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**FLUIDS 1**  
AENG11101

This paper contains *two* sections

**SECTION 1**

Answer *all* questions in this section

This section carries *20 marks*.

**SECTION 2**

This section has *three* questions.

Answer *two* questions.

All questions in this section carry *20 marks* each.

The maximum for this paper is *60 marks*.

Calculators may be used.

For air, assume  $R = 287 \text{ J/kgK}$ . Take  $0^\circ\text{C}$  as  $273 \text{ K}$ .

Use a gravitational acceleration of  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

$1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$

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## Useful Equations

The volume of a sphere:  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$       Area of a circle:  $\pi r^2$

Roots of a quadratic:  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

The equation of state for a perfect gas is:

$$p = \rho RT$$

Drag equation:

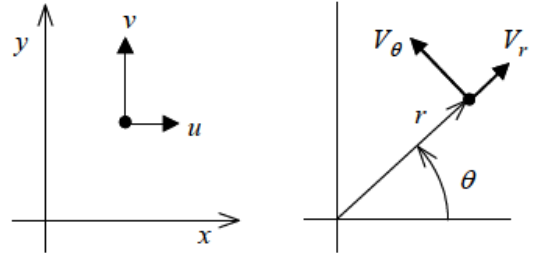
$$\text{Drag} = \text{Area} \times C_D \times \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

Equation of a streamline in 2D flow

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v}{u}$$

Change between Polar and Cartesian coordinate systems

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), \quad x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \\ u &= V_r \cos \theta - V_\theta \sin \theta, \quad v = V_r \sin \theta + V_\theta \cos \theta \\ V_r &= u \cos \theta + v \sin \theta, \quad V_\theta = -u \sin \theta + v \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$



2D Potential Flow

Velocity components in two-dimensional irrotational flow, in terms of the stream function and potential are given by

$$\begin{aligned} V_r &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} & V_\theta &= -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} & u &= \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} & v &= -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \\ V_r &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} & V_\theta &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} & u &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} & v &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

polar coordinates                      Cartesian coordinates

The stream function & velocity potential in Polar coordinates and the velocity distribution for

i) A uniform flow  $U_\infty$  parallel to the  $x$  axis:

$$\psi = U_\infty r \sin \theta, \quad \phi = U_\infty r \cos \theta, \quad V_r = U_\infty \cos \theta, \quad V_\theta = -U_\infty \sin \theta, \quad u = U_\infty, \quad v = 0$$

ii) A source, of strength  $\Lambda$  at the origin:

$$\psi = \frac{+\Lambda \theta}{2\pi}, \quad \phi = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi} \ln r, \quad V_r = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi r}, \quad V_\theta = 0, \quad u = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi} \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)}, \quad v = \frac{+\Lambda}{2\pi} \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)}$$

iii) A doublet, of strength  $\kappa$  at the origin:

$$\psi = \frac{-\kappa \sin \theta}{2\pi r}, \quad \phi = \frac{+\kappa \cos \theta}{2\pi r}, \quad V_r = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi r^2} \cos \theta, \quad V_\theta = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi r^2} \sin \theta,$$

$$u = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \quad v = \frac{-\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

iv) A vortex, of strength  $\Gamma$ , at the origin:

$$\psi = \frac{+\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r, \quad \phi = \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta, \quad V_r = 0, \quad V_\theta = \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi r}, \quad u = \frac{+\Gamma}{2\pi} \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)}, \quad v = \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi} \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)}$$

Useful integrals

$$\int \sin^2(ax) dx = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin 2ax}{4a} + C$$

$$\int \cos^2(ax) dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2ax}{4a} + C$$

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**SECTION 1**  
**Answer all questions in this section**

- Q1** A pressure transducer records a gauge pressure of 2bar when lowered into a lake. How far below the surface is the pressure transducer if the atmospheric pressure at the surface is 1.023bar and the density of the water is  $1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ ?

(2 marks)

- Q2** A dam has a rectangular sluice gate 4m high and 6m wide. The gate is closed and angled at  $30^\circ$  to the vertical. If the water (shaded on the left in the diagram) just reaches the top of the gate, find the vertical and horizontal components of thrust on the gate. Assume the water has a density of  $1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

(3 marks)

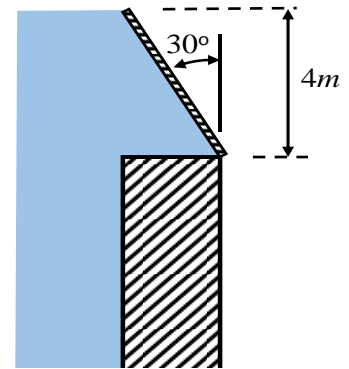


Figure Q2

- Q3** State the assumptions that must be made for Bernoulli's equation to be valid.
- (3 marks)
- Q4** a) In wind tunnel testing of steady air flows around bodies such as cars and aircraft, what three non-dimensional parameters must be matched?  
b) Which parameter in a) may be neglected in low speed flows & why?

