

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR: A NEW CANONICAL REDUCTION OF
THREE-VORTEX MOTION AND ITS APPLICATION TO VORTEX-DIPOLE
SCATTERING**

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In this supplement, calculate the change in angle $\Delta\alpha$ on trajectories with initial conditions as $t \rightarrow -\infty$ given in Fig. 6. The result is equivalent to one calculated in the supplementary material to [3]. We include it for completeness and to highlight the connection with the phase planes of Fig. 8.

To obtain an explicit integral form, we divide $\frac{d\alpha}{dt}$ from Eq. (30) by $\frac{dY}{dt}$, given by Eq. (28b), yielding $\frac{d\alpha}{dY}$. We remove the dependence on X and Z using the conservation laws (27) and (25), and then replace H by its value given the initial condition in Fig. 6. We will use Θ instead of ρ as the parameter in what follows because it gives somewhat simpler formulas and can use Eq. (33) to rewrite this in terms of the parameter ρ defining the initial conditions. Integrating this, we find

$$(SM1) \quad \Delta\alpha = \int_{Y_{\min}}^{\infty} \frac{-8\Theta^2 dY}{(Y^2 + \Theta^2)\sqrt{p_4(Y^2; \Theta)}} + \int_{Y_{\min}}^{\infty} \frac{8(\Theta^2 - 8\Theta)dY}{(Y^2 + \Theta^2 - 8\Theta)\sqrt{p_4(Y^2; \Theta)}}$$

where

$$p_4(Y^2; \Theta) = Y^4 + 2(\Theta^2 - 4\Theta - 8)Y^2 + (\Theta - 8)\Theta^3.$$

These are *complete elliptic integrals* [1]. To place them in standard form, we must first factor $p_4(Y^2; \Theta)$. We plot its zero locus in Fig. SM1 as a function of Θ and Y^2 . From this image, it is clear that p_4 can be factored as follows

$$(SM2) \quad p_4(Y^2, \Theta) = \begin{cases} (Y^2 - (a + ib)^2)(Y^2 - (a - ib)^2), & a > 0, b > 0, \text{ if } \Theta < -1; \\ (Y^2 - a^2)(Y^2 - b^2), & a > b > 0, \text{ if } -1 < \Theta < 0; \\ (Y^2 - a^2)(Y^2 + b^2), & a > 0, b > 0, \text{ if } 0 < \Theta < 8; \\ (Y^2 + a^2)(Y^2 + b^2), & a > b > 0, \text{ if } 8 < \Theta. \end{cases}$$

The first two cases correspond to the left phase plane of Fig. 8, the last two to the right phase plane; the first and last cases correspond to direct scattering, and the second and third to exchange scattering. The lower limit of integration is $Y_{\min} = 0$ in the first and fourth cases, while in the second and third $Y_{\min} = a$. Both integrals in Eq. (SM1) can be evaluated with the help of references such as Gradshteyn/Ryzhik and Byrd/Friedman[1, 2]. It is quite possible that these expressions can be simplified further. For example, Lydon derived formulas in which α is the sum of one complete elliptic integral of the first kind and one of the third kind.

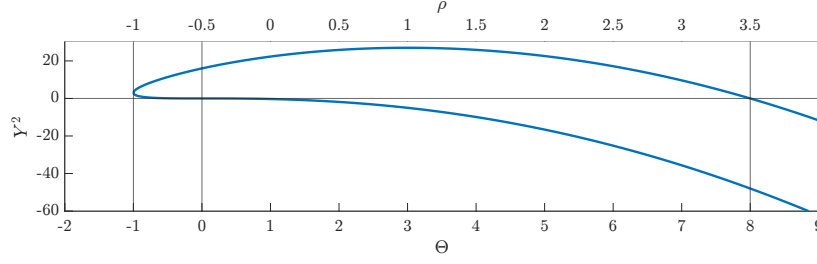


FIGURE SM1. The solutions to $p_4(Y^2, \Theta) = 0$, with the transitions between the factored form in Eq. (SM2) marked by vertical lines.

In the four regions, the constants evaluate to the following

$$\begin{pmatrix} a^2 \\ b^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\Theta - 8}\Theta^{3/2} - \Theta^2 + 4\Theta + 8 \\ \sqrt{\Theta - 8}\Theta^{3/2} + \Theta^2 - 4\Theta - 8 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } \Theta < -1; \\ \begin{pmatrix} -\Theta^2 + 4\Theta + 8\sqrt{\Theta + 1} + 8 \\ -\Theta^2 + 4\Theta - 8\sqrt{\Theta + 1} + 8 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } -1 < \Theta < 0; \\ \begin{pmatrix} -\Theta^2 + 4\Theta + 8\sqrt{\Theta + 1} + 8 \\ \Theta^2 - 4\Theta + 8\sqrt{\Theta + 1} - 8 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } 0 < \Theta < 8; \\ \begin{pmatrix} \Theta^2 - 4\Theta + 8\sqrt{\Theta + 1} - 8 \\ \Theta^2 - 4\Theta - 8\sqrt{\Theta + 1} - 8 \end{pmatrix} & \text{if } 8 < \Theta. \end{cases}$$

