



**457.562 Special Issue on
River Mechanics
(Sediment Transport)
.02 Review of Fluid Mechanics**

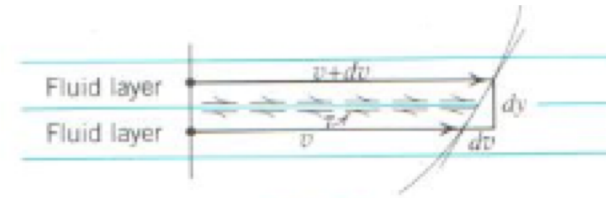




1. Flow velocity distribution : law of the wall

- Shear stress between adjacent layers in a simple parallel flow is determined by the viscosity and the velocity gradient

$$\tau = \mu \frac{dv}{dy}$$

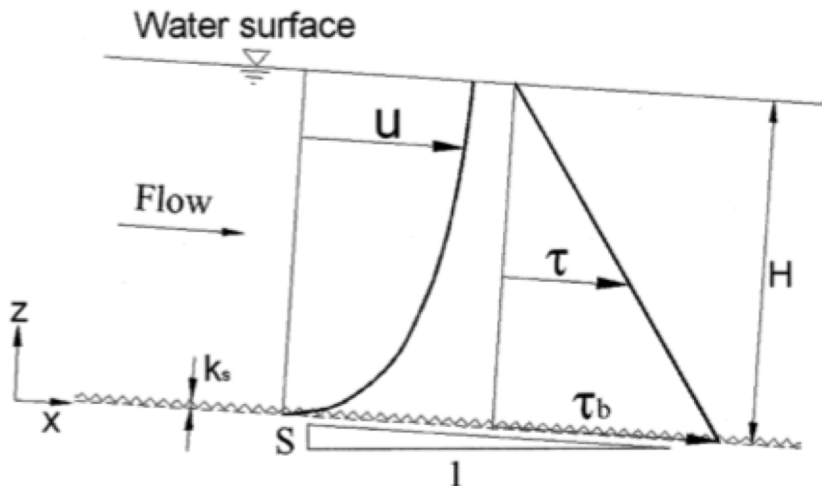


- If laminar flow is disturbed by an obstacle or roughness, then disturbances must be damped by the molecular viscosity (stable)
- However, in turbulent flow, inertia overcomes the viscous force and disturbance grows and becomes random motion.
- Therefore, in turbulent motion rapid mixing of fluid particles during flow cause significant diffusion.
- What is the actual meaning of viscosity? Is there any other name of viscosity?



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- Consider a steady, turbulent, uniform, open-channel flow having
 - H : a mean depth
 - U : a mean flow depth
 - B : a mean width (much greater than depth)
 - S : a mean slope
 - k_s : effective height
 - In a wide channel ($B/H \gg 1$)





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- The roughness height (or effective height) will be proportional to a mean size or diameter D .
- The bed shear stress

$$\tau_b = \rho gHS \quad (\rho = \text{water density, } g = \text{gravity})$$

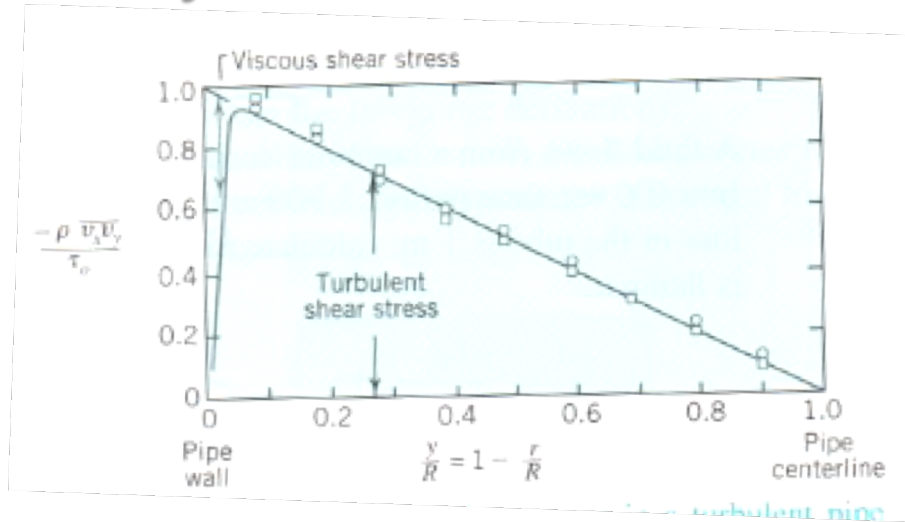
- The above equation is the one-dimensional momentum conservation equation
- Using the boundary shear stress, the shear velocity can be defined as

$$u_* = \sqrt{\tau_b / \rho}$$

- The shear velocity (the boundary shear stress)
 - provides a direct measure of the flow intensity
 - able to entrain and transport sediment particles.



