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A GRAPHICAL METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE
COEFFICIENT OF VISCOSITY OF NON-ELASTIC
LIQUIDS IV

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Consider a non-elastic liquid filling the annular gap between two coaxial cylinders. The outer be of an inner radius b in cms, and oscillating through very small amplitudes of the order of 1° with various frequencies n c. p. s. The inner of radius a in cm, moment of inertia I gm cm² be suspended by a torsion wire of restoring constant τ in gm cm² sec⁻².

If Θ_0 is the displacement of the inner cylinder, ϑ_0 that of the outer and ϕ the phase angle by which the inner cylinder lags the outer cylinder, then, according to my theory we have [1]

$$\Psi \cos \Phi = \frac{b}{a} \frac{L_2 L + M_2 M}{L^2 + M^2} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\Psi = \Theta_0 / \Phi_0.$$

L , M , L_2 and M_2 have been given [2] in a previous paper by the author.

Equation (1) represents an exact relationship between the measured quantity $\psi \cos \Phi$ and the desired η (the coefficient of viscosity). This equation is neither simple nor direct as the Bessel function involves η .

By introducing in equation (1) a dimensionless parameter defined by

$$\sqrt{2} B a = X; \quad B = \left(\frac{\pi \rho n}{\eta} \right)^{1/2},$$

where n is the frequency, ρ the density and η the coefficient of viscosity of the liquid and X may take any positive value, for which in our work was chosen $x = 1$ and therefore $\sqrt{2} B a = 1$, so that $\sqrt{2} B b = 1.4$ and substituting the value of $\sqrt{2} B a$ and $\sqrt{2} B b$ in equation (1) we have

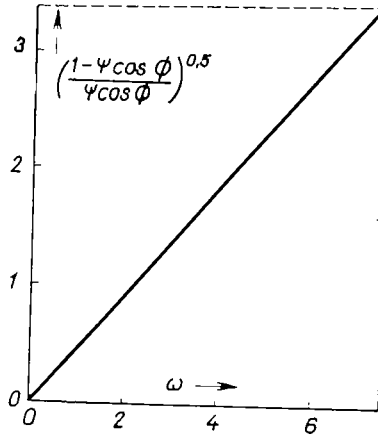
$$\left(\frac{1 - \Psi \cos \Phi}{\Psi \cos \Phi} \right)^{0.5} = 3.42. \quad (2)$$

By drawing a line perpendicular to the $\left(\frac{1 - \Psi \cos \Phi}{\Psi \cos \Phi} \right)^{0.5}$ axis it intersects the experimental curve at a certain angular frequency ω_s .

Hence, by substituting the value of ω_s obtained and the value of X chosen in the following relation.

$$\eta = \omega_s \rho \left(\frac{a}{x} \right)^2$$

the value of η can be determined.



Results

The following Table gives the results derived from MARKOVITZ et al [3] for standard oil OB—5 obtained from the National Bureau of Standards. The full line in the Figure represents the variation of $\left(\frac{1 - \Psi \cos \Phi}{\Psi \cos \Phi} \right)^{0.5}$ versus ω for the respective liquid, while the dotted line shows the variation of the dimensionless parameter curve.

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760	88.92	91.6

From the Table it appears that both theory and method are satisfactory.

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