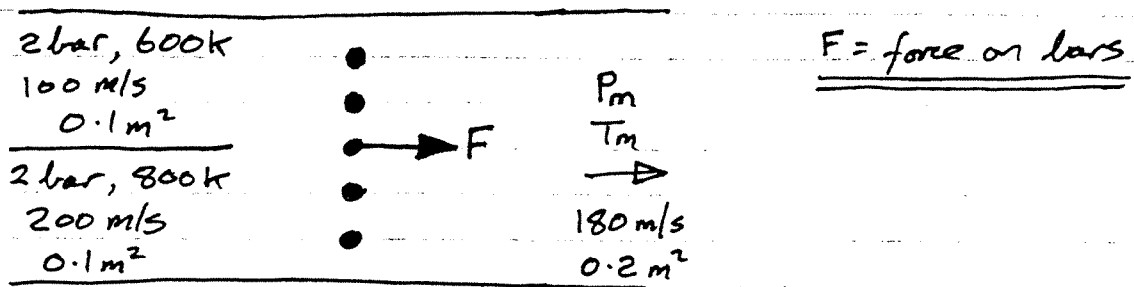


Section A: Thermofluid Mechanics

Q1



a) Entry flow must be at the same pressure otherwise one will ~~reverse~~ slow down and possibly even reverse. SAME PRESSURE ALSO MEANS NO TRANSVERSE PRESSURE GRADIENT \Rightarrow PARALLEL STREAMLINES

b) MASS CONSERVATION $\dot{m} = \rho A v = \frac{P A v}{RT}$

$$\dot{m}_1 = \frac{2 \times 10^5 \times 0.1 \times 100}{287 \times 600} = 11.614 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\dot{m}_2 = \frac{2 \times 10^5 \times 0.1 \times 200}{287 \times 800} = 17.422 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\dot{m}_m = 11.614 + 17.422 = 29.036 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\rho_m A_m v_m = 29.036 \Rightarrow \rho_m = \frac{29.036}{0.2 \times 180} = \underline{\underline{0.8066 \text{ kg/m}^3}}$$

c) ENERGY CONSERVATION $\dot{m}_1 (c_p T_1 + \frac{1}{2} v_1^2) + \dot{m}_2 (c_p T_2 + \frac{1}{2} v_2^2) = \dot{m}_m (c_p T_m + \frac{1}{2} v_m^2)$

$$c_p T_m + \frac{1}{2} v_m^2 = \frac{\dot{m}_1}{\dot{m}_m} (c_p T_1 + \frac{1}{2} v_1^2) + \frac{\dot{m}_2}{\dot{m}_m} (c_p T_2 + \frac{1}{2} v_2^2)$$

$$T_m = \frac{11.614}{29.036} \left(\frac{600 + \frac{100^2}{2 \times 1010}}{604.950} \right) + \frac{17.422}{29.036} \left(\frac{800 + \frac{200^2}{2 \times 1010}}{819.802} \right) - \frac{180^2}{2 \times 1010}$$

$$\underline{\underline{T_m = 717.82 \text{ K}}}$$

d) $P_m = \rho_m R T_m = 0.8066 \times 287 \times 717.82 = 1.6617 \text{ bar}$

FORCE - MOMENTUM CONSERVATION ($F = \text{Force on bars}$)

$$(P_1 A_1 + \dot{m}_1 v_1) + (P_2 A_2 + \dot{m}_2 v_2) - F = (P_m A_m + \dot{m}_m v_m)$$

$$F = (2 \times 10^5 \times 0.1 + 11.614 \times 100) + (2 \times 10^5 \times 0.1 + 17.422 \times 200) - (1.6617 \times 10^5 \times 0.2 + 29.036 \times 180)$$

$$F = 21161.4 + 23484.4 - 38460.5$$

$$\underline{\underline{F = 6185.3 \text{ N}}}$$

FORCE IN DIRECTION SHOWN IN DIAGRAM.

Q2) $Q - W = \Delta E \Rightarrow dQ - dW = c_v dT$ (perfect gas, unit mass)

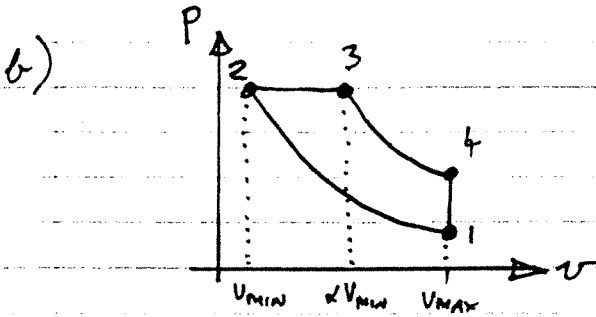
a) ADIABATIC $\Rightarrow dQ = 0$

REVERSIBLE $\Rightarrow dW = p dv \Rightarrow 0 - p dv = c_v dT$
 $\Rightarrow c_v dT + \frac{RT}{v} dv = 0$

$\frac{R}{c_v} = \frac{c_p - c_v}{c_v} = \gamma - 1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{dT}{T} + \frac{R}{c_v} \frac{dv}{v} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{const.}}}$



- 1-2 ISENTROPIC COMPRESSION
- 2-3 CONSTANT PRESSURE HEATING
- 3-4 ISENTROPIC EXPANSION
- 4-1 CONSTANT VOLUME COOLING.

