

Problem 3

We start with Navier-Stokes equation (6) for incompressible fluids:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + (\bar{u} \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{u} + \bar{f}$$

By symmetry we can say:  $v_x$  depends only on  $z$  and  $t$  so  $(\bar{u} \cdot \nabla) \bar{u} = v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} = 0$

Also we neglect  $\bar{f} = 0$ . And now let's look at our equation on component  $x$ :

$$\rho \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial z^2} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{gradient}$$

Substituting the complex form of the pressure from hint and assuming a similar response

for velocity:  $v_x(z, t) = u(z) e^{-i\omega t}$ , then:  $\checkmark$

$$\rho (-i\omega) u(z) e^{-i\omega t} = -p_0 e^{-i\omega t} + \mu \frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} e^{-i\omega t} \quad | : e^{-i\omega t}$$

By this we obtain standard ODE:  $\frac{d^2 u}{dz^2} + \frac{i\omega \rho}{\mu} u = \frac{p_0}{\mu}$  (we can go on further?)

In this case the general solution consists of homogeneous part and inhomogeneous (particular solution).

1. Inhomogeneous: for constant term  $\frac{p_0}{\mu}$  we have:

$$u_s = \frac{p_0}{\mu k^2} = \frac{p_0}{\mu (i\omega \frac{\rho}{\mu})} = \frac{p_0}{i\omega \rho}$$

2. Homogeneous solution is obvious:  $u_h(z) = C_1 \cos(kz) + C_2 \sin(kz)$

$\Rightarrow$  The general solution:  $u(z) = C_1 \cos(kz) + C_2 \sin(kz) + \frac{p_0}{i\omega \rho}$

$u(z) = u_s + u_h(z)$  now we need to apply boundary conditions

Boundary condition:

Symmetry tells that flow must be symmetric with respect to the center plane ( $z=0$ ).

Therefore the odd function  $\sin(kz)$  must vanish  $\Rightarrow C_2 = 0$ .

No-slip condition: velocity at walls is zero:

$$u\left(\pm \frac{h}{2}\right) = 0 \quad \text{substituting } z = \frac{h}{2};$$

$$C_1 \cos\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right) + \frac{p_0}{i \omega \beta} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_1 = - \frac{p_0}{i \omega \beta \cos\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right)} \quad \checkmark$$

Combining this we have:  $u(z) = \frac{p_0}{i \omega \beta} \left( 1 - \frac{\cos(kz)}{\cos\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right)} \right)$  ~~ok~~   
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Now mean flow over the cross-section:

$$\bar{u}(t) = \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} u(z) dz \right) e^{-i \omega t}$$

(\*) Let's notice  $u(z)$  is even function so we can integrate from 0 to  $\frac{h}{2}$  and multiply result by factor 2:

$$\bar{u} = \frac{2}{h} \int_0^{h/2} \frac{p_0}{i \omega \beta} \left( 1 - \frac{\cos(kz)}{\cos\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right)} \right) dz = \left\{ \int \cos(kz) dz = \frac{1}{k} \sin(kz) \right\} =$$

$$= \frac{2}{h} \frac{p_0}{i \omega \beta} \left[ z - \frac{\sin(kz)}{k \cos\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right)} \right]_0^{h/2} = \frac{2}{h} \frac{p_0}{i \omega \beta} \left( \frac{h}{2} - \frac{\sin\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right)}{k \cos\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right)} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{u} = \frac{p_0}{i \omega \beta} \left( 1 - \frac{\tan\left(k \frac{h}{2}\right)}{\frac{kh}{2}} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

We know that  $k = \sqrt{\frac{i \omega}{\nu}}$ , let's define  $\alpha = \frac{kh}{2} = \frac{h}{2} \sqrt{\frac{i \omega}{\nu}}$

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## Problem 3 (continuation)

Then:  $\bar{v}(t) = \frac{p_0}{i\omega \rho} \left( 1 + \frac{tg(\alpha)}{\alpha} \right) e^{-i\omega t}$

Case 1: Low frequency:  $\omega \ll \frac{v}{h^2} \Rightarrow |\alpha| \ll 1$

It is slow oscillation where viscous force will dominate. Let's expand  $tg(\alpha)$  in Taylor:

$$tg(\alpha) \approx \alpha + \frac{\alpha^3}{3} + \dots \quad \text{so} \quad 1 - \frac{tg(\alpha)}{\alpha} \approx 1 - \frac{\alpha + \frac{\alpha^3}{3}}{\alpha} = 1 - \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{3} \right) = -\frac{\alpha^2}{3}$$

Then  $\alpha^2 = \frac{k^2 h^2}{4} = \frac{i\omega h^2}{4\nu}$  so  $\bar{u} = \frac{p_0}{i\omega \rho} \left( -\frac{i\omega h^2}{12\nu} \right) = -\frac{p_0 h^2}{12\mu}$

$\Rightarrow \bar{v}(t) = -\frac{h^2}{12\mu} p_0 e^{-i\omega t}$  ✓

The flow is in phase with pressure (the sign shows it is opposite to the pressure gradient: flow from high to low pressure).

Case 2: High frequency:  $\omega \gg \frac{v}{h^2} \Rightarrow |\alpha| \gg 1$

It is fast oscillation where inertia will dominate. For large arguments (imaginary)

$tg(\alpha) \rightarrow i$  so  $\frac{tg(\alpha)}{\alpha} \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\bar{v}(t) \approx \frac{p_0}{i\omega \rho}$  ✓

The equation becomes  $\rho \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \rightarrow$  behavior of an ideal fluid - inviscid

The viscosity term becomes negligible compared to inertia. The velocity lags the pressure gradient by factor  $\frac{1}{i}$  so  $90^\circ$ .