

% Q1)

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% Combined Cycle Gas-Turbine/Steam Rankine

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% Question data

W\_x\_GT = 400; % [MW] - GT shaft power output

eta\_T = 0.85; % [-]

eta\_C = 0.85; % [-]

gamma = 1.4; % [-]

cp = 1.01; % [kJ/kg]

p\_1 = 1e5; % [Pa] - compressor inlet

T\_1 = 20 + 273.15; % [K] - compressor inlet

Pr = 23; % [-] - compressor pressure ratio

p\_2 = p\_1\*Pr;

T\_3 = 1500 + 273.15; % [K] - combustor exit

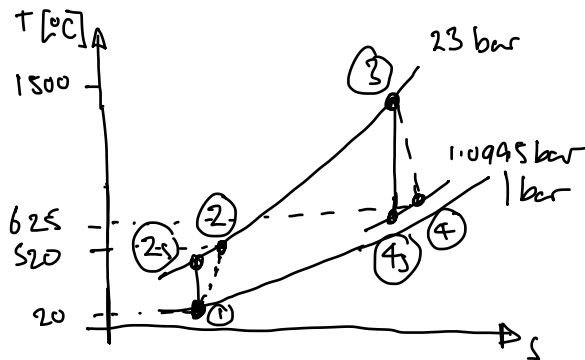
p\_3 = p\_2; % [K] - negligible pressure drop in combustor

p\_4 = 1.0995e5; % [Pa] - exit pressure

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% (a) (i)

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% Consider an isentropic compressor first

$$R = (p_2/p_1)^{((\gamma-1)/\gamma)}$$

$$R = 2.449$$

$$T_{2s} = T_1 * R$$

$$T_{2s} = 718.1$$

% Now include efficiency to get actual compressor delivery temperature

$$T_2 = T_1 + 1/\eta_C * (T_{2s} - T_1)$$

$$T_2 = 793.03$$

$$T_2/T_1$$

$$\text{ans} = 2.705$$

$$T_{2\_deg} = T_2 - 273.15$$

$$T_{2\_deg} = 520 \text{ deg. C}$$

% Now consider an ideal turbine expansion

$$T_{4s} = T_3 * (p_4/p_3)^{((\gamma-1)/\gamma)};$$

% Now consider the real turbine expansion

$$T_4 = T_3 - \eta_T * (T_3 - T_{4s});$$

$$T_{4\_degC} = T_4 - 273.15$$

$$T_{4\_degC} = 625 \text{ deg. C}$$

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% (a) (ii)
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% balance the shaft power between the turbine, the compressor and the
% output
m_dot_air = W_x_GT*1e6/(cp*1e3*(T_3-T_4-T_2+T_1))

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m_dot_air = 1.0559e+03 kg/s

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% heat input across combustor
Q_in = m_dot_air*cp*1e3*(T_3 - T_2)/1e6

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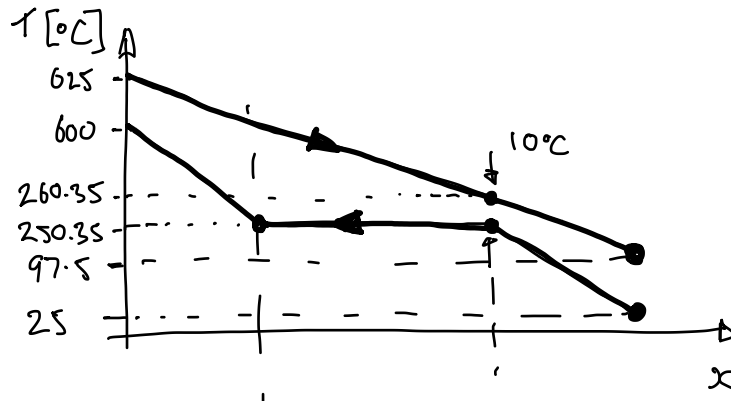
Q_in = 1.0453e+03 MW

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% (b) (i)
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% (b) (ii)
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% 40 bar steam has saturation temperature of 250.35 deg. C
% (Databook page 21)
T_p = 250.35 + 10;

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% 40 bar, 600 deg. C superheat
% (Databook page 23)
h_out = 3674.9;

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% assume pinch point is at 40 bar sat. liquid % (Databook page 21)
h_p = 1087.5;

