

# Rotating Disc Fluid Mechanics

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## **Flow of a Viscous Liquid on a Rotating Disk\***

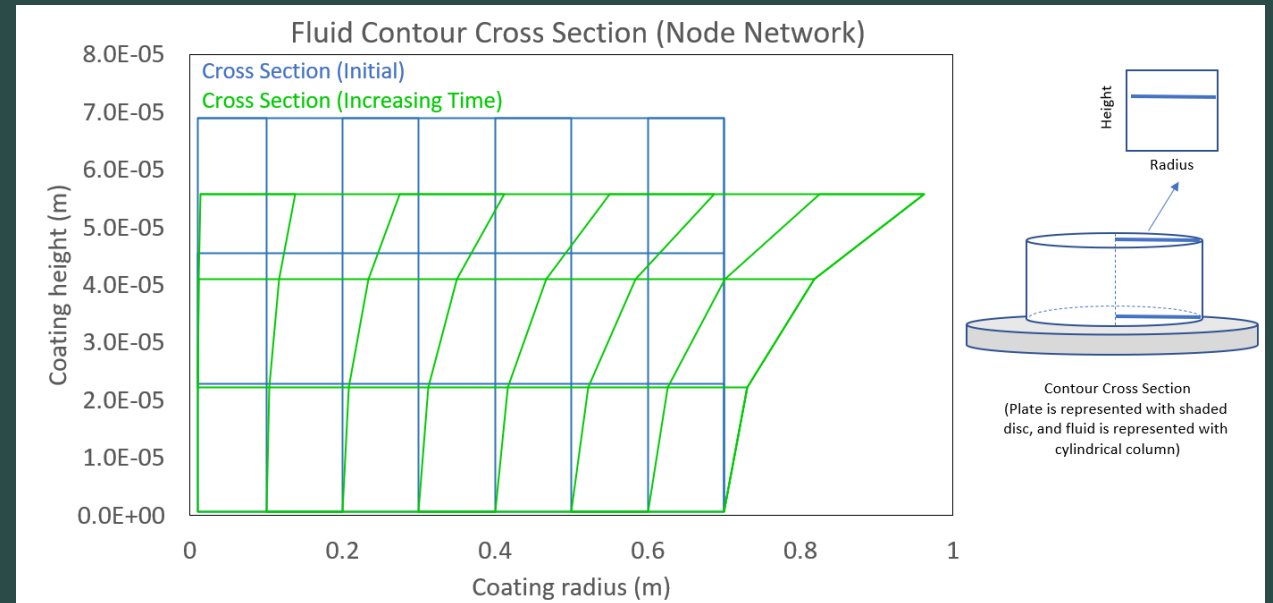
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# Introduction



## Foundational Assumptions

- 1 Semi-infinite flat plate (the plate radius is larger than the outermost extent of fluid)
- 2 Gravitational forces are negligible compared to centrifugal forces (the plate spins fast)
- 3 Radially symmetric initial (and transient) fluid distribution
- 4 Viscosity is independent of shear rate (Newtonian Fluid)
- 5 Shear resistance is only significant in horizontal planes (relatively thin layers)
- 6 Radial velocity is sufficiently low to neglect Coriolis forces.
- 7 The top of the fluid film is exposed to air which exerts negligible shear forces.

# Methods

$$-\mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right) = \rho(\omega^2 r)$$

# Methods: backtracking

Equation of motion, cylindrical coordinates

$$\rho \left( \frac{Dv}{Dt} \right) = -\nabla P - (\nabla \cdot \tau) + \rho g$$

$$F_{gv} = \rho g$$

Gravitational body force

$$F = ma$$

$$F_g = mg$$

$$F_{cv} = \rho(\omega^2 r)$$

Centrifugal body force

$$F_c = m \left( \frac{v^2}{r} \right)$$

$$F_c = m(\omega^2 r)$$

# Methods: backtracking

$$\rho \left( \frac{Dv}{Dt} \right) = -\nabla P - (\nabla \cdot \tau) + \rho(\omega^2 r)$$

Body forces: use  $F_{cv}$  instead of  $F_{gv}$

$$\rho \left( \frac{Dv}{Dt} \right) = -\nabla P + \mu \nabla^2 v + \rho(\omega^2 r)$$

Newtonian Fluid with constant density

$$-\mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right) = \rho(\omega^2 r)$$

Reference frame of moving plate as  $v = 0$   
Negligible Pressure gradient

$$-\mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right) = \rho(\omega^2 r)$$

$$-\mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right) = \rho(\omega^2 r) \quad \text{Integrate}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu}$$

$$\int \partial \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) = -\int \frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} \partial z$$

