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DÉPARTEMENT D2 – FLUIDES  
THERMIQUE ET COMBUSTION

## An introduction to hydrodynamic stability

### Lecture 2: The governing equations for fluid instability

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**1. A quick recap. of lecture 1**

**2. Rayleigh and Orr-Sommerfeld equations**

**3. The Squire transformation**

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## Determining stability via consideration of **ENERGY**



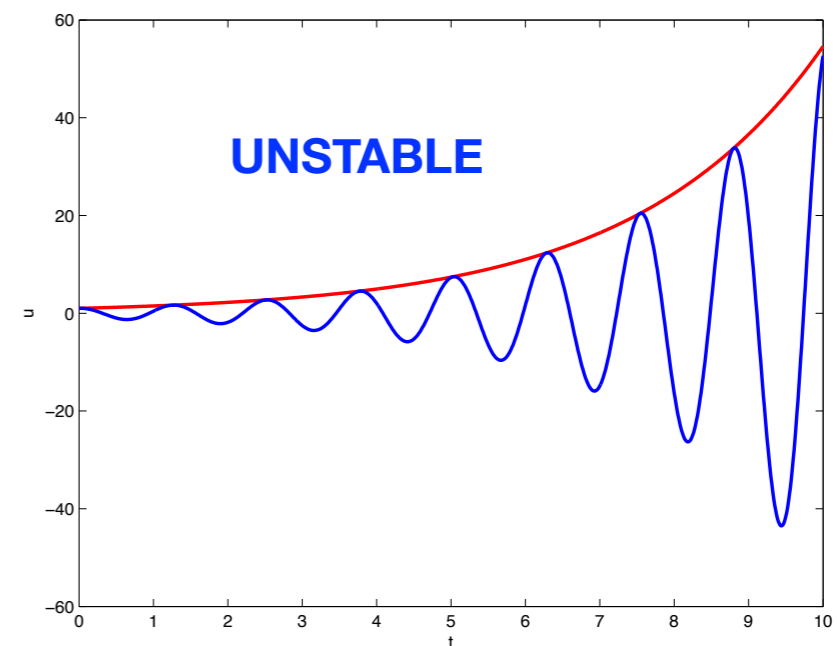
## Determining stability via consideration of **LINEAR DYNAMICS**

**ODE**

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \lambda u$$

**Solution**

$$u(t) = Ae^{\lambda t}$$





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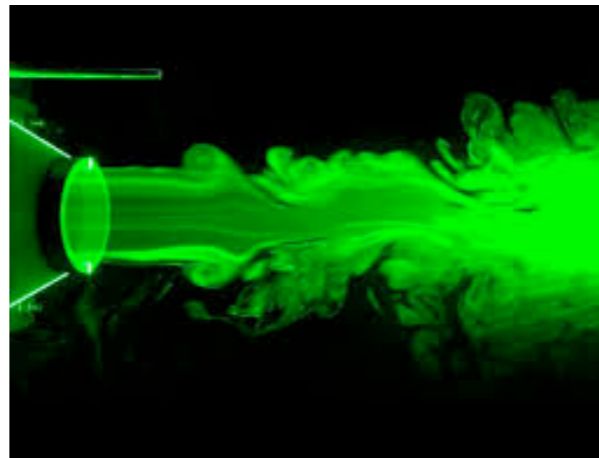
## Connection with fluid mechanics?



**Partial Differential Equations**



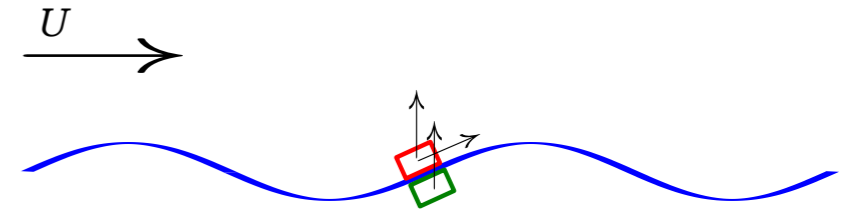
**Solutions comprise a greater  
wealth of phenomena**



# 1. Recap. of lecture 1

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## Kelvin-Helmholtz instability



Potential flow assumed above and below the vortex sheet: Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

Disturbance *Ansatz*: velocity potential with normal modes:

$$\phi(x, z, t) = Ux + f(z)e^{st+i\kappa x}$$

Leads to ODE for transverse structure:

$$-\kappa^2 f(z) + \frac{d^2 f(z)}{dz^2} = 0$$

General solution:

$$f(z) = A_1 e^{-\kappa z} + A_2 e^{\kappa z}$$
$$f(z) = B_1 e^{-\kappa z} + B_2 e^{\kappa z}$$

