

Tutorial 2: Real Fluids

Question 1

The dynamic viscosity μ of a fluid may be determined by measuring the constant velocity of a sphere sinking within the fluid. This experiment is based on the assumption that the flow around the sphere is laminar (use $Re_{max} = 0.5$). We would like to prove this using oil ($\mu = 0.8 \text{ kg/ms}$, $\rho = 900 \text{ kg/m}^3$) and a steel sphere ($\rho = 7700 \text{ kg/m}^3$).

- i. Summarise the forces acting on the sphere.

force balance + Reynold's number.

- ii. Determine the maximum sphere diameter so that the flow remains laminar.

- iii. Determine the maximum sphere diameter if the medium under consideration is water at 20°C . Is this a practical result? **same as (ii), replace μ with $1.005 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/ms}$**

- iv. Calculate the constant sphere velocity for both cases.

just take the funded "D", sub-back in either of the eqn (force balance / Re)

[Ans: ii) 4.6 mm, iii) 0.0515 mm, iv) for oil 0.096 m/s, for water 0.00977 m/s]

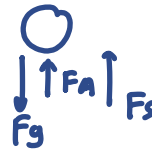
Note: The volume of a sphere is given by $V = (\pi D^3)/6$.

i.

(drag force) Stokes law: $F_s = 3\pi\mu u D$

(buoyant force) Archimedes Force: $F_A = V\rho_f u g$

(weight) Gravity Force: $F_g = V\rho_s \text{sphere} g$



- ii. **Re_{max} = 0.5** 1. find **Re = 0.5**
→ requires **U**

$$\frac{\rho U L}{\mu} = 0.5$$

(L, length scale in this case use D, diameter)

$$D = \frac{0.5 \times 0.8}{900 \times U}$$

2. find **U** from force balance.

need to find U first: we can get it from force balance!

$$D = \frac{0.5 \times 0.8}{\frac{900}{18\mu} D^2 g (\rho_s - \rho_f)}$$

$$D^3 = \frac{0.5 \times 0.8}{\frac{900}{18 \times 0.8} \times 9.81 \times (7700 - 900)}$$

$$D = 4.6 \text{ mm.}$$

$$F_s + F_A = F_g$$

$$3\pi\mu u D + V\rho_f g = V\rho_s g$$

$$u = \frac{Vg(\rho_s - \rho_f)}{3\pi\mu D}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{6}\pi D^3 g (\rho_s - \rho_f)}{3\pi\mu D}$$

$$= \frac{D^2 g (\rho_s - \rho_f)}{18\mu}$$

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}\pi \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}\pi D^3$$

non-slip condition

$\sum F = 0, a = 0!$

Question 2

A cubic block of mass $m = 5\text{ kg}$ and dimensions $120\text{ mm} \times 120\text{ mm} \times 120\text{ mm}$ slides steadily down an oil coated incline, Figure 1. The incline is at 10° , the oil layer is $d = 0.2\text{ mm}$ thick and the oil viscosity is $\mu = 0.1\text{ kg/ms}$. Ignore end and edge effects and assume a **linear velocity profile** in the thin oil layer.

- Estimate the speed at which the block sides down the incline.
- How does the slope affect the velocity? *increase*
- How does the viscosity affect the velocity? *decrease.*

[Ans: i) 1.18 m/s]

$$R = 5 \times 9.81 \cos 10^\circ$$

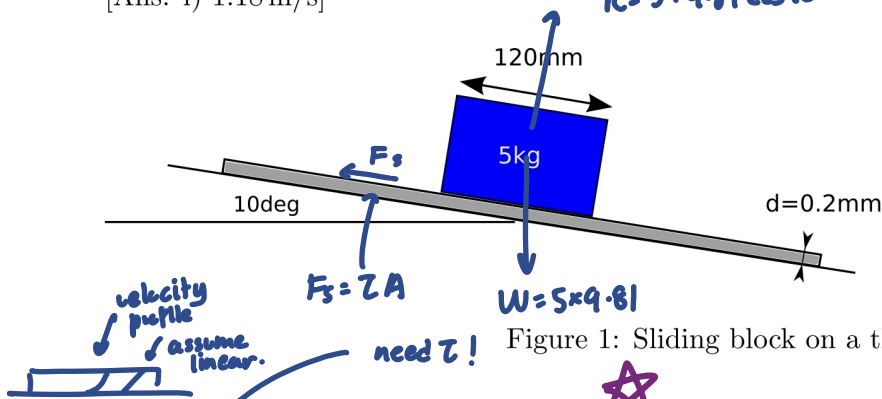


Figure 1: Sliding block on a thin oil layer.

$$i. \tau(y) = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

$$\tau(y = 0.2\text{ mm}) = \mu \left(\frac{u_b}{d} \right)$$

$$\sum F = ma$$

$$5 \times 9.81 \sin 10^\circ - 0.1 \left(\frac{u_b}{0.2 \times 10^{-3}} \right) \times 120 \times 10^{-3} \times 120 \times 10^{-3} = 0$$

$$u_b = 1.183\text{ m/s}$$

Area is the area where shear stress acted, i.e. base of the block.

