

# Irrotational flow

## Concepts

- Static and dynamic pressure
- Irrotational flows
- Vorticity

$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P$$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \nabla \underline{u} = (\nabla \times \underline{u}) \times \underline{u} + \nabla \left( \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right)$$

Assume incompressible

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$$

Density variation small

$$\frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} + (\nabla \times \underline{u}) \times \underline{u} = -\nabla \left( \underbrace{\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} u^2}_H \right)$$

$$H\rho = \underbrace{P}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{static} \\ \text{pressure}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{dynamic} \\ \text{pressure}}} \quad \text{Total pressure}$$

① In steady state  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow 0$

$$\bigcirc = \underline{u} \cdot \nabla H \quad H \text{ is constant along flow}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{If } \nabla \times \underline{u} = 0 \quad \nabla H = 0$$

$H$  is constant everywhere  
irrotational flow

Write  $\underline{u} = \nabla \phi$   $\uparrow$  Flow potential

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \phi) = -\nabla \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{p}{\rho} - \frac{1}{2} u^2 + \cancel{f(t)} \rightarrow 0$$

Bernoulli's equation for unsteady flow

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{When } \nabla \times \underline{u} \neq 0$$

Vorticity