Boundary and interface matching conditions:

$$\eta(x, t) = \eta_0 e^{\frac{1}{2}\kappa U t + i\kappa(x - \frac{1}{2} U t)}$$

## **2. Rayleigh & Orr-Sommerfeld equations**

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The general approach for stability analysis can be understood by considering a simplified flow configuration:

- **Parallel, 2D, shear flow,**

which has surprisingly widespread applicability

General approach:

1. Equations of motion (mass and momentum conservation)
2. Non-dimensionalisation
3. Identification of **BASE-FLOW** (steady laminar solution)
4. Decomposition of dependent variables into **STEADY & FLUCTUATING** quantities
5. Substitution into equations of motion
6. **LINEARISATION** (subtract base-flow equations; remove non-linear terms)
7. Reduce linearised equations to some compact form (often a single equation)
8. Express dependent variables in terms of **NORMAL MODES**
9. Introduction into linearised equation:
  - **PDE** system becomes a single **ODE**, but with too many unknowns
10. Specify a value for one of the unknowns (wavenumber for instance), solve for others: generally an **EIGENVALUE PROBLEM**

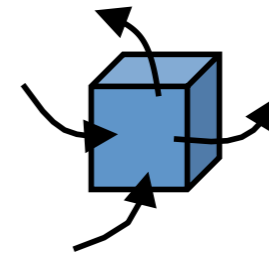
## 2. Rayleigh & Orr-Sommerfeld equations

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### 1. Equations of motion, in 2D, for incompressible, isentropic, flow:

Mass conservation:

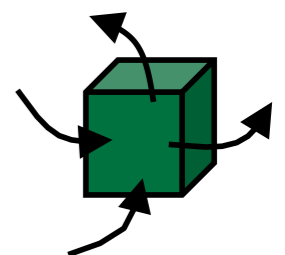
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$



Momentum conservation:

