

# Sheared Flow Past A Cylinder

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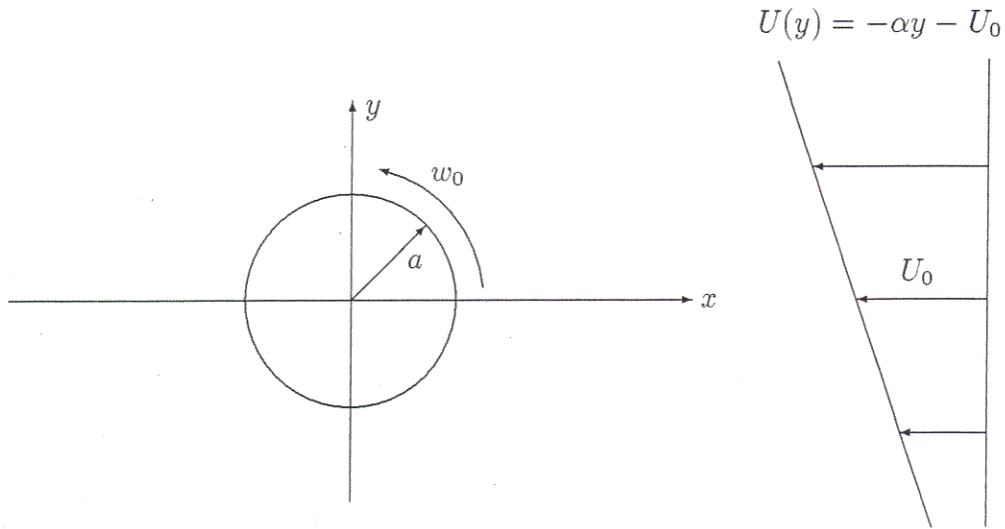
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## INTRODUCTION

We consider the unsteady two-dimensional problem of uniform shear flow of a viscous incompressible fluid past a rotating circular cylinder shown below:



The problem can be completely characterized by the following dimensionless parameters:

$$R = 2aU_0/\nu \quad \text{Reynolds Number}$$

$$\Omega = a\omega_0/U_0 \quad \text{Angular Velocity}$$

$$K = a\alpha/U_0 \quad \text{Shear Parameter}$$

$$V = 0, \pm 1 \quad \text{Centre-Line Velocity}$$

## MOTIVATION

The far-field flow approaching a cylindrical body is seldom exactly uniform but rather slightly sheared. In practice, structures are usually immersed within a boundary layer possessing shear.

This flow configuration can serve to model:

- offshore pipelines near the seabed,
- suspended cables in the atmosphere, and the
- effects of shear on hydrodynamic forces and vortex shedding.

## PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Analytical (Stokes flow):

Bretherton *JFM* (1962),

Robertson & Acrivos *JFM* (1970)

Numerical:

Kossack & Acrivos *JFM* (1974),

Chew, Luo & Cheng *J Wind Eng Ind Aerodyn* (1997),

Lei, Cheng & Kavanagh *Ocean Eng* (2000),

Xu & Dalton *J Fluids Struct* (2001),

Mukhopadhyay, Venugopal & Vanka *Comp Fluids* (2002)

## PRESENT STUDY

The main contributions of the present research are two fold:

1) An analytical solution valid for large  $R$  and small  $t$  is derived. Currently, only Stokes flow solutions (small  $R$ ) exist. A multiple series expansion method is implemented to determine an approximate solution in the large  $R$ , small  $t$  limit.

2) An efficient numerical technique for solving the Navier-Stokes equations is proposed. Previous numerical studies are either of finite difference or hybrid vortex type. The method used in this study is a spectral - finite difference scheme and is designed to capture the early development of the flow.

A detailed comparison between the two methods of solution will also be carried out.

## GOVERNING EQUATIONS

In terms of modified polar coordinates  $(\xi, \theta)$  where  $\xi = \ln(r/a)$  the dimensionless Navier-Stokes equations expressed in a stream function - vorticity formulation become:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta^2} = e^{2\xi} \zeta$$
$$e^{2\xi} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \xi} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{2}{R} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial \theta^2} \right)$$

## BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

These include the no-slip and impermeability conditions:

$$\psi = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \xi} = \Omega \text{ on } \xi = 0$$

and the far-field conditions:

$$\psi \rightarrow \frac{K}{4} e^{2\xi} + V e^\xi \sin \theta - \frac{K}{4} e^{2\xi} \cos 2\theta, \quad \zeta \rightarrow K \text{ as } \xi \rightarrow \infty$$

## INTEGRAL CONDITIONS

A straight-forward application of Green's second identity yields:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} e^{(2-n)\xi} \zeta \sin(n\theta) d\theta d\xi = 2V \delta_{1,n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} e^{(2-n)\xi} \zeta \cos(n\theta) d\theta d\xi = -K \delta_{2,n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\xi_\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{2\xi} \zeta d\theta d\xi = K e^{2\xi_\infty} - 2\Omega$$

## SWITCH TO BOUNDARY-LAYER VARIABLES

The early stages of the flow is best described by rescaling the coordinate  $\xi$  and flow variables  $\psi, \zeta$  as follows:

$$\xi = \lambda z, \quad \psi = \lambda \Psi, \quad \zeta = \omega / \lambda, \quad \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{8t}{R}}$$