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% enthalpy balance across HSRG from air inlet to pinch point
% to get mass flow rate of water
m_dot_H2O = m_dot_air * cp*1e3 * (T_4_degC - T_p) / ((h_out - h_p)*1e3)

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m_dot_H2O = 150.3 kg/s

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% now consider the full HSRG to get air outlet temperature
% water inlet is sub-cooled liquid at 25 deg. C, 40 bar
% (Databook page 23)
h_in = 108.5;
T_out = T_4_degC - m_dot_H2O / (m_dot_air * cp*1e3) * ((h_out - h_in)*1e3)

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T_out = 122.4 deg. C

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% NB pinch point assumption OK as 97.5 - 25 deg. C > 10 deg. C

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% (b) (iii)
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% now consider the isentropic turbine expansion from 40 bar, 600 deg. to
% the condenser
% (Databook page 23)
s_exit = 7.371;
s_f_exit = 0.422;

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s_g_exit = 8.473;
h_f_exit = 121.4;
h_fg_exit = 2432.3;

% compute dryness fraction at exit
x_exit = (s_exit - s_f_exit)/(s_g_exit - s_f_exit);

% compute exit enthalpy
h_exit = h_f_exit + x_exit * h_fg_exit
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h_exit = 2.2208e+03
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% compute the output power
W_x_Rankine = m_dot_H20 * (h_out - h_exit)/1e3
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W_x_Rankine = 218.6 MW
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%
% (c) (i)
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% add the GT and Rankine power output and compare to the GT heat input to
% get efficiency
eta_CC = (W_x_Rankine + W_x_GT)/Q_in * 100
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eta_CC = 59.2 %
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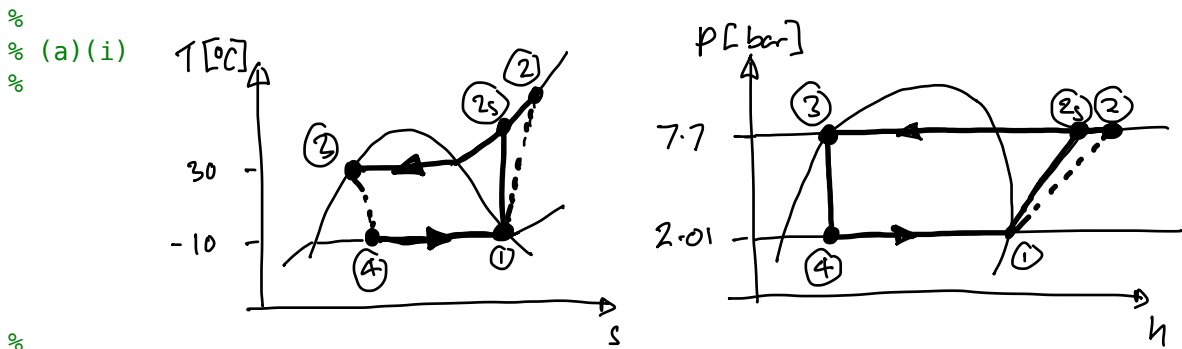
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% (c) (ii)
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% The 1056 kg/s of air at 122.4 deg. C has huge power potential.
% Given the potentially high future cost of stored H2, it is perhaps
% reasonable to expect another, possibly organic fluid Rankine cycle at exit to recover
% more power. Also, adding re-heat, using a higher boiler pressure and using a
% lower condenser pressure are all valid answers.
%
% Additionally (not in the notes) it may become economical to add a (perhaps) solid oxide fuel
% cell to the top of the cycle providing in-direct heating to the gas-turbine.
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% Q2)
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% R134a
% Databook page 37
% Saturation line at -10 deg. C is 2.01 bar
p_1_4 = 2.01;
% pressure ratio of 3.831 gives
p_2_3 = 2.01*3.831
p_2_3 = 7.7003

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% (a)(ii)
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% - 1 -
%
% vapour compressor inlet, sat. vapour at 2.01 bar
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T_1 = -10;           % [deg. C]      - saturation temp.
h_1 = 392.7;         % [kJ/kg]       - h_g, saturated vapour
s_1 = 1.7331;        % [kJ/kg/K]     - s_g, saturated vapour

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% - 2 -
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% vapour compressor outlet, superheated @ 7.7 bar
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% Saturation line @ 7.7 bar is 30 deg. C
T_2_sat = 30;        % [deg. C]
s_2 = 1.7331;        % [kJ/kg/K]     - isentropic to - 1 -

