

# Steady Flow in a Long Circular Tube Using Navier Stoke's Equation

Assume no radial flow,  $v_r = 0$  (Not tangential velocity  $v_\theta = 0$ )

Recall the problem of steady state flow in circular pipe. Obtain the velocity profile equation using the Equation of Continuity and Equation of Motion. Assume constant  $\rho$  and  $\mu$ . Write all the assumptions and conditions for the physical situation to be used.

Eqn of Continuity

Cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$ :

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho r v_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\rho v_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho v_z) = 0$$

$$v_r = 0$$

$$v_\theta = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho v_z) = 0 \rightarrow v_z = f(z)$$

$$\int \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0 \rightarrow v_z(r)$$

Equation of Motion:

In terms of velocity gradients for a Newtonian fluid with constant  $\rho$  and  $\mu$ :

r-component  $\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$p = f(r)$$

$\theta$ -component  $\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta}$

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$p = f(\theta)$$

z-component

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$$

$$+ \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right] + \rho g_z$$

$$0 = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) \right] + \rho g_z$$

r-component

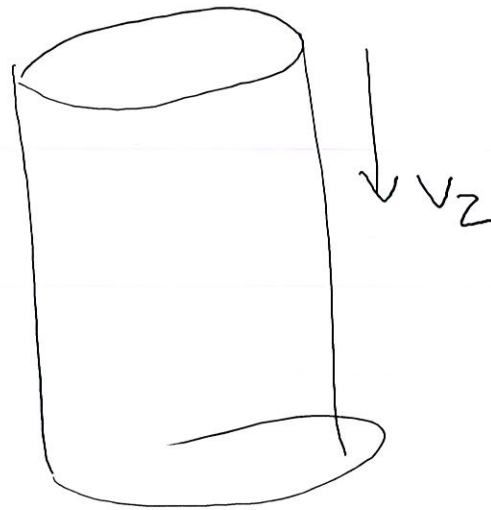
$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p \neq p(r).$$

 $\theta$ -component

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$p \neq f(\theta) \Rightarrow p = f(z)$$



$$v_r = 0$$

$$v_\theta = 0$$

z-component

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) \right] + \rho g_z$$

we solve z-component to get velocity profile. since  $p$  &  $g$  are dependent on  $z$  and  $v_z$  is function of  $r$ , the two terms need to be equal to a const

 $f(x)$  $f(y)$ 

$$f(x) + f(y) = 0.$$

$f(x) = f(y)$  with opposite sign.

$p = p_0 + \rho g z$   
modified pressure.

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) \right]$$

$$+\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = C_0$$

$$p = C_0 z + C_1$$

(Pressure equation).

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{C_0 r}{\mu}$$

$$r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} = \frac{C_0 r^2}{2\mu} + C_1'$$

$$\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} = \frac{C_0 r}{2\mu} + \frac{C_1'}{r}$$

$$v_z = \frac{C_0 r^2}{4\mu} + C_1' \ln r + C_2$$



$$P = C_0 z + C_1$$

$$\text{at } z=0 \quad P = P_0.$$

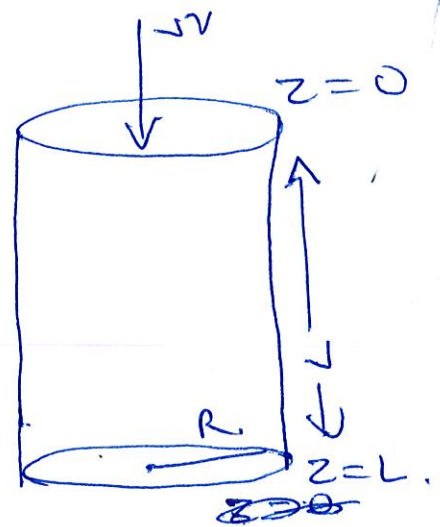
$$\text{at } z=L \quad P = P_L.$$

$$C_1 = P_0.$$

$$P_L = C_0 L + C_1$$

$$C_0 = \frac{P_L - C_1}{L} = \frac{P_L - P_0}{L}$$

$$P = \left( \frac{P_L - P_0}{L} \right) z + P_0$$



$$v_z = \frac{C_0 r^2}{4\mu} + C_1 \ln r + C_2$$

at  $r=0$  we need velocity to be finite. ( $\ln r \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ ).  
Hence,  $C_1' = 0$ .

$$\text{at } r=R \quad v_z = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{No slip.}$$

$$0 = \frac{C_0 R^2}{4\mu} + C_2$$

$$C_2 = -\frac{C_0 R^2}{4\mu}$$

$$v_z = \left( \frac{P_L - P_0}{L} \right) \frac{r^2}{4\mu} - \left( \frac{P_L - P_0}{L} \right) \frac{R^2}{4\mu}$$

$$v_z = \left( \frac{P_L - P_0}{4\mu L} \right) [r^2 - R^2]$$

→ This is the same velocity profile we got from shell momentum balance.