## TRANSFORMED EQUATIONS

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial z^2} + \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial \theta^2} &= e^{2\lambda z} \omega \\ \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial z^2} + 2e^{2\lambda z} \left( z \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial z} + \omega \right) &= 4te^{2\lambda z} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} - \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2 \omega}{\partial \theta^2} \\ &- 4t \left( \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$



## ANALYTICAL SOLUTION PROCEDURE

For large  $R$  and small  $t$ ,  $\lambda$  is also small, and it is possible to expand the variables in a double series in both  $\lambda$  and  $t$  as follows:

$$\Psi = \Psi_{00} + t\Psi_{01} + \lambda(\Psi_{10} + t\Psi_{11}) + \dots$$

$$\omega = \omega_{00} + t\omega_{01} + \lambda(\omega_{10} + t\omega_{11}) + \dots$$

This leads to a hierarchy of problems at various orders. For example, the unsteady boundary-layer equations emerge in the limit as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  (or  $\lambda = 0$ ):

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi_0}{\partial z^2} = \omega_0$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 \omega_0}{\partial z^2} + 2z \frac{\partial \omega_0}{\partial z} + 2\omega_0 = 4t \frac{\partial \omega_0}{\partial t} - 4t \left( \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \omega_0}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial z} \frac{\partial \omega_0}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

With the help of Maple all terms listed in the above series were found.

## LEADING ORDER PROBLEM

The terms  $\Psi_{00}$  and  $\omega_{00}$  satisfy:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi_{00}}{\partial z^2} = \omega_{00}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \omega_{00}}{\partial z^2} + 2z \frac{\partial \omega_{00}}{\partial z} + 2\omega_{00} = 0$$

subject to:

$$\Psi_{00} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Psi_{00}}{\partial z} = \Omega \text{ on } z = 0 \text{ and } \omega_{00} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \omega_{00} \sin(n\theta) d\theta dz = 2V \delta_{1,n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \omega_{00} \cos(n\theta) d\theta dz = -K \delta_{2,n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \omega_{00} d\theta dz = K - 2\Omega$$

The solution represents the initial condition and is given by:

$$\omega_{00} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-z^2} \left( 2V \sin \theta - K \cos 2\theta + \frac{K - 2\Omega}{2} \right)$$

$$\Psi_{00} = \Omega z + \left[ z \operatorname{erf}(z) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (e^{-z^2} - 1) \right] \left( 2V \sin \theta - K \cos 2\theta + \frac{K - 2\Omega}{2} \right)$$

Solutions to higher-order terms soon become very complicated.

For example:

$$\Psi_{01} = a_1(z) \cos \theta + a_2(z) \sin 2\theta + a_3(z) \cos 3\theta + a_4(z) \sin 4\theta$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(z) = & -\frac{1}{9}e^{-2z^2} V(8e^{z^2} + 12\pi e^{z^2} - 12e^{2z^2} \pi + 8z^2 e^{z^2} + 6z\sqrt{\pi} \\ & - 33\operatorname{erf}z \pi e^{z^2} - 8z^3 e^{2z^2} \sqrt{\pi} - 12\operatorname{erf}z \pi e^{2z^2} - 12z\sqrt{\pi} e^{2z^2} - 6z^2 \pi e^{z^2} \\ & + 9z\operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \pi^{3/2} - 6z^3 \operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \pi^{3/2} + 12z\operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \sqrt{\pi} \\ & - 9z(\operatorname{erf}z)^2 \pi^{3/2} e^{2z^2} + 24\sqrt{2}\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{2}z)\pi e^{2z^2} + 6z^3(\operatorname{erf}z)^2 \pi^{3/2} e^{2z^2} \\ & + 8z^3 \operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \sqrt{\pi} + 12z^2 \operatorname{erf}z \pi e^{z^2} - 8e^{2z^2}) \Omega / \pi^{3/2} - \frac{1}{9}e^{-2z^2} V( \\ & - 6\pi e^{z^2} - 6z\sqrt{\pi} + 6e^{2z^2} \pi - 8e^{z^2} + 8e^{2z^2} - 8z^3 \operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \sqrt{\pi} - 8z^2 e^{z^2} \\ & - 12z\operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \sqrt{\pi} - 6z^3(\operatorname{erf}z)^2 \pi^{3/2} e^{2z^2} + 12z^3 e^{2z^2} \pi^{3/2} \\ & - 9z\operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \pi^{3/2} + 12z\sqrt{\pi} e^{2z^2} + 9z(\operatorname{erf}z)^2 \pi^{3/2} e^{2z^2} \\ & - 24\sqrt{2}\operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{2}z)\pi e^{2z^2} + 33\operatorname{erf}z \pi e^{z^2} - 6z^2 \pi e^{z^2} - 12z^2 \operatorname{erf}z \pi e^{z^2} \\ & + 8z^3 e^{2z^2} \sqrt{\pi} + 12\operatorname{erf}z \pi e^{2z^2} - 6z^3 \operatorname{erf}z e^{2z^2} \pi^{3/2}) K / \pi^{3/2} \end{aligned}$$

## JUSTIFICATION OF ANALYTICAL SOLUTION

The inviscid solution can be obtained by setting  $\zeta = K$  and satisfies:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta^2} = K e^{2\xi}$$

subject to:

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = 0 \text{ on } \xi = 0$$

$$\psi \rightarrow \frac{K}{4} e^{2\xi} + V e^\xi \sin \theta - \frac{K}{4} e^{2\xi} \cos 2\theta \text{ as } \xi \rightarrow \infty$$

The solution is easily found to be:

$$\psi(\xi, \theta) = \frac{K}{4} e^{2\xi} + 2V \sinh \xi \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2} \sinh 2\xi \cos 2\theta$$

The transverse velocity on the surface is then

$$v(0, \theta) = \frac{K}{2} + 2V \sin \theta - K \cos 2\theta$$

The above can also be determined from the analytical solution:

$$v = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\partial \Psi_{00}}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{K}{2} + 2V \sin \theta - K \cos 2\theta$$

which is in full agreement with the inviscid solution.

