MECH 4620

COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS

Contents

Summary of the course

This course will focus on the terminology, principles and methods of CFD – Computational Fluid Dynamics

CFD can be applied in many areas of engineering, including aerodynamics, hydrodynamics, air-conditioning and minerals processing and you will find relevance to many other courses you are currently taking.

Aims of the course

The aims of the course are to:

Place CFD in the context of a useful design tool for industry and a vital research tool for thermos-fluid research across many disciplines;
Familiarise students with the basic steps and terminology associated with CFD. This include developing students' understanding of the conservation laws applied to fluid motion and heat transfer and basic computational methods including explicit, implicit methods, discretization schemes and stability analysis;
Develop practical expertise of solving CFD problems with a commercial CFD code, ANSYS CFX;
Develop an awareness of the power and limitations of CFD.

This course builds on knowledge gained in other course such as Fluid Mechanics, Thermodynamics, and Numerical Methods.

Student learning outcomes

This course is designed to address the below learning outcomes and the corresponding Engineers Australia Stage 1 Competency Standards for Professional Engineers as shown. The full list of Stage 1 Competency Standards may be found in Appendix A.

After successfully completing this course, you should be able to:

Learning Outcome	**EA Stage 1 Competencies**

3. Teaching strategies

Lectures in the course are designed to cover the terminology and core concepts and theories in CFD. They do not simply reiterate the texts, but build on the lecture topics using examples taken directly from industry to show how the theory is applied in practice and the details of when, where and how it should be applied.

Lab sessions are designed to provide you with feedback and discussion on the assignments, and to investigate problem areas in greater depth to ensure that you understand the application and can avoid making the same mistake again.

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Week	***Lecturer***	***Topic***	***Work during laboratory session***	***DUE (Friday)***
1	GHY	Introduction to CFD and ANSYS CFX	Backward facing step exercise Problem setup	
2	GHY	Defining a CFD problem		

6	GHY	Turbulence: basics and introduction	Backward facing step exercise: Convergence and Discretization, Turbulence models, T2 work

Submission

Late submissions will be penalised 5 marks per calendar day (including weekends). An extension may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Where an assessment task is worth less than 20% of the total course mark and you have a compelling reason for being unable to submit your work on time, you must seek approval for an extension from the course convenor ***before the due date***. Special consideration for assessment tasks of 20% or greater must be processed through https://student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration.

It is always worth submitting late assessment tasks when possible. Completion of the work, even late, may be taken into account in cases of special consideration.

Assessment Criteria

The following broad criteria will be used to grade assignments, while the major assignment will have more specific criteria incorporated into the report template when issued:

For report-style assignments the following criteria will be used:

Identification of key facts and the integration of those facts in a logical development.
Clarity of communication—this includes development of a clear and orderly structure and the highlighting of core arguments.
Sentences in clear and plain English—this includes correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.
Correct referencing in accordance with the prescribed citation and style guide.

All other assignments involve numerical calculations, for which the following criteria will be used:

Accuracy of numerical answers.
Use of diagrams, where appropriate, to support or illustrate the calculations.
Use of graphs, were appropriate, to support or illustrate the calculations.
Use of tables, where appropriate, to support or shorten the calculations.
Neatness.

Examinations

There will be a three-hour examination at the end of the Semester.

You must be available for the examination. Final examination is held during the University examination period, November for Semester 2.

Provisional Examination timetables are generally published on myUNSW in September for Semester 2

For further information on exams, please see the Exams section on the intranet.

Calculators

You will need to provide your own calculator, of a make and model approved by UNSW, for the examinations. The list of approved calculators is shown at

student.unsw.edu.au/exam-approved-calculators-and-computers

It is your responsibility to ensure that your calculator is of an approved make and model, and to obtain an "Approved" sticker for it from the School Office or the Engineering Student Centre prior to the examination. Calculators not bearing an "Approved" sticker will not be allowed into the examination room.

Special consideration and supplementary assessment

For details of applying for special consideration and conditions for the award of supplementary assessment, see the School intranet, and the information on UNSW's Special Consideration page.

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Suggested textbooks (either):

1. J.Y. Tu, G.H. Yeoh, and C. Liu, Computational Fluid Dynamics: A Practical Approach, 2nd Edition, 2012.
2. H.K. Versteeg and W. Malalasekera, An introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics. The Finite Volume Method, 2nd Edition

Other references:

1. J.D. Anderson, Computational Fluid Dynamics.
2. P.J. Roache, Fundamentals of Computational Fluid Dynamics.
3. P.J. Roache, Verification and Validation in Computational Science and Engineering.

The discussion forum is intended for you to use with other enrolled students. The course convenor and/or demonstrators will occasionally look at the forum, monitor any inappropriate content, and take note of any frequently-asked questions, but will only respond to questions on the forum at their discretion. If you want help from the convenor then direct contact is preferred.

7. Course evaluation and development

The course has been redesigned in 2015 and will be evaluated at the end of this semester. Feedback on the course is gathered periodically using various means, including the Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) process, informal discussion in the final class for the course, and the School's Student/Staff meetings. Your feedback is taken seriously, and continual improvements are made to the course based, in part, on such feedback.

In this course, recent improvements resulting from student feedback include a reduction in the amount of code-writing required and also the introduction of a major assignment with the topic of the student's choice.

8. Academic honesty and plagiarism

UNSW has an ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of learning informed by academic integrity. All UNSW students have a responsibility to adhere to this principle of academic integrity. Plagiarism undermines academic integrity and is not tolerated at UNSW. *Plagiarism at UNSW is defined as using the words or ideas of others and passing them off as your own.*

Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. UNSW has produced a website with a wealth of resources to support students to understand and avoid plagiarism: student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how not to plagiarise. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

You are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and the proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment tasks.

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another student's work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

10. Appendix A: Engineers Australia (EA) Stage 1 Competencies for Professional Engineers

	Program Intended Learning Outcomes
PE1: Knowledge and Skill Base	PE1.1 Comprehensive, theory-based understanding of underpinning fundamentals
	PE1.2 Conceptual understanding of underpinning maths, analysis, statistics, computing
	PE1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge
	PE1.4 Discernment of knowledge development and research directions
	PE1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice
	PE1.6 Understanding of scope, principles, norms, accountabilities of sustainable engineering practice
PE2: Engineering Application Ability	PE2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex problem solving
	PE2.2 Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources
	PE2.3 Application of systematic engineering synthesis and design processes
	PE2.4 Application of systematic approaches to the conduct and management of engineering projects
PE3: Professional and Personal Attributes	PE3.1 Ethical conduct and professional accountability
	PE3.2 Effective oral and written communication (professional and lay domains)
	PE3.3 Creative, innovative and pro-active demeanour
	PE3.4 Professional use and management of information
	PE3.5 Orderly management of self, and professional conduct
	PE3.6 Effective team membership and team leadership