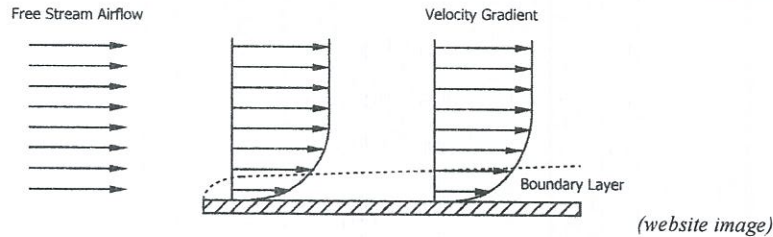


※ 注意：請於試卷內之「非選擇題作答區」依序作答，並應註明作答之大題及小題題號。

Problem 1. (20%)

Briefly answer the following questions:

- (a) Define the Reynolds number (Re) for a flow in a pipe (with a radius of R), and describe the Re criteria for laminar and turbulent flows, respectively. (5%)
- (b) Write down the definition of the Prandtl number (Pr), and draw a scheme to illustrate the application of Pr in convective heat transfer. (5%) (Hint: refer to the following illustration of boundary layer theory.)

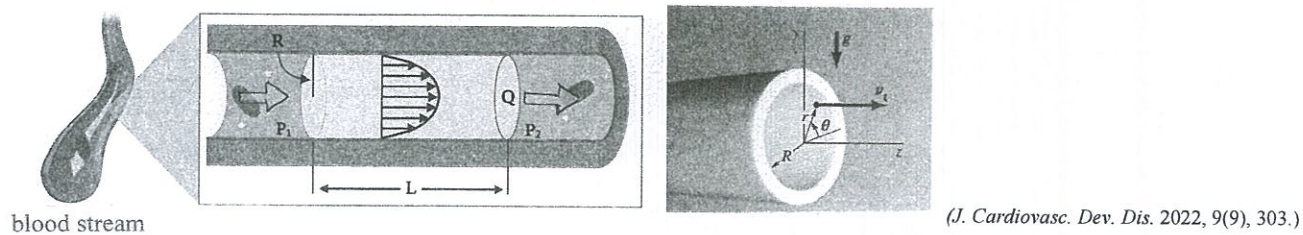


- (c) Write down the definition of thermal diffusivity α , and compare its SI unit with that of a diffusion coefficient D for mass transfer. (5%)
- (d) Derive Fick's 2nd law as given below from Fick's 1st law for a one-dimensional diffusion process. (5%)

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2}$$

Problem 2. (20%)

A healthy blood stream in a vessel is usually regarded as a laminar flow in a circular pipe as illustrated below, and the volume rate of flow Q in the blood vessel can be described by the Poiseuille equation.



$$Q = \frac{\pi R^4 \Delta p}{8\mu L}$$

The Navier–Stokes equations in terms of cylindrical polar coordinates from a fluid mechanics textbook are also valid for the blood flow study, where the gravity terms can be neglected in such a study.

(r direction)

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \left(\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) \\ = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \rho g_r + \mu \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{v_r}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

(θ direction)

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \left(\frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} \right) \\ = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + \rho g_\theta + \mu \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \right) - \frac{v_\theta}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial z^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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(z direction)

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \rho g_z + \mu \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

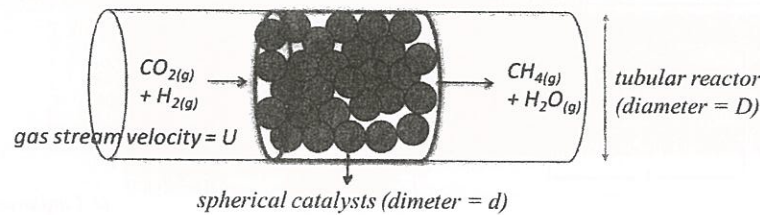
- (a) If the mean velocity of the blood stream $\langle v_z \rangle$ and pressure drop $\Delta p/L$ in a simulated cardiovascular study are measured and correlated, what will be the slope of the $\langle v_z \rangle$ (in y-axis) vs. $\Delta p/L$ (in x-axis) plot? (5%)
- (b) Prove that the velocity profile of v_z is as follows. (7%)

$$v_z = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left(\frac{\Delta p}{L} \right) \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right]$$

- (c) Determine the shear stress τ_w on the blood vessel wall. (5%)
- (d) Explain the effects of blood vessel narrowing (decrease in R) on the flow status (e.g., more laminar or more turbulent) and τ_w (e.g., larger or smaller). (3%)

Problem 3. (15%)

Consider a tubular plug-flow reactor (PFR with a diameter D) filled with specific spherical catalysts (with a diameter d) to convert $\text{CO}_{2(g)}$ to methane fuel by catalytic reduction for carbon capture and sustainable energy applications. The flow speed of the inlet gas stream is U , and the flow speed is uniform.

