

# VEHICLE AERODYNAMICS (SG2211/SG3128), 6 ECTS,

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## LITERATURE

Lecture Notes provided by the teacher and available on CANVAS

Barnard, R.H., Road Vehicle Aerodynamic Design - An introduction, 2:nd edition 2001, MechAero Publishing, ISBN 0-9540734-0-1.

## EXAMINATION AND GRADING

- LAB1 - Laboratory Work, 0.8 credits, Grading scale: P, F
- PRO1 - Project, 3.0 credits, Grading scale: P, F
- TEN1 - Examination, 2.2 credits, Grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, F

## COURSE PLAN

### REGULAR LECTURES

1st Lecture-17<sup>th</sup> of March

Introduction - Course layout - Importance of Vehicle Aerodynamics

2nd Lecture-18<sup>th</sup> of March

Historical review

3rd Lecture-19<sup>th</sup> of March

Introduction to fluid mechanics - The fluid particle - Kinematic, thermodynamic and transport properties - Viscosity of fluids – Thermal conductivity - Pathlines, streamlines and streaklines

4th Lecture-20<sup>th</sup> of March

Streamtube and Vortex tube – Helmholtz theorems - Steady flow - Compressibility - The principles of

fluid mechanics – The continuity equation - The momentum balance- The energy equation

5th Lecture-23<sup>rd</sup> of March

Uncoupled system - The initial and boundary conditions- The Navier-Stokes equations – SG2211  
Project Presentation

6th Lecture-24<sup>th</sup> of March

Main problems Boundary conditions - Simplified problem- Equations for incompressible irrotational flows - Effect of viscosity in irrotational flow - The solution of incompressible irrotational viscous flow – The generalised Bernoulli theorem – Bernoulli theorem for rotational flows - Genesis of vorticity on a flat plate - Generalization to more complex geometries - Wu theorem

7th Lecture- 25<sup>th</sup> of March

Dynamics of vorticity on a flat plate - Vorticity thickness on a flat plate - Definition of boundary layer – The Prandtl theory – The iterative procedure

8th Lecture-1<sup>st</sup> of April

Boundary layer representation - Boundary layer thickness -Displacement and momentum thickness - Boundary layer evolution – Boundary layer separation - Effects of geometry on separation - Reynolds number dependency

9th Lecture-2<sup>nd</sup> of April

Transition Main parameters in transition - Turbulence Separation bubbles - Definition of Aerodynamic and Bluff bodies - Aerodynamic forces on vehicles - Force coefficients - Pressures - Shear stresses - Lift and Drag of vehicles - Aerodynamic bodies - The iterative procedure- The potential flow results (thin airfoil, conformal mapping, panel methods) - The Kutta condition

10th Lecture-3<sup>th</sup> of April

The potential flow results (thin airfoil, conformal mapping, panel methods) - The Kutta condition - Lift on wings for vehicle application

11th Lecture-6<sup>th</sup> of April

Boundary layer corrections - Effect of thickness - Effect of curvature - Separation and stall on thick, medium and thin airfoil - Wing profiles interactions

12th Lecture-7<sup>th</sup> of April

Control of lift - Gurney flap – Second Iteration (Boundary layer corrections) - Classification of Drag - Drag on aerodynamic bodies Friction drag - Importance of friction drag in vehicle aerodynamics - The Prandtl equations - Flat plate analogy - Solution for Laminar flow - Solution for Turbulent flow - Solution with transition

13th Lecture-8<sup>th</sup> of April

Integral methods - Friction drag control - Laminar profiles - Form drag - Estimation by iterative procedure

14th Lecture-9<sup>th</sup> of April

Energy interpretation of drag - Forces on bluff bodies - Potential flow around bodies - Flow around

a cylinder - Potential flow around a car - Application of the iterative procedure to a ground vehicle  
– The solution around a cylinder- Pressures on a hemi-cylinder

15th Lecture-28<sup>th</sup> of April

The Helmholtz model - Approximate procedure for bluff bodies (Potential flow with regions of separated flow) - Drag for bluff bodies - Form drag - Drag coefficient of a cylinder

16th Lecture-29<sup>th</sup> of April

Laminar separation - Turbulent separation - Critical region - Energy in the wake and the role of vorticity - Intensity, spacing and concentration effects - Form drag in different geometries - Effects of aspect ratio and corners

17th Lecture-6<sup>th</sup> of May

Methods to reduce form drag - Effects of roughness - Use of vortex generators - Splitter plates- Interference effects on 2D bodies - Ground effects

18th Lecture-11<sup>th</sup> of May

Aerodynamics of 3D aero bodies - Lift of finite wings – Drag of finite wing – Friction on 3D bodies - The induced drag – Control of induced drag - Influence of the end plates - The Delta wing - Lift and drag of a delta wing - Wing in ground effect – Aerodynamics of 3D bluff bodies - Fore body and after body drag - Form drag in 3D bodies - - Drag due to streamwise vortices - The Morel body – Drafting

19th Lecture-12<sup>th</sup> of May

The aerodynamic of a family car

## EXTERNAL LECTURES

1th External Lecture-7<sup>th</sup> of May

Aerodynamics of Bicycles

2nd External Lecture-8<sup>th</sup> of May

Aerodynamics of Rail Vehicles