

viscous drag: a resistance force exerted on a moving object, with a nontrivial dependence on velocity

Section Summary

12.1 Flow Rate and Its Relation to Velocity

- Flow rate Q is defined to be the volume V flowing past a point in time t , or $Q = \frac{V}{t}$ where V is volume and t is time.
- The SI unit of volume is m^3 .
- Another common unit is the liter (L), which is 10^{-3} m^3 .
- Flow rate and velocity are related by $Q = A \bar{v}$ where A is the cross-sectional area of the flow and \bar{v} is its average velocity.
- For incompressible fluids, flow rate at various points is constant. That is,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Q_1 &= Q_2 \\ A_1 \bar{v}_1 &= A_2 \bar{v}_2 \\ n_1 A_1 \bar{v}_1 &= n_2 A_2 \bar{v}_2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

12.2 Bernoulli's Equation

- Bernoulli's equation states that the sum on each side of the following equation is constant, or the same at any two points in an incompressible frictionless fluid:

$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 + \rho gh_1 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2 + \rho gh_2.$$

- Bernoulli's principle is Bernoulli's equation applied to situations in which depth is constant. The terms involving depth (or height h) subtract out, yielding

$$P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_1^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v_2^2.$$

- Bernoulli's principle has many applications, including entrainment, wings and sails, and velocity measurement.

12.3 The Most General Applications of Bernoulli's Equation

- Power in fluid flow is given by the equation $(P_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 + \rho gh)Q = \text{power}$, where the first term is power associated with pressure, the second is power associated with velocity, and the third is power associated with height.

12.4 Viscosity and Laminar Flow; Poiseuille's Law

- Laminar flow is characterized by smooth flow of the fluid in layers that do not mix.
- Turbulence is characterized by eddies and swirls that mix layers of fluid together.
- Fluid viscosity η is due to friction within a fluid. Representative values are given in [Table 12.1](#). Viscosity has units of $(\text{N/m}^2)\text{s}$ or $\text{Pa} \cdot \text{s}$.
- Flow is proportional to pressure difference and inversely proportional to resistance:

$$Q = \frac{P_2 - P_1}{R}.$$

- For laminar flow in a tube, Poiseuille's law for resistance states that

$$R = \frac{8\eta l}{\pi r^4}.$$

- Poiseuille's law for flow in a tube is

$$Q = \frac{(P_2 - P_1)\pi r^4}{8\eta l}.$$

- The pressure drop caused by flow and resistance is given by

$$P_2 - P_1 = RQ.$$

12.5 The Onset of Turbulence

- The Reynolds number N_R can reveal whether flow is laminar or turbulent. It is

$$N_R = \frac{2\rho vr}{\eta}.$$

- For N_R below about 2000, flow is laminar. For N_R above about 3000, flow is turbulent. For values of N_R between 2000 and 3000, it may be either or both.

12.6 Motion of an Object in a Viscous Fluid

- When an object moves in a fluid, there is a different form of the Reynolds number $N'_R = \frac{\rho vL}{\eta}$ (object in fluid) which indicates whether flow is laminar or turbulent.
- For N'_R less than about one, flow is laminar.
- For N'_R greater than 10^6 , flow is entirely turbulent.

12.7 Molecular Transport Phenomena: Diffusion, Osmosis, and Related Processes

- Diffusion is the movement of substances due to random thermal molecular motion.
- The average distance x_{rms} a molecule travels by diffusion in a given amount of time is given by

$$x_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{2Dt},$$

where D is the diffusion constant, representative values of which are found in **Table 12.2**.

- Osmosis is the transport of water through a semipermeable membrane from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration.
- Dialysis is the transport of any other molecule through a semipermeable membrane due to its concentration difference.
- Both processes can be reversed by back pressure.
- Active transport is a process in which a living membrane expends energy to move substances across it.