## NUMERICAL SOLUTION PROCEDURE

The scheme implemented is a spectral - finite difference method similar to that used by Badr & Dennis (JFM 1985). The flow variables are first expanded in a truncated Fourier series:

$$\Psi(z, \theta, t) = \frac{F_0(z, t)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N (F_n(z, t) \cos(n\theta) + f_n(z, t) \sin(n\theta))$$

$$\omega(z, \theta, t) = \frac{G_0(z, t)}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N (G_n(z, t) \cos(n\theta) + g_n(z, t) \sin(n\theta))$$

The Fourier coefficients satisfy the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial^2 F_0}{\partial z^2} = e^{2\lambda z} G_0(z, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 F_n}{\partial z^2} - n^2 \lambda^2 F_n = e^{2\lambda z} G_n(z, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f_n}{\partial z^2} - n^2 \lambda^2 f_n = e^{2\lambda z} g_n(z, t)$$

$$e^{-2\lambda z} \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial z^2} + 2z \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial z} + 2G_0 = 4t \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial t} - 4te^{-2\lambda z} S_0$$

$$e^{-2\lambda z} \frac{\partial^2 G_n}{\partial z^2} + (2z + 4nte^{-2\lambda z} f_{2n}) \frac{\partial G_n}{\partial z} + \left(2 - n^2 \lambda^2 e^{-2\lambda z} + 2nte^{-2\lambda z} \frac{\partial f_{2n}}{\partial z}\right) G_n$$

$$= 4t \frac{\partial G_n}{\partial t} - 2nte^{-2\lambda z} \left(f_n \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial z} - g_n \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial z} - g_n \frac{\partial F_{2n}}{\partial z} - 2F_{2n} \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial z}\right) - 2te^{-2\lambda z} S_n$$

$$e^{-2\lambda z} \frac{\partial^2 g_n}{\partial z^2} + (2z - 4nte^{-2\lambda z} f_{2n}) \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial z} + \left(2 - n^2 \lambda^2 e^{-2\lambda z} - 2nte^{-2\lambda z} \frac{\partial f_{2n}}{\partial z}\right) g_n$$

$$= 4t \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial t} + 2nte^{-2\lambda z} \left(F_n \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial z} - G_n \frac{\partial F_0}{\partial z} + G_n \frac{\partial F_{2n}}{\partial z} + 2F_{2n} \frac{\partial G_n}{\partial z}\right) - 2te^{-2\lambda z} T_n$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

The solution procedure is illustrated using the equation for  $G_0$ :

$$e^{-2\lambda z} \frac{\partial^2 G_0}{\partial z^2} + 2z \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial z} + 2G_0 = 4t \frac{\partial G_0}{\partial t} - 4te^{-2\lambda z} S_0$$

subject to:

$$G_0 \rightarrow 2K\lambda \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\int_0^{z\infty} e^{2\lambda z} G_0 dz = Ke^{2\lambda z\infty} - 2\Omega$$

First, define  $\hat{G}_0 = G_0 - 2K\lambda$ , then  $\hat{G}_0 \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note that the equation for  $\hat{G}_0$  will be identical to that of  $G_0$ .

In terms of  $\hat{G}_0$  the integral condition transforms to

$$\int_0^\infty e^{2\lambda z} \hat{G}_0 dz = K - 2\Omega$$

The equation for  $\hat{G}_0$  may be rewritten in the form:

$$4t \frac{\partial \hat{G}_0}{\partial t} = Q(z, t)$$

Now advance the solution from time  $t$  to  $t + \Delta t$ :

$$4\tau \hat{G}_0|_t^{t+\Delta t} - 4 \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \hat{G}_0 d\tau = \int_t^{t+\Delta t} Q d\tau$$

Next, approximate the integrals using the general formula:

$$\int_t^{t+\Delta t} \chi d\tau \approx \Delta t [\beta \chi(z, t + \Delta t) + (1 - \beta) \chi(z, t)]$$

where  $\beta = 1/2 \Rightarrow$  Crank-Nicolson scheme  
while  $\beta = 1 \Rightarrow$  fully implicit scheme.

