

# Physics 211 - Problem Set #4

## Solutions

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1.) a.) For Poiseuille flow,

$$v(r) = V_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$$

In terms of  $V_0$ , the mass flow is

$$\begin{aligned} Q/\rho &= \int (\text{d}A) v(r) \\ &= \int_0^R \text{d}r \, 2\pi r \, V_0 \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \quad x = r^2/R^2 \\ &= \pi V_0 R^2 \int_0^1 \text{d}x \, (1-x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \pi R^2 V_0 \end{aligned}$$

At the head of the pipe, we have a velocity uniform over the pipe; then

$$Q/\rho = \pi R^2 V_{in}$$

$$\text{so } V_{in} = \frac{1}{2} V_0$$

b.) The force on the pipe is

$$dF = d(\text{area}) (-2\eta \sigma_{zr}) = d(\text{area}) \left( -\eta \frac{\partial v^2}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=R} \right)$$

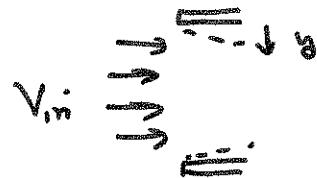
far down the pipe this is

$$dF = 2\pi R dl \cdot \eta \cdot 2V_0 \frac{1}{R}$$

Near the front of the pipe, we can use the formulae for a boundary layer derived in class. If the boundary layer is thin, we can ignore the curvature of the boundary.

$$y = R - r$$

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



$$\psi = \text{const.} \sqrt{2z} f(\omega)$$

where  $\omega = \frac{y}{\sqrt{2z}} \sqrt{\frac{V_{in}}{\nu}}$  so  $\omega \sim \frac{y}{\sqrt{R}} \leftarrow \text{Reynolds no.}$

$f(\omega)$  is the Blasius function  $f'(\omega) \rightarrow 1$  as  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$

$$v_z = (\text{const.}) \sqrt{\frac{V_{in}}{\nu}} f'(\omega) \rightarrow V_{in} \text{ as } y \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{so } (\text{const.}) = \sqrt{\nu V_{in}}$$

$$v_z = V_{in} f'(\omega)$$

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial r} v_z \Big|_{z=0} = \frac{V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2z\nu}} f''(\omega) \Big|_{\omega=0} = \frac{V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2z\nu}} f''(\zeta)$$

For the Blasius factor  $f''(\zeta) = \alpha = 0.4696..$

$$dF = 2\pi R dz \eta \frac{V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2z\nu}} \cdot \alpha$$

c.) This formula holds out to  $z \sim z_*$  at which the boundary layer thickness  $\delta \sim$  Radius

$$R \sim \sqrt{\frac{2z_*\nu}{V_{in}}}$$

$$z_* \sim \frac{V_{in}}{2\nu} R^2$$

Integrate the result of part (b): from the boundary layer region

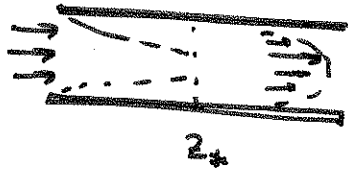
$$F = 2\pi R \int_0^{z_*} dz \eta \frac{\alpha V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2z\nu}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}$$

$$= 2\pi R \alpha \eta \frac{V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\nu}} 2\sqrt{z_*}$$

$$\cong 2\pi R \alpha \eta \frac{V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\nu}} \sqrt{\frac{V_{in}}{2\nu}} R$$

$$= \pi R^2 \cdot \eta \cdot \alpha \frac{V_{in}^2}{\nu}$$

d.) The total force on the pipe has two components



Force from region of Poiseuille flow:

$$F = 4\pi\eta V_0 (l - z_*) = 4\pi\eta \frac{2Q}{\rho} \frac{1}{\pi R^2} (l - z_*)$$

$$= 8 \frac{Q\nu}{R^2} (l - z_*)$$

Force from region of boundary layer

$$F = 4\pi R \cdot \alpha\eta \cdot \frac{V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\nu}} \sqrt{z_*}$$

$$= \frac{4\alpha\eta}{R} \frac{Q}{\rho} \frac{V_{in}^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2\nu}} \sqrt{z_*} = \frac{4\alpha}{R} Q\nu \left( \frac{V_{in} z_*}{2\nu} \right)^{1/2}$$

so

$$F = 8 \frac{Q\nu}{R^2} \left[ l - z_* + \frac{\alpha}{2} R \underbrace{\left( \frac{V_{in} z_*}{2\nu} \right)^{1/2}}_{(\text{Reynolds no.})^{1/2}} \right]$$

