

PROBLEM 5-3

GIVEN Velocity components

$$u = ax + \frac{bx}{x^2y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad v = ay + \frac{by}{x^2y^2}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

FIND Accelerations  $a_x$  and  $a_y$ .

SOLUTION Since the flow is spatially two-dimensional  $(x, y)$  and steady, Equations (3.52) and (3.53) give

$$a_x = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad a_y = u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

Substituting into the equation for  $a_x$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} a_x &= \left(ax + \frac{b}{xy^2}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(ax + \frac{b}{xy^2}\right) + \left(ay + \frac{b}{x^2y}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(ax + \frac{b}{xy^2}\right) \\ &= \left(ax + \frac{b}{xy^2}\right) \left(a - \frac{b}{x^2y^2}\right) + \left(ay + \frac{b}{x^2y}\right) \left(-\frac{2b}{xy^3}\right) \\ &= a^2x + \frac{ab}{xy^2} - \frac{ab}{xy^2} - \frac{b^2}{x^3y^4} - \frac{2ab}{xy^2} - \frac{2b^2}{x^3y^4} \\ &= a^2x - \frac{2ab}{xy^2} - \frac{3b^2}{x^3y^4} = x \left( a^2 - \frac{2ab}{x^2y^2} - \frac{3b^2}{x^4y^4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$a_x = x \left( a - \frac{3b}{x^2y^2} \right) \left( a + \frac{b}{x^2y^2} \right)$$

Substituting into the equation for  $a_y$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} a_y &= \left(ax + \frac{b}{xy^2}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(ay + \frac{b}{x^2y}\right) + \left(ay + \frac{b}{x^2y}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(ay + \frac{b}{x^2y}\right) \\ &= \left(ax + \frac{b}{xy^2}\right) \left(\frac{-2b}{x^3y}\right) + \left(ay + \frac{b}{x^2y}\right) \left(a - \frac{b}{x^2y^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \frac{2ab}{x^2y} - \frac{2b^2}{x^4y^3} + a^2y + \frac{ab}{x^2y} - \frac{ab}{x^2y} - \frac{b^2}{x^4y^3}$$

$$= a^2y - \frac{2ab}{x^2y} - \frac{3b^2}{x^4y^3} = y \left( a^2 - \frac{2ab}{x^2y^2} - \frac{3b^2}{x^4y^4} \right)$$

or

$$a_y = y \left( a - \frac{3b}{x^2y^2} \right) \left( a + \frac{b}{x^2y^2} \right)$$

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