

→ u for $t > 0$

$$u(y, t) : \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \\ + BC \ \& \ IC.$$

$$u(y, t) = u \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{\eta}{2}\right)$$

$$\eta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{\nu t}}$$

See animation
on webpage

§ 8 Stream function & (2)

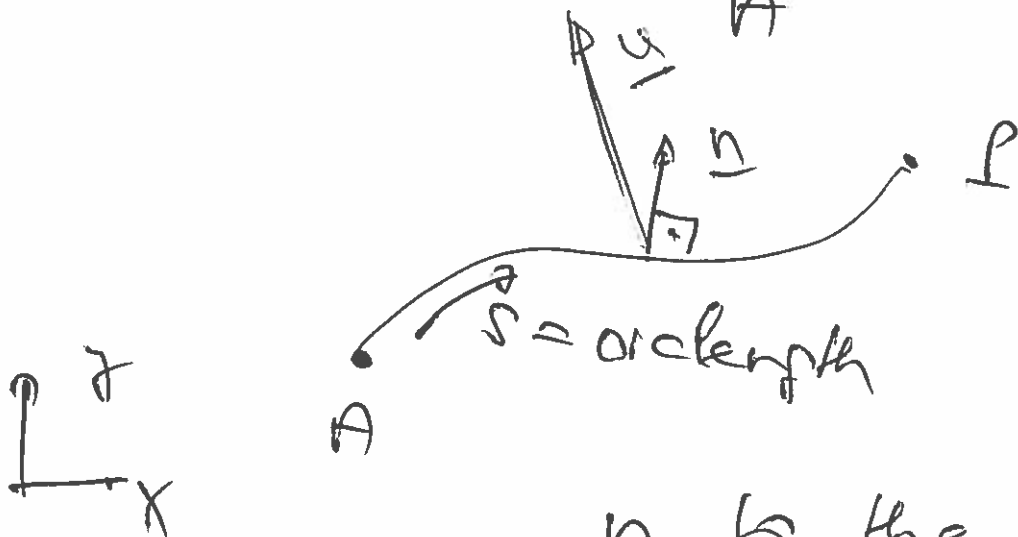
vorticity eqns

Alternative formulation of N.S. eqns, particularly useful in 2D, incompressible fluids.

Stream fct:

$$\underline{u} = u \underline{e}_x + v \underline{e}_y$$

Def: $\psi_A(P) = \int_A^P \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} \, ds$



\underline{n} is the \hat{x} left

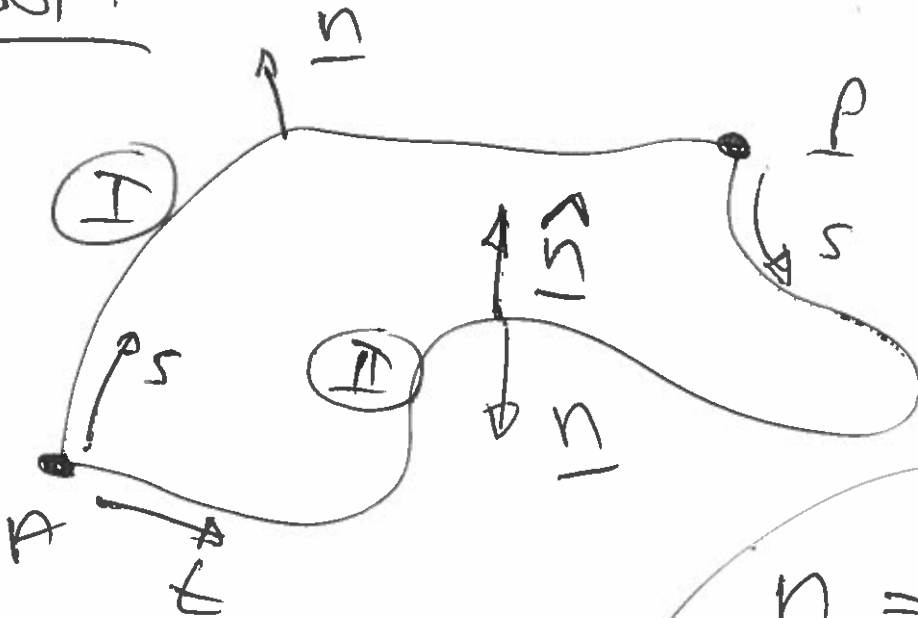
$\psi_A(P)$ is the vol. flux (per unit depth in the z -direction) crossing the line AP .

Implications:

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(1) $\chi_A(P)$ is path independent!