For small  $z_*$ ,  $z_* \ll R$ , the third term is ~~smaller~~ **larger** than the second by  $(\text{Reynolds no.})^{1/2} / \left( \frac{z_*}{R} \right)^{1/2}$

However, I estimated  $z_*$  by

$$\frac{z_*}{R} \sim (\text{Reynolds no.})$$

so then the terms are comparable in size.

The presence of the boundary layer region must increase the force on the pipe for a given  $Q$ , since  $\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r}$  is larger in the region near the front of the pipe. So we must have

$$(P-P_0)\pi R^2 = F = 8 \frac{Qv}{R^2} (l + \Delta l) \quad l_{\text{eff}} = l + \Delta l$$

$$\text{where } \Delta l > 0 \text{ and } |\Delta l| \sim z_* \sim \frac{v_{in} R}{2v} \cdot R$$

2.) The differential equation is

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$+ \epsilon \left[ xy^2 - x + y^3 - x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} \right]$$

$$+ \epsilon^2 \left[ -xy^2 - x + 2y^2 \right]$$

a.) Write  $y = y_0 + \epsilon y_1 + \epsilon^2 y_2 + \dots$

$$y_0 \text{ satisfies } x^2 \frac{dy_0}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dy_0}{dx} = 0$$

$$\text{with } y_0(1) = 1$$

$$\text{so } y_0(x) = 1$$

$$y_1 \text{ satisfies } x^2 \frac{dy_1}{dx} = [x y_0^2 - x + y_0^3 - x^2 \frac{dy_0}{dx}]$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{and } y_1(1) = 0$$

$$x^2 \frac{dy_1}{dx} = 1 \quad \frac{dy_1}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad y_1 = C - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y_1(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x}$$

$y_2$  satisfies  $y_2(1) = 0$  and

$$x^2 \frac{dy_2}{dx} = -x y_0^2 - x + 2 y_0^2$$

$$+ 2x y_0 y_1 + 3 y_0^2 y_1 - x^2 \frac{dy_1}{dx}$$

$$x^2 \frac{dy_2}{dx} = -2x + 2 + 2x \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) + 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) - 1$$

$$= 2 - \frac{3}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = \frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{3}{x^3}$$

$$y_2 = C - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{x^2}$$

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$$y = 1 - \epsilon \left[ \frac{1}{x} - 1 \right] + \epsilon^2 \left[ \frac{3}{2x^2} - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \right] + O(\epsilon^3)$$

b.) The successive terms behave as  $\left(\frac{\epsilon}{x}\right)^n$ , so the perturbation series breaks down when  $x \sim \epsilon$ .

c.) As  $x \rightarrow 0$  the leading terms are

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = \epsilon y^3$$

Let  $w = x/\epsilon^\alpha$

$$\epsilon^\alpha w^2 \frac{dy}{dw} = \epsilon y^3$$

these balance when  $\alpha=1$

so let  $w = x/\epsilon$   $x = \epsilon w$  and

rewrite the differential equation

$$(1+\epsilon) \epsilon w^2 \frac{dy}{dw} = \epsilon \left[ (1-\epsilon) \epsilon w y^2 - \epsilon(1+\epsilon) w + y^3 + 2\epsilon y^2 \right]$$

now organize in powers of  $\epsilon$

$$\left( w^2 \frac{dy}{dw} - y^3 \right) = \epsilon \left[ w y^2 - w + 2y^2 - w^2 \frac{dy}{dw} \right] + \epsilon^2 \left[ -w y^2 - w \right]$$

write  $y = Y_0 + \epsilon Y_1 + \epsilon^2 Y_2 + \dots$

d.)  $Y_0$  satisfies

$$w^2 \frac{dY_0}{dw} = Y_0^3$$

$$\frac{dY_0}{Y_0^3} = \frac{dw}{w^2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2Y_0^2} = -\frac{1}{w} - C$$

$$2Y_0^2 = \frac{w}{1+wC}$$

$$Y_0 = \left( \frac{\omega}{2 + 2\omega C} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