(3 marks)

- Q5** Water flows through a smooth pipe that turns from horizontal to vertical. The exit of the pipe is 1m above the inlet. The exit and inlet velocities are  $2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  respectively. Given that the inlet pressure is 2 bar, find the exit pressure. Assume the water has a density of  $1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ .

(3 marks)

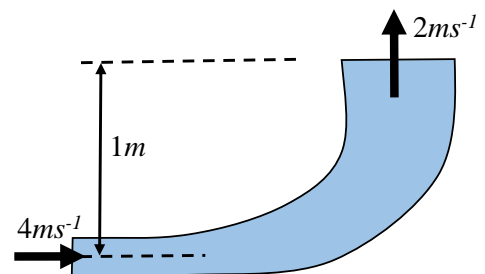


Figure Q5

- Q6** A horizontal circular water jet of diameter 20cm and speed 20m/s hits a flat turning vane that smoothly turns the water through 180°. By using a suitable control volume, find the horizontal force on the turning vane if it is moving away from the jet at a constant speed of 3m/s. Assume the water has a density of 1000 kg m<sup>-3</sup>.  
(4 marks)

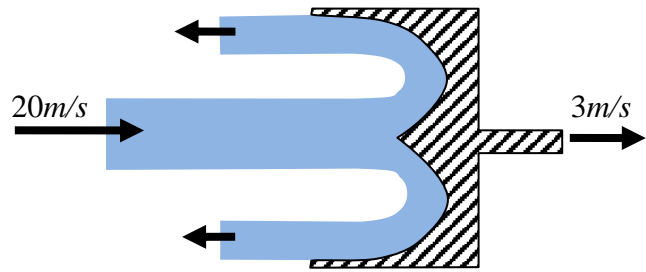


Figure Q6

- Q7** How is the potential flow over an oval modelled?

(2 marks)

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## SECTION 2

Answer *two* questions in this section

**Q8** Figure Q8a below shows a low speed, open section wind tunnel. The air is drawn from static atmospheric conditions, through a smooth contraction designed to eliminate total pressure losses, into a parallel working section of area  $A_w$ . The air in the working section has a uniform velocity of  $V_w$ . The air then passes over the fan, where the area remains fixed before exiting to atmospheric conditions through an expansion and straight section with an exit area of  $A_e$ .

- (a) Find the differential height of manometer fluid,  $\Delta h$ , in terms of the air velocity  $V_w$ , air density  $\rho_a$ , the manometer fluid density  $\rho_m$  and the acceleration due to gravity  $g$ . State all the assumptions you have made.

(8 marks)

- (b) Given that the pressure at the exit, downstream of the fan, is atmospheric ( $p=p_a$ ); derive an expression for the change in static pressure across the fan,  $\Delta p_f$ , in terms of only:  $A_w$ ,  $A_e$ ,  $\rho_a$  &  $V_w$ .

(8 marks)

- (c) If the exit area is reduced to  $A_{e2}$  (as shown in figure Q8b below), but the volume flow rate through the fan is unchanged, show that the original pressure difference across the fan divided by the new pressure difference across the fan is given by

$$\left( \frac{A_{e2}}{A_e} \right)^2$$

(4 marks)

