
Chapter 5

Dimensional analysis

Dynamic similarity

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad \rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbf{g}$$

$$x^* = x/L, \quad \mathbf{u}^* = \mathbf{u}/U, \quad t^* = Ut/L, \quad p^* = p/\rho U^2 \quad \nabla \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}^*}$$

$$\nabla^* \cdot \mathbf{u}^* = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^*}{\partial t^*} + \mathbf{u}^* \cdot \nabla^* \mathbf{u}^* = -\nabla^* p^* + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \nabla^{*2} \mathbf{u}^* + \frac{1}{\text{Fr}} \frac{\mathbf{g}}{g}$$

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho U L}{\mu}$$

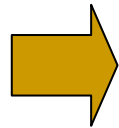
$$\text{Fr} = \frac{U^2}{gL}$$

Boundary conditions

$$u_x = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad y = 0$$

$$u_x^* = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad y^* = 0$$

$$u_x = U \quad \text{on} \quad y = B$$



$$u_x^* = 1 \quad \text{on} \quad y^* = \frac{B}{L}$$

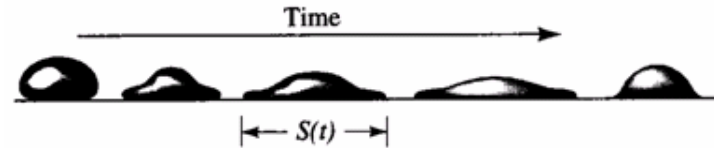
$$p - \mu \Delta_{nm} - \sigma \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = 0$$

$$p^* - \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \Delta_{nm}^* - \frac{1}{\text{We}} \left(\frac{1}{R_1^*} + \frac{1}{R_2^*} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{We} = \frac{\rho U^2 L}{\sigma}$$

If two flows occur in geometrically similar systems in which viscous effects and interfacial phenomena occur, and if Re , We , Fr are the same in both systems, the two systems are **dynamically similar**

Inkjet printing



Goal: to know how much a drop spreads on impact with a surface

$$V = 8 \text{ nanoliters} = 8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^3, \quad \mu = 0.005 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}, \quad \sigma = 0.04 \text{ N/m}, \quad U = 1 \text{ m/s}$$

We want to design a scaled-up version of this process to facilitate observation and measurement of the drop dynamics
(**designing a dynamically similar system**)

$$\text{Length scale} \quad L = V^{1/3} = (8 \times 10^{-12})^{1/3} \text{ m} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Velocity scale} \quad U = 1 \text{ m/s}$$

Assume gravity is not a significant factor (this may not be the case)
-> ignore *Froude* number

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu} = \frac{1000(1)0.0002}{0.005} = 40$$

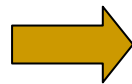
$$\text{We} = \frac{\rho U^2 L}{\sigma} = \frac{1000(1)^2(0.0002)}{0.04} = 5$$

