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## SI Units and Prefixes<sup>a</sup>

SI Units	Quantity	Unit	SI Symbol	Formula
SI base units:	Length	meter	m	—
	Mass	kilogram	kg	—
	Time	second	s	—
	Temperature	kelvin	K	—
SI supplementary unit:	Plane angle	radian	rad	—
SI derived units:	Energy	joule	J	N · m
	Force	newton	N	kg · m/s <sup>2</sup>
	Power	watt	W	J/s
	Pressure	pascal	Pa	N/m <sup>2</sup>
	Work	joule	J	N · m
SI prefixes	Multiplication Factor	Prefix	SI Symbol	
	1 000 000 000 000 = 10 <sup>12</sup>	tera	T	
	1 000 000 000 = 10 <sup>9</sup>	giga	G	
	1 000 000 = 10 <sup>6</sup>	mega	M	
	1 000 = 10 <sup>3</sup>	kilo	k	
	0.01 = 10 <sup>-2</sup>	centi <sup>b</sup>	c	
	0.001 = 10 <sup>-3</sup>	milli	m	
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	0.000 000 001 = 10 <sup>-9</sup>	nano	n	
	0.000 000 000 001 = 10 <sup>-12</sup>	pico	p	

<sup>a</sup> Source: ASTM SI10-10, IEEE/ASTM SI 10 American National Standard for Metric Practice, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2010, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)

<sup>b</sup> To be avoided where possible.

## Conversion Factors and Definitions

Fundamental Dimension	English Unit	Exact SI Value	Approximate SI Value
Length	1 in.	0.0254 m	—
Mass	1 lbm	0.453 592 37 kg	0.454 kg
Temperature	1°F	5/9 K	—
<b>Definitions:</b>			
Acceleration of gravity:	$g = 9.8066 \text{ m/s}^2 (= 32.174 \text{ ft/s}^2)$		
Energy:	Btu (British thermal unit) $\equiv$ amount of energy required to raise the temperature of 1 lbm of water 1°F (1 Btu = 778.2 ft · lbf)		
	kilocalorie $\equiv$ amount of energy required to raise the temperature of 1 kg of water 1 K (1 kcal = 4187 J)		
Length:	1 mile = 5280 ft; 1 nautical mile = 6076.1 ft = 1852 m (exact)		
Power:	1 horsepower $\equiv$ 550 ft · lbf/s		
Pressure:	1 bar $\equiv$ $10^5$ Pa		
Temperature:	degree Fahrenheit, $T_F = \frac{9}{5}T_C + 32$ (where $T_C$ is degrees Celsius)		
	degree Rankine, $T_R = T_F + 459.67$		
	Kelvin, $T_K = T_C + 273.15$ (exact)		
Viscosity:	1 Poise $\equiv$ 0.1 kg/(m · s)		
	1 Stoke $\equiv$ 0.0001 m <sup>2</sup> /s		
Volume:	1 gal $\equiv$ 231 in. <sup>3</sup> (1 ft <sup>3</sup> = 7.48 gal)		
<b>Useful Conversion Factors:</b>			
Length:	1 ft = 0.3048 m 1 in. = 25.4 mm	Power:	1 hp = 745.7 W 1 ft · lbf/s = 1.356 W
Mass:	1 lbm = 0.4536 kg 1 slug = 14.59 kg	Area	1 Btu/hr = 0.2931 W 1 ft <sup>2</sup> = 0.0929 m <sup>2</sup>
Force:	1 lbf = 4.448 N 1 kgf = 9.807 N	Volume:	1 acre = 4047 m <sup>2</sup> 1 ft <sup>3</sup> = 0.02832 m <sup>3</sup>
Velocity:	1 ft/s = 0.3048 m/s 1 ft/s = 15/22 mph 1 mph = 0.447 m/s	Volume flow rate:	1 gal (US) = 0.003785 m <sup>3</sup> 1 gal (US) = 3.785 L 1 ft <sup>3</sup> /s = 0.02832 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Pressure:	1 psi = 6.895 kPa 1 lbf/ft <sup>2</sup> = 47.88 Pa 1 atm = 101.3 kPa 1 atm = 14.7 psi 1 in. Hg = 3.386 kPa 1 mm Hg = 133.3 Pa	Viscosity (dynamic)	1 gpm = $6.309 \times 10^{-5}$ m <sup>3</sup> /s 1 lbf · s/ft <sup>2</sup> = 47.88 N · s/m <sup>2</sup> 1 g/(cm · s) = 0.1 N · s/m <sup>2</sup> 1 Poise = 0.1 N · s/m <sup>2</sup>
Energy:	1 Btu = 1.055 kJ 1 ft · lbf = 1.356 J 1 cal = 4.187 J	Viscosity (kinematic)	1 ft <sup>2</sup> /s = 0.0929 m <sup>2</sup> /s 1 Stoke = 0.0001 m <sup>2</sup> /s

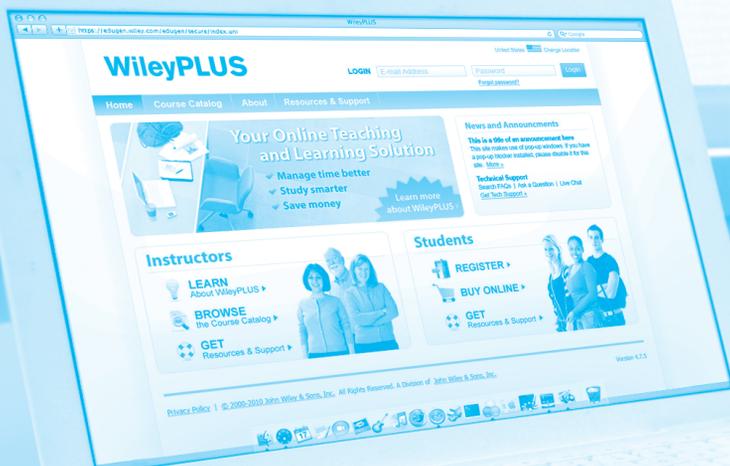
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# Preface

## Introduction

This text is written for an introductory course in fluid mechanics. Our approach to the subject, emphasizes the physical concepts of fluid mechanics and methods of analysis that begin from basic principles. The primary objective of this text is to help users develop an orderly approach to problem solving. Thus we always start from governing equations, state assumptions clearly, and try to relate mathematical results to corresponding physical behavior. We emphasize the use of control volumes to maintain a practical problem-solving approach that is also theoretically inclusive.

## Proven Problem-Solving Methodology

The Fox-McDonald solution methodology used in this text is illustrated in numerous examples in each chapter. Solutions presented in the examples have been prepared to illustrate good solution technique and to explain difficult points of theory. Examples are set apart in format from the text so that they are easy to identify and follow. Additional important information about the text and our procedures is given in “Note to Students” in Section 1.1. We urge you to study this section carefully and to integrate the suggested procedures into your problem-solving and results-presentation approaches.

## SI and English Units

SI units are used in about 70 percent of both example and end-of-chapter problems. English Engineering units are retained in the remaining problems to provide experience with this traditional system and to highlight conversions among unit systems.

## Goals and Advantages of Using This Text

Complete explanations presented in the text, together with numerous detailed examples, make this book understandable for students, freeing the instructor to depart from conventional lecture teaching methods. Classroom time can be used to bring in outside material, expand on special topics (such as non-Newtonian flow, boundary-layer flow, lift and drag, or experimental methods), solve example problems, or explain difficult points of assigned homework problems. In addition, many example *Excel* workbooks have been developed for presenting a variety of fluid mechanics phenomena, especially the

effects produced when varying input parameters. Thus each class period can be used in the manner most appropriate to meet student needs.

When students finish the fluid mechanics course, we expect them to be able to apply the governing equations to a variety of problems, including those they have not encountered previously. We particularly emphasize physical concepts throughout to help students model the variety of phenomena that occur in real fluid flow situations. Although we collect useful equations at the end of each chapter, we stress that our philosophy is to minimize the use of so-called “magic formulas” and emphasize the systematic and fundamental approach to problem solving. By following this format, we believe students develop confidence in their ability to apply the material and to find that they can reason out solutions to rather challenging problems.

The book is well suited for independent study by students or practicing engineers. Its readability and clear examples help build confidence. Answers to selected problems are included, so students may check their own work.

## Topical Coverage

The material has been selected carefully to include a broad range of topics suitable for a one- or two-semester course at the junior or senior level. We assume a background in rigid-body dynamics, mathematics through differential equations, and thermodynamics.

More advanced material, not typically covered in a first course, has been moved to the website (these sections are identified in the Table of Contents as being on the website). Advanced material is available online at [www.wiley.com/college/pritchard](http://www.wiley.com/college/pritchard) so that it does not interrupt the topic flow of the printed text.

Material in the printed text has been organized into broad topic areas:

- Introductory concepts, scope of fluid mechanics, and fluid statics (Chapters 1, 2, and 3)
- Development and application of control volume forms of basic equations (Chapter 4)
- Development and application of differential forms of basic equations (Chapters 5 and 6)
- Dimensional analysis and correlation of experimental data (Chapter 7)
- Applications for internal viscous incompressible flows (Chapter 8)

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- Analysis of fluid machinery and system applications (Chapter 10)
- Analysis and applications of open-channel flows (Chapter 11)
- Analysis and applications of one-dimensional compressible flows (Chapter 12)

Chapter 4 deals with analysis using both finite and differential control volumes. The Bernoulli equation is derived as an example application of the basic equations to a differential control volume. Being able to use the Bernoulli equation in Chapter 4 allows us to include more challenging problems dealing with the momentum equation for finite control volumes.

Another derivation of the Bernoulli equation is presented in Chapter 6, where it is obtained by integrating Euler's equation along a streamline. If an instructor chooses to delay introducing the Bernoulli equation, the challenging problems from Chapter 4 may be assigned during study of Chapter 6.

## Text Features

This edition incorporates a number of features that enhance learning:

- *Chapter Summary and Useful Equations:* At the end of each chapter we collect for the student's convenience the most used or most significant equations of the chapter. Although this is a convenience, we cannot stress enough the need for the student to understand the assumptions and limitations of each equation before using it!
- *Design Problems:* Where appropriate, we have provided open-ended design problems. Students could be assigned to work in teams to solve these problems. Design problems encourage students to spend more time exploring applications of fluid mechanics principles to the design of devices and systems. As in the previous edition, design problems are included with the end-of-chapter problems.
- *Open-Ended Problems:* We have included many open-ended problems. Some are thought-provoking questions intended to test understanding of fundamental concepts, and some require creative thought, synthesis, and/or narrative discussion. We hope these problems will help instructors to encourage their students to think and work in more dynamic ways, as well as to inspire each instructor to develop and use more open-ended problems.
- *End-of-Chapter Problems:* Problems in each chapter are arranged by topic, and grouped according to the chapter section headings. Within each topic they generally increase in complexity or difficulty. This makes it easy for the instructor to assign homework problems at the appropriate difficulty level for each section of the book.
- *Answers to Selected Problems:* Answers to odd-numbered problems are listed at the end of the book as a useful aid for students to check their understanding of the material.

- *Examples:* Several of the examples include *Excel* workbooks, available online at the text website, making them useful for “what-if” analyses by students or by the instructor.

## New to This Edition

This edition incorporates a number of significant changes:

Many new end-of-chapter homework problems have been developed, with the result that about 30 percent of the problems have not appeared in previous editions. These new problems were selected to require a spectrum of skills and concepts. At one end of the spectrum are those problems that focus on a single concept, which allows students to test their understanding of basic material. At the other end are challenging situations that bring in several concepts and advanced problem-solving skills, which allows students to assess their ability to integrate the material. This wide spectrum allows the instructor to match the complexity of the problem to student ability, facilitating the assignment of more challenging problems as students master the subject.

Each chapter is introduced with a case study that is an interesting and novel application of the material in the chapter. Our goal is to illustrate the broad range of areas that fall within the discipline of fluid mechanics. In general, these are specialized subjects that cannot be covered in depth in a text such as this one. We hope that these case studies stimulate the student to explore further and not feel limited by the topics that can be covered in this text.

Often, fluid behavior can best be understood through visualization techniques that capture the dynamics of a flowing fluid. For many of the chapter subjects, short videos are available that illustrate a specific phenomenon. These videos, which are available online to both the student and the instructor on the text's companion website, are indicated by an icon in the margin of the text. We also include references to much more extensive collections of videos on a wide range of fluid mechanics topics. We encourage both students and instructors to use these videos to gain insight into the actual behavior of fluids.

The subject of compressible fluid flow was covered in two chapters in previous editions. These two chapters have now been combined into one and the more advanced material (Fanno flow, Rayleigh flow, and oblique shock and expansion waves) has been removed from the text. These sections and the corresponding problems are available on the companion website for instructors and students. They provide an excellent introduction for those interested in a more in-depth study of compressible flow. The coverage of compressible flow in the current edition parallels the coverage of open-channel flow, emphasizing the similarity between the two topics.

## Resources for Instructors

The following resources are available to instructors who adopt this text. Visit the companion website [www.wiley.com/college/pritchard](http://www.wiley.com/college/pritchard) to register for a password.

- *Solutions Manual*: The solutions manual for this edition contains a complete, detailed solution for all homework problems. The expected solution difficulty is indicated, and each solution is prepared in the same systematic way as the example solutions in the printed text. Each solution begins from governing equations, clearly states assumptions, reduces governing equations to computing equations, obtains an algebraic result, and finally substitutes numerical values to obtain a quantitative answer. Solutions may be reproduced for classroom or library use, eliminating the labor of problem solving for the instructor.
- *Problem Key*: A list of all problems that are renumbered from the eighth edition of this title, to the ninth edition.
- *PowerPoint Lecture Slides*: Lecture slides outline the concepts in the book and include appropriate illustrations and equations.
- *Image Gallery*: Illustrations are taken from the text in a format appropriate to include in lecture presentations.
- *Sample Syllabi*: Syllabi appropriate for use in teaching a one-semester course in fluid mechanics are provided. First-time instructors will find these a helpful guide to creating an appropriate emphasis on the different topics.
- *Online-Only Chapter Content*: These additional topics supplement the material in the text. The topics covered are fluids in rigid body motion, accelerating control volumes, the unsteady Bernoulli equation, the classical laminar boundary layer solution, and compressible flow (Fanno flow, Rayleigh flow, and oblique shock and expansion waves). These online-only sections also include appropriate end-of-chapter problems.
- *Videos*: The videos referenced by icons throughout the text (and in Appendix B) can be accessed from the text's companion website. In Appendix B there is a reference to the "classic videos" developed by the National Committee for Fluid Mechanics Films and to the large number of videos available from the Cambridge University Press. Excerpts from these longer films are often helpful in explaining fluid phenomena.
- *Appendix G: A Brief Review of Microsoft Excel*: Prepared by Philip Pritchard, this online-only resource coaches students in setting up and solving fluid mechanics problems using *Excel* spreadsheets.
- *Excel Files*: These *Excel* files and add-ins are for use with specific examples from the text.
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## Acknowledgments

This ninth edition represents another step in the evolution of this classic text to meet the needs of students and instructors in fluid mechanics. It continues the tradition of providing a pedagogically sound introduction to the subject of fluids as created by the original authors, Robert Fox and Alan McDonald. Their focus on the fundamentals provides a solid grounding for those students who take only one course in fluids, and additionally gives those students who continue their studies in the subject a strong base for advanced topics.

Even though the original authors have not been involved with the later editions, we have tried to preserve their enthusiasm for the subject and their personal insights into fluid behavior. Their comments add a dimension not normally found in textbooks and enhance students' understanding of this important subject.

Over the years, many students and faculty have provided additional end-of-chapter problems and new material that have shaped subsequent editions of this book. The current edition thus contains the input of many instructors and researchers in the fluids field that supplements and supports the approach of the original authors.

It is not possible to acknowledge all of the contributors individually, but their collective efforts have been crucial to the success of this text. In particular, Philip J. Pritchard, the author of the previous edition, introduced many significant revisions in the text and the online material that are included in this ninth edition. We hope that colleagues and others who use this book continue to provide input, for their contributions are essential to maintaining the quality and relevance of this work.

John W. Mitchell  
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## Resources for Students

The following resources are available on the text's companion website at [www.wiley.com/college/pritchard](http://www.wiley.com/college/pritchard) for students enrolled in classes that adopt this text.

- *Appendix G: A Brief Review of Microsoft Excel*: This online-only material will aid students in using *Excel* to solve the end-of-chapter problems.

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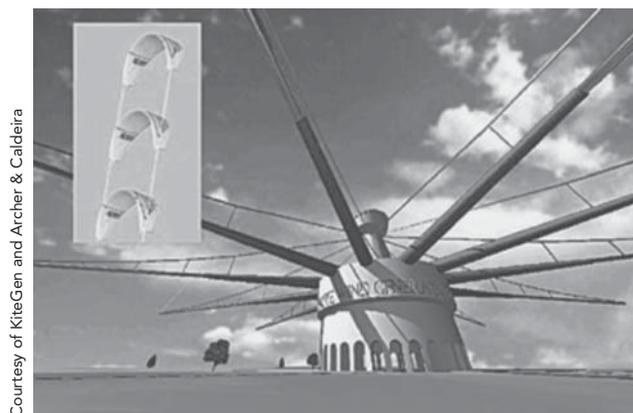
At the beginning of each chapter we present a case study that shows how the material in the chapter is incorporated into modern technology. We have tried to present novel developments that show the ongoing importance of the field of fluid mechanics. Perhaps, as a creative new engineer, you'll be able to use the ideas you learn in this course to improve current fluid-mechanics devices or invent new ones!

### Wind Power

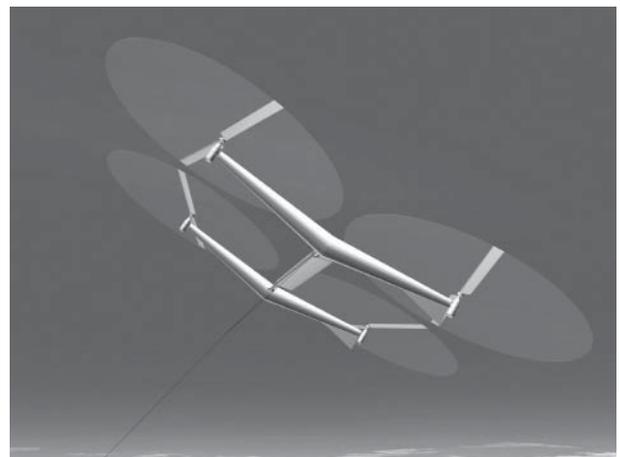
According to the July 16, 2009, edition of the *New York Times*, the global wind energy potential is much higher than previously estimated by both wind industry groups and government agencies. Using data from thousands of meteorological stations, the research indicates that the world's wind power potential is about 40 times greater than total current power consumption; previous studies had put that multiple at about seven times! In the lower 48 states, the potential from wind power is 16 times more than total electricity demand in the United States, the researchers suggested, again much higher than a 2008 Department of Energy study that projected wind could supply a fifth of all electricity in the country by 2030. The findings indicate the validity of the often made claim that "the United States is the Saudi Arabia of wind." The new estimate is based the idea of deploying 2.5- to 3-megawatt (MW) wind turbines in rural areas that are neither

frozen nor forested and also on shallow offshore locations, and it includes a conservative 20 percent estimate for capacity factor, which is a measure of how much energy a given turbine actually produces. It has been estimated that the total power from the wind that could conceivably be extracted is about 72 terawatts (TW  $72 \times 10^{12}$  watts). Bearing in mind that the total power consumption by all humans was about 16 TW (as of 2006), it is clear that wind energy could supply all the world's needs for the foreseeable future!

One reason for the new estimate is due to the increasingly common use of very large turbines that rise to almost 100 m, where wind speeds are greater. Previous wind studies were based on the use of 50- to 80-m turbines. In addition, to reach even higher elevations (and hence wind speed), two approaches have been proposed. In a recent paper, Professor Archer at California State University and Professor Caldeira at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Stanford, discussed some possibilities. One of these is a design of KiteGen (shown in the figure), consisting of tethered airfoils (kites) manipulated by a control unit and connected to a ground-based, carousel-shaped generator; the kites are maneuvered so that they drive the carousel, generating power, possibly as much as 100 MW. This approach would be best for the lowest few kilometers of the atmosphere. An approach using further increases in elevation



KiteGen's kites would fly at an altitude of about 1000 m and spin a power carousel on the ground.



Sky Windpower's flying electric generators would fly at altitudes of about 10,000 m.

Courtesy of KiteGen and Archer & Caldeira

Courtesy of Ben Shepard and Archer & Caldeira

is to generate electricity aloft and then transmit it to the surface with a tether. In the design proposed by Sky Windpower, four rotors are mounted on an airframe; the rotors both provide lift for the device and power electricity generation. The aircraft

would lift themselves into place with supplied electricity to reach the desired altitude but would then generate up to 40 MW of power. Multiple arrays could be used for large-scale electricity generation.

### 1.1 Introduction to Fluid Mechanics

We decided to title this textbook “Introduction to ...” for the following reason: After studying the text, you will *not* be able to design the streamlining of a new car or an airplane, or design a new heart valve, or select the correct air extractors and ducting for a \$100 million building; however, you *will* have developed a good understanding of the concepts behind all of these, and many other applications, and have made significant progress toward being ready to work on such state-of-the-art fluid mechanics projects.

To start toward this goal, in this chapter we cover some very basic topics: a case study, what fluid mechanics encompasses, the standard engineering definition of a fluid, and the basic equations and methods of analysis. Finally, we discuss some common engineering student pitfalls in areas such as unit systems and experimental analysis.

#### Note to Students

This is a student-oriented book: We believe it is quite comprehensive for an introductory text, and a student can successfully self-teach from it. However, most students will use the text in conjunction with one or two undergraduate courses. In either case, we recommend a thorough reading of the relevant chapters. In fact, a good approach is to read a chapter quickly once, then reread more carefully a second and even a third time, so that concepts develop a context and meaning. While students often find fluid mechanics quite challenging, we believe this approach, supplemented by your instructor’s lectures that will hopefully amplify and expand upon the text material (if you are taking a course), will reveal fluid mechanics to be a fascinating and varied field of study.

Other sources of information on fluid mechanics are readily available. In addition to your professor, there are many other fluid mechanics texts and journals as well as the Internet (a recent Google search for “fluid mechanics” yielded 26.4 million links, including many with fluid mechanics calculators and animations!).

There are some prerequisites for reading this text. We assume you have already studied introductory thermodynamics, as well as statics, dynamics, and calculus; however, as needed, we will review some of this material.

It is our strong belief that one learns best by *doing*. This is true whether the subject under study is fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, or soccer. The fundamentals in any of these are few, and mastery of them comes through practice. *Thus it is extremely important that you solve problems.* The numerous problems included at the end of each chapter provide the opportunity to practice applying fundamentals to the solution of problems. Even though we provide for your convenience a summary of useful equations at the end of each chapter (except this one), you should avoid the temptation to adopt a so-called plug-and-chug approach to solving problems. Most of the problems are such that this approach simply will not work. In solving problems we strongly recommend that you proceed using the following logical steps:

- 1 State briefly and concisely (in your own words) the information given.
- 2 State the information to be found.
- 3 Draw a schematic of the system or control volume to be used in the analysis. Be sure to label the boundaries of the system or control volume and label appropriate coordinate directions.
- 4 Give the appropriate mathematical formulation of the *basic* laws that you consider necessary to solve the problem.
- 5 List the simplifying assumptions that you feel are appropriate in the problem.

- 6 Complete the analysis algebraically before substituting numerical values.
- 7 Substitute numerical values (using a consistent set of units) to obtain a numerical answer.
  - (a) Reference the source of values for any physical properties.
  - (b) Be sure the significant figures in the answer are consistent with the given data.
- 8 Check the answer and review the assumptions made in the solution to make sure they are reasonable.
- 9 Label the answer.

In your initial work this problem format may seem unnecessary and even long-winded. However, it is our experience that this approach to problem solving is ultimately the most efficient; it will also prepare you to be a successful professional, for which a major prerequisite is to be able to communicate information and the results of an analysis clearly and precisely. *This format is used in all examples presented in this text*; answers to examples are rounded to three significant figures.

Finally, we strongly urge you to take advantage of the many Excel tools available for this book on the text website for use in solving problems. Many problems can be solved much more quickly using these tools; occasional problems can *only* be solved with the tools or with an equivalent computer application.

## Scope of Fluid Mechanics

As the name implies, fluid mechanics is the study of fluids at rest or in motion. It has traditionally been applied in such areas as the design of canal, levee, and dam systems; the design of pumps, compressors, and piping and ducting used in the water and air conditioning systems of homes and businesses, as well as the piping systems needed in chemical plants; the aerodynamics of automobiles and sub- and supersonic airplanes; and the development of many different flow measurement devices such as gas pump meters.

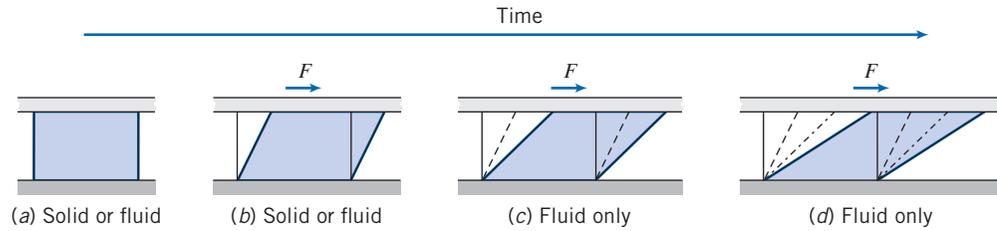
While these are still extremely important areas (witness, for example, the current emphasis on automobile streamlining and the levee failures in New Orleans in 2005), fluid mechanics is truly a “high-tech” or “hot” discipline, and many exciting areas have developed in the last quarter-century. Some examples include environmental and energy issues (e.g., containing oil slicks, large-scale wind turbines, energy generation from ocean waves, the aerodynamics of large buildings, and the fluid mechanics of the atmosphere and ocean and of phenomena such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and tsunamis); biomechanics (e.g., artificial hearts and valves and other organs such as the liver; understanding of the fluid mechanics of blood, synovial fluid in the joints, the respiratory system, the circulatory system, and the urinary system); sport (design of bicycles and bicycle helmets, skis, and sprinting and swimming clothing, and the aerodynamics of the golf, tennis, and soccer ball); “smart fluids” (e.g., in automobile suspension systems to optimize motion under all terrain conditions, military uniforms containing a fluid layer that is “thin” until combat, when it can be “stiffened” to give the soldier strength and protection, and fluid lenses with humanlike properties for use in cameras and cell phones); and microfluids (e.g., for extremely precise administration of medications).

These are just a small sampling of the newer areas of fluid mechanics. They illustrate how the discipline is still highly relevant, and increasingly diverse, even though it may be thousands of years old.

## Definition of a Fluid

We already have a common-sense idea of when we are working with a fluid, as opposed to a solid: Fluids tend to flow when we interact with them (e.g., when you stir your morning coffee); solids tend to deform or bend (e.g., when you type on a keyboard, the springs under the keys compress). Engineers need a more formal and precise definition of a fluid: A *fluid* is a substance that deforms continuously under the application of a shear (tangential) stress no matter how small the shear stress may be. Because the fluid motion continues under the application of a shear stress, we can also define a fluid as any substance that cannot sustain a shear stress when at rest.

Hence liquids and gases (or vapors) are the forms, or phases, that fluids can take. We wish to distinguish these phases from the solid phase of matter. We can see the difference between solid and fluid behavior in Fig. 1.1. If we place a specimen of either substance between two plates (Fig. 1.1a) and then apply a shearing force  $F$ , each will initially deform (Fig. 1.1b); however, whereas a solid will then be at rest (assuming the force is not large enough to go beyond its elastic limit), a fluid will *continue* to



**Fig. 1.1** Difference in behavior of a solid and a fluid due to a shear force.

deform (Fig. 1.1c, Fig. 1.1d, etc) as long as the force is applied. Note that a fluid in contact with a solid surface does not slip—it has the same velocity as that surface because of the *no-slip* condition, an experimental fact.

The amount of deformation of the solid depends on the solid's modulus of rigidity  $G$ ; in Chapter 2 we will learn that the *rate of deformation* of the fluid depends on the fluid's viscosity  $\mu$ . We refer to solids as being *elastic* and fluids as being *viscous*. More informally, we say that solids exhibit “springiness.” For example, when you drive over a pothole, the car bounces up and down due to the car suspension's metal coil springs compressing and expanding. On the other hand, fluids exhibit friction effects so that the suspension's shock absorbers (containing a fluid that is forced through a small opening as the car bounces) dissipate energy due to the fluid friction, which stops the bouncing after a few oscillations. If your shocks are “shot,” the fluid they contained has leaked out so that there is almost no friction as the car bounces, and it bounces several times rather than quickly coming to rest. The idea that substances can be categorized as being either a solid or a liquid holds for most substances, but a number of substances exhibit both springiness and friction; they are *viscoelastic*. Many biological tissues are viscoelastic. For example, the synovial fluid in human knee joints lubricates those joints but also absorbs some of the shock occurring during walking or running. Note that the system of springs and shock absorbers comprising the car suspension is also viscoelastic, although the individual components are not. We will have more to say on this topic in Chapter 2.

## 1.2 Basic Equations

Analysis of any problem in fluid mechanics necessarily includes statement of the basic laws governing the fluid motion. The basic laws, which are applicable to any fluid, are:

- 1 The conservation of mass
- 2 Newton's second law of motion
- 3 The principle of angular momentum
- 4 The first law of thermodynamics
- 5 The second law of thermodynamics

Not all basic laws are always required to solve any one problem. On the other hand, in many problems it is necessary to bring into the analysis additional relations that describe the behavior of physical properties of fluids under given conditions.

For example, you probably recall studying properties of gases in basic physics or thermodynamics. The *ideal gas* equation of state

$$p = \rho RT \quad (1.1)$$

is a model that relates density to pressure and temperature for many gases under normal conditions. In Eq. 1.1,  $R$  is the gas constant. Values of  $R$  are given in Appendix A for several common gases;  $p$  and  $T$  in Eq. 1.1 are the absolute pressure and absolute temperature, respectively;  $\rho$  is density (mass per unit volume). Example 1.1 illustrates use of the ideal gas equation of state.

It is obvious that the basic laws with which we shall deal are the same as those used in mechanics and thermodynamics. Our task will be to formulate these laws in suitable forms to solve fluid flow problems and to apply them to a wide variety of situations.

### Example 1.1 FIRST LAW APPLICATION TO CLOSED SYSTEM

A piston-cylinder device contains 0.95 kg of oxygen initially at a temperature of 27°C and a pressure due to the weight of 150 kPa (abs). Heat is added to the gas until it reaches a temperature of 627°C. Determine the amount of heat added during the process.

**Given:** Piston-cylinder containing O<sub>2</sub>,  $m = 0.95$  kg.

$$T_1 = 27^\circ\text{C} \quad T_2 = 627^\circ\text{C}$$

**Find:**  $Q_{1 \rightarrow 2}$ .

**Solution:**  $p = \text{constant} = 150$  kPa (abs)

We are dealing with a system,  $m = 0.95$  kg.

**Governing equation:** First law for the system,  $Q_{12} - W_{12} = E_2 - E_1$

**Assumptions:** 1  $E = U$ , since the system is stationary.

2 Ideal gas with constant specific heats.

Under the above assumptions,

$$E_2 - E_1 = U_2 - U_1 = m(u_2 - u_1) = mc_v(T_2 - T_1)$$

The work done during the process is moving boundary work

$$W_{12} = \int_{\Psi_1}^{\Psi_2} p d\Psi = p(\Psi_2 - \Psi_1)$$

For an ideal gas,  $p\Psi = mRT$ . Hence  $W_{12} = mR(T_2 - T_1)$ . Then from the first law equation,

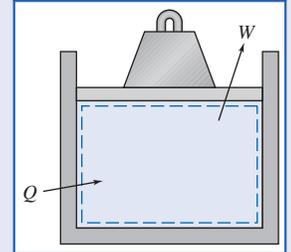
$$Q_{12} = E_2 - E_1 + W_{12} = mc_v(T_2 - T_1) + mR(T_2 - T_1)$$

$$Q_{12} = m(T_2 - T_1)(c_v + R)$$

$$Q_{12} = mc_p(T_2 - T_1) \quad \{R = c_p - c_v\}$$

From the Appendix, Table A.6, for O<sub>2</sub>,  $c_p = 909.4 \text{ J}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})$ . Solving for  $Q_{12}$ , we obtain

$$Q_{12} = 0.95 \text{ kg} \times 909 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 600 \text{ K} = 518 \text{ kJ} \quad \leftarrow \frac{Q_{12}}$$



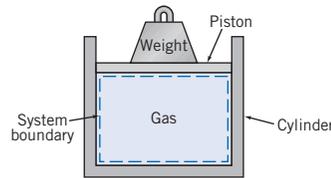
*This problem:*

- Was solved using the nine logical steps discussed earlier.
- Reviewed use of the ideal gas equation and the first law of thermodynamics for a system.

We must emphasize that there are, as we shall see, many apparently simple problems in fluid mechanics that cannot be solved analytically. In such cases we must resort to more complicated numerical solutions and/or results of experimental tests.

## 1.3 Methods of Analysis

The first step in solving a problem is to define the system that you are attempting to analyze. In basic mechanics, we made extensive use of the *free-body diagram*. We will use a *system* or a *control volume*, depending on the problem being studied. These concepts are identical to the ones you used in thermodynamics (except you may have called them *closed system* and *open system*, respectively). We can use either one to get mathematical expressions for each of the basic laws. In thermodynamics they were mostly used to obtain expressions for conservation of mass and the first and second laws of thermodynamics; in our study of fluid mechanics, we will be most interested in conservation of mass and



**Fig. 1.2** Piston-cylinder assembly.

Newton's second law of motion. In thermodynamics our focus was energy; in fluid mechanics it will mainly be forces and motion. We must always be aware of whether we are using a system or a control volume approach because each leads to different mathematical expressions of these laws. At this point we review the definitions of systems and control volumes.

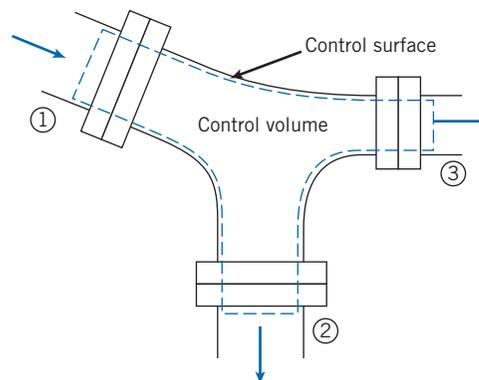
## System and Control Volume

A *system* is defined as a fixed, identifiable quantity of mass; the system boundaries separate the system from the surroundings. The boundaries of the system may be fixed or movable; however, no mass crosses the system boundaries.

In the familiar piston-cylinder assembly from thermodynamics, Fig. 1.2, the gas in the cylinder is the system. If the gas is heated, the piston will lift the weight; the boundary of the system thus moves. Heat and work may cross the boundaries of the system, but the quantity of matter within the system boundaries remains fixed. No mass crosses the system boundaries.

In mechanics courses you used the free-body diagram (system approach) extensively. This was logical because you were dealing with an easily identifiable rigid body. However, in fluid mechanics we normally are concerned with the flow of fluids through devices such as compressors, turbines, pipelines, nozzles, and so on. In these cases it is difficult to focus attention on a fixed identifiable quantity of mass. It is much more convenient, for analysis, to focus attention on a volume in space through which the fluid flows. Consequently, we use the control volume approach.

A *control volume* is an arbitrary volume in space through which fluid flows. The geometric boundary of the control volume is called the control surface. The control surface may be real or imaginary; it may be at rest or in motion. Figure 1.3 shows flow through a pipe junction, with a control surface drawn on it. Note that some regions of the surface correspond to physical boundaries (the walls of the pipe) and others (at locations ①, ②, and ③) are parts of the surface that are imaginary (inlets or outlets). For the control volume defined by this surface, we could write equations for the basic laws and obtain results such as the flow rate at outlet ③ given the flow rates at inlet ① and outlet ② (similar to a problem we will analyze in Example 4.1 in Chapter 4), the force required to hold the junction in place, and so on. Example 1.2 illustrates how we use a control volume to determine the mass flow rate in a section of a pipe. It is always important to take care in selecting a control volume, as the choice has a big effect on the mathematical form of the basic laws. We will illustrate the use of a control volume with an example.



**Fig. 1.3** Fluid flow through a pipe junction.

### Example 1.2 MASS CONSERVATION APPLIED TO CONTROL VOLUME

A reducing water pipe section has an inlet diameter of 50 mm and exit diameter of 30 mm. If the steady inlet speed (averaged across the inlet area) is 2.5 m/s, find the exit speed.

**Given:** Pipe, inlet  $D_i = 50$  mm, exit  $D_e = 30$  mm.  
Inlet speed,  $V_i = 2.5$  m/s.

**Find:** Exit speed,  $V_e$ .

**Solution:**

**Assumption:** Water is incompressible (density  $\rho = \text{constant}$ ).

The physical law we use here is the conservation of mass, which you learned in thermodynamics when studying turbines, boilers, and so on. You may have seen mass flow at an inlet or outlet expressed as either  $\dot{m} = VA/v$  or  $\dot{m} = \rho VA$  where  $V$ ,  $A$ ,  $v$  and  $\rho$  are the speed, area, specific volume, and density, respectively. We will use the density form of the equation.

Hence the mass flow is:

$$\dot{m} = \rho VA$$

Applying mass conservation, from our study of thermodynamics,

$$\rho V_i A_i = \rho V_e A_e$$

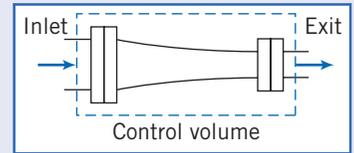
(Note:  $\rho_i = \rho_e = \rho$  by our first assumption.)

(Note: Even though we are already familiar with this equation from thermodynamics, we will derive it in Chapter 4.)

Solving for  $V_e$ ,

$$V_e = V_i \frac{A_i}{A_e} = V_i \frac{\pi D_i^2 / 4}{\pi D_e^2 / 4} = V_i \left( \frac{D_i}{D_e} \right)^2$$

$$V_e = 2.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \left( \frac{50}{30} \right)^2 = 7.5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \longleftarrow V_e$$



*This problem:*

- Was solved using the nine logical steps.
- Demonstrated use of a control volume and the mass conservation law.

## Differential versus Integral Approach

The basic laws that we apply in our study of fluid mechanics can be formulated in terms of *infinitesimal* or *finite* systems and control volumes. As you might suspect, the equations will look different in the two cases. Both approaches are important in the study of fluid mechanics and both will be developed in the course of our work.

In the first case the resulting equations are differential equations. Solution of the differential equations of motion provides a means of determining the detailed behavior of the flow. An example might be the pressure distribution on a wing surface.

Frequently the information sought does not require a detailed knowledge of the flow. We often are interested in the gross behavior of a device; in such cases it is more appropriate to use integral formulations of the basic laws. An example might be the overall lift a wing produces. Integral formulations, using finite systems or control volumes, usually are easier to treat analytically. The basic laws of mechanics and thermodynamics, formulated in terms of finite systems, are the basis for deriving the control volume equations in Chapter 4.

## Methods of Description

Mechanics deals almost exclusively with systems; you have made extensive use of the basic equations applied to a fixed, identifiable quantity of mass. On the other hand, attempting to analyze thermodynamic devices, you often found it necessary to use a control volume (open system) analysis. Clearly, the type of analysis depends on the problem.

Where it is easy to keep track of identifiable elements of mass (e.g., in particle mechanics), we use a method of description that follows the particle. This sometimes is referred to as the *Lagrangian* method of description.

Consider, for example, the application of Newton's second law to a particle of fixed mass. Mathematically, we can write Newton's second law for a system of mass  $m$  as

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = m\vec{a} = m \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = m \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \quad (1.2)$$

In Eq. 1.2,  $\Sigma \vec{F}$  is the sum of all external forces acting on the system,  $\vec{a}$  is the acceleration of the center of mass of the system,  $\vec{V}$  is the velocity of the center of mass of the system, and  $\vec{r}$  is the position vector of the center of mass of the system relative to a fixed coordinate system. In Example 1.3, we show how Newton's second law is applied to a falling object to determine its speed.

### Example 1.3 FREE FALL OF BALL IN AIR

The air resistance (drag force) on a 200 g ball in free flight is given by  $F_D = 2 \times 10^{-4} V^2$ , where  $F_D$  is in newtons and  $V$  is in meters per second. If the ball is dropped from rest 500 m above the ground, determine the speed at which it hits the ground. What percentage of the terminal speed is the result? (The *terminal speed* is the steady speed a falling body eventually attains.)

**Given:** Ball,  $m = 0.2$  kg, released from rest at  $y_0 = 500$  m.  
Air resistance,  $F_D = kV^2$ , where  $k = 2 \times 10^{-4}$  N·s<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>.  
Units:  $F_D$ (N),  $V$ (m/s).

**Find:**

- Speed at which the ball hits the ground.
- Ratio of speed to terminal speed.

**Solution:**

**Governing equation:**  $\Sigma \vec{F} = m\vec{a}$

**Assumption:** Neglect buoyancy force.

The motion of the ball is governed by the equation

$$\Sigma F_y = ma_y = m \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Since  $V = V(y)$ , we write  $\Sigma F_y = m \frac{dV}{dy} \frac{dy}{dt} = mV \frac{dV}{dy}$ . Then,

$$\Sigma F_y = F_D - mg = kV^2 - mg = mV \frac{dV}{dy}$$

Separating variables and integrating,

$$\int_{y_0}^y dy = \int_0^V \frac{mV dV}{kV^2 - mg}$$

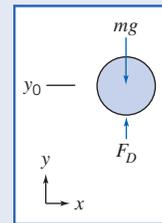
$$y - y_0 = \left[ \frac{m}{2k} \ln(kV^2 - mg) \right]_0^V = \frac{m}{2k} \ln \frac{kV^2 - mg}{-mg}$$

Taking antilogarithms, we obtain

$$kV^2 - mg = -mg e^{[(2k/m)(y-y_0)]}$$

Solving for  $V$  gives

$$V = \left\{ \frac{mg}{k} \left( 1 - e^{[(2k/m)(y-y_0)]} \right) \right\}^{1/2}$$



Substituting numerical values with  $y = 0$  yields

$$V = \left\{ 0.2 \text{ kg} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{m}^2}{2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \left( 1 - e^{[2 \times 2 \times 10^{-4} / 0.2(-500)]} \right) \right\}$$

$$V = 78.7 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow \frac{V}{V_t}$$

At terminal speed,  $a_y = 0$  and  $\Sigma F_y = 0 = kV_t^2 - mg$ .

$$\text{Then, } V_t = \left[ \frac{mg}{k} \right]^{1/2} = \left[ 0.2 \text{ kg} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{m}^2}{2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= 99.0 \text{ m/s}$$

The ratio of actual speed to terminal speed is

$$\frac{V}{V_t} = \frac{78.7}{99.0} = 0.795, \text{ or } 79.5\% \leftarrow \frac{V}{V_t}$$

*This problem:*

- Reviewed the methods used in particle mechanics.
- Introduced a variable aerodynamic drag force.



Try the *Excel workbook* for this problem for variations on this problem.

We could use this Lagrangian approach to analyze a fluid flow by assuming the fluid to be composed of a very large number of particles whose motion must be described. However, keeping track of the motion of each fluid particle would become a horrendous bookkeeping problem. Consequently, a particle description becomes unmanageable. Often we find it convenient to use a different type of description. Particularly with control volume analyses, it is convenient to use the field, or *Eulerian*, method of description, which focuses attention on the properties of a flow at a given point in space as a function of time. In the Eulerian method of description, the properties of a flow field are described as functions of space coordinates and time. We shall see in Chapter 2 that this method of description is a logical outgrowth of the assumption that fluids may be treated as continuous media.

## 1.4 Dimensions and Units

Engineering problems are solved to answer specific questions. It goes without saying that the answer must include units. In 1999, NASA's Mars Climate Observer crashed because the JPL engineers assumed that a measurement was in meters, but the supplying company's engineers had actually made the measurement in feet! Consequently, it is appropriate to present a brief review of dimensions and units. We say "review" because the topic is familiar from your earlier work in mechanics.

We refer to physical quantities such as length, time, mass, and temperature as *dimensions*. In terms of a particular system of dimensions, all measurable quantities are subdivided into two groups—*primary* quantities and *secondary* quantities. We refer to a small group of dimensions from which all others can be formed as primary quantities, for which we set up arbitrary scales of measure. Secondary quantities are those quantities whose dimensions are expressible in terms of the dimensions of the primary quantities.

*Units* are the arbitrary names (and magnitudes) assigned to the primary dimensions adopted as standards for measurement. For example, the primary dimension of length may be measured in units of meters, feet, yards, or miles. These units of length are related to each other through unit conversion factors (1 mile = 5280 feet = 1609 meters).

### Systems of Dimensions

Any valid equation that relates physical quantities must be dimensionally homogeneous; each term in the equation must have the same dimensions. We recognize that Newton's second law ( $\vec{F} \propto m\vec{a}$ ) relates the

four dimensions,  $F$ ,  $M$ ,  $L$  and  $t$ . Thus force and mass cannot both be selected as primary dimensions without introducing a constant of proportionality that has dimensions (and units).

Length and time are primary dimensions in all dimensional systems in common use. In some systems, mass is taken as a primary dimension. In others, force is selected as a primary dimension; a third system chooses both force and mass as primary dimensions. Thus we have three basic systems of dimensions, corresponding to the different ways of specifying the primary dimensions.

- (a) Mass  $[M]$ , length  $[L]$ , time  $[t]$ , temperature  $[T]$
- (b) Force  $[F]$ , length  $[L]$ , time  $[t]$ , temperature  $[T]$
- (c) Force  $[F]$ , mass  $[M]$ , length  $[L]$ , time  $[t]$ , temperature  $[T]$

In system  $a$ , force  $[F]$  is a secondary dimension and the constant of proportionality in Newton’s second law is dimensionless. In system  $b$ , mass  $[M]$  is a secondary dimension, and again the constant of proportionality in Newton’s second law is dimensionless. In system  $c$ , both force  $[F]$  and mass  $[M]$  have been selected as primary dimensions. In this case the constant of proportionality,  $g_c$  (not to be confused with  $g$ , the acceleration of gravity!) in Newton’s second law (written  $\vec{F} = m \vec{a} / g_c$ ) is not dimensionless. The dimensions of  $g_c$  must in fact be  $[ML/Ft^2]$  for the equation to be dimensionally homogeneous. The numerical value of the constant of proportionality depends on the units of measure chosen for each of the primary quantities.

### Systems of Units

There is more than one way to select the unit of measure for each primary dimension. We shall present only the more common engineering systems of units for each of the basic systems of dimensions. Table 1.1 shows the basic units assigned to the primary dimensions for these systems. The units in parentheses are those assigned to that unit system’s secondary dimension. Following the table is a brief description of each of them.

#### a. MLtT

SI, which is the official abbreviation in all languages for the *Système International d’Unités*,<sup>1</sup> is an extension and refinement of the traditional metric system. More than 30 countries have declared it to be the only legally accepted system.

In the SI system of units, the unit of mass is the kilogram (kg), the unit of length is the meter (m), the unit of time is the second (s), and the unit of temperature is the kelvin (K). Force is a secondary dimension, and its unit, the newton (N), is defined from Newton’s second law as

$$1 \text{ N} \equiv 1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}/\text{s}^2$$

In the Absolute Metric system of units, the unit of mass is the gram, the unit of length is the centimeter, the unit of time is the second, and the unit of temperature is the kelvin. Since force is a secondary dimension, the unit of force, the dyne, is defined in terms of Newton’s second law as

$$1 \text{ dyne} \equiv 1 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}/\text{s}^2$$

**Table 1.1**  
Common Unit Systems

System of Dimensions	Unit System	Force $F$	Mass $M$	Length $L$	Time $t$	Temperature $T$
a. MLtT	Système International d’Unités (SI)	(N)	kg	m	s	K
b. FLtT	British Gravitational (BG)	lbf	(slug)	ft	s	°R
c. FMLtT	English Engineering (EE)	lbf	lbm	ft	s	°R

<sup>1</sup> American Society for Testing and Materials, *ASTM Standard for Metric Practice*, E380–97. Conshohocken, PA: ASTM, 1997.

**b. FLtT**

In the British Gravitational system of units, the unit of force is the pound (lbf), the unit of length is the foot (ft), the unit of time is the second, and the unit of temperature is the degree Rankine ( $^{\circ}\text{R}$ ). Since mass is a secondary dimension, the unit of mass, the slug, is defined in terms of Newton's second law as

$$1 \text{ slug} \equiv 1 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2/\text{ft}$$

**c. FMLtT**

In the English Engineering system of units, the unit of force is the pound force (lbf), the unit of mass is the pound mass (lbm), the unit of length is the foot, the unit of time is the second, and the unit of temperature is the degree Rankine. Since both force and mass are chosen as primary dimensions, Newton's second law is written as

$$\vec{F} = \frac{m \vec{a}}{g_c}$$

A force of one pound (1 lbf) is the force that gives a pound mass (1 lbm) an acceleration equal to the standard acceleration of gravity on Earth,  $32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2$ . From Newton's second law we see that

$$1 \text{ lbf} \equiv \frac{1 \text{ lbm} \times 32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2}{g_c}$$

or

$$g_c \equiv 32.2 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbm}/(\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2)$$

The constant of proportionality,  $g_c$ , has both dimensions and units. The dimensions arose because we selected both force and mass as primary dimensions; the units (and the numerical value) are a consequence of our choices for the standards of measurement.

Since a force of 1 lbf accelerates 1 lbm at  $32.2 \text{ ft/s}^2$ , it would accelerate 32.2 lbm at  $1 \text{ ft/s}^2$ . A slug also is accelerated at  $1 \text{ ft/s}^2$  by a force of 1 lbf. Therefore,

$$1 \text{ slug} \equiv 32.2 \text{ lbm}$$

*Many textbooks and references use lb instead of lbf or lbm, leaving it up to the reader to determine from the context whether a force or mass is being referred to.*

## Preferred Systems of Units

In this text we shall use both the *SI* and the *British Gravitational* systems of units. In either case, the constant of proportionality in Newton's second law is dimensionless and has a value of unity. Consequently, Newton's second law is written as  $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$ . In these systems, it follows that the gravitational force (the "weight"<sup>2</sup>) on an object of mass  $m$  is given by  $W = mg$ .

SI units and prefixes, together with other defined units and useful conversion factors, are on the inside cover of the book. In Example 1.4, we show how we convert between mass and weight in the different unit systems that we use.

## Dimensional Consistency and "Engineering" Equations

In engineering, we strive to make equations and formulas have consistent dimensions. That is, each term in an equation, and obviously both sides of the equation, should be reducible to the same dimensions. For example, a very important equation we will derive later on is the Bernoulli equation

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2$$

<sup>2</sup>Note that in the English Engineering system, the weight of an object is given by  $W = mg/g_c$ .

**Example 1.4** USE OF UNITS

The label on a jar of peanut butter states its net weight is 510 g. Express its mass and weight in SI, BG, and EE units.

**Given:** Peanut butter “weight,”  $m = 510$  g.

**Find:** Mass and weight in SI, BG, and EE units.

**Solution:** This problem involves unit conversions and use of the equation relating weight and mass:

$$W = mg$$

The given “weight” is actually the mass because it is expressed in units of mass:

$$m_{\text{SI}} = 0.510 \text{ kg} \leftarrow \frac{m_{\text{SI}}}{m_{\text{SI}}}$$

Using the conversions given inside the book cover,

$$m_{\text{EE}} = m_{\text{SI}} \left( \frac{1 \text{ lbm}}{0.454 \text{ kg}} \right) = 0.510 \text{ kg} \left( \frac{1 \text{ lbm}}{0.454 \text{ kg}} \right) = 1.12 \text{ lbm} \leftarrow \frac{m_{\text{EE}}}{m_{\text{EE}}}$$

Using the fact that 1 slug = 32.2 lbm,

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\text{BG}} &= m_{\text{EE}} \left( \frac{1 \text{ slug}}{32.2 \text{ lbm}} \right) = 1.12 \text{ lbm} \left( \frac{1 \text{ slug}}{32.2 \text{ lbm}} \right) \\ &= 0.0349 \text{ slug} \leftarrow \frac{m_{\text{BG}}}{m_{\text{BG}}} \end{aligned}$$

To find the weight, we use

$$W = mg$$

In SI units, and using the definition of a newton,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{SI}} &= 0.510 \text{ kg} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = 5.00 \left( \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}/\text{s}^2} \right) \\ &= 5.00 \text{ N} \leftarrow \frac{W_{\text{SI}}}{W_{\text{SI}}} \end{aligned}$$

In BG units, and using the definition of a slug,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{BG}} &= 0.0349 \text{ slug} \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} = 1.12 \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \\ &= 1.12 \left( \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{lbf}/\text{ft}}{\text{slug}} \right) = 1.12 \text{ lbf} \leftarrow \frac{W_{\text{BG}}}{W_{\text{BG}}} \end{aligned}$$

In EE units, we use the form  $W = mg/g_c$ , and using the definition of  $g_c$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{EE}} &= 1.12 \text{ lbm} \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{1}{g_c} = \frac{36.1 \text{ lbm} \cdot \text{ft}}{g_c \text{ s}^2} \\ &= 36.1 \left( \frac{\text{lbm} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \right) \left( \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbm}} \right) = 1.12 \text{ lbf} \leftarrow \frac{W_{\text{EE}}}{W_{\text{EE}}} \end{aligned}$$

*This problem illustrates:*

- Conversions from SI to BG and EE systems.
- Use of  $g_c$  in the EE system.

*Notes:*

The student may feel this example involves a lot of unnecessary calculation details (e.g., a factor of 32.2 appears, then disappears), but it cannot be stressed enough that such steps should always be explicitly written out to minimize errors—if you do not write all steps and units down, it is just too easy, for example, to multiply by a conversion factor when you should be dividing by it. For the weights in SI, BG, and EE units, we could alternatively have looked up the conversion from newton to lbf.

which relates the pressure  $p$ , velocity  $V$ , and elevation  $z$  between points 1 and 2 along a streamline for a steady, frictionless incompressible flow (density  $\rho$ ). This equation is dimensionally consistent because each term in the equation can be reduced to dimensions of  $L^2/t^2$  (the pressure term dimensions are  $FL/M$ , but from Newton’s law we find  $F = M/Lt^2$ , so  $FL/M = ML^2/Mt^2 = L^2/t^2$ ).

Almost all equations you are likely to encounter will be dimensionally consistent. However, you should be alert to some still commonly used equations that are not; these are often “engineering”

equations derived many years ago, or are empirical (based on experiment rather than theory), or are proprietary equations used in a particular industry or company. For example, civil engineers often use the semi-empirical Manning equation

$$V = \frac{R_h^{2/3} S_0^{1/2}}{n}$$

which gives the flow speed  $V$  in an open channel (such as a canal) as a function of the hydraulic radius  $R_h$  (which is a measure of the flow cross-section and contact surface area), the channel slope  $S_0$ , and a constant  $n$  (the Manning resistance coefficient). The value of this constant depends on the surface condition of the channel. For example, for a canal made from unfinished concrete, most references give  $n \approx 0.014$ . Unfortunately, the equation is dimensionally inconsistent! For the right side of the equation,  $R_h$  has dimensions  $L$ , and  $S_0$  is dimensionless, so with a dimensionless constant  $n$ , we end up with dimensions of  $L^{2/3}$ ; for the left side of the equation the dimensions must be  $L/t$ ! A user of the equation is supposed to know that the values of  $n$  provided in most references will give correct results *only* if we ignore the dimensional inconsistency, always use  $R_h$  in meters, and interpret  $V$  to be in m/s! (The alert student will realize that this means that even though handbooks provide  $n$  values as just constants, they must have units of  $s/m^{1/3}$ .) Because the equation is dimensionally inconsistent, using the *same* value for  $n$  with  $R_h$  in ft does *not* give the correct value for  $V$  in ft/s.

A second type of problem is one in which the dimensions of an equation are consistent but use of units is not. The commonly used *EER* of an air conditioner is

$$EER = \frac{\text{cooling rate}}{\text{electrical input}}$$

which indicates how efficiently the AC works—a higher *EER* value indicates better performance. The equation *is* dimensionally consistent, with the *EER* being dimensionless (the cooling rate and electrical input are both measured in energy/time). However, it is *used*, in a sense, incorrectly, because the *units* traditionally used in it are not consistent. For example, a good *EER* value is 10, which would appear to imply you receive, say, 10 kW of cooling for each 1 kW of electrical power. In fact, an *EER* of 10 means you receive 10 *Btu/hr* of cooling for each 1 *W* of electrical power! Manufacturers, retailers, and customers all use the *EER*, in a sense, incorrectly in that they quote an *EER* of, say, 10, rather than the correct way, of 10 *Btu/hr/W*. (The *EER*, as used, is an everyday, inconsistent unit version of the coefficient of performance, *COP*, studied in thermodynamics.)

The two examples above illustrate the dangers in using certain equations. Almost all the equations encountered in this text will be dimensionally consistent, but you should be aware of the occasional troublesome equation you will encounter in your engineering studies.

As a final note on units, we stated earlier that we will use SI and BG units in this text. You will become very familiar with their use through using this text but should be aware that many of the units used, although they are scientifically and engineering-wise correct, are nevertheless not units you will use in everyday activities, and vice versa; we do not recommend asking your grocer to give you, say, 22 newtons, or 0.16 slugs, of potatoes; nor should you be expected to immediately know what, say, a motor oil viscosity of 5W20 means!

SI units and prefixes, other defined units, and useful conversions are given on the inside of the book cover.

## 1.5 Analysis of Experimental Error

Most consumers are unaware of it but, as with most foodstuffs, soft drink containers are filled to plus or minus a certain amount, as allowed by law. Because it is difficult to precisely measure the filling of a container in a rapid production process, a 12-fl-oz container may actually contain 12.1, or 12.7, fl oz. The manufacturer is never supposed to supply less than the specified amount; and it will reduce profits if it is unnecessarily generous. Similarly, the supplier of components for the interior of a car must satisfy minimum and maximum dimensions (each component has what are called tolerances) so that the final appearance of the interior is visually appealing. Engineers performing experiments must measure not just data but also the uncertainties in their measurements. They must also somehow determine how these uncertainties affect the uncertainty in the final result.

All of these examples illustrate the importance of *experimental uncertainty*, that is, the study of uncertainties in measurements and their effect on overall results. There is always a trade-off in experimental work or in manufacturing: We can reduce the uncertainties to a desired level, but the smaller the uncertainty (the more precise the measurement or experiment), the more expensive the procedure will be. Furthermore, in a complex manufacture or experiment, it is not always easy to see which measurement uncertainty has the biggest influence on the final outcome.

Anyone involved in manufacturing, or in experimental work, should understand experimental uncertainties. Appendix E has details on this topic; there is a selection of problems on this topic at the end of this chapter.

## 1.6 Summary

In this chapter we introduced or reviewed a number of basic concepts and definitions, including:

- ✓ How fluids are defined, and the no-slip condition
- ✓ System/control volume concepts
- ✓ Lagrangian and Eulerian descriptions
- ✓ Units and dimensions (including SI, British Gravitational, and English Engineering systems)
- ✓ Experimental uncertainty

## PROBLEMS

### Definition of a Fluid: Basic Equations

1.1 A number of common substances are

Tar	Sand
“Silly Putty”	Jello
Modeling clay	Toothpaste
Wax	Shaving cream

Some of these materials exhibit characteristics of both solid and fluid behavior under different conditions. Explain and give examples.

1.2 Give a word statement of each of the five basic conservation laws stated in Section 1.2, as they apply to a system.

### Methods of Analysis

1.3 The barrel of a bicycle tire pump becomes quite warm during use. Explain the mechanisms responsible for the temperature increase.

1.4 Very small particles moving in fluids are known to experience a drag force proportional to speed. Consider a particle of net weight  $W$  dropped in a fluid. The particle experiences a drag force,  $F_D = kV$ , where  $V$  is the particle speed. Determine the time required for the particle to accelerate from rest to 95 percent of its terminal speed,  $V_t$ , in terms of  $k$ ,  $W$ , and  $g$ .

 1.5 In a combustion process, gasoline particles are to be dropped in air at 200°F. The particles must drop at least 10 in. in 1 s. Find the diameter  $d$  of droplets required for this. (The drag on these particles is given by  $F_D = 3\pi\mu Vd$ , where  $V$  is the particle speed and  $\mu$  is the air viscosity. To solve this problem, use *Excel's Goal Seek*.)

1.6 In a pollution control experiment, minute solid particles (typical mass  $1 \times 10^{-13}$  slug) are dropped in air. The terminal speed of the particles is measured to be 0.2 ft/s. The drag of these particles is given by  $F_D = kV$ , where  $V$  is the instantaneous particle speed. Find the value of the constant  $k$ . Find the time required to reach 99 percent of terminal speed.

1.7 A rocket payload with a weight on earth of 2000 lb is landed on the moon where the acceleration due to the moon's gravity  $g_m \approx g_n/6$ . Find the mass of the payload on the earth and the moon and the payload's moon weight.

1.8 A cubic metre of air at 101 kPa absolute and 15°C weighs 12.0 N. What is its specific volume? What is the specific volume if it is cooled to  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  at constant pressure?

1.9 Calculate the specific weight, specific volume, and density of air at 40°F and 50 psia. What are these values if the air is then compressed isentropically to 100 psia?

1.10 For Problem 1.6, find the distance the particles travel before reaching 99 percent of terminal speed. Plot the distance traveled as a function of time. 

1.11 A sky diver with a mass of 70 kg jumps from an aircraft. The aerodynamic drag force acting on the sky diver is known to be  $F_D = kV^2$ , where  $k = 0.25 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}^2/\text{m}^2$ . Determine the maximum speed of free fall for the sky diver and the speed reached after 100 m of fall. Plot the speed of the sky diver as a function of time and as a function of distance fallen. 

1.12 The English perfected the longbow as a weapon after the Medieval period. In the hands of a skilled archer, the longbow was reputed to be accurate at ranges to 100 m or more. If the maximum altitude of an arrow is less than  $h = 10$  m while traveling to a target 100 m away from the archer, and neglecting air resistance, estimate the speed and angle at which the arrow must leave the bow. Plot the required release speed and angle as a function of height  $h$ .

### Dimensions and Units

1.13 For each quantity listed, indicate dimensions using mass as a primary dimension, and give typical SI and English units:

- (a) Power
- (b) Pressure

- (c) Modulus of elasticity
- (d) Angular velocity
- (e) Energy
- (f) Moment of a force
- (g) Momentum
- (h) Shear stress
- (i) Strain
- (j) Angular momentum

**1.14** The density of a sample of sea water is 1.99 slugs/ft<sup>3</sup>. What are the values in SI and EE units?

**1.15** A pump is rated at 50 hp. What is the rating in kW and Btu/hr?

**1.16** A fluid occupying 3.2 m<sup>3</sup> has a mass of 4 Mg. Calculate its density and specific volume in SI, EE, and BG units.

**1.17** If a power plant is rated at 2000 MW output and operates (on average) at 75% of rated power, how much energy (in J and ft.lbs) does it put out in a year?

**1.18** For each quantity listed, indicate dimensions using force as a primary dimension, and give typical SI and English units:

- (a) Power
- (b) Pressure
- (c) Modulus of elasticity
- (d) Angular velocity
- (e) Energy
- (f) Momentum
- (g) Shear stress
- (h) Specific heat
- (i) Thermal expansion coefficient
- (j) Angular momentum

**1.19** Derive the following conversion factors:

- (a) Convert a pressure of 1 psi to kPa.
- (b) Convert a volume of 1 liter to gallons.
- (c) Convert a viscosity of 1 lbf·s/ft<sup>2</sup> to N·s/m<sup>2</sup>.



**1.20** Express the following in SI units:

- (a) 5 acre-ft
- (b) 150 in.<sup>3</sup>/s
- (c) 3 gpm
- (d) 3 mph/s

**1.21** Express the following in SI units:

- (a) 100 cfm(ft<sup>3</sup>/min)
- (b) 5 gal
- (c) 65 mph
- (d) 5.4 acres

**1.22** Express the following in BG units:

- (a) 50 m<sup>2</sup>
- (b) 250 cc
- (c) 100 kW
- (d) 5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

**1.23** While you're waiting for the ribs to cook, you muse about the propane tank of your barbecue. You're curious about the volume of

propane versus the actual tank size. Find the liquid propane volume when full (the weight of the propane is specified on the tank). Compare this to the tank volume (take some measurements, and approximate the tank shape as a cylinder with a hemisphere on each end). Explain the discrepancy.

**1.24** Derive the following conversion factors:

- (a) Convert a volume flow rate in cubic inches per minute to cubic millimeters per minute.
- (b) Convert a volume flow rate in cubic meters per second to gallons per minute (gpm).
- (c) Convert a volume flow rate in liters per minute to gpm.
- (d) Convert a volume flow rate of air in standard cubic feet per minute (SCFM) to cubic meters per hour. A standard cubic foot of gas occupies one cubic foot at standard temperature and pressure ( $T = 15^\circ\text{C}$  and  $p = 101.3$  kPa absolute).

**1.25** The kilogram force is commonly used in Europe as a unit of force. (As in the U.S. customary system, where 1 lbf is the force exerted by a mass of 1 lbm in standard gravity, 1 kgf is the force exerted by a mass of 1 kg in standard gravity.) Moderate pressures, such as those for auto or truck tires, are conveniently expressed in units of kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>. Convert 32 psig to these units.

**1.26** From thermodynamics, we know that the coefficient of performance of an ideal air conditioner ( $COP_{\text{ideal}}$ ) is given by

$$COP_{\text{ideal}} = \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L}$$

where  $T_L$  and  $T_H$  are the room and outside temperatures (absolute). If an AC is to keep a room at 20°C when it is 40°C outside, find the  $COP_{\text{ideal}}$ . Convert to an  $EER$  value, and compare this to a typical Energy Star-compliant  $EER$  value.

**1.27** The maximum theoretical flow rate (slug/s) through a supersonic nozzle is

$$\dot{m}_{\text{max}} = 2.38 \frac{A_t p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}}$$

where  $A_t$  (ft<sup>2</sup>) is the nozzle throat area,  $p_0$  (psia) is the tank pressure, and  $T_0$  (R) is the tank temperature. Is this equation dimensionally correct? If not, find the units of the 2.38 term. Write the equivalent equation in SI units.

**1.28** The mean free path  $\lambda$  of a molecule of gas is the average distance it travels before collision with another molecule. It is given by

$$\lambda = C \frac{m}{\rho d^2}$$

where  $m$  and  $d$  are the molecule's mass and diameter, respectively, and  $\rho$  is the gas density. What are the dimensions of constant  $C$  for a dimensionally consistent equation?

**1.29** A container weighs 3.5 lbf when empty. When filled with water at 90°F, the mass of the container and its contents is 2.5 slug. Find the weight of water in the container, and its volume in cubic feet, using data from Appendix A.

**1.30** A parameter that is often used in describing pump performance is the specific speed,  $N_{s_{cu}}$ , given by

$$N_{s_{cu}} = \frac{N(\text{rpm})[Q(\text{gpm})]^{1/2}}{[H(\text{ft})]^{3/4}}$$

What are the units of specific speed? A particular pump has a specific speed of 2000. What will be the specific speed in SI units (angular velocity in rad/s)?

### Analysis of Experimental Error

**1.31** Calculate the density of standard air in a laboratory from the ideal gas equation of state. Estimate the experimental uncertainty in the air density calculated for standard conditions (29.9 in. of mercury and 59°F) if the uncertainty in measuring the barometer height is  $\pm 0.1$  in. of mercury and the uncertainty in measuring temperature is  $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{F}$ . (Note that 29.9 in. of mercury corresponds to 14.7 psia.)

**1.32** The mass of the standard American golf ball is  $1.62 \pm 0.01$  oz and its mean diameter is  $1.68 \pm 0.01$  in. Determine the density and specific gravity of the American golf ball. Estimate the uncertainties in the calculated values.

**1.33** A can of pet food has the following internal dimensions: 102 mm height and 73 mm diameter (each  $\pm 1$  mm at odds of 20 to 1). The label lists the mass of the contents as 397 g. Evaluate the magnitude and estimated uncertainty of the density of the pet food if the mass value is accurate to  $\pm 1$  g at the same odds.

**1.34** The mass flow rate in a water flow system determined by collecting the discharge over a timed interval is 0.2 kg/s. The scales used can be read to the nearest 0.05 kg and the stopwatch is accurate to 0.2 s. Estimate the precision with which the flow rate can be calculated for time intervals of (a) 10 s and (b) 1 min.

**1.35** The mass flow rate of water in a tube is measured using a beaker to catch water during a timed interval. The nominal mass flow rate is 100 g/s. Assume that mass is measured using a balance with a least count of 1 g and a maximum capacity of 1 kg, and that the timer has a least count of 0.1 s. Estimate the time intervals and uncertainties in measured mass flow rate that would result from using 100, 500, and 1000 mL beakers. Would there be any advantage in using the largest beaker? Assume the tare mass of the empty 1000 mL beaker is 500 g.

**1.36** The mass of the standard British golf ball is  $45.9 \pm 0.3$  g and its mean diameter is  $41.1 \pm 0.3$  mm. Determine the density and specific gravity of the British golf ball. Estimate the uncertainties in the calculated values.

**1.37** From Appendix A, the viscosity  $\mu$  (N·s/m<sup>2</sup>) of water at temperature  $T$  (K) can be computed from  $\mu = A10^{B/(T-C)}$ , where  $A = 2.414 \times 10^{-5}$  N·s/m<sup>2</sup>,  $B = 247.8$  K, and  $C = 140$  K. Determine the viscosity of water at 30°C, and estimate its uncertainty if the uncertainty in temperature measurement is  $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ .

**1.38** An enthusiast magazine publishes data from its road tests on the lateral acceleration capability of cars. The measurements are made using a 150-ft-diameter skid pad. Assume the vehicle path deviates from the circle by  $\pm 2$  ft and that the vehicle speed is read from a fifth-wheel speed-measuring system to  $\pm 0.5$  mph. Estimate the experimental uncertainty in a reported lateral acceleration of 0.7 g. How would you improve the experimental procedure to reduce the uncertainty?

**1.39** The height of a building may be estimated by measuring the horizontal distance to a point on the ground and the angle from this point to the top of the building. Assuming these measurements are  $L = 100 \pm 0.5$  ft and  $\theta = 30 \pm 0.2^\circ$ , estimate the height  $H$  of the building and the uncertainty in the estimate. For the same building height and measurement uncertainties, use *Excel's Solver* to determine the angle (and the corresponding distance from the building) at which measurements should be made to minimize the uncertainty in estimated height. Evaluate and plot the optimum measurement angle as a function of building height for  $50 \leq H \leq 1000$  ft.

**1.40** An American golf ball is described in Problem 1.32. Assuming the measured mass and its uncertainty as given, determine the precision to which the diameter of the ball must be measured so the density of the ball may be estimated within an uncertainty of  $\pm 1$  percent.

## CHAPTER 2

# Fundamental Concepts

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## Case Study

### Fluid Mechanics and Your Audio Player

Some people have the impression that fluid mechanics is old- or low-tech: water flow in a household pipe, the fluid forces acting on a dam, and so on. While it's true that many concepts in fluid mechanics are hundreds of years old, there are still lots of exciting new areas of research and development. Everyone has heard of the relatively high-tech area of fluid mechanics called streamlining (of cars, aircraft, racing bikes, and racing swimsuits, to mention a few), but there are many others. All of these developments depend on understanding the basic ideas behind what a fluid is and how it behaves, as discussed in this chapter.

If you're a typical engineering student, there's a decent chance that while reading this chapter you're listening to music on an

audio player; you can thank fluid mechanics for your ability to do this! The tiny hard disk drive (HDD) in many of these devices typically holds about 250 gigabytes (GB) of data, so the disk platter must have a huge density (greater than 100,000 tracks per inch); in addition, the read/write head must get very close to the platter as it transfers data (typically the head is about  $0.05\ \mu\text{m}$  above the platter surface—a human hair is about  $100\ \mu\text{m}$ ). The platter also spins at something greater than 500 revolutions per second! Hence the bearings in which the spindle of the platter spins must have very low friction but also have virtually no play or looseness—otherwise, at worst, the head will crash into the platter or, at best, you won't be able to read the data (it will be too closely packed). The friction is due to both the effect of air viscosity on the spinning disk and oil viscosity in the bearings.

Designing such a bearing presents quite a challenge. Until a few years ago, most hard drives used ball bearings (BBs), which are essentially just like those in the wheel of a bicycle; they work on the principle that a spindle can rotate if it is held by a ring of small spheres that are supported in a cage. The problems with BBs are that they have a lot of components; they are very difficult to build to the precision needed for the HDD; they are vulnerable to shock (if you drop an HDD with such a drive, you're likely to dent one of the spheres as it hits the spindle, destroying the bearing); and they are relatively noisy.

Hard-drive makers are increasingly moving to fluid dynamic bearings (FDBs). These are mechanically much simpler than BBs; they consist basically of the spindle directly mounted in the bearing opening, with only a specially formulated viscous lubricant (such as ester oil) in the gap of only a few microns. The spindle and/or bearing surfaces have a herringbone pattern of grooves to maintain the oil in place. These bearings are extremely durable (they can often survive a shock of 500 g!) and low noise; they will also allow rotation speeds in excess of 15,000 rpm in the future, making data access even faster than with current devices. FDBs have been used before, in devices such as gyroscopes, but making them at such a small scale is new. Some FDBs even use pressurized air as the lubrication fluid, but one of the problems with these is that they sometimes stop working when you take them on an airplane flight—the cabin pressure is insufficient to maintain the pressure the bearing needs!



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An iPod audio player.

In recent times the price and capacity of flash memory have improved so much that many music players are switching to this technology from HDDs. Eventually, notebook and desktop PCs

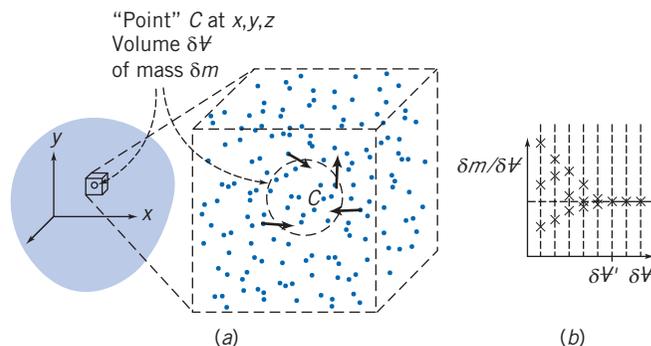
will also switch to flash memory, but at least for the next few years HDDs will be the primary storage medium. Your PC will still have vital fluid-mechanical components!

In Chapter 1 we discussed in general terms what fluid mechanics is about, and described some of the approaches we will use in analyzing fluid mechanics problems. In this chapter we will be more specific in defining some important properties of fluids and ways in which flows can be described and characterized.

## 2.1 Fluid as a Continuum

We are all familiar with fluids—the most common being air and water—and we experience them as being “smooth,” i.e., as being a continuous medium. Unless we use specialized equipment, we are not aware of the underlying molecular nature of fluids. This molecular structure is one in which the mass is *not* continuously distributed in space, but is concentrated in molecules that are separated by relatively large regions of empty space. The sketch in Fig. 2.1a shows a schematic representation of this. A region of space “filled” by a stationary fluid (e.g., air, treated as a single gas) looks like a continuous medium, but if we zoom in on a very small cube of it, we can see that we mostly have empty space, with gas molecules scattered around, moving at high speed (indicated by the gas temperature). Note that the size of the gas molecules is greatly exaggerated (they would be almost invisible even at this scale) and that we have placed velocity vectors only on a small sample. We wish to ask: What is the minimum volume,  $\delta\mathcal{V}'$ , that a “point”  $C$  must be, so that we can talk about continuous fluid properties such as the density at a point? In other words, under what circumstances can a fluid be treated as a *continuum*, for which, by definition, properties vary smoothly from point to point? This is an important question because the concept of a continuum is the basis of classical fluid mechanics.

Consider how we determine the density at a point. Density is defined as mass per unit volume; in Fig. 2.1a the mass  $\delta m$  will be given by the instantaneous number of molecules in  $\delta\mathcal{V}$  (and the mass of each molecule), so the average density in volume  $\delta\mathcal{V}$  is given by  $\rho = \delta m / \delta\mathcal{V}$ . We say “average” because the number of molecules in  $\delta\mathcal{V}$ , and hence the density, fluctuates. For example, if the gas in Fig. 2.1a was air at standard temperature and pressure (STP<sup>1</sup>) and the volume  $\delta\mathcal{V}$  was a sphere of diameter  $0.01\mu\text{m}$ , there might be 15 molecules in  $\delta\mathcal{V}$  (as shown), but an instant later there might be 17 (three might enter while one leaves). Hence the density at “point”  $C$  randomly fluctuates in time, as shown in Fig. 2.1b. In this figure, each vertical dashed line represents a specific chosen volume,  $\delta\mathcal{V}$ , and each data point represents the measured density at an instant. For very small volumes, the density varies greatly, but above a certain volume,  $\delta\mathcal{V}'$ , the density becomes stable—the volume now encloses a huge number of molecules.



**Fig. 2.1** Definition of density at a point.

<sup>1</sup> STP for air are  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $59^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and  $101.3\text{ kPa}$  absolute ( $14.696\text{ psia}$ ), respectively.

For example, if  $\delta\mathcal{V} = 0.001 \text{ mm}^3$  (about the size of a grain of sand), there will on average be  $2.5 \times 10^{13}$  molecules present. Hence we can conclude that air at STP (and other gases, and liquids) can be treated as a continuous medium as long as we consider a “point” to be no smaller than about this size; this is sufficiently precise for most engineering applications.

The concept of a continuum is the basis of classical fluid mechanics. The continuum assumption is valid in treating the behavior of fluids under normal conditions. It only breaks down when the mean free path of the molecules<sup>2</sup> becomes the same order of magnitude as the smallest significant characteristic dimension of the problem. This occurs in such specialized problems as rarefied gas flow (e.g., as encountered in flights into the upper reaches of the atmosphere). For these specialized cases (not covered in this text) we must abandon the concept of a continuum in favor of the microscopic and statistical points of view.

As a consequence of the continuum assumption, each fluid property is assumed to have a definite value at every point in space. Thus fluid properties such as density, temperature, velocity, and so on are considered to be continuous functions of position and time. For example, we now have a workable definition of density at a point,

$$\rho \equiv \lim_{\delta\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \delta\mathcal{V}'} \frac{\delta m}{\delta\mathcal{V}} \quad (2.1)$$

Since point  $C$  was arbitrary, the density at any other point in the fluid could be determined in the same manner. If density was measured simultaneously at an infinite number of points in the fluid, we would obtain an expression for the density distribution as a function of the space coordinates,  $\rho = \rho(x, y, z)$ , at the given instant.

The density at a point may also vary with time (as a result of work done on or by the fluid and/or heat transfer to the fluid). Thus the complete representation of density (the *field* representation) is given by

$$\rho = \rho(x, y, z, t) \quad (2.2)$$

Since density is a scalar quantity, requiring only the specification of a magnitude for a complete description, the field represented by Eq. 2.2 is a scalar field.

An alternative way of expressing the density of a substance (solid or fluid) is to compare it to an accepted reference value, typically the maximum density of water,  $\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  (1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> at 4°C or 1.94 slug/ft<sup>3</sup> at 39°F). Thus, the *specific gravity*, SG, of a substance is expressed as

$$SG = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}} \quad (2.3)$$

For example, the SG of mercury is typically 13.6—mercury is 13.6 times as dense as water. Appendix A contains specific gravity data for selected engineering materials. The specific gravity of liquids is a function of temperature; for most liquids specific gravity decreases with increasing temperature.

The *specific weight*,  $\gamma$ , of a substance is another useful material property. It is defined as the weight of a substance per unit volume and given as

$$\gamma = \frac{mg}{\mathcal{V}} \rightarrow \gamma = \rho g \quad (2.4)$$

For example, the specific weight of water is approximately 9.81 kN/m<sup>3</sup> (62.4 lbf/ft<sup>3</sup>).

## 2.2 Velocity Field

In the previous section we saw that the continuum assumption led directly to the notion of the density field. Other fluid properties also may be described by fields.

A very important property defined by a field is the velocity field, given by

$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y, z, t) \quad (2.5)$$

<sup>2</sup> Approximately  $6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}$  at STP (Standard Temperature and Pressure) for gas molecules that show ideal gas behavior [1].

Velocity is a vector quantity, requiring a magnitude and direction for a complete description, so the velocity field (Eq. 2.5) is a vector field.

The velocity vector,  $\vec{V}$ , also can be written in terms of its three scalar components. Denoting the components in the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions by  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ , then

$$\vec{V} = u\hat{i} + v\hat{j} + w\hat{k} \quad (2.6)$$

In general, each component,  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ , will be a function of  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$ , and  $t$ .

We need to be clear on what  $\vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$  measures: It indicates the velocity of a fluid particle that is passing through the point  $x, y, z$  at time instant  $t$ , in the Eulerian sense. We can keep measuring the velocity at the same point or choose any other point  $x, y, z$  at the next time instant; the point  $x, y, z$  is *not* the ongoing position of an *individual* particle, but a point we choose to look at. (Hence  $x, y$ , and  $z$  are independent variables. In Chapter 5 we will discuss the *material derivative* of velocity, in which we *choose*  $x = x_p(t)$ ,  $y = y_p(t)$ , and  $z = z_p(t)$ , where  $x_p(t), y_p(t), z_p(t)$  is the position of a specific particle.) We conclude that  $\vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$  should be thought of as the velocity field of all particles, not just the velocity of an individual particle.

If properties at every point in a flow field do not change with time, the flow is termed *steady*. Stated mathematically, the definition of steady flow is

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = 0$$

where  $\eta$  represents any fluid property. Hence, for steady flow,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \rho = \rho(x, y, z)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y, z)$$

In steady flow, any property may vary from point to point in the field, but all properties remain constant with time at every point.

## One-, Two-, and Three-Dimensional Flows

A flow is classified as one-, two-, or three-dimensional depending on the number of space coordinates required to specify the velocity field.<sup>3</sup> Equation 2.5 indicates that the velocity field may be a function of three space coordinates and time. Such a flow field is termed *three-dimensional* (it is also *unsteady*) because the velocity at any point in the flow field depends on the three coordinates required to locate the point in space.

Although most flow fields are inherently three-dimensional, analysis based on fewer dimensions is frequently meaningful. Consider, for example, the steady flow through a long straight pipe that has a divergent section, as shown in Fig. 2.2. In this example, we are using cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, x)$ . We will learn (in Chapter 8) that under certain circumstances (e.g., far from the entrance of the pipe and from the divergent section, where the flow can be quite complicated), the velocity distribution may be described by

$$u = u_{\max} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \quad (2.7)$$

This is shown on the left of Fig. 2.2. The velocity  $u(r)$  is a function of only one coordinate, and so the flow is one-dimensional. On the other hand, in the diverging section, the velocity decreases in the  $x$  direction, and the flow becomes two-dimensional:  $u = u(r, x)$ .

<sup>3</sup> Some authors choose to classify a flow as one-, two-, or three-dimensional on the basis of the number of space coordinates required to specify *all* fluid properties. In this text, classification of flow fields will be based on the number of space coordinates required to specify the velocity field only.

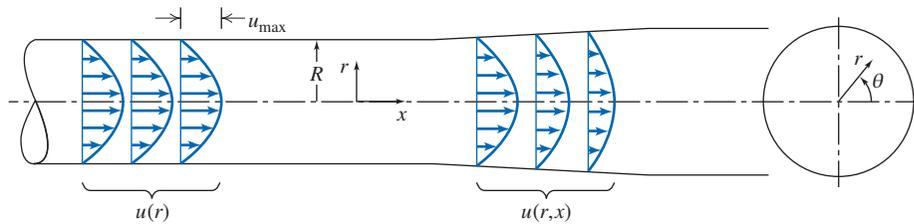


Fig. 2.2 Examples of one- and two-dimensional flows.

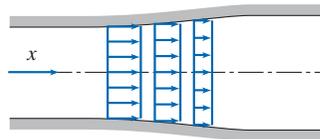


Fig. 2.3 Example of uniform flow at a section.

As you might suspect, the complexity of analysis increases considerably with the number of dimensions of the flow field. For many problems encountered in engineering, a one-dimensional analysis is adequate to provide approximate solutions of engineering accuracy.

Since all fluids satisfying the continuum assumption must have zero relative velocity at a solid surface (to satisfy the no-slip condition), most flows are inherently two- or three-dimensional. To simplify the analysis it is often convenient to use the notion of *uniform flow* at a given cross section. In a flow that is uniform at a given cross section, the velocity is constant across any section normal to the flow. Under this assumption,<sup>4</sup> the two-dimensional flow of Fig. 2.2 is modeled as the flow shown in Fig. 2.3. In the flow of Fig. 2.3, the velocity field is a function of  $x$  alone, and thus the flow model is one-dimensional. (Other properties, such as density or pressure, also may be assumed uniform at a section, if appropriate.)

The term *uniform flow field* (as opposed to uniform flow at a cross section) is used to describe a flow in which the velocity is constant, i.e., independent of all space coordinates, throughout the entire flow field.

## Timelines, Pathlines, Streaklines, and Streamlines

Airplane and auto companies and college engineering laboratories, among others, frequently use wind tunnels to visualize flow fields [2]. For example, Fig. 2.4 shows a flow pattern for flow around a car mounted in a wind tunnel, generated by releasing smoke into the flow at five fixed upstream points. Flow patterns can be visualized using timelines, pathlines, streaklines, or streamlines.

If a number of adjacent fluid particles in a flow field are marked at a given instant, they form a line in the fluid at that instant; this line is called a *timeline*. Subsequent observations of the line may provide information about the flow field. For example, in discussing the behavior of a fluid under the action of a constant shear force (Section 1.1) timelines were introduced to demonstrate the deformation of a fluid at successive instants.

A *pathline* is the path or trajectory traced out by a moving fluid particle. To make a pathline visible, we might identify a fluid particle at a given instant, e.g., by the use of dye or smoke, and then take a long exposure photograph of its subsequent motion. The line traced out by the particle is a pathline. This approach might be used to study, for example, the trajectory of a contaminant leaving a smokestack.

On the other hand, we might choose to focus our attention on a fixed location in space and identify, again by the use of dye or smoke, all fluid particles passing through this point. After a short period of

<sup>4</sup>This may seem like an unrealistic simplification, but actually in many cases leads to useful results. Sweeping assumptions such as uniform flow at a cross section should always be reviewed carefully to be sure they provide a reasonable analytical model of the real flow.

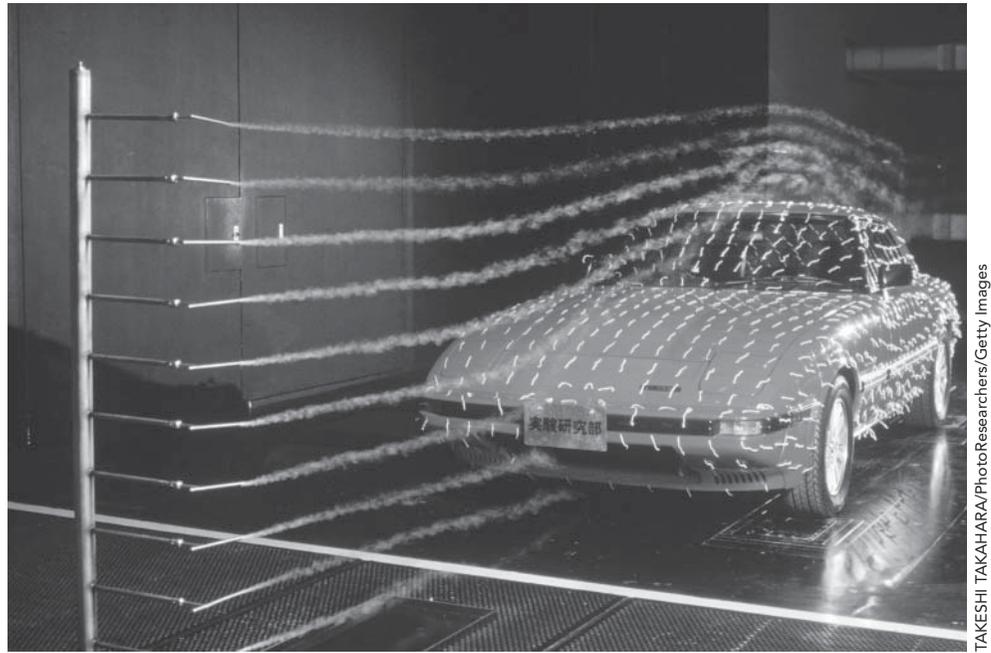


Fig. 2.4 Streaklines over an automobile in a wind tunnel.

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time we would have a number of identifiable fluid particles in the flow, all of which had, at some time, passed through one fixed location in space. The line joining these fluid particles is defined as a *streakline*.

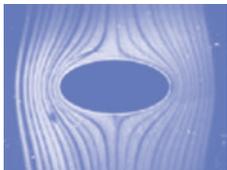
*Streamlines* are lines drawn in the flow field so that at a given instant they are tangent to the direction of flow at every point in the flow field. Since the streamlines are tangent to the velocity vector at every point in the flow field, there can be no flow across a streamline. Streamlines are the most commonly used visualization technique. For example, they are used to study flow over an automobile in a computer simulation. The procedure used to obtain the equation for a streamline in two-dimensional flow is illustrated in Example 2.1.

In steady flow, the velocity at each point in the flow field remains constant with time and, consequently, the streamline shapes do not vary from one instant to the next. This implies that a particle located on a given streamline will always move along the same streamline. Furthermore, consecutive particles passing through a fixed point in space will be on the same streamline and, subsequently, will remain on this streamline. Thus in a steady flow, pathlines, streaklines, and streamlines are identical lines in the flow field.

Figure 2.4 shows a photograph of ten *streaklines* for flow over an automobile in a wind tunnel. A streakline is the line produced in a flow when all particles moving through a fixed point are marked in some way (e.g., using smoke, as shown in Figure 2.4). We can also define *streamlines*. These are lines drawn in the flow field so that *at a given instant* they are tangent to the direction of flow at every point in the flow field. Since the streamlines are tangent to the velocity vector at every point in the flow field, there is no flow across a streamline. *Pathlines* are as the name implies: They show, over time, the paths individual particles take (if you've seen time-lapse photos of nighttime traffic, you get the idea). Finally, *timelines* are created by marking a line in a flow and watching how it evolves over time.

We mentioned that Fig. 2.4 shows streaklines, but in fact the pattern shown also represents streamlines and pathlines! The steady pattern shown will exist as long as smoke is released from the five fixed points. If we were somehow to measure the velocity at all points at an instant, to generate streamlines, we'd get the same pattern; if we were instead to release only one smoke particle at each location, and film its motion over time, we'd see the particles follow the same curves. We conclude that for *steady* flow, streaklines, streamlines, and pathlines are identical.

Video: *Streamlines*



Video: *Streaklines*



**Example 2.1** STREAMLINES AND PATHLINES IN TWO-DIMENSIONAL FLOW

A velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ ; the units of velocity are m/s;  $x$  and  $y$  are given in meters;  $A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

- Obtain an equation for the streamlines in the  $xy$  plane.
- Plot the streamline passing through the point  $(x_0, y_0) = (2, 8)$ .
- Determine the velocity of a particle at the point  $(2, 8)$ .
- If the particle passing through the point  $(x_0, y_0)$  is marked at time  $t = 0$ , determine the location of the particle at time  $t = 6 \text{ s}$ .
- What is the velocity of this particle at time  $t = 6 \text{ s}$ ?
- Show that the equation of the particle path (the pathline) is the same as the equation of the streamline.

**Given:** Velocity field,  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ ;  $x$  and  $y$  in meters;  $A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

- Find:**
- Equation of the streamlines in the  $xy$  plane.
  - Streamline plot through point  $(2, 8)$ .
  - Velocity of particle at point  $(2, 8)$ .
  - Position at  $t = 6 \text{ s}$  of particle located at  $(2, 8)$  at  $t = 0$ .
  - Velocity of particle at position found in (d).
  - Equation of pathline of particle located at  $(2, 8)$  at  $t = 0$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) Streamlines are lines drawn in the flow field such that, at a given instant, they are tangent to the direction of flow at every point. Consequently,

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\text{streamline}} = \frac{v}{u} = \frac{-Ay}{Ax} = \frac{-y}{x}$$

Separating variables and integrating, we obtain

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = - \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

or

$$\ln y = -\ln x + c_1$$

This can be written as  $xy = c$

- (b) For the streamline passing through the point  $(x_0, y_0) = (2, 8)$  the constant,  $c$ , has a value of 16 and the equation of the streamline through the point  $(2, 8)$  is

$$xy = x_0 y_0 = 16 \text{ m}^2$$

The plot is as sketched above.

- (c) The velocity field is  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ . At the point  $(2, 8)$  the velocity is

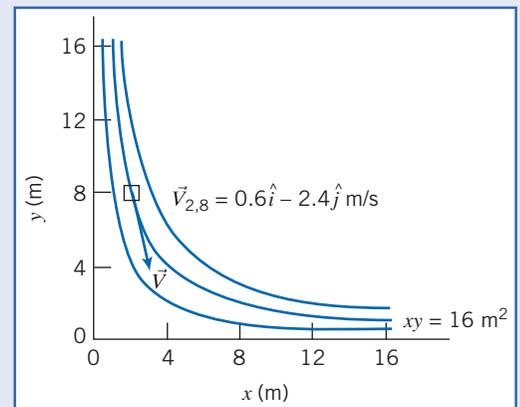
$$\vec{V} = A(x\hat{i} - y\hat{j}) = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1} (2\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}) \text{ m} = 0.6\hat{i} - 2.4\hat{j} \text{ m/s}$$

- (d) A particle moving in the flow field will have velocity given by

$$\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$$

Thus

$$u_p = \frac{dx}{dt} = Ax \quad \text{and} \quad v_p = \frac{dy}{dt} = -Ay$$



Separating variables and integrating (in each equation) gives

$$\int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^t A dt \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{y_0}^y \frac{dy}{y} = \int_0^t -A dt$$

Then

$$\ln \frac{x}{x_0} = At \quad \text{and} \quad \ln \frac{y}{y_0} = -At$$

or

$$x = x_0 e^{At} \quad \text{and} \quad y = y_0 e^{-At}$$

At  $t = 6$  s,

$$x = 2 \text{ m } e^{(0.3)6} = 12.1 \text{ m} \quad \text{and} \quad y = 8 \text{ m } e^{-(0.3)6} = 1.32 \text{ m}$$

At  $t = 6$  s, particle is at (12.1, 1.32) m ←

(e) At the point (12.1, 1.32) m,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{V} &= A(x\hat{i} - y\hat{j}) = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1} (12.1\hat{i} - 1.32\hat{j}) \text{ m} \\ &= 3.63\hat{i} - 0.396\hat{j} \text{ m/s} \leftarrow \end{aligned}$$

(f) To determine the equation of the pathline, we use the parametric equations

$$x = x_0 e^{At} \quad \text{and} \quad y = y_0 e^{-At}$$

and eliminate  $t$ . Solving for  $e^{At}$  from both equations

$$e^{At} = \frac{y_0}{y} = \frac{x}{x_0}$$

Therefore  $xy = x_0 y_0 = 16 \text{ m}^2$  ←

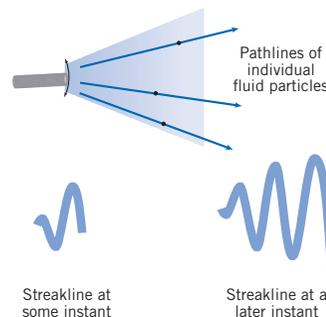
**Notes:**

- This problem illustrates the method for computing streamlines and pathlines.
- Because this is a steady flow, the streamlines and pathlines have the same shape—in an unsteady flow this would not be true.
- When we follow a particle (the Lagrangian approach), its position  $(x, y)$  and velocity  $(u_p = dx/dt$  and  $v_p = dy/dt)$  are functions of time, even though the flow is steady.

Things are quite different for *unsteady* flow. For unsteady flow, streaklines, streamlines, and pathlines will in general have differing shapes. For example, consider holding a garden hose and swinging it side to side as water exits at high speed, as shown in Fig. 2.5. We obtain a continuous sheet of water. If we consider individual water particles, we see that each particle, once ejected, follows a straight-line path (here, for simplicity, we ignore gravity): The pathlines are straight lines, as shown. On the other hand, if we start injecting dye into the water as it exits the hose, we will generate a streakline, and this takes the shape of an expanding sine wave, as shown. Clearly, pathlines and streaklines do not coincide for this unsteady flow (we leave determination of streamlines to an exercise).

We can use the velocity field to derive the shapes of streaklines, pathlines, and streamlines. Starting with streamlines: Because the streamlines are parallel to the velocity vector, we can write (for 2D)

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\text{streamline}} = \frac{v(x, y)}{u(x, y)} \tag{2.8}$$



**Fig. 2.5** Pathlines and streaklines for flow from the exit of an oscillating garden hose.

Note that streamlines are obtained at an instant in time; if the flow is unsteady, time  $t$  is held constant in Eq. 2.8. Solution of this equation gives the equation  $y = y(x)$ , with an undetermined integration constant, the value of which determines the particular streamline.

For pathlines (again considering 2D), we let  $x = x_p(t)$  and  $y = y_p(t)$ , where  $x_p(t)$  and  $y_p(t)$  are the instantaneous coordinates of a specific particle. We then get

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)_{\text{particle}} = u(x, y, t) \quad \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)_{\text{particle}} = v(x, y, t) \quad (2.9)$$

The simultaneous solution of these equations gives the path of a particle in parametric form  $x_p(t), y_p(t)$ .

The computation of streaklines is somewhat tricky. The first step is to compute the pathline of a particle (using Eqs. 2.9) that was released from the streak source point (coordinates  $x_0, y_0$ ) at time  $t_0$ , in the form

$$x_{\text{particle}}(t) = x(t, x_0, y_0, t_0) \quad y_{\text{particle}}(t) = y(t, x_0, y_0, t_0)$$

Then, instead of interpreting this as the position of a particle over time, we rewrite these equations as

$$x_{\text{streakline}}(t_0) = x(t, x_0, y_0, t_0) \quad y_{\text{streakline}}(t_0) = y(t, x_0, y_0, t_0) \quad (2.10)$$

Equations 2.10 give the line generated (by time  $t$ ) from a streak source at point  $(x_0, y_0)$ . In these equations,  $t_0$  (the release times of particles) is varied from 0 to  $t$  to show the instantaneous positions of all particles released up to time  $t$ !

## 2.3 Stress Field

In our study of fluid mechanics, we will need to understand what kinds of forces act on fluid particles. Each fluid particle can experience: *surface forces* (pressure, friction) that are generated by contact with other particles or a solid surface; and *body forces* (such as gravity and electromagnetic) that are experienced throughout the particle.

The gravitational body force acting on an element of volume,  $dV$ , is given by  $\rho \vec{g} dV$ , where  $\rho$  is the density (mass per unit volume) and  $\vec{g}$  is the local gravitational acceleration. Thus the gravitational body force per unit volume is  $\rho \vec{g}$  and the gravitational body force per unit mass is  $\vec{g}$ .

Surface forces on a fluid particle lead to *stresses*. The concept of stress is useful for describing how forces acting on the boundaries of a medium (fluid or solid) are transmitted throughout the medium. You have probably seen stresses discussed in solid mechanics. For example, when you stand on a diving board, stresses are generated within the board. On the other hand, when a body moves through a fluid, stresses are developed within the fluid. The difference between a fluid and a solid is, as we've seen, that stresses in a fluid are mostly generated by motion rather than by deflection.

Imagine the surface of a fluid particle in contact with other fluid particles, and consider the contact force being generated between the particles. Consider a portion,  $\delta A$ , of the surface at some point  $C$ . The orientation of  $\delta A$  is given by the unit vector,  $\hat{n}$ , shown in Fig. 2.6. The vector  $\hat{n}$  is the outwardly drawn unit normal with respect to the particle.

The force,  $\delta \vec{F}$ , acting on  $\delta A$  may be resolved into two components, one normal to and the other tangent to the area. A *normal stress*  $\sigma_n$  and a *shear stress*  $\tau_n$  are then defined as

$$\sigma_n = \lim_{\delta A_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_n}{\delta A_n} \quad (2.11)$$

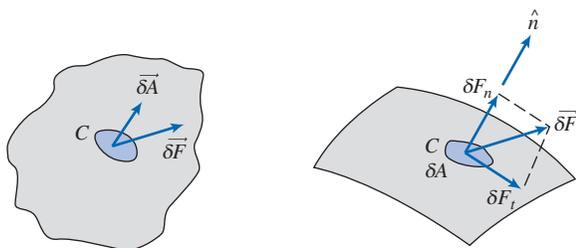
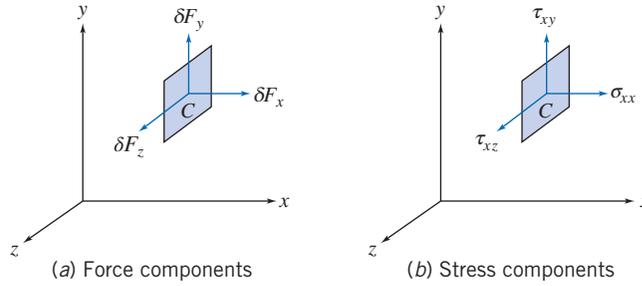


Fig. 2.6 The concept of stress in a continuum.



**Fig. 2.7** Force and stress components on the element of area  $\delta A_x$ .

and

$$\tau_n = \lim_{\delta A_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_t}{\delta A_n} \quad (2.12)$$

Subscript  $n$  on the stress is included as a reminder that the stresses are associated with the surface  $\delta \bar{A}$  through  $C$ , having an outward normal in the  $\hat{n}$  direction. The fluid is actually a continuum, so we could have imagined breaking it up any number of different ways into fluid particles around point  $C$ , and therefore obtained any number of different stresses at point  $C$ .

In dealing with vector quantities such as force, we usually consider components in an orthogonal coordinate system. In rectangular coordinates we might consider the stresses acting on planes whose outwardly drawn normals (again with respect to the material acted upon) are in the  $x$ ,  $y$ , or  $z$  directions. In Fig. 2.7 we consider the stress on the element  $\delta A_x$ , whose outwardly drawn normal is in the  $x$  direction. The force,  $\delta \bar{F}$ , has been resolved into components along each of the coordinate directions. Dividing the magnitude of each force component by the area,  $\delta A_x$ , and taking the limit as  $\delta A_x$  approaches zero, we define the three stress components shown in Fig. 2.7b:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xx} &= \lim_{\delta A_x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_x}{\delta A_x} \\ \tau_{xy} &= \lim_{\delta A_x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_y}{\delta A_x} \quad \tau_{xz} = \lim_{\delta A_x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_z}{\delta A_x} \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

We have used a double subscript notation to label the stresses. The *first* subscript (in this case,  $x$ ) indicates the *plane* on which the stress acts (in this case, a surface perpendicular to the  $x$  axis). The *second* subscript indicates the *direction* in which the stress acts.

Consideration of area element  $\delta A_y$  would lead to the definitions of the stresses,  $\sigma_{yy}$ ,  $\tau_{yx}$ , and  $\tau_{yz}$ ; use of area element  $\delta A_z$  would similarly lead to the definitions of  $\sigma_{zz}$ ,  $\tau_{zx}$ ,  $\tau_{zy}$ .

Although we just looked at three orthogonal planes, an infinite number of planes can be passed through point  $C$ , resulting in an infinite number of stresses associated with planes through that point. Fortunately, the state of stress at a point can be described completely by specifying the stresses acting on *any* three mutually perpendicular planes through the point. The stress at a point is specified by the nine components

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\sigma$  has been used to denote a normal stress, and  $\tau$  to denote a shear stress. The notation for designating stress is shown in Fig. 2.8.

Referring to the infinitesimal element shown in Fig. 2.8, we see that there are six planes (two  $x$  planes, two  $y$  planes, and two  $z$  planes) on which stresses may act. In order to designate the plane of interest, we could use terms like front and back, top and bottom, or left and right. However, it is more logical to name the planes in terms of the coordinate axes. The planes are named and denoted as positive or negative according to the direction of the outwardly drawn normal to the plane. Thus the top plane, for example, is a positive  $y$  plane and the back plane is a negative  $z$  plane.

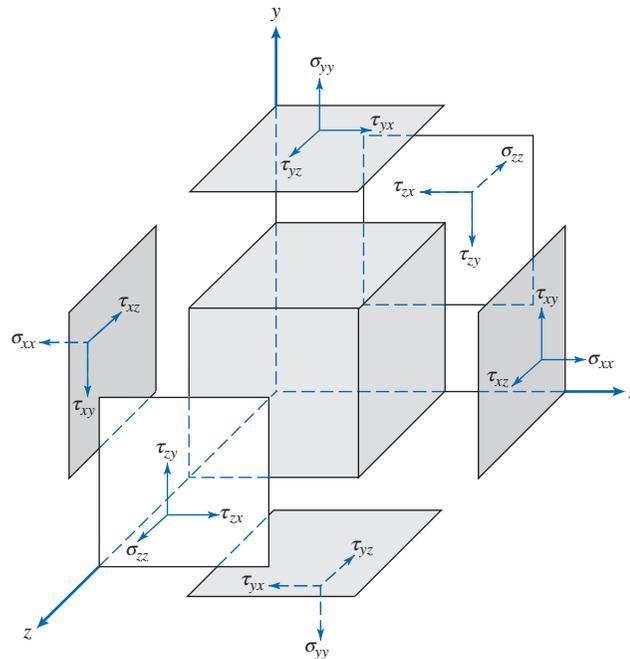


Fig. 2.8 Notation for stress.

It also is necessary to adopt a sign convention for stress. A stress component is positive when the direction of the stress component and the plane on which it acts are both positive or both negative. Thus  $\tau_{yx} = 5 \text{ lbf/in.}^2$  represents a shear stress on a positive  $y$  plane in the positive  $x$  direction or a shear stress on a negative  $y$  plane in the negative  $x$  direction. In Fig. 2.8 all stresses have been drawn as positive stresses. Stress components are negative when the direction of the stress component and the plane on which it acts are of opposite sign.

## 2.4 Viscosity

Where do stresses come from? For a solid, stresses develop when the material is elastically deformed or strained; for a fluid, shear stresses arise due to viscous flow (we will discuss a fluid's normal stresses shortly). Hence we say solids are *elastic*, and fluids are *viscous* (and it's interesting to note that many biological tissues are *viscoelastic*, meaning they combine features of a solid and a fluid). For a fluid at rest, there will be no shear stresses. We will see that each fluid can be categorized by examining the relation between the applied shear stresses and the flow (specifically the rate of deformation) of the fluid.

Consider the behavior of a fluid element between the two infinite plates shown in Fig. 2.9a. The rectangular fluid element is initially at rest at time  $t$ . Let us now suppose a constant rightward force  $\delta F_x$  is applied to the upper plate so that it is dragged across the fluid at constant velocity  $\delta u$ . The relative

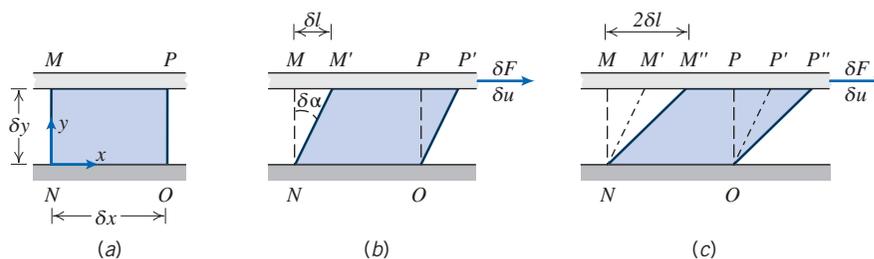


Fig. 2.9 (a) Fluid element at time  $t$ , (b) deformation of fluid element at time  $t + \delta t$ , and (c) deformation of fluid element at time  $t + 2\delta t$ .

shearing action of the infinite plates produces a shear stress,  $\tau_{yx}$ , which acts on the fluid element and is given by

$$\tau_{yx} = \lim_{\delta A_y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta F_x}{\delta A_y} = \frac{dF_x}{dA_y}$$

where  $\delta A_y$  is the area of contact of the fluid element with the plate and  $\delta F_x$  is the force exerted by the plate on that element. Snapshots of the fluid element, shown in Figs. 2.9a–c, illustrate the deformation of the fluid element from position  $MNOP$  at time  $t$ , to  $M'NOP'$  at time  $t + 2\delta t$ , to  $M''NOP''$  at time  $t + 2\delta t$ , due to the imposed shear stress. As mentioned in Section 1.1, it is the fact that a fluid continually deforms in response to an applied shear stress that sets it apart from solids.

Focusing on the time interval  $\delta t$  (Fig. 2.9b), the deformation of the fluid is given by

$$\text{deformation rate} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta \alpha}{\delta t} = \frac{d\alpha}{dt}$$

We want to express  $d\alpha/dt$  in terms of readily measurable quantities. This can be done easily. The distance,  $\delta l$ , between the points  $M$  and  $M'$  is given by

$$\delta l = \delta u \delta t$$

Alternatively, for small angles,

$$\delta l = \delta y \delta \alpha$$

Equating these two expressions for  $\delta l$  gives

$$\frac{\delta \alpha}{\delta t} = \frac{\delta u}{\delta y}$$

Taking the limits of both sides of the equality, we obtain

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \frac{du}{dy}$$

Thus, the fluid element of Fig. 2.9, when subjected to shear stress  $\tau_{yx}$ , experiences a rate of deformation (*shear rate*) given by  $du/dy$ . We have established that any fluid that experiences a shear stress will flow (it will have a shear rate). What is the relation between shear stress and shear rate? Fluids in which shear stress is directly proportional to rate of deformation are *Newtonian fluids*. The term *non-Newtonian* is used to classify all fluids in which shear stress is not directly proportional to shear rate.

## Newtonian Fluid

Most common fluids (the ones discussed in this text) such as water, air, and gasoline are Newtonian under normal conditions. If the fluid of Fig. 2.9 is Newtonian, then

$$\tau_{yx} \propto \frac{du}{dy} \quad (2.14)$$

We are familiar with the fact that some fluids resist motion more than others. For example, a container of SAE 30W oil is much harder to stir than one of water. Hence SAE 30W oil is much more viscous—it has a higher viscosity. (Note that a container of mercury is also harder to stir, but for a different reason!) The constant of proportionality in Eq. 2.14 is the *absolute* (or *dynamic*) *viscosity*,  $\mu$ . Thus in terms of the coordinates of Fig. 2.9, Newton's law of viscosity is given for one-dimensional flow by

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad (2.15)$$

Note that, since the dimensions of  $\tau$  are  $[F/L^2]$  and the dimensions of  $du/dy$  are  $[1/t]$ ,  $\mu$  has dimensions  $[Ft/L^2]$ . Since the dimensions of force,  $F$ , mass,  $M$ , length,  $L$ , and time,  $t$ , are related by Newton's

second law of motion, the dimensions of  $\mu$  can also be expressed as  $[M/Lt]$ . In the British Gravitational system, the units of viscosity are  $\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}/\text{ft}^2$  or  $\text{slug}/(\text{ft} \cdot \text{s})$ . In the Absolute Metric system, the basic unit of viscosity is called a poise [ $1 \text{ poise} \equiv 1 \text{ g}/(\text{cm} \cdot \text{s})$ ]; in the SI system the units of viscosity are  $\text{kg}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{s})$  or  $\text{Pa} \cdot \text{s}$  ( $1 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s} = 1 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}^2$ ). The calculation of viscous shear stress is illustrated in Example 2.2.

