

# Fluid Properties and the Conservation of Mass

Lab Lecture the week of Sep 21  
Lab held in Marston 10 the week of Sep 28



## In-Lab Rules

- ◆ Must wear :
  - ◆ Personal Protective Equipment: lab coat, gloves, goggles
  - ◆ Closed-toed shoes and pants
- ◆ Label all vessels (beakers, test tubes, flasks):
  - ◆ Contents, date, initials, class
  - ◆ When in doubt, label!
- ◆ No food or drink in the lab
- ◆ Safety first
  - ◆ Handle chemicals with care, always clean broken glass, don't put flammables in close proximity to flame

## Fluid Properties

1. Density of a substance: the quantity of matter contained in a unit volume of the substance

- ◆ Mass density  $\rho(\text{kg}/\text{m}^3)=m/V$
- ◆ Specific weight  $\omega(\text{N}/\text{m}^3)=\rho g$
- ◆ Relative density  $\sigma=\rho_s/\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$

2. Viscosity: property of fluid, due to cohesion and interaction between molecules, which offers resistance to deformation.

- ◆ Dynamic viscosity  $\mu$
- ◆ Kinematic viscosity  $\nu$

## Reynold's Number

- ◆ Ratio of the inertial forces ( $\rho v^2/L$ ) to viscous forces ( $\mu v / L^2$ ) .
- ◆  $Re = \rho v L / \mu = v L / \nu = v D / \nu$
- ◆  $\nu = \mu / \rho$
- ◆  $\mu$  is the dynamic viscosity of the fluid (kg/(m.s)),  $v$  is the maximum velocity of an object relative to a fluid (m/s) or mean fluid velocity,  $L$  is the traveled length of the fluid (m) (the symbol  $D$  is used sometimes instead of  $L$  as the hydraulic diameter), and  $\nu$  is kinematic viscosity (m<sup>2</sup>/s).

## Conservation of Mass

- Antoine Lavoisier's Law (1789):  
mass is neither created nor  
destroyed:  $m_{in} = m_{out}$



$$m_{in} = \rho \times Q_{in}(t) \times t_{fill}$$

$$m_{out} = \rho \times \int_0^t Q_{out}(t) dt = \rho \times \int_0^t A \times \frac{d\zeta(t)}{dt} \times dt$$

Therefore,

$$\rho \times Q_{in}(t) \times t_{fill} = \rho \times \int_0^t Q_{out}(t) dt = \rho \times \int_0^t A \times \frac{d\zeta(t)}{dt} \times dt$$

For the discontinuous condition,

$$\rho \times Q_{in}(t) \times t_{fill} = \rho \times \sum_0^t Q_{out}(t) \Delta t = \rho \times \sum_0^t A \times \frac{\Delta\zeta(t)}{\Delta t} \times \Delta t$$

## Objectives

- Measure the density of water
- Check fluid velocity using Reynold's number criterion
- Estimate terms in conservation of water mass equation

## Part 1 – Calculating density

- ◆ Weigh 250-mL volume of water
- ◆ Measure the water temperature
- ◆ Calculate density

## Part 2 – Calculating the cross-sectional area of the tube

- ◆ Measure the length of a given flexible tubing
- ◆ Fill the tube with water
- ◆ Measure the volume of water in the tube
- ◆ Record the water temperature
- ◆ Use  $V = \pi D^2/4$  (where  $D$  is the internal diameter of the tube) to calculate  $D$
- ◆ Find the cross-sectional area of the tube

## Part 3 – Calculating the velocity of a slow jet

- ◆ Measure the time required by a **slow jet** of water from the faucet to fill a 250-mL graduated cylinder
- ◆ Repeat 3 times
- ◆ Calculate the flow rate of the slow jet  $Q=V/t$
- ◆ Calculate the velocity of the slow jet:  $v=Q/A$
- ◆ Calculate  $= vD/v$

## Part 4 – Calculating the velocity of a fast jet

- ◆ Measure the time required by a **slow jet** of water from the faucet to fill a 250-mL graduated cylinder
- ◆ Repeat 3 times
- ◆ Calculate the flow rate of the slow jet  $Q=V/t$
- ◆ Calculate the velocity of the slow jet:  $v=Q/A$
- ◆ Calculate  $= vD/v$

## Part 5: Conservation of mass equation

- ◆ Calculate the horizontal cross-sectional area of the sink
- ◆ Measure the time required for the free surface in the sink to rise 17 cm. Use a stopwatch and scale.
- ◆ Calculate  $Q_{in}$
- ◆ Observe the time required to drop each centimeter until the sink fully drains. Use a measuring stick and a stop watch. Sink length
- ◆ Calculate  $Q_{out}$

