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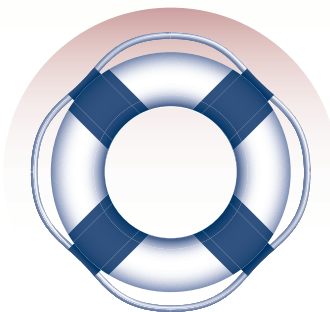


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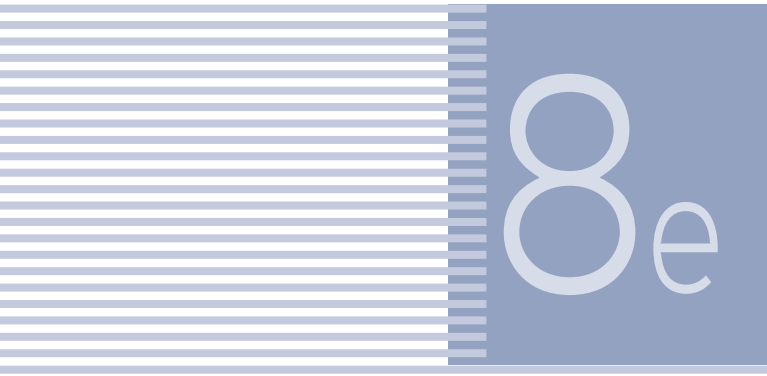


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# Preface

This book is intended to help undergraduate engineering students learn the fundamentals of fluid mechanics. It was developed for use in a first course on fluid mechanics, either one or two semesters/terms. While the principles of this course have been well-established for many years, fluid mechanics education has evolved and improved.

With this eighth edition, a new team of authors is working to continue the distinguished tradition of this text. As it has throughout the past seven editions, the original core prepared by Munson, Young, and Okiishi remains. We have sought to augment this fine text, drawing on our many years of teaching experience. Based on our experience and suggestions from colleagues and students, we have made a number of changes to this edition. The changes (listed below, and indicated by the word *New* in descriptions in this preface) are made to clarify, update, and expand certain ideas and concepts.

## New to This Edition

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In addition to the continual effort of updating the scope of the material presented and improving the presentation of all of the material, the following items are new to this edition.

**Self-Contained:** Material that had been removed from the text and provided only on-line has been brought back into the text. Most notable are Section 5.4 on the second law of thermodynamics and useful energy loss and Appendix E containing units conversion factors.

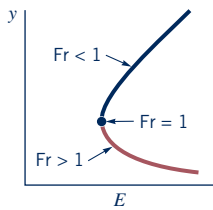
**Compressible Flow:** Chapter 11 on compressible flow has been extensively reorganized and a limited amount of *new* material added. There are ten *new* example problems; some of them replace previous examples. All have special emphasis on engineering applications of the material. Example solutions employ tabulated compressible flow functions as well as graphs.

**Appendices:** Appendix A has been expanded. Compressible flow function tables have been added to Appendix D. A *new* extensive set of units conversion factors in a useful and compact format appears in Appendix E.

**Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD):** A still unsettled issue in introductory fluid mechanics texts is what to do about computational fluid dynamics. A complete development of the subject is well beyond the scope of an introductory text; nevertheless, highly complex, highly capable CFD codes are being employed for engineering design and analysis in a continually expanding number of industries. We have chosen to provide a description of many of the challenges and practices that characterize widely used CFD codes. Our aim is twofold: to show how reasonably complex flows can be computed and to foster a healthy skepticism in the nonspecialist. This material is presented in an expanded Appendix A.

**Problems and Examples:** Many *new* examples and problems emphasize engineering applications. Approximately 30% *new* homework problems have been added for this edition, and there are additional problems in *WileyPLUS*.

**Value:** Nearly everyone is concerned about the upward spiral of textbook prices (yes, even authors and publishers!). We have taken a few modest steps to keep the price of this book reasonable. Most of these steps involve the removal of “bells and whistles.” For example, the thumbnail photos that accompanied the video icons in the 7th edition have been dropped. Wiley has also developed a number of different products to meet differing student needs and budgets.



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## Key Features

### Illustrations, Photographs, and Videos

Fluid mechanics has always been a “visual” subject—much can be learned by viewing various characteristics of fluid flow. Fortunately this visual component is becoming easier to incorporate into the learning environment, for both access and delivery, and is an important help in learning fluid mechanics. Thus, many photographs and illustrations have been included in the book. Some of these are within the text material; some are used to enhance the example problems; and some are included as margin figures of the type shown in the left margin to more clearly illustrate various points discussed in the text. Numerous video segments illustrate many interesting and practical applications of real-world fluid phenomena. Each video segment is identified at the appropriate location in the text material by a video icon of the type shown in the left margin. Each video segment has a separate associated text description of what is shown in the video. There are many homework problems that are directly related to the topics in the videos.

### Examples

One of our aims is to represent fluid mechanics as it really is—an exciting and useful discipline. To this end, we include analyses of numerous everyday examples of fluid-flow phenomena to which students and faculty can easily relate. In this edition there are numerous examples that provide detailed solutions to a variety of problems. Many of the examples illustrate engineering applications of fluid mechanics, as is appropriate in an engineering textbook. Several illustrate what happens if one or more of the parameters is changed. This gives the student a better feel for some of the basic principles involved. In addition, many of the examples contain photographs of the actual device or item involved in the example. Also, all of the examples are outlined and carried out with the problem solving methodology of “Given, Find, Solution, and Comment” as discussed in the “Note to User” before Example 1.1.