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% look at 20 K superheat @ 7.7 bar
s_plus_20 = 1.7803; % [kJ/kg/K]     - +20 K superheat
s_g = 1.7148;       % [kJ/kg/K]     - sat. vapour at 7.7 bar

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h_plus_20 = 435.4;  % [kJ/kg]       - +20 K superheat
h_g = 414.8;        % [kJ/kg]       - sat. vapour at 7.7 bar

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% interpolate to get actual superheat

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$$DT\_superheat = 20 * (s\_2 - s\_g) / (s\_plus\_20 - s\_g)$$

$$DT\_superheat = 5.59 \text{ deg. C}$$

$$T\_2 = T\_2\_sat + DT\_superheat$$

$$T\_2 = 35.6 \text{ deg. C}$$

$$h\_2 = h\_g + (h\_plus\_20 - h\_g) * DT\_superheat / 20$$

$$h\_2 = 420.5554$$

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%  
% ideal compressor specific work  
%  
w_comp_ideal = h_2 - h_1
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$$w\_comp\_ideal = 27.9 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

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%  
% 20 K superheat compressor specific work  
%  
w_comp_real = h_plus_20 - h_1
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$$w\_comp\_real = 42.7 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

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%  
% real compressor efficiency  
%  
eta_comp = w_comp_ideal / w_comp_real
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$$eta\_comp = 0.65$$

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%  
% - 3 -  
%  
% condenser outlet, saturated fluid @ 7.7 bar  
%  
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$$h\_3 = 241.7; \quad \% \text{ [kJ/kg]} \quad - h\_f, \text{ saturated liquid}$$

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%  
% - 4 -  
%  
% throttle outlet, isenthalpic to - 3 -  
% saturated at 2.01 bar  
%  
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$$h\_4 = h\_3;$$
$$h\_4\_f = 186.7; \quad \% \text{ [kJ/kg]} \quad - h\_f, \text{ saturated liquid}$$
$$h\_4\_g = 392.7; \quad \% \text{ [kJ/kg]} \quad - h\_f, \text{ saturated vapour}$$

$$x\_4 = (h\_4 - h\_4\_f) / (h\_4\_g - h\_4\_f)$$

$$x\_4 = 0.2670$$

$$q\_condenser = h\_plus\_20 - h\_3$$

q\_condenser = 193.7 kJ/kg

$$q_{\text{condenser\_comp\_ideal}} = h_2 - h_3$$

q\_condenser\_comp\_ideal = 178.86 kJ/kg

$$q_{\text{evaporator}} = h_1 - h_4$$

q\_evaporator = 151. kJ/kg

%  
% (b)

$$T_H = T_{2\_sat} + 273.15$$

T\_H = 303.1500

$$T_C = T_1 + 273.15$$

T\_C = 263.15

$$\text{CoP\_Carnot\_HP} = T_H / (T_H - T_C)$$

CoP\_Carnot\_HP = 7.58

$$\text{CoP\_HP} = q_{\text{condenser}} / w_{\text{comp\_real}}$$

CoP\_HP = 4.54

$$\text{CoP\_HP\_reversible} = q_{\text{condenser\_comp\_ideal}} / w_{\text{comp\_ideal}}$$

CoP\_HP\_reversible = 6.42

$$\text{Carnot\_fraction} = \text{CoP\_HP} / \text{CoP\_Carnot\_HP} * 100$$

Carnot\_fraction = 59.9 %

$$\text{Carnot\_fraction\_reversible} = \text{CoP\_HP\_reversible} / \text{CoP\_Carnot\_HP} * 100$$

Carnot\_fraction\_reversible = 84.7 %

%  
% (c)  
%

$$T_{H\_max} = 20 + 273.15;$$

$$T_{C\_max} = 10 + 273.15;$$

$$\text{CoP\_Carnot\_HP\_max} = T_{H\_max} / (T_{H\_max} - T_{C\_max})$$

CoP\_Carnot\_HP\_max = 29.3

$$\text{Maximum\_fraction} = \text{CoP\_HP} / \text{CoP\_Carnot\_HP\_max} * 100$$

Maximum\_fraction = 15.5 %

% The heat pump only achieves 15.5% of the theoretical limit.

%

% Achieving this theoretical performance implies infinite area heat

% exchangers which are obviously impractical and expensive to approximate.

