

AE6014 EXPERIMENTAL AERODYNAMICS

DETAILED SYLLABUS

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide details, operating principles and limitations of forces, pressure, velocity and temperature measurements. To describe flow visualization techniques and to highlight in depth discussion of analog methods.

UNIT I BASIC MEASUREMENTS IN FLUID MECHANICS

Objective of experimental studies – Fluid mechanics measurements – Properties of fluids – Measuring instruments – Performance terms associated with measurement systems – Direct measurements - Analogue methods – Flow visualization –Components of measuring systems – Importance of model studies.

UNIT II CHARACTERISTICS OF MEASUREMENTS

Characteristic features, operation and performance of low speed, transonic, supersonic and special tunnels - Power losses in a wind tunnel – Instrumentation of wind tunnels – Turbulence- Wind tunnel balance –principles, types and classifications -Balance calibration.

UNIT III FLOW VISUALIZATION AND ANALOGUE METHODS

Principles of Flow Visualization – Hele-Shaw apparatus - Interferometer – Fringe-Displacement method – Schlieren system – Shadowgraph - Hydraulic analogy – Hydraulic jumps – Electrolytic tank

UNIT IV PRESSURE, VELOCITY AND TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

Measurement of static and total pressures in low and high-speed flows- Pitot-Static tube characteristics - Pressure transducers – principle and operation – Velocity measurements - Hot-wire anemometry – LDV – PIV: Temperature measurements.

UNIT V SPECIAL FLOWS AND UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS

Experiments on Taylor-Proud man theorem and Ekman layer – Measurements in boundary layers - Data acquisition and processing – Signal conditioning - Uncertainty analysis – Estimation of measurement errors – External estimate of the error – Internal estimate of the error – Uncertainty calculation - Uses of uncertainty analysis.

TEXT BOOKS:

1. Radhakrishnan, E., "Instrumentation, Measurements, and Experiments in Fluids," CRC Press – Taylor & Francis, 2007.
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2. NAL-UNI Lecture Series 12: Experimental Aerodynamics, NAL SP 98 01 April 1998
3. Lecture course on "Advanced Flow diagnostic techniques" 17-19 September 2008 NAL, Bangalore