Proof:



$$\frac{n}{ds} = \langle 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\chi_A^I(P) = \int_A^P u \cdot n \, ds$$

$$\chi_A^{II}(P) = \int_A^P u \cdot \frac{n}{ds} \, ds$$

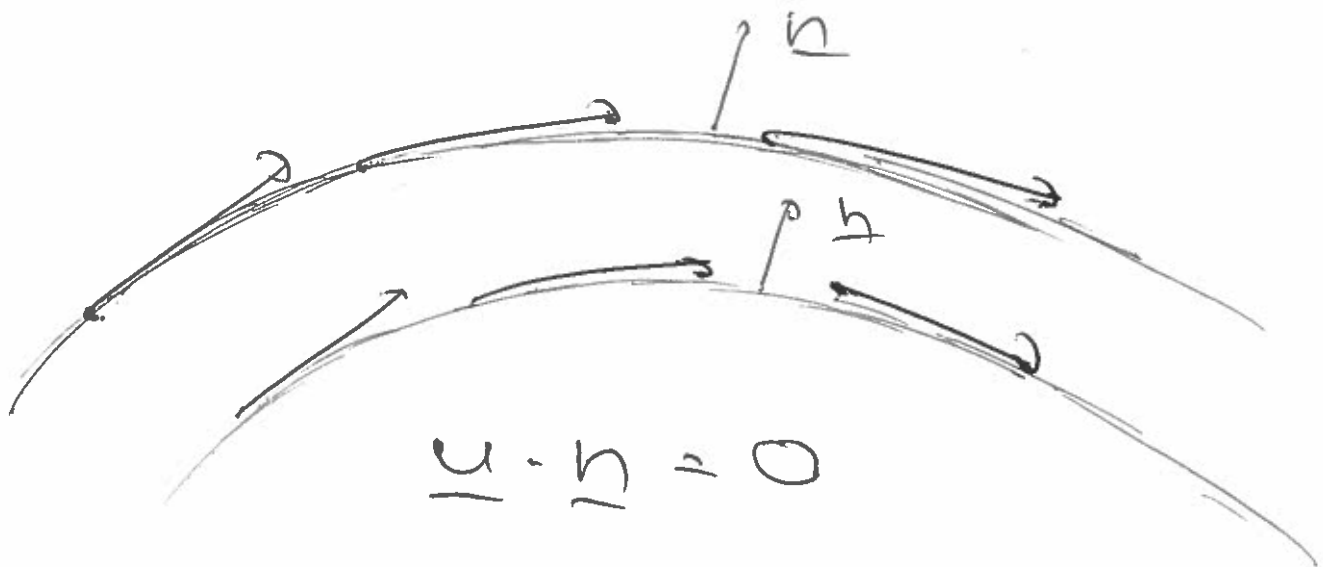
$$= \int_P^A u \cdot n \, ds$$

$$\gamma_A^I(P) - \gamma_A^{II}(P) = \int_A^P \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} ds + \int_P^A \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} ds \quad (4)$$

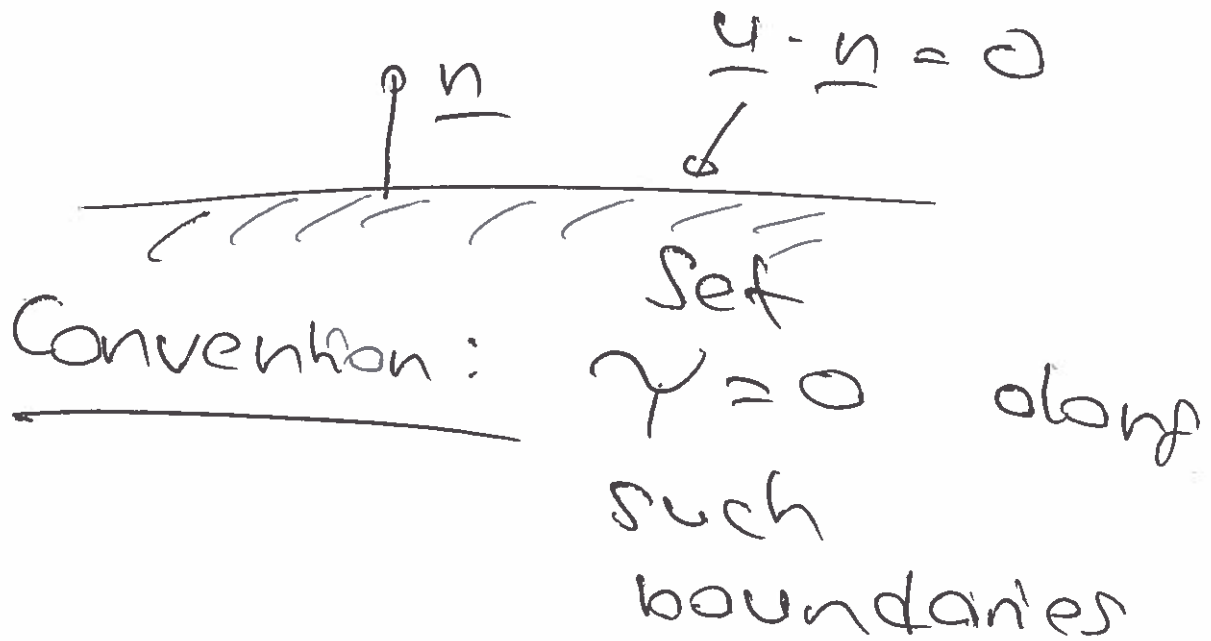
$$= \oint_{A \rightarrow P \rightarrow A} \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} ds = 0$$