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

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

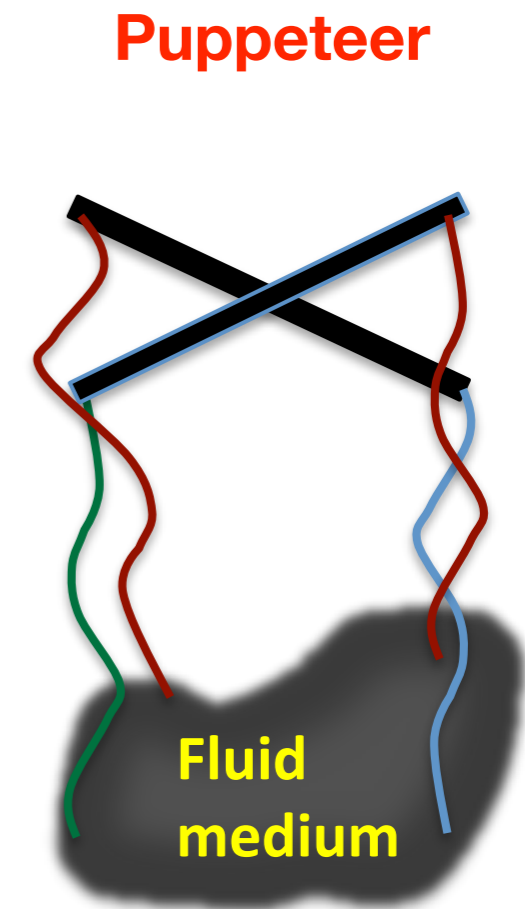
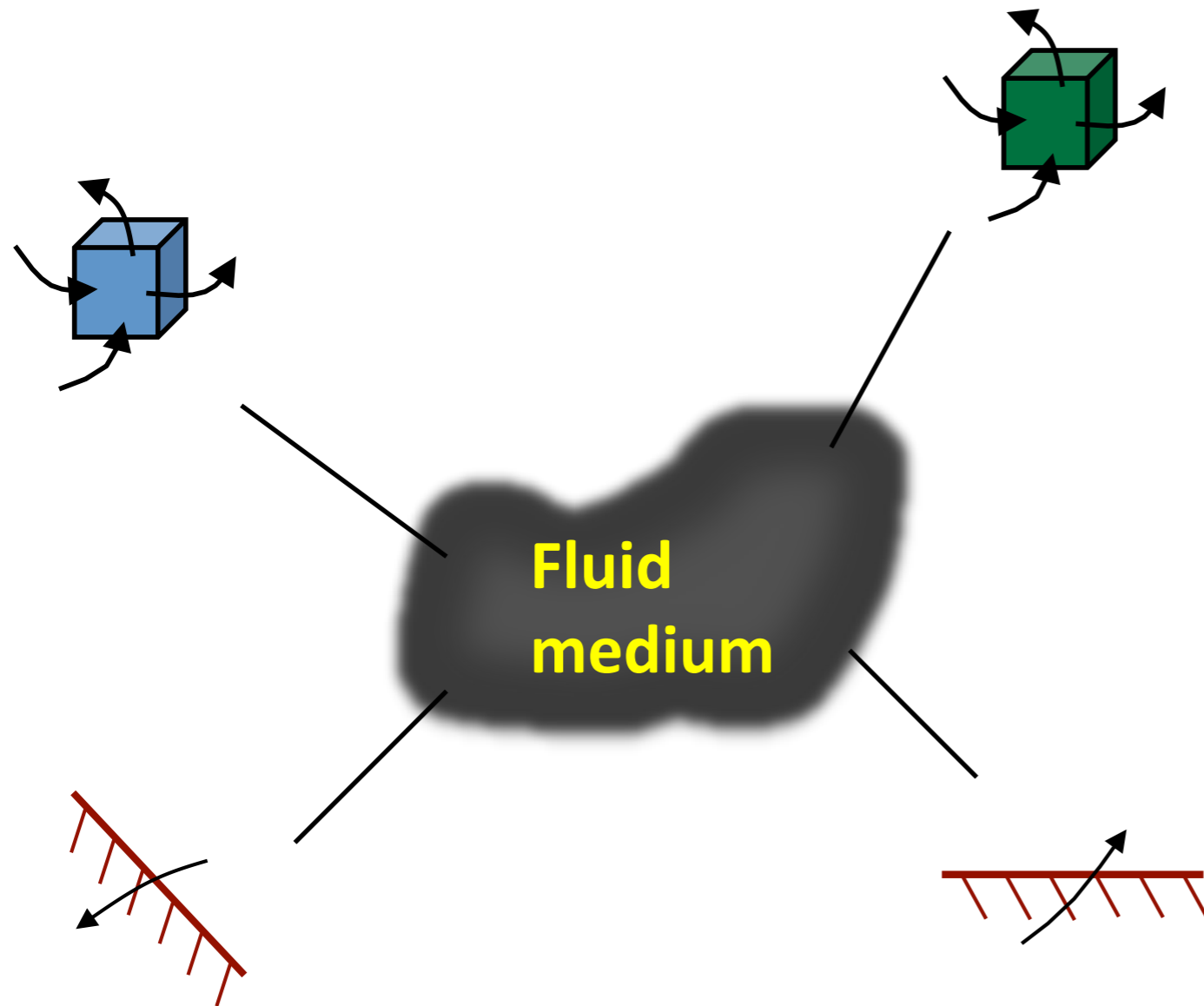


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Fluid motions constrained by:

- Mass conservation
- Momentum conservation
- Boundary conditions



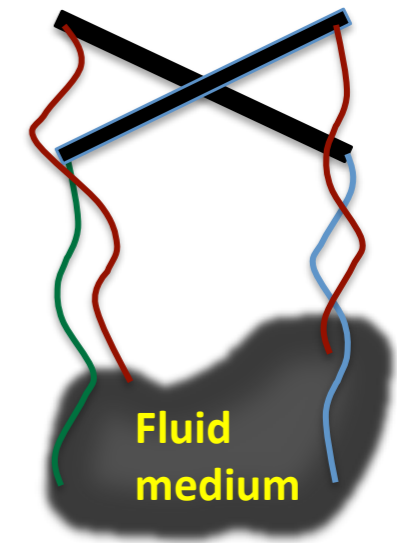
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## 2. Rayleigh & Orr-Sommerfeld equations

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### 2. Non-dimensionalisation

$$u = \frac{u^+}{U_c}$$

$$v = \frac{v^+}{U_c}$$

$$p = \frac{p^+}{\rho U_c^2}$$

$$x = \frac{x^+}{L}$$

$$y = \frac{y^+}{L}$$

$$t = \frac{t^+ U_c}{L}$$



## 2. Rayleigh & Orr-Sommerfeld equations

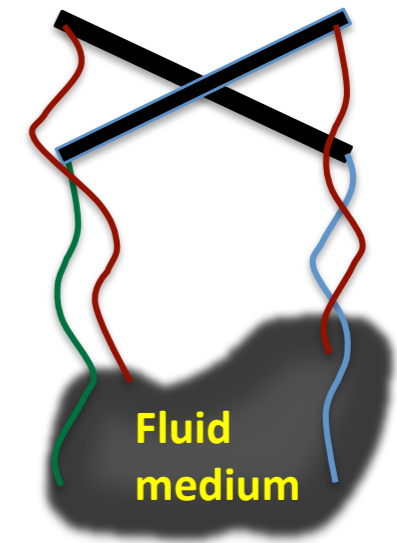
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$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho L U_c}{\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 u \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 v \end{aligned}$$