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- The above figure shows typical variation of total shear stress in a turbulent pipe flow.
- Based on the linear relationship of shear profile (in the previous classes), and the Prandtl relationship,

$$\tau = \tau_b \left(1 - \frac{z}{H} \right) = \rho l^2 \left(\frac{du}{dz} \right)^2$$



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- Near wall, $l=kz$, and mixing length in a pipe flow

$$l = kz \left(1 - \frac{z}{H} \right)^{1/2}$$

- Then the previous equation can be written

$$\frac{\tau_b}{\rho \kappa^2 z^2} = \left(\frac{du}{dz} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{du}{dz} = \frac{\sqrt{\tau_b / \rho}}{\kappa z} = \frac{u_*}{\kappa z}$$

Only in a relatively thin layer ($z/H=0.2$)

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(\frac{z}{z_0} \right) \quad (1)$$

u = time -averaged flow velocity at a distance z above the bed

z_0 = bed roughness length (distance above the bed where $u(z_0) = 0$)

κ = is von Karman's constant ~ 0.41 .



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- Through intensive experiment works,

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{1}{K} \ln \frac{u_* z}{\nu} + 5.5 \quad (2)$$

- When the effective roughness height becomes by (1) and (2)

$$z_b = \nu / 9u_* \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Hydraulic smooth condition of flow}$$

- Very near the smooth wall (viscous sublayer), velocity is linear with depth

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{u_* z}{\nu} \quad (\text{until } z = \delta_v)$$

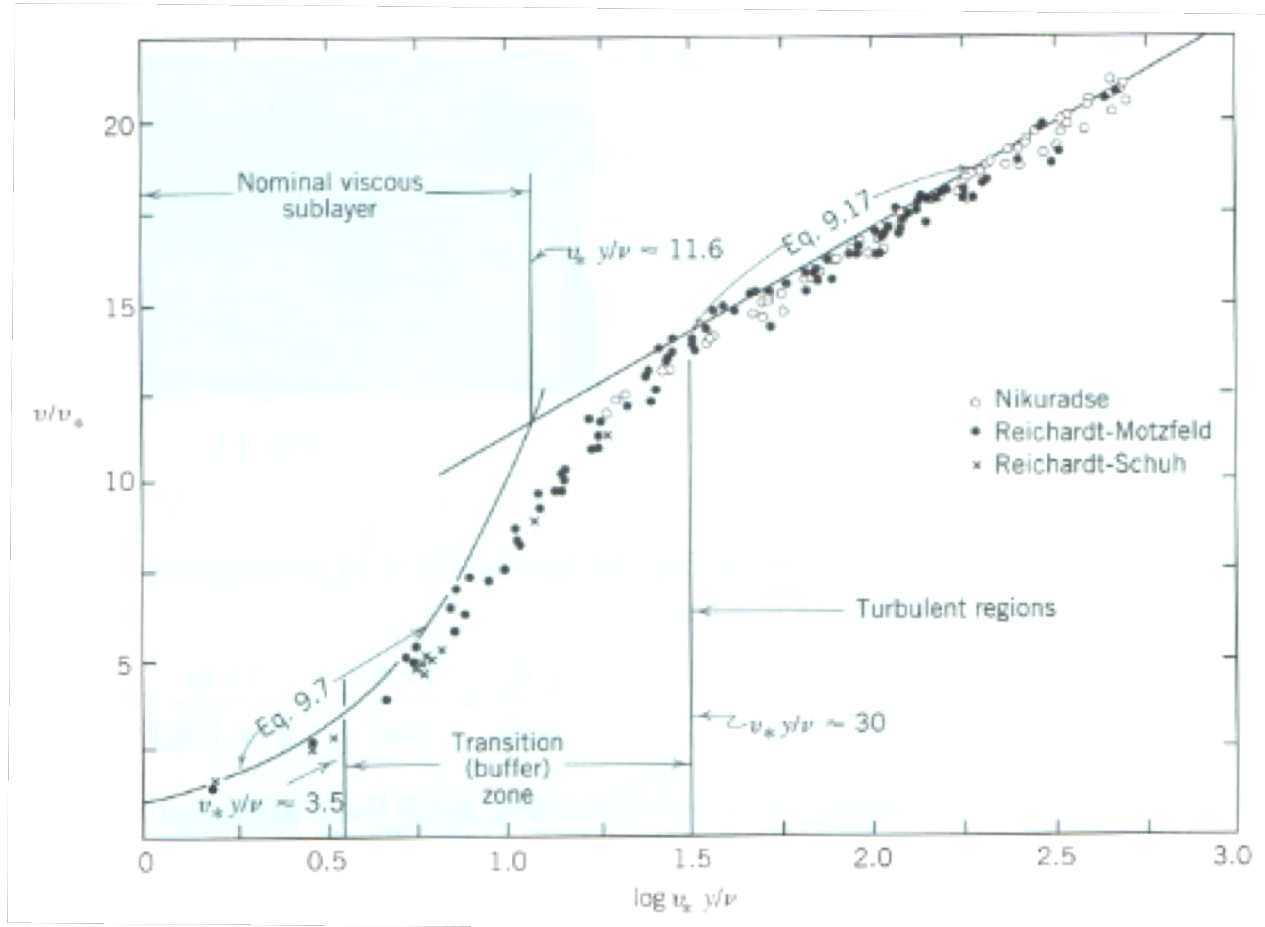
- Then two equations above need to match