### The Wide World of Fluids

The set of approximately 60 short “The Wide World of Fluids” stories reflect some important, and novel, ways that fluid mechanics affects our lives. Many of these stories have homework problems associated with them. The title of this feature has been changed from the 7th edition’s “Fluids in the News” because the stories cover more than just the latest developments in fluid mechanics.

### Homework Problems

A wide variety of homework problems (approximately 30% *new* to this edition) stresses the practical application of principles. The problems are grouped and identified according to topic. The following types of problems are included:

- 1) “standard” problems,
- 2) computer problems,
- 3) discussion problems,
- 4) supply-your-own-data problems,
- 5) problems based on “The Wide World of Fluids” topics,
- 6) problems based on the videos,
- 7) “Lifelong learning” problems,
- 8) problems that require the user to obtain a photograph/image of a given flow situation and write a brief paragraph to describe it,

*Computer Problems*—Several problems are designated as computer problems. Depending on the preference of the instructor or student, *any* of the problems with numerical data may be solved with the aid of a personal computer, a programmable calculator, or even a smartphone.

*Lifelong Learning Problems*—Each chapter has lifelong learning problems that involve obtaining additional information about various fluid mechanics topics and writing a brief report about this material.

## **Well-Paced Concept and Problem-Solving Development**

Since this is an introductory text, we have designed the presentation of material to allow for the gradual development of student confidence in fluid mechanics problem solving. Each important concept or notion is considered in terms of simple and easy-to-understand circumstances before more complicated features are introduced. Many pages contain a brief summary (a highlight) sentence in the margin that serves to prepare or remind the reader about an important concept discussed on that page.

Several brief elements have been included in each chapter to help the student see the “big picture” and recognize the central points developed in the chapter. A brief Learning Objectives section is provided at the beginning of each chapter. It is helpful to read through this list prior to reading the chapter to gain a preview of the main concepts presented. Upon completion of the chapter, it is beneficial to look back at the original learning objectives. Additional reinforcement of these learning objectives is provided in the form of a Chapter Summary and Study Guide at the end of each chapter. In this section a brief summary of the key concepts and principles introduced in the chapter is included along with a listing of important terms with which the student should be familiar. These terms are highlighted in the text. All items in the Learning Objectives and the Study Guide are “action items” stating something that the student should be able to *do*. A list of the main equations in the chapter is included in the chapter summary.

## **System of Units**

Three systems of units are used throughout the text: the International System of Units (newtons, kilograms, meters, and seconds), the British Gravitational System (pounds, slugs, feet, and seconds), and the English Engineering System, sometimes called the U.S. Customary System (pounds (or pounds force), pounds mass, feet, and seconds). Distribution of the examples and homework problems between the three sets of units is about 50%, 40%, 10%.

## **Prerequisites and Topical Organization**

A first course in Fluid Mechanics typically appears in the junior year of a traditional engineering curriculum. Students should have studied statics and dynamics, and mechanics of materials should be at least a co-requisite. Prior mathematics should include calculus, with at least the rudiments of vector calculus, and differential equations.

In the first four chapters of this text the student is made aware of some fundamental aspects of fluid mechanics, including important fluid properties, flow regimes, pressure variation in fluids at rest and in motion, fluid kinematics, and methods of flow description and analysis. The Bernoulli equation is introduced in Chapter 3 to draw attention, early on, to some of the interesting effects and applications of the relationship between fluid motion and pressure in a flow field. We believe that this early consideration of elementary fluid dynamics increases student enthusiasm for the more complicated material that follows. In Chapter 4 we convey the essential elements of flow kinematics, including Eulerian and Lagrangian descriptions of flow fields, and indicate the vital relationship between the two views. For instructors who wish to consider kinematics in detail before the material on elementary fluid dynamics, Chapters 3 and 4 can be interchanged without loss of continuity.

Chapters 5, 6, and 7 expand on the basic methods generally used to solve or to begin solving fluid mechanics problems. Emphasis is placed on understanding how flow phenomena are described mathematically and on when and how to use infinitesimal or finite control volumes. The effects of fluid friction on pressure and velocity are also considered in some detail. Although Chapter 5

considers fluid energy and energy dissipation, a formal course in thermodynamics is not a necessary prerequisite. Chapter 7 features the advantages of using dimensional analysis and similitude for organizing data and for planning experiments and the basic techniques involved.

Owing to the growing importance of computational fluid dynamics (CFD) in engineering design and analysis, material on this subject is included in Appendix A. This material may be omitted without any loss of continuity to the rest of the text.

Chapters 8 through 12 offer students opportunities for the further application of the principles learned earlier in the text. Also, where appropriate, additional important notions such as boundary layers, transition from laminar to turbulent flow, turbulence modeling, and flow separation are introduced. Practical concerns such as pipe flow, open-channel flow, flow measurement, drag and lift, the effects of compressibility, and the fundamental fluid mechanics of turbomachinery are included.

Students who study this text and solve a representative set of the problems will have acquired a useful knowledge of the fundamentals of fluid mechanics. Faculty who use this text are provided with numerous topics to select from in order to meet the objectives of their own courses. More material is included than can be reasonably covered in one term. There is sufficient material for a second course, most likely titled “Applied Fluid Mechanics.” All are reminded of the fine collection of supplementary material. We have cited throughout the text various articles and books that are available for enrichment.

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Working with students and colleagues over the years has taught us much about fluid mechanics education. We have drawn from this experience for the benefit of users of this book. Obviously we are still learning, and we welcome any suggestions and comments from you.

