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General Instructions

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of **Eight (08)** questions on **Seven (07)** pages.
3. Answer **Any FIVE (05)** questions.
4. Answer for each question should commence from a new page.
5. Necessary additional information is provided.
6. This is a Closed Book Test (CBT).
7. Answers should be in clear handwriting.
8. Do not use a Red colour pen.
9. Students are expected to know the standard denominations used for equations

Question (1)

a) For an incompressible flow, the fluid velocity components in three dimensional space are described by:

$$u = a(x^{1/2} - y^{1/2}) , v = -\frac{a}{2}x^{1/2}y , w = \frac{a}{2}y^{1/2}z$$

Show that the flow satisfies the Continuity Equation.

(6 Marks)

b) Derive expression for the component of acceleration in x direction for the flow field described under Section (a). Format of the differential equation for the x component of acceleration is as follows.

(6 Marks)

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

c) Investigate whether the flow field described under Section (a) is an exact solution for Navier Stokes Equations. Consider body forces x, y and z are equal to zero.

(8 Marks)

Question (2)

a) Two incompressible viscous fluids flow on top of the other down an inclined plate at an angle α . They both have the same density ρ , but different viscosities μ_1 and μ_2 . The lower fluid has depth of h and the depth of upper flow is $2h$. Assuming that viscous forces from the surrounding air is negligible and the pressure on the free surface is constant, Show that:

(10 Marks)

$$u_1(y) = \left[(h_1 + h_2)y - \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right] \frac{g \sin \alpha}{\nu_1}$$

b) Find the convective acceleration at the middle of a pipe which converges uniformly from 0.4m diameter to 0.2m diameter over a 2m length. The rate of flow is $0.02\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$. If the rate of flow changes uniformly from $0.02\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$ to $0.04\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$ in 30 seconds, find the total acceleration at the middle of the pipe at 15th second.

(10 marks)

Question (3)

a) Using Navier Stokes equations, derive the following two simplified equations for a steady, laminar and two-dimensional incompressible flow.

(10 Marks)

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

b) Based on the simplified equations obtained in Section (a), derive the following two boundary layer equations for a steady, laminar and two-dimensional incompressible flow moving over a flat thin plate. You may make necessary assumptions for the derivation. (10 Marks)

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dy} = 0$$

Question (4)

Assuming that the gradient of the velocity profiles with respect to x can be neglected as compared with respect to y , the asymptotic velocity profile for a laminar boundary layer on a porous flat plate (with zero pressure gradient) with suction could be obtained.

(a) Show that the Prandtl's boundary layer equation reduces to,

$$v \frac{du}{dx} = \nu \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2}$$

and

$$\frac{dv}{dy} = 0$$

With boundary conditions,

$$y=0; \quad u=0$$

$$y=\delta; \quad u=U$$

(8 Marks)

(b) Introducing suction, $v = -V_w$, show that the solution for Prandtl's equation is given by,

(12 Marks)

$$\frac{u}{U} = 1 - e^{-\frac{V_w}{\nu} y}$$

Question (5)

a) Using the diagrams of flow profiles (Figure 5.1) and the partial derivative $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)$, explain the occurrence of boundary layer separation for a steady, two-dimensional incompressible laminar flow. (8 Marks)

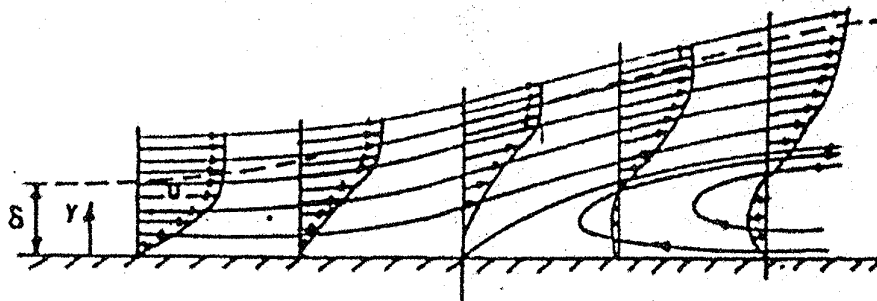


Figure 5.1

b) Derive the following equation from the Prandtl's boundary layer equation at the surface where $u = 0$. Using this equation, explain how the curvature of the velocity profile can be utilized to explain the occurrence of boundary layer separation. You may use the velocity profile diagrams for your explanations. (12 Marks)

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)_0$$

Question (6)

Figure 6.1 shows a semi-finite plate positioned within a parallel flow. The flow is not subjected to any pressure gradient.

