## Chapter 6: Viscous Flow in Ducts

6.4 Turbulent Flow in Pipes and Channels using meanvelocity correlations.

# *1. Smooth circular pipe*

Recall laminar flow exact solution:

$$
f = \frac{8\tau_w}{\rho u_{ave}^2} = 64/\text{Re}_d \qquad \text{Re}_d = \frac{u_{ave}d}{\nu} \le 2000
$$

A turbulent flow "approximate" solution can be obtained simply by computing *uave* based on log law.

$$
\frac{u}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{yu^*}{v} + B
$$

Where:

$$
u = u(y); \ \kappa = 0.41; \ B = 5; \ u^* = \sqrt{\tau_w/\rho}; \ y = R - r
$$

$$
V = u_{ave} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R u^* \left[ \frac{1}{\kappa} ln \frac{yu^*}{v} + B \right] 2\pi r \, dr
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{2} u^* \left( \frac{2}{\kappa} ln \frac{Ru^*}{v} + 2B - \frac{3}{\kappa} \right)
$$



Or:

$$
\frac{V}{u^*} = 2.44 \ln \frac{Ru^*}{v} + 1.34
$$

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$$
\frac{V}{u^*} = \left(\frac{\rho V^2}{\tau_w}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{8}{f}\right)^{1/2}
$$
\n
$$
\frac{Ru^*}{v} = \frac{0.5Vd}{v} \frac{u^*}{V} = \frac{1}{2}Re_d \left(\frac{f}{8}\right)^{1/2}
$$

$$
f^{-1/2} = 1.99 \log[\text{Re}_d f^{1/2}] - 1.02
$$
  
= 2 log[\text{Re}\_d f^{1/2}] - 0.8

EFD Adjusted constants.

*f* only drops by a factor of 5 over  $4 \times 10^3 \le Re \le 10^8$ 

Since f equation is implicit, it is not easy to see dependency on  $ρ$ ,  $μ$ ,  $V$ , and  $D$ 

$$
f(pipe) = 0.316 \text{Re}_D^{-1/4}
$$
  
\n
$$
h_f = \frac{\Delta p}{\gamma} = f \frac{L V^2}{D 2g}
$$
  
\nTurbulent Flow:  $\Delta p = 0.158 L \rho^{3/4} \mu^{1/4} D^{-5/4} V^{7/4}$   
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Laminar flow:  $\varDelta p = 128 \mu L Q / \pi D^4$ 

 $\Delta p$  (turbulent) decreases more sharply with D than  $\Delta p$  (laminar) for same Q; therefore, increase D for smaller  $\Delta p$ , although large D more expensive. 2D decreases  $\Delta p$  by 27 for same Q.

$$
\frac{u_{\max}}{u^*} = \frac{u(r=0)}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{Ru^*}{U} + B
$$

Combine with

$$
\frac{V}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{Ru^*}{U} + B - \frac{3}{2\kappa}
$$
  
\n
$$
\Rightarrow \frac{V}{u^*} = \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{u^*} - \frac{3}{2\kappa} \Rightarrow V = u_{\text{max}} - \frac{3u^*}{2\kappa} \Rightarrow \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{V} = 1 + \frac{3u^*}{2\kappa V}
$$

Also

$$
\tau_w = \rho u^{*2}
$$
 and  $f = \frac{\tau_w}{1/8\rho V^2} \Rightarrow f = \frac{\rho u^{*2}}{1/8\rho V^2} \Rightarrow \frac{u^*}{V} = \sqrt{f/8}$   
\n $\Rightarrow \frac{u_{\text{max}}}{V} = 1 + \frac{3u^*}{2\kappa V} = 1 + \frac{3}{2\kappa} \sqrt{f/8} = 1 + 1.3\sqrt{f}$ 

Or:

For Turbulent Flow: 
$$
\frac{V}{u_{\text{max}}} = (1 + 1.3\sqrt{f})^{-1}
$$
\n
$$
\frac{\Gamma_{\text{R}} \times \gamma \times 10^{3} \text{ kg}}{10^{4} \text{ kg} \cdot 10^{4} \text{ kg}}
$$
\nRecall laminar flow:



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*2. Turbulent Flow in Rough circular pipe* Experiments: roughness height k forces log law outward on abscissa by amount ln k<sup>+</sup> where  $k^+ = \frac{k u^*}{v}$  $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ with same slope 1  $\kappa$ which causes B to be reduced by  $\Delta B(k^+) \approx \frac{1}{k^2}$  $\kappa$  $\ln k^{+}$ .



