Unit – I

Pressure and Pressure Measurement

Session – II

U Viscosity

A. Definition

- It is defined as the property of a fluid which offers resistance to the movement of one layer of the fluid over another adjacent layer of the fluid.
- It is the measure internal fluid friction.
- Explanation



- When the two layers of a fluid, at a distance 'dy' apart, move one over the other at different velocities, say u and u+du.
- The viscosity together with relative velocities causes a shear stress acting between the fluid layers.
- The top layer causes a shear stress on the adjacent lower layer while the lower layer causes a shear stress on the adjacent top layer.
- This shear stress is proportional to the rate of change of velocity with respect to y. It is denoted by symbol τ (tau).

$$\tau \propto \frac{\mathrm{du}}{\mathrm{dy}}$$
$$\tau = \mu x \frac{\mathrm{du}}{\mathrm{dy}}$$

 Where μ (mu) is the constant of proportionality and is known as the coefficient of viscosity. ^{du}/_{dy} represents the rate of shear strain or rate of shear deformation or velocity gradient. • From the above equation, we have $\mu = \frac{\tau}{\left(\frac{du}{dy}\right)}$

B. Types of Viscosity

Viscosity is classified as :

- a. Dynamic Viscosity
- b. Kinematic Viscosity

a. Dynamic Viscosity

- Dynamic viscosity is also defined as the shear stress required producing unit rate of shear strain.
- It is also known as Absolute Viscosity or Viscosity
- It is denoted by 'µ'.

$$\mu = \frac{\tau}{\left(\frac{du}{dy}\right)} = \frac{\frac{N}{m^2}}{\frac{m}{s}} = \frac{N}{m^2} \times \frac{1}{\frac{m}{s}} = \frac{N}{m^2} \times s = Pa.s$$

- The SI unit of Dynamic viscosity is $N-sec/m^2 = Pa-sec$
- The CGS unit of Dynamic viscosity is dyne-sec/ cm²
- The CGS unit of Dynamic viscosity is also called poise

 $1 \text{ poise} = 1 \text{ dyne} - \text{sec/cm}^2$

 $1 \text{ N} = 10^{5} \text{ dyne} \quad \text{there fore} \quad 1 \text{ dyne} = \frac{1}{10^{5}} \text{ N} = 10^{-5} \text{ N}$ $1 \text{ m}^{2} = (10^{2})^{2} \text{ cm}^{2} = 10^{4} \text{ cm}^{2} \quad \text{there fore } 1\text{ cm}^{2} = \frac{1}{10^{4}} \text{ m}^{2} = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^{2}$ $1 \text{ poise} = \frac{10^{-5}}{10^{-4}} \text{ N} - \text{sec/m}^{2}$ $1 \text{ poise} = 0.1 \text{ N} - \text{sec/m}^{2}$ $1 \text{ N} - \text{sec/m}^{2} = \frac{1}{0.1} \text{ poise}$ $1 \text{ N} - \text{sec/m}^{2} = 10 \text{ poise}$

b. Kinematic Viscosity

- It is defined as the ratio between dynamic viscosity and density of fluid.
- It is denoted by symbol 'v' (nu)

$$v = \frac{\text{Dy. Viscosity}}{\text{Mass density}} = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

- The SI unit of kinematic viscosity is m²/sec
- The CGS unit of kinematic viscosity is cm²/sec
- The unit of kinematic viscosity in CGS is called stroke

1 stroke =
$$1 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}$$

1 stroke =
$$1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

C. Newton's Law of Viscosity

- It states that the shear stress (τ) in fluid layers is directly proportional to the rate of shear strain.
- It is expressed as

$$\tau \propto \frac{\mathrm{du}}{\mathrm{dy}}$$
$$\tau = \mu x \frac{\mathrm{du}}{\mathrm{dy}}$$

- Where µ is the constant of proportionality and is known as the coefficient of viscosity. du/dy represents the rate of shear strain or rate of shear deformation or velocity gradient.
- Fluids which obey above relation are known as Newtonian fluids (Water) and fluids which do not obey the above relation are called Non-Newtonian fluid (Glycerin)

D. Types of Fluids

On the basis of viscosity, the fluids may be classified in to the following five types.

- Ideal fluid
- Real fluid
- Newtonian fluid
- Non-Newtonian fluid
- Ideal plastic fluid



- Ideal fluid: A fluid which is compressible and is having no viscosity is known as ideal fluid. It is only an imaginary fluid as all fluids have some viscosity.
- Real fluid: A fluid possessing a viscosity is known as real fluid. All fluids in actual practice are real fluids.
- Newtonian fluid: A real fluid, in which the stress is directly proportional to the rate of shear strain, is known as Newtonian fluid.
- Non-Newtonian fluid: A real fluid in which shear stress is not proportional to the rate of shear strain is known as Non-Newtonian fluid.
- Ideal plastic fluid: A fluid, in which shear stress is more than the yield value and shear stress is proportional to the rate of shear strain is known as ideal plastic fluid.