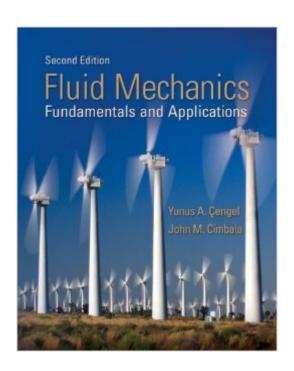
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 $\tilde{A}f\hat{A}$ ‡engel and Cimbala: Fluid Dynamics I have only read chapter 1. This is an attractive book, but even in the first chapter I have many complaints. Here are the main ones. - I was unable to understand some of the figures on fluid flow. What exactly is being shown in Figure 1-9, 1-11, 1-17, and what is the `tower' on its side in Figure 1-23 - there are a number of photographs which were made using Schlieren photography. This is a very useful technique, but it is not explained except in the vaguest terms later in the book. - On page 10 is stated "There is no fluid with zero viscosity ...". This is incorrect. The superfluid phase of liquid helium has no viscosity, with many strange consequences. This may not be relevant to the book, but should have been mentioned, perhaps in

a footnote, so that students will be aware of it. - On page 11, the symbol for Mach number is introduced as Ma. Using two characters for a variable is very bad practice. It looks just like the product of M and a. Thus if it appears in equation it would be indistinguishable from mass time acceleration, or something else if M and a had other uses. Since there are not enough letters in the English and Greek alphabets it is normal to use subscripts and superscripts to distinguish different quantities when needed. - on pages 13-14 they talk about one, two and three dimensional flows. Then they tell you that the number of dimensions of a flow depends on the coordinate system used for its description. This is unreal, an artefact. A one-dimensional flow does not suddenly become two-dimensional when you change your coordinate system; it remains one-dimensional.

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