Metzner Friction Factor

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.optimize import root
import matplotlib.ticker as tk
from labellines import labelLines
import ipywidgets as ipy
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def fanningFrictionFactor(frictionFactor:float,reynolds:float,nPrime:float)-> float:
    """
    Returns the fanning friction factor for non-newtonian fluids when combined with the scip.

Args:
    frictionFactor (float): The fanning friction factor which will be solved for
    reynolds (float): The reynolds number for non-newtonian fluids
    nPrime (float): The power law exponent for non-newtonian fluid

Returns:
    float: a float which represents the error in the fanning friction factor, will be equivalent to the fanning friction factor, will be equivalent for the fanning friction factor, will be equivalent for factor.
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#Create a new figure and axes
fig1, ax1 = plt.subplots()

#creates logarithmically spaced points in both the laminar and turbulent regimes
turbulentReynoldsRange = np.logspace(3.477,5,1000)
laminarReynoldsRange = np.logspace(2,4.2,1000)

#Creates a list of n-values which match those seen in the plot
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nRange = [2.0, 1.4, 1.0, 0.8, 0.6, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2]
for j in range(len(nRange)):
    #Allocates space in memory for all of the solutions to the fanningFrictionFactor function
    solVec = np.zeros(np.size(turbulentReynoldsRange))
    for i in range(len(turbulentReynoldsRange)):
        #Find the value of fanning friction factor when the initial guess is 0.001, the reyn
        sol = root(fanningFrictionFactor,0.001,args=(turbulentReynoldsRange[i],nRange[j])).x
        if sol < 16 / turbulentReynoldsRange[i]:</pre>
            #Set the value of the solution vector to the laminar friction factor
            solVec[i] = 16 / turbulentReynoldsRange[i]
        else:
            solVec[i] = sol[0]
    #Create a log-log plot using the turbulent reynolds number vector and generated solution
    ax1.loglog(turbulentReynoldsRange,solVec,color='k',label= str(nRange[j]))
ax1.plot(laminarReynoldsRange,16/laminarReynoldsRange,color='k')
plt.xlim((325,100000))
plt.ylim((.001,.05))
ax1.set_aspect(.666)
ax1.grid(which='both',zorder=0)
#Change from scientific notation to scalar notation
ax1.xaxis.set_major_formatter(tk.ScalarFormatter())
ax1.yaxis.set_major_formatter(tk.ScalarFormatter())
#Enable LaTeX formatting
plt.rcParams['text.usetex'] = True
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#Label the axes and title
ax1.set_xlabel(r'Reynolds Number, $N_{Re} = \frac{D^{n}V^{2-n}\rho}{\gamma};
ax1.set_ylabel(r'Fanning Friction Factor, f')
ax1.set_title("Friction Factor Diagram",x=.71,y=.76,zorder=3,bbox=dict(facecolor='white',edg

#Create inline labels for all n-values
labelLines(plt.gca().get_lines(),align=True,xvals=[5000,7500,12000,19000,30000,40000,58000,8
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