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# Introduction

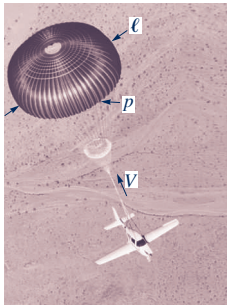
## Learning Objectives

After completing this chapter, you should be able to:

- list the dimensions and units of physical quantities.
- identify the key fluid properties used in the analysis of fluid behavior.
- calculate values for common fluid properties given appropriate information.
- explain effects of fluid compressibility.
- use the concepts of viscosity, vapor pressure, and surface tension.

Fluid mechanics is the discipline within the broad field of applied mechanics that is concerned with the behavior of liquids and gases at rest or in motion. It covers a vast array of phenomena that occur in nature (with or without human intervention), in biology, and in numerous engineered, invented, or manufactured situations. There are few aspects of our lives that do not involve fluids, either directly or indirectly.

The immense range of different flow conditions is mind-boggling and strongly dependent on the value of the numerous parameters that describe fluid flow. Among the long list of parameters involved are (1) the physical size of the flow,  $\ell$ ; (2) the speed of the flow,  $V$ ; and (3) the pressure,  $p$ , as indicated in the figure in the margin for a light aircraft parachute recovery system. These are just three of the important parameters that, along with many others, are discussed in detail in various sections of this book. To get an inkling of the range of some of the parameter values involved and the flow situations generated, consider the following.



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### ■ Size, $\ell$

Every flow has a characteristic (or typical) length associated with it. For example, for flow of fluid within pipes, the pipe diameter is a characteristic length. Pipe flows include the flow of water in the pipes in our homes, the blood flow in our arteries and veins, and the airflow in our bronchial tree. They also involve pipe sizes that are not within our everyday experiences. Such examples include the flow of oil across Alaska through a 4-foot-diameter, 799-mile-long pipe and, at the other end of the size scale, the new area of interest involving flow in nano scale pipes whose diameters are on the order of  $10^{-8}$  m. Each of these pipe flows has important characteristics that are not found in the others.

Characteristic lengths of some other flows are shown in Fig. 1.1a.

### ■ Speed, $V$

As we note from The Weather Channel, on a given day the wind speed may cover what we think of as a wide range, from a gentle 5-mph breeze to a 100-mph hurricane or a 250-mph



tornado. However, this speed range is small compared to that of the almost imperceptible flow of the fluid-like magma below the Earth’s surface that drives the continental drift motion of the tectonic plates at a speed of about  $2 \times 10^{-8}$  m/s or the hypersonic airflow around a meteor as it streaks through the atmosphere at  $3 \times 10^4$  m/s.

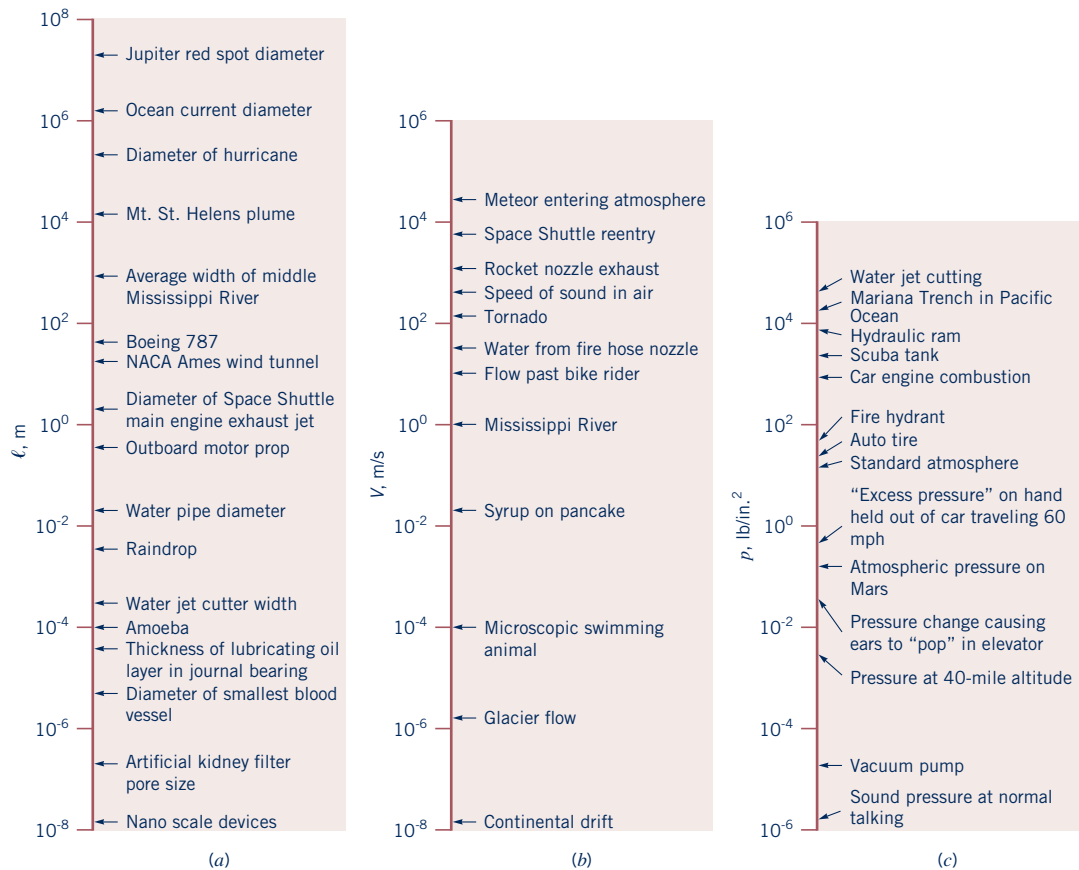
Characteristic speeds of some other flows are shown in Fig. 1.1*b*.

