

# Lecture 21 - Drag Force Calculations

## I. Drag force formula

## II. Drag force calculations

A. Ex: Drag on a sphere in creeping flow

B. Ex " " " " inviscid flow

\* Deen: 6.6, 8.3, 7.2  
    ↖ p. 152-154

## I. Drag force formula

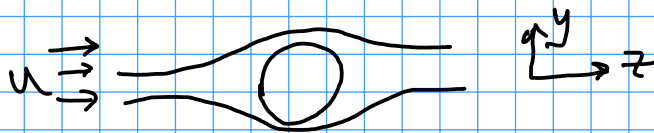
$$\underline{F} = A \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\sigma} \rightarrow d\underline{F} = \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\sigma} dA$$

$$\int d\underline{F} = \underline{F} = \int_A \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\sigma} dA$$

\* remember:  $\underline{\sigma} = -\underline{\sigma} P + \underline{\tau}$

$$\underline{F} = - \int_A \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\sigma} P dA + \int_A \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\tau} dA$$

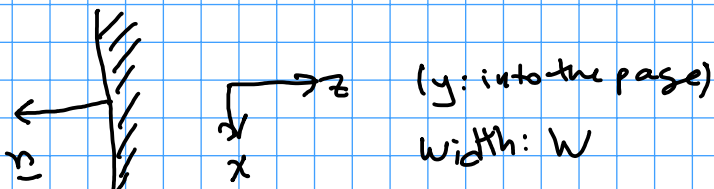
$$\boxed{\underline{F} = - \int_A \underline{n} P dA + \int_A \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\tau} dA}$$



$\underline{F} \cdot \underline{e}_z$ : drag  
 $\underline{F} \cdot \underline{e}_y$ : lift

$$F_D = \underline{F} \cdot \underline{e}_z = - \int_A \underbrace{\underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_z P dA}_{\text{pressure drag}} + \int_A \underbrace{\underline{n} \cdot \underline{\tau} \cdot \underline{e}_z dA}_{\text{friction drag}}$$

Ex: simplify the drag force formula



$$F_D = - \int_0^L \int_0^W \underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_z P(x,y) dx dy \quad (a)$$

$$+ \int_0^L \int_0^W \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\tau}(x,y) \cdot \underline{e}_z dx dy \quad (b)$$

$$\underline{n} = -\underline{e}_z$$

$$(a) \quad \underline{n} \cdot \underline{e}_z = -\underline{e}_z \cdot (\underline{e}_z) = -1$$

$$(b) \quad \underline{n} \cdot \underline{\tau} \cdot \underline{e}_z = -\underline{e}_z \cdot \underline{\tau} \cdot \underline{e}_z = -\tau_{zz}$$

$$- [0 \ 0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} & \tau_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \tau_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- [\tau_{zx} \ \tau_{zy} \ \tau_{zz}] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -\tau_{zz}$$

$$F_D = \int_0^L \int_0^W P(x,y) dx dy - \int_0^L \int_0^W \tau_{zz}(x,y) dx dy$$

## II. Drag Force Calcs

\* Steps:

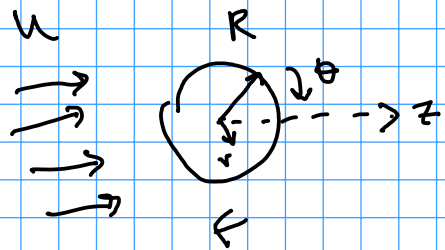
(1) Need a solution for  $\underline{u}$  &  $P$   
(in book, given, etc.)  $\swarrow$  PDEs

(2) Simplify drag force formula  
for coord sys.

(3) Find parts of  $\underline{\tau}$   $\leftarrow$  velocity derivatives

(4) Do integrals

# A. Example: Drag on a sphere in creeping flow ( $Re \ll 1$ )



$$0 = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \underline{v}$$

$$0 = \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{v}$$

\* creeping flow  
\* axisymmetric  
 $v_\phi = 0$

(1) Solution: Ex. 8.3-2 in Deen p.201-204

$$v_r(r, \theta) = u \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right] \cos \theta$$

$$v_\theta(r, \theta) = -u \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right] \sin \theta$$

$$p(r, \theta) = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu u}{R} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^2 \cos \theta$$

