

SMS 204: Integrated marine sciences II

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•Today's lecture: *Re*, Stokes' law and swimming. Drag, the balance of forces and how to move in different regimes.

•Next week exam. Review session next Sunday.

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Osborne Reynolds and his experiment:

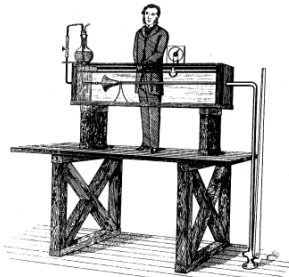


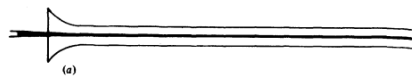
Fig. 9.1. Sketch of Reynolds's dye experiment, taken from his 1883 paper.

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• What did Reynolds find?



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Movie

When viewed with flash:

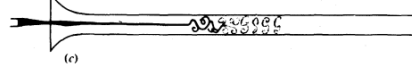


Fig. 9.2. Reynolds's drawings of the flow in his dye experiment.

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• **What did Reynolds find?**

- At low velocities the streak of dye extended in a straight line along the tube.
- As the velocity increased, at some point in the tube, the color band would all at once mix up with the surrounding waters. When viewing the tube with an electric spark, this mixed fluid actually looked like a bunch of coherent eddies.
- Flows with similar Re exhibited similar behaviors. Flow-object interaction

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Reynolds' number

To quantify his result Reynolds used the dimensionless number:

$$Re = \rho U d / \mu = U d / \nu$$

(ρ – fluid's density, d is the diameter of the tube, U -flow speed (μ the dynamic viscosity of the fluid and ν the kinematic viscosity, $\nu = \mu / \rho$).

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• **High and low Re flows**

– Flows around a (blunt) cylinder:

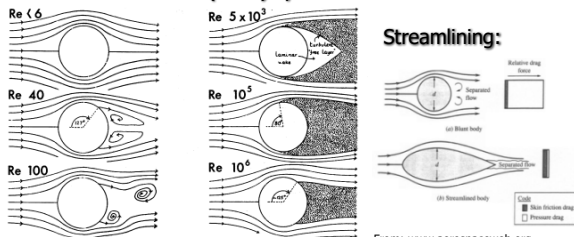


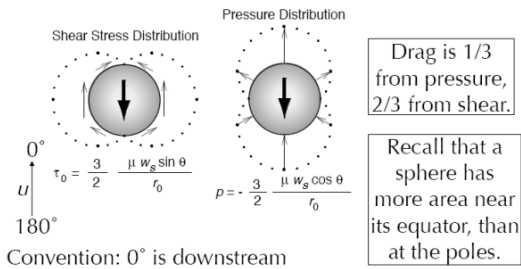
Figure 4.3 Flow patterns around circular cylinders normal to the flow, for Reynolds numbers from less than six to about 10^6 .

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Drag on a Sphere at low Re



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High and low Re flows

- As Re grows, the relative importance of skin friction (shear stress) decreases while the importance of form drag (pressure) grows.

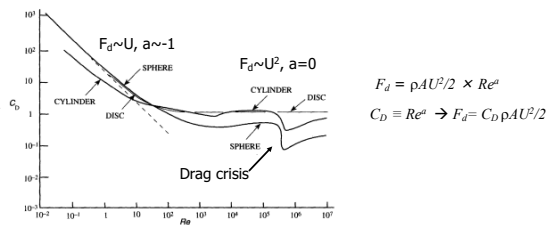


Figure 7.13 Log-log plot of drag coefficient C_D as a function of Reynolds Number Re for spheres, transverse cylinders, and face-on discs. The broken straight line represents Stokes's law.

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A turbulent flow is:

- A flow, not a property of the fluid.
- Unsteady and inhomogeneous.
- Mixes momentum and solutes much faster than laminar flows (stirs the fluid. Mixing happens on molecular scales).
- Cannot be described simply by a steady velocity field.
- A threshold phenomena. Does not occur below a threshold Re .

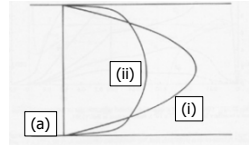
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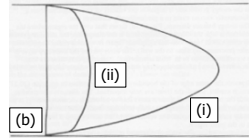
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• **Low and high Re flows**

– How does the flow in a pipe look?



Comparison of laminar (i) and turbulent (ii) velocity profiles in a pipe for (a) the same mean velocity and (b) the same driving force (pressure difference).



Why does the turbulent flow has smaller average kinetic energy and momentum when the same driving force is applied?

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Moving through a fluid

- Same principles and formulas apply to objects moving through a fluid instead of a fluid flowing by an object
- Swimming through water
- Sinking down through fluid

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Forces accelerating and decelerating must be equal when the sphere reaches constant velocity.

- When drag forces, F_d , are integrated over the sphere, $F_d = 6\pi\mu r_0 u_{inf}$ and $u_{inf} = w_s$
- So if we set $F_d = F_g - F_b$
- Stokes' law results: $w_s = \frac{2r_0^2(\rho_s - \rho)g}{9\mu}$

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A few points

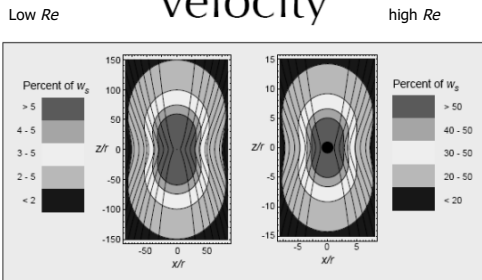
- Stokes' law leaves out nothing relevant.
- Theory and observation match; in fact a falling ball can be used to measure dynamic viscosity.
- The fluid properties are not idealized, but inertial forces simply don't matter sufficiently to be important to the calculation for $Re < 0.05$.

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Percentage change in velocity



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The Drag force (F_d):

Always there (no slip condition)

Scales with $\rho AU^2/2$.

think: kinetic energy per unit length (or work done to stop motion per unit length)

Scaling is based on dimensions. Can be multiplied by a non-dimensional quantity:

→ Drag: $F_d = \rho AU^2/2 \times Re^a$

Drag coefficient (C_D): $C_D \equiv Re^a \rightarrow F_d = C_D \rho AU^2/2$

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What Re applies to flow generated around typical organisms based on swimming/sinking speeds, u , and length, d ?

- $\nu = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 20 °C (1.8 at 0 °C, 0.66 at 40 °C [both $\times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$]).
- Bacterium, $d = 2 \text{ }\mu\text{m} = 2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$
- Swimming speed, 10 body lengths s^{-1} , $u = 20 \text{ }\mu\text{m s}^{-1}$
- $Re = ((2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m})(20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m s}^{-1})/10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}) = 4 \times 10^{-5}$
- Tuna, $d = 0.5 \text{ m}$
- Swimming speed, $u = 5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
- $Re = ((0.5 \text{ m})(5 \text{ m s}^{-1})/10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}) = 2.5 \times 10^6$
- Will experience very different hydrodynamic environments (therefore have different swimming strategies and shapes!)

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• **Swimming**

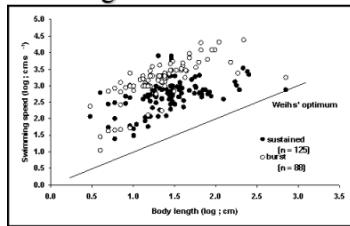
$Re = UL/\nu$

In general, organisms swim in speeds proportional to their length: $U = \text{Const.} \cdot L$

$\rightarrow Re \sim L^2/\nu$

Strong dependence on size.

Affects differently different stages in the life of an organism.



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**High Re swimming.
What should we expect?**

Modes of swimming:

Movie

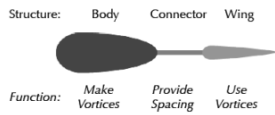
- Axial propulsion
- Appendage-based propulsion
- Jet propulsion

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How to build a fish in three easy pieces



robot

Fishes swim forward by throwing water backward

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Axial undulatory propulsion

- The axial structures are used (vertebral column and associated musculature)
- Mostly primary swimmers (evolved from aquatic ancestors).
- Use undulations of the body (pass them from anterior to posterior along the body) to generate thrust

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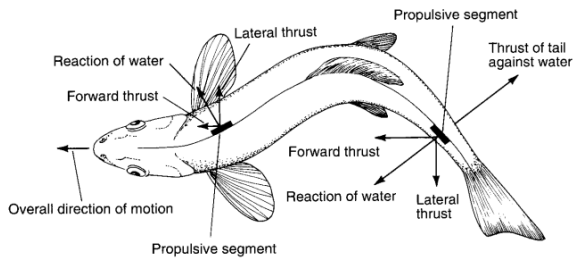
Physics of swimming:

Thrust ← Maximize

Drag ← Minimize

Wikipedia: Thrust is a reaction force described quantitatively by Newton's Second and Third Laws. When a system expels or accelerates mass in one direction the accelerated mass will cause a proportional but opposite force on that system.