The equation for  $\hat{G}_0$  then becomes:

$$4[t + (1 - \beta)\Delta t](\hat{G}_0(z, t + \Delta t) - \hat{G}_0(z, t)) = \\ \Delta t[\beta Q(z, t + \Delta t) + (1 - \beta)Q(z, t)]$$

Substituting the expression for  $Q(z, t + \Delta t)$  and replacing all derivatives by central differences leads to

$$A(z, t + \Delta t)\hat{G}_0(z - \Delta z, t + \Delta t) + B(z, t + \Delta t)\hat{G}_0(z, t + \Delta t) \\ + C(z, t + \Delta t)\hat{G}_0(z + \Delta z, t + \Delta t) = D(z, t + \Delta t) + E(z, t)$$

In matrix form this becomes a tri-diagonal system. To satisfy the integral condition express

$$\hat{G}_0(z, t + \Delta t) = \gamma\hat{G}_0^h(z, t + \Delta t) + \hat{G}_0^p(z, t + \Delta t)$$

with  $\hat{G}_0^h = \hat{G}_0^p = 1$  at  $z = 0$  and  $\hat{G}_0^h = \hat{G}_0^p = 0$  at  $z = z_\infty$ . The constant  $\gamma$  is chosen to satisfy the integral condition:

$$\gamma = \frac{K - 2\Omega - \int_0^{z_\infty} e^{2\lambda z} \hat{G}_0^p dz}{\int_0^{z_\infty} e^{2\lambda z} \hat{G}_0^h dz}$$

## RESULTS & COMPARISONS

### Computational Parameters

Outer Boundary:  $z_\infty = 8$

Grid Spacing Used:  $\Delta z = .05$

Time Steps Used:  $\Delta t = .0001$  till  $t = .001$

then  $\Delta t = .001$  till  $t = .01$

then  $\Delta t = .01$  till  $t = 1$

then  $\Delta t = .05$  for  $t > 1$

Differencing Parameter Used:  $\beta = 1$  (Fully Implicit Scheme)

Convergence Criterion Adopted:  $|\hat{G}_0^{(k+1)}(z, t) - \hat{G}_0^{(k)}(z, t)| < \varepsilon$

Tolerance:  $\varepsilon = 10^{-5}$

Number of Terms in Fourier Series:  $N = 25$

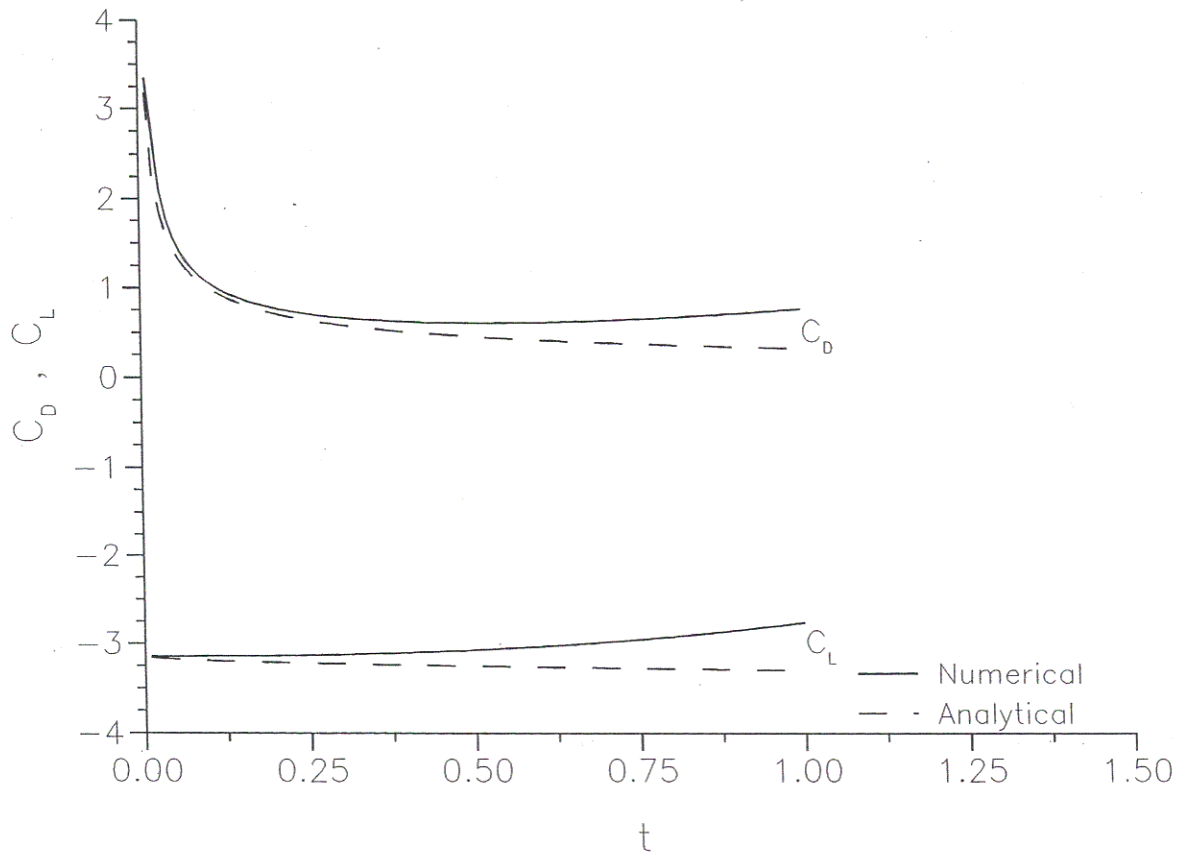
### Numerical Validation

The numerics can be verified against the analytical results found.

