

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND  
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SEMESTER I EXAMINATION 2016-2017

– **Transport Phenomena**

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TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This examination paper contains **8** questions.
2. Answer all questions. The marks for each question are indicated at the beginning of each question.
3. This **IS NOT an OPEN BOOK** exam.
4. Candidates may use calculators. However, they should write down systematically the steps in the workings.

5. Some formulas that might help.

For laminar pipe flow,  $u_{avg} = -\frac{1}{8\mu} \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta x} R^2$ ,  $\Delta p$  is the pressure loss due to viscous effects,  $R$  is the radius of pipe

For pipe flow,  $h_f = f \frac{L}{d} \frac{v^2}{2g}$ ,  $f$  is the friction factor

The acceleration of gravity  $g = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$

**Problem 1.**

(10 marks)

Two clean and parallel glass plates, separated by a gap of  $b = 1.470$  mm, are dipped in water. If coefficient of surface tension  $\sigma = 0.0735$  N/m, determine how high the water will rise. (Assume the density of water  $\rho_w = 1 \times 10^3 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ , the acceleration of gravity  $g = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$ .)

**Problem 2.**

(14 marks)

The uniform beam in figure below, of size  $L$  by  $h$  by  $b$  and with specific weight  $\gamma_b$ , floats exactly on its diagonal when a heavy uniform sphere is tied to the left corner, as shown. Show that this can happen only (a) when  $\gamma_b = \gamma/3$  and (b) when the sphere has size

$$D = \left[ \frac{Lhb}{\pi(\text{SG} - 1)} \right]^{1/3}.$$

*Hint:* The specific weight ( $\gamma$ ) is the weight per unit volume of a material. The specific gravity (SG) is defined as  $\text{SG} = \gamma_{\text{sphere}}/\gamma$ . The buoyancy of the beam, being a perfect triangle of displaced water, acts at  $L/3$  from the left corner.

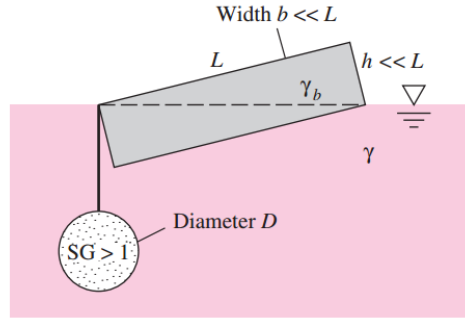


Figure 1: Problem 2

**Problem 3.**

(14 marks)

Assume some 2-dimensional flow field satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x + t \\ v &= -y + t \end{aligned}$$

determine the streamline and pathline that is through point  $(-1, -1)$ , when  $t = 0$ .

**Problem 4.**

(10 marks)

Assume some flow in a tube is steady, the cross-section area, density, and velocity is  $A(x)$ ,  $\rho(x)$ ,  $u(x)$  respectively, deduce the mass conservation equation.

**Problem 5.**

(12 marks)

Below is a picture which describes the siphon phenomenon: the water is siphoned from a large tank through a constant diameter hose. Assume water to be inviscid, incompressible and flow to be steady. (The acceleration of gravity  $g = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$ .) Please determine:

- (a) velocity of water leaving (3) as a free jet
- (b) water pressure in tube at (4)

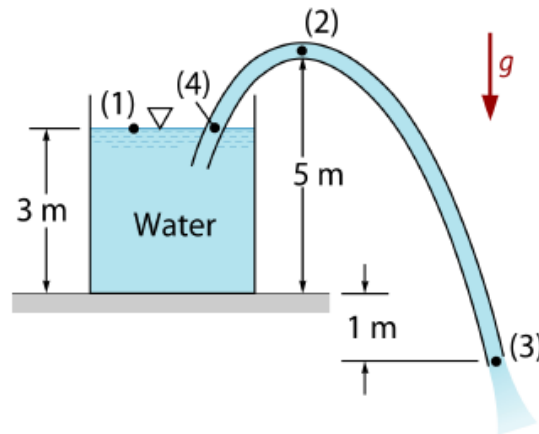


Figure 2: Problem 5

**Problem 6.**

(12 marks)

At low velocities (laminar flow), the volume flow  $Q$  through a small-bore tube is a function only of the tube radius  $R$ , the fluid viscosity  $\mu$ , and the pressure drop per unit tube length  $dp/dx$ . Please find an appropriate dimensionless relationship.

**Problem 7.**

(14 marks)

Planar Couette flow is generated by placing a viscous fluid between two infinite parallel plates and moving one plate (say, the upper one) at a velocity  $U$  with respect to the other one. The plates are a distance  $h$  apart. Two immiscible viscous liquids are placed between the plates as shown in the diagram. The lower fluid layer has thickness  $d$ . Solve for the velocity distributions in the two fluids. The viscosity of fluid 1 and fluid 2 is  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  respectively. (for incompressible planar Couette flow, the mass conservation is  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ , and the momentum conservation is  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = 0$ )

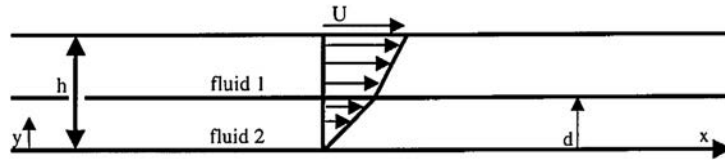


Figure 3: Problem 7

**Problem 8.**

(14 marks)

An oil with  $\rho = 900 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\nu = 0.0002 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  flows upward through an inclined pipe as shown in Fig.xxx. The pressure and elevation are known at sections 1 and 2, 10 m apart. Assuming steady laminar flow, (a) compute head loss  $h_f$  between 1 and 2, and compute (b)  $V$ , (c)  $Re$ . Is the flow really laminar? (hint:  $u_{avg} = -\frac{1}{8\mu} \frac{\rho g h_f}{\Delta l} R^2$ ) (The acceleration of gravity  $g = 10 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$ )

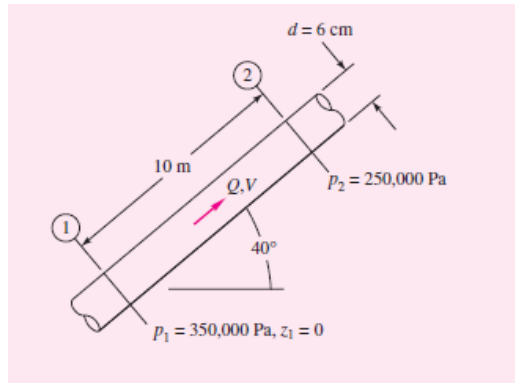


Figure 4: Problem 8