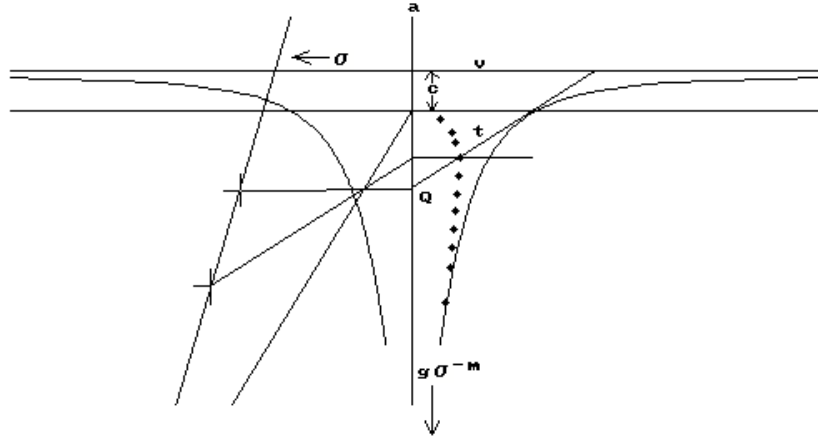


PIVOT TRANSFORM PROFILE



Consider a watery vortex with its invariant plane $\mathbf{v}$ a fractional distance c above the lower invariant plane of the transformation, generated by two ranges one on $\mathbf{v}$ with parameter σ and the other on the vertical axis $\mathbf{a}$ with parameter $g\sigma^{-m}$ where $-(\lambda_v+1) = m > 0$, m and g being constants. A tangent $\mathbf{t}$ meets $\mathbf{a}$ in Q , and we postulate a tangent plane to the vortex through $\mathbf{t}$ orthogonal to the plane $(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{a})$.

A point of the range on $\mathbf{v}$ has coordinates $\{\sigma, c\}$, and its mate on $\mathbf{a}$ $\{0, c-g\sigma^{-m}\}$, so the tangent joining them is

$$\frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_2-y_1} \text{ giving } \frac{x-\sigma}{-\sigma} = \frac{y-c}{(c-g\sigma^{-m})-c}$$

i.e.

$$x = \frac{\sigma^{m+1}(y-c)}{g} + \sigma \quad (1)$$

Now from Lawrence Edwards the fractional height of the horizontal plane containing the pivot point is

$$h = \frac{k_2 h'}{k_2 h' + k_1 (1-h')} \quad (2)$$

where

$$h' = y = c - g\sigma^{-m}, \quad k_1 = \sin^2 \theta_2, \quad k_2 = \sin^2 \theta_1$$

noting for later

$$\sigma = \left[\frac{g}{c-h'} \right]^{1/m} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\tan \theta_1 = -\frac{\lambda+1}{2\epsilon\lambda} ; \quad \tan \theta_2 = \frac{\lambda+1}{2\epsilon} \quad (4)$$

for the bud transform.

The coordinates of the pivot point for a profile, where we ignore the rotational parameter of the bud transform, are (x, h) where x is given by substituting for y in (1) for a given σ .

It should be noted that the rotation is through the fixed angle $(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$, and also implies a magnification of the above form by $\sec(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$ as the pivot point lies on the line where the tangent plane intersects the profile plane. As $(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$ is constant we ignore it as we are interested in the shape. The above construction also implies that $\varepsilon > 0$ as $\varepsilon = 0$ reduces the radius to zero. This is because then all tangent planes are turning about the axis, so their pivot points all lie on the axis.

If we are fitting a pivot profile of known parameters to a curve, we may select h , find $y = h'$ from the inverse of (2), and then σ from (3), giving the corresponding x using (1). We may further find the rms error for the whole profile and optimise by iteration. The inverse of (2) is

$$h' = \frac{k_1 h}{k_1 h + k_2 (1 - h)} \quad (5)$$

More difficult is to optimise the parameters $\lambda, \varepsilon, c, m$ and g of the profile to fit a given curve as they are not 'orthogonal', and a linearised approach using matrices is impractical other than with known small integral values of m .

