

**CM3110**  
**Transport I**  
**Part I: Fluid Mechanics**



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***More Complicated Flows II:  
External Flow***  
*(or applying fluid-mechanics problem-solving to a new category of flows)*



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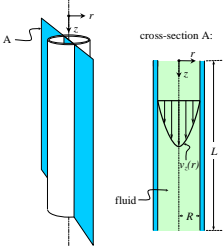
More complicated flows II: From *Nice* to **Powerful**

***Nice:***

Learning to solve one particular problem  
(or a group of related problems)

***Powerful:***

Solving never-before-solved problems.

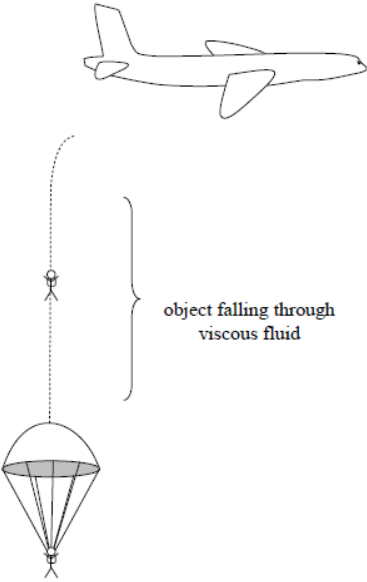


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More complicated flows II

A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?



object falling through viscous fluid


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A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

Can we use anything we learned from flow-through-conduits to tell us how to solve this new problem?



(Morrison, Example 8.1)

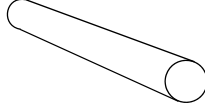
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Flow through Conduits

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So far we have talked about internal flows

- ideal flows (Poiseuille flow in a tube)
- real flows (turbulent flow in a tube)