Boundary Conditions

$$\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} = 0 \quad @ \quad z = h$$

$$\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} = -\frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} z + C_1$$

$$\int \partial v_r = -\int \left( \frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} z + C_1 \right) \partial z$$

$$v_r = -\frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{2\mu} z^2 + C_1 z + C_2$$

$$v_r = 0 \quad @ \quad z = 0$$

$$0 = -\frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} h + C_1$$

$$C_1 = \frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} h$$

$$0 = 0 + 0 + C_2$$

$$C_2 = 0$$

$$v_r = -\frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{2\mu} z^2 + \frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} h z$$

Sub in  $C_1$  and  $C_2$

$$v_r = \frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} \left( -\frac{z^2}{2} + h z \right)$$

Rewrite to simplify

$$v_r = \frac{\rho(\omega^2 r)}{\mu} \left( -\frac{z^2}{2} + hz \right)$$

$$q = \int_0^h v_r dz$$

$$q = \frac{\rho\omega^2 r h^3}{3\mu}$$

$$r \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial(rq)}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -\frac{\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 h^3)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 h^3) = h^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2) + r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (h^3)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{2\rho(\omega^2)h^3}{3\mu} - \frac{3\rho(\omega^2)rh^2}{3\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \quad \text{PDE}$$



$$-\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)h^3}{3\mu} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\rho(\omega^2)rh^2}{\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r}$$

Rearrange

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt}$$

Use total derivative definition

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)h^3}{3\mu}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{\rho(\omega^2)rh^2}{\mu}$$

2 ODEs from 1 PDE

$$\int \frac{1}{h^3} dh = -\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu} dt$$

$$\frac{-0.5}{h^2} = -\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu} t + C_1$$

Boundary Condition

$$h = h_o @ t = 0$$

$$\frac{-0.5}{h_o^2} = C_1$$

$$\frac{-0.5}{h^2} = -\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu} t - \frac{0.5}{h_o^2}$$

Sub in  $C_1$

$$\frac{-0.5}{1} = h^2 \left( -\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu} t - \frac{0.5}{h_o^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{-0.5}{\left( -\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu} t - \frac{0.5}{h_o^2} \right)} = h^2$$

$$h^2 = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{4\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu} t + \frac{1}{h_o^2} \right)}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{\rho(\omega^2)rh_o^2}{\mu \left( \frac{4\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{3\mu}t + 1 \right)}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{r} dr = \int \frac{\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{\mu \left( \frac{4\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{3\mu}t + 1 \right)} dt$$

$$A = \frac{\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{\mu}$$

$$B = \frac{4\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{3\mu}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{r} dr = A \int \frac{1}{(Bt + 1)} dt$$

$$\ln(r) = \frac{A}{B} \ln(Bt + 1) + C_1$$

Boundary Condition

$$r = r_o \text{ @ } t = 0$$

$$\ln(r_o) = C_1$$

$$\ln(r) = \frac{A}{B} \ln(Bt + 1) + \ln(r_o)$$

Sub in  $C_1$

$$C_1 = \ln(r_o)$$

$$\frac{\ln(r)}{\ln(r_o)} = \frac{A}{B} \ln(Bt + 1)$$

Rearrange

$$\frac{r}{r_o} = (Bt + 1)^{\frac{A}{B}}$$

$$r = r_o \left( \frac{4\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{3\mu}t + 1 \right)^{3/4}$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = \frac{2\rho(\omega^2)h^3}{3\mu} - \frac{3\rho(\omega^2)rh^2}{3\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \quad \text{PDE}$$

$$-\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)h^3}{3\mu} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\rho(\omega^2)rh^2}{\mu} \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \quad \text{Rearrange}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} \quad \text{Use total derivative definition}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{2\rho(\omega^2)h^3}{3\mu}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{\rho(\omega^2)rh^2}{\mu} \quad \text{2 ODEs from 1 PDE}$$

$$h = \frac{h_o}{\left(\frac{4\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{3\mu}t + 1\right)^{1/2}}$$