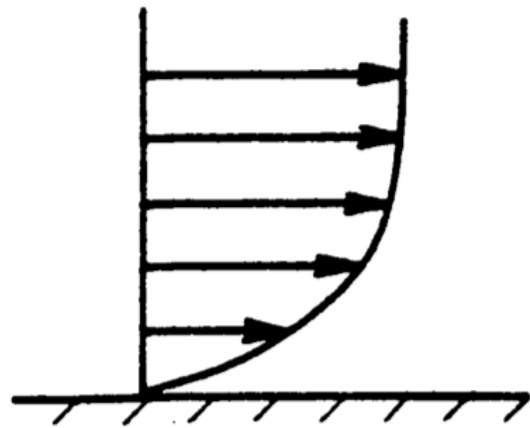
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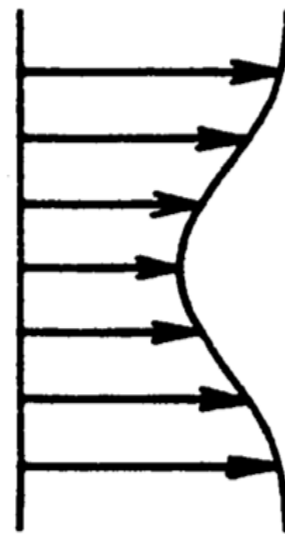
### 3. Identification of **BASE-FLOW**

- Parallel and 2D (if flow changes slowly in some direction a locally parallel approximation is often adequate)

$$U(y)$$



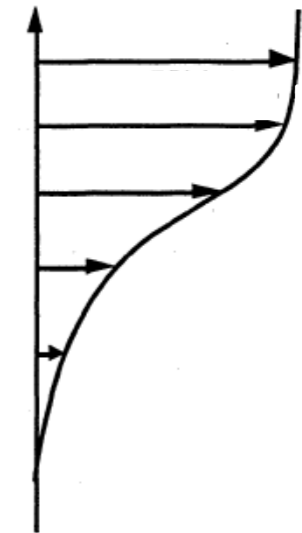
Boundary layer



Wake



Jet

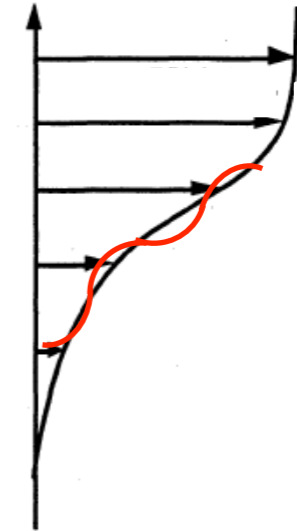
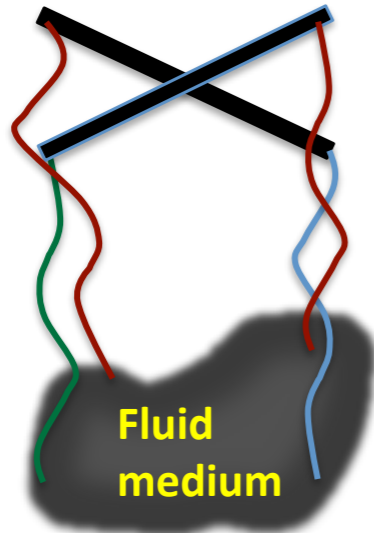


Shear-layer

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### 4. Decomposition into **STEADY & FLUCTUATING** quantities



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 u \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 v \end{aligned}$$

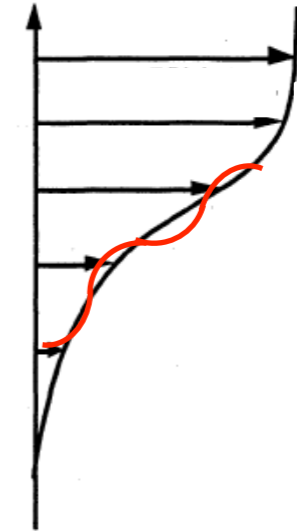
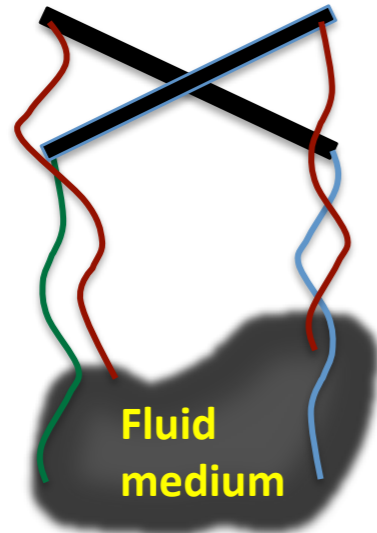
$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, t) &= U(y) + \tilde{u}(x, y, t) \\ v(x, y, t) &= \tilde{v}(x, y, t) \\ p(x, y, t) &= P(x) + \tilde{p}(x, y, t) \end{aligned}$$