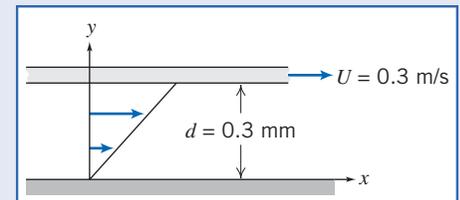
In fluid mechanics the ratio of absolute viscosity,  $\mu$ , to density,  $\rho$ , often arises. This ratio is given the name *kinematic viscosity* and is represented by the symbol  $\nu$ . Since density has dimensions  $[M/L^3]$ , the dimensions of  $\nu$  are  $[L^2/t]$ . In the Absolute Metric system of units, the unit for  $\nu$  is a stoke ( $1 \text{ stoke} \equiv 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ ).

Viscosity data for a number of common Newtonian fluids are given in Appendix A. Note that for gases, viscosity increases with temperature, whereas for liquids, viscosity decreases with increasing temperature.

### Example 2.2 VISCOSITY AND SHEAR STRESS IN NEWTONIAN FLUID

An infinite plate is moved over a second plate on a layer of liquid as shown. For small gap width,  $d$ , we assume a linear velocity distribution in the liquid. The liquid viscosity is 0.65 centipoise and its specific gravity is 0.88. Determine:

- The absolute viscosity of the liquid, in  $\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}/\text{ft}^2$ .
- The kinematic viscosity of the liquid, in  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ .
- The shear stress on the upper plate, in  $\text{lbf}/\text{ft}^2$ .
- The shear stress on the lower plate, in Pa.
- The direction of each shear stress calculated in parts (c) and (d).



**Given:** Linear velocity profile in the liquid between infinite parallel plates as shown.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu &= 0.65 \text{ cp} \\ \text{SG} &= 0.88\end{aligned}$$

- Find:**
- $\mu$  in units of  $\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}/\text{ft}^2$ .
  - $\nu$  in units of  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ .
  - $\tau$  on upper plate in units of  $\text{lbf}/\text{ft}^2$ .
  - $\tau$  on lower plate in units of Pa.
  - Direction of stresses in parts (c) and (d).

**Solution:**

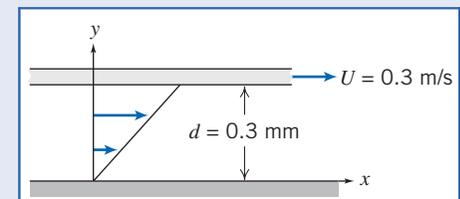
**Governing equation:**  $\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$  Definition:  $\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$

**Assumptions:**

- Linear velocity distribution (given)
- Steady flow
- $\mu = \text{constant}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(a) } \mu &= 0.65 \text{ cp} \times \frac{\text{poise}}{100 \text{ cp}} \times \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm} \cdot \text{s} \cdot \text{poise}} \times \frac{\text{lbf}}{454 \text{ g}} \times \frac{\text{slug}}{32.2 \text{ lbf}} \times 30.5 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{ft}} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \\ \mu &= 1.36 \times 10^{-5} \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{s}/\text{ft}^2 \leftarrow \mu\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(b) } \nu &= \frac{\mu}{\rho} = \frac{\mu}{\text{SG} \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}} \\ &= 1.36 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{(0.88) 1.94 \text{ slug}} \times \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2} \times (0.305)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \\ \nu &= 7.41 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \leftarrow \nu\end{aligned}$$



$$(c) \tau_{\text{upper}} = \tau_{yx, \text{upper}} = \mu \left( \frac{du}{dy} \right)_{y=d}$$

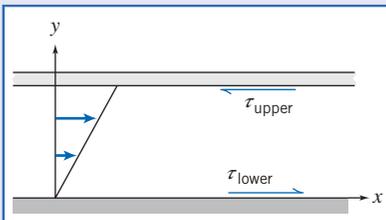
Since  $u$  varies linearly with  $y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dy} &= \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta y} = \frac{U-0}{d-0} = \frac{U}{d} \\ &= 0.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{0.3 \text{ mm}} \times 1000 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{m}} = 1000 \text{ s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{\text{upper}} = \mu \frac{U}{d} = 1.36 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{lb} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{1000}{\text{s}} = 0.0136 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{s} / \text{ft}^2 \leftarrow \tau_{\text{upper}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \tau_{\text{lower}} &= \mu \frac{U}{d} = 0.0136 \frac{\text{lb} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{ft}^2} \times 4.45 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{lb}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{(0.305)^2 \text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{N}} \\ &= 0.651 \text{ Pa} \leftarrow \tau_{\text{lower}} \end{aligned}$$

(e) Directions of shear stresses on upper and lower plates.



{ The upper plate is a negative  $y$  surface; so positive  $\tau_{yx}$  acts in the negative  $x$  direction. }

{ The lower plate is a positive  $y$  surface; so positive  $\tau_{yx}$  acts in the positive  $x$  direction. }

(e)

Part (c) shows that the shear stress is:

- Constant across the gap for a linear velocity profile.
- Directly proportional to the speed of the upper plate (because of the linearity of Newtonian fluids).
- Inversely proportional to the gap between the plates.

Note that multiplying the shear stress by the plate area in such problems computes the force required to maintain the motion.

### Non-Newtonian Fluids

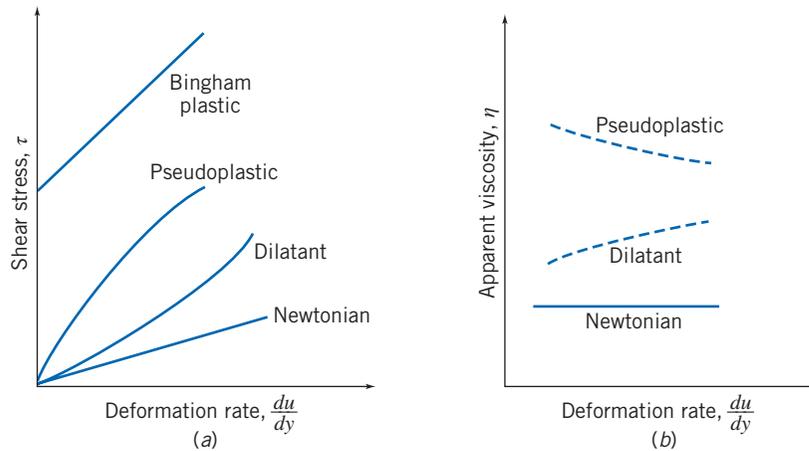
Fluids in which shear stress is *not* directly proportional to deformation rate are non-Newtonian. Although we will not discuss these much in this text, many common fluids exhibit non-Newtonian behavior. Two familiar examples are toothpaste and Lucite<sup>5</sup> paint. The latter is very “thick” when in the can, but becomes “thin” when sheared by brushing. Toothpaste behaves as a “fluid” when squeezed from the tube. However, it does not run out by itself when the cap is removed. There is a threshold or yield stress below which toothpaste behaves as a solid. Strictly speaking, our definition of a fluid is valid only for materials that have zero yield stress. Non-Newtonian fluids commonly are classified as having time-independent or time-dependent behavior. Examples of time-independent behavior are shown in the rheological diagram of Fig. 2.10.

Numerous empirical equations have been proposed [3, 4] to model the observed relations between  $\tau_{yx}$  and  $du/dy$  for time-independent fluids. They may be adequately represented for many engineering applications by the power law model, which for one-dimensional flow becomes

$$\tau_{yx} = k \left( \frac{du}{dy} \right)^n \tag{2.16}$$

where the exponent,  $n$ , is called the flow behavior index and the coefficient,  $k$ , the consistency index. This equation reduces to Newton’s law of viscosity for  $n = 1$  with  $k = \mu$ .

<sup>5</sup> Trademark, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.



**Fig. 2.10** (a) Shear stress,  $\tau$ , and (b) apparent viscosity,  $\eta$ , as a function of deformation rate for one-dimensional flow of various non-Newtonian fluids.

To ensure that  $\tau_{yx}$  has the same sign as  $du/dy$ , Eq. 2.16 is rewritten in the form

$$\tau_{yx} = k \left| \frac{du}{dy} \right|^{n-1} \frac{du}{dy} = \eta \frac{du}{dy} \quad (2.17)$$

The term  $\eta = k|du/dy|^{n-1}$  is referred to as the *apparent viscosity*. The idea behind Eq. 2.17 is that we end up with a viscosity  $\eta$  that is used in a formula that is the same form as Eq. 2.15, in which the Newtonian viscosity  $\mu$  is used. The big difference is that while  $\mu$  is constant (except for temperature effects),  $\eta$  depends on the shear rate. Most non-Newtonian fluids have apparent viscosities that are relatively high compared with the viscosity of water.

Fluids in which the apparent viscosity decreases with increasing deformation rate ( $n < 1$ ) are called *pseudoplastic* (or shear thinning) fluids. Most non-Newtonian fluids fall into this group; examples include polymer solutions, colloidal suspensions, and paper pulp in water. If the apparent viscosity increases with increasing deformation rate ( $n > 1$ ) the fluid is termed *dilatant* (or shear thickening). Suspensions of starch and of sand are examples of dilatant fluids. You can get an idea of the latter when you're on the beach—if you walk slowly (and hence generate a low shear rate) on very wet sand, you sink into it, but if you jog on it (generating a high shear rate), it's very firm.

A “fluid” that behaves as a solid until a minimum yield stress,  $\tau_y$ , is exceeded and subsequently exhibits a linear relation between stress and rate of deformation is referred to as an ideal or *Bingham plastic*. The corresponding shear stress model is

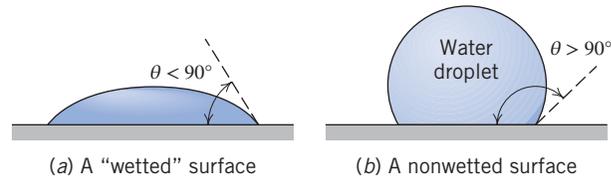
$$\tau_{yx} = \tau_y + \mu_p \frac{du}{dy} \quad (2.18)$$

Clay suspensions, drilling muds, and toothpaste are examples of substances exhibiting this behavior.

The study of non-Newtonian fluids is further complicated by the fact that the apparent viscosity may be time-dependent. *Thixotropic* fluids show a decrease in  $\eta$  with time under a constant applied shear stress; many paints are thixotropic. *Rheopectic* fluids show an increase in  $\eta$  with time. After deformation some fluids partially return to their original shape when the applied stress is released; such fluids are called *viscoelastic* (many biological fluids work this way).

## 2.5 Surface Tension

You can tell when your car needs waxing: Water droplets tend to appear somewhat flattened out. After waxing, you get a nice “beading” effect. These two cases are shown in Fig. 2.11. We define a liquid as “wetting” a surface when the *contact angle*  $\theta < 90^\circ$ . By this definition, the car's surface was wetted before waxing, and not wetted after. This is an example of effects due to *surface tension*. Whenever a liquid is in contact with other liquids or gases, or in this case a gas/solid surface, an interface develops



**Fig. 2.11** Surface tension effects on water droplets.

that acts like a stretched elastic membrane, creating surface tension. There are two features to this membrane: the contact angle,  $\theta$ , and the magnitude of the surface tension,  $\sigma$  (N/m or lbf/ft). Both of these depend on the type of liquid and the type of solid surface (or other liquid or gas) with which it shares an interface. In the car-waxing example, the contact angle changed from being smaller than  $90^\circ$ , to larger than  $90^\circ$ , because, in effect, the waxing changed the nature of the solid surface. Factors that affect the contact angle include the cleanliness of the surface and the purity of the liquid.

Other examples of surface tension effects arise when you are able to place a needle on a water surface and, similarly, when small water insects are able to walk on the surface of the water.

Appendix A contains data for surface tension and contact angle for common liquids in the presence of air and of water.

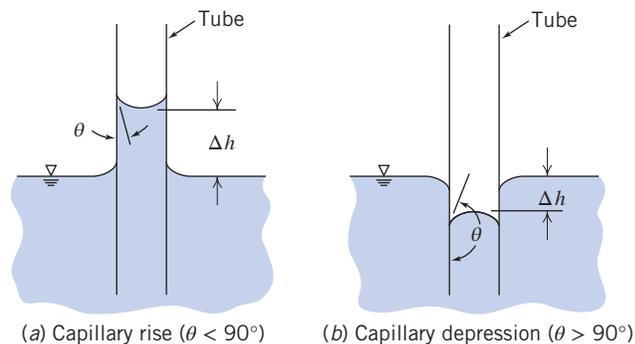
A force balance on a segment of interface shows that there is a pressure jump across the imagined elastic membrane whenever the interface is curved. For a water droplet in air, pressure in the water is higher than ambient; the same is true for a gas bubble in liquid. For a soap bubble in air, surface tension acts on both inside and outside interfaces between the soap film and air along the curved bubble surface. Surface tension also leads to the phenomena of capillary (i.e., very small wavelength) waves on a liquid surface [5], and capillary rise or depression, discussed below in Example 2.3.

In engineering, probably the most important effect of surface tension is the creation of a curved *meniscus* that appears in manometers or barometers, leading to a (usually unwanted) *capillary rise* (or depression), as shown in Fig. 2.12. This rise may be pronounced if the liquid is in a small-diameter tube or narrow gap, as shown in Example 2.3

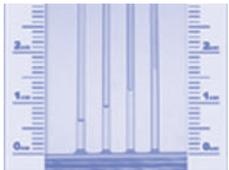
Folsom [6] shows that the simple analysis of Example 2.3 overpredicts the capillary effect and gives reasonable results only for tube diameters less than 0.1 in. (2.54 mm). Over a diameter range  $0.1 < D < 1.1$  in., experimental data for the capillary rise with a water-air interface are correlated by the empirical expression  $\Delta h = 0.400/e^{4.37D}$ .

Manometer and barometer readings should be made at the level of the middle of the meniscus. This is away from the maximum effects of surface tension and thus nearest to the proper liquid level.

All surface tension data in Appendix A were measured for pure liquids in contact with clean vertical surfaces. Impurities in the liquid, dirt on the surface, or surface inclination can cause an indistinct meniscus; under such conditions it may be difficult to determine liquid level accurately. Liquid level is most distinct in a vertical tube. When inclined tubes are used to increase manometer sensitivity (see Section 3.3) it is important to make each reading at the same point on the meniscus and to avoid use of tubes inclined less than about  $15^\circ$  from horizontal.



**Fig. 2.12** Capillary rise and capillary depression inside and outside a circular tube.



### Example 2.3 ANALYSIS OF CAPILLARY EFFECT IN A TUBE

Create a graph showing the capillary rise or fall of a column of water or mercury, respectively, as a function of tube diameter  $D$ . Find the minimum diameter of each column required so that the height magnitude will be less than 1 mm.

**Given:** Tube dipped in liquid as in Fig. 2.12

**Find:** A general expression for  $\Delta h$  as a function of  $D$ .

**Solution:** Apply free-body diagram analysis, and sum vertical forces.

**Governing equation:**

$$\sum F_z = 0$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Measure to middle of meniscus
- 2 Neglect volume in meniscus region

Summing forces in the  $z$  direction:

$$\sum F_z = \sigma \pi D \cos \theta - \rho g \Delta \Psi = 0 \quad (1)$$

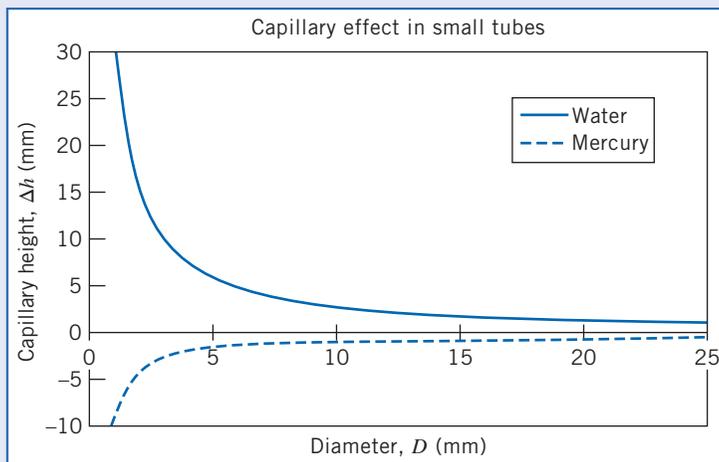
If we neglect the volume in the meniscus region:

$$\Delta \Psi \approx \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \Delta h$$

Substituting in Eq. 1 and solving for  $\Delta h$  gives

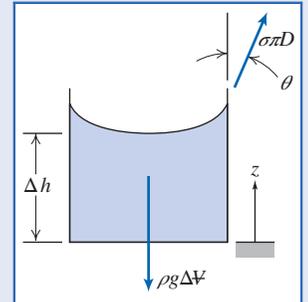
$$\Delta h = \frac{4\sigma \cos \theta}{\rho g D} \longleftarrow \Delta h$$

For water,  $\sigma = 72.8 \text{ mN/m}$  and  $\theta \approx 0^\circ$ , and for mercury,  $\sigma = 484 \text{ mN/m}$  and  $\theta = 140^\circ$  (Table A.4). Plotting,



Using the above equation to compute  $D_{\min}$  for  $\Delta h = 1 \text{ mm}$ , we find for mercury and water

$$D_{M_{\min}} = 11.2 \text{ mm} \quad \text{and} \quad D_{W_{\min}} = 30 \text{ mm}$$



**Notes:**

- This problem reviewed use of the free-body diagram approach.
- It turns out that neglecting the volume in the meniscus region is only valid when  $\Delta h$  is large compared with  $D$ . However, in this problem we have the result that  $\Delta h$  is about 1 mm when  $D$  is 11.2 mm (or 30 mm); hence the results can only be very approximate.

 The graph and results were generated from the Excel workbook.

Surfactant compounds reduce surface tension significantly (more than 40 percent with little change in other properties [7]) when added to water. They have wide commercial application: Most detergents contain surfactants to help water penetrate and lift soil from surfaces. Surfactants also have major industrial applications in catalysis, aerosols, and oil field recovery.

## 2.6 Description and Classification of Fluid Motions

In Chapter 1 and in this chapter, we have almost completed our brief introduction to some concepts and ideas that are often needed when studying fluid mechanics. Before beginning detailed analysis of fluid mechanics in the rest of this text, we will describe some interesting examples to illustrate a broad classification of fluid mechanics on the basis of important flow characteristics. Fluid mechanics is a huge discipline: It covers everything from the aerodynamics of a supersonic transport vehicle to the lubrication of human joints by sinovial fluid. We need to break fluid mechanics down into manageable proportions. It turns out that the two most difficult aspects of a fluid mechanics analysis to deal with are: (1) the fluid's viscous nature and (2) its compressibility. In fact, the area of fluid mechanics theory that first became highly developed (about 250 years ago!) was that dealing with a frictionless, incompressible fluid. As we will see shortly (and in more detail later on), this theory, while extremely elegant, led to the famous result called d'Alembert's paradox: All bodies experience no drag as they move through such a fluid—a result not exactly consistent with any real behavior!

Although not the only way to do so, most engineers subdivide fluid mechanics in terms of whether or not viscous effects and compressibility effects are present, as shown in Fig. 2.13. Also shown are classifications in terms of whether a flow is laminar or turbulent, and internal or external. We will now discuss each of these.

### Viscous and Inviscid Flows

When you send a ball flying through the air (as in a game of baseball, soccer, or any number of other sports), in addition to gravity the ball experiences the aerodynamic drag of the air. The question arises: What is the nature of the drag force of the air on the ball? At first glance, we might conclude that it's due to friction of the air as it flows over the ball; a little more reflection might lead to the conclusion that because air has such a low viscosity, friction might not contribute much to the drag, and the drag might be due to the pressure build-up in front of the ball as it pushes the air out of the way. The question arises: Can we predict ahead of time the relative importance of the viscous force, and force due to the pressure build-up in front of the ball? Can we make similar predictions for *any* object, for example, an automobile, a submarine, a red blood cell, moving through *any* fluid, for example, air, water, blood plasma? The answer (which we'll discuss in much more detail in Chapter 7) is that we can! It turns out that we

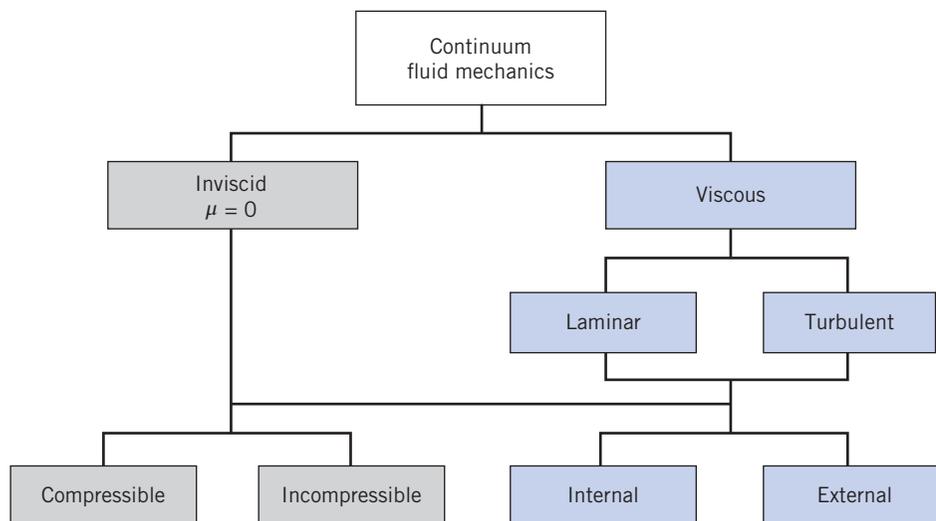


Fig. 2.13 Possible classification of continuum fluid mechanics.

can estimate whether or not viscous forces, as opposed to pressure forces, are negligible by simply computing the Reynolds number

$$Re = \rho \frac{VL}{\mu}$$

where  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  are the fluid density and viscosity, respectively, and  $V$  and  $L$  are the typical or “characteristic” velocity and size scale of the flow (in this example the ball velocity and diameter), respectively. If the Reynolds number is “large,” viscous effects will be negligible (but will still have important consequences, as we’ll soon see), at least in most of the flow; if the Reynolds number is small, viscous effects will be dominant. Finally, if the Reynolds number is neither large nor small, no general conclusions can be drawn.

To illustrate this very powerful idea, consider two simple examples. First, the drag on your ball: Suppose you kick a soccer ball (diameter = 8.75 in.) so it moves at 60 mph. The Reynolds number (using air properties from Table A.10) for this case is about 400,000—by any measure a large number; hence the drag on the soccer ball is almost entirely due to the pressure build-up in front of it. For our second example, consider a dust particle (modeled as a sphere of diameter 1 mm) falling under gravity at a terminal velocity of 1 cm/s: In this case  $Re \approx 0.7$ —a quite small number; hence the drag is mostly due to the friction of the air. Of course, in both of these examples, if we wish to *determine* the drag force, we would have to do substantially more analysis.

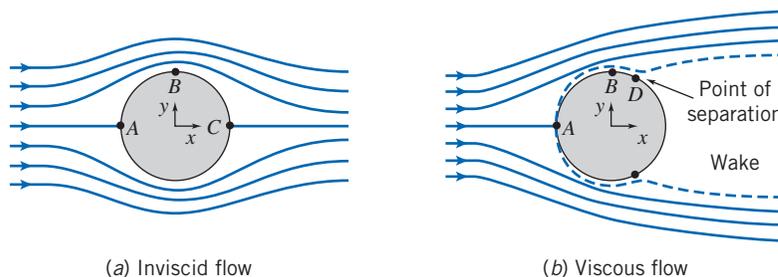
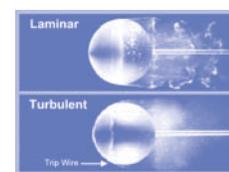
These examples illustrate an important point: A flow is considered to be friction dominated (or not) based not just on the fluid’s viscosity, but on the complete flow system. In these examples, the airflow was low friction for the soccer ball, but was high friction for the dust particle.

Let’s return for a moment to the idealized notion of frictionless flow, called *inviscid flow*. This is the branch shown on the left in Fig. 2.13. This branch encompasses most aerodynamics, and among other things explains, for example, why sub- and supersonic aircraft have differing shapes, how a wing generates lift, and so forth. If this theory is applied to the ball flying through the air (a flow that is also incompressible), it predicts streamlines (in coordinates attached to the sphere) as shown in Fig. 2.14a.

The streamlines are symmetric front-to-back. Because the mass flow between any two streamlines is constant, wherever streamlines open up, the velocity must decrease, and vice versa. Hence we can see that the velocity in the vicinity of points  $A$  and  $C$  must be relatively low; at point  $B$  it will be high. In fact, the air comes to rest at points  $A$  and  $C$ : They are *stagnation points*. It turns out that (as we’ll learn in Chapter 6) the pressure in this flow is high wherever the velocity is low, and vice versa. Hence, points  $A$  and  $C$  have relatively large (and equal) pressures; point  $B$  will be a point of low pressure. In fact, the pressure distribution on the sphere is symmetric front-to-back, and there is no net drag force due to pressure. Because we’re assuming inviscid flow, there can be no drag due to friction either. Hence we have d’Alembert’s paradox of 1752: The ball experiences no drag!

This is obviously unrealistic. On the other hand, everything seems logically consistent: We established that  $Re$  for the sphere was very large (400,000), indicating friction is negligible. We then used inviscid flow theory to obtain our no-drag result. How can we reconcile this theory with reality? It took about 150 years after the paradox first appeared for the answer, obtained by Prandtl in 1904: The no-slip condition (Section 1.1) requires that the velocity everywhere on the surface of the sphere be zero (in sphere coordinates), but inviscid theory states that it’s high at point  $B$ . Prandtl suggested that even though friction is negligible in general for high-Reynolds number flows, there will always be a thin *boundary*

 Video: Examples of Flow over a Sphere



**Fig. 2.14** Qualitative picture of incompressible flow over a sphere.

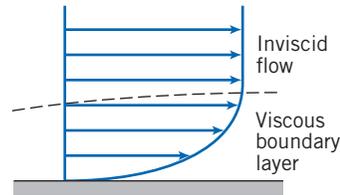


Fig. 2.15 Schematic of a boundary layer.

layer, in which friction is significant and across the width of which the velocity increases rapidly from zero (at the surface) to the value inviscid flow theory predicts (on the outer edge of the boundary layer). This is shown in Fig. 2.14*b* from point *A* to point *B*, and in more detail in Fig. 2.15.

This boundary layer immediately allows us to reconcile theory and experiment: Once we have friction in a boundary layer we will have drag. However, this boundary layer has another important consequence: It often leads to bodies having a *wake*, as shown in Fig. 2.14*b* from point *D* onwards. Point *D* is a *separation point*, where fluid particles are pushed off the object and cause a wake to develop. Consider once again the original inviscid flow (Fig. 2.14*a*): As a particle moves along the surface from point *B* to *C*, it moves from low to high pressure. This *adverse pressure gradient* (a pressure change opposing fluid motion) causes the particles to slow down as they move along the rear of the sphere. If we now add to this the fact that the particles are moving in a boundary layer with friction that also slows down the fluid, the particles will eventually be brought to rest and then pushed off the sphere by the following particles, forming the wake. This is generally very bad news: It turns out that the wake will always be relatively low pressure, but the front of the sphere will still have relatively high pressure. Hence, the sphere will now have a quite large *pressure drag* (or *form drag*—so called because it’s due to the shape of the object).

This description reconciles the inviscid flow no-drag result with the experimental result of significant drag on a sphere. It’s interesting to note that although the boundary layer is necessary to explain the drag on the sphere, the drag is actually due mostly to the asymmetric pressure distribution created by the boundary layer separation—drag directly due to friction is still negligible!

We can also now begin to see how *streamlining* of a body works. The drag force in most aerodynamics is due to the low-pressure wake: If we can reduce or eliminate the wake, drag will be greatly reduced. If we consider once again why the separation occurred, we recall two features: Boundary layer friction slowed down the particles, but so did the adverse pressure gradient. The pressure increased very rapidly across the back half of the sphere in Fig. 2.14*a* because the streamlines opened up so rapidly. If we make the sphere teardrop shaped, as in Fig. 2.16, the streamlines open up gradually, and hence the pressure will increase slowly, to such an extent that fluid particles are not forced to separate from the object until they almost reach the end of the object, as shown. The wake is much smaller (and it turns out the pressure will not be as low as before), leading to much less pressure drag. The only negative aspect of this streamlining is that the total surface area on which friction occurs is larger, so drag due to friction will increase a little.

We should point out that none of this discussion applies to the example of a falling dust particle: This low-Reynolds number flow was viscous throughout—there is no inviscid region.

Finally, this discussion illustrates the very significant difference between inviscid flow ( $\mu = 0$ ) and flows in which viscosity is negligible but not zero ( $\mu \rightarrow 0$ ).

## Laminar and Turbulent Flows

If you turn on a faucet (that doesn’t have an aerator or other attachment) at a very low flow rate the water will flow out very smoothly—almost “glass-like.” If you increase the flow rate, the water will exit in a

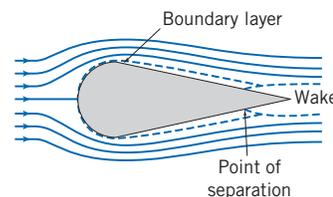
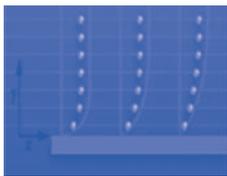
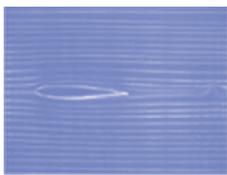


Fig. 2.16 Flow over a streamlined object.

Video: Boundary Layer Flow



Video: Streamlined Flow over an Airfoil



Video: Streamlines around a Car



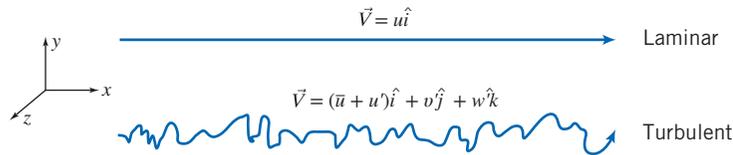


Fig. 2.17 Particle pathlines in one-dimensional laminar and turbulent flows.

churned-up, chaotic manner. These are examples of how a viscous flow can be laminar or turbulent, respectively. A *laminar* flow is one in which the fluid particles move in smooth layers, or laminas; a *turbulent* flow is one in which the fluid particles rapidly mix as they move along due to random three-dimensional velocity fluctuations. Typical examples of pathlines of each of these are illustrated in Fig. 2.17, which shows a one-dimensional flow. In most fluid mechanics problems—for example, flow of water in a pipe—turbulence is an unwanted but often unavoidable phenomenon, because it generates more resistance to flow; in other problems—for example, the flow of blood through blood vessels—it is desirable because the random mixing allows all of the blood cells to contact the walls of the blood vessels to exchange oxygen and other nutrients.

The velocity of the laminar flow is simply  $u$ ; the velocity of the turbulent flow is given by the mean velocity  $\bar{u}$  plus the three components of randomly fluctuating velocity  $u'$ ,  $v'$ , and  $w'$ .

Although many turbulent flows of interest are steady in the mean ( $\bar{u}$  is not a function of time), the presence of the random, high-frequency velocity fluctuations makes the analysis of turbulent flows extremely difficult. In a one-dimensional laminar flow, the shear stress is related to the velocity gradient by the simple relation

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad (2.15)$$

For a turbulent flow in which the mean velocity field is one-dimensional, no such simple relation is valid. Random, three-dimensional velocity fluctuations ( $u'$ ,  $v'$ , and  $w'$ ) transport momentum across the mean flow streamlines, increasing the effective shear stress. (This apparent stress is discussed in more detail in Chapter 8.) Consequently, in turbulent flow there is no universal relationship between the stress field and the mean-velocity field. Thus in turbulent flows we must rely heavily on semi-empirical theories and on experimental data.

## Compressible and Incompressible Flows

Flows in which variations in density are negligible are termed *incompressible*; when density variations within a flow are not negligible, the flow is called *compressible*. The most common example of compressible flow concerns the flow of gases, while the flow of liquids may frequently be treated as incompressible.

For many liquids, density is only a weak function of temperature. At modest pressures, liquids may be considered incompressible. However, at high pressures, compressibility effects in liquids can be important. Pressure and density changes in liquids are related by the *bulk compressibility modulus*, or modulus of elasticity,

$$E_v \equiv \frac{dp}{(d\rho/\rho)} \quad (2.19)$$

If the bulk modulus is independent of temperature, then density is only a function of pressure (the fluid is *barotropic*). Bulk modulus data for some common liquids are given in Appendix A.

Water hammer and cavitation are examples of the importance of compressibility effects in liquid flows. *Water hammer* is caused by acoustic waves propagating and reflecting in a confined liquid, for example, when a valve is closed abruptly. The resulting noise can be similar to “hammering” on the pipes, hence the term.

*Cavitation* occurs when vapor pockets form in a liquid flow because of local reductions in pressure (for example at the tip of a boat’s propeller blades). Depending on the number and distribution of particles in the liquid to which very small pockets of undissolved gas or air may attach, the local pressure at



the onset of cavitation may be at or below the vapor pressure of the liquid. These particles act as nucleation sites to initiate vaporization.

*Vapor pressure* of a liquid is the partial pressure of the vapor in contact with the saturated liquid at a given temperature. When pressure in a liquid is reduced to less than the vapor pressure, the liquid may change phase suddenly and “flash” to vapor.

The vapor pockets in a liquid flow may alter the geometry of the flow field substantially. When adjacent to a surface, the growth and collapse of vapor bubbles can cause serious damage by eroding the surface material.

Very pure liquids can sustain large negative pressures—as much as  $-60$  atmospheres for distilled water—before the liquid “ruptures” and vaporization occurs. Undissolved air is invariably present near the free surface of water or seawater, so cavitation occurs where the local total pressure is quite close to the vapor pressure.

It turns out that gas flows with negligible heat transfer also may be considered incompressible provided that the flow speeds are small relative to the speed of sound; the ratio of the flow speed,  $V$ , to the local speed of sound,  $c$ , in the gas is defined as the Mach number,

$$M \equiv \frac{V}{c}$$

For  $M < 0.3$ , the maximum density variation is less than 5 percent. Thus gas flows with  $M < 0.3$  can be treated as incompressible; a value of  $M = 0.3$  in air at standard conditions corresponds to a speed of approximately 100 m/s. For example, although it might be a little counterintuitive, when you drive your car at 65 mph the air flowing around it has negligible change in density. As we shall see in Chapter 12, the speed of sound in an ideal gas is given by  $c = \sqrt{kRT}$ , where  $k$  is the ratio of specific heats,  $R$  is the gas constant, and  $T$  is the absolute temperature. For air at STP,  $k = 1.40$  and  $R = 286.9 \text{ J/kg} \cdot \text{K}$  ( $53.33 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f/\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}$ ). Values of  $k$  and  $R$  are supplied in Appendix A for several selected common gases at STP. In addition, Appendix A contains some useful data on atmospheric properties, such as temperature, at various elevations.

Compressible flows occur frequently in engineering applications. Common examples include compressed air systems used to power shop tools and dental drills, transmission of gases in pipelines at high pressure, and pneumatic or fluidic control and sensing systems. Compressibility effects are very important in the design of modern high-speed aircraft and missiles, power plants, fans, and compressors.

## Internal and External Flows

Flows completely bounded by solid surfaces are called *internal* or *duct flows*. Flows over bodies immersed in an unbounded fluid are termed *external flows*. Both internal and external flows may be laminar or turbulent, compressible or incompressible.

We mentioned an example of internal flow when we discussed the flow out of a faucet—the flow in the pipe leading to the faucet is an internal flow. It turns out that we have a Reynolds number for pipe flows defined as  $Re = \rho \bar{V} D / \mu$ , where  $\bar{V}$  is the average flow velocity and  $D$  is the pipe diameter (note that we do *not* use the pipe length!). This Reynolds number indicates whether a pipe flow will be laminar or turbulent. Flow will generally be laminar for  $Re \leq 2300$  and turbulent for larger values: Flow in a pipe of constant diameter will be entirely laminar or entirely turbulent, depending on the value of the velocity  $\bar{V}$ . We will explore internal flows in detail in Chapter 8.

We already saw some examples of external flows when we discussed the flow over a sphere (Fig. 2.14*b*) and a streamlined object (Fig. 2.16). What we didn't mention was that these flows could be laminar or turbulent. In addition, we mentioned boundary layers (Fig. 2.15): It turns out these also can be laminar or turbulent. When we discuss these in detail (Chapter 9), we'll start with the simplest kind of boundary layer—that over a flat plate—and learn that just as we have a Reynolds number for the overall external flow that indicates the relative significance of viscous forces, there will also be a boundary-layer Reynolds number  $Re_x = \rho U_\infty x / \mu$  where in this case the characteristic velocity  $U_\infty$  is the velocity immediately outside the boundary layer and the characteristic length  $x$  is the distance along the plate. Hence, at the leading edge of the plate  $Re_x = 0$ , and at the end of a plate of length  $L$ , it will be  $Re_x = \rho U_\infty L / \mu$ . The significance of this Reynolds number is that (as we'll learn) the boundary layer will be laminar for  $Re_x \leq 5 \times 10^5$  and turbulent for larger values: A boundary layer will start out laminar, and if the plate is long enough the boundary layer will transition to become turbulent.

It is clear by now that computing a Reynolds number is often very informative for both internal and external flows. We will discuss this and other important *dimensionless groups* (such as the Mach number) in Chapter 7.

The internal flow through fluid machines is considered in Chapter 10. The principle of angular momentum is applied to develop fundamental equations for fluid machines. Pumps, fans, blowers, compressors, and propellers that add energy to fluid streams are considered, as are turbines and windmills that extract energy. The chapter features detailed discussion of operation of fluid systems.

The internal flow of liquids in which the duct does not flow full—where there is a free surface subject to a constant pressure—is termed *open-channel flow*. Common examples of open-channel flow include flow in rivers, irrigation ditches, and aqueducts. Open-channel flow will be treated in Chapter 11.

Both internal and external flows can be compressible or incompressible. Compressible flows can be divided into subsonic and supersonic regimes. We will study compressible flows in Chapters 12 and 13 and see among other things that *supersonic flows* ( $M > 1$ ) will behave very differently than *subsonic flows* ( $M < 1$ ). For example, supersonic flows can experience oblique and normal shocks, and can also behave in a counterintuitive way—e.g., a supersonic nozzle (a device to accelerate a flow) must be divergent (i.e., it has *increasing* cross-sectional area) in the direction of flow! We note here also that in a subsonic nozzle (which has a convergent cross-sectional area), the pressure of the flow at the exit plane will always be the ambient pressure; for a sonic flow, the exit pressure can be higher than ambient; and for a supersonic flow the exit pressure can be greater than, equal to, or less than the ambient pressure!

## 2.7 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we have completed our review of some of the fundamental concepts we will utilize in our study of fluid mechanics. Some of these are:

- ✓ How to describe flows (timelines, pathlines, streamlines, streaklines).
- ✓ Forces (surface, body) and stresses (shear, normal).
- ✓ Types of fluids (Newtonian, non-Newtonian—dilatant, pseudoplastic, thixotropic, rheopectic, Bingham plastic) and viscosity (kinematic, dynamic, apparent).
- ✓ Types of flow (viscous/inviscid, laminar/turbulent, compressible/incompressible, internal/external).

We also briefly discussed some interesting phenomena, such as surface tension, boundary layers, wakes, and streamlining. Finally, we introduced two very useful dimensionless groups—the Reynolds number and the Mach number.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

### Useful Equations

Definition of specific gravity:	$SG = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}$	(2.3)	Page 19
Definition of specific weight:	$\gamma = \frac{mg}{V} \rightarrow \gamma = \rho g$	(2.4)	Page 19
Definition of streamlines (2D):	$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{\text{streamline}} = \frac{v(x,y)}{u(x,y)}$	(2.8)	Page 24
Definition of pathlines (2D):	$\left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right)_{\text{particle}} = u(x,y,t) \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right)_{\text{particle}} = v(x,y,t)$	(2.9)	Page 25
Definition of streaklines (2D):	$x_{\text{streakline}}(t_0) = x(t, x_0, y_0, t_0) \quad y_{\text{streakline}}(t_0) = y(t, x_0, y_0, t_0)$	(2.10)	Page 25
Newton’s law of viscosity (1D flow):	$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$	(2.15)	Page 28
Shear stress for a non-Newtonian fluid (1D flow):	$\tau_{yx} = k \left  \frac{du}{dy} \right ^{n-1} \frac{du}{dy} = \eta \frac{du}{dy}$	(2.17)	Page 31

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## PROBLEMS

## Velocity Field

2.1 For the velocity fields given below, determine:

- (a) whether the flow field is one-, two-, or three-dimensional, and why.
- (b) whether the flow is steady or unsteady, and why. (The quantities  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.)

$$1 \quad \vec{V} = [(ax+t)e^{by}] \hat{i}$$

$$2 \quad \vec{V} = (ax-by) \hat{i}$$

$$3 \quad \vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + [e^{bx}] \hat{j}$$

$$4 \quad \vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + bx^2\hat{j} + ax\hat{k}$$

$$5 \quad \vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + [e^{bt}] \hat{j}$$

$$6 \quad \vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + bx^2\hat{j} + ay\hat{k}$$

$$7 \quad \vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + [e^{bt}] \hat{j} + ay\hat{k}$$

$$8 \quad \vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + [e^{by}] \hat{j} + az\hat{k}$$

2.2 For the velocity fields given below, determine:

- (a) whether the flow field is one-, two-, or three-dimensional, and why.
- (b) whether the flow is steady or unsteady, and why. (The quantities  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.)

$$1 \quad \vec{V} = [ay^2e^{-bt}] \hat{i}$$

$$2 \quad \vec{V} = ax^2\hat{i} + bx\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$$3 \quad \vec{V} = axy\hat{i} - byt\hat{j}$$

$$4 \quad \vec{V} = ax\hat{i} - by\hat{j} + ct\hat{k}$$

$$5 \quad \vec{V} = [ae^{-bx}] \hat{i} + bt^2\hat{j}$$

$$6 \quad \vec{V} = a(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} (1/z^3) \hat{k}$$

$$7 \quad \vec{V} = (ax+t)\hat{i} - by^2\hat{j}$$

$$8 \quad \vec{V} = ax^2\hat{i} + bxz\hat{j} + cy\hat{k}$$

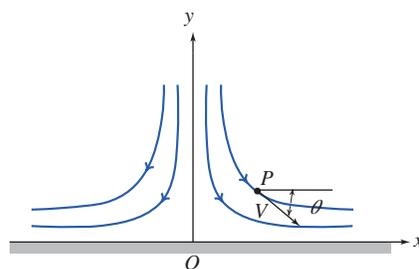
2.3 A viscous liquid is sheared between two parallel disks; the upper disk rotates and the lower one is fixed. The velocity field between the disks is given by  $\vec{V} = \hat{e}_\theta r \omega z / h$ . (The origin of coordinates is located at the center of the lower disk; the upper disk is located at  $z = h$ .) What

are the dimensions of this velocity field? Does this velocity field satisfy appropriate physical boundary conditions? What are they?

2.4 For the velocity field  $\vec{V} = Ax^2y\hat{i} + Bxy^2\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $B = 1 \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters, obtain an equation for the flow streamlines. Plot several streamlines in the first quadrant.

2.5 A fluid flow has the following velocity components:  $u = 1 \text{ m/s}$  and  $v = 2x \text{ m/s}$ . Find an equation for and sketch the streamlines of this flow.

2.6 When an incompressible, nonviscous fluid flows against a plate in a plane (two-dimensional) flow, an exact solution for the equations of motion for this flow is  $u = Ax, v = -Ay$ , with  $A > 0$  for the sketch shown. The coordinate origin is located at the stagnation point  $O$ , where the flow divides and the local velocity is zero. Plot the streamlines in the flow.



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2.7 For the *free vortex* flow the velocities are  $v_t = 5/r$  and  $v_r = 0$ . Assume that lengths are in feet or meters and times are in seconds. Plot the streamlines of this flow. How does the velocity vary with distance from the origin? What is the velocity at the origin  $(0,0)$ ?

2.8 For the *forced vortex* flow the velocities are  $v_t = \omega r$  and  $v_r = 0$ . Plot the streamlines of this flow. How does the velocity vary with distance from the origin? What is the velocity at the origin  $(0,0)$ ?

2.9 A velocity field is specified as  $\vec{V} = axy\hat{i} + by^2\hat{j}$ , where  $a = 2 \text{ m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $b = -6 \text{ m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters. Is the flow field one-, two-, or three-dimensional? Why? Calculate the velocity components at the point  $(2, 1/2)$ . Develop an equation for the streamline passing through this point. Plot several streamlines in the first quadrant including the one that passes through the point  $(2, 1/2)$ .

**2.10** A velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = ax^3\hat{i} + bxy^3\hat{j}$ , where  $a = 1 \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $b = 1 \text{ m}^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$ . Find the equation of the streamlines. Plot several streamlines in the first quadrant.

**2.11** The velocity for a steady, incompressible flow in the  $xy$  plane is given by  $\vec{V} = \hat{i}A/x + \hat{j}Ay/x^2$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters. Obtain an equation for the streamline that passes through the point  $(x,y) = (1,3)$ . Calculate the time required for a fluid particle to move from  $x = 1 \text{ m}$  to  $x = 2 \text{ m}$  in this flow field.

 **2.12** The flow field for an atmospheric flow is given by

$$\vec{V} = -\frac{Ky}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)}\hat{i} + \frac{Kx}{2\pi(x^2 + y^2)}\hat{j}$$

where  $K = 10^5 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , and the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates are parallel to the local latitude and longitude. Plot the velocity magnitude along the  $x$  axis, along the  $y$  axis, and along the line  $y = x$ , and discuss the velocity direction with respect to these three axes. For each plot use a range  $x$  or  $y = -1 \text{ km}$  to  $1 \text{ km}$ , excluding  $|x|$  or  $|y| < 100 \text{ m}$ . Find the equation for the streamlines and sketch several of them. What does this flow field model?

**2.13** For the velocity field  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 2\text{s}^{-1}$ , which can be interpreted to represent flow in a corner, show that the parametric equations for particle motion are given by  $x_p = c_1 e^{At}$  and  $y_p = c_2 e^{-At}$ . Obtain the equation for the pathline of the particle located at the point  $(x,y) = (2,2)$  at the instant  $t = 0$ . Compare this pathline with the streamline through the same point.

**2.14** A velocity field in polar coordinates is given with the radial velocity as  $V_r = -A/r$  and the tangential velocity as  $V_\theta = A/r$ , where  $r$  is in meters and  $A = 10 \text{ m}^2$ . Plot the streamlines passing through the location  $\theta = 0$  for  $r = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $2 \text{ m}$ , and  $3 \text{ m}$ . What does the flow field model?

**2.15** The flow of air near the Earth's surface is affected both by the wind and thermal currents. In certain circumstances the velocity field can be represented by  $\vec{V} = a\hat{i} + b(1 - \frac{y}{h})\hat{j}$  for  $y < h$  and by  $\vec{V} = a\hat{i}$  for  $y > h$ . Plot the streamlines for the flow for  $b/a = 0.01, 0.1, \text{ and } 1$ .

 **2.16** A velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = ay\hat{i} - bx\hat{j}$ , where  $a = 1 \text{ s}^{-2}$  and  $b = 4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Find the equation of the streamlines at any time  $t$ . Plot several streamlines at  $t = 0 \text{ s}$ ,  $t = 1 \text{ s}$ , and  $t = 20 \text{ s}$ .

 **2.17** Air flows downward toward an infinitely wide horizontal flat plate. The velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = (ax\hat{i} - ay\hat{j})(2 + \cos \omega t)$ , where  $a = 5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $\omega = 2\pi \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  (measured in meters) are horizontal and vertically upward, respectively, and  $t$  is in  $\text{s}$ . Obtain an algebraic equation for a streamline at  $t = 0$ . Plot the streamline that passes through point  $(x,y) = (3,3)$  at this instant. Will the streamline change with time? Explain briefly. Show the velocity vector on your plot at the same point and time. Is the velocity vector tangent to the streamline? Explain.

 **2.18** Consider the flow described by the velocity field  $\vec{V} = Bx(1 + At)\hat{i} + Cy\hat{j}$ , with  $A = 0.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $B = C = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Coordinates are measured in meters. Plot the pathline traced out by the particle that passes through the point  $(1, 1)$  at time  $t = 0$ . Compare with the streamlines plotted through the same point at the instants  $t = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2 \text{ s}$ .

 **2.19** Consider the velocity field  $V = ax\hat{i} + by(1 + ct)\hat{j}$ , where  $a = b = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $c = 0.4 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Coordinates are measured in meters. For the particle that passes through the point  $(x,y) = (1,1)$  at the instant  $t = 0$ , plot the pathline during the interval from  $t = 0$  to

$1.5 \text{ s}$ . Compare this pathline with the streamlines plotted through the same point at the instants  $t = 0, 1, \text{ and } 1.5 \text{ s}$ .

**2.20** Consider the flow field given in Eulerian description by the expression  $\vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + byt\hat{j}$ , where  $a = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $b = 0.04 \text{ s}^{-2}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters. Derive the Lagrangian position functions for the fluid particle that was located at the point  $(x,y) = (1,1)$  at the instant  $t = 0$ . Obtain an algebraic expression for the pathline followed by this particle. Plot the pathline and compare with the streamlines plotted through the same point at the instants  $t = 0, 10, \text{ and } 20 \text{ s}$ .

**2.21** A velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = ax\hat{i} - by\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 0.1 \text{ s}^{-2}$  and  $b = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . For the particle that passes through the point  $(x,y) = (1,1)$  at instant  $t = 0 \text{ s}$ , plot the pathline during the interval from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 3 \text{ s}$ . Compare with the streamlines plotted through the same point at the instants  $t = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2 \text{ s}$ .

**2.22** Consider the garden hose of Fig. 2.5. Suppose the velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = u_0\hat{i} + v_0\sin[\omega(t - x/u_0)]\hat{j}$ , where the  $x$  direction is horizontal and the origin is at the mean position of the hose,  $u_0 = 10 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $v_0 = 2 \text{ m/s}$ , and  $\omega = 5 \text{ cycle/s}$ . Find and plot on one graph the instantaneous streamlines that pass through the origin at  $t = 0 \text{ s}$ ,  $0.05 \text{ s}$ ,  $0.1 \text{ s}$ , and  $0.15 \text{ s}$ . Also find and plot on one graph the pathlines of particles that left the origin at the same four times.

**2.23** Consider the velocity field of Problem 2.18. Plot the streakline formed by particles that passed through the point  $(1, 1)$  during the interval from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 3 \text{ s}$ . Compare with the streamlines plotted through the same point at the instants  $t = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2 \text{ s}$ .

**2.24** Streaklines are traced out by neutrally buoyant marker fluid injected into a flow field from a fixed point in space. A particle of the marker fluid that is at point  $(x,y)$  at time  $t$  must have passed through the injection point  $(x_0, y_0)$  at some earlier instant  $t = \tau$ . The time history of a marker particle may be found by solving the pathline equations for the initial conditions that  $x = x_0, y = y_0$  when  $t = \tau$ . The present locations of particles on the streakline are obtained by setting  $\tau$  equal to values in the range  $0 \leq \tau \leq t$ . Consider the flow field  $\vec{V} = ax(1 + bt)\hat{i} + cy\hat{j}$ , where  $a = c = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $b = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Coordinates are measured in meters. Plot the streakline that passes through the initial point  $(x_0, y_0) = (1, 1)$ , during the interval from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 3 \text{ s}$ . Compare with the streamline plotted through the same point at the instants  $t = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2 \text{ s}$ .

**2.25** Consider the flow field  $\vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$ , where  $a = 1/4 \text{ s}^{-2}$  and  $b = 1/3 \text{ m/s}$ . Coordinates are measured in meters. For the particle that passes through the point  $(x,y) = (1,2)$  at the instant  $t = 0$ , plot the pathline during the time interval from  $t = 0$  to  $3 \text{ s}$ . Compare this pathline with the streakline through the same point at the instant  $t = 3 \text{ s}$ .

**2.26** A flow is described by velocity field  $\vec{V} = ay^2\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$ , where  $a = 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $b = 2 \text{ m/s}$ . Coordinates are measured in meters. Obtain the equation for the streamline passing through point  $(6, 6)$ . At  $t = 1 \text{ s}$ , what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point  $(1, 4)$  at  $t = 0$ ? At  $t = 3 \text{ s}$ , what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point  $(-3, 0)$   $2 \text{ s}$  earlier? Show that pathlines, streamlines, and streaklines for this flow coincide.

**2.27** Tiny hydrogen bubbles are being used as tracers to visualize a flow. All the bubbles are generated at the origin  $(x = 0, y = 0)$ . The velocity field is unsteady and obeys the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 1 \text{ m/s} & v &= 2 \text{ m/s} & 0 \leq t < 2 \text{ s} \\ u &= 0 & v &= -1 \text{ m/s} & 0 \leq t \leq 4 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

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Plot the pathlines of bubbles that leave the origin at  $t=0, 1, 2, 3,$  and  $4$  s. Mark the locations of these five bubbles at  $t=4$  s. Use a dashed line to indicate the position of a streakline at  $t=4$  s.

**2.28** A flow is described by velocity field  $\vec{V} = a\hat{i} + bx\hat{j}$ , where  $a=2$  m/s and  $b=1$  s<sup>-1</sup>. Coordinates are measured in meters. Obtain the equation for the streamline passing through point (2, 5). At  $t=2$  s, what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point (0, 4) at  $t=0$ ? At  $t=3$  s, what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point (1, 4.25) 2 s earlier? What conclusions can you draw about the pathline, streamline, and streakline for this flow?

 **2.29** A flow is described by velocity field  $\vec{V} = ay\hat{i} + bt\hat{j}$ , where  $a=0.2$  s<sup>-1</sup> and  $b=0.4$  m/s<sup>2</sup>. At  $t=2$  s, what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point (1, 2) at  $t=0$ ? At  $t=3$  s, what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point (1, 2) at  $t=2$  s? Plot the pathline and streakline through point (1, 2), and plot the streamlines through the same point at the instants  $t=0, 1, 2,$  and  $3$  s.

 **2.30** A flow is described by velocity field  $\vec{V} = at\hat{i} + b\hat{j}$ , where  $a=0.4$  m/s<sup>2</sup> and  $b=2$  m/s. At  $t=2$  s, what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point (2, 1) at  $t=0$ ? At  $t=3$  s, what are the coordinates of the particle that passed through point (2, 1) at  $t=2$  s? Plot the pathline and streakline through point (2, 1) and compare with the streamlines through the same point at the instants  $t=0, 1,$  and  $2$  s.

### Viscosity

 **2.31** The variation with temperature of the viscosity of air is represented well by the empirical Sutherland correlation

$$\mu = \frac{bT^{1/2}}{1 + S/T}$$

Best-fit values of  $b$  and  $S$  are given in Appendix A. Develop an equation in SI units for kinematic viscosity versus temperature for air at atmospheric pressure. Assume ideal gas behavior. Check by using the equation to compute the kinematic viscosity of air at 0°C and at 100°C and comparing to the data in Appendix A (Table A.10); plot the kinematic viscosity for a temperature range of 0°C to 100°C, using the equation and the data in Table A.10.

**2.32** The variation with temperature of the viscosity of air is correlated well by the empirical Sutherland equation

$$\mu = \frac{bT^{1/2}}{1 + S/T}$$

Best-fit values of  $b$  and  $S$  are given in Appendix A for use with SI units. Use these values to develop an equation for calculating air viscosity in British Gravitational units as a function of absolute temperature in degrees Rankine. Check your result using data from Appendix A.

 **2.33** Some experimental data for the viscosity of helium at 1 atm are

$T, ^\circ\text{C}$	0	100	200	300	400
$\mu, \text{N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m}^2(\times 10^5)$	1.86	2.31	2.72	3.11	3.46

Using the approach described in Appendix A.3, correlate these data to the empirical Sutherland equation

$$\mu = \frac{bT^{1/2}}{1 + S/T}$$

(where  $T$  is in kelvin) and obtain values for constants  $b$  and  $S$ .

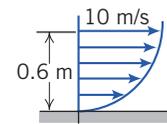
**2.34** The velocity distribution for laminar flow between parallel plates is given by

$$\frac{u}{u_{\max}} = 1 - \left(\frac{2y}{h}\right)^2$$

where  $h$  is the distance separating the plates and the origin is placed midway between the plates. Consider a flow of water at 15°C, with  $u_{\max}=0.10$  m/s and  $h=0.1$  mm. Calculate the shear stress on the upper plate and give its direction. Sketch the variation of shear stress across the channel.

**2.35** What is the ratio between the viscosities of air and water at 10°C? What is the ratio between their kinematic viscosities at this temperature and standard barometric pressure?

**2.36** Calculate velocity gradients and shear stress for  $y=0, 0.2, 0.4,$  and  $0.6$  m, if the velocity profile is a quarter-circle having its center 0.6 m from the boundary. The fluid viscosity is  $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup>.



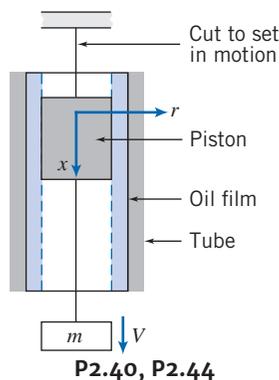
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**2.37** A very large thin plate is centered in a gap of width 0.06 m with different oils of unknown viscosities above and below; one viscosity is twice the other. When the plate is pulled at a velocity of 0.3 m/s, the resulting force on one square meter of plate due to the viscous shear on both sides is 29 N. Assuming viscous flow and neglecting all end effects, calculate the viscosities of the oils.

**2.38** A female freestyle ice skater, weighing 100 lbf, glides on one skate at speed  $V=20$  ft/s. Her weight is supported by a thin film of liquid water melted from the ice by the pressure of the skate blade. Assume the blade is  $L=11.5$  in. long and  $w=0.125$  in. wide, and that the water film is  $h=0.0000575$  in. thick. Estimate the deceleration of the skater that results from viscous shear in the water film, if end effects are neglected.

**2.39** A block of mass 10 kg and measuring 250 mm on each edge is pulled up an inclined surface on which there is a film of SAE 10W-30 oil at 30°F (the oil film is 0.025 mm thick). Find the steady speed of the block if it is released. If a force of 75 N is applied to pull the block up the incline, find the steady speed of the block. If the force is now applied to push the block down the incline, find the steady speed of the block. Assume the velocity distribution in the oil film is linear. The surface is inclined at an angle of 30° from the horizontal.

**2.40** A 73-mm-diameter aluminum ( $SG=2.64$ ) piston of 100-mm length resides in a stationary 75-mm-inner-diameter steel tube lined with SAE 10W-30 oil at 25°C. A mass  $m=2$  kg is suspended from the free end of the piston. The piston is set into motion by cutting a support cord. What is the terminal velocity of mass  $m$ ? Assume a linear velocity profile within the oil.



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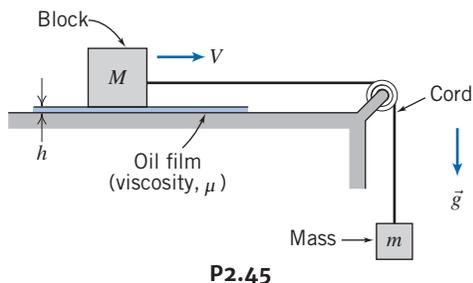
**2.41** A vertical gap 25 mm wide of infinite extent contains oil of specific gravity 0.95 and viscosity 2.4 Pa·s. A metal plate 1.5 m × 1.5 m × 1.6 mm weighing 45 N is to be lifted through the gap at a constant speed of 0.06 m·s. Estimate the force required.

**2.42** A cylinder 8 in. in diameter and 3 ft long is concentric with a pipe of 8.25 in. i.d. Between cylinder and pipe there is an oil film. What force is required to move the cylinder along the pipe at a constant velocity of 3 fps? The kinematic viscosity of the oil is 0.006 ft<sup>2</sup>/s; the specific gravity is 0.92.

**2.43** Crude oil at 20°C fills the space between two concentric cylinders 250 mm high and with diameters of 150 mm and 156 mm. What torque is required to rotate the inner cylinder at 12 r/min, the outer cylinder remaining stationary?

**2.44** The piston in Problem 2.40 is traveling at terminal speed. The mass  $m$  now disconnects from the piston. Plot the piston speed vs. time. How long does it take the piston to come within 1 percent of its new terminal speed?

 **2.45** A block of mass  $M$  slides on a thin film of oil. The film thickness is  $h$  and the area of the block is  $A$ . When released, mass  $m$  exerts tension on the cord, causing the block to accelerate. Neglect friction in the pulley and air resistance. Develop an algebraic expression for the viscous force that acts on the block when it moves at speed  $V$ . Derive a differential equation for the block speed as a function of time. Obtain an expression for the block speed as a function of time. The mass  $M = 5$  kg,  $m = 1$  kg,  $A = 25$  cm<sup>2</sup>, and  $h = 0.5$  mm. If it takes 1 s for the speed to reach 1 m/s, find the oil viscosity  $\mu$ . Plot the curve for  $V(t)$ .

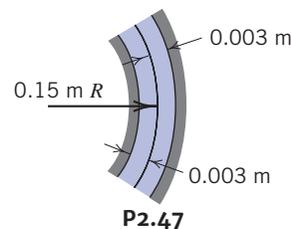


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 **2.46** A block 0.1 m square, with 5 kg mass, slides down a smooth incline, 30° below the horizontal, on a film of SAE 30 oil at 20°C that is 0.20 mm thick. If the block is released from rest at  $t = 0$ , what is its initial acceleration? Derive an expression for the speed of the block as a function of time. Plot the curve for  $V(t)$ . Find the speed

after 0.1 s. If we want the mass to instead reach a speed of 0.3 m/s at this time, find the viscosity  $\mu$  of the oil we would have to use.

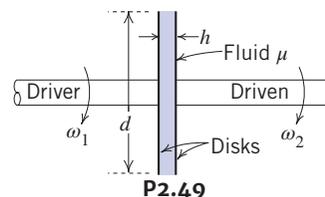
**2.47** A torque of 4 N·m is required to rotate the intermediate cylinder at 30 r/min. Calculate the viscosity of the oil. All cylinders are 450 mm long. Neglect end effects.



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**2.48** A circular disk of diameter  $d$  is slowly rotated in a liquid of large viscosity  $\mu$ , at a small distance  $h$  from a fixed surface. Derive an expression for the torque  $T$  necessary to maintain an angular velocity  $\omega$ . Neglect centrifugal effects.

**2.49** The fluid drive shown transmits a torque  $T$  for steady-state conditions ( $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  constant). Derive an expression for the slip ( $\omega_1 - \omega_2$ ) in terms of  $T$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $d$ , and  $h$ . For values  $d = 6$  in.,  $h = 0.2$  in., SAE 30 oil at 75°F, a shaft rotation of 120 rpm, and a torque of 0.003 ft·lbf, determine the slip.



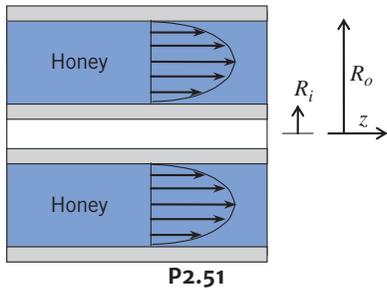
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**2.50** A block that is  $a$  mm square slides across a flat plate on a thin film of oil. The oil has viscosity  $\mu$  and the film is  $h$  mm thick. The block of mass  $M$  moves at steady speed  $U$  under the influence of constant force  $F$ . Indicate the magnitude and direction of the shear stresses on the bottom of the block and the plate. If the force is removed suddenly and the block begins to slow, sketch the resulting speed versus time curve for the block. Obtain an expression for the time required for the block to lose 95 percent of its initial speed.

**2.51** In a food-processing plant, honey is pumped through an annular tube. The tube is  $L = 2$  m long, with inner and outer radii of  $R_i = 5$  mm and  $R_o = 25$  mm, respectively. The applied pressure difference is  $\Delta p = 125$  kPa, and the honey viscosity is  $\mu = 5$  N·s/m<sup>2</sup>. The theoretical velocity profile for laminar flow through an annulus is:

$$u_z(r) = \frac{1}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\Delta p}{L} \right) \left[ R_i^2 - r^2 - \frac{R_o^2 - R_i^2}{\ln\left(\frac{R_i}{R_o}\right)} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{r}{R_i}\right) \right]$$

Show that the no-slip condition is satisfied by this expression. Find the location at which the shear stress is zero. Find the viscous forces acting on the inner and outer surfaces, and compare these to the force  $\Delta p \pi (R_o^2 - R_i^2)$ . Explain.



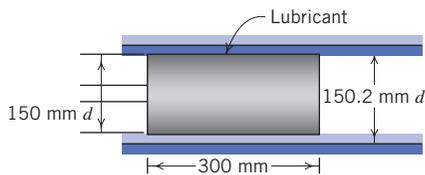
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2.52 SAE 10W-30 oil at 100°C is pumped through a tube  $L = 10$  m long, diameter  $D = 20$  mm. The applied pressure difference is  $\Delta p = 5$  kPa. On the centerline of the tube is a metal filament of diameter  $d = 1 \mu\text{m}$ . The theoretical velocity profile for laminar flow through the tube is:

$$V(r) = \frac{1}{16\mu} \left( \frac{\Delta p}{L} \right) \left[ d^2 - 4r^2 - \frac{D^2 - d^2}{\ln\left(\frac{d}{D}\right)} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{2r}{d}\right) \right]$$

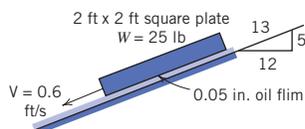
Show that the no-slip condition is satisfied by this expression. Find the location at which the shear stress is zero, and the stress on the tube and on the filament. Plot the velocity distribution and the stress distribution. (For the stress curve, set an upper limit on stress of 5 Pa.) Discuss the results.

2.53 The lubricant has a kinematic viscosity of  $2.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and specific gravity of 0.92. If the mean velocity of the piston is 6 m/s, approximately what is the power dissipated in friction?



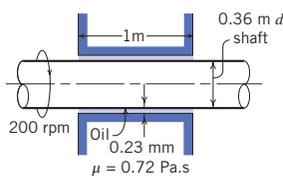
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2.54 Calculate the approximate viscosity of the oil.



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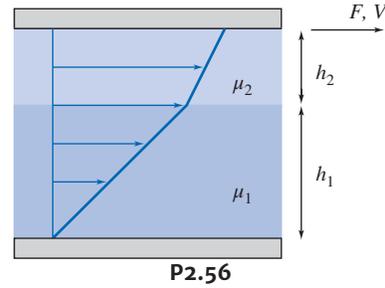
2.55 Calculate the approximate power lost in friction in this ship propeller shaft bearing.



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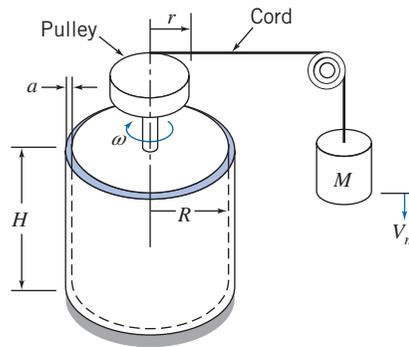
2.56 Fluids of viscosities  $\mu_1 = 0.1 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m}^2$  and  $\mu_2 = 0.15 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m}^2$  are contained between two plates (each plate is  $1 \text{ m}^2$  in area). The

thicknesses are  $h_1 = 0.5 \text{ mm}$  and  $h_2 = 0.3 \text{ mm}$ , respectively. Find the force  $F$  to make the upper plate move at a speed of 1 m/s. What is the fluid velocity at the interface between the two fluids?



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2.57 A concentric cylinder viscometer may be formed by rotating the inner member of a pair of closely fitting cylinders. The annular gap is small so that a linear velocity profile will exist in the liquid sample. Consider a viscometer with an inner cylinder of 4 in. diameter and 8 in. height, and a clearance gap width of 0.001 in., filled with castor oil at 90°F. Determine the torque required to turn the inner cylinder at 400 rpm.



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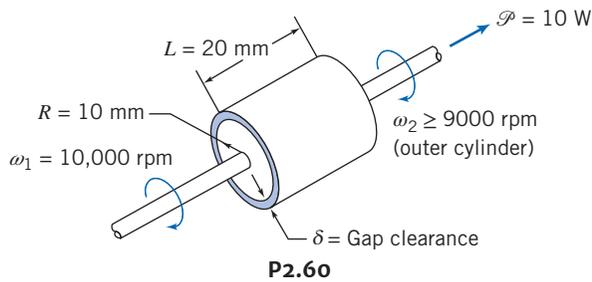
2.58 A concentric cylinder viscometer is driven by a falling mass  $M$  connected by a cord and pulley to the inner cylinder, as shown. The liquid to be tested fills the annular gap of width  $a$  and height  $H$ . After a brief starting transient, the mass falls at constant speed  $V_m$ . Develop an algebraic expression for the viscosity of the liquid in the device in terms of  $M$ ,  $g$ ,  $V_m$ ,  $r$ ,  $R$ ,  $a$ , and  $H$ . Evaluate the viscosity of the liquid using:

$$\begin{aligned} M &= 0.10 \text{ kg} & r &= 25 \text{ mm} \\ R &= 50 \text{ mm} & a &= 0.20 \text{ mm} \\ H &= 80 \text{ mm} & V_m &= 30 \text{ mm/s} \end{aligned}$$

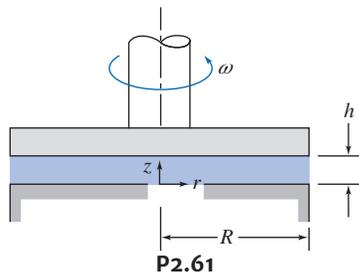
2.59 A shaft with outside diameter of 18 mm turns at 20 revolutions per second inside a stationary journal bearing 60 mm long. A thin film of oil 0.2 mm thick fills the concentric annulus between the shaft and journal. The torque needed to turn the shaft is  $0.0036 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$ . Estimate the viscosity of the oil that fills the gap.

2.60 A shock-free coupling for a low-power mechanical drive is to be made from a pair of concentric cylinders. The annular space between the cylinders is to be filled with oil. The drive must transmit power,  $\mathcal{P} = 10 \text{ W}$ . Other dimensions and properties are as shown. Neglect any bearing friction and end effects. Assume the minimum practical gap clearance  $\delta$  for the device is  $\delta = 0.25 \text{ mm}$ . Dow manufactures silicone fluids with viscosities as high as  $10^6$  centipoise.

Determine the viscosity that should be specified to satisfy the requirement for this device.

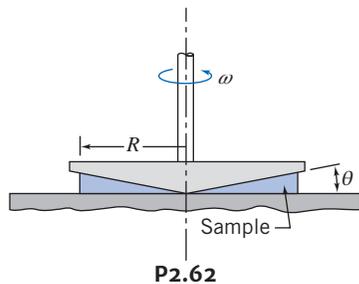


**2.61** A proposal has been made to use a pair of parallel disks to measure the viscosity of a liquid sample. The upper disk rotates at height  $h$  above the lower disk. The viscosity of the liquid in the gap is to be calculated from measurements of the torque needed to turn the upper disk steadily. Obtain an algebraic expression for the torque needed to turn the disk. Could we use this device to measure the viscosity of a non-Newtonian fluid? Explain.



**2.62** The cone and plate viscometer shown is an instrument used frequently to characterize non-Newtonian fluids. It consists of a flat plate and a rotating cone with a very obtuse angle (typically  $\theta$  is less than 0.5 degrees). The apex of the cone just touches the plate surface and the liquid to be tested fills the narrow gap formed by the cone and plate. The viscometer is used to measure the apparent viscosity of a fluid. The data below are obtained. What kind of non-Newtonian fluid is this? Find the values of  $k$  and  $n$  used in Eqs. 2.16 and 2.17 in defining the apparent viscosity of a fluid. (Assume  $\theta$  is 0.5 degrees.) Predict the viscosity at 90 and 100 rpm.

Speed (rpm)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
$\mu$ (N · s/m <sup>2</sup> )	0.121	0.139	0.153	0.159	0.172	0.172	0.183	0.185

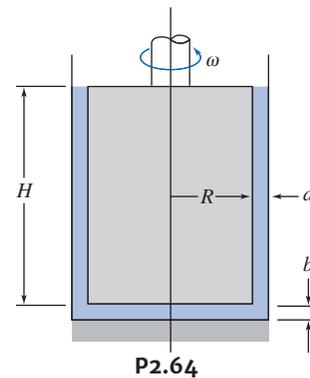


**2.63** A viscometer is used to measure the viscosity of a patient's blood. The deformation rate (shear rate)–shear stress data is shown below. Plot the apparent viscosity versus deformation rate. Find

the value of  $k$  and  $n$  in Eq. 2.17, and from this examine the aphorism “Blood is thicker than water.”

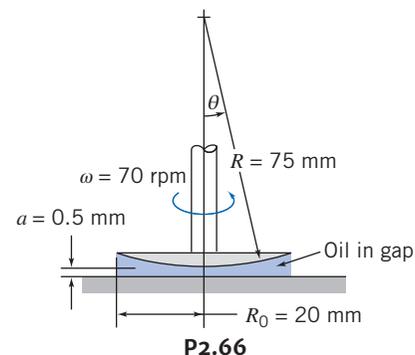
$\dot{\gamma}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	5	10	25	50	100	200	300	400
$\tau$ (Pa)	0.0457	0.119	0.241	0.375	0.634	1.06	1.46	1.78

**2.64** A concentric-cylinder viscometer is shown. Viscous torque is produced by the annular gap around the inner cylinder. Additional viscous torque is produced by the flat bottom of the inner cylinder as it rotates above the flat bottom of the stationary outer cylinder. Obtain an algebraic expression for the viscous torque due to flow in the annular gap of width  $a$ . Obtain an algebraic expression for the viscous torque due to flow in the bottom clearance gap of height  $b$ . Prepare a plot showing the ratio,  $b/a$ , required to hold the bottom torque to 1 percent or less of the annulus torque, versus the other geometric variables. What are the design implications? What modifications to the design can you recommend?



**2.65** Design a concentric-cylinder viscometer to measure the viscosity of a liquid similar to water. The goal is to achieve a measurement accuracy of  $\pm 1$  percent. Specify the configuration and dimensions of the viscometer. Indicate what measured parameter will be used to infer the viscosity of the liquid sample.

**2.66** A cross section of a rotating bearing is shown. The spherical member rotates with angular speed  $\omega$ , a small distance,  $a$ , above the plane surface. The narrow gap is filled with viscous oil, having  $\mu = 1250$  cp. Obtain an algebraic expression for the shear stress acting on the spherical member for the conditions shown. Evaluate the maximum shear stress that acts on the spherical member for the conditions shown. (Is the maximum necessarily located at the maximum radius?) Develop an algebraic expression (in the form of an integral) for the total viscous shear torque that acts on the spherical member. Calculate the torque using the dimensions shown.



## Surface Tension

**2.67** Small gas bubbles form in soda when a bottle or can is opened. The average bubble diameter is about 0.1 mm. Estimate the pressure difference between the inside and outside of such a bubble.

**2.68** You intend to gently place several steel needles on the free surface of the water in a large tank. The needles come in two lengths: Some are 5 cm long, and some are 10 cm long. Needles of each length are available with diameters of 1 mm, 2.5 mm, and 5 mm. Make a prediction as to which needles, if any, will float.

 **2.69** According to Folsom [6], the capillary rise  $\Delta h$  (in.) of a water-air interface in a tube is correlated by the following empirical expression:

$$\Delta h = Ae^{-b \cdot D}$$

where  $D$  (in.) is the tube diameter,  $A = 0.400$ , and  $b = 4.37$ . You do an experiment to measure  $\Delta h$  versus  $D$  and obtain:

$D$ (in.)	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1	1.1
$\Delta h$ (in.)	0.232	0.183	0.09	0.059	0.052	0.033	0.017	0.01	0.006	0.004	0.003

What are the values of  $A$  and  $b$  that best fit this data using *Excel*'s *Trendline* feature? Do they agree with Folsom's values? How good is the data?

**2.70** Calculate and plot the maximum capillary rise of water (20°C) to be expected in a vertical glass tube as a function of tube diameter for diameters from 0.5 to 2.5 mm.

**2.71** Calculate the maximum capillary rise of water (20°C) to be expected between two vertical, clean glass plates spaced 1 mm apart.

**2.72** Calculate the maximum capillary depression of mercury to be expected in a vertical glass tube 1 mm in diameter at 15.5°C.

## Description and Classification of Fluid Motions

 **2.73** Water usually is assumed to be incompressible when evaluating static pressure variations. Actually it is 100 times more compressible than steel. Assuming the bulk modulus of water is constant, compute the percentage change in density for water raised to a gage pressure of 100 atm. Plot the percentage change in water density as a function of  $p/p_{\text{atm}}$  up to a pressure of 50,000 psi, which is the approximate pressure used for high-speed cutting jets of water

to cut concrete and other composite materials. Would constant density be a reasonable assumption for engineering calculations for cutting jets?

**2.74** The viscous boundary layer velocity profile shown in Fig. 2.15 can be approximated by a cubic equation,

$$u(y) = a + b\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) + c\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^3$$

The boundary condition is  $u = U$  (the free stream velocity) at the boundary edge  $\delta$  (where the viscous friction becomes zero). Find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

**2.75** In a food industry process, carbon tetrachloride at 20°C flows through a tapered nozzle from an inlet diameter  $D_{\text{in}} = 50$  mm to an outlet diameter of  $D_{\text{out}}$ . The area varies linearly with distance along the nozzle, and the exit area is one-fifth of the inlet area; the nozzle length is 250 mm. The flow rate is  $Q = 2$  L/min. It is important for the process that the flow exits the nozzle as a turbulent flow. Does it? If so, at what point along the nozzle does the flow become turbulent?

**2.76** What is the Reynolds number of water at 20°C flowing at 0.25 m/s through a 5-mm-diameter tube? If the pipe is now heated, at what mean water temperature will the flow transition to turbulence? Assume the velocity of the flow remains constant.

**2.77** A supersonic aircraft travels at 2700 km/hr at an altitude of 27 km. What is the Mach number of the aircraft? At what approximate distance measured from the leading edge of the aircraft's wing does the boundary layer change from laminar to turbulent?

**2.78** SAE 30 oil at 100°C flows through a 12-mm-diameter stainless-steel tube. What is the specific gravity and specific weight of the oil? If the oil discharged from the tube fills a 100-mL graduated cylinder in 9 seconds, is the flow laminar or turbulent?

**2.79** A seaplane is flying at 100 mph through air at 45°F. At what distance from the leading edge of the underside of the fuselage does the boundary layer transition to turbulence? How does this boundary layer transition change as the underside of the fuselage touches the water during landing? Assume the water temperature is also 45°F.

**2.80** An airliner is cruising at an altitude of 5.5 km with a speed of 700 km/hr. As the airliner increases its altitude, it adjusts its speed so that the Mach number remains constant. Provide a sketch of speed vs. altitude. What is the speed of the airliner at an altitude of 8 km?

# CHAPTER 3

## Fluid Statics

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### Case Study

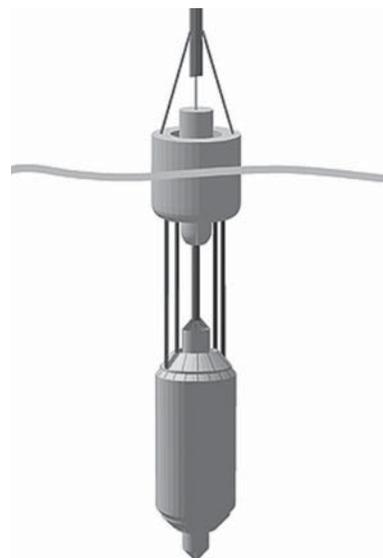
#### Wave Power: Wavebob

Humans have been interested in tapping the immense power of the ocean for centuries, but with fossil fuels (oil and gas) becoming depleted, the development of ocean energy technology is becoming important. Wave power in particular is attractive to a number of countries with access to a suitable resource. Geographically and commercially it's believed the richest wave energy resources currently are off the Atlantic coast of Europe (in particular near Ireland, the UK, and Portugal), the west coast of North America (from San Francisco to British Columbia), Hawaii, and New Zealand.

A family of devices called *point absorbers* is being developed by a number of companies. These are usually axisymmetric about a vertical axis, and by definition they are small compared to the wavelength of the waves that they are designed to exploit. The devices usually operate in a vertical mode, often referred to as *heave*; a surface-piercing float rises and falls with the passing waves and reacts against either the seabed or something attached to it. These devices ultimately depend on a buoyancy force, one of the topics of this chapter.

A company named *Wavebob Ltd.* has developed one of the simplest of these devices. This innovative eponymous device, as shown in the figure, is proving to be successful for extracting wave energy. The figure does not indicate the size of the device, but it is quite large; the upper chamber has a diameter of 20 m. It looks like just another buoy floating on the surface, but underneath it is constantly harvesting energy. The lower component of the Wavebob is tethered to the ocean floor and so remains in its vertical location, while the section at the surface oscillates as the waves move over it. Hence the distance between the two components is constantly changing, with a significant force between them;

work can thus be done on an electrical generator. The two components of the machinery contain electronic systems that can be controlled remotely or self-regulating, and these make the internal mechanism automatically react to changing ocean and wave conditions by retuning as needed, so that at all times the maximum amount of energy is harvested.



Picture courtesy of Gráinne Byrne, Wavebob Ltd.

Schematic of Wavebob.

It has already been tested in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Ireland and is designed to have a 25-year life span and to be able to survive all but the very worst storms. Each Wavebob is expected to produce about 500 kW of power or more, sufficient electricity for over a thousand homes; it is intended to be part of a large array of such devices. It seems likely this device will become ubiquitous because it is relatively inexpensive, very low maintenance, and durable, and it takes up only a small area.

In Chapter 1, we defined a fluid as any substance that flows (continuously deforms) when it experiences a shear stress; hence for a static fluid (or one undergoing “rigid-body” motion) only normal stress is present—in other words, pressure. We will study the topic of fluid statics (often called *hydrostatics*, even though it is not restricted to water) in this chapter.

Although fluid statics problems are the simplest kind of fluid mechanics problems, this is not the only reason we will study them. The pressure generated within a static fluid is an important phenomenon in many practical situations. Using the principles of hydrostatics, we can compute forces on submerged objects, develop instruments for measuring pressures, and deduce properties of the atmosphere and oceans. The principles of hydrostatics also may be used to determine the forces developed by hydraulic systems in applications such as industrial presses or automobile brakes.

In a static, homogeneous fluid, or in a fluid undergoing rigid-body motion, a fluid particle retains its identity for all time, and fluid elements do not deform. We may apply Newton’s second law of motion to evaluate the forces acting on the particle.

### 3.1 The Basic Equation of Fluid Statics

The first objective of this chapter is to obtain an equation for computing the pressure field in a static fluid. We will deduce what we already know from everyday experience, that the pressure increases with depth. To do this, we apply Newton’s second law to a differential fluid element of mass  $dm = \rho dV$ , with sides  $dx$ ,  $dy$ , and  $dz$ , as shown in Fig. 3.1. The fluid element is stationary relative to the stationary rectangular coordinate system shown. (Fluids in rigid-body motion will be treated in Section 3.6 on the web.)

From our previous discussion, recall that two general types of forces may be applied to a fluid: body forces and surface forces. The only body force that must be considered in most engineering problems is due to gravity. In some situations body forces caused by electric or magnetic fields might be present; they will not be considered in this text.

For a differential fluid element, the body force is

$$d\vec{F}_B = \vec{g} dm = \vec{g} \rho dV$$

where  $\vec{g}$  is the local gravity vector,  $\rho$  is the density, and  $dV$  is the volume of the element. In Cartesian coordinates  $dV = dx dy dz$ , so

$$d\vec{F}_B = \rho \vec{g} dx dy dz$$

In a static fluid there are no shear stresses, so the only surface force is the pressure force. Pressure is a scalar field,  $p = p(x, y, z)$ ; in general we expect the pressure to vary with position within the fluid. The net pressure force that results from this variation can be found by summing the forces that act on the six faces of the fluid element.

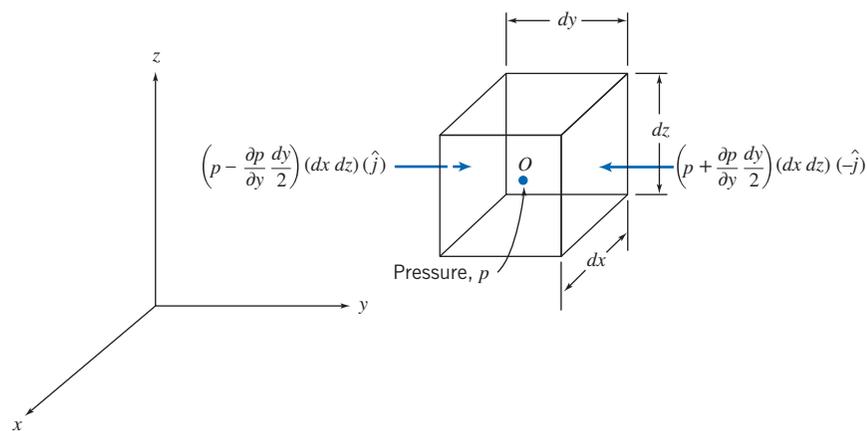


Fig. 3.1 Differential fluid element and pressure forces in the y direction.

Let the pressure be  $p$  at the center,  $O$ , of the element. To determine the pressure at each of the six faces of the element, we use a Taylor series expansion of the pressure about point  $O$ . The pressure at the left face of the differential element is

$$p_L = p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}(y_L - y) = p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{dy}{2} \right) = p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2}$$

(Terms of higher order are omitted because they will vanish in the subsequent limiting process.) The pressure on the right face of the differential element is

$$p_R = p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}(y_R - y) = p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2}$$

The pressure *forces* acting on the two  $y$  surfaces of the differential element are shown in Fig. 3.1. Each pressure force is a product of three factors. The first is the magnitude of the pressure. This magnitude is multiplied by the area of the face to give the magnitude of the pressure force, and a unit vector is introduced to indicate direction. Note also in Fig. 3.1 that the pressure force on each face acts *against* the face. A positive pressure corresponds to a *compressive* normal stress.

Pressure forces on the other faces of the element are obtained in the same way. Combining all such forces gives the net surface force acting on the element. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{F}_S = & \left( p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) (dy dz) (\hat{i}) + \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) (dy dz) (-\hat{i}) \\ & + \left( p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2} \right) (dx dz) (\hat{j}) + \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2} \right) (dx dz) (-\hat{j}) \\ & + \left( p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{2} \right) (dx dy) (\hat{k}) + \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{2} \right) (dx dy) (-\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

Collecting and canceling terms, we obtain

$$d\vec{F}_S = - \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \hat{k} \right) dx dy dz \quad (3.1a)$$

The term in parentheses is called the gradient of the pressure or simply the pressure gradient and may be written  $\text{grad } p$  or  $\nabla p$ . In rectangular coordinates

$$\text{grad } p \equiv \nabla p \equiv \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \right) \equiv \left( \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) p$$

The gradient can be viewed as a vector operator; taking the gradient of a scalar field gives a vector field. Using the gradient designation, Eq. 3.1a can be written as

$$d\vec{F}_S = - \text{grad } p (dx dy dz) = - \nabla p dx dy dz \quad (3.1b)$$

Physically the gradient of pressure is the negative of the surface force per unit volume due to pressure. Note that the pressure magnitude itself is not relevant in computing the net pressure force; instead what counts is the rate of change of pressure with distance, the *pressure gradient*. We shall encounter this term throughout our study of fluid mechanics.

We combine the formulations for surface and body forces that we have developed to obtain the total force acting on a fluid element. Thus

$$d\vec{F} = d\vec{F}_S + d\vec{F}_B = (-\nabla p + \rho \vec{g}) dx dy dz = (-\nabla p + \rho \vec{g}) d\mathcal{V}$$

or on a per unit volume basis

$$\frac{d\vec{F}}{d\mathcal{V}} = -\nabla p + \rho \vec{g} \quad (3.2)$$

For a fluid particle, Newton's second law gives  $\vec{F} = \vec{a} dm = \vec{a} \rho d\mathcal{V}$ . For a static fluid,  $\vec{a} = 0$ . Thus

$$\frac{d\vec{F}}{d\mathcal{V}} = \rho \vec{a} = 0$$

Substituting for  $d\vec{F}/dV$  from Eq. 3.2, we obtain

$$-\nabla p + \rho \vec{g} = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

Let us review this equation briefly. The physical significance of each term is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\nabla p \\ \text{net pressure force} \\ \text{per unit volume} \\ \text{at a point} \end{array} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho \vec{g} \\ \text{body force per} \\ \text{unit volume} \\ \text{at a point} \end{array} \right\} = 0$$

This is a vector equation, which means that it is equivalent to three component equations that must be satisfied individually. The component equations are

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \rho g_x = 0 \quad x \text{ direction} \\ -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \rho g_y = 0 \quad y \text{ direction} \\ -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \rho g_z = 0 \quad z \text{ direction} \end{array} \right\} \tag{3.4}$$

Equations 3.4 describe the pressure variation in each of the three coordinate directions in a static fluid. It is convenient to choose a coordinate system such that the gravity vector is aligned with one of the coordinate axes. If the coordinate system is chosen with the  $z$  axis directed vertically upward, as in Fig. 3.1, then  $g_x = 0$ ,  $g_y = 0$ , and  $g_z = -g$ . Under these conditions, the component equations become

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho g \tag{3.5}$$

Equations 3.5 indicate that, under the assumptions made, the pressure is independent of coordinates  $x$  and  $y$ ; it depends on  $z$  alone. Thus since  $p$  is a function of a single variable, a total derivative may be used instead of a partial derivative. With these simplifications, Eqs. 3.5 finally reduce to

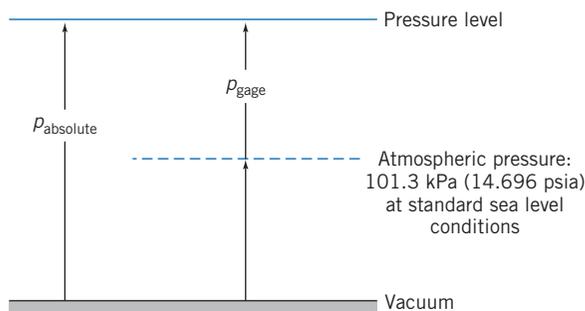
$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g \equiv -\gamma \tag{3.6}$$

Restrictions:

- 1 Static fluid.
- 2 Gravity is the only body force.
- 3 The  $z$  axis is vertical and upward.

In Eq. 3.6,  $\gamma$  is the specific weight of the fluid. This equation is the basic pressure-height relation of fluid statics. It is subject to the restrictions noted. Therefore it must be applied only where these restrictions are reasonable for the physical situation. To determine the pressure distribution in a static fluid, Eq. 3.6 may be integrated and appropriate boundary conditions applied.

Before considering specific applications of this equation, it is important to remember that pressure values must be stated with respect to a reference level. If the reference level is a vacuum, pressures are termed *absolute*, as shown in Fig. 3.2.



**Fig. 3.2** Absolute and gage pressures, showing reference levels.

Most pressure gages indicate a pressure *difference*—the difference between the measured pressure and the ambient level (usually atmospheric pressure). Pressure levels measured with respect to atmospheric pressure are termed *gage* pressures. Thus

$$p_{\text{gage}} = p_{\text{absolute}} - p_{\text{atmosphere}}$$

For example, a tire gage might indicate 30 psi; the absolute pressure would be about 44.7 psi. Absolute pressures must be used in all calculations with the ideal gas equation or other equations of state.

### 3.2 The Standard Atmosphere

Scientists and engineers sometimes need a numerical or analytical model of the Earth’s atmosphere in order to simulate climate variations to study, for example, effects of global warming. There is no single standard model. An International Standard Atmosphere (ISA) has been defined by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); there is also a similar U.S. Standard Atmosphere.

The temperature profile of the U.S. Standard Atmosphere is shown in Fig. 3.3. Additional property values are tabulated as functions of elevation in Appendix A. Sea level conditions of the U.S. Standard Atmosphere are summarized in Table 3.1.

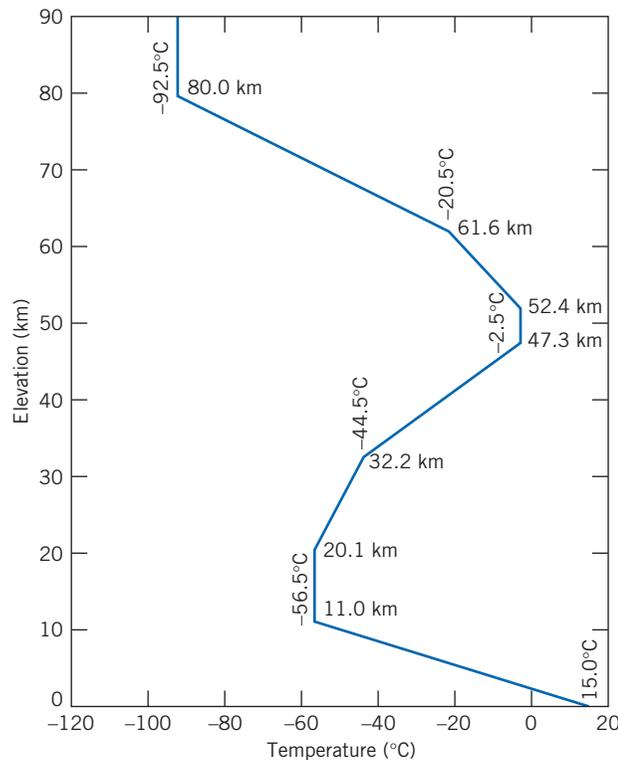


Fig. 3.3 Temperature variation with altitude in the U.S. Standard Atmosphere.

Table 3.1

Sea Level Conditions of the U.S. Standard Atmosphere

Property	Symbol	SI	English
Temperature	$T$	15°C	59°F
Pressure	$p$	101.3 kPa (abs)	14.696 psia
Density	$\rho$	1.225 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.002377 slug/ft <sup>3</sup>
Specific weight	$\gamma$	—	0.07651 lbf/ft <sup>3</sup>
Viscosity	$\mu$	1.789 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> kg/(m·s)(Pa·s)	3.737 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> lbf·s/ft <sup>2</sup>

### 3.3 Pressure Variation in a Static Fluid

We proved that pressure variation in any static fluid is described by the basic pressure-height relation

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g \quad (3.6)$$

Although  $\rho g$  may be defined as the specific weight,  $\gamma$ , it has been written as  $\rho g$  in Eq. 3.6 to emphasize that *both*  $\rho$  and  $g$  must be considered variables. In order to integrate Eq. 3.6 to find the pressure distribution, we need information about variations in both  $\rho$  and  $g$ .

For most practical engineering situations, the variation in  $g$  is negligible. Only for a purpose such as computing very precisely the pressure change over a large elevation difference would the variation in  $g$  need to be included. Unless we state otherwise, we shall assume  $g$  to be constant with elevation at any given location.

#### Incompressible Liquids: Manometers

For an incompressible fluid,  $\rho = \text{constant}$ . Then for constant gravity,

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g = \text{constant}$$

To determine the pressure variation, we must integrate and apply appropriate boundary conditions. If the pressure at the reference level,  $z_0$ , is designated as  $p_0$ , then the pressure,  $p$ , at level  $z$  is found by integration:

$$\int_{p_0}^p dp = - \int_{z_0}^z \rho g dz$$

or

$$p - p_0 = -\rho g(z - z_0) = \rho g(z_0 - z)$$

For liquids, it is often convenient to take the origin of the coordinate system at the free surface (reference level) and to measure distances as positive downward from the free surface as in Fig. 3.4.

With  $h$  measured positive downward, we have

$$z_0 - z = h$$

and obtain

$$p - p_0 = \Delta p = \rho g h \quad (3.7)$$

Equation 3.7 indicates that the pressure difference between two points in a static incompressible fluid can be determined by measuring the elevation difference between the two points. Devices used for this purpose are called *manometers*. Use of Eq. 3.7 for a manometer is illustrated in Example 3.1.

Manometers are simple and inexpensive devices used frequently for pressure measurements. Because the liquid level change is small at low pressure differential, a U-tube manometer may be difficult to read accurately. The *sensitivity* of a manometer is a measure of how sensitive it is compared to a simple water-filled U-tube manometer. Specifically, it is the ratio of the deflection of the manometer to

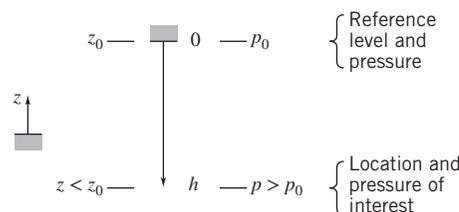


Fig. 3.4 Use of  $z$  and  $h$  coordinates.

### Example 3.1 SYSTOLIC AND DIASTOLIC PRESSURE

Normal blood pressure for a human is 120/80 mm Hg. By modeling a sphygmomanometer pressure gage as a U-tube manometer, convert these pressures to psig.

**Given:** Gage pressures of 120 and 80 mm Hg.

**Find:** The corresponding pressures in psig.

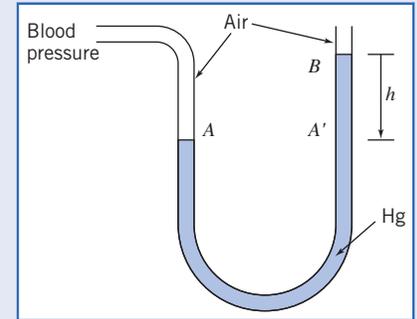
**Solution:** Apply hydrostatic equation to points A, A', and B.

**Governing equation:**

$$p - p_0 = \Delta p = \rho gh \quad (3.1)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Static fluid.
- 2 Incompressible fluids.
- 3 Neglect air density ( $\ll$  Hg density).



Applying the governing equation between points A' and B (and  $p_B$  is atmospheric and therefore zero gage):

$$p_{A'} = p_B + \rho_{\text{Hg}}gh = SG_{\text{Hg}}\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}gh$$

In addition, the pressure increases as we go downward from point A' to the bottom of the manometer, and decreases by an equal amount as we return up the left branch to point A. This means points A and A' have the same pressure, so we end up with

$$p_A = p_{A'} = SG_{\text{Hg}}\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}gh$$

Substituting  $SG_{\text{Hg}} = 13.6$  and  $\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = 1.94 \text{ slug/ft}^3$  from Appendix A.1 yields for the systolic pressure ( $h = 120 \text{ mm Hg}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{systolic}} = p_A &= 13.6 \times 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 120 \text{ mm} \times \frac{\text{in.}}{25.4 \text{ mm}} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in.}} \times \frac{\text{lb} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \\ p_{\text{systolic}} &= 334 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft} / \text{ft}^2 = 2.32 \text{ psi} \leftarrow p_{\text{systolic}} \end{aligned}$$

By a similar process, the diastolic pressure ( $h = 80 \text{ mm Hg}$ ) is

$$p_{\text{diastolic}} = 1.55 \text{ psi} \leftarrow p_{\text{diastolic}}$$

**Notes:**

- Two points at the same level in a continuous single fluid have the same pressure.
- In manometer problems we neglect change in pressure with depth for a gas:  $\rho_{\text{gas}} \ll \rho_{\text{liquid}}$ .
- This problem shows the conversion from mm Hg to psi, using Eq. 3.7: 120 mm Hg is equivalent to about 2.32 psi. More generally, 1 atm = 14.7 psi = 101 kPa = 760 mm Hg.

that of a water-filled U-tube manometer, due to the same applied pressure difference  $\Delta p$ . Sensitivity can be increased by changing the manometer design or by using two immiscible liquids of slightly different density. Analysis of an inclined manometer is illustrated in Example 3.2.

Students sometimes have trouble analyzing multiple-liquid manometer situations. The following rules of thumb are useful:

- 1 Any two points at the same elevation in a continuous region of the same liquid are at the same pressure.
- 2 Pressure increases as one goes *down* a liquid column (remember the pressure change on diving into a swimming pool).

**Example 3.2 ANALYSIS OF INCLINED-TUBE MANOMETER**

An inclined-tube reservoir manometer is constructed as shown. Derive a general expression for the liquid deflection,  $L$ , in the inclined tube, due to the applied pressure difference,  $\Delta p$ . Also obtain an expression for the manometer sensitivity, and discuss the effect on sensitivity of  $D$ ,  $d$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $SG$ .

**Given:** Inclined-tube reservoir manometer.

**Find:** Expression for  $L$  in terms of  $\Delta p$ .  
 General expression for manometer sensitivity.  
 Effect of parameter values on sensitivity.

**Solution:** Use the equilibrium liquid level as a reference.

**Governing equations:**

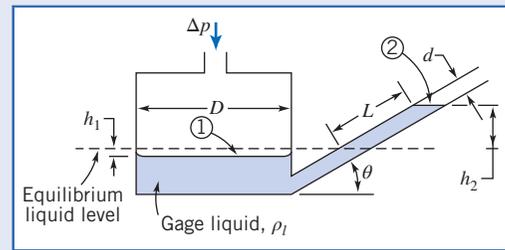
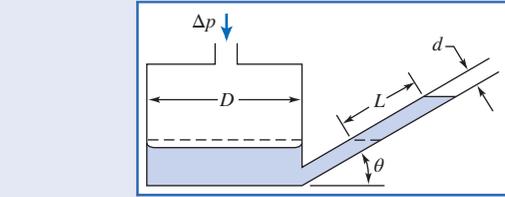
$$p - p_0 = \Delta p = \rho g h \quad SG = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{H_2O}}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Static fluid.
- 2 Incompressible fluid.

Applying the governing equation between points 1 and 2

$$p_1 - p_2 = \Delta p = \rho_l g (h_1 + h_2) \tag{1}$$



To eliminate  $h_1$ , we recognize that the *volume* of manometer liquid remains constant; the volume displaced from the reservoir must equal the volume that rises in the tube, so

$$\frac{\pi D^2}{4} h_1 = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} L \quad \text{or} \quad h_1 = L \left( \frac{d}{D} \right)^2$$

In addition, from the geometry of the manometer,  $h_2 = L \sin \theta$ . Substituting into Eq. 1 gives

$$\Delta p = \rho_l g \left[ L \sin \theta + L \left( \frac{d}{D} \right)^2 \right] = \rho_l g L \left[ \sin \theta + \left( \frac{d}{D} \right)^2 \right]$$

Thus

$$L = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho_l g \left[ \sin \theta + \left( \frac{d}{D} \right)^2 \right]} \quad \leftarrow \text{L}$$

To find the sensitivity of the manometer, we need to compare this to the deflection  $h$  a simple U-tube manometer, using water (density  $\rho$ ), would experience,

$$h = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho g}$$

The sensitivity  $s$  is then

$$s = \frac{L}{h} = \frac{1}{SG_l \left[ \sin \theta + \left( \frac{d}{D} \right)^2 \right]} \quad \leftarrow \text{S}$$

where we have used  $SG_l = \rho_l / \rho$ . This result shows that to increase sensitivity,  $SG_l$ ,  $\sin \theta$ , and  $d/D$  each should be made as small as possible. Thus the designer must choose a gage liquid and two geometric parameters to complete a design, as discussed below.

## Gage Liquid

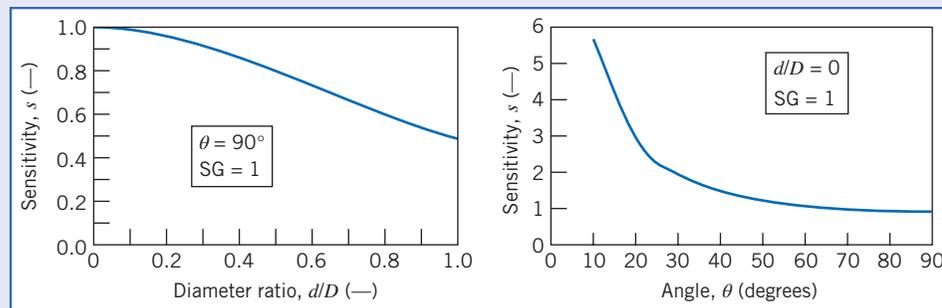
The gage liquid should have the smallest possible specific gravity to increase sensitivity. In addition, the gage liquid must be safe (without toxic fumes or flammability), be immiscible with the fluid being gaged, suffer minimal loss from evaporation, and develop a satisfactory meniscus. Thus the gage liquid should have relatively low surface tension and should accept dye to improve its visibility.

Tables A.1, A.2, and A.4 show that hydrocarbon liquids satisfy many of these criteria. The lowest specific gravity is about 0.8, which increases manometer sensitivity by 25 percent compared to water.

## Diameter Ratio

The plot shows the effect of diameter ratio on sensitivity for a vertical reservoir manometer with gage liquid of unity specific gravity. Note that  $d/D = 1$  corresponds to an ordinary U-tube manometer; its sensitivity is 0.5 because for this case the total deflection will be  $h$ , and for each side it will be  $h/2$ , so  $L = h/2$ . Sensitivity doubles to 1.0 as  $d/D$  approaches zero because most of the level change occurs in the measuring tube.

The minimum tube diameter  $d$  must be larger than about 6 mm to avoid excessive capillary effect. The maximum reservoir diameter  $D$  is limited by the size of the manometer. If  $D$  is set at 60 mm, so that  $d/D$  is 0.1, then  $(d/D)^2 = 0.01$ , and the sensitivity increases to 0.99, very close to the maximum attainable value of 1.0.



## Inclination Angle

The final plot shows the effect of inclination angle on sensitivity for  $(d/D) = 0$ . Sensitivity increases sharply as inclination angle is reduced below 30 degrees. A practical limit is reached at about 10 degrees: The meniscus becomes indistinct and the level hard to read for smaller angles.

## Summary

Combining the best values ( $SG = 0.8$ ,  $d/D = 0.1$ , and  $\theta = 10$  degrees) gives a manometer sensitivity of 6.81. Physically this is the ratio of observed gage liquid deflection to equivalent water column height. Thus the deflection in the inclined tube is amplified 6.81 times compared to a vertical water column. With improved sensitivity, a small pressure difference can be read more accurately than with a water manometer, or a smaller pressure difference can be read with the same accuracy.

The graphs were generated from the Excel workbook for this problem. This workbook has more detailed graphs, showing sensitivity curves for a range of values of  $d/D$  and  $\theta$ .

To find the pressure difference  $\Delta p$  between two points separated by a series of fluids, we can use the following modification of Eq. 3.1:

$$\Delta p = g \sum_i \rho_i h_i \quad (3.8)$$

where  $\rho_i$  and  $h_i$  represent the densities and depths of the various fluids, respectively. Use care in applying signs to the depths  $h_i$ ; they will be positive downwards, and negative upwards. Example 3.3 illustrates the use of a multiple-liquid manometer for measuring a pressure difference.

**Example 3.3 MULTIPLE-LIQUID MANOMETER**

Water flows through pipes *A* and *B*. Lubricating oil is in the upper portion of the inverted U. Mercury is in the bottom of the manometer bends. Determine the pressure difference,  $p_A - p_B$ , in units of  $\text{lbf}/\text{in.}^2$

**Given:** Multiple-liquid manometer as shown.

**Find:** Pressure difference,  $p_A - p_B$ , in  $\text{lbf}/\text{in.}^2$

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**

$$\Delta p = g \sum_i \rho_i h_i \quad SG = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Static fluid.
- 2 Incompressible fluid.

Applying the governing equation, working from point *B* to *A*

$$p_A - p_B = \Delta p = g(\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}d_5 + \rho_{\text{Hg}}d_4 - \rho_{\text{oil}}d_3 + \rho_{\text{Hg}}d_2 - \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}d_1) \quad (1)$$

This equation can also be derived by repeatedly using Eq. 3.1 in the following form:

$$p_2 - p_1 = \rho g(h_2 - h_1)$$

Beginning at point *A* and applying the equation between successive points along the manometer gives

$$p_C - p_A = +\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}gd_1$$

$$p_D - p_C = -\rho_{\text{Hg}}gd_2$$

$$p_E - p_D = +\rho_{\text{oil}}gd_3$$

$$p_F - p_E = -\rho_{\text{Hg}}gd_4$$

$$p_B - p_F = -\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}gd_5$$

Multiplying each equation by minus one and adding, we obtain Eq. 1

$$\begin{aligned} p_A - p_B &= (p_A - p_C) + (p_C - p_D) + (p_D - p_E) + (p_E - p_F) + (p_F - p_B) \\ &= -\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}gd_1 + \rho_{\text{Hg}}gd_2 - \rho_{\text{oil}}gd_3 + \rho_{\text{Hg}}gd_4 + \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}gd_5 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $\rho = SG\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  with  $SG_{\text{Hg}} = 13.6$  and  $SG_{\text{oil}} = 0.88$  (Table A.2), yields

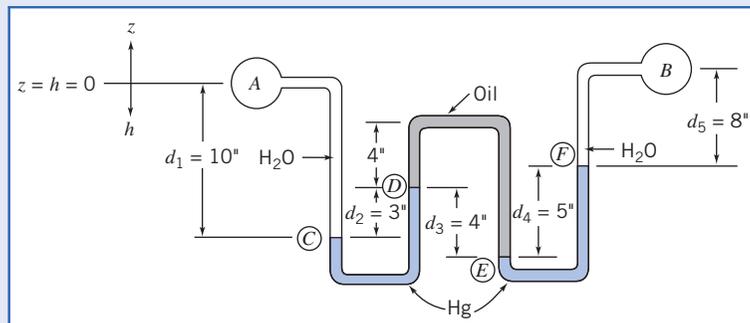
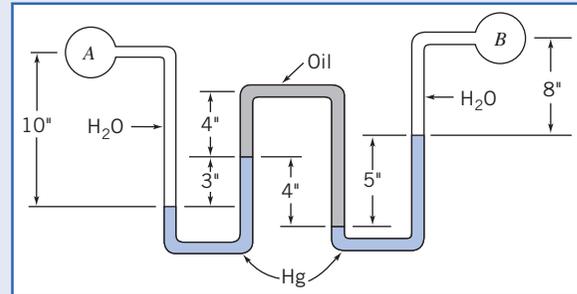
$$\begin{aligned} p_A - p_B &= g(-\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}d_1 + 13.6\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}d_2 - 0.88\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}d_3 + 13.6\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}d_4 + \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}d_5) \\ &= g\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}(-d_1 + 13.6d_2 - 0.88d_3 + 13.6d_4 + d_5) \end{aligned}$$

$$p_A - p_B = g\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}(-10 + 40.8 - 3.52 + 68 + 8)\text{in.}$$

$$p_A - p_B = g\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \times 103.3 \text{ in.}$$

$$= 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 103.3 \text{ in.} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in.}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{144 \text{ in.}^2} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}$$

$$p_A - p_B = 3.73 \text{ lbf}/\text{in.}^2 \quad \leftarrow p_A - p_B$$



This problem shows use of both Eq. 3.1 and Eq. 3.8. Use of either equation is a matter of personal preference.

