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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).

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

1 Small explosive charges are often used as omnidirectional sound sources in underwater acoustics. The waveform of the pressure pulse produced is an abrupt rise followed by a tail that resembles a decaying exponential function. A charge is detonated at time  $t = 0$  and the following data are measured in the free field at a distance  $r_0$  from the charge:

$$p(r_0, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < r_0/c_0 \\ A \left(1 - \frac{t-r_0/c_0}{t_0}\right) e^{-(t-r_0/c_0)/t_0}, & t > r_0/c_0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the source strength  $dQ(t)/dt$  by assuming the charge to be a point source.  $Q$  is the mass injection rate per unit volume. [60%]
- (b) Obtain the expression for the pressure at any distance  $r$  in an infinite ocean. [10%]
- (c) Obtain the total energy radiated to the far field. [30%]

Hint:

$$\int_0^\infty (t_0 - t)^2 e^{-2t/t_0} dt = \frac{t_0^3}{4}$$

2 Consider a low Mach-number, isentropic, cold, turbulent jet.

(a) By finding the sound radiated from a single compact eddy, show that the acoustic far-field density from the eddy scales as

$$\rho' \sim \rho_0 \frac{x_i x_j l}{x^3} m^4$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the ambient density,  $x$  is the distance from the source to the observer,  $x_i$  represents the component of  $\mathbf{x}$  in the  $i$ -direction,  $l$  is the length scale of the eddy,  $m = u'/c_0$ ,  $u'$  is the velocity scale of the eddy and  $c_0$  is the speed of sound. [60%]

Hint: 
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \int T_{ij} \left( \mathbf{y}, t - \frac{x}{c_0} \right) d\mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{c_0^2} \left( \frac{x_i x_j}{x^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \int T_{ij} \left( \mathbf{y}, t - \frac{x}{c_0} \right) d\mathbf{y}$$

(b) Use this result to deduce an expression for the acoustic power radiated by the jet (Lighthill's eighth power law). [40%]

3 An acoustic liner for low frequency sound absorption consists of a perforated surface with an open-area ratio of 5%. Each hole opens onto a cavity of volume  $0.0001 \text{ m}^3$  and together the hole and cavity behave like a Helmholtz resonator. The difference between the pressure perturbation just outside a hole and within its cavity is equal to

$$\rho_0 l \frac{\partial u'}{\partial t} + \alpha u'$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the mean density,  $l$  is 0.6 times the hole diameter,  $u'$  is the velocity of the air flowing through the hole,  $\alpha = \rho_0 c_0 k$  where  $k$  is a positive constant and  $c_0$  is the speed of sound. The ambient temperature is 600 K and pressure 1 bar.

- (a) For sound of frequency  $\omega$ , determine the relationship between the pressure  $p'_1(t)$  at a hole and  $u'$ , the velocity of air through it in terms of  $\omega$ ,  $k$  and the hole diameter  $d$ . [30%]
- (b) What hole diameter  $d$  would you choose to have resonance at 400 Hz for  $k = 0$ ? [20%]
- (c) With this choice of hole size for sound at 400 Hz and with  $k = 0.1$ :
- (i) determine the rate of absorption of sound energy by a single hole in terms of the mean square pressure perturbation at the hole. [30%]
  - (ii) determine the rate of absorption of sound energy per unit area of the liner in terms of the mean square pressure perturbation at the liner surface. [20%]

4 (a) A thin wall of mass per unit area  $m$  is located in the plane  $x = 0$  and is free to make small oscillations in the  $x$  direction. The wall separates two acoustic media, of sound speed and density  $c_0$  and  $\rho_0$  in  $x < 0$  and  $c_1$  and  $\rho_1$  in  $x > 0$ . A plane sound wave is normally incident on the wall from  $x < 0$ .

(i) Determine an expression for the ratio of the magnitudes of the reflected and incident pressures. [40%]

(ii) Identify two dimensionless numbers which determine the size of this quantity, and explain their physical significance. [10%]

(b) High frequency sound propagates through a continuous medium whose sound speed,  $c(x)$ , is given by

$$c(x) = c_0 \exp(x/l), \quad (1)$$

where  $c_0$  and  $l$  are the reference speed of sound and length, respectively. Sound is emitted from a source located at  $x = y = 0$  at an angle  $\theta_0$  to the  $x$ -axis.

(i) Using ray theory, find the equation of the ray. ( You may assume without proof that

$$\int \frac{\alpha \exp(x/l)}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha^2 \exp(2x/l)}} dx = l \sin^{-1}(\alpha \exp(x/l)) + k, \quad (2)$$

where  $k$  is a constant.) [25%]

(ii) Sketch a graph showing the rays corresponding to  $\theta_0 = \pi/4$  and  $\theta_0 = \pi/2$ . [15%]

(iii) Without making any detailed calculations, explain briefly how one determines the variation of the acoustic pressure along a ray. [10%]

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