

# \* Dimensional Analysis \*

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$$V_m = 5 \times 10^{-4}$$

prototype

$$V_p = 5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$V_p = 10^{-6}$$

Model

$$V_m = 10^{-6}$$

$$\frac{Re_m}{Re_p} = Re_r = 1 = Fe_r = 1$$

$$Re_r = Fe_r$$

$$\frac{V_r L_r}{V_r} = \frac{V_r}{L_r}$$

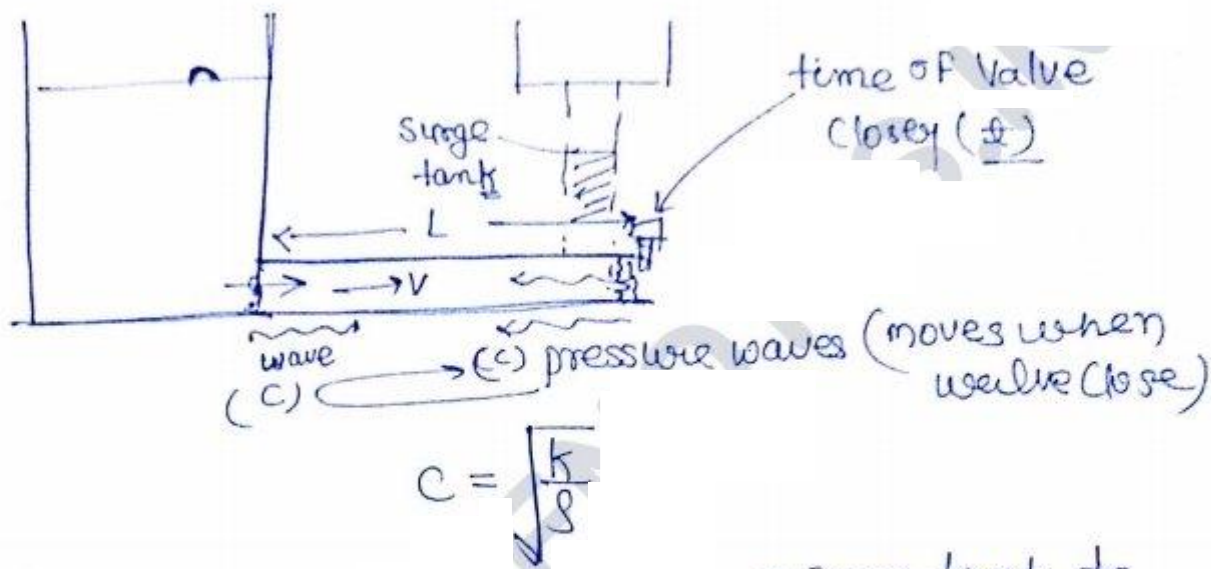
$$L_r = (V_r)^{2/3}$$

$$\frac{L_m}{L_p} = (V_r)^{2/3} = \frac{5 \times 10^{-5}}{10^{-6}}^{2/3}$$

$$\frac{L_m}{L_p} = \left( \frac{10^{-6}}{5 \times 10^{-5}} \right)^{2/3} = \text{scribbled out}$$

$$\frac{L_p}{L_m} = 63$$

# Water hammer:-



time travel by waves  $t' = \frac{2L}{c}$

\* Surge tank to store water at the time of sudden closure.

## Pressure Rise

Valve  
(Momentum Analysis)  
Gradual Closure

$$t' < t$$



$$V_i = V$$

$$V_f = 0$$

$$P = \frac{\rho V L}{t}$$

Valve

Sudden Closure (Energy analysis)

$$t < t'$$

energy

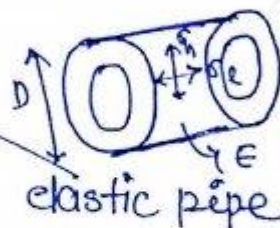
Rigid pipe

(K.E.) = (Strain energy)

$$\frac{1}{2}(\rho \text{Vol}) V^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{E} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P^2}{K} \times \text{Vol.}$$

