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## Set Up Problem in FLUENT

### Launch FLUENT

Start > Programs > Fluent Inc > FLUENT 6.3.26

Select 2ddp from the list of options and click Run.

### Import File

Main Menu > File > Read > Case...

Navigate to your working directory and select the cylinder.msh file. Click OK.

### Analyze Grid

Grid > Info > Size

Check how many cells and nodes the mesh has.

### Display > Grid

Display the grid information.

### Define Properties

Define > Models > Solver...

Under the Solver box, select **Pressure Based**.

Click **OK**.

Define > Models > Viscous

Select **Laminar** under **Model**

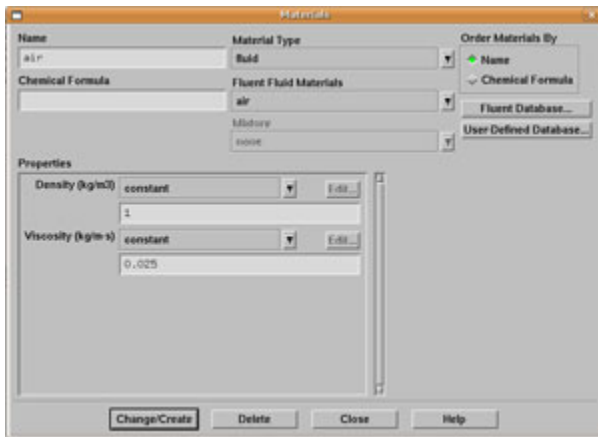
Click **OK**.

Define > Models > Energy

Do not select Energy Equation.

Define > Materials

Make sure air is selected under **Fluent Fluid Materials**. Set **Density** to constant and equal to  $1 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and **Viscosity** to  $0.025 \text{ kg/m-s}$ . We choose these numbers so that  $Re = 40$ .



Click **Change/Create**.

Define > Operating Conditions

We'll work in terms of gauge pressures in this example. So set *Operating Pressure* to the ambient value of 101,325 Pa.

Click **OK**.

Define > Boundary Conditions

Set inlet, click **Set...** and set the **Velocity Magnitude** to 1 m/s. Click **OK**.

Set outlet, click **Set...** and set the **Gauge Pressure** at this boundary to 0. Click **OK**.

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