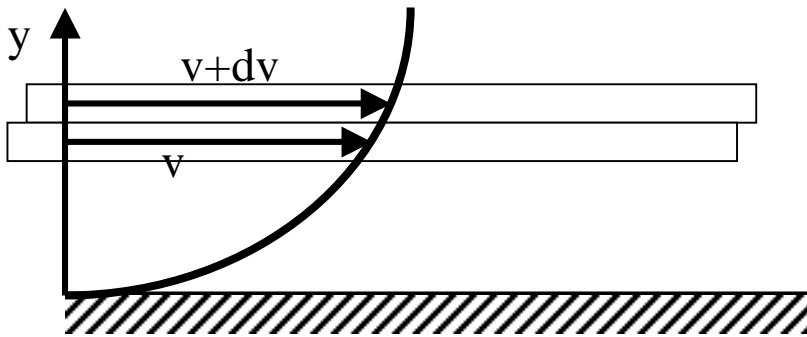


# VISCOSITY

Resistance to motion in fluid.

Lets derive a mathematical description of viscosity:

Consider fluid to be made of layers. Consider motion of this fluid along a solid boundary. At the boundary fluid velocity is zero and at uppermost layer it is some finite velocity. (no slip condition) “velocity gradient” exists across distance  $y$ .



$$\text{Strain} = (d_2 - d_1)/dy$$

Where displacement,  $d = \text{velocity} \times \text{time}$

$$\text{Hence, } \text{strain} = \frac{dv \, dt}{dy} = \frac{dv}{dy} dt$$

$$\text{And } \text{strain rate} = \frac{dv}{dy} dt \frac{1}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dy}$$

For many fluid the sthear stress between layers,  $\tau$

$$\tau = \mu \frac{dv}{dy}$$

where  $\mu$  is “coefficient of viscosity” or “viscosity”,  
“dynamic viscosity”, “absolute viscosity”

So, basis of viscosity is “fluid friction”

Note: if  $dv/dy = 0$ , shear stress = 0

**In the fluid where does viscosity arise from?**

**1. Attraction between molecules (cohesion)**

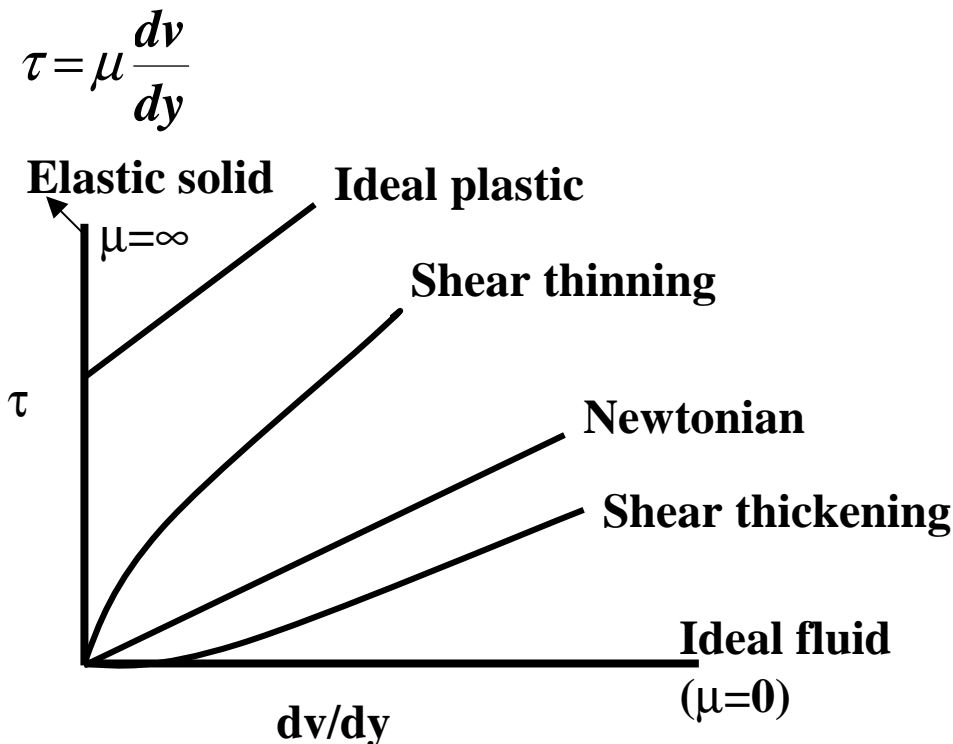
**2. Molecules in one layer move to another layer constantly. So molecule from slow layer moving to fast layer slows the layer and vice versa: momentum exchange occurs between the layers**

**Notice: since  $\tau = \mu dv/dy$**

**In solids, shear stress  $\propto$  magnitude of deformation**

**In fluids, shear stress  $\propto$  rate of deformation**

Now lets plot shear stress vs  $dv/dy$  for different fluids



Types of fluids depending on the shape of above plot

**Newtonian:** viscosity does not change with deformation

**Non newtonian:** slope is not a straight line

**Shear thinning:** slope decreases with deformation

(“fluid gets thinner with shear”) pseudoplastic

**Shear thickening:** slope increases with deformation

(“fluid gets thicker with deformation) Dilatent

**Ideal plastic:** sustains stress before suffering plastic flow.

## **Applications of Non Newtonian:**

**Concrete flow in pumps**

**Polymer industry**

**Paints**

**Ceramics industry**

## **Units of viscosity**

**Since  $\tau = \mu \, dv/dy$ ,  $\mu = \tau / (dv/dy)$**

**Units of  $\mu$ : Poise , 1 P = 0.1 Ns/m<sup>2</sup>**

**CentiPoise, 1 cP = 0.01 P**

**Viscosity of water at 68.4 °F is 1 cP**

**Dimensions of  $\mu$ :**

**=dimensions of shear stress/dimensions of  $dv/dy$**

$$= \frac{MLT^{-2}L^{-2}}{LT^{-1}L^{-1}} = \frac{ML^{-1}T^{-2}}{T^{-1}} = ML^{-1}T^{-1}$$

**Define: Kinematic Viscosity:  $\nu = \mu/\rho$**

**Unit of  $\nu$  : ft<sup>2</sup>/s or m<sup>2</sup>/s commonly used: Stoke,**

**1 St = 1cm<sup>2</sup>/s, 1 cSt = 0.01 St**

**Dimensions of  $\nu$  : L<sup>2</sup>T<sup>-1</sup>**

## **Variation of Viscosity with temperature and Pressure**

**$\mu$  is independent of pressure,  $\nu$  varies with pressure**

**Both  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  vary with temperature**