CE 3105 – Fluid Mechanics Laboratory Final Exam

- Please read through the entire exam before you begin notice there are blank pages to show your work, so make it legible and follow a logical problem solving protocol.
- Write your name on **each** sheet before beginning to work the exam.

Question 1

What are the names of your laboratory team members:

 1. TEAM MEMBER 0 (YOU):

 2. TEAM MEMBER 1:

 3. TEAM MEMBER 2:

 4. TEAM MEMBER 3:

 5. TEAM MEMBER 4:

 6. TEAM MEMBER 5:

Before each laboratory you received a safety briefing. What were three safety reminders before each laboratory?

- 1. REMINDER 1: _____
- 2. REMINDER 2: _____
- 3. REMINDER 3: _____

A metal sphere measured using a dial-caliper (in inches) is pictured. The same sphere is weighed using a digital scale (in grams).



Figure 1: Sphere in dial-caliper instrument reading diameter in inches



Figure 2: Sphere on scale reading mass in grams

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Determine:

- 1. The volume of the sphere in cubic meters.
- 2. The density of the sphere in $\frac{kg}{m^3}$

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Question 4

The sphere (color coated for visibility) is used to estimate viscosity for an unknown liquid as depicted in the photographs below. A 50 ml sample of the light amber liquid has a mass of 71.5 grams at 20°C. The time required for the sphere to traverse 127 mm was observed to be 3.9 seconds. Determine:



(a) Dropping sphere





(c) Time = 3.9 sec.

Figure 3: Spherical object for viscosity measurement by Stokes Law (Laboratory 1)

- 1. The density of the unknown liquid (in $\frac{g}{ml}$)
- 2. The viscosity of the unknown liquid (in $Pa \cdot s$)

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The following discharge data and head change were obtained using the apparatus in the photograph below:

Volume (mL)	Time (s)	Δh (m)
122	8.36	1.34
138	6.67	2.56
180	7.9	3.09
205	8.03	3.98
217	8.26	3.92

Table 1: Pipe head loss apparatus (Laboratory 4)



Figure 1: Experimental Setup of Friction Loss in a Pipe

Figure 4: Pipe head loss apparatus (Laboratory 4)

Determine:

- 1. The discharge rate for each of the 5 measurements.
- 2. The flow velocity in the 508 mm long, 3-mm diameter, brass tube for each of the 5 measurements.
- 3. The Reynolds number for each of the 5 measurements.
- 4. The Darcy-Weisbach friction factor for each of the 5 measurements.
- 5. The flow regime (laminar, transitional, or turbulent) in each experiment?
- 6. Plot (sketch) the friction factor versus Reynolds number for these data.

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A small piece of volcanic ejecta from Amboy Crater is at the front of the classroom



The mass of the object is 23.93 grams. The porosity of typical pumice is $\eta = 64-85\%$ by volume https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pumice

The ellipsoid method to approximate volume uses 3 measurements A, B, and C, called semi-axes.



$V = \frac{4}{3} * \pi * A * B * C$

The porosity of typical pumice is $\eta = 64-85\%$ by volume. The porosity can be used to approximate the solids volume from the expression:

 $V_{total} \cdot (1 - \eta) \approx V_{solids}$

Determine:

- 1. An estimate of the volume of the irregular shaped object (in milliliters).
- 2. An estimate of the solids volume, based on a porosity of 64%
- 3. If the object will float in air.
- 4. If the object will float in water.
- 5. If the object will float in glycerine.
- 6. Write an experimental procedure to obtain definitive answers to the three previous (will it float in ...) questions.

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