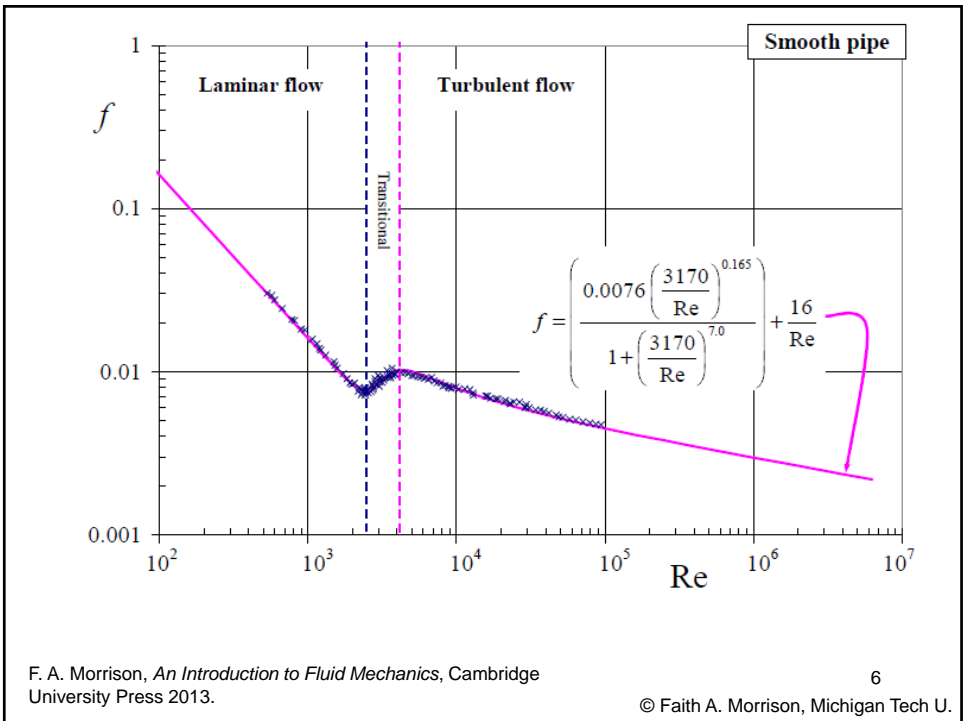


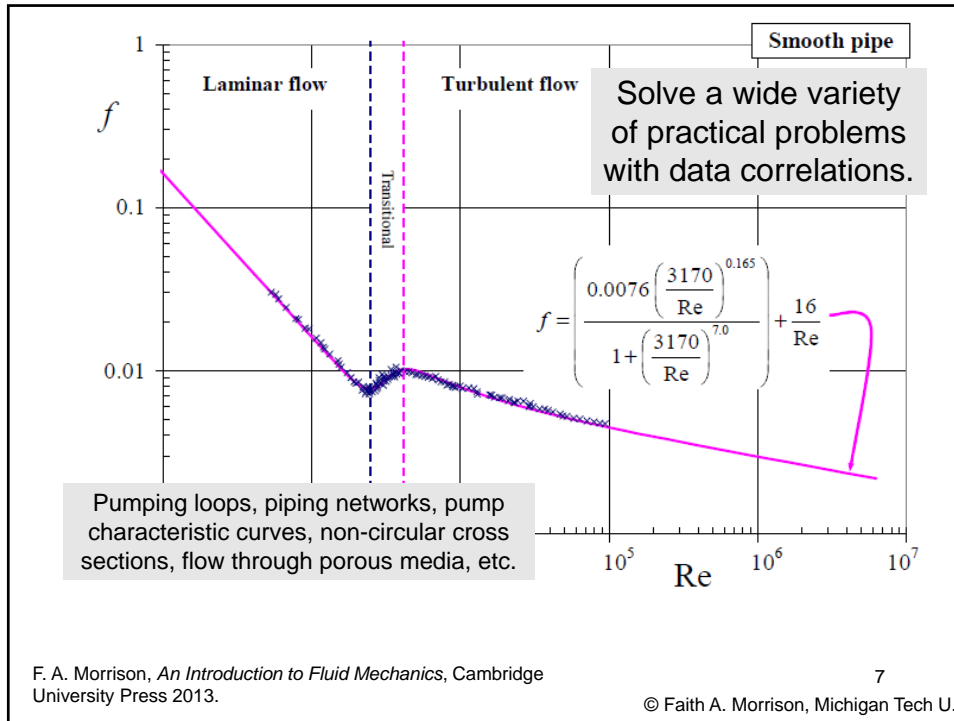
**Strategy for handling real flows:** Dimensional analysis and data correlations,  $f(Re)$

**How did we arrive at correlations?** non-Dimensionalize ideal flow; use to guide expts on similar non-ideal flows; take data; develop empirical correlations from data

**What do we do with the correlations?** use in MEB; calculate pressure-drop flow-rate relations

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A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

We can apply the *conduit process* to this new problem.

object falling through viscous fluid

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More complicated flows II

A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

Drag (fluid force) ↑

Gravity ↓

Apply the physics:

$$m\mathbf{a} = \sum \mathbf{f}$$

(Morrison, Example 8.1)

object falling through viscous fluid

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A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

Drag (fluid force) ↑

$\underline{F}$

Gravity ↓

$m\mathbf{g}$

At terminal velocity  $\mathbf{a} = 0$

$$0 = m\mathbf{g} + \underline{F}$$

The *fluids* part of the problem is, what is  $\underline{F}$ ?

(drag in flow around an obstacle)

(Morrison, Example 8.1)

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Can we address this **new** problem (new to us) . . .

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A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

Drag (fluid force)  $F$

Gravity  $mg$

(drag in flow around an obstacle)

$m\vec{a} = \sum \vec{f}$

At terminal velocity  $a = 0$

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(Morrison, Example 8.1)

By using the same approach as used for pipe flow?

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Flow around Obstacles

Now, we will talk about external flows

- ideal flows (flow around a sphere)
- real flows (turbulent flow around a sphere, sky diver, other obstacles)

**Strategy for handling real flows:** Dimensional analysis and data correlations

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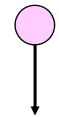
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Strategy 1

# Let's try

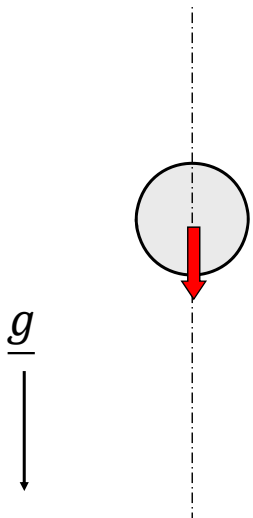
old data

*How did we arrive at correlations?* non-Dimensionalize ideal flow; use to guide expts on similar non-ideal flows; take data; develop empirical correlations from data

*What do we do with the correlations?* calculate drag – free-stream velocity relations

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What is the steady state velocity field around a sphere dropping through an incompressible Newtonian fluid

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(equivalent to sphere falling through a liquid)

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere

What is the steady state velocity field when an incompressible, Newtonian fluid flows around a stationary sphere? What is the drag on the sphere? The upstream velocity is  $v_\infty$ .

(Morrison, Example 8.2)

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(equivalent to sphere falling through a liquid)

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere

- spherical coordinates
- symmetry in the  $\phi$  direction
- calculate  $\underline{v}$  and drag on sphere
- upstream  $v_z = v_\infty$

$$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_r \\ v_\theta \\ v_\phi \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi}$$

(Morrison, Example 8.2)

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

**Microscopic Balances**  
(Microscopic balances on an arbitrary control volume)

Continuity Equation (mass)

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \rho = -\rho(\nabla \cdot \underline{v})$$

Equation of Motion (momentum)

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \right) = -\nabla P + \mu \nabla^2 \underline{v} + \rho \underline{g}$$

Newtonian fluid

Navier-Stokes Equation

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**Continuity (spherical coordinates)**

The Equation of Continuity and the Equation of Motion in Cartesian, cylindrical, and spherical coordinates

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Continuity Equation, Cartesian coordinates

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \left( v_x \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} + v_z \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) + \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

Continuity Equation, cylindrical coordinates

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho r v_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho v_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial(\rho v_z)}{\partial z} = 0$$

Continuity Equation, spherical coordinates

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial(\rho r^2 v_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial(\rho v_\theta \sin \theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial(\rho v_\phi)}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