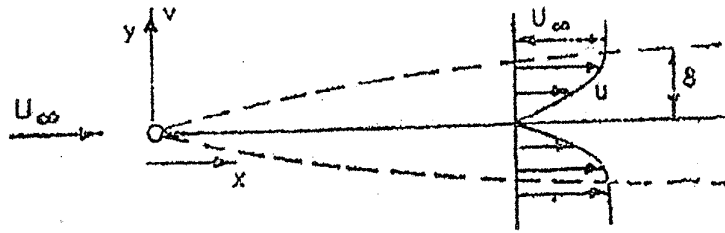


Figure 6.1

a) Using boundary layer equation derive the following expression

(5 Marks)

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

b) The simplified boundary layer equation obtained in the above question 5 (a) can be solved to obtain simplified equation of motion for boundary layer by employing subjected approximations. Using appropriate approximations, drive the following non-linear third-order differential equation. (7 Marks)

$$f(\eta) f''(\eta) + 2f'''(\eta) = 0$$

You may use

$$\delta \propto \sqrt{\nu x / U_{\infty}}$$

$$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{\nu x}} = \frac{y}{\delta}$$

$$\psi = \sqrt{\nu x U_{\infty}} f(\eta)$$

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

c) Use the numerical results of Howarth given in Table 6.1, evaluate the boundary layer thickness δ , Displacement thickness δ^* , and momentum thickness θ for laminar boundary layer on a flat plate. (8 Marks)

Table 6.1: The function η for the laminar boundary layer along a flat plate at zero incidence (After L. Howarth)

$\eta = y \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}}$	f	$f' = \frac{u}{U_\infty}$	f''
0	0	0	0.33206
0.4	0.02656	0.13277	0.33147
1.0	0.16557	0.32979	0.32301
1.4	0.32298	0.45627	0.30787
2.0	0.65003	0.62977	0.26875
2.4	0.92230	0.72899	0.22809
3.0	1.39682	0.84605	0.16136
3.4	1.74696	0.90177	0.11788
4.0	2.30576	0.95552	0.06424
4.4	2.69238	0.97587	0.03897
5.0	3.28329	0.99155	0.01591
5.4	3.68094	0.99616	0.00793
6.0	4.27964	0.99898	0.00240
6.4	4.67938	0.99961	0.00098
7.0	5.27926	0.99992	0.00022
7.4	5.67924	0.99998	0.00007
8.0	6.27923	1.00000	0.00001
8.4	6.67923	1.00000	0.00000

Question (7)

- a) Describe the S-curve method of developing a 6-h UH by using 12-h UH of the catchment.
- b) The 3-h unit hydrograph for a basin has the following ordinates. Using the S-curve method, determine the 9-h unit hydrograph ordinates of the basin.

Time (h)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
3-h UH ordinates (m ³ /s)	0	12	75	132	180	210	183	156	135	144	96
Time (h)	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	
3-h UH ordinates (m ³ /s)	87	66	54	42	33	24	18	12	6	6	

Question (8)

- a) Briefly explain the use of Iterative Risk Management (IRM) for mitigating climate change
- b) The following table gives the observed annual flood values in the river Mana at Karishma. Determine the flood peaks with return periods of 50, 100, and 1000 years by using Weibull's method

Table 5.1: Annual Flood Discharge in the river Mana at Karishma

Water Year Beginning	Flood discharge (m³/s)	Water Year Beginning	Flood discharge (m³/s)
1980	2848	1995	1356
1981	1942	1996	2944
1982	1261	1997	5954
1983	1931	1998	1541
1984	1797	1999	2111
1985	1393	2000	774
1986	1801	2001	911
1987	1323	2002	1121
1988	3205	2003	937
1989	2504	2004	4163
1990	4361	2005	6312
1991	3150	2006	6708
1992	2127	2007	3868
1993	1812	2008	2884
1994	3915		

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