

PART B

Some Fundamental Procedures Illustrated on Ordinary Differential Equation

Chapter 6

Simplification, Dimensional Analysis, and Scaling

Section 6.1

The Basic Simplification Procedure

6.1.1 The Basic Simplification Procedure

Basic simplification procedure:

1. Identify relatively small terms  
the smallness is gauged relative to other terms.
2. Delete small terms and solve the simplified problem.
3. Check for consistency.

use the simplified solution to check the deleted are small.

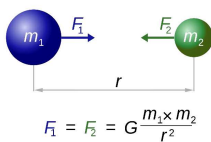
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6.1.1 The Basic Simplification Procedure

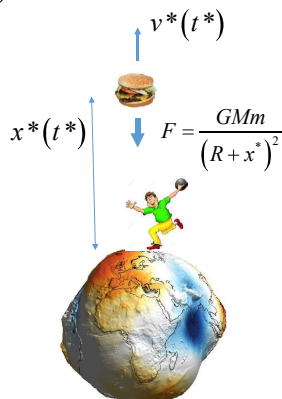
Example 1. The projectile problem.

$$x^* = x^*(t^*; V, R, g)$$

- $x^*$ : distance from earth surface
- $t^*$ : time
- $V$ : initial velocity
- $R$ : radius of earth (6378.1 KM)
- $g$ : gravity acceleration
- $M, m$ : mass of earth and ball



Newton's law of universal gravitation



6.1.1 The Basic Simplification Procedure

The acceleration on the earth surface is  $g$

$$mg = G \frac{M m}{R^2} \Rightarrow gR^2 = GM \Rightarrow F = mg \frac{R^2}{(R + x^*)^2}$$

Therefore, we have the IBV problem

$$\frac{d^2 x^*}{dt^{*2}} = -\frac{gR^2}{(R + x^*)^2} \quad \frac{dx^*(0)}{dt^*} = V \quad x^*(0) = 0$$

Assuming  $x^* \ll R$  The Simplified IBV problem now reads

$$\frac{d^2 x^*}{dt^{*2}} = -g \quad \frac{dx^*(0)}{dt^*} = V \quad x^*(0) = 0$$

Solution  $x^* = -\frac{1}{2}gt^{*2} + Vt^*$   $\frac{dx^*}{dt^*} = -gt^* + V$

at  $t^* = V/g$ , the maximum  $x_{\max}^* = V^2 / 2g \ll R$

Genuine consistency

6.1.1 The Basic Simplification Procedure

Example 2.  $x+10y=21, \quad 5x+y=7$   
 solution  $x = 1, y = 2$

1. Identify small term  $1x+10y=21, \quad 5x+1y=7$   
 $1 < 10$

2. Delete small terms  ~~$1x+10y=21, \quad 5x+1y=7$~~   
 Simplified solution  $y \sim 2.1, \quad x \sim 0.98$

3. Check for consistency  $1x+10y=21$   
 $1 \times 0.98 + 10 \times 2.1 = 21.98$   
 $0.98 \ll 21$   
 genuine consistency

6.1.2 Two chastening examples

Example 3.  $0.01x + y = 0.1, \quad x + 101y = 11$   
 solution  $x = -90, y = 1$

Simplification  ~~$0.01x + y = 0.1, \quad x + 101y = 11$~~

Approximated solution  $y \sim 0.1, \quad x \sim 11 - 101 \times 0.1 = 0.9$

Consistency check  $0.01x + y = 0.1, \quad x + 101y = 11$   
 $0.01 \times 0.9 + 0.1 = 0.109 \quad 0.9 + 101 \times 0.1 = 11$   
 $0.009 \ll 0.1$   
 Almost Perfect Consistency!  
 But it is wrong! Why?

6.1.2 Two chastening examples

Introducing a small parameter  $\epsilon$ , and rewrite as  
 $\epsilon x + y = 0.1, \quad x + 101y = 11$

the exact solution

$$x(\epsilon) = \frac{0.9}{1-101\epsilon} \quad y(\epsilon) = \frac{0.1-11\epsilon}{1-101\epsilon}, \quad \epsilon \neq 1/101$$

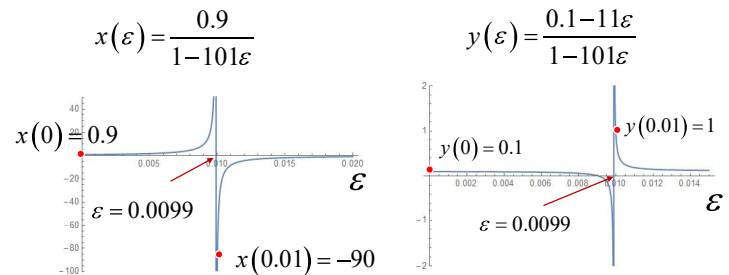
The previous simplified solutions actually are

$$x(0) = 0.9 \quad y(0) = 0.1 \quad \text{as } \epsilon = 0$$

Our problem is whether

$$x(\epsilon) \approx x(0) \quad y(\epsilon) \approx y(0) \quad \text{as } \epsilon = 0.01$$

6.1.2 Two chastening examples



$$x(0.01) = -90 \neq x(0) = 0.9$$

$$y(0.01) = 1 \neq y(0) = 0.1$$

In simplified solution, we see **apparent consistency**

$$\frac{|0.01x(0)|}{|y(0)|} = 0.09 \quad \text{as } \epsilon = 0$$

$$0.01x + y = 0.1, \quad x + 101y = 11$$

But in fact, it is not **genuine consistency**

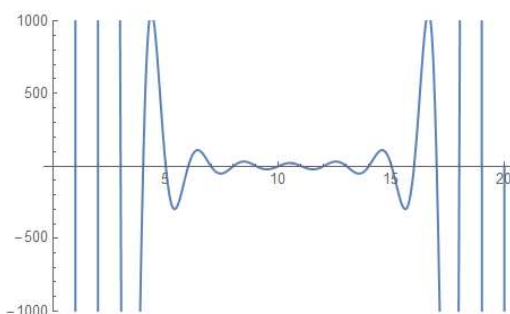
$$\frac{|0.01x(0.01)|}{|y(0.01)|} = 0.9 \quad \text{as } \epsilon = 0.01$$

6.1.2 Two chastening examples

Example 4.

$$f(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(x-3)\dots(x-20) = x^{20} - 210x^{19} + \dots$$

We have zeros at the 20 positive integers



6.1.2 Two chastening examples

But if there is a tiny numerical error like

$$f(x) \approx x^{20} - (210 + \epsilon)x^{19} + \dots \quad \text{with } \epsilon = -2^{-23}$$

- the first 10 zeros are almost unaltered.
- the rest 10 zeros are radically altered to five pairs of complex conjugate roots  
 $10 \pm i0.64, \quad 12 \pm i1.7, \quad 14 \pm i2.5, \quad 17 \pm i2.8, \quad 20 \pm i19$

- **apparent** and **genuine** consistency verified

$$\epsilon x(\epsilon)^{19} \ll 210x(\epsilon)^{19} \quad \text{or} \quad \epsilon x(0)^{19} \ll 210x(0)^{19} \quad \text{as } \epsilon = -2^{-23}$$

- **but some roots are still wrong**

ill conditioned problem (病态的):

- solution is sensitive to a neglected term  $T$ .

The only secure statement:

- No apparent consistency means poor approximation.

To see this, let

- $x$  the true solution
- $\tilde{x}$  the approximate solution with term  $T$  neglected.
- $T(\tilde{x})$  small, apparently consistent
- $T(x)$  small, genuinely consistent

If the solution is **not sensitive** to the neglect of  $T$ ,

$$\text{small } T(x) \Rightarrow \tilde{x} = x \Rightarrow \text{small } T(\tilde{x})$$

What is **large** or what is **small** ?

