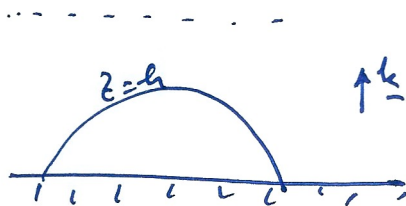


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Topics in fluids 2012 Q2

(1)

2/ (a)



$$(i) \quad \underline{u} = -\frac{k}{\mu} [\underline{\nabla} p + \rho g \underline{k}]$$

(ii) $p \approx$ hydrostatic $= \rho g(h-z)$ if flow is shallow

then horizontal velocity is

$$\underline{u}_H = -\frac{k}{\mu} \underline{\nabla}_H p \approx -\frac{k\rho g}{\mu} \underline{\nabla}_H h$$

Axisymmetric so $\underline{u}_H = u \underline{e}_r$

$$u = -\frac{k\rho g}{\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r}$$

(iii) Conservation of mass

$$\phi h_t = -\underline{\nabla}_H \cdot (h \underline{u}_H) \quad \text{via} \quad \int_0^h \underline{u}_H dz = h \underline{u}_H$$

$$= -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r h u)$$

$$\text{so } h_t = \frac{k\rho g}{\mu \phi} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r h h_r)$$

$$\& \text{ volume of blob } \Rightarrow V = 2\pi\phi \int_0^{a(t)} r h dr$$

(iv) Or let's make it non-dimensional

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take $r \sim l$ (will be arbitrary as similarity solution)

~~mass~~ $\Rightarrow h \sim d, t \sim T$, and

$$\text{mass} \Rightarrow V = 2\pi d l^2 d \Rightarrow d = \frac{V}{2\pi d l^2}$$

$$\text{eq} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{T} = \frac{\hbar \rho g}{\mu d} \frac{d^2}{l^2} \Rightarrow T = \frac{\mu d l^2}{\hbar \rho g d} = \frac{2\pi \mu d^2 l^4}{\hbar \rho g V}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} h_t &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r h h_r) \\ 1 &= \int_0^a r h dr \end{aligned} \right\} \text{non-d}$$

Scaling argument $\frac{h}{t} \sim \frac{h^2}{r^2}, \quad 1 \sim r^2 h$

$$\Rightarrow h \sim \frac{1}{r^2} \sim \frac{r^2}{t} \Rightarrow \underline{r \sim t^{1/4} \quad h \sim t^{-1/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{a = \alpha t^{1/4}} \quad \underline{h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} f(\eta)} \quad \underline{\eta = \frac{r}{t^{1/4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} t^{-3/2} f - \frac{1}{4} t^{-3/2} \eta f' = t^{-1/2} \frac{1}{\eta} \frac{d}{d\eta} [t^{-1} \eta f f']$$

$$\Rightarrow -\left[\frac{1}{2} f + \frac{1}{4} \eta f'\right] \eta = (\eta f f')'$$

$$\Rightarrow (\eta f f')' + \frac{1}{4} \eta^2 f' + \frac{1}{2} \eta f = 0$$

And for

$$\underline{1 = \int_0^\infty \eta f d\eta}$$

(v) 1st integral

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$$\eta f f' + \frac{1}{4} \eta^2 f = \text{Constant} = 0 \quad \text{as } f=0 \text{ at } \infty$$

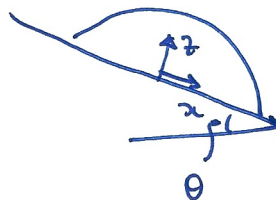
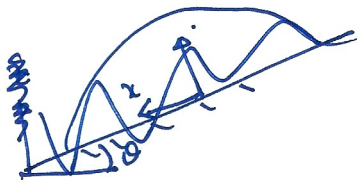
$$\Rightarrow f=0 \quad \text{or} \quad \eta f' + \frac{1}{4} \eta^2 = 0$$

$$f' = -\frac{1}{4} \eta$$

$$f = \frac{1}{8} (\alpha^2 - \eta^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= \int_0^\alpha \frac{1}{8} (\alpha^2 \eta - \eta^3) d\eta \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \alpha^4 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{\alpha^4}{32} \Rightarrow \alpha = 2^{5/4} \end{aligned}$$

(b)



$$h_t = \frac{k \rho g}{\mu \phi} \left[\cos \theta \nabla \cdot (h \nabla h) - \sin \theta \frac{\partial h}{\partial n} \right] \quad \nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

(i) $V = \frac{k \rho g \sin \theta}{\mu \phi}$ is the uniform rate of ^{movement of} ~~movement~~ the fluid down slope due to gravity

$$h_t + V h_x = \frac{k \rho g \cos \theta}{\mu \phi} \nabla \cdot (h \nabla h)$$

define $\xi = x - Vt$, $t = \tau$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$, $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - V \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$

$$\Rightarrow h_\tau = \frac{k \rho g \cos \theta}{\mu \phi} \nabla \cdot [h \nabla h] \quad \nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

Solution of part (a). $\left[h_T = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r h \frac{\partial h}{\partial r}) , \int_0^a r h dr = 1 \right] \quad (4)$

(non-d) $h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \left(\alpha^2 - \frac{r^2}{t^{1/2}} \right)$

re-dimensionalize,

solution of $h_T = \frac{k \rho g}{\mu \phi} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r h \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \right)$

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 2\pi \phi \int_0^a r h dr$

is (dimensional)

$\frac{a}{d} = \alpha \left(\frac{t}{T} \right)^{1/4} , \quad \frac{h}{d} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{t}} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \left(\alpha^2 - \frac{r^2}{d^2} \frac{T}{t^{1/2}} \right)$

∇ we have to solve $h_T = \frac{k \rho g'}{\mu \phi} \nabla \cdot [h \nabla h] , \quad v = \text{same}$
with $\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$

So the solution is (with $r^2 = \xi^2 + y^2$), replace g by $g' = g \cos \theta$

$\frac{h}{d} = \frac{\sqrt{T}}{\sqrt{t}} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \left[\alpha^2 - \frac{(\xi^2 + y^2) \sqrt{T}}{d^2 t^{1/2}} \right]$

where $T = \frac{2\pi \phi l^4}{k \rho g' V} , \quad d = \frac{V}{2\pi \phi l^2}$ ~~$T = \frac{\mu \phi l^2}{k \rho g' d}$~~

$\Rightarrow h = \frac{V}{2\pi \phi l^2} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi \phi} l^2}{(k \rho g' V)^{1/2}} \frac{1}{8\sqrt{t}} \left[\alpha^2 - \frac{\sqrt{2\pi \phi} l^2}{(k \rho g' V)^{1/2} l^2} \frac{\{(x-Vt)^2 + y^2\}}{t^{1/2}} \right]$
 $= \left(\frac{\mu V}{k \rho g'} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{8\sqrt{t}} \left[\alpha^2 - \sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{\mu \phi^2}{k \rho g' V} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\{(x-Vt)^2 + y^2\}}{t^{1/2}} \right]$
 $= \left(\frac{\mu V}{k \rho g'} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{8\sqrt{t}} \left[\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{4\sqrt{2}} \right) - \left(\frac{\mu \phi^2}{k \rho g' V} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\{(x-Vt)^2 + y^2\}}{\sqrt{t}} \right] \quad \text{as required as } \alpha = 2^{5/4}$