

## Lecture-Four

### Laminar Flow in Pipe of Circular Cross-Section.

#### 1- Hagen-Poiseuille Flow.

Consider fully developed laminar flow through a straight tube of circular cross – section as in Fig.(1). Rotational symmetry is considered to make the flow two – dimensional axisymmetry. Let us take  $x$ -axis as the axial of the tube along which all the fluid particles travel, i.e.

$$V_x \neq 0, V_r = 0, V_\theta = 0$$

Now from continuity equation, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_r}{r} + \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} = 0 \left[ \text{for rotational symmetry, } \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0 \right]$$

This means  $V_x = V_x(r, t)$

$$\text{Invoking } \left[ V_r = 0, V_\theta = 0 \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} = 0, \text{ and } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\text{any quantity}) = 0 \right]$$

With Navier–Stokes equation, we obtain in the x-direction

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial r} \right) \quad (1)$$

For steady flow, the governing equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 v_x}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \quad (2)$$

The boundary conditions are

i) At  $r = 0, V_x$  is finite &  $\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial r} = 0$

ii) At  $r = R, V_x = 0$  yield Eq.(2) can be written after multiplying by  $r$

$$r \frac{d^2 v_x}{dr^2} + \frac{dv_x}{dr} = \frac{1}{\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} r$$

$$\text{or } \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dv_x}{dr} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} r \text{ by integration}$$

$$r \frac{dv_x}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} r^2 + A$$

$$\frac{dv_x}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} r + \frac{A}{r} \text{ by integration}$$

$$V_x = \frac{1}{4\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} r^2 + A \ln r + B$$

$$\text{At } r = 0 \text{ } V_x = \text{finite} \text{ \& } \frac{dv_x}{dr} = 0 \rightarrow A = 0$$

$$\text{at } r = R, V_x = 0$$

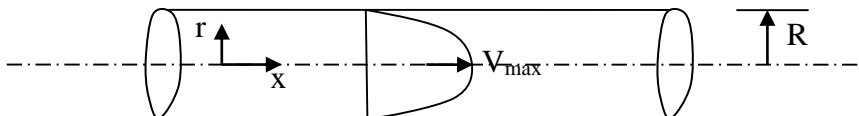
$$B = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} \cdot R^2$$

$$\therefore V_x = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dx} \right) \left[ 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right] \quad (3)$$

This shows that the axial velocity profile in a fully developed laminar pipe flow is having parabolic variation along  $r$ .

$$\text{At } r = 0, \text{ as such, } V_x = V_{x \text{ max}}$$

$$V_{x \text{ max}} = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dx} \right) \quad (4)$$



**Figure 1:** Flow in circular pipe.



## 2- Volumetric Flow Rate.

The average velocity in pipe is

$$V_{av.} = \frac{Q}{\pi R^2} = \frac{\int_0^R 2\pi r V_x(r) dr}{\pi R^2} \text{ substitute Eq. 3}$$

$$\text{or } V_{av.} = \frac{\frac{2\pi R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dx} \right) \left[ \frac{R^2}{2} - \frac{R^4}{4R^2} \right]}{\pi R^2}$$

$$V_{av.} = \frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dx} \right) = \frac{1}{2} V_{x \max} \rightarrow V_{x \max} = 2V_{av} \quad (5)$$

Now, the discharge  $Q$  through a pipe is given by

$$Q = \pi R^2 V_{av} \quad (6)$$

$$Q = \pi R^2 \frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dx} \right)$$

$$\text{or } Q = -\frac{\pi d^4}{128\mu} \left( \frac{dp}{dx} \right) \quad (7)$$

From Eq's 4 & 5

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{L} = 4 V_{\max} \frac{\mu}{R^2} = 32\mu \frac{V_{av}}{d^2} \quad (8)$$

Eq. 8 is known as the **Hagen- Poiseuille** equation.

### Ex.1

Oil mass density is  $800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and dynamic viscosity is  $0.002 \text{ kg/m.s}$  flow through  $50\text{mm}$  diameter, pipe length is  $500 \text{ m}$  and the discharge flow rate is  $0.19 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  determine

- i) Reynolds number of flow.
- ii) Center line velocity.
- iii) Loss of pressure in  $500 \text{ m}$  length.
- iv) Pressure gradient.
- v) Wall shear stress.