$d = \text{CUT-OFF RATIO.}$

c) $T_2 = T_1 \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)^{\gamma-1} = 300 \times 20^{0.4} = \underline{\underline{994.34 \text{ K}}}$

$T_3 = v_3 \frac{T_2}{v_2} = 994.34 \times 3 = \underline{\underline{2983.02 \text{ K}}}$

$T_4 = T_3 \left(\frac{v_3}{v_4}\right)^{\gamma-1} = 2983.02 \times \left(\frac{3}{20}\right)^{0.4} = \underline{\underline{1396.67 \text{ K}}}$

d) $W_{12} = c_v(T_1 - T_2) = 720(300 - 994.34) = -499.92 \text{ kJ/kg}$

$W_{23} = p \Delta v = R(T_3 - T_2) = 287(2983.02 - 994.34) = 570.75 \text{ kJ/kg}$

$W_{34} = c_v(T_3 - T_4) = 720(2983.02 - 1396.67) = 1142.17 \text{ kJ/kg}$

$W_{41} = 0 = 0.00 \text{ kJ/kg}$

$W_{NET} = \underline{\underline{1213.00 \text{ kJ/kg}}}$

e) $Q_{IN} = c_p(T_3 - T_2) = 1010(2983.02 - 994.34) = 2008.6 \text{ kJ/kg}$

~~$W_{NET} = 1213.00$~~

(INDICATED) $\eta = \frac{W_{NET}}{Q_{IN}} = \frac{1213.00}{2008.60} = \underline{\underline{60.4\%}}$

f) MECHANICAL LOSSES (FRICTION + AUXILIARY DRIVES)

HEAT LOSS - NOT TRUE ADIABATIC.

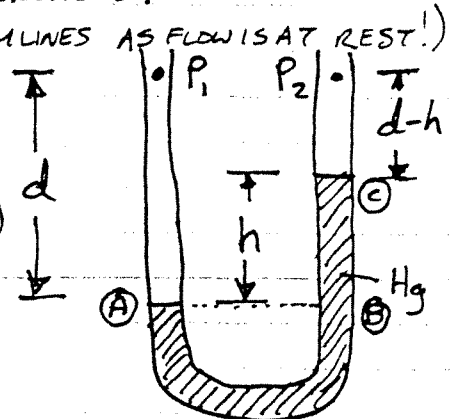
DIESELS HAVE VERY SMALL INTAKE LOSS (NO THROTTLE)

Q3 a) RESOLVE HORIZONTALLY. ANY PRESSURE DIFFERENCE WOULD CREATE AN ACCELERATION. FLUID IS STATIONARY SO NO ~~FOR~~ HORIZONTAL PRESSURE DIFFERENCES.

$$P \quad \boxed{m} \quad P + \delta P$$

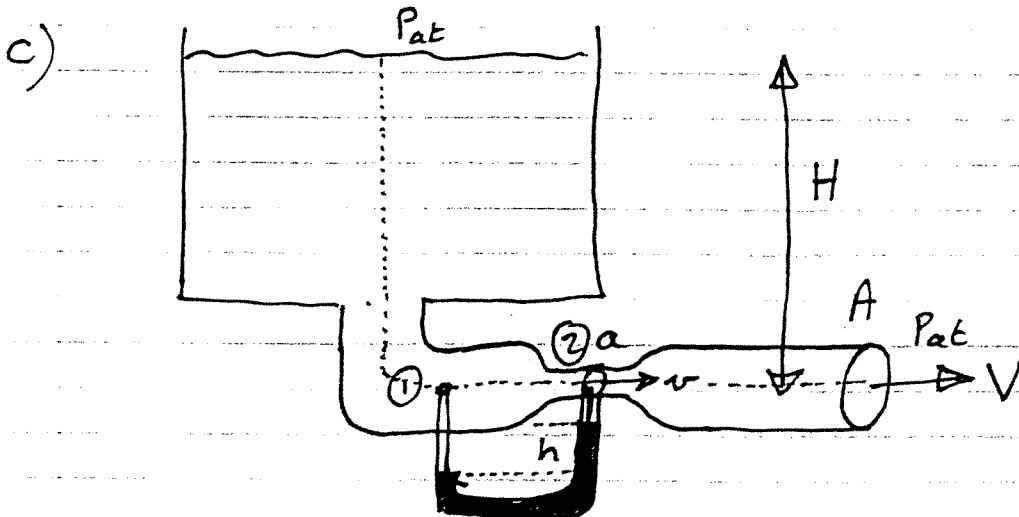
b) (CANNOT ASSUME FREE SURFACE, OR ANY STREAMLINES AS FLOW IS AT REST!)