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**Navier-Stokes (spherical coordinates)**

Equation of Motion for incompressible, Newtonian fluid (Navier-Stokes equation), 3 components in spherical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{v_\theta^2 + v_\phi^2}{r} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 v_r) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial \phi^2} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (v_\theta \sin \theta) - \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \right) + \rho g_r \\ & \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} - \frac{v_\phi^2 \cot \theta}{r} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} + \mu \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (v_\theta \sin \theta) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial \phi^2} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2 \cot \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} \right) + \rho g_\theta \\ & \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_\phi}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{v_r v_\phi}{r} + \frac{v_\theta v_\phi \cot \theta}{r} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \phi} + \mu \left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (v_\phi \sin \theta) \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 v_\phi}{\partial \phi^2} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{2}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} + \frac{2 \cot \theta}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right) + \rho g_\phi \end{aligned}$$

Note: the  $r$ -component of the Navier-Stokes equation in spherical coordinates may be simplified by adding  $0 = \frac{2}{r} \nabla \cdot \underline{v}$  to the component shown above. This term is zero due to the continuity equation (mass conservation). See Bird et. al.

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

Gravity

$$\underline{g} = -g\hat{e}_z$$

$$\hat{e}_z = \cos\theta\hat{e}_r - \sin\theta\hat{e}_\theta$$

(See inside back cover; do some algebra)

$$\underline{g} = -\cos\theta\hat{e}_r + \sin\theta\hat{e}_\theta$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -\cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi}$$

(Morrison, Example 8.2)

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

Because the flow is not unidirectional, we have to consider the left-hand-side of the Navier-Stokes

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere

Equation of Motion:

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} \right) = -\nabla P + \mu \nabla^2 \underline{v} + \rho \underline{g}$$

(do we *have* to?)

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**Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)**

$$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_r \\ v_\theta \\ v_\phi \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi} \quad \underline{g} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi} \quad p = p(r, \theta)$$

**Eqn of Continuity:**  $\left( \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial(r^2 v_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin\theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta \sin\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0$

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steady state     neglect inertia     SOLVE

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere

Creeping Flow

BC1: no slip at sphere surface  
BC2: velocity goes to  $v_\infty$  far from sphere

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**Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)**

$$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_\infty \left[ 1 - \frac{3R}{2r} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right] \cos\theta \\ -v_\infty \left[ 1 - \frac{3R}{4r} - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right] \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi}$$

$$P = P_0 - \rho g r \cos\theta - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu v_\infty}{R} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^2 \cos\theta$$

**SOLUTION:** *Creeping Flow around a sphere*

(we neglected inertia, i.e. LHS of Navier-Stokes)