How is thrust generated?



Similar motion in the vertical (e.g. dolphin) generates lift as well as forward thrust.

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Appendage-based propulsion

Undulatory appendage-based propulsion

- Traveling waves are generated that sweep down the fin
- Thrust is generated in the same way as for axial undulatory propulsion

Drag/lift-based propulsion

- Appendages operate like an oar or paddle
- Two phases to the fin beat cycle
 - Power stroke — the appendage is pulled backward through the water.
 - Recovery stroke — the appendage is pulled forward through the water.

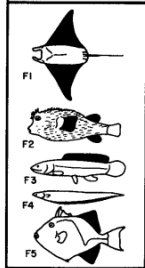
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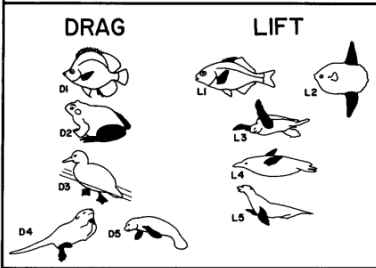
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APPENDAGE PROPULSORS

UNDULATORY



OSCILLATORY



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- **Swimming in low Re**
Inertia does not contribute. Is that true?

The gliding bacteria:

$$Ma = Mdu/dt = F_{\text{drag}} = 3\pi\mu Du$$

$$D \sim 1\mu\text{m}, \mu \sim 10^{-3}\text{Nsm}^{-2}$$

Time scale to stop:

$$T \sim u / du/dt = M/3\pi\mu D$$

How far will it glide?

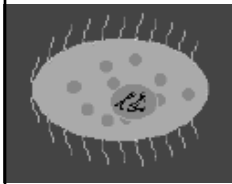
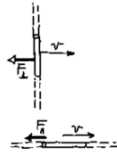
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- **Swimming in low Re**

Fundamental physical concept: resistance per unit length ALONG a narrow tube is about half the resistance ACROSS it.



Flagellates
Speeds:
20 → 200 μm/s

Ciliates
Speeds:
400 → 2000 μm/s



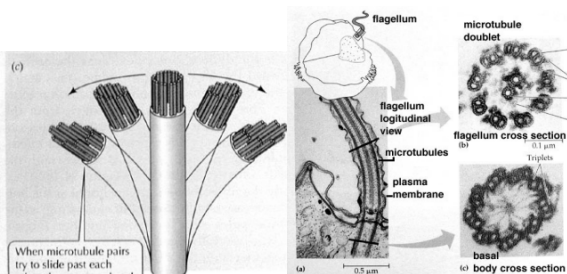
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Swimming appendages

B. Eukaryotic cells:
Dyneine arms connect one set of circumferential microtubules to the adjacent set.



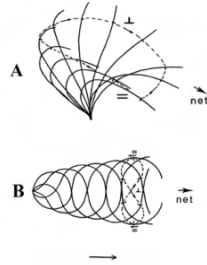
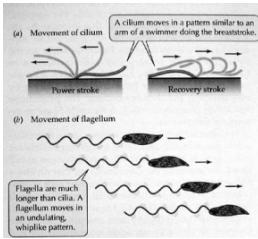
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Swimming by Eukaryotes

Change in shape of flagella or cilia → movement



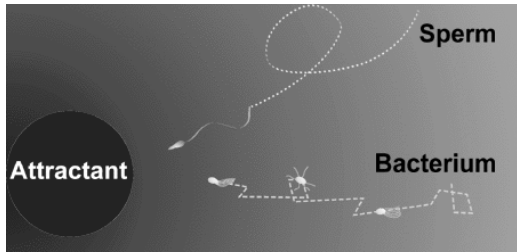
Same structure but different stroke.

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Bacterium vs Eukaryotes (chemotaxis):



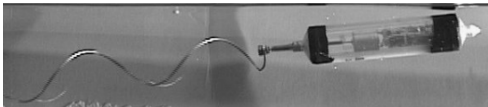
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Approaches to the study of swimming:

Building an analogue:



Analysis of movies:



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