
UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, 2017/2018

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

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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SECTION A [40 Marks]: Answer ALL Questions

A1. Give essential features of

(a) liquids,

(b) gases.

(2,2)

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

(4)

A3. A tornado can be represented in polar coordinates by the velocity field

$$\bar{V} = -\frac{a}{r}\bar{e}_r + \frac{b}{r}\bar{e}_\theta.$$

Find the stream lines.

(4)

A4. Does the following set of velocity components $u = xt + 2y, v = xt^2 - yt$, represent possible two-dimensional

(a) incompressible flow,

(b) irrotational flow?

(3,3)

A5. Explain the term τ_{xy} .

(3)

A6. On the water surface the pressure is 1 atm (101.3kpa). How deep one can dive to get a maximum pressure of 2 atm?

(5)

A7. (a) Define Reynolds number,

(b) Define similar flows.

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

(3,3,3)

A8. Consider steady, incompressible, inviscid, potential flow. Given

$$\bar{V} \times \bar{\omega} = \nabla\left(\frac{V^2}{2} + \phi + \frac{p}{\rho}\right),$$

in the usual notations. Derive Bernoulli's equation.

(5)

SECTION B: Answer any *THREE* Questions

QUESTION B1 [20 Marks]

B1. (a) Define a continuum model on example of air density

(3)

(b) Parametric equations for the position of a particle in a flow field are given as

$$x_p = c_1 e^{at} \text{ and } y_p = c_2 e^{-bt}.$$

(i) Find the equation of the pathline for a particle located at $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ at $t = 0$.

(ii) Show that for this flow field $\bar{V} = axi - byj$.

- (iii) Compare the pathline with streamline through the same point. (3,2,3)
- (c) Derive the formula for mass conservation (continuity equation). (6)
- (d) The x component of velocity in steady, incompressible flow field in the xy plane is $u = \frac{A}{x}$. Find the simplest y component of velocity for this flow field. (3)

QUESTION B2 [20 Marks]

- B2. (a) Prove $\bar{V} = \nabla \times \psi \bar{k}$ in the usual notations. (3)
- (b) Consider the flow field given by $\psi = -2xy + x + 3$.
- (i) Show that the flow is irrotational.
- (ii) Determine the velocity potential for this flow.
- (iii) Show that lines of constant ψ and ϕ are orthogonal. (3,3,3)
- (c) Incompressible flow around a circular cylinder of radius a is represented by the stream function

$$\psi(r, \theta) = -Ur \sin \theta + \frac{Ua^2 \sin \theta}{r},$$

where U represents the free stream velocity (or velocity of infinity).

- (i) Obtain an expression for the velocity field.
- (ii) Find v_r along the circle $r = a$.
- (iii) Locate the points along $r = a$, where $|\bar{V}| = U$ (3,2,3)

QUESTION B3 [20 Marks]

- B3. (a) Consider a fluid at rest in the field of gravity. Derive equilibrium equations. (6)
- (b) Consider liquid uniformly rotating with angular velocity ω in the field of gravity.
- (i) Construct equilibrium equations.
- (ii) Find the equation of the upper surface of the liquid. (4,4)
- (c) State and prove Archimede's theorem. (6)

QUESTION B4 [20 Marks]

- B4. (a) A velocity field in a fluid with density of 1500 kg/m^3 is given by

$$\bar{V} = (Ax - By)t\bar{i} - (Ay + Bx)t\bar{j}$$

where $A = 1 \text{ s}^{-2}$, $B = 2 \text{ s}^{-2}$, and x and y are in meters and t is seconds. Body and viscous forces are negligible.

- (i) Is it a possible incompressible flow?
- (ii) Find the acceleration of a fluid particle at point $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ at $t = 1 \text{ sec}$.

- (iii) Find the pressure gradient at the same point and same time.
- (iv) Find the pressure distribution along the x-axis if $p(0, 0) = p_0$. (2,6,5,3)
- (b) (i) Write constitutive (essential) relations for Newtonian fluid.
- (ii) Define a kinematic viscosity. (2,2)

QUESTION B5 [20 Marks]

- B5. (a) Consider a cylinder of radius a rotating with angular velocity ω in a viscous incompressible fluid. Put $\vec{V} = u(r)\vec{e}_\theta$ and apply Navier-Stokes equations to show that

$$u = \begin{cases} \omega r & \text{if } r \leq a \\ \frac{\omega a^2}{r} & \text{if } r \geq a. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

- (b) Water flows in circular pipe. At one section the diameter is 0.3m , the static pressure is 260kpa (gage), the velocity is 3m/s , and the elevation is 10m above ground level. At a section downstream at ground level, the pipe diameter is 0.15m . Find the gage pressure at the downstream section, if friction effects may be neglected. (10)

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER

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

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