UWE Bristol

Thermodynamics & Fluids

FLUIDS Lecture 3: Turbulent Flow & Minor Losses





Today's Lecture

- Review of Turbulent Flow
 - Pressure drop
- Determining f (Moody Chart)
- Minor Losses
- Example



Fluid Flow with Friction



• Bernoulli's equation:

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho C_1^2 + \rho g z_1 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho C_2^2 + \rho g z_2 + \Delta p$$

$$\Delta p = \text{pressure drop}$$

Fluid Flow with Friction

• Bernoulli's equation with a pump:



Pressure Drop

• Pressure drop is:

$$\Delta p = \frac{fL}{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2$$

 If we have friction factor, we can calculate pressure drop to insert into Bernoulli's equation.



Friction Factor

- How do we determine Friction Factor?
- Moody Chart





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• Example: $Re = 3 \times 10^4$ and $\epsilon/D = 0.01$

Moody Diagram

• Example: $Re = 4 \times 10^6$ and $\epsilon/D = 0.003$

Moody Diagram

Find the Friction Factor!

- Try these examples:
 - Reynolds number = 5 x 10⁴; ϵ/D = 0.05

• f = 0.05

- Reynolds number = 4 x 10⁵; ϵ/D = 0.002

• *f* = 0.024

- Reynolds number = 1.5×10^7 ; $\epsilon/D = 0.01$

• *f* = 0.038

Problems

- 3 Types of Problems
 - Type 1 Pressure drop
 - (Given flow rate and diameter)
 - Know everything so apply equation
 - Type 2 Flow rate
 - (Given pressure drop and diameter)
 - Guess full turbulence, determine c and iterate
 - Type 3 Pipe Diameter
 - (Given pressure drop and flow rate)
 - Guess f = 0.03, determine D and iterate

- Pressure drop caused by
 - Frictional effects in straight pipes
 - What about other components?
 - Bends
 - Entrances
 - Exits
 - Section Changes
 - Junctions
 - Filters
 - Valves

All contribute to pressure drop

- Each loss has a loss factor, k
- Pressure drop due to minor loss

$$\Delta p = \frac{fL}{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2 \qquad \qquad \Delta p = k \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2$$

• Typical *k* values on p.28

• Systems with more than one loss:

– Effective *k* is sum of *k* factors

$$k_e = k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i$$

$$\Delta p = k_e \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2$$

• Total pressure drop in pipe due to minor losses *and* friction:

 $\Delta p = \text{drop due to losses} + \text{drop due to friction}$

$$\Delta p = k_e \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2 + \frac{fL}{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2$$

$$\Delta p = \left(k_e + \frac{fL}{D}\right) \frac{1}{2}\rho c^2$$

Example

The flow rate from A to B is 565 litres/sec.
Determine the power required from the pump. Take *u* to be 0.113 x 10⁻⁵ m²/s.

Today's Lecture

- Review of turbulent flow
- Review of determining friction factors
- Minor losses
 - Additional losses in pipe networks
 - Can be considerable (especially valves)
- Total pressure drop:

$$\Delta p = \left(k_e + \frac{fL}{D}\right) \frac{1}{2}\rho c^2$$