}\sqrt{z^2 - a^2} \right)$$

Or

$$\psi(z) = -U_{\infty}\sqrt{r_1} \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2}$$

$$\phi(z) = +U_{\infty}\sqrt{r_1} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2}$$

(b) To satisfy the Kutta condition we apply equation 2.7.31 for $\alpha = \pi/2$ so that $\Gamma = -2\pi a U_\infty$, and thus

$$\psi(z) = \text{imag} \left(-iU_\infty \sqrt{z^2 - a^2} + iU_\infty a \ln \left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$\phi(z) = \text{real} \left(-iU_\infty \sqrt{z^2 - a^2} + iU_\infty a \ln \left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2} \right) \right)$$

or

$$\psi(z) = -U_\infty \sqrt{r_1} \cos \frac{\theta_1}{2} + aU_\infty \ln \frac{r_2}{2}$$

$$\phi(z) = U_\infty \sqrt{r_1} \sin \frac{\theta_1}{2} - aU_\infty \frac{\theta_2}{2}$$

(c) For a horizontal free stream of velocity U we have $w_h(z) = Uz$

So, adding this to the vertical flow past the flat plate with free stream velocity V that satisfies the Kutta condition $w_v(z) = -iV\sqrt{z^2 - a^2} + iVa \ln \left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2} \right)$ we have

$$w(z) = Uz - iV\sqrt{z^2 - a^2} + iVa \ln \left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2} \right)$$

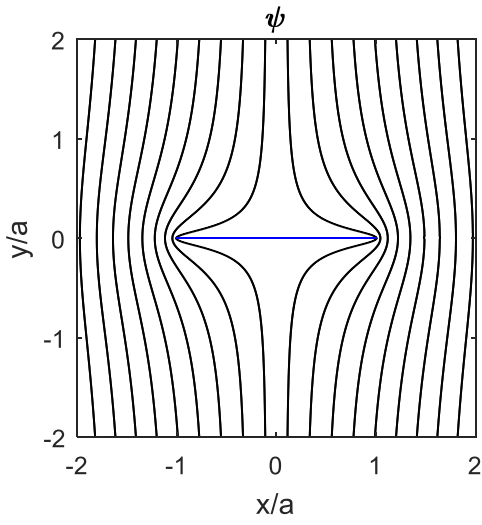
Letting $U = U_\infty \cos \alpha$ and $V = U_\infty \sin \alpha$ we get

$$w(z) = U_\infty \cos \alpha z - iU_\infty \sin \alpha \sqrt{z^2 - a^2} + iaU_\infty \sin \alpha \ln \left(\frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - a^2}}{2} \right)$$

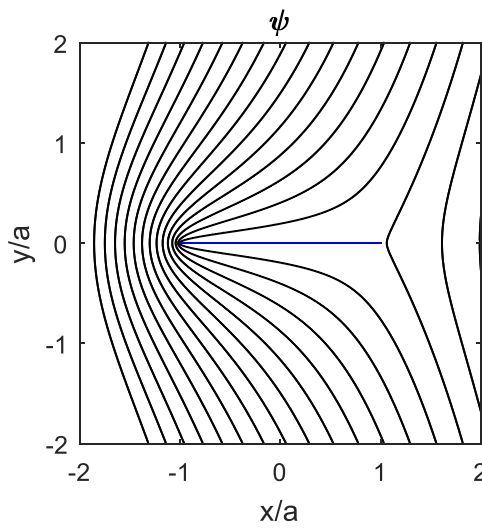
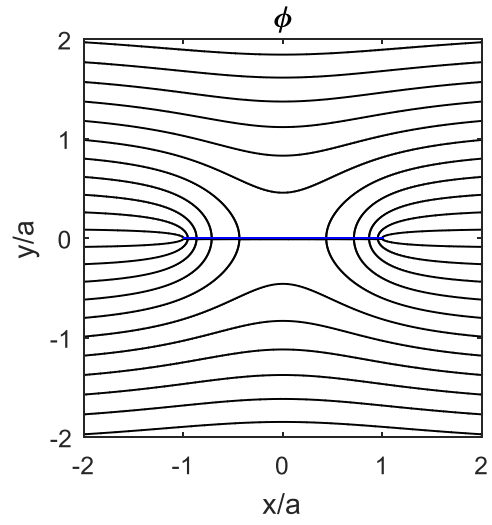
This matches equation 2.7.30 for angle of attack α with