We must design an experiment such that

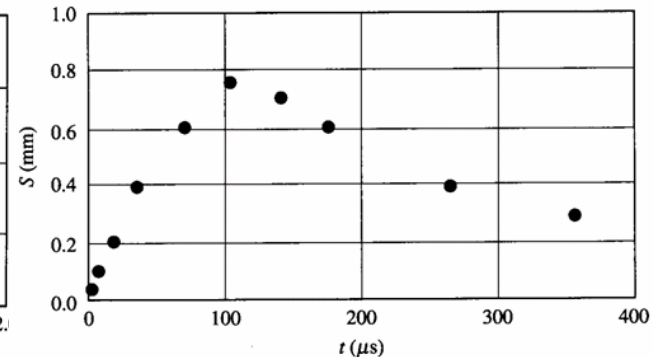
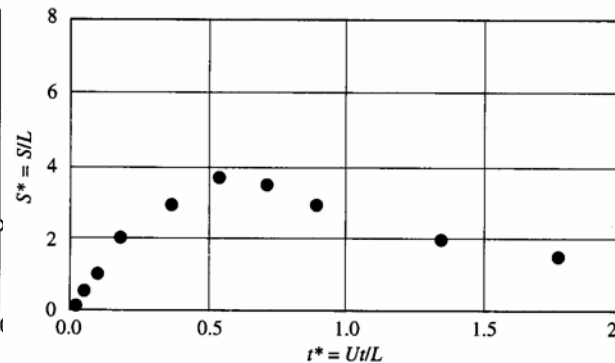
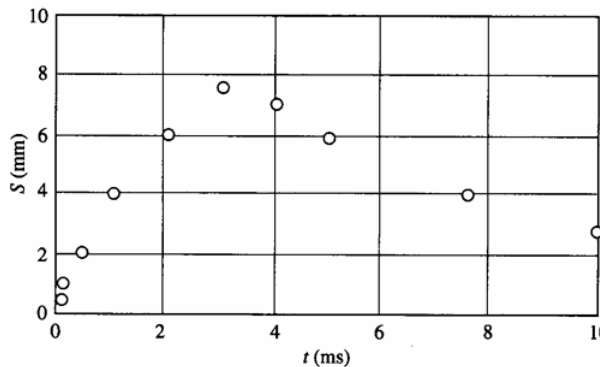
$$\text{Re} = 40 = \left(\frac{\rho UL}{\mu} \right)_{\text{exp}} \quad \text{We} = 5 = \left(\frac{\rho U^2 L}{\sigma} \right)_{\text{exp}}$$

5 parameters, 2 constrains -> 3 free parameters

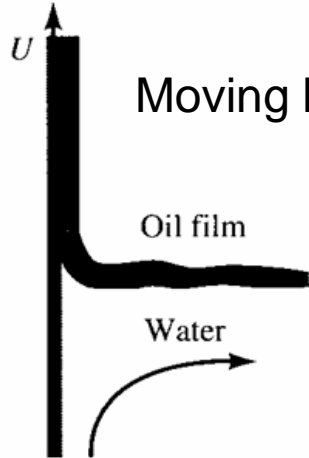
$$\sigma = 0.05 \text{ N/m}, \quad \rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3, \quad \underline{L = 0.002 \text{ m}}$$



$$U = 0.354 \text{ m/s}, \quad \mu = 0.018 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$$



Removing oil from water surface



Moving belt with hydrophobic surface

Goal: design an experimental model to learn more about how the rate of oil entrainment is related to operating parameters such as belt speed and physical properties

Dynamics are dependent on the balance between inertial, viscous, surface, gravitational forces

$$\text{Re} = \left(\frac{\rho UL}{\mu} \right)_{\text{model}} = \left(\frac{\rho UL}{\mu} \right)_{\text{system}} \quad \text{We} = \left(\frac{\rho U^2 L}{\sigma} \right)_{\text{model}} = \left(\frac{\rho U^2 L}{\sigma} \right)_{\text{system}} \quad \text{Fr} = \left(\frac{U^2}{gL} \right)_{\text{model}} = \left(\frac{U^2}{gL} \right)_{\text{system}}$$

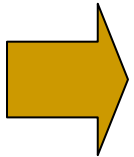
5 parameters, 3 constraints -> 2 free parameters

$$L_{\text{model}} = kL_{\text{system}} \quad \rho_{\text{model}} = \rho_{\text{system}}$$

$$U_{\text{model}} = k^{1/2} U_{\text{system}}$$

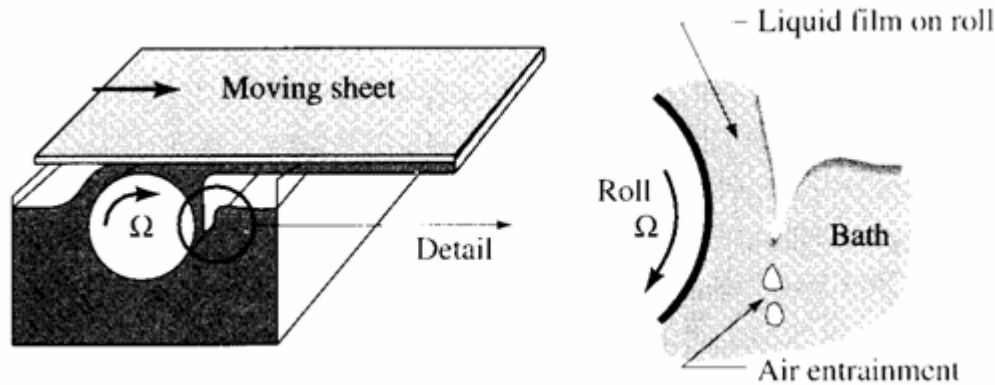
$$\mu_{\text{model}} = k^{3/2} \mu_{\text{system}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{model}} = k^2 \sigma_{\text{system}}$$



