

# B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru-560019

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**Programme:** B E

**Branch:** Aerospace Engineering

**Course Code:** 19AE4DCBAD

**Course:** Basic Aerodynamics

**Semester:** IV

**Duration:** 3 hrs.

**Max Marks:** 100

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**Instructions:** 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each unit.  
2. Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

### UNIT - I

- 1 a) Discuss the Rankine's vortex and its practical implications. 6
- b) Consider a non-lifting flow over a circular cylinder of a given radius, where  $U_{\infty} = 1 \text{ m/s}$ . Draw the streamline pattern for this case. If a small circulation of  $\Gamma = 0.3 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is added, calculate the amount of lift produced at standard sea-level conditions. Draw the streamline pattern for the flow over this rotating cylinder. Compare the streamline patterns for both cases. 6
- c) State Biot-Savart's law. Derive an expression for the velocity induced by the linear vortex of finite length using this law. 8

### UNIT - II

- 2 a) Explain, with a neat sketch, the airfoil nomenclature. 6
- b) Define (i) Center of pressure and (ii) Aerodynamic center. 4
- c) A thin airfoil made of circular arc camber line given by 10

$$\frac{y}{c} = 4h \frac{x}{c} \left(1 - \frac{x}{c}\right)$$

Show that the zero lift angle  $\alpha_0$  is equal to  $-2h$ .

### OR

- 3 a) Derive the expression  $c_L = 2\pi\alpha$  for a flat plate, using the classical thin airfoil theory. 10
- b) Consider an airfoil at  $12^\circ$  angle of attack. The normal and axial force coefficients are 1.2 and 0.3 respectively. Calculate the lift and drag coefficients. 4

- c) Prove that, for a given system of forces and moments on the airfoil, the location of center of pressure is given as  $k_{CP} = -\frac{C_{MLE}}{C_L}$ . **6**

### UNIT - III

- 4 a) Consider an aircraft of wing area  $S$ , and drag coefficient  $C_D$ , flying at a speed of  $V_\infty$  in free stream air of density  $\rho_\infty$ . If its single actuator, of disc area  $A$ , produces a thrust equal to the aircraft drag, show that the speed in the slipstream,  $V_s$ , based on simple momentum theory is given by **8**

$$V_s = V_\infty \sqrt{1 + C_D \frac{S}{A}}$$

- b) Using blade element theory derive the expression for the efficiency of the propeller in terms of axial inflow factor and rotational inflow factor. **12**

### UNIT - IV

- 5 a) Explain the Horseshoe vortex system and its implication in modelling the finite wing. **8**
- b) Define: Aspect Ratio and Taper Ratio. Explain the importance of both in a finite wing. **8**
- c) Derive the expression for the induced downwash at the mid-bird's C.G., if three birds represented by HSV model are flying side by side. The wing span of each bird is 'b', the strength of each HSV is ' $\Gamma$ ', and the bound vortices of all the birds are in the same line. Neglect the distance between the birds. **4**

### UNIT - V

- 6 a) Define source sheet. Explain the procedure to calculate the pressure coefficient at the control point over the surface of any arbitrary shaped body, using source panel method. **10**
- b) Using the method of singularities, construct the flow field developed by superimposing a sink and a vortex. What is the practical implication of this combination? **5**
- c) Consider two different points on the surface of an airplane wing flying at  $80 \text{ m/s}$ . At a particular cross-section of the wing, the pressure coefficient and flow velocity at point 1 are  $-1.3$  and  $100 \text{ m/s}$ , respectively. The pressure coefficient at point 2 is  $-0.8$ . Assuming incompressible flow, calculate the flow velocity at point 2. **5**

**OR**

- 7 a) Discuss the effects of propeller on the tail plane of an aircraft. **5**
- b) An airplane weighs 150 kN has flaps. The maximum lift coefficient at subsonic speed is 1.15. Calculate stalling speed at sea level. The area of wing of the airplane is  $18 \text{ m}^2$  ( $\rho_{SL} = 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ ) **5**
- c) Explain the following with neat sketches: **10**
- (i) Drag divergence Mach number.
  - (ii) Transonic area rule.

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