integral cont.
eqn. for incomp.
fluid

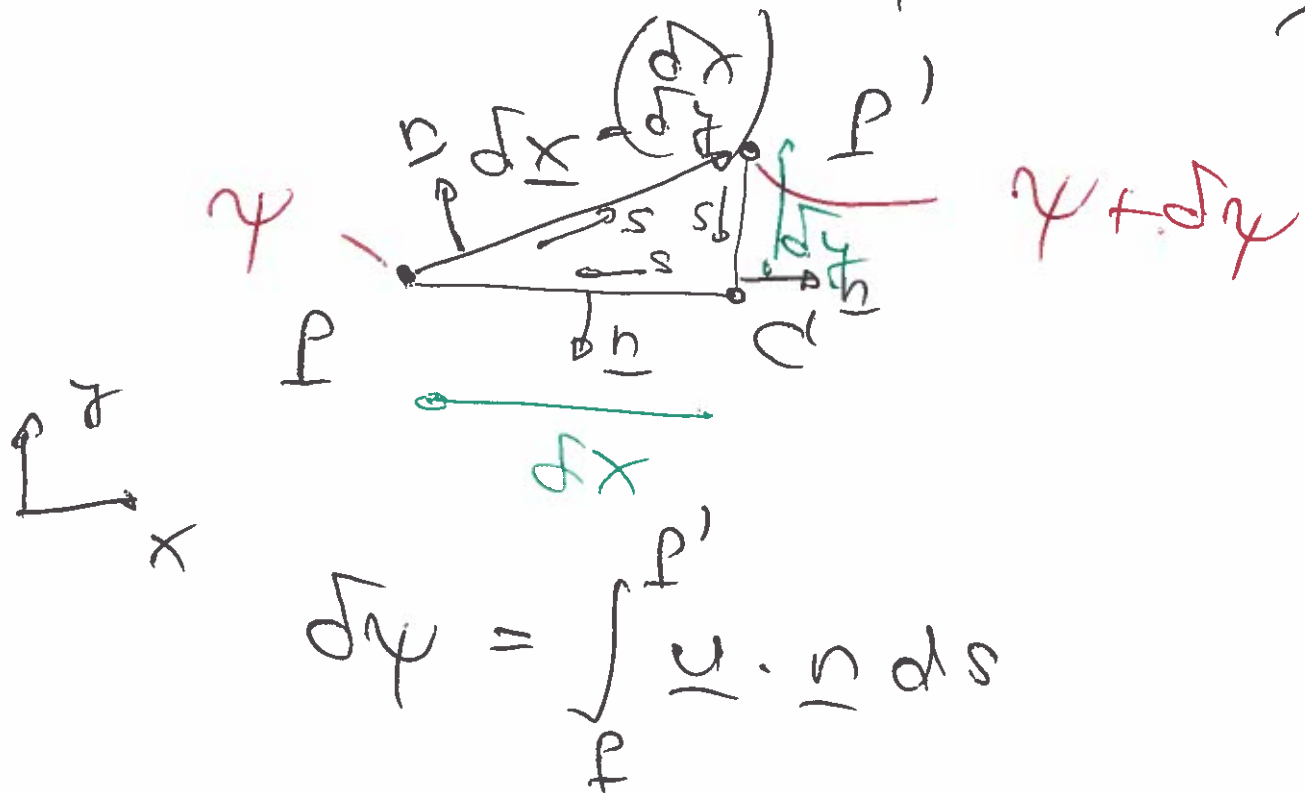
(2) γ is constant along streamlines = lines that are perpendicular to the velocity field:



(3) impermeable boundaries
 are streamlines (in
 this sense)



what PDE does ψ satisfy?



integral continuity:

(6)

$$\oint \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} \, ds = 0$$

$$= \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} \dots}_{\delta\gamma} + \int_{\Gamma'} \dots + \int_{\alpha} \dots$$

$$\delta\gamma = \int_{\Gamma} \underline{u} \cdot \underline{n} \, ds = - \int_{\Gamma'} \underbrace{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n}}_{u \cdot (-dy)} \, ds - \int_{\alpha} \underbrace{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{n}}_{(-u)(-n)} \, ds$$

$$\delta\gamma = \int_{\Gamma'} u \, dy - \int_{\alpha} u \, dx$$

Now use mean value theorem
& let $\delta x, \delta y \rightarrow 0$

$$\delta\gamma = u \delta y - u \delta x$$

Also:

$$\gamma = \gamma(x, y)$$

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

(2D Taylor expansion)

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

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

Similar to potential,
Cauchy-Riemann, Airy
stress fns etc.

Remarks:

- (1) Derivation involved
continuity eqn.
 \Rightarrow maybe the
continuity eqn. is

already → solve it:

(8)

Is it?

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0$$

⇒ if we can formulate our problems in terms of the stream function, we can ignore the continuity eqn.