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Exercise Series of Fluid Mechanics, 2025-2026
Exercise Series Number 4: Viscous Fluid Dynamics

Exercise 01 :

We consider a vertical volcanic conduit whose size (section) narrows upwards and with a simplified geometry:

A vent is circular in shape with a radius $R_2 = 10m$ while at depth, the conduit is connected to a magma reservoir with a horizontal section of radius $R_1 = 1km$. In addition, the velocity of ascent of magma v is considered to be uniform at each depth z and the density of magma ρ to be constant.

1. If the magma exit velocity v_2 during a Plinian eruption is of the order of , at what vertical speed v_1 moves magma into the reservoir?
2. How does the ratio of velocities vary with the Rays R_1 and R_2 ?

Exercise 02:

Determine the critical velocity v_c :

- a) for a fuel oil at 15°C circulating in a pipe with 15 cm of diameter;
- b) for water at 15°C circulating in the same pipe. The kinematic viscosity at 15°C is:
 $\nu = 4,47 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ for fuel and $\nu = 1,142 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$
for water.

Exercise 03:

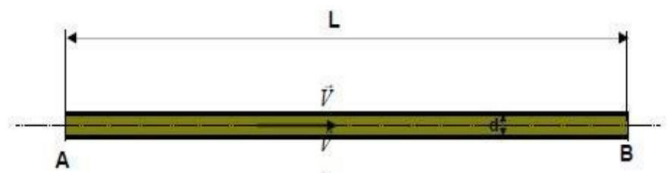
A pipeline with a diameter of $d = 25 \text{ cm}$ and length L is intended to transport crude oil from station A to station B with a mass flow rate .

The physical characteristics of oil are as follows:

- ✓ Mass density
- ✓ Dynamic viscosity $\mu = 0,261 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$.

We assume that the pipeline is horizontal.

- 1) Calculate the volume flow rate q_V of oil.
- 2) Determine its Flow velocity v .
- 3) Calculate Reynolds number Re .
- 4) What is the nature of the flow?



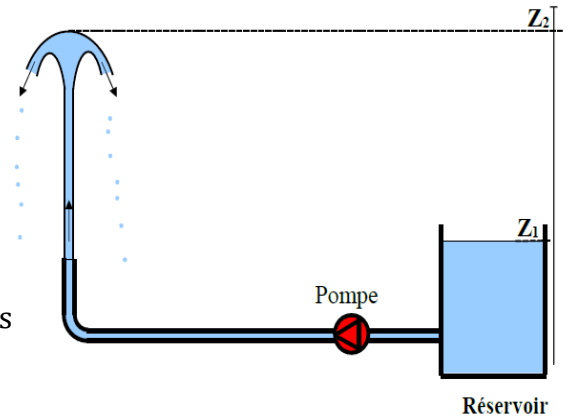
Exercise 04 :

A water jet is fed from a reservoir by means of a pump with a volume flow rate and a pipe of length $L = 15 \text{ m}$ and diameter $d = 30 \text{ mm}$. The level of the free surface of the reservoir, assumed to be slowly variable, is at an altitude $Z_1 = 3 \text{ m}$ above the ground. The jet rises to a height $Z_2 = 10 \text{ m}$.

It is assumed that:

- ✓ Pressures: $P_1 = P_2 = P_{atm}$.
- ✓ The dynamic viscosity of water: $\mu = 10^{-3} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$.
- ✓ The density of mass of water:
- ✓ The acceleration of gravity: .

1. Calculate the velocity V of water flow in the pipe in m/s
2. Calculate the Reynolds number Re .
3. Specify the nature of the flow.

**Exercise 05:**

A petroleum oil with dynamic viscosity $\mu = 2 \text{ poises}$ and mass density , flows at a flow rate of in a horizontal pipe of diameter $D = 15 \text{ cm}$ ($1 \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s} = 1 \text{ Poiseuille} = 10 \text{ poises}$, $1 \text{ poise} = 1 \text{ g/cm}\cdot\text{s}$)

1. Under these conditions, calculate the Reynolds number.
2. Deduct the nature of the flow.

Exercise 06 :

1. Determine the type of flow that takes place in a pipe with a diameter of 30 cm when, at 15°C , water circulates at a velocity of 1 m/s ().
2. Determine the type of flow taking place in a pipe of 30 cm in diameter when, at 15°C , heavy fuel oil is circulating with the same velocity ().

Exercise 07 :

Heavy fuel oil with a dynamic viscosity $\mu = 0.11 \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$ and a density of $d = 0.932$ circulates in a pipe of length $L = 1650 \text{ m}$ and diameter $D = 25 \text{ cm}$ at a volume flow rate . The density of the water is given by .

- 1) Determine the kinematic viscosity ν of the fuel oil.
- 2) Calculate the flow velocity V .
- 3) Calculate the Reynolds number Re .
- 4) Deduce the nature of the flow.