■ Pressure,  $p$

The pressure within fluids covers an extremely wide range of values. We are accustomed to the 35 psi (lb/in.<sup>2</sup>) pressure within our car’s tires, the “120 over 70” typical blood pressure reading, or the standard 14.7 psi atmospheric pressure. However, the large 10,000 psi pressure in the hydraulic ram of an earth mover or the tiny  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  psi pressure of a sound wave generated at ordinary talking levels are not easy to comprehend.

Characteristic pressures of some other flows are shown in Fig. 1.1*c*.

The list of fluid mechanics applications goes on and on. But you get the point. Fluid mechanics is a very important, practical subject that encompasses a wide variety of situations. It is very likely that during your career as an engineer you will be involved in the analysis and design of systems that require a good understanding of fluid mechanics. Although it is not possible to adequately cover all of the important areas of fluid mechanics within one book, it is hoped that this introductory text will provide a sound foundation of the fundamental aspects of fluid mechanics.



■ **Figure 1.1** Characteristic values of some fluid flow parameters for a variety of flows: (a) object size, (b) fluid speed, (c) fluid pressure.

## 1.1 Some Characteristics of Fluids

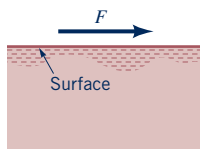
One of the first questions we need to explore is—what is a fluid? Or we might ask—what is the difference between a solid and a fluid? We have a general, vague idea of the difference. A solid is “hard” and not easily deformed, whereas a fluid is “soft” and is easily deformed (we can readily move through air). Although quite descriptive, these casual observations of the differences between solids and fluids are not very satisfactory from a scientific or engineering point of view. A closer look at the molecular structure of materials reveals that matter that we commonly think of as a solid (steel, concrete, etc.) has densely spaced molecules with large intermolecular cohesive forces that allow the solid to maintain its shape, and to not be easily deformed. However, for matter that we normally think of as a liquid (water, oil, etc.), the molecules are spaced farther apart, the intermolecular forces are smaller than for solids, and the molecules have more freedom of movement. Thus, liquids can be easily deformed (but not easily compressed) and can be poured into containers or forced through a tube. Gases (air, oxygen, etc.) have even greater molecular spacing and freedom of motion with negligible cohesive intermolecular forces, and as a consequence are easily deformed (and compressed) and will completely fill the volume of any container in which they are placed. Both liquids and gases are fluids.

*Both liquids and gases are fluids.*

### THE WIDE WORLD OF FLUIDS

**Will what works in air work in water?** For the past few years a San Francisco company has been working on small, maneuverable submarines designed to travel through water using wings, controls, and thrusters that are similar to those on jet airplanes. After all, water (for submarines) and air (for airplanes) are both fluids, so it is expected that many of the principles governing the flight of airplanes should carry over to the “flight” of winged submarines. Of course, there are differences. For example, the

submarine must be designed to withstand external pressures of nearly 700 pounds per square inch greater than that inside the vehicle. On the other hand, at high altitude where commercial jets fly, the exterior pressure is 3.5 psi rather than standard sea-level pressure of 14.7 psi, so the vehicle must be pressurized internally for passenger comfort. In both cases, however, the design of the craft for minimal drag, maximum lift, and efficient thrust is governed by the same fluid dynamic concepts.



Although the differences between solids and fluids can be explained qualitatively on the basis of molecular structure, a more specific distinction is based on how they deform under the action of an external load. Specifically, a **fluid** is defined as a substance that deforms continuously when acted on by a shearing stress of any magnitude. A shearing stress (force per unit area) is created whenever a tangential force acts on a surface as shown by the figure in the margin. When common solids such as steel or other metals are acted on by a shearing stress, they will initially deform (usually a very small deformation), but they will not continuously deform (flow). However, common fluids such as water, oil, and air satisfy the definition of a fluid—that is, they will flow when acted on by a shearing stress. Some materials, such as slurries, tar, putty, toothpaste, and so on, are not easily classified since they will behave as a solid if the applied shearing stress is small, but if the stress exceeds some critical value, the substance will flow. The study of such materials is called *rheology* and does not fall within the province of classical fluid mechanics. Thus, all the fluids we will be concerned with in this text will conform to the definition of a fluid.

Although the molecular structure of fluids is important in distinguishing one fluid from another, it is not yet practical to study the behavior of individual molecules when trying to describe the behavior of fluids at rest or in motion. Rather, we characterize the behavior by considering the average, or macroscopic, value of the quantity of interest, where the average is evaluated over a small volume containing a large number of molecules. Thus, when we say that the velocity at a certain point in a fluid is so much, we are really indicating the average velocity of the molecules in a small volume surrounding the point. The volume is small compared with the physical dimensions of the system of interest, but large compared with the average distance between molecules. Is this a reasonable way to describe the behavior of a fluid? The answer is generally yes, since the spacing between molecules is typically very small. For gases at normal pressures and temperatures, the spacing is on the order of  $10^{-6}$  mm, and for liquids it is on the order of  $10^{-7}$  mm. The number of

molecules per cubic millimeter is on the order of  $10^{18}$  for gases and  $10^{21}$  for liquids. It is thus clear that the number of molecules in a very tiny volume is huge and the idea of using average values taken over this volume is certainly reasonable. We thus assume that all the fluid characteristics we are interested in (pressure, velocity, etc.) vary continuously throughout the fluid—that is, we treat the fluid as a *continuum* and we refer to the very small volume as a point in the flow. This concept will certainly be valid for all the circumstances considered in this text. One area of fluid mechanics for which the continuum concept breaks down is in the study of rarefied gases such as would be encountered at very high altitudes. In this case the spacing between air molecules can become large and the continuum concept is no longer acceptable.