$$P^2 = \rho V^2 \frac{K}{\rho} \times \rho$$

$$P = \rho V \sqrt{\frac{K}{\rho}} = \rho V c$$



elastic pipe

$$(k.E.)_{\text{fluid}} = (S.E.)_f + (SE)_{\text{pipe}}$$

$$P = \rho V \sqrt{\frac{k/\rho}{1 + \frac{DK}{Et_p}}}$$

$$C' = \sqrt{\frac{k/\rho}{1 + \frac{DK}{Et_p}}}$$

$t_p$  - thickness  
 $k$  - bulk modulus  
 $E$  - elastic modulus  
 $E \rightarrow \infty$  Rigid

$$P = \rho V C'$$

$C'$  = water hammer pressure  
wave

## Dimensional Analysis

Dimensional Analysis is a method to reduce number of experimental variables which affect a given physical phenomenon.

eg:  $F = f(L, v, \rho, \mu)$

$\nwarrow$  Drag force  
 Dependent Variables

$\searrow$  independent variables

or  $\Delta P = f(D, \rho, \mu, v)$

$\nwarrow$   
 pressure drop per unit length in pipe flow

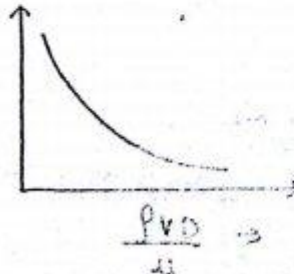
To perform the experiments in a meaningful and systematic manner, it would be necessary to change one of the variable, such as velocity while holding all other constant and measure the corresponding pressure drop.

In this analysis while finding the functional relation between  $\Delta P$  &  $\rho$  making constant  $\mu$  is not feasible & process become complex by increasing the number of variables.

To eliminate this difficulty we can collect these variable into two non dimensional variables

$$\frac{D \Delta P}{\rho v^2} = f\left(\frac{\rho v D}{\mu}\right)$$

$\frac{D \Delta P}{\rho v^2}$





There are two methods of grouping of variables of physical phenomenon.

- (i) Rayleigh method
- (ii) Buckingham Pi theorem

### Dimensionless Numbers:

(1) Reynold's number:  $Re = \frac{F_i}{F_v}$  ← Inertia  
← viscous

$$F_i = ma$$

$$= \rho \cdot L^3 \left( \frac{v}{t} \right)$$

$$= \rho L^2 \left( \frac{L}{t} \right) \cdot v$$

$$F_i = \rho v^2 L^2$$

$L$  = characteristic length

$$F_v = \tau A$$

$$F_v = \frac{\mu v}{h} \cdot A$$

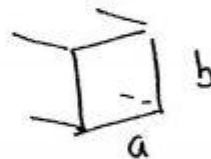
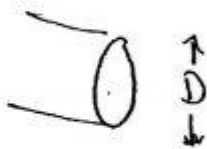
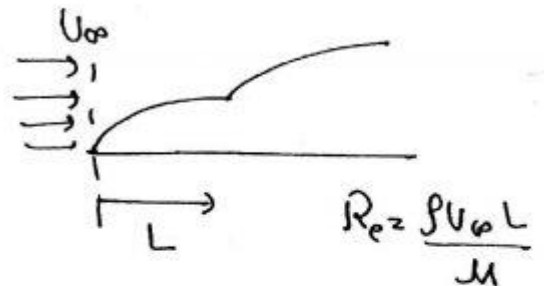
$$F_v = \frac{\mu \cdot v \cdot L^2}{L} = \mu v L$$

$$Re = \frac{\rho v^2 L^2}{\mu v L}$$

$$Re = \frac{\rho v L}{\mu}$$

$L$  FOR Plate (External flow)

Duct / Pipe flow (Internal flow)



$$L = D_h = \frac{4A}{P}$$

$$D_h = \frac{4(\pi/4) D^2}{\pi D} = D$$

$$Re = \frac{\rho v D_h}{\mu}$$

$$L = D_h = \frac{4A}{P}$$

$$L = \frac{4ab}{2(a+b)}$$

$$D_h = \frac{2ab}{(a+b)}$$

$$Re = \frac{\rho v D_h}{\mu}$$

Application: pipe flow (via cows), Flow inside boundary layer,  
Flow over submerged body.