$$\begin{aligned} P_A &= P_1 + \rho_w g d \\ P_B &= P_A = P_1 + \rho_w g d \\ P_C &= P_B - \rho_m g h = P_1 + \rho_w g d - \rho_m g h \\ P_2 &= P_C - \rho_w g (d-h) = P_1 + \rho_w g d - \rho_m g h - \rho_w g (d-h) \\ P_2 &= P_1 - (\rho_m - \rho_w) g h \end{aligned}$$



$$\underline{\underline{P_1 - P_2 = (\rho_m - \rho_w) g h}}$$

LOCATION ① AND ② MUST BE AT THE SAME HEIGHT.



ALONGS NOTIONAL STREAMLINE

$$P_{at} + \rho_w g H = P_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_w v^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 = P_{at} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2$$

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = 2gH \quad \underline{\underline{V = \sqrt{2gH}}}$$

MASS CONSERVATION $\dot{m} = \rho_w a v = \rho_w A V \quad \underline{\underline{v = AV/a}}$

$$\text{NOW } P_1 - P_2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho_w (v^2 - V^2) = \frac{1}{2} \rho_w V^2 \left(\frac{A^2}{a^2} - 1 \right) = (\rho_m - \rho_w) g h$$

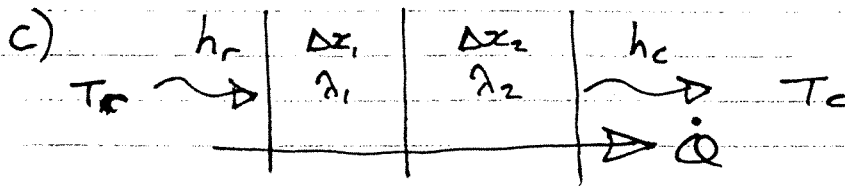
$$\Rightarrow (\rho_m - \rho_w) g h = \frac{1}{2} \rho_w 2gH \left(\frac{A^2}{a^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\underline{\underline{h = \left(\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_m - \rho_w} \right) \left(\frac{A^2}{a^2} - 1 \right) H}}$$

Q4) a) FOURIER: $\dot{Q} = -\lambda A \frac{dT}{dx}$

UNIFORM λ , CONSTANT $A \Rightarrow \dot{Q} = -\lambda A (T_c - T_H) / \Delta x$
 $\Rightarrow T_H - T_c = \left(\frac{\Delta x}{\lambda A} \right) \dot{Q} = R \dot{Q} \quad R = \frac{\Delta x}{\lambda A}$

b) SURFACE HEAT TRANSFER $\dot{Q} = hA(T_H - T_c)$
 $\Rightarrow T_H - T_c = \left(\frac{1}{hA} \right) \dot{Q} = R \dot{Q} \quad R = \frac{1}{hA}$



$$R_{TOTAL} = \frac{1}{h_r A} + \frac{\Delta x_1}{\lambda_1 A} + \frac{\Delta x_2}{\lambda_2 A} + \frac{1}{h_c A}$$

$$= \frac{1}{A} \left(\frac{1}{h_r} + \frac{\Delta x_1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{\Delta x_2}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right)$$

$$R_{TOTAL} = \frac{1}{100} \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{0.1}{0.2} + \frac{0.36}{0.72} + \frac{1}{20} \right) = \underline{\underline{0.0115 \text{ KW}^{-1}}}$$

d) SFEE FOR FURNACE $\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_x = \dot{m}(c_p T_f - c_p T_r)$
 $\dot{W}_x = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\dot{Q} = \dot{m} c_p (T_f - T_r)}}$

HEAT TRANSFER $\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\dot{Q} R_{TOTAL} = T_r - T_c}}$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m} c_p R_{TOTAL} (T_f - T_r) = T_r - T_c$$

$$T_c + \dot{m} c_p R_{TOTAL} T_f = T_r (1 + \dot{m} c_p R_{TOTAL})$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{T_r = \frac{T_c + \dot{m} c_p R_{TOTAL} T_f}{1 + \dot{m} c_p R_{TOTAL}}}}$$

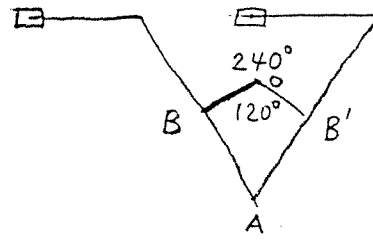
e) $T_r = 20^\circ\text{C}$, $T_f = 40^\circ\text{C}$, $T_c = 10^\circ\text{C}$

$$\dot{m} c_p R_{TOTAL} = (T_r - T_c) / (T_f - T_r) = (20 - 10) / (40 - 20) = 0.5$$

$$\dot{m} c_p R_{TOTAL} = 0.5$$

$$\dot{m} = 0.5 / (1010 \times 0.0115) = \underline{\underline{0.043 \text{ kg/s}}}$$

