

Problem Set 1a: Introduction

Assigned: Thursday 09/09/04

Due: Tuesday 09/21/04

Exercise 1.1:

Please, fill out the survey.

To download the survey, go to: <http://mit.edu/13.021/www/assign.html> → “Survey”.

Grading: The following survey is part of Problem Set 1a and will receive either 0 or 1 credit. If reasonable effort is demonstrated full credit (i.e. 1) will be assigned.

Exercise 1.2:

Purpose: This exercise is intended to introduce you to the visualization of fluid flows.

Instructions: Watch the first 15 min of the film “Flow Visualization”. To watch the film either:

1. Download it from: <http://web.mit.edu/13.021/www/assign.html> → “Flow Visualization”.
2. Borrow a copy from the TA; available in CD’s and DVD’s.
3. Watch it at the Barker Engineering Library. Call number: QC151.F5.

Assignment: Describe in a *short* paragraph the concepts of: pathline, streakline and streamline, as you understand them. Provide one example for each case.

Exercise 1.3:

Purpose: This exercise is intended to refresh your calculus and vector calculus background.

Suggested References: F.B. Hildebrand, “Advanced Calculus for Applications”, Prentice Hall, 2nd edition.

1. *Taylor’s Series Expansion, 1D:* Let f be a real function of x , where $x \in \mathfrak{R}$. Complete the following expression:

$$f(x + dx) = f(x) +$$
2. Apply the previous formula to evaluate the following - without using a calculator:
 - $e^{0.01} \cong$
3. *Notation:* Expand the following expression, where $k = 1, 2$:

$$\sum_{n=0}^3 a_n b_k x^n =$$

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4. A scalar has magnitude and direction: (circle the right answer and comment if necessary)

- True
- False
- Only under the assumption that _____

5. Assume that $f(x, y) = \frac{\ln(x \cdot y)}{x}$. Then

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f =$

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} f =$

- $\vec{\nabla} f =$

6. Evaluate $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x \cos(x) dx$ **Exercise 1.4:**

Supplemental Problems (http://mit.edu/13.021/www/supp_notes.html): C1, C2, C3, C6, C10, C11 (a), Ba3