

1.6 Exercises

Problem 1.1. Consider the velocity field $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -y \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Draw the curves $xy = \pm 1$ in all four quadrants of the $x - y$ plane.
- (b) Draw the velocity vector at several points on the curves.
- (c) Compute $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$, and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$.

Problem 1.2. Consider the velocity field $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ x \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Draw the velocity vector at several points on two circles with radius 1 and 2.
- (b) Compute $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$, and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$.

Problem 1.3. Consider the velocity field $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \\ \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Draw the velocity vector at several points on two circles with radius 1 and 2.
- (b) Compute $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$, and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$.

Problem 1.4. Consider the velocity field $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \\ \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Draw the velocity vector at several points on two circles with radius 1 and 2.
- (b) Compute $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$, and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$.

Problem 1.5. Consider a little smoke particle traveling along with a velocity field, and let its trajectory be given as $\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^t \\ e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Draw the trajectory for $-1 \leq t \leq 1$.
- (b) Compute the velocity vector.

Problem 1.6. Consider a little dust particle traveling along with a velocity field, and let its trajectory be given as $\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t \\ \sin t \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) Draw the trajectory for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.
- (b) Compute the velocity vector \mathbf{u}
- (c) Construct a formula for the velocity vector as a function of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$.
- (d) Draw the velocity vector at several points on the trajectory.
- (e) Compute the acceleration vector.
- (f) Construct a formula for the acceleration vector as a function of $x(t)$ and $y(t)$.
- (g) Draw the acceleration vector at several points on the trajectory.

Problem 1.7. Using the index summation convention of Einstein, write in full:

- (a) $\frac{1}{2}u_i u_i$,
- (b) $\frac{1}{2}u_i u_j$,
- (c) $\frac{1}{2}u_j u_j$,

- (d) $\frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k}$,
- (e) $u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$,
- (f) $u_i + u_j$,
- (g) $\delta_{ij} u_i$, where $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$
- (h) $\delta_{ij} u_j$,
- (i) $a_{ij} u_i u_j$.

Problem 1.8. Rewrite the following vector-notation expressions in index notation:

- (a) $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}$,
- (b) $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$,
- (c) the i -th component of the vector $A\mathbf{x}$, where A is a 3×3 matrix,
- (d) the i, j -th component of the matrix AB , where A and B are a 3×3 matrices,

Problem 1.9. The velocity at the plane defined by the normal $\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 34 \end{pmatrix} \frac{m}{s}$. Calculate the normal and tangential velocities.

Problem 1.10. Given the Eulerian field

$$\mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t) = 3t\mathbf{e}_1 + xz\mathbf{e}_2 + ty^2\mathbf{e}_3,$$

where \mathbf{e}_1 , \mathbf{e}_2 and \mathbf{e}_3 are the unit vectors along the coordinate axis, determine the flow acceleration.

Problem 1.11. A two-dimensional velocity field is described by

$$u = \frac{x}{a + bt}, \quad v = \frac{y}{a + 2bt}.$$

Calculate the trajectories that pass by (x_o, y_o) at $t = 0$.

Problem 1.12. Using polar coordinates, the velocity field in a tornado can be approximated as

$$\mathbf{u} = -\frac{a}{r}\mathbf{e}_r + \frac{b}{r}\mathbf{e}_\theta,$$

where \mathbf{e}_r and \mathbf{e}_θ are the unit vectors in the directions r and θ . Show that the trajectories satisfy the so-called logarithmic spiral equation:

$$r(\theta) = C \exp\left(-\frac{a}{b}\theta\right).$$

Problem 1.13. A two-dimensional velocity field is given by

$$u = 5ax(t + t_o), \quad v = 5ay(t - t_o).$$

Find the trajectories that pass x_o, y_o at time $t = 0$.

Problem 1.14. The ideal flow around a corner placed at the origin is given by

$$u = ax, \quad v = -ay,$$

with $a > 0$ a constant. Determine the trajectories and draw the trajectory that passes the point (x_o, y_o) at time $t = 0$ and indicate the flow direction. Calculate the material derivative of the velocity vector.

Problem 1.15. The velocity field in a vortex like the one present in a cyclone, is given by:

$$u = -\frac{Ky}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad v = \frac{Kx}{x^2 + y^2},$$

with $K > 0$. Determine the trajectories and draw a few of them.