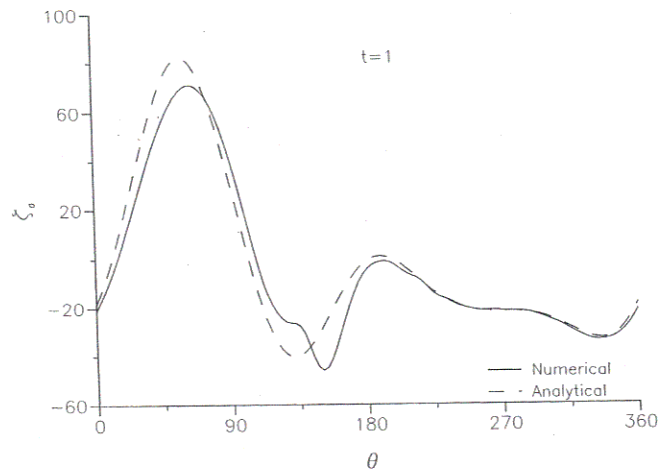
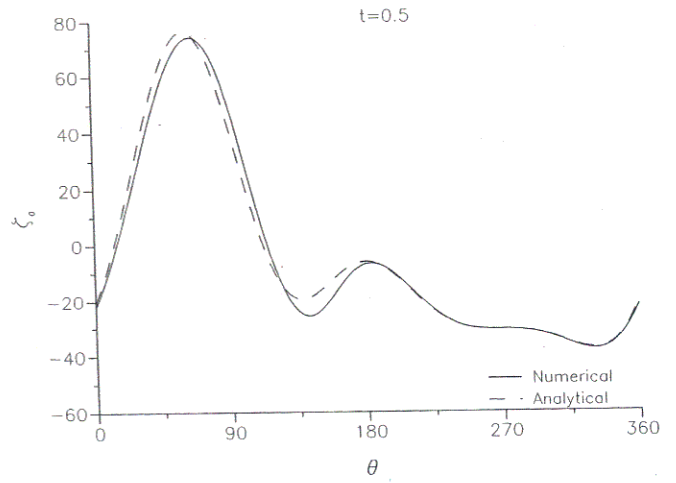
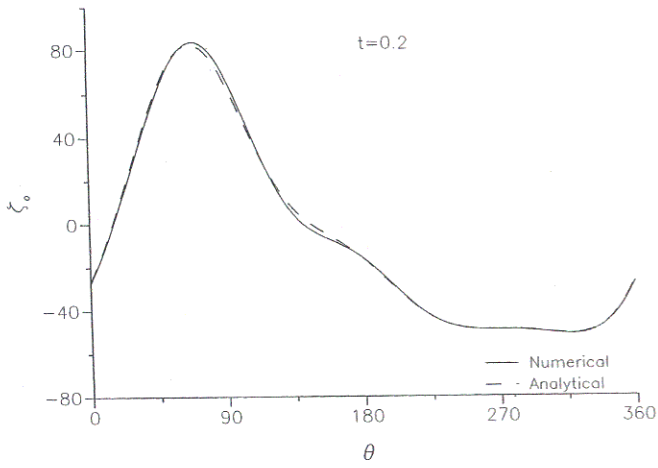
The following quantities are compared for large  $R$  and small  $t$ :

$$\zeta_0(\theta, t), C_D(t), C_L(t), P^*(\theta, t)$$

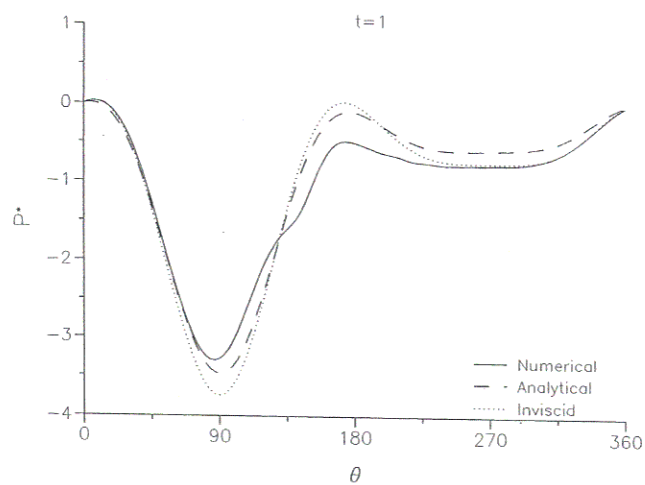
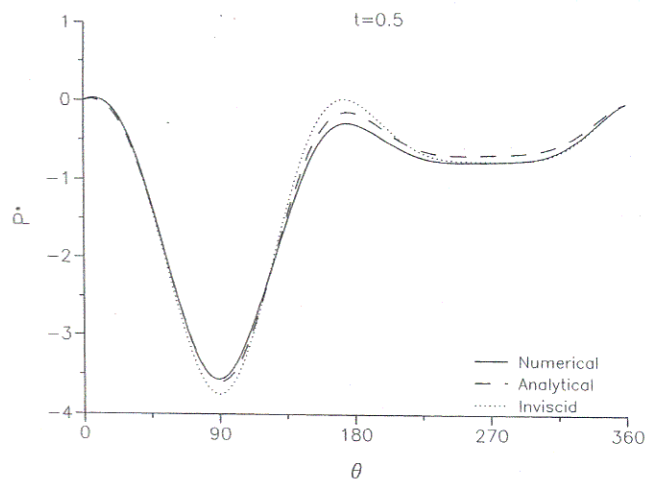
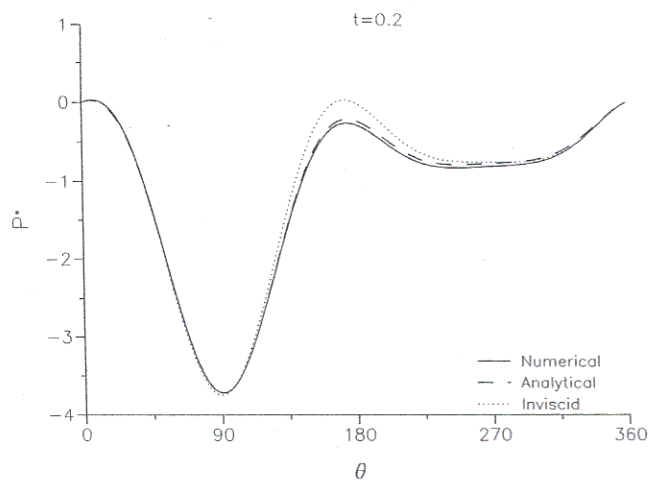