For  $\omega \gg 1$   $Y_0 \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{2C} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  so ~~set~~  $2C = 1$

matches the large  $x$  solution  $y_0 = 1$

See what happens if we expand further:

$$Y_0 = \left( \frac{\omega}{2 + \omega} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{(1 + 2/\omega)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \infty \quad = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{\omega} + \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{2}{\omega} \right)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{\omega} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{\omega^2} + \dots$$

$$Y_0 = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{x} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\epsilon^2}{x^2} + \dots$$

this accounts for all of the most singular terms in the result on p. 8

e.)  $Y_1$  satisfies

$$\omega^2 \frac{dY_1}{d\omega} - 3Y_0^2 Y_1 = \omega Y_0^2 - \omega + 2Y_0^2 - \omega^2 \frac{dY_0}{d\omega}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^2 \frac{dY_1}{d\omega} - \frac{3\omega}{2+\omega} Y_1 &= (2+\omega) \left( \frac{\omega}{2+\omega} \right) - \omega - \left( \frac{\omega}{2+\omega} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= - \left( \frac{\omega}{2+\omega} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

It is useful to substitute  $v = \frac{\omega}{2}$   $\frac{\omega}{2+\omega} = \frac{1}{1+2v}$

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$$-\frac{dY_1}{dv} - \frac{3}{1+2v} Y_1 = -\left(\frac{1}{1+2v}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{(1+2v)^{3/2}} \frac{d}{dv} \left( (1+2v)^{3/2} Y_1 \right) = \left(\frac{1}{1+2v}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dv} \left( (1+2v)^{3/2} Y_1 \right) = 1$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{v+A}{(1+2v)^{3/2}}$$

expand for large  $\omega$ ,  $v \rightarrow 0$   $v = \frac{\epsilon}{X}$

$$Y_1 = A + v - \frac{3}{2} A \cdot 2v + O(v^2)$$

$$\text{as } v \rightarrow 0 \quad \epsilon Y_1 \rightarrow \epsilon A$$

this should match the term  $(-\epsilon)(-1) \simeq$  the  
expansion on p. 7, so  $A = 1$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon Y_1 &= \epsilon(1 - 2v) + \dots \\ &= +\epsilon - \epsilon^2 \frac{2}{X} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

this picks up the second most singular terms on p. 7

Now restore  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1$  :

$$\omega = \gamma \epsilon$$

$$v = \epsilon/x$$

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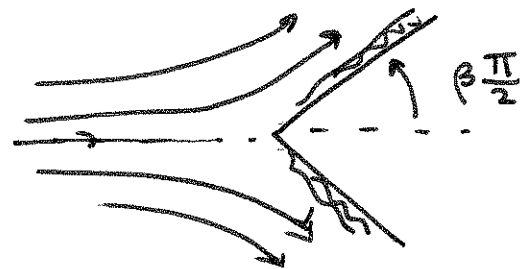
$$\gamma_0 = \left( \frac{x}{x+2\epsilon} \right)^{1/2} \quad \gamma_1 = \frac{1 + \frac{\epsilon}{x}}{\left(1 + \frac{2\epsilon}{x}\right)^{3/2}} = \frac{x^{1/2}(x+\epsilon)}{(x+2\epsilon)^{3/2}}$$

then

$$y = \left( \frac{x}{x+2\epsilon} \right)^{1/2} + \epsilon \frac{x^{1/2}(x+\epsilon)}{(x+2\epsilon)^{3/2}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

where now the error term is uniformly  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$  for  $0 < x < 1$ .