## 1.2 Dimensions, Dimensional Homogeneity, and Units

*Fluid characteristics can be described qualitatively in terms of certain basic quantities such as length, time, and mass.*

Since in our study of fluid mechanics we will be dealing with a variety of fluid characteristics, it is necessary to develop a system for describing these characteristics both *qualitatively* and *quantitatively*. The qualitative aspect serves to identify the nature, or type, of the characteristics (such as length, time, stress, and velocity), whereas the quantitative aspect provides a numerical measure of the characteristics. The quantitative description requires both a number and a standard by which various quantities can be compared. A standard for length might be a meter or foot, for time an hour or second, and for mass a slug or kilogram. Such standards are called *units*, and several systems of units are in common use as described in the following section. The qualitative description is conveniently given in terms of certain *primary quantities*, such as length,  $L$ , time,  $T$ , mass,  $M$ , and temperature,  $\Theta$ . These primary quantities can then be used to provide a qualitative description of any other *secondary quantity*: for example, area  $\doteq L^2$ , velocity  $\doteq LT^{-1}$ , density  $\doteq ML^{-3}$ , and so on, where the symbol  $\doteq$  is used to indicate the *dimensions* of the secondary quantity in terms of the primary quantities. Thus, to describe qualitatively a velocity,  $V$ , we would write

$$V \doteq LT^{-1}$$

and say that “the dimensions of a velocity equal length divided by time.” The primary quantities are also referred to as *basic dimensions*.

For a wide variety of problems involving fluid mechanics, only the three basic dimensions,  $L$ ,  $T$ , and  $M$  are required. Alternatively,  $L$ ,  $T$ , and  $F$  could be used, where  $F$  is the basic dimensions of force. Since Newton’s law states that force is equal to mass times acceleration, it follows that  $F \doteq MLT^{-2}$  or  $M \doteq FL^{-1}T^2$ . Thus, secondary quantities expressed in terms of  $M$  can be expressed in terms of  $F$  through the relationship above. For example, stress,  $\sigma$ , is a force per unit area, so that  $\sigma \doteq FL^{-2}$ , but an equivalent dimensional equation is  $\sigma \doteq ML^{-1}T^{-2}$ . Table 1.1 provides a list of dimensions for a number of common physical quantities.

All theoretically derived equations are *dimensionally homogeneous*—that is, the dimensions of the left side of the equation must be the same as those on the right side, and all additive separate terms must have the same dimensions. We accept as a fundamental premise that all equations describing physical phenomena must be dimensionally homogeneous. If this were not true, we would be attempting to equate or add unlike physical quantities, which would not make sense. For example, the equation for the velocity,  $V$ , of a uniformly accelerated body is

$$V = V_0 + at \tag{1.1}$$

where  $V_0$  is the initial velocity,  $a$  the acceleration, and  $t$  the time interval. In terms of dimensions the equation is

$$LT^{-1} \doteq LT^{-1} + LT^{-2}T$$

and thus Eq. 1.1 is dimensionally homogeneous.

Some equations that are known to be valid contain constants having dimensions. The equation for the distance,  $d$ , traveled by a freely falling body can be written as

$$d = 16.1t^2 \tag{1.2}$$



**Table 1.1**  
Dimensions Associated with Common Physical Quantities

	<i>FLT</i> System	<i>MLT</i> System		<i>FLT</i> System	<i>MLT</i> System
Acceleration	$LT^{-2}$	$LT^{-2}$	Power	$FLT^{-1}$	$ML^2T^{-3}$
Angle	$F^0L^0T^0$	$M^0L^0T^0$	Pressure	$FL^{-2}$	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$
Angular acceleration	$T^{-2}$	$T^{-2}$	Specific heat	$L^2T^{-2}\Theta^{-1}$	$L^2T^{-2}\Theta^{-1}$
Angular velocity	$T^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$	Specific weight	$FL^{-3}$	$ML^{-2}T^{-2}$
Area	$L^2$	$L^2$	Strain	$F^0L^0T^0$	$M^0L^0T^0$
Density	$FL^{-4}T^2$	$ML^{-3}$	Stress	$FL^{-2}$	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$
Energy	$FL$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	Surface tension	$FL^{-1}$	$MT^{-2}$
Force	$F$	$MLT^{-2}$	Temperature	$\Theta$	$\Theta$
Frequency	$T^{-1}$	$T^{-1}$	Time	$T$	$T$
Heat	$FL$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	Torque	$FL$	$ML^2T^{-2}$
Length	$L$	$L$	Velocity	$LT^{-1}$	$LT^{-1}$
Mass	$FL^{-1}T^2$	$M$	Viscosity (dynamic)	$FL^{-2}T$	$ML^{-1}T^{-1}$
Modulus of elasticity	$FL^{-2}$	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$	Viscosity (kinematic)	$L^2T^{-1}$	$L^2T^{-1}$
Moment of a force	$FL$	$ML^2T^{-2}$	Volume	$L^3$	$L^3$
Moment of inertia (area)	$L^4$	$L^4$	Work	$FL$	$ML^2T^{-2}$
Moment of inertia (mass)	$FLT^2$	$ML^2$			
Momentum	$FT$	$MLT^{-1}$			