In each of the four ρ intervals, the scattering angle can be written as a linear combination of complete elliptic integrals of the first kind

$$K(m) = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-mx^2)}} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1-m\sin^2\theta}}$$

and the third kind

$$\Pi(n, m) = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1-nx^2)\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-mx^2)}} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{d\theta}{(1-n\sin^2\theta)\sqrt{1-m\sin^2\theta}}$$

The convention is to define these functions for $0 < m < 1$, though they are analytic for all m except for a branch cut from $m = 1$ to $m = \infty$.

We report the values found in each of the cases.

DIRECT SCATTERING WITH $\rho < -1$

Here $\Theta < -1$, and

$$\Delta\alpha = \frac{64\sqrt[4]{\Theta - 8}(-K(m) + \Pi(n, m))}{\sqrt[4]{\Theta}(\Theta - 8 + \sqrt{\Theta^2 - 8\Theta})(\Theta + \sqrt{\Theta^2 - 8\Theta})}$$

with

$$m = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4 - \Theta}{2\sqrt{\Theta^2 - 8\Theta}} \quad \text{and} \quad n = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\Theta^2 - 4\Theta - 8}{2\Theta\sqrt{\Theta^2 - 8\Theta}}$$

EXCHANGE SCATTERING WITH $-1 < \rho < -\frac{1}{2}$

In this case $-1 < \Theta < 0$, and

$$\Delta\alpha = \frac{4\Theta K(m) + 8\sqrt{1+\Theta}(\Pi(n_1, m) - \Pi(n_2, m))}{\sqrt{-\Theta^2 + 4\Theta + 8\sqrt{\Theta+1} + 8}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{8 + 4\Theta - \Theta^2 - 8\sqrt{\Theta+1}}{8 + 4\Theta - \Theta^2 + 8\sqrt{\Theta+1}}, \\ n_1 &= \frac{\Theta - 2 + 2\sqrt{\Theta+1}}{\Theta + 2 - 2\sqrt{\Theta+1}}, \\ \text{and } n_2 &= \frac{\Theta + 2 - 2\sqrt{\Theta+1}}{\Theta + 2 + 2\sqrt{\Theta+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

THE BORDERLINE CASE $\rho = -\frac{1}{2}$

This is the case $\Theta = 0$ discussed in Fig. 9. Vortex 2 travels along a straight line with no deflection, so the scattering angle is $\alpha = 0$.

EXCHANGE SCATTERING WITH $-\frac{1}{2} < \rho < \frac{7}{2}$

Here $0 < \Theta < 8$, and

$$\Delta\alpha = \frac{-\Theta^2 + 4\Theta + 8\sqrt{\Theta+1} + 8}{2\sqrt{\Theta+1}(\Theta + 2\sqrt{\Theta+1} + 2)} (\Pi(n_1, m) - \Pi(n_2, m)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\Theta^2 - 4\Theta - 8}{16\sqrt{1-\Theta}}; \\ n_1 &= \frac{2 - \Theta - 2\sqrt{1+\Theta}}{4}; \\ \text{and } n_2 &= \frac{2 + \Theta - 2\sqrt{1+\Theta}}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

DIRECT SCATTERING WITH $\frac{7}{2} < \rho$

In this last case, $\Theta > 8$ and

$$\Delta\alpha = c_K K(m) + c_{\Pi,1} \Pi_1(n_1, m) + c_{\Pi,2} \Pi(n_2, m),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \frac{16\sqrt{\Theta+1}}{\Theta^2 - 4\Theta - 8 + 8\sqrt{\Theta+1}}, n_1 = -\frac{4}{\Theta + 2\sqrt{\Theta+1} - 2}, n_2 = \frac{4(\Theta + 2\sqrt{\Theta+1} + 2)}{\Theta^2} \\ c_K &= -\frac{4\Theta}{\sqrt{\Theta^2 - 4\Theta + 8\sqrt{\Theta+1} - 8}}, c_{\Pi,1} = \frac{-2\Theta^3 + 4\Theta^2 + 64\Theta + 64 - 4\sqrt{\Theta+1}(\Theta^2 - 8\Theta - 16)}{\sqrt{(\Theta - 8)\Theta^3((\Theta - 4)\Theta - 8(\sqrt{\Theta+1} + 1))}}, \\ \text{and } c_{\Pi,2} &= \frac{-2\Theta^3 + 12\Theta^2 - 32\Theta - 64 + 4(\Theta^2 - 16)\sqrt{\Theta+1}}{\sqrt{(\Theta - 8)\Theta^3((\Theta - 4)\Theta - 8(\sqrt{\Theta+1} + 1))}} \end{aligned}$$

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