

Module-1:Viscous Flow

(Viscous flow through circular pipe)

- Numericals
(Part-1)

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* A laminar flow is taking place inside a pipe of diameter 200 mm. The max^m velocity is 15 m/s. Find out the mean velocity & radius where the mean velocity will occur. Also calculate the velocity at a distance of 4 cm from the pipe boundary.

Solⁿ

$$D = 200 \text{ mm} = 0.2 \text{ m},$$

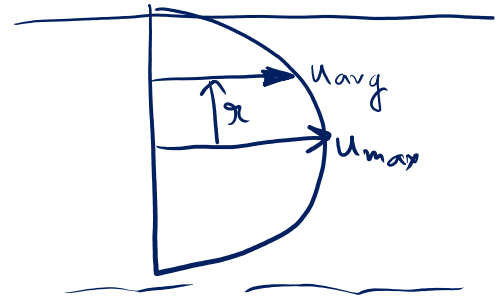
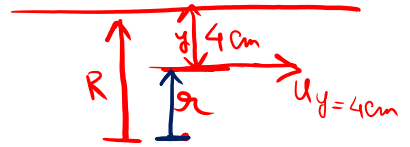
$$R = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$U_{\text{max}} = 15 \text{ m/s},$$

$$U_{\text{avg}} = ?$$

$$r_{U_{\text{avg}}} = ?$$

$$U_{y=4\text{cm}} = ?$$



① We know that, for laminar flow,

$$U_{max} = 2 \cdot U_{avg}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{avg} = \frac{U_{max}}{2} = \frac{15}{2} = 7.5 \text{ m/s}$$

② r_{avg} ($r_{avg} = r$)

$$u = \frac{1}{4\mu} \left(-\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right) \cdot (R^2 - r^2)$$

[If we replace $u = U_{avg}$, then $r = r_{avg}$]

$$\Rightarrow u = \left[\frac{1}{4\mu} \left(-\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right) R^2 \right] \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)$$

$\nearrow U_{max}$

$$u = u_{\max} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 7.5 = 15 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{r^2}{0.01} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r^2}{0.01} = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow r &= 0.0707 \text{ m} \\ &= 7.07 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

* Hence the avg velocity will occur at a dist of 7.07 mm from center.

$$\textcircled{u} \quad y = 4 \text{ cm} = 0.04 \text{ m}$$

$$R = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$r = R - y = 0.1 - 0.04 = 0.06 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore u = \frac{1}{4\mu} \left(-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \cdot (R^2 - r^2)$$

$$u = u_{\max} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 15 \left(1 - \frac{(0.06)^2}{(0.1)^2} \right) = 9.6 \text{ m/s}$$

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(*2) An oil of viscosity 0.1 Ns/m^2 and relative density 0.9 is flowing through a circular pipe of diameter 50 mm and length 300 m . The rate of flow through the pipe is 3.5 l/s . Find the pressure drop in a length 300 m and also calculate shear stress at pipe boundary.

Soln

$$\mu = 0.1 \text{ Ns/m}^2, \text{ Relative density} = \underline{0.9}$$

$$D = 50 \text{ mm} = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$L = 300 \text{ m}$$

$$Q = 3.5 \text{ l/s} = 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$R = 0.025 \text{ m}$$

$$P_1 - P_2 = ?$$

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \tau_{\text{boundary}} = ?$$

u_{avg}

⊛ Type of flow:

$$Re = \frac{\rho U_{avg} D}{\mu} = \frac{900 \times 1.783 \times 0.05}{0.1} = 802.3 < 200$$

$$\mu = 0.1 \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

$$D = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{oil} &= 0.9 \times 1000 \\ &= 900 \text{ kg/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$U_{avg} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{3.5 \times 10^{-3}}{\frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.05)^2}$$

$$= 1.783 \text{ m/s}$$

⊛ Hence the flow is laminar ⊛

$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{\rho g} = \frac{32 \mu \bar{u} \cdot L}{\rho g D^3}$$

⇒ $P_1 - P_2 = \frac{32 \mu \bar{u} L}{D^3}$ → Laminar flow

$$= \frac{32 \cdot 0.1 \times 1.783 \times 300}{(0.05)^3} = 684672 \text{ N/m}^2$$
$$= 684.67 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Now, Pressure gradient,

$$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} = \frac{P_1 - P_2}{L} = 2282.2 \left(\frac{\text{N/m}^2}{\text{m}} \right)$$

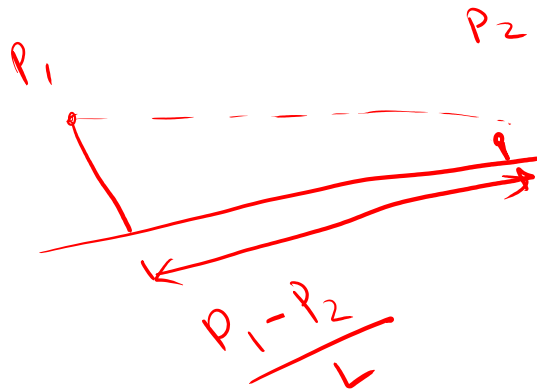
$$\tau_{\text{boundary}} = \left(-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) \frac{R}{2}$$

$$= 2282.2 \times \frac{0.025}{2}$$

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \tau_{\text{bound}} = 28.53 \text{ N/m}^2 \quad \#$$

$$\tau = \left(-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) \frac{r}{2}$$

$\left(-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) \rightarrow$ pressure gradient.



* Flow rate of a fluid ($\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$) in a small diameter tube is $800 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. The length and diameter of the tube is 2 m and 0.5 mm respectively. The pressure drop in 2 m length is 2 MPa . Find the viscosity of fluid: (Gate - 2007)

Soln

$$\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3,$$

$$L = 2 \text{ m}$$

$$Q = 800 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 800 \times 10^{-9} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} = 8 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$D = 0.5 \text{ mm} = 0.0005 \text{ m}$$

$$R = 0.00025 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta P = P_1 - P_2 = 2 \text{ MPa},$$

$$\mu = ?$$

$$\Delta P = P_1 - P_2 = \frac{32 \mu u_{\text{avg}} L}{D^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\Delta P \cdot D^3}{32 u_{\text{avg}} L}$$

$$u_{avg} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{8 \times 10^{-7}}{\frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.0005)^2} = 4.07 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Delta P = 2 \text{ MPa} = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \frac{\Delta P \cdot D^3}{32 u_{avg} L} = \frac{2 \times 10^6 \times 0.0005^3}{32 \times 4.07 \times 2} \\ &= 0.00192 \text{ Ns/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

***Try Solving some more numericals to
improve yourself.***

Thank you.