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{u_* \delta_v}{\nu} = \frac{1}{K} \ln \frac{u_* \delta_v}{\nu} + 5.5 \quad (\text{at } z = \delta_v)$$

$$\frac{u_* \delta_v}{\nu} = 11.6 \quad \delta_v = 11.6 \frac{\nu}{u_*}$$



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- Velocity distribution near a smooth wall



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- But, most boundaries in river flow are rough. Therefore we need to consider roughness height.
- If $k_s/\delta_v > 1$, then viscous sublayer will not exist.
- The corresponding logarithmic velocity profile is given by

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(\frac{z}{k_s}\right) + 8.5 = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(30 \frac{z}{k_s}\right)$$

- It follows that

$$z_0 = k_s / 30 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Hydraulically rough flow}$$

- Then what happens in the intermediate condition?



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- Hydraulically rough flow $\frac{k_s}{\delta_v} \gg 1, \text{Re}_* \gg 11.6$
- Hydraulically smooth flow $\frac{k_s}{\delta_v} \ll 1, \text{Re}_* \ll 11.6$

- Where “ the Roghness Reynolds number”

$$\text{Re}_* = \frac{u_* k_s}{\nu}, \quad (\text{R}_{*C} = 11.6)$$

- Yalin (1992) proposed a way to represent both ranges and intermediate ranges as

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(\frac{z}{k_s} \right) + B_s$$

$$B_s = 8.5 + \left[2.5 \ln(\text{Re}_*) - 3 \right] e^{-0.121[\ln \text{Re}_*]^{2.42}}$$

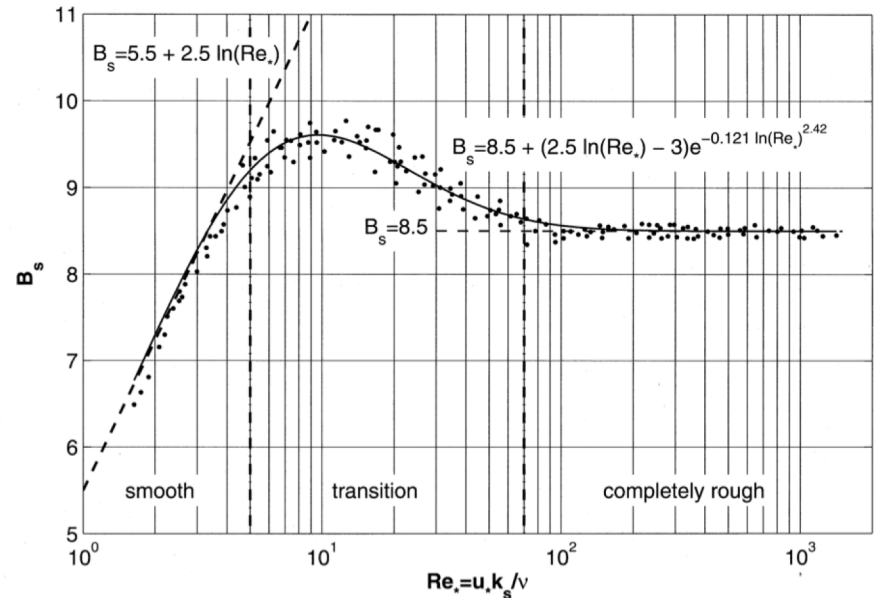


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- Alternative way of writing,

