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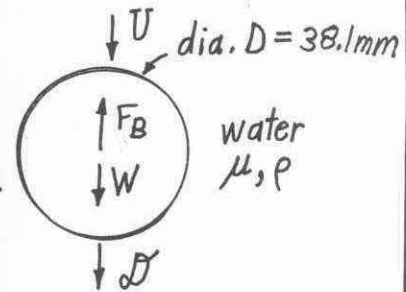
9.54. A 38.1-mm-diameter, 0.0245-N table tennis ball is released from the bottom of a swimming pool. With what velocity does it rise to the surface? Assume it has reached its terminal velocity.

For steady rise $\sum F_z = 0$

or

$$F_B = W + \mathcal{D}, \text{ where } \mathcal{D} = \text{drag} = C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 \frac{\pi}{4} D^2$$

$$W = \text{weight} = 0.0245 \text{ N}$$



$$F_B = \text{buoyant force} = \gamma V = \gamma \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3$$

Thus,

$$\gamma \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(\frac{D}{2}\right)^3 = W + C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 \frac{\pi}{4} D^2$$

or

$$\left(9.80 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(\frac{0.0381}{2}\right)^3 \text{ m} = 0.0245 \text{ N} + \frac{1}{2} C_D \left(999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right) U^2 \frac{\pi}{4} (0.0381 \text{ m})^3$$

or

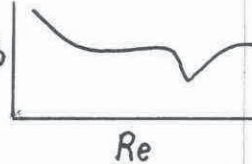
$$C_D U^2 = 0.455, \text{ where } U \sim \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } Re = \frac{UD}{\nu}$$

or

$$Re = \frac{U (0.0381 \text{ m})}{1.12 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}} = 3.40 \times 10^4 U, \text{ where } U \sim \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Finally, from Fig. 9.21: } C_D \quad (3)$$



Trial and error solution: Assume C_D ; obtain U from Eq. (1), Re from Eq. (2); check C_D from Eq. (3), the graph.

$$\text{Assume } C_D = 0.5 \rightarrow U = 0.954 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \rightarrow Re = 3.24 \times 10^4 \rightarrow C_D = 0.4 \neq 0.5$$

$$\text{Assume } C_D = 0.4 \rightarrow U = 1.06 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \rightarrow Re = 3.62 \times 10^4 \rightarrow C_D = 0.4 \text{ (checks)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } U = \underline{1.06 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

Note: Because of the graph (Fig. 9.21) the answers are not accurate to three significant figures.