5. (a) In moving from start to finish of the working stroke OB moves through $240^\circ = \frac{4\pi}{3}$ rad
 \therefore time taken = $\frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{10} =$



(b) See velocity diagram $\therefore v_c = 1.14 \text{ m s}^{-1} \rightarrow$

(c) see velocity diagram $\therefore \omega_{AD} = 3.11 \text{ rad s}^{-1} \curvearrowright$

$$\omega_{DC} = 1.52 \text{ rad s}^{-1} \curvearrowright$$

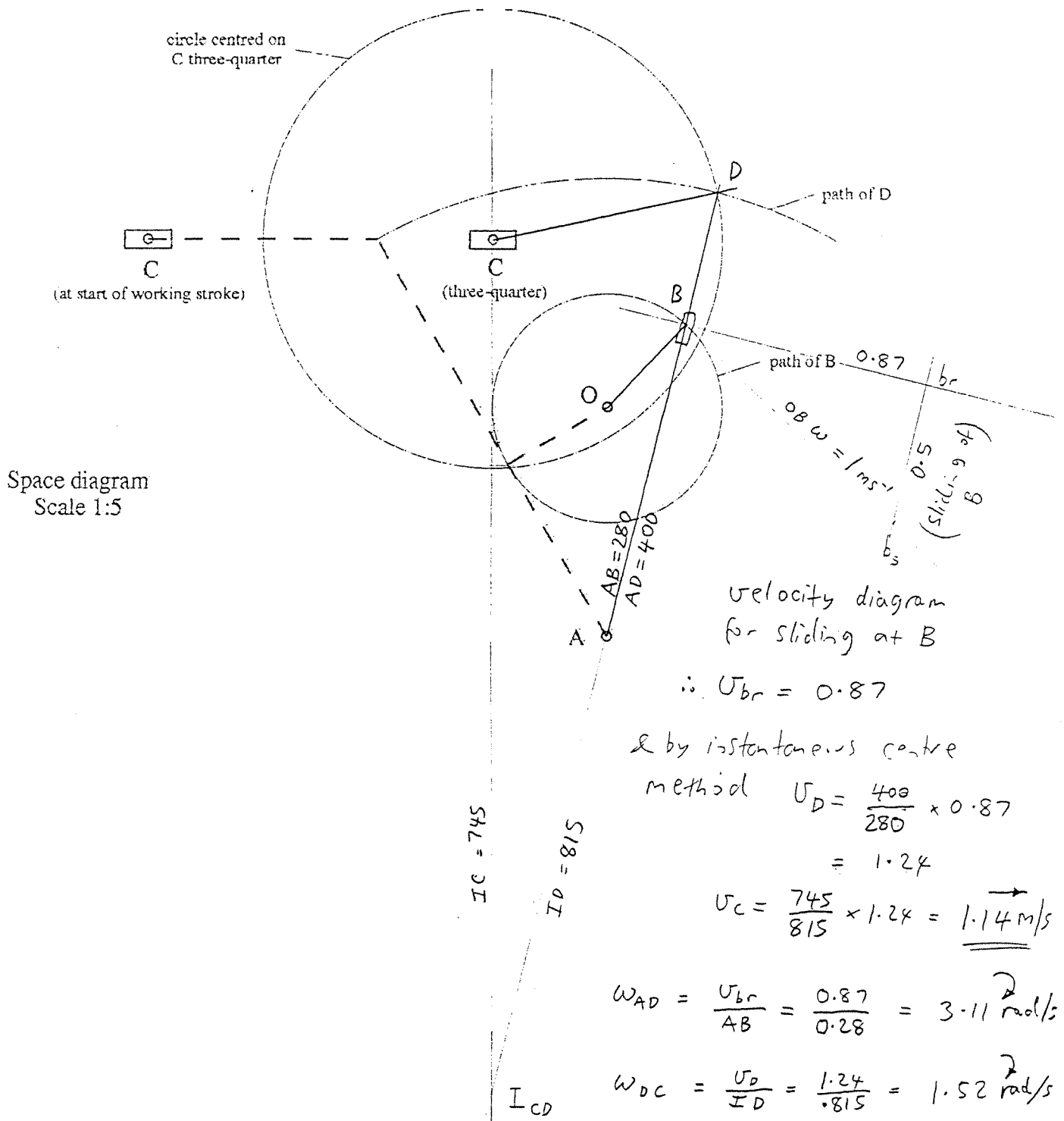
and since the slider at B is constrained to move on AD

$$\omega_{\text{slider B}} = \omega_{AD} = 3.11 \text{ rad s}^{-1} \curvearrowright$$