(2) Euler's No:

$$Eu = \sqrt{\frac{F_i}{F_p}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho L^2 v^2}{p L^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho \cdot v^2}{p}}$$

$$F_p = PA = \rho L^2$$

$$Eu = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\rho}{p}\right)} \cdot v$$

Application: Pressurised pipe flow flow in penstock.

(3) Weber No:

$$We = \sqrt{\frac{F_i}{F_s}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho v^2 L^2}{\sigma \times L}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho v^2 L}{\sigma}}$$

Application:

Flow of blood in arteries & veins, Capillary action, Capillary movement of

water in soil, Atomization of fluid.

~~(4)~~ Froude Number:

$$Fr = \sqrt{\frac{F_i}{F_g}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho v^2 L^2}{m g}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho v^2 L^2}{\rho L^2 g}}$$

$$Fr = \frac{v}{\sqrt{Lg}}$$

Application: Open channel flow, notches & weirs, Spillways,  
Surface waves over sea.

(5) Mach No:

$$Ma = \sqrt{\frac{F_i}{F_e}} \leftarrow \text{elastic forces}$$

When fluid is compressed there is a rise in pressure & rise of pressure give rise of force is known as elastic force.

$$\Delta P \propto K \leftarrow \text{bulk modulus (N/m}^2\text{)}$$

$$F_e = K \cdot A$$

$$F_e = K \cdot L^2$$

$$Ma = \sqrt{\frac{F_i}{F_e}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho v^2}{K}} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{K/\rho}} = \frac{v}{c}$$

Cauchy Number: ~~Eqn.~~

$$\text{Cauchy No} = \frac{F_i}{F_e} = \frac{\rho v^2}{K} = \frac{\rho v^2}{K}$$

Application: Aero dynamic testing, water hammer

Similitude & Modeling

physical  
A model is a representation of a physical system that may be used to predict the behaviour of the system

The physical system for which predictions are to made is called proto type.

Usually models are smaller than the prototype  
(but some time, large eg: nozzles, Carburetors)  
models handled more easily in laboratory



and is less expensive to construct and operate than a large prototype.

The fundamental requirement for the physical similarity between two is that the ~~physics~~ physics of the two must be same. eg: Pressurised pipe flow (Duct flow) will never be made similar to open channel flow.

In pipe flow, Pressure & viscous forces are dominant.

In open channel flow gravity forces are dominant.

note:

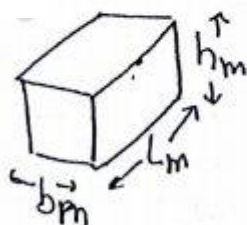
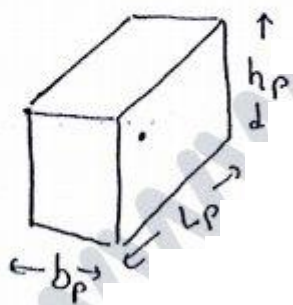
For the similarity physical quantities between two must be similar.

If Physical quantities are geometrical & dimensions, the similarity is called Geometric Similarity.

If quantities are related to motion then Kinematic similarity.

If " " " forces then Dynamic similarity.

(1) Geometric Similarity: Model & prototype are said to be in geometrical similar if the ratio of dimensions are in model & prototype are same.



$$\text{Scale ratio } L_r = \frac{L_m}{L_p} = \frac{h_m}{h_p} = \frac{b_m}{b_p}$$



Area Ratio ( $A_r$ )       $A_m = l_m \times b_m$        $A_p = l_p \times b_p$

$$A_r = \frac{A_m}{A_p} = \frac{l_m \times b_m}{l_p \times b_p} = l_r \cdot b_r$$

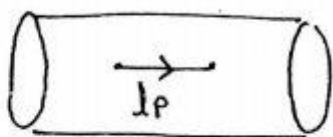
$$A_r = l_r^2$$

Volume Ratio ( $V_r$ ) :       $V_r = \frac{l_m \times b_m \times h_m}{l_p \times b_p \times h_p}$

$$V_r = l_r^3$$

(2) Kinematic Similarity: The model & prototype are said to be in kinematic similarity if the ratio of velocity & acc<sup>n</sup> at corresponding point in model & prototype is same.

