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EMG 2407 : WIND TUNNEL EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: APRIL 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date May 2016

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- (a) Give the different classifications of wind tunnels. **(4marks)**
- (b) Discuss the DDS – suite with emphasis on the acquisition phase. **(7 marks)**
- (c) An approximate relation for the velocity profile in the laminar boundary layer subject to zero pressure gradient is

$$\frac{u}{u_m} = a_1\eta + a_2\eta^2$$

- i) Determine the values of the constants a_1 and a_2 .
- ii) Evaluate the constants A and B

- iii) Derive the relations for the development of δ , δ^* and θ with x when $\delta = \left(\frac{2\mu Bx}{\rho u_m A} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(15marks)

- (d) Discuss the shadow graph methods as a flow visualization techniques used in wind tunnels. **(4 marks)**

Question TWO

Describe an experiment to determine the reduction of drag by inducing turbulence in the boundary layer, providing key equations, experimental results and their analysis. **(20 marks)**

Question THREE

(a) Discuss Mach Number, stating its symbol significance and field of application. **(4 marks)**

(b) In order to undertake predictions of the lift and drag force on a scale model of an aircraft during a section of its operational envelope involving sea level flight at 100ms^{-1} where the speed of sound may be taken as 340m/s , it is supposed to utilize a cryogenic wind tunnel with nitrogen at 5 atmospheres of pressure and a temperature and a temperature of -90°C , conditions at which the nitrogen conditions at which the nitrogen density and viscosity may be taken as 7.7 kg/m^3 and $1.2 \times 10^{-5}\text{ Ns}$, respectively. The speed of sound in nitrogen at this temperature is 295m/s . Determine the wind tunnel flow velocity, the scale of the model to ensure full dynamic similarity and the ratio of forces on the model and the prototype. **(9 marks)**

(c) Flow through a heat exchanger tube is to be studied by means of a $1/10$ scale model. If the heat exchanger normally carries water, determine the ratio of pressure losses between the model and the prototype if;

(i) water is used in the model

(ii) air at normal temperature and pressure is used in the model. **(7 marks)**

Question FOUR

Describe a laboratory experiment for measuring pressure distributions around a circular cylinder in cross flow, giving procedures experimental results and analysis. **(20marks)**

Question FIVE

(a) Discuss blockage corrections in the wind tunnels. **(10 marks)**

(b) Using elaborate an diagram and key equation, describe how to preset and regulate the wind speed in the test section of an open wind tunnel. **(10 marks)**