1. Large k does not meet surface tension
2. Cannot take all three dimensionless group together
3. Need **more physics** to make knowledgeable evaluations of the relative importance of the three dynamic groups, Re , We , Fr

A roll coating system



Critical roll speed U^* for air entrainment

$H/L \sim 0.01$; roll appears as a plane

No characteristic length scale

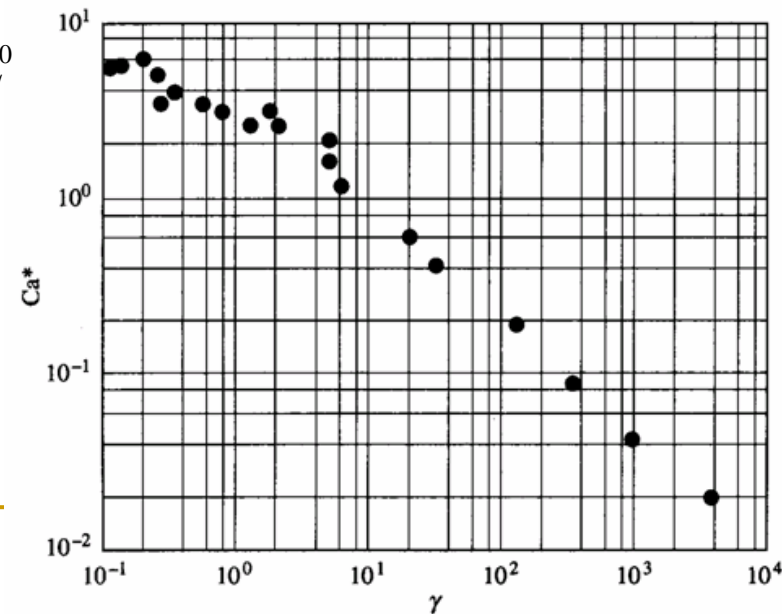
$$\frac{We}{Re} = \frac{\mu U}{\sigma} = Ca$$

Ca^* ; dimensionless critical entrainment velocity
Predict Ca^* from a knowledge of physical properties

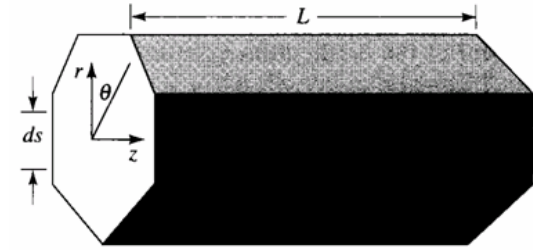
$$N = Re^a Fr^b We^c \left(\frac{\rho UL}{\mu} \right)^a \left(\frac{U^2}{gL} \right)^b \left(\frac{\rho U^2 L}{\sigma} \right)^c = \alpha U^0 L^0$$

$$N = \frac{Re Fr^{1/4}}{We^{3/4}} = \left(\frac{\sigma^3 \rho}{\mu^4 g} \right)^{1/4} \frac{Re^{4/3} Fr^{1/3}}{We} = \sigma \left(\frac{\rho}{\mu^4 g} \right)^{1/3} \equiv \gamma$$

$$Ca^* = \mathfrak{R}(\gamma)$$



Inspectional analysis



$$\frac{\Delta P}{\rho U^2} = \Psi[\text{Re}, \text{Fr}, \text{shape factors}]$$

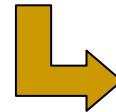
$$\left(u_r^* \frac{\partial u_z^*}{\partial r^*} + \frac{u_\theta^*}{r^*} \frac{\partial u_z^*}{\partial \theta} + u_z^* \frac{\partial u_z^*}{\partial z^*} \right) = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[\frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial r^*} \left(r^* \frac{\partial u_z^*}{\partial r^*} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 u_z^*}{\partial z^{*2}} + \frac{1}{r^{*2}} \frac{\partial^2 u_z^*}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$$

