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6.100 A simple flow system to be used for steady flow tests consists of a constant head tank connected to a length of 4-mm-diameter tubing as shown in Fig. P6.100. The liquid has a viscosity of  $0.015 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}^2$ , a density of  $1200 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$ , and discharges into the atmosphere with a mean velocity of  $2 \text{ m}/\text{s}$ . (a) Verify that the flow will be laminar. (b) The flow is fully developed in the last 3 m of the tube. What is the pressure at the pressure gage? (c) What is the magnitude of the wall shearing stress,  $\tau_{rz}$ , in the fully developed region?

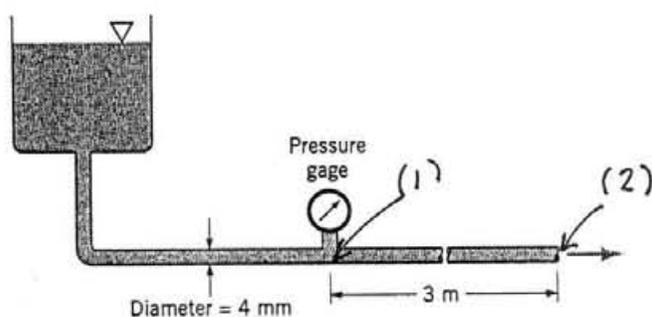


FIGURE P6.100

(a) Check Reynolds number to determine if flow is laminar:

$$Re = \frac{\rho V (2R)}{\mu} = \frac{(1200 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3})(2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(0.004 \text{ m})}{0.015 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{m}^2}} = 640$$

Since the Reynolds number is well below 2100 the flow is laminar.

(b) For laminar flow,

$$V = \frac{R^2}{8\mu} \frac{\Delta p}{L} \quad (\text{Eq. 6.152})$$

Since  $\Delta p = p_1 - p_2 = p_1 - 0$  (see figure)

$$p_1 = \frac{8\mu V L}{R^2} = \frac{8(0.015 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{m}^2})(2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(3 \text{ m})}{(\frac{0.004 \text{ m}}{2})^2} = \underline{\underline{180 \text{ kPa}}}$$

$$(c) \quad \tau_{rz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. 6.126f})$$

For fully developed pipe flow,  $v_r = 0$ , so that

$$\tau_{rz} = \mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r}$$

$$\text{Also, } v_z = v_{\max} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \quad (\text{Eq. 6.154})$$

and with  $v_{\max} = 2V$ , where  $V$  is the mean velocity

$$\tau_{rz} = 2V\mu \left( -\frac{2r}{R^2} \right)$$

Thus, at the wall,  $r = R$ ,

$$\left| (\tau_{rz})_{\text{wall}} \right| = \left| -\frac{4V\mu}{R} \right| = \left| -\frac{4(2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(0.015 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{m}^2})}{(\frac{0.004 \text{ m}}{2})} \right| = \underline{\underline{60.0 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2}}}$$