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Answer **FOUR** questions only. Standard notation are used throughout this paper.

1. The velocity vector in a flow field is given by

$$\mathbf{q} = \frac{k^2(-y\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j})}{x^2 + y^2} \quad (k = \text{constant}).$$

- (a) Show that the motion is a possible motion for an incompressible fluid.
  - (b) Determine the equations of streamlines.
  - (c) Show that the motion is of potential kind.
  - (d) Determine the velocity potential.
  - (e) Sketch the streamlines and equipotentials.
2. (a) In an incompressible fluid the vorticity at every point is constant in magnitude and direction. Show that the components of velocity  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$  are solutions of Laplace's equation.

- (b) Find the vorticity vector of the fluid motion for the given velocity components:  $v_r = \left(1 - \frac{A}{r^2}\right) \cos \theta$ ,  $v_\theta = -\left(1 + \frac{A}{2r^3}\right) \sin \theta$ ,  $v_\phi = 0$ , where  $A$  is a constant.
- (c) A velocity field is given by  $\mathbf{q} = -x\mathbf{i} + (y+t)\mathbf{j}$ . Find the stream function and the stream lines for this field at  $t = 2$ .
3. (a) Given Euler's equation of motion  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} - \frac{1}{\rho} \text{grad} p = \frac{D\mathbf{q}}{Dt}$  for a perfect fluid, show that it can be written in the form  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} - \frac{1}{\rho} \text{grad} p = \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} + \text{grad} \left( \frac{q^2}{2} \right) - \mathbf{q} \times \text{curl} \mathbf{q}$ .
- (b) Using the result in Part (a), derive Bernoulli's equation for irrotational motion of an inviscid homogeneous fluid of constant density.
- (c) Consider a horizontal nozzle discharging into the atmosphere. The inlet has a bore area of  $500 \text{ mm}^2$  and the exit has a bore area of  $250 \text{ mm}^2$ . Assuming there is no energy loss calculate the flow rate when the inlet pressure is  $400 \text{ Pa}$ .
4. A venturi meter is an instrument to measure the fluid velocity in pipes. The flow rate of a fluid in conduit and the discharge of a fluid flowing in a pipe may also be measured. The venturi meter is made up of a constant cross-section  $S_1$  tapering to a section of smaller cross-section  $S_2$  (also known as throat) and then gradually expanding to the original cross-section as shown in the Figure 1. A U-tube serving as a mercury manometer is attached to connect the board and narrow sections at  $A$  and  $B$ . Let  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  be the fluid velocities and  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  be the pressures at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Let  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  be densities of the fluid and the mercury respectively.
- (a) Find the velocity,  $q_1$  of the fluid in terms of  $S_1, S_2, h, \rho$  and  $\sigma$ .
- (b) Find the flow rate of the fluid flowing through the board section at  $A$ , in terms of  $S_1, S_2, h, \rho$  and  $\sigma$ .

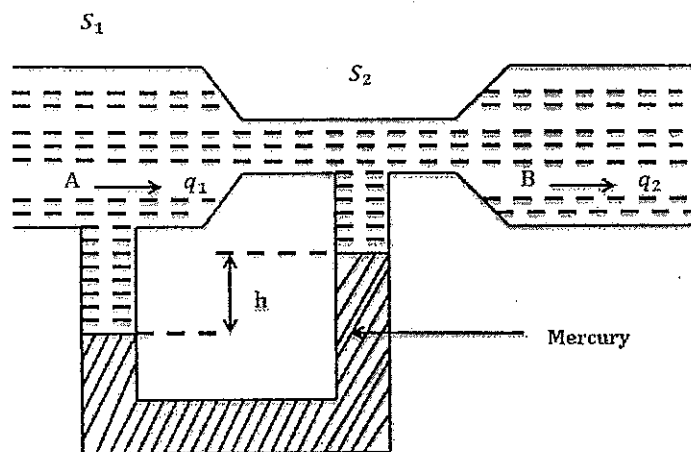


Figure 1: A venturi meter

5. (a) State the Navier-Stokes equation for a viscous incompressible fluid with constant viscosity.
- (b) Show that for an incompressible steady flow with constant viscosity, the velocity components

$$u(y) = y \frac{U}{h} + \frac{h^2}{2\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dx} \right) \frac{y}{h} \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h} \right), \quad v = 0, \quad w = 0,$$

where  $h, U, dp/dx$  are constants and  $p = p(x)$ , satisfy the equation of motion, when the body force is neglected.

6. The complex potential of a fluid flow is given by  $W(z) = 5 \left( z + \frac{4}{z} \right)$ .
- (a) Obtain the equation for the streamlines and velocity potential lines and represent them graphically.
- (b) Find the complex velocity at any point and determine its value far from the origin.
- (c) Find the stagnation points of the flow.