%

% However, there is significant potential for improvement over and above the simple  
% improvements in the vapour compressor efficiency.

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% The practical trade-off of heat exchanger size will depend on the price of carbon  
% neutral electricity, the regulatory framework around the burning of natural gas and the  
% potential roll-out of piped hydrogen in different regions of the world.

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% Q3
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% Question data
%
P = 75e3;           % [W]
T_wall = 40;       % [deg. C]
T_infty = -40;     % [deg. C]
T_in_coolant = 120; % [deg. C]
T_out_coolant = 80; % [deg. C]

D_tube = 2e-3;     % [m]
N_tube = 150;      % [-]

cp_coolant = 2142.8; % [J /kg /K]
lambda_coolant = 0.18; % [W /m /K]
mu_coolant = 9e-3; % [Pa s]

%
% (a) (i)
%

% Overall thermal balance to find the mass flow rate of
% coolant needed to drop the power across the given
% temperature difference

m_dot_tube = P / ( cp_coolant * (T_in_coolant - T_out_coolant))/N_tube

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m_dot_tube = 0.0058
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m_dot_coolant = m_dot_tube*N_tube
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m_dot_coolant = 0.875 kg/s
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%
% (a) (ii)
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% Reynolds No.
%
Re_int_d = 4 * m_dot_tube / ( mu_coolant * pi * D_tube )

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Re_int_d = 412.64
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% -> Re_int_d < 2300 so laminar flow

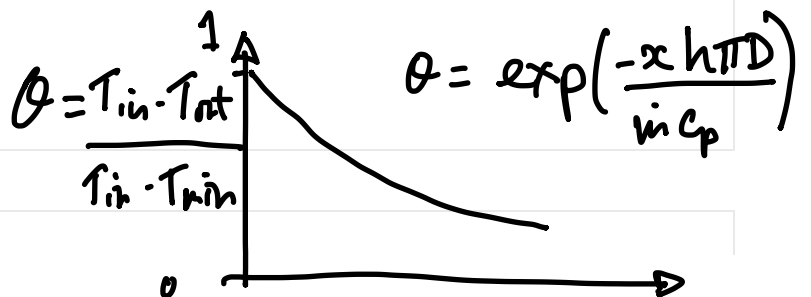
% Thermofluids Databook for laminar flow in tube with constant wall
% temperature.
%
% NB the derivation is beyond scope of course and needs eigenvalue solution
% of differential equation.

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Nu_d = 3.66;
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h = Nu_d*(lambda_coolant)/D_tube
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h = 329.4 W /m^2 /K
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% Check Prandtl No.
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Pr_coolant = mu_coolant*cp_coolant/lambda_coolant
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Pr_coolant = 107.14
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% -> Pr_coolant > 0.1 so OK
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% (a) (iii)
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% constant htc, so we can integrate along the tubes to get
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theta = (T_in_coolant - T_out_coolant)/(T_in_coolant - T_wall);
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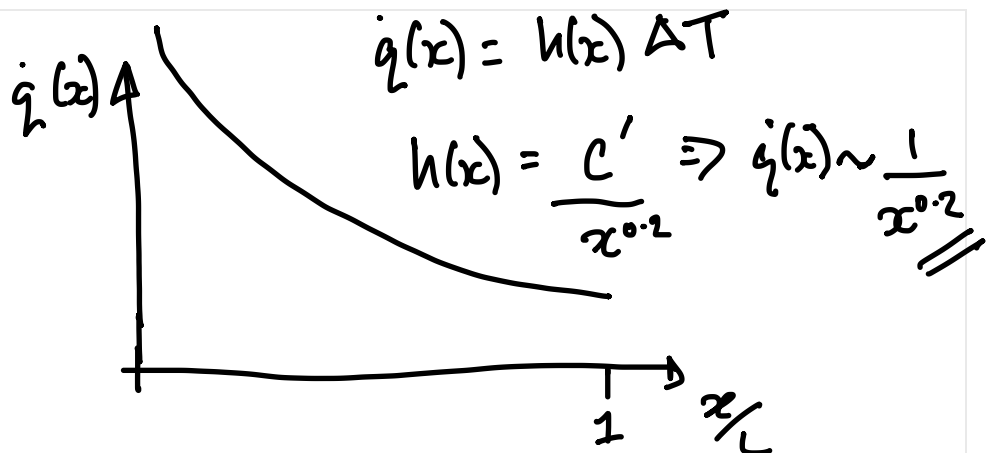
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W = (m_dot_tube) * cp_coolant / (h * pi * D_tube) * - log(theta)
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W = 4.19 m
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% b(i)
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% b(ii)
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% Question data
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U_inf_air = 100; % [m/s]
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% Databook transport properties for air at 0 deg. C
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Pr_air = 0.72;
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mu_air = 1.7e-5;
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```
lambda_air = 0.024;
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rho_air = 0.3e5/(287.1*(273+1/2*(T_infty+T_wall)));
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% bring all the correlation constants together
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%  $h(x) = C\_dash * x^{-0.2}$ 
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%
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C_dash = 0.0296 * (rho_air * U_inf_air / mu_air)^0.8 * lambda_air * Pr_air^(0.4)
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C_dash = 75.2345
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%
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```
% integrate to get average h for length L,
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%  $h\_average\_L = 1/L * \int_0^L (C\_dash * x^{-0.2}) dx$ 
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% ->  $h\_average\_L = C\_dash / 0.8 * L^{-0.2} = h(L)/0.8$ 
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DT = (T_wall - T_infty);
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%  $P = (W * L) * h\_average\_L * DT$ 
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% =>  $P = (W * L) * C\_dash / 0.8 * L^{-0.2} * DT$ 
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L = (P * 0.8 / (C_dash * W * DT))^(1/0.8)
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L = 2.96 m