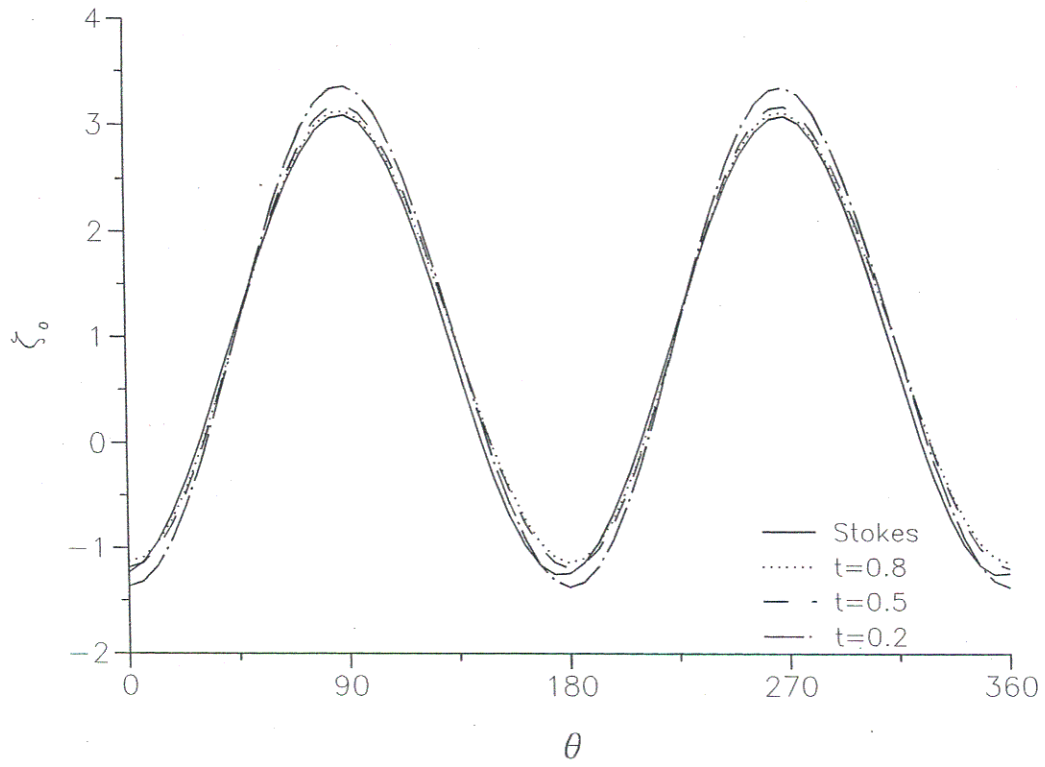
Comparison of  $C_D$  and  $C_L$  for the case:  
 $R = 1000, \Omega = 1/2, K = 1/2$  and  $V = -1$ .



Comparison of  $\zeta_0$  at times  $t = 0.2, 0.5, 1$  for the case:  
 $R = 1000, \Omega = 1/2, K = 1/2$  and  $V = -1$ .

