



# FLUID MECHANICS

## TESTS

Attention: there might be more correct answers to the questions.

### **Chapter 9: Boundary layers**

**T.9.1.1** In a turbulent boundary layer

*a, the fluid parcels do not mix*

*b, pressure barely changes in the direction perpendicular to the wall*

*c, mixing length is constant*

*d, there is a viscous layer on the bottom.*

*e, the universal law of the wall describes the whole turbulent part.*

The answer is:

**T.9.1.2** Choose the correct expression for the universal law of the wall!

$$a, \frac{v_x}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{yu^*}{\nu}$$

$$b, v = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{yu^*}{\nu} + K$$

$$c, \frac{v_x}{u^*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{yu^*}{\nu} + K$$

$$d, \frac{v_x}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{yu^*}{\nu} + K$$

$$e, \frac{v_x}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln yu^* + K$$

The answer is:

**T.9.2.1** The velocity profile of laminar pipe flow is “pointier” than a turbulent one because

*a, in a laminar flow the wall shear stress is lower than in a turbulent flow*

*b, pressure loss in a turbulent flow is greater than in a laminar flow*

*c, the radial distribution of shear stress is significantly different in the two cases*

*d, turbulent viscosity is significantly larger than material viscosity*

*e, in a turbulent boundary layer the flow is turbulent up to the wall*

The answer is:

### **T.9.2.2** Displacement thickness

*a, shows how thick the boundary layer is*

*b, shows what distance the streamlines are displaced due to the particles being decelerated by the wall as compared to the inviscid case*

*c, is larger if the boundary layer is “more filled”*

*d, is calculated as  $\delta_1 = \int_0^\delta \left(1 - \frac{v_x}{v}\right) dy$*

*e, always decreases along the boundary layer length*

The answer is:

### **T.9.3.1** Loss in a diffuser

*a, is a direct consequence of the wall shear stresses*

*b, is mainly the consequence of the thickening or separating boundary layer due to the decelerating flow*

*c, can be reduced by decreasing the diffuser angle*

*d, can be increased by decreasing the diffuser angle*

*e, also results from the fact that parts of the fluid do not decelerate as much as the cross-section ratio would indicate.*

The answer is:

### **T.9.3.2** Necessary condition for the existence of secondary flow:

*a, curved streamlines*

*b, straight streamlines*

*c, in case of curved streamlines, there has to be a flat surface parallel to the plane of the streamlines on which a boundary layer forms*

*d, in case of curved streamlines, there has to be a flat surface perpendicular to the plane of the streamlines on which a boundary layer forms*

The answer is:

### **T.9.3.3** Boundary layer separation can be decreased or avoided

*a, on the side wall of a bus, by applying a larger radius rounding on the upper edge*

*b, by making the flow laminar*

*c, in some cases, by increasing the Reynolds number*

*d, by increasing the slope of the rear window*

*e, by removing the decelerated fluid parcels via boundary layer suction*

*f, by decelerating the flow*

The answer is:

**TZ.9.1** Choose the correct form of the boundary layer equation!

$$a, v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2}$$

$$b, v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} = -V \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2}$$

$$c, v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = V \frac{dV}{dx} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_y}{\partial x^2}$$

$$d, v_x \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} = V \frac{dV}{dx} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial y^2}$$

The answer is:

**TZ.9.2** Choose the correct statements regarding a turbulent boundary layer!

*a, It contains only turbulent flow.*

*b, It has a viscous layer at the bottom.*

*c, The universal law of the wall is valid in it if  $\frac{yu^*}{\nu} \cong 10$ .*

*d, The universal law of the wall is valid in it if  $30 \leq \frac{yu^*}{\nu} \leq 300$ .*

*e, The thickness of the viscous sublayer is  $\frac{yu^*}{\nu} \cong 10$ .*

The answer is:

**TZ.9.3** Choose the correct statements!

*a, Turbulent viscosity is 1-2 orders of magnitude less than molecular viscosity.*

*b, Turbulent viscosity is 1-2 orders of magnitude greater than molecular viscosity.*

*c, In a turbulent boundary layer turbulent mixing is the predominant cause of heat and material transport.*

*d, In a turbulent boundary layer molecular diffusion is the predominant cause of heat and material transport.*

*e, The boundary layer friction coefficient is greater in a laminar flow than in a turbulent flow for all Reynolds numbers.*

The answer is: