External Viscous Flow

Consider External Flow around a cylinder and the external forces acting on the surface of the cylinder in crossflow.



Friction Drag

Force in horizontal direction (fluid direction) due to fluid shear stress.



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Pressure Drag

Force in horizontal direction (fluid direction) due to fluid pressure forces.



$$D_{p} = b \frac{D}{2} \int_{A} P \cos \theta \, d\theta$$

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Total Drag

Total force in horizontal direction (fluid direction) due to fluid pressure forces and shear forces.

$$D_{T} = D_{p} + D_{f}$$
$$D_{T} = b \frac{D}{2} \left[\int_{A} P \cos \theta \, d\theta + \int_{A} \tau_{w} \sin \theta \, d\theta \right]$$

Drag Coefficient

Without detailed information, the alternative is to define a dimensionless drag coefficient.

$$C_{\rm D} = \frac{D_{\rm T}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 A_{\rm c}}$$

where A_c is a characteristic area (usually projected area).

Drag Coefficient



FIGURE 8.9 Drag coefficients for flow around a long cylinder and a sphere. (See E. Achenbach, J. Fluid Mech., Vol. 46, 1971, and Vol. 54, 1972.)

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- 1. When a body is first dropped in the atmosphere or water, it will accelerate under the action of its weight.
- 2. As the speed of the body increases, the drag force will increase.
- 3. Finally the drag will reach a magnitude such that the sum of all the external forces on the body will be zero.
- 4. Acceleration will cease and the body will have attained its terminal velocity.



Problem

Determine the terminal velocity of a 30-cm-diameter smooth sphere (s.g. = 1.02) if it is dropped in water at 20 C.

Solution

$$+ \uparrow \Sigma F_{z} = 0$$

$$F_{drag} - F_{weight} + F_{bouyant} = 0$$

$$\gamma_{sphere} \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^{3}\right) = C_{D} \frac{1}{2}\rho V^{2} \left(\pi R^{2}\right) + \gamma_{water} \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^{3}\right)$$

$$V = \left[\frac{8R(s.g.-1)\gamma_{water}}{3\rho C_{D}}\right]^{1/2} = \frac{0.28}{\sqrt{C_{D}}}$$

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Example

Guess value of drag coefficient

$$C_{D} = 0.5$$

 $V = \frac{0.28}{\sqrt{C_{D}}} = 0.40 \text{ m/s}$
 $Re_{D} = \frac{VD}{v} = 1.2 \times 10^{5}$

Read drag coefficient from chart at this Reynolds number.

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The drag coefficient at this Reynolds number is 0.5 which is equal to the guessed value.

With an understanding of drag force and terminal velocity, the viscosity of a fluid may be measured by a falling-ball method.



From the terminal velocity example we demonstrated that for fixed ball and fluid conditions,

 $V_{\text{terminal}} = f(\text{Re})$

So with known terminal velocity we can determine the fluid viscosity.

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Determine terminal velocity of ball in liquid and compare to predicted value.



- Drop ball in column of glycerin.
- Start stopwatch when ball reaches 12 in mark.
- Stop stopwatch when ball reaches 24 in mark.

If the ball has reached terminal velocity, then it may be determine from the experimental data.

 $V = \frac{\text{distance travelled}}{\text{duration of time}}$ Steel Ball $I = \frac{1}{12 \text{ in.}}$ Metal Rod Metal Rod Metal Rod

- Experiment is dependent on terminal velocity assumption.
- An estimate of whether ball has reached terminal velocity would be useful.

$$+\uparrow \sum F_{z} = m \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$F_{drag} - F_{weight} + F_{bouyant} = m \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{\mathrm{m}} \left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{D}} \frac{1}{2} \rho \mathrm{V}^{2} \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{fr}} - \mathrm{mg} + \gamma_{\mathrm{water}} \forall \right)$$