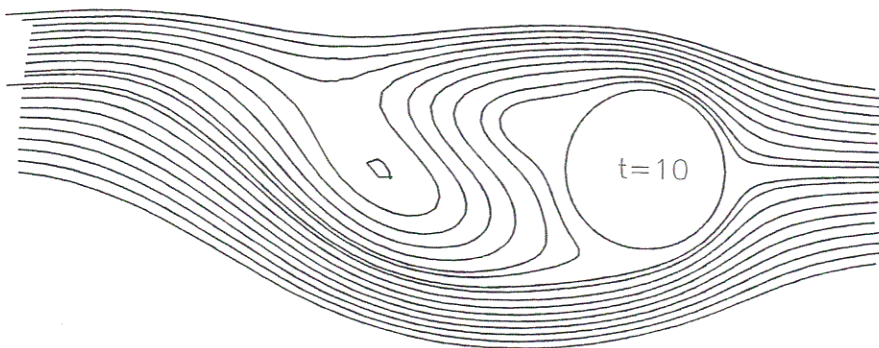
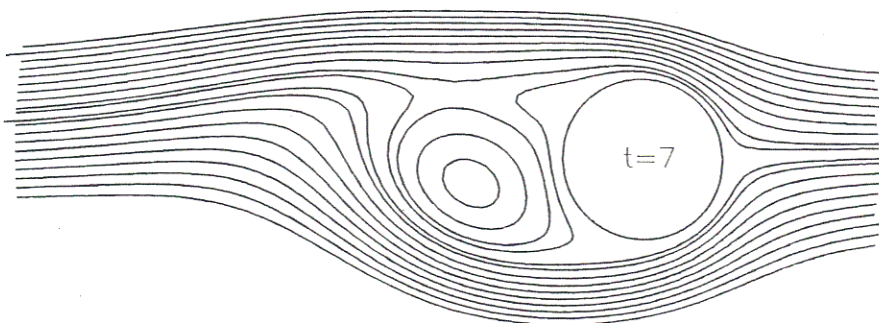
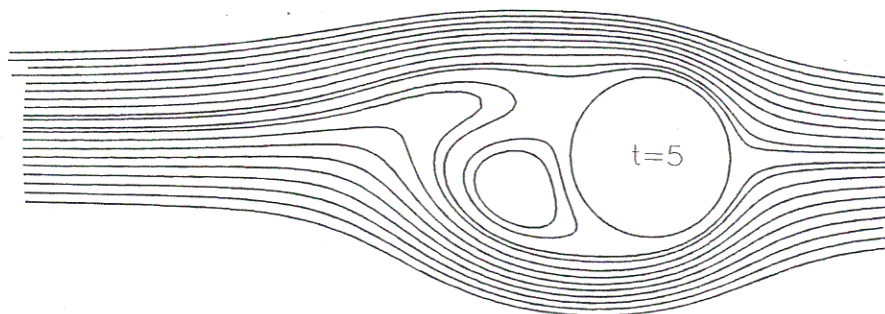
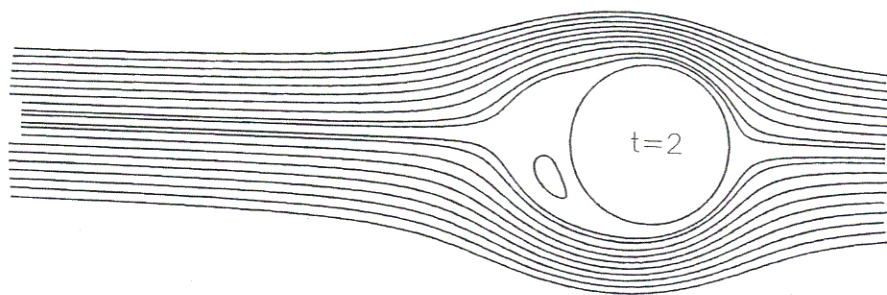


Comparison of  $P^*$  at times  $t = 0.2, 0.5, 1$  for the case:  
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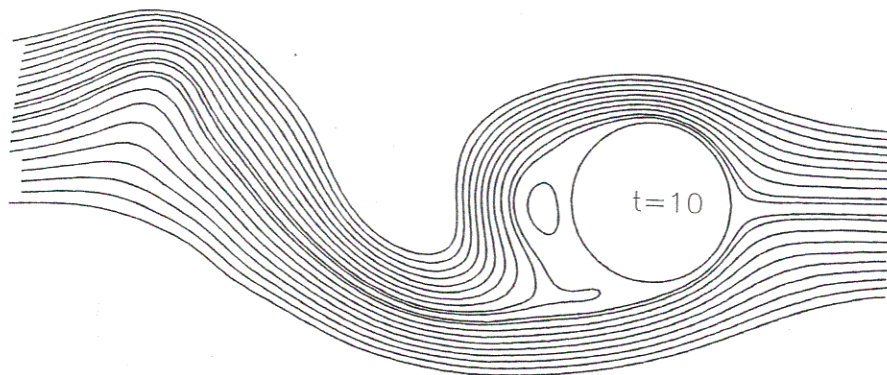
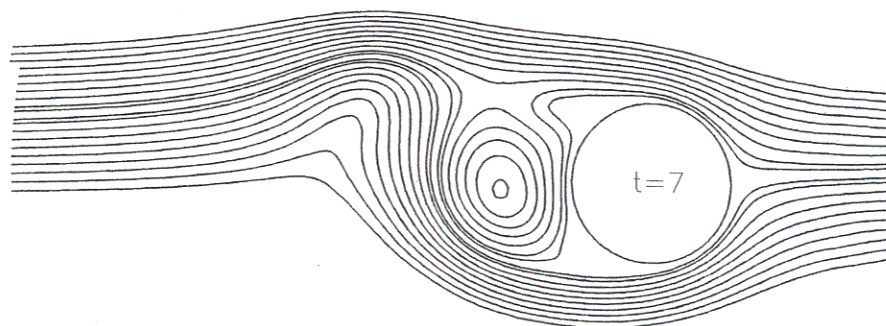
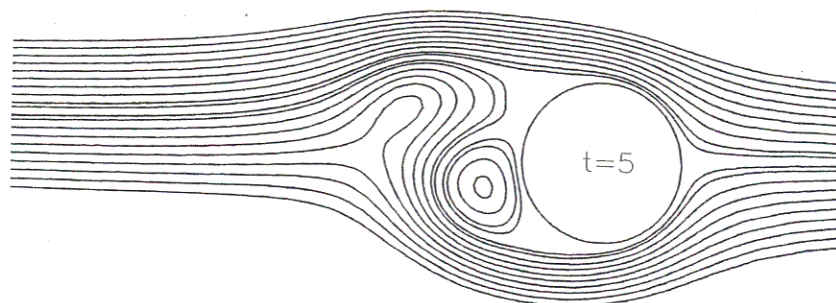
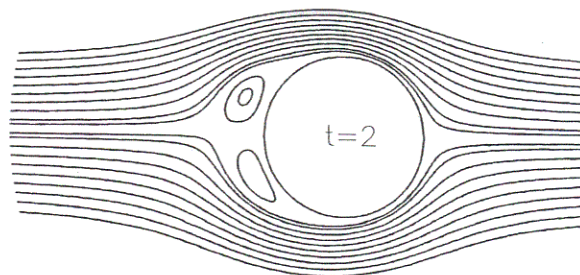