Atmospheric pressure may be obtained from a *barometer*, in which the height of a mercury column is measured. The measured height may be converted to pressure using Eq. 3.1 and the data for specific gravity of mercury given in Appendix A, as discussed in the Notes of Example 3.1. Although the vapor pressure of mercury may be neglected, for precise work, temperature and altitude corrections must be applied to the measured level and the effects of surface tension must be considered. The capillary effect in a tube caused by surface tension was illustrated in Example 2.3.

## Gases

In many practical engineering problems density will vary appreciably with altitude, and accurate results will require that this variation be accounted for. Pressure variation in a compressible fluid can be evaluated by integrating Eq. 3.6 if the density can be expressed as a function of  $p$  or  $z$ . Property information or an equation of state may be used to obtain the required relation for density. Several types of property variation may be analyzed as shown in Example 3.4.

The density of gases generally depends on pressure and temperature. The ideal gas equation of state,

$$p = \rho RT \quad (1.1)$$

where  $R$  is the gas constant (see Appendix A) and  $T$  the absolute temperature, accurately models the behavior of most gases under engineering conditions. However, the use of Eq. 1.1 introduces the gas temperature as an additional variable. Therefore, an additional assumption must be made about temperature variation before Eq. 3.6 can be integrated.

In the U.S. Standard Atmosphere the temperature decreases linearly with altitude up to an elevation of 11.0 km. For a linear temperature variation with altitude given by  $T = T_0 - mz$ , we obtain, from Eq. 3.6,

$$dp = -\rho g dz = -\frac{p g}{RT} dz = -\frac{p g}{R(T_0 - mz)} dz$$

Separating variables and integrating from  $z = 0$  where  $p = p_0$  to elevation  $z$  where the pressure is  $p$  gives

$$\int_{p_0}^p \frac{dp}{p} = - \int_0^z \frac{g dz}{R(T_0 - mz)}$$

Then

$$\ln \frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{g}{mR} \ln \left( \frac{T_0 - mz}{T_0} \right) = \frac{g}{mR} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{mz}{T_0} \right)$$

and the pressure variation, in a gas whose temperature varies linearly with elevation, is given by

$$p = p_0 \left( 1 - \frac{mz}{T_0} \right)^{g/mR} = p_0 \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right)^{g/mR} \quad (3.9)$$

Hydraulic systems are used to transmit forces from one location to another using a fluid as the medium. For example, automobile hydraulic brakes develop pressures up to 10 MPa (1500 psi); aircraft and machinery hydraulic actuation systems frequently are designed for pressures up to 40 MPa (6000 psi), and jacks use pressures to 70 MPa (10,000 psi). Special-purpose laboratory test equipment is commercially available for use at pressures to 1000 MPa (150,000 psi)!

Although liquids are generally considered incompressible at ordinary pressures, density changes may be appreciable at high pressures. Bulk moduli of hydraulic fluids also may vary sharply at high pressures. In problems involving unsteady flow, both compressibility of the fluid and elasticity of the boundary structure (e.g., the pipe walls) must be considered. Analysis of problems such as water hammer noise and vibration in hydraulic systems, actuators, and shock absorbers quickly becomes complex and is beyond the scope of this book, although the same principles apply as in this section.

**Example 3.4 PRESSURE AND DENSITY VARIATION IN THE ATMOSPHERE**

The maximum power output capability of a gasoline or diesel engine decreases with altitude because the air density and hence the mass flow rate of air decrease. A truck leaves Denver (elevation 5280 ft) on a day when the local temperature and barometric pressure are 80°F and 24.8 in. of mercury, respectively. It travels through Vail Pass (elevation 10,600 ft), where the temperature is 62°F. Determine the local barometric pressure at Vail Pass and the percent change in density.

**Given:** Truck travels from Denver to Vail Pass.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Denver: } z = 5280 \text{ ft} & \text{Vail Pass: } z = 10,600 \text{ ft} \\ p = 24.8 \text{ in. Hg} & T = 62^\circ\text{F} \\ T = 80^\circ\text{F} & \end{array}$$

**Find:** Atmospheric pressure at Vail Pass.  
Percent change in air density between Denver and Vail.

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**  $\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g$     $p = \rho RT$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Static fluid.
- 2 Air behaves as an ideal gas.

We shall consider four assumptions for property variations with altitude.

(a) If we assume temperature varies linearly with altitude, Eq. 3.9 gives

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{g/mR}$$

Evaluating the constant  $m$  gives

$$m = \frac{T_0 - T}{z - z_0} = \frac{(80 - 62)^\circ\text{F}}{(10.6 - 5.28)10^3 \text{ ft}} = 3.38 \times 10^{-3} \text{ }^\circ\text{F/ft}$$

and

$$\frac{g}{mR} = 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{3.38 \times 10^{-3} \text{ }^\circ\text{F}} \times \frac{\text{lbm} \cdot \text{ }^\circ\text{R}}{53.3 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{ lbf}} \times \frac{\text{slug}}{32.2 \text{ lbm}} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} = 5.55$$

Thus

$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{g/mR} = \left(\frac{460 + 62}{460 + 80}\right)^{5.55} = (0.967)^{5.55} = 0.830$$

and

$$p = 0.830 p_0 = (0.830)24.8 \text{ in. Hg} = 20.6 \text{ in. Hg} \leftarrow P$$

Note that temperature must be expressed as an absolute temperature in the ideal gas equation of state.

The percent change in density is given by

$$\frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} - 1 = \frac{p T_0}{p_0 T} - 1 = \frac{0.830}{0.967} - 1 = -0.142 \quad \text{or} \quad -14.2\% \leftarrow \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0}$$

(b) For  $\rho$  assumed constant ( $=\rho_0$ ),

$$p = p_0 - \rho_0 g(z - z_0) = p_0 - \frac{\rho_0 g(z - z_0)}{RT_0} = p_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{g(z - z_0)}{RT_0} \right]$$

$$p = 20.2 \text{ in. Hg} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \frac{p, \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0}}$$

(c) If we assume the temperature is constant, then

$$dp = -\rho g dz = -\frac{p}{RT} g dz$$

and

$$\int_{p_0}^p \frac{dp}{p} = - \int_{z_0}^z \frac{g}{RT} dz$$

$$p = p_0 \exp \left[ \frac{-g(z - z_0)}{RT} \right]$$

For  $T = \text{constant} = T_0$ ,

$$p = 20.6 \text{ in. Hg} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0} = -16.9\% \quad \leftarrow \frac{p, \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0}}$$

(d) For an adiabatic atmosphere  $p/\rho^k = \text{constant}$ ,

$$p = p_0 \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right)^{k/k-1} = 22.0 \text{ in. Hg} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0} = -8.2\% \quad \leftarrow \frac{p, \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0}}$$

We note that over the modest change in elevation the predicted pressure is not strongly dependent on the assumed property variation; values calculated under four different assumptions vary by a maximum of approximately 9 percent. There is considerably greater variation in the predicted percent change in density. The assumption of a linear temperature variation with altitude is the most reasonable assumption.

This problem shows use of the ideal gas equation with the basic pressure-height relation to obtain the change in pressure with height in the atmosphere under various atmospheric assumptions.

### 3.4 Hydrostatic Force on Submerged Surfaces

Now that we have determined how the pressure varies in a static fluid, we can examine the force on a surface submerged in a liquid.

In order to determine completely the resultant force acting on a submerged surface, we must specify:

- 1 The magnitude of the force.
- 2 The direction of the force.
- 3 The line of action of the force.

We shall consider both plane and curved submerged surfaces.

#### Hydrostatic Force on a Plane Submerged Surface

A plane submerged surface, on whose upper face we wish to determine the resultant hydrostatic force, is shown in Fig. 3.5. The coordinates are important: They have been chosen so that the surface lies in the  $xy$

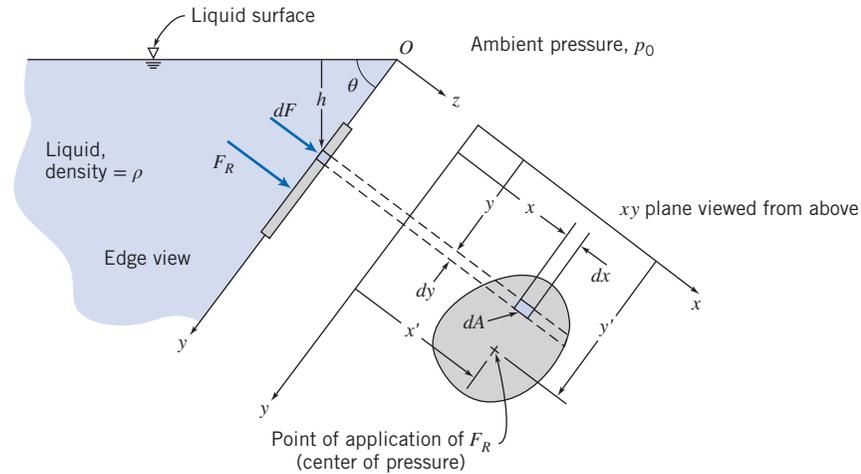


Fig. 3.5 Plane submerged surface.

plane, and the origin  $O$  is located at the intersection of the plane surface (or its extension) and the free surface. As well as the magnitude of the force  $F_R$ , we wish to locate the point (with coordinates  $x', y'$ ) through which it acts on the surface.

Since there are no shear stresses in a static fluid, the hydrostatic force on any element of the surface acts normal to the surface. The pressure force acting on an element  $dA = dx dy$  of the upper surface is given by

$$dF = p dA$$

The *resultant* force acting on the surface is found by summing the contributions of the infinitesimal forces over the entire area.

Usually when we sum forces we must do so in a vectorial sense. However, in this case all of the infinitesimal forces are perpendicular to the plane, and hence so is the resultant force. Its magnitude is given by

$$F_R = \int_A p dA \tag{3.10a}$$

In order to evaluate the integral in Eq. 3.10a, both the pressure,  $p$ , and the element of area,  $dA$ , must be expressed in terms of the same variables.

We can use Eq. 3.7 to express the pressure  $p$  at depth  $h$  in the liquid as

$$p = p_0 + \rho gh$$

In this expression  $p_0$  is the pressure at the free surface ( $h = 0$ ).

In addition, we have, from the system geometry,  $h = y \sin \theta$ . Using this expression and the above expression for pressure in Eq. 3.10a,

$$F_R = \int_A p dA = \int_A (p_0 + \rho gh) dA = \int_A (p_0 + \rho g y \sin \theta) dA$$

$$F_R = p_0 \int_A dA + \rho g \sin \theta \int_A y dA = p_0 A + \rho g \sin \theta \int_A y dA$$

The integral is the first moment of the surface area about the  $x$  axis, which may be written

$$\int_A y dA = y_c A$$

where  $y_c$  is the  $y$  coordinate of the *centroid* of the area,  $A$ . Thus,

$$F_R = p_0 A + \rho g \sin \theta y_c A = (p_0 + \rho g h_c) A$$

or

$$F_R = p_c A \tag{3.10b}$$

where  $p_c$  is the absolute pressure in the liquid at the location of the centroid of area  $A$ . Equation 3.10b computes the resultant force due to the liquid—including the effect of the ambient pressure  $p_0$ —on one side of a submerged plane surface. It does not take into account whatever pressure or force distribution may be on the other side of the surface. However, if we have the *same* pressure,  $p_0$ , on this side as we do at the free surface of the liquid, as shown in Fig. 3.6, its effect on  $F_R$  cancels out, and if we wish to obtain the *net* force on the surface we can use Eq. 3.10b with  $p_c$  expressed as a gage rather than absolute pressure.

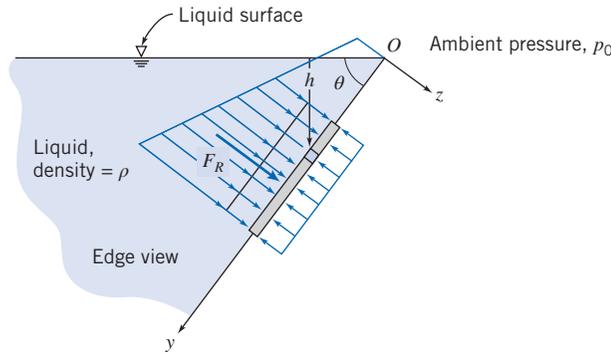


Fig. 3.6 Pressure distribution on plane submerged surface.

In computing  $F_R$  we can use either the integral of Eq. 3.10a or the resulting Eq. 3.10b. It is important to note that even though the force can be computed using the pressure at the center of the plate, this is *not* the point through which the force acts!

Our next task is to determine  $(x', y')$ , the location of the resultant force. Let's first obtain  $y'$  by recognizing that the moment of the resultant force about the  $x$  axis must be equal to the moment due to the distributed pressure force. Taking the sum (i.e., integral) of the moments of the infinitesimal forces  $dF$  about the  $x$  axis we obtain

$$y'F_R = \int_A yp \, dA \quad (3.11a)$$

We can integrate by expressing  $p$  as a function of  $y$  as before:

$$\begin{aligned} y'F_R &= \int_A yp \, dA = \int_A y(p_0 + \rho gh) \, dA = \int_A (p_0 y + \rho gy^2 \sin \theta) \, dA \\ &= p_0 \int_A y \, dA + \rho g \sin \theta \int_A y^2 \, dA \end{aligned}$$

The first integral is our familiar  $y_c A$ . The second integral,  $\int_A y^2 \, dA$ , is the second moment of area about the  $x$  axis,  $I_{xx}$ . We can use the parallel axis theorem,  $I_{xx} = I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}} + Ay_c^2$ , to replace  $I_{xx}$  with the standard second moment of area, about the centroidal  $\hat{x}$  axis. Using all of these, we find

$$\begin{aligned} y'F_R &= p_0 y_c A + \rho g \sin \theta (I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}} + Ay_c^2) = y_c (p_0 + \rho g y_c \sin \theta) A + \rho g \sin \theta I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}} \\ &= y_c (p_0 + \rho g h_c) A + \rho g \sin \theta I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}} = y_c F_R + \rho g \sin \theta I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we obtain for  $y'$ :

$$y' = y_c + \frac{\rho g \sin \theta I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}}}{F_R} \quad (3.11b)$$

Equation 3.11b is convenient for computing the location  $y'$  of the force on the submerged side of the surface when we include the ambient pressure  $p_0$ . If we have the same ambient pressure acting on the other side of the surface we can use Eq. 3.10b with  $p_0$  neglected to compute the net force,

$$F_R = p_{c_{\text{gage}}} A = \rho g h_c A = \rho g y_c \sin \theta A$$

and Eq. 3.11b becomes for this case

$$y' = y_c + \frac{I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}}{Ay_c} \quad (3.11c)$$

Equation 3.11a is the integral equation for computing the location  $y'$  of the resultant force; Eq. 3.11b is a useful algebraic form for computing  $y'$  when we are interested in the resultant force on the submerged side of the surface; Eq. 3.11c is for computing  $y'$  when we are interested in the net force for the case when the same  $p_0$  acts at the free surface and on the other side of the submerged surface. For problems that have a pressure on the other side that is *not*  $p_0$ , we can either analyze each side of the surface separately or reduce the two pressure distributions to one net pressure distribution, in effect creating a system to be solved using Eq. 3.10b with  $p_c$  expressed as a gage pressure.

Note that in any event,  $y' > y_c$ —the location of the force is always below the level of the plate centroid. This makes sense—as Fig. 3.6 shows, the pressures will always be larger on the lower regions, moving the resultant force down the plate.

A similar analysis can be done to compute  $x'$ , the  $x$  location of the force on the plate. Taking the sum of the moments of the infinitesimal forces  $dF$  about the  $y$  axis we obtain

$$x'F_R = \int_A x p dA \quad (3.12a)$$

We can express  $p$  as a function of  $y$  as before:

$$\begin{aligned} x'F_R &= \int_A x p dA = \int_A x(p_0 + \rho gh) dA = \int_A (p_0 x + \rho g x y \sin \theta) dA \\ &= p_0 \int_A x dA + \rho g \sin \theta \int_A x y dA \end{aligned}$$

The first integral is  $x_c A$  (where  $x_c$  is the distance of the centroid from  $y$  axis). The second integral is  $\int_A x y dA = I_{xy}$ . Using the parallel axis theorem,  $I_{xy} = I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}} + A x_c y_c$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} x'F_R &= p_0 x_c A + \rho g \sin \theta (I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}} + A x_c y_c) = x_c (p_0 + \rho g y_c \sin \theta) A + \rho g \sin \theta I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}} \\ &= x_c (p_0 + \rho g h_c) A + \rho g \sin \theta I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}} = x_c F_R + \rho g \sin \theta I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we obtain for  $x'$ :

$$x' = x_c + \frac{\rho g \sin \theta I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}}}{F_R} \quad (3.12b)$$

Equation 3.12b is convenient for computing  $x'$  when we include the ambient pressure  $p_0$ . If we have ambient pressure also acting on the other side of the surface we can again use Eq. 3.10b with  $p_0$  neglected to compute the net force and Eq. 3.12b becomes for this case

$$x' = x_c + \frac{I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}}}{Ay_c} \quad (3.12c)$$

Equation 3.12a is the integral equation for computing the location  $x'$  of the resultant force; Eq. 3.12b can be used for computations when we are interested in the force on the submerged side only; Eq. 3.12c is useful when we have  $p_0$  on the other side of the surface and we are interested in the net force.

In summary, Eqs. 3.10a through 3.12a constitute a complete set of equations for computing the magnitude and location of the force due to hydrostatic pressure on any submerged plane surface. The direction of the force will always be perpendicular to the plane.

We can now consider several examples using these equations. In Example 3.5 we use both the integral and algebraic sets of equations, and in Example 3.6 we use only the algebraic set.

**Example 3.5 RESULTANT FORCE ON INCLINED PLANE SUBMERGED SURFACE**

The inclined surface shown, hinged along edge A, is 5 m wide. Determine the resultant force,  $F_R$ , of the water and the air on the inclined surface.

**Given:** Rectangular gate, hinged along A,  $w = 5$  m.

**Find:** Resultant force,  $F_R$ , of the water and the air on the gate.

**Solution:** In order to completely determine  $F_R$ , we need to find (a) the magnitude and (b) the line of action of the force (the direction of the force is perpendicular to the surface). We will solve this problem by using (i) direct integration and (ii) the algebraic equations.

**Direct Integration**

**Governing equations:**

$$p = p_0 + \rho gh \quad F_R = \int_A p \, dA \quad \eta' F_R = \int_A \eta p \, dA \quad x' F_R = \int_A xp \, dA$$

Because atmospheric pressure  $p_0$  acts on both sides of the plate its effect cancels, and we can work in gage pressures ( $p = \rho gh$ ). In addition, while we *could* integrate using the  $y$  variable, it will be more convenient here to define a variable  $\eta$ , as shown in the figure.

Using  $\eta$  to obtain expressions for  $h$  and  $dA$ , then

$$h = D + \eta \sin 30^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad dA = w \, d\eta$$

Applying these to the governing equation for the resultant force,

$$\begin{aligned} F_R &= \int_A p \, dA = \int_0^L \rho g (D + \eta \sin 30^\circ) w \, d\eta \\ &= \rho g w \left[ D\eta + \frac{\eta^2}{2} \sin 30^\circ \right]_0^L = \rho g w \left[ DL + \frac{L^2}{2} \sin 30^\circ \right] \\ &= 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 5 \text{ m} \left[ 2 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m} + \frac{16 \text{ m}^2}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \right] \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_R = 588 \text{ kN} \leftarrow \quad \quad \quad F_R$$

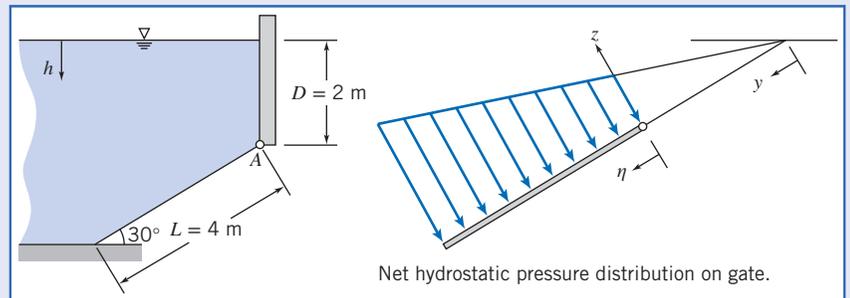
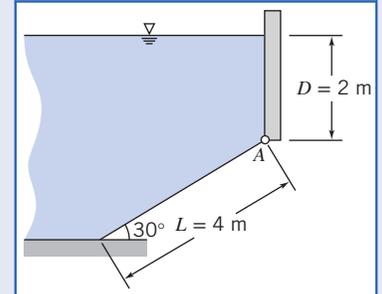
For the location of the force we compute  $\eta'$  (the distance from the top edge of the plate),

$$\eta' F_R = \int_A \eta p \, dA$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \eta' &= \frac{1}{F_R} \int_A \eta p \, dA = \frac{1}{F_R} \int_0^L \eta p w \, d\eta = \frac{\rho g w}{F_R} \int_0^L \eta (D + \eta \sin 30^\circ) \, d\eta \\ &= \frac{\rho g w}{F_R} \left[ \frac{D\eta^2}{2} + \frac{\eta^3}{3} \sin 30^\circ \right]_0^L = \frac{\rho g w}{F_R} \left[ \frac{DL^2}{2} + \frac{L^3}{3} \sin 30^\circ \right] \\ &= 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{5 \text{ m}}{5.88 \times 10^5 \text{ N}} \left[ \frac{2 \text{ m} \times 16 \text{ m}^2}{2} + \frac{64 \text{ m}^3}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \right] \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta' = 2.22 \text{ m} \quad \text{and} \quad y' = \frac{D}{\sin 30^\circ} + \eta' = \frac{2 \text{ m}}{\sin 30^\circ} + 2.22 \text{ m} = 6.22 \text{ m} \leftarrow \quad \quad \quad y'$$



Also, from consideration of moments about the  $y$  axis through edge  $A$ ,

$$x' = \frac{1}{F_R} \int_A xp \, dA$$

In calculating the moment of the distributed force (right side), recall, from your earlier courses in statics, that the centroid of the area element must be used for  $x$ . Since the area element is of constant width, then  $x = w/2$ , and

$$x' = \frac{1}{F_R} \int_A \frac{w}{2} p \, dA = \frac{w}{2F_R} \int_A p \, dA = \frac{w}{2} = 2.5 \text{ m} \leftarrow \text{_____} x'$$

### Algebraic Equations

In using the algebraic equations we need to take care in selecting the appropriate set. In this problem we have  $p_0 = p_{\text{atm}}$  on both sides of the plate, so Eq. 3.10b with  $p_c$  as a gage pressure is used for the net force:

$$F_R = p_c A = \rho g h_c A = \rho g \left( D + \frac{L}{2} \sin 30^\circ \right) Lw$$

$$F_R = \rho g w \left[ DL + \frac{L^2}{2} \sin 30^\circ \right]$$

This is the same expression as was obtained by direct integration.

The  $y$  coordinate of the center of pressure is given by Eq. 3.11c:

$$y' = y_c + \frac{I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}}}{Ay_c} \quad (3.11c)$$

For the inclined rectangular gate

$$y_c = \frac{D}{\sin 30^\circ} + \frac{L}{2} = \frac{2 \text{ m}}{\sin 30^\circ} + \frac{4 \text{ m}}{2} = 6 \text{ m}$$

$$A = Lw = 4 \text{ m} \times 5 \text{ m} = 20 \text{ m}^2$$

$$I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}} = \frac{1}{12} wL^3 = \frac{1}{12} \times 5 \text{ m} \times (4 \text{ m})^3 = 26.7 \text{ m}^2$$

$$y' = y_c + \frac{I_{\hat{x}\hat{x}}}{Ay_c} = 6 \text{ m} + 26.7 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{1}{20 \text{ m}^2} \times \frac{1}{6 \text{ m}} = 6.22 \text{ m} \leftarrow \text{_____} y'$$

The  $x$  coordinate of the center of pressure is given by Eq. 3.12c:

$$x' = x_c + \frac{I_{\hat{x}\hat{y}}}{Ay_c} \quad (3.12c)$$

For the rectangular gate  $I_{\hat{x}\hat{y}} = 0$  and  $x' = x_c = 2.5 \text{ m} \leftarrow \text{_____} x'$

*This problem shows:*

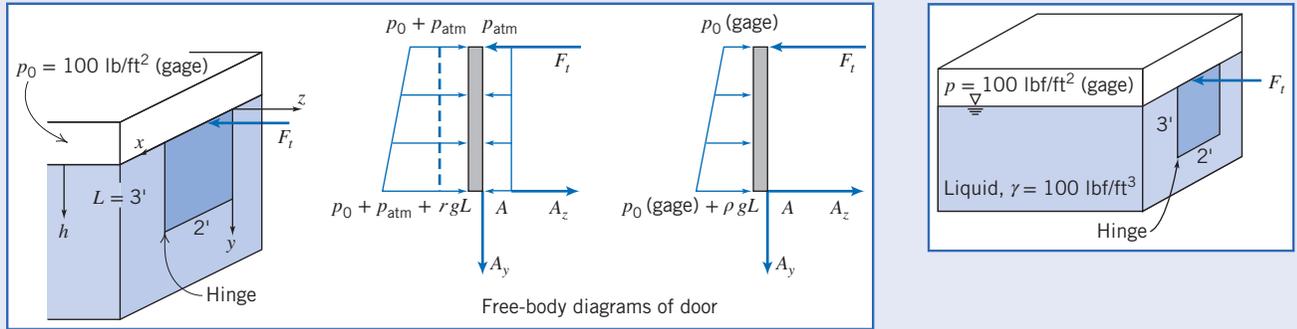
- Use of integral and algebraic equations.
- Use of the algebraic equations for computing the *net* force.

### Example 3.6 FORCE ON VERTICAL PLANE SUBMERGED SURFACE WITH NONZERO GAGE PRESSURE AT FREE SURFACE

The door shown in the side of the tank is hinged along its bottom edge. A pressure of 100 psfg is applied to the liquid free surface. Find the force,  $F_t$ , required to keep the door closed.

**Given:** Door as shown in the figure.

**Find:** Force required to keep door shut.



**Solution:** This problem requires a free-body diagram (FBD) of the door. The pressure distributions on the inside and outside of the door will lead to a net force (and its location) that will be included in the FBD. We need to be careful in choosing the equations for computing the resultant force and its location. We can either use absolute pressures (as on the left FBD) and compute two forces (one on each side) or gage pressures and compute one force (as on the right FBD). For simplicity we will use gage pressures. The right-hand FBD makes clear we should use Eqs. 3.2 and 3.11b, which were derived for problems in which we wish to include the effects of an ambient pressure ( $p_0$ ), or in other words, for problems when we have a nonzero gage pressure at the free surface. The components of force due to the hinge are  $A_y$  and  $A_z$ . The force  $F_t$  can be found by taking moments about A (the hinge).

**Governing equations:**

$$F_R = p_c A \quad y' = y_c + \frac{\rho g \sin \theta I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}}{F_R} \quad \sum M_A = 0$$

The resultant force and its location are

$$F_R = (p_0 + \rho g h_c) A = \left( p_0 + \gamma \frac{L}{2} \right) b L \quad (1)$$

and

$$y' = y_c + \frac{\rho g \sin 90^\circ I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}}{F_R} = \frac{L}{2} + \frac{\gamma b L^3 / 12}{\left( p_0 + \gamma \frac{L}{2} \right) b L} = \frac{L}{2} + \frac{\gamma L^2 / 12}{\left( p_0 + \gamma \frac{L}{2} \right)} \quad (2)$$

Taking moments about point A

$$\sum M_A = F_t L - F_R (L - y') = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad F_t = F_R \left( 1 - \frac{y'}{L} \right)$$

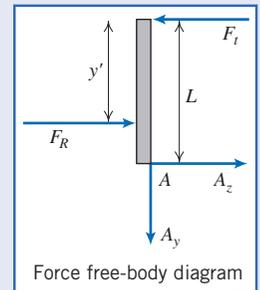
Using Eqs. 1 and 2 in this equation we find

$$F_t = \left( p_0 + \gamma \frac{L}{2} \right) b L \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma L^2 / 12}{\left( p_0 + \gamma \frac{L}{2} \right) b L} \right]$$

$$F_t = \left( p_0 + \gamma \frac{L}{2} \right) \frac{b L}{2} + \gamma \frac{b L^2}{12} = \frac{p_0 b L}{2} + \frac{\gamma b L^2}{6}$$

$$= 100 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^2} \times 2 \text{ ft} \times 3 \text{ ft} \times \frac{1}{2} + 100 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 2 \text{ ft} \times 9 \text{ ft}^2 \times \frac{1}{6} \quad (3)$$

$$F_t = 600 \text{ lbf} \leftarrow \quad F_t$$



We could have solved this problem by considering the two separate pressure distributions on each side of the door, leading to two resultant forces and their locations. Summing moments about point  $A$  with these forces would also have yielded the same value for  $F_t$ . Note also that Eq. 3 could have been obtained directly (without separately finding  $F_R$  and  $y'$ ) by using a direct integration approach:

$$\sum M_A = F_t L - \int_A y p \, dA = 0$$

*This problem shows:*

- Use of algebraic equations for nonzero gage pressure at the liquid free surface.
- Use of the moment equation from statics for computing the required applied force.

## Hydrostatic Force on a Curved Submerged Surface

For curved surfaces, we will once again derive expressions for the resultant force by integrating the pressure distribution over the surface. However, unlike for the plane surface, we have a more complicated problem—the pressure force is normal to the surface at each point, but now the infinitesimal area elements point in varying directions because of the surface curvature. This means that instead of integrating over an element  $dA$  we need to integrate over vector element  $d\vec{A}$ . This will initially lead to a more complicated analysis, but we will see that a simple solution technique will be developed.

Consider the curved surface shown in Fig. 3.7. The pressure force acting on the element of area,  $d\vec{A}$ , is given by

$$d\vec{F} = -p \, d\vec{A}$$

where the minus sign indicates that the force acts on the area, in the direction opposite to the area normal. The resultant force is given by

$$\vec{F}_R = - \int_A p \, d\vec{A} \quad (3.13)$$

We can write

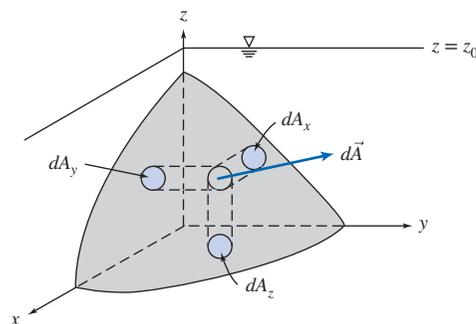
$$\vec{F}_R = \hat{i}F_{Rx} + \hat{j}F_{Ry} + \hat{k}F_{Rz}$$

where  $F_{Rx}$ ,  $F_{Ry}$ , and  $F_{Rz}$  are the components of  $\vec{F}_R$  in the positive  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions, respectively.

To evaluate the component of the force in a given direction, we take the dot product of the force with the unit vector in the given direction. For example, taking the dot product of each side of Eq. 3.13 with unit vector  $\hat{i}$  gives

$$F_{Rx} = \vec{F}_R \cdot \hat{i} = \int d\vec{F} \cdot \hat{i} = - \int_A p \, d\vec{A} \cdot \hat{i} = - \int_{A_x} p \, dA_x$$

where  $dA_x$  is the projection of  $d\vec{A}$  on a plane perpendicular to the  $x$  axis (see Fig. 3.7), and the minus sign indicates that the  $x$  component of the resultant force is in the negative  $x$  direction.



**Fig. 3.7** Curved submerged surface.

Since, in any problem, the direction of the force component can be determined by inspection, the use of vectors is not necessary. In general, the magnitude of the component of the resultant force in the  $l$  direction is given by

$$F_{R_l} = \int_{A_l} p \, dA_l \quad (3.14)$$

where  $dA_l$  is the projection of the area element  $dA$  on a plane perpendicular to the  $l$  direction. The line of action of each component of the resultant force is found by recognizing that the moment of the resultant force component about a given axis must be equal to the moment of the corresponding distributed force component about the same axis.

Equation 3.14 can be used for the horizontal forces  $F_{R_x}$  and  $F_{R_y}$ . We have the interesting result that *the horizontal force and its location are the same as for an imaginary vertical plane surface of the same projected area*. This is illustrated in Fig. 3.8, where we have called the horizontal force  $F_H$ .

Figure 3.8 also illustrates how we can compute the vertical component of force: With atmospheric pressure at the free surface and on the other side of the curved surface *the net vertical force will be equal to the weight of fluid directly above the surface*. This can be seen by applying Eq. 3.14 to determine the magnitude of the vertical component of the resultant force, obtaining

$$F_{R_z} = F_V = \int p \, dA_z$$

Since  $p = \rho gh$ ,

$$F_V = \int \rho gh \, dA_z = \int \rho g \, d\mathcal{V}$$

where  $\rho gh \, dA_z = \rho g \, d\mathcal{V}$  is the weight of a differential cylinder of liquid above the element of surface area,  $dA_z$ , extending a distance  $h$  from the curved surface to the free surface. The vertical component of the resultant force is obtained by integrating over the entire submerged surface. Thus

$$F_V = \int_{A_z} \rho gh \, dA_z = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \rho g \, d\mathcal{V} = \rho g \mathcal{V}$$

In summary, for a curved surface we can use two simple formulas for computing the horizontal and vertical force components due to the fluid only (no ambient pressure),

$$F_H = p_c A \quad \text{and} \quad F_V = \rho g \mathcal{V} \quad (3.15)$$

where  $p_c$  and  $A$  are the pressure at the center and the area, respectively, of a vertical plane surface of the same projected area, and  $\mathcal{V}$  is the volume of fluid above the curved surface.

It can be shown that the line of action of the vertical force component passes through the center of gravity of the volume of liquid directly above the curved surface as shown in Example 3.7.

We have shown that the resultant hydrostatic force on a curved submerged surface is specified in terms of its components. We recall from our study of statics that the resultant of any force system can be represented by a force-couple system, i.e., the resultant force applied at a point and a couple about that point. If the force and the couple vectors are orthogonal (as is the case for a two-dimensional curved surface), the resultant can be represented as a pure force with a unique line of action. Otherwise the resultant may be represented as a “wrench,” also having a unique line of action.

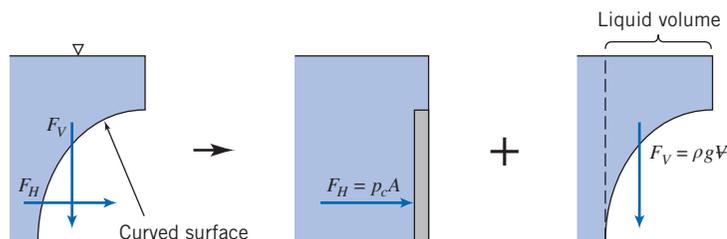


Fig. 3.8 Forces on curved submerged surface.

**Example 3.7** FORCE COMPONENTS ON A CURVED SUBMERGED SURFACE

The gate shown is hinged at  $O$  and has constant width,  $w = 5$  m. The equation of the surface is  $x = y^2/a$ , where  $a = 4$  m. The depth of water to the right of the gate is  $D = 4$  m. Find the magnitude of the force,  $F_a$ , applied as shown, required to maintain the gate in equilibrium if the weight of the gate is neglected.

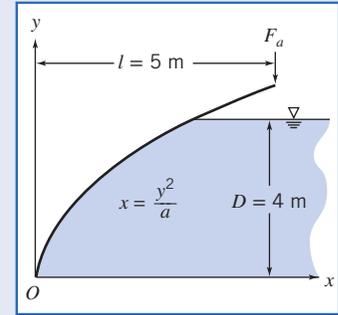
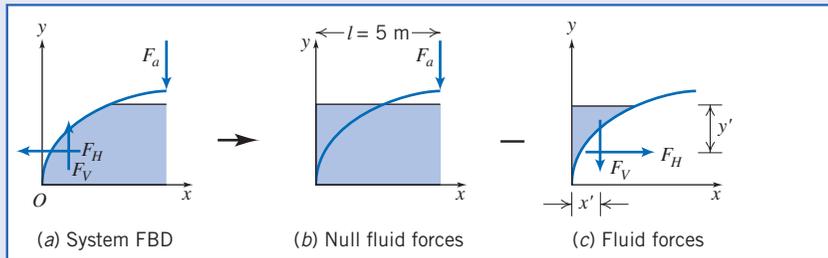
**Given:** Gate of constant width,  $w = 5$  m.

Equation of surface in  $xy$  plane is  $x = y^2/a$ , where  $a = 4$  m.

Water stands at depth  $D = 4$  m to the right of the gate.

Force  $F_a$  is applied as shown, and weight of gate is to be neglected. (Note that for simplicity we do not show the reactions at  $O$ .)

**Find:** Force  $F_a$  required to maintain the gate in equilibrium.



**Solution:** We will take moments about point  $O$  after finding the magnitudes and locations of the horizontal and vertical forces due to the water. The free body diagram (FBD) of the system is shown above in part (a). Before proceeding we need to think about how we compute  $F_V$ , the vertical component of the fluid force—we have stated that it is equal (in magnitude and location) to the weight of fluid directly above the curved surface. However, we have no fluid directly above the gate, even though it is clear that the fluid does exert a vertical force! We need to do a “thought experiment” in which we imagine having a system with water on both sides of the gate (with null effect), minus a system with water directly above the gate (which generates fluid forces). This logic is demonstrated above: the system FBD(a) = the null FBD(b) – the fluid forces FBD(c). Thus the vertical and horizontal fluid forces on the system, FBD(a), are equal and opposite to those on FBD(c). In summary, the magnitude and location of the vertical fluid force  $F_V$  are given by the weight and location of the centroid of the fluid “above” the gate; the magnitude and location of the horizontal fluid force  $F_H$  are given by the magnitude and location of the force on an equivalent vertical flat plate.

**Governing equations:**

$$F_H = p_c A \quad y' = y_c + \frac{I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}}{Ay_c} \quad F_V = \rho g V \quad x' = \text{water center of gravity}$$

For  $F_H$ , the centroid, area, and second moment of the equivalent vertical flat plate are, respectively,  $y_c = h_c = D/2$ ,  $A = Dw$ , and  $I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}} = wD^3/12$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F_H &= p_c A = \rho g h_c A \\ &= \rho g \frac{D}{2} Dw = \rho g \frac{D^2}{2} w = 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{(4 \text{ m}^2)}{2} \times 5 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ F_H &= 392 \text{ kN} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= y_c + \frac{I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}}{Ay_c} \\ &= \frac{D}{2} + \frac{wD^3/12}{wDD/2} = \frac{D}{2} + \frac{D}{6} \\ y' &= \frac{2}{3}D = \frac{2}{3} \times 4 \text{ m} = 2.67 \text{ m} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

For  $F_V$ , we need to compute the weight of water “above” the gate. To do this we define a differential column of volume  $(D-y)w dx$  and integrate

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_V &= \rho g \mathcal{V} = \rho g \int_0^{D^{2/a}} (D-y)w dx = \rho g w \int_0^{D^{2/a}} (D - \sqrt{ax}^{1/2}) dx \\
 &= \rho g w \left[ Dx - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{ax}^{3/2} \right]_0^{D^{2/a}} = \rho g w \left[ \frac{D^3}{a} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{a} \frac{D^3}{a^{3/2}} \right] = \frac{\rho g w D^3}{3a} \\
 F_V &= 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 5 \text{ m} \times \frac{(4)^3 \text{ m}^3}{3} \times \frac{1}{4 \text{ m}} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} = 261 \text{ kN}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The location  $x'$  of this force is given by the location of the center of gravity of the water “above” the gate. We recall from statics that this can be obtained by using the notion that the moment of  $F_V$  and the moment of the sum of the differential weights about the  $y$  axis must be equal, so

$$\begin{aligned}
 x' F_V &= \rho g \int_0^{D^{2/a}} x(D-y)w dx = \rho g w \int_0^{D^{2/a}} (D - \sqrt{ax}^{1/2}) x dx \\
 x' F_V &= \rho g w \left[ \frac{D}{2} x^2 - \frac{2}{5} \sqrt{ax}^{5/2} \right]_0^{D^{2/a}} = \rho g w \left[ \frac{D^5}{2a^2} - \frac{2}{5} \sqrt{a} \frac{D^5}{a^{5/2}} \right] = \frac{\rho g w D^5}{10a^2} \\
 x' &= \frac{\rho g w D^5}{10a^2 F_V} = \frac{3D^2}{10a} = \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{(4)^2 \text{ m}^2}{4 \text{ m}} = 1.2 \text{ m}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Now that we have determined the fluid forces, we can finally take moments about  $O$  (taking care to use the appropriate signs), using the results of Eqs. 1 through 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum M_O &= -l F_a + x' F_V + (D-y') F_H = 0 \\
 F_a &= \frac{1}{l} [x' F_V + (D-y') F_H] \\
 &= \frac{1}{5 \text{ m}} [1.2 \text{ m} \times 261 \text{ kN} + (4 - 2.67) \text{ m} \times 392 \text{ kN}] \\
 F_a &= 167 \text{ kN} \leftarrow \text{-----} F_a
 \end{aligned}$$

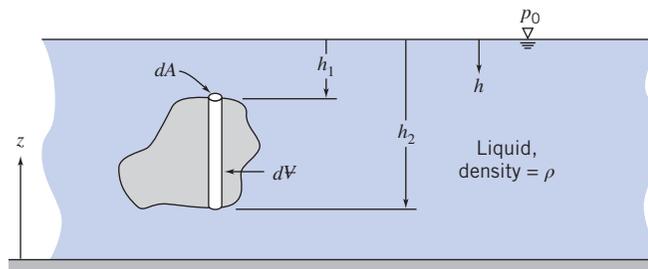
*This problem shows:*

- Use of vertical flat plate equations for the horizontal force, and fluid weight equations for the vertical force, on a curved surface.
- The use of “thought experiments” to convert a problem with fluid below a curved surface into an equivalent problem with fluid above.

## 3.5 Buoyancy and Stability

If an object is immersed in a liquid, or floating on its surface, the net vertical force acting on it due to liquid pressure is termed *buoyancy*. Consider an object totally immersed in static liquid, as shown in Fig. 3.9.

The vertical force on the body due to hydrostatic pressure may be found most easily by considering cylindrical volume elements similar to the one shown in Fig. 3.9.



**Fig. 3.9** Immersed body in static liquid.

We recall that we can use Eq. 3.7 for computing the pressure  $p$  at depth  $h$  in a liquid,

$$p = p_0 + \rho gh$$

The net vertical pressure force on the element is then

$$dF_z = (p_0 + \rho gh_2)dA - (p_0 + \rho gh_1)dA = \rho g(h_2 - h_1)dA$$

But  $(h_2 - h_1)dA = d\mathcal{V}$ , the volume of the element. Thus

$$F_z = \int dF_z = \int_{\mathcal{V}} \rho g d\mathcal{V} = \rho g \mathcal{V}$$

where  $\mathcal{V}$  is the volume of the object. Hence we conclude that for a submerged body *the buoyancy force of the fluid is equal to the weight of displaced fluid*,

$$F_{\text{buoyancy}} = \rho g \mathcal{V} \quad (3.16)$$

This relation reportedly was used by Archimedes in 220 B.C. to determine the gold content in the crown of King Hiero II. Consequently, it is often called “Archimedes’ Principle.” In more current technical applications, Eq. 3.16 is used to design displacement vessels, flotation gear, and submersibles [1].

The submerged object need not be solid. Hydrogen bubbles, used to visualize streaklines and time-lines in water (see Section 2.2), are positively buoyant; they rise slowly as they are swept along by the flow. Conversely, water droplets in oil are negatively buoyant and tend to sink.

Airships and balloons are termed “lighter-than-air” craft. The density of an ideal gas is proportional to molecular weight, so hydrogen and helium are less dense than air at the same temperature and pressure. Hydrogen ( $M_m = 2$ ) is less dense than helium ( $M_m = 4$ ), but extremely flammable, whereas helium is inert. Hydrogen has not been used commercially since the disastrous explosion of the German passenger airship *Hindenburg* in 1937. The use of buoyancy force to generate lift is illustrated in Example 3.8.

### Example 3.8 BUOYANCY FORCE IN A HOT AIR BALLOON

A hot air balloon (approximated as a sphere of diameter 50 ft) is to lift a basket load of 600 lbf. To what temperature must the air be heated in order to achieve liftoff?

**Given:** Atmosphere at STP, diameter of balloon  $d = 50$  ft, and load  $W_{\text{load}} = 600$  lbf.

**Find:** The hot air temperature to attain liftoff.

**Solution:** Apply the buoyancy equation to determine the lift generated by atmosphere, and apply the vertical force equilibrium equation to obtain the hot air density. Then use the ideal gas equation to obtain the hot air temperature.

**Governing equations:**

$$F_{\text{buoyancy}} = \rho g \mathcal{V} \quad \sum F_y = 0 \quad p = \rho RT$$

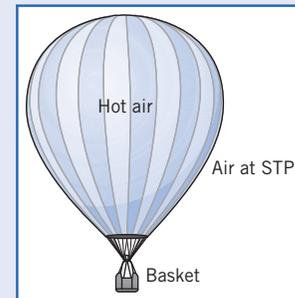
**Assumptions:**

- 1 Ideal gas.
- 2 Atmospheric pressure throughout.

Summing vertical forces

$$\sum F_y = F_{\text{buoyancy}} - W_{\text{hot air}} - W_{\text{load}} = \rho_{\text{atm}} g \mathcal{V} - \rho_{\text{hot air}} g \mathcal{V} - W_{\text{load}} = 0$$

Rearranging and solving for  $\rho_{\text{hot air}}$  (using data from Appendix A),



$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{\text{hot air}} &= \rho_{\text{atm}} - \frac{W_{\text{load}}}{gV} = \rho_{\text{atm}} - \frac{6W_{\text{load}}}{\pi d^3 g} \\ &= 0.00238 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} - 6 \times \frac{600 \text{ lbf}}{\pi(50)^3 \text{ ft}^3} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{lbf}} \\ \rho_{\text{hot air}} &= (0.00238 - 0.000285) \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} = 0.00209 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3}\end{aligned}$$

Finally, to obtain the temperature of this hot air, we can use the ideal gas equation in the following form

$$\frac{\rho_{\text{hot air}}}{\rho_{\text{atm}}} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{RT_{\text{hot air}}}$$

and with  $\rho_{\text{hot air}} = \rho_{\text{atm}}$

$$T_{\text{hot air}} = T_{\text{atm}} \frac{\rho_{\text{atm}}}{\rho_{\text{hot air}}} = (460 + 59)^\circ\text{R} \times \frac{0.00238}{0.00209} = 591^\circ\text{R}$$

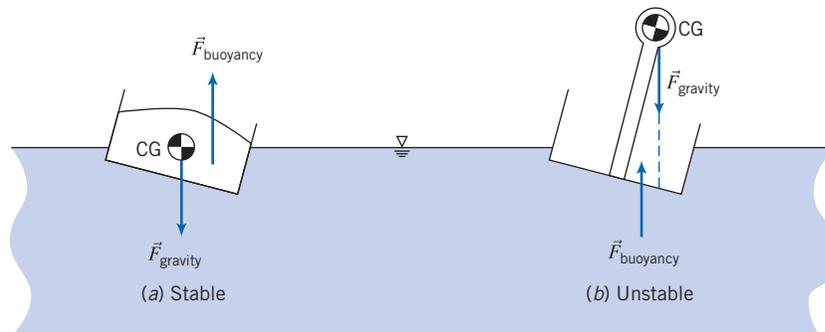
$$T_{\text{hot air}} = 131^\circ\text{F} \leftarrow \frac{T_{\text{hot air}}}{1.8}$$

**Notes:**

- Absolute pressures and temperatures are always used in the ideal gas equation.
- This problem demonstrates that for lighter-than-air vehicles the buoyancy force exceeds the vehicle weight—that is, the weight of fluid (air) displaced exceeds the vehicle weight.

Equation 3.16 predicts the net vertical pressure force on a body that is totally submerged in a single liquid. In cases of partial immersion, a floating body displaces its own weight of the liquid in which it floats.

The line of action of the buoyancy force, which may be found using the methods of Section 3.4, acts through the centroid of the displaced volume. Since floating bodies are in equilibrium under body and buoyancy forces, the location of the line of action of the buoyancy force determines stability, as shown in Fig. 3.10.



**Fig. 3.10** Stability of floating bodies.

The weight of an object acts through its center of gravity, CG. In Fig. 3.10a, the lines of action of the buoyancy and the weight are offset in such a way as to produce a couple that tends to right the craft. In Fig. 3.10b, the couple tends to capsize the craft.

Ballast may be needed to achieve roll stability. Wooden warships carried stone ballast low in the hull to offset the weight of the heavy cannon on upper gun decks. Modern ships can have stability problems as well: overloaded ferry boats have capsized when passengers all gathered on one side of the upper deck, shifting the CG laterally. In stacking containers high on the deck of a container ship, care is needed to avoid raising the center of gravity to a level that may result in the unstable condition depicted in Fig. 3.10b.

For a vessel with a relatively flat bottom, as shown in Fig. 3.10a, the restoring moment increases as roll angle becomes larger. At some angle, typically that at which the edge of the deck goes below water level, the restoring moment peaks and starts to decrease. The moment may become zero at some large roll angle, known as the angle of vanishing stability. The vessel may capsize if the roll exceeds this angle; then, if still intact, the vessel may find a new equilibrium state upside down.

The actual shape of the restoring moment curve depends on hull shape. A broad beam gives a large lateral shift in the line of action of the buoyancy force and thus a high restoring moment. High freeboard above the water line increases the angle at which the moment curve peaks, but may make the moment drop rapidly above this angle.

Sailing vessels are subjected to large lateral forces as wind engages the sails (a boat under sail in a brisk wind typically operates at a considerable roll angle). The lateral wind force must be counteracted by a heavily weighted keel extended below the hull bottom. In small sailboats, crew members may lean far over the side to add additional restoring moment to prevent capsizing [2].

Within broad limits, the buoyancy of a surface vessel is adjusted automatically as the vessel rides higher or lower in the water. However, craft that operate fully submerged must actively adjust buoyancy and gravity forces to remain neutrally buoyant. For submarines this is accomplished using tanks which are flooded to reduce excess buoyancy or blown out with compressed air to increase buoyancy [1]. Airships may vent gas to descend or drop ballast to rise. Buoyancy of a hot-air balloon is controlled by varying the air temperature within the balloon envelope.

For deep ocean dives use of compressed air becomes impractical because of the high pressures (the Pacific Ocean is over 10 km deep; seawater pressure at this depth is greater than 1000 atmospheres!). A liquid such as gasoline, which is buoyant in seawater, may be used to provide buoyancy. However, because gasoline is more compressible than water, its buoyancy decreases as the dive gets deeper. Therefore it is necessary to carry and drop ballast to achieve positive buoyancy for the return trip to the surface.

The most structurally efficient hull shape for airships and submarines has a circular cross-section. The buoyancy force passes through the center of the circle. Therefore, for roll stability the CG must be located below the hull centerline. Thus the crew compartment of an airship is placed beneath the hull to lower the CG.

### 3.6 Fluids in Rigid-Body Motion (on the Web)

### 3.7 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we have reviewed the basic concepts of fluid statics. This included:

- ✓ Deriving the basic equation of fluid statics in vector form.
- ✓ Applying this equation to compute the pressure variation in a static fluid:
  - Incompressible liquids: pressure increases uniformly with depth.
  - Gases: pressure decreases nonuniformly with elevation (dependent on other thermodynamic properties).
- ✓ Study of:
  - Gage and absolute pressure.
  - Use of manometers and barometers.
- ✓ Analysis of the fluid force magnitude and location on submerged:
  - Plane surfaces.
  - Curved surfaces.
- ✓ Derivation and use of Archimedes' Principle of Buoyancy.
- ✓ Analysis of rigid-body fluid motion (on the web).

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

### Useful Equations

Hydrostatic pressure variation:	$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g \equiv -\gamma$	(3.6)	Page 50
Hydrostatic pressure variation (incompressible fluid):	$p - p_0 = \Delta p = \rho gh$	(3.7)	Page 52

Table (Continued)

Hydrostatic pressure variation (several incompressible fluids):	$\Delta p = g \sum_i \rho_i h_i$	(3.8)	Page 55
Hydrostatic force on submerged plane (integral form):	$F_R = \int_A p dA$	(3.10a)	Page 60
Hydrostatic force on submerged plane:	$F_R = p_c A$	(3.10b)	Page 60
Location $y'$ of hydrostatic force on submerged plane (integral):	$y' F_R = \int_A y p dA$	(3.11a)	Page 61
Location $y'$ of hydrostatic force on submerged plane (algebraic):	$y' = y_c + \frac{\rho g \sin \theta I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}}{F_R}$	(3.11b)	Page 61
Location $y'$ of hydrostatic force on submerged plane ( $p_0$ neglected):	$y' = y_c + \frac{I_{\bar{x}\bar{x}}}{A y_c}$	(3.11c)	Page 62
Location $x'$ of hydrostatic force on submerged plane (integral):	$x' F_R = \int_A x p dA$	(3.12a)	Page 62
Location $x'$ of hydrostatic force on submerged plane (algebraic):	$x' = x_c + \frac{\rho g \sin \theta I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}}}{F_R}$	(3.12b)	Page 62
Location $x'$ of hydrostatic force on submerged plane ( $p_0$ neglected):	$x' = x_c + \frac{I_{\bar{x}\bar{y}}}{A y_c}$	(3.12c)	Page 62
Horizontal and vertical hydrostatic forces on curved submerged surface:	$F_H = p_c A$ and $F_V = \rho g \mathcal{V}$	(3.15)	Page 67
Buoyancy force on submerged object:	$F_{\text{buoyancy}} = \rho g \mathcal{V}$	(3.16)	Page 70

We have now concluded our introduction to the fundamental concepts of fluid mechanics, and the basic concepts of fluid statics. In the next chapter we will begin our study of fluids in motion.

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## PROBLEMS

### Standard Atmosphere

**3.1** Because the pressure falls, water boils at a lower temperature with increasing altitude. Consequently, cake mixes and boiled eggs, among other foods, must be cooked different lengths of time. Determine the boiling temperature of water at 1000 and 2000 m elevation on a standard day, and compare with the sea-level value.

**3.2** Ear “popping” is an unpleasant phenomenon sometimes experienced when a change in pressure occurs, for example in a fast-moving elevator or in an airplane. If you are in a two-seater airplane at 3000 m and a descent of 100 m causes your ears to “pop,” what is the pressure change that your ears “pop” at, in millimeters of mercury? If the airplane now rises to 8000 m and again begins

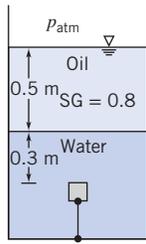
descending, how far will the airplane descend before your ears “pop” again? Assume a U.S. Standard Atmosphere.

**3.3** When you are on a mountain face and boil water, you notice that the water temperature is 195°F. What is your approximate altitude? The next day, you are at a location where it boils at 185°F. How high did you climb between the two days? Assume a U.S. Standard Atmosphere.

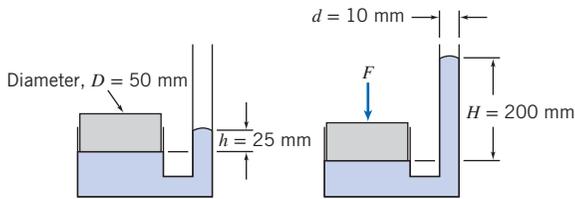
**3.4** Your pressure gauge indicates that the pressure in your cold tires is 0.25 MPa gage on a mountain at an elevation of 3500 m. What is the absolute pressure? After you drive down to sea level, your tires have warmed to 25°C. What pressure does your gauge now indicate? Assume a U.S. Standard Atmosphere.

Pressure Variation in a Static Fluid

**3.5** A 125-mL cube of solid oak is held submerged by a tether as shown. Calculate the actual force of the water on the bottom surface of the cube and the tension in the tether.



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P3.6

**3.6** The tube shown is filled with mercury at 20°C. Calculate the force applied to the piston.

**3.7** Calculate the absolute and gage pressure in an open tank of crude oil 2.4 m below the liquid surface. If the tank is closed and pressurized to 130 kPa, what are the absolute and gage pressures at this location?

**3.8** An open vessel contains carbon tetrachloride to a depth of 6 ft and water on the carbon tetrachloride to a depth of 5 ft. What is the pressure at the bottom of the vessel?

**3.9** A hollow metal cube with sides 100 mm floats at the interface between a layer of water and a layer of SAE 10W oil such that 10% of the cube is exposed to the oil. What is the pressure difference between the upper and lower horizontal surfaces? What is the average density of the cube?

**3.10** Compressed nitrogen (140 lbm) is stored in a spherical tank of diameter  $D = 2.5$  ft at a temperature of 77°F. What is the pressure inside the tank? If the maximum allowable stress in the tank is 30 ksi, find the minimum theoretical wall thickness of the tank.

**3.11** If at the surface of a liquid the specific weight is  $\gamma_o$ , with  $z$  and  $p$  both zero, show that, if  $E = \text{constant}$ , the specific weight and pressure are given by

$$\gamma = \frac{E}{(z + E/\gamma_o)} \quad \text{and} \quad p = -E \ln\left(1 + \frac{\gamma_o z}{E}\right)$$

Calculate specific weight and pressure at a depth of 2 km assuming  $\gamma_o = 10.0 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and  $E = 2070 \text{ MPa}$ .

**3.12** In the deep ocean the compressibility of seawater is significant in its effect on  $\rho$  and  $p$ . If  $E = 2.07 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ , find the percentage change in the density and pressure at a depth of 10,000 metres as compared to the values obtained at the same depth under the incompressible assumption. Let  $\rho_o = 1020 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and the absolute pressure  $p_o = 101.3 \text{ kPa}$

**3.13** Assuming the bulk modulus is constant for seawater, derive an expression for the density variation with depth,  $h$ , below the surface. Show that the result may be written

$$\rho \approx \rho_o + bh$$

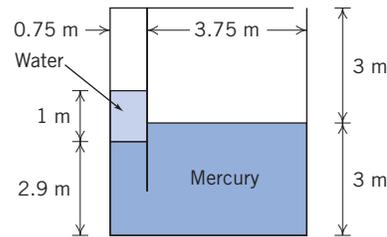
where  $\rho_o$  is the density at the surface. Evaluate the constant  $b$ . Then, using the approximation, obtain an equation for the variation of pressure

with depth below the surface. Determine the depth in feet at which the error in pressure predicted by the approximate solution is 0.01 percent.

**3.14** An inverted cylindrical container is lowered slowly beneath the surface of a pool of water. Air trapped in the container is compressed isothermally as the hydrostatic pressure increases. Develop an expression for the water height,  $y$ , inside the container in terms of the container height,  $H$ , and depth of submersion,  $h$ . Plot  $y/H$  versus  $h/H$ .

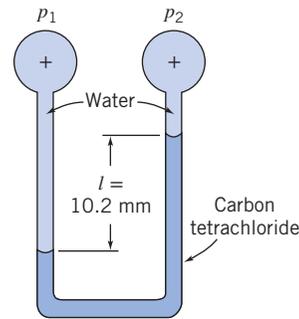
**3.15** A water tank filled with water to a depth of 16 ft has an inspection cover (1 in.  $\times$  1 in.) at its base, held in place by a plastic bracket. The bracket can hold a load of 9 lbf. Is the bracket strong enough? If it is, what would the water depth have to be to cause the bracket to break?

**3.16** A partitioned tank as shown contains water and mercury. What is the gage pressure in the air trapped in the left chamber? What pressure would the air on the left need to be pumped to in order to bring the water and mercury free surfaces level?



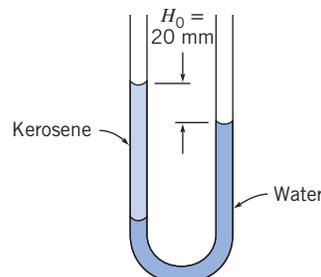
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**3.17** Consider the two-fluid manometer shown. Calculate the applied pressure difference.



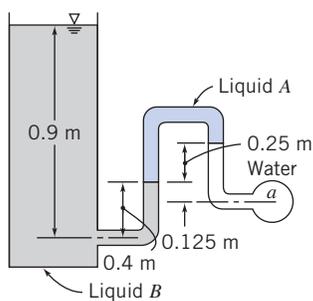
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**3.18** The manometer shown contains water and kerosene. With both tubes open to the atmosphere, the free-surface elevations differ by  $H_o = 20.0 \text{ mm}$ . Determine the elevation difference when a pressure of 98.0 Pa gage is applied to the right tube.



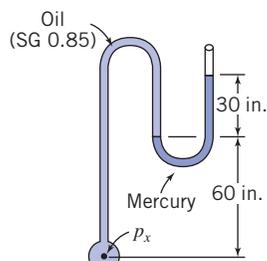
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**3.19** Determine the gage pressure in kPa at point  $a$ , if liquid  $A$  has  $SG = 1.20$  and liquid  $B$  has  $SG = 0.75$ . The liquid surrounding point  $a$  is water, and the tank on the left is open to the atmosphere.



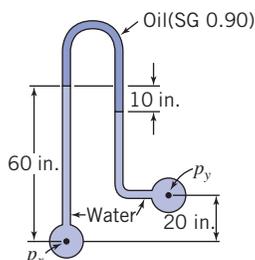
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3.20 With the manometer reading as shown, calculate  $p_x$ .



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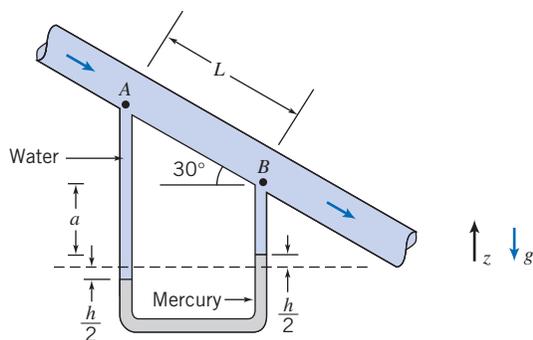
3.21 Calculate  $p_x - p_y$  for this inverted U-tube manometer.



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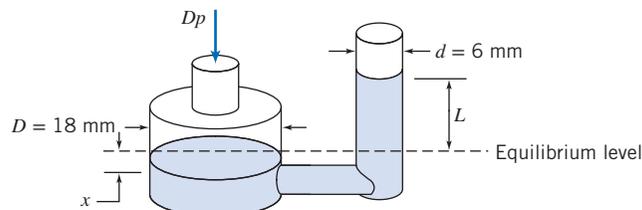
3.22 An inclined gauge having a tube of 3-mm bore, laid on a slope of 1:20, and a reservoir of 25-mm-diameter contains silicon oil (SG 0.84). What distance will the oil move along the tube when a pressure of 25-mm of water is connected to the gauge?

3.23 Water flows downward along a pipe that is inclined at  $30^\circ$  below the horizontal, as shown. Pressure difference  $p_A - p_B$  is due partly to gravity and partly to friction. Derive an algebraic expression for the pressure difference. Evaluate the pressure difference if  $L = 5$  ft and  $h = 6$  in.



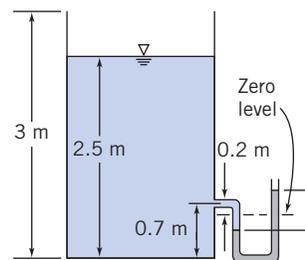
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3.24 A reservoir manometer has vertical tubes of diameter  $D = 18$  mm and  $d = 6$  mm. The manometer liquid is Meriam red oil. Develop an algebraic expression for liquid deflection  $L$  in the small tube when gage pressure  $\Delta p$  is applied to the reservoir. Evaluate the liquid deflection when the applied pressure is equivalent to 25 mm of water gage.



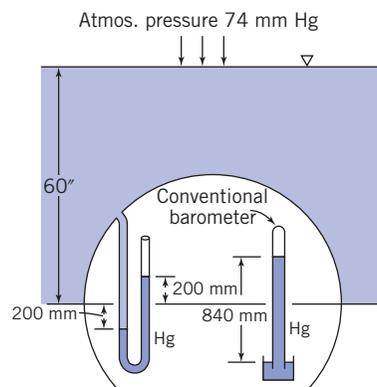
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3.25 A rectangular tank, open to the atmosphere, is filled with water to a depth of 2.5 m as shown. A U-tube manometer is connected to the tank at a location 0.7 m above the tank bottom. If the zero level of the Meriam blue manometer fluid is 0.2 m below the connection, determine the deflection  $l$  after the manometer is connected and all air has been removed from the connecting leg.



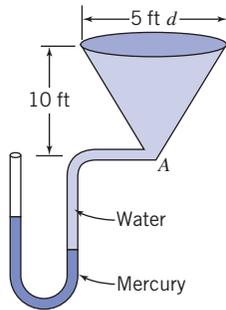
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3.26 The sketch shows a sectional view through a submarine. Calculate the depth of submergence,  $y$ . Assume the specific weight of seawater is  $10.0 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .



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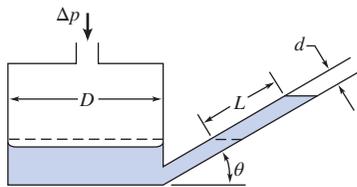
3.27 The manometer reading is 6 in. when the funnel is empty (water surface at A). Calculate the manometer reading when the funnel is filled with water.



P3.27

**3.28** A reservoir manometer is calibrated for use with a liquid of specific gravity 0.827. The reservoir diameter is 5/8 in. and the vertical tube diameter is 3/16 in. Calculate the required distance between marks on the vertical scale for 1 in. of water pressure difference.

**3.29** The inclined-tube manometer shown has  $D = 96$  mm and  $d = 8$  mm. Determine the angle,  $\theta$ , required to provide a 5:1 increase in liquid deflection,  $L$ , compared with the total deflection in a regular U-tube manometer. Evaluate the sensitivity of this inclined-tube manometer.



P3.29, P3.30

**3.30** The inclined-tube manometer shown has  $D = 76$  mm and  $d = 8$  mm, and is filled with Meriam red oil. Compute the angle,  $\theta$ , that will give a 15-cm oil deflection along the inclined tube for an applied pressure of 25 mm of water gage. Determine the sensitivity of this manometer.

**3.31** A barometer accidentally contains 6.5 inches of water on top of the mercury column (so there is also water vapor instead of a vacuum at the top of the barometer). On a day when the temperature is 70°F, the mercury column height is 28.35 inches (corrected for thermal expansion). Determine the barometric pressure in psia. If the ambient temperature increased to 85°F and the barometric pressure did not change, would the mercury column be longer, be shorter, or remain the same length? Justify your answer.

**3.32** A water column stands 50 mm high in a 2.5-mm diameter glass tube. What would be the column height if the surface tension were zero? What would be the column height in a 1.0-mm diameter tube?

**3.33** Consider a small-diameter open-ended tube inserted at the interface between two immiscible fluids of different densities. Derive an expression for the height difference  $\Delta h$  between the interface level inside and outside the tube in terms of tube diameter  $D$ , the two fluid densities  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$ , and the surface tension  $\sigma$  and angle  $\theta$  for the two fluids' interface. If the two fluids are water and mercury, find the height difference if the tube diameter is 40 mils (1 mil = 0.001 in.).

**3.34** Compare the height due to capillary action of water exposed to air in a circular tube of diameter  $D = 0.5$  mm, and between two infinite vertical parallel plates of gap  $a = 0.5$  mm.

**3.35** Based on the atmospheric temperature data of the U.S. Standard Atmosphere of Fig. 3.3, compute and plot the pressure variation with altitude, and compare with the pressure data of Table A.3.

**3.36** At ground level in Denver, Colorado, the atmospheric pressure and temperature are 83.2 kPa and 25°C. Calculate the pressure on Pike's Peak at an elevation of 2690 m above the city assuming (a) an incompressible and (b) an adiabatic atmosphere. Plot the ratio of pressure to ground level pressure in Denver as a function of elevation for both cases.

**3.37** If atmospheric pressure at the ground is 101.3 kPa and temperature is 15°C, calculate the pressure 7.62 km above the ground, assuming (a) no density variation, (b) isothermal variation of density with pressure, and (c) adiabatic variation of density with pressure.

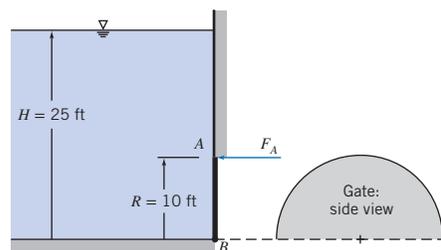
**3.38** If the temperature in the atmosphere is assumed to vary linearly with altitude so  $T = T_o - \alpha z$  where  $T_o$  is the sea level temperature and  $\alpha = -dT/dz$  is the temperature lapse rate, find  $p(z)$  when air is taken to be a perfect gas. Give the answer in terms of  $p_o$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $g$ ,  $R$  and  $z$  only.

**3.39** A door 1 m wide and 1.5 m high is located in a plane vertical wall of a water tank. The door is hinged along its upper edge, which is 1 m below the water surface. Atmospheric pressure acts on the outer surface of the door and at the water surface. (a) Determine the magnitude and line of action of the total resultant force from all fluids acting on the door. (b) If the water surface gage pressure is raised to 0.3 atm, what is the resultant force and where is its line of action? (c) Plot the ratios  $F/F_0$  and  $y'/y_c$  for different values of the surface pressure ratio  $p_s/p_{atm}$ . ( $F_0$  is the resultant force when  $p_s/p_{atm} = 1$ .)

**3.40** A hydropneumatic elevator consists of a piston-cylinder assembly to lift the elevator cab. Hydraulic oil, stored in an accumulator tank pressurized by air, is valved to the piston as needed to lift the elevator. When the elevator descends, oil is returned to the accumulator. Design the least expensive accumulator that can satisfy the system requirements. Assume the lift is 3 floors, the maximum load is 10 passengers, and the maximum system pressure is 800 kPa gage. For column bending strength, the piston diameter must be at least 150 mm. The elevator cab and piston have a combined mass of 3000 kg, and are to be purchased. Perform the analysis needed to define, as a function of system operating pressure, the piston diameter, the accumulator volume and diameter, and the wall thickness. Discuss safety features that your company should specify for the complete elevator system. Would it be preferable to use a completely pneumatic design or a completely hydraulic design? Why?

### Hydrostatic Force on Submerged Surfaces

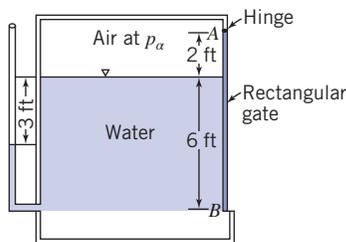
**3.41** Semicircular plane gate  $AB$  is hinged along  $B$  and held by horizontal force  $F_A$  applied at  $A$ . The liquid to the left of the gate is water. Calculate the force  $F_A$  required for equilibrium.



P3.41

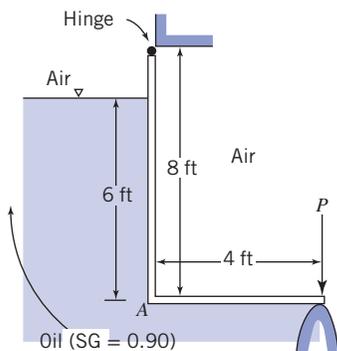
**3.42** A circular gate 3 m in diameter has its center 2.5 m below a water surface and lies in a plane sloping at  $60^\circ$ . Calculate magnitude, direction, and location of total force on the gate.

**3.43** For the situation shown, find the air pressure in the tank in psi. Calculate the force exerted on the gate at the support  $B$  if the gate is 10 ft wide. Show a free body diagram of the gate with all the forces drawn in and their points of application located.



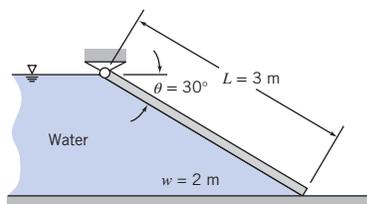
**P3.43**

**3.44** What is the pressure at  $A$ ? Draw a free body diagram of the 10-ft wide gate showing all forces and the locations of their lines of action. Calculate the minimum force  $P$  necessary to keep the gate closed.



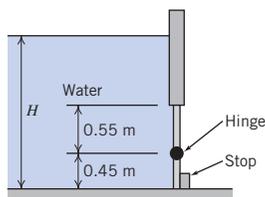
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**3.45** A plane gate of uniform thickness holds back a depth of water as shown. Find the minimum weight needed to keep the gate closed.



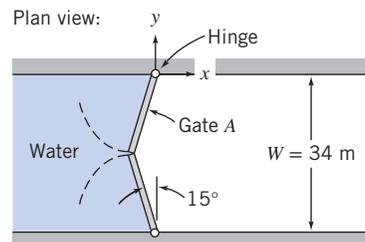
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**3.46** A rectangular gate (width  $w = 2$  m) is hinged as shown, with a stop on the lower edge. At what depth  $H$  will the gate tip?



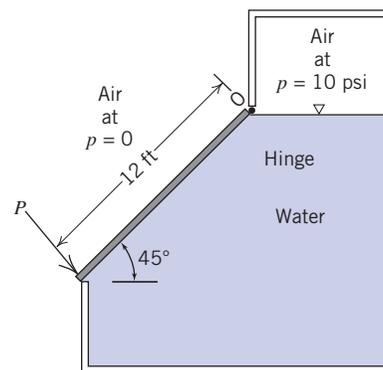
**P3.46**

**3.47** Gates in the Poe Lock at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, close a channel  $W = 34$  m wide,  $L = 360$  m long, and  $D = 10$  m deep. The geometry of one pair of gates is shown; each gate is hinged at the channel wall. When closed, the gate edges are forced together at the center of the channel by water pressure. Evaluate the force exerted by the water on gate  $A$ . Determine the magnitude and direction of the force components exerted by the gate on the hinge. Neglect the weight of the gate.



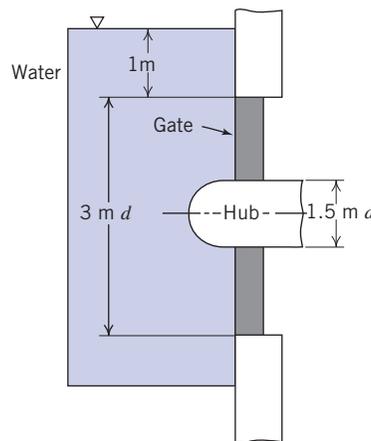
**P3.47**

**3.48** Calculate the minimum force  $P$  necessary to hold a uniform 12 ft square gate weighing 500 lb closed on a tank of water under a pressure of 10 psi. Draw a free body of the gate as part of your solution.



**P3.48**

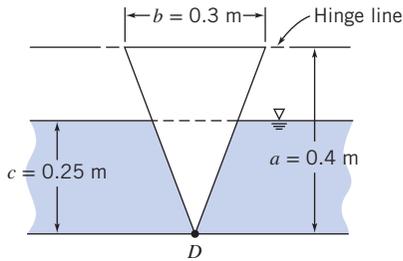
**3.49** Calculate magnitude and location of the resultant force of water on this annular gate.



**P3.49**

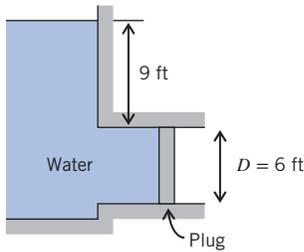
**3.50** A vertical rectangular gate 2.4 m wide and 2.7 m high is subjected to water pressure on one side, the water surface being at the top of the gate. The gate is hinged at the bottom and is held by a horizontal chain at the top. What is the tension in the chain?

 **3.51** A window in the shape of an isosceles triangle and hinged at the top is placed in the vertical wall of a form that contains liquid concrete. Determine the minimum force that must be applied at point *D* to keep the window closed for the configuration of form and concrete shown. Plot the results over the range of concrete depth  $0 \leq c \leq a$



**P3.51**

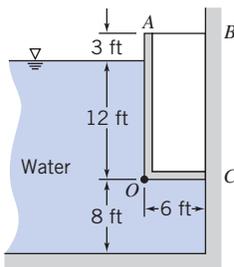
**3.52** A large open tank contains water and is connected to a 6-ft-diameter conduit as shown. A circular plug is used to seal the conduit. Determine the magnitude, direction, and location of the force of the water on the plug.



**P3.52**

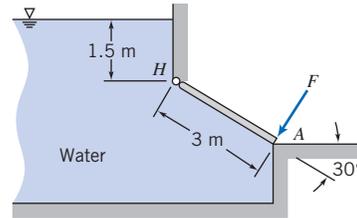
**3.53** The circular access port in the side of a water standpipe has a diameter of 0.6 m and is held in place by eight bolts evenly spaced around the circumference. If the standpipe diameter is 7 m and the center of the port is located 12 m below the free surface of the water, determine (a) the total force on the port and (b) the appropriate bolt diameter.

**3.54** The gate *AOC* shown is 6 ft wide and is hinged along *O*. Neglecting the weight of the gate, determine the force in bar *AB*. The gate is sealed at *C*.



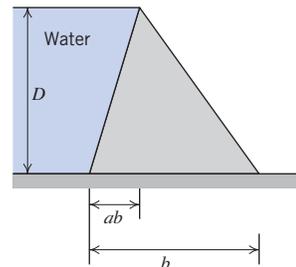
**P3.54**

**3.55** The gate shown is hinged at *H*. The gate is 3 m wide normal to the plane of the diagram. Calculate the force required at *A* to hold the gate closed.



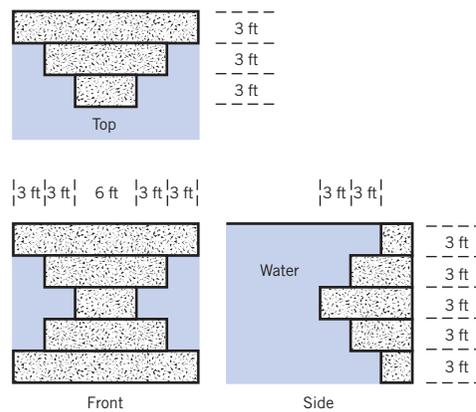
**P3.55**

**3.56** A solid concrete dam is to be built to hold back a depth *D* of water. For ease of construction the walls of the dam must be planar. Your supervisor asks you to consider the following dam cross-sections: a rectangle, a right triangle with the hypotenuse in contact with the water, and a right triangle with the vertical in contact with the water. The supervisor wishes you to determine which of these would require the least amount of concrete. What will your report say? You decide to look at one more possibility: a nonright triangle, as shown. Develop and plot an expression for the cross-sectional area *A* as a function of *a*, and find the minimum cross-sectional area.



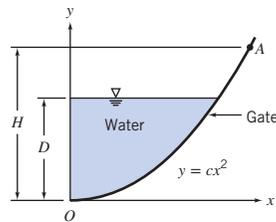
**P3.56**

**3.57** For the dam shown, what is the vertical force of the water on the dam?



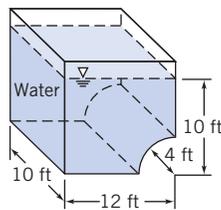
**P3.57**

**3.58** The parabolic gate shown is 2 m wide and pivoted at *O*;  $c = 0.25 \text{ m}^{-1}$ ,  $D = 2 \text{ m}$ , and  $H = 3 \text{ m}$ . Determine (a) the magnitude and line of action of the vertical force on the gate due to the water, (b) the horizontal force applied at *A* required to maintain the gate in equilibrium, and (c) the vertical force applied at *A* required to maintain the gate in equilibrium.



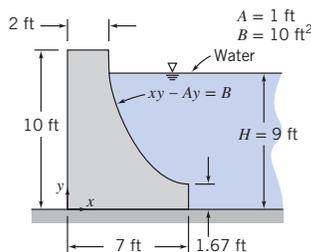
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3.59 An open tank is filled with water to the depth indicated. Atmospheric pressure acts on all outer surfaces of the tank. Determine the magnitude and line of action of the vertical component of the force of the water on the curved part of the tank bottom.



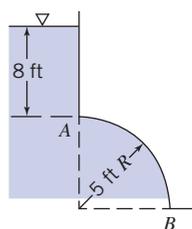
P3.59

3.60 A dam is to be constructed using the cross-section shown. Assume the dam width is  $w = 160$  ft. For water height  $H = 9$  ft, calculate the magnitude and line of action of the vertical force of water on the dam face. Is it possible for water forces to overturn this dam? Under what circumstances will this happen?



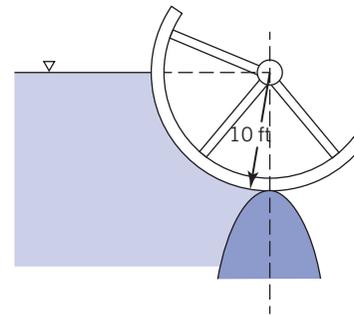
P3.60

3.61 The quarter cylinder  $AB$  is 10 ft long. Calculate magnitude, direction, and location of the resultant force of the water on  $AB$ .



P3.61

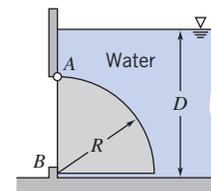
3.62 Calculate the magnitude, direction (horizontal and vertical components are acceptable), and line of action of the resultant force exerted by the water on the cylindrical gate 30 ft long.



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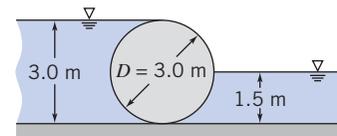
3.63 A hemispherical shell 1.2 m in diameter is connected to the vertical wall of a tank containing water. If the center of the shell is 1.8 m below the water surface, what are the vertical and horizontal force components on the shell? On the top half of the shell?

3.64 A gate, in the shape of a quarter-cylinder, hinged at  $A$  and sealed at  $B$ , is 3 m wide. The bottom of the gate is 4.5 m below the water surface. Determine the force on the stop at  $B$  if the gate is made of concrete;  $R = 3$  m.



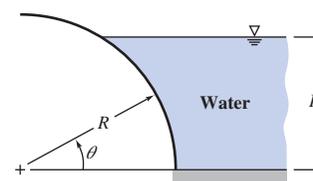
P3.64

3.65 A cylindrical weir has a diameter of 3 m and a length of 6 m. Find the magnitude and direction of the resultant force acting on the weir from the water.



P3.65

3.66 A curved surface is formed as a quarter of a circular cylinder with  $R = 0.750$  m as shown. The surface is  $w = 3.55$  m wide. Water stands to the right of the curved surface to depth  $H = 0.650$  m. Calculate the vertical hydrostatic force on the curved surface. Evaluate the line of action of this force. Find the magnitude and line of action of the horizontal force on the surface.

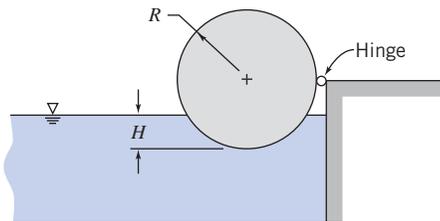


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**Buoyancy and Stability**

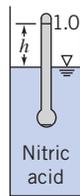
**3.67** If you throw an anchor out of your canoe but the rope is too short for the anchor to rest on the bottom of the pond, will your canoe float higher, lower, or stay the same? Prove your answer.

 **3.68** The cylinder shown is supported by an incompressible liquid of density  $\rho$ , and is hinged along its length. The cylinder, of mass  $M$ , length  $L$ , and radius  $R$ , is immersed in liquid to depth  $H$ . Obtain a general expression for the cylinder specific gravity versus the ratio of liquid depth to cylinder radius,  $\alpha = H/R$ , needed to hold the cylinder in equilibrium for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ . Plot the results.



**P3.68**

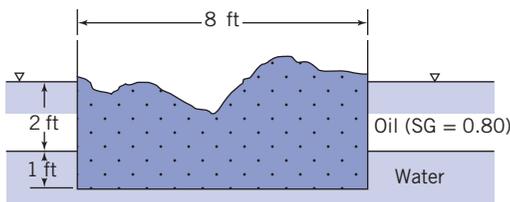
**3.69** A hydrometer is a specific gravity indicator, the value being indicated by the level at which the free surface intersects the stem when floating in a liquid. The 1.0 mark is the level when in distilled water. For the unit shown, the immersed volume in distilled water is  $15 \text{ cm}^3$ . The stem is 6 mm in diameter. Find the distance,  $h$ , from the 1.0 mark to the surface when the hydrometer is placed in a nitric acid solution of specific gravity 1.5.



**P3.69**

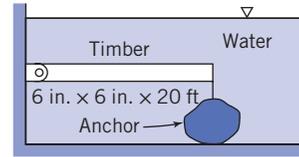
**3.70** A cylindrical can 76 mm in diameter and 152 mm high, weighing 1.11 N, contains water to a depth of 76 mm. When this can is placed in water, how deep will it sink?

**3.71** If the 10-ft-long box is floating on the oil-water system, calculate how much the box and its contents must weigh.



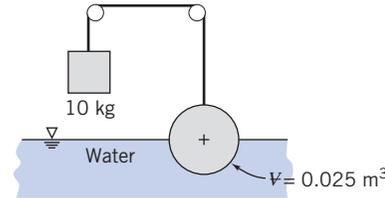
**P3.71**

**3.72** The timber weighs  $40 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  and is held in a horizontal position by the concrete ( $150 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ ) anchor. Calculate the minimum total weight which the anchor may have.



**P3.72**

**3.73** Find the specific weight of the sphere shown if its volume is  $0.025 \text{ m}^3$ . State all assumptions. What is the equilibrium position of the sphere if the weight is removed? 

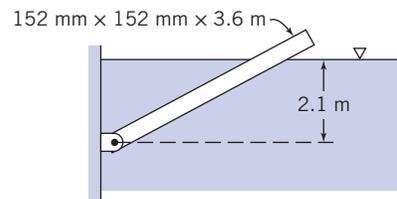


**P3.73**

**3.74** The fat-to-muscle ratio of a person may be determined from a specific gravity measurement. The measurement is made by immersing the body in a tank of water and measuring the net weight. Develop an expression for the specific gravity of a person in terms of their weight in air, net weight in water, and  $SG = f(T)$  for water.

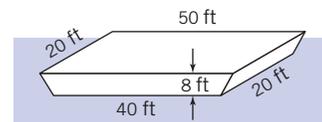
**3.75** An open tank is filled to the top with water. A steel cylindrical container, wall thickness  $\delta = 1 \text{ mm}$ , outside diameter  $D = 100 \text{ mm}$ , and height  $H = 1 \text{ m}$ , with an open top, is gently placed in the water. What is the volume of water that overflows from the tank? How many 1 kg weights must be placed in the container to make it sink? Neglect surface tension effects.

**3.76** If the timber weighs 670 N, calculate its angle of inclination when the water surface is 2.1 m above the pivot. Above what depth will the timber stand vertically?



**P3.76**

**3.77** The barge shown weighs 40 tons and carries a cargo of 40 tons. Calculate its draft in freshwater.



**P3.77**

**3.78** Quantify the experiment performed by Archimedes to identify the material content of King Hiero's crown. Assume you can measure the weight of the king's crown in air,  $W_a$ , and the weight in water,

$W_w$ . Express the specific gravity of the crown as a function of these measured values.

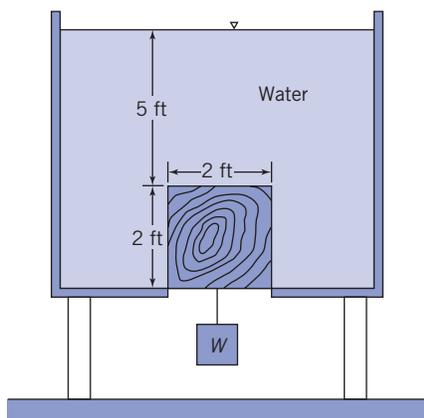
**3.79** Hot-air ballooning is a popular sport. According to a recent article, “hot-air volumes must be large because air heated to 150°F over ambient lifts only 0.018 lbf/ft<sup>3</sup> compared to 0.066 and 0.071 for helium and hydrogen, respectively.” Check these statements for sea-level conditions. Calculate the effect of increasing the hot-air maximum temperature to 250°F above ambient.

**3.80** It is desired to use a hot air balloon with a volume of 320,000 ft<sup>3</sup> for rides planned in summer morning hours when the air temperature is about 48°F. The torch will warm the air inside the balloon to a temperature of 160°F. Both inside and outside pressures will be “standard” (14.7 psia). How much mass can be carried by the balloon (basket, fuel, passengers, personal items, and the component of the balloon itself) if neutral buoyancy is to be assured? What mass can be carried by the balloon to ensure vertical takeoff acceleration of 2.5 ft/s<sup>2</sup>? For this, consider that both balloon and inside air have to be accelerated, as well as some of the surrounding air (to make way for the balloon). The rule of thumb is that the total mass subject to acceleration is the mass of the balloon, all its appurtenances, and twice its volume of air. Given that the volume of hot air is fixed during the flight, what can the balloonists do when they want to go down?

**3.81** The opening in the bottom of the tank is square and slightly less than 2 ft on each side. The opening is to be plugged with a wooden cube 2 ft on a side.

(a) What weight  $W$  should be attached to the wooden cube to insure successful plugging of the hole? The wood weighs 40 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>.

(b) What upward force must be exerted on the block to lift it and allow water to drain from the tank?



P3.81

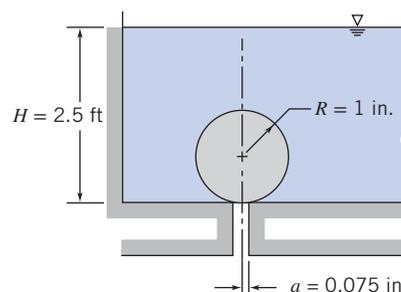
**3.82** A balloon has a weight (including crew but not gas) of 2.2 kN and a gas-bag capacity of 566 m<sup>3</sup>. At the ground it is partially inflated with 445 N of helium. How high can this balloon rise in the U.S. Standard Atmosphere (Appendix A) if the helium always assumes the pressure and temperature of the atmosphere?

**3.83** A helium balloon is to lift a payload to an altitude of 40 km, where the atmospheric pressure and temperature are 3.0 mbar and -25°C, respectively. The balloon skin is polyester with specific gravity of 1.28 and thickness of 0.015 mm. To maintain a spherical shape, the balloon is pressurized to a gage pressure of 0.45 mbar. Determine the maximum balloon diameter if the allowable tensile stress in the skin is limited to 62 MN/m<sup>2</sup>. What payload can be carried?

**3.84** The stem of a glass hydrometer used to measure specific gravity is 5 mm in diameter. The distance between marks on the stem is 2 mm per 0.1 increment of specific gravity. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the error introduced by surface tension if the hydrometer floats in kerosene. (Assume the contact angle between kerosene and glass is 0°.)

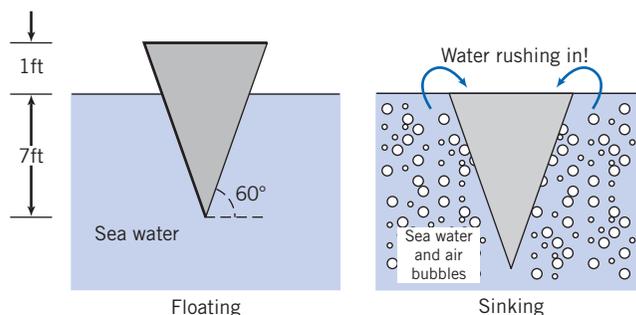
**3.85** A sphere of radius  $R$  is partially immersed to depth  $d$  in a liquid of specific gravity SG. Obtain an algebraic expression for the buoyancy force acting on the sphere as a function of submersion depth  $d$ . Plot the results over the range of water depth  $0 \leq d \leq 2R$ .

**3.86** A sphere of 1-in.-radius made from material of specific gravity of SG = 0.95, is submerged in a tank of water. The sphere is placed over a hole of 0.075-in.-radius in the tank bottom. When the sphere is released, will it stay on the bottom of the tank or float to the surface?



P3.86

**3.87** You are in the Bermuda Triangle when you see a bubble plume eruption (a large mass of air bubbles, similar to foam) off to the side of the boat. Do you want to head toward it and be part of the action? What is the effective density of the water and air bubbles in the drawing on the right that will cause the boat to sink? Your boat is 10 ft long, and weight is the same in both cases.



P3.87

**3.88** Three steel balls (each about half an inch in diameter) lie at the bottom of a plastic shell floating on the water surface in a partially filled bucket. Someone removes the steel balls from the shell and carefully lets them fall to the bottom of the bucket, leaving the plastic shell to float empty. What happens to the water level in the bucket? Does it rise, go down, or remain unchanged? Explain.

**3.89** A proposed ocean salvage scheme involves pumping air into “bags” placed within and around a wrecked vessel on the sea bottom. Comment on the practicality of this plan, supporting your conclusions with analyses.

## CHAPTER 4

# Basic Equations in Integral Form for a Control Volume

- 4.1 Basic Laws for a System
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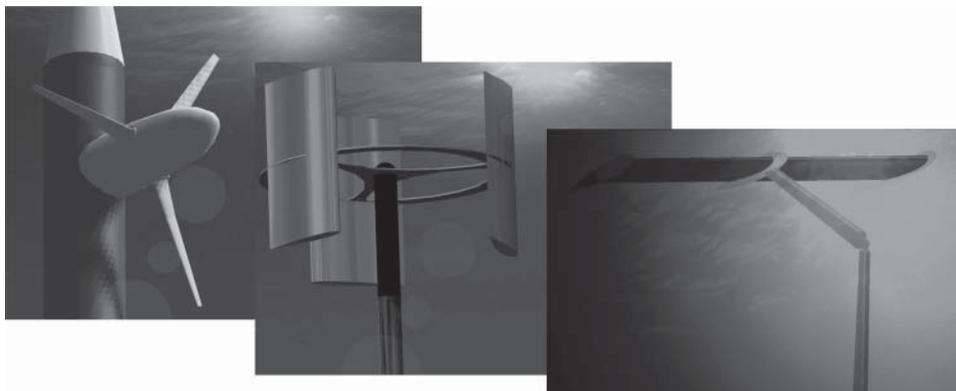
### Case Study

#### Ocean Current Power: *The Vivace*

The flow of water in the currents of the ocean and rivers represent a large source of renewable power. Although ocean and river currents move slowly compared to typical wind speeds, they carry a great deal of energy because water is about 1000 times as dense as air, and the energy flux in a current is directly proportional to density. Hence water moving at 10 mph exerts about the same amount of force as a 100-mph wind. Ocean and river currents thus contain an enormous amount of energy that can be captured and converted to a usable form. For example, near the surface of the Florida Straits Current, the relatively constant extractable energy density is about  $1 \text{ kW/m}^2$  of flow area. It has been estimated that capturing just 1/1000th of the available energy from the Gulf Stream could supply Florida with 35 percent of its electrical needs.

Ocean current energy is at an early stage of development, and only a small number of prototypes and demonstration units have so far been tested. A team of young engineers at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland recently did a survey of current developments. They found that perhaps the most obvious approach is to

use submerged turbines. The first figure shows a horizontal-axis turbine (which is similar to a wind turbine) and a vertical-axis turbine. In each case, columns, cables, or anchors are required to keep the turbines stationary relative to the currents with which they interact. For example, they may be tethered with cables, in such a way that the current interacts with the turbine to maintain its location and stability; this is analogous to underwater kite flying in which the turbine plays the role of kite and the ocean-bottom anchor, the role of kite flyer. Turbines can include venturi-shaped shrouds around the blades to increase the flow speed and power output from the turbine. In regions with powerful currents over a large area, turbines could be assembled in clusters, similar to wind turbine farms. Space would be needed between the water turbines to eliminate wake-interaction effects and to allow access by maintenance vessels. The engineers at Strathclyde also discuss the third device shown in the figure, an oscillating foil design, in which a hydrofoil's angle of attack would be repeatedly adjusted to generate a lift force that is upward, then downward. The mechanism and controls would use this oscillating force to generate power. The advantage of this design



A horizontal- and a vertical-axis turbine, and an oscillating foil device.

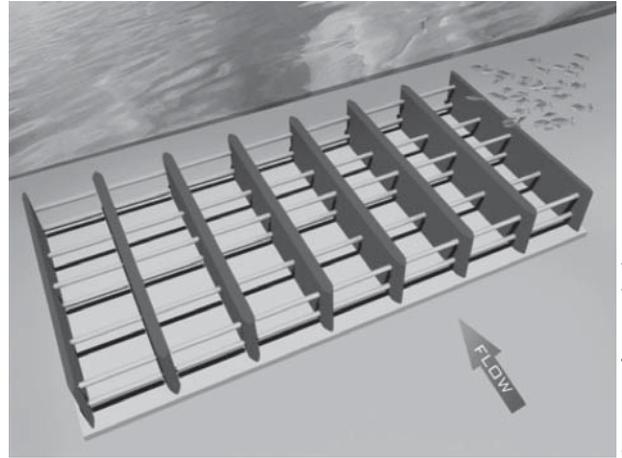
Courtesy the University of Strathclyde

is that there are no rotating parts that could become fouled, but the disadvantage is that the control systems involved would be quite complex.

For ocean current energy to be commercially successful, a number of technical challenges need to be addressed, including cavitation problems, prevention of marine growth buildup on turbine blades, and corrosion resistance. Environmental concerns include the protection of wildlife (fish and marine mammals) from turning turbine blades.

As the research in these types of turbines and foils continues, engineers are also looking at alternative devices. A good example is the work of Professor Michael Bernitsas, of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at the University of Michigan. He has developed a novel device, called a VIVACE converter, which uses the well-known phenomenon of vortex-induced vibrations to extract power from a flowing current. We are all familiar with vortex-induced vibrations, in which an object in a flow is made to vibrate due to vortices shedding first from one side and then the other side of the object's rear. For example, cables or wires often vibrate in the wind, sometimes sufficiently to make noise (*Aeolian tones*); many factory chimneys and car antennas have a spiral surface built into them specifically to suppress this vibration. Another famous example is the collapse of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington State in 1940, which many engineers believe was due to vortex-shedding of cross winds (a quite scary, but fascinating, video of this can easily be found on the Internet). Professor Bernitsas has made a source of energy from a phenomenon that is usually a nuisance or a danger!

The figure shows a conceptualization of his device, which consists of an assemblage of horizontal submerged cylinders. As the current flows across these, vortex shedding occurs, generating an oscillating up-and-down force on each cylinder. Instead of the cylinders being rigidly mounted, they are attached to a hydraulic system designed in such a way that, as the cylinders are forced up and down, they generate power. Whereas existing turbine systems need a current of about 5 knots to operate efficiently, the Vivace can generate energy using currents that are as slow as 1 knot (most of the earth's currents are slower than 3 knots).



Courtesy Professor Michael Bernitsas

A VIVACE converter.

The device also does not obstruct views or access on the water's surface because it can be installed on the river or ocean floor. It's probable that this new technology is gentler on aquatic life because it is slow moving and mimics the natural vortex patterns created by the movement of swimming fish. An installation of  $1 \times 1.5$  km (less than  $1/2$  mi<sup>2</sup>) in a current of 3 knots could generate enough power for 100,000 homes. A prototype, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Office Naval Research, is currently operating in the Marine Hydrodynamics Laboratory at the University of Michigan.

The design of a device such as the VIVACE converter brings in the basic relations for a control volume as presented in this chapter. The flow of water through it is governed by the conservation of mass principle, the forces by the momentum principles, and the energy produced by thermodynamic laws. In addition to these basic relations, the phenomenon of vortex shedding is discussed in Chapter 9; the vortex flow meter, which exploits the phenomenon to measure flow rate, is discussed in Chapter 8. We will discuss airfoil design in Chapter 9 and concepts behind the operation of turbines and propellers in Chapter 10.

We are now ready to study fluids in motion, so we have to decide how we are to examine a flowing fluid. There are two options available to us, discussed in Chapter 1:

- 1 We can study the motion of an *individual fluid particle or group of particles* as they move through space. This is the *system* approach, which has the advantage that the physical laws (e.g., Newton's second law,  $\vec{F} = d\vec{P}/dt$ , where  $\vec{F}$  is the force and  $d\vec{P}/dt$  is the rate of momentum change of the fluid) apply to matter and hence directly to the system. One disadvantage is that in practice the math associated with this approach can become somewhat complicated, usually leading to a set of partial differential equations. We will look at this approach in detail in Chapter 5. The system approach is needed if we are interested in studying the trajectory of particles over time, for example, in pollution studies.
- 2 We can study a *region of space* as fluid flows through it, which is the *control volume* approach. This is very often the method of choice, because it has widespread practical application; for example, in aerodynamics we are usually interested in the lift and drag on a wing (which we select as part of the control volume) rather than what happens to individual fluid particles. The disadvantage of this approach is

that the physical laws apply to matter and not directly to regions of space, so we have to perform some math to convert physical laws from their system formulation to a control volume formulation.

We will examine the control volume approach in this chapter. The alert reader will notice that this chapter has the word *integral* in its title, and Chapter 5 has the word *differential*. This is an important distinction: It indicates that we will study a finite region in this chapter and the motion of a particle (an infinitesimal) in Chapter 5 (although in Section 4.4 we will look at a differential control volume to derive the famous Bernoulli equation). The agenda for this chapter is to review the physical laws as they apply to a system (Section 4.1); develop some math to convert from a system to a control volume (Section 4.2) description; and obtain formulas for the physical laws for control volume analysis by combining the results of Sections 4.1 and 4.2.

## 4.1 Basic Laws for a System

The basic laws we will apply are conservation of mass, Newton's second law, the angular-momentum principle, and the first and second laws of thermodynamics. For converting these system equations to equivalent control volume formulas, it turns out we want to express each of the laws as a rate equation.

### Conservation of Mass

For a system (by definition a specified amount of matter,  $M$ , we have chosen) we have the simple result that  $M = \text{constant}$ . However, as discussed above, we wish to express each physical law as a rate equation, so we write

$$\left. \frac{dM}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} = 0 \quad (4.1a)$$

where

$$M_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} dm = \int_{\forall(\text{system})} \rho d\forall \quad (4.1b)$$

### Newton's Second Law

For a system moving relative to an inertial reference frame, Newton's second law states that the sum of all external forces acting on the system is equal to the time rate of change of linear momentum of the system,

$$\left. \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} \quad (4.2a)$$

where the linear momentum of the system is given by

$$\vec{P}_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{V} dm = \int_{\forall(\text{system})} \vec{V} \rho d\forall \quad (4.2b)$$

### The Angular-Momentum Principle

The angular-momentum principle for a system states that the rate of change of angular momentum is equal to the sum of all torques acting on the system,

$$\left. \vec{T} = \frac{d\vec{H}}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} \quad (4.3a)$$

where the angular momentum of the system is given by

$$\vec{H}_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} dm = \int_{\forall(\text{system})} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho d\forall \quad (4.3b)$$

Torque can be produced by surface and body forces (here gravity) and also by shafts that cross the system boundary,

$$\vec{T} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}_s + \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} \, dm + \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} \quad (4.3c)$$

### The First Law of Thermodynamics

The first law of thermodynamics is a statement of conservation of energy for a system,

$$\delta Q - \delta W = dE$$

The equation can be written in rate form as

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W} = \left( \frac{dE}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} \quad (4.4a)$$

where the total energy of the system is given by

$$E_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} e \, dm = \int_{\forall(\text{system})} e \rho \, d\forall \quad (4.4b)$$

and

$$e = u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \quad (4.4c)$$

In Eq. 4.4a,  $\dot{Q}$  (the rate of heat transfer) is positive when heat is added to the system from the surroundings;  $\dot{W}$  (the rate of work) is positive when work is done by the system on its surroundings. In Eq. 4.4c,  $u$  is the specific internal energy,  $V$  the speed, and  $z$  the height (relative to a convenient datum) of a particle of substance having mass  $dm$ .

### The Second Law of Thermodynamics

If an amount of heat,  $\delta Q$ , is transferred to a system at temperature  $T$ , the second law of thermodynamics states that the change in entropy,  $dS$ , of the system satisfies

$$dS \geq \frac{\delta Q}{T}$$

On a rate basis we can write

$$\left( \frac{dS}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} \geq \frac{1}{T} \dot{Q} \quad (4.5a)$$

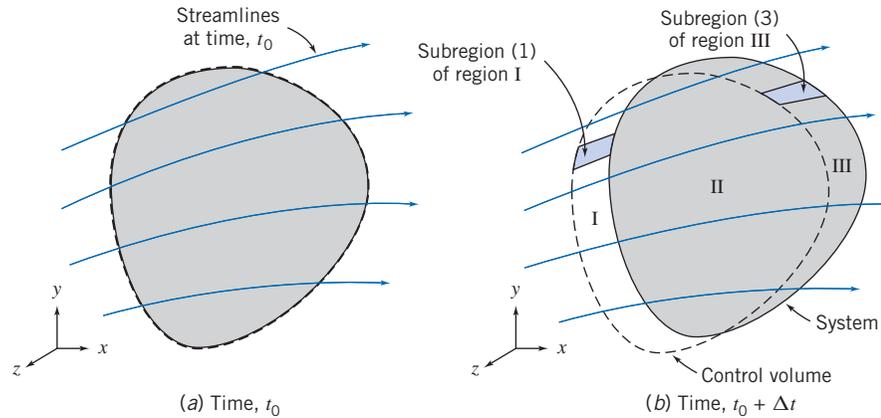
where the total entropy of the system is given by

$$S_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} s \, dm = \int_{\forall(\text{system})} s \rho \, d\forall \quad (4.5b)$$

## 4.2 Relation of System Derivatives to the Control Volume Formulation

We now have the five basic laws expressed as system rate equations. Our task in this section is to develop a general expression for converting a system rate equation into an equivalent control volume equation. Instead of converting the equations for rates of change of  $M$ ,  $\vec{P}$ ,  $\vec{H}$ ,  $E$ , and  $S$  (Eqs. 4.1a, 4.2a, 4.3a, 4.4a, and 4.5a) one by one, we let all of them be represented by the symbol  $N$ . Hence  $N$  represents the amount of mass, or momentum, or angular momentum, or energy, or entropy of the system. Corresponding to this extensive property, we will also need the intensive (i.e., per unit mass) property  $\eta$ . Thus

$$N_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \eta \, dm = \int_{\forall(\text{system})} \eta \rho \, d\forall \quad (4.6)$$



**Fig. 4.1** System and control volume configuration.

Comparing Eq. 4.6 with Eqs. 4.1b, 4.2b, 4.3b, 4.4b, and 4.5b, we see that if:

$$\begin{aligned}
 N = M, & \quad \text{then } \eta = 1 \\
 N = \vec{P}, & \quad \text{then } \eta = \vec{V} \\
 N = \vec{H}, & \quad \text{then } \eta = \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \\
 N = E, & \quad \text{then } \eta = e \\
 N = S, & \quad \text{then } \eta = s
 \end{aligned}$$

How can we derive a control volume description from a system description of a fluid flow? Before specifically answering this question, we can describe the derivation in general terms. We imagine selecting an arbitrary piece of the flowing fluid at some time  $t_0$ , as shown in Fig. 4.1a—we could imagine dyeing this piece of fluid, say, blue. This initial shape of the fluid system is chosen as our control volume, which is fixed in space relative to coordinates  $xyz$ . After an infinitesimal time  $\Delta t$  the system will have moved (probably changing shape as it does so) to a new location, as shown in Fig. 4.1b. The laws we discussed above apply to this piece of fluid—for example, its mass will be constant (Eq. 4.1a). By examining the geometry of the system/control volume pair at  $t = t_0$  and at  $t = t_0 + \Delta t$ , we will be able to obtain control volume formulations of the basic laws.

## Derivation

From Fig. 4.1 we see that the system, which was entirely within the control volume at time  $t_0$ , is partially out of the control volume at time  $t_0 + \Delta t$ . In fact, three regions can be identified. These are: regions I and II, which together make up the control volume, and region III, which, with region II, is the location of the system at time  $t_0 + \Delta t$ .

Recall that our objective is to relate the rate of change of any arbitrary extensive property,  $N$ , of the system to quantities associated with the control volume. From the definition of a derivative, the rate of change of  $N_{\text{system}}$  is given by

$$\left. \frac{dN}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} \equiv \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_s)_{t_0 + \Delta t} - N_s)_{t_0}}{\Delta t} \quad (4.7)$$

For convenience, subscript  $s$  has been used to denote the system in the definition of a derivative in Eq. 4.7.

From the geometry of Fig. 4.1,

$$N_s)_{t_0 + \Delta t} = (N_{\text{II}} + N_{\text{III}})_{t_0 + \Delta t} = (N_{\text{CV}} - N_{\text{I}} + N_{\text{III}})_{t_0 + \Delta t}$$

and

$$N_s)_{t_0} = (N_{\text{CV}})_{t_0}$$

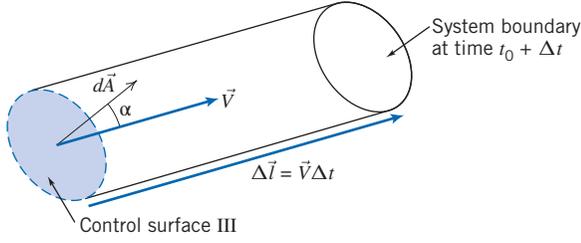


Fig. 4.2 Enlarged view of subregion (3) from Fig. 4.1.

Substituting into the definition of the system derivative, Eq. 4.7, we obtain

$$\left. \frac{dN}{dt} \right)_s = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(N_{CV} - N_I + N_{III})_{t_0 + \Delta t} - N_{CV})_{t_0}}{\Delta t}$$

Since the limit of a sum is equal to the sum of the limits, we can write

$$\left. \frac{dN}{dt} \right)_s = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_{CV})_{t_0 + \Delta t} - N_{CV})_{t_0}}{\Delta t} + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_{III})_{t_0 + \Delta t}}{\Delta t} - \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_I)_{t_0 + \Delta t}}{\Delta t} \quad (4.8)$$

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Our task now is to evaluate each of the three terms in Eq. 4.8.

Term ① in Eq. 4.8 simplifies to

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_{CV})_{t_0 + \Delta t} - N_{CV})_{t_0}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\partial N_{CV}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.9a)$$

To evaluate term ② we first develop an expression for  $N_{III})_{t_0 + \Delta t}$  by looking at the enlarged view of a typical subregion (subregion (3)) of region III shown in Fig. 4.2. The vector area element  $d\vec{A}$  of the control surface has magnitude  $dA$ , and its direction is the *outward* normal of the area element. In general, the velocity vector  $\vec{V}$  will be at some angle  $\alpha$  with respect to  $d\vec{A}$ .

For this subregion we have

$$dN_{III})_{t_0 + \Delta t} = (\eta \rho d\mathcal{V})_{t_0 + \Delta t}$$

We need to obtain an expression for the volume  $d\mathcal{V}$  of this cylindrical element. The vector length of the cylinder is given by  $\Delta \vec{l} = \vec{V} \Delta t$ . The volume of a prismatic cylinder, whose area  $d\vec{A}$  is at an angle  $\alpha$  to its length  $\Delta \vec{l}$ , is given by  $d\mathcal{V} = \Delta l dA \cos \alpha = \Delta \vec{l} \cdot d\vec{A} = \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \Delta t$ . Hence, for subregion (3) we can write

$$dN_{III})_{t_0 + \Delta t} = \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \Delta t$$

Then, for the entire region III we can integrate and for term ② in Eq. 4.8 obtain

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_{III})_{t_0 + \Delta t}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_{CS_{III}} dN_{III})_{t_0 + \Delta t}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_{CS_{III}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \Delta t}{\Delta t} = \int_{CS_{III}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.9b)$$

We can perform a similar analysis for subregion (1) of region I, and obtain for term in Eq. 4.8

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{N_I)_{t_0 + \Delta t}}{\Delta t} = - \int_{CS_I} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.9c)$$

For subregion (1), the velocity vector acts *into* the control volume, but the area normal *always* (by convention) points outward (angle  $\alpha > \pi/2$ ), so the scalar product in Eq. 4.9c is negative. Hence the minus sign in Eq. 4.9c is needed to cancel the negative result of the scalar product to make sure we obtain a positive result for the amount of matter that was in region I (we can't have negative matter).