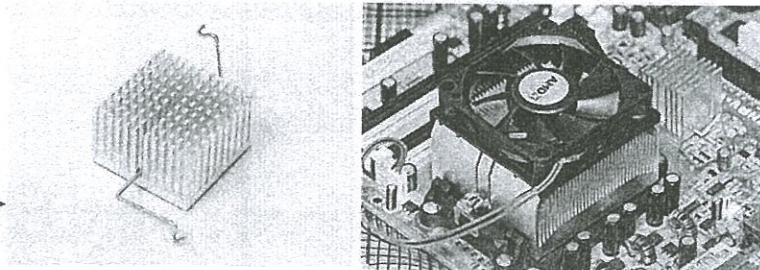
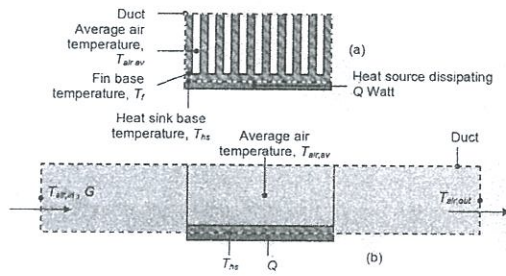


- (a) Briefly draw (i) a typical f vs. $\log Re$ plot and (ii) a typical C_D vs. $\log Re$ plot in the Re range from very small to very large for the smooth surface case. (6%)
- (b) Comment how fluid flow velocity U affects the friction loss caused by the reactor tube. (3%)
- (c) Comment how the catalyst roughness affects the energy loss in the reactor operated at $Re = 10^4$ and $Re = 10^5$, respectively. Here Re is calculated based on d . (3%)
- (d) Below is the Ergun equation. Briefly plot the pressure drop (in y-axis) vs. porosity (in x-axis) for this packed bed reactor. (3%)

$$\frac{\Delta p}{L} = \frac{150 \bar{V}_0 \mu (1 - \epsilon)^2}{\Phi_s^2 D_p^2 \epsilon^3} + \frac{1.75 \rho \bar{V}_0^2 (1 - \epsilon)}{\Phi_s D_p \epsilon^3}$$

Problem 4. (23%)

The heat sink technology based on enhanced heat transfer with finned surface (see below) has been widely applied to cool a variety of electronic devices, and it has re-gained much attention recently from GPU and AI industries to reduce power consumption and to facilitate high-performance computation.



(from Wikipedia)

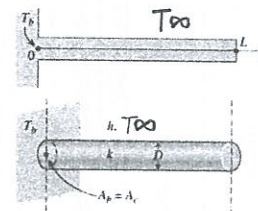
- (a) The following “Fin equation” governs the heat transfer process in fins. Describe each term in the equation and how it is derived. (6%)

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} - \frac{hp}{kA_c}(T - T_\infty) = 0$$

- (b) In the case of “an infinitely long fin” ($T = T_\infty$), the temperature profile $T(x)$ is solved as below. Determine the steady rate of heat transfer from the entire fin by heat conduction. (6%)

$$\frac{T(x) - T_\infty}{T_b - T_\infty} = \exp(-mx)$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{hp}{kA_c}}$$



- (c) Prove that the fin efficiency η is $1/mL$ for the case of an infinitely long fin. The fin efficiency η is defined as the ratio of “actual heat transfer rate from the fin” to “ideal heat transfer rate from the fin if the entire film were at the base temperature T_b .” (5%)
- (d) It is known that the Nusselt number (Nu) can be correlated to the Reynolds (Re) and Prandtl (Pr) numbers by power laws like below, where a , b , and c are empirical constants.