### Sol.

$$V_{av.} = \frac{4Q}{\pi d^2} = \frac{4 \times 0.19 \times 10^{-3}}{\pi \times (0.05)^2} = 0.0968 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{i) } Re = \frac{V d \rho}{\mu} = \frac{0.0968 \times 0.05 \times 800}{0.002} = 1936.0$$

$$\text{ii) } V_{x \max} = 2V_{av.} = 2 \times 0.0968 = 0.1936 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

iii) From Eq. 7.26

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{L} = 4 V_{\max} \frac{\mu}{R^2} = 32\mu \frac{V_{av}}{d^2}$$

$$\therefore p_1 - p_2 = \frac{32\mu V_{av} L}{d^2} = \frac{32 \times 0.002 \times 0.0968 \times 500}{(0.05)^2} = 1239.04 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$\text{iv) } \frac{dp}{dL} = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{L} = \frac{1239.04}{500} = \frac{2.478 \text{ N}}{\text{m}^2} = 2.478 \text{ Pa/m}$$

$$\text{v) } \tau_0 = \frac{(p_1 - p_2)d}{4L} = (1239.04) \times \frac{0.05}{4 \times 500} = 0.03098 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}, \text{ Eq. 10}$$

## 3- Shear Stress in Horizontal Pipe.

A force balance for steady flow in horizontal pipe as in Fig. 2 yields

$$p_1(\pi r^2) - p_2(\pi r^2) - \tau(2\pi r L) = 0$$

$$\text{or } \tau = \frac{(p_1 - p_2)r}{2L} \quad (9)$$

From Eq. 9

at  $r = 0 \tau = 0$

$r = R \tau = \tau_0$

$$\tau_0 = \frac{(p_1 - p_2)d}{4L} \quad (10)$$

Eq. 9 is valid for laminar & turbulent flow.

$\left(\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho g}\right)$  Represent the energy drop per unit weight ( $h_L$ ) multiply Eq.9 by  $(\rho g/\rho g)$  yields

$$\tau = \frac{\rho g r}{2L} \left(\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho g}\right) = \frac{\rho g h_L}{2L} r \quad (11)$$

$$\therefore h_L = \frac{2\tau_0 L}{\rho g R} = \frac{4\tau_0 L}{\rho g d} \quad (12)$$

$\tau = \tau_0$  at  $r = R$

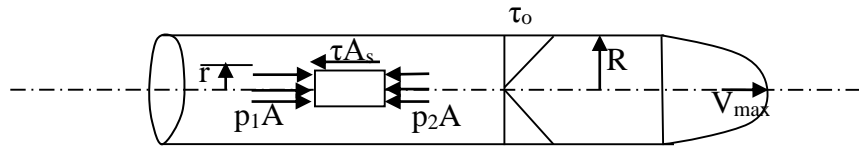


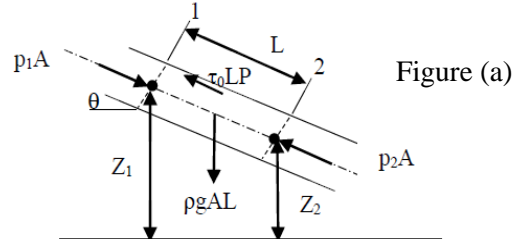
Figure 2: Forces on element in horizontal pipe.

#### 4- Shear Stress in Inclined Pipe.

The energy equation may be written in pipe when related the loss to available energy reduction as in Fig.(a)

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_{f_{1-2}}$$

Since the velocity head  $\left(\frac{V^2}{2g}\right)$  is the same



$$h_f = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho g} + z_1 - z_2 \quad (13)$$

$$\therefore h_f = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho g} + \Delta z \quad (14)$$

Applying the linear – momentum eqn. in the L-direction

$$\sum F_l = 0 = (p_1 - p_2)A + \gamma AL \sin\theta - \tau_0 LP = \dot{m}(V_2 - V_1) = 0$$

