

Solution to Ex. 7.11

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In non-swirling statistically axisymmetric flows, the Reynolds equations of the pipe flow in polar-cylindrical coordinates are:

continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial \langle U \rangle}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle V \rangle) = 0 \quad (1)$$

axial momentum equation

$$\frac{\bar{D} \langle U \rangle}{\bar{D} t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle p \rangle}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle u^2 \rangle - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle uv \rangle) + \nu \nabla^2 \langle U \rangle \quad (2)$$

and radial momentum equation

$$\frac{\bar{D} \langle V \rangle}{\bar{D} t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle p \rangle}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \langle uv \rangle - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle v^2 \rangle) + \frac{\langle w^2 \rangle}{r} + \nu \left(\nabla^2 \langle V \rangle - \frac{\langle V \rangle}{r^2} \right) \quad (3)$$

where

$$\frac{\bar{D}}{\bar{D} t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \langle U \rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \langle V \rangle \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\langle W \rangle}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \quad (4)$$

and

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \quad (5)$$

Consider the fully developed turbulent pipe flow. The flow is statistically stationary and the statistics are only depend on r-coordinate. Then, the continuity equation can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle V \rangle) = 0 \quad (6)$$

r is in range $(0, R)$, here we can assume that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle V \rangle) = 0 \quad (7)$$

with the assumption that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle V \rangle}{r} = 0 \quad (8)$$

integrate Eq. (7) with respect to r , we get

$$r\langle V \rangle = C_{v1} \quad (9)$$

where C_{v1} is constant. Apply the boundary condition that $\langle V \rangle = 0$ at $r = R$, then $C_{v1} = 0$. And consequently, $\langle V \rangle = 0$. Hence, the radial momentum equation can be rewritten as

$$0 = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \langle p \rangle}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle v^2 \rangle) + \frac{\langle w^2 \rangle}{r} \quad (10)$$

integrate with respect to r , we get

$$\frac{\langle p \rangle}{\rho} + \langle v^2 \rangle = \int \frac{\langle w^2 \rangle - \langle v^2 \rangle}{r} dr + C_{v2} \quad (11)$$

where C_{v2} is constant. With boundary condition $\langle v^2 \rangle = \langle w^2 \rangle = 0$ and $\langle p \rangle = p_w$ at $r = R$, we have

$$\frac{p_w}{\rho} = C_{v2} \quad (12)$$

then

$$\frac{\langle p \rangle}{\rho} + \langle v^2 \rangle = \int \frac{\langle w^2 \rangle - \langle v^2 \rangle}{r} dr + \frac{p_w}{\rho} \quad (13)$$

note that the statistics of fluctuating velocity are independent on x , we have

$$\frac{\partial \langle p \rangle}{\partial x} = \frac{dp_w}{dx} \quad (14)$$

substitute Eq. (14) into Eq. (2)

$$0 = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp_w}{dx} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \langle uv \rangle) + \nu \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial \langle U \rangle}{\partial r} \right) \quad (15)$$

the shear stress is defined as

$$\tau \equiv \rho \nu \frac{d\langle U \rangle}{dr} - \rho \langle uv \rangle \quad (16)$$

rearrange Eq. (15) and make use of Eq. (16)

$$0 = -\frac{dp_w}{dx} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\tau) \quad (17)$$

rearrange

$$r \frac{dp_w}{dx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\tau) \quad (18)$$

integrate Eq. (18) with respect to r

$$\begin{aligned} r\tau &= \frac{1}{2} r^2 \frac{dp_w}{dx} + C_{v3} \\ \tau &= \frac{1}{2} r \frac{dp_w}{dx} + C'_{v3} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Since the flow in the pipe is fully developed, it is reasonable to assume that the flow is axisymmetric and the shear stress along the central line ($r = 0$) is 0. Then $C'_{v3} = 0$. And finally

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2}r \frac{dp_w}{dx} \quad (20)$$

If we introduce the wall shear stress

$$\tau_w = -\tau(R) \quad (21)$$

thus

$$-\tau_w = \frac{1}{2}R \frac{dp_w}{dx} \quad (22)$$

after rearrange the terms, we get

$$-\frac{dp_w}{dx} = 2 \frac{\tau_w}{R} \quad (23)$$