Fluid and Thermal Systems

Homework Set #1

Assignment #1:

Open up your favorite web browser and go to http://web.mit.edu/fluids/www/Shapiro/ncfmf.html Watch the 30-minute video titled "Flow Visualization" and answer the following questions:

- a) Define the following terms used in the video:
 - i. a pathline
 - ii. a streamline
 - iii. a streakline.
- b) Name three different techniques used for flow visualization in the video.

Assignment #2:

(Adapted from R. M. Olson and S. J. Wright, *Essentials of Engineering Fluid Mechanics*, 5th edition, Harper & Row, New York, 1990)

Determine if the following velocity fields describe an incompressible fluid flow. Clearly show your logic.

a)
$$V_x = x^2 \cos(y)$$
, $V_y = -2x \sin(y)$

b)
$$V_x = x + 2$$
, $V_y = 1 - y$

c)
$$V_x = x y t$$
, $V_y = x^3 - \frac{y^2 t}{2}$

d)
$$V_x = \ln(x) + y$$
, $V_y = x y - \frac{y}{x}$

e)
$$V_x = x + y$$
, $V_y = x - y$