# MTF053 - Fluid Mechanics 2024-08-19 08.30 - 13.30

Approved aids:

- The formula sheet handed out with the exam (attached as an appendix)
- Beta Mathematics Handbook for Science and Engineering
- Physics Handbook : for Science and Engineering
- Any calculator with cleared memory

Exam Outline:

- In total 6 problems each worth 10p

Grading:

number of points on exam (including bonus points)	24 - 35	36 - 47	48-60
grade	3	4	5

PROBLEM 1 - HYDRAULIC JACK (10 P.)

The hydraulic jack showed in the figure below has a lift-piston diameter of 80 mm and a plungerpiston diameter of 28 mm. The pivot of the jack is located 50 mm from the plunger shaft and the force is applied 400 mm from the plunger shaft. The hydraulic fluid has a density of 920  $kg/m^3$ .



(a) Calculate the applied force **F** needed to lift a weight of 10 kN (6.0 p)

Theory questions related to the topic:

- (b) Show that the normal of a constant-pressure surface must be aligned with the gravity vector in a fluid at rest (2.0 p)
- (c) How does the hydrodynamic pressure distribution differ in liquids and gases? (1.0 p)
- (d) How can we make use of Pascal's law when analyzing manometer tubes? (1.0 p)

PROBLEM 2 - GARDEN HOSE (10 p.)

The internal diameter of the nozzle of a garden hose reduces linearly from 2 cm to 1 cm over a length of 10 cm. The flow rate through the nozzle is 0.4 L/s.



- (a) Derive an expression for the pressure gradient dp/dx in the nozzle (6.0 p)
- (b) Calculate the pressure gradient at both ends of the nozzle (1.0 p)

Theory questions related to the topic:

- (c) Explain how a venturi meter works and derive the relation needed to estimate the velocity (2.0 p)
- (d) What assumptions are made in the derivation of the Bernoulli equation? (1.0 p)

# PROBLEM 3 - WATER TANK (10 P.)

Compressed air is used to force water through a 25-mm-diameter orifice in a large tank (see figure below). The water level in the tank is kept stable by adding water at the same rate at which water is being discharged through the orifice. The discharge coefficient of the orifice has been estimated to be 0.94, i.e.  $Q_{real} = 0.94Q_{ideal}$  where Q is the flow rate through the orifice in  $m^3/s$ .



(a) Calculate the flow rate  $(Q_{inflow})$  at which water must be supplied to the tank if the gauge pressure of the air in the tank is 300 kPa, the water level is to be kept constant at 1.2 m above the center of the orifice, and the temperature of the water is  $20^{\circ}C$  (8.0 p)

Theory questions related to the topic:

(b) How can the generic form of Reynolds transport theorem (the relation given below) be be simplified for a fix control volume? (1.0 p)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( B_{syst} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{cv} \beta \rho d\mathcal{V} \right) + \int_{cs} \beta \rho \left( \mathbf{V}_r \cdot \mathbf{n} \right) dA$$

(c) What does it mean that inlets and outlets are one-dimensional? (1.0 p)

## PROBLEM 4 - PELTON TURBINE (10 P.)

The rotor of a Pelton wheel turbine is driven by water jets impinging on vanes mounted on the periphery of the rotor. The incident water jet has a velocity relative to the vane of 30 m/s and the diameter of the jet can be approximated to be 150 mm. The vane deflects the incoming water jet by  $165^{\circ}$ . The water temperature can be assumed to be  $20^{\circ}C$ .



(a) Calculate the force exerted by the water on the vane (6.0 p)

Theory questions related to the topic:

(b) Derive the momentum equation on differential form starting from the integral form (2.0 p)

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{cv} \mathbf{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} \right) + \sum \left( \dot{m}_i \mathbf{V}_i \right)_{out} - \sum \left( \dot{m}_i \mathbf{V}_i \right)_{int}$$

- (c) A fluid element is subjected to both body forces and surface forces. Give an example of a body force and name the two surface forces (1.0 p)
- (d) Under what circumstances can the general formulation of the momentum equation be reduced to the Navier-Stokes equation? (1.0 p)

## PROBLEM 5 - PIPE FLOW (10 p.)

Water at a temperature of  $20^{\circ}C$  flows at a flow rate of 150 L/s through a circular cast iron pipe with a diameter of 300 mm. The following empirical formula describes the velocity distribution in the pipe

$$v(r) = V_{av} \left[ (1 + 1.326\sqrt{f}) - 2.04\sqrt{f} \log_{10} \left(\frac{R}{R-r}\right) \right]$$

where r is the radial coordinate from the pipe centerline, R is the radius of the pipe, f is the Darcy friction factor for this specific pipe flow, and  $V_{av}$  is the average velocity in the pipe.

Another way to describe the velocity profile mathematically is to use a power relation

$$v(r) = V_o \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^{1/n}$$

where  $V_o$  is the centerline velocity and n is a constant. The value of n can be adjusted to match a specific flow.

(a) Obtain a value of n such that both the expressions above give the same centerline velocity  $(V_o)$  and average velocity  $(V_{av})$  (8.0 p)

hint:

$$\int \left(1 - \frac{x}{a}\right)^{1/n} x dx = \frac{n(x-a)\left(1 - \frac{x}{a}\right)^{1/n} \left(n(a+x) + x\right)}{(n+1)(2n+1)} + constant$$

Theory questions related to the topic:

- (b) Why does the Moody chart not give reliable values in the Reynolds number range 2000 < Re < 4000? (1.0 p)
- (c) Compare the velocity profiles for fully developed laminar and turbulent flow, which of the flows gives the highest wall shear stress for a given mass flow and what is the reason for that? (1.0 p)

## PROBLEM 6 - BOUNDARY-LAYER FLOW (10 P.)

Air at  $10^{\circ}C$  flows at 18 km/h over a flat surface that is 1 m long and 2 m wide.

Calculate:

- (a) The shear stress at the downstream end of the surface (4.0 p)
- (b) The average shear stress on the surface (2.0 p)
- (c) The total drag force on the surface (1.0 p)

Theory questions related to the topic:

- (d) What assumption is made to be able to derive the boundary layer equations? (1.0 p)
- (e) For laminar flow over a flat plate, the velocity profile is self-similar what does that mean? (1.0 p)
- (f) Name two alternative ways to measure the boundary layer thickness other than  $\delta$ . How can these measures be interpreted physically? (1.0 p)















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