Fluid Dynamics I

1. Consider a Navier-Stokes fluid of constant ρ, μ , no body forces. Consider a motion in a fixed bound domain V with no-slip condition on its rigid boundary. Show that

$$dE/dt = -\Phi, E = \int_{V} \rho |\mathbf{u}|^2 / 2dV, \Phi = \mu \int_{V} (\nabla \times \mathbf{u})^2 dV.$$

This shows that for such a fluid kinetic energy is converted into heat at a rate $\Phi(t)$. This last function of time gives the net viscous dissipation for the fluid contained in V. (Hint: $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$.)

2. In two dimensions, with streamfunction ψ , where $(u, v) = (\psi_y, -\psi_x)$, show that the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations without body forces for a fluid of constant ρ , μ reduce to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{(\partial(\psi, \nabla^2 \psi))}{\partial(x, y)} - \nu \nabla^4 \psi = 0.$$

In terms of ψ , what are the boundary conditions on a rigid boundary if the no-slip condition is satisfied there?

3. Consider the steady 2D flow of a layer of viscous incompressible fluid under gravity down an inclined plane. You may assume the streamlines are parallel to the plane, and that (u,v)=(u(y),0), where the x-axis is parallel to the plane (see the figure). Write down the equations for the flow, assuming constant ρ,μ . Solve for the pressure and for u, requiring that $p=p_0$ =constant and $\mu du/dy=0$ at the free surface adjacent to the air. (The latter condition imposes zero stress at the free surface). Compute the volume flux of fluid down the plane as a function of $\nu=\mu/\rho$, gravity g, and the layer thickness H.

- 4. Find the time-periodic 2D flow in a channel -H < y < H, filled with viscous incompressible fluid, given that the pressure gradient is $dp/dx = A + B\cos(\omega t)$, where A, B, ω are constants. This is an oscillating 2D Poiseuille flow. You may assume that u(y,t) is even in y and periodic in t with period $2\pi/\omega$.
- 5. (See Batchelor p. 285) Consider the steady 2D Navier-Stokes equations, ρ, μ constant. We seek an exact solution describing viscous flow into a stagnation point (see the figure). Recall that the inviscid stagnation-point flow has the velocity field (u, v) = (x, -y). We look for a Navier-Stokes flow with (u, v) = (xf'(y), -f(y)), with $f'(\infty) = 1$. (Assume also that f'' and f''' vanish as $y \to \infty$.) What conditions should be satisfied by f at g = 0 to impose the no-slip condition there? Deduce the form of g and find the equations satisfied by g and g are solution provides an interesting example of a boundary layer of constant thickness. What is the rough scale of the thickness as a function of g and g are solutions.