This concept of the sign of the scalar product is illustrated in Fig. 4.3 for (a) the general case of an inlet or exit, (b) an exit velocity parallel to the surface normal, and (c) an inlet velocity parallel to the surface normal. Cases (b) and (c) are obviously convenient special cases of (a); the value of the cosine in case (a) automatically generates the correct sign of either an inlet or an exit.

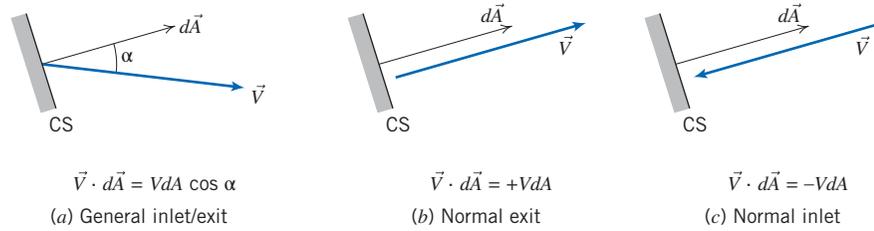


Fig. 4.3 Evaluating the scalar product.

We can finally use Eqs. 4.9a, 4.9b, and 4.9c in Eq. 4.8 to obtain

$$\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}_I} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{\text{CS}_{III}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

and the two last integrals can be combined because CS<sub>I</sub> and CS<sub>III</sub> constitute the entire control surface,

$$\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \tag{4.10}$$

Equation 4.10 is the relation we set out to obtain. It is the fundamental relation between the rate of change of any arbitrary extensive property, *N*, of a system and the variations of this property associated with a control volume. Some authors refer to Eq. 4.10 as the *Reynolds Transport Theorem*.

### Physical Interpretation

It took several pages, but we have reached our goal: We now have a formula (Eq. 4.10) that we can use to convert the rate of change of any extensive property *N* of a system to an equivalent formulation for use with a control volume. We can now use Eq. 4.10 in the various basic physical law equations (Eqs. 4.1a, 4.2a, 4.3a, 4.4a, and 4.5a) one by one, with *N* replaced with each of the properties *M*, *P*, *H*, *E*, and *S* (with corresponding symbols for *η*), to replace system derivatives with control volume expressions. Because we consider the equation itself to be “basic” we repeat it to emphasize its importance:

$$\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \tag{4.10}$$

We need to be clear here: The system is the matter that happens to be passing through the chosen control volume, at the instant we chose. For example, if we chose as a control volume the region contained by an airplane wing and an imaginary rectangular boundary around it, the system would be the mass of the air that is instantaneously contained between the rectangle and the airfoil. Before applying Eq. 4.10 to the physical laws, let’s discuss the meaning of each term of the equation:

- $\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}}$  is the rate of change of the system extensive property *N*. For example, if  $N = \vec{P}$ , we obtain the rate of change of momentum.
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V}$  is the rate of change of the amount of property *N* in the control volume. The term  $\int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V}$  computes the instantaneous value of *N* in the control volume ( $\int_{\text{CV}} \rho d\mathcal{V}$  is the instantaneous mass in the control volume). For example, if  $N = \vec{P}$ , then  $\eta = \vec{V}$  and  $\int_{\text{CV}} \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V}$  computes the instantaneous amount of momentum in the control volume.
- $\int_{\text{CS}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  is the rate at which property *N* is exiting the surface of the control volume. The term  $\rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  computes the rate of mass transfer leaving across control surface area element *dA*; multiplying by *η* computes the rate of flux of property *N* across the element; and integrating therefore computes the net flux of *N* out of the control volume. For example, if  $N = \vec{P}$ , then  $\eta = \vec{V}$  and  $\int_{\text{CS}} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  computes the net flux of momentum out of the control volume.

We make two comments about velocity  $\vec{V}$  in Eq. 4.10. First, we reiterate the discussion for Fig. 4.3 that care should be taken in evaluating the dot product: Because  $\vec{A}$  is always directed outwards, the dot product will be positive when  $\vec{V}$  is outward and negative when  $\vec{V}$  is inward. Second,  $\vec{V}$  is measured with respect to the control volume: When the control volume coordinates  $xyz$  are stationary or moving with a constant linear velocity, the control volume will constitute an inertial frame and the physical laws (specifically Newton's second law) we have described will apply.<sup>1</sup>

With these comments we are ready to combine the physical laws (Eqs. 4.1a, 4.2a, 4.3a, 4.4a, and 4.5a) with Eq. 4.10 to obtain some useful control volume equations.

### 4.3 Conservation of Mass

The first physical principle to which we apply this conversion from a system to a control volume description is the mass conservation principle: The mass of the system remains constant,

$$\left(\frac{dM}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = 0 \quad (4.1a)$$

where

$$M_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} dm = \int_{\mathcal{V}(\text{system})} \rho d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.1b)$$

The system and control volume formulations are related by Eq. 4.10,

$$\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.10)$$

where

$$N_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \eta dm = \int_{\mathcal{V}(\text{system})} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.6)$$

To derive the control volume formulation of conservation of mass, we set

$$N = M \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = 1$$

With this substitution, we obtain

$$\left(\frac{dM}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.11)$$

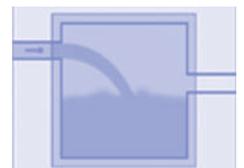
Comparing Eqs. 4.1a and 4.11, we arrive (after rearranging) at the control volume formulation of the conservation of mass:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

In Eq. 4.12 the first term represents the rate of change of mass within the control volume; the second term represents the net rate of mass flux out through the control surface. Equation 4.12 indicates that the rate of change of mass in the control volume plus the net outflow is zero. The mass conservation equation is also called the *continuity* equation. In common-sense terms, the rate of increase of mass in the control volume is due to the net inflow of mass:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rate of increase} &= \text{Net influx of} \\ \text{of mass in CV} &= \text{mass} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho d\mathcal{V} &= - \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup> For an accelerating control volume (one whose coordinates  $xyz$  are accelerating with respect to an "absolute" set of coordinates  $XYZ$ ), we must modify the form of Newton's second law (Eq. 4.2a). We will do this in Sections 4.6 (linear acceleration) and 4.7 (arbitrary acceleration).



Once again, we note that in using Eq. 4.12, care should be taken in evaluating the scalar product  $\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = VdA \cos \alpha$ : It could be positive (outflow,  $\alpha < \pi/2$ ), negative (inflow,  $\alpha > \pi/2$ ), or even zero ( $\alpha = \pi/2$ ). Recall that Fig. 4.3 illustrates the general case as well as the convenient cases  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = \pi$ .

### Special Cases

In special cases it is possible to simplify Eq. 4.12. Consider first the case of an incompressible fluid, in which density remains constant. When  $\rho$  is constant, it is not a function of space or time. Consequently, for *incompressible fluids*, Eq. 4.12 may be written as

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} d\mathcal{V} + \rho \int_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

The integral of  $d\mathcal{V}$  over the control volume is simply the volume of the control volume. Thus, on dividing through by  $\rho$ , we write

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial t} + \int_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

For a nondeformable control volume of fixed size and shape,  $\mathcal{V} = \text{constant}$ . The conservation of mass for incompressible flow through a fixed control volume becomes

$$\int_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.13a)$$

A useful special case is when we have (or can approximate) uniform velocity at each inlet and exit. In this case Eq. 4.13a simplifies to

$$\sum_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.13b)$$

Note that we have not assumed the flow to be steady in reducing Eq. 4.12 to the forms 4.13a and 4.13b. We have only imposed the restriction of incompressible fluid. Thus Eqs. 4.13a and 4.13b are statements of conservation of mass for flow of an incompressible fluid that may be steady or unsteady.

The dimensions of the integrand in Eq. 4.13a are  $L^3/t$ . The integral of  $\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  over a section of the control surface is commonly called the *volume flow rate* or *volume rate of flow*. Thus, for incompressible flow, the volume flow rate into a fixed control volume must be equal to the volume flow rate out of the control volume. The volume flow rate  $Q$ , through a section of a control surface of area  $A$ , is given by

$$Q = \int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.14a)$$

The average velocity magnitude,  $\bar{V}$ , at a section is defined as

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.14b)$$

Consider now the general case of *steady, compressible flow* through a fixed control volume. Since the flow is steady, this means that at most  $\rho = \rho(x, y, z)$ . By definition, no fluid property varies with time in a steady flow. Consequently, the first term of Eq. 4.12 must be zero and, hence, for steady flow, the statement of conservation of mass reduces to

$$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.15a)$$

A useful special case is when we have (or can approximate) uniform velocity at each inlet and exit. In this case, Eq. 4.15a simplifies to

$$\sum_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.15b)$$

Thus, for steady flow, the mass flow rate into a control volume must be equal to the mass flow rate out of the control volume.

We will now look at three examples to illustrate some features of the various forms of the conservation of mass equation for a control volume. Example 4.1 involves a problem in which we have uniform flow at each section, Example 4.2 involves a problem in which we do not have uniform flow at a location, and Example 4.3 involves a problem in which we have unsteady flow.

### Example 4.1 MASS FLOW AT A PIPE JUNCTION

Consider the steady flow in a water pipe joint shown in the diagram. The areas are:  $A_1 = 0.2 \text{ m}^2$ ,  $A_2 = 0.2 \text{ m}^2$ , and  $A_3 = 0.15 \text{ m}^2$ . In addition, fluid is lost out of a hole at ④, estimated at a rate of  $0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The average speeds at sections ① and ③ are  $V_1 = 5 \text{ m/s}$  and  $V_3 = 12 \text{ m/s}$ , respectively. Find the velocity at section ②.

**Given:** Steady flow of water through the device.

$$A_1 = 0.2 \text{ m}^2 \quad A_2 = 0.2 \text{ m}^2 \quad A_3 = 0.15 \text{ m}^2$$

$$V_1 = 5 \text{ m/s} \quad V_3 = 12 \text{ m/s} \quad \rho = 999 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Volume flow rate at ④ =  $0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

**Find:** Velocity at section ②.

**Solution:** Choose a fixed control volume as shown. Make an assumption that the flow at section ② is outwards, and label the diagram accordingly (if this assumption is incorrect our final result will tell us).

**Governing equation:** The general control volume equation is Eq. 4.12, but we can go immediately to Eq. 4.13b because of assumptions (2) and (3) below,

$$\sum_{\text{CS}} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow (given).
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform properties at each section.

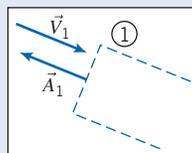
Hence (using Eq. 4.14a for the leak)

$$\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_1 + \vec{V}_2 \cdot \vec{A}_2 + \vec{V}_3 \cdot \vec{A}_3 + Q_4 = 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $Q_4$  is the flow rate out of the leak.

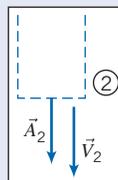
Let us examine the first three terms in Eq. 1 in light of the discussion of Fig. 4.3 and the directions of the velocity vectors:

$$\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_1 = -V_1 A_1$$

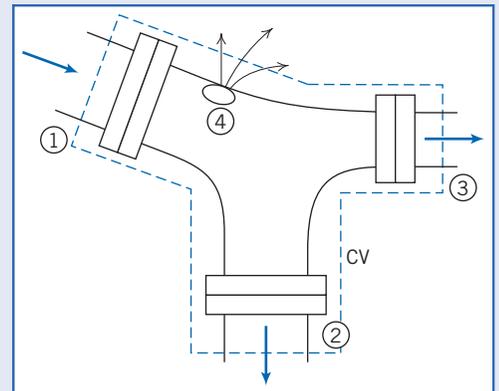
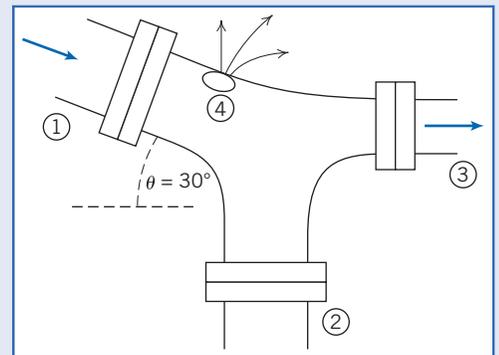


{ Sign of  $\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_1$  is  
negative at surface ① }

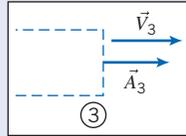
$$\vec{V}_2 \cdot \vec{A}_2 = +V_2 A_2$$



{ Sign of  $\vec{V}_2 \cdot \vec{A}_2$  is  
positive at surface ② }



$$\vec{V}_3 \cdot \vec{A}_3 = +V_3 A_3$$



{ Sign of  $\vec{V}_3 \cdot \vec{A}_3$  is positive at surface ③ }

Using these results in Eq. 1,

$$-V_1 A_1 + V_2 A_2 + V_3 A_3 + Q_4 = 0$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= \frac{V_1 A_1 - V_3 A_3 - Q_4}{A_2} \\ &= \frac{5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.2 \text{ m}^2 - 12 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.15 \text{ m}^2 - \frac{0.1 \text{ m}^3}{\text{s}}}{0.2 \text{ m}^2} \\ &= -4.5 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow V_2 \end{aligned}$$

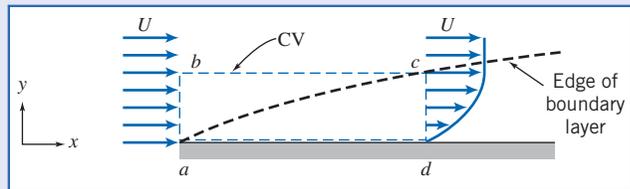
Recall that  $V_2$  represents the magnitude of the velocity, which we assumed was outwards from the control volume. The fact that  $V_2$  is negative means that in fact we have an *inflow* at location ②—our initial assumption was invalid.

This problem demonstrates use of the sign convention for evaluating  $\int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  or  $\sum_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$ . In particular, the area normal is *always* drawn outwards from the control surface.

### Example 4.2 MASS FLOW RATE IN BOUNDARY LAYER

The fluid in direct contact with a stationary solid boundary has zero velocity; there is no slip at the boundary. Thus the flow over a flat plate adheres to the plate surface and forms a boundary layer, as depicted below. The flow ahead of the plate is uniform with velocity  $\vec{V} = U\hat{i}$ ;  $U = 30 \text{ m/s}$ . The velocity distribution within the boundary layer ( $0 \leq y \leq \delta$ ) along  $cd$  is approximated as  $u/U = 2(y/\delta) - (y/\delta)^2$ .

The boundary-layer thickness at location  $d$  is  $\delta = 5 \text{ mm}$ . The fluid is air with density  $\rho = 1.24 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Assuming the plate width perpendicular to the paper to be  $w = 0.6 \text{ m}$ , calculate the mass flow rate across surface  $bc$  of control volume  $abcd$ .



**Given:** Steady, incompressible flow over a flat plate,  $\rho = 1.24 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Width of plate,  $w = 0.6 \text{ m}$   
Velocity ahead of plate is uniform:  $\vec{V} = U\hat{i}$ ,  $U = 30 \text{ m/s}$ .

At  $x = x_d$ :

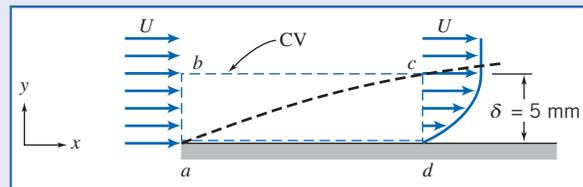
$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= 5 \text{ mm} \\ \frac{u}{U} &= 2\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Find:** Mass flow rate across surface  $bc$ .

**Solution:** The fixed control volume is shown by the dashed lines.

**Governing equation:** The general control volume equation is Eq. 4.12, but we can go immediately to Eq. 4.15a because of assumption (1) below,

$$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$



**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow (given).
- 2 Incompressible flow (given).
- 3 Two-dimensional flow, given properties are independent of  $z$ .

Assuming that there is no flow in the  $z$  direction, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \text{no flow across } da \right) \\
 & \int_{A_{ab}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{A_{bc}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{A_{cd}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{A_{da}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (1) \\
 & \therefore \dot{m}_{bc} = \int_{A_{bc}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = - \int_{A_{ab}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} - \int_{A_{cd}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}
 \end{aligned}$$

We need to evaluate the integrals on the right side of the equation.

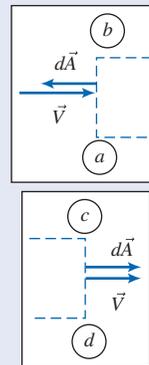
For depth  $w$  in the  $z$  direction, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{A_{ab}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= - \int_{A_{ab}} \rho u \, dA = - \int_{y_a}^{y_b} \rho u w \, dy \\
 &= - \int_0^\delta \rho u w \, dy = - \int_0^\delta \rho U w \, dy
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{A_{ab}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = - [\rho U w y]_0^\delta = - \rho U w \delta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{A_{cd}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= \int_{A_{cd}} \rho u \, dA = \int_{y_d}^{y_c} \rho u w \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^\delta \rho u w \, dy = \int_0^\delta \rho w U \left[ 2 \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right) - \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^2 \right] dy
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{A_{cd}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \rho w U \left[ \frac{y^2}{\delta} - \frac{y^3}{3\delta^2} \right]_0^\delta = \rho w U \delta \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right] = \frac{2\rho U w \delta}{3}$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \text{ is negative} \\ dA = w dy \\ u = U \text{ over area } ab \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \text{ is positive} \\ dA = w dy \end{array} \right.$$

Substituting into Eq. 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \dot{m}_{bc} &= \rho U w \delta - \frac{2\rho U w \delta}{3} = \frac{\rho U w \delta}{3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \times 1.24 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 30 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.6 \text{ m} \times 5 \text{ mm} \times \frac{\text{m}}{1000 \text{ mm}} \\
 \dot{m}_{bc} &= 0.0372 \text{ kg/s} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Positive sign indicate flow} \\ \text{out across surface } bc. \end{array} \right. \quad \dot{m}_b
 \end{aligned}$$

This problem demonstrates use of the conservation of mass equation when we have nonuniform flow at a section.

### Example 4.3 DENSITY CHANGE IN VENTING TANK

A tank of  $0.05 \text{ m}^3$  volume contains air at  $800 \text{ kPa}$  (absolute) and  $15^\circ\text{C}$ . At  $t = 0$ , air begins escaping from the tank through a valve with a flow area of  $65 \text{ mm}^2$ . The air passing through the valve has a speed of  $300 \text{ m/s}$  and a density of  $6 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Determine the instantaneous rate of change of density in the tank at  $t = 0$ .

**Given:** Tank of volume  $V = 0.05 \text{ m}^3$  contains air at  $p = 800 \text{ kPa}$  (absolute),  $T = 15^\circ\text{C}$ . At  $t = 0$ , air escapes through a valve. Air leaves with speed  $V = 300 \text{ m/s}$  and density  $\rho = 6 \text{ kg/m}^3$  through area  $A = 65 \text{ mm}^2$ .

**Find:** Rate of change of air density in the tank at  $t=0$ .

**Solution:** Choose a fixed control volume as shown by the dashed line.

**Governing equation:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Properties in the tank are uniform, but time-dependent.
- 2 Uniform flow at section ①.

Since properties are assumed uniform in the tank at any instant, we can take  $\rho$  out from within the volume integral of the first term,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \rho_{CV} \int_{CV} d\mathcal{V} \right] + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Now,  $\int_{CV} d\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}$ , and hence

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathcal{V})_{CV} + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

The only place where mass crosses the boundary of the control volume is at surface ①. Hence

$$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{A_1} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathcal{V}) + \int_{A_1} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

At surface ① the sign of  $\rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  is positive, so

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathcal{V}) + \int_{A_1} \rho V dA = 0$$

Since flow is assumed uniform over surface ①, then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathcal{V}) + \rho_1 V_1 A_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathcal{V}) = -\rho_1 V_1 A_1$$

Since the volume,  $\mathcal{V}$ , of the tank is not a function of time,

$$\mathcal{V} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\rho_1 V_1 A_1$$

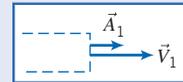
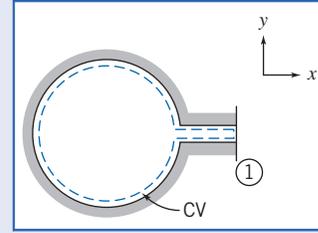
and

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\rho_1 V_1 A_1}{\mathcal{V}}$$

At  $t=0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 300 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 65 \text{ mm}^3 \times \frac{1}{0.05 \text{ m}^3} \times \frac{\text{m}^2}{10^6 \text{ mm}^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -2.34 (\text{kg}/\text{m}^3)/\text{s} \leftarrow \text{\{The density is decreasing.\}} \quad \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$



This problem demonstrates use of the conservation of mass equation for unsteady flow problems.

### 4.4 Momentum Equation for Inertial Control Volume

We now wish to obtain a control volume form of Newton’s second law. We use the same procedure we just used for mass conservation, with one note of caution: the control volume coordinates (with respect to which we measure all velocities) are inertial; that is, the control volume coordinates  $xyz$  are either at rest or moving at constant speed with respect to an “absolute” set of coordinates  $XYZ$ . (Sections 4.6 and 4.7 will analyze noninertial control volumes.) We begin with the mathematical formulation for a system and then use Eq. 4.10 to go from the system to the control volume formulation.

Recall that Newton's second law for a system moving relative to an inertial coordinate system was given by Eq. 4.2a as

$$\vec{F} = \left. \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} \quad (4.2a)$$

where the linear momentum of the system is given by

$$\vec{P}_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{V} dm = \int_{\Psi(\text{system})} \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.2b)$$

and the resultant force,  $\vec{F}$ , includes all surface and body forces acting on the system,

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B$$

The system and control volume formulations are related using Eq. 4.10,

$$\left. \frac{dN}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.10)$$

To derive the control volume formulation of Newton's second law, we set

$$N = \vec{P} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \vec{V}$$

From Eq. 4.10, with this substitution, we obtain

$$\left. \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.16)$$

From Eq. 4.2a

$$\left. \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} = \vec{F})_{\text{on system}} \quad (4.2a)$$

Since, in deriving Eq. 4.10, the system and the control volume coincided at  $t_0$ , then

$$\vec{F})_{\text{on system}} = \vec{F})_{\text{on control volume}}$$

In light of this, Eqs. 4.2a and 4.16 may be combined to yield the control volume formulation of Newton's second law for a nonaccelerating control volume

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.17a)$$

For cases when we have uniform flow at each inlet and exit, we can use

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{\text{CS}} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (4.17b)$$

Equations 4.17a and 4.17b are our (nonaccelerating) control volume forms of Newton's second law. It states that the total force (due to surface and body forces) acting on the control volume leads to a rate of change of momentum within the control volume (the volume integral) and/or a net rate at which momentum is leaving the control volume through the control surface.

We must be a little careful in applying Eqs. 4.17a. The first step will always be to carefully choose a control volume and its control surface so that we can evaluate the volume integral and the surface integral (or summation); each inlet and exit should be carefully labeled, as should the external forces acting. In fluid mechanics the body force is usually gravity, so

$$\vec{F}_B = \int_{\text{CV}} \rho \vec{g} d\mathcal{V} = \vec{W}_{\text{CV}} = M\vec{g}$$

where  $\vec{g}$  is the acceleration of gravity and  $\vec{W}_{CV}$  is the instantaneous weight of the entire control volume. In many applications the surface force is due to pressure,

$$\vec{F}_S = \int_A -pd\vec{A}$$

Note that the minus sign is to ensure that we always compute pressure forces acting *onto* the control surface (recall  $d\vec{A}$  was chosen to be a vector pointing *out* of the control volume). It is worth stressing that *even at points on the surface that have an outflow*, the pressure force acts *onto* the control volume.

In Eqs. 4.17 we must also be careful in evaluating  $\int_{CS} \vec{V}\rho\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  or  $\sum_{CS} \vec{V}\rho\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$  (this may be easier to do if we write them with the implied parentheses,  $\int_{CS} \vec{V}\rho(\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A})$  or  $\sum_{CS} \vec{V}\rho(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A})$ ). The velocity  $\vec{V}$  must be measured with respect to the control volume coordinates  $xyz$ , with the appropriate signs for its vector components  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ ; recall also that the scalar product will be positive for outflow and negative for inflow (refer to Fig. 4.3).

The momentum equation (Eqs. 4.17) is a vector equation. We will usually write the three scalar components, as measured in the  $xyz$  coordinates of the control volume,

$$F_x = F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u\rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} u\rho\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.18a)$$

$$F_y = F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v\rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} v\rho\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.18b)$$

$$F_z = F_{S_z} + F_{B_z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} w\rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} w\rho\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.18c)$$

or, for uniform flow at each inlet and exit,

$$F_x = F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u\rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} u\rho\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (4.18d)$$

$$F_y = F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v\rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} v\rho\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (4.18e)$$

$$F_z = F_{S_z} + F_{B_z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} w\rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} w\rho\vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (4.18f)$$

Note that, as we found for the mass conservation equation (Eq. 4.12), for steady flow the first term on the right in Eqs. 4.17 and 4.18 is zero.

We will now look at five Examples to illustrate some features of the various forms of the momentum equation for a control volume. Example 4.4 demonstrates how intelligent choice of the control volume can simplify analysis of a problem, Example 4.5 involves a problem in which we have significant body forces, Example 4.6 explains how to simplify surface force evaluations by working in gage pressures, Example 4.7 involves nonuniform surface forces, and Example 4.8 involves a problem in which we have unsteady flow.



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Momentum  
Effect: A Jet  
Impacting a  
Surface

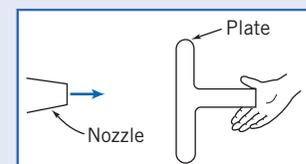


### Example 4.4 CHOICE OF CONTROL VOLUME FOR MOMENTUM ANALYSIS

Water from a stationary nozzle strikes a flat plate as shown. The water leaves the nozzle at 15 m/s; the nozzle area is 0.01 m<sup>2</sup>. Assuming the water is directed normal to the plate, and flows along the plate, determine the horizontal force you need to resist to hold it in place.

**Given:** Water from a stationary nozzle is directed normal to the plate; subsequent flow is parallel to plate.

Jet velocity,  $\vec{V} = 15\hat{i}$  m/s  
Nozzle area,  $A_n = 0.01$  m<sup>2</sup>



**Find:** Horizontal force on your hand.

**Solution:** We chose a coordinate system in defining the problem above. We must now choose a suitable control volume. Two possible choices are shown by the dashed lines below.

In both cases, water from the nozzle crosses the control surface through area  $A_1$  (assumed equal to the nozzle area) and is assumed to leave the control volume tangent to the plate surface in the  $+y$  or  $-y$  direction. Before trying to decide which is the “best” control volume to use, let us write the governing equations.

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V} \rho d\Psi + \int_{CS} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\Psi + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform flow at each section where fluid crosses the CV boundaries.

Regardless of our choice of control volume, assumptions (1), (2), and (3) lead to

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \sum_{CS} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

Evaluating the momentum flux term will lead to the same result for both control volumes. We should choose the control volume that allows the most straightforward evaluation of the forces.

Remember in applying the momentum equation that the force,  $\vec{F}$ , represents all forces acting on the control volume.

Let us solve the problem using each of the control volumes.

**CV<sub>I</sub>**

The control volume has been selected so that the area of the left surface is equal to the area of the right surface. Denote this area by  $A$ .

The control volume cuts through your hand. We denote the components of the reaction force of your hand on the control volume as  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  and assume both to be positive. (The force of the control volume on your hand is equal and opposite to  $R_x$  and  $R_y$ .)

Atmospheric pressure acts on all surfaces of the control volume. Note that *the pressure in a free jet is ambient*, i.e., in this case atmospheric. (The distributed force due to atmospheric pressure has been shown on the vertical faces only.)

The body force on the control volume is denoted as  $W$ .

Since we are looking for the horizontal force, we write the  $x$  component of the steady flow momentum equation

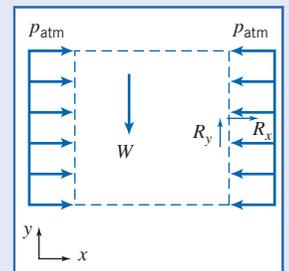
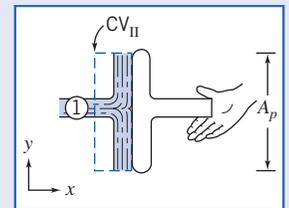
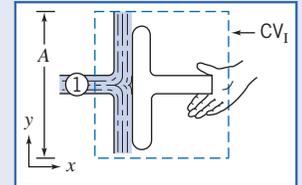
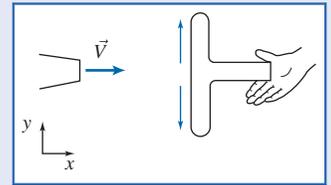
$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$$

There are no body forces in the  $x$  direction, so  $F_{B_x} = 0$ , and

$$F_{S_x} = \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$$

To evaluate  $F_{S_x}$ , we must include all surface forces acting on the control volume

$$F_{S_x} = \begin{array}{ccc} p_{\text{atm}} A & - & p_{\text{atm}} A & + & R_x \\ \text{force due to atmospheric} & \text{force due to atmospheric} & \text{force of your hand on} \\ \text{pressure acts to right} & \text{pressure acts to left} & \text{control volume} \\ \text{(positive direction)} & \text{(negative direction)} & \text{(assumed positive)} \\ \text{on left surface} & \text{on right surface} & \end{array}$$



Consequently,  $F_{S_x} = R_x$ , and

$$R_x = \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}|_1 \quad \{\text{For top and bottom surfaces, } u = 0\}$$

At ①,  $\rho \vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{A}_1 = \rho(-V_1 A_1)$  since

$$R_x = -u_1 \rho V_1 A_1 \quad \vec{V}_1 \text{ and } \vec{A}_1 \text{ are } 180^\circ \text{ apart.}$$

Note that  $u_1 = V_1$

$$R_x = -15 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 15 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.01 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \quad \{u_1 = 15 \text{ m/s}\}$$

$$R_x = -2.25 \text{ kN} \quad \{R_x \text{ acts opposite to positive direction assumed.}\}$$

The horizontal force on your hand is

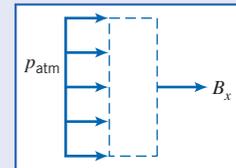
$$K_x = -R_x = 2.25 \text{ kN} \quad \{\text{force on your hand acts to the right}\} \quad K_x$$

**CV<sub>II</sub> with Horizontal Forces Shown**

The control volume has been selected so the areas of the left surface and of the right surface are equal to the area of the plate. Denote this area by  $A_p$ .

The control volume is in contact with the plate over the entire plate surface. We denote the horizontal reaction force from the plate on the control volume as  $B_x$  (and assume it to be positive).

Atmospheric pressure acts on the left surface of the control volume (and on the two horizontal surfaces).



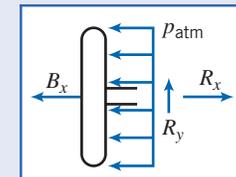
The body force on this control volume has no component in the  $x$  direction.

Then the  $x$  component of the momentum equation,

$$F_{S_x} = \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$$

yields

$$F_{S_x} = p_{\text{atm}} A_p + B_x = u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}|_1 = -u_1 V_1 A_1 = -2.25 \text{ kN}$$



Then

$$B_x = -p_{\text{atm}} A_p - 2.25 \text{ kN}$$

To determine the net force on the plate, we need a free-body diagram of the plate:

$$\sum F_x = 0 = -B_x - p_{\text{atm}} A_p + R_x$$

$$R_x = p_{\text{atm}} A_p + B_x$$

$$R_x = p_{\text{atm}} A_p + (-p_{\text{atm}} A_p - 2.25 \text{ kN}) = -2.25 \text{ kN}$$

Then the horizontal force on your hand is  $K_x = -R_x = 2.25 \text{ kN}$ .

Note that the choice of CV<sub>II</sub> meant we needed an additional free-body diagram. In general it is best to select the control volume so that the force sought acts explicitly on the control volume.

**Notes:**

- This problem demonstrates how thoughtful choice of the control volume can simplify use of the momentum equation.
- The analysis would have been greatly simplified if we had worked in gage pressures (see Example 4.6).
- For this problem the force generated was entirely due to the plate absorbing the jet's horizontal momentum.

### Example 4.5 TANK ON SCALE: BODY FORCE

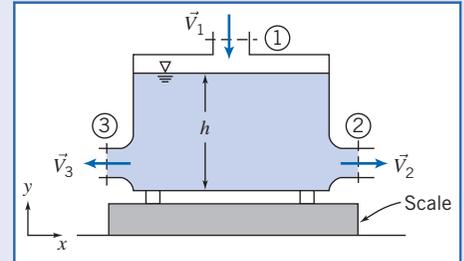
A metal container 0.61 m high, with an inside cross-sectional area of  $0.09 \text{ m}^2$ , weighs 22.2 N when empty. The container is placed on a scale and water flows in through an opening in the top and out through the two equal-area openings in the sides, as shown in the diagram. Under steady flow conditions, the height of the water in the tank is 0.58 m.

$$A_1 = 0.009 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\vec{V}_1 = -3\hat{j} \text{ m/s}$$

$$A_2 = A_3 = 0.009 \text{ m}^2$$

Your boss claims that the scale will read the weight of the volume of water in the tank plus the tank weight, i.e., that we can treat this as a simple statics problem. You disagree, claiming that a fluid flow analysis is required. Who is right, and what does the scale indicate?



**Given:** Metal container, of height 0.61 m and cross-sectional area  $A = 0.09 \text{ m}^2$ , weighs 22.2 lbf when empty. Container rests on scale. Under steady flow conditions water depth is  $h = 0.58 \text{ m}$ . Water enters vertically at section ① and leaves horizontally through sections ② and ③

$$A_1 = 0.009 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\vec{V}_1 = -3\hat{j} \text{ m/s}$$

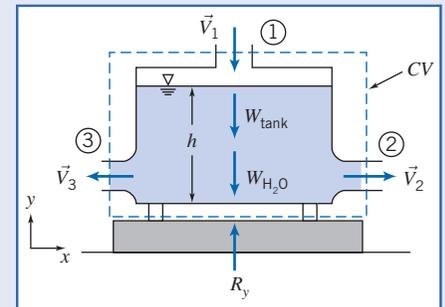
$$A_2 = A_3 = 0.009 \text{ m}^2$$

**Find:** Scale reading.

**Solution:** Choose a control volume as shown;  $R_y$  is the force of the scale on the control volume (exerted on the control volume through the supports) and is assumed positive.

The weight of the tank is designated  $W_{\text{tank}}$ ; the weight of the water in the tank is  $W_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ .

Atmospheric pressure acts uniformly on the entire control surface, and therefore has no net effect on the control volume. Because of this null effect we have not shown the pressure distribution in the diagram.



**Governing equations:** The general control volume momentum and mass conservation equations are Eqs. 4.17 and 4.12, respectively,

$$= 0(1)$$

$$\vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{V} \rho \, dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$= 0(1)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho \, dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Note that we usually start with the simplest forms (based on the problem assumptions, e.g., steady flow) of the mass conservation and momentum equations. However, in this problem, for illustration purposes, we start with the most general forms of the equations.

#### Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow (given).
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform flow at each section where fluid crosses the CV boundaries.

We are only interested in the  $y$  component of the momentum equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} &= \int_{\text{CS}} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} & (1) \\
 F_{S_y} &= R_y & \{ \text{There is no net force due to atmosphere pressure.} \} \\
 F_{B_y} &= -W_{\text{tank}} - W_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} & \{ \text{Both body forces act in negative y direction.} \} \\
 W_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} &= \rho g \mathcal{V} = \gamma Ah \\
 \int_{\text{CS}} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= \int_{A_1} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{A_1} v (-\rho V_1 dA_1) & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \text{ is negative at } \textcircled{1} \\ v = 0 \text{ at sections } \textcircled{2} \text{ and } \textcircled{3} \end{array} \right\} \\
 &= v_1 (-\rho V_1 A_1) & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{We are assuming uniform} \\ \text{properties at } \textcircled{1} \end{array} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using these results in Eq. 1 gives

$$R_y - W_{\text{tank}} - \gamma Ah = v_1 (-\rho V_1 A_1)$$

Note that  $v_1$  is the y component of the velocity, so that  $v_1 = -V_1$ , where we recall that  $V_1 = 3 \text{ m/s}$  is the magnitude of velocity  $\vec{V}_1$ . Hence, solving for  $R_y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_y &= W_{\text{tank}} + \gamma Ah + \rho V_1^2 A_1 \\
 &= 22.2 \text{ N} + 9800 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \times 0.09 \text{ m}^2 \times 0.58 \text{ m} + 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times 0.009 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\
 &= 22.2 \text{ N} + 511.6 \text{ N} + 81 \text{ N} \\
 R_y &= 614.8 \text{ N} \leftarrow \text{_____} \quad R_y
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that this is the force of the scale on the control volume; it is also the reading on the scale. We can see that the scale reading is due to: the tank weight (22.2 N), the weight of water instantaneously in the tank (511.6 N), and the force involved in absorbing the downward momentum of the fluid at section ① (81 N). Hence your boss is wrong—neglecting the momentum results in an error of almost 13 percent.

This problem illustrates use of the momentum equation including significant body forces.

### Example 4.6 FLOW THROUGH ELBOW: USE OF GAGE PRESSURES

Water flows steadily through the  $90^\circ$  reducing elbow shown in the diagram. At the inlet to the elbow, the absolute pressure is 220 kPa and the cross-sectional area is  $0.01 \text{ m}^2$ . At the outlet, the cross-sectional area is  $0.0025 \text{ m}^2$  and the velocity is  $16 \text{ m/s}$ . The elbow discharges to the atmosphere. Determine the force required to hold the elbow in place.

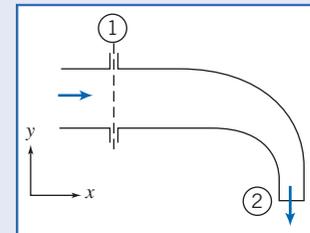
**Given:** Steady flow of water through  $90^\circ$  reducing elbow.

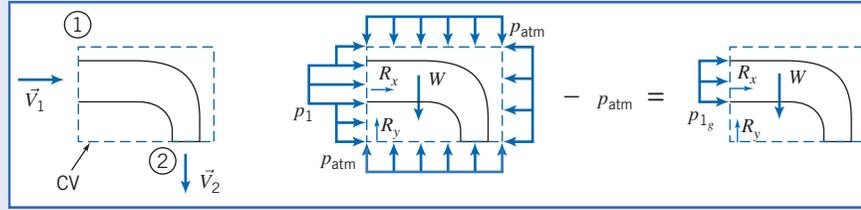
$$p_1 = 220 \text{ kPa (abs)} \quad A_1 = 0.01 \text{ m}^2 \quad \vec{V}_2 = -16 \hat{j} \text{ m/s} \quad A_2 = 0.0025 \text{ m}^2$$

**Find:** Force required to hold elbow in place.

**Solution:** Choose a fixed control volume as shown. Note that we have several surface force computations:  $p_1$  on area  $A_1$  and  $p_{\text{atm}}$  everywhere else. The exit at section ② is to a free jet, and so at ambient (i.e., atmospheric) pressure. We can use a simplification here: If we subtract  $p_{\text{atm}}$  from the entire surface (a null effect as far as forces are concerned) we can work in gage pressures, as shown.

Note that since the elbow is anchored to the supply line, in addition to the reaction forces  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  (shown), there would also be a reaction moment (not shown).





**Governing equations:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0(4) \\
 \vec{F} &= \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \vec{V} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\
 &= 0(4) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Uniform flow at each section.
- 2 Atmospheric pressure,  $p_{\text{atm}} = 101 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ .
- 3 Incompressible flow.
- 4 Steady flow (given).
- 5 Neglect weight of elbow and water in elbow.

Once again (although we didn't need to) we started with the most general form of the governing equations. Writing the  $x$  component of the momentum equation results in

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{S_x} &= \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{A_1} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} & \{F_{B_x} = 0 \text{ and } u_2 = 0\} \\
 p_{1_g} A_1 + R_x &= \int_{A_1} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_x &= -p_{1_g} A_1 + \int_{A_1} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\
 &= -p_{1_g} A_1 + u_1 (-\rho V_1 A_1) \\
 R_x &= -p_{1_g} A_1 - \rho V_1^2 A_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $u_1$  is the  $x$  component of the velocity, so that  $u_1 = V_1$ . To find  $V_1$ , use the mass conservation equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= \int_{A_1} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{A_2} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \\
 \therefore (-\rho V_1 A_1) + (\rho V_2 A_2) &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$V_1 = V_2 \frac{A_2}{A_1} = 16 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{0.0025}{0.01} = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

We can now compute  $R_x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_x &= -p_{1_g} A_1 - \rho V_1^2 A_1 \\
 &= -1.19 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times 0.01 \text{ m}^2 - 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 16 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times 0.01 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\
 R_x &= -1.35 \text{ kN} \leftarrow \frac{R_x}{R_x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Writing the y component of the momentum equation gives

$$F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} = R_y + F_{B_y} = \int_{CS} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{A_2} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \{v_1 = 0\}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} R_y &= -F_{B_y} + \int_{A_2} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ &= -F_{B_y} + v_2(\rho V_2 A_2) \\ R_y &= -F_{B_y} - \rho V_2^2 A_2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $v_2$  is the y component of the velocity, so that  $v_2 = -V_2$ , where  $V_2$  is the magnitude of the exit velocity. Substituting known values

$$\begin{aligned} R_y &= -F_{B_y} + -\rho V_2^2 A_2 \\ &= -F_{B_y} - 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (16)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times 0.0025 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ &= -F_{B_y} - 639 \text{ N} \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}} R_y \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting  $F_{B_y}$  gives

$$R_y = -639 \text{ N} \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}} R_y$$

This problem illustrates how using gage pressures simplifies evaluation of the surface forces in the momentum equation.

### Example 4.7 FLOW UNDER A SLUICE GATE: HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE FORCE

Water in an open channel is held in by a sluice gate. Compare the horizontal force of the water on the gate (a) when the gate is closed and (b) when it is open (assuming steady flow, as shown). Assume the flow at sections ① and ② is incompressible and uniform, and that (because the streamlines are straight there) the pressure distributions are hydrostatic.

**Given:** Flow under sluice gate. Width =  $w$ .

**Find:** Horizontal force (per unit width) on the closed and open gate.

**Solution:** Choose a control volume as shown for the open gate. Note that it is much simpler to work in gage pressures, as we learned in Example 4.6.

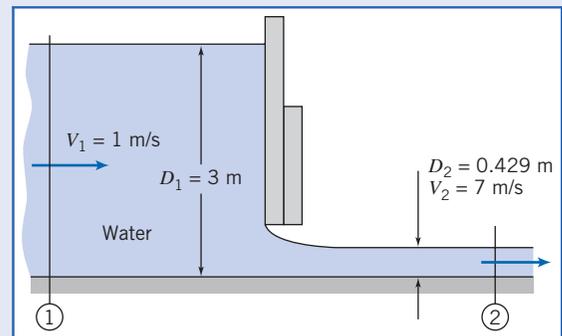
The forces acting on the control volume include:

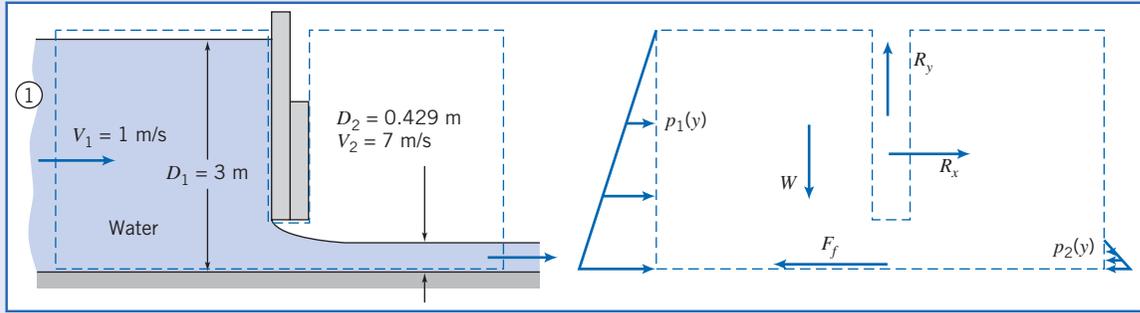
- Force of gravity  $W$ .
- Friction force  $F_f$ .
- Components  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  of reaction force from gate.
- Hydrostatic pressure distribution on vertical surfaces, assumption (6).
- Pressure distribution  $p_b(x)$  along bottom surface (not shown).

Apply the x component of the momentum equation.

**Governing equation:**

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0(2) = 0(3) \\ F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho dV + \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$$




**Assumptions:**

- 1  $F_f$  negligible (neglect friction on channel bottom).
- 2  $F_{B_x} = 0$ .
- 3 Steady flow.
- 4 Incompressible flow (given).
- 5 Uniform flow at each section (given).
- 6 Hydrostatic pressure distributions at ① and ② (given).

Then

$$F_{S_x} = F_{R_1} + F_{R_2} + R_x = u_1(-\rho V_1 w D_1) + u_2(\rho V_2 w D_2)$$

The surface forces acting on the CV are due to the pressure distributions and the unknown force  $R_x$ . From assumption (6), we can integrate the gage pressure distributions on each side to compute the hydrostatic forces  $F_{R_1}$  and  $F_{R_2}$ ,

$$F_{R_1} = \int_0^{D_1} p_1 dA = w \int_0^{D_1} \rho g y dy = \rho g w \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^{D_1} = \frac{1}{2} \rho g w D_1^2$$

where  $y$  is measured downward from the free surface of location ①, and

$$F_{R_2} = \int_0^{D_2} p_2 dA = w \int_0^{D_2} \rho g y dy = \rho g w \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^{D_2} = \frac{1}{2} \rho g w D_2^2$$

where  $y$  is measured downward from the free surface of location ②. (Note that we could have used the hydrostatic force equation, Eq. 3.10b, directly to obtain these forces.)

Evaluating  $F_{S_x}$  gives

$$F_{S_x} = R_x + \frac{\rho g w}{2} (D_1^2 - D_2^2)$$

Substituting into the momentum equation, with  $u_1 = V_1$  and  $u_2 = V_2$ , gives

$$R_x + \frac{\rho g w}{2} (D_1^2 - D_2^2) = -\rho V_1^2 w D_1 + \rho V_2^2 w D_2$$

or

$$R_x = \rho w (V_2^2 D_2 - V_1^2 D_1) - \frac{\rho g w}{2} (D_1^2 - D_2^2)$$

The second term on the right is the net hydrostatic force on the gate; the first term “corrects” this (and leads to a smaller net force) for the case when the gate is open. What is the nature of this “correction”? The pressure in the fluid far away from the gate in either direction is indeed hydrostatic, but consider the flow close to the gate: Because we have significant velocity variations here (in magnitude and direction), the pressure distributions deviate significantly from hydrostatic—for example, as the fluid accelerates under the gate there will be a significant pressure drop on the lower left side of the gate. Deriving this pressure field would be a difficult task, but by careful choice of our CV we have avoided having to do so!

We can now compute the horizontal force per unit width,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{R_x}{w} &= \rho(V_2^2 D_2 - V_1^2 D_1) - \frac{\rho g}{2}(D_1^2 - D_2^2) \\ &= 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times [(7)^2 (0.429) - (1)^2 (3)] \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \times 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times [(3)^2 - (0.429)^2] \text{m}^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ \frac{R_x}{w} &= 18.0 \text{ kN/m} - 43.2 \text{ kN/m} \\ \frac{R_x}{w} &= -25.2 \text{ kN/m}\end{aligned}$$

$R_x$  is the external force acting on the control volume, applied to the CV by the gate. Therefore, the force of the water on the gate is  $K_x$ , where  $K_x = -R_x$ . Thus,

$$\frac{K_x}{w} = -\frac{R_x}{w} = 25.2 \text{ kN/m} \leftarrow \frac{K_x}{w}$$

This force can be compared to the force on the closed gate of 44.1 kN (obtained from the second term on the right in the equation above, evaluated with  $D_2$  set to zero because for the closed gate there is no fluid on the right of the gate)—the force on the open gate is significantly less as the water accelerates out under the gate.

This problem illustrates the application of the momentum equation to a control volume for which the pressure is not uniform on the control surface.

### Example 4.8 CONVEYOR BELT FILLING: RATE OF CHANGE OF MOMENTUM IN CONTROL VOLUME

A horizontal conveyor belt moving at 0.9 m/s receives sand from a hopper. The sand falls vertically from the hopper to the belt at a speed of 1.5 m/s and a flow rate of 225 kg/s (the density of sand is approximately 1580 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). The conveyor belt is initially empty but begins to fill with sand. If friction in the drive system and rollers is negligible, find the tension required to pull the belt while the conveyor is filling.

**Given:** Conveyor and hopper shown in sketch.

**Find:**  $T_{\text{belt}}$  at the instant shown.

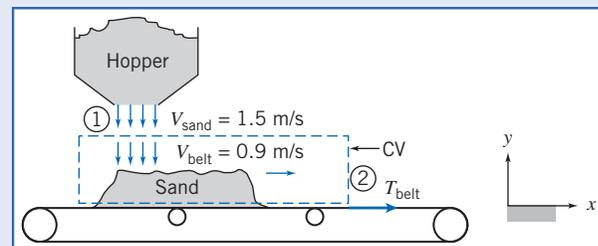
**Solution:** Use the control volume and coordinates shown. Apply the  $x$  component of the momentum equation.

**Governing equations:**

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho dV + \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1  $F_{S_x} = T_{\text{belt}} = T$ .
- 2  $F_{B_x} = 0$ .
- 3 Uniform flow at section ①.
- 4 All sand on belt moves with  $V_{\text{belt}} = V_b$ .



Then

$$T = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho d\mathcal{V} + u_1(-\rho V_1 A_1) + u_2(\rho V_2 A_2)$$

Since  $u_1 = 0$ , and there is no flow at section ②,

$$T = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho d\mathcal{V}$$

From assumption (4), inside the CV,  $u = V_b = \text{constant}$ , and hence

$$T = V_b \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} = V_b \frac{\partial M_s}{\partial t}$$

where  $M_s$  is the mass of sand on the belt (inside the control volume). This result is perhaps not surprising—the tension in the belt is the force required to increase the momentum inside the CV (which is increasing because even though the velocity of the mass in the CV is constant, the mass is not). From the continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} M_s = - \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \dot{m}_s = 225 \text{ kg/s}$$

Then

$$T = V_b \dot{m}_s = 0.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 225 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$T = 203.4 \text{ N} \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{10em} T}$$

This problem illustrates application of the momentum equation to a control volume in which the momentum is changing.

## Differential Control Volume Analysis

The control volume approach, as we have seen in the previous examples, provides useful results when applied to a finite region.

If we apply the approach to a differential control volume, we can obtain differential equations describing a flow field. In this section, we will apply the conservation of mass and momentum equations to such a control volume to obtain a simple differential equation describing flow in a steady, incompressible, frictionless flow, and integrate it along a streamline to obtain the famous Bernoulli equation.

Let us apply the continuity and momentum equations to a steady incompressible flow without friction, as shown in Fig. 4.4. The control volume chosen is fixed in space and bounded by flow streamlines, and is thus an element of a stream tube. The length of the control volume is  $ds$ .

Because the control volume is bounded by streamlines, flow across the bounding surfaces occurs only at the end sections. These are located at coordinates  $s$  and  $s + ds$ , measured along the central streamline.

Properties at the inlet section are assigned arbitrary symbolic values. Properties at the outlet section are assumed to increase by differential amounts. Thus at  $s + ds$ , the flow speed is assumed to be  $V_s + dV_s$ , and so on. The differential changes,  $dp$ ,  $dV_s$ , and  $dA$ , all are assumed to be positive in setting up the problem. (As in a free-body analysis in statics or dynamics, the actual algebraic sign of each differential change will be determined from the results of the analysis.)

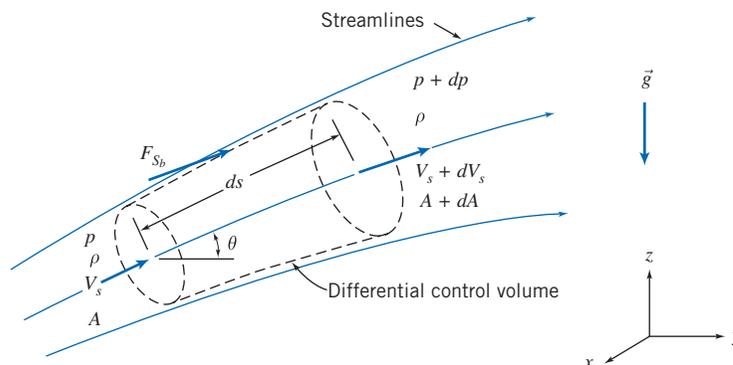


Fig. 4.4 Differential control volume for momentum analysis of flow through a stream tube.

Now let us apply the continuity equation and the  $s$  component of the momentum equation to the control volume of Fig. 4.4.

### a. Continuity Equation

$$\text{Basic equation : } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 No flow across bounding streamlines.
- 3 Incompressible flow,  $\rho = \text{constant}$ .

Then

$$(-\rho V_s A) + \{\rho(V_s + dV_s)(A + dA)\} = 0$$

so

$$\rho(V_s + dV_s)(A + dA) = \rho V_s A \quad (4.19a)$$

On expanding the left side and simplifying, we obtain

$$V_s dA + A dV_s + dA dV_s = 0$$

But  $dA dV_s$  is a product of differentials, which may be neglected compared with  $V_s dA$  or  $A dV_s$ . Thus

$$V_s dA + A dV_s = 0 \quad (4.19b)$$

### b. Streamwise Component of the Momentum Equation

$$\text{Basic equation : } F_{S_s} + F_{B_s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u_s \rho dV + \int_{CS} u_s \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.20)$$

Assumption: (4) No friction, so  $F_{S_b}$  is due to pressure forces only.

The surface force (due only to pressure) will have three terms:

$$F_{S_s} = pA - (p + dp)(A + dA) + \left(p + \frac{dp}{2}\right) dA \quad (4.21a)$$

The first and second terms in Eq. 4.21a are the pressure forces on the end faces of the control surface. The third term is  $F_{S_b}$ , the pressure force acting in the  $s$  direction on the bounding stream surface of the control volume. Its magnitude is the product of the average pressure acting on the stream surface,  $p + \frac{1}{2}dp$ , times the area component of the stream surface in the  $s$  direction,  $dA$ . Equation 4.21a simplifies to

$$F_{S_s} = -A dp - \frac{1}{2} dp dA \quad (4.21b)$$

The body force component in the  $s$  direction is

$$F_{B_s} = \rho g_s dV = \rho(-g \sin \theta) \left(A + \frac{dA}{2}\right) ds$$

But  $\sin \theta ds = dz$ , so that

$$F_{B_s} = -\rho g \left(A + \frac{dA}{2}\right) dz \quad (4.21c)$$

The momentum flux will be

$$\int_{CS} u_s \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = V_s(-\rho V_s A) + (V_s + dV_s)\{\rho(V_s + dV_s)(A + dA)\}$$

since there is no mass flux across the bounding stream surfaces. The mass flux factors in parentheses and braces are equal from continuity, Eq. 4.19a, so

$$\int_{\text{CS}} u_s \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = V_s(-\rho V_s A) + (V_s + dV_s)(\rho V_s A) = \rho V_s A dV_s \quad (4.22)$$

Substituting Eqs. 4.21b, 4.21c, and 4.22 into Eq. 4.20 (the momentum equation) gives

$$-A dp - \frac{1}{2} dp dA - \rho g A dz - \frac{1}{2} \rho g dA dz = \rho V_s A dV_s$$

Dividing by  $\rho A$  and noting that products of differentials are negligible compared with the remaining terms, we obtain

$$-\frac{dp}{\rho} - g dz = V_s dV_s = d\left(\frac{V_s^2}{2}\right)$$

or

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + d\left(\frac{V_s^2}{2}\right) + g dz = 0 \quad (4.23)$$

Because the flow is incompressible, this equation may be integrated to obtain

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V_s^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (4.24)$$

or, dropping subscript  $s$ ,

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (4.24)$$

This equation is subject to the restrictions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 No friction.
- 3 Flow along a streamline.
- 4 Incompressible flow.

We have derived one form of perhaps the most famous (and misused) equation in fluid mechanics—the Bernoulli equation. It can be used *only* when the four restrictions listed above apply, at least to reasonable accuracy! Although no real flow satisfies all these restrictions (especially the second), we can approximate the behavior of many flows with Eq. 4.24.

For example, the equation is widely used in aerodynamics to relate the pressure and velocity in a flow (e.g., it explains the lift of a subsonic wing). It could also be used to find the pressure at the inlet of the reducing elbow analyzed in Example 4.6 or to determine the velocity of water leaving the sluice gate of Example 4.7 (both of these flows approximately satisfy the four restrictions). On the other hand, Eq. 4.24 does *not* correctly describe the variation of water pressure in pipe flow. According to it, for a horizontal pipe of constant diameter, the pressure will be constant, but in fact the pressure drops significantly along the pipe—we will need most of Chapter 8 to explain this.

The Bernoulli equation, and the limits on its use, is so important we will derive it again and discuss its limitations in detail in Chapter 6. In Example 4.9 we will show the use of the Bernoulli equation for a situation in which all of the limitations apply.

### Example 4.9 NOZZLE FLOW: APPLICATION OF BERNOULLI EQUATION

Water flows steadily through a horizontal nozzle, discharging to the atmosphere. At the nozzle inlet the diameter is  $D_1$ ; at the nozzle outlet the diameter is  $D_2$ . Derive an expression for the minimum gage pressure required at the nozzle inlet to produce a given volume flow rate,  $Q$ . Evaluate the inlet gage pressure if  $D_1 = 75$  mm,  $D_2 = 25$  mm, and the desired flow rate is  $0.02$  m<sup>3</sup>/s.

**Given:** Steady flow of water through a horizontal nozzle, discharging to the atmosphere.

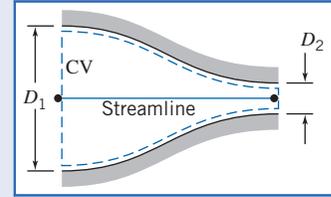
$$D_1 = 75 \text{ mm} \quad D_2 = 25 \text{ mm} \quad p_2 = p_{\text{atm}}$$

**Find:** (a)  $p_{1g}$  as a function of volume flow rate,  $Q$ .  
 (b)  $p_{1g}$  for  $Q = 0.7 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ .

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 &= \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \\ &= 0(1) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho \, dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow (given).
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Frictionless flow.
- 4 Flow along a streamline.
- 5  $z_1 = z_2$ .
- 6 Uniform flow at sections ① and ②.

Apply the Bernoulli equation along a streamline between points ① and ② to evaluate  $p_1$ . Then

$$p_{1g} = p_1 - p_{\text{atm}} = p_1 - p_2 = \frac{\rho}{2}(V_2^2 - V_1^2) = \frac{\rho}{2}V_1^2 \left[ \left( \frac{V_2}{V_1} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

Apply the continuity equation

$$(-\rho V_1 A_1) + (\rho V_2 A_2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2 = Q$$

so that

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{A_1}{A_2} \quad \text{and} \quad V_1 = \frac{Q}{A_1}$$

Then

$$p_{1g} = \frac{\rho Q^2}{2A_1^2} \left[ \left( \frac{A_1}{A_2} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

Since  $A = \pi D^2/4$ , then

$$p_{1g} = \frac{8\rho Q^2}{\pi^2 D_1^4} \left[ \left( \frac{D_1}{D_2} \right)^4 - 1 \right] \leftarrow p_{1g}$$

(Note that for a given nozzle the pressure required is proportional to the square of the flow rate—not surprising since we have used Eq. 4.24, which shows that  $p \sim V^2 \sim Q^2$ .) With  $D_1 = 75 \text{ mm}$ ,  $D_2 = 25 \text{ mm}$ , and  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,

$$p_{1g} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \times 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{1}{(0.075)^4 \text{m}^4} \times Q^2 [(3.0)^4 - 1] \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{\text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{N}^2}$$

$$p_{1g} = 2049.44 \times 10^6 Q^2 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{m}^8} \times \frac{\text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{N}}$$

With  $Q = 0.02 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  then

$$p_1 = 819,776 \text{ kPa} \leftarrow p_{1g}$$

This problem illustrates application of the Bernoulli equation to a flow where the restrictions of steady, incompressible, frictionless flow along a streamline are reasonable.

### Control Volume Moving with Constant Velocity

In the preceding problems, which illustrate applications of the momentum equation to inertial control volumes, we have considered only stationary control volumes. Suppose we have a control volume moving at constant speed. We can set up two coordinate systems:  $XYZ$ , “absolute,” or stationary (and therefore inertial), coordinates, and the  $xyz$  coordinates attached to the control volume (also inertial because the control volume is not accelerating with respect to  $XYZ$ ).

Equation 4.10, which expresses system derivatives in terms of control volume variables, is valid for any motion of the control volume coordinate system  $xyz$ , provided that all velocities are measured *relative* to the control volume. To emphasize this point, we rewrite Eq. 4.10 as

$$\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \eta \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.25)$$

Since all velocities must be measured relative to the control volume, in using this equation to obtain the momentum equation for an inertial control volume from the system formulation, we must set

$$N = \bar{P}_{xyz} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \vec{V}_{xyz}$$

The control volume equation is then written as

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.26)$$

Equation 4.26 is the formulation of Newton’s second law applied to any inertial control volume (stationary or moving with a constant velocity). It is identical to Eq. 4.17a except that we have included subscript  $xyz$  to emphasize that velocities must be measured relative to the control volume. (It is helpful to imagine that the velocities are those that would be seen by an observer moving with the control volume.) Example 4.10 illustrates the use of Eq. 4.26 for a control volume moving at constant velocity.

### Example 4.10 VANE MOVING WITH CONSTANT VELOCITY

The sketch shows a vane with a turning angle of  $60^\circ$ . The vane moves at constant speed,  $U = 10 \text{ m/s}$ , and receives a jet of water that leaves a stationary nozzle with speed  $V = 30 \text{ m/s}$ . The nozzle has an exit area of  $0.003 \text{ m}^2$ . Determine the force components that act on the vane.

**Given:** Vane, with turning angle  $\theta = 60^\circ$ , moves with constant velocity,  $\vec{U} = 10\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$ . Water from a constant area nozzle,  $A = 0.003 \text{ m}^2$ , with velocity  $\vec{V} = 30\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$ , flows over the vane as shown.

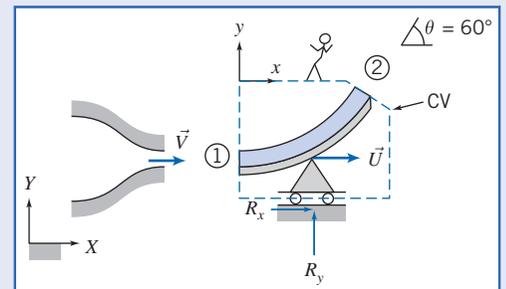
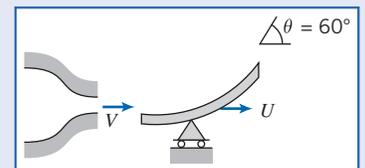
**Find:** Force components acting on the vane.

**Solution:** Select a control volume moving with the vane at constant velocity,  $\vec{U}$ , as shown by the dashed lines.  $R_x$  and  $R_y$  are the components of force required to maintain the velocity of the control volume at  $10\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$ .

The control volume is inertial, since it is not accelerating ( $U = \text{constant}$ ). Remember that all velocities must be measured relative to the control volume in applying the basic equations.

**Governing equations:**

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



**Assumptions:**

- 1 Flow is steady relative to the vane.
- 2 Magnitude of relative velocity along the vane is constant:  $|\vec{V}_1| = |\vec{V}_2| = V - U$ .
- 3 Properties are uniform at sections ① and ②.
- 4  $F_{B_x} = 0$ .
- 5 Incompressible flow.

The  $x$  component of the momentum equation is

$$= 0(4) = 0(1)$$

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u_{xyz} \rho \, dV + \int_{CS} u_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

There is no net pressure force, since  $p_{atm}$  acts on all sides of the CV. Thus

$$R_x = \int_{A_1} u(-\rho V dA) + \int_{A_2} u(\rho V dA) = +u_1(-\rho V_1 A_1) + u_2(\rho V_2 A_2)$$

(All velocities are measured relative to  $xyz$ .) From the continuity equation

$$\int_{A_1} (-\rho V dA) + \int_{A_2} (\rho V dA) = (-\rho V_1 A_1) + (\rho V_2 A_2) = 0$$

or

$$\rho V_1 A_1 = \rho V_2 A_2$$

Therefore,

$$R_x = (u_2 - u_1)(\rho V_1 A_1)$$

All velocities must be measured relative to the CV, so we note that

$$V_1 = V - U \quad V_2 = V - U$$

$$u_1 = V - U \quad u_2 = (V - U) \cos \theta$$

Substituting yields

$$R_x = [(V - U) \cos \theta - (V - U)](\rho(V - U)A_1) = (V - U)(\cos \theta - 1)\{\rho(V - U)A_1\}$$

$$= (30 - 10) \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times (0.50 - 1) \times \left( 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} (30 - 10) \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.003 \text{ m}^2 \right) \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$R_x = -599 \text{ N} \quad \{\text{to the left}\}$$

Writing the  $y$  component of the momentum equation, we obtain

$$= 0(1)$$

$$F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v_{xyz} \rho \, dV + \int_{CS} v_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Denoting the mass of the CV as  $M$  gives

$$R_y - Mg = \int_{CS} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{A_2} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \{v_1 = 0\}$$

$$= \int_{A_2} v(\rho V dA) = v_2(\rho V_2 A_2) = v_2(\rho V_1 A_1)$$

$$= (V - U) \sin \theta \{\rho(V - U)A_1\}$$

$$= (30 - 10) \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times (0.866) \times \left( (999) \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} (30 - 10) \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.003 \text{ m}^2 \right) \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

{ All velocities are measured relative to  $xyz$ .  
 { Recall  $\rho V_2 A_2 = \rho V_1 A_1$ . }

$$R_y - Mg = 1.04 \text{ kN} \quad \{\text{upward}\}$$

Thus the vertical force is

$$R_y = 1.04 \text{ kN} + Mg \quad \{\text{upward}\}$$

Then the net force on the vane (neglecting the weight of the vane and water within the CV) is

$$\vec{R} = -0.599\hat{i} + 1.04\hat{j} \text{ kN} \leftarrow \vec{R}$$

This problem illustrates how to apply the momentum equation for a control volume in constant velocity motion by evaluating all velocities relative to the control volume.

## 4.5 Momentum Equation for Control Volume with Rectilinear Acceleration

For an inertial control volume (having no acceleration relative to a stationary frame of reference), the appropriate formulation of Newton's second law is given by Eq. 4.26,

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.26)$$

Not all control volumes are inertial; for example, a rocket must accelerate if it is to get off the ground. Since we are interested in analyzing control volumes that may accelerate relative to inertial coordinates, it is logical to ask whether Eq. 4.26 can be used for an accelerating control volume. To answer this question, let us briefly review the two major elements used in developing Eq. 4.26.

First, in relating the system derivatives to the control volume formulation (Eq. 4.25 or 4.10), the flow field,  $\vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$ , was specified relative to the control volume's coordinates  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . No restriction was placed on the motion of the  $xyz$  reference frame. Consequently, Eq. 4.25 (or Eq. 4.10) is valid at any instant for any arbitrary motion of the coordinates  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  provided that all velocities in the equation are measured relative to the control volume.

Second, the system equation

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} \quad (4.2a)$$

where the linear momentum of the system is given by

$$\vec{P}_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{V} \, dm = \int_{\mathcal{V}(\text{system})} \vec{V} \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.2b)$$

is valid only for velocities measured relative to an inertial reference frame. Thus, if we denote the inertial reference frame by  $XYZ$ , then Newton's second law states that

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}_{XYZ}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} \quad (4.27)$$

Since the time derivatives of  $\vec{P}_{XYZ}$  and  $\vec{P}_{xyz}$  are not equal when the control volume reference frame  $xyz$  is accelerating relative to the inertial reference frame, Eq. 4.26 is not valid for an accelerating control volume.

To develop the momentum equation for a linearly accelerating control volume, it is necessary to relate  $\vec{P}_{XYZ}$  of the system to  $\vec{P}_{xyz}$  of the system. The system derivative  $d\vec{P}_{xyz}/dt$  can then be related to control volume variables through Eq. 4.25. We begin by writing Newton's second law for a system, remembering that the acceleration must be measured relative to an inertial reference frame that we have designated  $XYZ$ . We write

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}_{XYZ}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{V}_{XYZ} \, dm = \int_{M(\text{system})} \frac{d\vec{V}_{XYZ}}{dt} \, dm \quad (4.28)$$

The velocities with respect to the inertial ( $XYZ$ ) and the control volume coordinates ( $xyz$ ) are related by the relative-motion equation

$$\vec{V}_{XYZ} = \vec{V}_{xyz} + \vec{V}_{rf} \quad (4.29)$$

where  $\vec{V}_{rf}$  is the velocity of the control volume coordinates  $xyz$  with respect to the “absolute” stationary coordinates  $XYZ$ .

Since we are assuming the motion of  $xyz$  is pure translation, without rotation, relative to inertial reference frame  $XYZ$ , then

$$\frac{d\vec{V}_{XYZ}}{dt} = \vec{a}_{XYZ} = \frac{d\vec{V}_{xyz}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{V}_{rf}}{dt} = \vec{a}_{xyz} + \vec{a}_{rf} \quad (4.30)$$

where

$\vec{a}_{XYZ}$  is the rectilinear acceleration of the system relative to inertial reference frame  $XYZ$ ,

$\vec{a}_{xyz}$  is the rectilinear acceleration of the system relative to noninertial reference frame  $xyz$  (i.e., relative to the control volume), and

$\vec{a}_{rf}$  is the rectilinear acceleration of noninertial reference frame  $xyz$  (i.e., of the control volume) relative to inertial frame  $XYZ$ .

Substituting from Eq. 4.30 into Eq. 4.28 gives

$$\vec{F} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{a}_{rf} dm + \int_{M(\text{system})} \frac{d\vec{V}_{xyz}}{dt} dm$$

or

$$\vec{F} - \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{a}_{rf} dm = \frac{d\vec{P}_{xyz}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} \quad (4.31a)$$

where the linear momentum of the system is given by

$$\vec{P}_{xyz}|_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{V}_{xyz} dm = \int_{\mathcal{V}(\text{system})} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.31b)$$

and the force,  $\vec{F}$ , includes all surface and body forces acting on the system.

To derive the control volume formulation of Newton’s second law, we set

$$N = \vec{P}_{xyz} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \vec{V}_{xyz}$$

From Eq. 4.25, with this substitution, we obtain

$$\frac{d\vec{P}_{xyz}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.32)$$

Combining Eq. 4.31a (the linear momentum equation for the system) and Eq. 4.32 (the system–control volume conversion), and recognizing that at time  $t_0$  the system and control volume coincide, Newton’s second law for a control volume accelerating, without rotation, relative to an inertial reference frame is

$$\vec{F} - \int_{CV} \vec{a}_{rf} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Since  $\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B$ , this equation becomes

$$\vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B - \int_{CV} \vec{a}_{rf} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.33)$$

Comparing this momentum equation for a control volume with rectilinear acceleration to that for a non-accelerating control volume, Eq. 4.26, we see that the only difference is the presence of one additional term in Eq. 4.33. When the control volume is not accelerating relative to inertial reference frame  $XYZ$ , then  $\vec{a}_{rf} = 0$ , and Eq. 4.33 reduces to Eq. 4.26.

The precautions concerning the use of Eq. 4.26 also apply to the use of Eq. 4.33. Before attempting to apply either equation, one must draw the boundaries of the control volume and label appropriate coordinate directions. For an accelerating control volume, one must label two coordinate systems: one ( $xyz$ ) on the control volume and the other ( $XYZ$ ) an inertial reference frame.

In Eq. 4.33,  $\vec{F}_S$  represents all surface forces acting on the control volume. Since the mass within the control volume may vary with time, both the remaining terms on the left side of the equation may be functions of time. Furthermore, the acceleration,  $\vec{a}_{rf}$ , of the reference frame  $xyz$  relative to an inertial frame will in general be a function of time.

All velocities in Eq. 4.33 are measured relative to the control volume. The momentum flux,  $\vec{V}_{xyz}\rho\vec{V}_{xyz}\cdot d\vec{A}$ , through an element of the control surface area,  $d\vec{A}$ , is a vector. As we saw for the non-accelerating control volume, the sign of the scalar product,  $\rho\vec{V}_{xyz}\cdot d\vec{A}$ , depends on the direction of the velocity vector,  $\vec{V}_{xyz}$ , relative to the area vector,  $d\vec{A}$ .

The momentum equation is a vector equation. As with all vector equations, it may be written as three scalar component equations. The scalar components of Eq. 4.33 are

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} - \int_{CV} a_{rf_x} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} u_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.34a)$$

$$F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} - \int_{CV} a_{rf_y} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} v_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.34b)$$

$$F_{S_z} + F_{B_z} - \int_{CV} a_{rf_z} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} w_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} w_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.34c)$$

We will consider two applications of the linearly accelerating control volume: Example 4.11 will analyze an accelerating control volume in which the mass contained in the control volume is constant; Example 4.12 will analyze an accelerating control volume in which the mass contained varies with time.

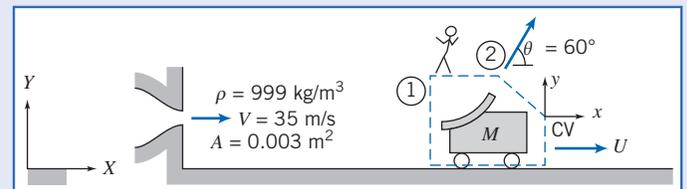
### Example 4.11 VANE MOVING WITH RECTILINEAR ACCELERATION

A vane, with turning angle  $\theta = 60^\circ$ , is attached to a cart. The cart and vane, of mass  $M = 75$  kg, roll on a level track. Friction and air resistance may be neglected. The vane receives a jet of water, which leaves a stationary nozzle horizontally at  $V = 35$  m/s. The nozzle exit area is  $A = 0.003$  m<sup>2</sup>. Determine the velocity of the cart as a function of time and plot the results.

**Given:** Vane and cart as sketched, with  $M = 75$  kg.

**Find:**  $U(t)$  and plot results.

**Solution:** Choose the control volume and coordinate systems shown for the analysis. Note that  $XY$  is a fixed frame, while frame  $xy$  moves with the cart. Apply the  $x$  component of the momentum equation.



**Governing equations:**

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0(1) = 0(2) && \simeq 0(4) \\ \vec{F}_{S_x} + \vec{F}_{B_x} - \int_{CV} a_{rf_x} \rho d\mathcal{V} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} u_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1  $F_{S_x} = 0$ , since no resistance is present.
- 2  $F_{B_x} = 0$ .
- 3 Neglect the mass of water in contact with the vane compared to the cart mass.
- 4 Neglect rate of change of momentum of liquid inside the CV.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} \simeq 0$$

5 Uniform flow at sections ① and ②.

6 Speed of water stream is not slowed by friction on the vane, so  $|\vec{V}_{xyz1}| = |\vec{V}_{xyz2}|$ .

7  $A_2 = A_1 = A$ .

Then, dropping subscripts *rf* and *xyz* for clarity (but remembering that all velocities are measured relative to the moving coordinates of the control volume),

$$\begin{aligned} - \int_{CV} a_x \rho dV &= u_1(-\rho V_1 A_1) + u_2(\rho V_2 A_2) \\ &= (V-U)\{-\rho(V-U)A\} + (V-U)\cos\theta\{\rho(V-U)A\} \\ &= -\rho(V-U)^2 A + \rho(V-U)^2 A \cos\theta \end{aligned}$$

For the left side of this equation we have

$$- \int_{CV} a_x \rho dV = -a_x M_{CV} = -a_x M = -\frac{dU}{dt} M$$

so that

$$-M \frac{dU}{dt} = -\rho(V-U)^2 A + \rho(V-U)^2 A \cos\theta$$

or

$$M \frac{dU}{dt} = (1 - \cos\theta)\rho(V-U)^2 A$$

Separating variables, we obtain

$$\frac{dU}{(V-U)^2} = \frac{(1 - \cos\theta)\rho A}{M} dt = bdt \quad \text{where } b = \frac{(1 - \cos\theta)\rho A}{M}$$

Note that since  $V = \text{constant}$ ,  $dU = -d(V-U)$ . Integrating between limits  $U=0$  at  $t=0$ , and  $U=U$  at  $t=t$ ,

$$\int_0^U \frac{dU}{(V-U)^2} = \int_0^U \frac{-d(V-U)}{(V-U)^2} = \left[ \frac{1}{(V-U)} \right]_0^U = \int_0^t bdt = bt$$

or

$$\frac{1}{(V-U)} - \frac{1}{V} = \frac{U}{V(V-U)} = bt$$

Solving for  $U$ , we obtain

$$\frac{U}{V} = \frac{Vbt}{1 + Vbt}$$

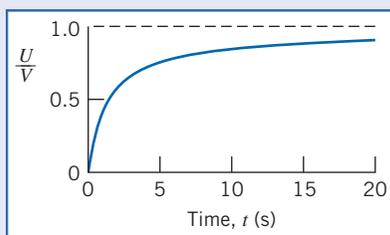
Evaluating  $Vb$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} Vb &= V \frac{(1 - \cos\theta)\rho A}{M} \\ Vb &= 35 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{(1 - 0.5)}{75 \text{ kg}} \times 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 0.003 \text{ m}^2 = 0.699 \text{ s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{U}{V} = \frac{0.699t}{1 + 0.699t} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} (t \text{ in seconds}) \\ U(t) \end{array}$$

Plot:



 The graph was generated from an Excel workbook. This workbook is interactive: It allows one to see the effect of different values of  $\rho$ ,  $A$ ,  $M$ , and  $\theta$  on  $U/V$  against time  $t$ , and also to determine the time taken for the cart to reach, for example, 95 percent of jet speed.

**Example 4.12 ROCKET DIRECTED VERTICALLY**

A small rocket, with an initial mass of 400 kg, is to be launched vertically. Upon ignition the rocket consumes fuel at the rate of 5 kg/s and ejects gas at atmospheric pressure with a speed of 3500 m/s relative to the rocket. Determine the initial acceleration of the rocket and the rocket speed after 10 s, if air resistance is neglected.

**Given:** Small rocket accelerates vertically from rest.

Initial mass,  $M_0 = 400$  kg.

Air resistance may be neglected.

Rate of fuel consumption,  $\dot{m}_e = 5$  kg/s.

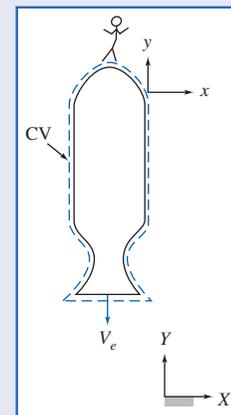
Exhaust velocity,  $V_e = 3500$  m/s, relative to rocket, leaving at atmospheric pressure.

**Find:** (a) Initial acceleration of the rocket.  
(b) Rocket velocity after 10 s.

**Solution:** Choose a control volume as shown by dashed lines. Because the control volume is accelerating, define inertial coordinate system  $XY$  and coordinate system  $xy$  attached to the CV. Apply the  $y$  component of the momentum equation.

**Governing equation:**

$$F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} - \int_{CV} a_{rf_y} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CV} v_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A}$$



**Assumptions:**

- 1 Atmospheric pressure acts on all surfaces of the CV; since air resistance is neglected,  $F_{S_y} = 0$ .
- 2 Gravity is the only body force;  $g$  is constant.
- 3 Flow leaving the rocket is uniform, and  $V_e$  is constant.

Under these assumptions the momentum equation reduces to

$$F_{B_y} - \int_{CV} a_{rf_y} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} v_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (1)$$

(A)                      (B)                      (C)                      (D)

Let us look at the equation term by term:

$$(A) \quad F_{B_y} = - \int_{CV} g \rho d\mathcal{V} = -g \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} = -g M_{CV} \quad \{\text{since } g \text{ is constant}\}$$

The mass of the CV will be a function of time because mass is leaving the CV at rate  $\dot{m}_e$ . To determine  $M_{CV}$  as a function of time, we use the conservation of mass equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} = - \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = - \int_{CS} (\rho V_{xyz} dA) = -\dot{m}_e$$

The minus sign indicates that the mass of the CV is decreasing with time. Since the mass of the CV is only a function of time, we can write

$$\frac{dM_{CV}}{dt} = -\dot{m}_e$$

To find the mass of the CV at any time,  $t$ , we integrate

$$\int_{M_0}^M dM_{CV} = \int_0^t \dot{m}_e dt \quad \text{where at } t=0, M_{CV} = M_0, \text{ and at } t=t, M_{CV} = M$$

Then,  $M - M_0 = -\dot{m}_e t$ , or  $M = M_0 - \dot{m}_e t$ .

Substituting the expression for  $M$  into term (B), we obtain

$$F_{B_y} = - \int_{CV} g \rho d\mathcal{V} = -gM_{CV} = -g(M_0 - \dot{m}_e t)$$

$$(B) \quad - \int_{CV} a_{r_{f_y}} \rho d\mathcal{V}$$

The acceleration,  $a_{r_{f_y}}$ , of the CV is that seen by an observer in the  $XY$  coordinate system. Thus  $a_{r_{f_y}}$  is not a function of the coordinates  $xyz$ , and

$$- \int_{CV} a_{r_{f_y}} \rho d\mathcal{V} = -a_{r_{f_y}} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} = -a_{r_{f_y}} M_{CV} = -a_{r_{f_y}} (M_0 - \dot{m}_e t)$$

$$(C) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V}$$

This is the time rate of change of the  $y$  momentum of the fluid in the control volume measured relative to the control volume.

Even though the  $y$  momentum of the fluid inside the CV, measured relative to the CV, is a large number, it does not change appreciably with time. To see this, we must recognize that:

- 1 The unburned fuel and the rocket structure have zero momentum relative to the rocket.
- 2 The velocity of the gas at the nozzle exit remains constant with time as does the velocity at various points in the nozzle.

Consequently, it is reasonable to assume that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} \approx 0$$

$$(D) \quad \int_{CS} v_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{CS} v_{xyz} (\rho V_{xyz} dA) = -V_e \int_{CS} (\rho V_{xyz} dA)$$

The velocity  $v_{xyz}$  (relative to the control volume) is  $-V_e$  (it is in the negative  $y$  direction), and is a constant, so was taken outside the integral. The remaining integral is simply the mass flow rate at the exit (positive because flow is out of the control volume),

$$\int_{CS} (\rho V_{xyz} dA) = \dot{m}_e$$

and so

$$\int_{CS} v_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A} = -V_e \dot{m}_e$$

Substituting terms (A) through (D) into Eq. 1, we obtain

$$-g(M_0 - \dot{m}_e t) - a_{r_{f_y}} (M_0 - \dot{m}_e t) = -V_e \dot{m}_e$$

or

$$a_{r_{f_y}} = \frac{V_e \dot{m}_e}{M_0 - \dot{m}_e t} - g \quad (2)$$

At time  $t = 0$ ,

$$a_{r_{f_y}})_{t=0} = \frac{V_e \dot{m}_e}{M_0} - g = 3500 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 5 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{400 \text{ kg}} - 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$a_{r_{f_y}})_{t=0} = 33.9 \text{ m/s}^2 \leftarrow a_{r_{f_y}})_{t=0}$$

The acceleration of the CV is by definition

$$a_{r_{f_y}} = \frac{dV_{CV}}{dt}$$

Substituting from Eq. 2,

$$\frac{dV_{CV}}{dt} = \frac{V_e \dot{m}_e}{M_0 - \dot{m}_e t} - g$$

Separating variables and integrating gives

$$V_{CV} = \int_0^{V_{CV}} dV_{CV} = \int_0^t \frac{V_e \dot{m}_e dt}{M_0 - \dot{m}_e t} - \int_0^t g dt = -V_e \ln \left[ \frac{M_0 - \dot{m}_e t}{M_0} \right] - gt$$

At  $t = 10$  s,

$$V_{CV} = -3500 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \ln \left[ \frac{350 \text{ kg}}{400 \text{ kg}} \right] - 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 10 \text{ s}$$

$$V_{CV} = 369 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow \frac{V_{CV}}{t=10 \text{ s}}$$

 The velocity–time graph is shown in an *Excel* workbook. This workbook is interactive: It allows one to see the effect of different values of  $M_0$ ,  $V_e$ , and  $\dot{m}_e$  on  $V_{CV}$  versus time  $t$ . Also, the time at which the rocket attains a given speed, e.g., 2000 m/s, can be determined.

## 4.6 Momentum Equation for Control Volume with Arbitrary Acceleration (on the Web)

### 4.7 The Angular-Momentum Principle

Our next task is to derive a control volume form of the angular-momentum principle. There are two obvious approaches we can use to express the angular-momentum principle: We can use an inertial (fixed)  $XYZ$  control volume; we can also use a rotating  $xyz$  control volume. For each approach we will: start with the principle in its system form (Eq. 4.3a), then write the system angular momentum in terms of  $XYZ$  or  $xyz$  coordinates, and finally use Eq. 4.10 (or its slightly different form, Eq. 4.25) to convert from a system to a control volume formulation. To verify that these two approaches are equivalent, we will use each approach to solve the same problem, in Examples W4.1 and W4.2 (on the web), respectively.

There are two reasons for the material of this section: We wish to develop a control volume equation for each of the basic physical laws of Section 4.2; and we will need the results for use in Chapter 10, where we discuss rotating machinery.

#### Equation for Fixed Control Volume

The angular-momentum principle for a system in an inertial frame is

$$\vec{T} = \frac{d\vec{H}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} \quad (4.3a)$$

where

$\vec{T}$  = total torque exerted on the system by its surroundings, and

$\vec{H}$  = angular momentum of the system.

$$\vec{H} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} dm = \int_{\mathcal{V}(\text{system})} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.3b)$$

All quantities in the system equation must be formulated with respect to an inertial reference frame. Reference frames at rest, or translating with constant linear velocity, are inertial, and Eq. 4.12 can be used directly to develop the control volume form of the angular-momentum principle.

The position vector,  $\vec{r}$ , locates each mass or volume element of the system with respect to the coordinate system. The torque,  $\vec{T}$ , applied to a system may be written

$$\vec{T} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}_s + \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} dm + \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} \quad (4.3c)$$

where  $\vec{F}_s$  is the surface force exerted on the system.

The relation between the system and fixed control volume formulations is

$$\left(\frac{dN}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \eta \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.10)$$

where

$$N_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} \eta dm$$

If we set  $N = \vec{H}$ , then  $\eta = \vec{r} \times \vec{V}$ , and

$$\left(\frac{d\vec{H}}{dt}\right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.45)$$

Combining Eqs. 4.3a, 4.20, and 4.45, we obtain

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_s + \int_{M(\text{system})} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} dm + \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Since the system and control volume coincide at time  $t_0$ ,

$$\vec{T} = \vec{T}_{\text{CV}}$$

and

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_s + \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.46)$$

Equation 4.46 is a general formulation of the angular-momentum principle for an inertial control volume. The left side of the equation is an expression for all the torques that act on the control volume. Terms on the right express the rate of change of angular momentum within the control volume and the net rate of flux of angular momentum from the control volume. All velocities in Eq. 4.46 are measured relative to the fixed control volume.

For analysis of rotating machinery, Eq. 4.46 is often used in scalar form by considering only the component directed along the axis of rotation. This application is illustrated in Chapter 10.

The application of Eq. 4.46 to the analysis of a simple lawn sprinkler is illustrated in Example 4.13. This same problem is considered in Example W4.2 (on the web) using a *rotating* control volume. The equation for the angular-momentum principle applied to a rotating control volume is developed in the web Section 4.7 “Equation for a Rotating Control Volume.”

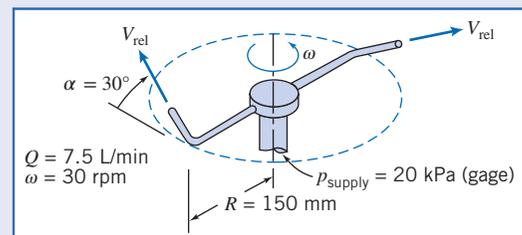
### Example 4.13 LAWN SPRINKLER: ANALYSIS USING FIXED CONTROL VOLUME

A small lawn sprinkler is shown in the sketch at right. At an inlet gage pressure of 20 kPa, the total volume flow rate of water through the sprinkler is 7.5 liters per minute and it rotates at 30 rpm. The diameter of each jet is 4 mm. Calculate the jet speed relative to each sprinkler nozzle. Evaluate the friction torque at the sprinkler pivot.

**Given:** Small lawn sprinkler as shown.

**Find:** (a) Jet speed relative to each nozzle.  
(b) Friction torque at pivot.

**Solution:** Apply continuity and angular momentum equations using fixed control volume enclosing sprinkler arms.



Governing equations:

$$= 0(1)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_s + \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} \rho dV + \vec{T}_{shaft} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (1)$$

where all velocities are measured relative to the inertial coordinates XYZ.

Assumptions:

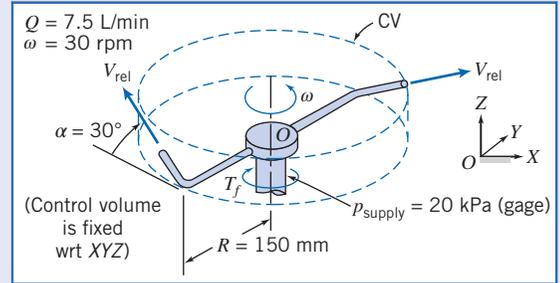
- 1 Incompressible flow.
- 2 Uniform flow at each section.
- 3  $\vec{\omega} = \text{constant}$ .

From continuity, the jet speed relative to the nozzle is given by

$$V_{rel} = \frac{Q}{2A_{jet}} = \frac{Q}{2} \frac{4}{\pi D_{jet}^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 7.5 \frac{L}{min} \times \frac{4}{\pi (4)^2 mm^2} \times \frac{m^3}{1000 L} \times 10^6 \frac{mm^2}{m^2} \times \frac{min}{60 s}$$

$$V_{rel} = 4.97 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{-----} \quad V_{rel}$$

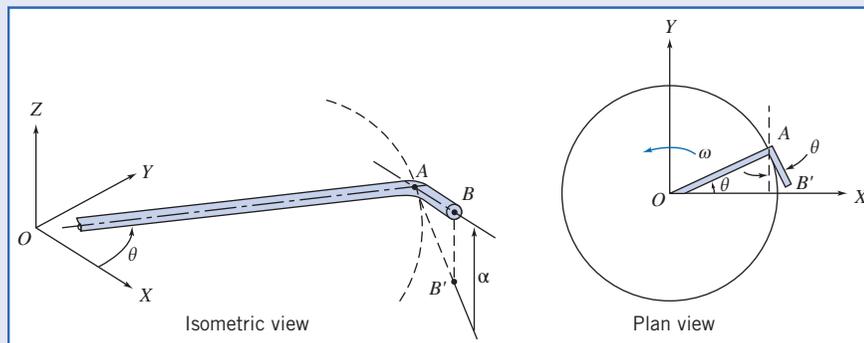


Consider terms in the angular momentum equation separately. Since atmospheric pressure acts on the entire control surface, and the pressure force at the inlet causes no moment about O,  $\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_s = 0$ . The moments of the body (i.e., gravity) forces in the two arms are equal and opposite and hence the second term on the left side of the equation is zero. The only external torque acting on the CV is friction in the pivot. It opposes the motion, so

$$\vec{T}_{shaft} = -T_f \hat{K} \quad (2)$$

Our next task is to determine the two angular momentum terms on the right side of Eq. 1. Consider the unsteady term: This is the rate of change of angular momentum in the control volume. It is clear that although the position  $\vec{r}$  and velocity  $\vec{V}$  of fluid particles are functions of time in XYZ coordinates, because the sprinkler rotates at constant speed the control volume angular momentum is constant in XYZ coordinates, so this term is zero; however, as an exercise in manipulating vector quantities, let us derive this result. Before we can evaluate the control volume integral, we need to develop expressions for the instantaneous position vector,  $\vec{r}$ , and velocity vector,  $\vec{V}$  (measured relative to the fixed coordinate system XYZ) of each element of fluid in the control volume. OA lies in the XY plane; AB is inclined at angle alpha to the XY plane; point B' is the projection of point B on the XY plane.

We assume that the length, L, of the tip AB is small compared with the length, R, of the horizontal arm OA. Consequently we neglect the angular momentum of the fluid in the tips compared with the angular momentum in the horizontal arms.



Consider flow in the horizontal tube  $OA$  of length  $R$ . Denote the radial distance from  $O$  by  $r$ . At any point in the tube the fluid velocity relative to fixed coordinates  $XYZ$  is the sum of the velocity relative to the tube  $\vec{V}_t$  and the tangential velocity  $\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$ . Thus

$$\vec{V} = \hat{I}(V_t \cos \theta - r\omega \sin \theta) + \hat{J}(V_t \sin \theta + r\omega \cos \theta)$$

(Note that  $\theta$  is a function of time.) The position vector is

$$\vec{r} = \hat{I}r \cos \theta + \hat{J}r \sin \theta$$

and

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{V} = \hat{K}(r^2\omega \cos^2 \theta + r^2\omega \sin^2 \theta) = \hat{K}r^2\omega$$

Then

$$\int_{\mathcal{V}_{OA}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \int_0^R \hat{K}r^2\omega \rho A dr = \hat{K} \frac{R^3\omega}{3} \rho A$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\mathcal{V}_{OA}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \hat{K} \frac{R^3\omega}{3} \rho A \right] = 0 \quad (3)$$

where  $A$  is the cross-sectional area of the horizontal tube. Identical results are obtained for the other horizontal tube in the control volume. We have confirmed our insight that the angular momentum within the control volume does not change with time.

Now we need to evaluate the second term on the right, the flux of momentum across the control surface. There are three surfaces through which we have mass and therefore momentum flux: the supply line (for which  $\vec{r} \times \vec{V} = 0$ ) because  $\vec{r} = 0$  and the two nozzles. Consider the nozzle at the end of branch  $OAB$ . For  $L \ll R$ , we have

$$\vec{r}_{\text{jet}} = \vec{r}_B \approx \vec{r}|_{r=R} = (\hat{I}r \cos \theta + \hat{J}r \sin \theta)|_{r=R} = \hat{I}R \cos \theta + \hat{J}R \sin \theta$$

and for the instantaneous jet velocity  $\vec{V}_j$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{V}_j &= \vec{V}_{\text{rel}} + \vec{V}_{\text{tip}} = \hat{I}V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha \sin \theta - \hat{J}V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha \cos \theta + \hat{K}V_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha - \hat{I}\omega R \sin \theta + \hat{J}\omega R \cos \theta \\ \vec{V}_j &= \hat{I}(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R) \sin \theta - \hat{J}(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R) \cos \theta + \hat{K}V_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha \\ \vec{r}_B \times \vec{V}_j &= \hat{I}RV_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha \sin \theta - \hat{J}RV_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha \cos \theta - \hat{K}R(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R)(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ \vec{r}_B \times \vec{V}_j &= \hat{I}RV_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha \sin \theta - \hat{J}RV_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha \cos \theta - \hat{K}R(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R) \end{aligned}$$

The flux integral evaluated for flow crossing the control surface at location  $B$  is then

$$\int_{\text{CS}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V}_j \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = [\hat{I}RV_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha \sin \theta - \hat{J}RV_{\text{rel}} \sin \alpha \cos \theta - \hat{K}R(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R)] \rho \frac{Q}{2}$$

The velocity and radius vectors for flow in the left arm must be described in terms of the same unit vectors used for the right arm. In the left arm the  $\hat{I}$  and  $\hat{J}$  components of the cross product are of opposite sign, since  $\sin(\theta + \pi) = -\sin(\theta)$  and  $\cos(\theta - \pi) = -\cos(\theta)$ . Thus for the complete CV,

$$\int_{\text{CS}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V}_j \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = -\hat{K}R(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R) \rho Q \quad (4)$$

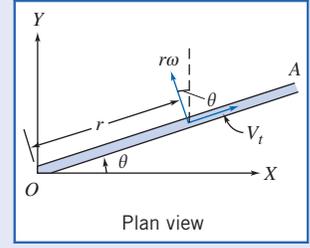
Substituting terms (2), (3), and (4) into Eq. 1, we obtain

$$-T_f \hat{K} = -\hat{K}R(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R) \rho Q$$

or

$$T_f = R(V_{\text{rel}} \cos \alpha - \omega R) \rho Q$$

This expression indicates that when the sprinkler runs at constant speed the friction torque at the sprinkler pivot just balances the torque generated by the angular momentum of the two jets.



From the data given,

$$\omega R = 30 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 150 \text{ mm} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{1000 \text{ mm}} = 0.471 \text{ m/s}$$

Substituting gives

$$T_f = 150 \text{ mm} \times \left( 4.97 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \cos 30^\circ - 0.471 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \right) 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 7.5 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{min}} \\ \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{1000 \text{ L}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^3}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{1000 \text{ mm}} \\ T_f = 0.0718 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \leftarrow T_f$$

This problem illustrates use of the angular momentum principle for an inertial control volume. Note that in this example the fluid particle position vector  $\vec{r}$  and velocity vector  $\vec{V}$  are time-dependent (through  $\theta$ ) in XYZ coordinates. This problem is also solved using a noninertial (rotating) xyz coordinate system in Example W4.2 (on the web).

## 4.8 The First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics

The first law of thermodynamics is a statement of conservation of energy. Recall that the system formulation of the first law was

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W} = \frac{dE}{dt}_{\text{system}} \quad (4.4a)$$

where the total energy of the system is given by

$$E_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} e \, dm = \int_{\mathcal{V}(\text{system})} e \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.4b)$$

and

$$e = u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz$$

In Eq. 4.4a, the rate of heat transfer,  $\dot{Q}$ , is positive when heat is added to the system from the surroundings; the rate of work,  $\dot{W}$ , is positive when work is done by the system on its surroundings. (Note that some texts use the opposite notation for work.)

To derive the control volume formulation of the first law of thermodynamics, we set

$$N = E \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = e$$

in Eq. 4.10 and obtain

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} e \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.53)$$

Since the system and the control volume coincide at  $t_0$ ,

$$[\dot{Q} - \dot{W}]_{\text{system}} = [\dot{Q} - \dot{W}]_{\text{control volume}}$$

In light of this, Eqs. 4.4a and 4.53 yield the control volume form of the first law of thermodynamics,

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} e \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.54)$$

where

$$e = u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz$$

Note that for steady flow the first term on the right side of Eq. 4.54 is zero.

Is Eq. 4.54 the form of the first law used in thermodynamics? Even for steady flow, Eq. 4.54 is not quite the same form used in applying the first law to control volume problems. To obtain a formulation suitable and convenient for problem solutions, let us take a closer look at the work term,  $\dot{W}$ .

## Rate of Work Done by a Control Volume

The term  $\dot{W}$  in Eq. 4.54 has a positive numerical value when work is done by the control volume on the surroundings. The rate of work done *on* the control volume is of opposite sign to the work done *by* the control volume.

The rate of work done by the control volume is conveniently subdivided into four classifications,

$$\dot{W} = \dot{W}_s + \dot{W}_{\text{normal}} + \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} + \dot{W}_{\text{other}}$$

Let us consider these separately:

### 1. Shaft Work

We shall designate shaft work  $W_s$  and hence the rate of work transferred out through the control surface by shaft work is designated  $\dot{W}_s$ . Examples of shaft work are the work produced by the steam turbine (positive shaft work) of a power plant, and the work input required to run the compressor of a refrigerator (negative shaft work).

### 2. Work Done by Normal Stresses at the Control Surface

Recall that work requires a force to act through a distance. Thus, when a force,  $\vec{F}$ , acts through an infinitesimal displacement,  $d\vec{s}$ , the work done is given by

$$\delta W = \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

To obtain the rate at which work is done by the force, divide by the time increment,  $\Delta t$ , and take the limit as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ . Thus the rate of work done by the force,  $\vec{F}$ , is

$$\dot{W} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta W}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}}{\Delta t} \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{W} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{V}$$

We can use this to compute the rate of work done by the normal and shear stresses. Consider the segment of control surface shown in Fig. 4.5. For an element of area  $d\vec{A}$  we can write an expression for the normal stress force  $d\vec{F}_{\text{normal}}$ : It will be given by the normal stress  $\sigma_{nn}$  multiplied by the vector area element  $d\vec{A}$  (normal to the control surface).

Hence the rate of work done on the area element is

$$d\vec{F}_{\text{normal}} \cdot \vec{V} = \sigma_{nn} d\vec{A} \cdot \vec{V}$$

Since the work out across the boundaries of the control volume is the negative of the work done on the control volume, the total rate of work out of the control volume due to normal stresses is

$$\dot{W}_{\text{normal}} = - \int_{\text{CS}} \sigma_{nn} d\vec{A} \cdot \vec{V} = - \int_{\text{CS}} \sigma_{nn} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

### 3. Work Done by Shear Stresses at the Control Surface

Just as work is done by the normal stresses at the boundaries of the control volume, so may work be done by the shear stresses.

As shown in Fig. 4.5, the shear force acting on an element of area of the control surface is given by

$$d\vec{F}_{\text{shear}} = \vec{\tau} dA$$

where the shear stress vector,  $\vec{\tau}$ , is the shear stress acting in some direction in the plane of  $dA$ .

The rate of work done on the entire control surface by shear stresses is given by

$$\int_{\text{CS}} \vec{\tau} dA \cdot \vec{V} = \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} dA$$

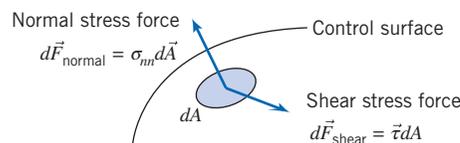


Fig. 4.5 Normal and shear stress forces.

Since the work out across the boundaries of the control volume is the negative of the work done on the control volume, the rate of work out of the control volume due to shear stresses is given by

$$\dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = - \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} dA$$

This integral is better expressed as three terms

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} &= - \int_{\text{CS}} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} dA \\ &= - \int_{A(\text{shafts})} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} dA - \int_{A(\text{solid surface})} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} dA - \int_{A(\text{ports})} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} dA \end{aligned}$$

We have already accounted for the first term, since we included  $\dot{W}_s$  previously. At solid surfaces,  $\vec{V} = 0$ , so the second term is zero (for a fixed control volume). Thus,

$$\dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = - \int_{A(\text{ports})} \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} dA$$

This last term can be made zero by proper choice of control surfaces. If we choose a control surface that cuts across each port perpendicular to the flow, then  $d\vec{A}$  is parallel to  $\vec{V}$ . Since  $\vec{\tau}$  is in the plane of  $dA$ ,  $\vec{\tau}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{V}$ . Thus, for a control surface perpendicular to  $\vec{V}$ ,

$$\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = 0$$

#### 4 Other Work

Electrical energy could be added to the control volume. Also electromagnetic energy, e.g., in radar or laser beams, could be absorbed. In most problems, such contributions will be absent, but we should note them in our general formulation.

With all of the terms in  $\dot{W}$  evaluated, we obtain

$$\dot{W} = \dot{W}_s - \int_{\text{CS}} \sigma_{nn} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} + \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} + \dot{W}_{\text{other}} \quad (4.55)$$

### Control Volume Equation

Substituting the expression for  $\dot{W}$  from Eq. 4.55 into Eq. 4.54 gives

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s + \int_{\text{CS}} \sigma_{nn} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} e \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Rearranging this equation, we obtain

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} e \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} - \int_{\text{CS}} \sigma_{nn} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Since  $\rho = 1/v$ , where  $v$  is *specific volume*, then

$$\int_{\text{CS}} \sigma_{nn} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_{\text{CS}} \sigma_{nn} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Hence

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} (e - \sigma_{nn} v) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

Viscous effects can make the normal stress,  $\sigma_{nn}$ , different from the negative of the thermodynamic pressure,  $-p$ . However, for most flows of common engineering interest,  $\sigma_{nn} \simeq -p$ . Then

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} (e + pv) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

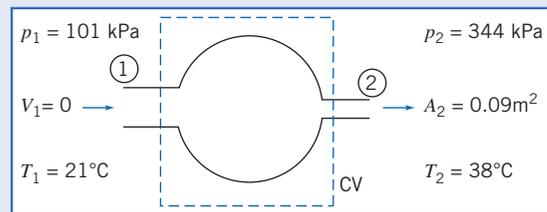
Finally, substituting  $e = u + V^2/2 + gz$  into the last term, we obtain the familiar form of the first law for a control volume,

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.56)$$

Each work term in Eq. 4.56 represents the rate of work done by the control volume on the surroundings. Note that in thermodynamics, for convenience, the combination  $u + pv$  (the fluid internal energy plus what is often called the “flow work”) is usually replaced with enthalpy,  $h \equiv u + pv$  (this is one of the reasons  $h$  was invented). Example 4.14 illustrates the application of the first law to a steady flow system, and Example 4.15 shows how to apply the first law to a system in which the flow is unsteady.

### Example 4.14 COMPRESSOR: FIRST LAW ANALYSIS

Air at 101 kPa, 21°C, enters a compressor with negligible velocity and is discharged at 344 kPa, 38°C through a pipe with 0.09 m<sup>2</sup> area. The flow rate is 9 kg/s. The power input to the compressor is 447 kW. Determine the rate of heat transfer.



**Given:** Air enters a compressor at ① and leaves at ② with conditions as shown. The air flow rate is 9 kg/s and the power input to the compressor is 447 kW.

**Find:** Rate of heat transfer.

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0(1) \\ &\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \\ &= 0(4) = 0(1) \\ \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Properties uniform over inlet and outlet sections.
- 3 Treat air as an ideal gas,  $p = \rho RT$ .
- 4 Area of CV at ① and ② perpendicular to velocity, thus  $\dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = 0$ .
- 5  $z_1 = z_2$ .
- 6 Inlet kinetic energy is negligible.

Under the assumptions listed, the first law becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s &= \int_{\text{CV}} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s &= \int_{\text{CS}} \left( h + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{W}_s + \int_{\text{CS}} \left( h + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

For uniform properties, assumption (2), we can write

$$\approx 0(6)$$

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{W}_s + \left( h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) (-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + \left( h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) (\rho_2 V_2 A_2)$$

For steady flow, from conservation of mass,

$$\int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Therefore,  $-(\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + (\rho_2 V_2 A_2) = 0$ , or  $\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = \dot{m}$ . Hence we can write

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{W}_s + \dot{m} \left[ (h_2 - h_1) + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g(z_2 - z_1) \right] = 0(5)$$

Assume that air behaves as an ideal gas with constant  $c_p$ . Then  $h_2 - h_1 = c_p(T_2 - T_1)$ , and

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{W}_s + \dot{m} \left[ c_p(T_2 - T_1) + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \right]$$

From continuity  $V_2 = \dot{m} / \rho_2 A_2$ . Since  $p_2 = \rho_2 R T_2$ ,

$$V_2 = \frac{\dot{m} R T_2}{A_2 p_2} = \frac{9 \text{ kg}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{0.09 \text{ m}^2} \times 287 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{K}} \times (38 + 273)^\circ\text{K} \times \frac{1}{344,000 \text{ Pa}} \times \frac{\text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{N}} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{J}}$$

$$V_2 = 25.9 \text{ m/s}$$

Note that power input is *to* the CV, so  $\dot{W}_s = -447 \text{ kW}$ , and

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{W}_s + \dot{m} c_p (T_2 - T_1) + \dot{m} \frac{V_2^2}{2}$$

$$\dot{Q} = -447,000 \text{ W} \times 9 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \times 1005 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot ^\circ\text{K}} \times [(273 + 38) - (273 + 21)]^\circ\text{K} \times \frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{J}}$$

$$+ 9 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{(25.9)^2 \text{ m}^2}{2 \text{ s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$\dot{Q} = -290.2 \text{ kW} \leftarrow \text{\{heat rejection\}} \dot{Q}$$

This problem illustrates use of the first law of thermodynamics for a control volume. It is also an example of the care that must be taken with unit conversions for mass, energy, and power.

### Example 4.15 TANK FILLING: FIRST LAW ANALYSIS

A tank of  $0.1 \text{ m}^3$  volume is connected to a high-pressure air line; both line and tank are initially at a uniform temperature of  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . The initial tank gage pressure is  $100 \text{ kPa}$ . The absolute line pressure is  $2.0 \text{ MPa}$ ; the line is large enough so that its temperature and pressure may be assumed constant. The tank temperature is monitored by a fast-response thermocouple. At the instant after the valve is opened, the tank temperature rises at the rate of  $0.05^\circ\text{C/s}$ . Determine the instantaneous flow rate of air into the tank if heat transfer is neglected.

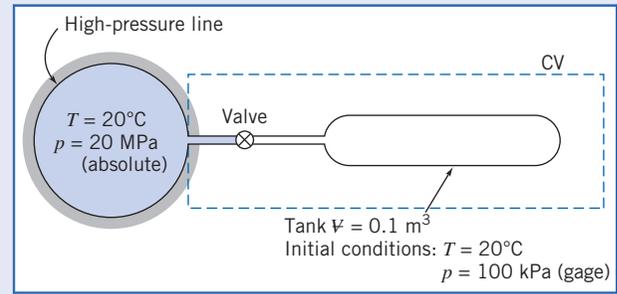
**Given:** Air supply pipe and tank as shown. At  $t = 0^+$ ,  $\partial T / \partial t = 0.05^\circ\text{C/s}$ .

**Find:**  $\dot{m}$  at  $t = 0^+$ .

**Solution:** Choose CV shown, apply energy equation.

**Governing equations:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0(1) = 0(2) = 0(3) = 0(4) \\
 \cancel{\dot{Q}} - \cancel{\dot{W}_s} - \cancel{\dot{W}_{\text{shear}}} - \cancel{\dot{W}_{\text{other}}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} (e + pv) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\
 &\simeq 0(5) \simeq 0(6) \\
 e &= u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz
 \end{aligned}$$



**Assumptions:**

- 1  $\dot{Q} = 0$  (given).
- 2  $\dot{W}_s = 0$ .
- 3  $\dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = 0$ .
- 4  $\dot{W}_{\text{other}} = 0$ .
- 5 Velocities in line and tank are small.
- 6 Neglect potential energy.
- 7 Uniform flow at tank inlet.
- 8 Properties uniform in tank.
- 9 Ideal gas,  $p = \rho RT$ ,  $du = c_v dT$ .

