

D203 FLUID MECHANICS QUESTION 1 2003

PART A

$a = f(K, \rho) = C K^a \rho^b$ dimensions are:

$$[a] = [m/s] = LT^{-1}$$

$$[K] = [N/m^2] = [(kg\ m/s^2)(1/m^2)] = ML^{-1}T^{-2}$$

$$[\rho] = [kg/m^3] = ML^{-3} \quad \text{Hence}$$

$$M^0L^1T^{-1} = C (ML^{-1}T^{-2})^a (ML^{-3})^b = M^a L^{-a-3b} T^{-2a}$$

Equate powers

$$\text{Time} \quad -1 = -2a$$

$$a = 1/2$$

$$\text{Mass} \quad 0 = a + b$$

$$b = -1/2 \quad \text{Substitute back } a = C K^{1/2} \rho^{-1/2} = C \sqrt{K/\rho}$$

PART B

$R = \text{function}(l, v, \rho, \mu, K, g)$

There are 7 quantities and there will be 3 basic dimensions ML and T. This means that there will be 4 dimensionless numbers Π_1, Π_2, Π_3 and Π_4 . These numbers are found by choosing four prime quantities (R, μ , K and g).

Π_1 is the group formed between R and l, v, ρ

Π_2 is the group formed between μ and l, v, ρ

Π_3 is the group formed between K and l, v, ρ

Π_4 is the group formed between g and l, v, ρ

The first is formed by combining R with ρ, v and l

$$R = \Pi_1 l^a v^b \rho^c$$

$$MLT^{-2} = \Pi_1 (L)^a (LT^{-1})^b (ML^{-3})^c$$

$$\text{Time} \quad -2 = -b \quad \mathbf{b = 2}$$

$$\text{Mass} \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{c = 1}$$

$$\text{Length} \quad \mathbf{1 = a + b - 3c}$$

$$1 = a + 2 - 3 \quad \mathbf{a = 2}$$

$$R = \Pi_1 l^2 v^2 \rho^1 \quad \Pi_1 = \frac{R}{\rho v^2 l^2} \quad \text{and this is the Newton number.}$$

The second is formed between μ and ρ, v and l .

$$\mu = \Pi_2 l^a v^b \rho^c$$

$$M^1L^{-1}T^{-1} = \Pi_2 (L)^a (LT^{-1})^b (ML^{-3})^c$$

$$\text{Time} \quad -1 = -b \quad \mathbf{b = 1}$$

$$\text{Mass} \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{c = 1}$$

$$\text{Length} \quad -1 = a + b - 3c$$

$$-1 = a + 1 - 3 \quad \mathbf{a = 1}$$

$$\mu = \Pi_2 l^1 v^1 \rho^1 \quad \Pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{lv\rho} \quad \text{and } lv\rho/\mu \text{ is the Reynolds number}$$

The third group is formed between K and l, v, ρ

$$K = \Pi_3 l^a v^b \rho^c$$

$$ML^{-1}T^{-2} = \Pi_3 L^a (LT^{-1})^b (ML^{-3})^c$$

$$ML^{-1}T^{-2} = \Pi_3 L^{a+b-3c} M^c T^{-b}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Time} & -2 = -b & \mathbf{b = 2} \\
 \text{Mass} & & \mathbf{c = 1} \\
 \text{Length} & -1 = a + b - 3c \\
 \mathbf{-1 = a + 2 - 3} & & \mathbf{a = 0}
 \end{array}$$

$$K = \Pi_3 l^0 v^2 \rho^{-1}$$

$$\Pi_3 = \frac{K}{\rho v^2}$$

It was shown earlier that the speed of sound in an elastic medium is given by the following formula.

$$a = C(k/\rho)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{It follows that } (k/\rho) = a^2 \text{ and so } \Pi_3 = C^2(a/v)^2 = C^2/M^2$$

The fourth group is formed between g and $l v \rho$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 g = \Pi_4 l^a v^b \rho^c \\
 LT^{-2} = \Pi_4 L^a (LT^{-1})^b (ML^{-3})^c \\
 M^0 L^1 T^{-2} = \Pi_4 L^{a+b-3c} M^c T^{-b}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Time} & -2 = -b & \mathbf{b = 2} \\
 \text{Mass} & & \mathbf{c = 0} \\
 \text{Length} & -1 = a + b - 3c \\
 \mathbf{1 = a + 2} & & \mathbf{a = -1}
 \end{array}$$

$$g = \Pi_4 l^{-1} v^2 \quad \Pi_4 = \frac{gl}{v^2}$$

The Froude Number is defined as $Fr = v/\sqrt{gl}$ so $\Pi_4 = 1/Fr^2$

$$\text{Putting it all together we have } \Pi_1 = \frac{R}{\rho v^2 l^2} = f(\Pi_2, \Pi_3, \Pi_4) = f(\mathbf{Re})(\mathbf{M})(\mathbf{Fr})$$

All powers and constants are implied in the function sign.

PART C

$$l = 150 \text{ m}$$

$$v = 30 \text{ km/h} = 8.333 \text{ m/s}$$

For dynamic similarity of the Froude number only

$$Fr = v/\sqrt{gl} = 8.333/\sqrt{(9.81 \times 150)} = 0.217$$

For the model we must have the same Froude number. $L_m = 150/40 = 3.75$

$$Fr = 0.217 = v_m/\sqrt{g l_m} = v_m/\sqrt{(9.81 \times 3.75)} \quad \text{hence } v_m = 1.318 \text{ m/s or } 4.743 \text{ km/h}$$