

A stainless steel sphere has a diameter of 1 mm and a density of 7870 kg/m^3 . Calculate the terminal velocity of the sphere for the following two cases:

a) The sphere is dropped in a polymer of density 1052 kg/m^3 and viscosity 0.1 kg/(m s) .

b) The sphere is dropped in kerosene of density 765.52 kg/m^3 and viscosity 0.00818 kg/(m s) .

Handout 9

Sphere Settling

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$$C_D = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\rho D}{\rho_f U_t^2} \frac{\rho_s - \rho_f}{\rho_f}$$

$$= \frac{0.0131}{U_t^2} \frac{7870 - \rho_f}{\rho_f}$$

a) $\rho_f = 1052 \text{ kg/m}^3$
 $\mu_f = 0.1 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m s}}$

$$\Rightarrow C_D = \frac{0.0847}{U_t^2}$$

to find C_D :

assume laminar flow ($Re < 1$)

$$\Rightarrow C_D = \frac{24}{Re}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{24 \mu}{\rho_f U_t D} = \frac{0.0847}{U_t^2}$$

solve for $U_t = 0.0371 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

check $Re = \frac{\rho_f U_t D}{\mu} = 0.39$

$Re < 1 \Rightarrow$ assumption was correct $U_t = 0.071 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

b) $\rho_f = 765.52 \text{ kg/m}^3$
 $\mu_f = 0.00818 \text{ kg/(m s)}$

$$C_D = \frac{0.1216}{U_t^2}$$

assume laminar ($Re < 1$) $C_D = \frac{24}{Re}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{24 \mu}{\rho_f U_t D} = \frac{0.1216}{U_t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_t = 0.474 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

check $Re = \frac{\rho_f U_t D}{\mu} = 44.4$

$Re > 1 \Rightarrow$ laminar assumption is wrong.

assume transition ($1 < Re < 1000$)

$$C_D = \frac{18}{Re^{0.6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{18 \mu^{0.6}}{\rho_f^{0.6} U_t^{0.6} D^{0.6}} = \frac{0.1216}{U_t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_t = 0.1970 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

check $Re = \frac{\rho_f U_t D}{\mu} = 18.44$

$$1 < Re \leq 1000$$

\Rightarrow transition assumption was correct

$$\Rightarrow U_t = 0.197 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

A sphere of 2.2 mm diameter is dropped in water ($\rho_w = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $\mu_w = 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/ms}$). The sphere falls a distance of 10.5 cm in 21 seconds. Assuming steady state conditions:

- (a) Calculate the density of the sphere.
 (b) If the above sphere is dropped in a fluid of a specific gravity of 0.81 and its terminal velocity was measured as 20.5 cm/s, calculate the viscosity of the fluid.

a) $D = 2.2 \text{ mm} = 2.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$

$\rho_f = 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ $\mu = 1 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m s}}$

$U_t = \frac{10.5 \text{ cm}}{21 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{100 \text{ cm}} = 5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

$Re = \frac{(1000)(5 \times 10^{-3})(2.2 \times 10^{-3})}{1 \times 10^{-3}} = 11$

\Rightarrow transition Range $\Rightarrow C_D = 18 Re^{-0.6}$
 $= 18 \times 0.237$
 $= 4.27$

$C_D = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\rho_s D}{\rho_f U_t^2} \left(\frac{\rho_s - \rho_f}{\rho_f} \right) = 4.27$

$\Rightarrow \rho_s = \frac{(4.27)(3) U_t^2 \rho_f}{4 g D} + \rho_f$

$\rho_s = 1003.7 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$

b) $\rho_f = (0.81)(1000) = 810 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$

$$C_D = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\rho D}{\mu^2} \frac{\rho_s - \rho_f}{\rho_f} \quad (4.14)$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \frac{(9.8)(2.2 \times 10^{-3})}{(2.05 \times 10^{-2})^2} \frac{1003.7 - 810}{1003.7}$$

$$C_D = 13.2$$

We know C_D but don't know Re

assume laminar ($Re < 1$) $\Rightarrow C_D = \frac{24}{Re}$

check $\frac{24}{Re} = 13.2 \Rightarrow Re = 1.82$

$Re > 1 \Rightarrow$ laminar assumption was wrong

assume transition ($1 < Re \leq 1000$) $C_D = 18 Re^{-0.6}$

check $\frac{18}{Re^{0.6}} = 13.2 \Rightarrow Re = \left(\frac{18}{13.2}\right)^{\frac{1}{0.6}} = 1.68$

$1 < 1.68 < 1000 \Rightarrow$ transition assumption was correct

$$Re = \frac{\rho_f \mu D}{\mu} = 1.68$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{(810)(2.05 \times 10^{-2})(2.2 \times 10^{-3})}{1.68} = 0.022 \left(\frac{kg}{m \cdot s}\right)$$