Then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} u_{\text{tank}} \rho d\mathcal{V} + (u + pv)|_{\text{line}} (-\rho VA) = 0$$

This expresses the fact that the gain in energy in the tank is due to influx of fluid energy (in the form of enthalpy  $h = u + pv$ ) from the line. We are interested in the initial instant, when  $T$  is uniform at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , so  $u_{\text{tank}} = u_{\text{line}} = u$ , the internal energy at  $T$ ; also,  $pv_{\text{line}} = RT_{\text{line}} = RT$ , and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} u \rho d\mathcal{V} + (u + RT)(-\rho VA) = 0$$

Since tank properties are uniform,  $\partial/\partial t$  may be replaced by  $d/dt$ , and

$$\frac{d}{dt}(uM) = (u + RT)\dot{m}$$

(where  $M$  is the instantaneous mass in the tank and  $\dot{m} = \rho VA$  is the mass flow rate), or

$$u \frac{dM}{dt} + M \frac{du}{dt} = u\dot{m} + RT\dot{m} \quad (1)$$

The term  $dM/dt$  may be evaluated from continuity:

**Governing equation:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0 \\
 \frac{dM}{dt} + (-\rho VA) &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dM}{dt} = \dot{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in Eq. 1 gives

$$u\dot{m} + Mc_v \frac{dT}{dt} = u\dot{m} + RT\dot{m}$$

or

$$\dot{m} = \frac{M c_v (dT/dt)}{RT} = \frac{\rho \mathcal{V} c_v (dT/dt)}{RT} \quad (2)$$

But at  $t=0$ ,  $p_{\text{tank}} = 100 \text{ kPa}$  (gauge), and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho = \rho_{\text{tank}} &= \frac{p_{\text{tank}}}{RT} = (1.00 + 1.01) 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{293 \text{ K}} \\ &= 2.39 \text{ kg/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into Eq. 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m} &= 2.39 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 0.1 \text{ m}^3 \times 717 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 0.05 \frac{\text{K}}{\text{s}} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{293 \text{ K}} \times 1000 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{kg}} \\ \dot{m} &= 0.102 \text{ g/s} \end{aligned}$$

This problem illustrates use of the first law of thermodynamics for a control volume. It is also an example of the care that must be taken with unit conversions for mass, energy, and power.

The second law of thermodynamics applies to all fluid systems. Recall that the system formulation of the second law is

$$\left( \frac{dS}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} \geq \frac{1}{T} \dot{Q} \quad (4.5a)$$

where the total entropy of the system is given by

$$S_{\text{system}} = \int_{M(\text{system})} s \, dm = \int_{\mathcal{V}(\text{system})} s \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \quad (4.5b)$$

To derive the control volume formulation of the second law of thermodynamics, we set

$$N = S \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = s$$

in Eq. 4.10 and obtain

$$\left( \frac{dS}{dt} \right)_{\text{system}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} s \rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} s \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.57)$$

The system and the control volume coincide at  $t_0$ ; thus in Eq. 4.5a,

$$\frac{1}{T} \dot{Q}_{\text{system}} = \frac{1}{T} \dot{Q}_{\text{CV}} = \int_{\text{CS}} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA$$

In light of this, Eqs. 4.5a and 4.57 yield the control volume formulation of the second law of thermodynamics

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} s \rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \int_{\text{CS}} s \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \geq \int_{\text{CS}} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA \quad (4.58)$$

In Eq. 4.58, the factor  $(\dot{Q}/A)$  represents the heat flux per unit area into the control volume through the area element  $dA$ . To evaluate the term

$$\int_{\text{CS}} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA$$

both the local heat flux,  $(\dot{Q}/A)$ , and local temperature,  $T$ , must be known for each area element of the control surface.

### 4.9 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we wrote the basic laws for a system: mass conservation (or continuity), Newton’s second law, the angular-momentum equation, the first law of thermodynamics, and the second law of thermodynamics. We then developed an equation (sometimes called the Reynolds Transport Theorem) for relating system formulations to control volume formulations. Using this we derived control volume forms of:

- ✓ The mass conservation equation (sometimes called the continuity equation).
- ✓ Newton’s second law (in other words, a momentum equation) for:
  - An inertial control volume.
  - A control volume with rectilinear acceleration.
  - A control volume with arbitrary acceleration (on the web).
- ✓ The angular-momentum equation for:
  - A fixed control volume.
  - A rotating control volume (on the web).
- ✓ The first law of thermodynamics (or energy equation).
- ✓ The second law of thermodynamics.

We discussed the physical meaning of each term appearing in these control volume equations, and used the equations for the solution of a variety of flow problems. In particular, we used a differential control volume to derive a famous equation in fluid mechanics—the Bernoulli equation—and while doing so learned about the restrictions on its use in solving problems.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

### Useful Equations

Continuity (mass conservation), incompressible fluid:	$\int_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$	(4.13a)	Page 90
Continuity (mass conservation), incompressible fluid, uniform flow:	$\sum_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$	(4.13b)	Page 90
Continuity (mass conservation), steady flow:	$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$	(4.15a)	Page 90
Continuity (mass conservation), steady flow, uniform flow:	$\sum_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$	(4.15b)	Page 90
Momentum (Newton’s second law):	$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$	(4.17a)	Page 95
Momentum (Newton’s second law), uniform flow:	$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{V} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$	(4.17b)	Page 95
Momentum (Newton’s second law), scalar components:	$F_x = F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$	(4.18a)	Page 96
	$F_y = F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$	(4.18b)	
	$F_z = F_{S_z} + F_{B_z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} w \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} w \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$	(4.18c)	

Table (Continued)

Momentum (Newton's second law), uniform flow, scalar components:	$F_x = F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$	(4.18d)	Page 96
	$F_y = F_{S_y} + F_{B_y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} v \rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} v \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$	(4.18e)	
	$F_z = F_{S_z} + F_{B_z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} w \rho d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} w \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A}$	(4.18f)	
Bernoulli equation (steady, incompressible, frictionless, flow along a streamline):	$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$	(4.24)	Page 107
Momentum (Newton's second law), inertial control volume (stationary or constant speed):	$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{v}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{v}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A}$	(4.26)	Page 109
Momentum (Newton's second law), rectilinear acceleration of control volume:	$\vec{F}_S + \vec{F}_B - \int_{CV} \vec{a}_{rf} \rho d\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{v}_{xyz} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{v}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A}$	(4.33)	Page 112
Angular-momentum principle:	$\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_S + \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{v} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \vec{r} \times \vec{v} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$	(4.46)	Page 118
First law of thermodynamics:	$\begin{aligned} & \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} \\ & = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} e \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$	(4.56)	Page 124
Second law of thermodynamics:	$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} s \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} s \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \geq \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} (\dot{Q}A) dA$	(4.58)	Page 127

## PROBLEMS

### Basic Laws for a System

**4.1** An ice-cube tray containing 250 mL of freshwater at 15°C is placed in a freezer at -5°C. Determine the change in internal energy (kJ) and entropy (kJ/K) of the water when it has frozen.

**4.2** A hot air balloon with an initial volume of 2600 m<sup>3</sup> rises from sea level to 1000 m elevation. The temperature of the air inside the balloon is 100°C at the start and drops to 90°C at 1000 m. What are the net amounts of heat and work transferred between the balloon and the atmosphere?

**4.3** A fully loaded Boeing 777-200 jet transport aircraft has a mass of 325,000 kg. The pilot brings the 2 engines to full takeoff thrust of 450 kN each before releasing the brakes. Neglecting aerodynamic and rolling resistance, estimate the minimum runway length and time needed to reach a takeoff speed of 225 km/hr. Assume engine thrust remains constant during ground roll.

**4.4** On the Milford Trek in New Zealand, there is a pass with a cliff known as the "12 second drop" for the time it takes a rock to hit the ground below from the pass. Estimate the height of the pass assuming that you throw a 5 cm diameter rock that weighs 200 g over the edge, for the case of (a) no air resistance and (b) a drag force given by the expression  $F_D = KV$ , where  $F_D$  is the force in N,  $V$  is the instantaneous velocity in m/s and  $K = 0.01$ . Explain why there is a difference in the calculated height.

**4.5** A high school experiment consists of a block of mass 2 kg sliding across a surface (coefficient of friction  $\mu = 0.6$ ). If it is given an

initial velocity of 5 m/s, how far will it slide, and how long will it take to come to rest? The surface is now roughened a little, so with the same initial speed it travels a distance of 2 m. What is the new coefficient of friction, and how long does it now slide?

**4.6** For a small particle of styrofoam (density = 19.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) that is spherical with a diameter  $d = 1.0$  mm falling in standard air at speed  $V$ , the drag is given by  $F_D = 3\pi\mu Vd$  where  $\mu$  is the air viscosity. Find (a) the maximum speed of the particle starting from rest and (b) the time it takes to reach 95% of this speed. Plot the speed (m/s) as a function of time.

**4.7** Air at 20°C and an absolute pressure of 101.3 kpa is compressed adiabatically in a piston-cylinder device, without friction, to an absolute pressure of 905.3 kpa in a piston-cylinder device. Find the work done (MJ).

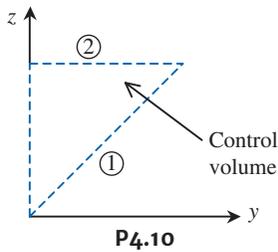
**4.8** A block of copper of mass 5 kg is heated to 90°C and then plunged into an insulated container containing 4 L of water at 10°C. Find the final temperature of the system. For copper, the specific heat is 385 J/kg·K, and for water the specific heat is 4186 J/kg·K.

**4.9** The average rate of heat loss from a person to the surroundings when not actively working is about 85 W. Suppose that in an auditorium with volume of approximately  $3.5 \times 10^5$  m<sup>3</sup>, containing 6000 people, the ventilation system fails. How much does the internal energy of the air in the auditorium increase during the first 15 min after the ventilation system fails? Considering the auditorium and

people as a system, and assuming no heat transfer to the surroundings, how much does the internal energy of the system change? How do you account for the fact that the temperature of the air increases? Estimate the rate of temperature rise under these conditions.

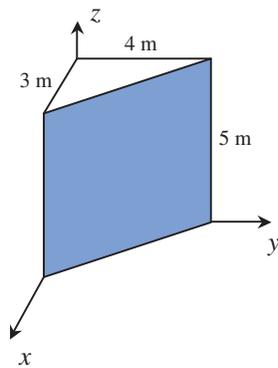
**Conservation of Mass**

**4.10** The velocity field in the region shown is given by  $\vec{V} = (aj + by)\hat{k}$  where  $a = 10 \text{ m/s}$  and  $b = 5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . For the  $1 \text{ m} \times 1 \text{ m}$  triangular control volume (depth  $w = 1 \text{ m}$  perpendicular to the diagram), an element of area ① may be represented by  $d\vec{A}_1 = wdz\hat{j} - wdy\hat{k}$  and an element of area ② by  $d\vec{A}_2 = -wdy\hat{k}$ .

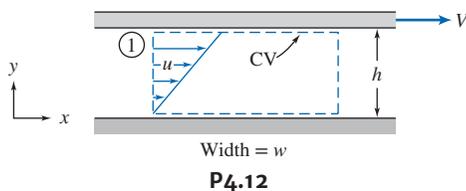


- (a) Find an expression for  $\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}_1$ .
- (b) Evaluate  $\int_{A_1} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}_1$ .
- (c) Find an expression for  $\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}_2$ .
- (d) Find an expression for  $\vec{V}(\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}_2)$ .
- (e) Evaluate  $\int_{A_2} \vec{V}(\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}_2)$ .

**4.11** The area shown shaded is in a flow where the velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = ax\hat{i} + by\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ ;  $a = b = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $c = 1 \text{ m/s}$ . Write a vector expression for an element of the shaded area. Evaluate the integrals  $\int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  and  $\int_A \vec{V}(\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A})$  over the shaded area.



**4.12** Obtain an expression for the kinetic energy flux,  $\int (V^2/2) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$ , through cross section ① of the control volume shown.



**4.13** A  $0.3 \text{ m}$  by  $0.5 \text{ m}$  rectangular air duct carries a flow of  $0.45 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  at a density of  $2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Calculate the mean velocity in the duct. If the duct tapers to  $0.15 \text{ m}$  by  $0.5 \text{ m}$  size, what is the mean velocity in this section if the density is  $1.5 \text{ kg/m}^3$  there?

**4.14** Across a shock wave in a gas flow there is a great change in gas density  $\rho$ . If a shock wave occurs in a duct such that  $V = 660 \text{ m/s}$  and  $\rho = 1.0 \text{ kg/m}^3$  before the shock and  $V = 250 \text{ m/s}$  after the shock, what is  $\rho$  after the shock?

**4.15** Water flows in a pipeline composed of  $75\text{-mm}$  and  $150\text{-mm}$  pipe. Calculate the mean velocity in the  $75\text{-mm}$  pipe when that in the  $150\text{-mm}$  pipe is  $2.5 \text{ m/s}$ . What is its ratio to the mean velocity in the  $150\text{-mm}$  pipe?

**4.16** The velocity distribution for laminar flow in a long circular tube of radius  $R$  is given by the one-dimensional expression,

$$\vec{V} = u\hat{i} = u_{\text{max}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \hat{i}$$

For this profile obtain expressions for the volume flow rate and the momentum flux through a section normal to the pipe axis. Obtain an expression for the kinetic energy flux,  $\int (V^2/2) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$ , through a section normal to the pipe axis.

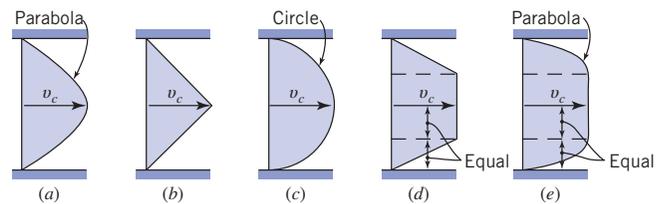
**4.17** A farmer is spraying a liquid through 10 nozzles,  $3\text{-mm-ID}$ , at an average exit velocity of  $3 \text{ m/s}$ . What is the average velocity in the  $25\text{-mm-ID}$  head feeder? What is the system flow rate, in  $\text{L/m}^3$ ?

**4.18** A university laboratory that generates  $15 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of air flow at design condition wishes to build a wind tunnel with variable speeds. It is proposed to build the tunnel with a sequence of three circular test sections: section 1 will have a diameter of  $1.5 \text{ m}$ , section 2 a diameter of  $1 \text{ m}$ , and section 3 a diameter such that the average speed is  $75 \text{ m/s}$ .

- (a) What will be the speeds in sections 1 and 2?
- (b) What must the diameter of section 3 be to attain the desired speed at design condition?

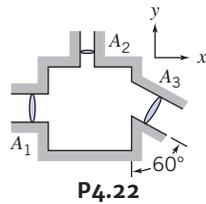
**4.19** Hydrogen is being pumped through a pipe system whose temperature is held at  $273 \text{ K}$ . At a section where the pipe diameter is  $10 \text{ mm}$ , the absolute pressure and average velocity are  $200 \text{ kPa}$  and  $30 \text{ m/s}$ . Find all possible velocities and pressures at a downstream section whose diameter is  $20 \text{ mm}$ .

**4.20** Calculate the mean velocities for these two-dimensional velocity profiles if  $v_c = 3 \text{ m/s}$ .



**4.21** If the velocity profile in a passage of width  $2R$  is given by the equation  $v/v_c = (y/R)^{1/n}$ , derive an expression for  $V/v_c$  in terms of  $n$ : (a) for a two-dimensional passage, and, (b) for a cylindrical passage.

**4.22** Fluid with  $1040 \text{ kg/m}^3$  density is flowing steadily through the rectangular box shown. Given  $A_1 = 0.046 \text{ m}^2$ ,  $A_2 = 0.009 \text{ m}^2$ ,  $A_3 = 0.056 \text{ m}^2$ ,  $\vec{V}_1 = 3\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$  and  $\vec{V}_2 = 6\hat{j} \text{ m/s}$ , determine velocity  $\vec{V}_3$ .

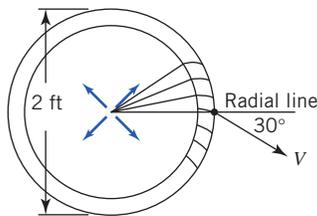


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4.23 A rice farmer needs to fill a 150 m × 400 m field with water to a depth of 7.5 cm in 1 hr. How many 37.5-cm-diameter supply pipes are needed if the average velocity in each must be less than 2.5 m/s?

4.24 In your kitchen, the sink is 60 cm by 45.7 cm. by 30.5 cm. deep. You are filling it with water at the rate of  $252 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>3</sup>/s. How long will it take (in min) to half fill the sink? After this you turn off the faucet and open the drain slightly so that the tank starts to drain at  $63 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>3</sup>/s. What is the rate (m/s) at which the water level drops?

4.25 Fluid passes through this set of thin closely spaced blades. What flow rate  $q$  is required for the velocity  $V$  to be 10 ft/s?



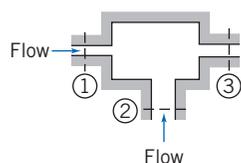
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4.26 A pipeline 0.3 m in diameter divides at a Y into two branches 200 mm and 150 mm in diameter. If the flow rate in the main line is 0.3 m<sup>3</sup>/s and the mean velocity in the 200-mm pipe is 2.5 m/s, what is the flow rate in the 150-mm pipe?

4.27 A manifold pipe of 3 in. diameter has four openings in its walls spaced equally along the pipe and is closed at the downstream end. If the discharge from each opening is 0.50 cfs, what are the mean velocities in the pipe between the openings?

4.28 You are trying to pump storm water out of your basement during a storm. The pump can extract 27.5 gpm. The water level in the basement is now sinking by about 4 in./hr. What is the flow rate (gpm) from the storm into the basement? The basement is 20 ft × 30 ft.

4.29 In the incompressible flow through the device shown, velocities may be considered uniform over the inlet and outlet sections. The following conditions are known:  $A_1 = 0.1$  m<sup>2</sup>,  $A_2 = 0.2$  m<sup>2</sup>,  $A_3 = 0.6$  m<sup>2</sup>,  $V_1 = 10e^{-t/2}$  m/s, and  $V_2 = 2\cos(2\pi t)$  m/s ( $t$  in seconds). Obtain an expression for the velocity at section ③, and plot  $V_3$  as a function of time. At what instant does  $V_3$  first become zero? What is the total mean volumetric flow at section ③?



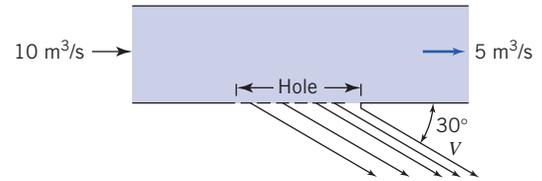
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4.30 Water enters a wide, flat channel of height  $2h$  with a uniform velocity of 2.5 m/s. At the channel outlet the velocity distribution is given by

$$\frac{u}{u_{\max}} = 1 - \left(\frac{y}{h}\right)^2$$

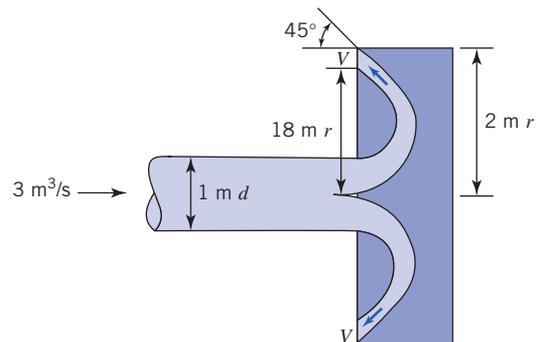
where  $y$  is measured from the centerline of the channel. Determine the exit centerline velocity,  $u_{\max}$ .

4.31 Find the average efflux velocity  $V$  if the flow exits from a hole of area 1 m<sup>2</sup> in the side of the duct as shown.



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4.32 Find  $V$  for this mushroom cap on a pipeline.



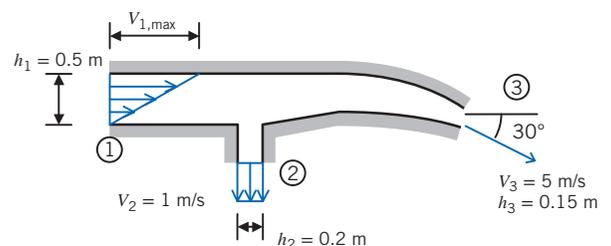
P4.32

4.33 Incompressible fluid flows steadily through a plane diverging channel. At the inlet, of height  $H$ , the flow is uniform with magnitude  $V_1$ . At the outlet, of height  $2H$ , the velocity profile is

$$V_2 = V_m \cos\left(\frac{\pi y}{2H}\right)$$

where  $y$  is measured from the channel centerline. Express  $V_m$  in terms of  $V_1$ .

4.34 A two-dimensional reducing bend has a linear velocity profile at section ①. The flow is uniform at sections ② and ③. The fluid is incompressible and the flow is steady. Find the maximum velocity,  $V_{1,\max}$ , at section ①.



P4.34

4.35 Water enters a two-dimensional, square channel of constant width,  $h = 75.5$  mm, with uniform velocity,  $U$ . The channel makes a 90° bend that distorts the flow to produce the linear velocity profile shown at the exit, with  $V_{\max} = 2 V_{\min}$ . Evaluate  $V_{\min}$ , if  $U = 7.5$  m/s.



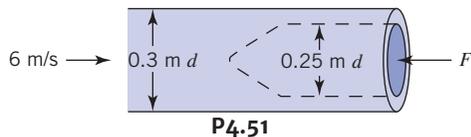
**4.47** Evaluate the net momentum flux through the bend of Problem 4.34, if the depth normal to the diagram is  $w = 1$  m.

**4.48** Evaluate the net momentum flux through the channel of Problem 4.35. Would you expect the outlet pressure to be higher, lower, or the same as the inlet pressure? Why?

**4.49** A conical enlargement in a vertical pipeline is 5 ft long and enlarges the pipe diameter from 12 in. to 24 in. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the vertical force on this enlargement when 10 cfs of water flow upward through the line and the pressure at the smaller end of the enlargement is 30 psi.

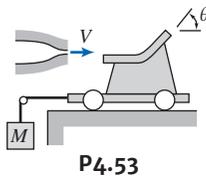
**4.50** A 100-mm nozzle is bolted (with 6 bolts) to the flange of a 300-mm-diameter horizontal pipeline and discharges water into the atmosphere. Calculate the tension load on each bolt when the gage pressure in the pipe is 600 kPa. Neglect vertical forces.

**4.51** The projectile partially fills the end of the 0.3 m pipe. Calculate the force required to hold the projectile in position when the mean velocity in the pipe is 6 m/s.

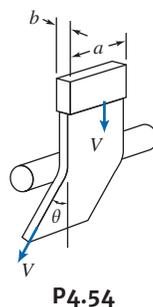


**4.52** Considering that in the fully developed region of a pipe, the integral of the axial momentum is the same at all cross sections, explain the reason for the pressure drop along the pipe.

**4.53** A jet of water issuing from a stationary nozzle at 10 m/s ( $A_j = 0.1$  m<sup>2</sup>) strikes a turning vane mounted on a cart as shown. The vane turns the jet through angle  $\theta = 40^\circ$ . Determine the value of  $M$  required to hold the cart stationary. If the vane angle  $\theta$  is adjustable, plot the mass,  $M$ , needed to hold the cart stationary versus  $\theta$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ .



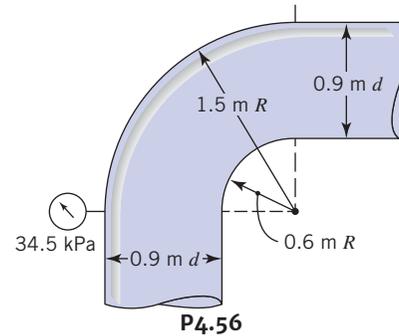
**4.54** A circular cylinder inserted across a stream of flowing water deflects the stream through angle  $\theta$ , as shown. (This is termed the “Coanda effect.”) For  $a = 12.5$  mm,  $b = 2.5$  mm,  $V = 3$  m/s, and  $\theta = 20^\circ$ , determine the horizontal component of the force on the cylinder caused by the flowing water.



**4.55** A 6-in.-diameter horizontal pipeline bends through  $90^\circ$  and while bending changes its diameter to 3 in. The pressure in the

6-in. pipe is 30 psi. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the horizontal force on the bend when 2.0 cfs of water flow therein. Both pipes are in the same horizontal plane.

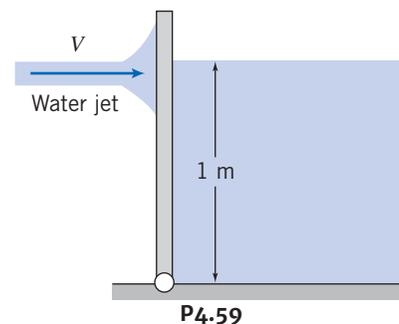
**4.56** The axes of the pipes are in a vertical plane. The flow rate is 2.83 m<sup>3</sup>/s of water. Calculate the magnitude, direction, and location of the resultant force of the water on the pipe bend.



**4.57** Water flows through a tee in a horizontal pipe system. The velocity in the stem of the tee is 15 ft/s, and the diameter is 12 in. Each branch is of 6 in. diameter. If the pressure in the stem is 20 psi, calculate magnitude and direction of the force of the water on the tee if the flow rates in the branches are the same.

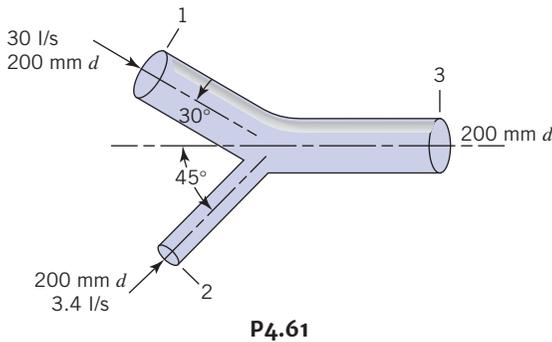
**4.58** In a laboratory experiment, the water flow rate is to be measured catching the water as it vertically exits a pipe into an empty open tank that is on a zeroed balance. The tank is 10 m directly below the pipe exit, and the pipe diameter is 50 mm. One student obtains a flow rate by noting that after 60 s the volume of water (at 4°C) in the tank was 3 m<sup>3</sup>. Another student obtains a flow rate by reading the instantaneous weight accumulated of 3150 kg indicated at the 60-s point. Find the mass flow rate each student computes. Why do they disagree? Which one is more accurate? Show that the magnitude of the discrepancy can be explained by any concept you may have.

**4.59** A gate is 1 m wide and 1.2 m tall and hinged at the bottom. On one side the gate holds back a 1-m-deep body of water. On the other side, a 5-cm diameter water jet hits the gate at a height of 1 m. What jet speed  $V$  is required to hold the gate vertical? What will the required speed be if the body of water is lowered to 0.5 m? What will the required speed be if the water level is lowered to 0.25 m?

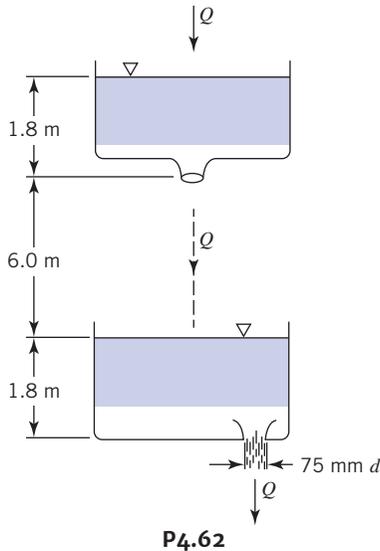


**4.60** Water flows steadily through a fire hose and nozzle. The hose is 75-mm-ID, and the nozzle tip is 35-mm-ID; water gage pressure in the hose is 510 kPa, and the stream leaving the nozzle is uniform. The exit speed and pressure are 32 m/s and atmospheric, respectively. Find the force transmitted by the coupling between the nozzle and hose. Indicate whether the coupling is in tension or compression.

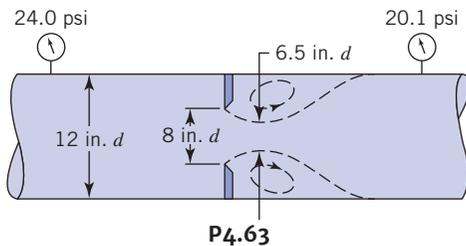
**4.61** Two types of gasoline are blended by passing them through a horizontal “wye” as shown. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the force exerted on the “wye” by the gasoline. The gage pressure  $p_3 = 145 \text{ kPa}$ .



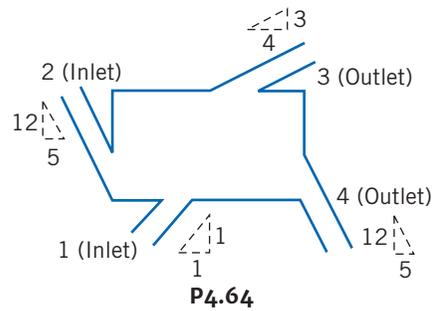
**4.62** The lower tank weighs 224 N, and the water in it weighs 897 N. If this tank is on a platform scale, what weight will register on the scale beam?



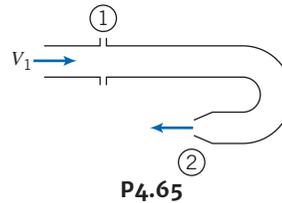
**4.63** The pressure difference results from head loss caused by eddies downstream from the orifice plate. Wall friction is negligible. Calculate the force exerted by the water on the orifice plate. The flow rate is 7.86 cfs.



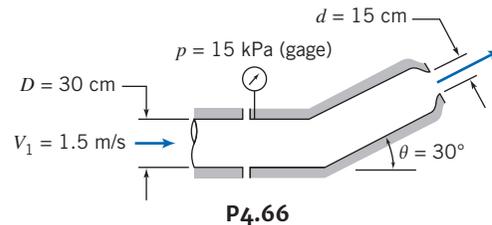
**4.64** Obtain expressions for the rate of change in mass of the control volume shown, as well as the horizontal and vertical forces required to hold it in place, in terms of  $p_1, A_1, V_1, p_2, A_2, V_2, p_3, A_3, V_3, p_4, A_4, V_4$ , and the constant density  $\rho$ .



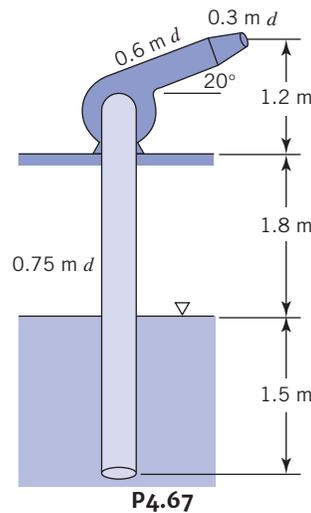
**4.65** Water is flowing steadily through the 180° elbow shown. At the inlet to the elbow the gage pressure is 103 psi. The water discharges to atmospheric pressure. Assume properties are uniform over the inlet and outlet areas:  $A_1 = 2500 \text{ mm}^2, A_2 = 650 \text{ mm}^2$ , and  $V_1 = 3 \text{ m/s}$ . Find the horizontal component of force required to hold the elbow in place.



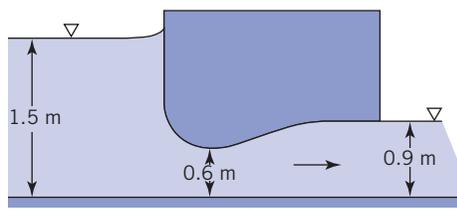
**4.66** Water flows steadily through the nozzle shown, discharging to atmosphere. Calculate the horizontal component of force in the flanged joint. Indicate whether the joint is in tension or compression.



**4.67** The pump, suction pipe, discharge pipe, and nozzle are all welded together as a single unit. Calculate the horizontal component of force (magnitude and direction) exerted by the water on the unit when the pump is developing a head of 22.5 m.

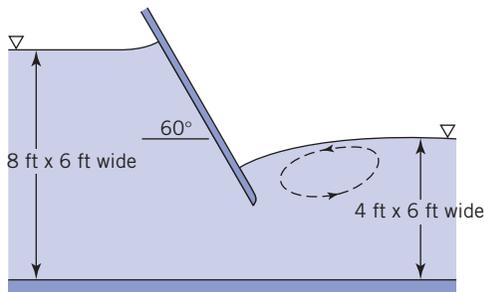


**4.68** The passage is 1.2 m wide normal to the paper. What will be the horizontal component of force exerted by the water on the structure?



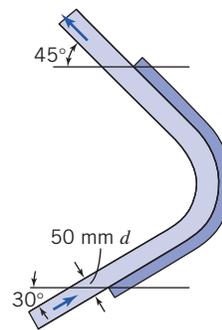
**P.4.68**

**4.69** If the two-dimensional flow rate through this sluice gate is 50 cfs/ft, calculate the horizontal and vertical components of force on the gate, neglecting wall friction.



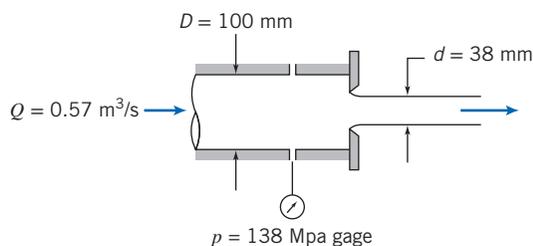
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**4.70** Assume the bend of Problem 4.35 is a segment of a larger channel and lies in a horizontal plane. The inlet pressure is 170 kPa absolute, and the outlet pressure is 130 kPa absolute. Find the force required to hold the bend in place.



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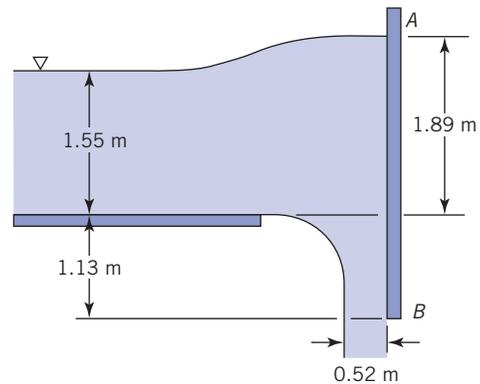
**4.71** A flat plate orifice of 50 mm diameter is located at the end of a 100-mm-diameter pipe. Water flows through the pipe and orifice at 57 m<sup>3</sup>/s. The diameter of the water jet downstream from the orifice is 38 mm. Calculate the external force required to hold the orifice in place. Neglect friction on the pipe wall.



**P.4.71**

**4.72** At rated thrust, a liquid-fueled rocket motor consumes 80 kg/s of nitric acid as oxidizer and 32 kg/s of aniline as fuel. Flow leaves axially at 180 m/s relative to the nozzle and at 110 kPa absolute. The nozzle exit diameter is  $D = 0.6$  m. Calculate the thrust produced by the motor on a test stand at standard sea-level pressure.

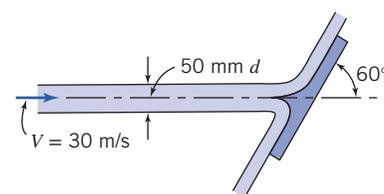
**4.73** Flow from the end of a two-dimensional open channel is deflected vertically downward by the gate  $AB$ . Calculate the force exerted by the water on the gate. At and downstream from  $B$  the flow may be considered a free jet.



**P.4.73**

**4.74** Calculate the magnitude and direction of the vertical and horizontal components and the total force exerted on this stationary blade by a 50 mm jet of water moving at 15 m/s.

**4.75** This water jet of 50 mm diameter moving at 30 m/s is divided in half by a “splitter” on the stationary flat plate. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the force on the plate. Assume that flow is in a horizontal plane.



**P.4.75**

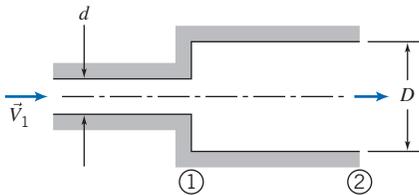
**4.76** If the splitter is removed from the plate of Problem 4.75 problem and sidewalls are provided on the plate to keep the flow two-dimensional, how will the jet divide after striking the plate?

**4.77** Consider flow through the sudden expansion shown. If the flow is incompressible and friction is neglected, show that the pressure rise,  $\Delta p = p_2 - p_1$ , is given by

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V_1^2} = 2 \left(\frac{d}{D}\right)^2 \left[1 - \left(\frac{d}{D}\right)^2\right]$$

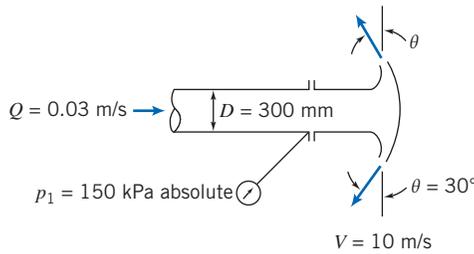
Plot the nondimensional pressure rise versus diameter ratio to determine the optimum value of  $d/D$  and the corresponding value of the

nondimensional pressure rise. *Hint:* Assume the pressure is uniform and equal to  $p_1$  on the vertical surface of the expansion.



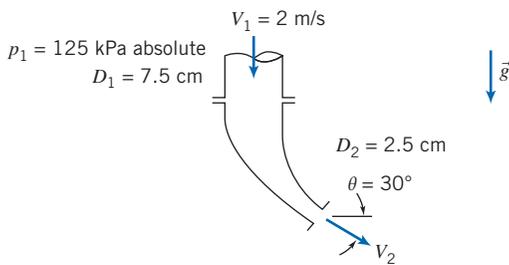
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**4.78** A conical spray head is shown. The fluid is water and the exit stream is uniform. Evaluate (a) the thickness of the spray sheet at a radius of 400 mm and (b) the axial force exerted by the spray head on the supply pipe.



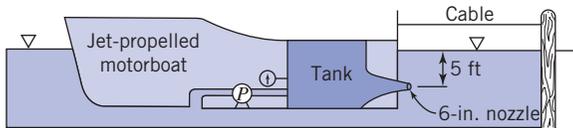
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**4.79** A curved nozzle assembly that discharges to the atmosphere is shown. The nozzle mass is 4.5 kg and its internal volume is 0.002 m³. The fluid is water. Determine the reaction force exerted by the nozzle on the coupling to the inlet pipe.



P4.79

**4.80** The pump maintains a pressure of 10 psi at the gauge. The velocity leaving the nozzle is 34 ft/s. Calculate the tension force in the cable.

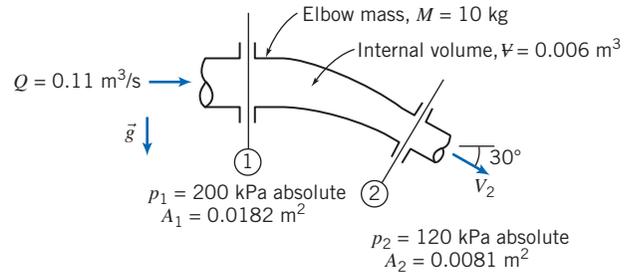


P4.80

**4.81** A motorboat moves up a river at a speed of 9 m/s relative to the land. The river flows at a velocity of 1.5 m/s. The boat is powered by a jet-propulsion unit which takes in water at the bow and discharges it beneath the surface at the stern. Measurements in the jet show its velocity relative to the boat to be 18 m/s. For a flow rate

through the unit of 0.15 m³/s, calculate the propulsive force produced.

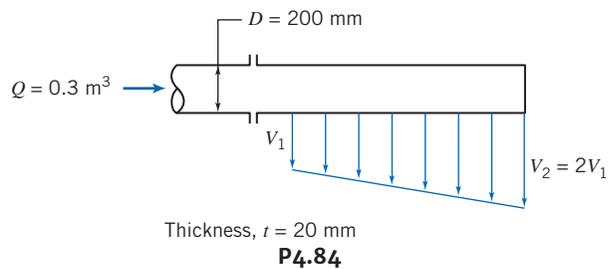
**4.82** A 30° reducing elbow is shown. The fluid is water. Evaluate the components of force that must be provided by the adjacent pipes to keep the elbow from moving.



P4.82

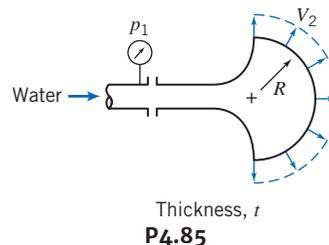
**4.83** A monotube boiler consists of a 6 m length of tubing with 9.5-mm-ID. Water enters at the rate of 0.135 kg/s at 3.45 MPa absolute. Steam leaves at 2.76 MPa gage with 12.4 kg/m³ density. Find the magnitude and direction of the force exerted by the flowing fluid on the tube.

**4.84** Water is discharged at a flow rate of 0.3 m³/s from a narrow slot in a 200-mm-diameter pipe. The resulting horizontal two-dimensional jet is 1 m long and 20 mm thick, but of nonuniform velocity; the velocity at location 2 is twice that at location 1. The pressure at the inlet section is 50 kPa gage. Calculate (a) the velocity in the pipe and at locations 1 and 2 and (b) the forces required at the coupling to hold the spray pipe in place. Neglect the mass of the pipe and the water it contains.



P4.84

**4.85** A nozzle for a spray system is designed to produce a flat radial sheet of water. The sheet leaves the nozzle at  $V_2 = 10$  m/s, covers 180° of arc, and has thickness  $t = 1.5$  mm. The nozzle discharge radius is  $R = 50$  mm. The water supply pipe is 35 mm in diameter and the inlet pressure is  $p_1 = 150$  kPa absolute. Evaluate the axial force exerted by the spray nozzle on the coupling.



P4.85

**4.86** The horizontal velocity in the wake behind an object in an air stream of velocity  $U$  is given by

$$u(r) = U \left[ 1 - \cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi r}{2} \right) \right] \quad |r| \leq 1$$

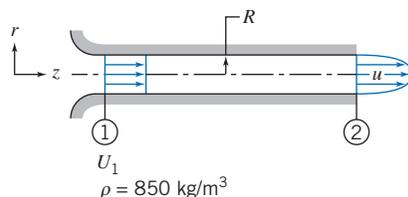
$$u(r) = U \quad |r| > 1$$

where  $r$  is the nondimensional radial coordinate, measured perpendicular to the flow. Find an expression for the drag on the object.

**4.87** An incompressible fluid flows steadily in the entrance region of a circular tube of radius  $R = 75$  mm. The flow rate is  $Q = 0.1$  m<sup>3</sup>/s. Find the uniform velocity  $U_1$  at the entrance. The velocity distribution at a section downstream is

$$\frac{u}{u_{\max}} = 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2$$

Evaluate the maximum velocity at the downstream section. Calculate the pressure drop that would exist in the channel if viscous friction at the walls could be neglected.



**P4.87**

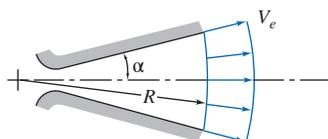
**4.88** Consider the incompressible flow of fluid in a boundary layer as depicted in Example 4.2. Show that the friction drag force of the fluid on the surface is given by

$$F_f = \int_0^\delta \rho u(U-u)w \, dy$$

Evaluate the drag force for the conditions of Example 4.2.

**4.89** Air at standard conditions flows along a flat plate. The undisturbed freestream speed is  $U_0 = 20$  m/s. At  $L = 0.4$  m downstream from the leading edge of the plate, the boundary-layer thickness is  $\delta = 2$  mm. The velocity profile at this location is approximated as  $u/U_0 = y/\delta$ . Calculate the horizontal component of force per unit width required to hold the plate stationary.

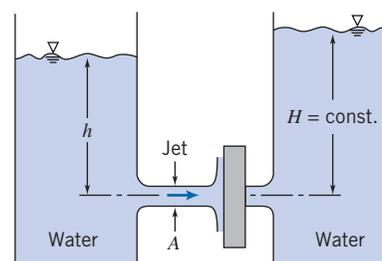
**4.90** Gases leaving the propulsion nozzle of a rocket are modeled as flowing radially outward from a point upstream from the nozzle throat. Assume the speed of the exit flow,  $V_e$ , has constant magnitude. Develop an expression for the axial thrust,  $T_a$ , developed by flow leaving the nozzle exit plane. Compare your result to the one-dimensional approximation,  $T = \dot{m}V_e$ . Evaluate the percent error for  $\alpha = 15^\circ$ . Plot the percent error versus  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 22.5^\circ$ .



**P4.90**

**4.91** Two large tanks containing water have small smoothly contoured orifices of equal area. A jet of liquid issues from the left tank. Assume the flow is uniform and unaffected by friction. The jet impinges on a vertical flat plate covering the opening of the right

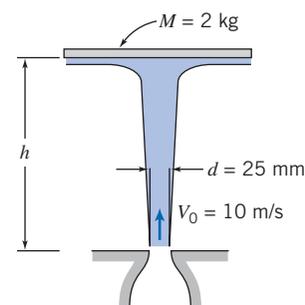
tank. Determine the minimum value for the height,  $h$ , required to keep the plate in place over the opening of the right tank.



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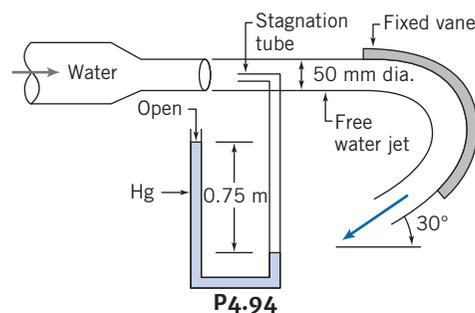
**4.92** Students are playing around with a water hose. When they point it straight up, the water jet just reaches one of the windows of an office, 10 m above. If the hose diameter is 1 cm, estimate the water flow rate (L/min). A student places his hand just above the hose to make the jet spray sideways axisymmetrically. Estimate the maximum pressure, and the total force that he feels. The next day the students again are playing around, and this time aim at another window, 15 m above. Find the flow rate (L/min) and the total force and maximum pressure when the window pane blocks the flow.

**4.93** A 2-kg disk is constrained horizontally but is free to move vertically. The disk is struck from below by a vertical jet of water. The speed and diameter of the water jet are 10 m/s and 25 mm at the nozzle exit. Obtain a general expression for the speed of the water jet as a function of height,  $h$ . Find the height to which the disk will rise and remain stationary.



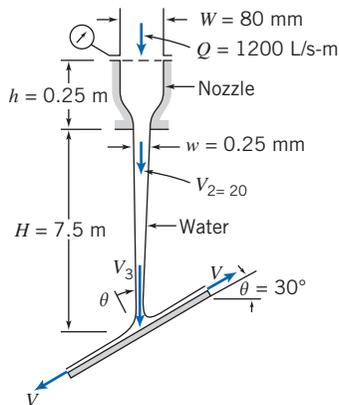
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**4.94** A stream of water from a 50-mm-diameter nozzle strikes a curved vane, as shown. A stagnation tube connected to a mercury-filled U-tube manometer is located in the nozzle exit plane. Calculate the speed of the water leaving the nozzle. Estimate the horizontal component of force exerted on the vane by the jet. Comment on each assumption used to solve this problem.



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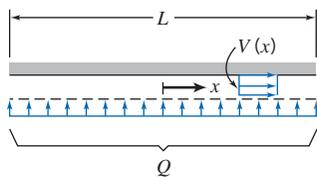
**4.95** A plane nozzle discharges vertically 1200 L/s per unit width downward to atmosphere. The nozzle is supplied with a steady flow of water. A stationary, inclined, flat plate, located beneath the nozzle, is struck by the water stream. The water stream divides and flows along the inclined plate; the two streams leaving the plate are of unequal thickness. Frictional effects are negligible in the nozzle and in the flow along the plate surface. Evaluate the minimum gage pressure required at the nozzle inlet.



P4.95

**4.96** In ancient Egypt, circular vessels filled with water sometimes were used as crude clocks. The vessels were shaped in such a way that, as water drained from the bottom, the surface level dropped at constant rate,  $s$ . Assume that water drains from a small hole of area  $A$ . Find an expression for the radius of the vessel,  $r$ , as a function of the water level,  $h$ . Obtain an expression for the volume of water needed so that the clock will operate for  $n$  hours.

**4.97** Incompressible fluid of negligible viscosity is pumped at total volume flow rate  $Q$  through a porous surface into the small gap between closely spaced parallel plates as shown. The fluid has only horizontal motion in the gap. Assume uniform flow across any vertical section. Obtain an expression for the pressure variation as a function of  $x$ . *Hint:* Apply conservation of mass and the momentum equation to a differential control volume of thickness  $dx$ , located at position  $x$ .



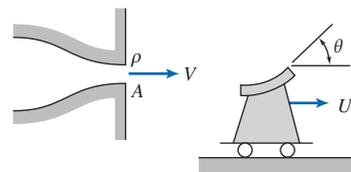
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**4.98** The narrow gap between two closely spaced circular plates initially is filled with incompressible liquid. At  $t = 0$  the upper plate, initially  $h_0$  above the lower plate, begins to move downward toward the lower plate with constant speed,  $V_0$ , causing the liquid to be squeezed from the narrow gap. Neglecting viscous effects and assuming uniform flow in the radial direction, develop an expression for the velocity field between the parallel plates. *Hint:* Apply conservation of mass to a control volume with the outer surface located at radius  $r$ . Note that even though the speed of the upper plate is constant, the flow is unsteady. For  $V_0 = 0.01$  m/s and  $h_0 = 2$  mm, find the

velocity at the exit radius  $R = 100$  mm at  $t = 0$  and  $t = 0.1$  s. Plot the exit velocity as a function of time, and explain the trend.

**4.99** Design a clepsydra (Egyptian water clock), which is a vessel from which water drains by gravity through a hole in the bottom and that indicates time by the level of the remaining water. Specify the dimensions of the vessel and the size of the drain hole; indicate the amount of water needed to fill the vessel and the interval at which it must be filled. Plot the vessel radius as a function of elevation.

**4.100** Water from a stationary nozzle impinges on a moving vane with turning angle  $\theta = 120^\circ$ . The vane moves away from the nozzle with constant speed,  $U = 10$  m/s, and receives a jet that leaves the nozzle with speed  $V = 30$  m/s. The nozzle has an exit area of  $0.004$  m<sup>2</sup>. Find the force that must be applied to maintain the vane speed constant.



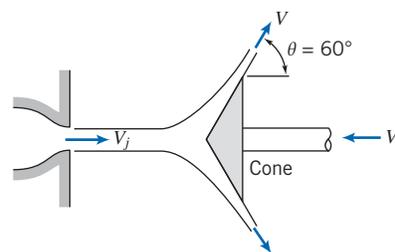
P4.100

**4.101** A freshwater jet boat takes in water through side vents and ejects it through a nozzle of diameter  $D = 75$  mm; the jet speed is  $V_j$ . The drag on the boat is given by  $F_{\text{drag}} = kV^2$ , where  $V$  is the boat speed. Find an expression for the steady speed,  $V$ , in terms of water density  $\rho$ , flow rate through the system of  $Q$ , constant  $k$ , and jet speed  $V_j$ . A jet speed  $V_j = 15$  m/s produces a boat speed of  $V = 10$  m/s.

- Under these conditions, what is the new flow rate  $Q$ ?
- Find the value of the constant  $k$ .
- What speed  $V$  will be produced if the jet speed is increased to  $V_j = 25$  m/s?
- What will be the new flow rate?

**4.102** The Canadair CL-215T amphibious aircraft is specially designed to fight fires. It is the only production aircraft that can scoop water, at up to 6120 gallons in 12 seconds, from any lake, river, or ocean. Determine the added thrust required during water scooping, as a function of aircraft speed, for a reasonable range of speeds.

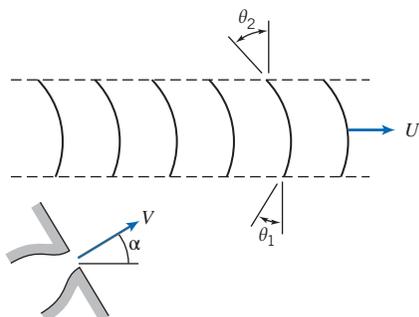
**4.103** Water, in a 100-mm-diameter jet with speed of 30 m/s to the right, is deflected by a cone that moves to the left at 14 m/s. Determine (a) the thickness of the jet sheet at a radius of 230 mm. and (b) the external horizontal force needed to move the cone.



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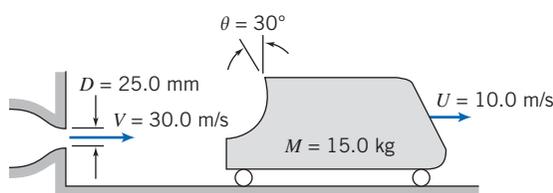
**4.104** Consider a series of turning vanes struck by a continuous jet of water that leaves a 50-mm-diameter nozzle at constant speed,

$V = 86.6$  m/s. The vanes move with constant speed,  $U = 50$  m/s. Note that all the mass flow leaving the jet crosses the vanes. The curvature of the vanes is described by angles  $\theta_1 = 30^\circ$  and  $\theta_2 = 45^\circ$ , as shown. Evaluate the nozzle angle,  $\alpha$ , required to ensure that the jet enters tangent to the leading edge of each vane. Calculate the force that must be applied to maintain the vane speed constant.



P4.104

**4.105** A steady jet of water is used to propel a small cart along a horizontal track as shown. Total resistance to motion of the cart assembly is given by  $F_D = kU^2$ , where  $k = 0.92$  N · s<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>. Evaluate the acceleration of the cart at the instant when its speed is  $U = 10$  m/s.

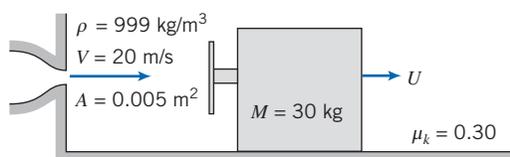


P4.105, P4.106, P4.110

### Momentum Equation for Control Volume with Rectilinear Acceleration

**4.106** The cart of Problem 4.105 is accelerated by a jet of water that strikes the curved vane. The cart moves along a level track with negligible resistance. At any time its speed is  $U$ . Calculate the time required to accelerate the cart from rest to  $U = V/2$ .

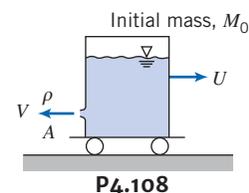
**4.107** A vane/slider assembly moves under the influence of a liquid jet as shown. The coefficient of kinetic friction for motion of the slider along the surface is  $\mu_k = 0.30$ . Calculate the terminal speed of the slider.



P4.107, P4.109, P4.114, P4.115

**4.108** A cart is propelled by a liquid jet issuing horizontally from a tank as shown. The track is horizontal; resistance to motion may be neglected. The tank is pressurized so that the jet speed may be

considered constant. Obtain a general expression for the speed of the cart as it accelerates from rest. If  $M_0 = 100$  kg,  $\rho = 999$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, and  $A = 0.005$  m<sup>2</sup>, find the jet speed  $V$  required for the cart to reach a speed of 1.5 m/s after 30 seconds. For this condition, plot the cart speed  $U$  as a function of time. Plot the cart speed after 30 seconds as a function of jet speed.

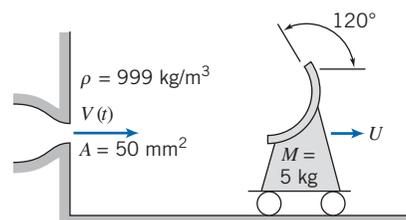


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**4.109** For the vane/slider problem of Problem 4.107, find and plot expressions for the acceleration and speed of the slider as a function of time.

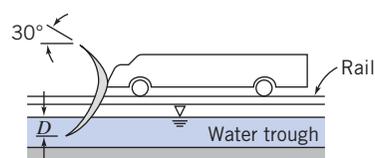
**4.110** If the cart of Problem 4.105 is released at  $t = 0$ , when would you expect the acceleration to be maximum? Sketch what you would expect for the curve of acceleration versus time. What value of  $\theta$  would maximize the acceleration at any time? Why? Will the cart speed ever equal the jet speed? Explain briefly.

**4.111** The wheeled cart shown rolls with negligible resistance. The cart is to accelerate to the right at a constant rate of 2.5 m/s<sup>2</sup>. This is to be accomplished by “programming” the water jet speed,  $V(t)$ , that hits the cart. The jet area remains constant at 50 mm<sup>2</sup>. Find the initial jet speed, and the jet speed and cart speeds after 2.5 s and 5 s. Theoretically, what happens to the value of  $(V - U)$  over time?



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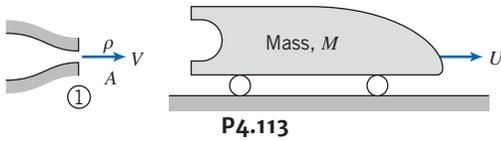
**4.112** A rocket sled is to be slowed from an initial speed of 300 m/s by lowering a scoop into a water trough. The scoop is 0.3 m wide; it deflects the water through 150°. The trough is 800 m long. The mass of the sled is 8000 kg. At the initial speed it experiences an aerodynamic drag force of 90 kN. The aerodynamic force is proportional to the square of the sled speed. It is desired to slow the sled to 100 m/s. Determine the depth  $D$  to which the scoop must be lowered into the water.



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**4.113** Starting from rest, the cart shown is propelled by a hydraulic catapult (liquid jet). The jet strikes the curved surface and makes a 180° turn, leaving horizontally. The mass of the cart is 100 kg and

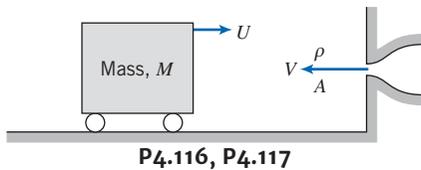
the jet of water leaves the nozzle (of area  $0.001 \text{ m}^2$ ) with a speed of  $35 \text{ m/s}$ . There is an aerodynamic drag force proportional to the square of cart speed,  $F_D = kU^2$ , with  $k = 2.0 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}^2/\text{m}^2$ . Derive an expression for the cart acceleration as a function of cart speed and other given parameters. Evaluate the acceleration of the cart at  $U = 10 \text{ m/s}$ . What fraction is this speed of the terminal speed of the cart?



**4.114** Solve Problem 4.107 if the vane and slider ride on a film of oil instead of sliding in contact with the surface. Assume motion resistance is proportional to speed,  $F_R = kU$ , with  $k = 7.5 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}$ .

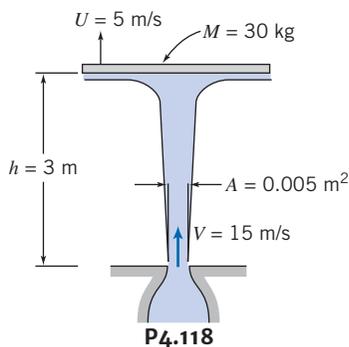
**4.115** For the vane/slider problem of Problem 4.114, plot the acceleration, speed, and position of the slider as functions of time. (Consider numerical integration.)

**4.116** A rectangular block of mass  $M$ , with vertical faces, rolls without resistance along a smooth horizontal plane as shown. The block travels initially at speed  $U_0$ . At  $t = 0$  the block is struck by a liquid jet and its speed begins to slow. Obtain an algebraic expression for the acceleration of the block for  $t > 0$ . Solve the equation to determine the time at which  $U = 0$ .



**4.117** In Problem 4.116, if  $M = 100 \text{ kg}$ ,  $\rho = 999 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$ , and  $A = 0.01 \text{ m}^2$ , find the jet speed  $V$  required for the cart to be brought to rest after one second if the initial speed of the cart is  $U_0 = 5 \text{ m/s}$ . For this condition, plot the speed  $U$  and position  $x$  of the cart as functions of time. What is the maximum value of  $x$ , and how long does the cart take to return to its initial position?

**4.118** A vertical jet of water impinges on a horizontal disk as shown. The disk assembly mass is  $30 \text{ kg}$ . When the disk is  $3 \text{ m}$  above the nozzle exit, it is moving upward at  $U = 5 \text{ m/s}$ . Compute the vertical acceleration of the disk at this instant.



**4.119** A rocket sled traveling on a horizontal track is slowed by a retro-rocket fired in the direction of travel. The initial speed of the sled is  $U_0 = 500 \text{ m/s}$ . The initial mass of the sled is  $M_0 = 1500 \text{ kg}$ . The retro-rocket consumes fuel at the rate of  $7.75 \text{ kg/s}$ , and the exhaust gases leave the nozzle at atmospheric pressure and a speed of  $2500 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the rocket. The retro-rocket fires for  $20 \text{ s}$ . Neglect aerodynamic drag and rolling resistance. Obtain and plot an algebraic expression for sled speed  $U$  as a function of firing time. Calculate the sled speed at the end of retro-rocket firing.

**4.120** A rocket sled accelerates from rest on a level track with negligible air and rolling resistances. The initial mass of the sled is  $M_0 = 600 \text{ kg}$ . The rocket initially contains  $150 \text{ kg}$  of fuel. The rocket motor burns fuel at constant rate  $\dot{m} = 15 \text{ kg/s}$ . Exhaust gases leave the rocket nozzle uniformly and axially at  $V_e = 2900 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the nozzle, and the pressure is atmospheric. Find the maximum speed reached by the rocket sled. Calculate the maximum acceleration of the sled during the run.

**4.121** A rocket sled with initial mass of  $900 \text{ kg}$  is to be accelerated on a level track. The rocket motor burns fuel at constant rate  $\dot{m} = 13.5 \text{ kg/s}$ . The rocket exhaust flow is uniform and axial. Gases leave the nozzle at  $2750 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the nozzle, and the pressure is atmospheric. Determine the minimum mass of rocket fuel needed to propel the sled to a speed of  $265 \text{ m/s}$  before burnout occurs. As a first approximation, neglect resistance forces.

**4.122** A rocket sled with initial mass of  $3 \text{ metric tons}$ , including  $1 \text{ ton}$  of fuel, rests on a level section of track. At  $t = 0$ , the solid fuel of the rocket is ignited and the rocket burns fuel at the rate of  $75 \text{ kg/s}$ . The exit speed of the exhaust gas relative to the rocket is  $2500 \text{ m/s}$ , and the pressure is atmospheric. Neglecting friction and air resistance, calculate the acceleration and speed of the sled at  $t = 10 \text{ s}$ .

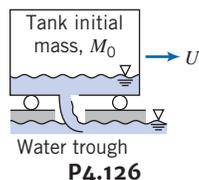
**4.123** A "home-made" solid propellant rocket has an initial mass of  $9 \text{ kg}$ ;  $6.8 \text{ kg}$  of this is fuel. The rocket is directed vertically upward from rest, burns fuel at a constant rate of  $0.225 \text{ kg/s}$ , and ejects exhaust gas at a speed of  $1980 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the rocket. Assume that the pressure at the exit is atmospheric and that air resistance may be neglected. Calculate the rocket speed after  $20 \text{ s}$  and the distance traveled by the rocket in  $20 \text{ s}$ . Plot the rocket speed and the distance traveled as functions of time.

**4.124** Neglecting air resistance, what speed would a vertically directed rocket attain in  $5 \text{ s}$  if it starts from rest, has initial mass of  $350 \text{ kg}$ , burns  $10 \text{ kg/s}$ , and ejects gas at atmospheric pressure with a speed of  $2500 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the rocket? What would be the maximum velocity? Plot the rocket speed as a function of time for the first minute of flight.

**4.125** The vane/cart assembly of mass  $M = 30 \text{ kg}$ , shown in Problem 4.100, is driven by a water jet. The water leaves the stationary nozzle of area  $A = 0.02 \text{ m}^2$ , with a speed of  $20 \text{ m/s}$ . The coefficient of kinetic friction between the assembly and the surface is  $0.10$ . Plot the terminal speed of the assembly as a function of vane turning angle,  $\theta$ , for  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ . At what angle does the assembly begin to move if the coefficient of static friction is  $0.15$ ?

**4.126** The moving tank shown is to be slowed by lowering a scoop to pick up water from a trough. The initial mass and speed of the tank and its contents are  $M_0$  and  $U_0$ , respectively. Neglect external forces due to pressure or friction and assume that the track is horizontal.

Apply the continuity and momentum equations to show that at any instant  $U = U_0 M_0 / M$ . Obtain a general expression for  $U/U_0$  as a function of time.

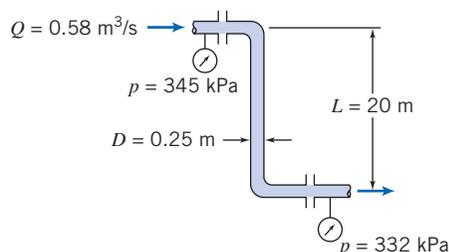


-  **4.127** A model solid propellant rocket has a mass of 69.6 g, of which 12.5 g is fuel. The rocket produces 5.75 N of thrust for a duration of 1.7 s. For these conditions, calculate the maximum speed and height attainable in the absence of air resistance. Plot the rocket speed and the distance traveled as functions of time.

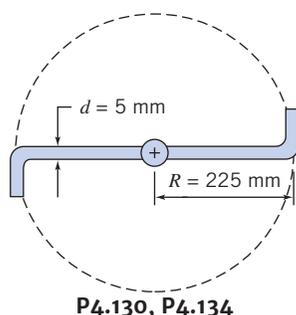
### The Angular-Momentum Principle

**4.128** The  $90^\circ$  reducing elbow of Example 4.6 discharges to atmosphere. Section ② is located 0.3 m to the right of Section ①. Estimate the moment exerted by the flange on the elbow.

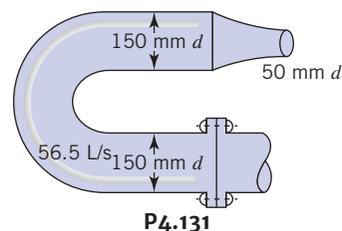
**4.129** Crude oil (SG = 0.95) from a tanker dock flows through a pipe of 0.25 m diameter in the configuration shown. The flow rate is  $0.58 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , and the gage pressures are shown in the diagram. Determine the force and torque that are exerted by the pipe assembly on its supports.



**4.130** The simplified lawn sprinkler shown rotates in the horizontal plane. At the center pivot,  $Q = 15 \text{ L/min}$  of water enters vertically. Water discharges in the horizontal plane from each jet. If the pivot is frictionless, calculate the torque needed to keep the sprinkler from rotating. Neglecting the inertia of the sprinkler itself, calculate the angular acceleration that results when the torque is removed.

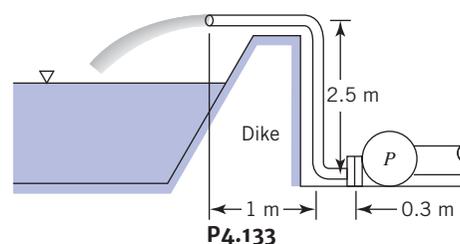


**4.131** Calculate the torque about the pipe's centerline in the plane of the bolted flange that is caused by the flow through the nozzle. The nozzle centerline is 0.3 m above the flange centerline. What is the effect of this torque on the force on the bolts? Neglect the effects of the weights of the pipe and the fluid in the pipe.



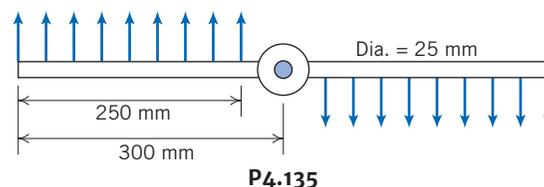
**4.132** A fire truck is equipped with a 66 ft long extension ladder which is attached at a pivot and raised to an angle of  $45^\circ$ . A 4-in.-diameter fire hose is laid up the ladder and a 2-in.-diameter nozzle is attached to the top of the ladder so that the nozzle directs the stream horizontally into the window of a burning building. If the flow rate is  $1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ , compute the torque exerted about the ladder pivot point. The ladder, hose, and the water in the hose weigh about 10 lb/ft.

**4.133** Calculate the torque exerted on the flange joint by the fluid flow as a function of the pump flow rate. Neglect the weight of the 100 mm diameter pipe and the fluid in the pipe.

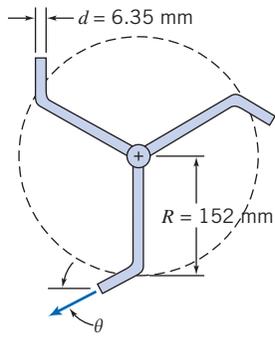


**4.134** Consider the sprinkler of Problem 4.130 again. Derive a differential equation for the angular speed of the sprinkler as a function of time. Evaluate its steady-state speed of rotation if there is no friction in the pivot.

**4.135** Water flows out of the 2.5-mm slots of the rotating spray system, as shown. The velocity varies linearly from a maximum at the outer radius to zero at the inner radius. The flow rate is 3 L/s. Find (a) the torque required to hold the system stationary and (b) the steady-state speed of rotation after it is released.

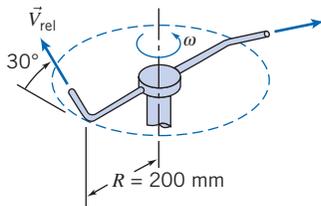


**4.136** The lawn sprinkler shown is supplied with water at a rate of 68 L/min. Neglecting friction in the pivot, determine the steady-state angular speed for  $\theta = 30^\circ$ . Plot the steady-state angular speed of the sprinkler for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$ .



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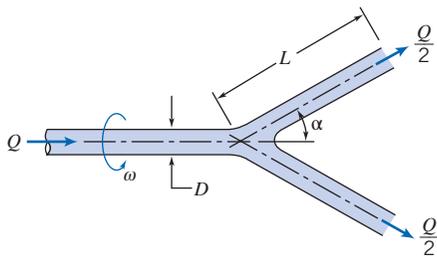
**4.137** A small lawn sprinkler is shown. The sprinkler operates at a gage pressure of 140 kPa. The total flow rate of water through the sprinkler is 4 L/min. Each jet discharges at 17 m/s (relative to the sprinkler arm) in a direction inclined 30° above the horizontal. The sprinkler rotates about a vertical axis. Friction in the bearing causes a torque of 0.18 N · m opposing rotation. Evaluate the torque required to hold the sprinkler stationary.



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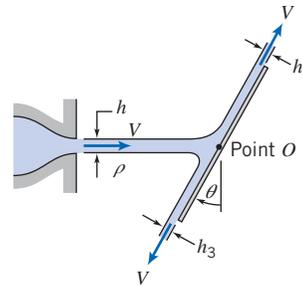
**4.138** When a garden hose is used to fill a bucket, water in the bucket may develop a swirling motion. Why does this happen? How could the amount of swirl be calculated approximately?

**4.139** A pipe branches symmetrically into two legs of length  $L$ , and the whole system rotates with angular speed  $\omega$  around its axis of symmetry. Each branch is inclined at angle  $\alpha$  to the axis of rotation. Liquid enters the pipe steadily, with zero angular momentum, at volume flow rate  $Q$ . The pipe diameter,  $D$ , is much smaller than  $L$ . Obtain an expression for the external torque required to turn the pipe. What additional torque would be required to impart angular acceleration  $\dot{\omega}$ ?



P4.139

diagram (using an  $r, \theta, z$  coordinate system) to indicate the absolute velocity of the water jet leaving the nozzle. What governs the steady rotational speed of the sprinkler? Does the rotational speed of the sprinkler affect the area covered by the spray? How would you estimate the area? For fixed  $\alpha$ , what might be done to increase or decrease the area covered by the spray?



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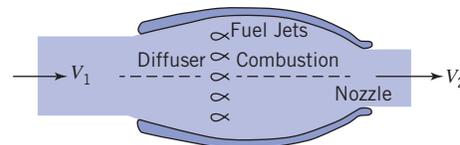
### The First Law of Thermodynamics

**4.141** Compressed air is stored in a pressure bottle with a volume of 100 L, at 500 kPa absolute and 20°C. At a certain instant, a valve is opened and mass flows from the bottle at  $\dot{m} = 0.01$  kg/s. Find the rate of change of temperature in the bottle at this instant.

**4.142** A turbine is supplied with 0.6 m<sup>3</sup>/s of water from a 0.3 m diameter pipe; the discharge pipe has a 0.4 m diameter. Determine the pressure drop across the turbine if it delivers 60 kW.

**4.143** Air is drawn from the atmosphere into a turbomachine. At the exit, conditions are 500 kPa gage and 130°C. The exit speed is 100 m/s and the mass flow rate is 0.8 kg/s. Flow is steady and there is no heat transfer. Compute the shaft work interaction with the surroundings.

**4.144** At high speeds the compressor and turbine of the jet engine may be eliminated entirely. The result is called a *ramjet* (a subsonic configuration is shown). Here the incoming air is slowed and the pressure increases; the air is heated in the widest part by the burning of injected fuel. The heated air exhausts at high velocity from the converging nozzle. What nozzle area  $A_2$  is needed to deliver a 90 kN thrust at an air speed of 270 m/s if the exhaust velocity is the sonic velocity for the heated air, which is at 1000 K. How much fuel energy (kW) is required? Assume that the jet operates at an altitude of 12 km and neglect the fuel mass and pressure differentials.



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**4.140** For the rotating sprinkler of Example 4.13, what value of  $\alpha$  will produce the maximum rotational speed? What angle will provide the maximum area of coverage by the spray? Draw a velocity

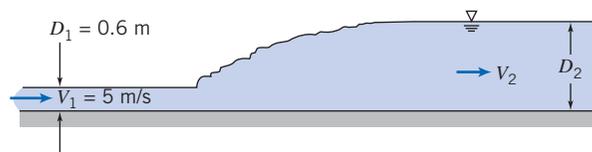
**4.145** Transverse thrusters are used to make large ships fully maneuverable at low speeds without tugboat assistance. A transverse thruster consists of a propeller mounted in a duct; the unit is then mounted below the waterline in the bow or stern of

the ship. The duct runs completely across the ship. Calculate the thrust developed by a 1865 kW unit (supplied to the propeller) if the duct is 2.8 m in diameter and the ship is stationary.

**4.146** All major harbors are equipped with fire boats for extinguishing ship fires. A 75-mm-diameter hose is attached to the discharge of a 11 kW pump on such a boat. The nozzle attached to the end of the hose has a diameter of 25 mm. If the nozzle discharge is held 3 m above the surface of the water, determine the volume flow rate through the nozzle, the maximum height to which the water will rise, and the force on the boat if the water jet is directed horizontally over the stern.

**4.147** A pump draws water from a reservoir through a 150-mm-diameter suction pipe and delivers it to a 75-mm-diameter discharge pipe. The end of the suction pipe is 2 m below the free surface of the reservoir. The pressure gage on the discharge pipe (2 m above the reservoir surface) reads 170 kPa. The average speed in the discharge pipe is 3 m/s. If the pump efficiency is 75 percent, determine the power required to drive it.

**4.148** Liquid flowing at high speed in a wide, horizontal open channel under some conditions can undergo a hydraulic jump, as shown. For a suitably chosen control volume, the flows entering and leaving the jump may be considered uniform with hydrostatic pressure distributions (see Example 4.7). Consider a channel of width  $w$ , with water flow at  $D_1 = 0.6$  m and  $V_1 = 5$  m/s. Show that in general,

$$D_2 = D_1 \left[ \sqrt{1 + 8V_1^2 / gD_1} - 1 \right] / 2.$$


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Evaluate the change in mechanical energy through the hydraulic jump. If heat transfer to the surroundings is negligible, determine the change in water temperature through the jump.

## CHAPTER 5

# Introduction to Differential Analysis of Fluid Motion

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### Case Study

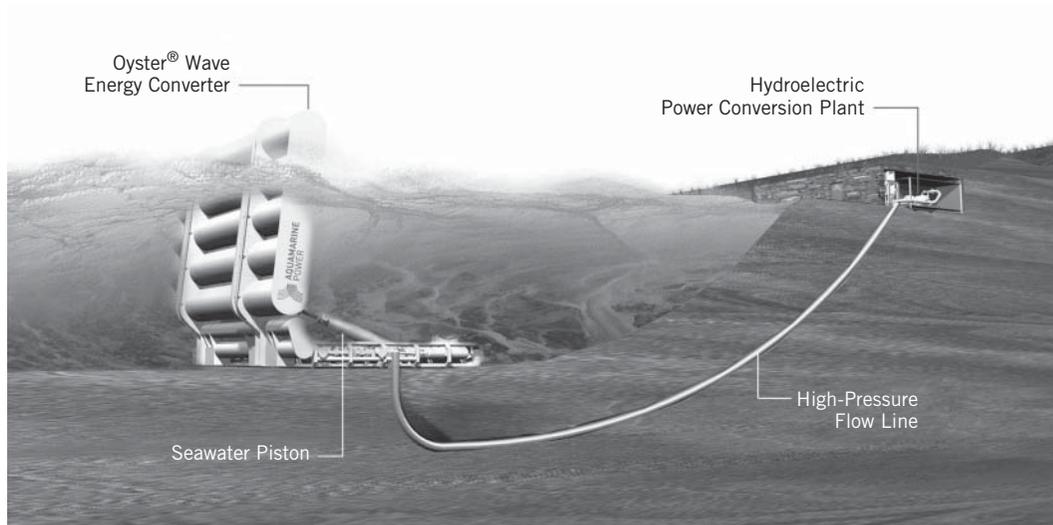
#### Wave Power: Aquamarine Oyster Wave Energy Converter

Aquamarine Power, a wave energy company located in Scotland, has developed an innovative hydroelectric wave energy converter, known as Oyster; a demonstration-scale model was installed in 2009 and began producing power for homes in some regions of Scotland. They eventually plan to have commercially viable Oyster wave power farms around the world, the first planned for 2013. A farm of 20 Oyster wave power devices would provide enough energy to power 9000 homes, offsetting carbon emissions of about 20,000 metric tons.

Oyster consists of a simple mechanical hinged flap, as shown in the figure, connected to the seabed at around a 10-m depth. As each wave passes by, it forces the flap to move; the flap in turn drives hydraulic pistons to deliver high-pressure water, via a pipeline, to an onshore electrical turbine. Oyster farms using

multiple devices are expected to be capable of generating 100 MW or more.

Oyster has a number of advantages: It has good efficiency and durability, and, with its low-cost operation, maintenance, and manufacture, it is hoped it will produce reliable *cost-competitive* electricity from the waves for the first time. The device uses simple and robust mechanical offshore component, combined with proven conventional onshore hydroelectric components. Designed with the notion that simple is best, less is more, it has a minimum of offshore submerged moving parts; there are no underwater generators, power electronics, or gearboxes. Oyster is designed to take advantage of the more consistent waves found near the shore; for durability, any excess energy from exceptionally large waves simply spills over the top of Oyster's flap. Its motion allows it to literally duck under such waves. Aquamarine Power believes its device is competitive with devices weighing up to five times as much, and, with multiple pumps feeding a single onshore



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A schematic of Aquamarine's Oyster device.

generator, Oyster will offer good economies of scale. As a final bonus, Oyster uses water instead of oil as its hydraulic fluid for minimum environmental impact and generates essentially no noise pollution.

The design and analysis of the flow around and through a device such as Oyster, and the determination of the forces produced by the flow on the surfaces, often uses computer

software. In these programs, the basic differential equations describing the motion of the fluid are programmed and solved, usually numerically. The equations that describe fluid motion will be developed in this chapter. Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is the name given to the use of software to simulate fluid flow, and CFD techniques are discussed at the end of this chapter.

In Chapter 4, we developed the basic equations in integral form for a control volume. Integral equations are useful when we are interested in the gross behavior of a flow field and its effect on various devices. However, the integral approach does not enable us to obtain detailed point-by-point knowledge of the flow field. For example, the integral approach could provide information on the lift generated by a wing; it could not be used to determine the pressure distribution that produced the lift on the wing.

To see what is happening in a flow in detail, we need differential forms of the equations of motion. In this chapter we shall develop differential equations for the conservation of mass and Newton's second law of motion. Since we are interested in developing differential equations, we will need to analyze infinitesimal systems and control volumes.

## 5.1 Conservation of Mass

In Chapter 2, we developed the field representation of fluid properties. The property fields are defined by continuous functions of the space coordinates and time. The density and velocity fields were related through conservation of mass in integral form in Chapter 4 (Eq. 4.12). In this chapter we shall derive the differential equation for conservation of mass in rectangular and in cylindrical coordinates. In both cases the derivation is carried out by applying conservation of mass to a differential control volume.

### Rectangular Coordinate System

In rectangular coordinates, the control volume chosen is an infinitesimal cube with sides of length  $dx, dy, dz$  as shown in Fig. 5.1. The density at the center,  $O$ , of the control volume is assumed to be  $\rho$  and the velocity there is assumed to be  $\vec{V} = \hat{i}u + \hat{j}v + \hat{k}w$ .

To evaluate the properties at each of the six faces of the control surface, we use a Taylor series expansion about point  $O$ . For example, at the right face,

$$\rho)_{x+dx/2} = \rho + \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2} + \left(\frac{\partial^2\rho}{\partial x^2}\right) \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{dx}{2}\right)^2 + \dots$$

Neglecting higher-order terms, we can write

$$\rho)_{x+dx/2} = \rho + \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2}$$

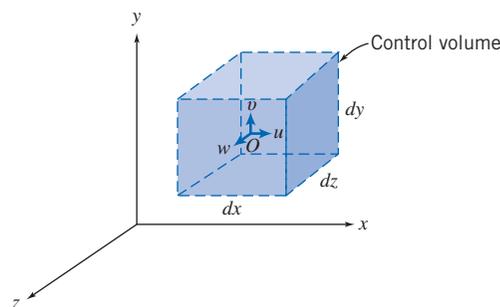


Fig. 5.1 Differential control volume in rectangular coordinates.

and

$$u)_{x+dx/2} = u + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2}$$

where  $\rho, u, \partial\rho/\partial x$ , and  $\partial u/\partial x$  are all evaluated at point  $O$ . The corresponding terms at the left face are

$$\rho)_{x-dx/2} = \rho + \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) \left(-\frac{dx}{2}\right) = \rho - \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2}$$

$$u)_{x-dx/2} = u + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \left(-\frac{dx}{2}\right) = u - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2}$$

We can write similar expressions involving  $\rho$  and  $v$  for the front and back faces and  $\rho$  and  $w$  for the top and bottom faces of the infinitesimal cube  $dx dy dz$ . These can then be used to evaluate the surface integral in Eq. 4.12 (recall that  $\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  is the net flux of mass out of the control volume):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

Table 5.1 shows the details of this evaluation. Note: We assume that the velocity components  $u, v$ , and  $w$  are positive in the  $x, y$ , and  $z$  directions, respectively; the area normal is by convention positive out of the cube; and higher-order terms [e.g.,  $(dx)^2$ ] are neglected in the limit as  $dx, dy$ , and  $dz \rightarrow 0$ .

The result of all this work is

$$\left[ \frac{\partial\rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial\rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial\rho w}{\partial z} \right] dx dy dz$$

This expression is the surface integral evaluation for our differential cube. To complete Eq. 4.12, we need to evaluate the volume integral (recall that  $\partial/\partial t \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V}$  is the rate of change of mass in the control volume):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho d\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\rho dx dy dz] = \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial t} dx dy dz$$

**Table 5.1**

Mass Flux Through the Control Surface of a Rectangular Differential Control Volume

Surface	Evaluation of $\int \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$
Left ( $-x$ )	$-\left[ \rho - \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2} \right] \left[ u - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2} \right] dy dz = -\rho u dy dz + \frac{1}{2} \left[ u \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \right] dx dy dz$
Right ( $+x$ )	$\left[ \rho + \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2} \right] \left[ u + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \frac{dx}{2} \right] dy dz = \rho u dy dz + \frac{1}{2} \left[ u \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \right] dx dy dz$
Bottom ( $-y$ )	$-\left[ \rho - \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial y}\right) \frac{dy}{2} \right] \left[ v - \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) \frac{dy}{2} \right] dx dz = -\rho v dx dz + \frac{1}{2} \left[ v \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial y}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) \right] dx dy dz$
Top ( $+y$ )	$\left[ \rho + \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial y}\right) \frac{dy}{2} \right] \left[ v + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) \frac{dy}{2} \right] dx dz = \rho v dx dz + \frac{1}{2} \left[ v \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial y}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) \right] dx dy dz$
Back ( $-z$ )	$-\left[ \rho - \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}\right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] \left[ w - \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] dx dy = -\rho w dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \left[ w \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right) \right] dx dy dz$
Front ( $+z$ )	$\left[ \rho + \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}\right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] \left[ w + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] dx dy = \rho w dx dy + \frac{1}{2} \left[ w \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right) \right] dx dy dz$
Adding the results for all six faces,	
	$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \left[ \left\{ u \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \right\} + \left\{ v \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial y}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) \right\} + \left\{ w \left(\frac{\partial\rho}{\partial z}\right) + \rho \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}\right) \right\} \right] dx dy dz$
or	$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \left[ \frac{\partial\rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial\rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial\rho w}{\partial z} \right] dx dy dz$

Hence, we obtain (after canceling  $dx dy dz$ ) from Eq. 4.12 a differential form of the mass conservation law

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (5.1a)$$

Equation 5.1a is frequently called the *continuity equation*.

Since the vector operator,  $\nabla$ , in rectangular coordinates, is given by

$$\nabla = \hat{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

then

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V}$$

Note that the del operator  $\nabla$  acts on  $\rho$  and  $\vec{V}$ . Think of it as  $\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V})$ . The conservation of mass may be written as

$$\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (5.1b)$$

Two flow cases for which the differential continuity equation may be simplified are worthy of note.

For an *incompressible* fluid,  $\rho = \text{constant}$ ; density is neither a function of space coordinates nor a function of time. For an incompressible fluid, the continuity equation simplifies to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \quad (5.1c)$$

Thus the velocity field,  $\vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$ , for incompressible flow must satisfy  $\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$ .

For *steady* flow, all fluid properties are, by definition, independent of time. Thus  $\partial \rho / \partial t = 0$  and at most  $\rho = \rho(x, y, z)$ . For steady flow, the continuity equation can be written as

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} = 0 \quad (5.1d)$$

(and remember that the del operator  $\nabla$  acts on  $\rho$  and  $\vec{V}$ ). Example 5.1 shows the integration of the continuity equation for an incompressible flow, and Example 5.2 shows its application to a compressible unsteady flow.

### Example 5.1 INTEGRATION OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL DIFFERENTIAL CONTINUITY EQUATION

For a two-dimensional flow in the  $xy$  plane, the  $x$  component of velocity is given by  $u = Ax$ . Determine a possible  $y$  component for incompressible flow. How many  $y$  components are possible?

**Given:** Two-dimensional flow in the  $xy$  plane for which  $u = Ax$ .

**Find:** (a) Possible  $y$  component for incompressible flow.  
(b) Number of possible  $y$  components.

**Solution:**

**Governing equation:**  $\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

For incompressible flow this simplifies to  $\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$ . In rectangular coordinates

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

For two-dimensional flow in the  $xy$  plane,  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y)$ . Then partial derivatives with respect to  $z$  are zero, and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -A$$

which gives an expression for the rate of change of  $v$  holding  $x$  constant. This equation can be integrated to obtain an expression for  $v$ . The result is

$$v = \int \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy + f(x, t) = -Ay + f(x, t)$$

{The function of  $x$  and  $t$  appears because we had a partial derivative of  $v$  with respect to  $y$ .}

Any function  $f(x, t)$  is allowable, since  $\partial/\partial y f(x, t) = 0$ . Thus any number of expressions for  $v$  could satisfy the differential continuity equation under the given conditions. The simplest expression for  $v$  would be obtained by setting  $f(x, t) = 0$ . Then  $v = -Ay$ , and

$$\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$$

*This problem:*

- Shows use of the differential continuity equation for obtaining information on a flow field.
- Demonstrates integration of a partial derivative.
- Proves that the flow originally discussed in Example 2.1 is indeed incompressible.

**Example 5.2 UNSTEADY DIFFERENTIAL CONTINUITY EQUATION**

A gas-filled pneumatic strut in an automobile suspension system behaves like a piston-cylinder apparatus. At one instant when the piston is  $L = 0.15$  m away from the closed end of the cylinder, the gas density is uniform at  $\rho = 18$  kg/m<sup>3</sup> and the piston begins to move away from the closed end at  $V = 12$  m/s. Assume as a simple model that the gas velocity is one-dimensional and proportional to distance from the closed end; it varies linearly from zero at the end to  $u = V$  at the piston. Find the rate of change of gas density at this instant. Obtain an expression for the average density as a function of time.

**Given:** Piston-cylinder as shown.

**Find:** (a) Rate of change of density.  
(b)  $\rho(t)$ .

**Solution:**

**Governing equation:**  $\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

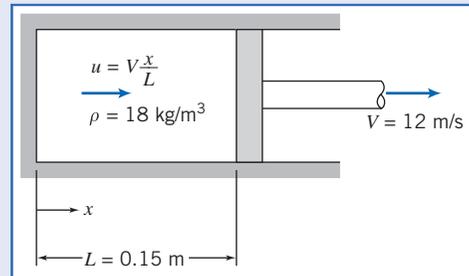
In rectangular coordinates,  $\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

Since  $u = u(x)$ , partial derivatives with respect to  $y$  and  $z$  are zero, and

$$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} = -\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x}$$



Since  $\rho$  is assumed uniform in the volume,  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} = 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ .

Since  $u = V \frac{x}{L}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{V}{L}$ , then  $\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\rho \frac{V}{L}$ . However, note that  $L = L_0 + Vt$ .

Separate variables and integrate,

$$\int_{\rho_0}^{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{\rho} = - \int_0^t \frac{V}{L} dt = - \int_0^t \frac{V dt}{L_0 + Vt}$$

$$\ln \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \ln \frac{L_0}{L_0 + Vt} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(t) = \rho_0 \left[ \frac{1}{1 + Vt/L_0} \right] \leftarrow \rho(t)$$

At  $t = 0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\rho_0 \frac{V}{L} = -18 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 12 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{0.15 \text{ m}} = -1440 \text{ kg}/(\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}) \leftarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

This problem demonstrates use of the differential continuity equation for obtaining the density variation with time for an unsteady flow.

 The density-time graph is shown in an *Excel* workbook. This workbook is interactive: It allows one to see the effect of different values of  $\rho_0$ ,  $L$ , and  $V$  on  $\rho$  versus  $t$ . Also, the time at which the density falls to any prescribed value can be determined.

## Cylindrical Coordinate System

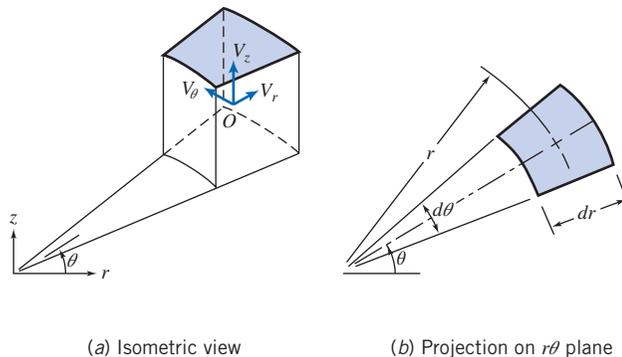
A suitable differential control volume for cylindrical coordinates is shown in Fig. 5.2. The density at the center,  $O$ , of the control volume is assumed to be  $\rho$  and the velocity there is assumed to be  $\vec{V} = \hat{e}_r V_r + \hat{e}_\theta V_\theta + \hat{k} V_z$ , where  $\hat{e}_r$ ,  $\hat{e}_\theta$ , and  $\hat{k}$  are unit vectors in the  $r$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $z$  directions, respectively, and  $V_r$ ,  $V_\theta$ , and  $V_z$  are the velocity components in the  $r$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $z$  directions, respectively. To evaluate  $\int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$ , we must consider the mass flux through each of the six faces of the control surface. The properties at each of the six faces of the control surface are obtained from a Taylor series expansion about point  $O$ . The details of the mass flux evaluation are shown in Table 5.2. Velocity components  $V_r$ ,  $V_\theta$ , and  $V_z$  are all assumed to be in the positive coordinate directions and we have again used the convention that the area normal is positive outwards on each face, and higher-order terms have been neglected.

We see that the net rate of mass flux out through the control surface (the term  $\int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  in Eq. 4.12 is given by

$$\left[ \rho V_r + r \frac{\partial \rho V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \rho V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + r \frac{\partial \rho V_z}{\partial z} \right] dr d\theta dz$$

The mass inside the control volume at any instant is the product of the mass per unit volume,  $\rho$ , and the volume,  $r d\theta dr dz$ . Thus the rate of change of mass inside the control volume (the term  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho dV$  in Eq. 4.12 is given by

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} r d\theta dr dz$$



**Fig. 5.2** Differential control volume in cylindrical coordinates.

**Table 5.2**

Mass Flux Through the Control Surface of a Cylindrical Differential Control Volume

Surface	Evaluation of $\int \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$
Inside $(-r)$	$= - \left[ \rho - \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} \right) \frac{dr}{2} \right] \left[ V_r - \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} \right) \frac{dr}{2} \right] \left( r - \frac{dr}{2} \right) d\theta dz = -\rho V_r r d\theta dz + \rho V_r \frac{dr}{2} d\theta dz + \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} \right) r \frac{dr}{2} d\theta dz + V_r \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} \right) r \frac{dr}{2} d\theta dz$
Outside $(+r)$	$= \left[ \rho + \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} \right) \frac{dr}{2} \right] \left[ V_r + \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} \right) \frac{dr}{2} \right] \left( r + \frac{dr}{2} \right) d\theta dz = \rho V_r r d\theta dz + \rho V_r \frac{dr}{2} d\theta dz + \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} \right) r \frac{dr}{2} d\theta dz + V_r \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} \right) r \frac{dr}{2} d\theta dz$
Front $(-\theta)$	$= - \left[ \rho - \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} \right] \left[ V_\theta - \left( \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} \right] dr dz = -\rho V_\theta dr dz + \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} dr dz + V_\theta \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} dr dz$
Back $(+\theta)$	$= \left[ \rho + \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} \right] \left[ V_\theta + \left( \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} \right] dr dz = \rho V_\theta dr dz + \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} dr dz + V_\theta \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2} dr dz$
Bottom $(-z)$	$= - \left[ \rho - \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] \left[ V_z - \left( \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] rd\theta dr = -\rho V_z r d\theta dr + \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} rd\theta dr + V_z \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} rd\theta dr$
Top $(+z)$	$= \left[ \rho + \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] \left[ V_z + \left( \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} \right] rd\theta dr = \rho V_z r d\theta dr + \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} rd\theta dr + V_z \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) \frac{dz}{2} rd\theta dr$

Adding the results for all six faces,

$$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \left[ \rho V_r + r \left\{ \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} \right) + V_r \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial r} \right) \right\} + \left\{ \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + V_\theta \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} \right) \right\} + r \left\{ \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) + V_z \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} \right) \right\} \right] dr d\theta dz$$

or

$$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \left[ \rho V_r + r \frac{\partial \rho V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \rho V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + r \frac{\partial \rho V_z}{\partial z} \right] dr d\theta dz$$

In cylindrical coordinates the differential equation for conservation of mass is then

$$\rho V_r + r \frac{\partial \rho V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \rho V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + r \frac{\partial \rho V_z}{\partial z} + r \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

or

$$\frac{\partial(r\rho V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \rho V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + r \frac{\partial \rho V_z}{\partial z} + r \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

Dividing by  $r$  gives

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r\rho V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial(\rho V_z)}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (5.2a)$$

In cylindrical coordinates the vector operator  $\nabla$  is given by

$$\nabla = \hat{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (3.19)$$

Equation 5.2a also may be written<sup>1</sup> in vector notation as

$$\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (5.1b)$$

<sup>1</sup> To evaluate  $\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V}$  in cylindrical coordinates, we must remember that

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_r}{\partial \theta} = \hat{e}_\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \hat{e}_\theta}{\partial \theta} = -\hat{e}_r$$

For an *incompressible* fluid,  $\rho = \text{constant}$ , and Eq. 5.2a reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rV_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \quad (5.2b)$$

Thus the velocity field,  $\vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$ , for incompressible flow must satisfy  $\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$ . For *steady* flow, Eq. 5.2a reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r\rho V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial(\rho V_z)}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} = 0 \quad (5.2c)$$

(and remember once again that the del operator  $\nabla$  acts on  $\rho$  and  $\vec{V}$ ).

When written in vector form, the differential continuity equation (the mathematical statement of conservation of mass), Eq. 5.1b, may be applied in any coordinate system. We simply substitute the appropriate expression for the vector operator  $\nabla$ . In retrospect, this result is not surprising since mass must be conserved regardless of our choice of coordinate system. Example 5.3 illustrates the application of the continuity equation in cylindrical coordinates.

### Example 5.3 DIFFERENTIAL CONTINUITY EQUATION IN CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

Consider a one-dimensional radial flow in the  $r\theta$  plane, given by  $V_r = f(r)$  and  $V_\theta = 0$ . Determine the conditions on  $f(r)$  required for the flow to be incompressible.

**Given:** One-dimensional radial flow in the  $r\theta$  plane:  $V_r = f(r)$  and  $V_\theta = 0$ .

**Find:** Requirements on  $f(r)$  for incompressible flow.

**Solution:**

**Governing equation:**  $\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$

For incompressible flow in cylindrical coordinates this reduces to Eq. 5.2b,

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rV_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} V_\theta + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

For the given velocity field,  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(r) \cdot V_\theta = 0$  and partial derivatives with respect to  $z$  are zero, so

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rV_r) = 0$$

Integrating with respect to  $r$  gives

$$rV_r = \text{constant}$$

Thus the continuity equation shows that the radial velocity must be  $V_r = f(r) = C/r$  for one-dimensional radial flow of an incompressible fluid. This is not a surprising result: As the fluid moves outwards from the center, the volume flow rate (per unit depth in the  $z$  direction)  $Q = 2\pi rV$  at any radius  $r$  is constant.

## \*5.2 Stream Function for Two-Dimensional Incompressible Flow

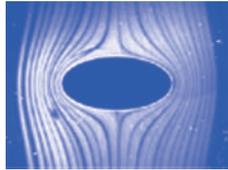
We already briefly discussed streamlines in Chapter 2, where we stated that they were lines tangent to the velocity vectors in a flow at an instant

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\text{streamline}} = \frac{v}{u} \quad (2.8)$$

\*This section may be omitted without loss of continuity in the text material.



Video: An Example of Streamlines/Streaklines



We can now develop a more formal definition of streamlines by introducing the *stream function*,  $\psi$ . This will allow us to represent two entities—the velocity components  $u(x, y, t)$  and  $v(x, y, t)$  of a two-dimensional incompressible flow—with a single function  $\psi(x, y, t)$ .

There are various ways to define the stream function. We start with the two-dimensional version of the continuity equation for incompressible flow (Eq. 5.1c):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \tag{5.3}$$

We use what looks at first like a purely mathematical exercise (we will see a physical basis for it later) and define the stream function by

$$u \equiv \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v \equiv -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \tag{5.4}$$

so that Eq. 5.3 is *automatically* satisfied for *any*  $\psi(x, y, t)$  we choose! To see this, use Eq. 5.4 in Eq. 5.3:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y \partial x} = 0$$

Using Eq. 2.8, we can obtain an equation valid only *along* a streamline

$$u dy - v dx = 0$$

or, using the definition of our stream function,

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy = 0 \tag{5.5}$$

On the other hand, from a strictly mathematical point of view, at any instant in time  $t$  the variation in a function  $\psi(x, y, t)$  in space  $(x, y)$  is given by

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy \tag{5.6}$$

Comparing Eqs. 5.5 and 5.6, we see that along an instantaneous streamline,  $d\psi = 0$ ; in other words,  $\psi$  is a *constant along a streamline*. Hence we can specify individual streamlines by their stream function values:  $\psi = 0, 1, 2$ , etc. What is the significance of the  $\psi$  values? The answer is that they can be used to obtain the volume flow rate between any two streamlines. Consider the streamlines shown in Fig. 5.3. We can compute the volume flow rate between streamlines  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  by using line  $AB, BC, DE$ , or  $EF$  (recall that there is no flow *across* a streamline).

Let us compute the flow rate by using line  $AB$ , and also by using line  $BC$ —they should be the same! For a unit depth (dimension perpendicular to the  $xy$  plane), the flow rate across  $AB$  is

$$Q = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} u dy = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy$$

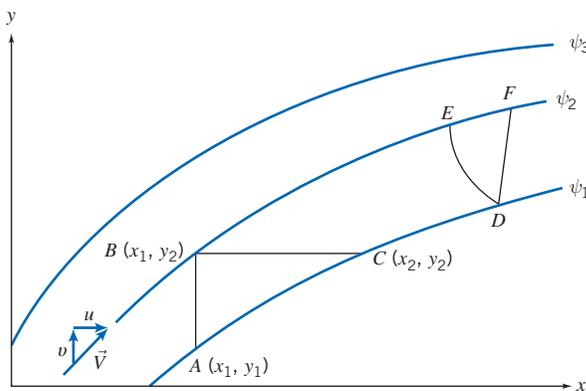


Fig. 5.3 Instantaneous streamlines in a two-dimensional flow.

But along  $AB$ ,  $x = \text{constant}$ , and (from Eq. 5.6)  $d\psi = \partial\psi/\partial y dy$ . Therefore,

$$Q = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} dy = \int_{\psi_1}^{\psi_2} d\psi = \psi_2 - \psi_1$$

For a unit depth, the flow rate across  $BC$ , is

$$Q = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} v dx = - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} dx$$

Along  $BC$ ,  $y = \text{constant}$ , and (from Eq. 5.6)  $d\psi = \partial\psi/\partial x dx$ . Therefore,

$$Q = - \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} dx = - \int_{\psi_2}^{\psi_1} d\psi = \psi_2 - \psi_1$$

Hence, whether we use line  $AB$  or line  $BC$  (or for that matter lines  $DE$  or  $DF$ ), we find that *the volume flow rate (per unit depth) between two streamlines is given by the difference between the two stream function values.*<sup>2</sup> (The derivations for lines  $AB$  and  $BC$  are the justification for using the stream function definition of Eq. 5.4.) If the streamline through the origin is designated  $\psi = 0$ , then the  $\psi$  value for any other streamline represents the flow between the origin and that streamline. [We are free to select any streamline as the zero streamline because the stream function is defined as a differential (Eq. 5.3); also, the flow rate will always be given by a *difference* of  $\psi$  values.] Note that because the volume flow between any two streamlines is constant, *the velocity will be relatively high wherever the streamlines are close together, and relatively low wherever the streamlines are far apart*—a very useful concept for “eyeballing” velocity fields to see where we have regions of high or low velocity.

For a two-dimensional, incompressible flow in the  $r\theta$  plane, conservation of mass, Eq. 5.2b, can be written as

$$\frac{\partial(rV_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad (5.7)$$

Using a logic similar to that used for Eq. 5.4, the stream function,  $\psi(r, \theta, t)$ , then is defined such that

$$V_r \equiv \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta \equiv - \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial r} \quad (5.8)$$

With  $\psi$  defined according to Eq. 5.8, the continuity equation, Eq. 5.7, is satisfied exactly.

### 5.3 Motion of a Fluid Particle (Kinematics)

Figure 5.4 shows a typical finite fluid element, within which we have selected an infinitesimal particle of mass  $dm$  and initial volume  $dx dy dz$ , at time  $t$ , and as it (and the infinitesimal particle) may appear after a time interval  $dt$ . The finite element has moved and changed its shape and orientation. Note that while the finite element has quite severe distortion, the infinitesimal particle has changes in shape limited to stretching/shrinking and rotation of the element’s sides—this is because we are considering both an infinitesimal time step and particle, so that the sides remain straight. We will examine the infinitesimal particle so that we will eventually obtain results applicable to a point. We can decompose this particle’s motion into four components: *translation*, in which the particle moves from one point to another; *rotation* of the particle, which can occur about any or all of the  $x$ ,  $y$  or  $z$  axes; *linear deformation*, in which the particle’s sides stretch or contract; and *angular deformation*, in which the angles (which were initially  $90^\circ$  for our particle) between the sides change.

<sup>2</sup>For two-dimensional steady compressible flow in the  $xy$  plane, the stream function,  $\psi$ , can be defined such that

$$\rho u \equiv \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho v \equiv - \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$$

The difference between the constant values of  $\psi$  defining two streamlines is then the mass flow rate per unit depth between the two streamlines.

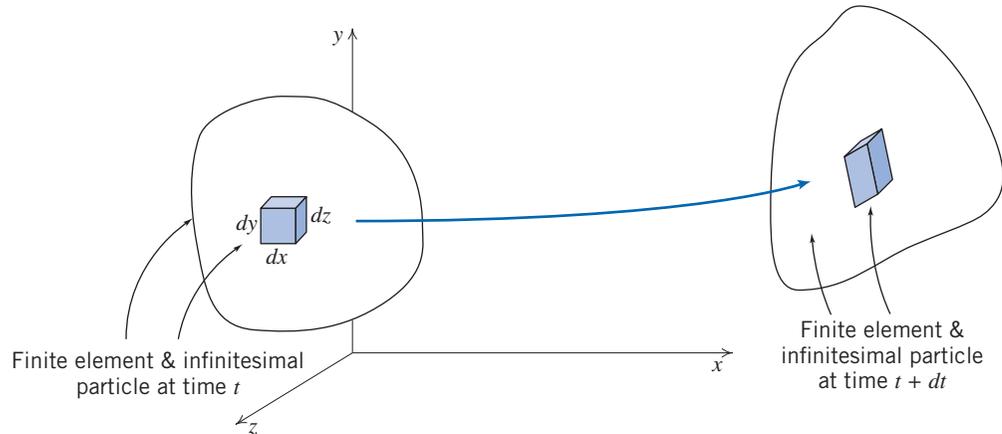


Fig. 5.4 Finite fluid element and infinitesimal particle at times  $t$  and  $t + dt$ .

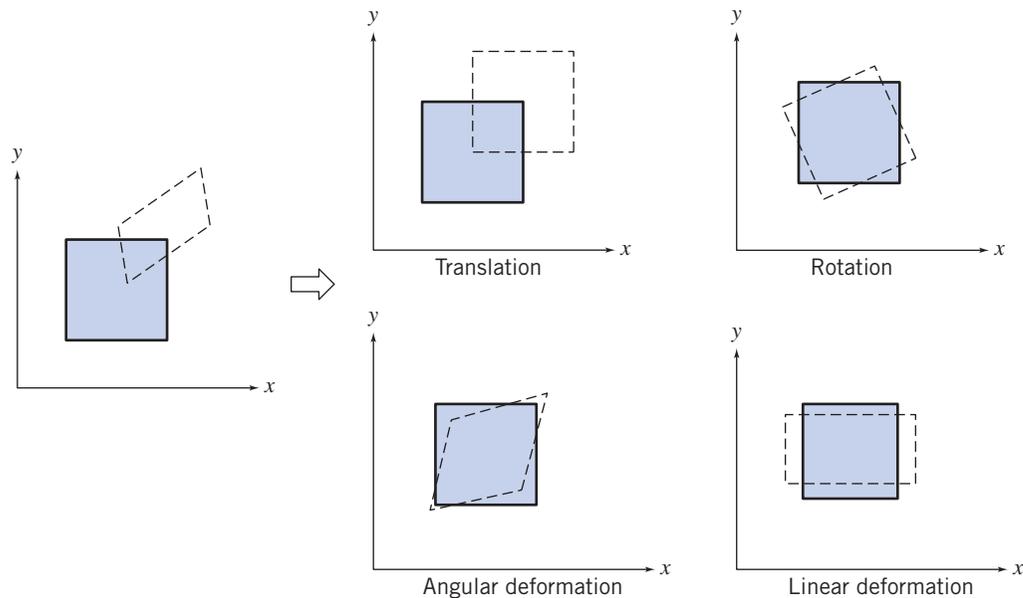


Fig. 5.5 Pictorial representation of the components of fluid motion.

It may seem difficult by looking at Fig. 5.4 to distinguish between rotation and angular deformation of the infinitesimal fluid particle. It is important to do so, because pure rotation involves no deformation but angular deformation does and, as we learned in Chapter 5, fluid deformation generates shear stresses. Figure 5.5 shows a typical  $xy$  plane motion decomposed into the four components described above, and as we examine each of these four components in turn we will see that we *can* distinguish between rotation and angular deformation.



### Fluid Translation: Acceleration of a Fluid Particle in a Velocity Field

The translation of a fluid particle is obviously connected with the velocity field  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y, z, t)$  that we previously discussed in Section 2.2. We will need the acceleration of a fluid particle for use in Newton's second law. It might seem that we could simply compute this as  $\vec{a} = \partial\vec{V}/\partial t$ . This is incorrect, because  $\vec{V}$  is a *field*, i.e., it describes the whole flow and not just the motion of an individual particle. (We can see that this way of computing is incorrect by examining Example 5.4, in which particles are clearly accelerating and decelerating so  $\vec{a} \neq 0$ , but  $\partial\vec{V}/\partial t = 0$ .)

### Example 5.4 STREAM FUNCTION FOR FLOW IN A CORNER

Given the velocity field for steady, incompressible flow in a corner (Example 2.1),  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ , with  $A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , determine the stream function that will yield this velocity field. Plot and interpret the streamline pattern in the first and second quadrants of the  $xy$  plane.

**Given:** Velocity field,  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ , with  $A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

**Find:** Stream function  $\psi$  and plot in first and second quadrants; interpret the results.

**Solution:** The flow is incompressible, so the stream function satisfies Eq. 5.4.

From Eq. 5.4,  $u = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}$  and  $v = -\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$ . From the given velocity field,

$$u = Ax = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y}$$

Integrating with respect to  $y$  gives

$$\psi = \int \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} dy + f(x) = Axy + f(x) \quad (1)$$

where  $f(x)$  is arbitrary. The function  $f(x)$  may be evaluated using the equation for  $v$ . Thus, from Eq. 1,

$$v = -\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} = -Ay - \frac{df}{dx} \quad (2)$$

From the given velocity field,  $v = -Ay$ . Comparing this with Eq. 2 shows that  $\frac{df}{dx} = 0$ , or  $f(x) = \text{constant}$ . Therefore, Eq. 1 becomes

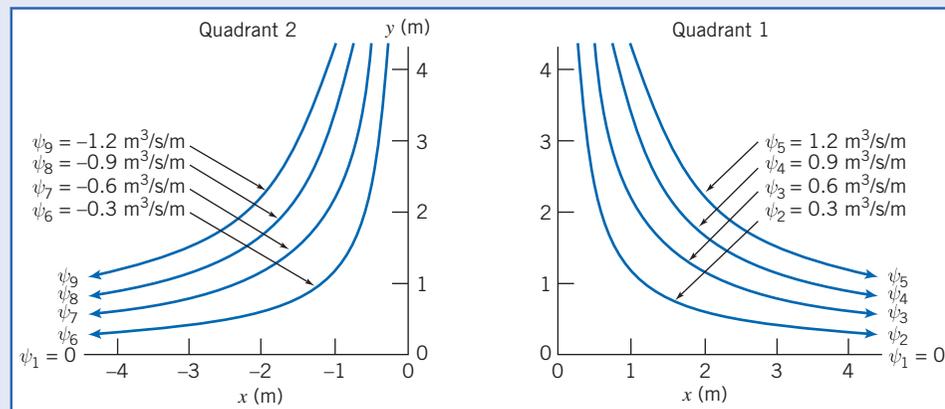
$$\psi = Axy + c \quad \longleftarrow \psi$$

Lines of constant  $\psi$  represent streamlines in the flow field. The constant  $c$  may be chosen as any convenient value for plotting purposes. The constant is chosen as zero in order that the streamline through the origin be designated as  $\psi = \psi_1 = 0$ . Then the value for any other streamline represents the flow between the origin and that streamline. With  $c = 0$  and  $A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , then

$$\psi = 0.3xy \quad (\text{m}^3/\text{s}/\text{m})$$

{This equation of a streamline is identical to the result ( $xy = \text{constant}$ ), obtained in Example 2.1.}

Separate plots of the streamlines in the first and second quadrants are presented below. Note that in quadrant 1,  $u > 0$ , so  $\psi$  values are positive. In quadrant 2,  $u < 0$ , so  $\psi$  values are negative.