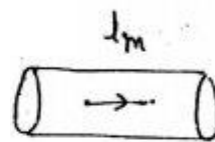
For kinematic similarity geometric similarity is must.



$$v_p = \frac{l_p}{t_p}$$

$$V_r = \frac{v_m}{v_p} = \frac{l_m/t_m}{l_p/t_p} = \frac{(l_m/l_p)}{(t_m/t_p)} = \frac{l_r}{t_r}$$

$$V_r = \frac{l_r}{t_r} \text{ or } \frac{v_m}{v_p}$$



$$v_m = \frac{l_m}{t_m}$$

$$a_r = \frac{v_m/t_m}{v_p/t_p} = \frac{a_m}{a_p}$$

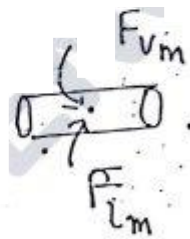
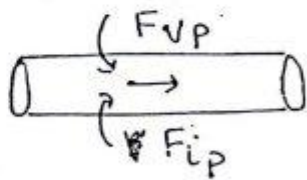
(b)

$$a_r = \frac{V_m/t_m}{V_p/t_p} = \frac{V_m}{V_p} \times \frac{1}{(t_m/t_p)} = \frac{L_r}{t_r \cdot t_r} = \frac{L_r}{t_r^2}$$

### (3) Dynamic Similarity:

When the ratio of forces at corresponding point in model & prototype are equal.

Different dimensionless numbers are used for Dynamic Similarity.



$$\frac{F_{ip}}{F_{lm}} = \frac{F_{vp}}{F_{vm}}$$

$$\frac{F_{vm}}{F_{lm}} = \frac{F_{vp}}{F_{ip}}$$

$$\boxed{Re_m = Re_p}$$

So dynamic similarity is obtained by different model laws

When viscous forces are dominant

Re model law  $Re_m = Re_p$

Eu model law : When Pressure is dominant

$$Eu_m = Eu_p$$

Fr model law:  $Fr_m = Fr_p$  ← Gravity forces

We " " :  $We_m = We_p$  ← Surface tension

Ma " " : For elastic forces  $Ma_m = Ma_p$

Q: A Fluid flow phenomenon is studied in a model which is to be constructed by using Reynold's model law. Find the expression for model to prototype for velocity & discharge?

Ans:  $\Rightarrow Re_m = Re_p$

$$\left(\frac{VL}{\nu}\right)_m = \left(\frac{VL}{\nu}\right)_p$$

$$\frac{V_m}{V_p} = \frac{L_p}{L_m} \times \frac{\nu_m}{\nu_p}$$

$$\boxed{V_r = \frac{1}{L_r} \times \nu_r}$$

$$Q_r = \frac{Q_m}{Q_p} = \frac{A_m V_m}{A_p V_p} = L_r^2 V_r$$

$$Q_r = L_r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{L_r} \cdot \nu_r$$

$$\boxed{Q_r = L_r \nu_r}$$

$$F_{om} = F_{op}$$

$$\frac{F_{om}}{F_{op}} = 1$$

$$F_{rr} = 1$$

$$\frac{\nu_r}{\sqrt{L_r}} = 1 \Rightarrow \nu_r = \sqrt{L_r}$$

$$Q = A_r \nu_r = L_r^2 V_r = (L_r^3)^{5/2}$$

Q: For the froude model law find the ratio of velocity & discharge.

Ans:  $F_{r_m} = F_{r_p}$

$$\frac{V_m}{\sqrt{L_m g}} = \frac{V_p}{\sqrt{L_p g}}$$

$$V_r = \frac{V_m}{V_p} = \sqrt{\frac{L_m}{L_p}} = L_r^{1/2}$$

$$\boxed{V_r = L_r^{1/2}}$$

$$Q_r = \frac{Q_m}{Q_p} = \frac{A_m V_m}{A_p V_p}$$

$$Q_r = A_r V_r = L_r^2 L_r^{1/2}$$

$$\boxed{Q_r = L_r^{5/2}} \Rightarrow$$

Q: To obtain the expression for Scale ratio of model & prototype which has to satisfy both froude model law and Reynold's model law and express your answer in terms of kinematic viscosity?

