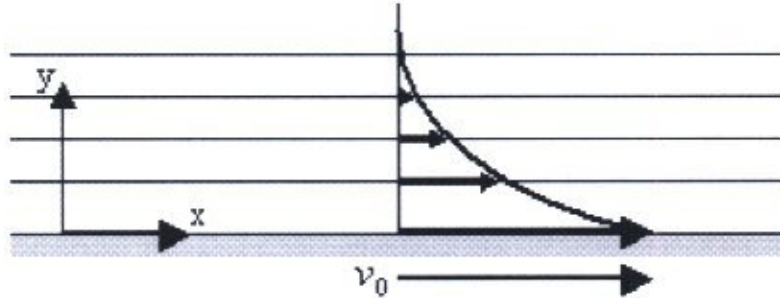


# Stokes First Problem

## 1 Stokes' 1st

Stokes' first problem, also erroneously called Rayleigh flow:



Continuity:

$$\text{div}(\bar{v}) = 0 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \implies u = u(y, t)$$

y-momentum:

$$\rho \frac{Df}{Dt} = -\rho g - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \nabla^2 f \implies p = -\rho g y + P(x, t)$$

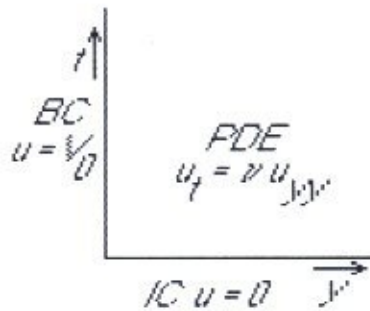
x-momentum:

$$\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \rho u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \rho v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

The x-momentum equation becomes:

$$u_t = \nu u_{yy}$$

where  $\nu = \mu/\rho$  is the dynamic viscosity.



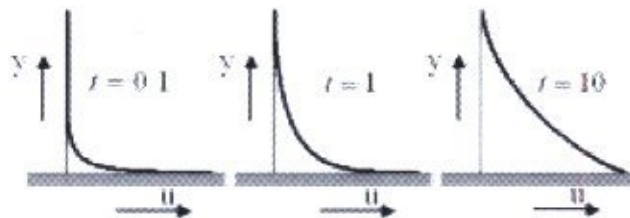
Simple way: use dimensional analysis  
 $u = f(y, t, \nu, v_0)$   
 But equation is linear  
 $\implies$  So  $u \propto v_0$   
 $\frac{u}{v_0} = f(y, t, \nu)$   
 choose  $t \rightarrow T$  and  $\nu \rightarrow \frac{L^2}{T}$   
 $y t^a \nu^b \rightarrow L T^a L^{2b} T^{-b}$   
 $\rightarrow b = -\frac{1}{2} \quad a = b = -\frac{1}{2}$

Exercise:

How would you normally find  $u$ ?

A simpler way to solve is to guess that the solution is *similar*: after rescaling  $u$  and  $y$ , all velocity profiles look the same.

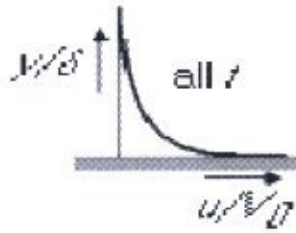
Original profiles:



$$\frac{u}{v_0} = f\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{4\nu t}}\right)$$

$$\Pi_y = \eta \equiv \frac{y}{\sqrt{4\nu t}}$$

Supposed shape after scaling  $u$  with  $V_0$ , and  $y$  with a characteristic boundary layer thickness  $\delta$  that increases with time:



Mathematical form of the similarity assumption:

$$\frac{u}{V_0} = f\left(\frac{y}{\delta(t)}\right)$$

The proof is in the pudding; if it satisfies the P.D.E., I.C., and B.C., it is OK.

$$u_t = \nu u_{yy} \Rightarrow -V_0 f' \frac{y}{\delta^2} \delta_t = \nu V_0 f'' \frac{1}{\delta^2}$$

Put  $\eta = y/\delta$ :

$$-V_0 f' \eta \frac{\delta_t}{\delta} = \nu V_0 f'' \frac{1}{\delta^2}$$

Separate into terms depending only on  $\eta$  and terms depending only on  $t$ :

$$-\frac{f' \eta}{f''} = \frac{\nu}{\delta \delta_t} = \text{constant} = \frac{1}{2}$$

It does not make a difference what you take the constant; this merely changes the value of  $\delta$ , not the physical solution.

Solving the O.D.E.s for  $\delta$  and  $f$ , we solve the P.D.E. For the boundary layer thickness  $\delta \delta_t = 2\nu$  so

$$\delta = \sqrt{4\nu t}$$

For the velocity profile  $f'' = -2\eta f'$  hence

$$f = \text{erfc}(\eta)$$

where  $\text{erfc}$  is the complementary error function defined as

$$\text{erfc}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_x^\infty e^{-\xi^2} d\xi$$

**Exercise:**

Derive the expressions for  $\delta$  and  $f$ .