In the first quadrant, since  $u > 0$  and  $v < 0$ , the flow is from left to right and down. The volume flow rate between the streamline  $\psi = \psi_1$  through the origin and the streamline  $\psi = \psi_2$  is

$$Q_{12} = \psi_2 - \psi_1 = 0.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}/\text{m}$$

In the second quadrant, since  $u < 0$  and  $v < 0$ , the flow is from right to left and down. The volume flow rate between streamlines  $\psi_7$  and  $\psi_9$  is

$$Q_{79} = \psi_9 - \psi_7 = [-1.2 - (-0.6)]\text{m}^3/\text{s}/\text{m} = -0.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}/\text{m}$$

The negative sign is consistent with flow having  $u < 0$ .

As both the streamline spacing in the graphs and the equation for  $\bar{V}$  indicate, the velocity is smallest near the origin (a “corner”).



There is an Excel workbook for this problem that can be used to generate streamlines for this and many other stream functions.

The problem, then, is to retain the field description for fluid properties and obtain an expression for the acceleration of a fluid particle as it moves in a flow field. Stated simply, the problem is:

Given the velocity field,  $\bar{V} = \bar{V}(x, y, z, t)$ , find the acceleration of a fluid particle,  $\bar{a}_p$ .

Consider a particle moving in a velocity field. At time  $t$ , the particle is at the position  $x, y, z$  and has a velocity corresponding to the velocity at that point in space at time  $t$ ,

$$\bar{V}_p \Big|_t = \bar{V}(x, y, z, t)$$

At  $t + dt$ , the particle has moved to a new position, with coordinates  $x + dx, y + dy, z + dz$ , and has a velocity given by

$$\bar{V}_p \Big|_{t+dt} = \bar{V}(x + dx, y + dy, z + dz, t + dt)$$

This is shown pictorially in Fig. 5.6.

The particle velocity at time  $t$  (position  $\bar{r}$ ) is given by  $\bar{V}_p = \bar{V}(x, y, z, t)$ . Then  $d\bar{V}_p$ , the change in the velocity of the particle, in moving from location  $\bar{r}$  to  $\bar{r} + d\bar{r}$ , in time  $dt$ , is given by the chain rule,

$$d\bar{V}_p = \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial x} dx_p + \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial y} dy_p + \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial z} dz_p + \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial t} dt$$

The total acceleration of the particle is given by

$$\bar{a}_p = \frac{d\bar{V}_p}{dt} = \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial x} \frac{dx_p}{dt} + \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial y} \frac{dy_p}{dt} + \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial z} \frac{dz_p}{dt} + \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial t}$$

Since

$$\frac{dx_p}{dt} = u, \quad \frac{dy_p}{dt} = v, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dz_p}{dt} = w,$$

we have

$$\bar{a}_p = \frac{d\bar{V}_p}{dt} = u \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial t}$$

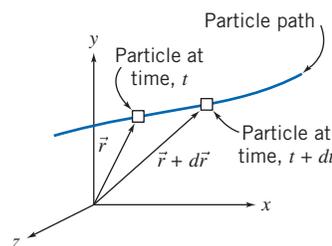


Fig. 5.6 Motion of a particle in a flow field.

To remind us that calculation of the acceleration of a fluid particle in a velocity field requires a special derivative, it is given the symbol  $D\vec{V}/Dt$ . Thus

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} \equiv \vec{a}_p = u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} \quad (5.9)$$

The derivative,  $D/Dt$ , defined by Eq. 5.9, is commonly called the *substantial derivative* to remind us that it is computed for a particle of “substance.” It often is called the *material derivative* or *particle derivative*.

The physical significance of the terms in Eq. 5.9 is

$$\vec{a}_p = \underbrace{\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt}}_{\substack{\text{total} \\ \text{acceleration} \\ \text{of a particle}}} = \underbrace{u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z}}_{\substack{\text{convective} \\ \text{acceleration}}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t}}_{\substack{\text{local} \\ \text{acceleration}}}$$

From Eq. 5.9 we recognize that a fluid particle moving in a flow field may undergo acceleration for either of two reasons. As an illustration, refer to Example 5.4. This is a steady flow in which particles are *convected* toward the low-velocity region (near the “corner”), and then away to a high-velocity region. If a flow field is unsteady a fluid particle will undergo an additional *local* acceleration, because the velocity field is a function of time.

The convective acceleration may be written as a single vector expression using the gradient operator  $\nabla$ . Thus

$$u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z} = (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V}$$

(We suggest that you check this equality by expanding the right side of the equation using the familiar dot product operation.) Thus Eq. 5.9 may be written as

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} \equiv \vec{a}_p = (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} \quad (5.10)$$

For a *two-dimensional flow*, say  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y, t)$ , Eq. 5.9 reduces to

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t}$$

For a *one-dimensional flow*, say  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, t)$ , Eq. 5.9 becomes

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t}$$

Finally, for a *steady flow in three dimensions*, Eq. 5.9 becomes

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z}$$

which, as we have seen, is not necessarily zero even though the flow is steady. Thus a fluid particle may undergo a convective acceleration due to its motion, even in a steady velocity field.

Equation 5.9 is a vector equation. As with all vector equations, it may be written in scalar component equations. Relative to an  $xyz$  coordinate system, the scalar components of Eq. 5.9 are written

$$a_{x_p} = \frac{Du}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (5.11a)$$

$$a_{y_p} = \frac{Dv}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \quad (5.11b)$$

$$a_{z_p} = \frac{Dw}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \quad (5.11c)$$

The components of acceleration in cylindrical coordinates may be obtained from Eq. 5.10 by expressing the velocity,  $\vec{V}$ , in cylindrical coordinates (Section 5.1) and utilizing the appropriate expression (Eq. 3.19, on the web) for the vector operator  $\nabla$ . Thus,<sup>3</sup>

$$a_{r_p} = V_r \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} + V_z \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial t} \quad (5.12a)$$

$$a_{\theta_p} = V_r \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} + V_z \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial t} \quad (5.12b)$$

$$a_{z_p} = V_r \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial t} \quad (5.12c)$$

Equations 5.9, 5.11, and 5.12 are useful for computing the acceleration of a fluid particle anywhere in a flow from the velocity field (a function of  $x, y, z$ , and  $t$ ); this is the *Eulerian* method of description, the most-used approach in fluid mechanics.

As an alternative (e.g., if we wish to track an individual particle's motion in, for example, pollution studies) we sometimes use the *Lagrangian* description of particle motion, in which the acceleration, position, and velocity of a particle are specified as a function of time only. Both descriptions are illustrated in Example 5.5.

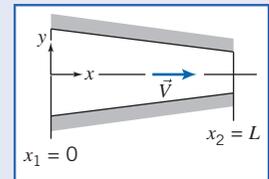
### Example 5.5 PARTICLE ACCELERATION IN EULERIAN AND LAGRANGIAN DESCRIPTIONS

Consider two-dimensional, steady, incompressible flow through the plane converging channel shown. The velocity on the horizontal centerline ( $x$  axis) is given by  $\vec{V} = V_1[1 + (x/L)]\hat{i}$ . Find an expression for the acceleration of a particle moving along the centerline using (a) the Eulerian approach and (b) the Lagrangian approach. Evaluate the acceleration when the particle is at the beginning and at the end of the channel.

**Given:** Steady, two-dimensional, incompressible flow through the converging channel shown.

$$\vec{V} = V_1 \left(1 + \frac{x}{L}\right) \hat{i} \quad \text{on } x \text{ axis}$$

**Find:** (a) The acceleration of a particle moving along the centerline using the Eulerian approach.  
 (b) The acceleration of a particle moving along the centerline using the Lagrangian approach.  
 (c) Evaluate the acceleration when the particle is at the beginning and at the end of the channel.



**Solution:**

(a) The Eulerian approach

The governing equation for acceleration of a fluid particle is Eq. 5.9:

$$\vec{a}_p(x, y, z, t) = \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t}$$

In this case we are interested in the  $x$  component of acceleration (Eq. 5.11a):

$$a_{x_p}(x, y, z, t) = \frac{Du}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (5.11a)$$

<sup>3</sup>In evaluating  $(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla)\vec{V}$ , recall that  $\hat{e}_r$  and  $\hat{e}_\theta$  are functions of  $\theta$  (see footnote 1 on p. 150).

On the  $x$  axis,  $v = w = 0$  and  $u = V_1 \left(1 + \frac{x}{L}\right)$ , so for steady flow we obtain

$$a_{x_p}(x) = \frac{Du}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = V_1 \left(1 + \frac{x}{L}\right) \frac{V_1}{L}$$

or

$$a_{x_p}(x) = \frac{V_1^2}{L} \left(1 + \frac{x}{L}\right) \leftarrow a_{x_p}(x)$$

This expression gives the acceleration of *any* particle that is at point  $x$  at an instant.

(b) The Lagrangian approach

In this approach we need to obtain the motion of a fluid particle as we would in particle mechanics; that is, we need the position  $\vec{x}_p(t)$ , and then we can obtain the velocity  $\vec{V}_p(t) = d\vec{x}_p/dt$  and acceleration  $\vec{a}_p(t) = d\vec{V}_p/dt$ . Actually, we are considering motion along the  $x$  axis, so we want  $x_p(t)$ ,  $u_p(t) = dx_p/dt$ , and  $a_{x_p}(t) = du_p/dt$ . We are not given  $x_p(t)$ , but we do have

$$u_p = \frac{dx_p}{dt} = V_1 \left(1 + \frac{x_p}{L}\right)$$

Separating variables, and using limits  $x_p(t=0) = 0$  and  $x_p(t=t) = x_p$ ,

$$\int_0^{x_p} \frac{dx_p}{\left(1 + \frac{x_p}{L}\right)} = \int_0^t V_1 dt \quad \text{and} \quad L \ln\left(1 + \frac{x_p}{L}\right) = V_1 t \quad (1)$$

We can then solve for  $x_p(t)$ :

$$x_p(t) = L(e^{V_1 t/L} - 1)$$

The velocity and acceleration are then

$$u_p(t) = \frac{dx_p}{dt} = V_1 e^{V_1 t/L}$$

and

$$a_{x_p}(t) = \frac{du_p}{dt} = \frac{V_1^2}{L} e^{V_1 t/L} \leftarrow (2)a_{x_p}(t)$$

This expression gives the acceleration at any time  $t$  of the particle that was initially at  $x = 0$ .

(c) We wish to evaluate the acceleration when the particle is at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ . For the Eulerian approach this is straightforward:

$$a_{z_p}(x=0) = \frac{V_1^2}{L}, \quad a_{x_p}(x=L) = 2 \frac{V_1^2}{L} \leftarrow a_{x_p}$$

For the Lagrangian approach, we need to find the times at which  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ . Using Eq. 1, these are

$$t(x_p=0) = \frac{L}{V_1} \quad t(x_p=L) = \frac{L}{V_1} \ln(2)$$

Then, from Eq. (5.1),

$$a_{z_p}(t=0) = \frac{V_1^2}{L}, \quad \text{and} \\ a_{x_p}\left(t = \frac{L}{V_1} \ln(2)\right) = \frac{V_1^2}{L} e^{\ln(2)} = 2 \frac{V_1^2}{L} \leftarrow a_{x_p}$$

Note that both approaches yield the same results for particle acceleration, as they should.

This problem illustrates use of the Eulerian and Lagrangian descriptions of the motion of a fluid particle.

### Fluid Rotation

A fluid particle moving in a general three-dimensional flow field may rotate about all three coordinate axes. Thus particle rotation is a vector quantity and, in general,

$$\vec{\omega} = \hat{i}\omega_x + \hat{j}\omega_y + \hat{k}\omega_z$$

where  $\omega_x$  is the rotation about the  $x$  axis,  $\omega_y$  is the rotation about the  $y$  axis, and  $\omega_z$  is the rotation about the  $z$  axis. The positive sense of rotation is given by the right-hand rule.

We now see how we can extract the rotation component of the particle motion. Consider the  $xy$  plane view of the particle at time  $t$ . The left and lower sides of the particle are given by the two perpendicular line segments  $oa$  and  $ob$  of lengths  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$ , respectively, shown in Fig. 5.7a. In general, after an interval  $\Delta t$  the particle will have translated to some new position, and also have rotated and deformed. A possible instantaneous orientation of the lines at time  $t + \Delta t$  is shown in Fig. 5.7b.

We need to be careful here with our signs for angles. Following the right-hand rule, *counterclockwise rotation is positive*, and we have shown side  $oa$  rotating counterclockwise through angle  $\Delta\alpha$ , but be aware that we have shown edge  $ob$  rotating at a *clockwise* angle  $\Delta\beta$ . Both angles are obviously arbitrary, but it will help visualize the discussion if we assign values to these angles, e.g., let  $\Delta\alpha = 6^\circ$  and  $\Delta\beta = 4^\circ$ .

How do we extract from  $\Delta\alpha$  and  $\Delta\beta$  a measure of the particle's rotation? The answer is that we take an average of the rotations  $\Delta\alpha$  and  $\Delta\beta$ , so that the particle's rigid body counterclockwise rotation is  $\frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha - \Delta\beta)$ , as shown in Fig. 5.7c. The minus sign is needed because the *counterclockwise* rotation of  $ob$  is  $-\Delta\beta$ . Using the assigned values, the rotation of the particle is then  $\frac{1}{2}(6^\circ - 4^\circ) = 1^\circ$ . (Given the two rotations, taking the average is the only way we can measure the particle's rotation, because any other approach would favor one side's rotation over the other, which doesn't make sense.)

Now we can determine from  $\Delta\alpha$  and  $\Delta\beta$  a measure of the particle's angular deformation, as shown in Fig. 5.7d. To obtain the deformation of side  $oa$  in Fig. 5.7d, we use Fig. 5.7b and 5.7c: If we subtract the particle rotation  $\frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha - \Delta\beta)$ , in Fig. 5.7c, from the actual rotation of  $oa$ ,  $\Delta\alpha$ , in Fig. 5.7b, what remains must be pure deformation  $[\Delta\alpha - \frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha - \Delta\beta)] = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta)$ , in Fig. 5.7d]. Using the assigned values, the deformation of side  $oa$  is  $6^\circ - \frac{1}{2}(6^\circ - 4^\circ) = 5^\circ$ . By a similar process, for side  $ob$  we end with  $\Delta\beta - \frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha - \Delta\beta) = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta)$ , or a *clockwise* deformation  $\frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta)$ , as shown in Fig. 5.7d. The total deformation of the particle is the sum of the deformations of the sides, or  $(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta)$  (with our example values,  $10^\circ$ ). We verify that this leaves us with the correct value for the particle's deformation: Recall that in Section 2.4 we saw that deformation is measured by the change in a  $90^\circ$  angle. In Fig. 5.7a we see this is angle  $aob$ , and in Fig. 5.7d we see the total change of this angle is indeed  $\frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta) + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta) = (\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta)$ .

We need to convert these angular measures to quantities obtainable from the flow field. To do this, we recognize that (for small angles)  $\Delta\alpha = \Delta\eta / \Delta x$ , and  $\Delta\beta = \Delta\xi / \Delta y$ . But  $\Delta\xi$  arises because, if in interval  $\Delta t$  point  $o$  moves horizontally distance  $u\Delta t$ , then point  $b$  will have moved distance  $(u + [\partial u / \partial y]\Delta y)\Delta t$  (using a Taylor series expansion). Likewise,  $\Delta\eta$  arises because, if in interval  $\Delta t$  point  $o$  moves vertically distance  $v\Delta t$ , then point  $a$  will have moved distance  $(v + [\partial v / \partial x]\Delta x)\Delta t$ . Hence,

$$\Delta\xi = \left( u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta t - u\Delta t = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y \Delta t$$

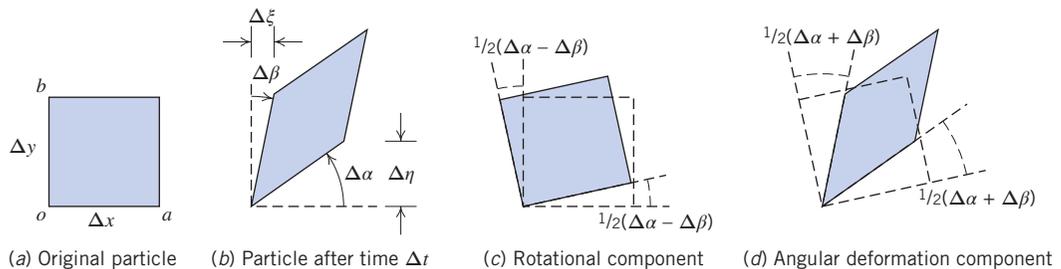


Fig. 5.7 Rotation and angular deformation of perpendicular line segments in a two-dimensional flow.

and

$$\Delta\eta = \left( v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) \Delta t - v \Delta t = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta t$$

We can now compute the angular velocity of the particle about the  $z$  axis,  $\omega_z$ , by combining all these results:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_z &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\Delta\alpha - \Delta\beta)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Delta\eta}{\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta\xi}{\Delta y} \right)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta t - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y \Delta t \right)}{\Delta t} \\ \omega_z &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

By considering the rotation of pairs of perpendicular line segments in the  $yz$  and  $xy$  planes, one can show similarly that

$$\omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_y = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)$$

Then  $\vec{\omega} = \hat{i}\omega_x + \hat{j}\omega_y + \hat{k}\omega_z$  becomes

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad (5.13)$$

We recognize the term in the square brackets as

$$\text{curl } \vec{V} = \nabla \times \vec{V}$$

Then, in vector notation, we can write

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \vec{V} \quad (5.14)$$

It is worth noting here that we should not confuse rotation of a fluid particle with flow consisting of circular streamlines, or *vortex* flow. As we will see in Example 5.6, in such a flow the particles *could* rotate as they move in a circular motion, but they do not have to!

### Example 5.6 FREE AND FORCED VORTEX FLOWS

Consider flow fields with purely tangential motion (circular streamlines):  $V_r = 0$  and  $V_\theta = f(r)$ . Evaluate the rotation, vorticity, and circulation for rigid-body rotation, a *forced vortex*. Show that it is possible to choose  $f(r)$  so that flow is irrotational, i.e., to produce a *free vortex*.

**Given:** Flow fields with tangential motion,  $V_r = 0$  and  $V_\theta = f(r)$ .

**Find:** (a) Rotation, vorticity, and circulation for rigid-body motion (a *forced vortex*).  
(b)  $V_\theta = f(r)$  for irrotational motion (a *free vortex*).

**Solution:**

**Governing equation:**

$$\vec{\zeta} = 2\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{V} \quad (5.15)$$

For motion in the  $r\theta$  plane, the only components of rotation and vorticity are in the  $z$  direction,

$$\zeta_z = 2\omega_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta}$$

Because  $V_r = 0$  everywhere in these fields, this reduces to  $\zeta_z = 2\omega_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r V_\theta}{\partial r}$ .

(a) For rigid-body rotation,  $V_\theta = \omega r$

$$\text{Then } \omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r V_\theta}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \omega r^2 = \frac{1}{2r} (2\omega r) = \omega \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_z = 2\omega.$$

The circulation is

$$\Gamma = \oint_c \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_A 2\omega_z dA. \quad (18)$$

Since  $\omega_z = \omega = \text{constant}$ , the circulation about any closed contour is given by  $\Gamma = 2\omega A$ , where  $A$  is the area enclosed by the contour. Thus for rigid-body motion (a forced vortex), the rotation and vorticity are constants; the circulation depends on the area enclosed by the contour.

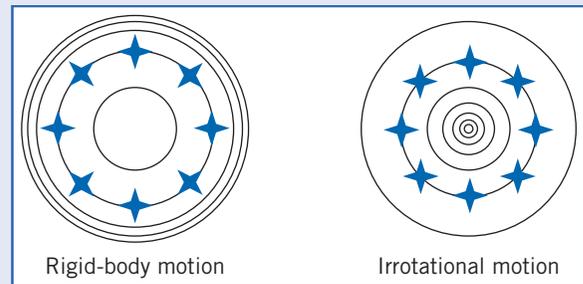
(b) For irrotational flow,  $\omega_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} r V_\theta = 0$ . Integrating, we find

$$r V_\theta = \text{constant} \quad \text{or} \quad V_\theta = f(r) = \frac{C}{r}$$

For this flow, the origin is a singular point where  $V_\theta \rightarrow \infty$ . The circulation for any contour enclosing the origin is

$$\Gamma = \oint_c \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{C}{r} r d\theta = 2\pi C$$

It turns out that the circulation around any contour *not* enclosing the singular point at the origin is zero. Streamlines for the two vortex flows are shown below, along with the location and orientation at different instants of a cross marked in the fluid that was initially at the 12 o'clock position. For the rigid-body motion (which occurs, for example, at the eye of a tornado, creating the “dead” region at the very center), the cross rotates as it moves in a circular motion; also, the streamlines are closer together as we move away from the origin. For the irrotational motion (which occurs, for example, outside the eye of a tornado—in such a large region viscous effects are negligible), the cross does not rotate as it moves in a circular motion; also, the streamlines are farther apart as we move away from the origin.



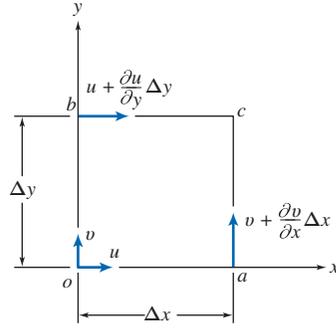
When might we expect to have a flow in which the particles rotate as they move ( $\vec{\omega} \neq 0$ )? One possibility is that we start out with a flow in which (for whatever reason) the particles already have rotation. On the other hand, if we assumed the particles are not initially rotating, particles will only begin to rotate if they experience a torque caused by surface shear stresses; the particle body forces and normal (pressure) forces may accelerate and deform the particle, but cannot generate a torque. We can conclude that rotation of fluid particles will *always* occur for flows in which we have shear stresses. We have already learned in Chapter 2 that shear stresses are present whenever we have a viscous fluid that is experiencing angular deformation (shearing). Hence we conclude that rotation of fluid particles only occurs in viscous flows<sup>4</sup> (unless the particles are initially rotating, as in Example 3.10).

Flows for which no particle rotation occurs are called *irrotational* flows. Although no real flow is truly irrotational (all fluids have viscosity), it turns out that many flows can be successfully studied by assuming they are inviscid and irrotational, because viscous effects are often negligible. As we discussed in Chapter 1, and will again in Chapter 6, much of aerodynamics theory assumes inviscid flow. We just need to be aware that in any flow there will always be regions (e.g., the boundary layer for flow over a wing) in which viscous effects cannot be ignored.

The factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  can be eliminated from Eq. 5.14 by defining the *vorticity*,  $\vec{\zeta}$ , to be twice the rotation,

$$\vec{\zeta} \equiv 2\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{V} \quad (5.15)$$

<sup>4</sup> A rigorous proof using the complete equations of motion for a fluid particle is given in Li and Lam, pp. 123–126.



**Fig. 5.8** Velocity components on the boundaries of a fluid element.

The vorticity is a measure of the rotation of a fluid element as it moves in the flow field. In cylindrical coordinates the vorticity is

$$\nabla \times \vec{V} = \hat{e}_r \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{e}_\theta \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} \right) + \hat{k} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \quad (5.16)$$

The *circulation*,  $\Gamma$  (which we will revisit in Example 6.12), is defined as the line integral of the tangential velocity component about any closed curve fixed in the flow,

$$\Gamma = \oint_c \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad (5.17)$$

where  $d\vec{s}$  is an elemental vector tangent to the curve and having length  $ds$  of the element of arc; a positive sense corresponds to a counterclockwise path of integration around the curve. We can develop a relationship between circulation and vorticity by considering the rectangular circuit shown in Fig. 5.8, where the velocity components at  $o$  are assumed to be  $(u, v)$ , and the velocities along segments  $bc$  and  $ac$  can be derived using Taylor series approximations.

For the closed curve  $oacb$ ,

$$\Delta\Gamma = u\Delta x + \left( v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) \Delta y - \left( u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta x - v \Delta y$$

$$\Delta\Gamma = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \Delta x \Delta y$$

$$\Delta\Gamma = 2\omega_z \Delta x \Delta y$$

Then,

$$\Gamma = \oint_c \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_A 2\omega_z dA = \int_A (\nabla \times \vec{V})_z dA \quad (5.18)$$

Equation 5.18 is a statement of the Stokes Theorem in two dimensions. Thus the circulation around a closed contour is equal to the total vorticity enclosed within it.

## Fluid Deformation

### a. Angular Deformation

As we discussed earlier (and as shown in Fig. 5.7d), the *angular deformation* of a particle is given by the sum of the two angular deformations, or in other words by  $(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta)$ .

We also recall that  $\Delta\alpha = \Delta\eta/\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta\beta = \Delta\xi/\Delta y$ , and  $\Delta\xi$  and  $\Delta\eta$  are given by

$$\Delta\xi = \left( u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y \right) \Delta t - u \Delta t = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y \Delta t$$

and

$$\Delta\eta = \left( v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \right) \Delta t - v \Delta t = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta t$$

We can now compute the rate of angular deformation of the particle in the  $xy$  plane by combining these results,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rate of angular deformation in } xy \text{ plane} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\Delta\alpha + \Delta\beta)}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{\Delta\eta}{\Delta x} + \frac{\Delta\xi}{\Delta y} \right)}{\Delta t} \\ \text{Rate of angular deformation in } xy \text{ plane} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta x} \Delta t + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta y} \Delta t \right)}{\Delta t} = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (5.19a)$$

Similar expressions can be written for the rate of angular deformation of the particle in the  $yz$  and  $zx$  planes,

$$\text{Rate of angular deformation in } yz \text{ plane} = \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \quad (5.19b)$$

$$\text{Rate of angular deformation in } zx \text{ plane} = \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \quad (5.19c)$$

We saw in Chapter 2 that for one-dimensional laminar Newtonian flow the shear stress is given by the rate of deformation ( $du/dy$ ) of the fluid particle,

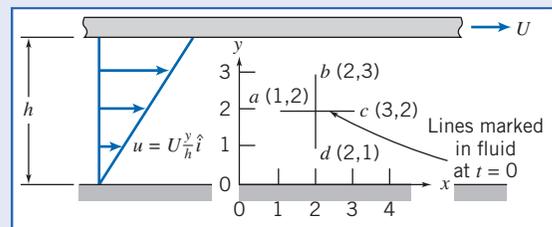
$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad (2.15)$$

We will see shortly that we can generalize Eq. 2.15 to the case of three-dimensional laminar flow; this will lead to expressions for three-dimensional shear stresses involving the three rates of angular deformation given above. (Eq. 2.15 is a special case of Eq. 5.19a.)

Calculation of angular deformation is illustrated for a simple flow field in Example 5.7.

### Example 5.7 ROTATION IN VISCOMETRIC FLOW

A viscometric flow in the narrow gap between large parallel plates is shown. The velocity field in the narrow gap is given by  $\vec{V} = U(y/h)\hat{i}$ , where  $U = 4$  mm/s and  $h = 4$  mm. At  $t = 0$  line segments  $ac$  and  $bd$  are marked in the fluid to form a cross as shown. Evaluate the positions of the marked points at  $t = 1.5$  s and sketch for comparison. Calculate the rate of angular deformation and the rate of rotation of a fluid particle in this velocity field. Comment on your results.



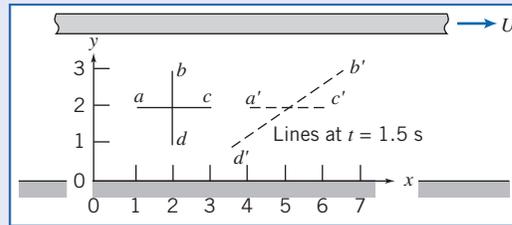
**Given:** Velocity field,  $\vec{V} = U(y/h)\hat{i}$ ;  $U = 4$  mm/s, and  $h = 4$  mm. Fluid particles marked at  $t = 0$  to form cross as shown.

- Find:**
- Positions of points  $a'$ ,  $b'$ ,  $c'$ , and  $d'$  at  $t = 1.5$  s; plot.
  - Rate of angular deformation.
  - Rate of rotation of a fluid particle.
  - Significance of these results.

**Solution:** For the given flow field  $v = 0$ , so there is no vertical motion. The velocity of each point stays constant, so  $\Delta x = u \Delta t$  for each point. At point  $b$ ,  $u = 3$  mm/s, so

$$\Delta x_b = 3 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{s}} \times 1.5 \text{ s} = 4.5 \text{ mm}$$

Similarly, points  $a$  and  $c$  each move 3 mm, and point  $d$  moves 1.5 mm. Hence the plot at  $t = 1.5$  s is



The rate of angular deformation is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = U \frac{1}{h} + 0 = \frac{U}{h} = 4 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{4 \text{ mm}} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

The rate of rotation is

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 0 - \frac{U}{h} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{4 \text{ mm}} = -0.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

In this problem we have a viscous flow, and hence should have expected both angular deformation and particle rotation.

### b. Linear Deformation

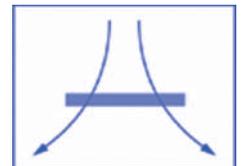
During linear deformation, the shape of the fluid element, described by the angles at its vertices, remains unchanged, since all right angles continue to be right angles (see Fig. 5.5). The element will change length in the  $x$  direction only if  $\partial u/\partial x$  is other than zero. Similarly, a change in the  $y$  dimension requires a nonzero value of  $\partial v/\partial y$  and a change in the  $z$  dimension requires a nonzero value of  $\partial w/\partial z$ . These quantities represent the components of longitudinal rates of strain in the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions, respectively.

Changes in length of the sides may produce changes in volume of the element. The rate of local instantaneous *volume dilation* is given by

$$\text{Volume dilation rate} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \tag{5.20}$$

For incompressible flow, the rate of volume dilation is zero (Eq. 5.1c).

We have shown in this section that the velocity field can be used to find the acceleration, rotation, angular deformation, and linear deformation of a fluid particle in a flow field. Evaluation of the rate of deformation for flow near a corner is illustrated in Example 5.8.



## Example 5.8 DEFORMATION RATES FOR FLOW IN A CORNER

The velocity field  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$  represents flow in a “corner,” as shown in Example 5.4, where  $A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and the coordinates are measured in meters. A square is marked in the fluid as shown at  $t = 0$ . Evaluate the new positions of the four corner points when point  $a$  has moved to  $x = \frac{3}{2}$  m after  $\tau$  seconds. Evaluate the rates of linear deformation in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. Compare area  $a'b'c'd'$  at  $t = \tau$  with area  $abcd$  at  $t = 0$ . Comment on the significance of this result.

**Given:**  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ ;  $A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  in meters.

- Find:**
- Position of square at  $t = \tau$  when  $a$  is at  $a'$  at  $x = \frac{3}{2}$  m.
  - Rates of linear deformation.
  - Area  $a'b'c'd'$  compared with area  $abcd$ .
  - Significance of the results.

**Solution:** First we must find  $\tau$ , so we must follow a fluid particle using a Lagrangian description. Thus

$$u = \frac{dx_p}{dt} = Ax_p, \quad \frac{dx}{x} = A dt, \text{ so } \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{x} = \int_0^\tau A dt \quad \text{and} \quad \ln \frac{x}{x_0} = A\tau$$

$$\tau = \frac{\ln x/x_0}{A} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}{0.3 \text{ s}^{-1}} = 1.35 \text{ s}$$

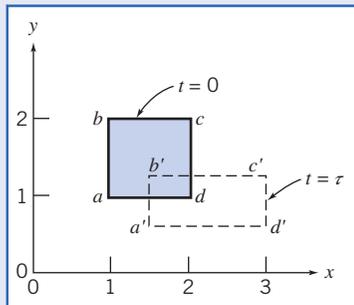
In the  $y$  direction

$$v = \frac{dy_p}{dt} = -Ay_p \quad \frac{dy}{y} = -A dt \quad \frac{y}{y_0} = e^{-A\tau}$$

The point coordinates at  $\tau$  are:

Point	$t = 0$	$t = \tau$
$a$	(1,1)	$\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$
$b$	(1,2)	$\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$
$c$	(2,2)	$\left(3, \frac{4}{3}\right)$
$d$	(2,1)	$\left(3, \frac{2}{3}\right)$

The plot is:



The rates of linear deformation are:

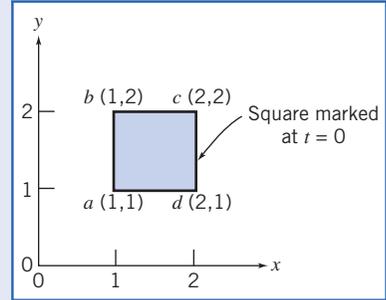
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} Ax = A = 0.3 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{in the } x \text{ direction}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-Ay) = -A = -0.3 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \text{in the } y \text{ direction}$$

The rate of volume dilation is

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = A - A = 0$$

$$\text{Area } abcd = 1 \text{ m}^2 \text{ and area } a'b'c'd' = \left(3 - \frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}\right) = 1 \text{ m}^2.$$



**Notes:**

- Parallel planes remain parallel; there is linear deformation but no angular deformation.
- The flow is irrotational ( $\partial v/\partial x - \partial u/\partial y = 0$ ).
- Volume is conserved because the two rates of linear deformation are equal and opposite.
- The NCFMF video *Flow Visualization* (see <http://web.mit.edu/fluids/www/Shapiro/ncfmf.html> for free online viewing of this film) uses hydrogen bubble time-streak markers to demonstrate experimentally that the area of a marked fluid square is conserved in two-dimensional incompressible flow.



The Excel workbook for this problem shows an animation of this motion.

## 5.4 Momentum Equation

A dynamic equation describing fluid motion may be obtained by applying Newton's second law to a particle. To derive the differential form of the momentum equation, we shall apply Newton's second law to an infinitesimal fluid particle of mass  $dm$ .

Recall that Newton's second law for a finite system is given by

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} \quad (4.2a)$$

where the linear momentum,  $\vec{P}$ , of the system is given by

$$\vec{P}_{\text{system}} = \int_{\text{mass (system)}} \vec{V} dm \quad (4.2b)$$

Then, for an infinitesimal system of mass  $dm$ , Newton's second law can be written

$$d\vec{F} = dm \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \Bigg|_{\text{system}} \quad (5.21)$$

Having obtained an expression for the acceleration of a fluid element of mass  $dm$ , moving in a velocity field (Eq. 5.9), we can write Newton's second law as the vector equation

$$d\vec{F} = dm \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = dm \left[ u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} \right] \quad (5.22)$$

We now need to obtain a suitable formulation for the force,  $d\vec{F}$ , or its components,  $dF_x$ ,  $dF_y$ , and  $dF_z$ , acting on the element.

### Forces Acting on a Fluid Particle

Recall that the forces acting on a fluid element may be classified as body forces and surface forces; surface forces include both normal forces and tangential (shear) forces.

We shall consider the  $x$  component of the force acting on a differential element of mass  $dm$  and volume  $dV = dx dy dz$ . Only those stresses that act in the  $x$  direction will give rise to surface forces in the  $x$  direction. If the stresses at the center of the differential element are taken to be  $\sigma_{xx}$ ,  $\tau_{yx}$ , and  $\tau_{zx}$ , then the stresses acting in the  $x$  direction on all faces of the element (obtained by a Taylor series expansion about the center of the element) are as shown in Fig. 5.9.

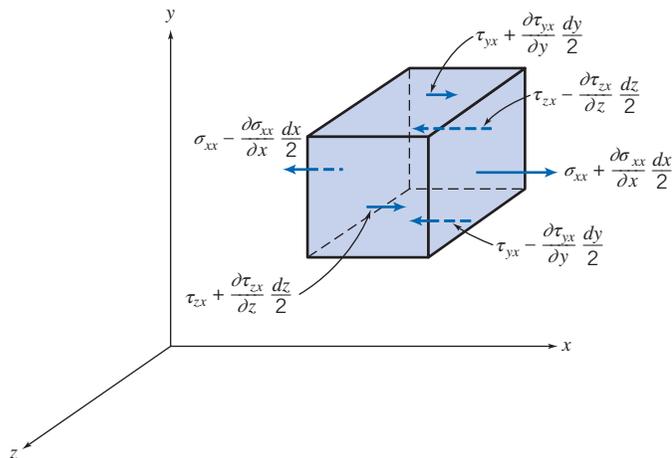


Fig. 5.9 Stresses in the  $x$  direction on an element of fluid.

To obtain the net surface force in the  $x$  direction,  $dF_{S_x}$ , we must sum the forces in the  $x$  direction. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} dF_{S_x} = & \left( \sigma_{xx} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) dy dz - \left( \sigma_{xx} - \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) dy dz \\ & + \left( \tau_{yx} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz - \left( \tau_{yx} - \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz \\ & + \left( \tau_{zx} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{2} \right) dx dy - \left( \tau_{zx} - \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{2} \right) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

On simplifying, we obtain

$$dF_{S_x} = \left( \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz$$

When the force of gravity is the only body force acting, then the body force per unit mass is  $\bar{g}$ . The net force in the  $x$  direction,  $dF_x$ , is given by

$$dF_x = dF_{B_x} + dF_{S_x} = \left( \rho g_x + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz \quad (5.23a)$$

We can derive similar expressions for the force components in the  $y$  and  $z$  directions:

$$dF_y = dF_{B_y} + dF_{S_y} = \left( \rho g_y + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zy}}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz \quad (5.23b)$$

$$dF_z = dF_{B_z} + dF_{S_z} = \left( \rho g_z + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz \quad (5.23c)$$

## Differential Momentum Equation

We have now formulated expressions for the components,  $dF_x$ ,  $dF_y$ , and  $dF_z$ , of the force,  $d\vec{F}$ , acting on the element of mass  $dm$ . If we substitute these expressions (Eqs. 5.23) for the force components into the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  components of Eq. 5.22, we obtain the differential equations of motion,

$$\rho g_x + \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} = \rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \quad (5.24a)$$

$$\rho g_y + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zy}}{\partial z} = \rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \quad (5.24b)$$

$$\rho g_z + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} = \rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) \quad (5.24c)$$

Equations 5.24 are the differential equations of motion for any fluid satisfying the continuum assumption. Before the equations can be used to solve for  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$ , suitable expressions for the stresses must be obtained in terms of the velocity and pressure fields.

## Newtonian Fluid: Navier–Stokes Equations

For a Newtonian fluid the viscous stress is directly proportional to the rate of shearing strain (angular deformation rate). We saw in Chapter 2 that for one-dimensional laminar Newtonian flow the shear stress is proportional to the rate of angular deformation:  $\tau_{yx} = du/dy$  (Eq. 2.15). For a three-dimensional flow the situation is a bit more complicated (among other things we need to use the more complicated expressions for rate of angular deformation, Eq. 5.19). The stresses may be expressed in terms of velocity gradients and fluid properties in rectangular coordinates as follows:<sup>5</sup>

$$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad (5.25a)$$

<sup>5</sup> The derivation of these results is beyond the scope of this book. Detailed derivations may be found in Daily and Harleman [2], Schlichting [3], and White [4].

$$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zy} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \quad (5.25b)$$

$$\tau_{zx} = \tau_{xz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \quad (5.25c)$$

$$\sigma_{xx} = -p - \frac{2}{3} \mu \nabla \cdot \vec{V} + 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (5.25d)$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = -p - \frac{2}{3} \mu \nabla \cdot \vec{V} + 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad (5.25e)$$

$$\sigma_{zz} = -p - \frac{2}{3} \mu \nabla \cdot \vec{V} + 2\mu \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \quad (5.25f)$$

where  $p$  is the local thermodynamic pressure.<sup>6</sup> Thermodynamic pressure is related to the density and temperature by the thermodynamic relation usually called the equation of state.

If these expressions for the stresses are introduced into the differential equations of motion (Eqs. 5.24), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{Du}{Dt} = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right] \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.26a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{Dv}{Dt} = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \right) \right] \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.26b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{Dw}{Dt} = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \right] \\ + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.26c)$$

These equations of motion are called the *Navier–Stokes equations*. The equations are greatly simplified when applied to *incompressible flow* with *constant viscosity*. Under these conditions the equations reduce to

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27a)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27b)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27c)$$

This form of the Navier–Stokes equations is probably (next to the Bernoulli equation) the most famous set of equations in fluid mechanics, and has been widely studied. These equations, with the continuity equation (Eq. 5.1c), form a set of four coupled nonlinear partial differential equations for  $u, v, w$ , and  $p$ . In principle, these four equations describe many common flows; the only restrictions are that the fluid be Newtonian (with a constant viscosity) and incompressible. For example, lubrication theory (describing the behavior of machine bearings), pipe flows, and even the motion of your coffee as you stir it are explained by these equations. Unfortunately, they are impossible to solve analytically, except for the most basic cases [3], in which we have simple boundaries and initial or boundary conditions! We will solve the equations for such a simple problem in Example 5.9.

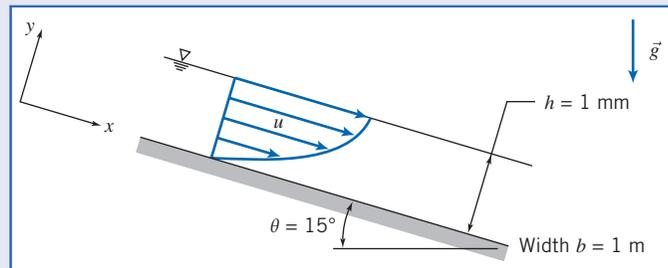
<sup>6</sup>Sabersky et al. [5] discuss the relation between the thermodynamic pressure and the average pressure defined as  $p = -(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})/3$ .

**Example 5.9 ANALYSIS OF FULLY DEVELOPED LAMINAR FLOW DOWN AN INCLINED PLANE SURFACE**

A liquid flows down an inclined plane surface in a steady, fully developed laminar film of thickness  $h$ . Simplify the continuity and Navier–Stokes equations to model this flow field. Obtain expressions for the liquid velocity profile, the shear stress distribution, the volume flow rate, and the average velocity. Relate the liquid film thickness to the volume flow rate per unit depth of surface normal to the flow. Calculate the volume flow rate in a film of water  $h = 1$  mm thick, flowing on a surface  $b = 1$  m wide, inclined at  $\theta = 15^\circ$  to the horizontal.

**Given:** Liquid flow down an inclined plane surface in a steady, fully developed laminar film of thickness  $h$ .

- Find:**
- Continuity and Navier–Stokes equations simplified to model this flow field.
  - Velocity profile.
  - Shear stress distribution.
  - Volume flow rate per unit depth of surface normal to diagram.
  - Average flow velocity.
  - Film thickness in terms of volume flow rate per unit depth of surface normal to diagram.
  - Volume flow rate in a film of water 1 mm thick on a surface 1 m wide, inclined at  $15^\circ$  to the horizontal.



**Solution:** The geometry and coordinate system used to model the flow field are shown. (It is convenient to align one coordinate with the flow down the plane surface.)

The governing equations written for incompressible flow with constant viscosity are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (5.1c)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27a)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27b)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27c)$$

The terms canceled to simplify the basic equations are keyed by number to the assumptions listed below. The assumptions are discussed in the order in which they are applied to simplify the equations.

**Assumptions:**

- Steady flow (given).
- Incompressible flow;  $\rho = \text{constant}$ .
- No flow or variation of properties in the  $z$  direction;  $w = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial z = 0$ .
- Fully developed flow, so no properties vary in the  $x$  direction;  $\partial/\partial x = 0$ .

Assumption 1 eliminates time variations in any fluid property.

Assumption 2 eliminates space variations in density.

Assumption 3 states that there is no  $z$  component of velocity and no property variations in the  $z$  direction. All terms in the  $z$  component of the Navier–Stokes equation cancel.

After assumption 4 is applied, the continuity equation reduces to  $\partial v/\partial y = 0$ . Assumptions 3 and 4 also indicate that  $\partial v/\partial z = 0$  and  $\partial v/\partial x = 0$ . Therefore  $v$  is constant. Since  $v$  is zero at the solid surface, then  $v$  must be zero everywhere.

The fact that  $v=0$  reduces the Navier–Stokes equations further, as indicated by (5) in Eqs. 5.27a and 5.27b. The final simplified equations are

$$0 = \rho g_x + \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \quad (1)$$

$$0 = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad (2)$$

Since  $\partial u / \partial z = 0$  (assumption 3) and  $\partial u / \partial x = 0$  (assumption 4), then  $u$  is at most a function of  $y$ , and  $\partial^2 u / \partial y^2 = d^2 u / dy^2$ , and from Eq. 1, then

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = -\frac{\rho g_x}{\mu} = -\rho g \frac{\sin \theta}{\mu}$$

Integrating,

$$\frac{du}{dy} = -\rho g \frac{\sin \theta}{\mu} y + c_1 \quad (3)$$

and integrating again,

$$u = -\rho g \frac{\sin \theta y^2}{\mu} + c_1 y + c_2 \quad (4)$$

The boundary conditions needed to evaluate the constants are the no-slip condition at the solid surface ( $u=0$  at  $y=0$ ) and the zero-shear-stress condition at the liquid free surface ( $du/dy=0$  at  $y=h$ ).

Evaluating Eq. 4 at  $y=0$  gives  $c_2=0$ . From Eq. 3 at  $y=h$ ,

$$0 = -\rho g \frac{\sin \theta}{\mu} h + c_1$$

or

$$c_1 = \rho g \frac{\sin \theta}{\mu} h$$

Substituting into Eq. 4 we obtain the velocity profile

$$u = -\rho g \frac{\sin \theta}{\mu} \frac{y^2}{2} + \rho g \frac{\sin \theta}{\mu} h y$$

or

$$u = \rho g \frac{\sin \theta}{\mu} \left( h y - \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \leftarrow \frac{u(y)}$$

The shear stress distribution is (from Eq. 5.25a after setting  $\partial v / \partial x$  to zero, or alternatively, for one-dimensional flow, from Eq. 2.15)

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy} = \rho g \sin \theta (h - y) \leftarrow \frac{\tau_{yx}(y)}$$

The shear stress in the fluid reaches its maximum value at the wall ( $y=0$ ); as we expect, it is zero at the free surface ( $y=h$ ). At the wall the shear stress  $\tau_{yx}$  is positive but the surface normal *for the fluid* is in the negative  $y$  direction; hence the shear force acts in the negative  $x$  direction, and just balances the  $x$  component of the body force acting on the fluid. The volume flow rate is

$$Q = \int_A u dA = \int_0^h u b dy$$

where  $b$  is the surface width in the  $z$  direction. Substituting,

$$Q = \int_0^h \frac{\rho g \sin \theta}{\mu} \left( h y - \frac{y^2}{2} \right) b dy = \rho g \frac{\sin \theta b}{\mu} \left[ \frac{h y^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{6} \right]_0^h$$

$$Q = \frac{\rho g \sin \theta b}{\mu} \frac{h^3}{3} \quad (5)$$

The average flow velocity is  $\bar{V} = Q/A = Q/bh$ . Thus

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{bh} = \frac{\rho g \sin \theta}{\mu} \frac{h^2}{3}$$

Solving for film thickness gives

$$h = \left[ \frac{3\mu Q}{\rho g \sin \theta b} \right]^{1/3} \quad (6)$$

A film of water  $h = 1$  mm thick on a plane  $b = 1$  m wide, inclined at  $\theta = 15^\circ$ , would carry

$$Q = 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \sin(15^\circ) \times 1 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{m} \cdot \text{s}}{1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}} \\ \times \frac{(0.001)^3 \text{ m}^3}{3} \times 1000 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{m}^3} \\ Q = 0.846 \text{ L/s}$$

**Notes:**

- This problem illustrates how the full Navier–Stokes equations (Eqs. 5.27a–5.27c) can sometimes be reduced to a set of solvable equations (Eqs. 1 and 2 in this problem).
- After integration of the simplified equations, boundary (or initial) conditions are used to complete the solution.
- Once the velocity field is obtained, other useful quantities (e.g., shear stress, volume flow rate) can be found.
- Equations 5 and 6 show that even for fairly simple problems the results can be quite complicated: The depth of the flow depends in a nonlinear way on flow rate ( $h \propto Q^{1/3}$ ).

The Navier–Stokes equations for constant density and viscosity are given in cylindrical coordinates in Example 5.10. They have also been derived for spherical coordinates [3]. We will apply the cylindrical coordinate form in solving Example 5.10.

In recent years computational fluid dynamics (CFD) computer applications (such as *Fluent* [6] and *STAR-CD* [7]) have been developed for analyzing the Navier–Stokes equations for more complicated, real-world problems. Although a detailed treatment of the topic is beyond the scope of this text, we shall have a brief introduction to CFD in the next section.

For the case of frictionless flow ( $\mu = 0$ ) the equations of motion (Eqs. 5.26 or Eqs. 5.27) reduce to *Euler's equation*,

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \rho \vec{g} - \nabla p$$

We shall consider the case of frictionless flow in Chapter 6.

### Example 5.10 ANALYSIS OF LAMINAR VISCOMETRIC FLOW BETWEEN COAXIAL CYLINDERS

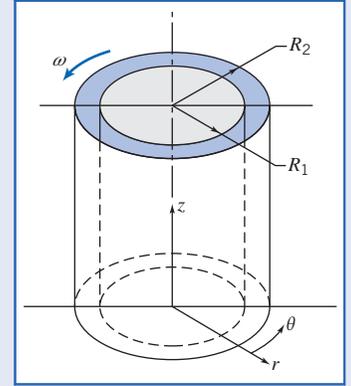
A viscous liquid fills the annular gap between vertical concentric cylinders. The inner cylinder is stationary, and the outer cylinder rotates at constant speed. The flow is laminar. Simplify the continuity, Navier–Stokes, and tangential shear stress equations to model this flow field. Obtain expressions for the liquid velocity profile and the shear stress distribution. Compare the shear stress at the surface of the inner cylinder with that computed from a planar approximation obtained by “unwrapping” the annulus into a plane and assuming a linear velocity profile across the gap. Determine the ratio of cylinder radii for which the planar approximation predicts the correct shear stress at the surface of the inner cylinder within 1 percent.

**Given:** Laminar viscometric flow of liquid in annular gap between vertical concentric cylinders. The inner cylinder is stationary, and the outer cylinder rotates at constant speed.

- Find:** (a) Continuity and Navier–Stokes equations simplified to model this flow field.  
 (b) Velocity profile in the annular gap.  
 (c) Shear stress distribution in the annular gap.  
 (d) Shear stress at the surface of the inner cylinder.  
 (e) Comparison with “planar” approximation for constant shear stress in the narrow gap between cylinders.  
 (f) Ratio of cylinder radii for which the planar approximation predicts shear stress within 1 percent of the correct value.

**Solution:** The geometry and coordinate system used to model the flow field are shown. (The  $z$  coordinate is directed vertically upward; as a consequence,  $g_r = g_\theta = 0$  and  $g_z = -g$ .)

The continuity, Navier–Stokes, and tangential shear stress equations written in cylindrical coordinates for incompressible flow with constant viscosity are



$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rv_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}(v_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(v_z) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$r$  component:

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= \rho g_r - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \mu \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [rv_r] \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$\theta$  component:

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= \rho g_\theta - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + \mu \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [rv_\theta] \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial z^2} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$z$  component:

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left\{ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right\} \\ & \tau_{r\theta} = \mu \left[ r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \end{aligned}$$

The terms canceled to simplify the basic equations are keyed by number to the assumptions listed below. The assumptions are discussed in the order in which they are applied to simplify the equations.

#### Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow; angular speed of outer cylinder is constant.
- 2 Incompressible flow;  $\rho = \text{constant}$ .
- 3 No flow or variation of properties in the  $z$  direction;  $v_z = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial z = 0$ .
- 4 Circumferentially symmetric flow, so properties do not vary with  $\theta$ , so  $\partial/\partial \theta = 0$ .

Assumption 1 eliminates time variations in fluid properties.

Assumption 2 eliminates space variations in density.

Assumption 3 causes all terms in the  $z$  component of the Navier–Stokes equation to cancel, except for the hydrostatic pressure distribution.

After assumptions 3 and 4 are applied, the continuity equation reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rv_r) = 0$$

Because  $\partial/\partial\theta = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial z = 0$  by assumptions 3 and 4, then  $\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dr}$ , so integrating gives

$$rv_r = \text{constant}$$

Since  $v_r$  is zero at the solid surface of each cylinder, then  $v_r$  must be zero everywhere.

The fact that  $v_r = 0$  reduces the Navier–Stokes equations further. The  $r$ - and  $\theta$ -component equations reduce to

$$\begin{aligned} -\rho \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} &= -\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \\ 0 &= \mu \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} [rv_\theta] \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

But since  $\partial/\partial\theta = 0$  and  $\partial/\partial z = 0$  by assumptions 3 and 4, then  $v_\theta$  is a function of radius only, and

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [rv_\theta] \right) = 0$$

Integrating once,

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} [rv_\theta] = c_1$$

or

$$\frac{d}{dr} [rv_\theta] = c_1 r$$

Integrating again,

$$rv_\theta = c_1 \frac{r^2}{2} + c_2 \quad \text{or} \quad v_\theta = c_1 \frac{r}{2} + c_2 \frac{1}{r}$$

Two boundary conditions are needed to evaluate constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . The boundary conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} v_\theta &= \omega R_2 & \text{at} & \quad r = R_2 & \text{and} \\ v_\theta &= 0 & \text{at} & \quad r = R_1 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting

$$\begin{aligned} \omega R_2 &= c_1 \frac{R_2}{2} + c_2 \frac{1}{R_2} \\ 0 &= c_1 \frac{R_1}{2} + c_2 \frac{1}{R_1} \end{aligned}$$

After considerable algebra

$$c_1 = \frac{2\omega}{1 - \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad c_2 = \frac{-\omega R_1^2}{1 - \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)^2}$$

Substituting into the expression for  $v_\theta$ ,

$$v_\theta = \frac{\omega r}{1 - \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)^2} - \frac{\omega R_1^2/r}{1 - \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)^2} = \frac{\omega R_1}{1 - \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)^2} \left[ \frac{r}{R_1} - \frac{R_1}{r} \right] \leftarrow v_\theta(r)$$

The shear stress distribution, using assumption 4, is:

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \mu r \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right) = \mu r \frac{d}{dr} \left\{ \frac{\omega R_1}{1 - \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{R_1}{r^2} \right] \right\} = \mu r \frac{\omega R_1}{1 - \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^2} (-2) \left( -\frac{R_1}{r^3} \right)$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \mu \frac{2\omega R_1^2}{1 - \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^2} \frac{1}{r^2} \leftarrow \tau_{r\theta}$$

At the surface of the inner cylinder,  $r = R_1$ , so

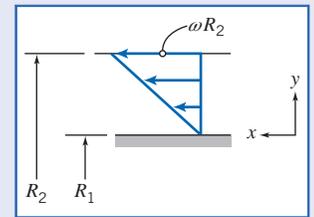
$$\tau_{\text{surface}} = \mu \frac{2\omega}{1 - \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right)^2} \leftarrow \tau_{\text{surface}}$$

For a “planar” gap

$$\tau_{\text{planar}} = \mu \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta y} = \mu \frac{\omega R_2}{R_2 - R_1}$$

or

$$\tau_{\text{planar}} = \mu \frac{\omega}{1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2}} \leftarrow \tau_{\text{planar}}$$



Factoring the denominator of the exact expression for shear stress at the surface gives

$$\tau_{\text{surface}} = \mu \frac{2\omega}{\left(1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}\right)} = \mu \frac{\omega}{1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2}} \cdot \frac{2}{1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\tau_{\text{surface}}}{\tau_{\text{planar}}} = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}}$$

For 1 percent accuracy,

$$1.01 = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}}$$

or

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{1}{1.01} (2 - 1.01) = 0.980 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$

The accuracy criterion is met when the gap width is less than 2 percent of the cylinder radius.

#### Notes:

- This problem illustrates how the full Navier–Stokes equations in cylindrical coordinates (Eqs. 1 to 5) can sometimes be reduced to a set of solvable equations.
- As in Example 5.9, after integration of the simplified equations, boundary (or initial) conditions are used to complete the solution.
- Once the velocity field is obtained, other useful quantities (in this problem, shear stress) can be found.



The *Excel* workbook for this problem compares the viscometer and linear velocity profiles. It also allows one to derive the appropriate value of the viscometer outer radius to meet a prescribed accuracy of the planar approximation. We will discuss the concentric cylinder–infinite parallel plates approximation again in Chapter 8.

## \*5.5 Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics

In this section we will discuss in a very basic manner the ideas behind *computational fluid dynamics* (CFD). We will first review some very basic ideas in numerically solving an ordinary and a partial differential equation using a spreadsheet such as *Excel*, with a couple of examples. After studying these, the reader will be able to numerically solve a range of simple CFD problems. Then, for those with further interest in CFD, we will review in more detail some concepts behind numerical methods, particularly CFD; this review will highlight some of the advantages and pitfalls of CFD. We will apply some of these concepts to a simple 1D model, but these concepts are so fundamental that they are applicable to almost any CFD calculation. As we apply the CFD solution procedure to the model, we'll comment on the extension to the general case. The goal is to enable the reader to apply the CFD solution procedure to simple nonlinear equations.

### The Need for CFD

As discussed in Section 5.4, the equations describing fluid flow can be a bit intimidating. For example, even though we may limit ourselves to incompressible flows for which the viscosity is constant, we still end up with the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (5.1c)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27a)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27b)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (5.27c)$$

Equation 5.1c is the continuity equation (mass conservation) and Eqs. 5.27 are the Navier–Stokes equations (momentum), expressed in Cartesian coordinates. In principle, we can solve these equations for the velocity field  $\vec{V} = \hat{i}u + \hat{j}v + \hat{k}w$  and pressure field  $p$ , given sufficient initial and boundary conditions. Note that in general,  $u, v, w$ , and  $p$  all depend on  $x, y, z$ , and  $t$ . In practice, there is no general analytic solution to these equations, for the combined effect of a number of reasons (none of which is insurmountable by itself):

- 1 They are coupled. The unknowns,  $u, v, w$ , and  $p$ , appear in all the equations ( $p$  is not in Eq. 5.1c) and we cannot manipulate the equations to end up with a single equation for any one of the unknowns. Hence we must solve for all unknowns simultaneously.
- 2 They are nonlinear. For example, in Eq. 5.27a, the convective acceleration term,  $u \partial u / \partial x + v \partial u / \partial y + w \partial u / \partial z$ , has products of  $u$  with itself as well as with  $v$  and  $w$ . The consequence of this is that we cannot take one solution to the equations and combine it with a second solution to obtain a third solution. We will see in Chapter 6 that if we can limit ourselves to frictionless flow, we *can* derive linear equations, which will allow us to do this combining procedure (you may wish to look at Table 6.3 for some beautiful examples of this).
- 3 They are second-order partial differential equations. For example, in Eq. 5.27a, the viscous term,  $\mu(\partial^2 u / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 u / \partial y^2 + \partial^2 u / \partial z^2)$ , is second-order in  $u$ . These are obviously of a different order of complexity (no pun intended) than, say, a first-order ordinary differential equation.

These difficulties have led engineers, scientists, and mathematicians to adopt several approaches to the solution of fluid mechanics problems.

\*This section may be omitted without loss of continuity in the text material.

For relatively simple physical geometries and boundary or initial conditions, the equations can often be reduced to a solvable form. We saw two examples of this in Examples 5.9 and 5.10 for cylindrical forms of the equations.

If we can neglect the viscous terms, the resulting incompressible, inviscid flow can often be successfully analyzed. This is the entire topic of Chapter 6.

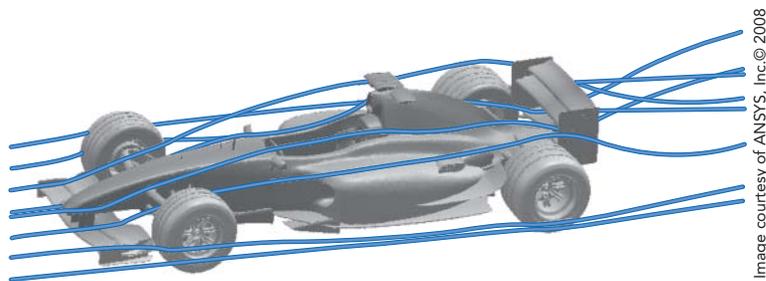
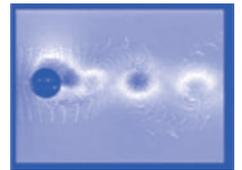
Of course, most incompressible flows of interest do not have simple geometries and are not inviscid; for these, we are stuck with Eqs. 5.1c and 5.27. The only option remaining is to use numerical methods to analyze problems. It is possible to obtain approximate computer-based solutions to the equations for a variety of engineering problems. This is the main subject matter of CFD.

## Applications of CFD

CFD is employed in a variety of applications and is now widely used in various industries. To illustrate the industrial applications of CFD, we present below some examples developed using FLUENT, a CFD software package from ANSYS, Inc. CFD is used to study the flow field around vehicles including cars, trucks, airplanes, helicopters, and ships. Figure 5.10 shows the paths taken by selected fluid particles around a Formula 1 car. By studying such pathlines and other flow attributes, engineers gain insights into how to design the car so as to reduce drag and enhance performance. The flow through a catalytic converter, a device used to clean automotive exhaust gases so that we can all breathe easier, is shown in Figure 5.11. This image shows path lines colored by velocity magnitude. CFD helps engineers develop more effective catalytic converters by allowing them to study how different chemical species mix and react in the device. Figure 5.12 presents contours of static pressure in a backward-inclined centrifugal fan used in ventilation applications. Fan performance characteristics obtained from the CFD simulations compared well with results from physical tests.

CFD is attractive to industry since it is more cost-effective than physical testing. However, we must note that complex flow simulations are challenging and error-prone, and it takes a lot of engineering expertise to obtain realistic solutions.

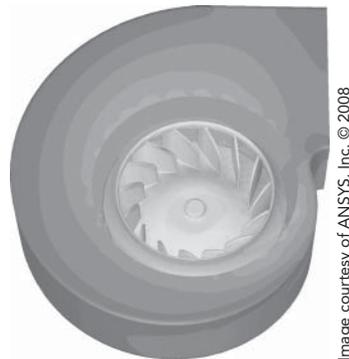
 Video: *Flow Past a Cylinder*



**Fig. 5.10** Pathlines around a Formula 1 car.



**Fig. 5.11** Flow through a catalytic converter.



**Fig. 5.12** Static pressure contours for flow through a centrifugal fan.

### Some Basic CFD/Numerical Methods Using a Spreadsheet

Before discussing CFD in a little more detail, we can gain insight into numerical methods to solve some simple problems in fluid mechanics by using the spreadsheet. These methods will show how the student may perform elementary CFD using the PC. First, we consider solving the simplest form of a differential equation: a first-order ordinary differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad (5.28)$$

where  $f(x, y)$  is a given function. We realize that graphically the derivative  $dy/dx$  is the slope of the (as yet unknown) solution curve  $y(x)$ . If we are at some point  $(x_n, y_n)$  on the curve, we can follow the tangent at that point, as an approximation to actually moving along the curve itself, to find a new value for  $y, y_{n+1}$ , corresponding to a new  $x, x_{n+1}$ , as shown in Fig. 5.13. We have

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{x_{n+1} - x_n}$$

If we choose a *step size*  $h = x_{n+1} - x_n$ , then the above equation can be combined with the differential equation, Eq. 5.28, to give

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} = f(x_n, y_n)$$

or

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n) \quad (5.29a)$$

with

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h \quad (5.29b)$$

Equations 5.29 are the basic concept behind the famous Euler method for solving a first-order ODE: A differential is replaced with a finite difference. (As we'll see in the next subsection, equations similar to Eqs. 5.29 could also have been derived more formally as the result of a truncated Taylor series.) In these equations,  $y_{n+1}$  now represents our best effort to find the next point on the solution curve. From Fig. 5.13, we see that  $y_{n+1}$  is *not* on the solution curve but close to it; if we make the triangle much smaller, by making the step size  $h$  smaller, then  $y_{n+1}$  will be even closer to the desired solution. We can repeatedly use the two Euler iteration equations to start at  $(x_0, y_0)$  and obtain  $(x_1, y_1)$ , then  $(x_2, y_2)$ ,  $(x_3, y_3)$ , and so on. We don't end up with an equation for the solution, but with a set of numbers; hence it is a numerical rather than an analytic method. This is the Euler method approach.

This method is very easy to set up, making it an attractive approach, but it is not very accurate: Following the tangent to a curve at each point, in an attempt to follow the curve, is pretty crude! If we make the step size  $h$  smaller, the accuracy of the method will generally increase, but obviously we then need more steps to achieve the solution. It turns out that, if we use too many steps (if  $h$  is extremely small), the accuracy of the results can actually *decrease* because, although each small step is very accurate, we will now need so many of them that round-off errors can build up. As with any numerical method, we are not guaranteed to get a solution or one that is very accurate! The Euler method is the simplest but least accurate numerical method for solving a first-order ODE; there are a number

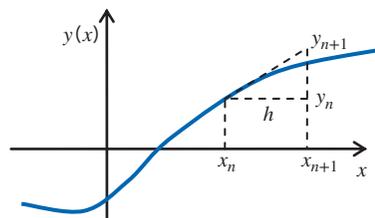


Fig. 5.13 The Euler method.

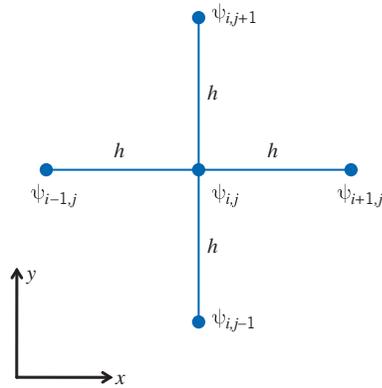


Fig. 5.14 Scheme for discretizing the Laplace equation.

of more sophisticated ones available, as discussed in any good numerical methods text [8, 9]. We'll illustrate the use of the Euler method in Example 5.11.

Another basic application of a numerical method to a fluid mechanics problem is when we have two-dimensional, steady, incompressible, inviscid flow. These seem like a severe set of restrictions on the flow, but analysis of flows with these assumptions leads to very good predictions for real flows, for example, for the lift on a wing section. This is the topic of Chapter 6, but for now we simply state that under many circumstances such flows can be modeled with the Laplace equation,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

where  $\psi$  is the stream function. We leave out the steps here (they consist of approximating each differential with a Taylor series), but a numerical approximation of this equation is

$$\frac{\psi_{i+1,j} + \psi_{i-1,j}}{h^2} + \frac{\psi_{i,j+1} + \psi_{i,j-1}}{h^2} - 4\frac{\psi_{i,j}}{h^2} = 0$$

Here  $h$  is the step size in the  $x$  or  $y$  direction, and  $\psi_{i,j}$  is the value of  $\psi$  at the  $i$ th value of  $x$  and  $j$ th value of  $y$  (see Fig. 5.14). Rearranging and simplifying,

$$\psi_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4}(\psi_{i+1,j} + \psi_{i-1,j} + \psi_{i,j+1} + \psi_{i,j-1}) \quad (5.30)$$

This equation indicates that the value of the stream function  $\psi$  is simply the average of its four neighbors! To use this equation, we need to specify the values of the stream function at all boundaries; Eq. 5.30 then allows computation of interior values.

Equation 5.30 is ideal for solving using a spreadsheet such as *Excel*. Examples 5.11 and 5.12 provide guidance in using the PC to solve some simple CFD problems.

### Example 5.11 THE EULER METHOD SOLUTION FOR DRAINING A TANK

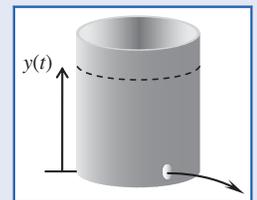
A tank contains water at an initial depth  $y_0 = 1$  m. The tank diameter is  $D = 250$  mm. A hole of diameter  $d = 2$  mm appears at the bottom of the tank. A reasonable model for the water level over time is

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\left(\frac{d}{D}\right)^2 \sqrt{2gy} \quad y(0) = y_0$$

Using 11-point and 21-point Euler methods, estimate the water depth after  $t = 100$  min, and compute the errors compared to the exact solution

$$y_{\text{exact}}(t) = \left[ \sqrt{y_0} - \left(\frac{d}{D}\right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{g}{2}} t \right]^2$$

Plot the Euler and exact results.



**Given:** Water draining from a tank.

**Find:** Water depth after 100 min; plot of depth versus time; accuracy of results.

**Solution:** Use the Euler equations, Eq. 5.29.

**Governing equations:**  $y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n)$   $t_{n+1} = t_n + h$

with

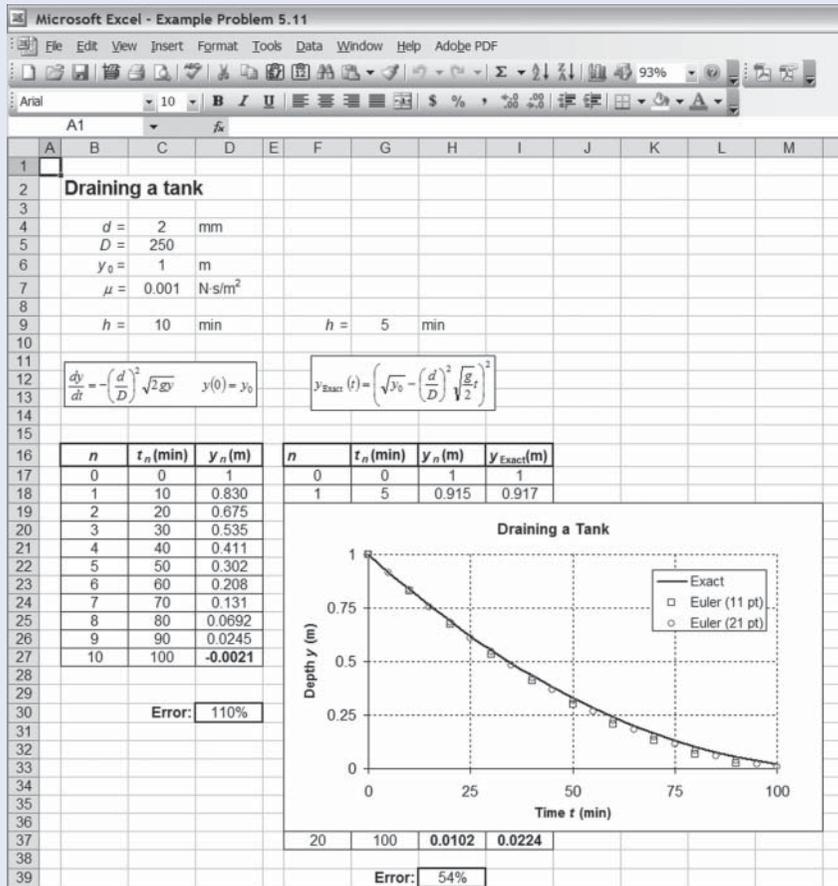
$$f(t_n, y_n) = -\left(\frac{d}{D}\right)^2 \sqrt{2gy_n} \quad y_0 = 1$$

(Note that in using Eqs. 5.29 we use  $t$  instead of  $x$ .)

This is convenient for solving using a spreadsheet such as *Excel*, as shown below. We obtain the following results:

Depth after 100 min = -0.0021 m (Euler 11 point)  
 = 0.0102 m (Euler 21 point) y(100 min)  
 = 0.0224 m (Exact) ←

Error after 100 min = 110% (Euler 11 point) Error  
 = 54% (Euler 21 point) ←



This problem shows a simple application of the Euler method. Note that although the errors after 100 min are large for both Euler solutions, their plots are reasonably close to the exact solution.

The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be modified for solving a variety of fluids problems that involve first order ODEs.



We can now enter formulas in the “interior” cells to compute the stream function. Instead of the above governing equation, it is more intuitive to rephrase it as

$$\psi = \frac{1}{4}(\psi_A + \psi_R + \psi_B + \psi_L)$$

where  $\psi_A, \psi_R, \psi_B,$  and  $\psi_L$  represent the values stored in the cells *Above*, to the *Right*, *Below*, and to the *Left* of the current cell. This formula is easy to enter—it is shown in cell C5 in the figure. Then it is copied into all interior cells, with one caveat: The spreadsheet will indicate an error of circular calculation. This is a warning that you appear to be making an error; for example, cell C5 needs cell C6 to compute, but cell C6 needs cell C5! Recall that each interior cell value is the average of its neighbors. Circular math is usually not what we want, but in this case we do wish it to occur. We need to switch on *iteration* in the spreadsheet. In the case of *Excel*, it's under menu item *Tools/Options/Calculation*. Finally, we need to repeatedly iterate (in *Excel*, press the F9 key several times) until we have convergence; the values in the interior cells will repeatedly update until the variations in values is zero or trivial. After all this, the results can be plotted (using a surface plot), as shown.

We can see that the streamlines look much as we would anticipate, although in reality there would probably be flow separation at the corner. Note also a mathematical artifact in that there is slight oscillations of streamlines as they flow up the vertical surface; using a finer grid (by using many more cells) would reduce this.

This problem shows a simple numerical modeling of the Laplace equation.



The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be modified for solving a variety of fluids problems that involve the Laplace equation.

## The Strategy of CFD

We now turn to a more detailed description of some of the concepts behind CFD. Broadly, the strategy of CFD is to replace the continuous problem domain with a discrete domain using a “grid” or “mesh.” In the continuous domain, each flow variable is defined at every point in the domain. For instance, the pressure  $p$  in the continuous 1D domain shown in Fig. 5.15 would be given as

$$p = p(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

In the discrete domain, each flow variable is defined only at the grid points. So, in the discrete domain in Fig. 5.15, the pressure would be defined only at the  $N$  grid points,

$$p_i = p(x_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

We can extend this continuous-to-discrete conversion to two or three dimensions. Figure 5.16 shows a 2D grid used for solving the flow over an airfoil. The grid points are the locations where the grid lines cross. In a CFD solution, we would directly solve for the relevant flow variables only at the grid points. The values at other locations are determined by interpolating the values at the grid points. The governing partial differential equations and boundary conditions are defined in terms of the continuous variables  $p$ ,  $\bar{V}$ , and so on. We can approximate these in the discrete domain in terms of the discrete variables  $p_i$ ,  $\bar{V}_i$ , and so on. Using this procedure, we end up with a discrete system that consists of a large set of coupled, algebraic equations in the discrete variables. Setting up the discrete system and solving it (which is a matrix inversion problem) involves a very large number of repetitive calculations, a task made possible only with the advent of modern computers.

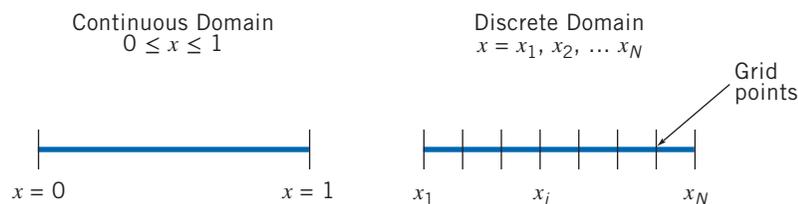


Fig. 5.15 Continuous and discrete domains for a one-dimensional problem.

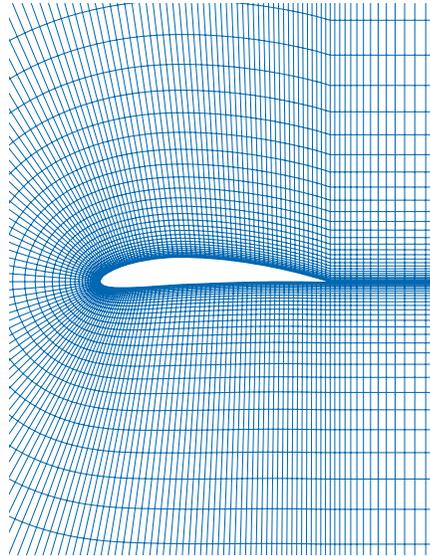


Fig. 5.16 Example of a grid used to solve for the flow around an airfoil.

### Discretization Using the Finite-Difference Method

To keep the details simple, we will illustrate the process of going from the continuous domain to the discrete domain by applying it to the following simple 1D equation:

$$\frac{du}{dx} + u^m = 0; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1; \quad u(0) = 1 \tag{5.31}$$

We'll first consider the case where  $m = 1$ , which is the case when the equation is linear. We'll later consider the nonlinear case  $m = 2$ . Keep in mind that the above problem is an initial-value problem, while the numerical solution procedure below is more suitable for boundary-value problems. Most CFD problems are boundary-value problems.

We'll derive a discrete representation of Eq. 5.31 with  $m = 1$  on the rudimentary grid shown in Fig. 5.17. This grid has four equally spaced grid points, with  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{3}$  being the spacing between successive points. Since the governing equation is valid at any grid point, we have

$$\left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)_i + u_i = 0 \tag{5.32}$$

where the subscript  $i$  represents the value at grid point  $x_i$ . In order to get an expression for  $(du/dx)_i$  in terms of  $u$  values at the grid points, we expand  $u_{i-1}$  in a Taylor series:

$$u_{i-1} = u_i - \left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)_i \Delta x + \left(\frac{d^2u}{dx^2}\right)_i \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} - \left(\frac{d^3u}{dx^3}\right)_i \frac{\Delta x^3}{6} + \dots$$

Rearranging this gives

$$\left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)_i = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x} + \left(\frac{d^2u}{dx^2}\right)_i \frac{\Delta x}{2} - \left(\frac{d^3u}{dx^3}\right)_i \frac{\Delta x^2}{6} + \dots \tag{5.33}$$

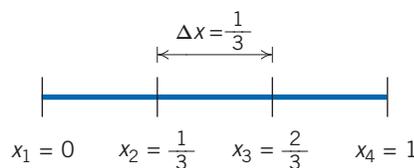


Fig. 5.17 A simple 1D grid with four grid points.

We'll neglect the second-, third-, and higher-order terms on the right. Thus, the first term on the right is the finite-difference representation for  $(du/dx)_i$  we are seeking. The error in  $(du/dx)_i$  due to the neglected terms in the Taylor series is called the *truncation error*. In general, the truncation error is the difference between the differential equation and its finite-difference representation. The leading-order term in the truncation error in Eq. 5.33 is proportional to  $\Delta x$ . Equation 5.33 is rewritten as

$$\left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)_i = \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x) \quad (5.34)$$

where the last term is pronounced "order of delta x." The notation  $O(\Delta x)$  has a precise mathematical meaning, which we will not go into here. Instead, in the interest of brevity, we'll return to it briefly later when we discuss the topic of grid convergence. Since the truncation error is proportional to the first power of  $\Delta x$ , this discrete representation is termed *first-order accurate*.

Using Eq. 5.34 in Eq. 5.32, we get the following discrete representation for our model equation:

$$\frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x} + u_i = 0 \quad (5.35)$$

Note that we have gone from a differential equation to an algebraic equation! Though we have not written it out explicitly, don't forget that the error in this representation is  $O(\Delta x)$ .

This method of deriving the discrete equation using Taylor's series expansions is called the *finite-difference method*. Keep in mind that most industrial CFD software packages use the *finite-volume* or *finite-element* discretization methods since they are better suited to modeling flow past complex geometries. We will stick with the finite-difference method in this text since it is the easiest to understand; the concepts discussed also apply to the other discretization methods.

## Assembly of Discrete System and Application of Boundary Conditions

Rearranging the discrete equation, Eq. 5.35, we get

$$-u_{i-1} + (1 + \Delta x)u_i = 0$$

Applying this equation at grid points  $i=2,3,4$  for the 1D grid in Fig. 5.17 gives

$$-u_1 + (1 + \Delta x)u_2 = 0 \quad (5.36a)$$

$$-u_2 + (1 + \Delta x)u_3 = 0 \quad (5.36b)$$

$$-u_3 + (1 + \Delta x)u_4 = 0 \quad (5.36c)$$

The discrete equation cannot be applied at the left boundary ( $i=1$ ) since  $u_{i-1} = u_0$  is not defined. Instead, we use the boundary condition to get

$$u_1 = 1 \quad (5.36d)$$

Equations 5.36 form a system of four simultaneous algebraic equations in the four unknowns  $u_1, u_2, u_3$ , and  $u_4$ . It's convenient to write this system in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 + \Delta x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 + \Delta x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 + \Delta x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.37)$$

In a general situation (e.g., 2D or 3D domains), we would apply the discrete equations to the grid points in the interior of the domain. For grid points at or near the boundary, we would apply a combination of the discrete equations and boundary conditions. In the end, one would obtain a system of simultaneous algebraic equations similar to Eqs. 5.36 and a matrix equation similar to Eq. 5.37, with the number of equations being equal to the number of independent discrete variables. The process is essentially the same as for the model equation above, with the details obviously being much more complex.

## Solution of Discrete System

The discrete system (Eq. 5.37) for our own simple 1D example can be easily inverted, using any number of techniques of linear algebra, to obtain the unknowns at the grid points. For  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{3}$ , the solution is

$$u_1 = 1 \quad u_2 = \frac{3}{4} \quad u_3 = \frac{9}{16} \quad u_4 = \frac{27}{64}$$

The exact solution for Eq. 5.31 with  $m = 1$  is easily shown to be

$$u_{\text{exact}} = e^{-x}$$

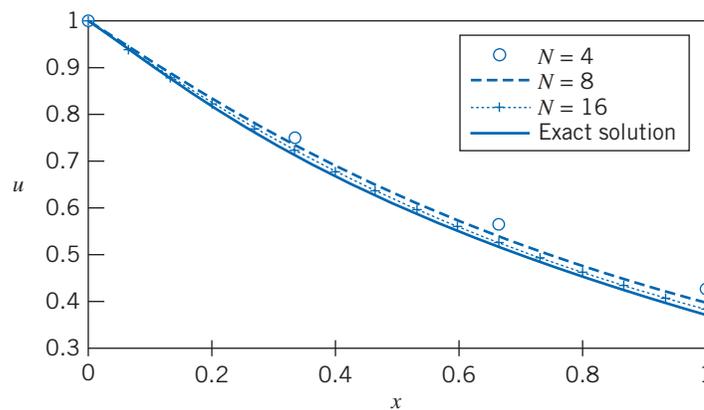
Figure 5.18 shows the comparison of the discrete solution obtained on the four-point grid with the exact solution, using *Excel*. The error is largest at the right boundary, where it is equal to 14.7 percent. [It also shows the results using eight points ( $N = 8, \Delta x = \frac{1}{7}$ ) and sixteen points ( $N = 16, \Delta x = \frac{1}{15}$ ), which we discuss below.]

In a practical CFD application, we would have thousands, even millions, of unknowns in the discrete system; if one were to use, say, a Gaussian elimination procedure to invert the calculations, it would be extremely time-consuming even with a fast computer. Hence a lot of work has gone into optimizing the matrix inversion in order to minimize the CPU time and memory required. The matrix to be inverted is sparse; that is, most of the entries in it are zeros. The nonzero entries are clustered around the diagonal since the discrete equation at a grid point contains only quantities at the neighboring grid points, as shown in Eq. 5.37. A CFD code would store only the nonzero values to minimize memory usage. It would also generally use an iterative procedure to invert the matrix; the longer one iterates, the closer one gets to the true solution for the matrix inversion. We'll return to this idea a little later.

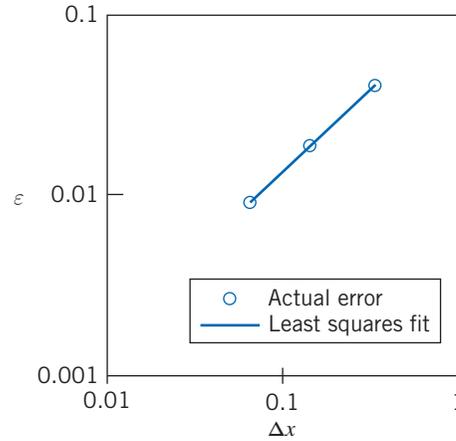
## Grid Convergence

While developing the finite-difference approximation for the 1D model problem (Eq. 5.37), we saw that the truncation error in our discrete system is  $O(\Delta x)$ . Hence we expect that as the number of grid points is increased and  $\Delta x$  is reduced, the error in the numerical solution would decrease and the agreement between the numerical and exact solutions would get better.

Let's consider the effect of increasing the number of grid points  $N$  on the numerical solution of the 1D problem. We'll consider  $N = 8$  and  $N = 16$  in addition to the  $N = 4$  case solved previously. We repeat the above assembly and solution steps on each of these additional grids; instead of the  $4 \times 4$  problem of Eq. 5.37, we end up with an  $8 \times 8$  and a  $16 \times 16$  problem, respectively. Figure 5.18 compares the results obtained (using *Excel*) on the three grids with the exact solution. As expected, the numerical error decreases as the number of grid points is increased (but this only goes so far—if we make  $\Delta x$  too small, we start to get round-off errors accumulating to make the results get worse!). When the numerical solutions obtained on different grids agree to within a level of tolerance specified by the user, they are referred to as “grid-converged” solutions. It is very important to investigate the effect of grid



**Fig. 5.18** Comparison of the numerical solution obtained on three different grids with the exact solution.



**Fig. 5.19** The variation of the aggregate error  $\epsilon$  with  $\Delta x$ .

resolution on the solution in all CFD problems. We should never trust a CFD solution unless we are convinced that the solution is grid-converged to an acceptance level of tolerance (which will be problem dependent).

Let  $\epsilon$  be some aggregate measure of the error in the numerical solution obtained on a specific grid. For the numerical solutions in Fig. 5.19,  $\epsilon$  is, for instance, estimated as the RMS of the difference between the numerical and exact solutions:

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (u_i - u_{i,\text{exact}})^2}{N}}$$

It's reasonable to expect that

$$\epsilon \propto \Delta x^n$$

Since the truncation error is  $O(\Delta x)$  for our discretization scheme, we expect  $n = 1$  (or more precisely,  $n \rightarrow 1$  as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ ). The  $\epsilon$  values for the three grids are plotted on a logarithmic scale in Fig. 5.19. The slope of the least squares fit gives the value of  $n$ . For Fig. 5.19, we get  $n = 0.92$ , which is quite close to 1. We expect that as the grid is refined further and  $\Delta x$  becomes progressively smaller, the value of  $n$  will approach 1. For a second-order scheme, we would expect  $n \sim 2$ ; this means the discretization error will decrease twice as fast on refining the grid.

## Dealing with Nonlinearity

The Navier–Stokes equations (Eqs. 5.27) contain nonlinear convection terms; for example, in Eq. 5.27a, the convective acceleration term,  $u\partial u/\partial x + v\partial u/\partial y + w\partial u/\partial z$ , has products of  $u$  with itself as well as with  $v$  and  $w$ . Phenomena such as turbulence and chemical reaction introduce additional nonlinearities. The highly nonlinear nature of the governing equations for a fluid makes it challenging to obtain accurate numerical solutions for complex flows of practical interest.

We will demonstrate the effect of nonlinearity by setting  $m = 2$  in our simple 1D example, Eq. 5.31:

$$\frac{du}{dx} + u^2 = 0; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1; \quad u(0) = 1$$

A first-order finite-difference approximation to this equation, analogous to that in Eq. 5.35 for  $m = 1$ , is

$$\frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x} + u_i^2 = 0 \quad (5.38)$$

This is a nonlinear algebraic equation with the  $u_i^2$  term being the source of the nonlinearity.

The strategy that is adopted to deal with nonlinearity is to linearize the equations around a *guess value* of the solution and to iterate until the guess agrees with the solution to a specified tolerance level. We'll illustrate this on the above example. Let  $u_{g_i}$  be the guess for  $u_i$ . Define

$$\Delta u_i = u_i - u_{g_i}$$

Rearranging and squaring this equation gives

$$u_i^2 = u_{g_i}^2 + 2u_{g_i}\Delta u_i + (\Delta u_i)^2$$

Assuming that  $\Delta u_i \ll u_{g_i}$ , we can neglect the  $(\Delta u_i)^2$  term to get

$$u_i^2 \approx u_{g_i}^2 + 2u_{g_i}\Delta u_i = u_{g_i}^2 + 2u_{g_i}(u_i - u_{g_i})$$

Thus

$$u_i^2 \approx 2u_{g_i}u_i - u_{g_i}^2 \quad (5.39)$$

The finite-difference approximation, Eq. 5.38, after linearization in  $u_i$ , becomes

$$\frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta x} + 2u_{g_i}u_i - u_{g_i}^2 = 0 \quad (5.40)$$

Since the error due to linearization is  $O(\Delta u^2)$ , it tends to zero as  $u_g \rightarrow u$ .

In order to calculate the finite-difference approximation, Eq. 5.40, we need guess values  $u_g$  at the grid points. We start with an initial guess value in the first iteration. For each subsequent iteration, the  $u$  value obtained in the previous iteration is used as the guess value. We continue the iterations until they converge. We'll defer the discussion on how to evaluate convergence until a little later.

This is essentially the process used in CFD codes to linearize the nonlinear terms in the conservation equations, with the details varying depending on the code. The important points to remember are that the linearization is performed about a guess and that it is necessary to iterate through successive approximations until the iterations converge.

## Direct and Iterative Solvers

We saw that we need to perform iterations to deal with the nonlinear terms in the governing equations. We next discuss another factor that makes it necessary to carry out iterations in practical CFD problems.

As an exercise, you can verify that the discrete equation system resulting from the finite-difference approximation of Eq. 5.40, on our four-point grid, is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 + 2\Delta x u_{g_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 + 2\Delta x u_{g_3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 + 2\Delta x u_{g_4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \Delta x u_{g_2}^2 \\ \Delta x u_{g_3}^2 \\ \Delta x u_{g_4}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.41)$$

In a practical problem, one would usually have thousands to millions of grid points or cells so that each dimension of the above matrix would be of the order of a million (with most of the elements being zeros). Inverting such a matrix directly would take a prohibitively large amount of memory, so instead the matrix is inverted using an iterative scheme as discussed below.

Rearrange the finite-difference approximation, Eq. 5.40, at grid point  $i$  so that  $u_i$  is expressed in terms of the values at the neighboring grid points and the guess values:

$$u_i = \frac{u_{i-1} + \Delta x u_{g_i}^2}{1 + 2\Delta x u_{g_i}}$$

If a neighboring value at the current iteration level is not available, we use the guess value for it. Let's say that we sweep from right to left on our grid; that is, we update  $u_4$ , then  $u_3$ , and finally  $u_2$  in each iteration. In any iteration,  $u_{i-1}$  is not available while updating  $u_i$  and so we use the guess value  $u_{g_{i-1}}$  for it instead:

$$u_i = \frac{u_{g_{i-1}} + \Delta x u_{g_i}^2}{1 + 2\Delta x u_{g_i}} \quad (5.42)$$

Since we are using the guess values at neighboring points, we are effectively obtaining only an approximate solution for the matrix inversion in Eq. 5.41 during each iteration, but in the process we have greatly reduced the memory required for the inversion. This trade-off is a good strategy since it doesn't make sense to expend a great deal of resources to do an exact matrix inversion when the matrix elements depend on guess values that are continuously being refined. We have in effect combined the iteration to handle nonlinear terms with the iteration for matrix inversion into a single iteration process. Most importantly, as the iterations converge and  $u_g \rightarrow u$ , the approximate solution for the matrix inversion tends towards the exact solution for the inversion, since the error introduced by using  $u_g$  instead of  $u$  in Eq. 5.42 also tends to zero. We arrive at the solution without explicitly forming the matrix system (Eq. 5.41), which greatly simplifies the computer implementation.

Thus, iteration serves two purposes:

- 1 It allows for efficient matrix inversion with greatly reduced memory requirements.
- 2 It enables us to solve nonlinear equations.

In steady problems, a common and effective strategy used in CFD codes is to solve the unsteady form of the governing equations and “march” the solution in time until the solution converges to a steady value. In this case, each time step is effectively an iteration, with the guess value at any time level being given by the solution at the previous time level.

### Iterative Convergence

Recall that as  $u_g \rightarrow u$ , the linearization and matrix inversion errors tend to zero. Hence we continue the iteration process until some selected measure of the difference between  $u_g$  and  $u$ , referred to as the residual, is “small enough.” We could, for instance, define the residual  $R$  as the RMS value of the difference between  $u$  and  $u_g$  on the grid:

$$R \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (u_i - u_{g_i})^2}{N}}$$

It's useful to scale this residual with the average value of  $u$  in the domain. Scaling ensures that the residual is a *relative* rather than an *absolute* measure. Scaling the above residual by dividing by the average value of  $u$  gives

$$R = \left( \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (u_i - u_{g_i})^2}{N}} \right) \left( \frac{N}{\sum_{i=1}^N u_i} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{N \sum_{i=1}^N (u_i - u_{g_i})^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^N u_i} \quad (5.43)$$

In our nonlinear 1D example, we'll take the initial guess at all grid points to be equal to the value at the left boundary, that is,  $u_g^{(1)} = 1$  (where <sup>(1)</sup> signifies the first iteration). In each iteration, we update  $u_g$ , sweep from right to left on the grid updating, in turn,  $u_4$ ,  $u_3$ , and  $u_2$  using Eq. 5.42, and calculate the residual using Eq. 5.43. We'll terminate the iterations when the residual falls below  $10^{-9}$  (this is referred to as the *convergence criterion*). The variation of the residual with iterations is shown in Fig. 5.20. Note that a logarithmic scale is used for the ordinate. The iterative process converges to a level smaller than  $10^{-9}$  in only six iterations. In more complex problems, many more iterations would be necessary for achieving convergence.

The solution after two, four, and six iterations and the exact solution are shown in Fig. 5.21. It can easily be verified that the exact solution is given by

$$u_{\text{exact}} = \frac{1}{x+1}$$

The solutions for four and six iterations are indistinguishable on the graph. This is another indication that the solution has converged. The converged solution doesn't agree well with the exact solution because we are using a coarse grid for which the truncation error is relatively large (we will repeat this problem with finer grids as problems at the end of the chapter). The iterative convergence error, which is of order

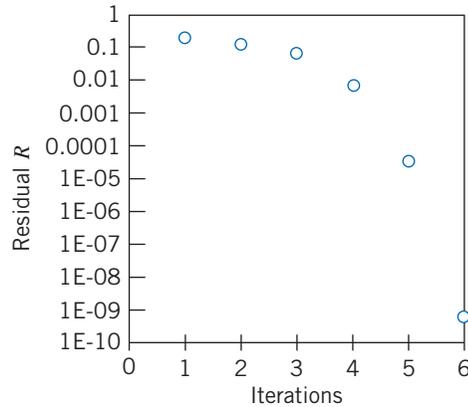


Fig. 5.20 Convergence history for the model nonlinear problem.

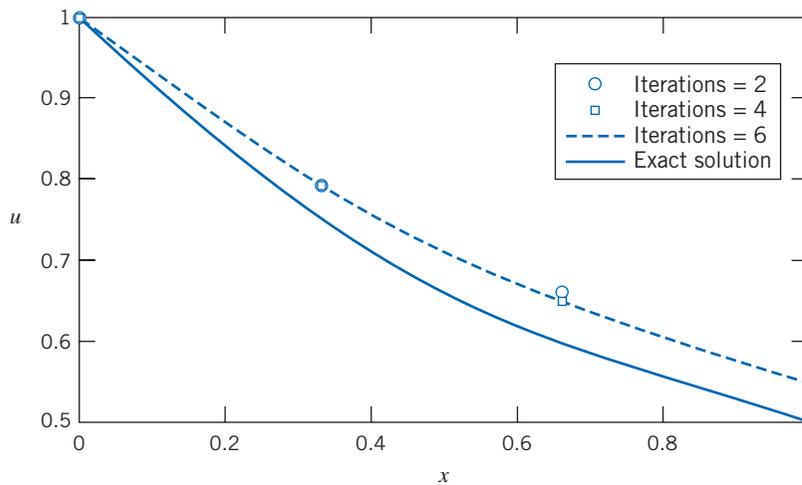


Fig. 5.21 Progression of the iterative solution.

$10^{-9}$ , is swamped by the truncation error, which is of order  $10^{-1}$ . So driving the residual down to  $10^{-9}$  when the truncation error is of order  $10^{-1}$  is obviously a waste of computing resources. In an efficient calculation, both errors would be set at comparable levels, and less than a tolerance level that was chosen by the user. The agreement between the numerical and exact solutions should get much better on refining the grid, as was the linear case (for  $m = 1$ ). Different CFD codes use slightly different definitions for the residual. You should always read the documentation from the application to understand how the residual is calculated.

## Concluding Remarks

In this section we have introduced some simple ways of using a spreadsheet for the numerical solution of two types of fluid mechanics problems. Examples 5.11 and 5.12 show how certain 1D and 2D flows may be computed. We then studied some concepts in more detail, such as convergence criteria, involved with numerical methods and CFD, by considering a first-order ODE. In our simple 1D example, the iterations converged very rapidly. In practice, one encounters many instances when the iterative process doesn't converge or converges lethargically. Hence, it's useful to know *a priori* the conditions under which a given numerical scheme converges. This is determined by performing a stability analysis of the numerical scheme. Stability analysis of numerical schemes and the various stabilization strategies used to overcome nonconvergence are very important topics and necessary for you to explore if you decide to delve further into the topic of CFD.

Many engineering flows are turbulent, characterized by large, nearly random fluctuations in velocity and pressure in both space and time. Turbulent flows often occur in the limit of high Reynolds

numbers. For most turbulent flows, it is not possible to resolve the vast range of time and length scales, even with powerful computers. Instead, one solves for a statistical average of the flow properties. In order to do this, it is necessary to augment the governing equations with a turbulence model. Unfortunately, there is no single turbulence model that is uniformly valid for all flows, so most CFD packages allow you to choose from among several models. Before you use a turbulence model, you need to understand its possibilities and limitations for the type of flow being considered.

In this brief introduction we have tried to explain some of the concepts behind CFD. Because it is so difficult and time consuming to develop CFD code, most engineers use commercial packages such as *Fluent* [6] and *STAR-CD* [7]. This introduction will have hopefully indicated for you the complexity behind those applications, so that they are not completely a “black box” of magic tricks.

### 5.6 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we have:

- ✓ Derived the differential form of the conservation of mass (continuity) equation in vector form as well as in rectangular and cylindrical coordinates.
- ✓ \*Defined the stream function  $\psi$  for a two-dimensional incompressible flow and learned how to derive the velocity components from it, as well as to find  $\psi$  from the velocity field.
- ✓ Learned how to obtain the total, local, and convective accelerations of a fluid particle from the velocity field.
- ✓ Presented examples of fluid particle translation and rotation, and both linear and angular deformation.
- ✓ Defined vorticity and circulation of a flow.
- ✓ Derived, and solved for simple cases, the Navier–Stokes equations, and discussed the physical meaning of each term.
- ✓ \*Been introduced to some basis ideas behind computational fluid dynamics.

We have also explored such ideas as how to determine whether a flow is incompressible by using the velocity field and, given one velocity component of a two-dimensional incompressible flow field, how to derive the other velocity component.

In this chapter we studied the effects of viscous stresses on fluid particle deformation and rotation; in the next chapter we examine flows for which viscous effects are negligible.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

#### Useful Equations

Continuity equation (general, rectangular coordinates):	$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$ $\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$	(5.1a) (5.1b)	Page 147
Continuity equation (incompressible, rectangular coordinates):	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$	(5.1c)	Page 147
Continuity equation (steady, rectangular coordinates):	$\frac{\partial \rho u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \rho v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \rho w}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} = 0$	(5.1d)	Page 147
Continuity equation (general, cylindrical coordinates):	$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r\rho V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial(\rho V_z)}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$ $\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$	(5.2a) (5.1b)	Page 150

\*This section may be omitted without loss of continuity in the text material.

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Continuity equation (incompressible, cylindrical coordinates):	$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(rV_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$	(5.2b)	Page 151
Continuity equation (steady, cylindrical coordinates):	$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(r\rho V_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial(\rho V_z)}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} = 0$	(5.2c)	Page 151
Continuity equation (2D, incompressible, rectangular coordinates):	$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$	(5.3)	Page 152
Stream function (2D, incompressible, rectangular coordinates):	$u \equiv \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v \equiv -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$	(5.4)	Page 152
Continuity equation (2D, incompressible, cylindrical coordinates):	$\frac{\partial(rV_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0$	(5.7)	Page 153
Stream function (2D, incompressible, cylindrical coordinates):	$V_r \equiv \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta \equiv -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$	(5.8)	Page 153
Particle acceleration (rectangular coordinates):	$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} \equiv \vec{a}_p = u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t}$	(5.9)	Page 157
Particle acceleration components in rectangular coordinates:	$a_{x_p} = \frac{Du}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$	(5.11a)	Page 157
	$a_{y_p} = \frac{Dv}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$	(5.11b)	
	$a_{z_p} = \frac{Dw}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$	(5.11c)	
Particle acceleration components in cylindrical coordinates:	$a_{r_p} = V_r \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} + V_z \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial t}$	(5.12a)	Page 158
	$a_{\theta_p} = V_r \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} + V_z \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial t}$	(5.12b)	
	$a_{z_p} = V_r \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial t}$	(5.12c)	
Navier–Stokes equations (incompressible, constant viscosity):	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$	(5.27a)	Page 169
	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right)$	(5.27b)	
	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right)$	(5.27c)	

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## PROBLEMS

## Conservation of Mass

5.1 Which of the following sets of equations represent possible three-dimensional incompressible flow cases?

- (a)  $u = 2y^2 + 2xz$ ;  $v = -2xy + 6x^2yz$ ;  $w = 3x^2z^2 + x^3y^4$   
 (b)  $u = xyz$ ;  $v = -xyz$ ;  $w = z^2(xt^2 - yt)$   
 (c)  $u = x^2 + 2y + z^2$ ;  $v = x - 2y + z$ ;  $w = -2xz + y^2 + 2z$

 5.2 Which of the following sets of equations represent possible two-dimensional incompressible flow cases?

- (a)  $u = 2xy$ ;  $v = -x^2y$   
 (b)  $u = y - x + x^2$ ;  $v = x + y - 2xy$   
 (c)  $u = x^2t + 2y$ ;  $v = 2x - yt^2$   
 (d)  $u = -x^2 - y^2 - xyt$ ;  $v = x^2 + y^2 + xyt$

5.3 In an incompressible three-dimensional flow field, the velocity components are given by  $u = ax + byz$ ;  $v = cy + dxz$ . Determine the form of the  $z$  component of velocity. If the  $z$  component were not a function of  $x$  or  $y$  what would be the form be?

5.4 In a two-dimensional incompressible flow field, the  $x$  component of velocity is given by  $u = 2x$ . Determine the equation for the  $y$  component of velocity if  $v = 0$  along the  $x$  axis.

5.5 The three components of velocity in a velocity field are given by  $u = Ax + By + Cz$ ,  $v = Dx + Ey + Fz$ , and  $w = Gx + Hy + Jz$ . Determine the relationship among the coefficients  $A$  through  $J$  that is necessary if this is to be a possible incompressible flow field.

5.6 The  $x$  component of velocity in a steady, incompressible flow field in the  $xy$  plane is  $u = A/x$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , and  $x$  is measured in meters. Find the simplest  $y$  component of velocity for this flow field.

5.7 The  $y$  component of velocity in a steady incompressible flow field in the  $xy$  plane is

$$v = \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Show that the simplest expression for the  $x$  component of velocity is

$$u = \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)} - \frac{2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

5.8 The velocity components for an incompressible steady flow field are  $u = a(x^2 + z^2)$  and  $v = b(xy + yz)$ . Determine the general expression for the  $z$  component of velocity. If the flow were unsteady, what would be the expression for the  $z$  component?

5.9 The radial component of velocity in an incompressible two-dimensional flow is given by  $V_r = 3r - 2r^2 \cos(\theta)$ . Determine the general expression for the  $\theta$  component of velocity. If the flow were unsteady, what would be the expression for the  $\theta$  component?

5.10 A crude approximation for the  $x$  component of velocity in an incompressible laminar boundary layer is a linear variation from  $u = 0$  at the surface ( $y = 0$ ) to the freestream velocity,  $U$ , at the boundary-layer edge ( $y = \delta$ ). The equation for the profile is  $u = Uy/\delta$ , where  $\delta = cx^{1/2}$  and  $c$  is a constant. Show that the simplest expression for the  $y$  component of velocity is  $v = uy/4x$ . Evaluate the maximum value of the ratio  $v/U$ , at a location where  $x = 0.5 \text{ m}$  and  $\delta = 5 \text{ mm}$ .

5.11 A useful approximation for the  $x$  component of velocity in an incompressible laminar boundary layer is a parabolic variation from  $u = 0$  at the surface ( $y = 0$ ) to the freestream velocity,  $U$ , at the edge of the boundary layer ( $y = \delta$ ). The equation for the profile is  $u/U = 2(y/\delta) - (y/\delta)^2$ , where  $\delta = cx^{1/2}$  and  $c$  is a constant. Show that the simplest expression for the  $y$  component of velocity is

$$\frac{v}{U} = \frac{\delta}{x} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^3 \right]$$

Plot  $v/U$  versus  $y/\delta$  to find the location of the maximum value of the ratio  $v/U$ . Evaluate the ratio where  $\delta = 5 \text{ mm}$  and  $x = 0.5 \text{ m}$ .

5.12 A useful approximation for the  $x$  component of velocity in an incompressible laminar boundary layer is a cubic variation from  $u = 0$  at the surface ( $y = 0$ ) to the freestream velocity,  $U$ , at the edge of the boundary layer ( $y = \delta$ ). The equation for the profile is  $u/U = \frac{3}{2}(y/\delta) - \frac{1}{2}(y/\delta)^3$ , where  $\delta = cx^{1/2}$  and  $c$  is a constant. Derive the simplest expression for  $v/U$ , the  $y$  component of velocity ratio. Plot  $u/U$  and  $v/U$  versus  $y/\delta$ , and find the location of the maximum value of the ratio  $v/U$ . Evaluate the ratio where  $\delta = 5 \text{ mm}$  and  $x = 0.5 \text{ m}$ .

5.13 For a flow in the  $xy$  plane, the  $x$  component of velocity is given by  $u = Ax^2y^2$ , where  $A = 0.3 \text{ m}^{-3} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , and  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in meters. Find a possible  $y$  component for steady, incompressible flow.

Is it also valid for unsteady, incompressible flow? Why? How many possible  $y$  components are there? Determine the equation of the streamline for the simplest  $y$  component of velocity. Plot the streamlines through points (1, 4) and (2, 4).

**5.14** Consider a water stream from a jet of an oscillating lawn sprinkler. Describe the corresponding pathline and streakline.

**5.15** Which of the following sets of equations represent possible incompressible flow cases?

(a)  $V_r = U \cos \theta; V_\theta = -U \sin \theta$

(b)  $V_r = -q/2\pi r; V_\theta = K/2\pi r$

(c)  $V_r = U \cos \theta[1 - (a/r)^2]; V_\theta = -U \sin \theta[1 + (a/r)^2]$

**5.16** For an incompressible flow in the  $r\theta$  plane, the  $r$  component of velocity is given as  $V_r = U \cos \theta$ .

(a) Determine a possible  $\theta$  component of velocity.

(b) How many possible  $\theta$  components are there?

**5.17** A viscous liquid is sheared between two parallel disks of radius  $R$ , one of which rotates while the other is fixed. The velocity field is purely tangential, and the velocity varies linearly with  $z$  from  $V_\theta = 0$  at  $z = 0$  (the fixed disk) to the velocity of the rotating disk at its surface ( $z = h$ ). Derive an expression for the velocity field between the disks.

### Stream Function for Two-Dimensional Incompressible Flow

**5.18** A velocity field in cylindrical coordinates is given as  $\vec{V} = \hat{e}_r A/r + \hat{e}_\theta B/r$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants with dimensions of  $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ . Does this represent a possible incompressible flow? Sketch the streamline that passes through the point  $r_0 = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $\theta = 90^\circ$  if  $A = B = 1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , if  $A = 1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and  $B = 0$ , and if  $B = 1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and  $A = 0$ .

**5.19** Determine the family of stream functions  $\psi$  that will yield the velocity field  $\vec{V} = 2y(2x+1)\hat{i} + [x(x+1) - 2y^2]\hat{j}$ .

**5.20** The stream function for a certain incompressible flow field is given by the expression  $\psi = -Ur \sin \theta + q\theta/2\pi$ . Obtain an expression for the velocity field. Find the stagnation point(s) where  $|\vec{V}| = 0$ , and show that  $\psi = 0$  there.

**5.21** Determine the stream functions for the following flow fields. For the value of  $\psi = 2$ , plot the streamline in the region between  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ .

(a)  $u = 4; v = 3$

(b)  $u = 4y; v = 0$

(c)  $u = 4y; v = 4x$

(d)  $u = 4y; v = -4x$

**5.22** Determine the stream function for the steady incompressible flow between parallel plates. The velocity profile is parabolic and given by  $u = u_c + ay^2$ , where  $u_c$  is the centerline velocity and  $y$  is the distance measured from the centerline. The plate spacing is  $2b$  and the velocity is zero at each plate. Explain why the stream function is not a function of  $x$ .

**5.23** An incompressible frictionless flow field is specified by the stream function  $\psi = -5Ax - 2Ay$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ m/s}$ , and  $x$  and  $y$  are coordinates in meters.

(a) Sketch the streamlines  $\psi = 0$  and  $\psi = 5$ , and indicate the direction of the velocity vector at the point (0, 0) on the sketch.

(b) Determine the magnitude of the flow rate between the streamlines passing through (2, 2) and (4, 1).

**5.24** A parabolic velocity profile was used to model flow in a laminar incompressible boundary layer in Problem 5.11. Derive the stream function for this flow field. Locate streamlines at one-quarter and one-half the total volume flow rate in the boundary layer.

**5.25** A flow field is characterized by the stream function  $\psi = 3x^2y - y^3$ . Demonstrate that the flow field represents a two-dimensional incompressible flow. Show that the magnitude of the velocity depends only on the distance from the origin of the coordinates. Plot the stream line  $\psi = 2$ .

**5.26** A flow field is characterized by the stream function  $\psi = xy$ . Plot sufficient streamlines to represent the flow field. Determine the location of any stagnation points. Give at least two possible physical interpretations of this flow.

**5.27** A cubic velocity profile was used to model flow in a laminar incompressible boundary layer in Problem 5.12. Derive the stream function for this flow field. Locate streamlines at one-quarter and one-half the total volume flow rate in the boundary layer.

**5.28** A flow field is characterized by the stream function

$$\psi = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{y-a}{x} - \tan^{-1} \frac{y+a}{x} \right) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Locate the stagnation points and sketch the flow field. Derive an expression for the velocity at  $(a, 0)$ .

**5.29** In a parallel one-dimensional flow in the positive  $x$  direction, the velocity varies linearly from zero at  $y = 0$  to  $30 \text{ m/s}$  at  $y = 1.5 \text{ m}$ . Determine an expression for the stream function,  $\psi$ . Also determine the  $y$  coordinate above which the volume flow rate is half the total between  $y = 0$  and  $y = 1.5 \text{ m}$ .

### Motion of a Fluid Particle (Kinematics)

**5.30** Consider the flow field given by  $\vec{V} = xy^2\hat{i} - \frac{1}{3}y^3\hat{j} + xy\hat{k}$ . Determine (a) the number of dimensions of the flow, (b) if it is a possible incompressible flow, and (c) the acceleration of a fluid particle at point  $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3)$ .