Ans:  $Re_m = Re_p$

$$\frac{V_m L_m}{\nu_m} = \frac{V_p L_p}{\nu_p}$$

$$V_r = \frac{V_m}{V_p} = \frac{1}{L_r} \times \nu_r \quad \text{---(i)}$$



$$F_{Rm} = F_{Rp}$$

$$\frac{V_m}{\sqrt{L_m g}} = \frac{V_p}{\sqrt{L_p g}}$$

$$V_r = \sqrt{\frac{L_m}{L_p}} = L_r^{1/2}$$

$$L_r = V_r^2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

By Re model law

$$V_r = \frac{1}{V_r^2} \cdot V_r$$

$$V_r^3 = V_r$$

$$V_r = V_r^{1/3}$$

$$V_r = \frac{1}{L_r} \cdot V_r$$

$$L_r^{1/2} = \frac{1}{L_r} \cdot V_r$$

$$L_r^{3/2} = V_r$$

$$L_r = V_r^{2/3}$$

Q: The force required to sail a  $\frac{1}{30}$  scale model of a boat in a lake at a speed of 2 m/s is 0.5 N. Assuming that the viscous resistance due to water and air is negligible in comparison with the wave resistance. Calculate the corresponding speed of the prototype for dynamic similarity condition. What would be the force required to propel the prototype at that velocity in the same lake?

Ans:  $L_r = \frac{1}{30}$      $V_m = 2 \text{ m/s}$      $F_m = 0.5$

because of water wave gravity forces are dominant

$$F_{Rm} = F_{Rp}$$

$$\frac{V_m}{\sqrt{L_m g}} = \frac{V_p}{\sqrt{L_p g}}$$

$$V_r = \sqrt{\frac{L_m}{L_p}}$$

$$\frac{V_m}{V_p} = L_r^{1/2}$$

$$V_p = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{L_r}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{(1/30)}} = 10.95 \text{ m/s}$$

$$F_L = \rho v^2 L^2$$

Force  
Ratio

$$F_r = \frac{F_{Lm}}{F_{Lp}} = \frac{\rho v_m^2 L_m^2}{\rho v_p^2 L_p^2} \quad v_p^2 =$$

$$F_r = \frac{v_m^2 L_m^2}{v_p^2} = \frac{2^2}{(10.45)^2} \times \left(\frac{1}{30}\right)^2 = 3.706 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$F_r = \frac{F_{vm}}{F_{vp}}$$

$$F_{vp} = \frac{F_{vm}}{F_r} = \frac{0.5}{3.706 \times 10^{-5}} = 13500 \text{ N}$$

Q: Oil of density  $917 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and viscosity  $0.29 \text{ Ns/m}^2$  flows in a pipe of  $15 \text{ cm}$  dia at a velocity of  $2 \text{ m/s}$ . What would be the velocity of flow of water in a  $1 \text{ cm}$  dia pipe to make to flows dynamically similar.

$$\mu_w = 998 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu_w = 1.31 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

Sol:

$$Re_{oil} = Re_{water}$$

$$\left(\frac{\rho v D}{\mu}\right)_{oil} = \left(\frac{\rho v D}{\mu}\right)_w$$

$$\left(\frac{917 \times 2 \times 0.15}{0.29}\right) = \left(\frac{998 \times v \times 0.01}{1.31 \times 10^{-3}}\right)$$

$$v = 0.1245 \text{ m/s}$$

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Rayleigh's Method: It is based on fundamental principle of dimensional homogeneity of physical variables.

This method gives relationship for dimensionless parameters, but variables should not be more (about 3 to 4) otherwise Buckingham  $\pi$  method will be used.

Que: For a Laminar flow in a pipe for pressure drop  $\Delta P$  is a function of pipe length ( $L$ ), dia ( $D$ ), velocity ( $V$ ), viscosity ( $\mu$ ). By using Rayleigh method develop an expression for  $\Delta P$ .