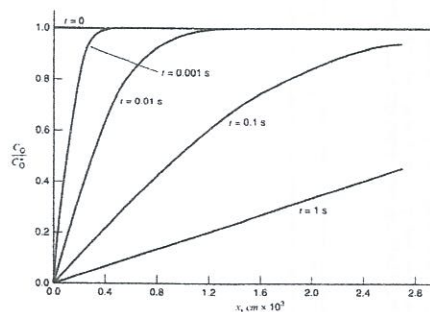
$$Nu = aRe^bPr^c$$

Comment how to design a high-efficiency heat sink from the perspectives of Nu . (6%)

Problem 5. (22%)

- (a) An electrochemical process $O + ne^- \rightarrow R$ occurs at a planar inert electrode under diffusion control. Assume that there is no R present initially. The bulk concentration and diffusion coefficient for species O are C_o^* and D_o , respectively. The concentration profile for species O, $C_o(x,t)$, is solved by Fick’s 2nd law and plotted as follows, where x is the location in the electrolyte distant from the electrode.

$$C_o(x,t) = C_o^* \operatorname{erf} \left[\frac{x}{2\sqrt{D_o t}} \right]$$



($x = 0$ is the electrode/electrolyte interface, $D_o = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ for this plot)

What are the initial condition and boundary conditions for Fick’s 2nd law to solve such a profile? (5%)

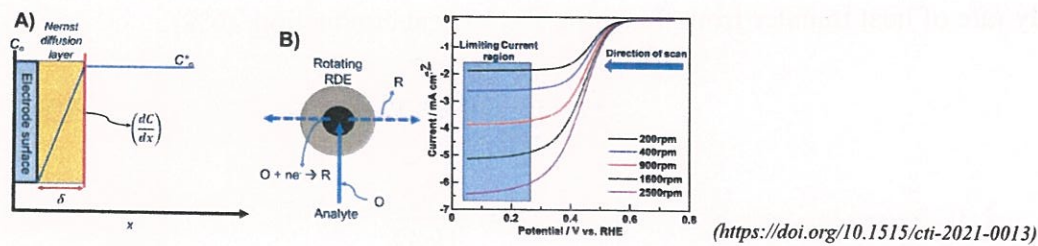
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- (b) The current response under diffusion control (at a sufficiently negative potential) can be determined by correlating Faraday's electrolysis law and molar flux at the electrode/electrolyte interface ($x = 0$) as below.

$$-J_O(0, t) = \frac{i(t)}{nFA} = D_O \left[\frac{\partial C_O(x, t)}{\partial x} \right]_{x=0}$$

Determine $i(t)$. (6%)

- (c) To obtain steady-state current responses, the rotating disk electrode (RDE) technique, as illustrated below, can be applied. The current responses for $O + ne^- \rightarrow R$ in a RDE system is perfectly modeled by the Levich equation, where i_L means a limiting current that is independent of applied potential.

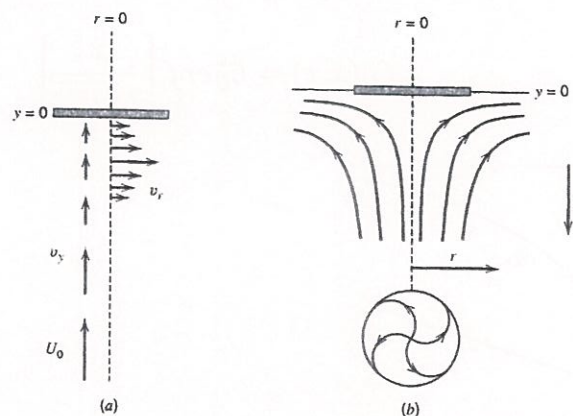


$$i_L = 0.62nFAD_0^{2/3} \omega^{1/2} \nu^{-1/6} C_0^*$$

This implies that the convective diffusion transport of O to the electrode surface can be modeled by the film theory, and the apparent diffusion layer thickness becomes a constant. Determine (i) the diffusion layer thickness and (ii) mass transfer coefficient, respectively. (6%) (Hint: n , F , A , ω , ν are electron-transfer number, Faraday's constant, disk electrode area, angular velocity, kinematic viscosity, respectively.)

- (d) The Levich equation is solved by a rather complicated PDE with steady-state approximation as described below. Explain the physical meaning of the following PDE. (5%)

$$v_r \left(\frac{\partial C_O}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{v_\phi}{r} \left(\frac{\partial C_O}{\partial \phi} \right) + v_y \left(\frac{\partial C_O}{\partial y} \right) = D_O \left[\frac{\partial^2 C_O}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 C_O}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial C_O}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial^2 C_O}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \right]$$



(a) Vector representation of fluid velocities near a rotating disk. (b) Schematic resultant streamlines (or flows). (from the Bard textbook)