

(50%) Problem 1. Measuring liquid viscosity using the falling cylinder device.

Consider the falling cylinder viscometer device as shown in Fig. 1 (next page). The device consists of a very long vertical cylindrical tube with an inner radius of R , and the cylindrical cavity inside the tube is filled with an incompressible viscous liquid of constant viscosity η and density ρ . Immersed in the liquid is a solid cylindrical plug having a radius of αR ($\alpha < 1$), a length of L , and a density of ρ_p . Under the influence of gravitation, i.e., $\vec{g} = -g\vec{i}_z$, a typical viscosity measurement is made by allowing the plug to fall or descend slowly through the viscous liquid and measuring the steady terminal descent velocity, U , of the cylindrical plug. Assuming that the centerline axis of the cylindrical plug coincides with that of the cylindrical tube, i.e., the gap distance between the tube and the plug, $R - \alpha R$, is maintained constant, and that the liquid flow within gap between the tube and the plug is *slow lubricating flow*, please show by step-by-step derivation that the viscosity of the liquid can be expressed as

$$\eta = \frac{g(\rho - \rho_p)\alpha^2 R^2}{2U} \left[\ln(\alpha) + \left(\frac{1 - \alpha^2}{1 + \alpha^2} \right) \right].$$

You may need the continuity and Navier-Stokes equations in cylindrical coordinates, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(ru_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} = 0,$$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\phi}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{u_\phi^2}{r} + u_z \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \eta \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(ru_r) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial z^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi} \right] + \rho g_r,$$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\phi}{r} \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{u_r u_\phi}{r} + u_z \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \phi} + \eta \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(ru_\phi) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u_\phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_\phi}{\partial z^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \phi} \right] + \rho g_\phi,$$

and

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\phi}{r} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \phi} + u_z \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \eta \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial z^2} \right] + \rho g_z.$$

You are free to make any further reasonable and educated assumptions to help solving this problem.

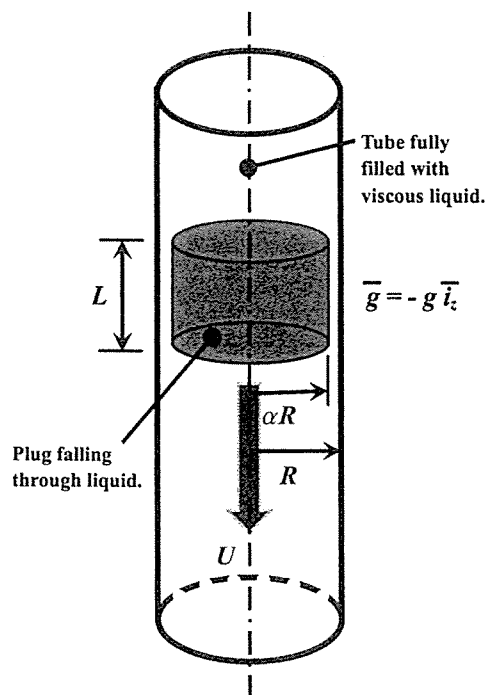


Fig. 1. The falling cylinder viscometer (Problem 1).

(50%) Problem 2. A two-dimensional discharge problem.

Water of density ρ and viscosity μ is being discharged from kettle with a long thin feeding tube of length L and inner diameter D as sketched in Fig2 (left). Treat this as a two-dimensional problem and the kettle base is A.

- (1) 24% Estimate the time T to evacuate water of volume V . Assume the flow developed in the tube remains laminar throughout the discharge and both the entrance effect and transient effect are negligible.
- (2) 16% To speed up the discharge, Student A proposes to tilt the kettle to an angle θ while Student B suggests to cut the feeding tube short. Explain why each method will or will not work.

(3) 5% What phenomenon may occur if the flow within the tube becomes turbulent after speed-up?

(4) 5% What phenomenon may occur if separation takes place?

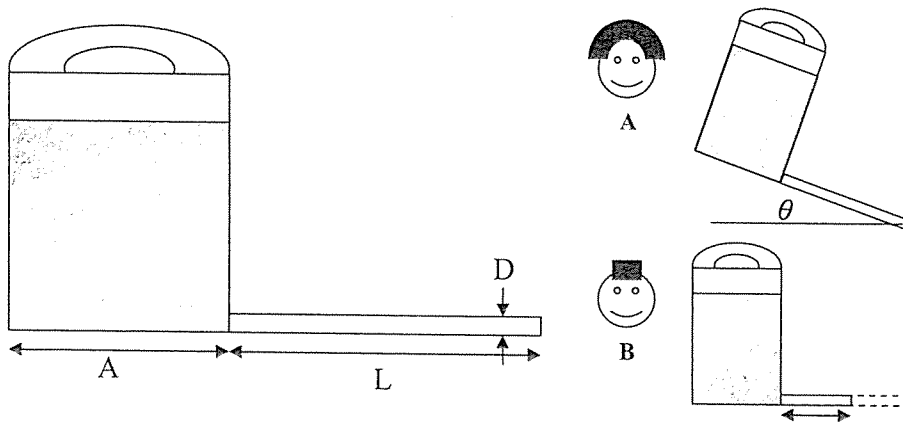


Fig. 2.

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