

## 4.2. Resistance in a Mechanical Fluid

Drag - the force that opposes motion when a solid moves through a fluid.

ex. boat moving through water

airplane flying through the air

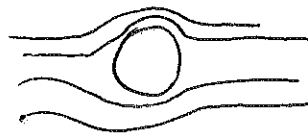
Drag only occurs when there is relative movement between an object and fluid.

Drag exerted depends on:

- speed of the object or fluid
- size/shape of the object
- physical properties of the fluid

Fluid flow can be described in two ways:

1. Laminar (streamlined): is a slow, smooth flow over a surface - path of individual particles do not cross



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- Each path is called a streamline
  - speed at the surface is zero
  - speed increases as you move away from the surface
- ) moving in layers which means laminates
- drag is produced by the friction between successive layers - frictional drag

2. Turbulent Flow - is irregular flow which whorls causing fluid to move in different directions.

- Turbulence is produced by high speeds
  - shapes are not streamlined
  - sharp bends in the fluid

$W = -V\Delta P$       pressure in the wake is less than the fluid pressure in streamlined flow

a Force acts opposite the objects relative velocity ~ pressure drag

frictional drag increases linearly with speed.

pressure drag increase with the square of the speed ( $v^2$ )

Viscosity - the property which ~~causes~~<sup>describes</sup> the internal friction within a fluid

$\eta$  (eta) - greek letter which represents viscosity

$$\eta = \frac{F \Delta y}{A v} \quad \Delta y = \text{thickness of fluid}$$

$$F = F_{\text{drag}} = \eta \frac{A v}{\Delta y}$$

units  $\eta \rightarrow$

$\frac{\text{S.I.}}{\text{N}} \cdot \text{s}$	Eng
$\frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \cdot \text{s}$	$\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} \cdot \text{s}$ or $\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}^2} \cdot \text{s}$

Viscosity is similar to coefficient of friction from 4.1 ~ it is different for different liquids ~ see Table 4.2 pg. 188

viscosity of most liquids decreases with temperature.

viscosity of most gases increase with temperature

### Stoke's Law

$$F_{\text{drag}} = 6\pi r v \eta$$

applies to a sphere moving through a fluid

Terminal Speed - the constant speed that occurs when the drag force equals gravitational force in falling objects.

### Poiseuille's Law

$$\dot{V} = -\frac{\pi r^4}{8} \frac{\Delta P}{\eta L}$$

$$L = -\frac{\pi}{8} r^4 \frac{\Delta P}{\eta \dot{V}}$$

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Fluid resistance decreases as pipe radius and cross sectional area increase.