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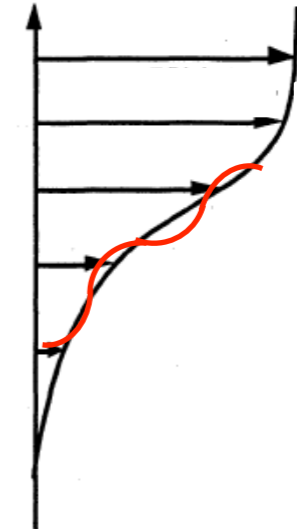
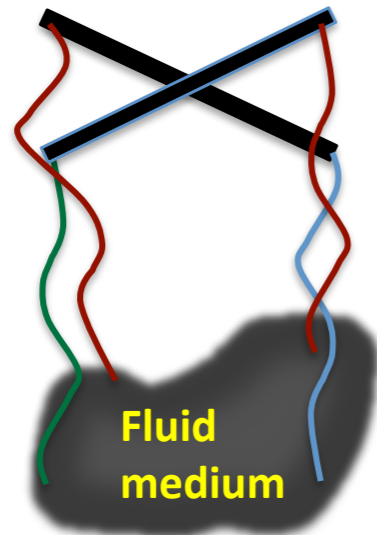
### 5. Substitute into equations of motion & subtract base-flow equations



$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{dU}{dy} \tilde{v} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} + \left( \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} \right) = \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{u}$$
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### 6. LINEARISATION



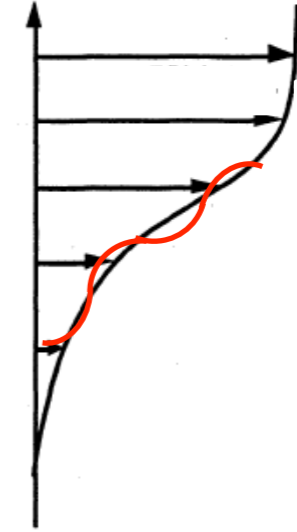
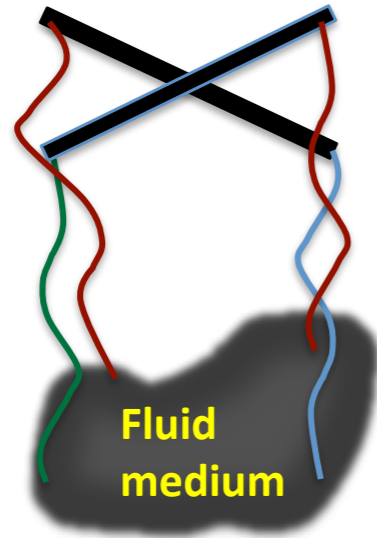
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{dU}{dy} \tilde{v} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} + \left( \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} \right) &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{u} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} + \left( \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} \right) &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{v} \end{aligned}$$

The terms  $\left( \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} \right)$  and  $\left( \tilde{u} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \tilde{v} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} \right)$  are crossed out with red lines, and the word "0" is written in red next to them.

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### 6. LINEARISATION

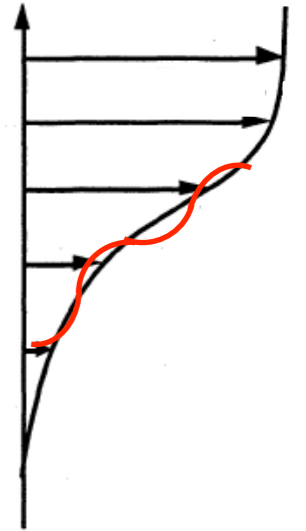
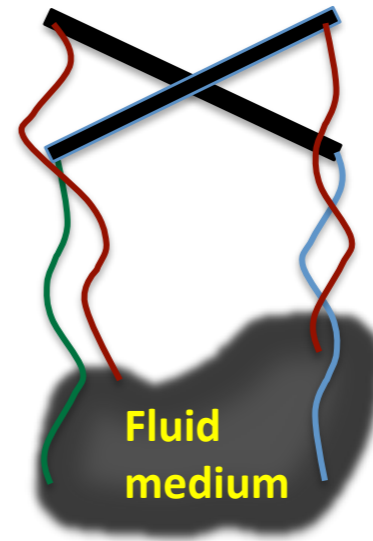