(d) Consider power : (take \curvearrowright positive)

$$T\omega = 2 \times (|v_c| + |v_{\text{sliding at B}}|) + 0.1 \times (|\omega_{AD}| + |\omega_{OA} - \omega_{AD}| + |\omega_{CD}| + |\omega_{CD} - \omega_{AD}|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T &= \frac{1}{10} \left(2 \times (1.14 + 0.5) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 0.1 \times (3.11 + (10 - 3.11) + 1.52 + |1.52 - 3.11|) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{10} (3.28 + 1.311) \\ &= 0.46 \text{ Nm} \end{aligned}$$



Working sheet for Q 5
(to be handed in with your script)

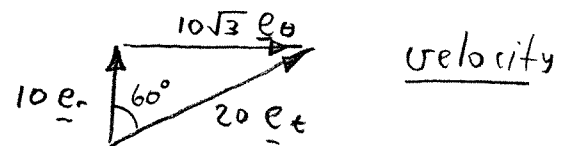
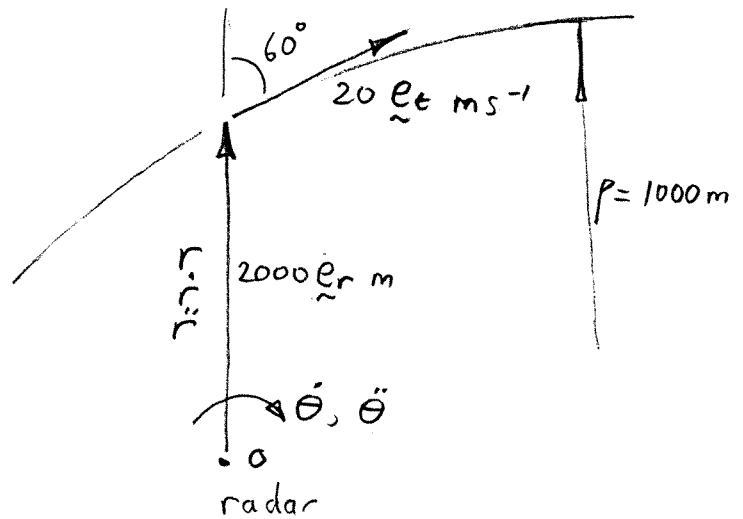
6 (a) The speed of the boat is
 $\frac{72000}{3600} \text{ m s}^{-1} = 20 \text{ m s}^{-1} = \dot{s}$

A position vector \underline{r} from the radar to the boat is

$$\underline{r} = r \underline{e}_r \quad r = 2000 \text{ m}$$

The velocity vector is $\underline{\dot{r}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\dot{r}} &= \dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta \\ &= 20 \underline{e}_t \end{aligned}$$

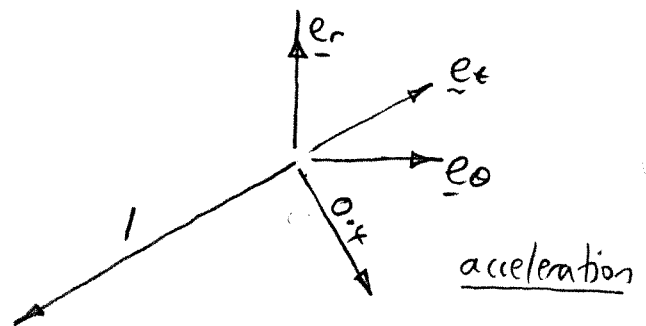


From the diagram, resolving, $\therefore \dot{r} = 10 \text{ m s}^{-1} \uparrow$

(b) $r \dot{\theta} = 10\sqrt{3} \text{ m s}^{-1} \quad \therefore \dot{\theta} = \frac{10\sqrt{3}}{2000} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{200} \text{ rad s}^{-1} \curvearrowright$

(c) The acceleration vector is $\underline{\ddot{r}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\ddot{r}} &= (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2) \underline{e}_r + (2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} - r\ddot{\theta}) \underline{e}_\theta \\ &= \ddot{s} \underline{e}_t + \frac{\dot{s}^2}{\rho} \underline{e}_n \\ &= -1 \underline{e}_t + \frac{20^2}{1000} \underline{e}_n \\ &= -1 \underline{e}_t + 0.4 \underline{e}_n \end{aligned}$$



Resolving: $\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2 = -1 \cdot \sin 30^\circ - 0.4 \cos 30^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \ddot{r} &= -0.5 - 0.2\sqrt{3} + 2000 \cdot \frac{3}{200^2} \\ &= -0.696 \text{ m s}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta} = -1 \cos 30^\circ + 0.4 \sin 30^\circ$$

$$\therefore \ddot{\theta} = \frac{1}{2000} \left(-2 \times 10 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{200} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 0.2 \right) = -0.420 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad s}^{-2}$$