Laminar flow unaffected, but for turbulent flow the effects of roughness initiate for lower  $Re_d = V d/v$  as k/d increases. For all k/d, the friction factor becomes constant (fully rough) at high Red:



$$
\Delta B(k^+) \approx \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln k^+ - 3.5
$$

And log law modified for roughness becomes:

$$
u^{+} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln y^{+} + B - \Delta B(k^{+}) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln y/k + 8.5
$$

i.e., independent viscosity/ $\text{Re}_d$ . Integration for  $u_{\text{ave}} = V$ provides:

$$
\frac{V}{u^*} = 2.44 \ln \frac{d}{k} + 3.2 \text{ or } f^{-1/2} = -2\log \frac{k/d}{3.7} \text{ (fully rough flow)}
$$

There is no  $\text{Re}_{d}$  effect; therefore, head loss varies as  $V^2$  and f increases 9 times as k/d increases by factor 5000. Combining smooth and fully rough friction factor formulas to include transitionally rough regime produces the Colebrook-White equation, i.e., Moody diagram:

$$
f^{-\frac{1}{2}} = -2 \log \left[ \frac{\frac{k}{d}}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{Re_d f^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \right]
$$
Mody diagram

$$
\sim -1.8 \log \left[\frac{6.9}{Re_d} + \left(\frac{k/d}{3.7}\right)^{1.11}\right]
$$
Approximate explicit formula

Moody accuracy  $\pm 15\%$  for its full range and explicit within 2% Moody.



There are basically four types of problems involved with uniform flow in a single pipe:

- 1. Given d, L, and V or Q,  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$ , and g, compute the head loss  $h_f$  (head loss problem).
- Given d, L,  $h_f$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$ , and g, compute the velocity V or flow rate Q (flow rate 2. problem).
- 3. Given Q, L,  $h_f$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$ , and g, compute the diameter d of the pipe (sizing problem).
- 4. Given  $Q$ ,  $d$ ,  $h_f$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $g$ , compute the pipe length  $L$ .
- 1. Determine the head loss.

The first problem of head loss is solved readily by obtaining f from the Moody diagram, using values of Re and  $k_s/D$ computed from the given data. The head loss  $h_f$  is then computed from the Darcy-Weisbach equation.

$$
f=f(Re_D,\,k_s/D)
$$

$$
h_f = f \frac{L V^2}{D 2g} = \Delta h \qquad \Delta h = (z_1 - z_2) + \left(\frac{p_1}{\gamma} - \frac{p_2}{\gamma}\right)
$$

$$
= \Delta \left(\frac{p}{\gamma} + z\right)
$$

 $Re_D = Re_D(V, D)$ 

2. Determine the flow rate.

The second problem of flow rate is solved by trial, using a successive approximation procedure. This is because both Re and f(Re) depend on the unknown velocity, V. The solution is as follows:

1) solve for V using an assumed value for f and the Darcy-Weisbach equation.



- 2) using V compute Re
- 3) obtain a new value for  $f = f(Re, k_s/D)$  and repeat as above until convergence

Or can use Re 
$$
f^{1/2} = \frac{D^{3/2}}{V} \left(\frac{2gh_f}{L}\right)^{1/2}
$$

scale on Moody Diagram

1) Re 
$$
f^{1/2}
$$
 1) compute and k<sub>s</sub>/D  
\n2) read f  
\n3) solve V from h<sub>f</sub> =  $f \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$   
\n4) Q = VA

3. Determine the size of the pipe.

The third problem of pipe size is solved by trial, using a successive approximation procedure. This is because  $h_f$ , f, and Q all depend on the unknown diameter D. The solution procedure is as follows:

1) solve for D using an assumed value for f and the Darcy-Weisbach equation along with the definition of Q

$$
D = \left[\frac{8LQ^2}{\pi^2gh_f}\right]^{1/5} \cdot f^{1/5}
$$

 known from given data.

- 2) using D compute Re and  $k_s/D$
- 3) obtain a new value of  $f = f(Re, k_s/D)$  and repeat as above until convergence
- 4. Determine the pipe length.

The fourth problem of pipe length is solved by obtaining f from the Moody diagram, using values of Re and ks/D computed from the given data. Then using given  $h_f$ , V, D, and calculated f to solve L from *f Dh V*  $L = \frac{2g}{\epsilon} \frac{Dn_f}{\epsilon}$ 2  $=\frac{2g}{V^2}\frac{Dh_f}{f}$ .

