

Re-exam Fluid Mechanics and transport phenomena, 4 July 2018, 13:30-16:30

Answers may be given in English or Dutch. All 3 exercises have equal weight. Subquestions earn marks according to the weight listed. Please hand in your answers to questions 1 to 3 on *separate* sheets.

(1) **Fluid mechanical principles.** Please first answer with YES or NO; then give a one-line motivation.

- (a) (1 point) Does the curl of the velocity field vanish in a laminar boundary layer?
- (b) (1 pt) Does a particle moving towards a stagnation point get stuck?
- (c) (1 pt) Is the dimension of stream function given by $kg\ m^2\ s^{-1}$?
- (d) (1 pt) Do inertial forces play a role in the flow through a capillary tube?
- (e) (1 pt) Does the Reynolds number tell us when viscous forces are important?
- (f) (1 pt) Do three-dimensional vortex monopoles exist?
- (g) (1 pt) When a steady two-dimensional inviscid fluid layer flows over a hill, is its free surface above the hill higher than far away from the hill?
- (h) (1 pt) Do long surface gravity waves go faster than short surface gravity waves?
- (i) (1 pt) Can the flow of an ideal fluid experience drag?
- (j) (1 pt) Can vortex rings stay fixed in space?

(2) **Spin-coating**

Spin-coating is a process with which a thin layer - a film - of a certain material is brought onto a fixed circular bottom plate (as the layer of phosphorus on the inside of a television screen). To do so, a viscous fluid (in which the material is dissolved) is brought onto the bottom, which is subsequently rotated with a large angular velocity Ω : the fluid then spreads radially and forms a thin layer.

To analyse the flow in this film we assume that the fluid has Newtonian properties and possesses a kinematic viscosity ν . To describe the flow we use a cylindrical coordinate frame (r, θ, z) , as in Figure 1, with velocity components (u, v, w) in radial, azimuthal and vertical directions. After some time (after the bottom plate has reached steady rotation) a thin film of *uniform* thickness $h(t)$ establishes itself. The flow in the film is axisymmetric and quasi-stationary, and the pressure distribution is quasi-hydrostatic. The air does not exert any shear-stresses on the film. Because the film is very thin and the fluid very viscous, the fluid moves azimuthally, together with the bottom plate, with a speed $v = \Omega r$.

The flow in radial direction is driven by centrifugal forces acting on the fluid: this flow can further be considered as a *creeping flow*.

The radial component of the Navier-Stokes equation is:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{v^2}{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \nu \left(\nabla^2 u - \frac{u}{r^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \right) \quad (1)$$

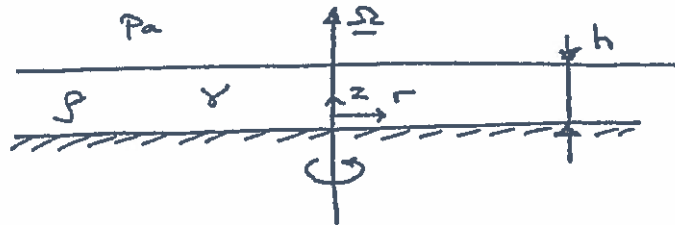


Figure 1: Spinning thin film of fluid

where

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \quad (2)$$

(a) (2 pt) Show that under the conditions mentioned and with $h \ll R$ (where R denotes a characteristic radial scale) this equation reduces to:

$$-\frac{v^2}{r} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \quad (3)$$

Clearly argue for each neglected term why this can be dropped!

(b) (2 pt) Eq. (3) allows us to determine radial velocity u . Which boundary conditions does u need to satisfy? Derive the solution u .

(c) (2 pt) Axial velocity component, w can subsequently be determined from the continuity equation:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (ru) + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0. \quad (4)$$

Give the boundary condition that w has to obey at the plate ($z = 0$), and derive the solution for w .

(d) (2 pt) The velocity with which film thickness h changes can be written as:

$$w(z = h) = \frac{dh}{dt}. \quad (5)$$

With the result of (c) this leads to:

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{2\Omega^2 h^3}{3\nu}. \quad (6)$$

Determine the general solution for $h(t)$, taking $h(t = 0) = h_0$.

(e) (2 pt) For large times t , $h(t) \ll h_0$, so that the result in (d) reduces to :

$$h(t) = \left(\frac{3\nu}{4\Omega^2 t} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (7)$$

Compute the time needed to acquire a film thickness $h = 0.1 \text{ mm}$ ($= 10^{-4} \text{ m}$), when it is given that $\Omega = 10 \text{ cps}$ (cycles per second) and $\nu = 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$.

(3) Capillary-gravity waves

In a two-dimensional (x, z) -fluid of constant depth H , unbounded in x , capillary-gravity waves, $z = \zeta(x, t)$, propagate along the free surface (of average position $z = 0$). The surface boundary condition that these waves obey reads in good approximation:

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \Big|_{z=0} = -g\zeta + \frac{\gamma}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 \zeta}{\partial x^2}.$$

Here, ϕ represents a velocity potential, g the acceleration of gravity, and γ surface tension.

- (a) (3 pt) List all assumptions that went into the derivation of this boundary condition.
- (b) (3 pt) List the additional equations and boundary conditions that govern these waves.
- (c) (1 pt) Monochromatic, plane waves $\phi = \Phi \cosh(k(z+H))e^{i(kx-\omega t)}$ of frequency ω , wave number $k = 2\pi/\lambda$ (wave length λ) and amplitude Φ solve these equations provided they obey the following dispersion relation:

$$\omega^2 = (gk + \frac{\gamma}{\rho}k^3) \tanh(kH).$$

When can we neglect gravity acceleration? And when capillary effects?

- (d) (2 pt) In the deep water limit, $H \gg \lambda$, determine the phase and group velocity of capillary-gravity waves.
- (e) (1 pt) For $\gamma = 0.073 \text{ N m}^{-1}$, $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ and $g = 10 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, determine the wave length and wave speed for which the wave speed is minimal.