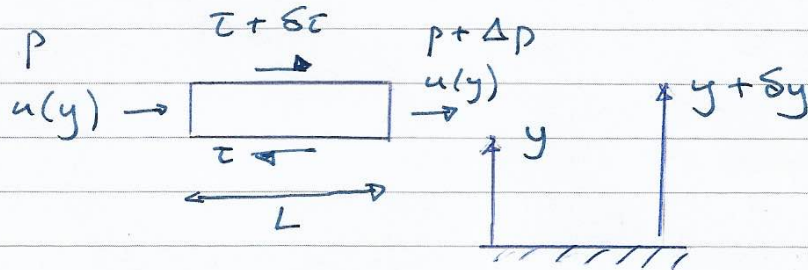
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%  
% (c)  
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% Reynolds' analogy suggests that  $c_f = 0.5 \cdot (\text{Nusselt} / (\text{Re} \cdot \text{Pr}))$ , showing that we need skin  
% friction to get heat transfer. We've already paid for the skin friction on the cowling  
% so it makes sense to use it for axial heat rejection as well :-).  
%  
% An additional heat exchanger will require the same order of additional skin friction to  
% achieve the heat transfer. Efforts to reduce the skin friction  
% inside the heat exchanger by reducing the internal velocity will cost the propulsor in  
% terms of weight, likely additional external area (and so even more skin friction) and  
% potentially increased profile drag.  
%  
% However, the ducted heat exchanger would simplify complex issues like cost,  
% manufacturing, maintenance and certification issues.  
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a) Fully-developed  $\rightarrow$  velocity field steady and independent of  $x$

Hence via conservation of volume for incompressible flow, vertical velocity is zero. (Strictly,  $\partial v / \partial y = 0$  and  $v = 0$  at  $y = 0$ .)

$\therefore$  Newton's law of viscosity applies:  $\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$

Control-volume momentum eq'n applied to infinitesimal element:



$$L \delta \tau - \Delta p \delta y = 0, \text{ with } \delta \tau = \frac{d\tau}{dy} \delta y$$

$$\frac{d\tau}{dy} = \frac{\Delta p}{L} \quad (1)$$

For zero pressure gradient, integrates to  $\tau = \tau_0$ , a const.

Integrating Newton's law of viscosity  $u = \frac{\tau_0}{\mu} y + u_0$

$$u = 0 \text{ @ } y = 0; u = U \text{ @ } y = h \Rightarrow u = \underline{\underline{\frac{Uy}{h}}}$$

b) (i) Due to the presence of the retaining wall, there can be no net volume flow in the horizontal direction. Therefore the plate-induced flow of part (a) must be balanced by an opposing stream. A positive pressure gradient is required to drive this stream.