Fitting a Curve

A point on the curve is at the height h , so we substitute h for y in (1) to give the corresponding value of x :

$$x = \frac{\sigma^{m+1}(h-c)}{g} + \sigma = \left(\frac{g}{c-f} \right)^{m+1/m} \left(\frac{h-c}{g} \right) + \left(\frac{g}{c-f} \right)^{1/m} = \left(\frac{g}{c-f} \right)^{1/m} \left(\frac{h-f}{c-f} \right)$$

where $f = f(h) = h'$, given by (5).

so that $x^m (c-f)^{m+1} = g (h-f)^m$ (6)

Thus $\frac{c-f_1}{c-f_2} = \left(\frac{x_2 (h_1-f_1)}{x_1 (h_2-f_2)} \right)^{m/m+1}$ for two points (x_1, h_1) and (x_2, h_2) .

so

$$c = \frac{f_1 \left[x_1 (h_2 - f_2) \right]^\mu - f_2 \left[x_2 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu}{\left[x_1 (h_2 - f_2) \right]^\mu - \left[x_2 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu} \quad (7)$$

where $\mu = m/(m+1)$.

Then given (x_3, h_3)

$$c = \frac{f_1 \left[x_1 (h_2 - f_2) \right]^\mu - f_2 \left[x_2 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu}{\left[x_1 (h_2 - f_2) \right]^\mu - \left[x_2 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu} = \frac{f_1 \left[x_1 (h_3 - f_3) \right]^\mu - f_3 \left[x_3 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu}{\left[x_1 (h_3 - f_3) \right]^\mu - \left[x_3 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu}$$

i.e.

$$\left[f_1 \left[x_1 (h_2 - f_2) \right]^\mu - f_2 \left[x_2 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu \right] \left[\left[x_1 (h_3 - f_3) \right]^\mu - \left[x_3 (h_1 - f_1) \right]^\mu \right]$$

$$= \left[f_1 \left(x_1 (h_3 - f_3) \right)^\mu - f_3 \left(x_3 (h_1 - f_1) \right)^\mu \right] \left[\left(x_1 (h_2 - f_2) \right)^\mu - \left(x_2 (h_1 - f_1) \right)^\mu \right]$$

& simplifying

$$(f_3 - f_1) \left(x_1 x_3 (h_1 - f_1) (h_2 - f_2) \right)^\mu + (f_1 - f_2) \left(x_1 x_2 (h_1 - f_1) (h_3 - f_3) \right)^\mu + (f_2 - f_3) \left(x_2 x_3 (h_1 - f_1)^2 \right)^\mu = 0 \quad (8)$$

which is an equation in $k=k_2/k_1$ (c.f. $f(h)$) if we assume a value for m , or *vice versa*. Given m we may solve for k using bisection; if m is also unknown we may use double-bisection.

The danger of division by zero during the bisection requires (8) to be expressed as it is without division. Then we calculate c from (7) and substitute for c and k in (6) for (x_1, h_1) to give g , assuming we have converted the x_j and h_j to fractional values. How do we do the latter?

Other Relationships

We find the maximum value of x by differentiating (6) wrt $k=k_2/k_1$ which gives

$$\frac{d(x^m)}{dk} = \frac{g m (c-f)(h-f)^{m-1} \frac{d(-f)}{dk} - g(m+1)(h-f)^m \frac{d(-f)}{dk}}{(c-f)^{m+2}} \quad (9)$$

$df/dk=0$ or $h=f$ for $h=0$ or 1 , which do not apply, so for a maximum

$$m(c-f) - (m+1)(h-f) = 0$$

or

$$\mu(c-f) = (h-f) \quad (10)$$

When $h'=-\infty$, by (1) and inspection of the diagram $\sigma=0$ as q is at infinity downwards.