3.)



a.) Work in cylindrical coordinates.

Represent the velocity field by a stream function  $\psi$

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \phi} \quad v_\phi = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

$$\text{so that } \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r v_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} v_\phi = 0$$

$$\text{and } v_\phi = 0 \text{ on } \phi = \pm \frac{\beta\pi}{2}$$

For potential flow  $\psi$  is harmonic

$$\left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] \psi = 0$$

$$v_\phi = 0 \text{ at } \phi = \pm \frac{\beta\pi}{2} \text{ so } \psi$$

$$\psi = f(r) \sin\left(\frac{\phi - \beta\pi/2}{1 - \beta/2}\right)$$

then also  $\psi = 0$   $v_\phi = 0$  at  $\phi = \pi$  as required.

$f(r)$  satisfies

$$\left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{(1 - \beta/2)^2} \frac{1}{r^2} \right] f(r) = 0$$

$$f = r^\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \frac{1}{(1 - \beta/2)}$$

$$\text{then } \psi = a r^{1/(1 - \beta/2)} \sin\left(\frac{\phi - \beta\pi/2}{1 - \beta/2}\right)$$

along the wedge,

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \phi} = \frac{a}{1 - \beta/2} r^{\frac{\beta/2}{1 - \beta/2}}$$

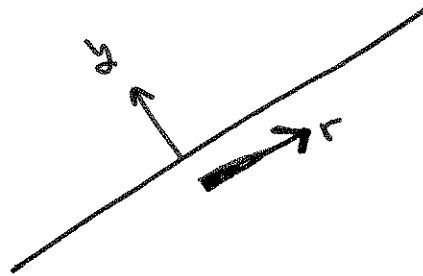
Write this as

$$v_r = v_0 r^\gamma \text{ on the wedge}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\beta/2}{1 - \beta/2}$$

then 
$$\psi = (1 - \beta/2) U_0 r^{\delta+1} \sin\left(\frac{\phi - \beta\pi/2}{1 - \beta/2}\right)$$

b.) Now try to make a theory of the boundary layer.  
 $r$  is the coordinate along the wedge. Let  $y$   
 be an orthogonal coordinate  $y = r\phi$



For  $\nu \rightarrow 0$  the boundary layer should be very thin.  
 Outside this layer,  $u_r$  should go to  $U_0 r^\delta$  and  
 $\psi$  should go to the form above.

Start from the Navier-Stokes equation in the form

$$\vec{v} \cdot \nabla \omega = \nu \nabla^2 \omega$$

where  $\omega$  is vorticity

$$\omega = -\nabla^2 \psi$$

For a thin boundary layer  $\nabla^2 \approx \frac{d^2}{dy^2}$

$$\vec{v} \cdot \nabla = v_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + v_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \left(-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

so the vorticity equation becomes

$$\psi_y \psi_{rry} - \psi_r \psi_{yy} = \nu \psi_{yyy}$$

this is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\psi_y \psi_{ry} - \psi_r \psi_{yy} - \nu \psi_{yyy}) = 0$$

$$\text{or } \psi_y \psi_{ry} - \psi_r \psi_{yy} - \nu \psi_{yyy} = (\text{indep of } y)$$

As for a flat plate, we want to balance  $r$  and  $y$  derivatives by expanding the  $y$  dimension by a factor  $1/\sqrt{r}$

so, look for a solution of the form

$$\psi = C r^{\frac{1}{2}} f(z) \quad z = \frac{y}{A\sqrt{r}} r^{\theta}$$

$$v_r = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \frac{C}{A\sqrt{r}} r^{\frac{1}{2}-\theta} f'(z)$$

To set  $v_r = v_\phi = 0$  at  $y=0$  we need  $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$

To match the boundary condition as  $y/\sqrt{r} \rightarrow \infty$ , we need

$$\frac{C}{A\sqrt{r}} = U_0 \quad r^{\frac{1}{2}-\theta} = r^\alpha$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2}-\theta = \frac{\beta/2}{1-\beta/2} = \frac{\beta}{2-\beta}$$