all the stresses can be calculated from  $\underline{v}$

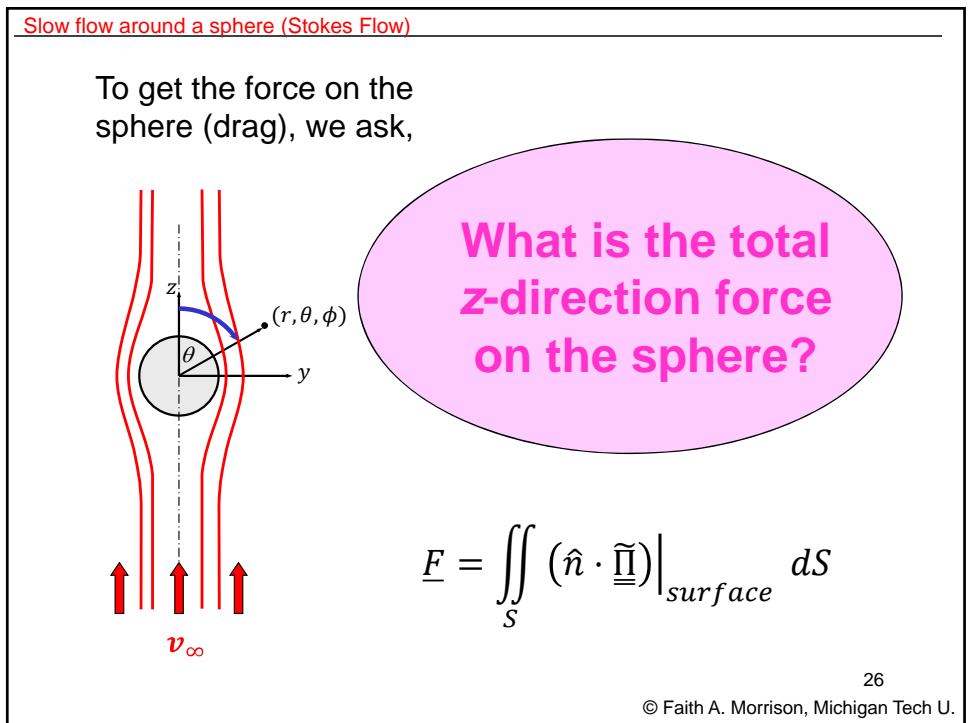
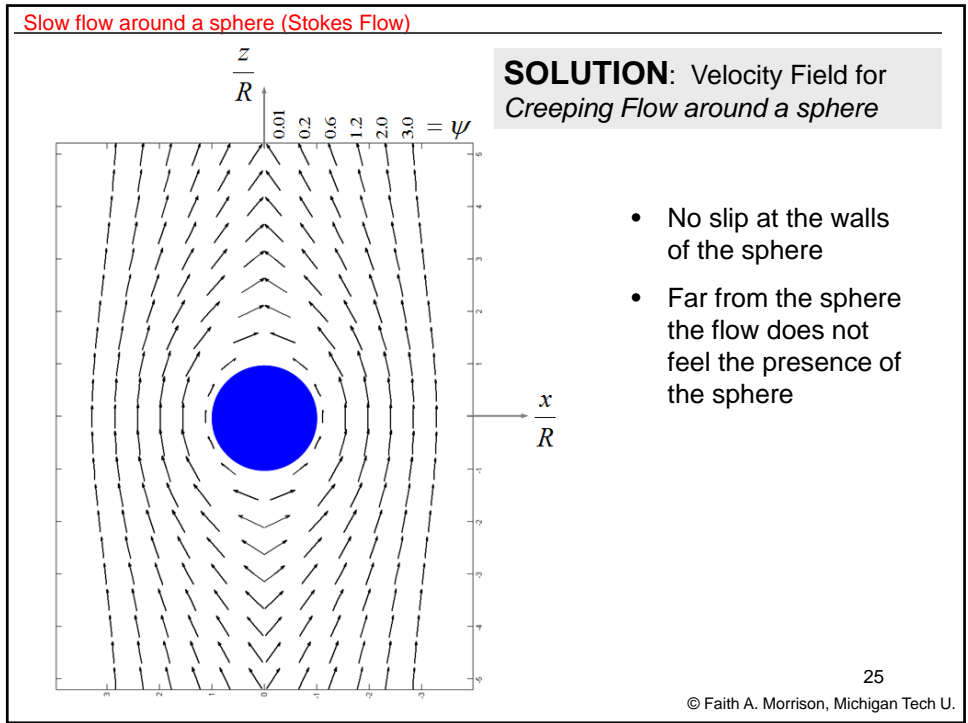
$$\underline{\tilde{\tau}} = \mu(\nabla \underline{v} + (\nabla \underline{v})^T)$$

$$\underline{\tilde{\Pi}} = -p\underline{I} + \underline{\tilde{\tau}}$$

(see the usual handout for stress components)

Morrison, Example 8.2; complete solution steps in Denn, Process Fluid Mechanics (Prentice Hall, 1980)

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

To get the force on the sphere, we ask,

Let's try

What is the total z-direction force on the sphere?

$$\underline{F} = \iint_S (\hat{n} \cdot \underline{\underline{\Pi}})|_{surface} dS$$

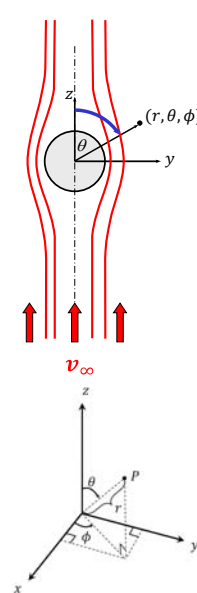
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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)



$$\underline{F} = \iint_S (\hat{n} \cdot \underline{\tilde{\Pi}})|_{surface} dS$$

$\hat{n} = ?$   
 surface = ?  
 $dS = ?$   
 $\underline{\tilde{\Pi}} = ?$   
 $\hat{n} \cdot \underline{\tilde{\Pi}} = ?$

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

**SOLUTION:** Creeping Flow around a sphere

What is the total z-direction force on the sphere?

integrate over the entire sphere surface

vector stress on a microscopic surface of unit normal  $\hat{e}_r$

total vector force on sphere

$$\underline{F} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \left[ \hat{e}_r \cdot \left( \underline{\tilde{\tau}} - P \underline{I} \right) \right] \Big|_{r=R} R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

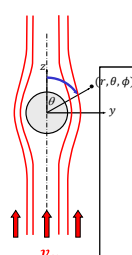
total stress at a point in the fluid

evaluate at the surface of the sphere

total z-direction force on the sphere =  $\hat{e}_z \cdot \underline{F}$

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)



$$\underline{F} = \iint_S (\hat{n} \cdot \underline{\underline{\Pi}})|_{surface} dS$$

**The Newtonian Constitutive Equation in Cartesian, Cylindrical, and Spherical coordinates**

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Spherical Coordinates

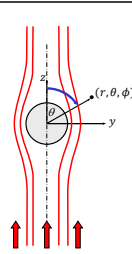
$$\begin{pmatrix} \tau_{rr} & \tau_{r\theta} & \tau_{r\phi} \\ \tau_{\theta r} & \tau_{\theta\theta} & \tau_{\theta\phi} \\ \tau_{\phi r} & \tau_{\phi\theta} & \tau_{\phi\phi} \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi}$$

$$= \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} & r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} & \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\phi}{r} \right) \\ r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} & 2 \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r}{r} \right) & \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{v_\phi}{\sin \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \phi} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\phi}{r} \right) & \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{v_\phi}{\sin \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} & 2 \left( \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{v_r}{r} + \frac{v_\theta \cot \theta}{r} \right) \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi}$$

