


Chapter 1 Sample Exercises

- 1.1. Make a list of industrial and environmental flows for which turbulence is a crucial component.
-  1.2. The file “[TurbulenceSample.txt](#)” contains a time history of the streamwise velocity measured in a wind tunnel using hotwire anemometry. It was sampled at 60 kHz for a total time of 30 seconds. Plot the signal of the velocity U (m/s) versus time (s). Take this opportunity to zoom in and out and consider the apparent “randomness” of the signal. Calculate the mean and variance of the signal.
- 1.3. Estimate the time taken for molecular processes to mix a source of carbon monoxide fully throughout a household kitchen, considering it be a cubical room of side $L = 3$ m and assuming a diffusivity rate on the order of $10^{-5} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$.
- 1.4. Use the literature to explore the critical Reynolds number for transition in a pipe. On what factors might this depend?