

$$\text{Reynolds Number (Re)} = \frac{\rho \times d \times v}{\eta}$$

where : ρ = fluid density (kg/m³)
 d = internal pipe diameter (m)
 v = fluid velocity (m/s)
 η = fluid dynamic viscosity (Ns/m²)

1. The flow of liquid through a pipe section in a chemical plant has the following fluid parameters.

density of the liquid = 900kg/m³
diameter of the pipe = 0.2m
viscosity of the liquid = 0.04Ns/m²

Calculate the Reynolds number for the following velocities, and determine if it is laminar, transitional or turbulent:

- (a) 0.4 m/s
- (b) 0.6 m/s
- (c) 1 m/s

2. For the flow rate corresponding to laminar flow, calculate the pressure loss across the pipe using the Hagen Poiseuille equation:

$$h_f = 32 \frac{\mu L C_m}{\rho g D^2}$$

where:

h_f = head loss due to friction (m)
(note: convert to pressure loss by ρgh)
 μ = dynamic viscosity (Ns/m²)
 ρ = density (kg/m³)
 L = length pipe (m)
 C_m = mean velocity (m/s)
 D = diameter pipe (m)
 g = gravitational acceleration (m/s²)

Pipe length = 10m
Gravitational acceleration = 9.81m/s²

3. For the flow rate corresponding to turbulent flow, calculate the pressure loss across the pipe using the D'arcy Weishbach equation:

$$h_f = f_D \frac{L C_m^2}{D 2g}$$

where: h_f = head loss due to friction (m)
(note: convert to pressure loss by ρgh)
 f_D = 'D'arcy' friction factor¹
 L = length pipe (m)
 C_m = mean velocity (m/s)
 D = diameter pipe (m)
 g = gravitational acceleration (9.81 m/s²)

Pipe length = 10m

Gravitational acceleration = 9.81m/s²

Friction Factor is taken from Moody Diagram