Consider Temperature:  $0^\circ\text{C} = 273.15\text{K}$  (absolute temp.)

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{true}} &= 1^\circ\text{C} & T_{\text{approx}} &= 1.1^\circ\text{C} & \text{error: } &10\% \\ &= 274.15\text{K} & &= 274.25\text{K} & \text{error: } &0.036\% \end{aligned}$$

To decide larger or small,

- scientific grounds
- must be independent of the units employed
- Where is the zero point

## 6.1.4 Zeros of a function

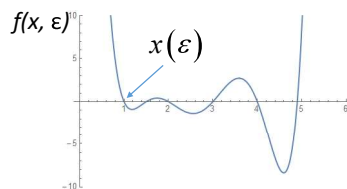
Let  $x(\varepsilon)$  a zero of  $f(x, \varepsilon)$ , i.e.

$$f[x(\varepsilon), \varepsilon] = 0$$

with  $\varepsilon$  a small parameter.

Let  $\varepsilon=0$ , and  $\tilde{x} = x(0)$  is a zero of the **simplified** equation

$$f[\tilde{x}, 0] = 0$$



## 6.1.4 Zeros of a function

In the previous example:

$$f(x, \varepsilon) = x^{20} - (210 + \varepsilon)x^{19} + \dots = 0 \quad f[x, \varepsilon] = 0$$

$$f(\tilde{x}, 0) = \tilde{x}^{20} - (210 + 0)\tilde{x}^{19} + \dots = 0 \quad f[\tilde{x}, 0] = 0$$

$$f(\tilde{x}, \varepsilon) = \tilde{x}^{20} - (210 + \varepsilon)\tilde{x}^{19} + \dots = -\varepsilon\tilde{x}^{19} = r \quad f[\tilde{x}, \varepsilon] = r$$

$$f(x, 0) = x^{20} - (210 + 0)x^{19} + \dots = \varepsilon x^{19} = -g \quad f[x, 0] = -g$$

$$g = r$$

## 6.1.4 Zeros of a function

Define **equation error**  $= f(x, \varepsilon) - f(x, 0)$

**Genuine equation error**

$$\begin{aligned} g &= f[x(\varepsilon), \varepsilon] - f[x(\varepsilon), 0] \\ &= -f[x(0), 0] - \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{x(0)} [x(\varepsilon) - x(0)] + O(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= -\varepsilon f_x^{(0)} x_\varepsilon(0) + O(\varepsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

**Residual equation error**

$$\begin{aligned} r &= f[x(0), \varepsilon] - f[x(0), 0] = f[x(0), 0] + \varepsilon \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{x(0)} + O(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= \varepsilon f_\varepsilon^{(0)} + O(\varepsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

## 6.1.4 Zeros of a function

We also have full Taylor expansion

$$f[x(\varepsilon), \varepsilon] = f[x(0), 0] + \varepsilon \left\{ f_x^{(0)} x_\varepsilon(0) + f_\varepsilon^{(0)} \right\} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{To the first order} \quad f_x^{(0)} x_\varepsilon(0) &= -f_\varepsilon^{(0)} & g &= -\varepsilon f_x^{(0)} x_\varepsilon(0) \\ \text{or} \quad g &= r & r &= \varepsilon f_\varepsilon^{(0)} \end{aligned}$$

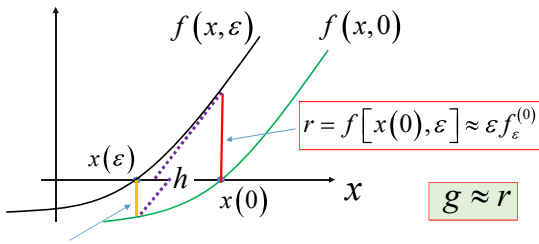
Therefore the **error of the solution** :

$$h = x(\varepsilon) - x(0) = \varepsilon x_\varepsilon(0) = -\varepsilon \frac{f_\varepsilon^{(0)}}{f_x^{(0)}} = -\frac{r}{f_x^{(0)}} = -\frac{g}{f_x^{(0)}}$$

the error  $h$  depends on :

- the residual  $r$  or the genuine  $g$
- the condition  $f_x^{(0)}$

6.1.4 Zeros of a function



$$g = -f[x(\varepsilon), 0] \approx -\varepsilon f'_x(x(\varepsilon))$$

$$h = x(\varepsilon) - x(0) = \varepsilon x_\varepsilon(0) = -\frac{r}{f'_x(0)} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{h}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{f'_x(0)} \left(\frac{r}{x}\right)$$

ill conditioned

if  $|f'_x(0)| \ll 1 \Rightarrow$  Small residual  $r$ , big error in solution  $h$

6.1.4 Zeros of a function

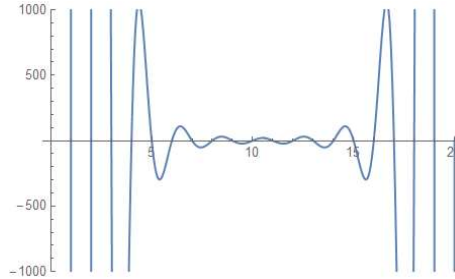
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$$\frac{h}{x} = -\frac{1}{f'_x(0)} \frac{r}{\tilde{x}} = \frac{1}{f'_x(0)} \frac{\varepsilon \tilde{x}^{19}}{\tilde{x}}$$

For later zeros,  $h/x$  increases because:  $\tilde{x} > 1, f'_x(0)$  varies



6.1.4 Zeros of a function

Newton's method (also Newton-Raphson method)

To find the root of  $f(x) = 0$

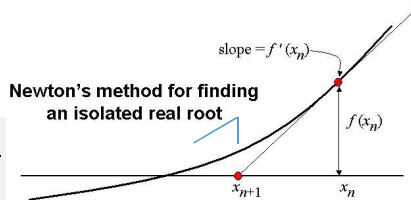
If  $x_n$  is an approximate root, we have Taylor expansion

$$f(x) = f(x_n) + f'_x(x_n)(x - x_n) + O(x - x_n)^2 \rightarrow 0$$



$$x \approx x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'_x(x_n)}$$

$f(x_n)$  is the residual



$$h = x(\varepsilon) - x(0) = -\frac{r}{f'_x(0)}$$

6.1.5 Second order differential equations

Consider an initial value problem  $x(t, \varepsilon)$ ,

$$f(t, x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}, \varepsilon) = 0; \quad x(0) = A, \quad \dot{x}(0) = B, \quad |\varepsilon| \ll 1, \quad \cdot = \frac{d}{dt}$$

with  $\varepsilon$  a small parameter.

An approximate zero

$$f(t, x(0), \dot{x}(0), \ddot{x}(0), 0) = 0$$

Genuine equation error

$$g \equiv -f(t, x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}, 0) = -\varepsilon [f_2 x_\varepsilon + f_3 \dot{x}_\varepsilon + f_4 \ddot{x}_\varepsilon]_{\varepsilon=0} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

Residual equation error

$$r \equiv f(t, x(0), \dot{x}(0), \ddot{x}(0), \varepsilon) = \varepsilon [f_5]_{\varepsilon=0} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

6.1.5 Second order differential equations

We see

$$f(t, x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}, \varepsilon) = f(t, x(0), \dot{x}(0), \ddot{x}(0), \varepsilon) + \varepsilon [f_2 x_\varepsilon + f_3 \dot{x}_\varepsilon + f_4 \ddot{x}_\varepsilon + f_5]_{\varepsilon=0} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

Thus to the first order

$$f_2^{(0)} x_\varepsilon^{(0)} + f_3^{(0)} \dot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)} + f_4^{(0)} \ddot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)} = -f_5^{(0)} \quad \text{or} \quad g = r$$

Define

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = (f_2^{(0)}, f_3^{(0)}, f_4^{(0)})$$

$$\mathbf{h}(t) = (x - x(0), \dot{x} - \dot{x}(0), \ddot{x} - \ddot{x}(0)) = \varepsilon (x_\varepsilon^{(0)}, \dot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)}, \ddot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)}) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{h} = -r$$

$$\text{So, } |r| = |\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{h}| = |\mathbf{F}| |\mathbf{h}| |\cos(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{h})| \leq |\mathbf{F}| |\mathbf{h}| \Rightarrow |\mathbf{h}| \geq \frac{|r|}{|\mathbf{F}|}$$

6.1.5 Second order differential equations

Example: non-dimensionalized projectile problem

$$\ddot{x} + (1 + \varepsilon x)^{-2} = 0; \quad x(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 1$$

the parameter  $\varepsilon = V^2/Rg$  is small.

