- 1) An elastic spherical ball of diameter *D* is dropped from a height *H* with an initial velocity of 0 (zero) and hits a rigid horizontal wall. The area of contact between the ball and the wall during impact is *A*, and the impact contact time (*i.e.*, the time during which the ball touches the wall) is τ . The density of the ball is ρ , the elastic Young's modulus of the ball is *E* (with units in basic dimensions of $ML^{-1}T^{-2}$), and the Poisson's ratio of the ball is γ . The acceleration due to gravity is *g*.
 - a) You wish to repeat the experiment using a smaller ball made of the same material as the original ball, but with a diameter of 0.5D. Based on dimensional analysis, from what height *h* will you need to drop the ball to have the same relative deformation of the ball during impact with the wall?
 - **b**) How does the impact contact time Δt in the repeat experiment described in part (**a**) compare with that for the original experiment, τ ?



- 2) Consider a cube of ice of dimension *L* made of fresh water floating in a body of water.
 - a) The ice is floating in a freshwater lake. If the density of fresh water is ρ , and the depth of the submerged part of the cube of ice is *CH* (where *C* < 1), what is the density of the ice ρ_i ?
 - **b**) Will the level of water rise once the ice melts?
 - c) Now, consider the same cube of ice floating in the ocean. If the depth of the submerged part of the cube of ice is *DH* (where D < C), what is the density of the salt water ρ_s ?
 - d) Will the level of water rise once the ice melts?
 - e) Based on your result, how will global warming will affect the polar ice caps?



3) Water of density ρ flows vertically upward in a stationary vertical section of a pipe with inner radius *R* and of axial length *h*. The velocity profile at the inlet, section (1) is that for uniform flow with a speed *U*; the velocity profile at the exit, section (2), is parabolic, or that for fully-developed laminar pipe flow. The known parameters in this problem are ρ , *R*, *h*, *U*, the pressure difference $\Delta p \equiv p_1 - p_2$ from section (1) to section (2), and the weight of the pipe section *W*.

Find the axial force $\bar{\mathbf{R}}_z$ exerted by the pipe on the water in terms of the known parameters.



4) The term *boundary layer* refers to a thin layer of viscous fluid adjacent to a solid wall, where the velocity parallel to the wall "smoothly" increases from zero to the freestream value U_{∞} . Consider a laminar boundary layer (BL) over the upper surface of a plate governed by the (dimensional) equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$
$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

where *u* and *v* are the velocity components along the *x*- and *y*-directions, *p* is the pressure, ρ is the fluid density and v is the fluid kinematic viscosity.



- a) A common way to define the thickness (*i.e.*, y-dimension) of the boundary layer is to use the distance normal to the wall where the velocity recovers to 99% of the freestream value, so that at $y = \delta$, $u/U_{\infty} = 0.99$. This definition of the BL thickness is, however, arbitrary (for example, why 99%? why not 90%?). Please provide an alternative definition of the thickness of the BL that is based on a basic principle of fluid mechanics, and identify that basic principle.
- **b)** In general, the BL will *grow*: *i.e.*, the thickness of the BL will increase as x increases. Please provide a <u>brief</u> physical explanation of why the BL grows. If the pressure gradient dp/dx = 0, the BL thickness will be proportional to x^N . Use a scaling analysis to show that N = 1/2.
- c) Although the flow is primarily along the streamwise direction, with $u \gg v$, the normal velocity component v cannot be neglected. Show that setting v = 0 in the governing equations for a laminar BL will preclude, or make impossible, the growth of the boundary layer.
- d) An *adverse pressure gradient* is, by definition, a gradient where dp/dx > 0. Using the governing equations, <u>briefly</u> discuss how an adverse pressure gradient will affect the shape of the velocity profile u(y) near the surface of the wall.