

Homework problems on Fluid Dynamics
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2. Jet from a broken pipe.

Consider a broken circular pipe the interior of which is filled with air at high pressure. There is a slit from which air leaks and forms a fan jet outside. Because of the strong initial momentum at the exit, the moving fluid is thin in the z direction and the radial velocity is much greater than the vertical velocity. For sufficiently great r the radius of the pipe can be neglected. Assume axial symmetry. so that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = 0, q_\theta = v = 0, \quad \text{but} \quad q_r = u, q_z = w \neq 0 \quad (1)$$

the exact N-S equations are

$$\frac{\partial(ur)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(rw)}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} - \frac{u}{r^2} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$u \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \nu \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (4)$$

1. for $u \gg w, r \gg \delta$, deduce the approximate boundary layer equations in the jet.
2. Use the given jet momentum at the exit as one of the boundary conditions and show that a similarity solution exists. Deduce the form of the similar solution and infer from it the variation of the boundary layer thickness and the maximum radial velocity at the center plane $z = 0$ i.e., $u(r, 0)$.
3. Solve the problem explicitly and discuss the physical implications.
4. Observe that the total mass flux across a circular cylindrical control surface is not constant. Why?

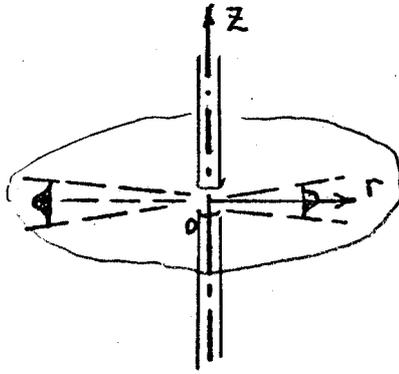


Figure 1: A fan jet