and a check of the dimensions reveals that the constant must have the dimensions of  $LT^{-2}$  if the equation is to be dimensionally homogeneous. Actually, Eq. 1.2 is a special form of the well-known equation from physics for freely falling bodies,

$$d = \frac{gt^2}{2} \quad (1.3)$$

in which  $g$  is the acceleration of gravity. Equation 1.3 is dimensionally homogeneous and valid in any system of units. For  $g = 32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2$  the equation reduces to Eq. 1.2 and thus Eq. 1.2 is valid only for the system of units using feet and seconds. Equations that are restricted to a particular system of units can be denoted as *restricted homogeneous equations*, as opposed to equations valid in any system of units, which are *general homogeneous equations*. The preceding discussion indicates one rather elementary, but important, use of the concept of dimensions: the determination of one aspect of the generality of a given equation simply based on a consideration of the dimensions of the various terms in the equation. The concept of dimensions also forms the basis for the powerful tool of *dimensional analysis*, which is considered in detail in Chapter 7.

**Note to the users of this text.** All of the examples in the text use a consistent problem-solving methodology, which is similar to that in other engineering courses such as statics. Each example highlights the key elements of analysis: **Given**, **Find**, **Solution**, and **Comment**.

The **Given** and **Find** are steps that ensure the user understands what is being asked in the problem and explicitly list the items provided to help solve the problem.

The **Solution** step is where the equations needed to solve the problem are formulated and the problem is actually solved. In this step, there are typically several other tasks that help to set up the solution and are required to solve the problem. The first is a drawing of the problem; where appropriate, it is always helpful to draw a sketch of the problem. Here the relevant geometry and coordinate system to be used as well as features such as control volumes, forces and pressures, velocities, and mass flow rates are included. This helps in gaining an understanding of the problem. Making appropriate assumptions to solve the problem is the second task. In a realistic engineering problem-solving environment, the necessary assumptions are developed as an integral part of the solution process. Assumptions can provide appropriate simplifications or offer useful constraints, both of

*General homogeneous equations are valid in any system of units.*

which can help in solving the problem. Throughout the examples in this text, the necessary assumptions are embedded within the *Solution* step, as they are in solving a real-world problem. This provides a realistic problem-solving experience.

The final element in the methodology is the *Comment*. For the examples in the text, this section is used to provide further insight into the problem or the solution. It can also be a point in the analysis at which certain questions are posed. For example: Is the answer reasonable, and does it make physical sense? Are the final units correct? If a certain parameter were changed, how would the answer change? Adopting this type of methodology will aid in the development of problem-solving skills for fluid mechanics, as well as other engineering disciplines.

### EXAMPLE 1.1

### Restricted and General Homogeneous Equations

**GIVEN** A liquid flows through an orifice located in the side of a tank as shown in Fig. E1.1. A commonly used equation for determining the volume rate of flow,  $Q$ , through the orifice is

$$Q = 0.61 A \sqrt{2gh}$$

where  $A$  is the area of the orifice,  $g$  is the acceleration of gravity, and  $h$  is the height of the liquid above the orifice.

**FIND** Investigate the dimensional homogeneity of this formula.

### SOLUTION

The dimensions of the various terms in the equation are  $Q = \text{volume/time} \doteq L^3T^{-1}$ ,  $A = \text{area} \doteq L^2$ ,  $g = \text{acceleration of gravity} \doteq LT^{-2}$ , and  $h = \text{height} \doteq L$ .

These terms, when substituted into the equation, yield the dimensional form:

$$(L^3T^{-1}) \doteq (0.61)(L^2)(\sqrt{2})(LT^{-2})^{1/2}(L)^{1/2}$$

or

$$(L^3T^{-1}) \doteq [0.61\sqrt{2}](L^3T^{-1})$$

It is clear from this result that the equation is dimensionally homogeneous (both sides of the formula have the same dimensions of  $L^3T^{-1}$ ), and the number  $0.61\sqrt{2}$  is dimensionless.

If we were going to use this relationship repeatedly, we might be tempted to simplify it by replacing  $g$  with its standard value of  $32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2$  and rewriting the formula as

$$Q = 4.90 A \sqrt{h} \quad (1)$$

A quick check of the dimensions reveals that

$$L^3T^{-1} \doteq (4.90)(L^{5/2})$$

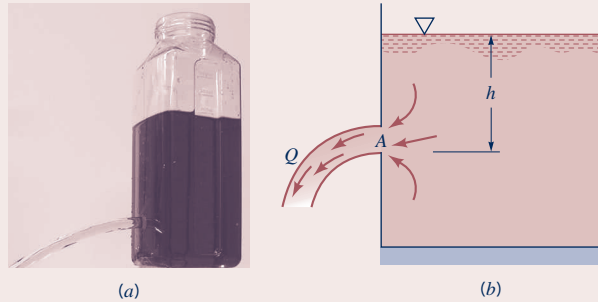


Figure E1.1

and, therefore, the equation expressed as Eq. 1 can only be dimensionally correct if the number 4.90 has the dimensions of  $L^{1/2}T^{-1}$ . Whenever a number appearing in an equation or formula has dimensions, it means that the specific value of the number will depend on the system of units used. Thus, for the case being considered with feet and seconds used as units, the number 4.90 has units of  $\text{ft}^{1/2}/\text{s}$ . Equation 1 will only give the correct value for  $Q$  (in  $\text{ft}^3/\text{s}$ ) when  $A$  is expressed in square feet and  $h$  in feet. Thus, Eq. 1 is a *restricted* homogeneous equation, whereas the original equation is a *general* homogeneous equation that would be valid for any consistent system of units.