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)



$$\underline{F} = \iint_S (\hat{n} \cdot \underline{\underline{\Pi}})|_{surface} dS$$

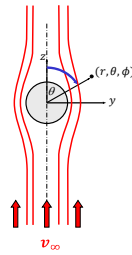
$$\underline{F} = R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \begin{pmatrix} -p(R, \theta) \sin \theta \\ \frac{-3\mu v_\infty \sin^2 \theta}{2R} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{r\theta\phi} d\theta d\phi$$

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)



$$\underline{F} = \iint_S (\hat{n} \cdot \underline{\Pi})|_{surface} dS$$

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Note:  
 $e_r, e_\theta, e_\phi$  are a function of  $\theta, \phi$

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Slow flow around a sphere (Stokes Flow)

**Force on a sphere (creeping flow limit)**

comes from pressure      comes from shear stresses

form drag

$$\hat{e}_z \cdot \underline{F} = F_z = \underbrace{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho g}_{\text{buoyant force}} + \underbrace{2\pi\mu R v_\infty}_{\text{friction drag}} + 4\pi\mu R v_\infty$$

stationary terms ( $\neq 0$  when  $v = 0$ )      kinetic terms

(this is famous)

**Stokes law:**  
 kinetic force  $\equiv F_{kin} = 6\pi\mu R v_\infty$

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**More complicated flows II**

A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

**Back to our problem:**

$$m\underline{a} = \sum \underline{f}$$

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More complicated flows II

A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

$$m\mathbf{a} = \sum \mathbf{f}$$

$$0 = m\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}$$

We can get this from the creeping flow solution

Creeping flow drag:

$$\hat{e}_z \cdot \mathbf{F} = F_z = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \rho g + 6\pi\mu R v_\infty$$

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A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

$$m\mathbf{a} = \sum \mathbf{f}$$

$$0 = m\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{4\pi R^3 \rho_{body} g}{3} \end{pmatrix}_{xyz} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{4\pi R^3 \rho g}{3} + 6\pi R \mu v_\infty \end{pmatrix}_{xyz} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{xyz}$$

$$v_\infty = \frac{(\rho_{body} - \rho) D^2 g}{18\mu}$$

From the creeping flow solution

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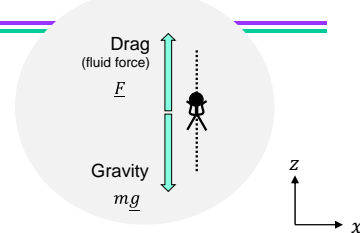
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→



$v_{\infty} = 14,000mph$

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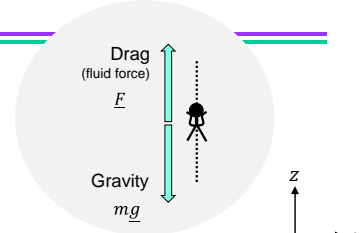
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$v_{\infty} = 14,000mph$   
(wrong)

From the creeping flow solution

(oh well, nice try)

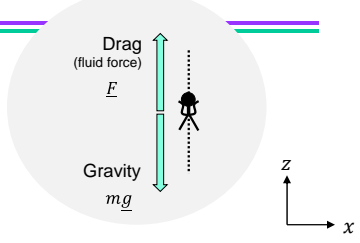
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**More complicated flows II**

A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

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From the creeping flow solution



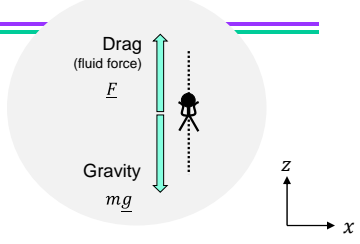
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(wrong)

# But, wait! . . .

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A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?



$$m\mathbf{a} = \sum \mathbf{f}$$

$$0 = mg + \mathbf{F}$$

More complicated flows II Flow around Obstacles

Now, we will talk about external flows

- ideal flows (flow around a sphere)
- real flows (turbulent flow around a sphere, other obstacles)

**Strategy for handling real flows:** Dimensional analysis and data correlations

**How did we arrive at correlations?** non-Dimensionalize ideal flow; use to guide expts on similar non-ideal flows; take data; develop empirical correlations from data

**What do we do with the correlations?** calculate drag - superficial velocity relations

How about if we do **dimensional analysis**, measure **data correlations** for **non-creeping** flow, and then use the correlations to determine **F**?