(ii) In eq (i), we now have  $\Delta p = L \frac{dp}{dx}$ , so

$$\mu \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \frac{y^2}{2} + Ay + B$$

$$u = 0 \text{ @ } y = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$u = U \text{ @ } y = h \Rightarrow A = \frac{U}{h} - \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \frac{h^2}{2}$$

$$\text{so } u = \frac{U}{h} y - \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} (hy - y^2)$$

~~(iii)~~ Now  $\int_0^h u dy = 0$  for zero net horizontal volume flux

$$\frac{Uh}{2} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \left[ \frac{h^3}{2} - \frac{h^3}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \cdot \frac{h^3}{6}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \underline{\underline{6\mu U / h^2}}$$

C) cont'd

$$(i) \quad \frac{dp}{dx} \text{ is a fn of } \rho, \mu, h, U$$

4 independent variables, 3 dimensions  $\rightarrow$  1 dimensionless group

Non-dimensionalisation of dependent parameter:

$$p \sim \rho U^2, \quad x \sim h \Rightarrow \frac{h}{\rho U^2} \frac{dp}{dx} \text{ is dimensionless}$$

$\therefore \frac{h}{\rho U^2} \frac{dp}{dx}$  is a function of  $\frac{\rho U h}{\mu}$ , the Reynolds no.

$\therefore \frac{h^2}{\mu U} \frac{dp}{dx}$  is a function of  $\frac{U h}{\mu}$

$$(iv) \text{ From (ii), } \frac{h}{\rho U^2} \frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{6\mu}{\rho U h} = 6 \left( \frac{\rho U h}{\mu} \right)^{-1}$$

• Consistent with the expression in (iii), but ...

• (ii) can also be written  $\frac{h^2}{\mu U} \frac{dp}{dx} = 6$

↑  
alternative dimensionless form for dependent variable

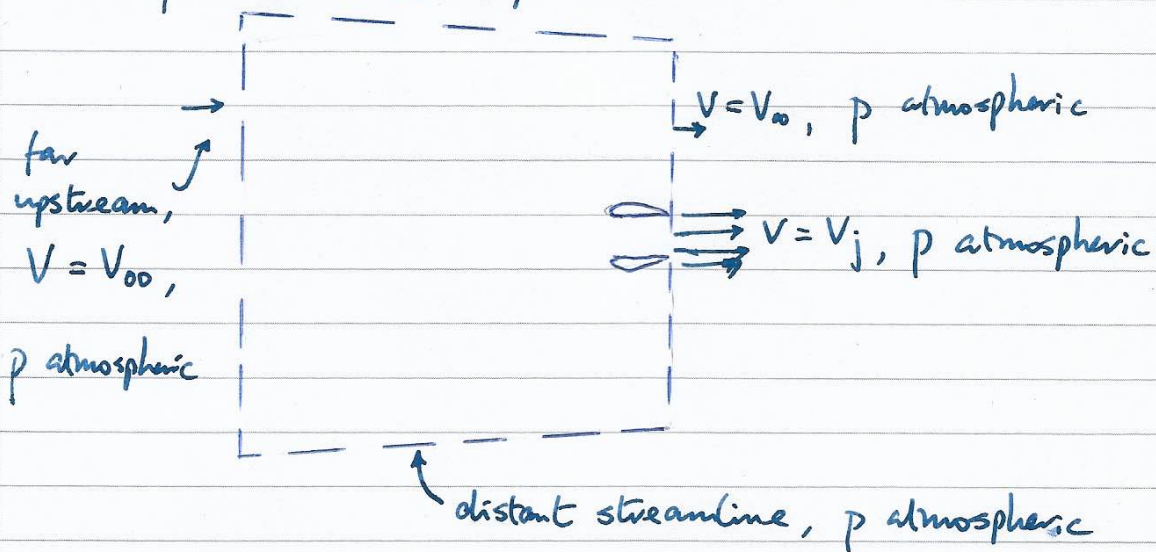
With this form, the dimensional analysis has

$\frac{h^2}{\mu U} \frac{dp}{dx}$  is a function of  $\frac{U h}{\mu}$ ; exact solution shows

that this function takes a very simple form (a constant).

c) (i) Parallel streamlines  $\rightarrow$  pressure uniform ... and since external-flow streamlines are also taken to be uniform, equal to atmospheric.