$$r = r_o \left(\frac{4\rho(\omega^2)h_o^2}{3\mu}t + 1\right)^{3/4}$$

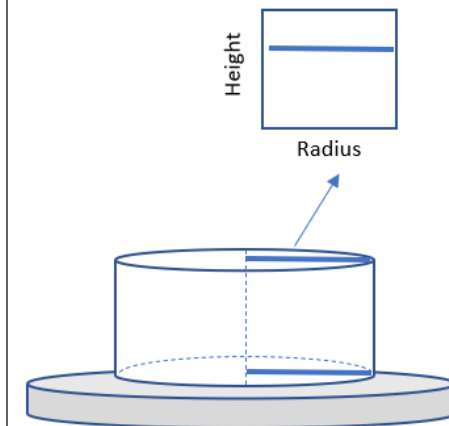
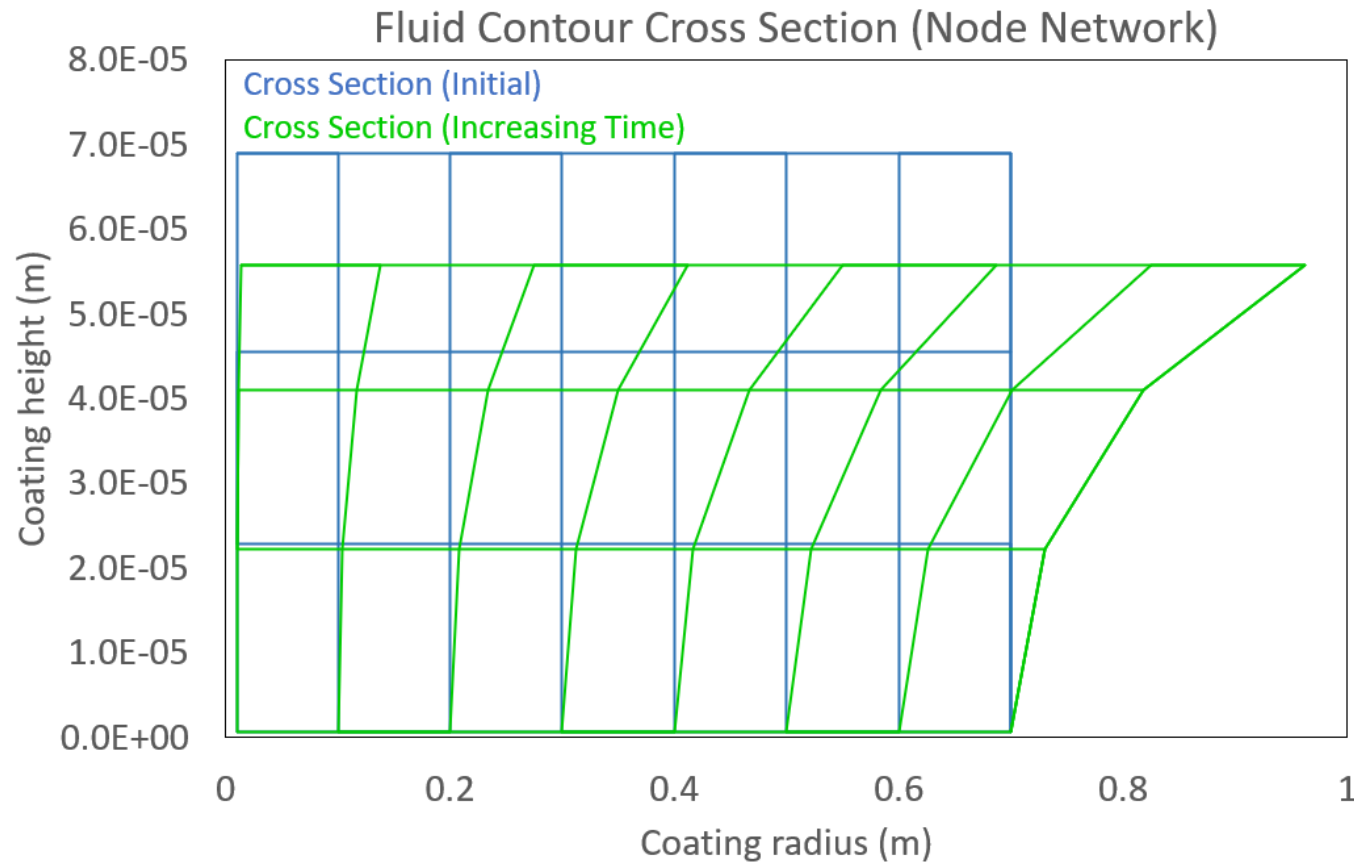
ODE Solutions for  
 $h = h_o \text{ @ } t = 0$   
 $r = r_o \text{ @ } t = 0$

