

Projectiles

- scale the variables using characteristic values

$\ddot{x} = -\frac{gR^2}{(R+x)^2}$ $x(0)=0$ $x_c \neq t_c$ (constants)
 $\dot{x}(0)=v_0$

let: $x = x_c u$
 $t = t_c s$ u & s are dimensionless

$\frac{1}{t_c^2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2}(x_c u) = -\frac{gR^2}{(R+x_c u)^2}$

$\frac{x_c}{g t_c^2} \frac{d^2 u}{ds^2} = -\frac{1}{(1 + \frac{x_c u}{R})^2}$

$R^2 (1 + \frac{x_c u}{R})^2$ or $x_c^2 (\frac{R}{x_c} + u)^2$

I.C.'s: $u(0)=0$
 $\frac{du(0)}{ds} = \frac{t_c v_0}{x_c}$

$\Pi_1 = \frac{x_c}{g t_c^2}$ $\Pi_2 = \frac{x_c u}{R}$ $\Pi_3 = \frac{t_c v_0}{x_c}$

Recall the chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{ds}{dt} \frac{d}{ds} = \frac{1}{t_c} \frac{d}{ds}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right) = \frac{1}{t_c} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{d}{ds} \right) = \frac{1}{t_c^2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2}$$

$$s = \frac{t}{t_c} \quad \therefore \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{1}{t_c}$$

Dimensionless Groups:

- Do not involve variables u, s only the parameters x_c, t_c, g, R, v_0
- Dimensionless: accomplished by rearranging our equations
- They are independent: not possible to write Π_i in terms of Π_j, Π_k

Characteristic Values

Rule 1: Set Π_1 in I.C./B.C. equal to 1 $\rightarrow \Pi_3 = \frac{t_c v_0}{x_c} = 1 \quad \therefore x_c = v_0 t_c \rightarrow t_c = \frac{v_0}{g}$

Rule 2: Set Π_3 that appear in the reduced problem equal to 1 $\rightarrow \Pi_1 = \frac{x_c}{g t_c^2} = 1 \quad \therefore x_c = \frac{v_0^2}{g}$

$\Pi_1 \frac{d^2 u}{ds^2} = -\frac{1}{(1 + \Pi_2 u)^2} = -1$

reduced problem

Dimensionless Equation

$\frac{d^2 u}{ds^2} = -\frac{1}{(1 + \frac{x_c u}{R})^2}$ $u(0)=0$
 $\frac{du(0)}{ds} = 1$

$\epsilon \equiv \frac{x_c}{R}$ is a small parameter

$\frac{d^2 u}{ds^2} = -\frac{1}{(1 + \epsilon u)^2}$

$\epsilon \ll 1$ is small?
 $R = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$
 $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ $\epsilon \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-8} v_0^2$

Reaction-Diffusion (KPP)

$D \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} - \lambda (c-c_0) c$

B.C.
 $c(0,t) = c(l,t) = 0$

I.C.
 $c(x,0) = c_0 \sin(\frac{\pi x}{l})$

$[c] = [C] \frac{M}{M^3}$
 $[D] = \frac{M^2}{M \cdot s}$

$[\lambda(c-c_0)c] = [\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial x^2}] \quad \therefore [\lambda] = \frac{L^2}{M^2 \cdot s}$

Change of Variables

$X = x_c u$
 $t = t_c s$
 $C = C_c v$

$D c_c \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial u^2} = \frac{c_c}{t_c} \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} - \lambda c_c v (c_c v - c_c)$

$\frac{D c_c}{t_c} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial u^2} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} - \lambda t_c c_c v (\frac{v}{c_c} - v)$

$\Pi_1 = \frac{D c_c}{t_c}$ $\Pi_2 = \lambda t_c c_c$ $\Pi_3 = \frac{v}{c_c}$

$v(0,s) = v(\frac{l}{x_c}, s) = 0$
 $v(u,0) = \frac{c_0}{c_c} \sin(\frac{\pi x_c u}{l})$

$\Pi_4 = \frac{l}{x_c}$ $\Pi_5 = \frac{c_0}{c_c}$

Rule 1: $\Pi_4 = \frac{l}{x_c} = 1 \quad \therefore x_c = l$
 $\Pi_5 = \frac{c_0}{c_c} = 1 \quad \therefore c_c = c_0$

$\Pi_1 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial u^2} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} - \Pi_2 v (\Pi_3 - v)$

weak nonlinearity
 $\Pi_1 = \frac{D c_c}{t_c} = 1$

$\Pi_2 = \lambda t_c c_c = 1 \quad \therefore t_c = \frac{1}{\lambda c_c}$

$\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial u^2} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} - (\frac{v}{c_0} - v)v$

$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial u^2} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} - \epsilon (\frac{v}{c_0} - v)v$

$v(0,s) = v(1,s) = 0$
 $v(u,0) = \sin(\pi u)$