

Physics Cup – TalTech 2019 – Problem 1. December 23, 2018

When a body moves in liquid, the motion of the body puts the liquid into motion, too. The motion of liquid contributes to the total kinetic energy of the system, and hence, leads to an increased *effective mass* of the body. The difference of the effective mass and the actual mass of the body is referred to as the *added mass*. The added mass depends on the size and shape of the body.

Consider a certain metallic body of volume V and polarizability α along its symmetry axis x (i.e. homogeneous externally applied electric field \vec{E} induces total dipole moment $\vec{p} = \alpha\vec{E}$ on this body). Additionally, the body shape is such that if it were made from a homogeneous dielectric material and put into homogeneous electric field, the electric field inside the body would be also homogeneous. Find the added mass of this body when it starts moving translationally, parallel to the x -axis, in an incompressible initially motionless liquid of density ρ . The viscosity of the liquid is negligibly small. Express the answer in terms of V , ρ , α , and physical constants.

Hint. Initially vortex-free inviscid fluid remains free of vortices, i.e. $\oint \vec{v}d\vec{r} = 0$ for any integration contour inside the liquid, where $\vec{v} \equiv \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t)$ is the fluid velocity at position \vec{r} ; t denotes a fixed moment of time.

The hint of 16th Dec. 2018. Build an electric field with field lines matching the streamlines of liquid around the body by considering a linear combination of an homogeneous electric field, and the field created by an electrically polarized body.

The hint of 23rd Dec. 2018. In the case of the electric field from the previous hint, relate the energy of the field to the electrostatic interaction energy between the polarization charges and the external field on the one hand, and to the kinetic energy of the flow around the body on the other hand.

By the end of the first week, there were 363 registered participants from 53 countries; among them there were 169 c students, and 194 university students. During the first two weeks, in total 39 solutions were submitted, out of which 12 were correct. I'll be keeping the speed bonus for the university and pre-university students separately, so there is still a chance of getting the bonus!

Correct solutions submitted by December 23, 2018:

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