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EMG 2416: GAS DYNAMICS AND BOUNDARY LAYER THEORY

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date Dec 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 any **THREE** questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question One

- a) Explain the following terms
- Turbulent boundary layer
 - Laminar sub-layer (4marks)
- b) Describe fine the following boundary layer
- Boundary layer thickness
 - Displacement thickness
 - Energy thickness (6 marks)
- c) In the boundary layer over the face of a high spillway ,the velocity distribution was observed to have the following form:

$$\frac{u}{U} = \left[\frac{y}{\delta} \right]^{0.22}$$

The free stream velocity U at a certain section was observed to be 30m/s and the boundary layer thickness of 60 mm was estimated from the velocity distribution measured at the section. The discharge passing over the spillway was 6 m/s per metre length of spillway. Calculate

- i. The displacement thickness
- ii. The energy thickness
- iii. The loss of energy up to the section under consideration. (10 marks)

Question Two

- a) Define the following Terms.
 - i. Drag force
 - ii. Lift force
 - iii. Streamlined body
 - iv. Bluff body (6marks)
- b) Calculate the diameter of a parachute to be used for dropping an object of mass 100 kg so that maximum terminal velocity of dropping is 5 m/s. The drag co-efficient for parachute which may be treated as hemispherical is 1.3. The density of air is 1.216 kg/m^3 (4 marks)
- c) A flat plate $1.5\text{m} \times 1.5\text{m}$ moves at 50km/h in stationery air of density 1.15kg/m^3 . If the co-efficients of drag and lift are 0.15 and 0.75 respectively Determine
 - i. Drag force
 - ii. Lift force
 - iii. Resultant force
 - iv. Power required to keep the plate in motion (8 marks)

Question Three

- a) Explain the following term related to airfoil
 - i. Chord line
 - ii. Profile centreline
 - iii. Angle of attack
 - iv. Camber
 - v. Aspect Ratio (5 marks)
- b) Experiments were conducted in a wind tunnel with a wind speed of 50km/h on a flat plate of size 2m long and 1 m wide. The density of air is 1.15kg/m^3 . The coefficient of lift and drag are 0.75 and 0.15 respectively. Calculate
 - i. The lift force
 - ii. The drag force.
 - iii. The resultant force
 - iv. Direction of resultant force.
 - v. Power exerted by the air on the plate. (10 marks)
- c) A spherical steel ball of diameter 40mm and of density 8500kg/m^3 is dropped in large mass of water. The co-efficient of drag of the ball in water is given as 0.45. Find
 - i. The terminal velocity of the ball in water. If the ball is dropped in air.

- ii. The increase in terminal velocity of ball.
(Take the density of air = 1.25 kg/m^3 $C_D=0.1$) (5 marks)

Question four

- a) Define the following terms of flow which depend on Mach number:
- Subsonic flow
 - Sonic flow
 - Zone of Action
 - Zone of silence (6 marks)
- b) A gas is flowing through a horizontal pipe at a temperature of 4°C . The diameter of the pipe is 8 cm and at a section 1-1 in this pipe, the pressure is 30.3 N/cm^2 (gauge). The diameter of the pipe changes from 8 cm to 4 cm at the section 2-2, where pressure is 20.3 N/cm^2 (gauge). Find the velocities of the gas at these sections assuming an isothermal process. Take $R=287.14 \text{ Nm/kg K}$, and atmospheric pressure = 10 N/cm^2 (8 marks)
- c) Find the sonic velocity for the following fluids
- Crude oil of sp gravity 0.8 and bulk modulus 153036 N/cm^2
 - Mercury having a bulk modulus of 2648700 N/cm^2 (6 marks)

Question five

- a) What is turbulence? (2 marks)
- b) Describe the following types turbulent motions
- Wall turbulence.
 - Free turbulence.
 - Convective turbulence. (3 marks)
- c) In a pipe of 360 mm diameter having turbulent flow, the centre-line velocity is 7 m/s and that at 60 mm from the pipe wall is 6 m/s. Calculate the shear friction velocity. (5 marks)
- d) Calculate the wall shearing stress in a pipe of diameter 100 which carries water. The velocities at the pipe centre and 30 mm from the pipe centre are 2 m/s and 1.5 m/s respectively. The flow in the pipe is given as turbulent. (6 marks)
- e) Water is flowing through a rough pipe of diameter 600 mm at the rate of 600 litres/second. The wall roughness is 3 mm. Find the power lost for 1 km length of pipe. (4 marks)