

ME 106 FLUID MECHANICS**EXAM 1 – open class notes and bspace notes, no external communication**

1. (20+5=25%) The Pitot-static tube of an A380 jumbo jet flying at 13 km altitude, its stated service ceiling, in standard atmosphere is reading a pressure differential of 1.0×10^4 Pa. You may consult the table in your class notes for atmospheric data.

- (a) Determine the speed of the aircraft.
 (b) Determine the Mach number of the aircraft.

At 13 km, $T = 216.65\text{K}$, $p_\infty = 1.65 \cdot 10^4$ Pa, and $\rho_\infty = 0.265\text{kg/m}^3$.

$$p_0 = \Delta p + p_\infty = 2.65 \cdot 10^4 \text{ Pa} \quad \rho_0 = \rho_\infty (p_0/p_\infty)^{1/\gamma} = 0.371 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{p_\infty}{\rho_\infty} + \frac{1}{2} u_\infty^2 = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{p_0}{\rho_0} \implies \frac{1.4}{1.4-1} \frac{1.65 \cdot 10^4}{0.265} + \frac{1}{2} u_\infty^2 = \frac{1.4}{1.4-1} \frac{2.65 \cdot 10^4}{0.371} \implies u_\infty = 253 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a_\infty = \sqrt{\gamma R T_\infty} = \sqrt{1.4 \times 287 \times 216.65} = 295 \text{ m/s} \implies M_\infty = u_\infty/a_\infty = 253/295 = 0.86$$

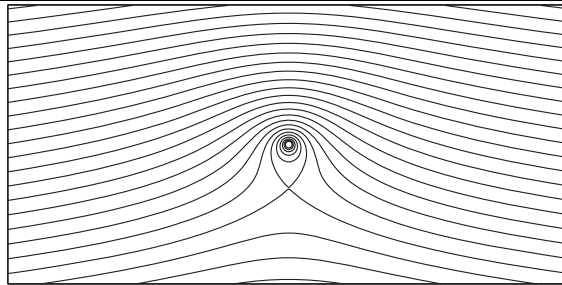
2. (20+5=25%) Construct and sketch the streamline equation for the flow field given in cylindrical coordinates

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_r, u_\theta) = \left(\cos \theta, \frac{1}{r} - \sin \theta \right)$$

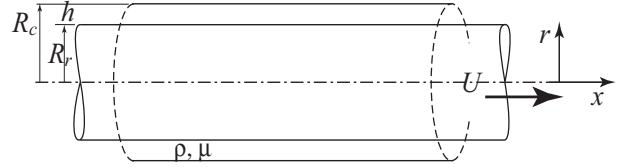
Hint: remember the chain rule; $d(fg) = g df + f dg$

$$\frac{dr}{u_r} = \frac{rd\theta}{u_\theta} \implies \frac{dr}{\cos \theta} = \frac{rd\theta}{\frac{1}{r} - \sin \theta} \implies \frac{dr}{r} - \sin \theta dr - r \cos \theta d\theta \implies d(\ln r) - d(r \sin \theta) = 0 \implies \ln r - r \sin \theta = \text{const.}$$

Point vortex in uniform flow.



3. (25%) Determine the force per unit length required to pull at velocity U a rod of radius R_r out of a cylinder of inner radius R_c filled with an oil of viscosity μ . The rod and the cylinder are concentric. The gap between them $h = (R_c - R_r)$ is much smaller than their diameters, $h/R_c < h/R_r \ll 1$ so that you may wish to use planar flow approximation. Of course, you are always welcome to use the exact solution developed in class, but at your own peril!



Approximate Solution:

$$F/L = 2\pi R_r \times \tau = 2\pi R_r \times \mu \frac{U}{h} = 2\pi R_r \mu \frac{U}{R_c - R_r} = \frac{2\pi \mu U}{R_c/R_r - 1}$$

Exact Solution:

From class notes we have, in the absence of pressure gradient,

$$u = A \ln r + B$$

which, along with the no-slip boundary conditions, yields $u(R_r) = U$ and $u(R_c) = 0$.

$$\frac{u(r)}{U} = \frac{\ln(r/R_c)}{\ln(R_r/R_c)}$$

The shear stress on the surface of the rod is

$$\tau = \mu \left. \frac{du}{dr} \right|_{R_r} = \mu A / R_r = \frac{\mu U}{R_c \ln(R_r/R_c)}$$

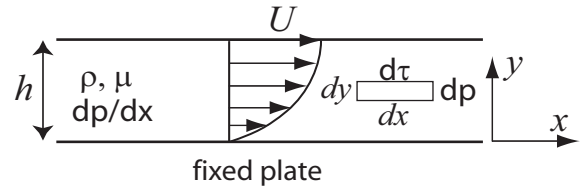
hence, the force to move it, per unit length, is

$$F/L = 2\pi R_r \times \tau = 2\pi R_r \times \frac{\mu U}{R_c \ln(R_r/R_c)} = \frac{2\pi \mu U}{(R_c/R_r) \ln(R_r/R_c)} \approx \frac{2\pi \mu U}{(R_c/R_r) [1 - (R_r/R_c)]} = \frac{2\pi \mu U}{R_c/R_r - 1}$$

where we made use of Taylor's expansion of $\ln(1+x) \approx x$ when $x \ll 1$.

4. (10+10+5=25%)

Consider the flow fluid of viscosity μ between two parallel infinite plates which are h apart. The top plate is moving to the right at constant velocity of U in its plane and the bottom plate is fixed. There is a constant negative pressure gradient of $dp/dx < 0$ acting on the fluid in the gap. Determine the value of $P = dp/dx$ for which the shear stress on the top plate vanishes.



Hint: Write the force balance for an infinitesimal fluid strip and apply the boundary conditions as you go along when integrating.

Boundary conditions: $u(0) = 0$, $u(h) = U$, required $\tau = \mu du/dy(h) = 0$.

Using the infinitesimal strip, we write force balance

$$dp dy = d\tau dx \implies \frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{d\tau}{dy} = P = \text{constant}$$

By integrating, we deduce

$$\tau(y) = Py + A = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \implies A = -hP$$

where we made use of the vanishing shear condition at $y = h$. We now write

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{P}{\mu}(y - h) \implies u(y) = \frac{P}{2\mu}(y^2 - 2hy)$$

here, we used the no slip condition at $y = 0$. Finally, we deduce

$$P = -\frac{2\mu U}{h^2}$$