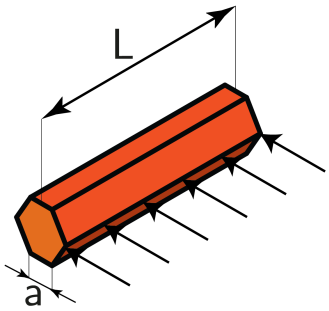
Reynolds Number 04

Give an expression for the Reynolds number in terms of given variables.



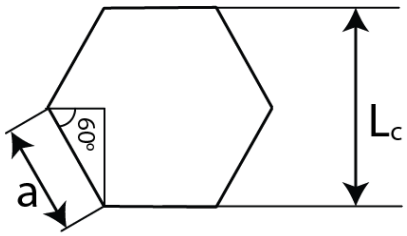
The standard expression for the Reynolds number is:

$$\mathrm{Re} = \frac{\rho U L_\mathrm{c}}{\eta}$$

Note that $\nu = \frac{\eta}{\rho}$.

Furthermore, the characteristic length has to be determined. For transverse flow along a cylinder, this is the height of the cylinder from top to bottom.

Which in the given situation can be determined by the use of trigonometry:



$$\sin\left(60^\mathrm{o}\right) = \frac{0.5 L_\mathrm{c}}{a}$$

$$L_\mathrm{c} = 2a\sin\left(60^\mathrm{o}\right) = a\sqrt{3}$$

And therefore the Reynolds number can be expressed as:

$$\mathrm{Re} = \frac{Ua\sqrt{3}}{\nu}$$