

Assignment 3 Solutions

① For incompressible ($\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0$), steady-state ($\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$) flow, the Navier-Stokes equation is

$$(\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u}$$

We may use Appendix A.4 of C&C to look up the components of $(\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u}$ in cylindrical coordinates. We also need the given expressions for the $\nabla^2 \vec{u}$ components. Finally, we use the fact that $u_R = u_z = 0$, and that the flow is axisymmetric ($\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = 0$).

For the R-component,
$$-\frac{u_\phi^2}{R} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial R}$$

while the ϕ -component is
$$0 = \nu \left[\nabla^2 \vec{u} \right]_\phi = \frac{\nu}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial R} \right) - \frac{\nu u_\phi}{R^2}$$

We will solve the 2nd equation for $u_\phi(R)$. If desired, we can plug this expression into the first equation to find $p(R)$ — although the problem does not ask for the pressure distribution.

The second equation is
$$0 = \frac{\partial^2 u_\phi}{\partial R^2} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial R} - \frac{u_\phi}{R^2}$$

Try a power law: $u_\phi = C R^\eta$ where C and η are constants. We find
$$n(n-1) R^{n-1} + n R^{n-1} - R^{n-1} = 0 \quad (\text{after cancelling } C)$$

$$n(n-1) + n - 1 = 0 \rightarrow n^2 = 1 \rightarrow \boxed{n = \pm 1}$$

Thus $u_\phi = AR + B/R$ where A and B are constants. These constants are found by using the no-slip conditions at the two cylindrical walls:

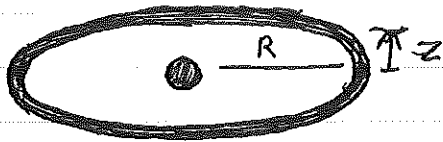
$$u_\phi(R_1) = R_1 \Omega_1 \quad u_\phi(R_2) = R_2 \Omega_2$$

We find

$$A = \frac{R_2^2 \Omega_2 - R_1^2 \Omega_1}{R_2^2 - R_1^2} \quad B = \frac{R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)}{R_2^2 - R_1^2} \quad \text{so that}$$

$$u_\phi = \frac{R_2^2 \Omega_2 - R_1^2 \Omega_1}{R_2^2 - R_1^2} R + \frac{R_1^2 R_2^2 (\Omega_1 - \Omega_2)}{R (R_2^2 - R_1^2)}$$

② C&C, problem 14



In the plane: $\Omega^2 R = \frac{GM}{R^2}$

Normally: $g_{\perp} = \frac{GMz}{R^3} = -\frac{a_T^2}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz}$

(a) $\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz} = \frac{d \ln \rho}{dz} = -\frac{GMz}{a_T^2 R^3} = -\frac{\Omega^2 z}{a_T^2}$

(The expression for g_{\perp} only holds for $z \ll R$.)

Integrating to find $\rho(z)$:

$\ln \rho - \ln \rho_0 = -\frac{\Omega^2 z^2}{2a_T^2}$ where ρ_0 is midplane density

$\rho = \rho_0 e^{-\frac{\Omega^2 z^2}{2a_T^2}} = \rho_0 e^{-z^2/H^2}$

where the e-folding height $H \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2} a_T}{\Omega} = \sqrt{\frac{2RT}{\mu \Omega^2}}$

since $a_T = \sqrt{\frac{RT}{\mu}}$

(b) for $H \ll R$, $\frac{2RT}{\mu \Omega^2} \ll R^2 \rightarrow \frac{2RT}{\mu} \ll R^2 \Omega^2 = V_{\phi}^2$

where V_{ϕ} is the Earth's orbital velocity (30 km s⁻¹)

Using $\mu = 1$ (atomic hydrogen),

$T \ll \frac{\mu V_{\phi}^2}{2R} = 5 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$

③ C&C, problem 32

(a) $u \frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dx}$ for steady-state flow

Now $\rho = k\rho^2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dx} = -2k \frac{d\rho}{dx} = -2 \frac{\rho_0}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dx}$

We have $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2} u^2 \right) = -\frac{2\rho_0}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{dx}$ Integrating,

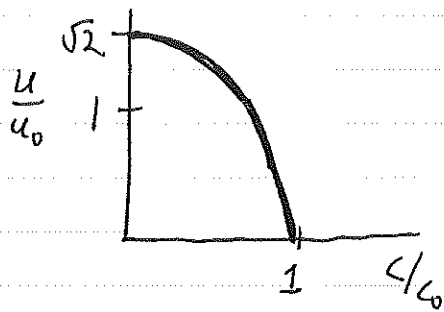
$$\frac{1}{2} u^2 - \frac{1}{2} u_0^2 = -\frac{2\rho_0}{\rho^2} (\rho - \rho_0)$$

The sound speed c is found from $c^2 = \frac{2\rho}{\rho} = c_0^2 \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = c_0^2 \frac{\rho^2}{\rho_0^2} \frac{\rho_0}{\rho}$

where $c_0^2 \equiv \frac{2\rho_0}{\rho_0} = c_0^2 \frac{\rho}{\rho_0}$

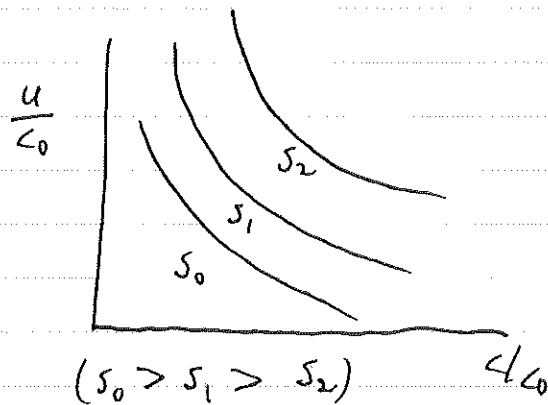
Thus $\frac{1}{2} u^2 - \frac{1}{2} u_0^2 = -c_0^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} - 1 \right) = -c_0^2 \left(\frac{c^2}{c_0^2} - 1 \right) = c_0^2 - c^2$