In this case

$$f(t, x, 0, \ddot{x}, \varepsilon) = \ddot{x} + (1 + \varepsilon x)^{-2} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = (f_2^{(0)}, f_3^{(0)}, f_4^{(0)}) = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{h}(t) = \varepsilon (x_\varepsilon^{(0)}, \dot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)}, \ddot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)})$$

$$r \approx \varepsilon [f_5]_{\varepsilon=0} \approx -2\varepsilon x^{(0)}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{h} = -r$$



$$\varepsilon \ddot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)} = 2\varepsilon x^{(0)}(t) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$



$$|\varepsilon \ddot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)}| \leq 2\varepsilon \max |x^{(0)}(t)| + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\ddot{x} - \ddot{x}^{(0)} = \varepsilon \ddot{x}_\varepsilon^{(0)} + O(\varepsilon^2) \leq \varepsilon$$

因此,  $\ddot{x}$  的误差很小  $\xrightarrow{\text{积分}}$   $\dot{x}, x$  的误差很小

Example: nonlinear pendulum

$$\ddot{\theta} + \varepsilon^{-1/2} \sin(\varepsilon^{1/2} \theta) = 0;$$

$$\theta(0) = 1, \quad \dot{\theta}(0) = 0, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$$

With  $\theta(t)$  angular displacement.  $\varepsilon$  is the initial displacement.

Zerth approximation:

$$\ddot{\theta} + \varepsilon^{-1/2} \sin(\varepsilon^{1/2} \theta) = 0 \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \ddot{\theta}^{(0)} + \theta^{(0)} = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\theta^{(0)} = \cos(t)$$

$$f(t, \theta, 0, \ddot{\theta}, \varepsilon) = \ddot{\theta} + \varepsilon^{-1/2} \sin(\varepsilon^{1/2} \theta) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = (f_2^{(0)}, f_3^{(0)}, f_4^{(0)}) = (1, 0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{h}(t) = \varepsilon (\theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}, \dot{\theta}_\varepsilon^{(0)}, \ddot{\theta}_\varepsilon^{(0)})$$

$$r = \varepsilon f_5^{(0)} = \varepsilon \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin \varepsilon^{1/2} \theta^{(0)} + \varepsilon^{1/2} \theta^{(0)} \cos \varepsilon^{1/2} \theta^{(0)}}{2\varepsilon^{3/2}} = \frac{\varepsilon}{6} [\theta^{(0)}]^3$$

$$\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{h} = -r \Rightarrow \varepsilon [\ddot{\theta}_\varepsilon^{(0)} + \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}] = -\frac{\varepsilon}{6} [\theta^{(0)}]^3$$

We obtained DE on  $\theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}$

$$\ddot{\theta}_\varepsilon^{(0)} + \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{6} \cos^3 t \quad \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}(0) = 0, \quad \dot{\theta}_\varepsilon^{(0)}(0) = 0$$

Forcing term

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{\theta}_\varepsilon^{(0)} + \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)} = \frac{1}{6} \cos^3 t \\ \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}(0) = 0, \quad \dot{\theta}_\varepsilon^{(0)}(0) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)} = A(t) \cos t + B(t) \sin t \\ A(t) = -\frac{1}{6} \int_0^t \sin \xi \cdot \cos^3 \xi d\xi \\ B(t) = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^t \cos \xi \cdot \cos^3 \xi d\xi \end{cases}$$

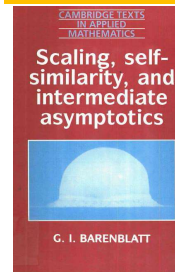
$$\Rightarrow \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}(t) = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^t (\sin t \cos \xi - \cos t \sin \xi) \cos^3 \xi d\xi$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}(t) = -\int_0^t \sin(t - \xi) r(\xi) d\xi \quad \because |r| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\varepsilon \theta_\varepsilon^{(0)}(t)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon T}{6}, \quad (0 \leq t \leq T)$$

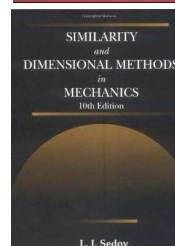
## Section 6.2

# Dimension Analysis



Many of those who have taught dimensional analysis have realized that it has suffered an unfortunate fate.

The idea of dimensional analysis is based is very simple: **physical laws do not depend on arbitrarily chosen basic units of measurement.**



An important conclusion: the functions that express physical laws must possess a certain fundamental property, which in mathematics is called symmetry.

Dimensional analysis, researchers have been able to obtain remarkably deep results that have sometimes changed entire branches of science.

**Proof of Pythagorean Theorem**

- **Physics:** angle  $\alpha$  and side  $c$  determine a right triangle.
- $a, b, \beta$  are functions of  $\alpha, c$ .
- Dimension  
 $[\alpha]=[\beta]=1$   $[a]=[b]=[c]=L$   $[A]=L^2$

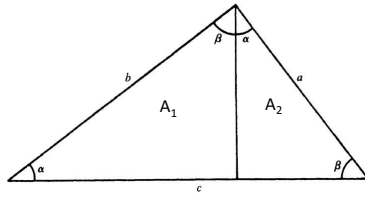
with dimensional reasoning,

$$a(\alpha, c) = c f_a(\alpha)$$

$$b(\alpha, c) = c f_b(\alpha)$$

$$\beta(\alpha, c) = f_\beta(\alpha)$$

$$A(\alpha, c) = c^2 f(\alpha)$$



Pythagorean Theorem

Partition the right triangle into two right triangles

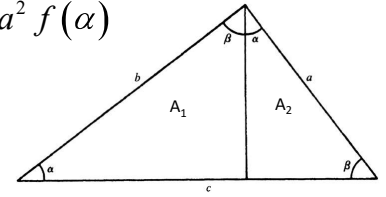
$$A(\alpha, c) = A_1(\alpha, b) + A_2(\alpha, a)$$



$$c^2 f(\alpha) = b^2 f(\alpha) + a^2 f(\alpha)$$



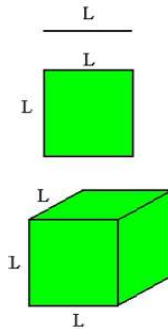
$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$



Pythagorean Theorem

**Dimensional Analysis** refers to the **physical nature** of the quantity (**Dimension**) and the type of unit used to specify it.

- Distance has dimension L.
- Area has dimension  $L^2$ .
- Volume has dimension  $L^3$ .
- Time has dimension T.
- Speed has dimension L/T



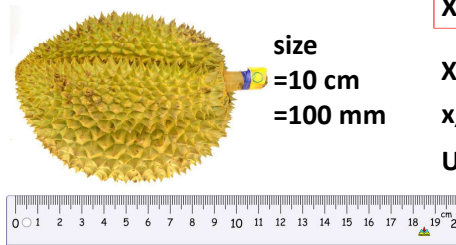
The international system of units (SI)

Fundamental Dimension	Base Unit
length [L]	meter (m)
mass [M]	kilogram (kg)
time [T]	second (s)
electric current [A]	ampere (A)
absolute temperature [θ]	kelvin (K)
luminous intensity [I]	candela (cd)
amount of substance [n]	mole (mol)

Secondary dimension

- Velocity  $[v] = L T^{-1}$
- Acceleration  $[a] = L T^{-2}$
- Force  $[F] = M L T^{-2}$
- Pressure  $[P] = M L^{-1} T^{-2}$
- Mass Density  $[\rho] = M L^{-3}$
- .....
- .....

$$[\text{Physical Quantity}] = M^a L^b T^c$$



$$X = x U = x' U'$$

size  
 =10 cm  
 =100 mm

**X** : physical quantity  
**x, x'** : measurement  
**U, U'** : unit

- The measured value of a quantity depends on the unit of measurement.
- Such dependency is called dimensional.
- Otherwise, called dimensionless.

