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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE)

SMA 434: GAS DYNAMICS

DATE: 16/8/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question **one** (**Compulsory**) and any other **two** questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe how aerodynamics aids in the flying of airplanes (2 marks)
- b) A calorically perfect ideal gas is undergoing an isentropic process. What two factors can you consider to justify that the gas is indeed undergoing the process. (2 marks)
- c) Compute the density of air at 9600 Nm^{-2} , 480 K.
Take the gas constant $R=53.3 \text{ Jkg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (3 marks)
- d) Consider a column vector $h_i (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$ of n variables, considering two functions $f_i(h_i)$ and $g_i(h_i)$, where all variables are functions of x and t , Formulate the necessary system of partial differential equation for the system to be in conservative form. (3 marks)
- e) Consider a fluid flowing between a slot separated by two plates; the lower at $y = 0$ is stationary and the upper at $y = h$ is moving with a velocity U . Given that the velocity is only in the x direction and only a function of y , the flow has no imposed pressure gradient or body force and the flow has no acceleration, assuming constant viscosity and using the linear momentum principle.

- (i) Show that the flow is linear. (3 marks)
- (ii) Suppose that the viscosity of the fluid is $0.30 \text{ kgm}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$. Compute the shear stress τ in the fluid if it is moving with a velocity, $U = 5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and the clearance h between the plates is 2.5 cm. (2 marks)
- f) Consider a gas flowing through a stream tube. Given that at one section of the tube, the flow has a pressure of 200 Nm^{-2} , a temperature of 300 K and is moving with a velocity of 250 ms^{-1} , Compute the temperature at another section of the tube where the pressure reduces to 40 Nm^{-2} and the speed increases to 1100 ms^{-1} . *Take the specific heat of the gas at constant pressure, $c_p = 2295 \text{ Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$.* (4 marks)
- g) Hydrogen gas has a static temperature of 298 K and stagnation temperature of 523 K. Calculate its Mach number and hence classify the disturbance as either subsonic or supersonic. *Take the ratio of specific heats to be $\gamma = 1.41$.* (3 marks)
- h) Consider air at a temperature of 600 K flowing through a converging-diverging nozzle which has a cross sectional area of 1 cm^2 . Given that the initial mass flow rate is 0.04125 kgs^{-1} , the initial and exit pressures are 200 kPa and 191.5 kPa respectively. Compute;
- i) Mass flow rate at the exit, (3 marks)
- ii) Exit velocity. (5 marks)
- Take $\gamma = 1.4$, $R = 287 \text{ Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ and $c_p = 1004.5 \text{ Jkg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$.*

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Consider a flow between a slot separated by two plates; the lower at $y = 0$ is stationary and the upper at $y = h$ is moving with a velocity U . Given that the velocity is only in the x direction and only a function of y , the flow is driven by a pressure difference in the x direction such that at $x = 0, P = P_0$ and at $x = l, P = P_1$. If there is no body force, the flow has no acceleration, assuming constant viscosity and using the linear momentum principle, Compute the velocity profile parameterized by P_0, P, h, U and μ . 10 marks
- b) Considering an ideal gas where pressure P is a function of temperature, T and Volume, V given by $P(T, V) = \frac{RT}{V}$. Using the laws of thermodynamics, derive the relation for;

i) The gas constant $R = c_p - c_v$ (3 marks)

ii) The total internal energy $e(T) = e_o + c_v(T - T_o)$ (4 marks)

c) Given that the speed of sound in a general material, $c(T, \rho) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dp}{d\rho}\right)_T + \frac{T}{c_v \rho^2} \left[\left(\frac{dp}{dT}\right)_\rho\right]^2}$

Simplify this expression and prove that for an ideal gas, the speed is only a function of

temperature and given by $c(T) = \sqrt{\gamma RT}$ (3 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Consider a calorically perfect ideal gas flowing through a duct of length 150m having a uniform cross section of area 0.03 m^2 . Given that at one end of the duct, the gas has a pressure of 150 kPa, a temperature of 300 K and is flowing at a velocity of 12 ms^{-1} . If the gas is isobarically heated with a constant heat flux along the entire surface of the duct such that at the other end it has a pressure of 150 kPa and a temperature of 500K, Calculate;

i) The mass flow rate, (4 marks)

ii) Velocity of the gas at the other end. (4 marks)

Take $R = 287 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

- b) Consider an airplane flying through still air at a velocity of 200 ms^{-1} . Assuming steady isentropic flow of a calorically perfect ideal gas, given that the ambient air has a temperature of 288 K and a pressure of 101.3 kPa, Compute;
- The Mach number and hence classify the disturbance, (4 marks)
 - Temperature, pressure and density at the nose of the airplane. (8 marks)

$$\text{Take } \gamma = \frac{7}{5} \text{ and } R = 287 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Consider air flow through a normal shock wave. Given that the upstream conditions are $u_1 = 600 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, $T_{01} = 500 \text{ K}$, $P_{01} = 700 \text{ kPa}$, using Rankine-Hugoniot relations Calculate the downstream conditions M_2 , u_2 , T_2 and P_{02} . Take $\gamma = 1.4$, $c_p = 1000 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and $R = 287 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Consider a gas flowing over a wedge inclined at an angle of 20° to the horizontal. For a calorically perfect ideal gas, if the upstream conditions are $P_1 = 100 \text{ kPa}$, $T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$ and $M_1 = 3$. Using Hodograph and characteristic relations, compute the downstream pressure and temperature for a shock angle of;
- $\beta = 37.76^\circ$ relating to a weak oblique shock wave, (5 marks)
 - $\beta = 82.15^\circ$ relating to a strong oblique shock wave, (5 marks)
 - $\beta = -9.91^\circ$ relating to a rarefaction shock. (5 marks)
- b) Consider a calorically perfect ideal gas. Given that it has a temperature of 300 K and is moving with a velocity of 500 ms^{-1} , compute the Prandtl-Mayer function $v(M)$.
- Take $\gamma = 1.4$ and $R = 287 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ (5 marks)