**COMMENT** A quick check of the dimensions of the various terms in an equation is a useful practice and will often be helpful in eliminating errors—that is, as noted previously, all physically meaningful equations must be dimensionally homogeneous. We have briefly alluded to units in this example, and this important topic will be considered in more detail in the next section.

## 1.2.1 Systems of Units

In addition to the qualitative description of the various quantities of interest, it is generally necessary to have a quantitative measure of any given quantity. For example, if we measure the width of this page in the book and say that it is 10 units wide, the statement has no meaning until the unit of length is defined. If we indicate that the unit of length is a meter, and define the meter as some standard length, a unit system for length has been established (and a numerical value can be given to the page width). In addition to length, a unit must be established for each of the remaining basic

quantities (force, mass, time, and temperature). There are several systems of units in use, and we shall consider three systems that are commonly used in engineering.

**International System (SI).** In 1960 the Eleventh General Conference on Weights and Measures, the international organization responsible for maintaining precise uniform standards of measurements, formally adopted the *International System of Units* as the international standard. This system, commonly termed SI, has been widely adopted worldwide and is widely used (although certainly not exclusively) in the United States. It is expected that the long-term trend will be for all countries to accept SI as the accepted standard and it is imperative that engineering students become familiar with this system. In SI the unit of length is the meter (m), the time unit is the second (s), the mass unit is the kilogram (kg), and the temperature unit is the kelvin (K). Note that there is no degree symbol used when expressing a temperature in kelvin units. The kelvin temperature scale is an absolute scale and is related to the Celsius (centigrade) scale ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) through the relationship

$$\text{K} = ^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15$$

Although the Celsius scale is not in itself part of SI, it is common practice to specify temperatures in degrees Celsius when using SI units.

The force unit, called the newton (N), is defined from Newton's second law as

$$1 \text{ N} = (1 \text{ kg})(1 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

Thus, a 1-N force acting on a 1-kg mass will give the mass an acceleration of  $1 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Standard gravity in SI is  $9.807 \text{ m/s}^2$  (commonly approximated as  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ) so that a 1-kg mass weighs 9.81 N under standard gravity. Note that weight and mass are different, both qualitatively and quantitatively! The unit of *work* in SI is the joule (J), which is the work done when the point of application of a 1-N force is displaced through a 1-m distance in the direction of a force. Thus,

$$1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$$

The unit of *power* is the watt (W) defined as a joule per second. Thus,

$$1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J/s} = 1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

Prefixes for forming multiples and fractions of SI units are given in Table 1.2. For example, the notation kN would be read as “kilonewtons” and stands for  $10^3 \text{ N}$ . Similarly, mm would be read as “millimeters” and stands for  $10^{-3} \text{ m}$ . The centimeter is not an accepted unit of length in the SI system, so for most problems in fluid mechanics in which SI units are used, lengths will be expressed in millimeters or meters.

**British Gravitational (BG) System.** In the BG system the unit of length is the foot (ft), the time unit is the second (s), the force unit is the pound (lb), and the temperature unit is the degree Fahrenheit ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or the absolute temperature unit is the degree Rankine ( $^{\circ}\text{R}$ ), where

$$^{\circ}\text{R} = ^{\circ}\text{F} + 459.67$$

*In mechanics it is very important to distinguish between weight and mass.*

■ **Table 1.2**  
Prefixes for SI Units

Factor by Which Unit Is Multiplied	Prefix	Symbol	Factor by Which Unit Is Multiplied	Prefix	Symbol
$10^{15}$	peta	P	$10^{-2}$	centi	c
$10^{12}$	tera	T	$10^{-3}$	milli	m
$10^9$	giga	G	$10^{-6}$	micro	$\mu$
$10^6$	mega	M	$10^{-9}$	nano	n
$10^3$	kilo	k	$10^{-12}$	pico	p
$10^2$	hecto	h	$10^{-15}$	femto	f
10	deka	da	$10^{-18}$	atto	a
$10^{-1}$	deci	d			

The mass unit, called the *slug*, is defined from Newton's second law (force = mass  $\times$  acceleration) as

$$1 \text{ lb} = (1 \text{ slug})(1 \text{ ft/s}^2)$$

This relationship indicates that a 1-lb force acting on a mass of 1 slug will give the mass an acceleration of 1 ft/s<sup>2</sup>.

The weight,  $\mathcal{W}$  (which is the force due to gravity,  $g$ ), of a mass,  $m$ , is given by the equation

$$\mathcal{W} = mg$$

and in BG units

$$\mathcal{W}(\text{lb}) = m(\text{slugs}) g(\text{ft/s}^2)$$

Since Earth's standard gravity is taken as  $g = 32.174 \text{ ft/s}^2$  (commonly approximated as 32.2 ft/s<sup>2</sup>), it follows that a mass of 1 slug weighs 32.2 lb under standard gravity.

Two systems of units that are widely used in engineering are the British Gravitational (BG) System and the International System (SI).

## THE WIDE WORLD OF FLUIDS

**How long is a foot?** Today, in the United States, the common length *unit* is the *foot*, but throughout antiquity the unit used to measure length has quite a history. The first length units were based on the lengths of various body parts. One of the earliest units was the Egyptian cubit, first used around 3000 B.C. and defined as the length of the arm from elbow to extended fingertips. Other measures followed, with the foot simply taken as the length of a man's foot. Since this length obviously varies from person to person it was often "standardized" by using the length of the current reigning royalty's foot. In 1791 a special

French commission proposed that a new universal length unit called a meter (metre) be defined as the distance of one-quarter of the Earth's meridian (north pole to the equator) divided by 10 million. Although controversial, the meter was accepted in 1799 as the standard. With the development of advanced technology, the length of a meter was redefined in 1983 as the distance traveled by light in a vacuum during the time interval of 1/299,792,458 s. The foot is now defined as 0.3048 meter. Our simple rulers and yardsticks indeed have an intriguing history.

