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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
SCIENCE IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS

SMA 3134: FLUID MECHANICS I

DATE: AUGUST 2011

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions.

QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- (a) Define the following terms as used in fluid mechanics.
- (i) Magnetohydrodynamics (2 Marks)
 - (ii) Mach cone (2 Marks)
 - (iii) Potential flow (2 Marks)
- (b) State the first law of thermodynamics (2 Marks)
- (c) Differentiate between a lift and a drag. (2 Marks)
- (d) Show that the quantify of heat $Q = Q(P, V)$ added to a unit mass of a perfect gas is not a function of state. (7 Marks)
- (e) By modeling the flow past a stationary cylinder of radius R as a superposition of a uniform flow of velocity U , a doublet of strength μ show that
- (i) The maximum velocity is a the surface $r = R$ when $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ (6 Marks)
 - (ii) $P = P^* + \frac{\rho U^2}{2} (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta)$ where P^* is the free stream pressure (3 Marks)
 - (iii) The lift $L = 0$ (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

(a) Show that for a perfect gas $dS = \frac{c_p}{V} dV + \frac{c_p}{P} dP$ and the entropy per unit mass of the gas is a function of state and that for isentropic fluid flows, $PV^\gamma = \text{Const}$ (10 Marks)

(b) State and prove that Carnot's theorem. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE – (20 MARKS)

A perfect gas is initially in a state A at pressure P_1 and temperature T_1 . It is expanded adiabatically to a state B. It is then cooled at constant volume to a state C at a pressure P_2 and temperature T_2 . It is then compressed adiabatically to a state D at pressure P_1 . Finally it is heated at constant pressure back to state A.

(a) Show that the heat per unit mass absorbed from the hot source along DA is

$$Q = \frac{\gamma R}{\gamma - 1} \left\{ T_1 - T_2 \left(\frac{P_1}{P_2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma}} \right\} \quad (9 \text{ Marks})$$

Show that the efficiency of the cycle is $\eta = 1 + \frac{T_2 - T_1 \left(\frac{P_2 T_1}{P_1 T_2} \right)^{\gamma - 1}}{\gamma \left\{ T_1 - T_2 \left(\frac{P_1}{P_2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma}} \right\}}$

(b) (11 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)

Show that for a two dimensional irrotational fluid flow of a compressible fluid we have the vorticity along the z axis as

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right) - \frac{1}{\rho a^2} \left\{ u^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + 2uv \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} + v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \right\} + \frac{1}{\rho c_p} \frac{dS}{d\psi} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] \quad (20 \text{ Marks})$$