Total:

$$u = V_0 \text{erfc}\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) \quad \delta = \sqrt{4\nu t}$$

You should now be able to do 7.14, 16, 17

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$$

$$f_y = \frac{df}{d\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y}$$

$$= \frac{df}{d\eta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\nu t}}$$

$$\left(\frac{u}{V_0}\right)_t = \nu \left(\frac{u}{V_0}\right)_{yy} \rightarrow \frac{dy/\sqrt{4\nu t}}{\delta t} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta}{\delta}$$

$$\frac{df}{d\eta} \frac{df}{d\eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{1}{4\nu t} \frac{d^2 f}{d\eta^2}$$

$$\frac{df}{d\eta} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta}{t} f' = \frac{1}{4t} f''$$

$$\text{erf}(1) = 0.8427$$

$$\text{erfc}(1) = 0.16$$

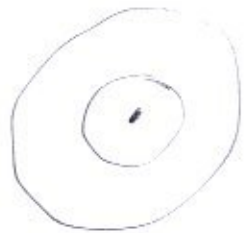
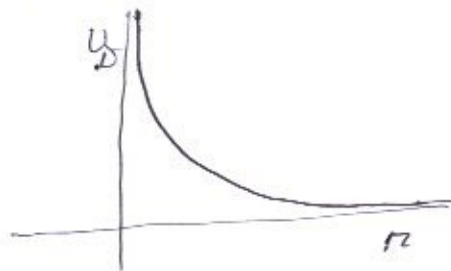
# Oseen vortex

$t < 0$



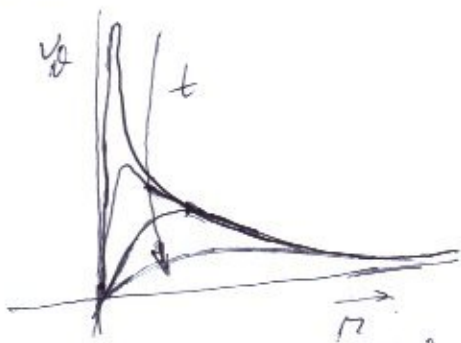
velocity field:  $\vec{v} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} \hat{e}_\theta$

(where  $\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi\epsilon} = \Omega$  so  $\Omega = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2})$ )



$t = 0$ : stop cylinder

$t > 0$



Appendix B  $v_1 = v_2 = 0$   $v_\theta = v_\theta(r, t)$   $p = p(r, t)$

continuity:  $0 = 0$

r-momentum:  $-\frac{v_\theta^2}{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dr}$

z-momentum:  $0 = 0$

$\theta$ -momentum:  $\frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} = \nu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{v_\theta}{r^2} \right]$

$\frac{r}{\nu} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{v_\theta}{r}$

$a = 0$   $b = \frac{1}{2}$

Linearity  $v_\theta = \frac{\Gamma}{r} f(r, t, \nu)$

$\frac{v_\theta}{r} = f(r, t, \nu)$

$\frac{v_\theta}{r} \sim t^a r^b \rightarrow \frac{L^2 T^{-1}}{L^2} L^{-2} T^a L^{2b} T^{-b}$

$v_\theta = \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{\nu t}} f\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}}\right)$

$f(\eta) \sim \frac{1}{\eta}$  large  $\eta$

$\frac{v_\theta}{r} = \frac{v_\theta}{\Gamma} \sqrt{\nu t} = f\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}}\right)$

$\frac{r}{\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}} \left( -\frac{1}{2t} f(\eta) + f'(\eta) \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta}{t} \right) \right) \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left[ \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu t}} + f'(\eta) \frac{1}{r} \right) \right]$

$\frac{r}{\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}} \left( \frac{1}{2t} f + f' \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta}{t} \right) \right) \right] = \frac{\nu}{r} \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{\nu t}} \left[ \frac{r}{\sqrt{\nu t}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\nu t}} + f' \frac{1}{r} \right]$



$$\frac{n}{D} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ -\frac{1}{2t} f + f' \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta}{t} \right) \right] = \frac{d}{dt} \left[ n f' \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} + f \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} - \frac{f}{n} \right]$$

\*  $n\sqrt{t}$ :

$$-\frac{1}{2} \eta^2 f - \frac{1}{2} \eta^3 f' = \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 f'' + \eta f' - f$$

$$\eta^2 f'' + (\eta + \frac{1}{2} \eta^3) f' - (1 - \frac{1}{2} \eta^2) f = 0$$

$$\eta^2 f'' + \eta f' - f + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 (\eta f' + f) = 0$$

$\frac{1}{\eta}$  is a solution.  
so try  $f = \frac{S}{\eta}$  to simplify

$$n(n-1) + n - 1$$

$$= n^2 - 1$$

$$\eta^2 f'' + \eta f' - f = 0$$

$$f = \frac{S}{\eta} \rightarrow f' = \frac{S'}{\eta} - \frac{S}{\eta^2}$$

$$\eta S'' - 2S' + \frac{2S}{\eta} + S'' - \frac{S}{\eta} - \frac{S}{\eta^2} = 0$$

$$\eta S'' - S' + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 S' = 0$$

$$\frac{dS'}{S'} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2} \eta^2}{\eta} d\eta$$

$$\ln S' = \ln \eta - \frac{1}{4} \eta^2 + \ln C$$

$$S' = C' e^{-\frac{1}{4} \eta^2}$$

$$S = \frac{C' e^{-\frac{1}{4} \eta^2}}{\eta}$$

$$v_D = \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{2t}} \frac{\Gamma}{n} \left[ C' e^{-\frac{n^2}{4t}} + D \right]$$

$$v_D = \frac{\Gamma}{n} \left[ D + C' e^{-\frac{n^2}{4t}} \right] \quad v_D \sim \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi n} \text{ pour } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\rightarrow D = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

$$v_D = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi n} \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{n^2}{4t}} \right]$$