



GATE Syllabus

Part I – ENGINEERING SCIENCE (XE)

Section – XE-B: Fluid Mechanics



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SECTION – XE-B: FLUID MECHANICS

Course Syllabus

Unit 1: Flow and Fluid Properties

- Viscosity
- Relationship between stress and strain-rate for Newtonian fluids
- Incompressible and compressible flows
- Differences between laminar and turbulent flows
- Hydrostatics: Buoyancy, manometry, forces on submerged bodies

Unit 2: Kinematics

- Eulerian and Lagrangian description of fluids motion
- Concept of local and convective accelerations
- Steady and unsteady flows

Unit 3: Integral Analysis

- Control volume analysis for mass, momentum and energy

Unit 4: Differential Analysis

- Differential equations of mass and momentum for incompressible flows: inviscid – Euler equation and viscous flows - Navier-Stokes equations, concept of fluid rotation, vorticity, stream function, Exact solutions of Navier-Stokes equation for Couette Flow and Poiseuille flow

Unit 5: Inviscid Flows

- Bernoulli's equation - assumptions and applications, potential function, Elementary plane flows - uniform flow, source, sink and doublet and their superposition for potential flow past simple geometries

Unit 6: Dimensional Analysis

- Concept of geometric, kinematic and dynamic similarity, some common non-dimensional parameters and their physical significance: Reynolds number, Froude number and Mach number

Unit 7: Internal Flows

- Fully developed pipe flow, empirical relations for laminar and turbulent flows: friction factor and Darcy-Weisbach relation

Unit 8: Prandtl boundary layer equations

- Concept and assumptions, qualitative idea of boundary layer and separation, streamlined and bluff bodies, drag and lift forces
- Flow measurements:
 - Basic ideas of flow measurement using venturimeter, pitot-static tube and orifice plate