Exercise N°08 :

The diagram proposed below represents a hydraulic installation composed of:

- ✓ A reservoir containing oil with mass density $\rho = 900 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and kinematic viscosity
- ✓ A pump with volume flow rate $q_V = 16 \text{ L/Min}$
- ✓ A vertical tube with a length of $L = 50 \text{ cm}$ and diameter $d = 5 \text{ mm}$ to deliver pressurized oil discharged by the pump,
- ✓ A cylinder with horizontal single-acting equipped with a piston that moves in translation under the effect of oil pressure.

1. From the pump flow rate, calculate the flow velocity v_B in the pipe.

2. Similarly, determine the velocity of movement diameter $D = 10 \text{ cm}$.

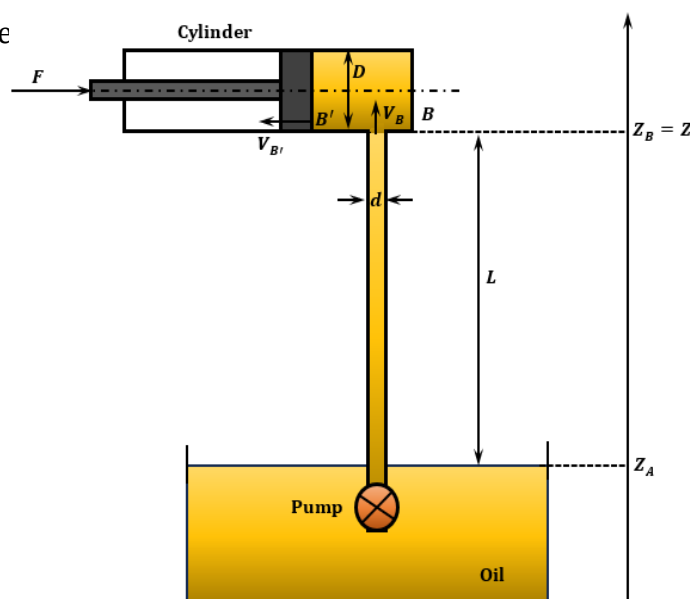
3. The piston is subjected to a compressive force $F = 6151 \text{ N}$ which opposes its displacement. Calculate the pressure of Oil $P_{B'}$ at the point B'.

4. Applying Bernoulli's theorem between B' and B. Calculate the admission pressure in the cylinder P_B (We suppose that $Z_B = Z_{B'}$)

5. Calculate Mass Flow Rate of the pump

6. Calculate Reynolds number R_e .

7. Specify the nature of the flow.



Exercise 09

The following figure shows an installation used in an amusement park. The installation is composed of:

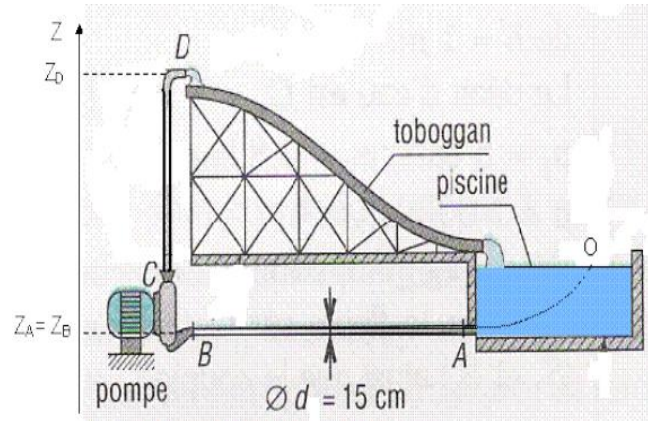
- A horizontal AB suction pipe with a diameter of $d=15 \text{ cm}$ and length $L_1 = AB = 10 \text{ m}$
- A centrifugal pump draws water at a volume flow rate from a swimming pool and discharges it in D, towards a waterslide.
- A vertical CD discharge pipe with a diameter of $d=15 \text{ cm}$ and a length of $L_2 = CD = 8 \text{ m}$

- A waterslide forming a downward channel that allows water to flow back to the swimming pool by gravity.

The water remains in a closed circuit: swimming pool – AB tube – pump – CD tube – waterslide – swimming pool – etc.

We give:

- The mass density of water:
- The dynamic viscosity of water: $\mu = 10^{-3} Pa \cdot s$
- The acceleration of gravity:
- Pressure $P_O = P_D = P_{atm} = 1 bar$
- $Z_O = 1.5 m$ (O is a point on the free surface of the water in the pool)
- $Z_A = Z_B = 0$; $Z_C = 0.3m$; $Z_D = 8.3 m$.



1. Calculate the flow velocity V in the pipe.
2. Applying Bernoulli's theorem between a point O of the free surface of the pool and the point A, calculate the pressure P_A . It is assumed that the water level in the swimming pool remains constant ($v_0 = 0$)
3. Determining the Reynolds Number R_e in the Pipe
4. Deduce the nature of the flow.