7 (a) From the data book : $r_p = (1-e)a$ at perigee
 $r_a = (1+e)a$ at apogee
 $\therefore r_a = \frac{1+e}{1-e} r_p = \frac{1.6}{0.4} \times 2.5 R = 10R$

(b) In orbit, moment of momentum is conserved

$$\therefore r_a v_a = r_p v_p \quad \therefore v_p = \frac{r_a}{r_p} v_a = 4 v_a$$

and energy is conserved

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} m v_p^2 - \frac{GMm}{r_p} = \frac{1}{2} m v_a^2 - \frac{GMm}{r_a}$$

(n.b. on Earth $\frac{GMm}{R^2} = mg \quad \therefore GM = gR^2$)

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} (16-1) v_a^2 = gR^2 \left(\frac{1}{2.5R} - \frac{1}{10R} \right)$$

$$\therefore v_a = \frac{\sqrt{9R}}{5}$$

(c) $h = v_a r_a = \frac{\sqrt{9R}}{5} \times 10R = 2R\sqrt{9R}$

(d) In a circular orbit, radius r_c , speed v_c

$$h = r_c v_c = 2R\sqrt{9R} \quad \therefore v_c^2 = \frac{4R^3g}{r_c^2}$$

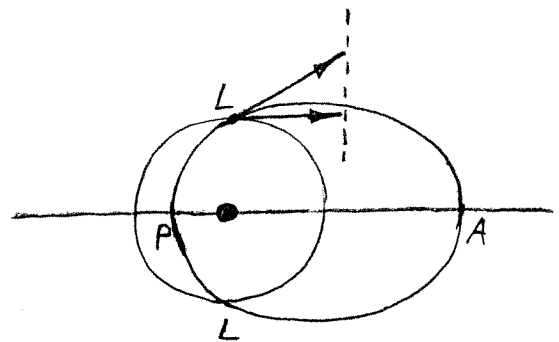
$$\& \frac{m v_c^2}{r_c} = \frac{GMm}{r_c^2} \quad \therefore v_c^2 = \frac{gR^2}{r_c}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \therefore v_c^2 = \frac{4R^3g}{r_c^2} \\ \therefore v_c^2 = \frac{gR^2}{r_c} \end{array} \right\} \therefore r_c = 4R$$

(e) Energy must be removed.

This is because at points L the PE is equal for the two orbits but the KE is greater for the ellipse. This in turn

follows because the tangential component of velocity is the same in both orbits for equal moment of momentum.



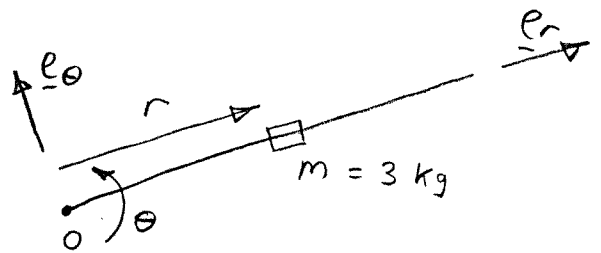
8 (a) Polar acceleration: $\underline{\ddot{r}} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\underline{e}_r + (2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})\underline{e}_\theta$

There is no radial force \therefore no radial acceleration

$$\therefore \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 = 0$$

and $\dot{\theta}$ is constant, 2 rad s^{-1}

$$\therefore \ddot{r} - 4r = 0$$



(b) The general solution is $r = A \cosh 2t + B \sinh 2t$

Boundary conditions: $r = 1$ at $t = 0 \quad \therefore A = 1$

$\dot{r} = 0$ at $t = 0 \quad \therefore 2B = 0 \quad \therefore B = 0$

$$\therefore r = \cosh 2t$$

(c) Mass shoots off when $r = 2 \text{ m}$

$$\therefore \cosh 2t = 2 \quad \therefore t = \frac{1}{2} \cosh^{-1} 2 = 0.658 \text{ s}$$

Angle rotated $\theta = 2t = 2 \times 0.658 = 1.32 \text{ rad}$

(d) Lateral force $\underline{F}_\theta = m(2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})\underline{e}_\theta$

$$r = \cosh 2t, \quad \dot{r} = 2 \sinh 2t, \quad \ddot{\theta} = 2 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$$

but $\cosh^2 \theta - \sinh^2 \theta = 1 \quad \therefore \sinh 2t = \sqrt{3}$
when $\cosh 2t = 2$

$$\therefore \dot{r} = 2\sqrt{3} \text{ at end of rod}$$

& $\ddot{\theta} = 0 \quad \therefore \underline{F}_\theta = 3 \times 2 \times 2\sqrt{3} \times 2 \underline{e}_\theta$
 $= 24\sqrt{3} \text{ N}$