Ans:

$$\Delta P = f(L, D, V, \mu)$$

$$\Delta P = K L^a D^b V^c \mu^d$$

$$\Delta P = \frac{N}{m^2} = [M L^{-1} T^{-2}]$$

$$[M L^{-1} T^{-2}] = K [L^a] [L^b] [L T^{-1}]^c [M L^{-1} T^{-1}]^d$$

$$d = 1 \quad M = M^d$$

$$L^{-1} = L^{a+b+c-d}$$

$$-1 = a + b + c - d$$

$$T^{-2} = T^{-c-d}$$

$$-2 = -c - d$$

$$-c = -2 + 1 = -1$$

$$c = 1$$

$$-1 = a + b + 1 - 1$$

$$b = -1 - a$$

$$\Delta P = K L^a D^{-1-a} V^1 \mu^1$$

$$\Delta P = K \frac{\mu V L^a}{D^{1+a}}$$

$$\Delta P = K \frac{\mu V}{D} \left(\frac{L}{D}\right)^a$$

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Buckingham  $\pi$ -theorem : If there are  $n$ -number of total variables and  $m$ -number of fundamental quantities then the phenomenon can be grouped into  $(n-m)\pi$  terms.

$$X = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1})$$

Dependent Variables
Independent Variables

implicit function  $\phi(x, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}) = 0$

total number of  $n$  variables including dependent & independent variables

Therefore the analytical phenomenon can be reduced to

$$F(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_{n-m}) = 0$$

Ques: The resistance force  $F$  of the ship is function of length  $L$ , velocity  $v$ , acceleration due to gravity  $g$ , and fluid properties like density  $\rho$  & viscosity  $\mu$ . Write this in dimensional form & in Buckingham- $\pi$ -theorem.

Ans:

$$F = f(L, v, g, \rho, \mu)$$

$$\phi(F, L, v, g, \rho, \mu) = 0$$

$$\text{no of total variables } (n) = 6$$

$$F = M L T^{-2}$$

$$L = L$$

$$v = L T^{-1}$$

$$g = L T^{-2}$$

$$\rho = M L^{-3}$$

$$\mu = M L^{-1} T^{-1}$$

number of repeating variables  $m = 3$

i.e.  $M, L, T$

Repeating variables should not include dependent variable  
i.e. Select repeating variables from independent variables.

$$F = f(L, \underbrace{V, g}_{\text{Kinematic Similarity}}, \underbrace{\rho, \mu}_{\text{Dynamic Similarity}})$$

Geometric Similarity

$$[L]$$

Kinematic Similarity

$$[LT^{-1}], [LT^{-2}]$$

Dynamic Similarity

$$[ML^{-3}], [ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$$

Repeating variables must include all fundamental dimensions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Note:} \\ \text{If } n = m \text{ there will be zero } \pi \text{ terms} \\ \text{So } n > m \\ \text{So } n \text{ must be greater than } m \\ \boxed{n \geq m+1} \text{ for 1 } \pi \text{ term} \quad n - m = 1 \pi \\ \text{only one solution} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\pi_1$

Now  $(n-m) \pi$  term

$(6-3) \pi$  terms  $3 \pi$  terms

$$\pi_1 = [L^{a_1} V^{b_1} \rho^{c_1}] F$$

$$\pi_2 = [L^{a_2} V^{b_2} \rho^{c_2}] g$$

$$\pi_3 = [L^{a_3} V^{b_3} \rho^{c_3}] \mu$$

For  $\pi_1$  - term:

$$\pi_1 [M^0 L^0 T^0] = [L^{a_1} (LT^{-1})^{b_1} (ML^{-3})^{c_1}] [MLT^{-2}]$$

$$\pi_1 [M^0 L^0 T^0] = [L^{a_1+b_1-3c_1} T^{-b_1} M^{c_1}] [MLT^{-2}]$$

$$c_1 + 1 = 0$$

$$c_1 = -1$$

$$a_1 + b_1 - 3c_1 + 1 = 0$$

$$a_1 + b_1 + 3 + 1 = 0$$

$$a_1 + b_1 = -4$$

$$a_1 - 2 = -4$$

$$a_1 = -2$$

$$-b_1 - 2 = 0$$

$$b_1 = -2$$

$$\pi_1 = [L^{-2} V^{-2} \rho^{-1}] F$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{F}{\rho V^2 L^2}$$

