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SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATIONS 2022-23

TITLE: Aerothermodynamics

DURATION: 120 MINS

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This paper contains **FIVE** Questions

Answer **ALL** questions on this paper. Questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are worth 36, 16, 16, 14, and 18 marks respectively (total 100 marks).

An outline marking scheme is shown in brackets to the right of each question.

Isentropic flow **and** normal shock tables (11 sides) are provided. (In reading from tables, nearest values are acceptable unless explicitly stated otherwise.)

An oblique shock chart is provided.

**Note that a formula sheet is provided at the end of this paper**

Only University approved calculators may be used.

A foreign language direct 'Word to Word' translation dictionary (paper version **ONLY**) is permitted, provided it contains no notes, additions or annotations.

Unless otherwise stated, the working fluid should be taken as air with  $R=287 \text{ J/(kg K)}$ ,  $c_p=1005 \text{ J/(kg K)}$ ,  $\gamma=1.4$ ,  $Pr=0.7$ ,  $\rho=1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\mu=1.79 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Ns/m}^2$ .  $1\text{bar}=10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$ .

**Q.1** Figure Q.1 shows a triangular thin aerofoil at an incidence  $\alpha = 10^\circ$  to an approaching stream at  $M_1=1.7$  and  $p_1=20$  kPa. The aerofoil chord length is  $c=15$  cm. The lower surface is a straight line, while the maximum thickness is at the half chord location. The internal angle at the leading and trailing edges of the aerofoil is  $\phi = \alpha = 10^\circ$ .

- (i) Sketch the flow past the aerofoil, identifying clearly all the shock and expansion waves present.

**[4 marks]**

- (ii) Find the pressure and Mach number on each surface using the shock-expansion method.

**[14 marks]**

- (iii) Find the pitching moment about the leading edge according to the shock-expansion method.

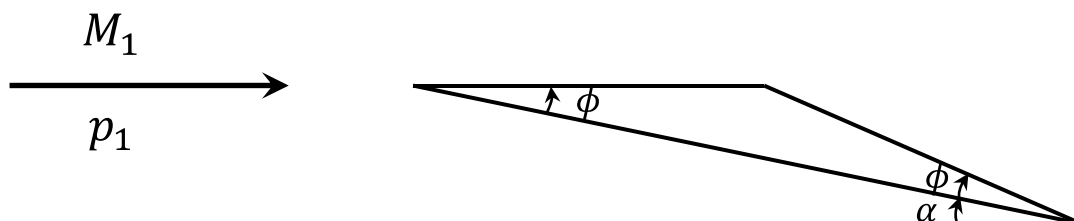
**[4 marks]**

- (iv) Find the surface pressures and the resulting pitching moment about the leading edge using Ackeret's theory. Comment on your results.

**[10 marks]**

- (v) Without doing any calculations, explain how you could compute the location of the aerodynamic centre ( $x_{AC}/c = -dC_{M,LE}/dC_L$ ) and where you expect it to be located

**[4 marks]**



**Figure Q.1**

**Q.2**

- (i) For  $M_\infty^2 < 1$  show how the compressible potential flow equation

$$(1 - M_\infty^2) \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

can be reduced to Laplace's equation and hence derive the Prandtl-Glauert relation in the form

$$C_p = \frac{C_{p0}}{\sqrt{1 - M_\infty^2}}$$

**[8 marks]**

- (ii) An aircraft wing with slat and flaps deployed has a minimum pressure coefficient, measured in a low-speed wind tunnel (effectively at Mach zero), of  $C_{p0,\min} = -5.4$ . The critical Mach number is estimated to be between 0.3 and 0.4. Find a better estimate.

**[8 marks]**

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**Q.3**

- (i) Figure Q.3 below shows two characteristic lines 0-1-4 and 0-2-3-5 in a 2D convergent-divergent nozzle, symmetric about the centreline shown, designed to accelerate air to an exit Mach number  $M_e=1.9$ . Define the Riemann invariants  $R^+$  and  $R^-$  and show that

$$\theta_{\max} = \frac{\nu(M_e)}{2}$$

where  $\nu$  is the Prandtl-Meyer function.

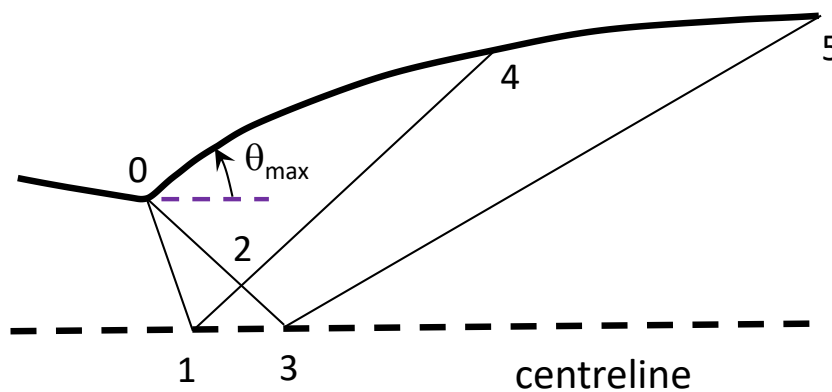
**[6 marks]**

- (ii) The starting characteristic lines at point 0 in figure Q.3 have flow angles of  $\theta_{\max}/2$  (the 0-1 line) and  $\theta_{\max}$  (the 0-2 line). Find the flow angle and Mach number at point 2.

