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Homework Assignment 5

*Mechanics of Fluids (Fifth edition), by M.C. Potter, D.C. Wiggert and B.H. Ramadan.*

1. 6.20 (same number in Fourth Edition)

The problem states that Velocity will be dependent on gravity  $g$ , height  $H$ , and density  $\rho$ .

Repeating variables are chosen based on whether they can be reduced further in dimensions or if they are commonly recurring in fluids equations. Ex: Height  $H$  has dimensions of  $L$  only, which means this cannot be reduced further and should be chosen as a repeating variable. Density is a term that is commonly found in many fluid mechanics questions and should be considered a repeating variable.

Shifting all four variables into dimensions:

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = L^a (LT^{-2})^b (ML^{-3})^c (LT^{-1})^1$$

$$M: 0 = 1c \rightarrow c = 0$$

$$T: 0 = -2b - 1 \rightarrow b = -1/2$$

$$L: 0 = 1a + 1b - 3c + 1 \rightarrow a = -1/2$$

Substituting exponents back into first equation:

$$\pi = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gH}}$$

Since no conditions are given for equation, must consider a constant to account for all possibilities:  $V = C\sqrt{gH}$

2. 6.22

There are 7 unique variables and 3 fundamental dimensions so 7-3 indicates 4 unique relationships.

Choose  $\rho, V, D$  as repeating variables.

$$\pi_1 = \rho^a V^b D^c \Delta p$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (ML^{-3})^a (LT^{-1})^b (L)^c (ML^{-1}T^{-2})^1$$

$$M: 0 = 1a + 1 \rightarrow a = -1$$

$$T: 0 = -1b - 2 \rightarrow b = -2$$

$$L: 0 = -3a + 1b + 1c - 1 \rightarrow c = 0$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho V^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_2 &= \rho^a V^b D^c \nu \\ M^0 L^0 T^0 &= (ML^{-3})^a (LT^{-1})^b (L)^c (L^2 T^{-1})^{-1} \\ M: 0 &= 1a \rightarrow a = 0 \\ T: 0 &= -1b - 1 \rightarrow b = -1 \\ L: 0 &= -3a + 1b + 1c + 2 \rightarrow c = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_2 = \frac{\nu}{VD}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_3 &= \rho^a V^b D^c L \\ M^0 L^0 T^0 &= (ML^{-3})^a (LT^{-1})^b (L)^c (L)^1 \\ M: 0 &= 1a \rightarrow a = 0 \\ T: 0 &= -1b \rightarrow b = 0 \\ L: 0 &= -3a + 1b + 1c + 1 \rightarrow c = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_3 = \frac{L}{D}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_4 &= \rho^a V^b D^c e \\ M^0 L^0 T^0 &= (ML^{-3})^a (LT^{-1})^b (L)^c (L)^1 \\ M: 0 &= 1a \rightarrow a = 0 \\ T: 0 &= -1b \rightarrow b = 0 \\ L: 0 &= -3a + 1b + 1c + 1 \rightarrow c = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_4 = \frac{e}{D}$$

### 3. 6.45

Dynamic similarity:  $Re_m = Re_p$

$$\frac{V_m L_m}{\nu_m} = \frac{V_p L_p}{\nu_p}$$

Since water temperature is the same,  $\nu_m = \nu_p$  and can cancel them out

Moving equation around:  $\frac{V_p}{V_m} = \frac{L_m}{L_p} = \frac{1}{7}$

$$\text{Flow Rate: } Q_m = Q_p \left(\frac{L_m}{L_p}\right)^2 \left(\frac{V_m}{V_p}\right) = 1.5 * \frac{1^2}{7} * 7 = 0.214 \frac{m^3}{s}$$

Power:

$$\frac{P_m}{P_p} = \frac{\rho_m L_m^2 V_m^3}{\rho_p L_p^2 V_p^3}$$

$$P_m = P_p \left(\frac{\rho_m}{\rho_p}\right)^1 \left(\frac{L_m}{L_p}\right)^2 \left(\frac{V_m}{V_p}\right)^3 = 200 * 1 * \frac{1^2}{7} * 7^3 = 1400 \text{ kW}$$

- Part B follows the same steps except the viscosities are now different for the model and prototype.

- $v_m = 8.917 * 10^{-7} \frac{m^2}{s}$
- $v_p = 0.0000013 \frac{m^2}{s}$

4. 6.56

Dynamic similarity and Force is given: Froude numbers must be equal

$$\frac{Fr_m}{Fr_p} = \frac{V_m}{V_p}$$

$$\frac{V_m}{\sqrt{L_m g_m}} = \frac{V_p}{\sqrt{L_p g_p}}$$

*Gravity is the same on both sides and can be canceled*

$$\frac{V_m}{V_p} = \sqrt{\frac{L_m}{L_p}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}}$$

Flow Rate:  $Q_m = Q_p \left(\frac{L_m}{L_p}\right)^2 \left(\frac{V_m}{V_p}\right) = 2 * \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2 * \sqrt{\frac{1}{10}} = 0.0063 \frac{m^3}{s}$

Force:  $\frac{F_m}{F_p} = \frac{\rho_m L_m^2 V_m^3}{\rho_p L_p^2 V_p^3}$

$$F_p = F_m \left(\frac{\rho_p}{\rho_m}\right)^1 \left(\frac{L_p}{L_m}\right)^2 \left(\frac{V_p}{V_m}\right)^2 = 12 * 1 * 10^2 * \sqrt{10}^2 = 12000 N$$

$$= 12 kN$$