

**Series 7 - Solutions**

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**6.3**

6.3 The velocity in a certain flow field is given by the equation

$$\mathbf{V} = x\mathbf{i} + x^2z\mathbf{j} + yz\mathbf{k}$$

Determine the expressions for the three rectangular components of acceleration.

From expression for velocity,  $u = x$ ,  $v = x^2z$ ,  $w = yz$

Since

$$a_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$$

then

$$a_x = 0 + (x)(1) + (x^2z)(0) + (yz)(0) \\ = \underline{x}$$

Similarly,

$$a_y = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$

and

$$a_y = 0 + (x)(2xz) + (x^2z)(0) + (yz)(x^2) \\ = \underline{2x^2z + x^2yz}$$

Also,

$$a_z = \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

so that

$$a_z = 0 + (x)(0) + (x^2z)(z) + (yz)(y) \\ = \underline{x^2z^2 + y^2z}$$

6.4

6.4 The three components of velocity in a flow field are given by

$$u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$v = xy + yz + z^2$$

$$w = -3xz - z^2/2 + 4$$

(a) Determine the volumetric dilatation rate, and interpret the results. (b) Determine an expression for the rotation vector. Is this an irrotational flow field?

(a) Volumetric dilatation rate =  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$  (Eq. 6.9)

Thus, for velocity components given

$$\text{volumetric dilatation rate} = 2x + (x+z) + (-3x-z) = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

This result indicates that there is no change in the volume of a fluid element as it moves from one location to another.

(b) From Eqs. 6.12, 6.13, and 6.14 with the velocity components given:

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (y - 2y) = -\frac{y}{2}$$

$$\omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{1}{2} [0 - (y + 2z)] = -\left(\frac{y}{2} + z\right)$$

$$\omega_y = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{1}{2} [2z - (-3z)] = \frac{5z}{2}$$

Thus, 
$$\vec{\omega} = \underline{\underline{-\left(\frac{y}{2} + z\right) \hat{i} + \frac{5z}{2} \hat{j} - \frac{y}{2} \hat{k}}}$$

Since  $\vec{\omega}$  is not zero everywhere the flow field is not irrotational. No.

6.6

6.6 Determine an expression for the vorticity of the flow field described by

$$\mathbf{v} = -xy^3 \hat{i} + y^4 \hat{j}$$

Is the flow irrotational?

$$\vec{\zeta} = 2\vec{\omega} \quad (\text{Eq. 6.17})$$

From expression for velocity,  $u = -xy^3$ ,  $v = y^4$ , and  $w = 0$ , and with

$$\omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. 6.13})$$

$$\omega_y = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. 6.14})$$

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. 6.12})$$

it follows that

$$\omega_x = 0, \quad \omega_y = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_z = \frac{1}{2} [0 - (-3xy^3)] = \frac{3}{2} xy^3$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\zeta} &= 2(\omega_x \hat{i} + \omega_y \hat{j} + \omega_z \hat{k}) \\ &= 2 \left[ (0) \hat{i} + (0) \hat{j} + \left( \frac{3}{2} xy^3 \right) \hat{k} \right] \\ &= \underline{\underline{3xy^3 \hat{k}}} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\vec{\zeta}$  is not zero everywhere the flow is not irrotational. No.

6.8

6.8 For a certain incompressible, two-dimensional flow field the velocity component in the  $y$  direction is given by the equation

$$v = 3xy + x^2y$$

Determine the velocity component in the  $x$  direction so that the volumetric dilatation rate is zero

For zero volumetric rate in a two-dimensional flow,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (1)$$

Since  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 3x + x^2$

Then from Eq. (1)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -3x - x^2 \quad (2)$$

Equation (2) can be integrated with respect to  $x$  to obtain

$$\int du = -\int 3x dx - \int x^2 dx + f(y)$$

or

$$u = -\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} + f(y)$$

where  $f(y)$  is an undetermined function of  $y$ .

6.12

6.12 For a certain incompressible flow field it is suggested that the velocity components are given by the equations

$$u = 2xy \quad v = -x^2y \quad w = 0$$

Is this a physically possible flow field? Explain.

Any physically possible incompressible flow field must satisfy conservation of mass as expressed by the relationship

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the velocity distribution given,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2y \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -x^2 \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

Substitution into Eq. (1) shows that

$$2y - x^2 + 0 \neq 0$$

Thus, this is not a physically possible flow field. No.

6.14

6.14 For each of the following stream functions, with units of  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ , determine the magnitude and the angle the velocity vector makes with the  $x$ -axis at  $x = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 2 \text{ m}$ . Locate any stagnation points in the flow field.

(a)  $\psi = xy$

(b)  $\psi = -2x^2 + y$

From the definition of the stream function,

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

(Eqs. 6.37)

(a) For  $\psi = xy$ ,

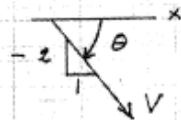
$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = x$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -y$$

At  $x = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 2 \text{ m}$ , it follows that  $u = 1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$  and  $v = -2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

Thus,

$$|V| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = \sqrt{(1 \text{ m})^2 + (-2 \text{ m})^2} = \underline{2.24 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{-2}{1} \quad \theta = \underline{-63.4^\circ}$$

Since  $u = 0$  at  $x = 0$  and  $v = 0$  at  $y = 0$ , a stagnation point occurs at  $x = y = 0$ .

(b) For  $\psi = -2x^2 + y$ ,

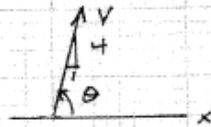
$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = 1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 4x$$

At  $x = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $y = 2 \text{ m}$ , it follows that  $u = 1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$  and  $v = 4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

Thus,

$$|V| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = \sqrt{\left(1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 + \left(4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2} = \underline{4.12 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{1} \quad \theta = \underline{76.0^\circ}$$

Since  $u \neq 0$ , there are no stagnation points.

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