### 10.5 Flow at Pipe Inlets and Losses From Fittings

For real pipe systems in addition to friction head loss there are additional losses called minor losses due to



For such complex geometries we must rely on experimental data to obtain a loss coefficient

$$
K = \frac{h_m}{V^2}
$$
 head loss due to minor losses

In general,

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$$
K = K(geometry, Re, \varepsilon/D)
$$
  
dependence usually  
not known

Loss coefficient data is supplied by manufacturers and also listed in handbooks. The data are for turbulent flow conditions but seldom given in terms of Re.

Modified Energy Equation to Include Minor Losses:

$$
\frac{p_1}{\gamma} + z_1 + \frac{1}{2g} \alpha_1 V_1^2 + h_p = \frac{p_2}{\gamma} + z_2 + \frac{1}{2g} \alpha_2 V_2^2 + h_t + h_f + \sum_{m} h_m
$$
  

$$
h_m = K \frac{V^2}{2g}
$$

Note:  $\Sigma h_m$  does not include pipe friction and e.g. in elbows and tees, this must be added to  $h_f$ .

1. Flow in a bend:



i.e.  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} > 0$  which is an adverse pressure gradient in r direction. The slower moving fluid near wall responds first and a swirling flow pattern results.



This swirling flow represents an energy loss which must be added to the  $h_L$ .

Also, flow separation can result due to adverse longitudinal pressure gradients which will result in additional losses.



This shows potential flow is not a good approximate in internal flows (except possibly near entrance)

- 2. Valves: enormous losses
- 3. Entrances: depends on rounding of entrance
- 4. Exit (to a large reservoir):  $K = 1$ i.e., all velocity head is lost
- 5. Contractions and Expansions sudden or gradual

theory for expansion:  $\cdot$  (2)  $h_{L} = \frac{(V_{1} - V_{2})^{2}}{2g}$ 

from continuity, momentum, and energy (assuming  $p = p_1$  in separation pockets)

$$
\Rightarrow K_{SE} = \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{D^2}\right)^2 = \frac{h_m}{V_1^2 / 2g}
$$

no theory for contraction:

$$
K_{SC} = .42 \left(1 - \frac{d^2}{D^2}\right)
$$



from experiment

### Abrupt Expansion

Consider the flow from a small pipe to a larger pipe. Would like to know  $h_L = h_L(V_1, V_2)$ . Analytic solution to exact problem is



extremely difficult due to the occurrence of flow separations and turbulence. However, if the assumption is made that the pressure in the separation region remains approximately constant and at the value at the point of

separation, i.e.,  $p_1$ , an approximate solution for  $h_L$  is possible:

Apply Energy Eq from 1-2 ( $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1$ )

$$
\frac{p_1}{\gamma} + z_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_2}{\gamma} + z_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_L
$$

Momentum eq. For CV shown (shear stress neglected)

$$
\sum F_s = p_1 A_2 - p_2 A_2 - W \sin \alpha = \sum \rho u \underline{V} \cdot \underline{A}
$$
  
=  $\rho V_1(-V_1 A_1) + \rho V_2(V_2 A_2)$   

$$
= \rho V_2^2 A_2 - \rho V_1^2 A_1
$$
  
Wsin $\alpha$ 

next divide momentum equation by  $\gamma A_2$ 

$$
\frac{1}{7} \times 42 \qquad \frac{p_1}{\gamma} - \frac{p_2}{\gamma} - (z_2 - z_1) = \frac{V_2^2}{g} - \frac{V_1^2}{g} \frac{A_1}{A_2}
$$
  
from energy equation  

$$
\frac{V_2^2}{2g} - \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + h_L = \frac{V_2^2}{g} - \frac{V_1^2}{g} \frac{A_1}{A_2}
$$

$$
h_L = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \left(1 - \frac{2A_1}{A_2}\right)
$$

$$
h_L = \frac{1}{2g} \left[ V_2^2 + V_1^2 - 2V_1^2 \frac{A_1}{A_2} \right] \begin{cases} \text{continuity eq.} \\ V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2 \\ -2V_1 V_2 \end{cases}
$$

$$
\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{V_2}{V_1}
$$

$$
\frac{h_L}{V_1} = \frac{1}{2g} \left[ V_2 - V_1 \right]^2
$$

$$
H V_2 \ll V_1, \text{ i.e., if } A_2 \to \infty \left( v_2 = \frac{A_1}{A_2} v_1 \right)
$$

$$
\frac{h_L}{V_1} = \frac{1}{2g} V_1^2
$$

And  $K_L = \frac{h_L}{(V^2/I)}$  $(V_1^2/2g)$  $\rightarrow$  1











### TABLE 10.2 LOSS COEFFICIENTS FOR VARIOUS TRANSITIONS AND FITTINGS



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