(e) Work done = $\Delta(\text{KE}) = \text{Final KE} - \text{initial KE}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times m (\dot{r}^2 + (r\dot{\theta})^2)_{\text{final}} - \frac{1}{2} m (r\dot{\theta})^2_{\text{initial}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \left((2\sqrt{3})^2 + (2 \times 2)^2 - (1 \times 2)^2 \right)$$

$$= 36 \text{ J}$$

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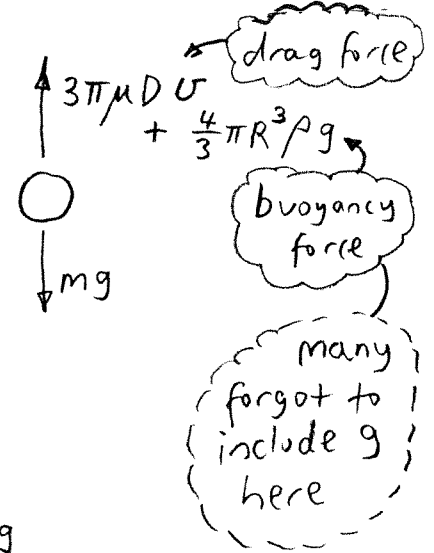
9 (a) $F = ma$

$$\therefore mg - 3\pi\mu Dv - \frac{4}{3}\pi\left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3\rho g = m\dot{v}$$

$$\therefore T\dot{v} + v = v_0 \quad (1)$$

where $T = \frac{m}{3\pi\mu D}$

$$\& v_0 = \frac{mg - \frac{1}{6}\pi D^3\rho g}{3\pi\mu D}$$



(b) Terminal velocity (when $\dot{v} = 0$) = v_0

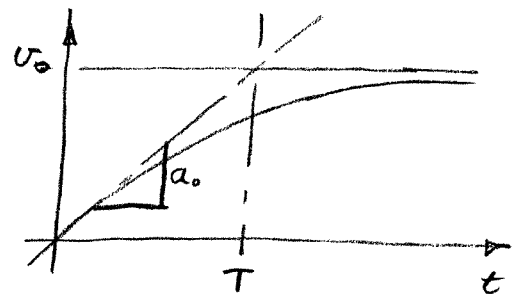
$$v_0 = \frac{(0.01 - \frac{1}{6}\pi(0.01)^3 \times 1000) \times 9.81}{3\pi \times 0.1 \times 0.01} = 9.86 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

(c) The general solution to (1) is $v = v_0 + Ae^{-\frac{t}{T}}$

Boundary condition: $t=0, v=0 \therefore A = -v_0$

$$\therefore v = v_0(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T}})$$

$$T = \frac{m}{3\pi\mu D} = \frac{0.01}{3\pi \times 0.1 \times 0.01} = 1.06 \text{ s}$$



initial acceleration = gradient shown

$$= \frac{v_0}{T} = \frac{9.86}{1.06} = 9.30 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

$$(d) x = \int_0^{2T} v dt = v_0 \left(t + T e^{-\frac{t}{T}} \right) \Big|_0^{2T}$$

$$= v_0 (2T + T e^{-2} - T)$$

$$= v_0 T (1 + e^{-2})$$

$$= 9.86 \times 1.06 \times (1 + 0.135)$$

$$= 11.9 \text{ m}$$

10 (a)	Parameters	m	kg	M
		k	Nm ⁻¹	MT ⁻²
		λ	Nsm ⁻¹	MT ⁻¹
		F	N	MLT ⁻²
		Y	m	L
		ω	s ⁻¹	T ⁻²

(i) Buckingham's pi theorem ∴ 3 non-dimensional groups

(ii) This is a vibration problem so sensible groups are

$$G_1 = \frac{\omega^2 m}{k}, \quad G_2 = \frac{kY}{F}, \quad G_3 = \frac{\lambda^2}{km}$$

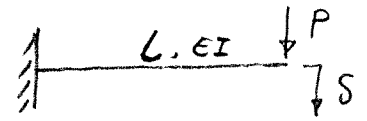
but any other set of three will do

(b) Being an exact quarter-scale model, mass scales with L³

$$\therefore \text{model mass} = \frac{100}{4^3} = 1.56 \text{ kg}$$

The deflection of a cantilever beam

$$\delta = \frac{PL^3}{3EI} \quad \text{so its stiffness } \frac{P}{\delta} = \frac{3EI}{L^3}$$



I has dimensions L⁴ & L has dimensions L

so k scales with L

$$\therefore \text{model stiffness} = \frac{4 \times 10^4}{4} = 10^4 \text{ Nm}^{-1}$$