$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{dU}{dy} \tilde{v} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{u} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{v} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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### 7. Reduction of linearised system to more **COMPACT FORM**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{dU}{dy} \tilde{v} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{u} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{v} \end{aligned}$$



### VELOCITY disturbance equation

- Divergence of mom. eqs.
- Eliminate divergence-free terms
- Take Laplacian of v-mom. eq.
- Eliminate pressure

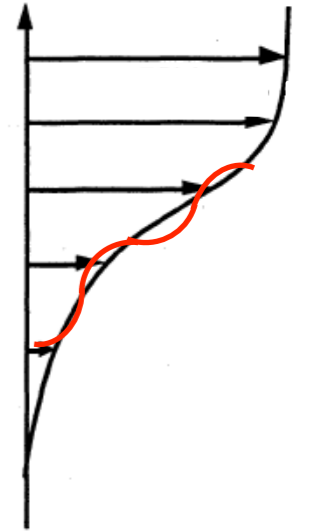
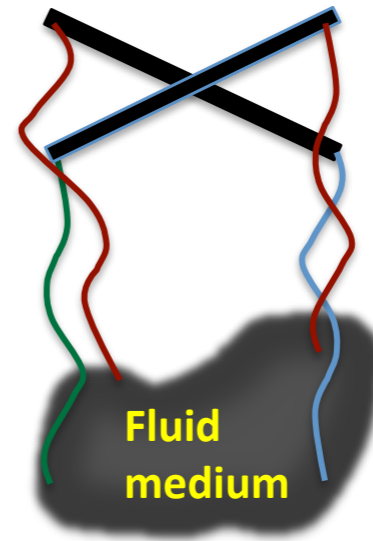
$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \nabla^2 \tilde{v} - \frac{d^2 U}{dy^2} \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} = \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^4 \tilde{v}$$

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### 7. Reduction of linearised system to more **COMPACT FORM**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{dU}{dy} \tilde{v} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{u} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{v} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



### STREAMFUNCTION disturbance equation

- Curl of momentum equations
- Substitute streamfunction (which automatically satisfies continuity equation)

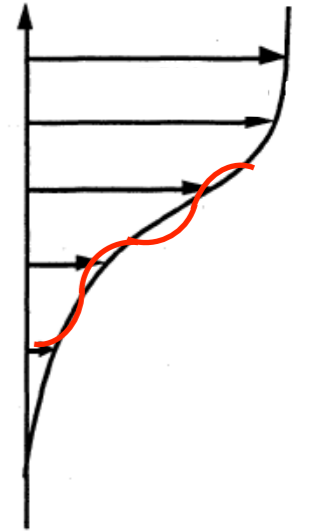
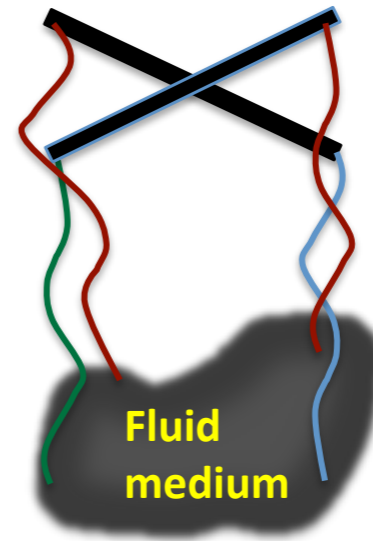
$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \nabla^2 \Psi - \frac{d^2 U}{dy^2} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} = \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^4 \Psi$$



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### 7. Reduction of linearised system to more **COMPACT FORM**

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### PRESSURE disturbance equation

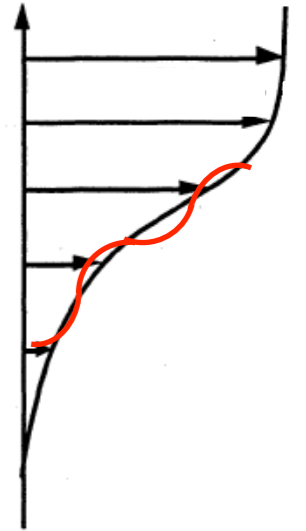
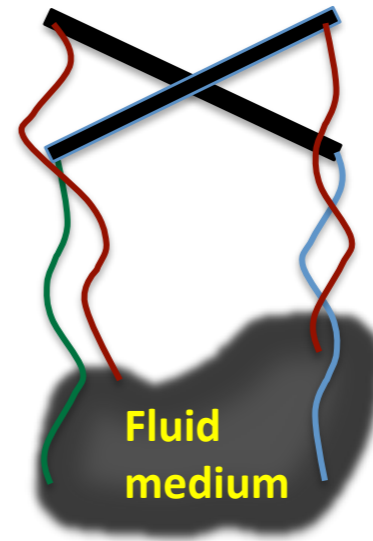
- Differentiate u- and v- mom. equations w.r.t. x & y
- Add them & simplify using continuity
- Material derivative of result
- Eliminate dv/dt using mom. eq.