**5.31** Consider the flow field given by  $\vec{V} = ax^2y\hat{i} - by\hat{j} + cz^2\hat{k}$ , where  $a = 2 \text{ m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $b = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and  $c = 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . Determine (a) the number of dimensions of the flow, (b) if it is a possible incompressible flow, and (c) the acceleration of a fluid particle at point  $(x, y, z) = (2, 1, 3)$ .

**5.32** The velocity field within a laminar boundary layer is approximated by the expression

$$\vec{V} = \frac{AUy}{x^{1/2}}\hat{i} + \frac{AUy^2}{4x^{3/2}}\hat{j}$$

In this expression,  $A = 141 \text{ m}^{-1/2}$ , and  $U = 0.240 \text{ m/s}$  is the free-stream velocity. Show that this velocity field represents a possible incompressible flow. Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle at point  $(x, y) = (0.5 \text{ m}, 5 \text{ mm})$ . Determine the slope of the streamline through the point.

**5.33** A velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = 10t\hat{i} - \frac{10}{t^3}\hat{j}$ . Show that the flow field is a two-dimensional flow and determine the acceleration as a function of time.

**5.34** The  $y$  component of velocity in a two-dimensional, incompressible flow field is given by  $v = -Axy$ , where  $v$  is in  $\text{m/s}$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are in meters, and  $A$  is a dimensional constant. There is no velocity component or variation in the  $z$  direction. Determine the dimensions

of the constant,  $A$ . Find the simplest  $x$  component of velocity in this flow field. Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle at point  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ .

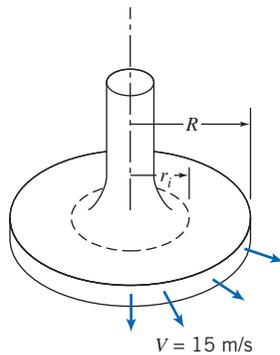
**5.35** A 4 m diameter tank is filled with water and then rotated at a rate of  $\omega = 2\pi(1 - e^{-t})$  rad/s. At the tank walls, viscosity prevents relative motion between the fluid and the wall. Determine the speed and acceleration of the fluid particles next to the tank walls as a function of time.

**5.36** An incompressible liquid with negligible viscosity flows steadily through a horizontal pipe of constant diameter. In a porous section of length  $L = 0.3$  m, liquid is removed at a constant rate per unit length, so the uniform axial velocity in the pipe is  $u(x) = U(1 - x/2L)$ , where  $U = 5$  m/s. Develop an expression for the acceleration of a fluid particle along the centerline of the porous section.

**5.37** Sketch the following flow fields and derive general expressions for the acceleration:

- (a)  $u = 2xy; v = -x^2y$
- (b)  $u = y - x + x^2; v = x + y - 2xy$
- (c)  $u = x^2t + 2y; v = 2x - yt^2$
- (d)  $u = -x^2 - y^2 - xyt; v = x^2 + y^2 + xyt$

**5.38** Consider the low-speed flow of air between parallel disks as shown. Assume that the flow is incompressible and inviscid, and that the velocity is purely radial and uniform at any section. The flow speed is  $V = 15$  m/s at  $R = 75$  mm. Simplify the continuity equation to a form applicable to this flow field. Show that a general expression for the velocity field is  $\vec{V} = V(R/r)\hat{e}_r$  for  $r_i \leq r \leq R$ . Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle at the locations  $r = r_i$  and  $r = R$ .



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**5.39** As part of a pollution study, a model concentration  $c$  as a function of position  $x$  has been developed,

$$c(x) = A(e^{-x/2a} - e^{-x/a})$$

where  $A = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  ppm (parts per million) and  $a = 3$  ft. Plot this concentration from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 30$  ft. If a vehicle with a pollution sensor travels through the area at  $u = U = 70$  ft/s, develop an expression for the measured concentration rate of change of  $c$  with time, and plot using the given data.

- (a) At what location will the sensor indicate the most rapid rate of change?
- (b) What is the value of this rate of change?

**5.40** As an aircraft flies through a cold front, an onboard instrument indicates that ambient temperature drops at the rate of  $0.7^\circ F/\text{min}$ .

Other instruments show an air speed of 400 knots and a 2500 ft/min rate of climb. The front is stationary and vertically uniform. Compute the rate of change of temperature with respect to horizontal distance through the cold front.

**5.41** Wave flow of an incompressible fluid into a solid surface follows a sinusoidal pattern. Flow is axisymmetric about the  $z$  axis, which is normal to the surface. The  $z$  component of the flow follows the pattern

$$V_z = Az \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right)$$

Determine (a) the radial component of flow ( $V_r$ ) and (b) the convective and local components of the acceleration vector.

**5.42** A steady, two-dimensional velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Show that the streamlines for this flow are rectangular hyperbolas,  $xy = C$ . Obtain a general expression for the acceleration of a fluid particle in this velocity field. Calculate the acceleration of fluid particles at the points  $(x, y) = (\frac{1}{2}, 2), (1, 1)$ , and  $(2, \frac{1}{2})$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are measured in meters. Plot streamlines that correspond to  $C = 0, 1$ , and  $2 \text{ m}^2$  and show the acceleration vectors on the streamline plot.

**5.43** A velocity field is represented by the expression  $\vec{V} = (Ax - B)\hat{i} + Cy\hat{j} + Dt\hat{k}$  where  $A = 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $B = 0.6 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $D = 5 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$  and the coordinates are measured in meters. Determine the proper value for  $C$  if the flow field is to be incompressible. Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle located at point  $(x, y) = (3, 2)$ . Plot a few flow streamlines in the  $xy$  plane.

**5.44** A parabolic approximate velocity profile was used in Problem 5.11 to model flow in a laminar incompressible boundary layer on a flat plate. For this profile, find the  $x$  component of acceleration,  $a_x$ , of a fluid particle within the boundary layer. Plot  $a_x$  at location  $x = 0.8$  m, where  $\delta = 1.2$  mm, for a flow with  $U = 6$  m/s. Find the maximum value of  $a_x$  at this  $x$  location.

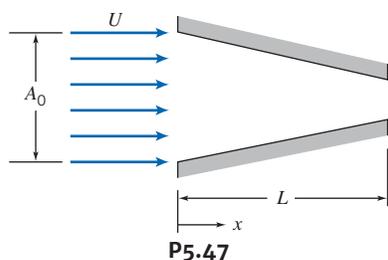
**5.45** A cubic approximate velocity profile was used in Problem 5.12 to model flow in a laminar incompressible boundary layer on a flat plate. For this profile, obtain an expression for the  $x$  and  $y$  components of acceleration of a fluid particle in the boundary layer. Plot  $a_x$  and  $a_y$  at location  $x = 3$  ft, where  $\delta = 0.04$  in., for a flow with  $U = 20$  ft/s. Find the maxima of  $a_x$  at this  $x$  location.

**5.46** The velocity field for steady inviscid flow from left to right over a circular cylinder, of radius  $R$  is given by

$$\vec{V} = U \cos \theta \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \right] \hat{e}_r - U \sin \theta \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \right] \hat{e}_\theta$$

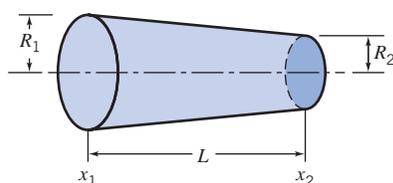
Obtain expressions for the acceleration of a fluid particle moving along the stagnation streamline ( $\theta = \pi$ ) and for the acceleration along the cylinder surface ( $r = R$ ). Plot  $a_r$  as a function of  $r/R$  for  $\theta = \pi$ , and as a function of  $\theta$  for  $r = R$ ; plot  $a_\theta$  as a function of  $\theta$  for  $r = R$ . Comment on the plots. Determine the locations at which these accelerations reach maximum and minimum values.

**5.47** Consider the incompressible flow of a fluid through a nozzle as shown. The area of the nozzle is given by  $A = A_0(1 - bx)$  and the inlet velocity varies according to  $U = U_0(0.5 + 0.5\cos \omega t)$  where  $A_0 = 5 \text{ ft}^2$ ,  $L = 20$  ft,  $b = 0.02 \text{ ft}^{-1}$ ,  $\omega = 0.16 \text{ rad/s}$  and  $U_0 = 20 \text{ ft/s}$ . Find and plot the acceleration on the centerline, with time as a parameter.



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- 5.48** Consider the one-dimensional, incompressible flow through the circular channel shown. The velocity at section ① is given by  $U = U_0 + U_1 \sin \omega t$ , where  $U_0 = 20$  m/s,  $U_1 = 2$  m/s, and  $\omega = 0.3$  rad/s. The channel dimensions are  $L = 1$  m,  $R_1 = 0.2$  m, and  $R_2 = 0.1$  m. Determine the particle acceleration at the channel exit. Plot the results as a function of time over a complete cycle. On the same plot, show the acceleration at the channel exit if the channel is constant area, rather than convergent, and explain the difference between the curves.



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- 5.49** Expand  $(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V}$  in cylindrical coordinates by direct substitution of the velocity vector to obtain the convective acceleration of a fluid particle. (Recall the hint in footnote 1 on page 150.) Verify the results given in Eq. 5.12a.

- 5.50** Determine the velocity potential for

- (a) a flow field characterized by the stream function  $\psi = 3x^2y - y^3$ .  
 (b) a flow field characterized by the stream function  $\psi = xy$ .

- 5.51** Determine whether the following flow fields are irrotational.

- (a)  $u = 2xy; v = -x^2y$   
 (b)  $u = y - x + x^2; v = x + y - 2xy$   
 (c)  $u = x^2t + 2y; v = 2x - yt^2$   
 (d)  $u = -x^2 - y^2 - xyt; v = x^2 + y^2 + xyt$

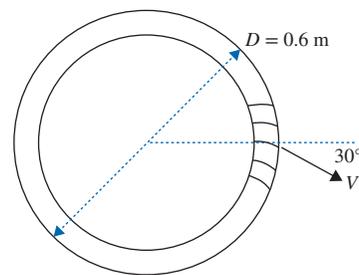
- 5.52** The velocity profile for steady flow between parallel is parabolic and given by  $u = u_c + ay^2$ , where  $u_c$  is the centerline velocity and  $y$  is the distance measured from the centerline. The plate spacing is  $2b$  and the velocity is zero at each plate. Demonstrate that the flow is rotational. Explain why your answer is correct even though the fluid doesn't rotate but moves in straight parallel paths.

- 5.53** Consider the velocity field for flow in a rectangular "corner,"  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ , with  $A = 0.3$  s<sup>-1</sup>, as in Example 5.8. Evaluate the circulation about the unit square of Example 5.8.

- 5.54** Consider the two-dimensional flow field in which  $u = Ax^2$  and  $v = Bxy$ , where  $A = 1/2$  ft<sup>-1</sup> · s<sup>-1</sup>,  $B = -1$  ft<sup>-1</sup> · s<sup>-1</sup>, and the coordinates are measured in feet. Show that the velocity field represents a possible incompressible flow. Determine the rotation at point  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$ . Evaluate the circulation about the "curve" bounded by  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$ , and  $x = 0$ .

- 5.55** Consider a flow field represented by the stream function  $\psi = 3x^5y - 10x^3y^3 + 3xy^5$ . Is this a possible two-dimensional incompressible flow? Is the flow irrotational?

- 5.56** Fluid passes through the set of thin, closely spaced blades at a velocity of 3 m/s. Determine the circulation for the flow.



P5.56

- 5.57** A two-dimensional flow field is characterized as  $u = Ax^2$  and  $v = Bxy$  where  $A = \frac{1}{2}$  m<sup>-1</sup> · s<sup>-1</sup> and  $B = -1$  m<sup>-1</sup> · s<sup>-1</sup>, and  $x$  and  $y$  are in meters. Demonstrate that the velocity field represents a possible incompressible flow field. Determine the rotation at the location  $(1, 1)$ . Evaluate the circulation about the "curve" bounded by  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$ , and  $x = 0$ .

- 5.58** A flow field is represented by the stream function  $\psi = x^4 - 2x^3y + 2xy^3 - y^4$ . Is this a possible two-dimensional flow? Is the flow irrotational?

- 5.59** Consider a velocity field for motion parallel to the  $x$  axis with constant shear. The shear rate is  $du/dy = A$ , where  $A = 0.1$  s<sup>-1</sup>. Obtain an expression for the velocity field,  $\vec{V}$ . Calculate the rate of rotation. Evaluate the stream function for this flow field.

- 5.60** Consider the flow field represented by the stream function  $\psi = Axy + Ay^2$ , where  $A = 1$  s<sup>-1</sup>. Show that this represents a possible incompressible flow field. Evaluate the rotation of the flow. Plot a few streamlines in the upper half plane.

- 5.61** Consider the velocity field given by  $\vec{V} = Ax^2\hat{i} + Bxy\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 1$  ft<sup>-1</sup> · s<sup>-1</sup>,  $B = -2$  ft<sup>-1</sup> · s<sup>-1</sup>, and the coordinates are measured in feet.

- (a) Determine the fluid rotation.  
 (b) Evaluate the circulation about the "curve" bounded by  $y = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$  and  $x = 0$ .  
 (c) Obtain an expression for the stream function.  
 (d) Plot several streamlines in the first quadrant.

- 5.62** Consider again the viscometric flow of Example 5.7. Evaluate the average rate of rotation of a pair of perpendicular line segments oriented at  $\pm 45^\circ$  from the  $x$  axis. Show that this is the same as in the example.

- 5.63** The velocity field near the core of a tornado can be approximated as

$$\vec{V} = -\frac{q}{2\pi r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{K}{2\pi r} \hat{e}_\theta$$

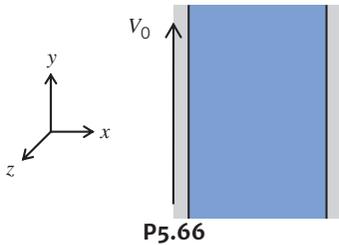
- Is this an irrotational flow field? Obtain the stream function for this flow.

- 5.64** A velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = 2\hat{i} - 4x\hat{j}$  m/s. Determine an equation for the streamline. Calculate the vorticity of the flow.

**5.65** Consider the pressure-driven flow between stationary parallel plates separated by distance  $2b$ . Coordinate  $y$  is measured from the channel centerline. The velocity field is given by  $u = u_{\max}[1 - (y/b)^2]$ . Evaluate the rates of linear and angular deformation. Obtain an expression for the vorticity vector,  $\zeta$ . Find the location where the vorticity is a maximum.

**Momentum Equation**

**5.66** Consider a steady, laminar, fully developed, incompressible flow between two infinite plates, as shown. The flow is due to the motion of the left plate as well as a pressure gradient that is applied in the  $y$  direction. Given the conditions that  $\vec{V} \neq \vec{V}(z)$ ,  $w = 0$ , and that gravity points in the negative  $y$  direction, prove that  $u = 0$  and that the pressure gradient in the  $y$  direction must be constant.



**5.67** Assume the liquid film in Example 5.9 is not isothermal, but instead has the following distribution:

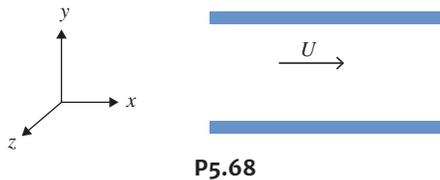
$$T(y) = T_0 + (T_w - T_0) \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right)$$

where  $T_0$  and  $T_w$  are, respectively, the ambient temperature and the wall temperature. The fluid viscosity decreases with increasing temperature and is assumed to be described by

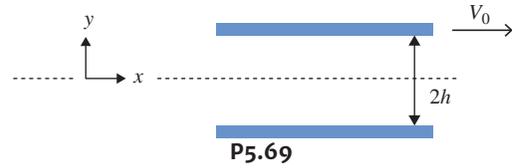
$$\mu = \frac{\mu_0}{1 + a(T - T_0)}$$

with  $a > 0$ . In a manner similar to Example 5.9, derive an expression for the velocity profile.

**5.68** Consider a steady, laminar, fully developed incompressible flow between two infinite parallel plates as shown. The flow is due to a pressure gradient applied in the  $x$  direction. Given that  $\vec{V}_1 \vec{V}(z)$ ,  $w = 0$  and that gravity points in the negative  $y$  direction, prove that  $v = 0$  and that the pressure gradients in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions are constant.

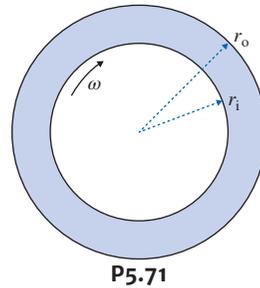


**5.69** Consider a steady, laminar, fully developed incompressible flow between two infinite parallel plates separated by a distance  $2h$  as shown. The top plate moves with a velocity  $V_0$ . Derive an expression for the velocity profile. Determine the pressure gradient for which the flow rate is zero. Plot the profile for that condition.



**5.70** A linear velocity profile was used to model flow in a laminar incompressible boundary layer in Problem 5.10. Express the rotation of a fluid particle. Locate the maximum rate of rotation. Express the rate of angular deformation for a fluid particle. Locate the maximum rate of angular deformation. Express the rates of linear deformation for a fluid particle. Locate the maximum rates of linear deformation. Express the shear force per unit volume in the  $x$  direction. Locate the maximum shear force per unit volume; interpret this result.

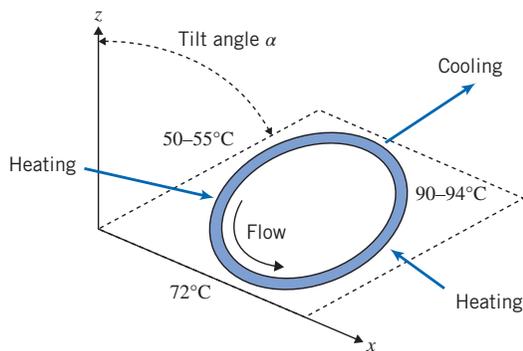
**5.71** A cylinder of radius  $r_i$  rotates at a speed  $\omega$  coaxially inside a fixed cylinder of radius  $r_o$ . A viscous fluid fills the space between the two cylinders and the shear stress on the surface of each cylinder. Explain why the shear stresses are not equal.



**5.72** The velocity profile for fully developed laminar flow in a circular tube is  $u = u_{\max}[1 - (r/R)^2]$ . Obtain an expression for the shear force per unit volume in the  $x$  direction for this flow. Evaluate its maximum value for a pipe radius of 75 mm and a maximum velocity of 3 m/s.

**5.73** Assume the liquid film in Example 5.9 is horizontal (i.e.,  $\theta = 0^\circ$ ) and that the flow is driven by a constant shear stress on the top surface ( $y = h$ ),  $\tau_{yx} = C$ . Assume that the liquid film is thin enough and flat and that the flow is fully developed with zero net flow rate (flow rate  $Q = 0$ ). Determine the velocity profile  $u(y)$  and the pressure gradient  $dp/dx$ .

**5.74** The common thermal polymerase chain reaction (PCR) process requires the cycling of reagents through three distinct temperatures for denaturation ( $90 - 94^\circ\text{C}$ ), annealing ( $50 - 55^\circ\text{C}$ ), and extension ( $72^\circ\text{C}$ ). In continuous-flow PCR reactors, the temperatures of the three thermal zones are maintained as fixed while the reagents are cycled continuously through these zones. These temperature variations induce significant variations in the fluid density, which under appropriate conditions can be used to generate fluid motion. The figure depicts a thermosiphon-based PCR device. The closed loop is filled with PCR reagents. The plan of the loop is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  with respect to the vertical. The loop is surrounded by three heaters and coolers that maintain different temperatures.



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- (a) Explain why the fluid automatically circulates in the closed loop in the counterclockwise direction.
- (b) What is the effect of the angle  $\alpha$  on the fluid velocity?

### Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics

 **5.75** A tank contains water ( $20^\circ\text{C}$ ) at an initial depth  $y_0 = 1$  m. The tank diameter is  $D = 250$  mm and a tube of diameter  $d = 3$  mm and length  $L = 4$  m is attached to the bottom of the tank. For laminar flow a reasonable model for the water level over time is

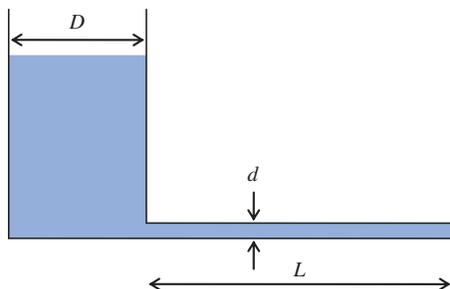
$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{d^4 \rho g}{32D^2 \mu L} y \quad y(0) = y_0$$

Using Euler methods with time steps of 12 min and 6 min:

- (a) Estimate the water depth after 120 min, and compute the errors compared to the exact solution

$$y_{\text{exact}}(t) = y_0 e^{-\frac{d^4 \rho g}{32D^2 \mu L} t}$$

- (b) Plot the Euler and exact results.



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**5.76** Use *Excel* to generate the solution of Eq. 5.31 for  $m = 1$  shown in Fig. 5.18 To do so, you need to learn how to perform linear algebra in *Excel*. For example, for  $N = 4$  you will end up with the matrix equation of Eq. 5.37. To solve this equation for the  $u$  values, you will have to compute the inverse of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix, and then multiply this inverse into the  $4 \times 1$  matrix on the right of the equation. In *Excel*, to do *array operations*, you must use the following rules: Pre-select the cells that will contain the result; use the appropriate *Excel array function* (look at *Excel's Help* for details); press Ctrl + Shift + Enter, not just Enter. For example, to invert the  $4 \times 4$  matrix you would: pre-select a blank  $4 \times 4$  array that will contain the inverse matrix; type = *minverse*([array containing matrix to be inverted]); press Ctrl + Shift + Enter. To multiply a  $4 \times 4$  matrix into a  $4 \times 1$  matrix you would do the following: pre-select a blank  $4 \times 1$  array that will contain the result; type = *mmult*([array containing  $4 \times 4$  matrix], [array containing  $4 \times 1$  matrix]); press Ctrl + Shift + Enter.

**5.77** For a small spherical particle of styrofoam (density =  $16 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) with a diameter of 5 mm falling in air, the drag is given by  $F_D = 3\pi\mu Vd$ , where  $\mu$  is the air viscosity and  $V$  is the sphere velocity. Derive the differential equation that describes the motion. Using the Euler method, find the maximum speed starting from rest and the time it takes to reach 95% of this speed. Plot the speed as a function of time.

**5.78** Following the steps to convert the differential equation Eq. 5.31 (for  $m = 1$ ) into a difference equation (for example, Eq. 5.37 for  $N = 4$ ), solve

$$\frac{du}{dx} + u = 2x^2 + x \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad u(0) = 3$$

for  $N = 4, 8,$  and  $16$  and compare to the exact solution

$$u_{\text{exact}} = 2x^2 - 3x + 3$$

Hint: Follow the rules for *Excel* array operations as described in Problem 5.76. Only the right side of the difference equations will change, compared to the solution method of Eq. 5.31 (for example, only the right side of Eq. 5.37 needs modifying).

**5.79** Use *Excel* to generate the progression to an iterative solution Eq. 5.31 for  $m = 2$ , as illustrated in Fig. 5.21 

**5.80** Use *Excel* to generate the solutions of Eq. 5.31 for  $m = -1$ , with  $u(0) = 3$ , using 4 and 16 points over the interval from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 3$ , with sufficient iterations, and compare to the exact solution 

$$u_{\text{exact}} = \sqrt{9 - 2x}$$

To do so, follow the steps described in the “Dealing with Nonlinearity” section.

## CHAPTER 6

# Incompressible Inviscid Flow

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### Case Study

#### The Fountains at the Bellagio in Las Vegas

Any visitor to Las Vegas will be familiar with the water fountains at the Bellagio hotel. These are a set of highpowered water jets designed and built by the WET Design Company that are choreographed to vary in their strength and direction to selected pieces of music.

WET developed many innovations to make the fountains. Traditional fountains use pumps and pipes, which must be matched

for optimum flow. Many of WET's designs use compressed air instead of water pumps, which allows energy to be continuously generated and accumulated, ready for instant output. This innovative use of compressed air allowed the fountains to become a reality—with the traditional systems of pipes or pumps, a fountain such as the Bellagio's would be impractical and expensive. For example, it would be difficult to obtain the 240-foot heights the fountains achieve without expensive, large, and noisy water pumps. The "Shooter" that WET developed works on the principle of introducing a large bubble of compressed air into the piping, which forces trapped water through a nozzle at high pressure. The ones installed at the Bellagio are able to shoot about 75 gallons per second of water over 240 feet in the air. In addition to providing a spectacular effect, they require only about 1/10th the energy of traditional water pumps to produce the same effect. Other airpowered devices produce pulsing water jets, achieving a maximum height of 125 feet. In addition to their power, these innovations lead to a saving of 80 percent or more in energy costs and have project construction costs that are about 50 percent less than traditional pipe-pump fountains.

Fountains such as the one at the Bellagio are designed using the relations for the flow of water with friction in pipes. The tradeoffs among pumping power, the cost of equipment, and the desired fountain effects bring in the techniques presented in this chapter.



The fountains at the Bellagio in Las Vegas.

In Chapter 5 we devoted a great deal of effort to deriving the differential equations (Eqs. 5.24) that describe the behavior of any fluid satisfying the continuum assumption. We also saw how these equations reduced to various particular forms—the most well known being the Navier–Stokes equations for an incompressible, constant viscosity fluid (Eqs. 5.27). Although Eqs. 5.27 describe the behavior of common fluids (e.g., water, air, lubricating oil) for a wide range of problems, as we discussed in Chapter 5, they are unsolvable analytically except for the simplest of geometries and flows. For example, even using the equations to predict the motion of your coffee as you slowly stir it would require the use of an advanced computational fluid dynamics computer application, and the prediction would take a lot

longer to compute than the actual stirring! In this chapter, instead of the Navier–Stokes equations, we will study Euler's equation, which applies to an inviscid fluid. Although truly inviscid fluids do not exist, many flow problems (especially in aerodynamics) can be successfully analyzed with the approximation that  $\mu = 0$ .

## 6.1 Momentum Equation for Frictionless Flow: Euler's Equation

Euler's equation (obtained from Eqs. 5.27 after neglecting the viscous terms) is

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \rho \vec{g} - \nabla p \quad (6.1)$$

This equation states that for an inviscid fluid the change in momentum of a fluid particle is caused by the body force (assumed to be gravity only) and the net pressure force. For convenience we recall that the particle acceleration is

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} \quad (5.10)$$

In this chapter we will apply Eq. 6.1 to the solution of incompressible, inviscid flow problems. In addition to Eq. 6.1 we have the incompressible form of the mass conservation equation,

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \quad (5.1c)$$

Equation 6.1 expressed in rectangular coordinates is

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (6.2a)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad (6.2b)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \quad (6.2c)$$

If the  $z$  axis is assumed vertical, then  $g_x = 0$ ,  $g_y = 0$ , and  $g_z = -g$ , so  $\vec{g} = -g\hat{k}$ .

In cylindrical coordinates, the equations in component form, with gravity the only body force, are

$$\rho a_r = \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} \right) = \rho g_r - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \quad (6.3a)$$

$$\rho a_\theta = \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} \right) = \rho g_\theta - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} \quad (6.3b)$$

$$\rho a_z = \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \quad (6.3c)$$

If the  $z$  axis is directed vertically upward, then  $g_r = g_\theta = 0$  and  $g_z = -g$ .

Equations 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 apply to problems in which there are no viscous stresses. Before continuing with the main topic of this chapter (inviscid flow), let's consider for a moment when we have no viscous stresses, other than when  $\mu = 0$ . We recall from previous discussions that, in general, viscous stresses are present when we have fluid deformation (in fact this is how we initially defined a fluid); when we have no fluid deformation, i.e., when we have *rigid-body* motion, no viscous stresses will be present, even if  $\mu \neq 0$ . Hence Euler's equations apply to rigid-body motions as well as to inviscid flows. We discussed rigid-body motion in detail in the online Section 3.6 as a special case of fluid statics. As an exercise, you can show that Euler's equations can be used to solve Examples 3.9 and 3.10.

In Chapters 2 and 5 we pointed out that streamlines, drawn tangent to the velocity vectors at every point in the flow field, provide a convenient graphical representation. In steady flow a fluid particle will

move along a streamline because, for steady flow, pathlines and streamlines coincide. Thus, in describing the motion of a fluid particle in a steady flow, in addition to using orthogonal coordinates  $x, y, z$ , the distance along a streamline is a logical coordinate to use in writing the equations of motion. “Streamline coordinates” also may be used to describe unsteady flow. Streamlines in unsteady flow give a graphical representation of the instantaneous velocity field.

For simplicity, consider the flow in the  $yz$  plane shown in Fig. 6.1. We wish to write the equations of motion in terms of the coordinate  $s$ , distance along a streamline, and the coordinate  $n$ , distance normal to the streamline. The pressure at the center of the fluid element is  $p$ . If we apply Newton’s second law in the direction  $s$  of the streamline, to the fluid element of volume  $ds dn dx$ , then neglecting viscous forces we obtain

$$\left(p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \frac{ds}{2}\right) dn dx - \left(p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \frac{ds}{2}\right) dn dx - \rho g \sin \beta ds dn dx = \rho a_s ds dn dx$$

where  $\beta$  is the angle between the tangent to the streamline and the horizontal, and  $a_s$  is the acceleration of the fluid particle along the streamline. Simplifying the equation, we obtain

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \rho g \sin \beta = \rho a_s$$

Since  $\sin \beta = \partial z / \partial s$ , we can write

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - g \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = a_s$$

Along any streamline  $V = V(s, t)$ , and the material or total acceleration of a fluid particle in the streamwise direction is given by

$$a_s = \frac{DV}{Dt} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial s}$$

Euler’s equation in the streamwise direction with the  $z$  axis directed vertically upward is then

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - g \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} \tag{6.4a}$$

For steady flow, and neglecting body forces, Euler’s equation in the streamwise direction reduces to

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} = -V \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} \tag{6.4b}$$

which indicates that (for an incompressible, inviscid flow) *a decrease in velocity is accompanied by an increase in pressure* and conversely. This makes sense: The only force experienced by the particle is the net pressure force, so the particle accelerates toward low-pressure regions and decelerates when approaching high-pressure regions.

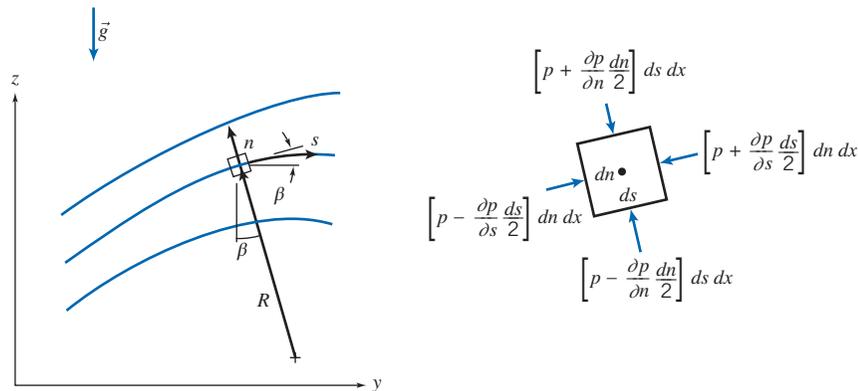


Fig. 6.1 Fluid particle moving along a streamline.

To obtain Euler's equation in a direction normal to the streamlines, we apply Newton's second law in the  $n$  direction to the fluid element. Again, neglecting viscous forces, we obtain

$$\left(p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} \frac{dn}{2}\right) ds dx - \left(p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} \frac{dn}{2}\right) ds dx - \rho g \cos \beta dn dx ds = \rho a_n dn dx ds$$

where  $\beta$  is the angle between the  $n$  direction and the vertical, and  $a_n$  is the acceleration of the fluid particle in the  $n$  direction. Simplifying the equation, we obtain

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial n} - \rho g \cos \beta = \rho a_n$$

Since  $\cos \beta = \partial z / \partial n$ , we write

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} - g \frac{\partial z}{\partial n} = a_n$$

The normal acceleration of the fluid element is toward the center of curvature of the streamline, in the minus  $n$  direction; thus in the coordinate system of Fig. 6.1, the familiar centripetal acceleration is written

$$a_n = -\frac{V^2}{R}$$

for steady flow, where  $R$  is the radius of curvature of the streamline at the point chosen. Then, Euler's equation normal to the streamline is written for steady flow as

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} + g \frac{\partial z}{\partial n} = \frac{V^2}{R} \quad (6.5a)$$

For steady flow in a horizontal plane, Euler's equation normal to a streamline becomes

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} = \frac{V^2}{R} \quad (6.5b)$$

Equation 6.5 indicates that *pressure increases in the direction outward from the center of curvature of the streamlines*. This also makes sense: Because the only force experienced by the particle is the net pressure force, the pressure field creates the centripetal acceleration. In regions where the streamlines are straight, the radius of curvature,  $R$ , is infinite so *there is no pressure variation normal to straight streamlines*. Example 6.1 shows how equation 6.5b can be used to compute the velocity from the pressure gradient in the normal direction.

### Example 6.1 FLOW IN A BEND

The flow rate of air at standard conditions in a flat duct is to be determined by installing pressure taps across a bend. The duct is 0.3 m deep and 0.1 m wide. The inner radius of the bend is 0.25 m. If the measured pressure difference between the taps is 40 mm of water, compute the approximate flow rate.

**Given:** Flow through duct bend as shown.

$$p_2 - p_1 = \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} g \Delta h$$

where  $\Delta h = 40 \text{ mm H}_2\text{O}$ . Air is at STP.

**Find:** Volume flow rate,  $Q$ .

**Solution:** Apply Euler's  $n$  component equation across flow streamlines.

**Governing equation:**  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = \frac{\rho V^2}{r}$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Frictionless flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform flow at measurement section.

For this flow,  $p = p(r)$ , so

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = \frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{\rho V^2}{r}$$

or

$$dp = \rho V^2 \frac{dr}{r}$$

Integrating gives

$$p_2 - p_1 = \rho V^2 \ln r \Big|_{r_1}^{r_2} = \rho V^2 \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$

and hence

$$V = \left[ \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho \ln(r_2/r_1)} \right]^{1/2}$$

But  $\Delta p = p_2 - p_1 = \rho_{H_2O} g \Delta h$ , so  $V = \left[ \frac{\rho_{H_2O} g \Delta h}{\rho \ln(r_2/r_1)} \right]^{1/2}$

Substituting numerical values,

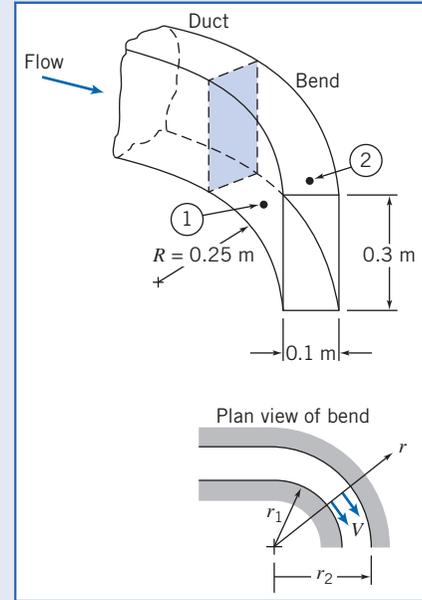
$$V = \left[ 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 0.04 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{1.23 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1}{\ln(0.35 \text{ m}/0.25 \text{ m})} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= 30.8 \text{ m/s}$$

For uniform flow

$$Q = VA = 30.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.1 \text{ m} \times 0.3 \text{ m}$$

$$Q = 0.924 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{10em}} \underline{Q}$$



In this problem we assumed that the velocity is uniform across the section. In fact, the velocity in the bend approximates a free vortex (irrotational) profile in which  $V \propto 1/r$  (where  $r$  is the radius) instead of  $V = \text{const}$ . Hence, this flow-measurement device could only be used to obtain approximate values of the flow rate (see Problem 6.25).

## 6.2 Bernoulli Equation: Integration of Euler's Equation Along a Streamline for Steady Flow

Compared to the viscous-flow equivalents, the momentum or Euler's equation for incompressible, inviscid flow, Eq. 6.1, is simpler mathematically, but its solution in conjunction with the mass conservation equation, Eq. 5.1c, still presents formidable difficulties in all but the most basic flow problems. One convenient approach for a steady flow is to integrate Euler's equation along a streamline. We will do this below using two different mathematical approaches, and each will result in the Bernoulli equation. Recall that in Section 4.4 we derived the Bernoulli equation by starting with a differential control volume; these two additional derivations will give us more insight into the restrictions inherent in use of the Bernoulli equation.

### Derivation Using Streamline Coordinates

Euler's equation for steady flow along a streamline from Eq. 6.4a is

$$-\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - g \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = V \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} \tag{6.6}$$

If a fluid particle moves a distance,  $ds$ , along a streamline, then

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} ds = dp \quad (\text{the change in pressure along } s)$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} ds = dz \quad (\text{the change in elevation along } s)$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial s} ds = dV \quad (\text{the change in speed along } s)$$

Thus, after multiplying Eq. 6.6 by  $ds$ , we can write

$$-\frac{dp}{\rho} - g dz = V dV \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{dp}{\rho} + V dV + g dz = 0 \quad (\text{along } s)$$

Integration of this equation gives

$$\int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (\text{along } s) \quad (6.7)$$

Before Eq. 6.7 can be applied, we must specify the relation between pressure and density. For the special case of incompressible flow,  $\rho = \text{constant}$ , and Eq. 6.7 becomes the Bernoulli equation,

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (6.8)$$

Restrictions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Frictionless flow.
- 4 Flow along a streamline.

The Bernoulli equation is probably the most famous, and abused, equation in all of fluid mechanics. It is always tempting to use because it is a simple algebraic equation for relating the pressure, velocity, and elevation in a fluid. For example, it is used to explain the lift of a wing: In aerodynamics the gravity term is usually negligible, so Eq. 6.8 indicates that wherever the velocity is relatively high (e.g., on the upper surface of a wing), the pressure must be relatively low, and wherever the velocity is relatively low (e.g., on the lower surface of a wing), the pressure must be relatively high, generating substantial lift. Equation 6.8 indicates that, in general (if the flow is not constrained in some way), if a particle increases its elevation ( $z \uparrow$ ) or moves into a higher pressure region ( $p \uparrow$ ), it will tend to decelerate ( $V \downarrow$ ); this makes sense from a momentum point of view (recall that the equation was derived from momentum considerations). These comments *only* apply if the four restrictions listed are reasonable. For example, Eq. 6.8 cannot be used to explain the pressure drop in a horizontal constant diameter pipe flow: according to it, for  $z = \text{constant}$  and  $V = \text{constant}$ ,  $p = \text{constant}$ ! We cannot stress enough that you should *keep the restrictions firmly in mind whenever you consider using the Bernoulli equation!* (In general, the Bernoulli constant in Eq. 6.8 has different values along different streamlines.<sup>1</sup>)

## Derivation Using Rectangular Coordinates

The vector form of Euler's equation, Eq. 6.1, also can be integrated along a streamline. We shall restrict the derivation to steady flow; thus, the end result of our effort should be Eq. 6.7.

For steady flow, Euler's equation in rectangular coordinates can be expressed as

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = u \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z} = (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - g \hat{k} \quad (6.9)$$

<sup>1</sup> For the case of irrotational flow, the constant has a single value throughout the entire flow field (Section 6.6).

For steady flow the velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = \vec{V}(x, y, z)$ . The streamlines are lines drawn in the flow field tangent to the velocity vector at every point. Recall again that for steady flow, streamlines, pathlines, and streaklines coincide. The motion of a particle along a streamline is governed by Eq. 6.9. During time interval  $dt$  the particle has vector displacement  $d\vec{s}$  along the streamline.

If we take the dot product of the terms in Eq. 6.9 with displacement  $d\vec{s}$  along the streamline, we obtain a scalar equation relating pressure, speed, and elevation along the streamline. Taking the dot product of  $d\vec{s}$  with Eq. 6.9 gives

$$(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \cdot d\vec{s} - g \hat{k} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad (6.10)$$

where

$$d\vec{s} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k} \quad (\text{along } s)$$

Now we evaluate each of the three terms in Eq. 6.10, starting on the right,

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \cdot d\vec{s} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \left[ \hat{i} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \right] \cdot [dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \right] \quad (\text{along } s) \\ -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p \cdot d\vec{s} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} dp \quad (\text{along } s) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} -g \hat{k} \cdot d\vec{s} &= -g \hat{k} \cdot [dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}] \\ &= -g dz \quad (\text{along } s) \end{aligned}$$

Using a vector identity,<sup>2</sup> we can write the third term as

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{V} \times (\nabla \times \vec{V}) \right] \cdot d\vec{s} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) \right\} \cdot d\vec{s} - \left\{ \vec{V} \times (\nabla \times \vec{V}) \right\} \cdot d\vec{s} \end{aligned}$$

The last term on the right side of this equation is zero, since  $\vec{V}$  is parallel to  $d\vec{s}$  [recall from vector math that  $\vec{V} \times (\nabla \times \vec{V}) \cdot d\vec{s} = -(\nabla \times \vec{V}) \times \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} = -(\nabla \times \vec{V}) \cdot \vec{V} \times d\vec{s}$ ]. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla(V^2) \cdot d\vec{s} \quad (\text{along } s) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \hat{i} \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial z} \right] \cdot [dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial V^2}{\partial z} dz \right] \\ (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} &= \frac{1}{2} d(V^2) \quad (\text{along } s) \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these three terms into Eq. 6.10 yields

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} d(V^2) + g dz = 0 \quad (\text{along } s)$$

<sup>2</sup>The vector identity

$$(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{V} \times (\nabla \times \vec{V})$$

may be verified by expanding each side into components.

Integrating this equation, we obtain

$$\int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (\text{along } s)$$

If the density is constant, we obtain the Bernoulli equation

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$$

As expected, we see that the last two equations are identical to Eqs. 6.7 and 6.8 derived previously using streamline coordinates. The Bernoulli equation, derived using rectangular coordinates, is still subject to the restrictions: (1) steady flow, (2) incompressible flow, (3) frictionless flow, and (4) flow along a streamline.

## Static, Stagnation, and Dynamic Pressures

The pressure,  $p$ , which we have used in deriving the Bernoulli equation, Eq. 6.8, is the thermodynamic pressure; it is commonly called the *static pressure*. The static pressure is the pressure experienced by the fluid particle as it moves (so it is something of a misnomer!)—we also have the stagnation and dynamic pressures, which we will define shortly. How do we measure the pressure in a fluid in motion?

In Section 6.1 we showed that there is no pressure variation normal to straight streamlines. This fact makes it possible to measure the static pressure in a flowing fluid using a wall pressure “tap,” placed in a region where the flow streamlines are straight, as shown in Fig. 6.2a. The pressure tap is a small hole, drilled carefully in the wall, with its axis perpendicular to the surface. If the hole is perpendicular to the duct wall and free from burrs, accurate measurements of static pressure can be made by connecting the tap to a suitable pressure-measuring instrument [1].

In a fluid stream far from a wall, or where streamlines are curved, accurate static pressure measurements can be made by careful use of a static pressure probe, shown in Fig. 6.2b. Such probes must be designed so that the measuring holes are placed correctly with respect to the probe tip and stem to avoid erroneous results [2]. In use, the measuring section must be aligned with the local flow direction. (In these figures, it may appear that the pressure tap and small holes would allow flow to enter or leave or otherwise be entrained by the main flow, but each of these is ultimately attached to a pressure sensor or manometer and is therefore a dead-end, leading to no flow being possible—see Example 6.2.)

Static pressure probes, such as that shown in Fig 6.2b, and in a variety of other forms, are available commercially in sizes as small as 1.5 mm ( $\frac{1}{16}$  in.) in diameter [3].

The *stagnation pressure* is obtained when a flowing fluid is decelerated to zero speed by a frictionless process. For incompressible flow, the Bernoulli equation can be used to relate changes in speed and pressure along a streamline for such a process. Neglecting elevation differences, Eq. 6.8 becomes

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} = \text{constant}$$

If the static pressure is  $p$  at a point in the flow where the speed is  $V$ , then the stagnation pressure,  $p_0$ , where the stagnation speed,  $V_0$ , is zero, may be computed from

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho} + \frac{\overset{=0}{V_0^2}}{2} = \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2}$$

or

$$p_0 = p + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 \quad (6.11)$$

Equation 6.11 is a mathematical statement of the definition of stagnation pressure, valid for incompressible flow. The term  $\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$  generally is called the *dynamic pressure*. Equation 6.11 states that the stagnation (or *total*) pressure equals the static pressure plus the dynamic pressure. One way to picture the three pressures is to imagine you are standing in a steady wind holding up your hand: The static

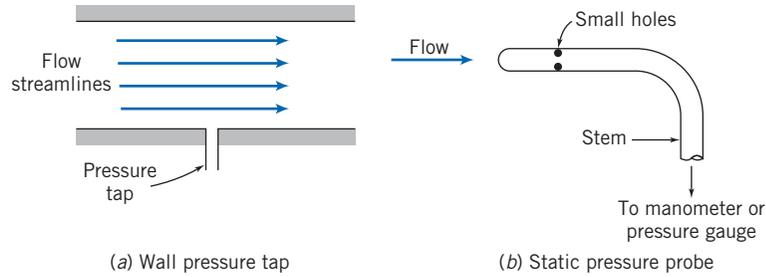


Fig. 6.2 Measurement of static pressure.

pressure will be atmospheric pressure; the larger pressure you feel at the center of your hand will be the stagnation pressure; and the buildup of pressure (the difference between the stagnation and static pressures) will be the dynamic pressure. Solving Eq. 6.11 for the speed,

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2(p_0 - p)}{\rho}} \tag{6.12}$$

Thus, if the stagnation pressure and the static pressure could be measured at a point, Eq. 6.12 would give the local flow speed.

Stagnation pressure is measured in the laboratory using a probe with a hole that faces directly upstream as shown in Fig. 6.3. Such a probe is called a stagnation pressure probe, or pitot (pronounced *pea-toe*) tube. Again, the measuring section must be aligned with the local flow direction.

We have seen that static pressure at a point can be measured with a static pressure tap or probe (Fig. 6.2). If we knew the stagnation pressure at the same point, then the flow speed could be computed from Eq. 6.12. Two possible experimental setups are shown in Fig. 6.4.

In Fig. 6.4a, the static pressure corresponding to point A is read from the wall static pressure tap. The stagnation pressure is measured directly at A by the total head tube, as shown. (The stem of the total head tube is placed downstream from the measurement location to minimize disturbance of the local flow.) The use of a total head tube and a wall static pressure tap to determine the flow velocity is shown in Example 6.2.

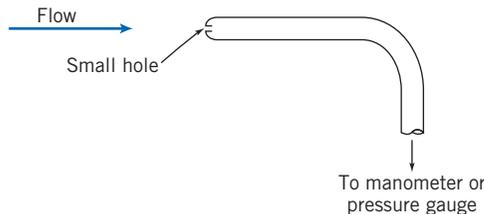


Fig. 6.3 Measurement of stagnation pressure.

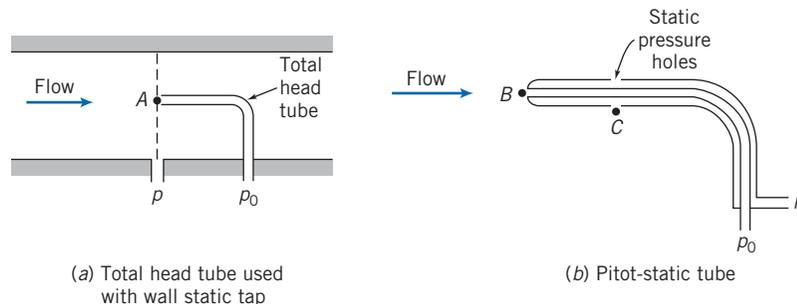


Fig. 6.4 Simultaneous measurement of stagnation and static pressures.

**Example 6.2 PITOT TUBE**

A pitot tube is inserted in an air flow (at STP) to measure the flow speed. The tube is inserted so that it points upstream into the flow and the pressure sensed by the tube is the stagnation pressure. The static pressure is measured at the same location in the flow, using a wall pressure tap. If the pressure difference is 30 mm of mercury, determine the flow speed.

**Given:** A pitot tube inserted in a flow as shown. The flowing fluid is air and the manometer liquid is mercury.

**Find:** The flow speed.

**Solution:**

**Governing equation:**  $\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Flow along a streamline.
- 4 Frictionless deceleration along stagnation streamline.

Writing Bernoulli's equation along the stagnation streamline (with  $\Delta z = 0$ ) yields Eq. 6.11

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho} = \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2}$$

$p_0$  is the stagnation pressure at the tube opening where the speed has been reduced, without friction, to zero. Solving for  $V$  gives

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2(p_0 - p)}{\rho_{\text{air}}}}$$

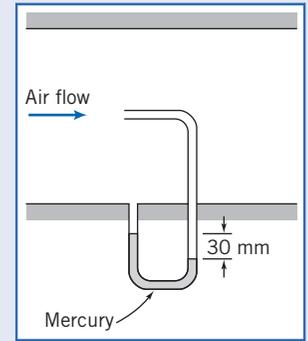
From the diagram,

$$p_0 - p = \rho_{\text{Hg}}gh = \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}ghSG_{\text{Hg}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \sqrt{\frac{2\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}ghSG_{\text{Hg}}}{\rho_{\text{air}}}} \\ &= \sqrt{2 \times 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 30 \text{ mm} \times 13.6 \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{1.23 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1 \text{ m}}{1000 \text{ mm}}} \\ V &= 80.8 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

At  $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$ , the speed of sound in air is 343 m/s. Hence,  $M = 0.236$  and the assumption of incompressible flow is valid.



This problem illustrates use of a pitot tube to determine flow speed. Pitot (or pitot-static) tubes are often placed on the exterior of aircraft to indicate air speed relative to the aircraft, and hence aircraft speed relative to the air.

Two probes often are combined, as in the pitot-static tube shown in Fig. 6.4b. The inner tube is used to measure the stagnation pressure at point  $B$ , while the static pressure at  $C$  is sensed using the small holes in the outer tube. In flow fields where the static pressure variation in the streamwise direction is small, the pitot-static tube may be used to infer the speed at point  $B$  in the flow by assuming  $p_B = p_C$  and using Eq. 6.12. (Note that when  $p_B \neq p_C$ , this procedure will give erroneous results.)

Remember that the Bernoulli equation applies only for incompressible flow (Mach number  $M \leq 0.3$ ). The definition and calculation of the stagnation pressure for compressible flow will be discussed in Section 12.3.

**Applications**

The Bernoulli equation can be applied between any two points on a streamline provided that the other three restrictions are satisfied. The result is

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \quad (6.13)$$

where subscripts 1 and 2 represent any two points on a streamline. Applications of Eqs. 6.8 and 6.13 to typical flow problems are illustrated in Examples 6.3 through 6.5.

In some situations, the flow appears unsteady from one reference frame, but steady from another, which translates with the flow. Since the Bernoulli equation was derived by integrating Newton’s second law for a fluid particle, it can be applied in any inertial reference frame (see the discussion of translating frames in Section 4.4). The procedure is illustrated in Example 6.6.

### Example 6.3 NOZZLE FLOW

Air flows steadily at low speed through a horizontal *nozzle* (by definition a device for accelerating a flow), discharging to atmosphere. The area at the nozzle inlet is  $0.1 \text{ m}^2$ . At the nozzle exit, the area is  $0.02 \text{ m}^2$ . Determine the gage pressure required at the nozzle inlet to produce an outlet speed of  $50 \text{ m/s}$ .

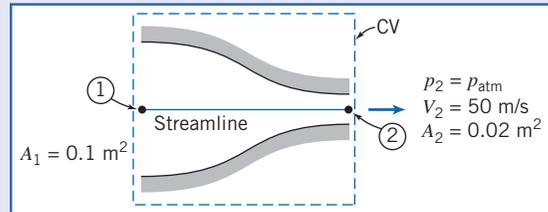
**Given:** Flow through a nozzle, as shown.

**Find:**  $p_1 - p_{\text{atm}}$ .

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \quad (6.13)$$



Continuity for incompressible and uniform flow:

$$\sum_{\text{CS}} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.13b)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Frictionless flow.
- 4 Flow along a streamline.
- 5  $z_1 = z_2$ .
- 6 Uniform flow at sections ① and ②.

The maximum speed of  $50 \text{ m/s}$  is well below  $100 \text{ m/s}$ , which corresponds to Mach number  $M \approx 0.3$  in standard air. Hence, the flow may be treated as incompressible.

Apply the Bernoulli equation along a streamline between points ① and ② to evaluate  $p_1$ . Then

$$p_1 - p_{\text{atm}} = p_1 - p_2 = \frac{\rho}{2}(V_2^2 - V_1^2)$$

Apply the continuity equation to determine  $V_1$ ,

$$(-\rho V_1 A_1) + (\rho V_2 A_2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2$$

so that

$$V_1 = V_2 \frac{A_2}{A_1} = 50 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{0.02 \text{ m}^2}{0.1 \text{ m}^2} = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

For air at standard conditions,  $\rho = 1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 - p_{\text{atm}} &= \frac{\rho}{2}(V_2^2 - V_1^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \left[ (50)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} - (10)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \right] \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$p_1 - p_{\text{atm}} = 1.48 \text{ kPa} \leftarrow \frac{p_1 - p_{\text{atm}}}{p_1 - p_{\text{atm}}}$$

**Notes:**

- This problem illustrates a typical application of the Bernoulli equation.
- The streamlines must be straight at the inlet and exit in order to have uniform pressures at those locations.

### Example 6.4 FLOW THROUGH A SIPHON

A U-tube acts as a water siphon. The bend in the tube is 1 m above the water surface; the tube outlet is 7 m below the water surface. The water issues from the bottom of the siphon as a free jet at atmospheric pressure. Determine (after listing the necessary assumptions) the speed of the free jet and the minimum absolute pressure of the water in the bend.

**Given:** Water flowing through a siphon as shown.

**Find:** (a) Speed of water leaving as a free jet.  
(b) Pressure at point (A) (the minimum pressure point) in the flow.

**Solution:**

**Governing equation:**

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Neglect friction.
- 2 Steady flow.
- 3 Incompressible flow.
- 4 Flow along a streamline.
- 5 Reservoir is large compared with pipe.

Apply the Bernoulli equation between points (1) and (2).

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2$$

Since  $\text{area}_{\text{reservoir}} \gg \text{area}_{\text{pipe}}$ , then  $V_1 \approx 0$ . Also  $p_1 = p_2 = p_{\text{atm}}$ , so

$$gz_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \quad \text{and} \quad V_2^2 = 2g(z_1 - z_2)$$

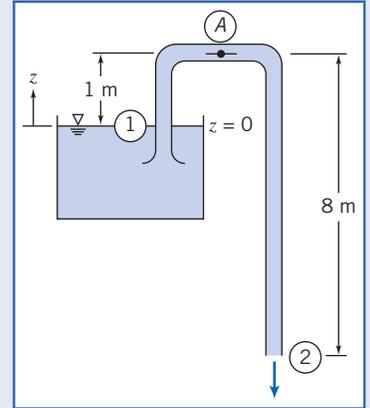
$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= \sqrt{2g(z_1 - z_2)} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 7 \text{ m}} \\ &= 11.7 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned} \quad \xleftarrow{V_2}$$

To determine the pressure at location (A), we write the Bernoulli equation between (1) and (A).

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_A}{\rho} + \frac{V_A^2}{2} + gz_A$$

Again  $V_1 \approx 0$  and from conservation of mass  $V_A = V_2$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_A}{\rho} &= \frac{p_1}{\rho} + gz_1 - \frac{V_2^2}{2} - gz_A = \frac{p_1}{\rho} + g(z_1 - z_A) - \frac{V_2^2}{2} \\ p_A &= p_1 + \rho g(z_1 - z_A) - \rho \frac{V_2^2}{2} \\ &= 1.01 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} + 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times (-1 \text{ m}) \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \times 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (11.7)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ p_A &= 22.8 \text{ kPa (abs) or } -78.5 \text{ kPa (gage)} \end{aligned} \quad \xleftarrow{p_A}$$



**Notes:**

- This problem illustrates an application of the Bernoulli equation that includes elevation changes.
- It is interesting to note that when the Bernoulli equation applies between a reservoir and a free jet that it feeds at a location  $h$  below the reservoir surface, the jet speed will be  $V = \sqrt{2gh}$ ; this is the same velocity a droplet (or stone) falling without friction from the reservoir level would attain if it fell a distance  $h$ . Can you explain why?
- Always take care when neglecting friction in any internal flow. In this problem, neglecting friction is reasonable if the pipe is smooth-surfaced and is relatively short. In Chapter 8 we will study frictional effects in internal flows.

### Example 6.5 FLOW UNDER A SLUICE GATE

Water flows under a sluice gate on a horizontal bed at the inlet to a flume. Upstream from the gate, the water depth is 1.5 ft and the speed is negligible. At the vena contracta downstream from the gate, the flow streamlines are straight and the depth is 2 in. Determine the flow speed downstream from the gate and the discharge in cubic feet per second per foot of width.

**Given:** Flow of water under a sluice gate.

**Find:** (a)  $V_2$ .  
(b)  $Q$  in  $\text{ft}^3/\text{s}/\text{ft}$  of width.

**Solution:** Under the assumptions listed below, the flow satisfies all conditions necessary to apply the Bernoulli equation. The question is, what streamline do we use?

**Governing equation:**  $\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2$

**Assumption:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Frictionless flow.
- 4 Flow along a streamline.
- 5 Uniform flow at each section.
- 6 Hydrostatic pressure distribution (at each location, pressure increases linearly with depth).

If we consider the streamline that runs along the bottom of the channel ( $z = 0$ ), because of assumption 6 the pressures at ① and ② are

$$p_1 = p_{\text{atm}} + \rho g D_1 \quad \text{and} \quad p_2 = p_{\text{atm}} + \rho g D_2$$

so that the Bernoulli equation for this streamline is

$$\frac{(p_{\text{atm}} + \rho g D_1)}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = \frac{(p_{\text{atm}} + \rho g D_2)}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2}$$

or

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2} + gD_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gD_2 \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, consider the streamline that runs along the free surface on both sides and down the inner surface of the gate. For this streamline

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gD_1 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gD_2$$

or

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2} + gD_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gD_2 \quad (1)$$

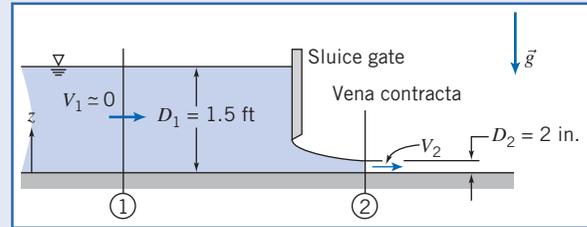
We have arrived at the same equation (Eq. 1) for the streamline at the bottom and the streamline at the free surface, implying the Bernoulli constant is the same for both streamlines. We will see in Section 6.5 that this flow is one of a family of flows for which this is the case. Solving for  $V_2$  yields

$$V_2 = \sqrt{2g(D_1 - D_2) + V_1^2}$$

But  $V_1^2 \approx 0$ , so

$$V_2 = \sqrt{2g(D_1 - D_2)} = \sqrt{2 \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times \left(1.5 \text{ ft} - 2 \text{ in.} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in.}}\right)}$$

$$V_2 = 9.27 \text{ ft/s}$$



$V_2$

For uniform flow,  $Q = VA = VDw$ , or

$$\frac{Q}{w} = VD = V_2 D_2 = 9.27 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} + 2 \text{ in.} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in.}} = 1.55 \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\frac{Q}{w} = 1.55 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}/\text{foot of width} \leftarrow \frac{Q}{w}$$

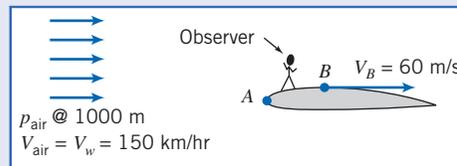
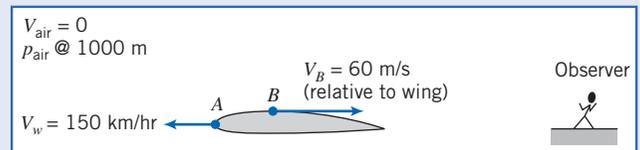
### Example 6.6 BERNOULLI EQUATION IN TRANSLATING REFERENCE FRAME

A light plane flies at 150 km/hr in standard air at an altitude of 1000 m. Determine the stagnation pressure at the leading edge of the wing. At a certain point close to the wing, the air speed *relative* to the wing is 60 m/s. Compute the pressure at this point.

**Given:** Aircraft in flight at 150 km/hr at 1000 m altitude in standard air.

**Find:** Stagnation pressure,  $p_{0A}$ , at point A and static pressure,  $p_B$ , at point B.

**Solution:** Flow is unsteady when observed from a fixed frame, that is, by an observer on the ground. However, an observer *on* the wing sees the following steady flow:



At  $z = 1000$  m in standard air, the temperature is 281 K and the speed of sound is 336 m/s. Hence at point B,  $M_B = V_{B/C} = 0.178$ . This is less than 0.3, so the flow may be treated as incompressible. Thus the Bernoulli equation can be applied along a streamline in the moving observer's inertial reference frame.

**Governing equation:**

$$\frac{p_{\text{air}}}{\rho} + \frac{V_{\text{air}}^2}{2} + gz_{\text{air}} = \frac{p_A}{\rho} + \frac{V_A^2}{2} + gz_A = \frac{p_B}{\rho} + \frac{V_B^2}{2} + gz_B$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow ( $V < 100$  m/s).
- 3 Frictionless flow.
- 4 Flow along a streamline.
- 5 Neglect  $\Delta z$ .

Values for pressure and density may be found from Table A.3. Thus, at 1000 m,  $p/p_{SL} = 0.8870$  and  $\rho/\rho_{SL} = 0.9075$ . Consequently,

$$p = 0.8870 p_{SL} = 0.8870 \times 1.01 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = 8.96 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$$

and

$$\rho = 0.9075 \rho_{SL} = 0.9075 \times 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} = 1.12 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Since the speed is  $V_A = 0$  at the stagnation point,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{0A} &= p_{\text{air}} + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_{\text{air}}^2 \\ &= 8.96 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} + \frac{1}{2} \times 1.12 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \left( 150 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} \times 1000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{km}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right)^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ p_{0A} &= 90.6 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow p_{0A} \end{aligned}$$

Solving for the static pressure at  $B$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} p_B &= p_{\text{air}} + \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_{\text{air}}^2 - V_B^2) \\ p_B &= 8.96 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} + \frac{1}{2} \times 1.12 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \left[ \left( 150 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} \times 1000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{km}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right)^2 - (60)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \right] \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ p_B &= 88.6 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow p_B \end{aligned}$$

This problem gives a hint as to how a wing generates lift. The incoming air has a velocity  $V_{\text{air}} = 150 \text{ km/hr} = 41.7 \text{ m/s}$  and accelerates to  $60 \text{ m/s}$  on the upper surface. This leads, through the Bernoulli equation, to a pressure drop of  $1 \text{ kPa}$  (from  $89.6 \text{ kPa}$  to  $88.6 \text{ kPa}$ ). It turns out that the flow decelerates on the lower surface, leading to a pressure rise of about  $1 \text{ kPa}$ . Hence, the wing experiences a net upward pressure difference of about  $2 \text{ kPa}$ , a significant effect.

### Cautions on Use of the Bernoulli Equation

In Examples 6.3 through 6.7, we have seen several situations where the Bernoulli equation may be applied because the restrictions on its use led to a reasonable flow model. However, in some situations you might be tempted to apply the Bernoulli equation where the restrictions are not satisfied. Some subtle cases that violate the restrictions are discussed briefly in this section.

Example 6.3 examined flow in a nozzle. In a *subsonic nozzle* (a converging section) the pressure drops, accelerating a flow. Because the pressure drops and the walls of the nozzle converge, there is no flow separation from the walls and the boundary layer remains thin. In addition, a nozzle is usually relatively short so frictional effects are not significant. All of this leads to the conclusion that the Bernoulli equation is suitable for use for subsonic nozzles.

Sometimes we need to decelerate a flow. This can be accomplished using a *subsonic diffuser* (a diverging section), or by using a sudden expansion (e.g., from a pipe into a reservoir). In these devices the flow decelerates because of an adverse pressure gradient. As we discussed in Section 2.6, an adverse pressure gradient tends to lead to rapid growth of the boundary layer and its separation. Hence, we should be careful in applying the Bernoulli equation in such devices—at best, it will be an approximation. Because of area blockage caused by boundary-layer growth, pressure rise in actual diffusers always is less than that predicted for inviscid one-dimensional flow.

The Bernoulli equation was a reasonable model for the siphon of Example 6.4 because the entrance was well rounded, the bends were gentle, and the overall length was short. Flow separation, which can occur at inlets with sharp corners and in abrupt bends, causes the flow to depart from that predicted by a one-dimensional model and the Bernoulli equation. Frictional effects would not be negligible if the tube were long.

Example 6.5 presented an open-channel flow analogous to that in a nozzle, for which the Bernoulli equation is a good flow model. The hydraulic jump is an example of an open-channel flow with adverse pressure gradient. Flow through a hydraulic jump is mixed violently, making it impossible to identify streamlines. Thus the Bernoulli equation cannot be used to model flow through a hydraulic jump. We will see a more detailed presentation of open channel flows in Chapter 11.

The Bernoulli equation cannot be applied *through* a machine such as a propeller, pump, turbine, or windmill. The equation was derived by integrating along a stream tube (Section 4.4) or a streamline (Section 6.2) in the absence of moving surfaces such as blades or vanes. It is impossible to have locally steady flow or to identify streamlines during flow through a machine. Hence, while the Bernoulli equation may be applied between points *before* a machine, or between points *after* a machine (assuming its

restrictions are satisfied), it cannot be applied *through* the machine. (In effect, a machine will change the value of the Bernoulli constant.)

Finally, compressibility must be considered for flow of gases. Density changes caused by dynamic compression due to motion may be neglected for engineering purposes if the local Mach number remains below about  $M \approx 0.3$ , as noted in Examples 6.4 and 6.7. Temperature changes can cause significant changes in density of a gas, even for low-speed flow. Thus the Bernoulli equation could not be applied to air flow through a heating element (e.g., of a hand-held hair dryer) where temperature changes are significant.

### 6.3 The Bernoulli Equation Interpreted as an Energy Equation

The Bernoulli equation, Eq. 6.8, was obtained by integrating Euler’s equation along a streamline for steady, incompressible, frictionless flow. Thus Eq. 6.8 was derived from the momentum equation for a fluid particle.

An equation identical in form to Eq. 6.8 (although requiring very different restrictions) may be obtained from the first law of thermodynamics. Our objective in this section is to reduce the energy equation to the form of the Bernoulli equation given by Eq. 6.8. Having arrived at this form, we then compare the restrictions on the two equations to help us understand more clearly the restrictions on the use of Eq. 6.8.

Consider steady flow in the absence of shear forces. We choose a control volume bounded by streamlines along its periphery. Such a boundary, shown in Fig. 6.5, often is called a *stream tube*.

Basic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \overset{=0(1)}{\dot{Q}} - \overset{=0(2)}{\dot{W}_s} - \overset{=0(3)}{\dot{W}_{\text{shear}}} - \overset{=0(4)}{\dot{W}_{\text{other}}} &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho \, dV + \int_{\text{CS}} (e + pv) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ e &= u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \end{aligned} \tag{4.56}$$

Restrictions

- 1  $\dot{W}_s = 0$ .
- 2  $\dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = 0$ .
- 3  $\dot{W}_{\text{other}} = 0$ .
- 4 Steady flow.
- 5 Uniform flow and properties at each section.

(Remember that here  $v$  represents the specific volume, and  $u$  represents the specific internal energy, not velocity!) Under these restrictions, Eq. 4.56 becomes

$$\left( u_1 + p_1 v_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) (-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + \left( u_2 + p_2 v_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) (\rho_2 V_2 A_2) - \dot{Q} = 0$$

From continuity, with restrictions (4) and (5):

$$\sum_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \tag{4.15b}$$

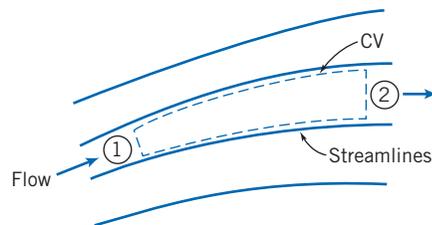


Fig. 6.5 Flow through a stream tube.

or

$$(-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + (\rho_2 V_2 A_2) = 0$$

That is,

$$\dot{m} = \rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2$$

Also

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\delta Q}{dt} = \frac{\delta Q}{dm} \frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{\delta Q}{dm} \dot{m}$$

Thus, from the energy equation, after rearranging

$$\left[ \left( p_2 v_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2 \right) - \left( p_1 v_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 \right) \right] \dot{m} + \left( u_2 - u_1 - \frac{\delta Q}{dm} \right) \dot{m} = 0$$

or

$$p_1 v_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 = p_2 v_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2 + \left( u_2 - u_1 - \frac{\delta Q}{dm} \right)$$

Under the additional assumption (6) of incompressible flow,  $v_1 = v_2 = 1/\rho$  and hence

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2 + \left( u_2 - u_1 - \frac{\delta Q}{dm} \right) \quad (6.14)$$

Equation 6.14 would reduce to the Bernoulli equation if the term in parentheses were zero. Thus, under the further restriction,

$$(7) \quad \left( u_2 - u_1 - \frac{\delta Q}{dm} \right) = 0$$

the energy equation reduces to

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2$$

or

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + g z = \text{constant} \quad (6.15)$$

Equation 6.15 is identical in form to the Bernoulli equation, Eq. 6.8. The Bernoulli equation was derived from momentum considerations (Newton's second law), and is valid for steady, incompressible, frictionless flow along a streamline. Equation 6.15 was obtained by applying the first law of thermodynamics to a stream tube control volume, subject to restrictions 1 through 7 above. Thus the Bernoulli equation (Eq. 6.8) and the identical form of the energy equation (Eq. 6.15) were developed from entirely different models, coming from entirely different basic concepts, and involving different restrictions.

It looks like we needed restriction (7) to finally transform the energy equation into the Bernoulli equation. In fact, we didn't! It turns out that for an incompressible and frictionless flow [restriction (6), and the fact we are looking only at flows with no shear forces], restriction (7) is automatically satisfied, as we will demonstrate in Example 6.7.

For the steady, frictionless, and incompressible flow considered in this section, it is true that the first law of thermodynamics reduces to the Bernoulli equation. Each term in Eq. 6.15 has dimensions of energy per unit mass (we sometimes refer to the three terms in the equation as the "pressure" energy, kinetic energy, and potential energy per unit mass of the fluid). It is not surprising that Eq. 6.15 contains energy terms—after all, we used the first law of thermodynamics in deriving it. How did we end up with the same energy-like terms in the Bernoulli equation, which we derived from the momentum equation? The answer is because we integrated the momentum equation (which involves force terms) along a streamline (which involves distance), and by doing so ended up with work or energy terms (work being defined as force times distance): The work of gravity and pressure forces leads to a kinetic energy change

**Example 6.7** INTERNAL ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER IN FRICTIONLESS INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW

Consider frictionless, incompressible flow with heat transfer. Show that

$$u_2 - u_1 = \frac{\delta Q}{dm}$$

**Given:** Frictionless, incompressible flow with heat transfer.

**Show:**  $u_2 - u_1 = \frac{\delta Q}{dm}$ .

**Solution:** In general, internal energy can be expressed as  $u = u(T, v)$ . For incompressible flow,  $v = \text{constant}$ , and  $u = u(T)$ . Thus the thermodynamic state of the fluid is determined by the single thermodynamic property,  $T$ . For any process, the internal energy change,  $u_2 - u_1$ , depends only on the temperatures at the end states.

From the Gibbs equation,  $Tds = du + \rho dv$ , valid for a pure substance undergoing any process, we obtain

$$Tds = du$$

for incompressible flow, since  $dv = 0$ . Since the internal energy change,  $du$ , between specified end states, is independent of the process, we take a reversible process, for which  $Tds = d(\delta Q/dm) = du$ . Therefore,

$$u_2 - u_1 = \frac{\delta Q}{dm}$$

(which came from integrating momentum over distance). In this context, we can think of the Bernoulli equation as a *mechanical energy balance*—the mechanical energy (“pressure” plus potential plus kinetic) will be constant. We must always bear in mind that for the Bernoulli equation to be valid along a streamline requires an incompressible inviscid flow, in addition to steady flow. It’s interesting that these two properties of the flow—its compressibility and friction—are what “link” thermodynamic and mechanical energies. If a fluid is compressible, any flow-induced pressure changes will compress or expand the fluid, thereby doing work and changing the particle thermal energy; and friction, as we know from everyday experience, always converts mechanical to thermal energy. Their absence, therefore, breaks the link between the mechanical and thermal energies, and they are independent—it’s as if they’re in parallel universes!

In summary, when the conditions are satisfied for the Bernoulli equation to be valid, we can consider separately the mechanical energy and the internal thermal energy of a fluid particle (this is illustrated in Example 6.8); when they are not satisfied, there will be an interaction between these energies, the Bernoulli equation becomes invalid, and we must use the full first law of thermodynamics.

**Example 6.8** FRICTIONLESS FLOW WITH HEAT TRANSFER

Water flows steadily from a large open reservoir through a short length of pipe and a nozzle with cross-sectional area  $A = 0.864 \text{ in.}^2$ . A well-insulated 10 kW heater surrounds the pipe. Find the temperature rise of the water.

**Given:** Water flows from a large reservoir through the system shown and discharges to atmospheric pressure. The heater is 10 kW;  $A_4 = 0.864 \text{ in.}^2$

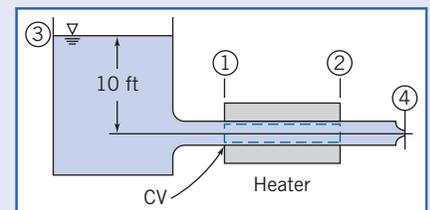
**Find:** The temperature rise of the water between points ① and ②.

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$$

(6.8)



$$\sum_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.13b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0(4) = 0(4) = 0(1) \\ \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} e \rho dV + \int_{CS} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned} \quad (4.56)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Frictionless flow.
- 3 Incompressible flow.
- 4 No shaft work, no shear work.
- 5 Flow along a streamline.
- 6 Uniform flow at each section [a consequence of assumption (2)].

Under the assumptions listed, the first law of thermodynamics for the CV shown becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q} &= \int_{CS} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ &= \int_{A_1} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} + \int_{A_2} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

For uniform properties at ① and ②

$$\dot{Q} = -(\rho V_1 A_1) \left( u_1 + p_1 v + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) + (\rho V_2 A_2) \left( u_2 + p_2 v + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right)$$

From conservation of mass,  $\rho V_1 A_1 = \rho V_2 A_2 = \dot{m}$ , so

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m} \left[ u_2 - u_1 + \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) - \left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) \right]$$

For frictionless, incompressible, steady flow, along a streamline,

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$$

Therefore,

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}(u_2 - u_1)$$

Since, for an incompressible fluid,  $u_2 - u_1 = c(T_2 - T_1)$ , then

$$T_2 - T_1 = \frac{\dot{Q}}{\dot{m}c}$$

From continuity,

$$\dot{m} = \rho V_4 A_4$$

To find  $V_4$ , write the Bernoulli equation between the free surface at ③ and point ④.

$$\frac{p_3}{\rho} + \frac{V_3^2}{2} + gz_3 = \frac{p_4}{\rho} + \frac{V_4^2}{2} + gz_4$$

Since  $p_3 = p_4$  and  $V_3 \approx 0$ , then

$$V_4 = \sqrt{2g(z_3 - z_4)} = \sqrt{2 \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 10 \text{ ft}} = 25.4 \text{ ft/s}$$

and

$$\dot{m} = \rho V_4 A_4 = 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 25.4 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times 0.864 \text{ in.}^2 \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{144 \text{ in.}^2} = 0.296 \text{ slug/s}$$

Assuming no heat loss to the surroundings, we obtain

$$T_2 - T_1 = \frac{\dot{Q}}{\dot{m}c} = 10 \text{ kW} \times 3413 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \\ \times \frac{\text{s}}{0.296 \text{ slug}} \times \frac{\text{slug}}{32.2 \text{ lbm}} \times \frac{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}}{1 \text{ Btu}}$$

$$T_2 - T_1 = 0.995^\circ\text{R} \quad T_2 - T_1$$

This problem illustrates that:

- In general, the first law of thermodynamics and the Bernoulli equation are independent equations.
- For an incompressible, inviscid flow the internal thermal energy is only changed by a heat transfer process, and is independent of the fluid mechanics.

## 6.4 Energy Grade Line and Hydraulic Grade Line

We have learned that for a steady, incompressible, frictionless flow, we may use the Bernoulli equation, Eq. 6.8, derived from the momentum equation, and also Eq. 6.15, derived from the energy equation:

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (6.15)$$

We also interpreted the three terms comprised of “pressure,” kinetic, and potential energies to make up the total mechanical energy, per unit mass, of the fluid. If we divide Eq. 6.15 by  $g$ , we obtain another form,

$$\frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = H \quad (6.16a)$$

Here  $H$  is the *total head* of the flow; it measures the total mechanical energy in units of meters or feet. We will learn in Chapter 8 that in a real fluid (one with friction) this head will *not* be constant but will continuously decrease in value as mechanical energy is converted to thermal; in this chapter  $H$  is constant. We can go one step further here and get a very useful graphical approach if we also define this to be the *energy grade line* (EGL),

$$EGL = \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z \quad (6.16b)$$

This can be measured using the pitot (total head) tube (shown in Fig. 6.3). Placing such a tube in a flow measures the total pressure,  $p_0 = p + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2$ , so this will cause the height of a column of *the same fluid* to rise to a height  $h = p_0/\rho g = p/\rho g + V^2/2g$ . If the vertical location of the pitot tube is  $z$ , measured from some datum (e.g., the ground), the height of column of fluid *measured from the datum* will then be  $h + z = p/\rho g + V^2/2g + z = EGL = H$ . In summary, the height of the column, measured from the datum, attached to a pitot tube directly indicates the EGL.

We can also define the *hydraulic grade line* (HGL),

$$HGL = \frac{p}{\rho g} + z \quad (6.16c)$$

This can be measured using the static pressure tap (shown in Fig. 6.2a). Placing such a tube in a flow measures the static pressure,  $p$ , so this will cause the height of a column of *the same fluid* to rise to a height  $h = p/\rho g$ . If the vertical location of the tap is also at  $z$ , measured from some datum, the height

of column of fluid *measured from the datum* will then be  $h + z = p/\rho g + z = HGL$ . The height of the column attached to a static pressure tap thus directly indicates the HGL.

From Eqs. 6.16b and 6.16c we obtain

$$EGL - HGL = \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad (6.16d)$$

which shows that the difference between the EGL and HGL is always the dynamic pressure term.

To see a graphical interpretation of the EGL and HGL, refer to the example shown in Fig. 6.6, which shows frictionless flow from a reservoir, through a pipe reducer.

At all locations the EGL is the same because there is no loss of mechanical energy. Station ① is at the reservoir, and here the EGL and HGL coincide with the free surface: in Eqs. 6.16b and 6.16c  $p = 0$  (gage),  $V = 0$ , and  $z = z_1$ , so  $EGL_1 = HGL_1 = H = z_1$ ; all of the mechanical energy is potential. (If we were to place a pitot tube in the fluid at station ①, the fluid would of course just rise to the free surface level.)

At station ② we have a pitot (total head) tube and a static head tap. The pitot tube's column indicates the correct value of the EGL ( $EGL_1 = EGL_2 = H$ ), but *something* changed between the two stations: The fluid now has significant kinetic energy and has lost some potential energy (can you determine from the figure what happened to the pressure?). From Eq. 6.16d, we can see that the HGL is lower than the EGL by  $V_2^2/2g$ ; the HGL at station ② shows this.

From station ② to station ③ there is a reduction in diameter, so continuity requires that  $V_3 > V_2$ ; hence the gap between the EGL and HGL increases further, as shown.

Station ④ is at the exit (to the atmosphere). Here the pressure is zero (gage), so the EGL consists entirely of kinetic and potential energy terms, and  $HGL_4 = HGL_3$ . We can summarize two important ideas when sketching EGL and HGL curves:

- 1 The EGL is constant for incompressible, inviscid flow (in the absence of work devices). We will see in Chapter 8 that work devices may increase or decrease the EGL, and friction will always lead to a fall in the EGL.

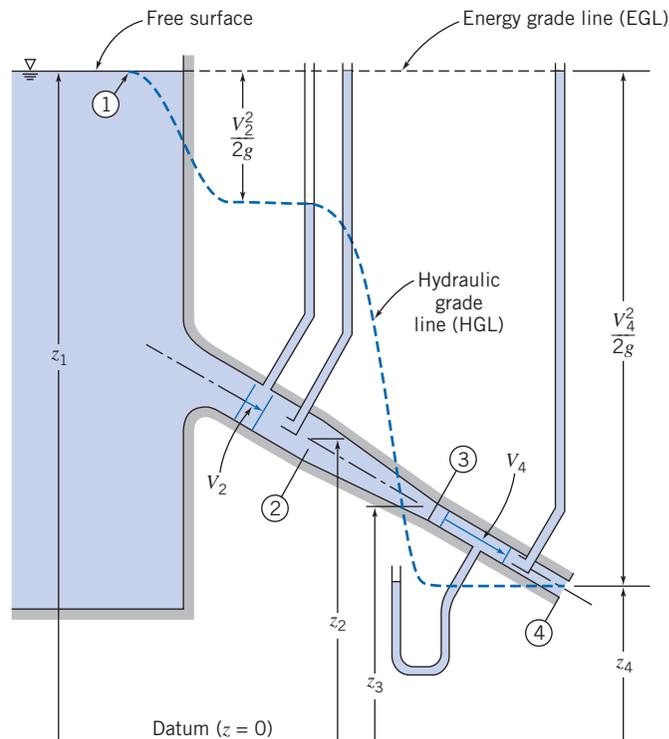


Fig. 6.6 Energy and hydraulic grade lines for frictionless flow.

- 2 The HGL is always lower than the EGL by distance  $V^2/2g$ . Note that the value of velocity  $V$  depends on the overall system (e.g., reservoir height, pipe diameter, etc.), but *changes* in velocity *only* occur when the diameter changes.

## 6.5 Unsteady Bernoulli Equation: Integration of Euler's Equation Along a Streamline (on the Web)

### \*6.6 Irrotational Flow

We have already discussed irrotational flows in Section 5.3. These are flows in which the fluid particles do not rotate ( $\bar{\omega} = 0$ ). We recall that the only stresses that can generate particle rotation are shear stresses; hence, inviscid flows (i.e., those with zero shear stresses) will be irrotational, unless the particles were initially rotating. Using Eq. 5.14, we obtain the irrotationality condition

$$\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0 \quad (6.22)$$

leading to

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (6.23)$$

In cylindrical coordinates, from Eq. 5.16, the irrotationality condition requires that

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad (6.24)$$

### Bernoulli Equation Applied to Irrotational Flow

In Section 6.2, we integrated Euler's equation along a streamline for steady, incompressible, inviscid flow to obtain the Bernoulli equation

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (6.8)$$

Equation 6.8 can be applied between any two points on the *same* streamline. In general, the value of the constant will vary from streamline to streamline.

If, in addition to being inviscid, steady, and incompressible, the flow field is also irrotational (i.e., the particles had no initial rotation), so that  $\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0$  (Eq. 6.22), we can show that Bernoulli's equation can be applied between any and all points in the flow. Then the value of the constant in Eq. 6.8 is the same for all streamlines. To illustrate this, we start with Euler's equation in vector form,

$$(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - g \hat{k} \quad (6.9)$$

Using the vector identity

$$(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) - \vec{V} \times (\nabla \times \vec{V})$$

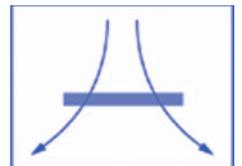
we see for irrotational flow, where  $\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0$ , that

$$(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V})$$

and Euler's equation for irrotational flow can be written as

$$\frac{1}{2} \nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) = \frac{1}{2} \nabla(V^2) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p - g \hat{k} \quad (6.25)$$

\*This section may be omitted without loss of continuity in the text material.



Consider a displacement in the flow field from position  $\vec{r}$  to position  $\vec{r} + d\vec{r}$ ; the displacement  $d\vec{r}$  is an *arbitrary* infinitesimal displacement in *any* direction, not necessarily along a streamline. Taking the dot product of  $d\vec{r} = dx\hat{i} + dy\hat{j} + dz\hat{k}$  with each of the terms in Eq. 6.25, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\nabla(V^2) \cdot d\vec{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p \cdot d\vec{r} - g\hat{k} \cdot d\vec{r}$$

and hence

$$\frac{1}{2}d(V^2) = -\frac{dp}{\rho} - gdz$$

or

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2}d(V^2) + gdz = 0$$

Integrating this equation for incompressible flow gives

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (6.26)$$

Since  $d\vec{r}$  was an arbitrary displacement, Eq. 6.26 is valid between *any* two points (i.e., not just along a streamline) in a steady, incompressible, inviscid flow that is also irrotational (see Example 6.5).

## Velocity Potential

Section 5.2 provides the necessary background for the development of the stream function  $\psi$  for a two-dimensional incompressible flow.

For irrotational flow we can introduce a companion function, the *potential function*  $\phi$ , defined by

$$\vec{V} = -\nabla\phi \quad (6.27)$$

Why this definition? Because it guarantees that *any* continuous scalar function  $\phi(x, y, z, t)$  *automatically* satisfies the irrotationality condition (Eq. 6.22) because of a fundamental identity:<sup>3</sup>

$$\nabla \times \vec{V} = -\nabla \times \nabla\phi = -\text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi) \equiv 0 \quad (6.28)$$

The minus sign (used in most textbooks) is inserted simply so that  $\phi$  decreases in the flow direction (analogous to the temperature decreasing in the direction of heat flow in heat conduction). Thus,

$$u = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}, \quad v = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}, \quad \text{and} \quad w = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \quad (6.29)$$

(You can check that the irrotationality condition, Eq. 6.22, is satisfied identically.)

In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\nabla = \hat{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \hat{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (3.19)$$

From Eq. 6.27, then, in cylindrical coordinates

$$V_r = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} \quad V_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial \theta} \quad V_z = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial z} \quad (6.30)$$

Because  $\nabla \times \nabla\phi \equiv 0$  for all  $\phi$ , the velocity potential exists only for irrotational flow.

Irrotationality may be a valid assumption for those regions of a flow in which viscous forces are negligible. (For example, such a region exists outside the boundary layer in the flow over a wing surface, and can be analyzed to find the lift produced by the wing.) The theory for irrotational flow is developed in terms of an imaginary ideal fluid whose viscosity is identically zero. Since, in an irrotational flow, the

<sup>3</sup>That  $\nabla \times \nabla(\cdot) \equiv 0$  can easily be demonstrated by expanding into components.

velocity field may be defined by the potential function  $\phi$ , the theory is often referred to as potential flow theory.

All real fluids possess viscosity, but there are many situations in which the assumption of inviscid flow considerably simplifies the analysis and, at the same time, gives meaningful results. Because of its relative simplicity and mathematical beauty, potential flow has been studied extensively.<sup>4</sup>

### Stream Function and Velocity Potential for Two-Dimensional, Irrotational, Incompressible Flow: Laplace's Equation

For a two-dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow we have expressions for the velocity components,  $u$  and  $v$ , in terms of both the stream function  $\psi$ , and the velocity potential  $\phi$ ,

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (5.4)$$

$$u = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad (6.29)$$

Substituting for  $u$  and  $v$  from Eq. 5.4 into the irrotationality condition,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (6.23)$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2 \psi = 0 \quad (6.31)$$

Substituting for  $u$  and  $v$  from Eq. 6.29 into the continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (5.3)$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad (6.32)$$

Equations 6.31 and 6.32 are forms of Laplace's equation—an equation that arises in many areas of the physical sciences and engineering. Any function  $\psi$  or  $\phi$  that satisfies Laplace's equation represents a possible two-dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow field.

Table 6.1 summarizes the results of our discussion of the stream function and velocity potential for two dimensional flows.

The same rules (of when incompressibility and irrotationality apply, and with the appropriate form of Laplace's equation) are valid for the stream function and velocity potential when expressed in cylindrical coordinates,

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \quad (5.8)$$

and

$$V_r = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \quad (6.33)$$

<sup>4</sup> Anyone interested in a detailed study of potential flow theory may find [4–6] of interest.

**Table 6.1**

 Definitions of  $\psi$  and  $\phi$ , and Conditions Necessary for Satisfying Laplace's Equation

Definition	Always satisfies ...	Satisfies Laplace equation ... $\frac{\partial^2(\ )}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2(\ )}{\partial y^2} = \nabla^2(\ ) = 0$
Stream function $\psi$ $u = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x}$	... incompressibility: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x\partial y} - \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial y\partial x} \equiv 0$	... only if irrotational: $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial x\partial x} - \frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial y\partial y} = 0$
Velocity potential $\phi$ $u = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} \quad v = -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y}$	... irrotationality: $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x\partial y} - \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial y\partial x} \equiv 0$	... only if incompressible: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial x\partial x} - \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial y\partial y} = 0$

In Section 5.2 we showed that the stream function  $\psi$  is constant along any streamline. For  $\psi = \text{constant}$ ,  $d\psi = 0$  and

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial y} dy = 0$$

The slope of a streamline—a line of constant  $\psi$ —is given by

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\psi} = -\frac{\partial\psi/\partial x}{\partial\psi/\partial y} = -\frac{-v}{u} = \frac{v}{u} \quad (6.34)$$

Along a line of constant  $\phi$ ,  $d\phi = 0$  and

$$d\phi = \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} dy = 0$$

Consequently, the slope of a potential line — a line of constant  $\phi$  — is given by

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\phi} = -\frac{\partial\phi/\partial x}{\partial\phi/\partial y} = -\frac{u}{v} \quad (6.35)$$

(The last equality of Eq. 6.35 follows from use of Eq. 6.29.)

Comparing Eqs. 6.34 and 6.35, we see that the slope of a constant  $\psi$  line at any point is the negative reciprocal of the slope of the constant  $\phi$  line at that point; this means that *lines of constant  $\psi$  and constant  $\phi$  are orthogonal*. This property of potential lines and streamlines is useful in graphical analyses of flow fields. Example 6.10 shows how the velocity potential is computed from the stream function.

### Example 6.10 VELOCITY POTENTIAL

Consider the flow field given by  $\psi = ax^2 - ay^2$ , where  $a = 3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Show that the flow is irrotational. Determine the velocity potential for this flow.

**Given:** Incompressible flow field with  $\psi = ax^2 - ay^2$ , where  $a = 3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

**Find:** (a) Whether or not the flow is irrotational.  
(b) The velocity potential for this flow.

**Solution:** If the flow is irrotational,  $\nabla^2\psi = 0$ . Checking for the given flow,

$$\nabla^2\psi = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(ax^2 - ay^2) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}(ax^2 - ay^2) = 2a - 2a = 0$$

so that the flow is irrotational. As an alternative proof, we can compute the fluid particle rotation (in the  $xy$  plane, the only component of rotation is  $\omega_z$ ):

$$2\omega_z = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

then

$$u = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(ax^2 - ay^2) = -2ay \quad \text{and} \quad v = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(ax^2 - ay^2) = -2ax$$

so

$$2\omega_z = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(-2ax) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-2ay) = -2a + 2a = 0 \quad \leftarrow 2\omega_z$$

Once again, we conclude that the flow is irrotational. Because it is irrotational,  $\phi$  must exist, and

$$u = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

Consequently,  $u = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = -2ay$  and  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2ay$ . Integrating with respect to  $x$  gives  $\phi = 2axy + f(y)$ , where  $f(y)$  is an arbitrary function of  $y$ . Then

$$v = -2ax = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}[2axy + f(y)]$$

Therefore,  $-2ax = -2ax - \frac{df(y)}{dy} = -2ax - \frac{df}{dy}$ , so  $\frac{df}{dy} = 0$  and  $f = \text{constant}$ . Thus

$$\phi = 2axy + \text{constant} \quad \leftarrow \phi$$

We also can show that lines of constant  $\psi$  and constant  $\phi$  are orthogonal.

$$\psi = ax^2 - ay^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = 2axy$$

For  $\psi = \text{constant}$ ,  $d\psi = 0 = 2axdx - 2aydy$ ; hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{\psi=c} = \frac{x}{y}$

For  $\phi = \text{constant}$ ,  $d\phi = 0 = 2aydx + 2axdy$ ; hence  $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{\phi=c} = -\frac{y}{x}$

The slopes of lines of constant  $\phi$  and constant  $\psi$  are negative reciprocals. Therefore lines of constant  $\phi$  are orthogonal to lines of constant  $\psi$ .

This problem illustrates the relations among the stream function, velocity potential, and velocity field.



The stream function  $\psi$  and velocity potential  $\phi$  are shown in the *Excel* workbook. By entering the equations for  $\psi$  and  $\phi$ , other fields can be plotted.

## Elementary Plane Flows

The  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  functions for five elementary two-dimensional flows—a uniform flow, a source, a sink, a vortex, and a doublet—are summarized in Table 6.2. The  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  functions can be obtained from the velocity field for each elementary flow. (We saw in Example 6.10 that we can obtain  $\phi$  from  $u$  and  $v$ .)

A *uniform flow* of constant velocity parallel to the  $x$  axis satisfies the continuity equation and the irrotationality condition identically. In Table 6.2 we have shown the  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  functions for a uniform flow in the positive  $x$  direction.

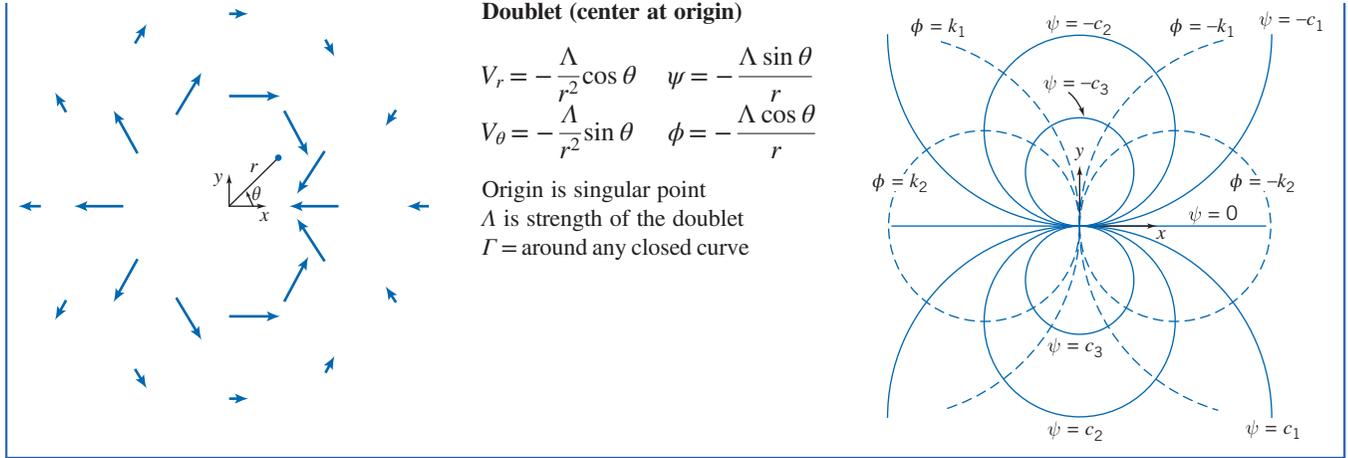
For a uniform flow of constant magnitude  $V$ , inclined at angle  $\alpha$  to the  $x$  axis,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= (V \cos \alpha)y - (V \sin \alpha)x \\ \phi &= -(V \sin \alpha)y - (V \cos \alpha)x \end{aligned}$$

A simple *source* is a flow pattern in the  $xy$  plane in which flow is radially outward from the  $z$  axis and symmetrical in all directions. The strength,  $q$ , of the source is the volume flow rate per unit depth. At any radius,  $r$ , from a source, the tangential velocity,  $V_\theta$ , is zero; the radial velocity,  $V_r$ , is the volume flow rate per unit depth,  $q$ , divided by the flow area per unit depth,  $2\pi r$ . Thus  $V_r = q/2\pi r$  for a source. Knowing  $V_r$  and  $V_\theta$ , obtaining  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  from Eqs. 5.8 and 6.33, respectively, is straightforward.

**Table 6.2**  
Elementary Plane Flows

	<p><b>Uniform Flow (positive x direction)</b></p> $u = U \quad \psi = Uy$ $v = 0 \quad \phi = -Ux$ <p><math>\Gamma = 0</math> around any closed curve</p>	
	<p><b>Source Flow (from origin)</b></p> $V_r = \frac{q}{2\pi r} \quad \psi = \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta$ $V_\theta = 0 \quad \phi = -\frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r$ <p>Origin is singular point <math>q</math> is volume flow rate per unit depth <math>\Gamma = 0</math> around any closed curve</p>	
	<p><b>Sink Flow (toward origin)</b></p> $V_r = -\frac{q}{2\pi r} \quad \psi = -\frac{q}{2\pi}\theta$ $V_\theta = 0 \quad \phi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r$ <p>Origin is singular point <math>q</math> is volume flow rate per unit depth <math>\Gamma = 0</math> around any closed curve</p>	
	<p><b>Irrotational Vortex (counterclockwise, center at origin)</b></p> $V_r = 0 \quad \psi = -\frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r$ $V_\theta = \frac{K}{2\pi r} \quad \phi = -\frac{K}{2\pi} \theta$ <p>Origin is singular point <math>K</math> is strength of the vortex <math>\Gamma = K</math> around any closed curve enclosing origin <math>\Gamma = 0</math> around any closed curve not enclosing origin</p>	



In a simple *sink*, flow is radially inward; a sink is a negative source. The  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  functions for a sink shown in Table 6.2 are the negatives of the corresponding functions for a source flow.

The origin of either a sink or a source is a singular point, since the radial velocity approaches infinity as the radius approaches zero. Thus, while an actual flow may resemble a source or a sink for some values of  $r$ , sources and sinks have no exact physical counterparts. The primary value of the concept of sources and sinks is that, when combined with other elementary flows, they produce flow patterns that adequately represent realistic flows.

A flow pattern in which the streamlines are concentric circles is a vortex; in a *free (irrotational) vortex*, fluid particles do not rotate as they translate in circular paths around the vortex center. There are a number of ways of obtaining the velocity field, for example, by combining the equation of motion (Euler’s equation) and the Bernoulli equation to eliminate the pressure. Here, though, for circular streamlines, we have  $V_r = 0$  and  $V_\theta = f(\theta)$  only. We also have previously introduced the condition of irrotationality in cylindrical coordinates,

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} = 0 \tag{6.24}$$

Hence, using the known forms of  $V_r$  and  $V_\theta$ , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d(rV_\theta)}{dr} = 0$$

Integrating this equation gives

$$V_\theta r = \text{constant}$$

The strength,  $K$ , of the vortex is defined as  $K = 2\pi r V_\theta$ ; the dimensions of  $K$  are  $L^2/t$  (volume flow rate per unit depth). Once again, knowing  $V_r$  and  $V_\theta$ , obtaining  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  from Eqs. 5.8 and 6.33, respectively, is straightforward. The irrotational vortex is a reasonable approximation to the flow field in a tornado except in the region of the origin; the origin is a singular point.

The final “elementary” flow listed in Table 6.2 is the *doublet* of strength  $\Lambda$ . This flow is produced mathematically by allowing a source and a sink of numerically equal strengths to merge. In the limit, as the distance,  $\delta s$ , between them approaches zero, their strengths increase so the product  $q\delta s/2\pi$  tends to a finite value,  $\Lambda$ , which is termed the strength of the doublet.

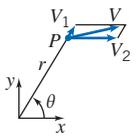
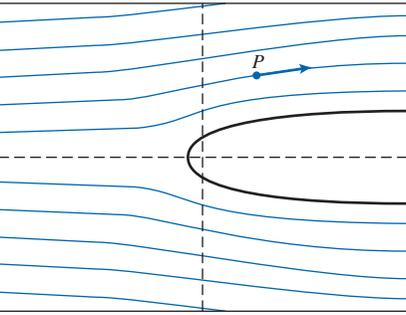
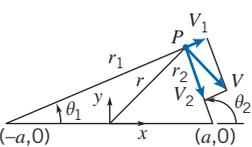
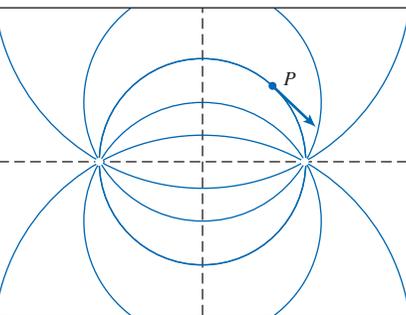
### Superposition of Elementary Plane Flows

We saw earlier that both  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  satisfy Laplace’s equation for flow that is both incompressible and irrotational. Since Laplace’s equation is a linear, homogeneous partial differential equation, solutions may be superposed (added together) to develop more complex and interesting patterns of flow. Thus if  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  satisfy Laplace’s equation, then so does  $\psi_3 = \psi_1 + \psi_2$ . The elementary plane flows are the building blocks in this superposition process. There is one note of caution: While Laplace’s equation for the stream function, and the stream function-velocity field equations (Eq. 5.3) are linear, the Bernoulli

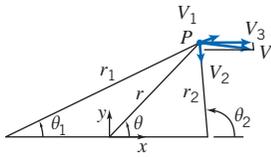
equation is not; hence, in the superposition process we will have  $\psi_3 = \psi_1 + \psi_2$ ,  $u_3 = u_1 + u_2$ , and  $v_3 = v_1 + v_2$ , but  $p_3 \neq p_1 + p_2$ ! We must use the Bernoulli equation, which is nonlinear in  $V$ , to find  $p_3$ .

We can add together elementary flows to try and generate recognizable flow patterns. The simplest superposition approach is called the *direct* method, in which we try different combinations of elementary flows and see what kinds of flow patterns are produced. This sounds like a random process, but with a little experience it becomes a quite logical process. For example, look at some of the classic examples listed in Table 6.3. The source and uniform flow combination makes sense—we would intuitively expect a source to partially push its way upstream, and to divert the flow around it. The source, sink, and uniform flow (generating what is called a Rankine body) is also not surprising—the entire flow out of the source makes its way into the sink, leading to a closed streamline. *Any streamline can be interpreted as a solid surface because there is no flow across it*; we can therefore pretend that this closed streamline represents a solid. We could easily generalize this source-sink approach to any number of sources and sinks distributed along the  $x$  axis, and as long as the sum of the source and sink strengths added up to zero, we would generate a closed streamline body shape. The doublet-uniform flow (with or without a vortex) generates a very interesting result: flow over a cylinder (with or without circulation)! We first saw the flow without circulation in Fig. 2.12a. The flow with a clockwise vortex produces a top-to-bottom asymmetry. This is because in the region above the cylinder the velocities due to the uniform flow and vortex are in the same overall direction and lead to a high velocity; below the cylinder they are in opposite directions and therefore lead to a low velocity. As we have learned, whenever velocities are high, streamlines will be close together, and vice versa—explaining the pattern shown. More importantly, from the Bernoulli equation we know that whenever the velocity is high the pressure will be low, and vice versa—hence, we can anticipate that the cylinder with circulation will experience a net upward force (lift) due to pressure. This approach, of looking at streamline patterns to see where we have regions of high or low velocity and hence low or high pressure, is very useful. We will examine these last two flows in Examples 6.11 and 6.12. The last example in Table 6.3, the vortex pair, hints at a way to create flows that simulate the presence of a wall or walls: for the  $y$  axis to be a streamline (and thus a wall), simply make sure that any objects (e.g., a source, a vortex) in the positive  $x$  quadrants have mirror-image objects in the negative  $x$  quadrants; the  $y$  axis will thus be a line of symmetry. For a flow pattern in a  $90^\circ$  corner, we need to place objects so that we have symmetry with respect to both the  $x$  and  $y$  axes. For flow

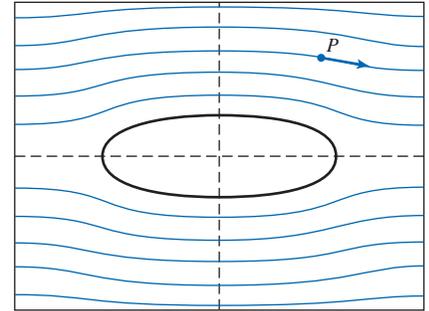
**Table 6.3**  
Superposition of Elementary Plane Flows

<p><b>Source and Uniform Flow (flow past a half-body)</b></p> 	$\psi = \psi_{so} + \psi_{uf} = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta + Uy$ $\psi = \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta + Ur \sin \theta$ $\phi = \phi_{so} + \phi_{uf} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 = -\frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r - Ux$ $\phi = -\frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r - Ur \cos \theta$	
<p><b>Source and Sink (equal strength, separation distance on <math>x</math> axis = <math>2a</math>)</b></p> 	$\psi = \psi_{so} + \psi_{si} = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta_1 - \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta_2$ $\psi = \frac{q}{2\pi}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$ $\phi = \phi_{so} + \phi_{si} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 = -\frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r_1 + \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r_2$ $\phi = \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$	

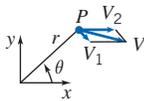
**Source, Sink, and Uniform Flow (flow past a Rankine body)**



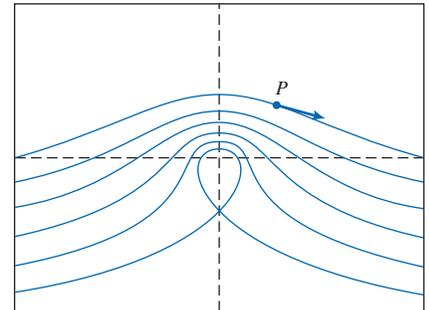
$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_{so} + \psi_{si} + \psi_{uf} = \psi_1 + \psi_2 + \psi_3 \\ &= \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta_1 - \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta_2 + Uy \\ \psi &= \frac{q}{2\pi}(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + Ur \sin \theta \\ \phi &= \phi_{so} + \phi_{si} + \phi_{uf} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 \\ &= -\frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r_1 + \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln r_2 - Ux \\ \phi &= \frac{q}{2\pi} \ln \frac{r_2}{r_1} - Ur \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$



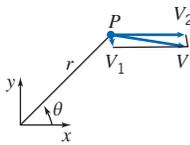
**Vortex (clockwise) and Uniform Flow**



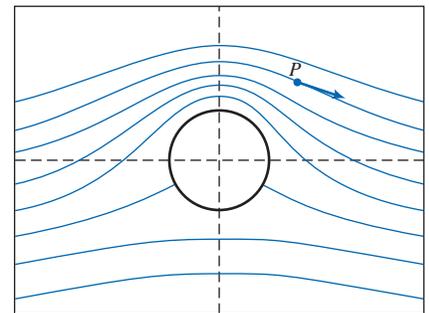
$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_v + \psi_{uf} = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r + Uy \\ \psi &= \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r + Ur \sin \theta \\ \phi &= \phi_v + \phi_{uf} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 = \frac{K}{2\pi} \theta - Ux \\ \phi &= \frac{K}{2\pi} \theta - Ur \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$



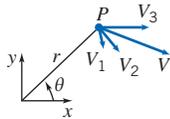
**Doublet and Uniform Flow (flow past a cylinder)**



$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_d + \psi_{uf} = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r} + Uy \\ &= -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r} + Ur \sin \theta \\ \psi &= U \left( r - \frac{\Lambda}{Ur} \right) \sin \theta \\ \psi &= Ur \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta \quad a = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{U}} \\ \phi &= \phi_d + \phi_{uf} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 = -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r} - Ux \\ &= -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r} - Ur \cos \theta \\ \phi &= -U \left( r + \frac{\Lambda}{Ur} \right) \cos \theta = -Ur \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

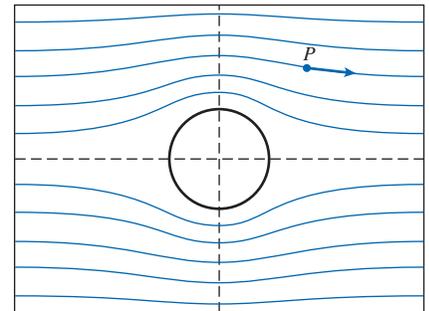


**Doublet, Vortex (clockwise), and Uniform Flow (flow past a cylinder with circulation)**



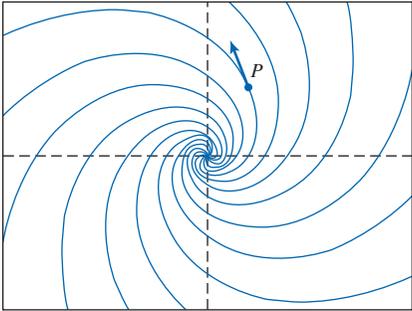
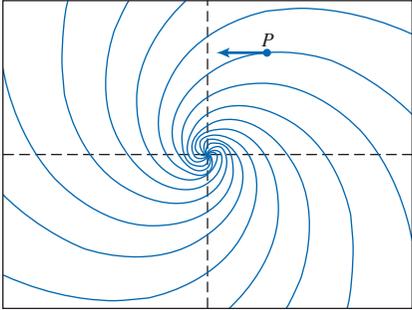
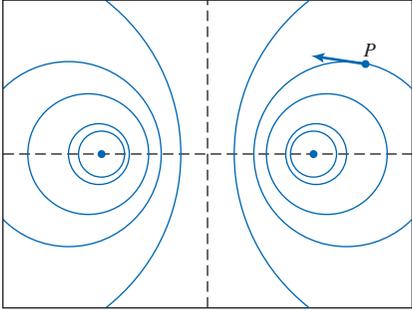
$$a = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{U}}; K < 4\pi aU$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_d + \psi_v + \psi_{uf} = \psi_1 + \psi_2 + \psi_3 \\ &= -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r} + \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r + Uy \\ \psi &= -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r} + \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r + Ur \sin \theta \\ \psi &= Ur \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta + \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r \\ \phi &= \phi_d + \phi_v + \phi_{uf} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3 \\ &= -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{K}{2\pi} \theta - Ux \\ \phi &= -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r} + \frac{K}{2\pi} \theta - Ur \cos \theta \\ \phi &= -Ur \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta + \frac{K}{2\pi} \theta \end{aligned}$$



(Continued)

**Table 6.3**  
Superposition of Elementary Plane Flows (Continued)

<p><b>Source and Vortex (spiral vortex)</b></p>	$\psi = \psi_{so} + \psi_v = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = \frac{q}{2\pi}\theta - \frac{K}{2\pi}\ln r$ $\phi = \phi_{so} + \phi_v = \phi_1 + \phi_2 = -\frac{q}{2\pi}\ln r - \frac{K}{2\pi}\theta$	
<p><b>Sink and Vortex</b></p>	$\psi = \psi_{si} + \psi_v = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = -\frac{q}{2\pi}\theta - \frac{K}{2\pi}\ln r$ $\phi = \phi_{si} + \phi_v = \phi_1 + \phi_2 = \frac{q}{2\pi}\ln r - \frac{K}{2\pi}\theta$	
<p><b>Vortex Pair (equal strength, opposite rotation, separation distance on x axis = 2a)</b></p>	$\psi = \psi_{v1} + \psi_{v2} = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = -\frac{K}{2\pi}\ln r_1 + \frac{K}{2\pi}\ln r_2$ $\psi = \frac{K}{2\pi}\ln \frac{r_2}{r_1}$ $\phi = \phi_{v1} + \phi_{v2} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 = -\frac{K}{2\pi}\theta_1 + \frac{K}{2\pi}\theta_2$ $\phi = \frac{K}{2\pi}(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$	

**Example 6.11 FLOW OVER A CYLINDER: SUPERPOSITION OF DOUBLET AND UNIFORM FLOW**

For two-dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow, the superposition of a doublet and a uniform flow represents flow around a circular cylinder. Obtain the stream function and velocity potential for this flow pattern. Find the velocity field, locate the stagnation points and the cylinder surface, and obtain the surface pressure distribution. Integrate the pressure distribution to obtain the drag and lift forces on the circular cylinder.