The projectile problem:

$$\frac{d^2x^*}{dt^{*2}} = -\frac{gR^2}{(R+x^*)^2} \quad \frac{dx^*(0)}{dt^*} = V \quad x^*(0) = 0$$

Solution  $x^* = x^*(t^*; g, R, V)$

$x^*$ : distance from earth surface

$t^*$ : time

$V$ : initial velocity

$R$ : radius of earth (6378.1 KM)

$g$ : gravity acceleration

A two-step procedure for nondimensionalization

Step A. List all parameters and variables, together with their dimensions

Variables	Dimension
Dependent variable $x^*$	$\mathcal{L}$
Independent variable $t^*$	$\mathcal{T}$
Parameters	
Gravitational acceleration $g$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{T}^{-2}$
Initial speed $V$	$\mathcal{L}\mathcal{T}^{-1}$
Earth radius $R$	$\mathcal{L}$

Step B. Construct new dimensionless variables.

$$y = \frac{x^*}{L} \quad \tau = \frac{t^*}{T}$$

$L = R$  intrinsic length       $T = RV^{-1}$  intrinsic time

- the two new variables are dimensionless
- their numerical value is the same whatever unit of measurement is used.

if  $R = 4000$  miles,  $x^* = 8000$  miles, then  $y = 2$ .

If  $R = 6436$  km,  $x^* = 12,872$  km, then  $y = 2$ .

Remarks:

- (i) Intrinsic reference *quantities* are defined to be gauges in a given problem.
- (ii) We have different choices of Intrinsic reference *quantities*

intrinsic length  $L$       intrinsic time  $T$

1	$R$	$RV^{-1}$
2	$R$	$\sqrt{Rg^{-1}}$
3	$V^2g^{-1}$	$Vg^{-1}$

1.  $y = \frac{x^*}{R}, \tau = \frac{t^*}{RV^{-1}} \quad R = Vt \rightarrow t = RV^{-1}$

$$\frac{d^2x^*}{dt^{*2}} = \frac{R}{R^2V^{-2}} \frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} = \frac{V^2}{R} \frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2}$$

$$= -\frac{gR^2}{(R+x^*)^2} = -\frac{gR^2}{(R+Ry)^2} = -\frac{g}{(1+y)^2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon \frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+y)^2} \\ y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} y = y(\tau; \varepsilon) \\ \varepsilon = \frac{V^2}{gR} = \frac{h_{\max}}{R} \ll 1 \end{cases}$$

2.  $z = \frac{x^*}{R}, \tau_1 = \frac{t^*}{\sqrt{Rg^{-1}}} \quad R = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \rightarrow t \sim \sqrt{Rg^{-1}}$

$$\frac{d^2x^*}{dt^{*2}} = \frac{R}{Rg^{-1}} \frac{d^2z}{d\tau_1^2} = g \frac{d^2z}{d\tau_1^2}$$

$$= -\frac{gR^2}{(R+x^*)^2} = -\frac{gR^2}{(R+Rz)^2} = -\frac{g}{(1+z)^2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2z}{d\tau_1^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+z)^2} \\ z(0) = 0, z'(0) = \sqrt{\varepsilon} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} z = z(\tau_1; \varepsilon) \\ \varepsilon = \frac{V^2}{gR} = \frac{h_{\max}}{R} \ll 1 \end{cases}$$

6.2.1 Nondimensionalization of a differential equation

$$3. \quad x = \frac{x^*}{V^2 g^{-1}}, \quad \tau = \frac{t^*}{V g^{-1}}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x^*}{dt^{*2}} = \frac{V^2 g^{-1}}{V^2 g^{-2}} \frac{dx}{d\tau^2} = g \frac{d^2 x}{d\tau^2}$$

$$= -\frac{gR^2}{(R+x^*)^2} = -\frac{gR^2}{(R+Rx)^2} = -\frac{g}{(1+x)^2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 x}{d\tau^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+\varepsilon x)^2} & x = x(\tau; \varepsilon) \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1 & \varepsilon = \frac{V^2}{gR} = \frac{h_{\max}}{R} \ll 1 \end{cases}$$

$$h_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} V^2 g^{-1}$$

$$t_{\max} = V g^{-1}$$

$$\frac{x^*}{h_{\max}} \in [0, 1]$$

6.2.1 Nondimensionalization of a differential equation

- There exists many reference times, e.g.  
 $T_1 = R V^{-1} \quad T_2 = \sqrt{R g^{-1}} \quad T_3 = V g^{-1}$
- Transition between them,  $T_i = h(\varepsilon) T_j$

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon} T_1 = \sqrt{\frac{V^2}{gR}} R V^{-1} = \sqrt{R g^{-1}} = T_2$$

$$\varepsilon T_1 = \frac{V^2}{gR} R V^{-1} = V g^{-1} = T_3$$

$$\sqrt{\varepsilon} T_2 = \sqrt{\frac{V^2}{gR}} \sqrt{R g^{-1}} = V g^{-1} = T_3$$

6.2.1 Nondimensionalization of a differential equation

$$f(x^*, t^*; g, R, V) = 0$$

$$x^{*\alpha_1} t^{*\alpha_2} g^{\alpha_3} R^{\alpha_4} V^{\alpha_5} \text{ dimensionless}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$L^{\alpha_1} T^{\alpha_2} (L T^{-2})^{\alpha_3} L^{\alpha_4} (L T^{-1})^{\alpha_5}$$

$$= L^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5} T^{\alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3 - \alpha_5} = 1$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 = 0 \\ \alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3 - \alpha_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_4 = -\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 & (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3) \\ \alpha_5 = \alpha_2 - 2\alpha_3 & \text{3 degree of freedom} \end{cases}$$

6.2.1 Nondimensionalization of a differential equation

1. First combination

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (1, 0, 0, -1, 0)$$

$$x^{*1} t^{*0} g^0 R^{-1} V^0 = x^* R^{-1} \rightarrow x = x^* / R$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (0, 1, 0, -1, 1)$$

$$x^{*0} t^{*1} g^0 R^{-1} V^1 = t^* R^{-1} V \rightarrow t = t^* / R V^{-1}$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (0, 0, 1, 1, -2)$$

$$x^{*0} t^{*0} g^1 R^1 V^{-2} = g R V^{-2} \rightarrow \varepsilon = V^2 / g R$$

6.2.1 Nondimensionalization of a differential equation

2. Second combination

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (1, 0, 0, -1, 0)$$

$$x^{*1} t^{*0} g^0 R^{-1} V^0 = x^* R^{-1} \rightarrow x = x^* / R$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = \left(0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$x^{*0} t^{*1} g^{1/2} R^{-1/2} V^0 = t^* g^{1/2} R^{-1/2} \rightarrow t = t^* / \sqrt{g^{-1} R}$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (0, 0, 1, 1, -2)$$

$$x^{*0} t^{*0} g^1 R^1 V^{-2} = g R V^{-2} \rightarrow \varepsilon = V^2 / g R$$

6.2.1 Nondimensionalization of a differential equation

3. Third combination

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (1, 0, 1, 0, -2)$$

$$x^{*1} t^{*0} g^1 R^0 V^{-2} = x^* g V^{-2} \rightarrow x = x^* / V^2 g^{-1}$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (0, 1, 1, 0, -1)$$

$$x^{*0} t^{*1} g^1 R^0 V^{-1} = t^* g V^{-1} \rightarrow t = t^* / V g^{-1}$$

$$(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5) = (0, 0, 1, 1, -2)$$

$$x^{*0} t^{*0} g^1 R^1 V^{-2} = g R V^{-2} \rightarrow \varepsilon = V^2 / g R$$

Via dimensionless process

$$x^* = x^*(t^*; g, R, V)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x = x(\tau; \varepsilon)$$

We see many benefits. And one can say that the time to reach maximum height is

$$\tau_M = f(\varepsilon)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{t_M^*}{RV^{-1}} = f\left(\frac{V^2}{gR}\right)$$

- The following relation obtained from dimensionless DE.

$$\frac{t_M^*}{RV^{-1}} = f\left(\frac{V^2}{gR}\right)$$

- Now we try to deduce it without DE

How?