Alternatively suppose that we know that the flow is incompressible, in other words, the mass density is a known constant. In that case the volume integral in Eq.(2.29) is again zero since $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$ is zero. The result is

$$\dot{m} = -\rho \int_{S_1(t)} u_j n_j dS. \quad (2.31)$$

2.7 Exercises

Problem 2.1. Compute the inner product $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ if

- (a) $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 0)^T$, $\mathbf{b} = (1, 0, 0)^T$.
- (b) $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 0)^T$, $\mathbf{b} = (0, 1, 0)^T$.
- (c) $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)^T$, $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)^T$.
- (d) $\mathbf{a} = (x, y^2, x)^T$, $\mathbf{b} = (y, y, z)^T$.
- (e) $\mathbf{a} = (u, v, w)^T$, $\mathbf{b} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)^T$.

Problem 2.2. Compute the inner product $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ if

- (a) $\mathbf{u} = U\mathbf{n}$, $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)^T$.
- (b) $\mathbf{u} = -U\mathbf{n}$, $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)^T$.

Problem 2.3. A tube has cross-sectional area A_a at the entrance and cross-sectional area A_b at the exit, and the fluid flowing through the tube is incompressible.

- (a) If the volume flow rate at the exit is Q , compute the average normal velocity at the exit.
- (b) If the volume flow rate at the exit is Q , compute the average normal velocity at the entrance.

Problem 2.4. A channel with rectangular cross section has sides b and h at the exit. The exit cross section is plane and perpendicular to the x -axis, and intersects the x -axis at $x = L$. Compute the average normal velocity at the exit for the following velocity vectors at the exit cross section:

- (a) $(u, v, w)^T$, with $u = U(1 - z/h)$, $v = \ln yz$, $w = yz^2$.
- (b) $(u, v, w)^T$, with $u = U(1 - y/b)$, $v = \sin z$, $w = \cos y$.
- (c) $(u, v, w)^T$, with $u = U(1 - y/b)(1 - z/h)$, $v = 0$, $w = yz$.

Problem 2.5. A tube with circular cross section has radius R at the exit. The exit cross section is plane and perpendicular to the x -axis, and intersects the x -axis at $x = L$. Compute the average normal velocity at the exit for the following velocity vectors at the exit cross section:

- (a) $(u(r), 0, 0)^T$, with $u(r) = U(1 - r/R)$, compute the average normal velocity.
- (b) $(u(r), 0, 0)^T$, with $u(r) = U(1 - (r/R)^2)$, compute the average normal velocity.

Problem 2.6. Show how Eq.(2.19) reduces in the following two cases:

- (a) steady flow
- (b) Incompressible flow

$$\boxed{\int_{V(t)} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV + \int_{S(t)} \rho u_j n_j dS = 0 \quad \text{for all } (V(t), t)} \quad (2.19)$$

Problem 2.7. Consider steady, incompressible flow through the device shown. Given: U_1 , A_1 , U_2 , A_2 , A_3 . Derive an expression for the volume flow rate through port 3.

Problem 2.8. Incompressible oil flows steadily in a thin layer down an inclined plane with width w . The velocity profile is

$$u = \frac{\rho g \sin \theta}{\mu} \left[hy - \frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]. \quad (2.32)$$

Derive formulas for the volume flow rate and mass flow rate in terms of ρ , μ , g , θ , and h .

Problem 2.9. Incompressible water flows steadily through a pipe of length L and radius R . Derive an expression for the uniform inlet velocity, U , if the velocity distribution across the outlet is given by

$$u = V \left[1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right]. \quad (2.33)$$

Problem 2.10. A bend with rectangular cross section and width w has a linear velocity profile at port 1. The flow is uniform at ports 2 and 3. The fluid is incompressible and the flow is steady. Derive an expression for the uniform velocity at port 3.

Problem 2.11. Water enters a two-dimensional square channel of constant width w , and constant height, h , with uniform velocity, U . The channel makes a 90° bend that distorts the flow to produce the linear velocity profile shown at the exit, with $V_{max} = 2V_{min}$. The flow is steady and the fluid is incompressible. Derive an expression for V_{min} .

Problem 2.12. Incompressible water flows steadily past a porous plate of width w and length L . Constant suction is applied along the plate with normal velocity V (towards the plate). The velocity profile at the outflow plane is:

$$\frac{u}{U} = 3 \left[\frac{y}{\delta} \right] - 2 \left[\frac{y}{\delta} \right]^{3/2}. \quad (2.34)$$

Derive a formula for the mass flow rate through the boundary at the top of the domain ($y = \delta$).



