

$$\text{inertial forces} = \frac{\rho U^2}{X}$$

$$\text{viscous forces} = \frac{\mu U}{\delta^2}$$

When the viscous forces act in the entire tube radius R , the ratio between the viscous and inertial forces is K . At this point length of the tube $=L$, or the entrance length.

$$K = \frac{\mu U}{R^2} \bigg/ \frac{\rho U^2}{L}$$

$$\text{The entrance length is then } L = K \frac{\rho U R^2}{\mu} = K \text{Re} R$$

The constant K is determined experimentally. For $\text{Re} < 10$, $K=R$. For $R < \text{Re} < 2000$ $K \approx 0.1$

