

## MATH35001: EXAMPLE SHEET<sup>1</sup> II

- 1.) A 2D flow field is given by  $u_1 = ax_2$  and  $u_2 = ax_1$ , where  $a > 0$  is a constant.
- Sketch the flow field (begin by considering the velocity vectors on the coordinate axes and on the main diagonals).
  - Determine the trajectories  $x_i^p(t)$  of particles which are at position  $x_i = X_i$  at time  $t = 0$  by integrating the equations of motion  $dx_i^p(t)/dt = u_i(x_j^p(t), t)$ .
  - Determine the acceleration of material particles directly from their trajectories (i.e. by evaluating  $a_i = d^2x_i^p(t)/dt^2$ ).
  - Compare this to the result obtained by using the material derivative  $a_i = Du_i/Dt$ .
  - What is the divergence of the flow field?
- 2.) A 2D flow field is given by  $u_1 = Ux_2$  and  $u_2 = 0$ , where  $U > 0$  is a known constant.
- Sketch the flow field in the region  $x_2 \in [0, 1]$ .
  - Determine the rate of strain and the rate of rotation tensors  $\epsilon_{ij}$  and  $\omega_{ij}$ .
  - Sketch the deformation of a small rectangular fluid element whose edges of lengths  $\delta x_1$  and  $\delta x_2$  are parallel to the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  axes, respectively. **[Hint:** Sketch the corners of the fluid element at time  $t$  and at time  $t + \delta t$ .]
- Relate this to the interpretation of the rate of strain and rate of rotation tensors. **[Hint:** To interpret the entries in the rate of rotation tensor, consider the average of the rate at which the lines that were initially parallel to the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  axes rotate about the  $x_3$ -axis.]

### *Coursework*

Please exchange your solution to question 2 with your “marking buddy” and assess each other’s work, using the master solution made available on the course webpage (probably in week 3).

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