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \nabla^2 \tilde{p} - 2 \frac{dU}{dy} \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x \partial y} = -2 \frac{dU}{dy} \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x}$$

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### VORTICITY disturbance equation

- **Curl of momentum equations**  
which automatically eliminates pressure

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \tilde{\omega}_z - \frac{d^2 U}{dy^2} \tilde{v} = \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{\omega}_z$$

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### 8. Express dependent variables as **NORMAL MODES**

- Decompose the  $x$  and  $t$  directions into Fourier modes
- Streamwise spatial structure expanded as spectrum of spatial modes (sines & cosines) characterised by their **WAVENUMBERS**

$$\alpha = \alpha_r + i\alpha_i$$

- Temporal structure ( $t$ -direction) expanded as spectrum of temporal modes (sines & cosines) characterised by their **FREQUENCIES**

$$\omega = \omega_r + i\omega_i$$

- Perturbations can be treated as a superposition of waves travelling at speed  $c$ :

$$e^{i\alpha(x-ct)} \quad c = c_r + ic_i$$

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### 8. Express dependent variables as **NORMAL MODES**

**Complex frequency is**

$$\omega = \omega_r + i\omega_i$$

$$\omega_r = \alpha_r c_r - \alpha_i c_i$$

$$\omega_i = \alpha_r c_i + \alpha_i c_r$$

**General disturbance**

$$e^{i\alpha(x-ct)} = e^{i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)x} e^{-i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)(c_r + ic_i)t}$$

**Show that**

$$= e^{i(\alpha_r x - \omega_r t)} e^{-\alpha_i x + \omega_i t}$$

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**General disturbance**

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\alpha(x-ct)} &= e^{i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)x} e^{-i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)(c_r + ic_i)t} \\ &= e^{i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)x} e^{-i(\alpha_r c_r + ic_i \alpha_r + ic_r \alpha_i + i^2 c_i \alpha_i)t} \\ &= e^{i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)x} e^{-i(\alpha_r c_r + ic_i \alpha_r + ic_r \alpha_i - c_i \alpha_i)t} \\ &= e^{i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)x} e^{-i(\alpha_r c_r - c_i \alpha_i)t - i^2(c_i \alpha_r + c_r \alpha_i)t} \\ &= e^{i(\alpha_r + i\alpha_i)x} e^{-i\omega_r t + \omega_i t} \\ &= e^{i\alpha_r x - \alpha_i x} e^{-i\omega_r t + \omega_i t} \\ &= e^{i(\alpha_r x - \omega_r t)} e^{-\alpha_i x + \omega_i t} \end{aligned}$$

**Show that**

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### 8. Express dependent variables as **NORMAL MODES**

General disturbance proportional to

$$e^{i\alpha(x-ct)} = e^{i(\alpha_r x - \omega_r t)} e^{-\alpha_i x + \omega_i t}$$

Space-time  
oscillation

Space-time  
growth or decay

$\alpha_i < 0$   $\longrightarrow$  Exponential spatial growth

$\omega_i > 0$   $\longrightarrow$  Exponential temporal growth

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$\alpha_i < 0$   $\longrightarrow$  **Exponential spatial growth**

$\omega_i > 0$   $\longrightarrow$  **Exponential temporal growth**

**Temporal stability**       $\alpha_i = 0$     and     $\omega$  complex

**Spatial stability**       $\omega_i = 0$     and     $\alpha$  complex

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### 9. Substitute into linearised equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{dU}{dy} \tilde{v} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial x} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{u} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{p}}{\partial y} &= \text{Re}^{-1} \nabla^2 \tilde{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(x, y, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{u}(y) e^{i\alpha(x-ct)} + \mathbf{u}^*(y) e^{-i\alpha(x-c^*t)} \right] \\ \tilde{v}(x, y, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{v}(y) e^{i\alpha(x-ct)} + \mathbf{v}^*(y) e^{-i\alpha(x-c^*t)} \right] \\ \tilde{p}(x, y, t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mathbf{p}(y) e^{i\alpha(x-ct)} + \mathbf{p}^*(y) e^{-i\alpha(x-c^*t)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