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Fast flow around a sphere (dimensional analysis)

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere  
**Turbulent Flow**

• Nondimensionalize eqns of change:

$$\left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^*}{\partial t^*} + \mathbf{v}^* \cdot \nabla^* \mathbf{v}^* \right) = -\nabla^* P^* + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^{*2} \mathbf{v}^* + \frac{1}{Fr} \mathbf{g}^*$$

• Nondimensionalize eqn for  $F_{z,kinetic}$ :

define dimensionless kinetic force  $f = C_D = \frac{F_{z,kinetic}}{\frac{\pi D^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho v_\infty^2 \right)}$

↙ drag coefficient

• conclude  $f=f(Re)$  or  $C_D=C_D(Re)$

• take data, plot, develop correlations

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Fast flow around a sphere (dimensional analysis)

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere  
**Creeping Flow**

What does this look like in **Creeping flow?**  
 (we have the solution)

Creeping flow:  $F_{z,sphere} = \text{Stokes law}$

$$f = C_D = \frac{6\pi\mu R v_\infty}{\left( \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho v_\infty^2 \right)} = \frac{24}{Re}$$

From the creeping flow solution

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Fast flow around a sphere (dimensional analysis)

How do we apply to **Turbulent flow?**  
(we need to take data)

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere  
**Turbulent Flow**

Turbulent flow: Calculate  $C_D$  from terminal velocity of a falling sphere (see Figure 8.13)

$$F_{drag} = \frac{4\pi R^3 \rho_{body} g}{3} - \frac{4\pi R^3 \rho g}{3}$$

$$f = C_D = \frac{F_{drag}}{\left(\frac{\pi D^2}{4}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho v_\infty^2\right)}$$

At terminal speed the net weight is exactly balanced by the viscous retarding force.

$$f = C_D = \frac{(\rho_{sphere} - \rho) 4 D g}{\rho 3 v_\infty^2}$$

all measurable quantities (see Example 8.4)

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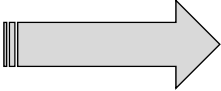
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Fast flow around a sphere (dimensional analysis)

• take data, plot, develop correlations

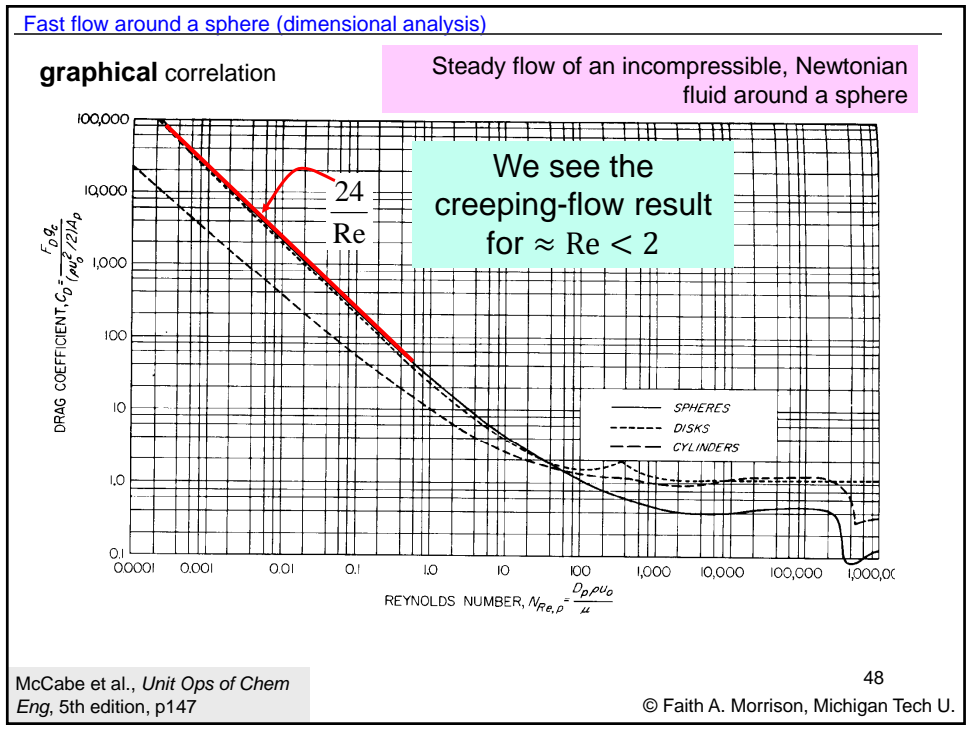
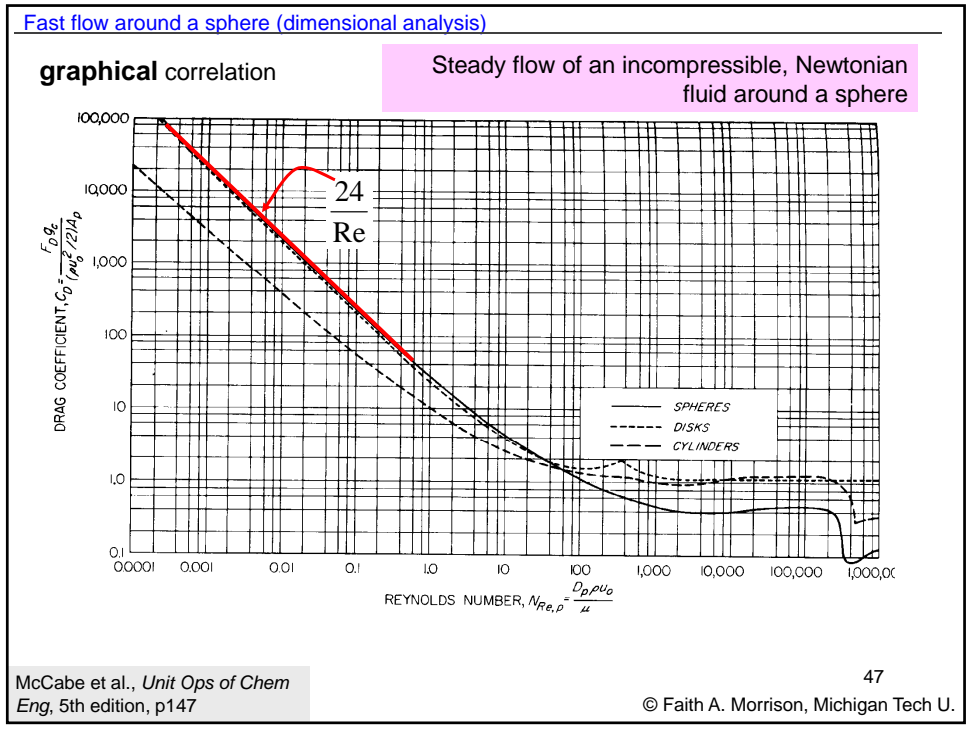
Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere  
**Creeping Flow**

Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere  
**Turbulent Flow**

Data of  $C_D$  (Re)? 

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Fast flow around a sphere (dimensional analysis)

correlation **equations** Steady flow of an incompressible, Newtonian fluid around a sphere

creeping	$f = \frac{24}{Re}$	$Re < 0.10$
vortices	$f = 18.5Re^{-0.60}$	$2 \leq Re \leq 500$
wake flow	$f = 0.44$	$500 \leq Re \leq 200,000$

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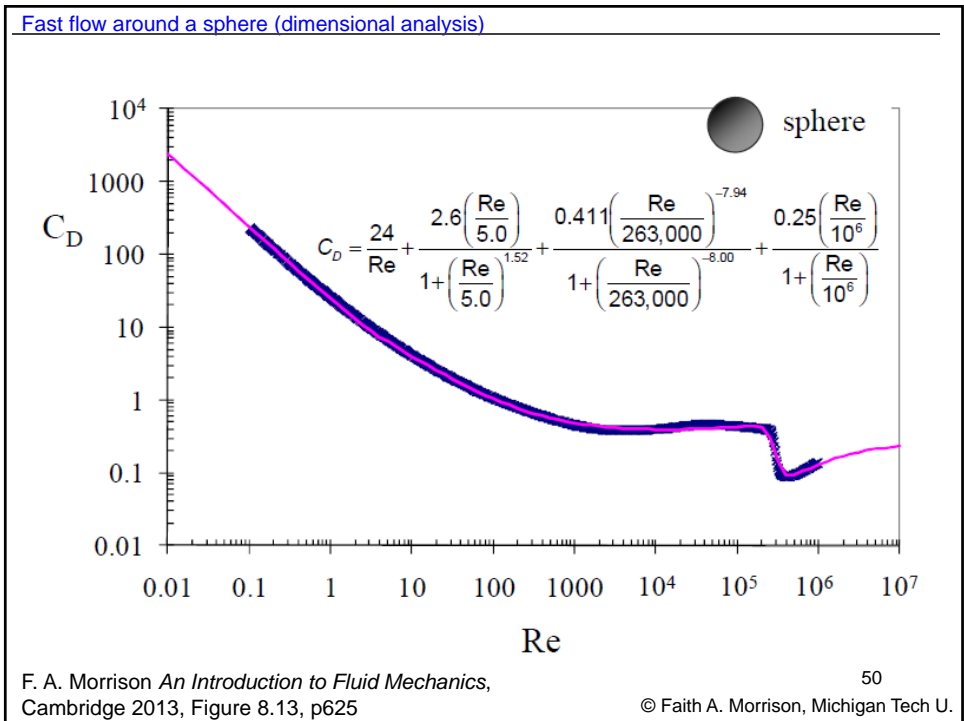
● use correlations in engineering practice

- particle settling (See Denn, Bird et al., Perry's)
- entrained droplets in distillation columns
- particle separators
- drop coalescence

Dr. Morrison developed a single, combined correlation ➔

Denn, *Process Fluid Mechanics*, 1980  
Bird, Stewart, Lightfoot, *Transport Phenomena*, 1960 and 2006

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More complicated flows II

A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

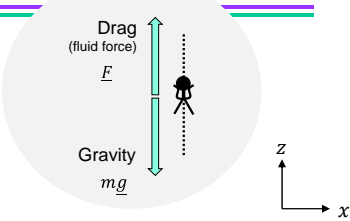
**(Instead of creeping flow, use  $C_D(\text{Re})$  for noncreeping flow)**

$$m\mathbf{a} = \sum \mathbf{f}$$

$$0 = m\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -V\rho_{body}g \end{pmatrix}_{xyz} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ V\rho g + \frac{\rho v^2 A_p C_D}{2} \end{pmatrix}_{xyz} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{xyz}$$

$$v_\infty = \sqrt{\frac{4(\rho_{body} - \rho)Dg}{3\rho C_D}}$$



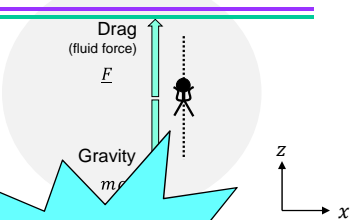
**Applicable in NON-creeping flow**

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More complicated flows II

A real flow problem (external). What is the speed of a sky diver?