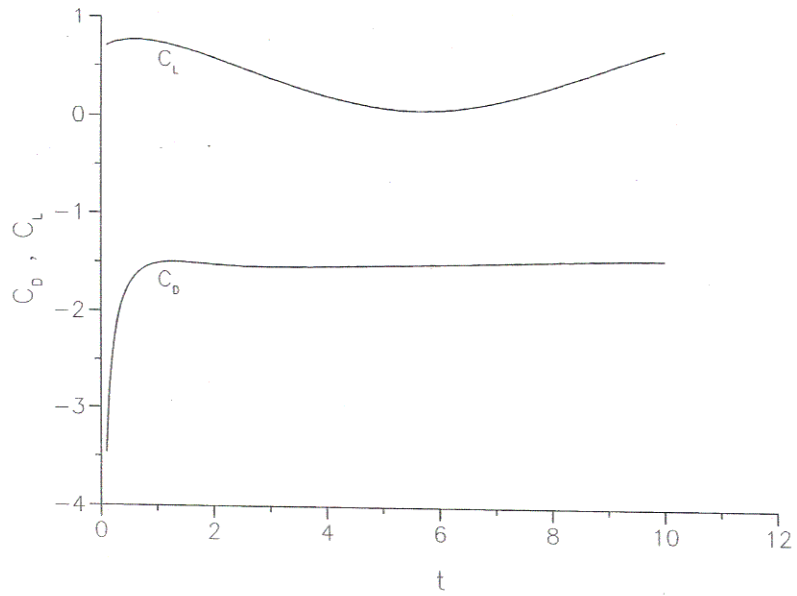
Comparison of  $\zeta_0$  with the Stokes solution of  
 Robertson & Acrivos JFM (1970) for the case:  
 $R = 1/2, \Omega = 1/2, K = 1$  and  $V = 0$ .

Streamline plots for  $R = 100$ ,  $\Omega = 0.25$ ,  $K = 0.1$  and  $V = 1$ .

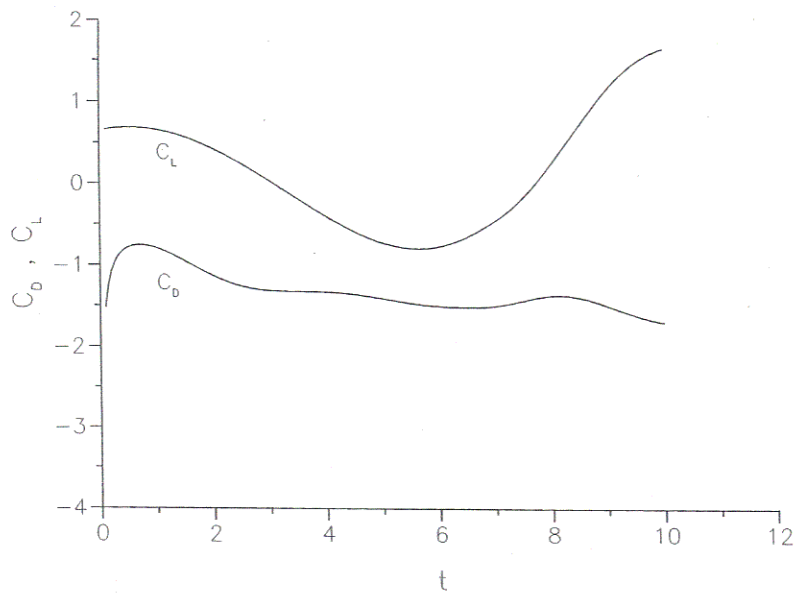


Streamline plots for  $R = 500$ ,  $\Omega = 0.25$ ,  $K = 0.1$  and  $V = 1$ .





Time variation of  $C_D, C_L$  for  
 $R = 100, \Omega = 0.25, K = 0.1, V = 1$ .



Time variation of  $C_D, C_L$  for  
 $R = 500, \Omega = 0.25, K = 0.1, V = 1$ .

## CONCLUSIONS

- An approximate analytical solution valid for large  $R$  and small  $t$  has been constructed.
- An alternate numerical method for solving the governing equations has been outlined.
- Good agreement between the two types of solutions was found. Comparisons with other studies also demonstrated good agreement.
- Possible extensions include different cylindrical cross sections and other forms of shear profiles.