

LECTURE 7 - DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

7.1 MOTIVATION

EXAM
- SINGLE SIDED
FORMULA SHEET

$$\Delta P_L = f(D, \rho, \mu, v)$$

$$\frac{\Delta P}{L}$$

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5 2 2 5 3
different possible
values
↳ 106 combos



Given a problem that involves a high dimensional parameter space:

1. Can we use a limited number of experimental data in a laboratory system to inform what will happen in a real system?

2. If yes:

a. How should we design the lab experiments?

b. How should we reduce the lab data?

c. How do we predict real system behavior?

7.2 π -THEOREM (BUCKINGHAM THEOREM)

Background - {

1. Physical observations have dimensions (units).
2. All dimensions can be constructed from a small set of "basic dimensions."
Pressure: $\frac{F}{A} \rightarrow \frac{F}{L^2}$
Viscosity: $\frac{F \cdot s}{A} \rightarrow \frac{F}{L^2 \cdot s}$
 - a. Force, length, and time (FLT)
 - b. Mass, length, and time (MLT)
3. All equations must be homogeneous in dimension.
($A = B + C$)

π -Theorem:

$$U_1 = f(U_2, U_3, \dots, U_k)$$

$$\pi_i = F(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_{k-r})$$

$r = \#$ of reference dimensions, usually 3
↳ Dimensionless \rightarrow constructed from U_1, U_2, \dots, U_k (FLT/MLT)

$$\Delta P_L = f(D, \rho, \mu, v), \quad k=5, \quad r=3$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\Delta P_L D}{\rho v^2}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{\mu v D}{\mu}$$

$$\frac{\Delta P_L D}{\rho v^2} = F\left(\frac{\mu v D}{\mu}\right)$$

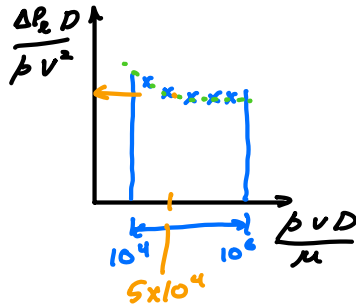
ORIGINAL PROBLEM

$$\left. \begin{matrix} D, u \\ \beta, \mu, v \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{range of } \frac{\beta v D}{\mu} \rightarrow \underline{10^4 - 10^6} \quad \hookrightarrow \text{example}$$

- Design lab experiment so that π_2 is explored in the range identified.

$$D = G_{in}, \rho_{water}, \mu, \text{ vary "v"}$$

- $\Delta P_2 \rightarrow$ measure $\pi_1 \rightarrow$ fit a correlation of π_1 as a function of π_2



$$\frac{\Delta P_2 D}{\beta v^2} = 0.2$$