- Assume that a dimensionless quantity of interest is a function  $\phi$  of the dimensional parameters.

$$\frac{t_M^*}{R^{1/2}g^{-1/2}} = \Phi(V, g, R)$$

- Construct a product of powers of the parameters in the argument of  $\phi$ .

$$\pi = V^\alpha g^\beta R^\gamma$$

- Insert the dimensions of the various quantities.

$$[\pi] = (LT^{-1})^\alpha (LT^{-2})^\beta (L)^\gamma = L^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} T^{-\alpha-2\beta}$$

where,  $[x]$  is the dimension of  $x$

- To require a dimensionless parameter  $\pi$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0, \quad -\alpha - 2\beta = 0$$

- Find the general solution in terms of arbitrary constants  $c_1, c_2, \dots$ , etc.

$$\alpha = 2c_1, \quad \beta = c_1, \quad \gamma = c_1$$

- Substitute back into  $\pi$ .

$$\pi = V^{-2c_1} g^{c_1} R^{c_1} = \left(\frac{gR}{V^2}\right)^{c_1}$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{gR}{V^2}, \quad \text{with } c_1 = 1$$

Finally, we have

$$\frac{t_M^*}{R^{1/2}g^{-1/2}} = \Phi(V, g, R) = \phi\left(\frac{gR}{V^2}\right)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{V^2}{gR}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$t_M^* = R^{1/2}g^{-1/2}\phi\left(\frac{gR}{V^2}\right) \rightarrow = RR^{-1/2}VV^{-1}g^{-1/2}\phi\left(\frac{gR}{V^2}\right)$$

$$= RV^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{V^2}{Rg}}\phi\left(\frac{gR}{V^2}\right)$$

$$= RV^{-1}\sqrt{\varepsilon}\phi(1/\varepsilon)$$

$$= RV^{-1}f(\varepsilon)$$

$$\updownarrow$$

$$t_M^* = RV^{-1}f\left(\frac{V^2}{gR}\right)$$

### Buckingham Pi Theorem

#### Historical Note

- The Buckingham Pi Theorem puts the 'method of dimensions' first proposed by Lord Rayleigh in his book "The Theory of Sound" (1877) on a solid theoretical basis, and is based on ideas of matrix algebra and concept of the 'rank' of non-square matrices which you may see in math classes.
- Although it is credited to E. Buckingham (1914), in fact, White points out that the theorem has also appeared earlier in independent publications by A. Vaschy (1892) and D. Riabouchinsky (1911).

6.2.2 Nondimensionalization of a functional relationship

Consider a physical relationship:

$$a = f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)$$

- $a$  is the quantity under investigating
- Governing parameters  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$
- Group  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  have independent dimensions.
- Group  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$  is dependent on Group  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$

For example

$a_1$ length	$[a_1] = L$
$a_2$ velocity	$[a_2] = L T^{-1}$
$a_3$ energy	$[a_3] = M L^2 T^{-2}$
$b_1$ acceleration	$[b_1] = L T^{-2} = [a_1]^{-1} [a_2]^2 [a_3]^0$
$b_2$ viscosity	$[b_2] = M L^{-1} T^{-1} = [a_1]^{-2} [a_2]^{-1} [a_3]^1$

6.2.2 Nondimensionalization of a functional relationship

Let's change the units,

$$a'_1 = \lambda_1 a_1, \quad a'_2 = \lambda_2 a_2, \dots, \quad a'_k = \lambda_k a_k$$

$$[a] = [a_1]^{m_1} [a_2]^{m_2} \dots [a_k]^{m_k}$$

$$a' = \lambda_1^{m_1} \lambda_2^{m_2} \dots \lambda_k^{m_k} \cdot a$$

With the same reason,

$$b'_1 = \lambda_1^{p_1} \lambda_2^{p_2} \dots \lambda_k^{p_k} \cdot b_1$$

...

$$b'_m = \lambda_1^{s_1} \lambda_2^{s_2} \dots \lambda_k^{s_k} \cdot b_m$$

$$X = x U = x' U'$$

$$x' = \lambda x \quad \lambda = U/U'$$

$X$  : physical quantity

$x, x'$  : measurement

$U, U'$  : unit

6.2.2 Nondimensionalization of a functional relationship

- The dimensions of group  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$  is expressed as

$$[b_1] = [a_1]^{p_1} [a_2]^{p_2} \dots [a_k]^{p_k}$$

$$[b_2] = [a_1]^{q_1} [a_2]^{q_2} \dots [a_k]^{q_k}$$

.....

$$[b_m] = [a_1]^{s_1} [a_2]^{s_2} \dots [a_k]^{s_k}$$

- The dimension of  $a$  can be expressed by the first group

$$[a] = [a_1]^{m_1} [a_2]^{m_2} \dots [a_k]^{m_k}$$

6.2.2 Nondimensionalization of a functional relationship

- The fundamental physical covariance principle claims that all physical laws can be represented in a form equally valid for all observers.
- This principle is valid for observers using different magnitudes of basic units.

We may rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} a' &= f(a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_k; b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_m) \\ &= f(\lambda_1 a_1, \dots, \lambda_k a_k; \lambda_1^{p_1} \dots \lambda_k^{p_k} b_1, \dots, \lambda_1^{s_1} \dots \lambda_k^{s_k} b_m) \\ &= \lambda_1^{m_1} \lambda_2^{m_2} \dots \lambda_k^{m_k} \cdot a \\ &= \lambda_1^{m_1} \lambda_2^{m_2} \dots \lambda_k^{m_k} f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m) \end{aligned}$$

6.2.2 Nondimensionalization of a functional relationship

Let's choose  $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{a_1}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{a_2}, \dots, \quad \lambda_k = \frac{1}{a_k}$

then 
$$a' = \frac{a}{a_1^{m_1} a_2^{m_2} \dots a_k^{m_k}} = f(1, \dots, 1; \frac{b_1}{a_1^{p_1} a_2^{p_2} \dots a_k^{p_1}}, \dots, \frac{b_m}{a_1^{s_1} a_2^{s_2} \dots a_k^{s_1}})$$

now introduce the dimensionless parameters

$$\Pi = \frac{a}{a_1^{m_1} a_2^{m_2} \dots a_k^{m_k}},$$

$$\Pi_1 = \frac{b_1}{a_1^{p_1} a_2^{p_2} \dots a_k^{p_k}}, \dots, \Pi_m = \frac{b_m}{a_1^{s_1} a_2^{s_2} \dots a_k^{s_k}}$$