★ notice that the u of oil at surface, is equal to the u of block sliding (due to no-slip) and since it is linear

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{u_{\text{block}}}{d}$$

Question 3

There are many fluids that exhibit non-Newtonian behaviour (i.e. shear stress is not linearly proportional to strain, as expected by Newton's Law of viscosity). For a given fluid, the distinction between Newtonian and non-Newtonian behaviour is usually based on measurements of shear stress τ and rate of shearing strain $\frac{du}{dy}$. This relationship is tested in a suitable viscometer for a blood sample. The tabulated results are

$\tau [N/m^2]$	0.04	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.30	0.52	1.12	2.10
$\frac{du}{dy} [s^{-1}]$	2.25	4.50	11.25	22.5	45.0	90.0	225	450
$\mu = \tau / \frac{du}{dy}$	0.0178	0.0133	0.0107	0.008	0.0067	0.0058	0.0050	0.0047

Determine if the blood sample is a Newtonian or non-Newtonian fluid.

if newtonian: $\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$, $\mu = \text{constant}$.

not constant \rightarrow non-newtonian.

Question 4

The velocity profile for laminar steady flow of oil ($\rho = 910 kg/m^3$, $\nu = 4.10^{-4} m^2/s$) between two plates is given by

$$u(y) = U_{max} \left(1 - \frac{y^2}{W^2} \right) \quad \frac{du}{dy} = U_{max} \left(-\frac{2y}{W^2} \right)$$

where $U_{max} = 0.20 m/s$ and the distance between the two plates is $50 mm$. Figure 2 illustrates this profile.

- What is the wall shear stress [Pa] at the bottom plate?
- What is the wall shear stress [Pa] at the top plate?
- What is the shear stress [Pa] at the centreline?

[Ans: i) +5.8 Pa, ii) -5.8 Pa, iii) 0 Pa]

$W = 25 mm$

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad \mu = \nu \rho$$

$$= \nu \rho U_{max} \left(-\frac{2(-W)}{W^2} \right)$$

$$= +5.8 Pa$$

we know it's zero

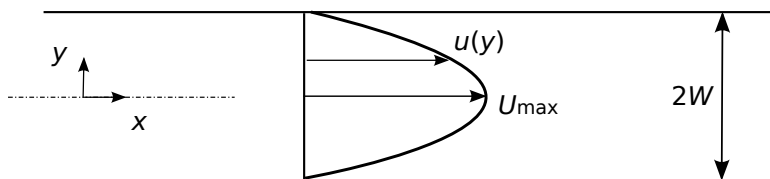


Figure 2: Velocity profile between two plates.

Question 5

Air ($\rho = 1.2 kg/m^3$) flows in the pipe system illustrated in Figure 3. The diameter decreases in two stages from $50 mm$ to $25 mm$ to $10 mm$. Each section is $10 m$ long.

$Re = \frac{\rho U D}{\mu}$ kinda hard to see cause $D \uparrow U \downarrow$; $D \downarrow U \uparrow$ but U is more significant, so section 3.

- As the flow is increased, which section will become turbulent first?
- Determine the volume flow rate at which the flow in this section becomes turbulent.

for section 3 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Re = Re_{crit} \\ \frac{\rho U L}{\mu} = 2300 \\ U = 3.45 \text{ m/s} \end{array} \right.$

$$Q = UA = Q = U \left(\frac{\pi}{4} D^2 \right) = 2.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

iii. Determine the volume flow rate at which the flow in all three sections becomes turbulent.

[Ans: ii) $2.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, iii) $1.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$]

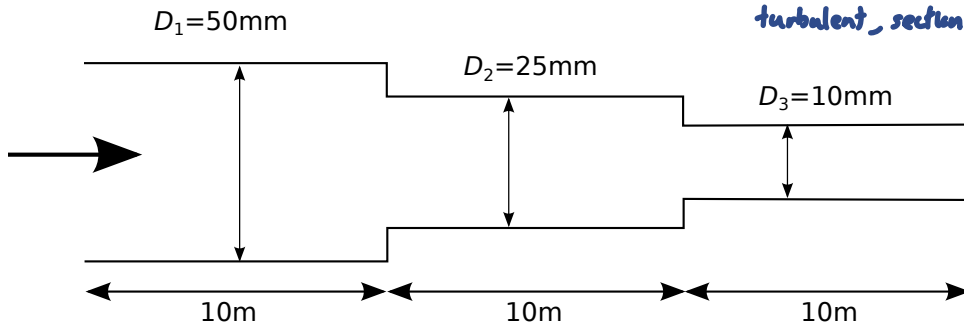


Figure 3: Pipe system with three pipes.

so just calculate the hardest to become turbulent, section 1:

$$\frac{\rho U L}{\mu} = 2300$$

$$u_1 = 0.69 \text{ m/s}$$

$$Q = u_1 A_1 = 1.35 \times 10^{-3}$$

although u to become turbulent, is smaller than section 3, but remember we compare Q cause all section have same volume flow rate, and section 1 require higher volume flow rate!