(2) Drag force formula

\* Spherical coords: Ex. 8.3-38 p.205

solid sphere

$$F_D = -2\pi R^2 \int_0^\pi \left[ p(R, \theta) \cos \theta + \tau_{r\theta}(R, \theta) \sin \theta \right] \sin \theta d\theta$$

(3) Get  $p(R, \theta)$ ,  $\tau_{r\theta}(R, \theta)$

$$p(R, \theta) = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu u}{R} \cos \theta$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \mu \left[ \underbrace{r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right)}_{(i)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta}}_{(ii)} \right]$$

← table 6.6  
p.143

$$\begin{aligned}
 (i) \quad r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{u_\theta}{r} \right) &= r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( -u \left[ \frac{1}{r} - \frac{3R}{4r^2} - \frac{R^3}{4r^4} \right] \sin \theta \right) \\
 &= r (-u \sin \theta) \left[ -\frac{1}{r^2} - (-2) \frac{3R}{4r^3} - (-4) \frac{R^3}{4r^5} \right] \\
 &= -u \sin \theta \left[ -\frac{1}{r} + \frac{3R}{2r^2} + \frac{R^3}{r^4} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ii) \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left\{ \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{R}{r} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right] u \cos \theta \right\} \\
 &= -u \sin \theta \left\{ \frac{1}{r} - \frac{3R}{2r^2} + \frac{R^3}{2r^4} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = -\mu u \sin \theta \left[ -\frac{1}{r} + \frac{3R}{2r^2} + \frac{R^3}{r^4} + \frac{1}{r} - \frac{3R}{2r^2} \right]$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = -\frac{3}{2} \mu u \sin \theta \frac{R^3}{r^4}$$

$$\tau_{r\theta}(R, \theta) = -\frac{3}{2} \mu u \frac{\sin \theta}{R}$$

(4) Eval integrals

• pressure drag:

$$F_{D,P} = -2\pi R^2 \int_0^\pi -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu U}{R} \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= -3\pi R \mu U \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta$$

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$$F_{D,P} = -2\pi \mu U R$$

• Friction drag

$$F_{D,T} = -2\pi R^2 \int_0^\pi -\frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu U}{R} \sin^3 \theta d\theta$$

$$= -3\pi \mu U R \int_0^\pi \sin^3 \theta d\theta$$

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$$F_{D,T} = -4\pi \mu U R$$

$$F_D = -6\pi \mu U R$$

$C_D = ?$

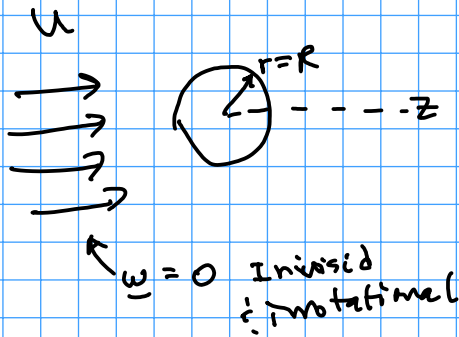
$$C_D = \frac{|F_D| / A_\perp}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2} = \frac{6\pi \mu U R}{\pi R^2} \frac{2}{\rho U^2} = \frac{12\mu}{\rho U R}$$

$$= \frac{24\mu}{\rho U D}$$

$$C_D = \frac{24}{Re}$$

We did it! laminar flow

B. Example: Drag on a sphere in inviscid flow



$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad \text{+ potential flow}$$

$$\underline{u} = \nabla \phi \quad \text{+ axisymmetric}$$

(1) Solution: Ex 9.2-1 is for a cylinder  
my notes are for a sphere.

$$v_r = U \cos \theta \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$v_\theta = -U \sin \theta \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$P(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \left[ 2 - 4 \sin^2 \theta - \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3 \right]$$

(2) Drag force formula

$$T_{\text{res}} = \int_0^\pi$$

$$F_D = -2\pi R^2 \int_0^\pi P(R, \theta) \cos \theta \sin \theta d\theta$$

(3) Get  $P(R, \theta)$  no  $\tau$ !

$$P(R, \theta) = \rho U^2 [1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta]$$

(4) Do integrals

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_D &= -2\pi R^2 \int_0^\pi \rho u^2 [1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta] \cos \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta \\
 &= -2\pi R^2 \rho u^2 \underbrace{\int_0^\pi (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta) \cos \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta}_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_D = 0$$

\* what?!  $c_D = 0.445$ ?

what is going on?

\* This is called d'Alembert's paradox

wait until next time!!