

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION 2008/09

BSc.VI

TITLE OF PAPER : FLUID DYNAMICS

COURSE NUMBER : M455

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF
SEVEN QUESTIONS.
2. ANSWER ANY FIVE (5) QUESTIONS
3. ONLY NON-PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS
MAY BE USED.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS : NONE

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL
PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

USEFUL FORMULAE

The gradient of a function $\psi(r, \theta, z)$ in cylindrical polar coordinates is

$$\nabla\psi = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r}\hat{r} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial\theta}\hat{\theta} + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial z}\hat{k}.$$

The divergence and curl of a vector field

$$\underline{v} = v_r\hat{r} + v_\theta\hat{\theta} + v_z\hat{k}$$

in cylindrical polar coordinates are

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = \frac{1}{r} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rv_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}(v_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(rv_z) \right\},$$

and

$$\nabla \times \underline{v} = \frac{1}{r} \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} & r\hat{\theta} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_r & rv_\theta & v_z \end{bmatrix}.$$

The divergence of a vector

$$\underline{v} = v_r\hat{r} + v_\lambda\hat{\lambda} + v_\theta\hat{\theta}.$$

in spherical coordinates

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial(r^2 v_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial v_\lambda}{\partial\lambda} + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial(\sin\theta v_\theta)}{\partial\theta}.$$

The convective derivative, Laplacian and strain and shear stress in cylindrical coordinates are:

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + v_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}.$$

$$e_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{2} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{V_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial\theta}, \quad s_{r\theta} = 2\mu e_{r\theta}$$

Identities:

$$\underline{V} \cdot \nabla \underline{V} = \nabla \left(\frac{1}{2} V^2 \right) - \underline{V} \times \underline{\omega}.$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \bar{A}) = \nabla \nabla \cdot \bar{A} - \nabla^2 \bar{A}.$$

QUESTION 1

(a) Consider steady, one-dimensional, incompressible flow along the x-axis through the converging channel

$$\bar{v} = v_1 \left(1 + \frac{x}{L}\right) \bar{i},$$

where v_1 and L are constants.

(i) Find the acceleration of a particle moving along the x-axis as a function of x .

(ii) For the particle located at $x = 0$ at $t = 0$, obtain an expression for its

-position, x_p , as a function of time for $t > 0$,

-x component of acceleration a_{xp} , as a function of time for $t > 0$.

(iii) Find the Eulerian acceleration for particle moving along x-axis.

(b) For the three-dimensional flow

$$\bar{v} = (xt, -y, b(t))$$

find the

(i) particle paths,

(ii) streamlines.

[4,3,2,1,5,5]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Derive the continuity, or mass conservation equation for a fluid.
- (b) Write down the equation in (a) for a steady flow.
- (c) For a steady incompressible two-dimensional flow in the xy -plane the x component of velocity is given by $u = ax$, where a is a constant.
 - (i) Derive a possible y component.
 - (ii) How many possible y components are there?
- (d) Let $\bar{v} = mr^{-2}\hat{r}$ in spherical coordinates.
 - (i) Show that \bar{v} satisfies the continuity equation for incompressible flow, except at the origin 0.
 - (ii) Let 0 lie on a smooth surface S . What is the volume flow rate through S ?

[5,1,3,1,5,5]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Describe two methods of modelling continuous medium.
- (b) Describe a continuum model of a fluid.
- (c) Derive a formula for the convective derivative of the density.
- (d) Consider the stream function

$$\psi(r, \theta) = rV(\theta \cos \theta + \frac{1}{2}\pi\theta \sin \theta - \sin \theta)$$

for $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi$, V is a constant.

- (i) Calculate the velocity components on $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$.
- (ii) Calculate $\nabla^2\psi$.

[4,4,5,4,3]

QUESTION 4

(a) Consider the two-dimensional flow field given by $\psi = ax^2 - ay^2$, a is a constant

Show that the flow is irrotational.

(b) Calculate the vorticity and the angular velocity (rotation) for the following flows:

(i) "rigid rotation": $v_\theta = Dr, v_r = 0$;

(ii) "line vortex": $v_\theta = \frac{c}{r}, v_r = 0$;

(iii) "uniform shear flow": $u = \beta y, v = 0$.

(c) Give the definitions of a vortex line, a vortex surface, a vortex tube, and strength of a vortex tube.

(d) State Kelvin's theorem.

[6,2,2,2,4,4]

QUESTION 5

- (a) Give the definition of a Newtonian fluid.
- (b) Use (a) to find the dimensions of
- (i) Viscosity,
 - (ii) Kinematic Viscosity.
- (c) Derive the Navier-Stokes equation in the form

$$\rho \frac{DV_i}{Dt} = \rho F_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \sigma_{ij}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

- (d) The plane $y = 0$ oscillates so that its velocity is in the plane $y = 0$ and magnitude $V \cos \omega t$, (V, ω are constants).

Find the velocity of viscous incompressible flow above the plane. Body forces are negligible. [2,2,2,7,7]

QUESTION 6

- (a) (i) Give the definition of Reynold's number.
(ii) Show that Reynolds number is dimensionless.
- (b) (i) Define similar flows.
(ii) How is the idea of the similarity of flows used in the design of experimental models?
- (c) Consider a cylinder of radius a rotating with angular velocity Ω in a viscous incompressible fluid.
(i) Show that the steady circular flow inside the cylinder is in rigid body motion, and outside the cylinder is that associated with a line vortex.
(ii) Calculate the moment of stress

$$\int_0^{2\pi} S_{r\theta} a d\theta$$

on inner and outer surfaces of the cylinder.

[2,2,2,2,7,5]

QUESTION 7

(a) Consider steady incompressible invicid potential flow.

(i) Show that

$$\bar{v} \times \bar{\omega} = \nabla \left[\frac{1}{2} \bar{v}^2 + \Phi + \frac{p}{\rho} \right].$$

(ii) Derive Bernoulli's equation.

(b) An infinite plane starts to move at speed U_0 in its own plane at $t = 0$. The viscous incompressible fluid is initially at rest. The effect of body forces is negligible. Put $\bar{v} = U(y, t)\bar{i}$.

(i) State the initial-boundary problem for $U(y, t)$,

(ii) Solve the problem in (i) by introducing a new dimensionless variable $\xi = y/(4\nu t)^{\frac{1}{2}}$, and using $U(y, t) = U_0 f(\xi)$. [4,4,4,8]

END OF EXAMINATION