6.2.2 Nondimensionalization of a functional relationship

In all,

$$a = f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)$$



$$\Pi = f(1, 1, \dots, 1; \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_m)$$



$$\Pi = \Phi(\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_m)$$

**Buckingham Pi Theorem**

**Example:** in the flow of a fluid through a long cylindrical pipe, the pressure drop per length reads

$$dp/dx = f(U, D, \rho; \mu) \quad k=3, m=1$$

- $U$  the mean fluid velocity  $[dp/dx] = ML^{-2}T^{-2}$
- $D$  the diameter of the pipe  $[U] = LT^{-1}$   $[D] = L$
- $\rho$  the fluid density  $[\rho] = ML^{-3}$   $[\mu] = ML^{-1}T^{-1}$
- $\mu$  the fluid viscosity
- The dimensions of  $U, D, \rho$  are independent.
- The dimensions of  $\mu$  and  $dp/dx$  can be expressed as

$$[\mu] = [U][D][\rho] = LT^{-1} \cdot L \cdot ML^{-3} = ML^{-1}T^{-1}$$

$$[dp/dx] = [U]^2 [D]^{-1} [\rho]^1 = L^2T^{-2} \cdot L^{-1} \cdot ML^{-3} = ML^{-2}T^{-2}$$

$$dp/dx = \frac{U^2 \rho}{D} \Phi\left(\frac{\mu}{UD\rho}\right)$$

Two assumptions:

1. The energy ( $E$ ) was released in a small space.
2. The shock wave was spherical.

$$R = R(t, \rho, E)$$

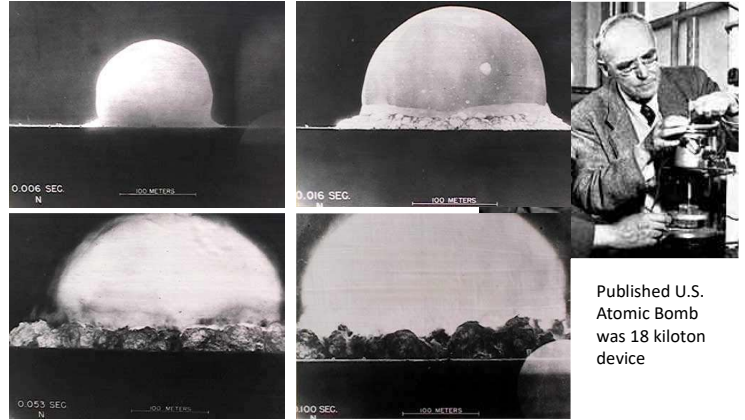
- $R$ : the size of the fire ball (function of  $t$ )
- $t$ : time
- $E$ : energy
- $\rho$ : density of the surrounding air

Let's perform a dimensional analysis:

$$[R]=L \quad [t]=T \quad [\rho]=ML^{-3} \quad [E]=ML^2T^{-2}$$

- $n = 4$  physical variables and  $d = 3$  dimensions
- Pi theorem: only one dimensionless group  $\Pi_1$

### G. I. Taylor's 1947 Analysis



$$\Pi_1 = RE^a t^b \rho^c$$

$$1 = [R][E]^a [t]^b [\rho]^c = L(ML^2T^{-2})^a T^b (ML^{-3})^c$$

$$= L^{1+2a-3c} T^{b-2a} M^{a+c}$$

$$\begin{cases} 1+2a-3c=0 \\ b-2a=0 \\ a+c=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a=-1/5, b=-2/5, c=1/5$$

$$\Pi_1 = RE^{-1/5} t^{-2/5} \rho^{1/5} \Rightarrow R = c t^{2/5} E^{1/5} \rho^{-1/5}$$

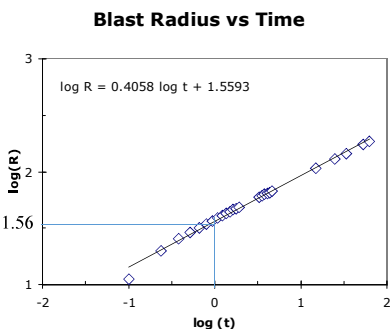
the atomic energy  $E = \frac{R^5 \rho}{c^5 t^2}$

### 3. 相似模型的应用

- **相似性原理:** 第一定理、第二定理(逆定理)
  - 如两个系统的行为相似, 则其对应的无量纲参数相同
  - 如两个系统的无量纲参数相同, 则两者的行为相似
- **相似模型:**
  - ① 尺寸成比例, ② 无量纲参数相等
- **模型试验被广泛应用于飞机、导弹、高层建筑、城市环境、船舶、水利工程等设计研究中**

$$R = (E/\rho)^{1/5} t^{2/5} \quad \text{Taylor estimated } c=1$$

$$\log R = 0.4 \log t + 0.2 \log(E/\rho)$$



$$0.2 \log(E/\rho) = 1.56$$

$$\rho = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$E = 7.9 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$$

$$= 19.8 \text{ kilotons TNT}$$

例：船舶设计（恒速航行船只所需功率）

- 功率消耗：形成水面波动 + 克服水的粘性阻力

$$P = f(U, L, g, \rho, \nu)$$

$$N = 6, k = 3, N - k = 3$$

$$\frac{P}{\rho L^2 U^3} = \phi(\text{Fr}, \text{Re})$$

$$\text{Fr} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{Lg}} \quad \text{Froude 数 波阻}$$

$$\text{Re} = \frac{UL}{\nu} \quad \text{Reynolds 数 粘性阻力}$$

$P$	功率	$\text{ML}^2\text{T}^{-3}$
$U$	船的速度	$\text{LT}^{-1}$
$L$	船的长度	$L$
$g$	重力加速度	$\text{LT}^{-2}$
$\rho$	水的密度	$\text{ML}^{-3}$
$\nu$	运动粘性系数	$\text{L}^2\text{T}^{-1}$

1:100 模型

$$L' = 10^{-2} L$$

$$\text{Fr} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{Lg}} \quad \text{Froude 数相同} \rightarrow U' = 10^{-1} U$$

$$\text{Re} = \frac{UL}{\nu} \quad \text{Reynolds 数相同} \rightarrow \nu' = 10^{-3} \nu$$

常温下：  
空气  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{m}^2/\text{s}$   
水  $\sim 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{m}^2/\text{s}$   
油  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{m}^2/\text{s}$

- 如  $L=100\text{m}$ ,  $U=10\text{m/s}$ ,  $\nu=10^{-6}\text{m}^2/\text{s} \rightarrow \text{Re} = 10^9$

- 从  $\text{Re} = 10^7$  和  $\text{Re} = 10^8$  的  $P$  外推？

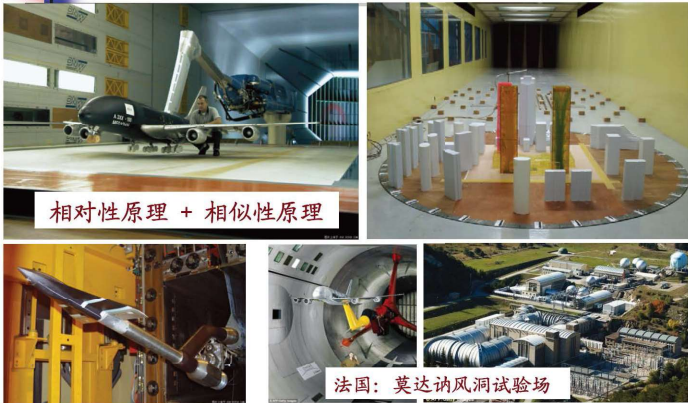
$\text{Re} = 10^9$  可能突变，从层流转换为湍流

船舶设计仍然是一门技艺而不是科学

如模型过小，还需考虑表面张力的影响

$$\rightarrow \text{Bo} = \frac{\rho g L^2}{T} \quad \text{Bond 数}$$

风洞试验：飞行器、高层建筑

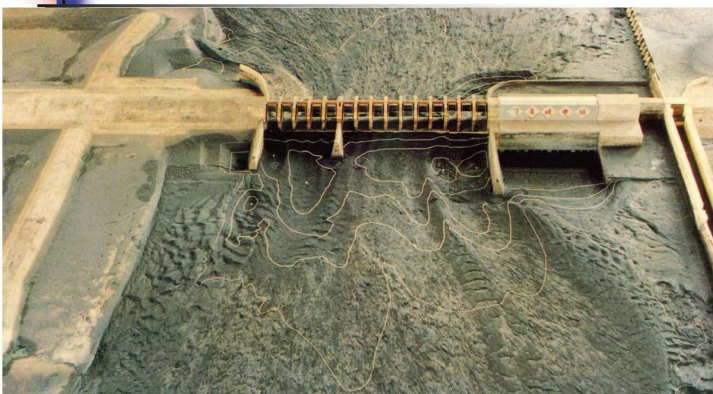


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水槽试验



动床模型试验：水利工程、桥墩冲刷、冲淤



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Section 6.3

Scaling

Last section shows:

- deleting a small parameter is not as simple as it looks, because of ill conditioning and sensitivity.
- a first approximation can be obtained by  $\varepsilon=0$
- But we now see it is dangerous in doing so. For example, consider

$$u(x, \varepsilon) \equiv x + e^{-x/\varepsilon}, \quad 0 < x \leq 1, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} x + e^{-x/\varepsilon} = x$$

or we can rewrite as

$$\text{Let } x = \varepsilon \xi, \quad v(\xi, \varepsilon) = u(\varepsilon \xi, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \xi + e^{-\xi}$$

$$v(\xi, 0) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon \xi + e^{-\xi} = e^{-\xi}$$

And alternatively,

$$\text{Let } x = \varepsilon^2 \eta, \quad w(\eta, \varepsilon) = u(\varepsilon^2 \eta, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon^2 \eta + e^{-\varepsilon \eta}$$

$$w(\eta, 0) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^2 \eta + e^{-\varepsilon \eta} = 1$$

Now we have three limits for the first approximation

$$u(x, 0) = x, \quad u(x, 0) = e^{-x/\varepsilon} = e^{-x/\varepsilon}, \quad u(x, 0) = 1$$

Which one is correct?

The projectile problem:

$$1. \quad y = \frac{x^*}{R}, \quad \tau = \frac{t^*}{RV^{-1}}$$

$$2. \quad z = \frac{x^*}{R}, \quad \tau = \frac{t^*}{\sqrt{Rg^{-1}}}$$

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon \frac{d^2 y}{d\tau^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+y)^2} \\ y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 z}{d\tau^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+z)^2} \\ z(0) = 0, \quad z'(0) = \sqrt{\varepsilon} \end{cases}$$

$$3. \quad x = \frac{x^*}{V^2 g^{-1}}, \quad \tau = \frac{t^*}{Vg^{-1}}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 x}{d\tau^2} = -\frac{1}{(1+\varepsilon x)^2} \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{V^2}{gR} = \frac{h_{\max}}{R} \ll 1$$

How to choose dimensionless variables?

The answer is **Scaling**:

- Scaling is the correct way of nondimensionalization
- The key is to select *intrinsic reference (scales) quantities*
- In the dimensional equations, each term is a product of two part:
  - *dimensionless factor: small or larger*
  - *dimensionless variable: O(1)*
  - *We can determine the smallness from the factor.*

$$\frac{1}{2} mV^2 = mgh_{\max} \rightarrow h_{\max} = V^2 g^{-1} / 2$$

$$V - \frac{1}{2} g t_{\max}^2 = 0 \rightarrow t_{\max} = 2Vg^{-1}$$

$$x = \frac{x^*}{V^2 g^{-1}}, \quad t = \frac{t^*}{Vg^{-1}}$$

$$x^* = \frac{V^2}{g} x, \quad t^* = \frac{V}{g} t$$

$$V^2 g^{-1}, Vg^{-1}:$$

order of magnitude of  $x, t$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -(1+\varepsilon x)^{-2} \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{V^2}{gR} = \frac{h_{\max}}{R} \ll 1$$

Simplified properly

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -1 \\ x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

The order of magnitude of a **number A**

- is said to be  $10^n$ , if

$$n - \frac{1}{2} < \log_{10} |A| < n + \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$3 \cdot 10^{n-1} < |A| < 3 \cdot 10^n$$

The order of magnitude of a **function f**

- is the order of magnitude of  $M = |f_{\max}|$  over the given region.

6.3.4 Scaling known functions

Consider a first order ordinary differential equation

$$F\left(x^*, \frac{du^*}{dx^*}\right) = 0, \quad \text{with } x^* \in I$$

$u^*$  is velocity with scale  $U$

$x^*$  is spatial variable with length scale  $L$

Dimensionless variables are

$$x = \frac{x^*}{L}, \quad u = \frac{u^*}{U}$$

and we have

$$u^*(x^*) = U \cdot u(x), \quad \frac{du^*}{dx^*} = \frac{d(Uu)}{d(Lx)} = \frac{U}{L} \frac{du}{dx}$$

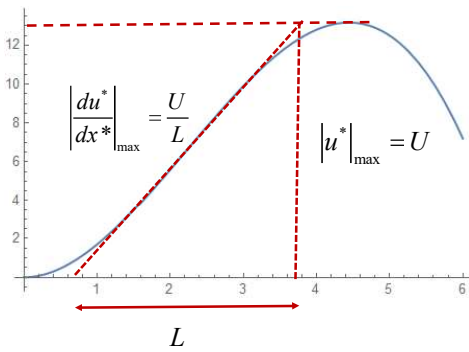
If  $U$  and  $L$  are appropriate scales

- $\frac{U}{L}$  is a good estimate of the first derivative.
- $U, \frac{U}{L}$  actually are the maximum absolute values

$$U = \max_{x^* \in I} |u^*(x^*)|$$

$$\frac{U}{L} = \max_{x^* \in I} \left| \frac{du^*}{dx^*} \right| \quad \Rightarrow \quad L = \frac{|u^*|_{\max}}{\left| \frac{du^*}{dx^*} \right|_{\max}}$$

6.3.4 Scaling known functions



length scale  $L$  is an estimate of the shortest distance over which the function undergoes a significant change.

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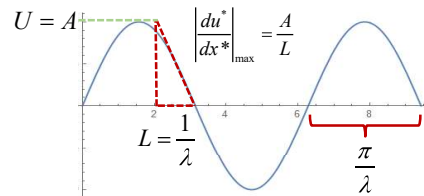
Example 1. Find scales  $U$  and  $L$  when

$$u^*(x^*) = A \sin \lambda x^*, \quad -\infty < x^* < \infty, \quad A, \lambda > 0$$

$$U = A = |u^*|_{\max}$$

$$\left| \frac{du^*}{dx^*} \right|_{\max} = |A\lambda \cos \lambda x^*|_{\max} = A\lambda \rightarrow L = \lambda^{-1}$$

$$\left| \frac{du^*}{dx^*} \right|_{\max} = \frac{A}{L}$$



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Example 2. Find scales  $U$  and  $L$  when

$$u^*(x^*) = A \left[ x^* + \exp\left(-\frac{x^*}{\varepsilon}\right) \right],$$

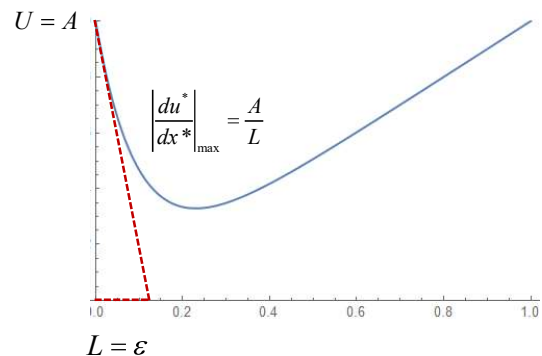
$$\text{with } x^* \in [0, 1], \quad A > 0, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$$U = |u^*|_{\max} \approx A$$

$$\left| \frac{du^*}{dx^*} \right|_{\max} = \frac{A}{L}$$

$$\left| \frac{du^*}{dx^*} \right|_{\max} = A \left| 1 + \varepsilon^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{x^*}{\varepsilon}\right) \right|_{\max} \approx A\varepsilon^{-1} \rightarrow L = \varepsilon$$

