

Tuesday 7 May 2013 9.30 to 11.00

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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.*

*Attachments: 4A15 data sheet (6 pages).*

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Single-sided script paper

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Engineering Data Book

CUED approved calculator allowed

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

1 A simple method for modifying the linear acoustic equations to simulate sound absorption is to add a force per unit volume of  $-\rho_0\alpha\mathbf{v}'$  to the momentum equation for linear acoustics, where  $\alpha$  is a positive constant that leads to a drag force,  $\rho_0$  is the ambient density and  $\mathbf{v}'$  represents the acoustic velocity.

(a) What is the resulting form of the wave equation if such a sound absorption term is taken into account? [30%]

(b) If plane waves of the form  $p' = Ae^{i\omega t}e^{-ikx}$  are to satisfy the wave equation derived in part (a), what should the complex wave number  $k$  be? Find the real and imaginary parts of  $k$  if  $\alpha \ll 1$ . Here  $t$  denotes time and  $x$  the distance from the origin. [30%]

(c) Show that the energy conservation equation for acoustic motion is given by

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{I} = -\mathcal{D}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}$  is always non-negative. Determine the expressions for  $w$ ,  $\mathbf{I}$ , and  $\mathcal{D}$ . [40%]

2 For an unsteady force per unit volume distribution  $F_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$ , the wave equation is given by

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c_0^2 \nabla^2 \right) \rho'(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_i}$$

(a) By assuming that the source distribution is spatially compact, show that the sound radiated in the acoustic far-field scales as

$$\rho' \sim \rho_0 \beta_i \left( \frac{l}{x} \right) m^3$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the ambient density,  $x$  is the distance from the source to the observer,  $\beta = x_i/x$ ,  $x_i$  represents the component of  $\mathbf{x}$  in the  $i$ -direction,  $l$  is the length scale of the source,  $m = u'/c_0$ ,  $u'$  is the velocity scale of the source and  $c_0$  represents the speed of sound.

Hint: 
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \int F_i \left( \mathbf{y}, t - \frac{x}{c_0} \right) d\mathbf{y} = -\frac{1}{c_0} \left( \frac{x_i}{x} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int F_i \left( \mathbf{y}, t - \frac{x}{c_0} \right) d\mathbf{y}$$

[60%]

(b) Use this result to find the scaling of the far-field acoustic power radiated by the source.

[40%]

3 Consider the linear sound speed profile

$$c_0(x) = \alpha x + \beta$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants and  $\beta$  is positive.

(a) Determine the path of the ray which passes through the origin at angle  $\theta_0$  to the  $x$ -axis, being careful to distinguish between the three cases  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha < 0$ . [80%]

(b) Explain briefly how the approximations of ray theory can be used to determine the variation of the amplitude of the acoustic pressure along the ray. [20%]

4 (a) Explain the meaning of the term “cut-off” in connection with acoustic modes in a duct. [20%]

(b) A 3-bladed fan of diameter 300 mm is to be operated in a cylindrical duct of circular cross-section of the same diameter. Table 1 shows the values of  $z_{mn}$ , the  $m^{\text{th}}$  zero of  $dJ_n(z)/dz$ , where  $J_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  order Bessel function of the first kind. For  $|n| > 6$ , use  $z_{1n} \approx |n| + 0.80861|n|^{1/3}$ . Use the data in Table 1 to determine  $R_{\text{max}}$ , the maximum number of revolutions per minute if all rotor alone modes are to be cut-off at atmospheric conditions. Formulae on the data sheet may be used without proof. [40%]

(c) The fan rotor in (b) is operated at 10,000 rpm. Choose a suitable number of blades for a downstream stator row, explaining clearly the reasons for your choice. With your choice of stator blade number which, if any, of the rotor-stator interaction modes at the blade passing frequency (bpf) propagate? [40%]

	$n = 0$	$n = \pm 1$	$n = \pm 2$	$n = \pm 3$	$n = \pm 4$	$n = \pm 5$	$n = \pm 6$
$m = 1$	0.00000	1.84118	3.05424	4.20119	5.31755	6.41562	7.50127
$m = 2$	3.83170	5.33144	6.70613	8.01524	9.28240	10.51986	11.73494
$m = 3$	7.01558	8.53632	9.96947	11.34592	12.68191	13.98719	15.26818
$m = 4$	10.17346	11.70600	13.17037	14.58585	15.96411	17.31284	18.63744
$m = 5$	13.32369	14.86359	16.34752	17.78875	19.19603	20.57551	21.93172

Table 1

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