$$h = \frac{h_o}{(Kh_o^2t + 1)^{1/2}}$$

$$r = r_o(Kh_o^2t + 1)^{3/4}$$

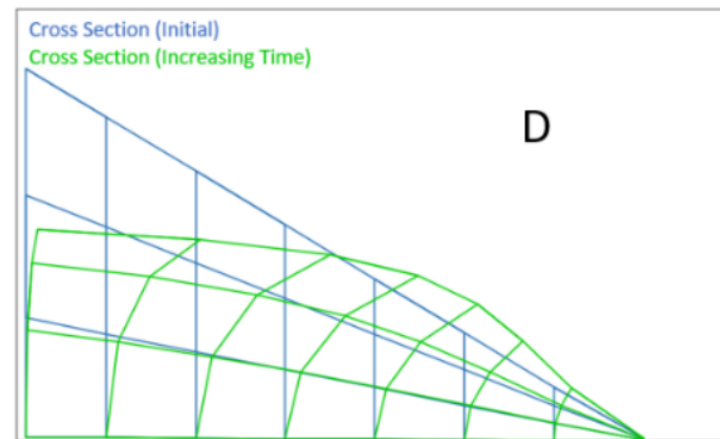
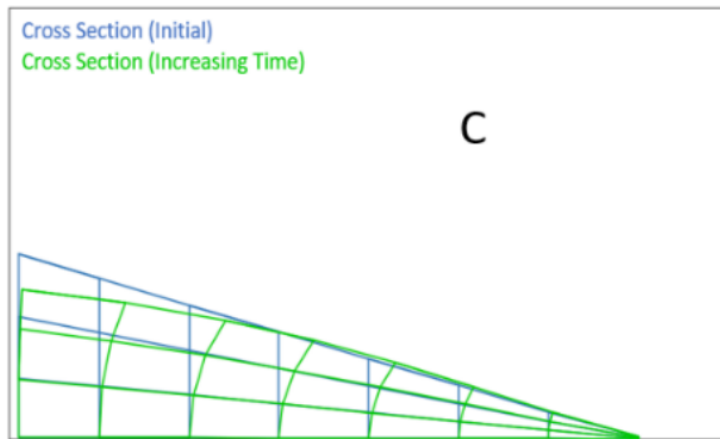
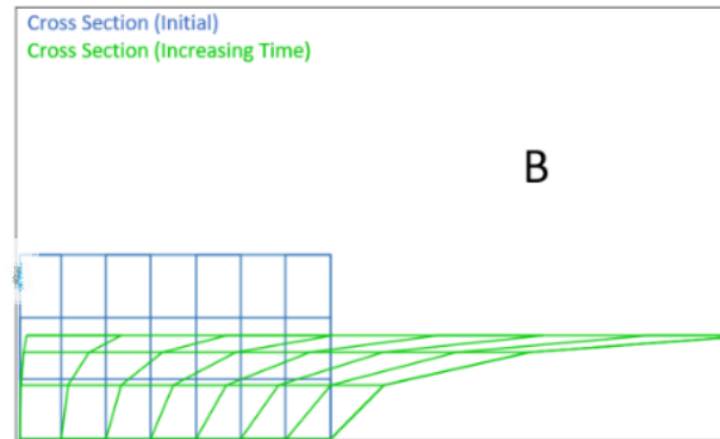
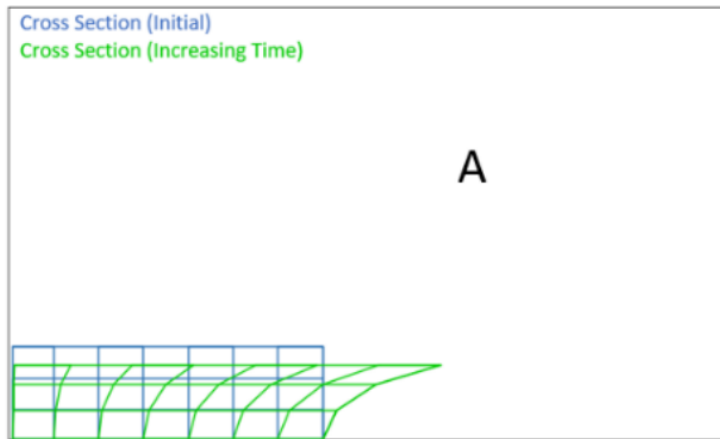
$$K = \frac{4\rho(\omega^2)}{3\mu}$$

# Results and Discussion



Contour Cross Section  
(Plate is represented with shaded disc, and fluid is represented with cylindrical column)

# Results and Discussion (continued)



# Conclusion

