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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN STATISTICS AND COMPUTING
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

SMA 333: FLUID MECHANICS I

DATE: 16TH JANUARY, 2025 **TIME: 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS:
Answer question ***ONE (Compulsory)*** *and* ***any other TWO*** *questions*

QUESTION ONE *(COMPULSORY)* (30 MARKS)

a) Name and distinguish the two different points of view in analyzing problems in mechanics

(4 marks)

b) Determine the density, specific gravity and mass of the air in a room whose dimensions are $4\ m$ by $5\ m$ by $6\ m$ at $100\ kPa$ and 25℃ (Take $R = 0.287\ kPa.m^3/(kg.K)$) (6 marks)

c) The viscosity of a fluid is to be measured by a viscometer constructed of two $40\ cm$ long concentric cylinders as shown in figure 1 below

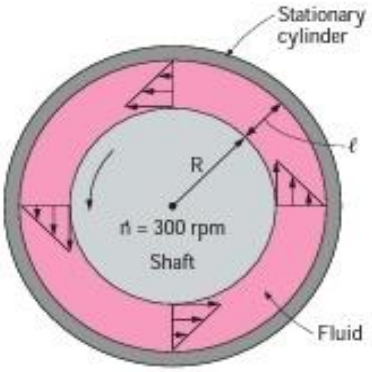


Figure 1. viscometer

The outer diameter of the inner cylinder is $12\ cm$ and the gap between the two cylinders is $0.15\ cm$. the inner cylinder is rotated at $300\ rpm$ and the torque is measured to be $1.8\ Nm$. Determine the viscosity of the fluid (4 marks)

d) Consider water initially at 20°C and 1 $atmosphere$. Determine the final density of water;
   i. If it is heated to 50°C at a constant pressure of 1 $atmosphere$ (4 marks)
   ii. If it is compressed to 100 $atmosphere$ pressure at a constant temperature of 20°C (Take $\rho_1 = 998.0\ kgm^{-3}, \beta = 0.337X10^{-3}\ K^{-1}\ and\ \alpha = 4.80X10^{-5}\ atm^{-1}$)

(4 marks)

e) The velocity distribution for the flow of a Newtonian fluid between two wide, parallel plates as shown in figure 2 is given by the equation $u = \frac{3V}{2}\left[1 - \left(\frac{y}{h}\right)^2\right]$ where V is the mean velocity.

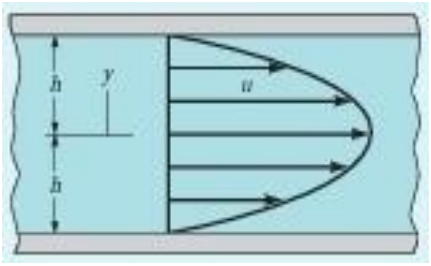


Figure 2. velocity distribution of a Newtonian fluid flow between two parallel plates

The fluid has viscosity of $0.04\ Ib.s/ft^2$, $V = 2\ ft/s$ and $h = 0.2\ inch$. Determine;
   i. The shearing stress acting on the bottom wall (6 marks)
   ii. The shearing stress acting on a plane parallel to the walls and passing through the centerline or midplane (2 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) A jet aircraft flies at a speed of $550\ mph$ at an altitude of $35000\ ft$ where the temperature is -66°F and the Specific heat ratio is $k = 1.40$ determine the ratio of the speed of the aircraft, V to that of the speed of sound, c at the specified altitude given $R = 1716\ ft.Ib/slug.^0R$ (6 marks)

b) Pressures are sometimes determined by measuring the height of a column of liquid in a vertical tube. For water at 20°C, $\sigma = 0.0728\ N/m$ and $\gamma = 9.789\ kN/m^3$. Determine the diameter of clean glass tubing required so that the rise of water at 20°C in a tube due

to capillary action as opposed to pressure in the tube is less than $h = 1.00\ mm$ (6 marks)

c) Find the change in volume of $1.00\ ft^3$ of water at 80°F when subjected to a pressure increase of $300\ psi$. Hence determine the bulk modulus of elasticity of water with the test data: $500\ psi$ the volume was $1.000\ ft^3$ and at $3500\ psi$ the volume was $0.990\ ft^3$ (Take $E = 325000\ psi\ at$ 80°F) (5 marks)

d) A sound wave is observed to travel through a liquid with a speed of $1500\ m/s$. The specific gravity of the liquid is 1.5 determine the bulk modulus for this fluid (3 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) A velocity field in a plane flow is given by $\boldsymbol{V} = 2yt\boldsymbol{i} + x\boldsymbol{j}$. Find the equation of the streamline passing through $(4, 2)$ at $t = 2$ (6 marks)

b) Given the steady two-dimensional velocity distribution $u = \boldsymbol{K}x \quad v = -\boldsymbol{K}y \quad w = 0$ where $\boldsymbol{K}$ is a positive constant, compute and plot the streamlines of the flow, including directions, and give some possible interpretations of the pattern (6 marks)

c) For the velocity field $\boldsymbol{V} = 2xy\boldsymbol{i} + 4tz^2\boldsymbol{j} - yz\boldsymbol{k}$, find the acceleration, the angular velocity about the z-axis, and the vorticity vector at the point $(2, -1, 1)$ at $t = 2$ (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Consider the flow of air around a bicyclist moving through still air with velocity V_0 as is shown in Figure 3 below.

