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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION, 2015/2016

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**B.Sc. IV, BASS IV, B.Ed IV**

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**Title of Paper** : Fluid Dynamics

**Course Number** : M455

**Time Allowed** : Three (3) Hours

**Instructions**

1. This paper consists of TWO (2) Sections:
  - a. SECTION A (40 MARKS)
    - Answer **ALL** questions in Section A.
  - b. SECTION B
    - There are FIVE (5) questions in Section B.
    - Each question in Section B is worth 20 Marks.
    - Answer **ANY THREE (3)** questions in Section B.
    - If you answer more than three (3) questions in Section B, **only the first three questions answered in Section B will be marked.**
2. Show all your working.

**Special Requirements: None**

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## 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 and Laplacian in cylindrical coordinates are

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

Identities

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

**SECTION A [40 Marks]: Answer ALL Questions**

A1. Define

- (a) Two-dimensional flow;
- (b) steady flow;
- (c) stagnation point;
- (d) particle path.

(1,1,1,1)

A2. Describe the Euler method treating motion of continuum medium.

(4)

A3. Write down a formula for a Lagrangian acceleration.

(2)

A4. Prove  $\bar{V} = \nabla \times \psi \bar{k}$  in the usual notations.

(4)

A5. A flow is represented by velocity

$$\bar{V} = 10x\bar{i} - 10y\bar{j} + 30\bar{k}.$$

Is this flow

- (a) possible incompressible?
- (b) irrotational?

(3,3)

A6. Explain the term  $\tau_{xy}$

(3)

A7. Prove Archimedes theorem.

(5)

A8. Write down Navier-Stokes equation for incompressible model of fluid.

(3)

A9. (a) Define Reynolds number;

- (b) How the notion of the similar flows is used in experiments?

(2,3)

A10. Write down and comment on Bernoulli's equation.

(4)

**SECTION B: Answer any *THREE* Questions**

**QUESTION B1 [20 Marks]**

B1. (a) For the velocity field

$$\bar{V} = \frac{A}{x}\bar{i} + \frac{Ay}{x^2}\bar{j}$$

where  $A$  is a constant, determine

- (i) dimension of the flow;
- (ii) whether the flow is steady;
- (iii) streamline through the point  $(x, y) = (1, 3)$ , and  $A = 2$ ;
- (iv) time required for the fluid particle to move from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 3$  in this flow field.

(1,1,4,4)

- (b) Derive the formular for continuity equation (mass conservation). (5)
- (c) A uniform flow field  $\bar{V}$  is inclined at angle  $\alpha$  above the x axis.
- (i) Evaluate the velocity components  $u$  and  $v$ ;
- (ii) Determine the stream function for this flow field. (2,3)

**QUESTION B2 [20 Marks]**

B2. (a) Consider the velocity field

$$\bar{V} = xy^2\bar{i} - \frac{1}{3}y^3\bar{j} + xy\bar{k}$$

- (i) If it is a possible incompressible flow field?
- (ii) Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle at a point  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3)$ . (2,5)
- (b) Consider the Rankine's Vortex

$$\bar{\omega} = \begin{cases} \omega\bar{k}, & \text{for } r < a \\ 0, & \text{for } r > a \end{cases}$$

- (i) Find the stream function;
- (ii) Find velocity  $V_\theta$  (5,3)
- (c) Consider a line vortex

$$v_r = 0, \quad v_\theta = \frac{c}{r}$$

- (i) Find a stream function;
- (ii) Find a circulation. (2,3)

**QUESTION B3 [20 Marks]**

- B3. (a) Consider a fluid at rest in the field of gravity. Show that  $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$  in the usual notations. (6)
- (b) Find the equation of the upper surface of the rotating fluid in the field of gravity. (10)
- (c) Define the Newtonian fluid. (4)

**QUESTION B4 [20 Marks]**

B4. (a) In a frictionless flow the velocity is

$$\bar{V} = Ax\bar{i} - Ay\bar{j}$$

where  $A$  is a constant, and body force  $\bar{g} = -g\bar{k}$ . The pressure at  $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$  is  $p_0 = 0$

(i) Is flow incompressible?

(ii) Construct the Euler equations

(iii) Find pressure  $p(x, y, z)$ .

(2,6,6)

(b) The velocity distribution for laminar flow between fixed parallel plates is given by

$$u = U \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{2y}{h} \right)^2 \right];$$

where  $h$  is the distance separating the plates and the origin is placed midway between the plates. Consider  $\mu = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{kg/ms}$ ,  $U = 0.3 \text{m/s}$ ,  $h = 0.5 \text{mm}$ . Calculate

(i) the shear stress on the upper plate and give direction;

(ii) the force on a  $0.5 \text{m}^2$  section of the plate and give its direction.

(4,2)

**QUESTION B5 [20 Marks]**

B5. (a) (i) Derive the Navier-Stokes equation in dimensionless form, introducing the characteristic length and velocity. Neglect body forces.

(ii) Find dimension of Reynold's number.

(6,2)

(b) A  $u$ -tube acts as a water siphon. The bend in the tube is 1m above the water surface; the tube outlet is 7m below the water surface. The fluid issues from the bottom of siphon as a free jet at atmospheric pressure. If the flow is frictionless, determine

(i) the speed of the free jet;

(ii) the absolute and the gage pressure of the fluid in the bend.

(6,6)

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