Solution to Problem 115I:

The following simple flows:

[a] Stagnation Point Flow, (u, v, w) = (kx, -ky, 0): The streamlines are rectangular hyperbolae in which



$$\omega = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{1}$$

so this flow is irrotational.

[b] Free Vortex Flow, $(u_r, u_\theta, u_z) = (0, -\Gamma/2\pi r, 0)$: The streamlines are circles with



$$v = u_{\theta} \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)}$$
 (3)

(2)

$$w = 0 \tag{4}$$

and

$$\omega = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{5}$$

so this flow is irrotational.

[c] Solid Body Rotation: $(u_r, u_\theta, u_z) = (0, \Omega r, 0)$:

$$u = -\Omega r \sin \theta = -\Omega y \tag{6}$$

$$v = \Omega r \cos \theta = \Omega x \tag{7}$$

$$w = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \Omega - (-\Omega) = 2\Omega \tag{8}$$

Note the vorticity is uniform everywhere and equal to twice the rate of rotation. So this flow is not irrotational.