Fully developed laminar flow $(u_r, u_\theta, u_z) = (0, 0, u_z(r, \theta))$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[\frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial r^*} \left(r^* \frac{\partial u_z^*}{\partial r^*} \right) + \frac{1}{r^{*2}} \frac{\partial^2 u_z^*}{\partial \theta^2} \right] \quad 0 = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial r^*}$$

$$u_z^* = u_z^*(r^*, \theta, \text{Re}, \text{shape factors})$$

$$p^* = p^*(z^*, \text{Re}, \text{shape factors})$$



$$C(z^*) = -\frac{dp^*}{dz^*} = F(r^*, \theta)$$

Constant; dimensionless pressure gradient

$$C(z^*) = -\frac{\Delta P D}{\rho U^2 L}$$

Since C is a constant, it depends only on the constants that appear in the differential equations and the boundary conditions that define the flow



$$C = f'(\text{Re}, \text{shape factors})$$

$$0 = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z^*} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[\frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial r^*} \left(r^* \frac{\partial u_z^*}{\partial r^*} \right) + \frac{1}{r^{*2}} \frac{\partial^2 u_z^*}{\partial \theta^2} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} u_z^* = u_z^*(r^*, \theta, \text{Re}, \text{shape factors}) \\ p^* = p^*(z^*, \text{Re}, \text{shape factors}) \end{array}$$

$$z^{**} = \frac{z^*}{\text{Re}} \quad 0 = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z^{**}} + \left[\frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial}{\partial r^*} \left(r^* \frac{\partial u_z^*}{\partial r^*} \right) + \frac{1}{r^{*2}} \frac{\partial^2 u_z^*}{\partial \theta^2} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} u_z^{**} = u_z^{**}(r^*, \theta, \text{shape factors}) \\ p^{**} = p^{**}(z^{**}, \text{shape factors}) \end{array}$$

Force balance; the pressure drop arises from the wall shear stress

$$\Delta P A_c = \int_0^L \left[\int_s -\tau_{zn} ds \right] dz$$

A contour integral along the cross-sectional perimeter

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\rho U^2} = \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \int_0^{L/D} \left[\int_{s^*} \Delta_{zn}^* ds^* \right] dz^* \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta P}{\rho U^2} = \frac{K'(\text{Re}, \text{shape factors})}{\text{Re} D / L}$$

$$\Delta_{zn}^* = f(\theta, \text{Re}, \text{shape factor})$$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{\rho U^2} = \int_0^{(L/D)\text{Re}} \left[\int_{s^*} \Delta_{zn}^{**} ds^* \right] dz^{**} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{D \Delta P}{\rho L U^2} \text{Re} = K(\text{shape factors})$$

Dimensional analysis; 6-3=3 $\frac{\Delta P}{\rho U^2} = fn(\text{Re}, L/D, \text{shape factors})$

$$\Delta P A_c = \int_0^L \left[\int_s -\tau_{zn} ds \right] dz = \left[\int_s -\tau_{zn} ds \right] L = \bar{\tau} SL$$

Fully developed

Wall shear stress averaged along the perimeter; S is the wetted perimeter

Friction factor

$$f = \frac{\bar{\tau}}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2} = \frac{\Delta P A_c / SL}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2} = \frac{(\Delta P / L) r_h}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2} \quad D_h = 4r_h \quad \text{Re} = \frac{4r_h U \rho}{\mu}$$

$$f \text{ Re} = F(\text{shape factors})$$

Entry region flow

$$f \text{ Re} = \frac{\text{Re} D}{2L} \int_0^{(L/D \text{Re})} \left[\int_{s^*} \Delta_{zn}^{**} ds^* \right] dz^{**} = \frac{\text{Re} D}{2L} \int_0^{(L/D \text{Re})} [h(z^{**})] dz^{**} = \frac{\text{Re} D}{2L} G(L/D \text{Re})$$