Then by (5) $k_1 h + k_2(1-h) = 0$ i.e.

$$h = \frac{k}{k-1} \quad (11)$$

For $x=0$, by (6) either $h=f$, which by (5) implies $h=0$ or 1 , $h=0$ giving the top of the pivot transform on the bottom invariant plane of the bud, and $h=1$ giving the top invariant plane of the bud. Or else by (1) $\sigma=0$ as for (11). By (1) the gradient dx/dy is

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{\sigma^{m+1}}{g} \quad (12)$$

This is zero as $\sigma=0$, giving a tapered profile. If the profile is not tapered when $x=0$ then the pivot transform lies above the bottom invariant plane, crossing the axis at $h=1$ on the top invariant plane. Then $h=1$ so $h'=1$ also, and by (3)

$$\sigma = \left[\frac{g}{c-1} \right]^{1/m}$$

which is a constant, so substituting in (12)

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \left[\frac{g}{(c-1)^{m+1}} \right]^{\frac{1}{m}} \quad (13)$$

i.e. only one value is possible for a given set of parameters.

Now $f=\infty$ when h is given by (11) , and from (6)

$$x^m \rightarrow \frac{g}{-f}$$

that is $x=0$ for this value of h , which provides another possible vertical axis crossing. An example is $k=0.5$ and $h = -1$, which is useful for fitting profiles as the scaling factor for converting y to h is not known. But taking $h=-1$ for the crossing point requires $k=0.5$, and then we find μ using bisection with (8) and then c from (7) and g from (6). The measured heights y are converted to their corresponding h values by dividing by $s=y$ at the crossing point.

Tapered Profile

If $x_3=0$ then by (11) we have for the fully tapered case

$$h_3 = \frac{k}{k-1} \quad (T1)$$

which is the fractional height corresponding to y_3 .

For the maximum value of x we substitute (11) in (6), and noting that g is a scaling factor which we now set to 1, we obtain

$$h-f = \frac{\mu^{(m+1)}}{x^m} = M$$

From (5)

$$h-f = h \left[\frac{(k-1)(1-h)}{h+k(1-h)} \right]$$

and from (T1)

$$k = \frac{h_3}{h_3-1} \quad (T2)$$

giving

$$h-f = h \left[\frac{\frac{(1-h)}{(h_3-1)}}{\left\{ h + \frac{h_3(1-h)}{(h_3-1)} \right\}} \right] = h \left[\frac{(1-h)}{h_3-h} \right] = M$$

Now for some scaling factor s to convert actual to fractional heights, $h_3=y_3/s$ and $h=y/s$, giving

$$\frac{y}{s} \left[\frac{s-y}{y_3-y} \right] = M$$

so

$$s = \frac{y^2}{y + M(y - y_3)} \quad (T3)$$

which we recall is in terms of (x,y) for the maximum radius x of the profile.

Substituting y_3/s for h_3 in (T2) gives k.

c is then found from (6)

$$c = \left(\frac{h-f}{x} \right)^\mu + f = \left(\frac{M}{x} \right)^\mu + \frac{y}{y + k(s-y)}$$

which solves the problem, recalling that we assume we know $m = -(\lambda_v + 1)$ and that it is valid to set $g=1$.

Summary

For a fully tapered form with a well-defined maximum we set $g=1$, $\mu=m/(m+1)$ for known $m = -(\lambda_v + 1)$, and take y_3 to be the actual height at which the radius x_3 becomes zero. Then we solve

$$s = \frac{y^2}{y + M(y - y_3)}$$

for the scaling factor s which converts actual to fractional heights, where (x,y) is the point on the profile for

which x is a maximum and $M = \frac{\mu^{(m+1)}}{x^m}$.

Then

$$k = \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{y_3}{y_3 - s}$$

$$f = \frac{y}{y + k(s-y)}$$

and

$$c = \left(\frac{M}{x} \right)^\mu + f$$

The theoretical profile is then plotted for a series of values of y using

$$x = \frac{\left(\frac{y}{s} - f \right)}{(c - f)^{\frac{1}{\mu}}}$$