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(A_s \frac{z}{k_s} \right)$$

$$A_s = e^{\kappa B_s}$$





2. Velocity-Defect and Log-Wakes laws

- Equation (1) requires some knowledge of the bed roughness characteristics.
- An alternative formulation can be obtained if the flow depth H is introduced as the relevant length scale.
- Assuming that the maximum flow velocity u_{max} takes places at the water surface $z=H$, then equation (1) can be manipulated to obtain the velocity-defect law (outer low of the wall).

$$\frac{u_{max} - u}{u_*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{z}{H} \quad (3)$$

- But, there were so many arguments and defects or log law working only in $z/H < 0.2$. Nezu and Nakagawa added a wake function.

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(\frac{u_* z}{\nu} \right) + 5.5 + w \left(\frac{z}{H} \right)$$



2. Velocity-Defect and Log-Wakes laws

- W(z/H) is the wake function first proposed by Coles (1956) for turbulent boundary-layer flows,

$$w\left(\frac{z}{H}\right) = \frac{2W_0}{\kappa} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{z}{H}\right)$$

- W_0 is the Coles wake parameter, expressing the strength of the wake function.
- Equation (3) can also be written in log-wake form

$$\frac{u_{max} - u}{u_*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(\frac{z}{H}\right) + \frac{2W_0}{\kappa} \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi z}{2H}\right)$$

- Coles wake parameter varies depending on the condition and increases with increasing sediment concentration ranging from 0.191 to 0.861.



2. Relations for channel resistance

- Most river flows are indeed hydraulically rough.
- The previous log law is used to obtain an appropriate expression for depth-averaged velocity U .

$$U = \frac{1}{H} \int_0^H u \, dz$$

$$\frac{U}{u_*} = \frac{1}{H} \int_{k_s}^H \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(\frac{z}{k_s} \right) + 8.5 \right] dz \quad (\text{Avoiding } z=0 : \text{ singular point})$$

$$\frac{U}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(\frac{H}{k_s} \right) + 6 = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(11 \frac{H}{k_s} \right)$$

- This relation is known as Keulegan's resistance law for rough flow.

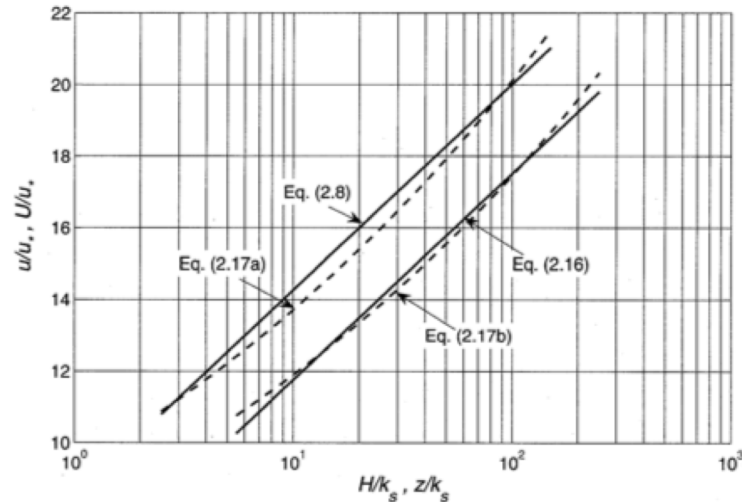


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- Manning-Strickler form.

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(30 \frac{z}{k_s} \right) \cong 9.34 \left(\frac{z}{k_s} \right)^{1/6}$$

$$\frac{U}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(11 \frac{H}{k_s} \right) \cong 8.1 \left(\frac{H}{k_s} \right)^{1/6}$$
- Log - > power : was first presented by Keulegan.





2. Relations for channel resistance

- Bed shear stress can be found as

$$\tau_b = \rho u_*^2 = \rho C_f U^2$$

$$C_f = \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(11 \frac{H}{k_s} \right) \right]^{-2} \quad \text{or} \quad \left[8.1 \left(\frac{H}{k_s} \right)^{1/6} \right]^{-2}$$

- In two-dimensional case

$$(\tau_{bs}, \tau_{bn}) = \rho C_f [U^2 + V^2]^{1/2} (U, V)$$