(c) Require G₁, G₂ & G₃ of model & full scale to be identical

$$G_1 = \frac{(2\pi \times 4)^2 \times 100}{4 \times 10^4} = \frac{(2\pi \times f_m)^2 \times 1.56}{10^4} \quad \therefore f_{\text{model}} = 16 \text{ Hz}$$

$$G_2 = \frac{4 \times 10^4 \cdot Y}{200} = \frac{10^4 \times \frac{Y}{4}}{F_m} \quad \therefore F_{\text{model}} = 12.5 \text{ N}$$

$$G_3 = \frac{400^2}{4 \times 10^4 \times 100} = \frac{\lambda_m^2}{10^4 \times 1.56} \quad \therefore \lambda_{\text{model}} = 25 \text{ Nsm}^{-1}$$

10 (d) Use data book, Case (a)

$$c = \frac{\lambda}{2\sqrt{km}} = \frac{\sqrt{G_3}}{2} = 0.1 \quad \left. \vphantom{c} \right\} \therefore \frac{kY}{F} = 1.7 = G_2$$

$$\frac{w}{w_n} = \sqrt{G_1} = 1.26$$

Full size : $k = 4 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}, F = 200 \text{ N} \therefore Y = 8.5 \text{ mm}$

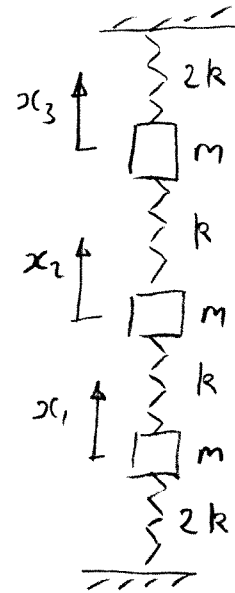
Model : $Y_m = \frac{Y}{4} = 2.1 \text{ mm}$

11 (a) $[M] = \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m \end{bmatrix}$

& $[k] = \begin{bmatrix} 3k & -k & 0 \\ -k & 2k & -k \\ 0 & -k & 3k \end{bmatrix}$

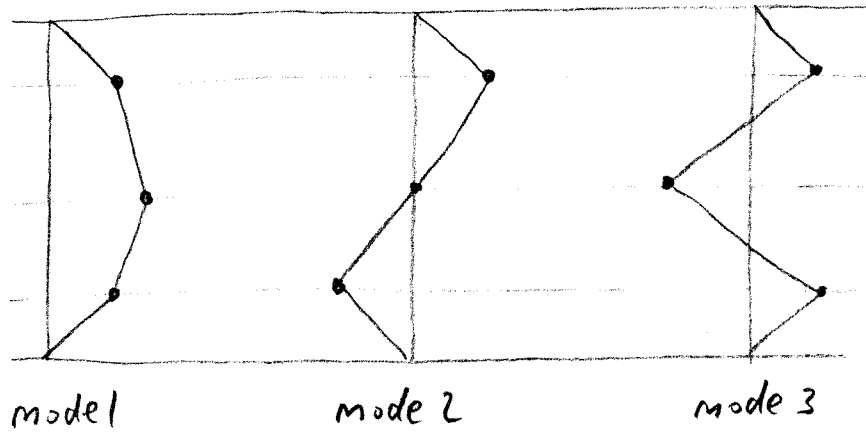
by inspection (!)

& $[M] \ddot{x} + [k] x = 0$



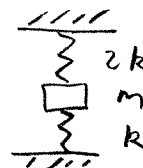
$\underline{x} = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix}$

(b)



Many gave $[1 \ 1 \ 1]$ as a mode shape instead of $[1 \ x \ 1]$

(c) In mode 2 consider



$\therefore \omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3k}{m}}$

For the other frequencies use an eigenvalue approach

$|[k] - [M]\omega^2| = 0 \quad \therefore \begin{vmatrix} 3-\lambda^2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda^2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3-\lambda^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad \lambda = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{k/m}}$

$\therefore (3-\lambda^2)((2-\lambda^2)(3-\lambda^2) - 1) - (3-\lambda^2) = 0$

$\therefore (3-\lambda^2)[6 - 5\lambda^2 + \lambda^4 - 1 - 1] = 0$

$\therefore (3-\lambda^2)[\lambda^4 - 5\lambda^2 + 4] = 0$

$\therefore (3-\lambda^2)(\lambda^2 - 4)(\lambda^2 - 1) = 0$

$\therefore \omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

$\omega_3 = 2\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

$$11(d) \quad \text{Total mass of bar} = \rho AL \quad \therefore m = \frac{\rho AL}{3}$$

Total axial stiffness of the model :

$$\frac{1}{k_T} = \frac{1}{2k} + \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{2k} = \frac{3}{k}$$

Axial stiffness of the bar $k_T = \frac{F}{\Delta L}$

$$\text{Stress } \sigma = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$\text{Strain } \epsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

$$\& \sigma = E\epsilon \quad \therefore k_T = \frac{EA}{L}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{3EA}{L}$$