$$v_\infty = \sqrt{\frac{4(\rho_{body} - \rho)Dg}{3\rho C_D}}$$



**$v_\infty = 107\text{mph}$**

**Right!**

(or close, anyway)

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### More complicated flows II

#### Powerful:

Solving never-before-solved problems.

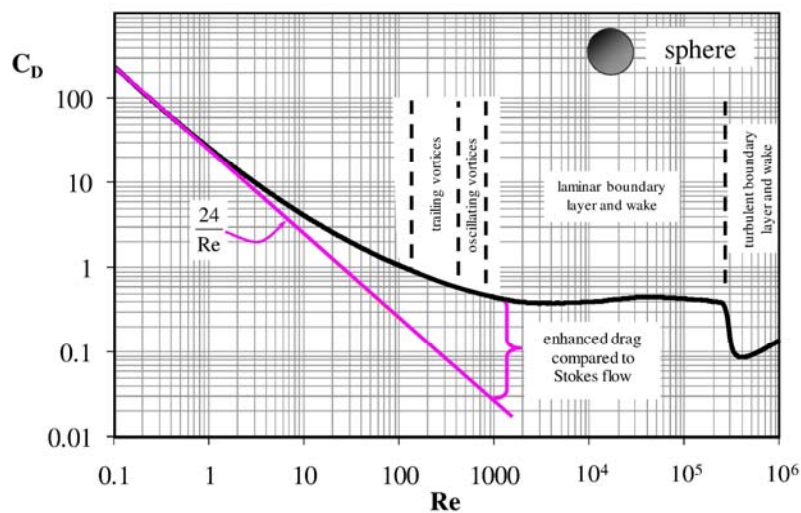
Left to explore:

- What is non-creeping flow like?  
(boundary layers)
- Viscosity dominates in creeping flow, what about the flow where inertia dominates?  
(potential flow)
- What about mixed flows (viscous+inertial)?  
(boundary layers)
- What about really complex flows (curly)?  
(vorticity; irrotational+circulation)

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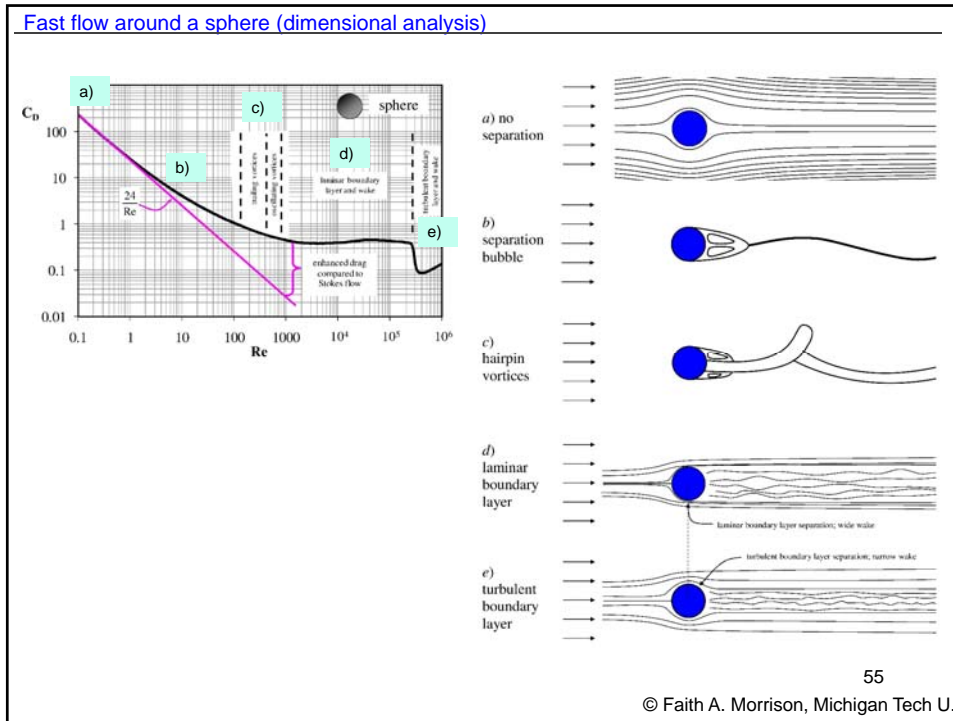
### Fast flow around a sphere (dimensional analysis)



F. A. Morrison *An Introduction to Fluid Mechanics*,  
Cambridge 2013, Figure 8.23, p650

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One more essential topic in Fluid Mechanics: **Boundary Layers**

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