

Problems

Chapter 1

1.1 Derive the primary dimension for the MLT system of units for the following:

- (a) Specific weight
- (b) Power
- (c) Flow rate
- (d) Energy

1.2 Show that the equation for the drag force given by

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} C_D \rho v^2 A$$

is dimensionally homogenous (i.e., the dimension on the left-hand side is the same as the dimension on the right-hand side)

1.3 Show that the following equations (a) Bernoulli equation and (b) normal stress in cylindrical coordinate systems, are dimensionally homogenous.

(a)

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{v_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{v_2^2}{2} + gz_2$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{rr} &= -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= -p + 2\mu \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r}{r} \right) \\ \sigma_{zz} &= -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}\end{aligned}$$

where s is stress, m is dynamic viscosity, v is velocity and r is radius.

1.4 If l is length, V is velocity and ν is kinematic viscosity, which of the following combinations give dimensionless quantities?

(a) $\frac{Vl^2}{\nu}$

(b) $\frac{Vl}{\nu}$

(c) $\frac{V}{l\nu}$

(d) $\frac{\nu}{Vl}$

1.5 If a pressure loss in a pipe can be expressed by the equation given below, where Δp is pressure loss, V is velocity, l is pipe length and D is flow velocity. Determine the primary dimensions of the constant “A”?

$$\Delta p = A \left(\frac{L}{\sqrt{D}} \right) (V^2)$$

1.6 Determine the dimensional and dimensionless and specific speed for a centrifugal pump with the following design point parameters.

Dimensional

$$N_s := \frac{1400 \text{ rpm} \cdot (2800 \text{ gpm})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(90 \text{ ft})^{\frac{3}{4}}} = (2.535 \cdot 10^3) \text{ rpm} \cdot \frac{(\text{gpm})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\text{ft}^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

Dimensionless

$$N_s := \frac{N \cdot Q^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(g \cdot H)^{\frac{3}{4}}}$$

$$N_s := \frac{146.608 \cdot s^{-1} \cdot \left(6.238 \frac{ft^3}{s}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left(32.174 \frac{ft}{s^2} \cdot 90 ft\right)^{\frac{3}{4}}} = 0.928$$

Chapter 2

Problem 2. 1

A pump is operating at a head of 32 m and discharges 3 m³/s of water when rotating at 1200 rpm.

Its impeller diameter is 1.2m. A second pump, which is geometrically similar to the first one

having an impeller diameter of 1m is operating at 800 rpm. Determine the head and discharge of the second pump. Verify that the specific speeds of the 2 pumps are same.

$$Q_1 := 3 \frac{m^3}{s} \quad N_1 := 1200 \text{ rpm} \quad N_2 := 800 \text{ rpm} \quad D_1 := 1 \text{ m}$$

$$D_2 := 1.2 \text{ m} \quad H_1 := 32 \text{ m}$$

$$Q_2 := \frac{Q_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot D_2^3}{N_1 \cdot D_1^3} = 3.456 \frac{m^3}{s}$$

$$H_2 := \frac{(N_2 \cdot D_2)^2 \cdot H_1}{(N_1 \cdot D_1)^2} = 20.48 \text{ m}$$

$$N_{s1} := \frac{N_1 \cdot \sqrt[2]{Q_1}}{(g \cdot H_1)^{\frac{3}{4}}} = 2.919 \quad N_1 \text{ is in rad/s}$$

$$N_{s2} := \frac{N_2 \cdot \sqrt[2]{Q_2}}{(g \cdot H_2)^{\frac{3}{4}}} = 2.919 \quad N_2 \text{ is in rad/s}$$

Problem 2.2

Calculate the dimensionless specific speed of a turbine with the following parameters

$Q=0.15\text{m}^3/\text{s}$, $H=20\text{m}$, $N=900\text{rpm}$.

$$Q := 0.15 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \quad H := 20 \text{ m} \quad N := 900 \text{ rpm} \quad \rho := 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

$$N_s := \frac{N \cdot \sqrt[3]{Q}}{(g \cdot H)^{\frac{5}{4}}} = 0.696 \quad P := Q \cdot \rho \cdot g \cdot H = (2.942 \cdot 10^4) \text{ W}$$

$$N_s := \frac{N \cdot \sqrt[5]{P}}{\rho^{\frac{1}{2}} (g \cdot H)^{\frac{5}{4}}} = 0.696$$

Problem 2.3

A turbine operates at a head of 30m, and 260 rpm has a flow rate of 7 m³/s. If the same turbine operates at a head of 15m calculate the speed, flow rate, and brake horsepower of the turbine.

$$H_1 := 30 \text{ m} \quad N_1 := 260 \text{ rpm} \quad Q_1 := 7 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$H_1 = 30 \text{ m} \quad D_1 := D_2$$

$$H_2 := 15 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{H_1}{N_1 \cdot D_1^3} = \frac{H_2}{N_2 \cdot D_2^3}$$

$$N_2 := \sqrt[2]{\frac{H_2 \cdot N_1^2}{H_1}} = 183.848 \text{ rpm}$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{N_1 \cdot D_1^3} = \frac{Q_2}{N_2 \cdot D_2^3}$$

$$Q_2 := \left(\frac{N_2 \cdot Q_1}{N_1} \right) = 4.95 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$$