**[6 marks]**

- (iii) Find the angles of the characteristic lines 2-4 and 3-5 (hint: a full calculation of all the points is not required)

**[4 marks]**



**Figure Q.3**

- Q.4** A monolithic block of quadratic cross-section 20 cm x 20 cm is exposed to constant temperature boundary conditions of 300 K on the left and right side and 500 K on the top and bottom side. Apply the finite difference method for the steady heat diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

to estimate the temperatures in the interior on a grid of step sizes  $\Delta x = \Delta y = 5$  cm.

- (i) Take advantage of symmetries to derive the required four algebraic stencil relations.

**[6 marks]**

- (ii) Solve the resulting linear 4x4 system to evaluate the discrete temperature values.

**[8 marks]**

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**Q.5** A shell-and-tube counterflow heat exchanger must be designed to heat 2.5 kg/s of water from 15 to 85°C. The heating is to be accomplished by passing hot engine oil, which is available at 160°C, through the shell side of the exchanger. The oil is known to provide an average heat transfer coefficient of  $h = 400 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot\text{K}$  on the outside of the tubes. Ten tubes pass the water through the shell. Each tube is thin walled, of diameter 25 mm and makes eight passes through the shell.

Use  $c_p = 2350 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$  for oil and  $c_p = 4181 \text{ J/kg}\cdot\text{K}$ ,  
 $\mu = 5.48 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Ns/m}^2$ ,  $k = 0.643 \text{ W/m}\cdot\text{K}$ ,  $\text{Pr} = 3.56$  for water.

(i) If the oil leaves the exchanger at 100°C, what is its flow rate?

**[6 marks]**

(ii) Compute the Reynolds number of the flow in the tubes and use the result to estimate the combined heat transfer coefficient  $h'$ .

**[6 marks]**

(iii) Apply the log mean temperature difference method to compute the length of the tubes and the pass length.

**[6 marks]**

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## Useful Formulae

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### Perfect gas equation of state

$$p = \rho RT$$

### Sound speed in a perfect gas

$$a^2 = \gamma RT$$

### Adiabatic flow

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2$$

### Isentropic flow:

$$\left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right) = \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^\gamma = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

### Mach angle:

$$\sin \mu = \frac{1}{M}$$

### Trigonometric relations for method of characteristics:

$$\alpha_{AP} = \frac{1}{2} [(\theta + \mu)_A + (\theta + \mu)_P]$$

$$\alpha_{BP} = \frac{1}{2} [(\theta - \mu)_B + (\theta - \mu)_P]$$

$$x_P = \frac{x_B \tan \alpha_{BP} - x_A \tan \alpha_{AP} + y_A - y_B}{\tan \alpha_{BP} - \tan \alpha_{AP}}$$

$$y_P = y_A + (x_P - x_A) \tan \alpha_{AP}$$

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**Velocity potential equation:**

$$(1 - M_\infty^2) \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

**Linearised pressure coefficient**

$$C_p = -2 \frac{u'}{U_\infty}$$

**Prandtl-Glauert transformation**

$$C_p = \frac{C_{p0}}{\sqrt{1 - M_\infty^2}}$$

**Ackeret formula:**

$$C_p = \frac{2\theta}{\sqrt{M_\infty^2 - 1}}$$

**Laminar pipe flow:**

$$\text{Nu} = 4.364 \text{ (for uniform wall heat flux)}$$

$$\text{Nu} = 3.658 \text{ (for uniform wall temperature)}$$

**Laminar boundary layer:**

$$\text{Nu}_x = 0.453 \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \text{Pr}^{1/3} \text{ (for uniform wall heat flux)}$$

$$\text{Nu}_x = 0.332 \text{Re}_x^{1/2} \text{Pr}^{1/3} \text{ (for uniform wall temperature)}$$

**Turbulent pipe flow:**

$$\text{Nu} = 0.023 \text{Re}^{4/5} \text{Pr}^n$$

$$(n = 0.3 \text{ for cooling, } n = 0.4 \text{ for heating})$$

**Turbulent boundary layer:**

$$\text{Nu}_x = 0.0308 \text{Re}_x^{4/5} \text{Pr}^{1/3} \text{ (for uniform wall heat flux)}$$

$$\text{Nu}_x = 0.0296 \text{Re}_x^{4/5} \text{Pr}^{1/3} \text{ (for uniform wall temperature)}$$