

# SUCTION FLOW ALONG A CIRCULAR SURFACE

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The suction velocity and the skin-friction of a viscous flow along the surface of a circular ditch have been calculated.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Stuart<sub>1</sub> dealt with the steady flows of viscous incompressible fluids in general and in particular also. He considered the suction flows round the corners and outside of a circular cylinder. Satya Prakash<sub>2</sub> considered the flow along parabolic corners and channels with suction and injection. Radhey Shiam<sub>3</sub> has also treated some problems of suction flows along surfaces – specifically elliptical, semi-elliptical and triangular on the same lines. In this paper suction flow along a circular surface has been considered.

## 2. FORMULATION OF THE PROBLEM

Let  $x, y, z$  be the cartesian coordinates with velocity components  $(u, v, w)$ ,  $z$  denoting the coordinate parallel to the length of the ditch,  $t$  denoting time. Since the ditch is extending from minus infinity to plus infinity, the flow may be taken independent of  $z$ . Therefore, the equations of motion are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \nabla^2 u \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \nu \nabla^2 v \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \nu \nabla^2 w \quad \dots (3)$$

## 3. SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM

Following Stuart<sub>1</sub>, we take for steady motion,  $u$  and  $v$  as velocity components, derived from some potential function  $\phi(x, y)$ , thus

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

$$v = - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

and, substituting the above and making further use of  $p = p(x, y)$  in eqns. (1), (2) and (3), we obtain,

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad \dots (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad \dots (6)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = v \nabla^2 w. \quad \dots (7)$$

From eqns. (5) and (6) we get by integration,

$$\frac{P}{\rho} = - \frac{1}{2} (\phi_x^2 + \phi_y^2).$$

The solution of (7) is,

$$w = A + B e^{-\psi/v} \quad \dots (8)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants.  
A suitable form of eqn. (8) is,

$$\pm \frac{w}{W_0} = 1 - e^{-\psi/v} \quad \dots (9)$$

where  $W_0$  is the external stream parallel to the length of the ditch.

Now, if we taken an infinite length of the dietch situated in the fluid in such a way that it's length is along with axis of  $z$ , then, the boundary conditions would be:

(I)  $w = 0$ , on the surface of the ditch,

(II)  $w = \pm W_0$ , at infinite distance from the surface of the ditch, and  $\partial \phi / \partial n$  if non zero, would be the velocity of suction on the surface of the ditch.

If we take a transformation<sup>4</sup>,

$$Z = ic \cot \zeta / 2$$

where  $c$  is the parameter of transformation, we obtain,

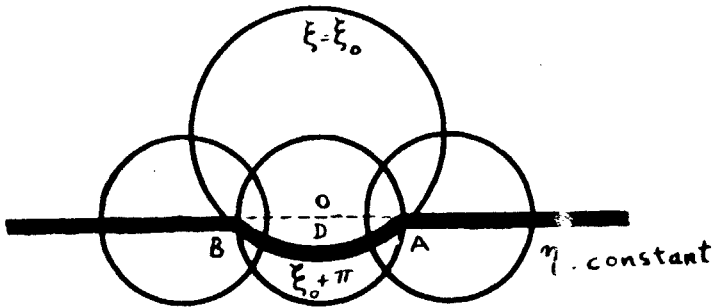
$$x = \frac{c \sinh \eta}{\cosh \eta - \cos \xi}$$

$$y = \frac{c \sin \xi}{\cosh \eta - \cos \xi}$$

where  $Z = x + iy$  and  $\zeta = \xi + i\eta$ . In coaxial system of coordinate,  $A$  and  $B$  are the limiting points of the system.  $P$  describes a circle passing through the point  $A$  and  $B$ .

$\xi$  and  $\eta$  are called coaxial coordinates.  $\xi = \xi_0 + \pi$  is a circle with a centre  $[0, c \cot(\xi_0 + \pi)]$  and radius  $c \operatorname{cosec}(\xi_0 + \pi)$ .  $\eta = \eta_0$  is a circle with centre  $(c \coth \eta_0, 0)$  and radius  $c \operatorname{cosec} \eta_0$ .  $\xi = \xi_0 + \pi$  is an arc of a circle through  $A$  and  $B$  for which  $y < 1$ , which represents the ditch  $ADB$  in Fig. 1.

We take



$$\phi = \beta(\xi - \xi_0 - \pi)$$

(where  $\beta$  is an arbitrary positive constant), and making use of

$$w = W_0(1 - e^{-\phi/\nu})$$

we note  $\phi$  satisfies the laplace equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \eta^2} = 0$$

The conditions of the problem (I) and (II) become:

$$\phi = 0 \text{ for } \xi = \xi_0 + \pi \text{ and } \phi = \infty \text{ for } \xi = \infty$$

The suction velocity along the surface of the ditch is  $h \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi}$

$$\text{where, } h = \left| \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} \right|.$$

$$\text{Since } \left| \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial z} \right| = \left( \frac{\cosh \eta - \cos \xi}{c} \right).$$

The suction velocity becomes

$$\begin{aligned} h \left| \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi} \right|_{\xi = \xi_0 + \pi} &= \beta \left( \frac{\cosh \eta - \cos \xi}{c} \right)_{\xi_0 + \pi} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{c} \left\{ \cosh \eta - \cos(\xi_0 + \pi) \right\} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{c} \left( \cosh \eta + \cos \xi_0 \right) \end{aligned} \quad \dots (10)$$

The skin-friction is  $\mu h \frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi}$  and since

$$w = W_0 (1 - e^{-A(\xi - \xi_0 - \pi)/v})$$

Its value on the surface of the ditch is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \mu h \frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi} \right)_{\xi = \xi_0 + \pi} &= \mu \frac{W_0 \beta}{v} \left[ \frac{\cosh \eta - \cos(\xi_0 + \pi)}{c} \right] \\ &= \mu \frac{W_0 \beta}{vc} \left( \cosh \eta + \cos \xi_0 \right) \end{aligned} \quad \dots (11)$$

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