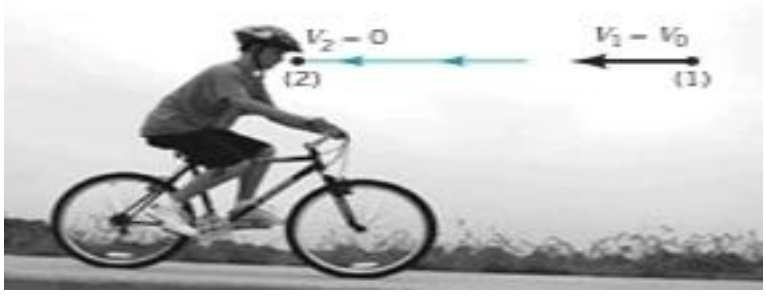


Figure 3. Bicyclist moving through still air

Determine the difference in the pressure between points (1) and (2) (4 marks)

b) The velocity components for a certain incompressible steady flow field in three dimensions are $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$, $v = xy + yz + z$ and $w = ?$ Determine the form of the $z-$ $component, w$ required to satisfy the continuity equation (6 marks)

c) A $10 - cm$ fire hose with a $3 - cm$ nozzle discharges 1.5 m^3/min to the atmosphere as shown in Figure 4 below

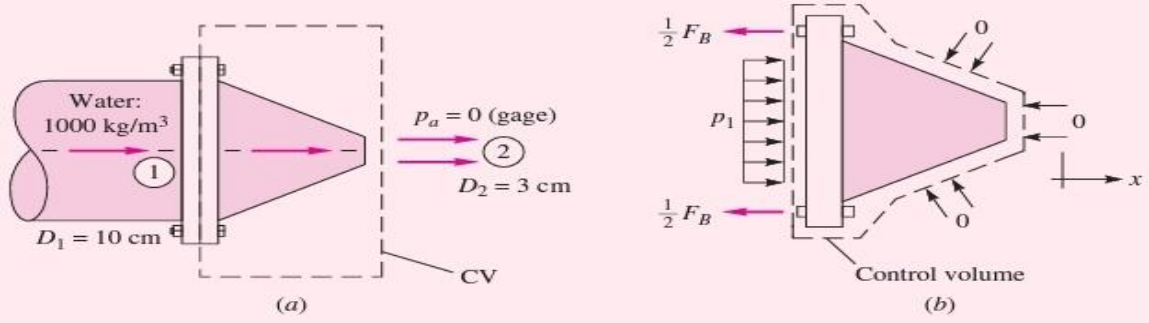


Figure 4. Fire hose with a nozzle

Assuming frictionless flow, use Bernoulli's equation and continuity to find the pressure P_1 upstream of the nozzle, and then we use a control volume momentum analysis to compute the bolt force as shown in Figure 4. Hence find the force F_B exerted by the flange bolts to hold the nozzle on the hose (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) In a two-dimensional incompressible flow, the fluid velocity components are given by $v_x = x - 4y$ and $v_y = -y - 4x$

i. Show that the flow satisfies the continuity equation (4 marks)

ii. obtain the expression for the stream function (5 marks)

iii. If the flow is irrotational, obtain also the expression for the velocity potential (5 marks)

b) A Kelvin oval from Figure 5 has $K/U_\infty a = 1.0$

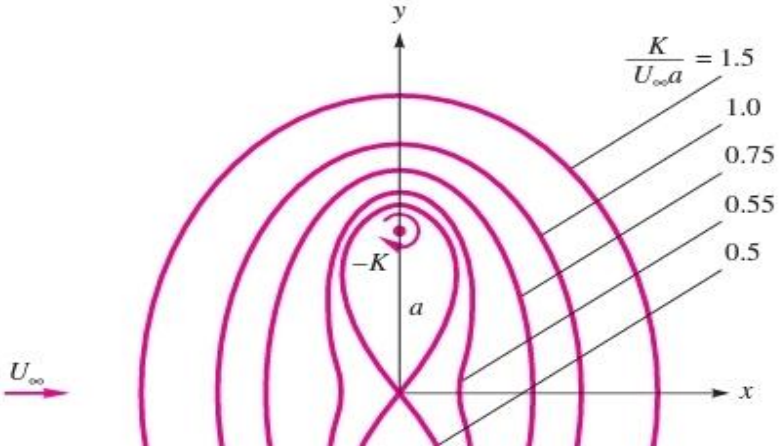


Figure 5. Kelvin oval body shapes as a function of the vortex strength parameter $K/U_\infty\, a$

Compute the velocity at the top shoulder of the oval in terms of U_∞ (6 marks)