(P) is the wetted perimeter of the conduit ,i.e , the portion of the perimeter where the wall is in contact with the fluid when the conduit not circular pipe.

$$L \sin\theta = z_1 - z_2$$

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho g} + z_1 - z_2 = \frac{\tau_0 LP}{\rho g A} \quad (15)$$

From Eq. 13& 15

$$h_f = \frac{\tau_0 LP}{\rho g A} \quad (16)$$

From experiment

$$\tau_0 = \lambda \frac{\rho}{2} V^2 \quad (17)$$

$$\therefore h_f = \lambda \frac{\rho}{2} V^2 \frac{LP}{\gamma A} = \lambda \frac{L V^2}{R 2g} \quad (18)$$

$$R_h = A/P$$

$R_h$  = hydraulic Radius of the conduit

For a pipe  $R_h = d/4$  ;  $\lambda = f/4$

Where  $\lambda$  is the non-dimensional factor, the  $h_f$  head loss due to friction can be written as follows,

$$\therefore h_f = \frac{f L}{4} \frac{4 V^2}{d 2g} = f \frac{L V^2}{d 2g} \quad (19)$$

Eq. 19 is the Darcy – Weisbach equation, valid for duct flows of any cross-section and for laminar and turbulent flow,  $f$  is the friction factor  $f = 4 \lambda$

By equating Eq's 12 & 19

$$\frac{4\tau_0 L}{\rho g d} = f \frac{L V^2}{d 2g}$$

$$\therefore \tau_0 = \frac{f \rho V^2}{8} \quad (20)$$

In Hagen-Poiseuille eqn.

$$V_{av} = \frac{\Delta p d^2}{32 \mu L} \quad \text{From Eq. 8}$$

$$\Delta p = \rho g h_f \quad \rightarrow \quad h_f = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho g}$$

$$\therefore V_{av} = \frac{\rho g h_f d^2}{32 \mu L}$$

$$h_f = \frac{32 V_{av} \mu L}{\rho g d^2} = f \frac{L V^2}{d 2g}$$

$$= \left( \frac{64 V_{av} \mu L}{2 \rho g d^2} \right) = \frac{64}{\mu} \frac{V_{av}}{d} \frac{L V_{av}^2}{2g} = \frac{64}{Re} \frac{L V_{av}^2}{d 2g}$$

$$h_f = f \frac{L V_{av}^2}{d 2g} = \frac{64}{Re} \frac{L V_{av}^2}{d 2g} \quad (21)$$

$$\therefore f = \frac{64}{Re} \quad (22)$$

It applies to all roughness and may be used for the solution of laminar flow problems in pipes.

From above equations the laminar head loss as follows

$$h_{f(laminar)} = \frac{64}{Re} \frac{L V_{av}^2}{d 2g} = \frac{32 \mu L V_{av}}{\rho g d^2} = \frac{128 \mu L Q}{\pi \rho g d^4} \quad (23)$$

From Eq. 4

$$p_1 - p_2 = \frac{4 V_{max} \mu L}{R^2} = \frac{32 V_{av} \mu L}{d^2}$$

Pressure drop per unit weight

$$h_f = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho g} = \frac{32 \mu L V_{av}}{\rho g d^2} \quad \text{for laminar flow} \quad (24)$$

### Ex.2

An oil of viscosity  $0.9 \text{ Ns/m}^2$  and S.G. 0.9 is flowing through a horizontal pipe of 60 mm diameter. If the pressure drop in 100 m length of the pipe is  $1800 \text{ kN/m}^2$ , determine:

- (i) The rate of flow of oil.
- (ii) The center-line velocity.
- (iii) The total friction drags over 100 m length.
- (iv) The power required to maintain the flow.
- (v) The velocity gradient at the pipe wall.