$$\Gamma = -2\pi a U_\infty \sin \alpha$$

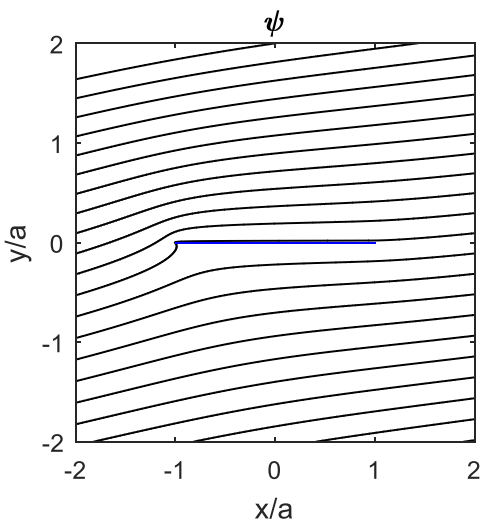
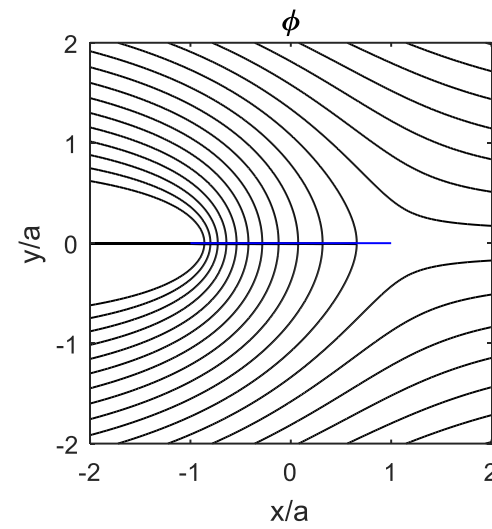
Which is the circulation needed to maintain the Kutta condition at angle of attack α . Plots are best done in Matlab using by computing the $w(z)$ functions in each case over a fine grid and contouring the real and imaginary parts. Note that (as discussed in appendix B) it is necessary to calculate $\sqrt{z^2 - a^2}$ as $\sqrt{z - a}\sqrt{z + a}$ to get the correct branch cut.



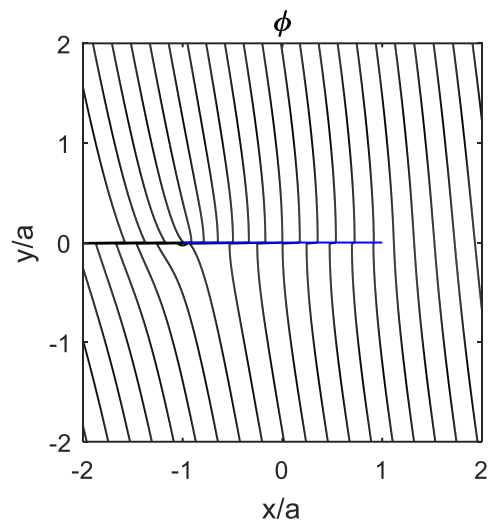
(a)



(b)



(c)



Matlab code:

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clear all; close all;
Uinf=1;a=1;
[x,y]=meshgrid(-2:.01:2,-2:.01:2);z=x+i*y;

%Part (a)
wa=-i*Uinf*sqrt(z-a).*sqrt(z+a);
psi=imag(wa);phi=real(wa);
figure(1);set(gcf,'position',[38 38 610 301]);
subplot(1,2,1);
contour(-2:.01:2,-2:.01:2,psi,-2.1:.2:2.1,'k');
hold on;plot([-a a],[0 0],'b');hold off %add plate
axis equal;xlabel('x/a');ylabel('y/a');title('\psi');
subplot(1,2,2);
contour(-2:.01:2,-2:.01:2,phi,-2.1:.2:2.1,'k');
hold on;plot([-a a],[0 0],'b');hold off %add plate
axis equal;xlabel('x/a');ylabel('y/a');title('\phi');

%Part (b)
wb=-i*Uinf*sqrt(z-a).*sqrt(z+a)+i*Uinf*a*log((z+sqrt(z-a).*sqrt(z+a))/2);
psi=imag(wb);phi=real(wb);
figure(2);set(gcf,'position',[38 38 610 301]);
subplot(1,2,1);
contour(-2:.01:2,-2:.01:2,psi,-2.1:.2:2.1,'k');
hold on;plot([-a a],[0 0],'b');hold off %add plate
axis equal;xlabel('x/a');ylabel('y/a');title('\psi');
subplot(1,2,2);
contour(-2:.01:2,-2:.01:2,phi,-2.1:.2:2.1,'k');
hold on;plot([-a a],[0 0],'b');hold off %add plate
axis equal;xlabel('x/a');ylabel('y/a');title('\phi');

%Part (c)
alpha=10*pi/180; %angle of attack
wc=Uinf*z;
w=wc*cos(alpha)+wb*sin(alpha)
psi=imag(w);phi=real(w);
figure(3);set(gcf,'position',[38 38 610 301]);
subplot(1,2,1);
contour(-2:.01:2,-2:.01:2,psi,-2.1:.2:2.1,'k');
hold on;plot([-a a],[0 0],'b');hold off %add plate
axis equal;xlabel('x/a');ylabel('y/a');title('\psi');
subplot(1,2,2);
contour(-2:.01:2,-2:.01:2,phi,-2.1:.2:2.1,'k');
hold on;plot([-a a],[0 0],'b');hold off %add plate
axis equal;xlabel('x/a');ylabel('y/a');title('\phi');
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