Now  $\psi_y = \frac{C}{A\sqrt{v}} r^{\lambda-\theta} f'$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_r &= C \lambda r^{\lambda-1} f - C \theta \frac{v}{A\sqrt{v}} r^{\lambda-\theta-1} f' \\ &= C r^{\lambda-1} [\lambda f - \theta z f']\end{aligned}$$

$$\psi_{ry} = \frac{C}{A\sqrt{v}} r^{\lambda-\theta-1} [(\lambda-\theta) f' - \theta z f'']$$

then

$$\psi_y \psi_{ry} - \psi_r \psi_{yy} - \nu \psi_{yyy}$$

$$= \frac{C^2}{(A\sqrt{v})^2} (r^{\lambda-\theta} f') r^{\lambda-\theta-1} ((\lambda-\theta) f' - \theta z f'')$$

$$- \frac{C^2 r^{\lambda-1}}{(A\sqrt{v})^2} (\lambda f - \theta z f') r^{\lambda-2\theta} f''$$

$$- \nu \frac{C}{(A\sqrt{v})^3} r^{\lambda-3\theta} f'''$$

$$\bullet = \frac{C^2}{(A\sqrt{v})^2} r^{2\lambda-2\theta-1} ((\lambda-\theta) (f')^2 - \lambda f f'')$$

$$- \nu \frac{C}{(A\sqrt{v})^3} r^{\lambda-3\theta} f'''$$

to balance these terms, we need  $2\lambda - 2\theta - 1 = \lambda - 3\theta$

$$\text{or } \eta + \theta = 1 \quad \text{together with} \quad \eta - \theta = \frac{\beta}{2-\beta}$$

$$\text{so } \eta = \frac{1}{2-\beta} \quad \theta = \frac{1-\beta}{2-\beta} \quad \eta - \theta = \frac{\beta}{2-\beta}$$

then

$$\psi_y \psi_{\eta\eta} - \psi_{\eta} \psi_{yy} - \nu \psi_{yyy}$$

$$= - \frac{\nu C}{(A\sqrt{\nu})^3} r^{\eta-\theta} \left[ f''' + \frac{CA\sqrt{\nu}}{\nu} \left[ \eta f f'' - (\eta-\theta)(f')^2 \right] \right]$$

so set

$$\frac{CA\sqrt{\nu}}{\nu} \frac{1}{2-\beta} = 1 \quad \text{together with} \quad \frac{C}{A\sqrt{\nu}} = U_0$$

$$C = [(2-\beta)\nu U_0]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad A = \left[ \frac{2-\beta}{U_0} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

then

$$f''' + f f'' - \beta (f')^2 = \text{indep. of } \eta$$

$$\text{as } \eta \rightarrow \infty \quad f' \rightarrow 1 \quad f'' \rightarrow 0$$

so the right-hand side equals  $(-\beta)$

The solution is  $\rightarrow$

$$v_r = v_0 r^\beta f'(z) \quad z = y \left[ \frac{v_0}{(2-\beta)\nu} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{r^{(1-\beta)/2-\beta}}$$

where

$$f''' + f f'' + \beta [1 - (f')^2] = 0$$

with  $f(0) = f'(0) = 0 \quad f'(z \rightarrow \infty) = 1$

c) The force per unit area on the wedge is

$$\begin{aligned} F/\text{area} &= \eta \left. \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} \\ &= \eta v_0 \left[ \frac{v_0}{2-\beta\nu} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} r^{\beta-2\theta} f''(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta-2\theta = \frac{\beta - (1-\beta)}{2-\beta} = \frac{2\beta-1}{2-\beta}$$

so  $\frac{dF}{dr} \sim r^{(2\beta-1)/2-\beta}$

for  $\beta \rightarrow 0$  the exponent  $\rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}$  as required.

more generally  $\beta-2\theta = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\beta}{2-\beta} > -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
a softer dependence.