

UCE-305 FLUID MECHANICS
Tutorial No. 10 (Dimensional Analysis)

Q1: The equation, $P = 2.67\sqrt{Q}$ is applicable in **FPS** units, where **P** is the wetted perimeter and **Q** is the discharge. Modify this equation for **SI** units.

Q2: Derive an expression for discharge **Q** flowing through an orifice which is dependent on diameter of the orifice **D**, pressure difference **Δp** and density of fluid **ρ**.

Q3: The critical depth **y_c** in a triangular channel depends upon discharge **Q**, acceleration due to gravity **g** and vertex angle **θ**. Using a method of dimensional analysis, obtain expression for critical depth.

Q4: The pressure difference **Δp** in a pipe depends upon diameter **D**, length **L**, velocity **V**, viscosity **μ**, density **ρ** and roughness **k**. Using Buckingham's method, obtain an expression for **Δp**. Hence derive expression for head loss **h_f** in the standard form.

Q5: The resistance **R** experienced by a completely submerged body depends upon relative velocity **V**, length **L**, viscosity **μ**, and density **ρ**. Using Buckingham's method, express this relationship in dimensionless form. If resistance of a 1/8th scale air ship model when tested in water at 12 m/s is 215 N, what will be the resistance in air of an air-ship at the corresponding speed? Given, kinematic viscosity of air is 13 times that of water and density of water is 810 times that of air.

Q6: A venturimeter of diameter 0.75 m, fixed in a pipe of diameter 1 m carries water at 1.6 m³/s. If performance of this venturimeter is to be tested on 1:5 scale model using air as a fluid, determine the model discharge. Given, $v_p = 10^{-6}$ m²/s and $v_m = 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ m²/s.

Q7: A test for frictional resistance was conducted on a pipe model 15 mm in diameter and 3 m long with water flowing through it. The head loss was found to be 7 m. The prototype is 300 mm in diameter and 240 m long through which air is flowing at 3.6 m/s. Find the speed of water in the model and pressure drop in the prototype. Given, $\rho_{water} = 1000$ kg/m³, $\rho_{air} = 1.22$ kg/m³; $\mu_{water} = 0.01$ Poise, $\mu_{air} = 1.8 \times 10^{-4}$ Poise.

Q8: A 7.2 m high and 15 m long spillway discharges 94 cumec under a head of 2.3 m. If 1:9 scale model of this spillway is to be constructed, determine model dimensions, head over the model and model discharge. If model experiences a force of 7.5 kN, determine the force on the prototype.

Q9: A model of an open channel is constructed to a scale of 1:100. If model has a Manning's roughness coefficient as 0.013, determine the prototype roughness coefficient.

Q10: An open channel model is constructed with a horizontal scale ratio of 1:100 and a vertical scale ratio of 1:25. What will be the bed slope in the model if bed slope of the prototype is 1 in 1000? Also, calculate the corresponding roughness scale ratio.

Answers:

$$\text{Q1: } P = 4.84\sqrt{Q}; \quad \text{Q2: } Q = KD^2 \sqrt{\frac{\Delta p}{\rho}}; \quad \text{Q3: } y_c = K \left(\frac{Q^2}{g} \right)^{1/5}; \quad \text{Q4: } \Delta p = \rho V^2 \phi \left(\frac{L}{D}, \frac{\mu}{\rho V D}, \frac{k}{D} \right);$$

$$\text{Q5: } R = \rho L^2 V^2 \phi \left(\frac{\mu}{\rho V L} \right); \quad \text{Q6: } 44.86 \text{ N} \quad \text{Q7: } 0.48 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}; \quad \text{Q8: } 0.182 \text{ kN/m}^2;$$

$$\text{Q9: } 0.028; \quad \text{Q10: } 1/250, 0.041$$