

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION 2009/2010

BSc. IV

TITLE OF PAPER : FLUID DYNAMICS

COURSE NUMBER : M 455

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF
SEVEN QUESTIONS.
2. ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS.
3. 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 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 the vector field

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

in cylindrical 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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D}{Dt} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + v_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \nabla^2 &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \\ e_{r\theta} &= \frac{1}{2} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{V_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{2r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial\theta}, \quad s_{r\theta} = 2\mu e_{r\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Identities

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} &= \nabla \left(\frac{v^2}{2} \right) - \underline{v} \times \underline{\omega} \\ \nabla \times (\nabla \times \underline{a}) &= \nabla \nabla \cdot \underline{a} - \nabla^2 \underline{a} \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 1

1. (a) Describe a continuum model on the example of the density of the air. [4 marks]
- (b) For the Lagrange method of treating a continuous medium describe the
- i. trajectory of a particle, [2 marks]
 - ii. velocity, [2 marks]
 - iii. acceleration. [2 marks]
- (c) For the three-dimensional flow

$$\underline{v} = (ay, -ax, f(t)),$$

where a is a constant, find

- i. particle path, [5 marks]
- ii. streamlines. [5 marks]

QUESTION 2

2. (a) Using the divergence theorem derive the continuity equation in general case. [5 marks]
- (b) For a steady incompressible two-dimensional flow the x component of velocity is given by $u = 2x^2$.
- i. Determine a possible y component, [4 marks]
 - ii. How many possible components are there? [1 marks]
- (c) Consider a piston-cylinder apparatus. At one instant when the piston is L_0 away from the closed end of the cylinder, the gas density is uniform at $\rho = \rho_0$ and the piston begins to move away from the closed end at $v = v_0$. The gas velocity is one-dimensional and proportional to the distance from the closed end; it varies linearly from zero at the end to $u = v_0$ at the piston.
- i. Show that $\left. \frac{d\rho}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \rho_0 \frac{v_0}{L_0}$, [5 marks]
 - ii. Find $\rho(t)$. [5 marks]

Hint: Density ρ is independent of x .

QUESTION 3

3. (a) Derive the convective derivative formula for the density ρ

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \text{grad } \rho$$

[5 marks]

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

$$\underline{v} = a \left(1 + \frac{x}{L} \right) \hat{i}$$

where a and L are constants.

- i. Find the acceleration of a particle moving along the x -axis as a function of x , [4 marks]
 - ii. For the particle located at $x = 0$ at $t = 0$, obtain an expression for its
 - A. position, x_p , as a function of time, [3 marks]
 - B. x -component of acceleration as a function of time. [2 marks]
 - iii. Find the Eulerian acceleration for a particle moving along the x -axis. [1 marks]
- (c) A log is floating in a steady straight river of variable cross section. Find its acceleration
- i. in the Eulerian model, [2 marks]
 - ii. in the Lagrange model. [3 marks]

QUESTION 4

4. (a) Consider the two-dimensional, incompressible flow.

i. Define the stream function $\psi(x, y)$, [2 marks]

ii. Show that

$$\psi(x, y) = \int_b^y u(x, \eta) d\eta - \int_a^x v(\xi, b) d\xi$$

where a and b are constants. [4 marks]

(b) Consider the radially outwards incompressible flow: $v_r = f(r)$, $v_\theta = 0$. Show that

i. $v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$, $v_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$, [3 marks]

ii. $\psi = A\theta$, where A is a constant, [3 marks]

iii. $\text{div } \underline{v} = 0$ except at $r = 0$, [1 marks]

iv. $v_r = \frac{q}{2\pi r}$, where q is the source strength. [3 marks]

(c) i. Give the definition of vorticity, and [1 marks]

ii. Find the vorticity for the two-dimensional shear flow
 $u = \beta y$, $v = 0$. [3 marks]

QUESTION 5

5. (a) i. Explain the following equation

$$dF = \rho \left[\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right] dx dy dz$$

[1 marks]

- ii. Classify the forces acting on a fluid particle.

[1 marks]

- (b) i. Define a Newtonian fluid, and

[2 marks]

- ii. Find the dimension of viscosity.

[2 marks]

- (c) Write in vector form the Navier-Stokes equation for

- i. general case,

[2 marks]

- ii. statics,

[2 marks]

- iii. Ideal fluid (inviscid model).

[2 marks]

- iv. Incompressible flow.

[2 marks]

- (d) An infinite plate is moved over a second plate on a layer of liquid with velocity $v = 0.3$ m/sec. For small gap width $d = 0.3$ mm we assume linear velocity profile. The liquid viscosity is $\mu = 0.65 \times 10^{-3}$ kg/m s and specific gravity $SG = 0.88$. Calculate

- i. Kinematic viscosity.

[2 marks]

- ii. The shear stress on the lower plate.

[4 marks]

QUESTION 6

6. (a) A cylindrical container, partly filled with liquid, is rotated at a constant angular velocity ω about the vertical axis. After a short time there is no relative motion, the liquid rotates as a rigid body. Using the Euler equation determine the shape of the free surface if the radius of cylinder is R and the original surface height, in the absence of rotation is h_0 . [10 marks]

- (b) i. Introducing the characteristic length and velocity, re-write the Navier-Stokes equation in dimensionless form.

[5 marks]

- ii. Define Reynolds number.

[1 marks]

- iii. Show that the Reynolds number is dimensionless.

[1 marks]

- (c) i. Define similar flows.

[2 marks]

- ii. How is the idea of the similarity of flows used in the design of experimental models?

[1 marks]

QUESTION 7

7. (a) Consider stationary viscous incompressible flow between two stationary plates located at $y = 0$ and $y = 1$. Given pressure at $x = 0$ and $x = L$ is P_0 and P_L respectively, $P_0 > P_L$, and the effect of body forces is negligible.

i. Put $\underline{v} = u(x, y)\hat{i}$, simplify the Navier-Stokes equations to show that

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

[7 marks]

ii. Show that

$$P(x) = P_0 - \frac{P_0 - P_L}{L}x,$$

[3 marks]

iii. Show that

$$u(y) = y(1 - y) \frac{P_0 - P_L}{2\mu L}.$$

[3 marks]

- (b) Air flows steadily and at low speed through a horizontal nozzle discharging to the atmosphere. At the nozzle inlet, the area is 0.1 m^2 . At the nozzle exit, the area is 0.02 m^2 . The flow is incompressible, and the frictional effects are negligible. Using Bernoulli equation determine the pressure required at inlet to produce at outlet speed of 50 m/s .

Put $\rho = 1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

[7 marks]