**English Engineering (EE) System.** In the EE system, units for force *and* mass are defined independently; thus special care must be exercised when using this system in conjunction with Newton's second law. The basic unit of mass is the pound mass (lbm), and the unit of force is the pound (lb).<sup>1</sup> The unit of length is the foot (ft), the unit of time is the second (s), and the absolute temperature scale is the degree Rankine ( $^{\circ}\text{R}$ ). To make the equation expressing Newton's second law dimensionally homogeneous we write it as

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{m\mathbf{a}}{g_c} \quad (1.4)$$

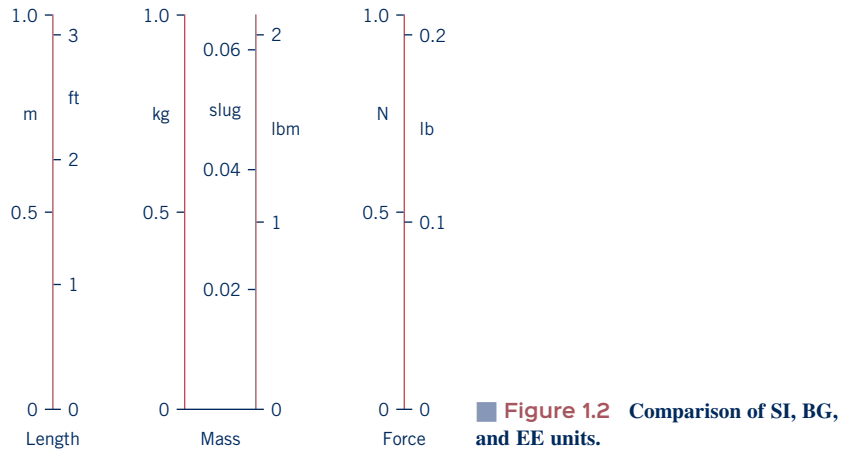
where  $g_c$  is a constant of proportionality, which allows us to define units for both force and mass. For the BG system, only the force unit was prescribed and the mass unit defined in a consistent manner such that  $g_c = 1$ . Similarly, for SI the mass unit was prescribed and the force unit defined in a consistent manner such that  $g_c = 1$ . For the EE system, a 1-lb force is defined as that force which gives a 1 lbm a standard acceleration of gravity, which is taken as 32.174 ft/s<sup>2</sup>. Thus, for Eq. 1.4 to be both numerically and dimensionally correct

$$1 \text{ lb} = \frac{(1 \text{ lbm})(32.174 \text{ ft/s}^2)}{g_c}$$

so that

$$g_c = \frac{(1 \text{ lbm})(32.174 \text{ ft/s}^2)}{(1 \text{ lb})}$$

<sup>1</sup>It is also common practice to use the notation, lbf, to indicate pound force.



With the EE system, weight and mass are related through the equation

$$W = \frac{mg}{g_c}$$

where  $g$  is the local acceleration of gravity. Under conditions of standard gravity ( $g = g_c$ ) the weight in pounds and the mass in pound mass are numerically equal. Also, since a 1-lb force gives a mass of 1 lbm an acceleration of  $32.174 \text{ ft/s}^2$  and a mass of 1 slug an acceleration of  $1 \text{ ft/s}^2$ , it follows that

$$1 \text{ slug} = 32.174 \text{ lbm}$$

*When solving problems it is important to use a consistent system of units, e.g., don't mix BG and SI units.*

We cannot overemphasize the importance of paying close attention to units when solving problems. It is very easy to introduce huge errors into problem solutions through the use of incorrect units. Get in the habit of using a *consistent* system of units throughout a given solution. It really makes no difference which system you use as long as you are consistent; for example, don't mix slugs and newtons. If problem data are specified in SI units, then use SI units throughout the solution. If the data are specified in BG units, then use BG units throughout the solution. The relative sizes of the SI, BG, and EE units of length, mass, and force are shown in Fig. 1.2.

Extensive tables of conversion factors between unit systems, and within unit systems, are provided in Appendix E. For your convenience, abbreviated tables of conversion factors for some quantities commonly encountered in fluid mechanics are presented in Tables 1.3 and 1.4 on the inside back cover (using a slightly different format than Appendix E). Note that numbers in these tables are presented in computer exponential notation. For example, the number  $5.154 \text{ E}+2$  is the number  $5.154 \times 10^2$  in scientific notation. You should note that each conversion factor can be thought of as a fraction in which the numerator and denominator are equivalent. For example, an entry for "Length" from Table 1.4 instructs the user "To convert from ... m ... to ... ft ... Multiply by 3.281." Therefore 1 m is the same length as 3.281 ft. Therefore a fraction formed with a numerator of 1 m and a denominator of 3.281 ft is the very definition of a fraction with a value of one, as is its reciprocal. This may seem obvious when the units of the denominator and numerator are of the same dimension. It is equally true for the more complicated conversion factors that include multiple dimensions and therefore a greater number of units. You already know that you can multiply any quantity by one without changing its value. Likewise, you can multiply (or divide) any quantity by any conversion factor in the tables, provided you use both the number and the units. The result will not be incorrect, even if it does not yield the result you hoped for.