## Report of Exam 1 <br> 10/20/2015

1. Summary

|  | Number of Students |
| :---: | :---: |
| Total | 105 |
| Attended | 105 |
| Missed | 0 |
| Makeup | 0 |

## 2. Overall distribution



## 3. Distribution for each problem






## Comparison with previous years




## 4. Common mistakes

1) Problem 1

- Students used the $x$ velocity instead of du/dy
- Incorrect area calculation for cylinder

2) Problem 2

- Calculation mistake for hc
- Assuming hc=yc
- Using wrong moment arm for hydrostatic force for calculation of force required to hold gate in place
- Some student decomposed horizontal and vertical component of hydrostatic force. Most of them did not calculate the vertical component correctly

3) Problem 3

- Using only Bernoulli equation without monometer equation
- Mistakes on monometer equation. It seemed like they took an example monometer equation from cheat sheet and did not understand the concept very well
- Wrong assumption for Bernoulli equation (e.g. $\mathrm{V} 1=\mathrm{V} 2 / \mathrm{V} 2=0 / \mathrm{z} 1=\mathrm{z} 2$ )
- Wrong unit convergence

4) Problem 4

- Not including units in their answer
- Error in calculation derivatives
- It seemed like some student ran out of time and rushed problem 4


## 5. Effect of Following Homework Format (Z-test)

For two samples $X_{1}$ and $X_{2}$ of sample means $\bar{X}_{1}$ and $\bar{X}_{2}$, respectively, and sample standard deviation $s_{X_{1}}$ and $s_{X_{2}}$, respectively,

$$
Z=\frac{\left(\bar{X}_{1}-\bar{X}_{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\sigma_{X_{1}}^{2}+\sigma_{X_{2}}^{2}}}
$$

where, $\sigma_{X}=s_{X} / \sqrt{N}$ is the standard error of the mean and $N$ is the sample size. In general,

| $Z$ | Two samples are |
| :---: | :---: |
| $<2$ | the same |
| $2 \sim 2.5$ | marginally different |
| $2.5 \sim 3$ | significantly different <br> highly significantly <br> $>3$ |

For exam 1,

| Sample <br> (Students <br> who) | $X_{1}$ <br> (Did not follow <br> format) | $X_{2}$ <br> (Followed format) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bar{X}$ | 79.8 | 74.8 |
| $s_{X}$ | 10.6 | 11.6 |
| $N$ | 64 | 45 |
| $\sigma_{X}$ | 1.33 | 1.73 |
| $Z$ | 2.3 |  |

The Z-test shows that the two score distributions are marginally different (or likely the same) between the group who followed the format and the other group who did not follow the format. Thus, it is not likely that the use of the answer format might have significantly affected the exam scores.

