Internal Viscous Flow in Pipes

- The purpose of this lab is to demonstrate internal flow in a pipe.
- Region near the entrance of pipe, boundary layer grows until its thickness is equal to half the tube diameter.



$$\frac{L_e}{D} \sim Re_D$$

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN Laminar versus Turbulent

• Criterion for laminar or turbulent flow

– Laminar	Re _D < 2000
– Transition Region	2000 < Re _D < 4000
– Turbulent	Re _D > 4000
Typically – Laminar	Re _D < 2300

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m Re}_D > 2300$

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– Turbulent

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• Laminar flow

- Hydraulic
$$\frac{L_{e,h}}{D} \approx 0.05 \,\mathrm{Re}_D$$

- Thermal $L_{e,t} \approx \Pr L_{e,h}$

• Turbulent flow $L_{e,t} \approx L_{e,h} \approx 10D$

Pressure Drop Equations

- Energy equation between two locations in a constant cross-sectional pipe
- fully developed
- steady-state, steady-flow
- adiabatic

$$\frac{P_1}{\gamma} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\gamma} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_L$$

• The head loss is defined as

$$h_{L} = \frac{fL}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

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Pressure Drop Equations

• Combining two equations

$$\frac{P_1}{\gamma} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\gamma} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + \frac{fL}{D}\frac{V^2}{2g}$$

• Mass balance between two locations

$$\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2$$
$$\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2$$

 $V_1 = V_2$ (for constant density and cross-sectional area)

Pressure Drop Equations

• The energy equation

$$\frac{P_1}{\gamma} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\gamma} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + \frac{fL}{D}\frac{V^2}{2g}$$

• Reduces to

$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{\gamma} = \frac{fL}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$$
 (Darcy-Weisbach equation)

Friction factor

- Correlations
 - Laminar flow

$$f = \frac{64}{Re_D}$$

- Turbulent flow, smooth pipes

$$f = (1.82 \log \text{Re}_{\text{D}} - 1.64)^{-2}$$
 for $\text{Re}_{\text{D}} > 10^{4}$

• Moody Chart

Moody Chart



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Example

Problem

Oil with a density of 900 kg/m³ and viscosity 0.00001 m²/s, flows at 0.2 m³/s through 500 m of 200 mm-diameter cast iron pipe. Determine the head loss and pressure drop if the pipe slopes down at 10° in the flow direction.

Solution

Compute the velocity.

$$V = \frac{Q}{\pi R^2} = 6.4 \text{ m/s}$$

Reynolds number

$$\operatorname{Re}_{\mathrm{D}} = \frac{\mathrm{Vd}}{\mathrm{v}} = 128,000$$

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Example

Relative roughness for cast iron pipe

 $\frac{\epsilon}{D} = \frac{0.26 \text{ mm}}{200 \text{ mm}} = 0.0013$

Moody chart

 $f \approx 0.0255$

Head loss

$$h_{\rm L} = \frac{fL}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g} = 117 \, {\rm m}$$

Pressure drop

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\rho g} + (z_1 - z_2) = \frac{\Delta P}{\rho g} + L \sin \theta = h_L$$
$$\Delta P = 265,000 \text{ Pa}$$

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Measure pressure drop through pipe.



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Predict pressure drop through pipe.

• Measure flow rate (laminar flow element).



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Passages are small such that flow is laminar.

$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{\gamma} = \frac{fL}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

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$$f = \frac{64}{Re_D} = \frac{64\mu}{\rho VD}$$
$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{\gamma} = \frac{64\mu}{\rho VD} \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$$
$$\Delta P = \frac{64\mu}{\rho VD} \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g} \gamma = \frac{64\mu}{\rho VD} \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g} \rho g$$

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$$\Delta P = \frac{64\mu}{D} \frac{L}{D} \frac{V}{2}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{P} = \left(\frac{32}{g}\right) (\gamma \nu) \left(\frac{L}{D^2}\right) \mathbf{V}$$

Pressure drop is linear with fluid velocity.