

Solution to Problem 149A:

Using the solution for Poiseuille flow, the average velocity in the pipe, \bar{u} , is

$$\bar{u} = \frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left(-\frac{dp}{dx} \right) = \frac{(0.25 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2)(0.15 \times 10^5 \text{ kg/m s}^2)}{8(10^{-3} \text{ kg/m s})(1.0 \text{ m})} = 0.47 \text{ m/s} \quad (1)$$

Therefore the Reynolds number of the flow in the pipe is

$$Re = \frac{2R\rho\bar{u}}{\mu} = \frac{(1000 \text{ kg/m}^3)(0.47 \text{ m/s})(0.001 \text{ m})}{(10^{-3} \text{ kg/m s})} = 470 \quad (2)$$

and therefore the friction factor, f , for this flow which is laminar at this Reynolds number is

$$f = \frac{64}{Re} = \frac{64}{470} = 0.136 \quad (3)$$