For  $\pi_2$  - term:

$$\pi_2 = [L^{a_2} V^{b_2} \rho^{c_2}] g$$

$$\pi_2 [M^0 L^0 T^0] = [L^{a_2+b_2-3c_2} T^{-b_2} M^{c_2}] [LT^{-2}]$$

by solving

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

$$b_2 = -2$$

$$\pi_2 = [L^1 V^{-2} \rho^0] g$$

$$\pi_2 = \frac{g \cdot L}{V^2}$$

For  $\pi_3$  - term:

$$\pi_3 = [L^{a_3} V^{b_3} \rho^{c_3}] \mu$$

$$\pi_3 [M^0 L^0 T^0] = [L^{a_3+b_3-3c_3} T^{-b_3} M^{c_3}] [ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$$

By solving

$$a_3 = -1, \quad b_3 = -1, \quad c_3 = -1$$

$$\pi_3 = \frac{\mu}{\rho V L}$$

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$$\text{So } \pi_1 = \phi(\pi_2, \pi_3)$$

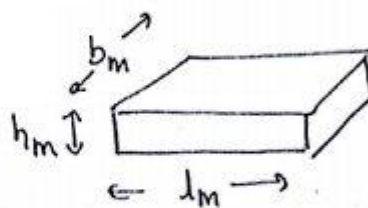
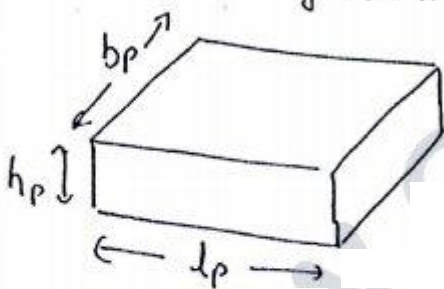
$$\frac{F}{\rho V^2 L^2} = \phi\left\{ \frac{J \cdot L}{V^2}, \frac{\mu}{\rho V L} \right\}$$

### Rules of Selection of Repeating Variables :

- (i) Repeated variable must be selected from independent variables.
- (ii) Number of repeated variables equal to number of fundamental quantities.
- (iii) Repeated variable groups must contain all fundamental units.
- (iv) Repeating variables must have their own dimensions. They do not have same dimensions and any two variables or more variables do not form dimensionless quantity.

### Distorted Models :

This is used when the models are not geometrical similar to the prototype.



In this model <sup>different</sup> scale ratios are taken <sup>for</sup> different ~~for~~ dimensions

$$\text{Horizontal Scale ratio } (L_r)_H = \left( \frac{b_m}{b_p} \right) \quad \text{Vertical } (L_r)_V = \left( \frac{h_m}{h_p} \right)$$

This model is used for design of rivers & harbours because in rivers the vertical depth is small in comparison to horizontal length, so different scale ratios are selected for different dimensions, so these models are known as distorted models.

$$A_r = \frac{A_m}{A_p} = \frac{b_m}{b_p} \times \frac{h_m}{h_p}$$

$$A_r = (L_r)_H (L_r)_V$$

$$Q_r = A_r V_r = (L_r)_H (L_r)_V V_r$$

Que: A river model is constructed to a horizontal scale of 1:1000 and a vertical scale of 1:100. A model discharge of  $0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  would correspond to a discharge in the prototype of what magnitude?

Ans:

$$(Fr)_m = (Fr)_p$$

$$\frac{V_m}{\sqrt{L_m g}} = \frac{V_p}{\sqrt{L_p g}}$$

$$V_r = \sqrt{\frac{L_m}{L_p}} = (L_r)_V^{1/2}$$

$$Q_r = A_r V_r$$

$$= (L_r)_H (L_r)_V \cdot V_r$$

$$= (L_r)_H (L_r)_V (L_r)_V^{1/2}$$

$$Q_r = (L_r)_H (L_r)_V^{3/2} = \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{100}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$\frac{Q_m}{Q_p} = \frac{1}{10^6}$$

$$Q_p = Q_m \times 10^6 \quad Q_p = 0.1 \times 10^6$$

$$\boxed{Q_p = 10^5}$$