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ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IIB

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**Module 4A15**

**AEROACOUSTICS**

*Answer not more than **three** questions.*

*All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*The **approximate** percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Write your candidate number **not** your name on the cover sheet.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

Single-sided script paper

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAM**

Engineering Data Book

CUED approved calculator allowed

Attachment: 4A15 Aeroacoustics data sheet (6 pages).

**10 minutes reading time is allowed for this paper.**

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

1 (a) Show that the acoustic pressure field generated by a bubble of mean radius  $a$  pulsating with an angular frequency  $\omega$  with a peak to peak change of radius amplitude of  $2\varepsilon$  is given by

$$p'(r,t) = -\rho_0 \frac{\varepsilon (\omega a)^2}{r (1 + ika)} e^{-ik(r-a) + i\omega t}$$

where  $r$  is the distance from the centre of the bubble to the observer,  $t$  represents time,  $\rho_0$  the mean density of the water surrounding the bubble and  $k$  the wavenumber. [50%]

(b) If the radius of the bubble is 1 mm, the frequency of oscillation is 5 kHz and  $\varepsilon = 0.1$  mm, find the power radiated (in watts) by the bubble. Assume  $\rho_0 = 1000$  kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the speed of sound  $c_0 = 1450$  m/s. [50%]

2 The sound field radiated by a tuning fork can be modelled by the following differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 p'}{\partial t^2} - c_0^2 \nabla^2 p' = A \frac{d^2}{dx_1^2} \{ \delta(x_1) \} \delta(x_2) \delta(x_3) e^{i\omega t}$$

where  $\delta$  is the Dirac delta function,  $\omega$  is the angular frequency,  $c_0$  is the ambient speed of sound,  $A$  represents the source amplitude,  $p'$  represents the pressure perturbation,  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  represent the three spatial Cartesian coordinates with the origin at the tuning fork and  $t$  is the time.

(a) From this description of the source, what can you say about the direction of vibration of the prongs of the tuning fork? [5%]

(b) What kind of a source does the tuning fork represent? [5%]

(c) By forming a convolution of the Green's function for the wave equation with the source, show that the magnitude of the pressure field at a large distance  $x$  from the source and at an angle  $\theta$  from the  $x_1$  axis is given by

$$|p'| = \frac{A \omega^2 \cos^2 \theta}{4\pi c_0^4 x}$$

[80%]

(d) Describe qualitatively what would happen if, after the tuning fork is struck, one of the prongs of the tuning fork is placed behind a rigid plate. [10%]

3 A patch of turbulent flow in a duct, that has rigid walls and a cross-sectional area  $S$ , produces a local wall pressure fluctuation. In a smooth walled duct the disturbances away from the turbulent region are evanescent. However when there is a small hole in the wall, sound is generated by the turbulent wall pressure fluctuation  $p'_t(t)$  at the hole.

(a) Describe the resulting wave pattern. (Detailed calculations are not required) [15%]

(b) The hole has cross-sectional area  $A$  and the duct wall thickness gives the hole an effective length  $l$ . The pressure difference across the wall is  $\rho_0 l \dot{u}(t)$ , where  $\rho_0$  is the mean density,  $u(t)$  is the velocity through the hole and the dot denotes differentiation with respect to time. The hole connects the duct to a compact cavity of volume  $V$ . You may assume that the turbulent pressure fluctuation has a single frequency  $\omega$ ,  $p'_t(t) = \hat{p}_t \exp(i\omega t)$ , and that  $\omega$  is sufficiently small so that only plane acoustic waves propagate in the duct.

(i) Determine the relationship between the pressure in the duct at the opening of the hole,  $p'_1(t)$ , and  $u(t)$  in terms of  $\rho_0$ ,  $A$ ,  $l$ ,  $V$  and  $c_0$ , where  $c_0$  is the speed of sound. [30%]

(ii) Determine the plane sound waves generated in the duct if

$$p'_1(t) = p'_t(t) + P \exp(i\omega t)$$

where  $P$  is the amplitude of the plane wave. [40%]

(iii) What is the damping mechanism in the solution in part (ii)? [10%]

(iv) What additional damping would occur in practice? [5%]

4 (a) A plane wave of amplitude  $I$  travelling at an angle  $\theta$  to the positive  $x$  axis, where  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ , is incident on an infinite plane wall at  $x = 0$ . The complex impedance of the wall is  $Z$ .

(i) Show that the complex amplitude of the reflected wave,  $R$ , is given by

$$\frac{R}{I} = \frac{Z \cos \theta - \rho_0 c_0}{Z \cos \theta + \rho_0 c_0},$$

where  $\rho_0$  and  $c_0$  are the density and sound speed of the air for  $x < 0$ . [25%]

(ii) In the case when  $Z$  is a purely real and positive constant, determine the minimum and maximum possible values of  $|R/I|$ , being careful to distinguish between the case  $Z > \rho_0 c_0$  and  $Z < \rho_0 c_0$ . [15%]

(iii) What happens to  $|R/I|$  when  $Z$  is purely imaginary? [10%]

(b) A ray travels through  $x \geq 0$  in a medium with spatially-varying sound speed

$$c(x) = c_0 \exp(\alpha x),$$

where  $c_0$  and  $\alpha$  are constants. The ray passes through the origin, where it makes an angle  $\beta$  to the positive  $x$  axis. Determine the equation of the ray path and sketch its shape in the cases  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\alpha < 0$ . [50%]

You may assume without proof that

$$\int \frac{\exp(\alpha x)}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \beta \exp(2\alpha x)}} dx = \frac{\sin^{-1}(\exp(\alpha x) \sin \beta)}{\alpha \sin \beta}$$

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