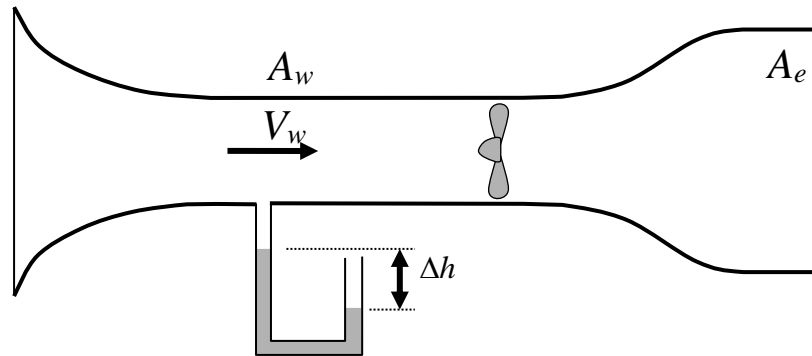


Figure Q8a: Schematic diagram of wind tunnel

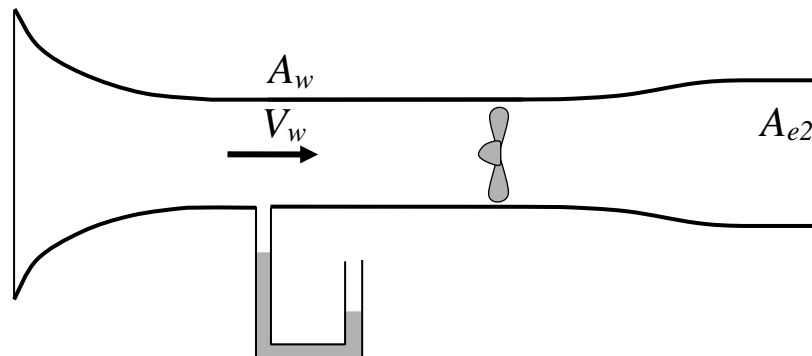


Figure Q8b: Schematic diagram of the same wind tunnel with reduced exit area

**Q9** A propeller-driven aircraft flies horizontally, at a speed  $V \text{ ms}^{-1}$  relative to the ground, into a headwind of speed  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . The propeller sweeps out a circular disc of area  $A$  while far upstream the streamtube that just encloses the propeller disc has an area of  $(a+1)A$  (where the constant  $a$  is an inflow factor).

- (a) Use the actuator disc theory for an ideal propeller to show from first principles that the force supplied by the propeller can be written as.

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \rho A (V_4^2 - (V + v)^2)$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the air and  $V_4$  is the downstream velocity of the air relative to the disc. Clearly state all assumptions made during your derivation.

(6 marks)

- (b) Further, show that the force can be rewritten as

$$F = 2\rho A (V + v)^2 a(a+1)$$

and that the efficiency is given by

$$\eta = \frac{1}{(1+a)}$$

(9 marks)

- (c) A light aircraft is being designed to fly at  $324 \text{ km/hr}$ . This requires the propeller to generate a force of  $9000\text{N}$ . Find the diameter for the ideal propeller required for this aircraft assuming the air density is given by  $1.21 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  and the inflow factor is  $0.21$ . Further, find the power required to drive the propeller.

(5 marks)

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**Q10**

- (a) Using Bernoulli's equation for potential flow, derive an expression for the pressure coefficient in terms of the velocity.

*(2 marks)*

- (b) The flow over a cylinder moving at a speed  $U_\infty$  into still air can be modelled using a free stream and a doublet via which transformation? Further, determine the strength of the doublet in terms of the cylinder radius,  $R$ , and velocity  $U_\infty$ . Hence show that the pressure variation (with angle  $\theta$  as shown in figure Q10) on the cylinder is given by

$$p(\theta) = p_\infty + \frac{1}{2} \rho U_\infty^2 (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta)$$

*(9 marks)*

- (c) The cylinder, modelled with the doublet strength found from the free stream analysis in (b), moves so that its centre is always a distance  $h$  above a solid surface. See figure Q10 below. Assuming inviscid potential flow, show that the pressure coefficient at point A (where A is the point on the surface nearest the cylinder as shown in figure Q10) is given by

$$C_p = -4 \frac{R^2}{h^2} \left( 1 + \frac{R^2}{h^2} \right)$$

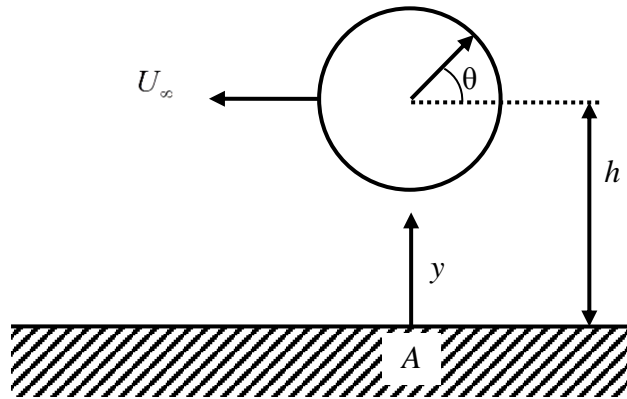
*(9 marks)*

Figure Q10: Cylinder in a freestream with the centre a distance  $h$  from a solid surface.

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