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MATHEMATICS

MT53004A (M314) Fluid Dynamics

Duration: 2 hours 15 minutes

Date and time:

There are øve questions on this paper.

Do not attempt more than FOUR questions on this paper.

Full marks will be awarded for complete answers to FOUR questions.

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Question 1 (a) Derive Euler's equation of motion for an inviscid fluid in the form

$$\frac{D\mathbf{q}}{Dt} = \mathbf{F} - \frac{1}{\rho} \text{grad } P,$$

where ρ is the density, \mathbf{q} the velocity of the fluid, \mathbf{F} the body force per unit mass, P is the fluid pressure, and

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla)$$

is the differential operator following the fluid. [7]

(b) At time t a fluid flow has the following velocity components in the x, y and z directions

$$u = 1, \quad v = \frac{1}{1 + 5t}, \quad w = 0.$$

Find the streamline at $t = 0$ passing through the point $(0, 0, 0)$. [4]

Determine and sketch the path of the particle of fluid which is at the point $(0, 0, 0)$ when $t = 0$, adding to the sketch the streamline at that point. [5]

(c) An incompressible, inviscid fluid is in steady rotation under gravity with velocity components

$$u = \frac{1}{2}\Omega y, \quad v = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega x, \quad w = 0,$$

referred to Cartesian axes with the z -axis vertically upwards. Given that Ω is a positive constant, ρ , the density of the fluid and g the acceleration due to gravity, show that the pressure at any point in the fluid is given by

$$P = \frac{1}{8}\rho\Omega^2 (x^2 + y^2) - \rho g z + \text{constant}.$$

[9]

Question 2 (a) Starting from Euler's equation of motion, as stated in Question 1, show that for a steady irrotational flow of an incompressible inviscid fluid, Bernoulli's equation takes the form

$$\frac{P}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}^2 + gz = \text{constant},$$

where P is the pressure, ρ the density and \mathbf{q} the velocity of the fluid, z is the height above some fixed horizontal plane and g the magnitude of the acceleration due to gravity.

[8]

(b) A large cylindrical tank of radius $5a$ has a hole of radius a at its bottom. The tank at time t is filled with water to a depth h and the speed of the water at the surface is u , while water flows through the hole.

(i) Given that the surface and the hole are open to the atmosphere, and that the flow is steady and irrotational throughout, show that

$$u = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{gh}{78}}.$$

[7]

(ii) Show that h , the depth of water in the tank at time t , is given by

$$h = \left(h_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{g}{78}}t \right)^2,$$

where h_0 is the initial depth of the water. [6]

(iii) Show that the time taken before the tank is only one quarter full is

$$t = 2\sqrt{\frac{78h_0}{g}}.$$

[4]

Question 3 (a) An incompressible, inviscid fluid of density ρ flows irrotationally.

Show that there exists a velocity potential function, Φ , for this flow which satisfies Laplace's equation $\nabla^2\Phi = 0$. [5]

(b) A sphere is immersed in an infinite non-viscous, incompressible fluid of density ρ . The sphere contracts such that its centre maintains a fixed position and at time, t , its radius is R . During the contraction the fluid moves inwards in a spherically symmetric manner, under no body forces, but remains at rest at infinity under a constant pressure P_∞ .

(i) Show that the velocity potential of the fluid at a distance r from the centre of the sphere is given by

$$\phi = \frac{R^2\dot{R}}{r} \quad \text{for } r \geq R,$$

where \dot{R} is the velocity of the surface of the sphere. [7]

(ii) Show that the pressure on the surface of the sphere is

$$P_s = P_\infty + \rho \left(R\ddot{R} + \frac{3}{2}\dot{R}^2 \right).$$

[7]

(iii) Given that

$$R = A - Bt^3,$$

where A and B are constants, show that P_s has a stationary point when

$$t = \left(\frac{A}{13B} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

[6]

(You may assume that

$$\text{div } \mathbf{q} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 u_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (u_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

in spherical polar coordinates (r, θ, ϕ) , where $\mathbf{q} = (u_r, u_\theta, u_\phi)$ is the fluid velocity.)

Question 4 (a) In spherical polar co-ordinates (r, θ, ϕ) the velocity potential function representing the flow of an inviscid, incompressible fluid past a fixed sphere of radius a centred at the origin is given by

$$\Phi = U \left(r + \frac{a^3}{2r^2} \right) \cos \theta$$

where U is the velocity at infinity parallel to the line $\theta = \phi = 0$.

- (i) Find the position of the maximum and minimum velocity on the surface of the sphere. [8]
- (ii) Find the pressure at any point in the fluid and hence show that on the surface of the sphere the pressure, P , is given by

$$P = P_\infty + \frac{1}{8}\rho U^2 (9 \cos^2 \theta - 5),$$

where P_∞ is the pressure at infinity. [9]

- (iii) Show also that the thrust exerted by the fluid flow on the leading hemisphere of the sphere is

$$\pi a^2 \left(P_\infty - \frac{1}{16}\rho U^2 \right).$$

[8]

Question 5 (a) (i) Show that for a two-dimensional motion of an incompressible, irrotational fluid the velocity potential ϕ and the stream function ψ are related by the Cauchy-Riemann equations

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}.$$

[8]

(ii) Show also that

$$\nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi = 0.$$

What can be deduced about the surfaces of constant ϕ and ψ ? [5]

(b) Consider two-dimensional flow as in (a), around a cylinder of radius a centred at the origin. If its velocity parallel to the real axis is U then its complex potential function in the region close to the cylinder is given by

$$\omega = U \left(z + \frac{a^2}{z} \right) + i \frac{k}{2\pi} \log z,$$

where $z = x + iy$.

(i) Show that the velocity components of the fluid in the x and y directions at any point on the cylinder are

$$u = -U(1 - \cos 2\theta) - \frac{k}{2\pi a} \sin \theta, \quad v = U \sin 2\theta + \frac{k}{2\pi a} \cos \theta,$$

where θ is the polar angle of the point. [7]

(ii) Given that $k = 4\pi aU$, show that there is only one stagnation point and that it is on the cylinder. [5]

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