An Internet Book on Fluid Dynamics

Problem 115C

(a) Confirm that for axisymmetric incompressible flow one can define a streamfunction, ψ (known as Stokes' streamfunction), such that

$$u_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$$
 and $u_z = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$

(b) Confirm that for steady, planar compressible flow one can define a streamfunction, ψ , such that

$$\rho u = \rho_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad and \quad \rho v = -\rho_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

where ρ_0 is some arbitrary but constant reference density.