(ii) Choose a CV where we know velocities, and pressure is atmospheric:



N.B. Also possible to take top and bottom parallel to  $V_{00}$ , with incoming mass flux  $\rho A_j (V_j - V_{00})$

(iii) Net force on fluid in control vol is  $T \rightarrow$

SFME :  $T = \dot{m} \Delta V$

$\dot{m}$  consists of ... external component  $\dot{m}_e$ , with  $\Delta V = 0$   
 plus internal component  $\rho A_j V_j$  with  $\Delta V = V_j - V_{00}$

hence  $T = \rho A_j V_j (V_j - V_{00})$

b) (i) Flow in duct is steady and inviscid  
 $\Rightarrow$  Bernoulli's eqn applies either side of fan.

Thus, with  $p_a$  as atmospheric pressure ...

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho V_j^2 +\right) p_f + \Delta p = p_a \left(+\frac{1}{2}\rho V_j^2\right)$$

$$p_f + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_j^2 = p_a + \frac{1}{2}\rho V_\infty^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta p - \frac{1}{2}\rho V_j^2 = -\frac{1}{2}\rho V_\infty^2$$

$$\Delta p = \frac{1}{2}\rho (V_j^2 - V_\infty^2)$$

(ii) Power required =  $Q \Delta p_0$ , with  $Q$  the vol. flux  
 $p_0$  stagn pressure

$$\text{Here we have } \Delta p_0 = \Delta p = \frac{1}{2}\rho (V_j^2 - V_\infty^2)$$

$$\text{and } Q = A_j V_j$$

$$\text{so required power: } \frac{1}{2}\rho A_j V_j (V_j^2 - V_\infty^2)$$

c) (i) Constant thrust, so  $\rho A_j V_j (V_j - V_\infty) = \rho A_j V_{j0}^2$

$$V_j^2 - V_\infty V_j - V_{j0}^2 = 0$$

$$V_j = \frac{V_\infty}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{V_\infty^2}{4} + V_{j0}^2}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{> V_\infty/2}$

Hence the appropriate root is  $V_j = \frac{V_\infty}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{V_\infty^2}{4} + V_{j0}^2}$

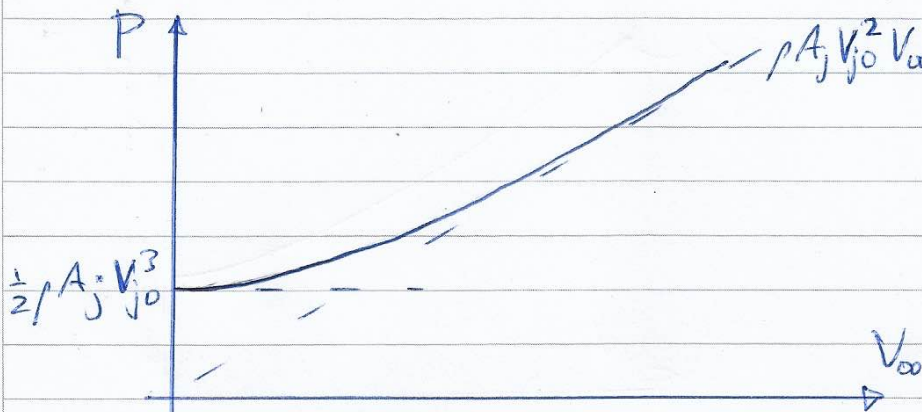
(ii) Req'd power  $P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A_j V_j (V_j^2 - V_\infty^2)$

$$= \frac{V_j + V_\infty}{2} \rho A_j V_j (V_j - V_\infty)$$

$$= \frac{V_j + V_\infty}{2} \rho A_j V_{j0}^2$$

For  $V_\infty \ll V_{j0}$ ,  $V_j \approx V_{j0}$  and  $P \approx \frac{1}{2} \rho A_j V_{j0}^3$ , constant

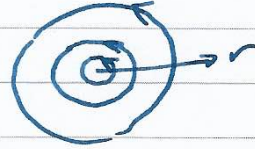
For  $V_\infty \gg V_{j0}$ ,  $V_j \approx V_\infty$  and  $P \approx \rho A_j V_{j0}^2 V_\infty$ ,  $\propto V_\infty$





a) • Consider a horizontal plane at some height.