(vi) the velocity and shear stress at 8 mm from the wall

**Sol.**

Area of the pipe,

$$A = \frac{\pi}{4} * (0,06)^2 = 2.827 * 10^{-3} (m^2) \text{ Pressure drop in (100m) length of the pipe, } \Delta p = 1800 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

i) the rate of flow, Q

$$p_1 - p_2 = \Delta p = \frac{32\mu V_{av} L}{d^2}$$

$$V_{av} = \frac{\Delta p d^2}{32\mu L}$$

$$\therefore V_{av} = \frac{1800 * 10^3 * (0.06)^2}{32 * 0.9 * 100} = 2.25 \frac{m}{s}$$

$$\text{Reynolds number, } Re = \frac{\rho V d}{\mu} = \frac{0.9 * 1000 * 2.25 * 0.06}{0.9} = 135$$

As Re is less than 2000, the flow is laminar and the rate of flow is,

$$Q = A * V_{av} = 2.827 * 10^{-3} * 2.25 = 6.36 * 10^{-3} \frac{m^3}{s} = 6.36 \frac{lit}{s}$$

ii) the center-line velocity,  $V_{max}$

$$V_{max} = 2V_{av} = 2 * 2.25 = 4.5 \frac{m}{s}$$

iii) the total frictional drag over (100m) length

$$\text{From } \tau_0 = \frac{(p_1 - p_2)d}{4L}$$

$$\therefore \tau_0 = 1800 * 10^3 * \frac{0.06}{4 * 100} = 270 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$\therefore$  Friction drag for (100m) length

$$F_d = \tau_0 * A_s = \tau_0 * \pi d L = 270 * \pi * 0.06 * 100$$

$$F_d = 5089 \text{ N}$$

(iv) The power required to maintain the flow, P,

$$P = F_d * V_{av} = 5089 * 2.25 = 11451 \text{ W}$$

$$= 15.35 \text{ h.p}$$

Alternatively,

$$P = Q * \Delta p = 0.00636 * 1800 * 10^3 = 11448 \text{ W}$$

(v) The velocity gradient at the pipe wall,  $\left(\frac{du}{dy}\right)_{y=0}$  ;

$$\tau_0 = \mu \cdot \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0}$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{y=0} = \frac{\tau_0}{\mu} = \frac{270}{0.9} = 300 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

(vi) the velocity and shear stress at (8mm) from the wall,

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

$$\text{Or } V = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (R^2 - r^2)$$

$$\text{Here, } y = 8\text{mm} = 0.008\text{m}$$

But  $y = R - r$

$$\therefore 0.008 = 0.03 - r \rightarrow r = 0.022\text{m}$$

$$\therefore V_{(8\text{mm})} = +\frac{1}{4 * 0.9} * \frac{1800 * 10^3}{100} (0.03^2 - 0.022^2) = 2.08 \frac{m}{s}$$

For linear relation  $\frac{\tau}{r} = \frac{\tau_0}{R} \rightarrow \tau_{(8mm)} = r * \frac{\tau_0}{R} = 0.022 * \frac{270}{0.03} = 198 \text{ N/m}^2$

Or  $\tau = \frac{\Delta p}{2L} * r$  from Eq. 7.27

$$\tau = 1800 * 10^3 * \frac{0.022}{2 * 100} = 198 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}$$

**Table 1:** Summary of used equations in pipe

Velocity in circular pipe.	$V_x = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right]$
$V_{max}$ (max. velocity)	$V_{max} = 2V_{av}$
$V_{av}$ (Average velocity)	$V_{av} = \frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dx} \right) = \frac{1}{2} V_{max}$
Pressure loss along pipe	$\frac{\Delta p}{L} = 4V_{max} \frac{\mu}{R^2} = \frac{32\mu V_{av}}{d^2}$
Wall shear stress	$\tau_0 = \frac{(p_1 - p_2)d}{4L}$
Shear stress at any $r$	$\tau = \frac{(p_1 - p_2)r}{2L}$
Energy losses	$h_f = \frac{4\tau_0 L}{\rho g d}$
Energy loss by friction factor	$h_f = f \frac{L V^2}{d 2g}$
Hydraulic diameter	$d_h = \frac{4 \text{ Area}}{\text{wetted perimeter}}$
Energy loss in Laminar flow	$h_{f \text{ laminar}} = \frac{64 L V_{av}^2}{R_e d 2g} = \frac{32\mu L V}{\gamma d^2}$ $= 128\mu L Q / \pi \rho g d^4$