

MATHEMATICAL TRIPOS Part III

Friday, 10 June, 2011 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

PAPER 75

NON-NEWTONIAN FLUID DYNAMICS

*Attempt **ALL** questions.*

*There are **THREE** questions in total.*

The questions carry equal weight.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Cover sheet

Treasury Tag

Script paper

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

None

**You may not start to read the questions
printed on the subsequent pages until
instructed to do so by the Invigilator.**

1

Consider an Oldroyd-B fluid with density ρ , viscosity μ , elastic modulus G and relaxation time τ , so that

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\mathbf{E} + G\mathbf{A},$$

$$\frac{D\mathbf{A}}{Dt} - (\nabla\mathbf{u})^T \cdot \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{\tau}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}) = 0.$$

Show that in a time-dependent but uniform shear flow $u = (\gamma(t)y, 0, 0)$ the shear stress is given by

$$\sigma_{12}(t) = \mu\gamma(t) + G \int^t \gamma(t')e^{-(t-t')/\tau} dt'.$$

Now consider the same fluid occupying the half-space above a plate at $y = 0$ which is oscillating in its own plane with velocity $(\text{Re}(U_0 e^{i\omega t}), 0, 0)$. Taking the flow to be of the form $u(y, t) = (\text{Re}(U_0 e^{ky+i\omega t}), 0, 0)$, find an expression for k^2 . In the limit $1/\tau \ll \omega \ll G/\mu$, show that there is a decaying elastic wave, with wavelength $2\pi c/\omega$ where $c^2 = G/\rho$, and with a rate of exponential decay in space

$$\frac{\omega}{2c} \left(\frac{1}{\omega\tau} + \frac{\mu\omega}{G} \right).$$

Under what conditions is the Newtonian limit recovered.

2

Consider a Johnson-Segalman fluid in the form

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\mathbf{E} + G\mathbf{A},$$

$$\frac{D\mathbf{A}}{Dt} + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Omega} - \alpha(\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{E}) + \frac{1}{\tau}(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{I}) = 0,$$

where \mathbf{E} is the symmetric and $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ the antisymmetric part of $\nabla\mathbf{u}$, μ , G and τ are positive constants and $|\alpha| < 1$.

In steady simple shear $u = (\gamma y, 0, 0)$, show that

$$A_{13} = A_{31} = A_{23} = A_{32} = 0, \quad A_{33} = 1,$$

$$A_{11} = 1 + (1 + \alpha)\gamma\tau A_{12}, \quad A_{22} = 1 - (1 - \alpha)\gamma\tau A_{12},$$

and find A_{12} .

Sketch the viscosity and normal stress differences as functions of the shear rate.

Show that the shear stress σ_{12} is monotonic in the shear rate γ only if $\mu > \alpha G\tau/8$.

[Hint: find the maximum negative slope of $x/(1+x^2)$.]

3

A Bingham fluid has yield stress σ_Y and viscosity μ so that in a simple shear flow with shear rate γ

$$\begin{cases} \gamma = 0 & \text{if } |\sigma| \leq \sigma_Y, \\ \sigma = \text{sign}(\gamma)\sigma_Y + \mu\gamma & \text{if } |\sigma| > \sigma_Y. \end{cases}$$

A pressure difference Δp is applied to a long tube of length L and radius a filled with the above Bingham fluid. Use a force balance to explain why the axial component of the steady momentum equation takes the form

$$0 = -\frac{dp}{dz} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\sigma_{rz}).$$

Find the volumetric flow rate. Show that

$$Q = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\Delta p}{L} < \frac{2\sigma_Y}{a},$$

and $Q \sim \frac{\pi a^4}{8\mu} \left(\frac{\Delta p}{L} - \frac{8\sigma_Y}{3a} \right) \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{\Delta p}{L} \gg \frac{\sigma_Y}{a}.$

Now suppose that the tube is held vertically and allowed to drain freely ($\Delta p = 0$) under gravity. Discuss, without detailed calculation, what might be seen after a long time.

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