

Fluids in Motion

* **Hydrodynamics** :- The branch of physics which deals with the study of properties of fluids in motion is called hydrodynamics.

* **steady flow** :- Measurable property, such as pressure or velocity of the fluid at a given point is constant over time.

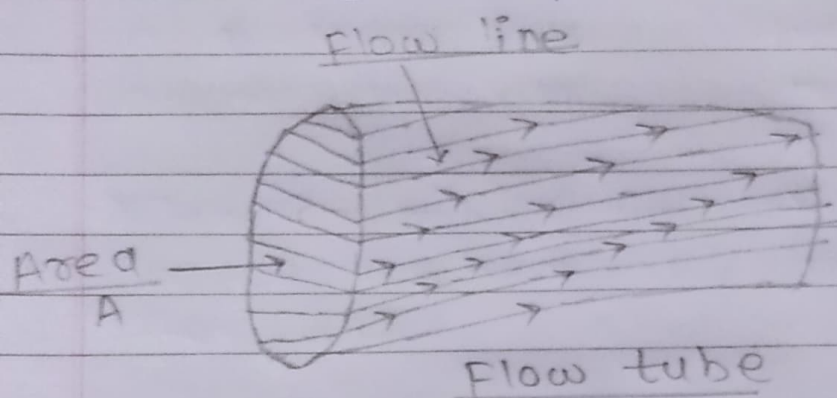


Fig Flow lines and flow tube

* **Flow line** :- It is the path of an individual particle in a moving fluid.

* **Streamline** :- It is a curve whose tangent at any point in the flow is in the direction of the velocity of the flow at that point. Streamlines and flow lines are identical for a steady flow.

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* **flow tube :-** It is an imaginary bundle of flow lines bound by an imaginary wall. For a steady flow, the fluid cannot cross the walls of a flow tube. Fluids in adjacent flow tubes cannot mix.

* **Laminar flow/ streamline flow :-** It is a steady flow in which adjacent layers of a fluid move smoothly over each other. A steady flow of river can be assumed to be a laminar flow.

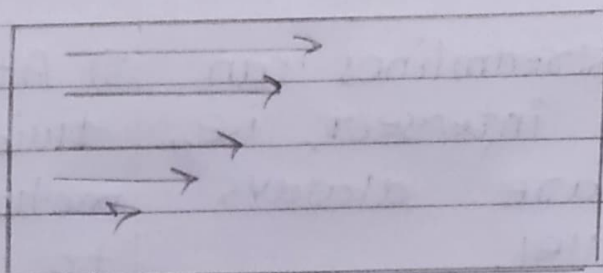


Fig. streamline flow

* **Turbulent flow :-** It is a flow at a very high flow rate so that there is no steady flow and the flow pattern changes continuously. A flooded river flow or a tap running very fast is a turbulent flow.

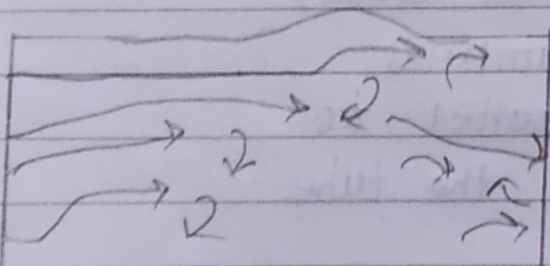


Fig. Turbulent flow

Streamline flow

1) The smooth flow of a fluid, with velocity smaller than certain critical velocity is called streamline flow.

2) Velocity of a fluid at a given point is always constant

3) Two streamlines can never intersect, i.e., they are always parallel.

4) Streamline flow over a plane surface can be assumed to be divided into a number of plane layers. In a flow of liquid through a pipe of uniform cross sectional area, all the streamlines will be parallel to the axis of the tube.

Turbulent flow

1) The irregular and unsteady flow of a fluid when its velocity increases beyond critical velocity is called turbulent flow.

2) The velocity of a fluid at any point does not remain constant

3) At some points, the fluid may have rotational motion which gives rise to eddies.

4) A flow tube loses its order and particles move in random direction.

Critical velocity and Reynolds numbers :-

The velocity beyond which a streamline flow becomes turbulent is called critical velocity.

critical velocity is given by

$$V_c = \frac{R_n \eta}{\rho d} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where,

V_c = critical velocity of the fluid

R_n = Reynolds numbers

η = coefficient of viscosity

ρ = density of fluid

d = diameter of tube

$$V_c = \frac{R_n \eta}{\rho d}$$

$$V_c \rho d = R_n \eta$$

$$\frac{V_c \rho d}{\eta} = R_n$$

$$\boxed{R_n = \frac{V_c \rho d}{\eta}} \quad \text{--- (11)}$$