

CHEN.3030 Fluid Mechanics

I. Fundamental Concepts and Fluid Properties

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Solids, Liquids, and Gases



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Fluid Definition and Compressibility



Fluids Continuously Deform under a Shear Stress





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Newtonian & Non-Newtonian Fluids





The higher the viscosity, the more difficult it is for a fluid to flow.

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Viscosity vs. Temperature



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Ex. #1 – Block on Inclined Surface



A 10 kg block slides down a smooth inclined surface as shown. Determine the terminal velocity v of the block if the 0.1 mm gap between the block and the surface contains oil with $\mu = 0.38$ N-s/m². The area of the block in contact with the oil is 0.2 m^2 .

Assume that the velocity profile in the thin gap is linear.





Ex. #2 – A Simple Viscometer

Consider a horizontal shaft of length L and diameter d being pulled along the axial centerline of a bearing sleeve of diameter D. The clearance is filled with the fluid of interest. At equilibrium, the force F needed to pull the rod through the sleeve at constant velocity v is exactly balanced by the viscous friction along the sides of the shaft.



- a. For this situation, develop an expression for the fluid viscosity in terms of the system parameters, F, v, d, D, and L. Assume a linear velocity profile in the thin gap.
- b. Given that d = 6 cm, D = 6.02 cm, and L = 40 cm, what is the kinematic viscosity of the test fluid (sg = 0.88) if the measured steady state velocity was 0.4 m/s for a applied force of 800 N?

Surface Tension





Surface tension is the force per unit length needed to separate the molecules on the surface

Surface tension forces for several cases ($F_{\sigma} = \sigma \times \text{length}$)



(b) Spherical bubble



(a) Spherical droplet

(c) Cylinder supported by surface tension (liquid does not wet cylinder) Ring D_o $F_{\sigma, o}$ $F_{\sigma, i}$ $F_{\sigma, o}$

(*d*) Ring pulled out of liquid (liquid wets the ring)



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