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Suppose that the problem is governed by

$$F\left(x^*, \frac{du^*}{dx^*}, \dots, \frac{d^N u^*}{dx^{*N}}\right) = 0, \quad \text{with } x^* \in I$$

velocity scale  $U$

$$U = \max_{x^* \in I} |u^*(x^*)| \quad u^*(x^*) = U \cdot u\left(\frac{x^*}{L}\right)$$

Length scale  $L = ?$

Since now we have multiple derivatives

$$L = \frac{|u^*|_{\max}}{|du^*/dx^*|_{\max}}$$

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For each of the derivatives, we have length scale  $l_{(i)}$ ,

$$\frac{d^i u^*}{dx^{*i}} = \frac{U}{l_{(i)}^i} \frac{d^i u}{dx^i}, \quad \left| \frac{d^i u^*}{dx^{*i}} \right|_{\max} = \frac{U}{l_{(i)}^i}$$

$$l_{(i)} = \left[ \frac{U}{|d^i u^*/dx^{*i}|_{\max}} \right]^{1/i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

we select the length scale  $L$  as

$$L = \min \{l_{(i)}\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$



$$\left| \frac{d^i u^*}{dx^{*i}} \right|_{\max} = \frac{U}{l_{(i)}^i} \leq \frac{U}{L^i}$$

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Example 3. Find scales  $U$  and  $L$  when

$$F\left(x^*, \frac{du^*}{dx^*}, \dots, \frac{d^N u^*}{dx^{*N}}\right) = 0, \quad \text{with } x^* \in I$$

$$u^*(x^*) = A \sin \lambda x^*, \quad -\infty < x^* < \infty, \quad A, \lambda > 0$$

length scale  $l_{(i)}$  for  $i$ -th derivatives,

$$l_{(i)} = \left[ \frac{U}{|d^i u^*/dx^{*i}|_{\max}} \right]^{1/i} = \left[ \frac{A}{A \lambda^i} \right]^{1/i} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$



$$L = \min \{l_{(i)}\} = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

6.3.4 Scaling known functions

Example 4. Find scales  $U$  and  $L$  when

$$F\left(x^*, \frac{du^*}{dx^*}, \dots, \frac{d^N u^*}{dx^{*N}}\right) = 0, \quad \text{with } x^* \in I$$

$$u^*(x^*) = M + A \sin \lambda x^*, \quad -\infty < x^* < \infty, \quad A, \lambda > 0$$

$$U = M + A$$

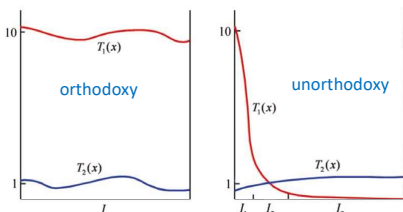
$$l_{(i)} = \left[ \frac{U}{|d^i u^*/dx^{*i}|_{\max}} \right]^{1/i} = \left( \frac{M+A}{A \lambda^i} \right)^{1/i} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left( 1 + \frac{M}{A} \right)^{1/i}$$

$$L = \min \{l_{(i)}\} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left( 1 + \frac{M}{A} \right)^{1/N}$$

6.3.5 Orthodoxy

after the process of scaling, we have two issues :

- We have seen neglecting small terms may be wrong
- Another one is the **Orthodoxy** of each terms.
  - the order of magnitude of a term estimates that term's maximum magnitude.
  - If the absolute value of a term deviates too much from their maximum values, then the order of magnitude may be misleading.



**Harmless unorthodoxy:**

- terms decay at same rate
- With oscillatory terms of large amplitude, terms of unit order can be deleted

6.3.5 Orthodoxy

Split example of orthodoxy:

$$u^*(x^*) = A \left[ x^* + \exp\left(-\frac{x^*}{\varepsilon}\right) \right], \quad \text{with } x^* \in [0, 1], \quad A > 0, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$$

$$U = A, \quad L = \varepsilon$$

$$u = u^*/A = \varepsilon x + e^{-x} \quad \frac{du}{dx} = \varepsilon - e^{-x}$$

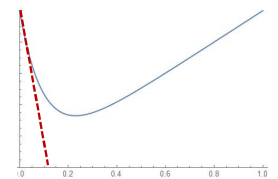
as  $x^* \rightarrow 0$

$$L = \varepsilon$$

as  $3\varepsilon \leq x^* \leq 1$

$$\left| \frac{du^*}{dx^*} \right|_{\max} \approx A \varepsilon^{-1} e^{-3} \Rightarrow L = \frac{A}{A \varepsilon^{-1} e^{-3}} = \varepsilon e^3 \approx 10\varepsilon$$

$$L = \frac{|u^*|_{\max}}{|du^*/dx^*|_{\max}}$$



To satisfy the orthodoxy requirement,

- split  $[0, 1]$  into **outer** and **inner** regions
- different length scale in each part.

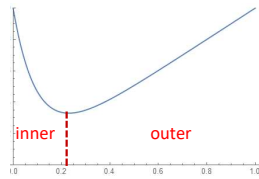
**outer regions:** (more than a few  $\varepsilon$  from  $x^*=0$ )

$$\left|u^*\right|_{\max} = A, \quad \left|\frac{du^*}{dx^*}\right|_{\max} \approx A$$

$$U = A, \quad L \approx 1$$

$$u = \frac{u^*}{A}, \quad x = \frac{x^*}{L} = x^*$$

$$u(x, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{A} u^*(x^*, \varepsilon) = x + e^{-x/\varepsilon}$$



**Inner regions:** (within a few  $\varepsilon$  from  $x^*=0$ )

$$\left|u^*\right|_{\max} = A, \quad \left|\frac{du^*}{dx^*}\right|_{\max} \approx A\varepsilon^{-1} \quad U = A, \quad L = \varepsilon$$

$$v = \frac{u^*}{A}, \quad \xi = \frac{x^*}{\varepsilon} \quad v(\xi, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{A} u^*(\varepsilon\xi, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon\xi + e^{-\xi}$$

To obtain a first approximation in the two regions, let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,

outer regions:  $u(x, \varepsilon) = x + e^{-x/\varepsilon} \rightarrow x$

Inner regions:  $v(\xi, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon\xi + e^{-\xi} \rightarrow e^{-\xi} \Rightarrow u(x, \varepsilon) \approx e^{-x/\varepsilon}$

### 评述：非正统性如何处理？

- 存在非正统性时，不同区域要用不同尺度，寻找不同的近似
- 可能出现两个尺度共存的情况，如  $e^{-\varepsilon x} \sin x$ ，有时可平均以揭示主要倾向 **多相流，复合材料**
- 正确尺度化后，利用方程中的小参数可借助摄动理论得到近似解 **多尺度 — 奇异摄动**
- 满足正统性——只需单一尺度——正则摄动理论
- 非正统性——需不只一个尺度——奇异摄动理论

### 5. 未知函数的尺度化

只有了解解的主要性质，才能进行量级估计和尺度化

如何获取量级估算所需的知识？

- 利用相关的实验或观察**资料**：一种现象往往由两种效应的平衡引起，权衡后可得到尺度化
- 从有关问题的**经验**中获得启示
- 把所给问题高度**简化**后求解：如先求零级近似，再尺度化
- 将一些项（如非线性项）**忽略**后求解，再对所忽略项进行估算，可能的话选择适当的参数范围
- 采用**试凑法**：假定某种尺度，求解后检验量级
- 利用对典型参数的**数值计算**结果，获得“感性认识”