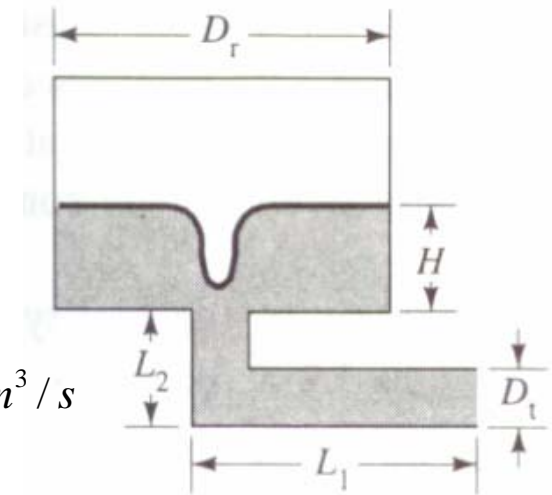
$$f \text{ Re} = F(\text{Re} D / L, \text{shape factors})$$

Experimental design

At some critical height, the free surface forms a vortex that is sucked into the tube, entraining air in the liquid; we wish to avoid

$$D_r = 1\text{ m} \quad \underline{D_t = 0.03\text{ m}} \quad L_1 = 0.5\text{ m} \quad L_2 = 0.3\text{ m} \quad Q = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3 / \text{s}$$

$$\mu = 2.4 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s} \quad \rho = 2400 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad \sigma = 0.25 \text{ N/m}$$



Molten ceramic at 1000K in large reservoir
-> need scale-down

Dynamic similarity $\text{Re}_{\text{model}} = \text{Re}_{\text{real}} \quad \text{Fr}_{\text{model}} = \text{Fr}_{\text{real}} \quad \text{We}_{\text{model}} = \text{We}_{\text{real}}$

If the length scale is large, the radius of curvature of the vortex may be so large that surface tension effect will be negligible

$$\text{Bo} = \frac{\text{We}}{\text{Fr}} = \frac{\rho g L^2}{\sigma} = \frac{2400 \times 9.8 \times 0.03^2}{0.25} = 84.7$$

Surface tension effect is unimportant -> neglect We

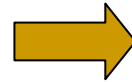
$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho U D_t}{\mu} = \frac{4\rho Q}{\pi D_t \mu} = 509 \quad \text{Fr} = \frac{U^2}{g D_t} = \frac{16Q^2}{\pi^2 g D_t^5} = 980$$

3 parameters (tube diameter, flow rate, kinematic viscosity), 2 constraints
 -> select tube diameter 0.3cm (scale down by one order of magnitude)

$$\left[\frac{Q}{\nu D_t} \right]_{\text{model}} = \left[\frac{Q}{\nu D_t} \right]_{\text{real}} \quad \left[\frac{Q^2}{D_t^5} \right]_{\text{model}} = \left[\frac{Q^2}{D_t^5} \right]_{\text{real}}$$

$$Q_{\text{model}} = 3.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 38 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\nu_{\text{model}} = 3.16 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

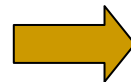


$$\mu_{\text{model}} = 3.16 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}$$

Test with an aqueous solution of corn syrup or glycerol at 1/10 of full scale
 (geometrically and dynamically similar)

$$\text{Bo} = \frac{1000(9.8)(0.003)^2}{0.06} = 1.5$$

Surface tension may be important in this small length scale



Need more experiments with liquids of several surface tensions and look for any influence

Principle of dynamic similarity

- For isothermal, incompressible, low Mach number flow, the fluid dynamics are completely controlled by the values of no more than three dynamic dimensionless groups
 - Reynolds number; relative importance of inertial forces to viscous force
 - Froude number; of inertial force to gravitational force
 - Weber number; of inertial force to interfacial force
 - All the dimensionless groups that might come out from the Buckingham pi theorem can be expressible in terms of these 3 groups, hence are not independent of them
-