Since $u_0^2 \ll c_0^2$, we have approximately $\boxed{\frac{1}{2} u^2 + c^2 = c_0^2}$

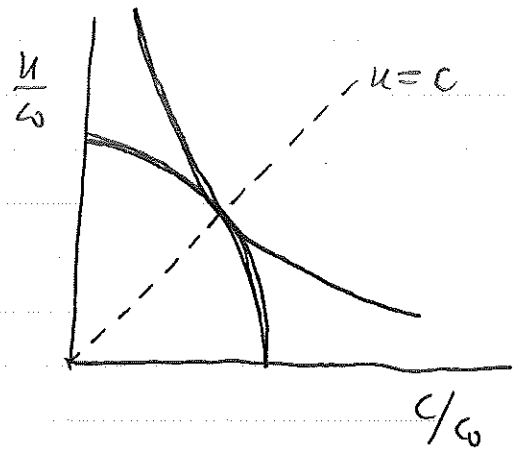


(b) $\rho u = \frac{\dot{m}}{S}$ But $\rho = \frac{c^2}{c_0^2} \rho_0$

$$\boxed{c^2 u = \frac{\dot{m} c_0^2}{\rho_0 S}}$$



(c) The problem assumes (but unfortunately does not state) that a sonic transition is made. The only way this can be done smoothly is for the $\psi = \psi_{min}$ curve to touch the original $u-c$ curve, as shown.



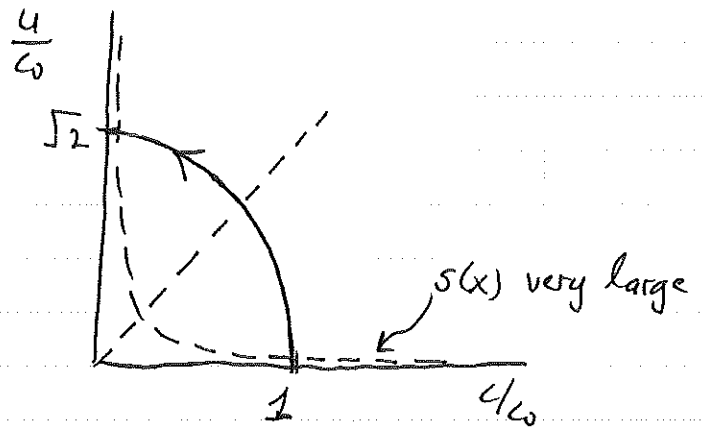
Just at the throat, $u=c$, so that

$$\frac{1}{2}u^2 + c^2 = \frac{1}{2}u^2 + u^2 = \frac{3}{2}u^2 = c_0^2 \rightarrow u = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} c_0$$

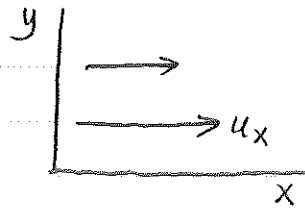
(d) As $s(x)$ broadens, the representative point slides along the original $u-c$ curve. The point asymptotically approaches

$$u \rightarrow \sqrt{2} c_0$$

as $s(x) \rightarrow \infty$.



④ C & C Problem 45



Since there is no pressure gradient, the two components of Navier-Stokes are:

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} = \nu \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right] \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial t} + u_x \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x} + u_y \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} = \nu \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_y}{\partial y^2} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} \right] \right\}$$

Eqn ② is identically satisfied if $u_y = 0$ at all times and if $\partial u_x / \partial x = 0$ at all times. Assuming both conditions hold, eqn ① becomes

$$\frac{\partial u_x}{\partial t} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u_x}{\partial x^2}$$

which is the diffusion equation. Let $u_x = f(t)g(y)$
 Then $\frac{1}{\nu f} \frac{df}{dt} = \frac{1}{g} \frac{d^2g}{dy^2} = k^2$ where k can be positive or negative constant

Solution: $f = e^{-k^2 \nu t}$, $g = e^{iky}$

So, more generally, we may write

$$u_x(y, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{iky} e^{-k^2 \nu t} dk$$

To determine $A(k)$, consider the initial conditions:

$$u_x(y, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{iky} dk$$

Thus, $A(k)$ is the Fourier transform:

$$A(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_x(y', 0) e^{-iky'} dy'$$

Plugging this expression back into the integral for $u_x(y, t)$:

$$u_x(y, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' u_x(y', 0) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{-[k^2 \nu t - ik(y-y')]}$$

We complete the square in the exponential:

$$k^2 \nu t - ik(y-y') = \left[k\sqrt{\nu t} - \frac{i(y-y')}{\sqrt{4\nu t}} \right]^2 + \frac{(y-y')^2}{4\nu t}$$

Thus,

$$u_x(y,t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' u_x(y',0) e^{-\frac{(y-y')^2}{4vt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{-\left[k\sqrt{vt} - \frac{i(y-y')}{\sqrt{4vt}}\right]^2}$$

In the last integral, $y, y',$ and t are all constants. Let $x \equiv k\sqrt{vt} - \frac{i(y-y')}{\sqrt{4vt}}$
 Then $dk = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{vt}}$, and

$$u_x(y,t) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{vt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' u_x(y',0) e^{-\frac{(y-y')^2}{4vt}} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-x^2}}_{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$u_x(y,t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi vt}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy' u_x(y',0) e^{-\frac{(y-y')^2}{4vt}}$$

which is the book's solution