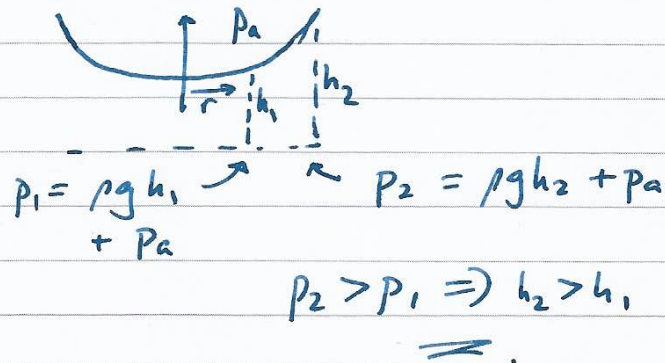
Plan view of streamlines:



Hence (via streamline-normal equation), pressure must increase with  $r$ .

- In the vertical direction, pressure varies hydrostatically.
- At the liquid surface, pressure is constant.

Hence, to achieve radial pressure increase, surface looks like



b) Let the depth of liquid be  $h(r)$ , so (gauge) pressure at base is  $\rho g h(r)$

Streamline/normal eqn:  $\frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{\rho V^2}{r} = \rho \Omega^2 r$  (rigid-body rotation)

Substitute for  $p$ :  $\rho g \frac{dh}{dr} = \rho \Omega^2 r$

$$h = \frac{\Omega^2 r^2}{2g} + A$$

To find  $A$ , apply conservation of volume:

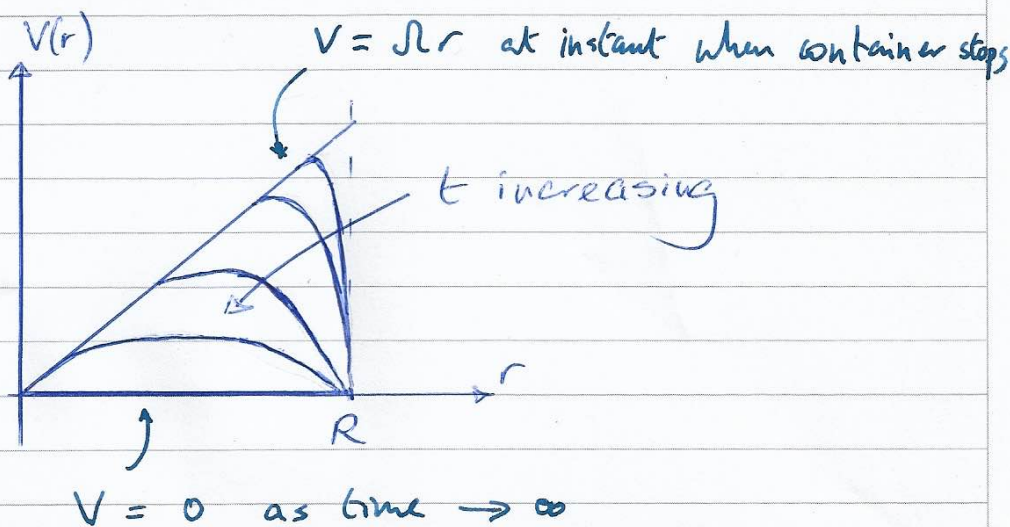
$$\int_0^R h(r) \cdot 2\pi r dr = \pi R^2 h_0$$

$$\frac{\pi \Omega^2}{g} \int_0^R r^3 dr + \pi R^2 A = \pi R^2 h_0$$

$$A = h_0 - \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \frac{\pi \Omega^2 R^4}{g} = h_0 - \frac{\Omega^2 R^2}{4g}$$

and thus  $h = h_0 + \frac{\Omega^2}{4g} (2r^2 - R^2)$

- c) (i) Far away from base and surface, expect velocity field to remain azimuthal; effect of no-slip condition at container wall will 'diffuse' inwards via action of viscosity:



(b) cont'd

(ii) Units:  $d: L$   $\nu: L^2 T^{-1}$

so  $\tau = \frac{d^2}{\nu}$  has dimensions of time,  
and is thus the required  
scale.

(iii) Rotation time  $T_R$  is of order  $\frac{2\pi}{\Omega}$

For many rotations before fluid comes to rest  
(which occurs over the viscous time-scale\*)

$$\tau \gg T_R$$

\* with  $d = R$  here:  $\frac{R^2}{\nu} \gg \frac{2\pi}{\Omega}$

$$\frac{2\pi \Omega R^2}{\nu} \gg 1 \quad \left( \text{or } \frac{\Omega R^2}{\nu} \gg 1 \right)$$

The quantity on the LHS is a Reynolds number,  
since  $\Omega R$  is a velocity.