### Orr-Sommerfeld equation (1907-1908)

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**Boundary conditions:**

- **Bounded flow:**  $\mathbf{v}(y) = 0$
- **Unbounded flow: solution must be bounded**

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The problem has been reduced to the above **second-order ODE**

$U(y)$  is the **known** base flow

$\mathbf{v}(y)$  is the **unknown** radial structure of the perturbation

$c$  and  $\alpha$  are **unknown** complex numbers

**Temporal stability**       $\alpha_i = 0$  and  $\omega$  complex

**Spatial stability**       $\omega_i = 0$  and  $\alpha$  complex

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## **3. The Squire transformation**



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Squire (1933) identified and exploited a similarity between the 2- and 3-D Orr-Sommerfeld equations,

Consider a 3-D disturbance, to a base flow,  $U(y)$ , with polar wavenumber,

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \sqrt{\alpha_{3D} + \beta_{3D}}$$

and which leads to an unstable solution of the 3-D Orr-Sommerfeld equation

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Compare with 2-D Orr-Sommerfeld equation

$$(U - c) \left( \frac{d^2 \mathbf{v}(y)}{dy^2} - \alpha_{2D}^2 \mathbf{v}(y) \right) - \frac{d^2 U}{dy^2} \mathbf{v}(y) = \frac{1}{i\alpha_{2D} \text{Re}_{2D}} \left( \frac{d^4 \mathbf{v}(y)}{dy^4} - 2\alpha_{2D}^2 \frac{d^2 \mathbf{v}(y)}{dy^2} + \alpha_{2D}^4 \mathbf{v}(y) \right)$$

These equations have identical solutions if:

$$\alpha_{2D} = \tilde{\alpha} = \sqrt{\alpha_{3D} + \beta_{3D}}$$

$$\alpha_{2D} \text{Re}_{2D} = \alpha_{3D} \text{Re}_{3D}$$

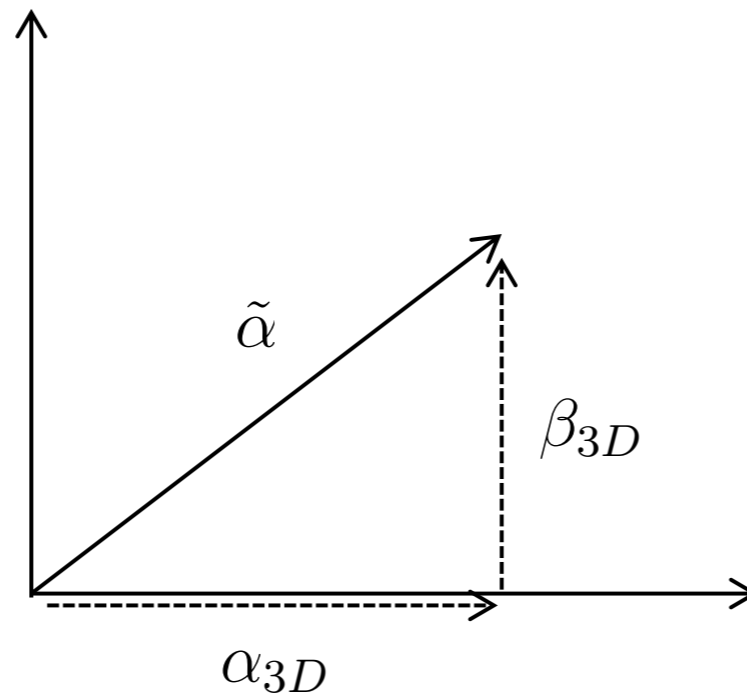
$$\text{Re}_{2D} = \frac{\alpha_{3D}}{\alpha_{2D}} \text{Re}_{3D} = \frac{\alpha_{3D}}{\tilde{\alpha}} \text{Re}_{3D}$$

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**For any unstable 3D disturbance**

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \sqrt{\alpha_{3D} + \beta_{3D}}$$

**There exists an unstable 2D disturbance**

$$\alpha_{2D} = \tilde{\alpha} \quad \text{at} \quad \text{Re}_{2D} = \frac{\alpha_{3D}}{\tilde{\alpha}} \text{Re}_{3D}$$

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**Squire's theorem: If an exact two-dimensional parallel flow admits an unstable 3-D disturbance for a certain value of the Reynolds number, it also admits an unstable 2-D disturbance at a lower Reynolds number**

OR

**Squire's theorem: To each unstable 3-D disturbance there corresponds a more unstable 2-D disturbance**

OR

**Squire's theorem: To obtain the minimum critical Reynolds number it is sufficient to consider only two-dimensional disturbances**