**Given:** Two-dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow formed from superposition of a doublet and a uniform flow.

- Find:**
- Stream function and velocity potential.
  - Velocity field.
  - Stagnation points.
  - Cylinder surface.
  - Surface pressure distribution.
  - Drag force on the circular cylinder.
  - Lift force on the circular cylinder.

**Solution:** Stream functions may be added because the flow field is incompressible and irrotational. Thus from Table 6.2, the stream function for the combination is

$$\psi = \psi_d + \psi_{uf} = -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r} + Ur \sin \theta \leftarrow \psi$$

The velocity potential is

$$\phi = \phi_d + \phi_{uf} = -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r} - Ur \cos \theta \leftarrow \phi$$

The corresponding velocity components are obtained using Eqs. 6.30 as

$$V_r = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r^2} + U \cos \theta$$

$$V_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r^2} - U \sin \theta$$

The velocity field is

$$\vec{V} = V_r \hat{e}_r + V_\theta \hat{e}_\theta = \left( -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r^2} + U \cos \theta \right) \hat{e}_r + \left( -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r^2} - U \sin \theta \right) \hat{e}_\theta \leftarrow \vec{V}$$

Stagnation points are where  $\vec{V} = V_r \hat{e}_r + V_\theta \hat{e}_\theta = 0$

$$V_r = -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r^2} + U \cos \theta = \cos \theta \left( U - \frac{\Lambda}{r^2} \right)$$

Thus  $V_r = 0$  when  $r = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{U}} = a$ . Also,

$$V_\theta = -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r^2} - U \sin \theta = -\sin \theta \left( U + \frac{\Lambda}{r^2} \right)$$

Thus  $V_\theta = 0$  when  $\theta = 0, \pi$ .

Stagnation points are  $(r, \theta) = (a, 0), (a, \pi)$ . Stagnation points

Note that  $V_r = 0$  along  $r = a$ , so this represents flow around a circular cylinder, as shown in Table 6.3. Flow is irrotational, so the Bernoulli equation may be applied between any two points. Applying the equation between a point far upstream and a point on the surface of the cylinder (neglecting elevation differences), we obtain

$$\frac{p_\infty}{\rho} + \frac{U^2}{2} = \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2}$$

Thus,

$$p - p_\infty = \frac{1}{2} \rho (U^2 - V^2)$$

Along the surface,  $r = a$ , and

$$V^2 = V_\theta^2 = \left( -\frac{\Lambda}{a^2} - U \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta = 4U^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

since  $\Lambda = Ua^2$ . Substituting yields

$$p - p_\infty = \frac{1}{2} \rho (U^2 - 4U^2 \sin^2 \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta)$$

or

$$\frac{p - p_\infty}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2} = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta \leftarrow \text{Pressure distribution}$$

Drag is the force component parallel to the freestream flow direction. The drag force is given by

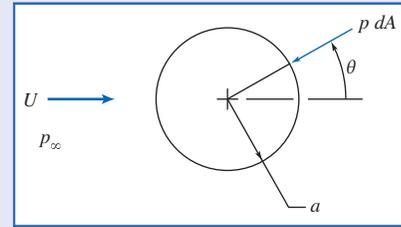
$$F_D = \int_A -p \, dA \cos \theta = \int_0^{2\pi} -p a \, d\theta b \cos \theta$$

since  $dA = a \, d\theta b$ , where  $b$  is the length of the cylinder normal to the diagram.

Substituting  $p = p_\infty + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_D &= \int_0^{2\pi} -p_\infty ab \cos \theta \, d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} -\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta) ab \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= -p_\infty ab \sin \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 ab \sin \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 ab \frac{4}{3} \sin^3 \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_D = 0 \leftarrow \text{-----} F_D$$



Lift is the force component normal to the freestream flow direction. (By convention, positive lift is an upward force.)

The lift force is given by

$$F_L = \int_A p \, dA (-\sin \theta) = - \int_0^{2\pi} p a \, d\theta b \sin \theta$$

Substituting for  $p$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} F_L &= - \int_0^{2\pi} p_\infty ab \sin \theta \, d\theta - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta) ab \sin \theta \, d\theta \\ &= p_\infty a b \cos \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 ab \cos \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 ab \left[ \frac{4 \cos^3 \theta}{3} - 4 \cos \theta \right]_0^{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_L = 0 \leftarrow \text{-----} F_L$$

This problem illustrates:

- How elementary plane flows can be combined to generate interesting and useful flow patterns.
- d'Alembert's paradox, that potential flows over a body do not generate drag.



The stream function and pressure distribution are plotted in the Excel workbook.

### Example 6.12 FLOW OVER A CYLINDER WITH CIRCULATION: SUPERPOSITION OF DOUBLET, UNIFORM FLOW, AND CLOCKWISE FREE VORTEX

For two-dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow, the superposition of a doublet, a uniform flow, and a free vortex represents the flow around a circular cylinder with circulation. Obtain the stream function and velocity potential for this flow pattern, using a clockwise free vortex. Find the velocity field, locate the stagnation points and the cylinder surface, and obtain the surface pressure distribution. Integrate the pressure distribution to obtain the drag and lift forces on the circular cylinder. Relate the lift force on the cylinder to the circulation of the free vortex.

**Given:** Two-dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow formed from superposition of a doublet, a uniform flow, and a clockwise free vortex.

- Find:**
- Stream function and velocity potential.
  - Velocity field.
  - Stagnation points.
  - Cylinder surface.
  - Surface pressure distribution.
  - Drag force on the circular cylinder.
  - Lift force on the circular cylinder.
  - Lift force in terms of circulation of the free vortex.

**Solution:** Stream functions may be added because the flow field is incompressible and irrotational. From Table 6.2, the stream function and velocity potential for a clockwise free vortex are

$$\psi_{fv} = \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r \quad \phi_{fv} = \frac{K}{2\pi} \theta$$

Using the results of Example 6.11, the stream function for the combination is

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_d + \psi_{uf} + \psi_{fv} \\ \psi &= -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r} + Ur \sin \theta + \frac{K}{2\pi} \ln r \end{aligned} \quad \psi$$

The velocity potential for the combination is

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \phi_d + \phi_{uf} + \phi_{fv} \\ \phi &= -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r} - Ur \cos \theta + \frac{K}{2\pi} \theta \end{aligned} \quad \phi$$

The corresponding velocity components are obtained using Eqs. 6.30 as

$$V_r = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r^2} + U \cos \theta \quad (1)$$

$$V_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r^2} - U \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi r} \quad (2)$$

The velocity field is

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{V} &= V_r \hat{e}_r + V_\theta \hat{e}_\theta \\ \vec{V} &= \left( -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r^2} + U \cos \theta \right) \hat{e}_r + \left( -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{r^2} - U \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi r} \right) \hat{e}_\theta \end{aligned} \quad \vec{V}$$

Stagnation points are located where  $\vec{V} = V_r \hat{e}_r + V_\theta \hat{e}_\theta = 0$ . From Eq. 1,

$$V_r = -\frac{\Lambda \cos \theta}{r^2} + U \cos \theta = \cos \theta \left( U - \frac{\Lambda}{r^2} \right)$$

Thus  $V_r = 0$  when  $r = \sqrt{\Lambda/U} = a$  Cylinder surface

The stagnation points are located on  $r = a$ . Substituting into Eq. 2 with  $r = a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V_\theta &= -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{a^2} - U \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi a} \\ &= -\frac{\Lambda \sin \theta}{\Lambda/U} - U \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi a} \\ V_\theta &= -2U \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi a} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $V_\theta = 0$  along  $r = a$  when

$$\sin \theta = -\frac{K}{4\pi Ua} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-K}{4\pi Ua} \right]$$

Stagnation points:  $r = a \quad \theta = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-K}{4\pi Ua} \right]$  Stagnation points

As in Example 6.11,  $V_r = 0$  along  $r = a$ , so this flow field once again represents flow around a circular cylinder, as shown in Table 6.3. For  $K = 0$  the solution is identical to that of Example 6.11.

The presence of the free vortex ( $K > 0$ ) moves the stagnation points below the center of the cylinder. Thus the free vortex alters the vertical symmetry of the flow field. The flow field has two stagnation points for a range of vortex strengths between  $K = 0$  and  $K = 4\pi Ua$ .

A single stagnation point is located at  $\theta = -\pi/2$  when  $K = 4\pi Ua$ .

Even with the free vortex present, the flow field is irrotational, so the Bernoulli equation may be applied between any two points. Applying the equation between a point far upstream and a point on the surface of the cylinder we obtain

$$\frac{p_\infty}{\rho} + \frac{U^2}{2} + gz = \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz$$

Thus, neglecting elevation differences,

$$p - p_\infty = \frac{1}{2}\rho(U^2 - V^2) = \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{U}{V} \right)^2 \right]$$

Along the surface  $r = a$  and  $V_r = 0$ , so

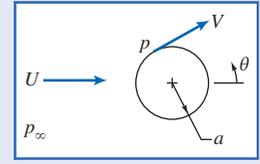
$$V^2 = V_\theta^2 = \left( -2U \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi a} \right)^2$$

and

$$\left( \frac{V}{U} \right)^2 = 4 \sin^2 \theta + \frac{2K}{\pi U a} \sin \theta + \frac{K^2}{4\pi^2 U^2 a^2}$$

Thus

$$p = p_\infty + \frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 \left( 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta - \frac{2K}{\pi U a} \sin \theta - \frac{K^2}{4\pi^2 U^2 a^2} \right) \leftarrow \text{-----} p(\theta)$$



Drag is the force component parallel to the freestream flow direction. As in Example 6.11, the drag force is given by

$$F_D = \int_A -p \, dA \cos \theta = \int_0^{2\pi} -p a \, d\theta b \cos \theta$$

since  $dA = a \, d\theta b$ , where  $b$  is the length of the cylinder normal to the diagram.

Comparing pressure distributions, the free vortex contributes only to the terms containing the factor  $K$ . The contribution of these terms to the drag force is

$$\frac{F_{D_{fv}}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{2K}{\pi U a} \sin \theta + \frac{K^2}{4\pi^2 U^2 a^2} \right) ab \cos \theta \, d\theta \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{F_{D_{fv}}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{2K}{\pi U a} ab \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2} \right]_0^{2\pi} + \frac{K^2}{4\pi^2 U^2 a^2} ab \left[ \sin \theta \right]_0^{2\pi} = 0 \leftarrow \text{-----} F_D$$

Lift is the force component normal to the freestream flow direction. (Upward force is defined as positive lift.) The lift force is given by

$$F_L = \int_A -p \, dA \sin \theta = \int_0^{2\pi} -p a \, d\theta b \sin \theta$$

Comparing pressure distributions, the free vortex contributes only to the terms containing the factor  $K$ . The contribution of these terms to the lift force is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F_{L_{fv}}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{2K}{\pi U a} \sin \theta + \frac{K^2}{4\pi^2 U^2 a^2} \right) ab \sin \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{2K}{\pi U a} \int_0^{2\pi} ab \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta + \frac{K^2}{4\pi^2 U^2 a^2} \int_0^{2\pi} ab \sin \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{2Kb}{\pi U} \left[ \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{4} \right]_0^{2\pi} - \frac{K^2 b}{4\pi^2 U^2 a} \left[ \cos \theta \right]_0^{2\pi} \\ \frac{F_{L_{fv}}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} &= \frac{2Kb}{\pi U} \left[ \frac{2\pi}{2} \right] = \frac{2Kb}{U} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $F_{L_{jo}} = \rho UKb \leftarrow$

$F_L$

The *circulation* is defined by Eq. 5.18 as

$$\Gamma \equiv \oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

On the cylinder surface,  $r = a$ , and  $\vec{V} = V_\theta \hat{e}_\theta$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left( -2U \sin \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi a} \right) \hat{e}_\theta \cdot a d\theta \hat{e}_\theta \\ &= - \int_0^{2\pi} 2Ua \sin \theta d\theta - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{K}{2\pi} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma = -K \leftarrow \text{Circulation}$$

Substituting into the expression for lift,

$$F_L = \rho UKb = \rho U(-\Gamma)b = -\rho U \Gamma b$$

or the lift force per unit length of cylinder is

$$\frac{F_L}{b} = -\rho U \Gamma \leftarrow \frac{F_L}{b}$$

*This problem illustrates:*

- Once again d'Alembert's paradox, that potential flows do not generate drag on a body.
- That the lift per unit length is  $-\rho U \Gamma$ . It turns out that this expression for lift is the same for *all* bodies in an ideal fluid flow, regardless of shape!

 The stream function and pressure distribution are plotted in the *Excel* workbook.

in a corner whose angle is a fraction of  $90^\circ$  (e.g.,  $30^\circ$ ), we need to place objects in a radially symmetric fashion.

Because Laplace's equation appears in many engineering and physics applications, it has been extensively studied. We saw in Example 5.12 that Laplace's equation is sometimes amenable to a fairly simple numerical solution using a spreadsheet. For analytic solutions, one approach is to use conformal mapping with complex notation. It turns out that *any* continuous complex function  $f(z)$  (where  $z = x + iy$ , and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ) is a solution of Laplace's equation, and can therefore represent both  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ . With this approach many elegant mathematical results have been derived [7–10]. We mention only two: the circle theorem, which enables any given flow [e.g., from a source at some point  $(a, b)$ ] to be easily transformed to allow for the presence of a cylinder at the origin; and the Schwarz-Christoffel theorem, which enables a given flow to be transformed to allow for the presence of virtually unlimited stepwise linear boundaries (e.g., the presence on the  $x$  axis of the silhouette of a building).

Much of this analytical work was done centuries ago, when it was called “hydrodynamics” instead of potential theory. A list of famous contributors includes Bernoulli, Lagrange, d'Alembert, Cauchy, Rankine, and Euler [11]. As we discussed in Section 2.6, the theory immediately ran into difficulties: In an ideal fluid flow no body experiences drag—the d'Alembert paradox of 1752—a result completely counter to experience. Prandtl, in 1904, resolved this discrepancy by describing how real flows may be essentially inviscid almost everywhere, but there is always a “boundary layer” adjacent to the body. In this layer significant viscous effects occur, and the no-slip condition is satisfied (in potential flow theory the no-slip condition is not satisfied). Development of this concept, and the Wright brothers' historic first human flight, led to rapid developments in aeronautics starting in the 1900s. We will study boundary layers in detail in Chapter 9, where we will see that their existence leads to drag on bodies, and also affects the lift of bodies.

An alternative superposition approach is the *inverse* method in which distributions of objects such as sources, sinks, and vortices are used to model a body [12]. It is called inverse because the body shape is deduced based on a desired pressure distribution. Both the direct and inverse methods, including three-dimensional space, are today mostly analyzed using computer applications such as *Fluent* [13] and *STAR-CD* [14].

### 6.7 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we have:

- ✓ Derived Euler’s equations in vector form and in rectangular, cylindrical, and streamline coordinates.
- ✓ Obtained Bernoulli’s equation by integrating Euler’s equation along a steady-flow streamline, and discussed its restrictions. We have also seen how for a steady, incompressible flow through a stream tube the first law of thermodynamics reduces to the Bernoulli equation if certain restrictions apply.
- ✓ Defined the static, dynamic, and stagnation (or total) pressures.
- ✓ Defined the energy and hydraulic grade lines.
- ✓ \*Derived an unsteady flow Bernoulli equation, and discussed its restrictions.
- ✓ \*Observed that for an irrotational flow that is steady and incompressible, the Bernoulli equation applies between *any* two points in the flow.
- ✓ \*Defined the velocity potential  $\phi$  and discussed its restrictions.

We have also explored in detail two-dimensional, incompressible, and irrotational flows, and learned that for these flows: the stream function  $\psi$  and the velocity potential  $\phi$  satisfy Laplace’s equation;  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  can be derived from the velocity components, and vice versa, and the iso-lines of the stream function  $\psi$  and the velocity potential  $\phi$  are orthogonal. We explored for such flows how to combine potential flows to generate various flow patterns, and how to determine the pressure distribution and lift and drag on, for example, a cylindrical shape.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

#### Useful Equations

The Euler equation for incompressible, inviscid flow:	$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \rho \vec{g} - \nabla p$	(6.1)	Page 199
The Euler equation (rectangular coordinates):	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$	(6.2a)	Page 199
	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}$	(6.2b)	
	$\rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$	(6.2c)	
The Euler equation (cylindrical coordinates):	$\rho a_r = \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} \right) = \rho g_r - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r}$	(6.3a)	Page 199
$\rho a_\theta = \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} \right) = \rho g_\theta - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta}$	(6.3b)		
$\rho a_z = \rho \left( \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \right) = \rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$	(6.3c)		

\*These topics apply to sections that may be omitted without loss of continuity in the text material.

Table (Continued)

The Bernoulli equation (steady, incompressible, inviscid, along a streamline):	$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$	(6.8)	Page 203
Definition of total head of a flow:	$\frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = H$	(6.16a)	Page 217
Definition of energy grade line (EGL):	$EGL = \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z$	(6.16b)	Page 217
Definition of hydraulic grade line (HGL):	$HGL = \frac{p}{\rho g} + z$	(6.16c)	Page 217
Relation between EGL, HGL, and dynamic pressure:	$EGL - HGL = \frac{V^2}{2g}$	(6.16d)	Page 218
Definition of stream function (2D, incompressible flow):	$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$	(5.4)	Page 221
Definition of velocity potential (2D irrotational flow):	$u = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$	(6.29)	Page 221
Definition of stream function (2D, incompressible flow, cylindrical coordinates):	$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$	(5.8)	Page 221
Definition of velocity potential (2D irrotational flow, cylindrical coordinates):	$V_r = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}$	(6.33)	Page 221

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## PROBLEMS

## Euler's Equation

**6.1** An incompressible frictionless flow field is given by  $\vec{V} = (Ax + By)\hat{i} + (Bx - Ay)\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $B = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters. Find the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of a fluid particle at point  $(x, y) = (2, 2)$ . Find the pressure gradient at the same point, if  $\vec{g} = -g\hat{j}$  and the fluid is water.

**6.2** A velocity field in a fluid with density of  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  is given by  $\vec{V} = (-Ax + By)\hat{i} + (Ay + Bx)\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ s}^{-2}$  and  $B = 1 \text{ s}^{-2}$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are in meters, and  $t$  is in seconds. Body forces are negligible. Evaluate  $\nabla p$  at point  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$  at  $t = 1 \text{ s}$ .

**6.3** The  $x$  component of velocity in an incompressible flow field is given by  $u = Ax$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and the coordinates are measured in meters. The pressure at point  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  is  $p_0 = 190 \text{ kPa}$  gage. The density is  $\rho = 1.50 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and the  $z$  axis is vertical. Evaluate the simplest possible  $y$  component of velocity. Calculate the fluid acceleration and determine the pressure gradient at point  $(x, y) = (2, 1)$ . Find the pressure distribution along the positive  $x$  axis.

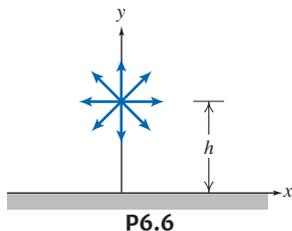
**6.4** Consider the flow field with the velocity given by  $\vec{V} = 3\hat{i} + 5t\hat{j} + 8t^2\hat{k}$ , where the velocity is in m/s and  $t$  is in seconds. The fluid density is  $800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and gravity acts in the negative  $z$  direction. Determine the velocity, acceleration, and pressure gradient of the fluid at one second time increments from time = 0, 1 to time = 5 seconds.

**6.5** Consider the flow field with the velocity given by  $\vec{V} = 4y\hat{i} + 3x\hat{j}$ , where the velocity is in ft/s and the coordinates are in feet. The fluid density is  $1.5 \text{ slug/ft}^3$  and gravity acts in the negative  $y$  direction. Determine general expressions for the acceleration and pressure gradient. Plot the acceleration and pressure gradient in the  $y$  direction for  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2 \text{ ft}$ .

 **6.6** The velocity field for a plane source located distance  $h = 1 \text{ m}$  above an infinite wall aligned along the  $x$  axis is given by

$$\vec{V} = \frac{q}{2\pi[x^2 + (y-h)^2]} [x\hat{i} + (y-h)\hat{j}] + \frac{q}{2\pi[x^2 + (y+h)^2]} [x\hat{i} + (y+h)\hat{j}]$$

where  $q = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s/m}$ . The fluid density is  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and body forces are negligible. Derive expressions for the velocity and acceleration of a fluid particle that moves along the wall, and plot from  $x = 0$  to  $x = +10h$ . Verify that the velocity and acceleration normal to the wall are zero. Plot the pressure gradient  $\partial p/\partial x$  along the wall. Is the pressure gradient along the wall adverse (does it oppose fluid motion) or not?



**6.7** In a two-dimensional frictionless, incompressible ( $\rho = 1500 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) flow, the velocity field in meters per second is given by  $\vec{V} = (Ax + By)\hat{i} + (Bx - Ay)\hat{j}$ ; the coordinates are measured in meters, and  $A = 4 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $B = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The pressure is  $p(0) = 200 \text{ kPa}$  at point  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ . Obtain an expression for the pressure field,  $p(x, y)$  in terms of  $p_0$ ,  $A$ , and  $B$ , and evaluate at point  $(x, y) = (2, 2)$ .

**6.8** Consider a two-dimensional incompressible flow flowing downward against a plate. The velocity is given by  $\vec{V} = Ax\hat{i} - Ay\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are in meters. Determine general expressions for the acceleration and pressure gradients in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. Plot the pressure gradient along the plate from  $y = 0$  to  $y = 3 \text{ m}$  and the pressure gradient along the centerline from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 3 \text{ m}$ .

**6.9** An incompressible liquid with a density of  $900 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and negligible viscosity flows steadily through a horizontal pipe of constant diameter. In a porous section of length  $L = 2 \text{ m}$ , liquid is removed at a variable rate along the length so that the uniform axial velocity in the pipe is  $u(x) = Ue^{-x/L}$ , where  $U = 20 \text{ m/s}$ . Develop expressions for and plot the acceleration of a fluid particle along the centerline of the porous section and the pressure gradient along the centerline. Evaluate the outlet pressure if the pressure at the inlet to the porous section is  $50 \text{ kPa}$  gage. 

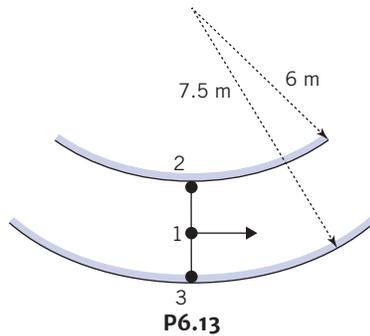
**6.10** Consider a flow of water in pipe. What is the pressure gradient required to accelerate the water at  $20 \text{ ft/s}^2$  if the pipe is (a) horizontal, (b) vertical with the water flowing upward, and (c) vertical with the water flowing downward. Explain why the pressure gradient depends on orientation and why the pressure gradient differs in sign between case (b) and case (c).

**6.11** The velocity field for a plane vortex sink is given by  $\vec{V} = (-q/2\pi r)\hat{e}_r + (K/2\pi r)\hat{e}_\theta$ , where  $q = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s/m}$  and  $K = 1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s/m}$ . The fluid density is  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Find the acceleration at  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(1, \pi/2)$ , and  $(2, 0)$ . Evaluate  $\nabla p$  under the same conditions.

**6.12** An incompressible liquid with negligible viscosity and density  $\rho = 1.75 \text{ slug/ft}^3$  flows steadily through a horizontal pipe. The pipe cross-section area linearly varies from  $15 \text{ in.}^2$  to  $2.5 \text{ in.}^2$  over a length of  $10 \text{ feet}$ . Develop an expression for and plot the pressure gradient and pressure versus position along the pipe, if the inlet centerline velocity is  $5 \text{ ft/s}$  and inlet pressure is  $35 \text{ psi}$ . What is the exit pressure? *Hint:* Use relation 

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u^2)$$

**6.13** Consider water flowing in a circular section of a two-dimensional channel. Assume the velocity is uniform across the channel at  $12 \text{ m/s}$ . The pressure is  $120 \text{ kPa}$  at centerline (point 1). Determine the pressures at point 2 and 3 for the case of (a) flow in the horizontal plane and (b) flow in the vertical plane with gravity acting in the direction of 2 to 3.



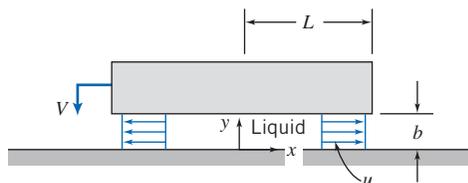
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**6.14** Consider a tornado as air moving in a circular pattern in the horizontal plane. If the wind speed is 200 mph and the diameter of the tornado is 200 ft, determine the radial pressure gradient. If it is desired to model the tornado using water in a 6 in. diameter tube, what speed is needed to give the same radial pressure gradient?

 **6.15** A nozzle for an incompressible, inviscid fluid of density  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  consists of a horizontal converging section of pipe. At the inlet the diameter is  $D_i = 100 \text{ mm}$ , and at the outlet the diameter is  $D_o = 20 \text{ mm}$ . The nozzle length is  $L = 500 \text{ mm}$ , and the diameter decreases linearly with distance  $x$  along the nozzle. Derive and plot the acceleration of a fluid particle, assuming uniform flow at each section, if the speed at the inlet is  $V_i = 1 \text{ m/s}$ . Plot the pressure gradient through the nozzle, and find its maximum absolute value. If the pressure gradient must be no greater than  $5 \text{ MPa/m}$  in absolute value, how long would the nozzle have to be?

 **6.16** A diffuser for an incompressible, inviscid fluid of density  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  consists of a horizontal diverging section of pipe. At the inlet the diameter is  $D_i = 0.25 \text{ m}$ , and at the outlet the diameter is  $D_o = 0.75 \text{ m}$ . The diffuser length is  $L = 1 \text{ m}$ , and the diameter increases linearly with distance  $x$  along the diffuser. Derive and plot the acceleration of a fluid particle, assuming uniform flow at each section, if the speed at the inlet is  $V_i = 5 \text{ m/s}$ . Plot the pressure gradient through the diffuser, and find its maximum value. If the pressure gradient must be no greater than  $25 \text{ kPa/m}$ , how long would the diffuser have to be?

**6.17** A liquid layer separates two plane surfaces as shown. The lower surface is stationary; the upper surface moves downward at constant speed  $V$ . The moving surface has width  $w$ , perpendicular to the plane of the diagram, and  $w \gg L$ . The incompressible liquid layer, of density  $\rho$ , is squeezed from between the surfaces. Assume the flow is uniform at any cross section and neglect viscosity as a first approximation. Use a suitably chosen control volume to show that  $u = Vx/b$  within the gap, where  $b = b_0 - Vt$ . Obtain an algebraic expression for the acceleration of a fluid particle located at  $x$ . Determine the pressure gradient,  $\partial p/\partial x$ , in the liquid layer. Find the pressure distribution,  $p(x)$ . Obtain an expression for the net pressure force that acts on the upper (moving) flat surface.



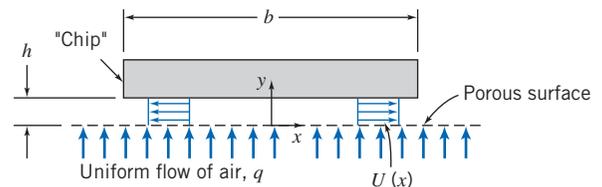
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**6.18** Consider Problem 6.15 with the nozzle directed upward. Assuming that the flow is uniform at each section, derive and plot the acceleration of a fluid particle for an inlet speed of  $V_i = 2 \text{ m/s}$ .

Plot the pressure gradient through the nozzle and find its maximum absolute value. If the pressure gradient must be no greater than  $7 \text{ MPa/m}$  in absolute value, how long would the nozzle have to be?

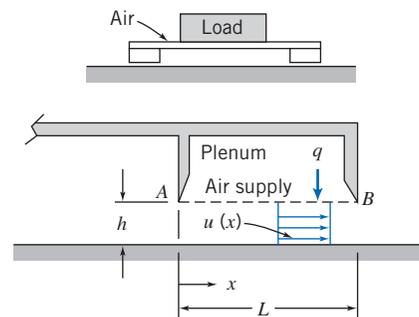
**6.19** Consider Problem 6.16 with the diffuser directed upward.  Assuming that the flow is uniform at each section, derive and plot the acceleration of a fluid particle for an inlet speed of  $V_i = 12 \text{ m/s}$ . Plot the pressure gradient through the diffuser, and find its maximum value. If the pressure gradient must be no greater than  $20 \text{ kPa/m}$ , how long would the diffuser have to be?

**6.20** A rectangular computer chip floats on a thin layer of air,   $h = 0.5 \text{ mm}$  thick, above a porous surface. The chip width is  $b = 40 \text{ mm}$ , as shown. Its length,  $L$ , is very long in the direction perpendicular to the diagram. There is no flow in the  $z$  direction. Assume flow in the  $x$  direction in the gap under the chip is uniform. Flow is incompressible, and frictional effects may be neglected. Use a suitably chosen control volume to show that  $U(x) = qx/h$  in the gap. Find a general expression for the (2D) acceleration of a fluid particle in the gap in terms of  $q$ ,  $h$ ,  $x$ , and  $y$ . Obtain an expression for the pressure gradient  $\partial p/\partial x$ . Assuming atmospheric pressure on the chip upper surface, find an expression for the net pressure force on the chip; is it directed upward or downward? Explain. Find the required flow rate  $q(\text{m}^3/\text{s}/\text{m}^2)$  and the maximum velocity, if the mass per unit length of the chip is  $0.005 \text{ kg/m}$ . Plot the pressure distribution as part of your explanation of the direction of the net force.



P6.20

**6.21** Heavy weights can be moved with relative ease on air cushions by using a load pallet as shown. Air is supplied from the plenum through porous surface  $AB$ . It enters the gap vertically at uniform speed,  $q$ . Once in the gap, all air flows in the positive  $x$  direction (there is no flow across the plane at  $x = 0$ ). Assume air flow in the gap is incompressible and uniform at each cross section, with speed  $u(x)$ , as shown in the enlarged view. Although the gap is narrow ( $h \ll L$ ), neglect frictional effects as a first approximation. Use a suitably chosen control volume to show that  $u(x) = qx/h$  in the gap. Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle in the gap. Evaluate the pressure gradient,  $\partial p/\partial x$ , and sketch the pressure distribution within the gap. Be sure to indicate the pressure at  $x = L$ .



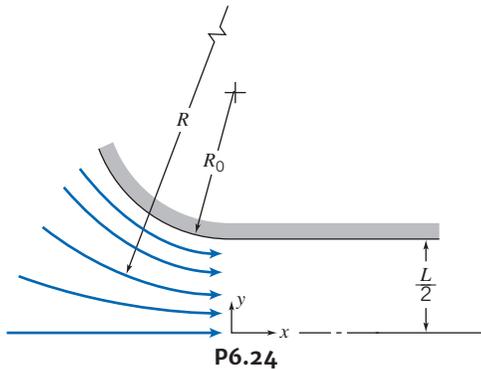
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**6.22** The  $y$  component of velocity in a two-dimensional incompressible flow field is given by  $v = -Axy$ , where  $v$  is in  $\text{m/s}$ , the 

coordinates are measured in meters, and  $A = 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . There is no velocity component or variation in the  $z$  direction. Calculate the acceleration of a fluid particle at point  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ . Estimate the radius of curvature of the streamline passing through this point. Plot the streamline and show both the velocity vector and the acceleration vector on the plot. (Assume the simplest form of the  $x$  component of velocity.)

**6.23** The velocity field for a plane doublet is given in Table 6.2. Find an expression for the pressure gradient at any point  $(r, \theta)$ .

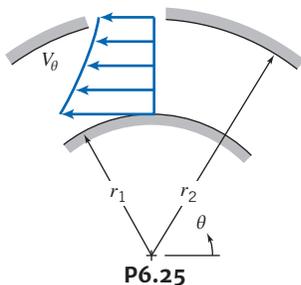
 **6.24** To model the velocity distribution in the curved inlet section of a water channel, the radius of curvature of the streamlines is expressed as  $R = LR_0/2y$ . As an approximation, assume the water speed along each streamline is  $V = 10 \text{ m/s}$ . Find an expression for and plot the pressure distribution from  $y = 0$  to the tunnel wall at  $y = L/2$ , if the centerline gage pressure is  $50 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $L = 75 \text{ mm}$ , and  $R_0 = 0.2 \text{ m}$ . Find the value of  $V$  for which the wall static pressure becomes  $35 \text{ kPa}$ .



**6.25** Repeat Example 6.1, but with the somewhat more realistic assumption that the flow is similar to a free vortex (irrotational) profile,  $V_\theta = c/r$  (where  $c$  is a constant), as shown in Fig. P6.25. In doing so, prove that the flow rate is given by  $Q = k\sqrt{\Delta p}$ , where  $k$  is

$$k = w \ln \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2r_2^2 r_1^2}{\rho(r_2^2 - r_1^2)}}$$

and  $w$  is the depth of the bend.



 **6.26** Using the analyses of Example 6.1 and Problem 6.25, plot the discrepancy (percent) between the flow rates obtained from assuming uniform flow and the free vortex (irrotational) profile as a function of  $r_2/r_1$ .

 **6.27** The  $x$  component of velocity in a two-dimensional incompressible flow field is given by  $u = -\Lambda(x^2 - y^2)/(x^2 + y^2)^2$ , where  $u$  is in  $\text{m/s}$ , the coordinates are measured in meters, and  $\Lambda = 2 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . Show that the simplest form of the  $y$  component of velocity is given by  $v = -2\Lambda xy/(x^2 + y^2)^2$ . There is no velocity component or variation in the  $z$  direction. Calculate the acceleration of fluid particles at

points  $(x, y) = (0, 1), (0, 2)$ , and  $(0, 3)$ . Estimate the radius of curvature of the streamlines passing through these points. What does the relation among the three points and their radii of curvature suggest to you about the flow field? Verify this by plotting these streamlines. [Hint: You will need to use an integrating factor.]

### The Bernoulli Equation

**6.28** Water flows at a speed of  $25 \text{ ft/s}$ . Calculate the dynamic pressure of this flow. Express your answer in inches of mercury.

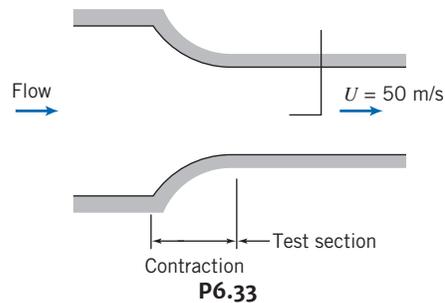
**6.29** Plot the speed of air versus the dynamic pressure (in millimeters of mercury), up to a dynamic pressure of  $250 \text{ mm Hg}$ .

**6.30** Water flows in a pipeline. At a point in the line where the diameter is  $7 \text{ in.}$ , the velocity is  $12 \text{ fps}$  and the pressure is  $50 \text{ psi}$ . At a point  $40 \text{ ft}$  away the diameter reduces to  $3 \text{ in.}$  Calculate the pressure here when the pipe is (a) horizontal, (b) vertical with flow downward, and (c) vertical with the flow upward. Explain why there is a difference in the pressure for the different situations.

**6.31** In a pipe  $0.3 \text{ m}$  in diameter,  $0.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water are pumped up a hill. On the hilltop (elevation  $48$ ), the line reduces to  $0.2 \text{ m}$  diameter. If the pump maintains a pressure of  $690 \text{ kPa}$  at elevation  $21$ , calculate the pressure in the pipe on the hilltop.

**6.32** A jet of air from a nozzle is blown at right angles against a wall in which two pressure taps are located. A manometer connected to the tap directly in front of the jet shows a head of  $25 \text{ mm}$  of mercury above atmospheric. Determine the approximate speed of the air leaving the nozzle if it is at  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  and  $200 \text{ kPa}$ . At the second tap a manometer indicates a head of  $5 \text{ mm}$  of mercury above atmospheric; what is the approximate speed of the air there?

**6.33** The inlet contraction and test section of a laboratory wind tunnel are shown. The air speed in the test section is  $U = 50 \text{ m/s}$ . A total-head tube pointed upstream indicates that the stagnation pressure on the test section centerline is  $10 \text{ mm}$  of water below atmospheric. The laboratory is maintained at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of  $-5^\circ\text{C}$ . Evaluate the dynamic pressure on the centerline of the wind tunnel test section. Compute the static pressure at the same point. Qualitatively compare the static pressure at the tunnel wall with that at the centerline. Explain why the two may not be identical.

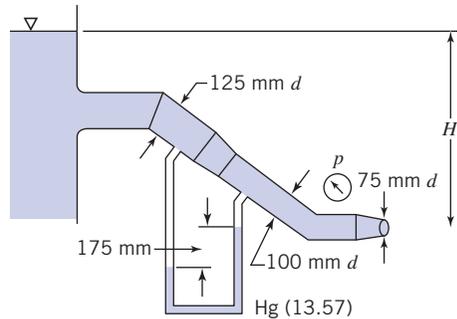


**6.34** Maintenance work on high-pressure hydraulic systems requires special precautions. A small leak can result in a high-speed jet of hydraulic fluid that can penetrate the skin and cause serious injury (therefore troubleshooters are cautioned to use a piece of paper or cardboard, *not a finger*, to search for leaks). Calculate and plot the jet speed of a leak versus system pressure, for pressures up to  $40 \text{ MPa}$  gage. Explain how a high-speed jet of hydraulic fluid can cause injury.

**6.35** An open-circuit wind tunnel draws in air from the atmosphere through a well-contoured nozzle. In the test section, where the flow is

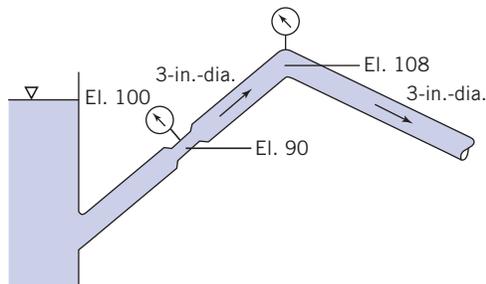
straight and nearly uniform, a static pressure tap is drilled into the tunnel wall. A manometer connected to the tap shows that static pressure within the tunnel is 45 mm of water below atmospheric. Assume that the air is incompressible, and at 25°C, 100 kPa absolute. Calculate the air speed in the wind-tunnel test section.

**6.36** Water is flowing. Calculate  $H$ (m) and  $p$ (kPa).



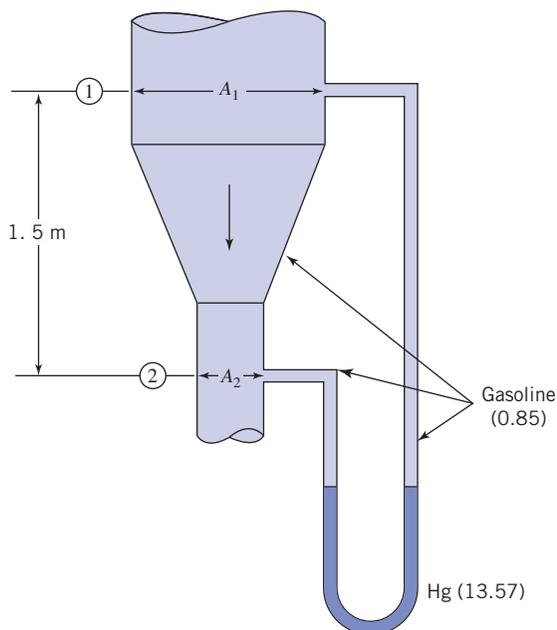
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**6.37** If each gauge shows the same reading for a flow rate of 1.00 cfs, what is the diameter of the constriction?



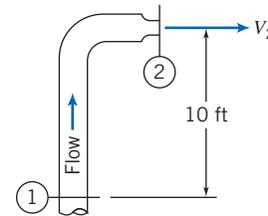
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**6.38** Derive a relation between  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  so that for a flow rate of  $0.28 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  the static pressure will be the same at sections ① and ②. Also calculate the manometer reading for this condition and state which leg has the higher mercury column.



**P6.38**

**6.39** Water flows steadily up the vertical 1-in.-diameter pipe and out the nozzle, which is 0.5 in. in diameter, discharging to atmospheric pressure. The stream velocity at the nozzle exit must be 30 ft/s. Calculate the minimum gage pressure required at section ①. If the device were inverted, what would be the required minimum pressure at section ① to maintain the nozzle exit velocity at 30 ft/s?

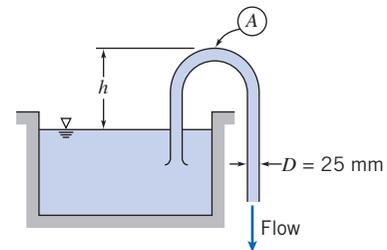


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**6.40** Your car runs out of gas unexpectedly and you siphon gas from another car. The height difference for the siphon is 1 ft. The hose diameter is 0.5 in. What is your gasoline flow rate?

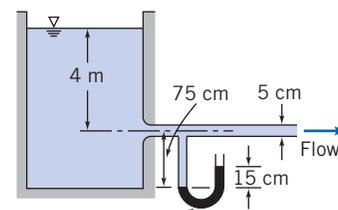
**6.41** A tank at a pressure of 50 kPa gage gets a pinhole rupture and benzene shoots into the air. Ignoring losses, to what height will the benzene rise?

**6.42** The water flow rate through the siphon is 5 L/s, its temperature is 20°C, and the pipe diameter is 25 mm. Compute the maximum allowable height,  $h$ , so that the pressure at point A is above the vapor pressure of the water. Assume the flow is frictionless.



**P6.42**

**6.43** Water flows from a very large tank through a 5 cm diameter tube. The dark liquid in the manometer is mercury. Estimate the velocity in the pipe and the rate of discharge from the tank. Assume the flow is frictionless.

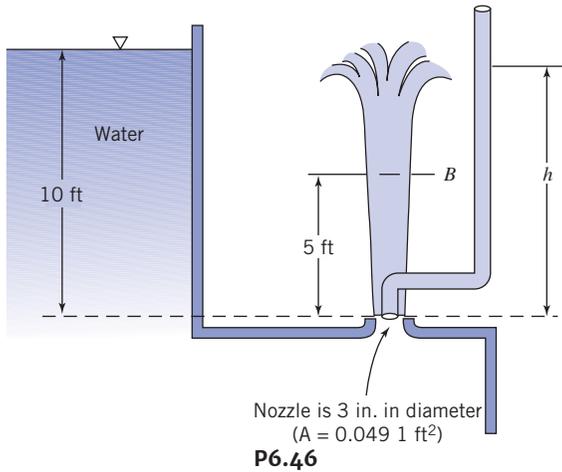


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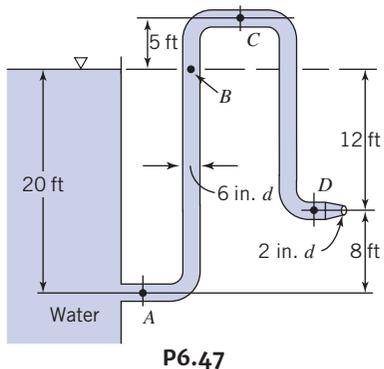
**6.44** Consider frictionless, incompressible flow of air over the wing of an airplane flying at 200 km/hr. The air approaching the wing is at 65 kPa and  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ . At a certain point in the flow, the pressure is 60 kPa. Calculate the speed of the air relative to the wing at this point and the absolute air speed.

**6.45** A closed tank contains water with air above it. The air is maintained at a gage pressure of 150 kPa and 3 m below the water surface a nozzle discharges into the atmosphere. At what velocity will water emerge from the nozzle?

**6.46** Water jets upward through a 3-in.-diameter nozzle under a head of 10 ft. At what height  $h$  will the liquid stand in the pitot tube? What is the cross-sectional area of the jet at section  $B$ ?



**6.47** Calculate the rate of flow through this pipeline and the pressures at  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$ . Sketch the EL and HGL showing vertical distances.



**6.48** A mercury barometer is carried in a car on a day when there is no wind. The temperature is  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and the corrected barometer height is 761 mm of mercury. One window is open slightly as the car travels at 105 km/hr. The barometer reading in the moving car is 5 mm lower than when the car is stationary. Explain what is happening. Calculate the local speed of the air flowing past the window, *relative to the automobile*.

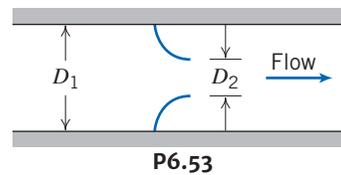
**6.49** A racing car travels at 235 mph along a straightaway. The team engineer wishes to locate an air inlet on the body of the car to obtain cooling air for the driver's suit. The plan is to place the inlet at a location where the air speed is 60 mph along the surface of the car. Calculate the static pressure at the proposed inlet location. Express the pressure rise above ambient as a fraction of the freestream dynamic pressure.

**6.50** The velocity field for a plane source at a distance  $h$  above an infinite wall aligned along the  $x$  axis was given in Problem 6.6. Using the data from that problem, plot the pressure distribution along the wall from  $x = -10h$  to  $x = +10h$  (assume the pressure at infinity is atmospheric). Find the net force on the wall if the pressure on the lower surface is atmospheric. Does the force tend to pull the wall towards the source, or push it away?

**6.51** A smoothly contoured nozzle, with outlet diameter  $d = 20 \text{ mm}$ , is coupled to a straight pipe by means of flanges. Water flows in the pipe, of diameter  $D = 50 \text{ mm}$ , and the nozzle discharges to the atmosphere. For steady flow and neglecting the effects of viscosity, find the volume flow rate in the pipe corresponding to a calculated axial force of 45.5 N needed to keep the nozzle attached to the pipe.

**6.52** Water flows steadily through a 3.25-in.-diameter pipe and discharges through a 1.25-in.-diameter nozzle to atmospheric pressure. The flow rate is 24.5 gpm. Calculate the minimum static pressure required in the pipe to produce this flow rate. Evaluate the axial force of the nozzle assembly on the pipe flange.

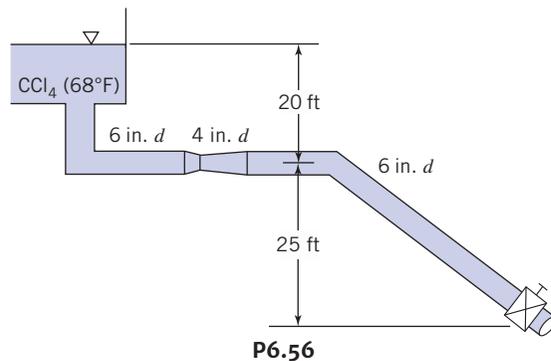
**6.53** A flow nozzle is a device for measuring the flow rate in a pipe. This particular nozzle is to be used to measure low-speed air flow for which compressibility may be neglected. During operation, the pressures  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are recorded, as well as upstream temperature,  $T_1$ . Find the mass flow rate in terms of  $\Delta p = p_2 - p_1$  and  $T_1$ , the gas constant for air, and device diameters  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . Assume the flow is frictionless. Will the actual flow be more or less than this predicted flow? Why?



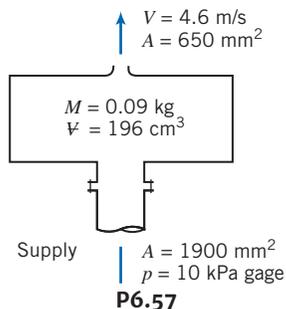
**6.54** The head of water on a 50 mm diameter smooth nozzle is 3 m. If the nozzle is directed upward at angles of (a)  $30^\circ$ , (b)  $45^\circ$ , (c)  $60^\circ$ , and (d)  $90^\circ$ , how high above the nozzle will the jet rise, and how far from the nozzle will the jet pass through the horizontal plane in which the nozzle lies? What is the diameter of the jet at the top of the trajectory?

**6.55** Water flows from one reservoir in a 200-mm pipe, while water flows from a second reservoir in a 150-mm pipe. The two pipes meet in a "tee" junction with a 300-mm pipe that discharges to the atmosphere at an elevation of 20 m. If the water surface in the reservoirs is at 30 m elevation. what is the total flow rate?

**6.56** Barometric pressure is 14.0 psia. What is the maximum flow rate that can be obtained by opening the valve? (a) if cavitation is not a consideration and (b) if cavitation needs to be prevented?



**6.57** A spray system is shown in the diagram. Water is supplied at  $p = 10 \text{ kPa}$  gage, through the flanged opening of area  $A = 1900 \text{ mm}^2$ . The water leaves in a steady free jet at atmospheric pressure. The jet area and speed are  $A = 650 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $V = 4.6 \text{ m/s}$ . The mass of the spray system is 0.09 kg and it contains  $V = 196 \text{ cm}^3$  of water.



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An object, with a flat horizontal lower surface, moves downward into the jet of the spray system with speed  $U = 5$  ft/s. Determine the minimum supply pressure needed to produce the jet leaving the spray system at  $V = 15$  ft/s. Calculate the maximum pressure exerted by the liquid jet on the flat object at the instant when the object is  $h = 1.5$  ft above the jet exit. Estimate the force of the water jet on the flat object.

**6.58** Water flows out of a kitchen faucet of 1.25-in.-diameter at the rate of 0.1 L/s. The bottom of the sink is 45 cm below the faucet outlet. Will the cross-sectional area of the fluid stream increase, decrease, or remain constant between the faucet outlet and the bottom of the sink? Explain briefly. Obtain an expression for the stream cross section as a function of distance  $y$  above the sink bottom. If a plate is held directly under the faucet, how will the force required to hold the plate in a horizontal position vary with height above the sink? Explain briefly.

 **6.59** A horizontal axisymmetric jet of air with 0.4-in.-diameter strikes a stationary vertical disk of 7.5 in. diameter. The jet speed is 225 ft/s at the nozzle exit. A manometer is connected to the center of the disk. Calculate (a) the deflection, if the manometer liquid has  $SG = 1.75$ , (b) the force exerted by the jet on the disk, and (c) the force exerted on the disk if it is assumed that the stagnation pressure acts on the entire forward surface of the disk. Sketch the streamline pattern and plot the distribution of pressure on the face of the disk.

 **6.60** The water level in a large tank is maintained at height  $H$  above the surrounding level terrain. A rounded nozzle placed in the side of the tank discharges a horizontal jet. Neglecting friction, determine the height  $h$  at which the orifice should be placed so the water strikes the ground at the maximum horizontal distance  $X$  from the tank. Plot jet speed  $V$  and distance  $X$  as functions of  $h$  ( $0 < h < H$ ).

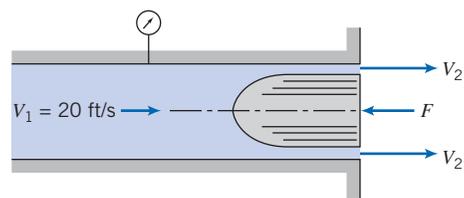
**6.61** Many recreation facilities use inflatable “bubble” structures. A tennis bubble to enclose four courts is shaped roughly as a circular semicylinder with a diameter of 50 ft and a length of 50 ft. The blowers used to inflate the structure can maintain the air pressure inside the bubble at 0.75 in. of water above ambient pressure. The bubble is subjected to a wind that blows at 35 mph in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the semicylindrical shape. Using polar coordinates, with angle  $\theta$  measured from the ground on the upwind side of the structure, the resulting pressure distribution may be expressed as

$$\frac{p - p_\infty}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V_\infty^2} = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta$$

where  $p$  is the pressure at the surface,  $p_\infty$  the atmospheric pressure, and  $V_\infty$  the wind speed. Determine the net vertical force exerted on the structure.

**6.62** Water flows at low speed through a circular tube with inside diameter of 2 in. A smoothly contoured body of 1.5 in. diameter is held in the end of the tube where the water discharges to atmosphere.

Neglect frictional effects and assume uniform velocity profiles at each section. Determine the pressure measured by the gauge and the force required to hold the body.



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**6.63** Describe the pressure distribution on the exterior of a multi-story building in a steady wind. Identify the locations of the maximum and minimum pressures on the outside of the building. Discuss the effect of these pressures on infiltration of outside air into the building.

**6.64** An aspirator provides suction by using a stream of water flowing through a venturi. Analyze the shape and dimensions of such a device. Comment on any limitations on its use.

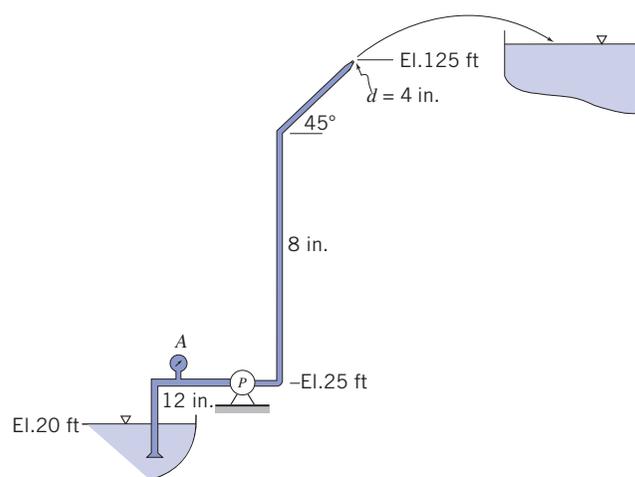
### Energy Grade Line And Hydraulic Grade Line

**6.65** Carefully sketch the energy grade lines (EGL) and hydraulic grade lines (HGL) for the system shown in Fig. 6.6 if the pipe is horizontal (i.e., the outlet is at the base of the reservoir), and a water turbine (extracting energy) is located at point ②, or at point ③. In Chapter 8 we will investigate the effects of friction on internal flows. Can you anticipate and sketch the effect of friction on the EGL and HGL for the two cases?

**6.66** Carefully sketch the energy grade lines (EGL) and hydraulic grade lines (HGL) for the system shown in Fig. 6.6 if a pump adding energy to the fluid is located at point ②, such that flow is into the reservoir. In Chapter 8 we will investigate the effects of friction on internal flows. Can you anticipate and sketch the effect of friction on the EGL and HGL for the two cases?

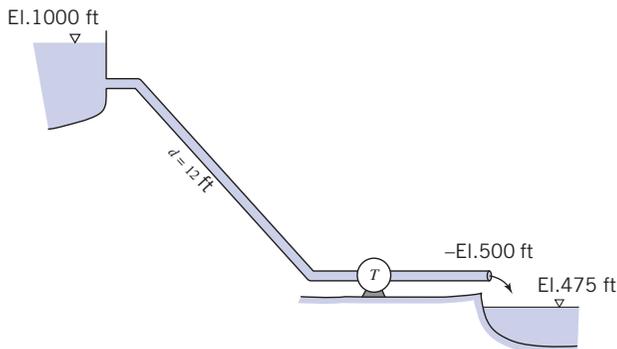
**6.67** Water is being pumped from the lower reservoir through a nozzle into the upper reservoir. If the vacuum gauge at  $A$  reads 2.4 psi vacuum,

- find the flow velocity through the nozzle,
- find the horsepower the pump must add to the water,
- draw the energy line and the hydraulic grade line.



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**6.68** The turbine extracts power from the water flowing from the reservoir. Find the horsepower extracted if the flow through the system is 1000 cfs. Draw the energy line and the hydraulic grade line.



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**Irrotational Flow**

**6.69** Consider a two-dimensional fluid flow:  $u = ax + by$  and  $v = cx + dy$ , where  $a, b, c,$  and  $d$  are constant. If the flow is incompressible and irrotational, find the relationships among  $a, b, c,$  and  $d$ . Find the stream function and velocity potential function of this flow.

**6.70** The velocity field for a two-dimensional flow is  $\vec{V} = (Ax - By)t\hat{i} - (Bx + Ay)t\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 1 \text{ s}^{-2}, B = 2 \text{ s}^{-2}, t$  is in seconds, and the coordinates are measured in meters. Is this a possible incompressible flow? Is the flow steady or unsteady? Show that the flow is irrotational and derive an expression for the velocity potential.

**6.71** A flow field is characterized by the stream function  $\psi = Axy$ , where  $A = 2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and the coordinates are measured in feet. Verify that the flow is irrotational and determine the velocity potential  $\phi$ . Plot the streamlines and potential lines and visually verify that they are orthogonal.

**6.72** The flow field for a plane source at a distance  $h$  above an infinite wall aligned along the  $x$  axis is given by

$$\vec{V} = \frac{q}{2\pi[x^2 + (y-h)^2]}[x\hat{i} + (y-h)\hat{j}] + \frac{q}{2\pi[x^2 + (y+h)^2]}[x\hat{i} + (y+h)\hat{j}]$$

where  $q$  is the strength of the source. The flow is irrotational and incompressible. Derive the stream function and velocity potential. By choosing suitable values for  $q$  and  $h$ , plot the streamlines and lines of constant velocity potential. (Hint: Use the Excel workbook of Example 6.10.)

**6.73** The stream function of a flow field is  $\psi = Ax^2y - By^3$ , where  $A = 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}, B = \frac{1}{3} \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters. Find an expression for the velocity potential.

**6.74** A flow field is characterized by the stream function

$$\psi = 2y + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{y-a}{x} - \tan^{-1} \frac{y+a}{x} \right)$$

Derive an expression for the location of the stagnation points. Sketch the flow field.

**6.75** A flow field is characterized by the stream function

$$\psi = xy^2 + Bx^3$$

What does the value of  $B$  need to be for the flow to be irrotational? For that value of  $B$ , determine the velocity potential  $\phi$ . Sketch the streamlines and potential lines.

**6.76** The stream function of a flow field is  $\psi = Ax^3 - Bxy^2$ , where  $A = 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  and  $B = 3 \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , and coordinates are measured in meters. Find an expression for the velocity potential.

**6.77** A flow field is represented by the stream function  $\psi = x^5 - 15x^4y^2 + 15x^2y^4 - y^6$ . Find the corresponding velocity field. Show that this flow field is irrotational and obtain the potential function.

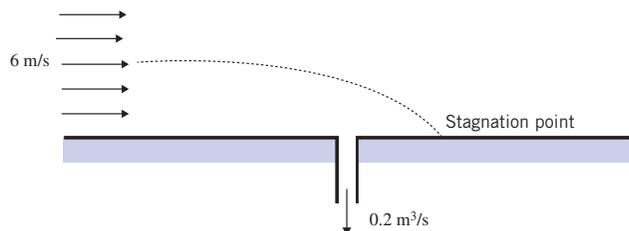
**6.78** Consider the flow field represented by the potential function  $\phi = x^5 - 10x^3y^2 + 5xy^4 - x^2 + y^2$ . Verify that this is an incompressible flow, and obtain the corresponding stream function.

**6.79** Show by expanding and collecting real and imaginary terms that  $f = z^6$  (where  $z$  is the complex number  $z = x + iy$ ) leads to a valid velocity potential (the real part of  $f$ ) and a corresponding stream function (the negative of the imaginary part of  $f$ ) of an irrotational and incompressible flow. Then show that the real and imaginary parts of  $df/dz$  yield  $-u$  and  $v$ , respectively.

**6.80** Consider the flow field represented by the velocity potential  $\phi = Ax + Bx^2 - By^2$ , where  $A = 1 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}, B = 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters. Obtain expressions for the velocity field and the stream function. Calculate the pressure difference between the origin and point  $(x, y) = (1, 2)$ .

**6.81** An incompressible flow field is characterized by the stream function  $\psi = 3Ax^2y - Ay^3$ , where  $A = 1 \text{ m}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ . Show that this flow field is irrotational. Derive the velocity potential for the flow. Plot the streamlines and potential lines, and visually verify that they are orthogonal. (Hint: Use the Excel workbook of Example 6.10.)

**6.82** Consider an air flow over a flat wall with an upstream velocity of 6 m/s. There is a narrow slit through which air is drawn in at a flow rate of 0.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s per meter of width. Represent the flow as a combination of a uniform flow and a sink. Determine the location of the stagnation point. Sketch the dividing line between the air that enters the slit and the air that continues downstream.



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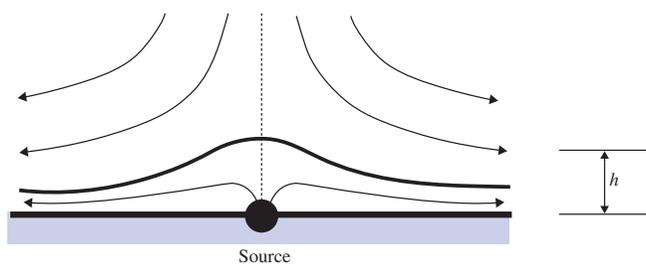
**6.83** A source with a strength of  $q = 3\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and a sink with a strength of  $q = \pi \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  are located on the  $x$  axis at  $x = -1 \text{ m}$  and  $x = 1 \text{ m}$ , respectively. Determine the stream function and velocity potential for the combined flow and sketch the streamlines.

**6.84** The velocity distribution in a two-dimensional, steady, inviscid flow field in the  $xy$  plane is  $\vec{V} = (Ax + B)\hat{i} + (C - Ay)\hat{j}$ , where  $A = 3 \text{ s}^{-1}, B = 6 \text{ m/s}, C = 4 \text{ m/s}$ , and the coordinates are measured in meters. The body force distribution is  $\vec{B} = -g\hat{k}$  and the density is 825 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Does this represent a possible incompressible flow field? Plot a few streamlines in the upper half plane. Find the stagnation point(s) of the flow field. Is the flow irrotational? If so, obtain the potential function. Evaluate the pressure difference between the origin and point  $(x, y, z) = (2, 2, 2)$ .

**6.85** Consider the flow past a circular cylinder, of radius  $a$ , used in Example 6.11. Show that  $V_r = 0$  along the lines  $(r, \theta) = (r, \pm \pi/2)$ . Plot  $V_\theta/U$  versus radius for  $r \geq a$ , along the line  $(r, \theta) = (r, \pi/2)$ . Find the distance beyond which the influence of the cylinder is less than 1 percent of  $U$ .

**6.86** The flow in a corner with an angle  $\alpha$  can be described in radial coordinates by the stream function as  $\psi = Ar^{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \sin \frac{\pi\theta}{\alpha}$ . Determine the velocity potential for the flow and plot streamlines for flow for  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ .

**6.87** Consider the two-dimensional flow against a flat plate that is characterized by the stream function  $\psi = Axy$ . Superimpose a plane source of strength  $B$  placed at the origin. Determine the relation between the height of the stagnation point  $h$ , the constant  $A$ , and the strength  $B$ . Sketch streamlines for the flow and identify the streamline that divides the two flows.



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**6.88** A source and a sink with strengths of equal magnitude,  $q = 3\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , are placed on the  $x$  axis at  $x = -a$  and  $a$ , respectively. A uniform flow, with speed  $U = 20 \text{ m/s}$ , in the positive  $x$  direction, is added to obtain the flow past a Rankine body. Obtain the stream function, velocity potential, and velocity field for the combined flow. Find the value of  $\psi = \text{constant}$  on the stagnation streamline. Locate the stagnation points if  $a = 0.3 \text{ m}$ .

**6.89** A flow field is formed by combining a uniform flow in the positive  $x$  direction, with  $U = 10 \text{ m/s}$ , and a counterclockwise vortex, with strength  $K = 16\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , located at the origin. Obtain the stream function, velocity potential, and velocity field for the combined flow. Locate the stagnation point(s) for the flow. Plot the streamlines and potential lines. (*Hint: Use the Excel workbook of Example 6.10.*)

**6.90** Consider the flow field formed by combining a uniform flow in the positive  $x$  direction and a source located at the origin. Obtain expressions for the stream function, velocity potential, and velocity field for the combined flow. If  $U = 25 \text{ m/s}$ , determine the source strength if the stagnation point is located at  $x = -1 \text{ m}$ . Plot the streamlines and potential lines. (*Hint: Use the Excel workbook of Example 6.10.*)

## CHAPTER 7

# Dimensional Analysis and Similitude

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### Case Study

#### T. Rex

Dimensional analysis, the main topic of this chapter, is used in many scientific pursuits. It has even been used by Professor

Alexander McNeil, now at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland, to try to determine the speed at which dinosaurs such as *Tyrannosaurus rex* may have been able to run. The only data available on these creatures are in the fossil record—the most pertinent data being the dinosaurs' average leg length  $l$  and stride  $s$ . Could these data be used to extract the dinosaurs' speed? Comparing data on  $l$  and  $s$  and the speed  $V$  of quadrupeds (e.g., horses, dogs) and bipeds (e.g., humans) does not indicate a pattern, unless dimensional analysis is used to learn that all of the data should be plotted in the following way: Plot the dimensionless quantity  $V^2/gl$  (where  $V$  is the measured speed of the animal and  $g$  is the acceleration of gravity) against the dimensionless ratio  $s/l$ . When this is done, “magically” the data for most animals fall approximately on one curve! Hence, the running behavior of most animals can be obtained from the graph: In this case, the dinosaurs' value of  $s/l$  allows a corresponding value of  $V^2/gl$  to be interpolated from the curve, leading to an estimate for  $V$  of dinosaurs (because  $l$  and  $g$  are known). Based on this, in contrast to the *Jurassic Park* movies, it seems likely that humans could easily outrun *T. rex*!



*Tyrannosaurus rex.*

In previous chapters we have mentioned several instances in which we claim a simplified flow exists. For example, we have stated that a flow with typical speed  $V$  will be essentially incompressible if the Mach number,  $M = V/c$  (where  $c$  is the speed of sound), is less than about 0.3 and that we can neglect viscous effects in most of a flow if the Reynolds number,  $Re = \rho VL/\mu$  ( $L$  is a typical or “characteristic” size scale of the flow), is “large.” We will also make extensive use of the Reynolds number based on pipe diameter,  $D(Re = \rho VD/\mu)$ , to predict with a high degree of accuracy whether the pipe flow is laminar or turbulent. It turns out that there are many such interesting dimensionless groupings in engineering science—for example, in heat transfer, the value of the Biot number,  $Bi = hL/k$ , of a hot body, size  $L$  and conductivity  $k$ , indicates whether that body will tend to cool on the outside surface first or will basically cool uniformly when it's plunged into a cool fluid with convection coefficient  $h$ . (Can you figure out what a high  $Bi$  number predicts?) How do we obtain these groupings, and why do their values have such powerful predictive power?

The answers to these questions will be provided in this chapter when we introduce the method of dimensional analysis. This is a technique for gaining insight into fluid flows (in fact, into many engineering and scientific phenomena) before we do either extensive theoretical analysis or experimentation; it also enables us to extract trends from data that would otherwise remain disorganized and incoherent.

We will also discuss modeling. For example, how do we correctly perform tests on the drag on a 3/8-scale model of an automobile in a wind tunnel to predict what the drag would be on the full-size automobile at the same speed? *Must* we use the same speed for model and full-size automobile? How do we scale up the measured model drag to find the automobile drag?

## 7.1 Nondimensionalizing the Basic Differential Equations

Before describing dimensional analysis let us see what we can learn from our previous analytical descriptions of fluid flow. Consider, for example, a steady incompressible two-dimensional flow of a Newtonian fluid with constant viscosity (already quite a list of assumptions!). The mass conservation equation (Eq. 5.1c) becomes

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (7.1)$$

and the Navier–Stokes equations (Eqs. 5.27) reduce to

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (7.2)$$

and

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = -\rho g - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right) \quad (7.3)$$

As we discussed in Section 5.4, these equations form a set of coupled nonlinear partial differential equations for  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $p$ , and are difficult to solve for most flows. Equation 7.1 has dimensions of 1/time, and Eqs. 7.2 and 7.3 have dimensions of force/volume. Let us see what happens when we convert them into dimensionless equations. (Even if you did not study Section 5.4 you will be able to understand the following material.)

To nondimensionalize these equations, divide all lengths by a reference length,  $L$ , and all velocities by a reference speed,  $V_\infty$ , which usually is taken as the freestream velocity. Make the pressure nondimensional by dividing by  $\rho V_\infty^2$  (twice the freestream dynamic pressure). Denoting nondimensional quantities with asterisks, we obtain

$$x^* = \frac{x}{L}, \quad y^* = \frac{y}{L}, \quad u^* = \frac{u}{V_\infty}, \quad v^* = \frac{v}{V_\infty}, \quad \text{and} \quad p^* = \frac{p}{\rho V_\infty^2} \quad (7.4)$$

so that  $x = x^*L$ ,  $y = y^*L$ ,  $u = u^*V_\infty$ , and so on. We can then substitute into Eqs. 7.1 through 7.3; below we show two representative substitutions:

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = u^* V_\infty \frac{\partial(u^* V_\infty)}{\partial(x^* L)} = \frac{V_\infty^2}{L} u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial(u^* V_\infty)}{\partial(x^* L)^2} = \frac{V_\infty}{L^2} \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}}$$

Using this procedure, the equations become

$$\frac{V_\infty}{L} \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{V_\infty}{L} \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = 0 \quad (7.5)$$

$$\frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{L} \left( u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} \right) = -\frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{L} \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\mu V_\infty}{L^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right) \quad (7.6)$$

$$\frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{L} \left( u^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} \right) = -\rho g - \frac{\rho V_\infty^2}{L} \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \frac{\mu V_\infty}{L^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right) \quad (7.7)$$

Dividing Eq. 7.5 by  $V_\infty/L$  and Eqs. 7.6 and 7.7 by  $\rho V_\infty^2/L$  gives

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = 0 \quad (7.8)$$

$$u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\mu}{\rho V_\infty L} \left( \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right) \quad (7.9)$$

$$u^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = -\frac{gL}{V_\infty^2} - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \frac{\mu}{\rho V_\infty L} \left( \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right) \quad (7.10)$$

Equations 7.8, 7.9, and 7.10 are the nondimensional forms of our original equations (Eqs. 7.1, 7.2, 7.3). As such, we can think about their solution (with appropriate boundary conditions) as an exercise in applied mathematics. Equation 7.9 contains a dimensionless coefficient  $\mu/\rho V_\infty L$  (which we recognize as the inverse of the Reynolds number) in front of the second-order (viscous) terms; Eq. 7.10 contains this and another dimensionless coefficient,  $gL/V_\infty^2$  (which we will discuss shortly) for the gravity force term. We recall from the theory of differential equations that the mathematical form of the solution of such equations is very sensitive to the values of the coefficients in the equations (e.g., certain second-order partial differential equations can be elliptical, parabolic, or hyperbolic depending on coefficient values).

These equations tell us that the solution, and hence the actual flow pattern they describe, depends on the values of the two coefficients. For example, if  $\mu/\rho V_\infty L$  is very small (i.e., we have a high Reynolds number), the second-order differentials, representing viscous forces, can be neglected, at least in most of the flow, and we end up with a form of Euler's equations (Eqs. 6.2). We say "in most of the flow" because we have already learned that in reality for this case we will have a boundary layer in which there is significant effect of viscosity; in addition, from a mathematical point of view, it is always dangerous to neglect higher-order derivatives, even if their coefficients are small, because reduction to a lower-order equation means we lose a boundary condition (specifically the no-slip condition). We can predict that if  $\mu/\rho V_\infty L$  is large or small, then viscous forces will be significant or not, respectively; if  $gL/V_\infty^2$  is large or small, we can predict that gravity forces will be significant or not, respectively. We can thus gain insight even before attempting a solution to the differential equations. Note that for completeness, we would have to apply the same nondimensionalizing approach to the boundary conditions of the problem, which often introduce further dimensionless coefficients.

Writing nondimensional forms of the governing equations, then, can yield insight into the underlying physical phenomena, and indicate which forces are dominant. If we had two geometrically similar but different scale flows satisfying Eqs. 7.8, 7.9, and 7.10 (for example, a model and a prototype), the equations would only yield the same mathematical results if the two flows had the same values for the two coefficients (i.e., had the same relative importance of gravity, viscous, and inertia forces). This nondimensional form of the equations is also the starting point in numerical methods, which is very often the only way of obtaining their solution. Additional derivations and examples of establishing similitude from the governing equations of a problem are presented in Kline [1] and Hansen [2].

We will now see how the method of dimensional analysis can be used instead of the above procedure to find appropriate dimensionless groupings of physical parameters. As we have mentioned, using dimensionless groupings is very useful for experimental measurements, and we will see in the next two sections that we can obtain them even when we do not have the governing equations such as Eqs. 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 to work from.

## 7.2 Nature of Dimensional Analysis

Most phenomena in fluid mechanics depend in a complex way on geometric and flow parameters. For example, consider the drag force on a stationary smooth sphere immersed in a uniform stream. What experiments must be conducted to determine the drag force on the sphere? To answer this question, we must specify what we believe are the parameters that are important in determining the drag force. Clearly, we would expect the drag force to depend on the size of the sphere (characterized by the diameter,  $D$ ), the fluid speed,  $V$ , and the fluid viscosity,  $\mu$ . In addition, the density of the fluid,  $\rho$ , also might be important. Representing the drag force by  $F$ , we can write the symbolic equation

$$F = f(D, V, \rho, \mu)$$

Although we may have neglected parameters on which the drag force depends, such as surface roughness (or may have included parameters on which it does not depend), we have set up the problem of

determining the drag force for a stationary sphere in terms of quantities that are both controllable and measurable in the laboratory.

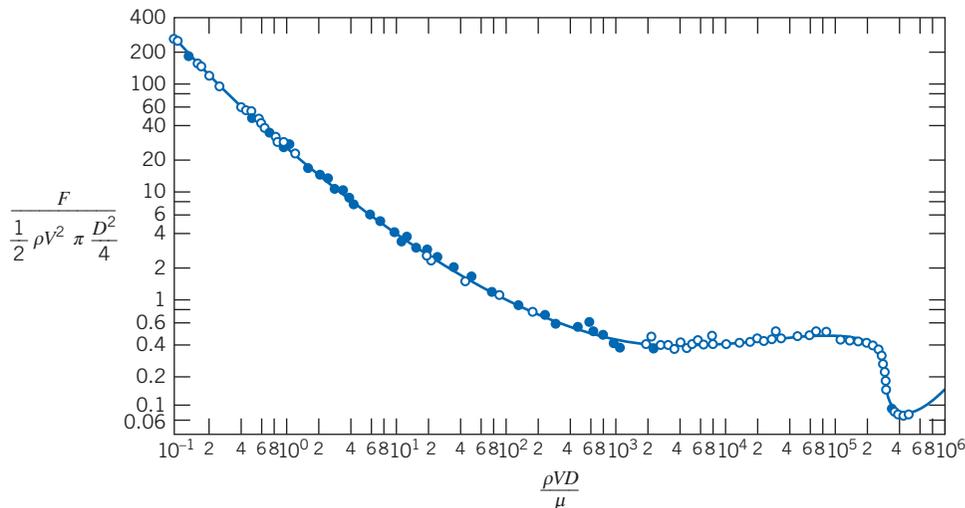
We could set up an experimental procedure for finding the dependence of  $F$  on  $V$ ,  $D$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $\mu$ . To see how the drag,  $F$ , is affected by fluid speed,  $V$ , we could place a sphere in a wind tunnel and measure  $F$  for a range of  $V$  values. We could then run more tests in which we explore the effect on  $F$  of sphere diameter,  $D$ , by using different diameter spheres. We are already generating a lot of data: If we ran the wind tunnel at, say, 10 different speeds, for 10 different sphere sizes, we'd have 100 data points. We could present these results on one graph (e.g., we could plot 10 curves of  $F$  vs.  $V$ , one for each sphere size), but acquiring the data would already be time consuming: If we assume each run takes  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, we have already accumulated 50 hours of work! We still wouldn't be finished—we would have to book time using, say, a water tank, where we could repeat all these runs for a different value of  $\rho$  and of  $\mu$ . In principle, we would next have to search out a way to use other fluids to be able to do experiments for a range of  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  values (say, 10 of each). At the end of the day (actually, at the end of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years of 40-hour weeks!) we would have performed about  $10^4$  tests. Then we would have to try and make sense of the data: How do we plot, say, curves of  $F$  vs.  $V$ , with  $D$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $\mu$  all being parameters? This is a daunting task, even for such a seemingly simple phenomenon as the drag on a sphere!

Fortunately we do not have to do all this work. As we will see in Example 7.1, using dimensional analysis, all the data for drag on a smooth sphere can be plotted as a single relationship between two nondimensional parameters in the form

$$\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} = f\left(\frac{\rho V D}{\mu}\right)$$

The form of the function  $f$  still must be determined experimentally, but the point is that all spheres, in all fluids, for most velocities will fall on the same curve. Rather than needing to conduct  $10^4$  experiments, we could establish the nature of the function as accurately with only about 10 tests. The time saved in performing only 10 rather than  $10^4$  tests is obvious. Even more important is the greater experimental convenience. No longer must we find fluids with 10 different values of density and viscosity. Nor must we make 10 spheres of different diameters. Instead, only the parameter  $\rho V D / \mu$  must be varied. This can be accomplished simply by using *one* sphere (e.g., 1 in. diameter), in *one* fluid (e.g., air), and only changing the speed, for example.

Figure 7.1 shows some classic data for flow over a sphere (the factors  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\pi/4$  have been added to the denominator of the parameter on the left to make it take the form of a commonly used nondimensional group, the drag coefficient,  $C_D$ , that we will discuss in detail in Chapter 9). If we performed the experiments as outlined above, our results would fall on the same curve, within experimental error. The data points represent results obtained by various workers for several different fluids and spheres.



**Fig. 7.1** Experimentally derived relation between the nondimensional parameters [20], [21], [3].

Note that we end up with a curve that can be used to obtain the drag force on a very wide range of sphere/fluid combinations. For example, it could be used to obtain the drag on a hot-air balloon due to a crosswind, or on a red blood cell (assuming it could be modeled as a sphere) as it moves through the aorta—in either case, given the fluid ( $\rho$  and  $\mu$ ), the flow speed  $V$ , and the sphere diameter  $D$ , we could compute a value for  $\rho VD/\mu$ , then read the corresponding value for  $C_D$ , and finally compute the drag force  $F$ .

In Section 7.3 we introduce the *Buckingham Pi* theorem, a formalized procedure for deducing the dimensionless groups appropriate for a given fluid mechanics or other engineering problem. This section may seem a bit difficult to follow; we suggest you read it once, then study Examples 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 to see how practical and useful the method in fact is, before returning to reread the section.

The Buckingham Pi theorem is a statement of the relation between a function expressed in terms of dimensional parameters and a related function expressed in terms of nondimensional parameters. The Buckingham Pi theorem allows us to develop the important nondimensional parameters quickly and easily.

### 7.3 Buckingham Pi Theorem

In the previous section we discussed how the drag  $F$  on a sphere depends on the sphere diameter  $D$ , fluid density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$ , and fluid speed  $V$ , or

$$F = F(D, \rho, \mu, V)$$

with theory or experiment being needed to determine the nature of function  $f$ . More formally, we write

$$g(F, D, \rho, \mu, V) = 0$$

where  $g$  is an unspecified function, different from  $f$ . The Buckingham Pi theorem [4] states that we can transform a relationship between  $n$  parameters of the form

$$g(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n) = 0$$

into a corresponding relationship between  $n - m$  independent dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters in the form

$$G(\Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_{n-m}) = 0$$

or

$$\Pi_1 = G_1(\Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_{n-m})$$

where  $m$  is *usually* the minimum number,  $r$ , of independent dimensions (e.g., mass, length, time) required to define the dimensions of all the parameters  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$ . (Sometimes  $m \neq r$ ; we will see this in Example 7.3.) For example, for the sphere problem, we will see (in Example 7.1) that

$$g(F, D, \rho, \mu, V) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad F = F(D, \rho, \mu, V)$$

leads to

$$G\left(\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2}, \frac{\mu}{\rho V D}\right) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} = G_1\left(\frac{\mu}{\rho V D}\right)$$

The theorem does not predict the functional form of  $G$  or  $G_1$ . The functional relation among the independent dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters must be determined experimentally.

The  $n - m$  dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters obtained from the procedure are independent. A  $\Pi$  parameter is not independent if it can be formed from any combination of one or more of the other  $\Pi$  parameters. For example, if

$$\Pi_5 = \frac{2\Pi_1}{\Pi_2\Pi_3} \quad \text{or} \quad \Pi_6 = \frac{\Pi_1^{3/4}}{\Pi_3^2}$$

then neither  $\Pi_5$  nor  $\Pi_6$  is independent of the other dimensionless parameters.

Several methods for determining the dimensionless parameters are available. A detailed procedure is presented in the rest of this section.

Regardless of the method to be used to determine the dimensionless parameters, one begins by listing all dimensional parameters that are known (or believed) to affect the given flow phenomenon. Some experience admittedly is helpful in compiling the list. Students, who do not have this experience, often are troubled by the need to apply engineering judgment in an apparent massive dose. However, it is difficult to go wrong if a generous selection of parameters is made.

If you suspect that a phenomenon depends on a given parameter, include it. If your suspicion is correct, experiments will show that the parameter must be included to get consistent results. If the parameter is extraneous, an extra  $\Pi$  parameter may result, but experiments will later show that it may be eliminated. Therefore, do not be afraid to include *all* the parameters that you feel are important.

The six steps listed below (which may seem a bit abstract but are actually easy to do) outline a recommended procedure for determining the  $\Pi$  parameters:

- Step 1.** List all the dimensional parameters involved. (Let  $n$  be the number of parameters.) If all of the pertinent parameters are not included, a relation may be obtained, but it will not give the complete story. If parameters that actually have no effect on the physical phenomenon are included, either the process of dimensional analysis will show that these do not enter the relation sought, or one or more dimensionless groups will be obtained that experiments will show to be extraneous.
- Step 2.** Select a set of fundamental (primary) dimensions, e.g.,  $MLt$  or  $FLt$ . (Note that for heat transfer problems you may also need  $T$  for temperature, and in electrical systems,  $q$  for charge.)
- Step 3.** List the dimensions of all parameters in terms of primary dimensions. (Let  $r$  be the number of primary dimensions.) Either force or mass may be selected as a primary dimension.
- Step 4.** Select a set of  $r$  dimensional parameters that includes all the primary dimensions. These parameters will all be combined with each of the remaining parameters, one of those at a time, and so will be called repeating parameters. No repeating parameter should have dimensions that are a power of the dimensions of another repeating parameter; for example, do not include both an area ( $L^2$ ) and a second moment of area ( $L^4$ ) as repeating parameters. The repeating parameters chosen may appear in all the dimensionless groups obtained; consequently, do *not* include the dependent parameter among those selected in this step.
- Step 5.** Set up dimensional equations, combining the parameters selected in Step 4 with each of the other parameters in turn, to form dimensionless groups. (There will be  $n - m$  equations.) Solve the dimensional equations to obtain the  $n - m$  dimensionless groups.
- Step 6.** Check to see that each group obtained is dimensionless. If mass was initially selected as a primary dimension, it is wise to check the groups using force as a primary dimension, or vice versa.

The functional relationship among the  $\Pi$  parameters must be determined experimentally. The detailed procedure for determining the dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters is illustrated in Examples 7.1 and 7.2.

### Example 7.1 DRAG FORCE ON A SMOOTH SPHERE

As noted in Section 7.2, the drag force,  $F$ , on a smooth sphere depends on the relative speed,  $V$ , the sphere diameter,  $D$ , the fluid density,  $\rho$ , and the fluid viscosity,  $\mu$ . Obtain a set of dimensionless groups that can be used to correlate experimental data.

**Given:**  $F = f(\rho, V, D, \mu)$  for a smooth sphere.

**Find:** An appropriate set of dimensionless groups.

**Solution:** (Circled numbers refer to steps in the procedure for determining dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters.)

①  $F \quad V \quad D \quad \rho \quad \mu \quad n = 5$  dimensional parameters

② Select primary dimensions  $M, L$ , and  $t$ .

③  $F \quad V \quad D \quad \rho \quad \mu$

$$\frac{ML}{t^2} \quad \frac{L}{t} \quad L \quad \frac{M}{L^3} \quad \frac{M}{Lt} \quad r = 3$$
 primary dimensions

- ④ Select repeating parameters  $\rho, V, D$ .  $m = r = 3$  repeating parameters  
 ⑤ Then  $n - m = 2$  dimensionless groups will result. Setting up dimensional equations, we obtain

$$\Pi_1 = \rho^a V^b D^c F \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{M}{L^3}\right)^a \left(\frac{L}{t}\right)^b (L)^c \left(\frac{ML}{t^2}\right) = M^0 L^0 t^0$$

Equating the exponents of  $M, L,$  and  $t$  results in

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M: \quad a + 1 = 0 \\ L: \quad -3a + b + c + 1 = 0 \\ t: \quad -b - 2 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} a = -1 \\ c = -2 \\ b = -2 \end{array} \quad \text{Therefore, } \Pi_1 = \frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2}$$

Similarly,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Pi_2 = \rho^d V^e D^f \mu \\ M: \quad d + 1 = 0 \\ L: \quad -3d + e + f - 1 = 0 \\ t: \quad -e - 1 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} d = -1 \\ f = -1 \\ e = -1 \end{array} \quad \text{Therefore, } \Pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho V D}$$

- ⑥ Check using  $F, L, t$  dimensions

$$[\Pi_1] = \left[ \frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad F \frac{L^4}{F t^2} \left(\frac{t}{L}\right)^2 \frac{1}{L^2} = 1$$

where [ ] means “has dimensions of,” and

$$[\Pi_2] = \left[ \frac{\mu}{\rho V D} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{F t}{L^2} \frac{L^4}{F t^2} \frac{t}{L} \frac{1}{L} = 1$$

The functional relationship is  $\Pi_1 = f(\Pi_2)$ , or

$$\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} = f\left(\frac{\mu}{\rho V D}\right)$$

as noted before. The form of the function,  $f$ , must be determined experimentally (see Fig. 7.1).

 The Excel workbook for this problem is convenient for computing the values of  $a, b,$  and  $c$  for this and other problems.

### Example 7.2 PRESSURE DROP IN PIPE FLOW

The pressure drop,  $\Delta p$ , for steady, incompressible viscous flow through a straight horizontal pipe depends on the pipe length,  $l$ , the average velocity,  $\bar{V}$ , the fluid viscosity,  $\mu$ , the pipe diameter,  $D$ , the fluid density,  $\rho$ , and the average “roughness” height,  $e$ . Determine a set of dimensionless groups that can be used to correlate data.

**Given:**  $\Delta p = f(\rho, \bar{V}, D, l, \mu, e)$  for flow in a circular pipe.

**Find:** A suitable set of dimensionless groups.

**Solution:** (Circled numbers refer to steps in the procedure for determining dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters.)

①  $\Delta p \quad \rho \quad \mu \quad \bar{V} \quad l \quad D \quad e \quad n = 7$  dimensional parameters

② Choose primary dimensions  $M, L$ , and  $t$ .

③  $\Delta p \quad \rho \quad \mu \quad \bar{V} \quad l \quad D \quad e$   
 $\frac{M}{L^2} \quad \frac{M}{L^3} \quad \frac{M}{Lt} \quad \frac{L}{t} \quad L \quad L \quad L \quad r = 3$  primary dimensions

④ Select repeating parameters  $\rho, \bar{V}, D$ .  $m = r = 3$  repeating parameters

⑤ Then  $n - m = 4$  dimensionless groups will result. Setting up dimensional equations we have:

$$\Pi_1 = \rho^a \bar{V}^b D^c \Delta p \quad \text{and}$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{L^3}\right)^a \left(\frac{L}{t}\right)^b (L)^c \left(\frac{M}{L^2}\right) = M^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M: \quad 0 = a + 1 \\ L: \quad 0 = -3a + b + c - 1 \\ t: \quad 0 = -b - 2 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} a = -1 \\ b = -2 \\ c = 0 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $\Pi_1 = \rho^{-1} \bar{V}^{-2} D^0 \Delta p = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho \bar{V}^2}$

$$\Pi_3 = \rho^g \bar{V}^h D^i l \quad \text{and}$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{L^3}\right)^g \left(\frac{L}{t}\right)^h (L)^i L = M^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M: \quad 0 = g \\ L: \quad 0 = -3g + h + i + 1 \\ t: \quad 0 = -h \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} g = 0 \\ h = 0 \\ i = -1 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $\Pi_3 = \frac{l}{D}$

$$\Pi_2 = \rho^d \bar{V}^e D^f \mu \quad \text{and}$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{L^3}\right)^d \left(\frac{L}{t}\right)^e (L)^f \frac{M}{Lt} = M^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M: \quad 0 = d + 1 \\ L: \quad 0 = -3d + e + f - 1 \\ t: \quad 0 = -e - 1 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} d = -1 \\ e = -1 \\ f = -1 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $\Pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho \bar{V} D}$

$$\Pi_4 = \rho^j \bar{V}^k D^l e \quad \text{and}$$

$$\left(\frac{M}{L^3}\right)^j \left(\frac{L}{t}\right)^k (L)^l L = M^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M: \quad 0 = j \\ L: \quad 0 = -3j + k + l + 1 \\ t: \quad 0 = -k \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} j = 0 \\ k = 0 \\ l = -1 \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $\Pi_4 = \frac{e}{D}$

⑥ Check, using  $F, L, t$  dimensions

$$[\Pi_1] = \left[ \frac{\Delta p}{\rho \bar{V}^2} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{F}{L^2} \frac{L^4}{F t^2} \frac{t^2}{L^2} = 1 \quad [\Pi_3] = \left[ \frac{l}{D} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{L}{L} = 1$$

$$[\Pi_2] = \left[ \frac{\mu}{\rho \bar{V} D} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{F t}{L^2} \frac{L^4}{F t^2} \frac{t}{L} \frac{1}{L} = 1 \quad [\Pi_4] = \left[ \frac{e}{D} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{L}{L} = 1$$

Finally, the functional relationship is

$$\Pi_1 = f(\Pi_2, \Pi_3, \Pi_4)$$

or

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho \bar{V}^2} = f\left(\frac{\mu}{\rho \bar{V} D}, \frac{l}{D}, \frac{e}{D}\right)$$

**Notes:**

- As we shall see when we study pipe flow in detail in Chapter 8, this relationship correlates the data well.
- Each  $\Pi$  group is unique (e.g., there is only *one* possible dimensionless grouping of  $\mu, \rho, \bar{V}$ , and  $D$ ).
- We can often deduce  $\Pi$  groups by inspection, e.g.,  $l/D$  is the obvious unique grouping of  $l$  with  $\rho, \bar{V}$ , and  $D$ .



The Excel workbook for Example 7.1 is convenient for computing the values of  $a, b$ , and  $c$  for this problem.

The procedure outlined above, where  $m$  is taken equal to  $r$  (the fewest independent dimensions required to specify the dimensions of all parameters involved), almost always produces the correct number of dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters. In a few cases, trouble arises because the number of primary dimensions differs when variables are expressed in terms of different systems of dimensions (e.g.,  $MLt$  or  $FLt$ ). The value of  $m$  can be established with certainty by determining the rank of the dimensional matrix; that rank is  $m$ . Although not needed in most applications, for completeness, this procedure is illustrated in Example 7.3.

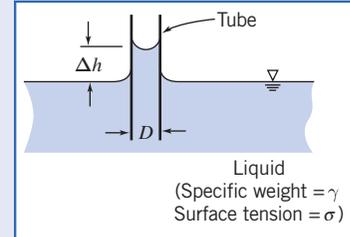
**Example 7.3** CAPILLARY EFFECT: USE OF DIMENSIONAL MATRIX

When a small tube is dipped into a pool of liquid, surface tension causes a meniscus to form at the free surface, which is elevated or depressed depending on the contact angle at the liquid-solid-gas interface. Experiments indicate that the magnitude of this capillary effect,  $\Delta h$ , is a function of the tube diameter,  $D$ , liquid specific weight,  $\gamma$ , and surface tension,  $\sigma$ . Determine the number of independent  $\Pi$  parameters that can be formed and obtain a set.

**Given:**  $\Delta h = f(D, \gamma, \sigma)$

**Find:** (a) Number of independent  $\Pi$  parameters.  
 (b) One set of  $\Pi$  parameters.

**Solution:** (Circled numbers refer to steps in the procedure for determining dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters.)



①  $\Delta h, D, \gamma, \sigma$   $n = 4$  dimensional parameters

② Choose primary dimensions (use both  $M, L, t$  and  $F, L, t$  dimensions to illustrate the problem in determining  $m$ ).

③ (a)  $M, L, t$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \Delta h & D & \gamma & \sigma \\ L & L & \frac{M}{L^2 t^2} & \frac{M}{t^2} \\ r = 3 & \text{primary dimensions} & & \end{array}$$

(b)  $F, L, t$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \Delta h & D & \gamma & \sigma \\ L & L & \frac{F}{L^3} & \frac{F}{L} \\ r = 2 & \text{primary dimensions} & & \end{array}$$

Thus for each set of primary dimensions we ask, "Is  $m$  equal to  $r$ ?" Let us check each dimensional matrix to find out. The dimensional matrices are

	$\Delta h$	$D$	$\gamma$	$\sigma$
$M$	0	0	1	1
$L$	1	1	-2	0
$t$	0	0	-2	-2

	$\Delta h$	$D$	$\gamma$	$\sigma$
$F$	0	0	1	1
$L$	1	1	-3	-1

The rank of a matrix is equal to the order of its largest nonzero determinant.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 - (1)(-2) + (1)(-2) = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 \neq 0 \quad \therefore m = 2$$

$m \neq r$

④  $m = 2$ . Choose  $D, \gamma$  as repeating parameters.  
 ⑤  $n - m = 2$  dimensionless groups will result.

$$\Pi_1 = D^a \gamma^b \Delta h \text{ and}$$

$$(L)^a \left( \frac{M}{L^2 t^2} \right)^b (L) = M^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 + 3 = 2 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore m = 2$$

$m = r$

$m = 2$ . Choose  $D, \gamma$  as repeating parameters.  
 $n - m = 2$  dimensionless groups will result.

$$\Pi_1 = D^e \gamma^f \Delta h \text{ and}$$

$$(L)^e \left( \frac{F}{L^3} \right)^f L = F^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M: \quad b+0=0 \\ L: \quad a-2b+1=0 \\ t: \quad -2b+0=0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} b=0 \\ a=-1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \Pi_1 = \frac{\Delta h}{D}$$

$$\Pi_2 = D^c \gamma^d \sigma \quad \text{and}$$

$$(L)^c \left( \frac{M}{L^2 t^2} \right)^d \frac{M}{t^2} = M^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M: \quad d+1=0 \\ L: \quad c-2d=0 \\ t: \quad -2d-2=0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} d=-1 \\ c=-2 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \Pi_2 = \frac{\sigma}{D^2 \gamma}$$

⑥ Check, using  $F, L, t$  dimensions

$$[\Pi_1] = \left[ \frac{\Delta h}{D} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{L}{L} = 1$$

$$[\Pi_2] = \left[ \frac{\sigma}{D^2 \gamma} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{F}{L} \frac{1}{L^2} \frac{L^3}{F} = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F: \quad f=0 \\ L: \quad e-3f+1=0 \end{array} \right\} \quad e=-1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \Pi_1 = \frac{\Delta h}{D}$$

$$\Pi_2 = D^g \gamma^h \sigma \quad \text{and}$$

$$(L)^g \left( \frac{F}{L^3} \right)^h \frac{F}{L} = F^0 L^0 t^0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F: \quad h+1=0 \\ L: \quad g-3h-1=0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} h=-1 \\ g=-2 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \Pi_2 = \frac{\sigma}{D^2 \gamma}$$

Check, using  $M, L, t$  dimensions

$$[\Pi_1] = \left[ \frac{\Delta h}{D} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{L}{L} = 1$$

$$[\Pi_2] = \left[ \frac{\sigma}{D^2 \gamma} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{M}{t^2} \frac{1}{L^2} \frac{L^2 t^2}{M} = 1$$

Therefore, both systems of dimensions yield the same dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters. The predicted functional relationship is

$$\Pi_1 = f(\Pi_2) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\Delta h}{D} = f\left(\frac{\sigma}{D^2 \gamma}\right)$$

**Notes:**

- This result is reasonable on physical grounds. The fluid is static; we would not expect time to be an important dimension.
- We analyzed this problem in Example 2.3, where we found that  $\Delta h = 4\sigma \cos(\theta) / \rho g D$  ( $\theta$  is the contact angle). Hence  $\Delta h/D$  is directly proportional to  $\sigma/D^2 \gamma$ .
- The purpose of this problem is to illustrate use of the dimensional matrix to determine the required number of repeating parameters.

The  $n-m$  dimensionless groups obtained from the procedure are independent but not unique. If a different set of repeating parameters is chosen, different groups result. The repeating parameters are so named because they may appear in all the dimensionless groups obtained. Based on experience, viscosity should appear in only one dimensionless parameter. Therefore  $\mu$  should *not* be chosen as a repeating parameter.

When we have a choice, it usually works out best to choose density  $\rho$  (dimensions  $M/L^3$  in the  $MLt$  system), speed  $V$  (dimensions  $L/t$ ), and characteristic length  $L$  (dimension  $L$ ) as repeating parameters because experience shows this generally leads to a set of dimensionless parameters that are suitable for correlating a wide range of experimental data; in addition,  $\rho$ ,  $V$ , and  $L$  are usually fairly easy to measure or otherwise obtain. The values of the dimensionless parameters obtained using these repeating parameters almost always have a very tangible meaning, telling you the relative strength of various fluid forces (e.g., viscous) to inertia forces—we will discuss several “classic” ones shortly.

It's also worth stressing that, given the parameters you're combining, *we can often determine the unique dimensional parameters by inspection*. For example, if we had repeating parameters  $\rho$ ,  $V$ , and  $L$

and were combining them with a parameter  $A_f$ , representing the frontal area of an object, it's fairly obvious that only the combination  $A_f/L^2$  is dimensionless; experienced fluid mechanics also know that  $\rho V^2$  produces dimensions of stress, so any time a stress or force parameter arises, dividing by  $\rho V^2$  or  $\rho V^2 L^2$  will produce a dimensionless quantity.

We will find useful a measure of the magnitude of fluid inertia forces, obtained from Newton's second law,  $F = ma$ ; the dimensions of inertia force are thus  $MLt^{-2}$ . Using  $\rho$ ,  $V$ , and  $L$  to build the dimensions of  $ma$  leads to the unique combination  $\rho V^2 L^2$  (only  $\rho$  has dimension  $M$ , and only  $V^2$  will produce dimension  $t^{-2}$ ;  $L^2$  is then required to leave us with  $MLt^{-2}$ ).

If  $n - m = 1$ , then a single dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameter is obtained. In this case, the Buckingham Pi theorem indicates that the single  $\Pi$  parameter must be a constant.

## 7.4 Significant Dimensionless Groups in Fluid Mechanics

Over the years, several hundred different dimensionless groups that are important in engineering have been identified. Following tradition, each such group has been given the name of a prominent scientist or engineer, usually the one who pioneered its use. Several are so fundamental and occur so frequently in fluid mechanics that we should take time to learn their definitions. Understanding their physical significance also gives insight into the phenomena we study.

Forces encountered in flowing fluids include those due to inertia, viscosity, pressure, gravity, surface tension, and compressibility. The ratio of any two forces will be dimensionless. We have previously shown that the inertia force is proportional to  $\rho V^2 L^2$ .

We can now compare the relative magnitudes of various fluid forces to the inertia force, using the following scheme:

Viscous force $\sim$	$\tau A = \mu \frac{du}{dy} A \propto \mu \frac{V}{L} L^2 = \mu V L$	so	$\frac{\text{viscous}}{\text{inertia}} \sim$	$\frac{\mu V L}{\rho V^2 L^2} = \frac{\mu}{\rho V L}$
Pressure force $\sim$	$\Delta p A \propto \Delta p L^2$	so	$\frac{\text{pressure}}{\text{inertia}} \sim$	$\frac{\Delta p L^2}{\rho V^2 L^2} = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho V^2}$
Gravity force $\sim$	$mg \propto \rho g L^3$	so	$\frac{\text{gravity}}{\text{inertia}} \sim$	$\frac{g \rho L^3}{\rho V^2 L^2} = \frac{g L}{V^2}$
Surface tension $\sim$	$\sigma L$	so	$\frac{\text{surface tension}}{\text{inertia}} \sim$	$\frac{\sigma L}{\rho V^2 L^2} = \frac{\sigma}{\rho V^2 L}$
Compressibility force $\sim$	$E_v A \propto E_v L^2$	so	$\frac{\text{compressibility force}}{\text{inertia}} \sim$	$\frac{E_v L^2}{\rho V^2 L^2} = \frac{E_v}{\rho V^2}$

All of the dimensionless parameters listed above occur so frequently, and are so powerful in predicting the relative strengths of various fluid forces, that they (slightly modified—usually by taking the inverse) have been given identifying names.

The first parameter,  $\mu/\rho V L$ , is by tradition inverted to the form  $\rho V L/\mu$ , and was actually explored independently of dimensional analysis in the 1880s by Osborne Reynolds, the British engineer, who studied the transition between laminar and turbulent flow regimes in a tube. He discovered that the parameter (later named after him)

$$Re = \frac{\rho \bar{V} D}{\mu} = \frac{\bar{V} D}{\nu}$$

is a criterion by which the flow regime may be determined. Later experiments have shown that the *Reynolds number* is a key parameter for other flow cases as well. Thus, in general,

$$Re = \frac{\rho V L}{\mu} = \frac{V L}{\nu} \quad (7.11)$$

where  $L$  is a characteristic length descriptive of the flow field geometry. The Reynolds number is the ratio of inertia forces to viscous forces. Flows with “large” Reynolds number generally are turbulent.

Flows in which the inertia forces are “small” compared with the viscous forces are characteristically laminar flows.

In aerodynamic and other model testing, it is convenient to modify the second parameter,  $\Delta p/\rho V^2$ , by inserting a factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  to make the denominator represent the dynamic pressure (the factor, of course, does not affect the dimensions). The ratio

$$Eu = \frac{\Delta p}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2} \quad (7.12)$$

is formed, where  $\Delta p$  is the local pressure minus the freestream pressure, and  $\rho$  and  $V$  are properties of the freestream flow. This ratio has been named after Leonhard Euler, the Swiss mathematician who did much early analytical work in fluid mechanics. Euler is credited with being the first to recognize the role of pressure in fluid motion; the Euler equations of Chapter 6 demonstrate this role. The *Euler number* is the ratio of pressure forces to inertia forces. The Euler number is often called the *pressure coefficient*,  $C_p$ .

In the study of cavitation phenomena, the pressure difference,  $\Delta p$ , is taken as  $\Delta p = p - p_v$ , where  $p$  is the pressure in the liquid stream, and  $p_v$  is the liquid vapor pressure at the test temperature. Combining these with  $\rho$  and  $V$  in the stream yields the dimensionless parameter called the *cavitation number*,

$$Ca = \frac{p - p_v}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2} \quad (7.13)$$

The smaller the cavitation number, the more likely cavitation is to occur. This is usually an unwanted phenomenon.

William Froude was a British naval architect. Together with his son, Robert Edmund Froude, he discovered that the parameter

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gL}} \quad (7.14)$$

was significant for flows with free surface effects. Squaring the *Froude number* gives

$$Fr^2 = \frac{V^2}{gL}$$

which may be interpreted as the ratio of inertia forces to gravity forces (it is the inverse of the third force ratio,  $V^2/gL$ , that we discussed above). The length,  $L$ , is a characteristic length descriptive of the flow field. In the case of open-channel flow, the characteristic length is the water depth; Froude numbers less than unity indicate subcritical flow and values greater than unity indicate supercritical flow. We will have much more to say on this in Chapter 11.

By convention, the inverse of the fourth force ratio,  $\sigma/\rho V^2 L$ , discussed above, is called the *Weber number*; it indicates the ratio of inertia to surface tension forces

$$We = \frac{\rho V^2 L}{\sigma} \quad (7.15)$$

The value of the Weber number is indicative of the existence of, and frequency of, capillary waves at a free surface.

In the 1870s, the Austrian physicist Ernst Mach introduced the parameter

$$M = \frac{V}{c} \quad (7.16)$$

where  $V$  is the flow speed and  $c$  is the local sonic speed. Analysis and experiments have shown that the *Mach number* is a key parameter that characterizes compressibility effects in a flow. The Mach number may be written

$$M = \frac{V}{c} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{\frac{dp}{d\rho}}} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{\frac{E_v}{\rho}}} \quad \text{or} \quad M^2 = \frac{\rho V^2 L^2}{E_v L^2} = \frac{\rho V^2}{E_v}$$

which is the inverse of the final force ratio,  $E_v/\rho V^2$ , discussed above, and can be interpreted as a ratio of inertia forces to forces due to compressibility. For truly incompressible flow (and note that under some conditions even liquids are quite compressible),  $c = \infty$  so that  $M = 0$ .

Equations 7.11 through 7.16 are some of the most commonly used dimensionless groupings in fluid mechanics because for any flow pattern they immediately (even before performing any experiments or analysis) indicate the relative importance of inertia, viscosity, pressure, gravity, surface tension, and compressibility.

## 7.5 Flow Similarity and Model Studies

To be useful, a model test must yield data that can be scaled to obtain the forces, moments, and dynamic loads that would exist on the full-scale prototype. What conditions must be met to ensure the similarity of model and prototype flows?

Perhaps the most obvious requirement is that the model and prototype must be geometrically similar. *Geometric similarity* requires that the model and prototype be the same shape, and that all linear dimensions of the model be related to corresponding dimensions of the prototype by a constant scale factor.

A second requirement is that the model and prototype flows must be *kinematically similar*. Two flows are kinematically similar when the velocities at corresponding points are in the same direction and differ only by a constant scale factor. Thus two flows that are kinematically similar also have streamline patterns related by a constant scale factor. Since the boundaries form the bounding streamlines, flows that are kinematically similar must be geometrically similar.

In principle, in order to model the performance in an infinite flow field correctly, kinematic similarity would require that a wind tunnel of infinite cross section be used to obtain data for drag on an object. In practice, this restriction may be relaxed considerably, permitting use of equipment of reasonable size.

Kinematic similarity requires that the regimes of flow be the same for model and prototype. If compressibility or cavitation effects, which may change even the qualitative patterns of flow, are not present in the prototype flow, they must be avoided in the model flow.

When two flows have force distributions such that identical types of forces are parallel and are related in magnitude by a constant scale factor at all corresponding points, the flows are *dynamically similar*.

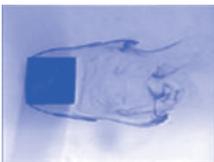
The requirements for dynamic similarity are the most restrictive. Kinematic similarity requires geometric similarity; kinematic similarity is a necessary, but not sufficient, requirement for dynamic similarity.

To establish the conditions required for complete dynamic similarity, all forces that are important in the flow situation must be considered. Thus the effects of viscous forces, of pressure forces, of surface tension forces, and so on, must be considered. Test conditions must be established such that all important forces are related by the same scale factor between model and prototype flows. When dynamic similarity exists, data measured in a model flow may be related quantitatively to conditions in the prototype flow. What, then, are the conditions that ensure dynamic similarity between model and prototype flows?

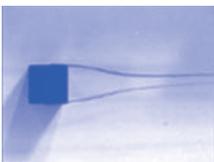
The Buckingham Pi theorem may be used to obtain the governing dimensionless groups for a flow phenomenon; to achieve dynamic similarity between geometrically similar flows, we must make sure that each independent dimensionless group has the same value in the model and in the prototype. Then not only will the forces have the same relative importance, but also the dependent dimensionless group will have the same value in the model and prototype.



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For example, in considering the drag force on a sphere in Example 7.1, we began with

$$F = f(D, V, \rho, \mu)$$

The Buckingham Pi theorem predicted the functional relation

$$\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} = f_1\left(\frac{\rho V D}{\mu}\right)$$

In Section 7.4 we showed that the dimensionless parameters can be viewed as ratios of forces. Thus, in considering a model flow and a prototype flow about a sphere (the flows are geometrically similar), the flows also will be dynamically similar if the value of the independent parameter,  $\rho V D / \mu$ , is duplicated between model and prototype, i.e., if

$$\left(\frac{\rho V D}{\mu}\right)_{\text{model}} = \left(\frac{\rho V D}{\mu}\right)_{\text{prototype}}$$

Furthermore, if

$$Re_{\text{model}} = Re_{\text{prototype}}$$

then the value of the dependent parameter,  $F / \rho V^2 D^2$ , in the functional relationship, will be duplicated between model and prototype, i.e.,

$$\left(\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2}\right)_{\text{model}} = \left(\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2}\right)_{\text{prototype}}$$

and the results determined from the model study can be used to predict the drag on the full-scale prototype.

The actual force on the object caused by the fluid is not the same for the model and prototype, but the value of its dimensionless group is. The two tests can be run using different fluids, if desired, as long as the Reynolds numbers are matched. For experimental convenience, test data can be measured in a wind tunnel in air and the results used to predict drag in water, as illustrated in Example 7.4.

### Example 7.4 SIMILARITY: DRAG OF A SONAR TRANSDUCER

The drag of a sonar transducer is to be predicted, based on wind tunnel test data. The prototype, a 1-ft diameter sphere, is to be towed at 5 knots (nautical miles per hour) in seawater at 40°F. The model is 6 in. in diameter. Determine the required test speed in air. If the drag of the model at these test conditions is 0.60 lbf, estimate the drag of the prototype.

**Given:** Sonar transducer to be tested in a wind tunnel.

**Find:** (a)  $V_m$ .  
(b)  $F_p$ .

**Solution:** Since the prototype operates in water and the model test is to be performed in air, useful results can be expected only if cavitation effects are absent in the prototype flow and compressibility effects are absent from the model test. Under these conditions,



$$\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} = f\left(\frac{\rho V D}{\mu}\right)$$

and the test should be run at

$$Re_{\text{model}} = Re_{\text{prototype}}$$

to ensure dynamic similarity. For seawater at 40°F,  $\rho = 1.99 \text{ slug/ft}^3$  and  $\nu \approx 1.69 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$ . At prototype conditions,

$$V_p = 5 \frac{\text{nmi}}{\text{hr}} \times 6080 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{nmi}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 8.44 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$Re_p = \frac{V_p D_p}{\nu_p} = 8.44 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times 1 \text{ ft} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.69 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2} = 4.99 \times 10^5$$

The model test conditions must duplicate this Reynolds number. Thus

$$Re_m = \frac{V_m D_m}{\nu_m} = 4.99 \times 10^5$$

For air at STP,  $\rho = 0.00238 \text{ slug/ft}^3$  and  $\nu = 1.57 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$ . The wind tunnel must be operated at

$$V_m = Re_m \frac{\nu_m}{D_m} = 4.99 \times 10^5 \times 1.57 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{ft}^2}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{0.5 \text{ ft}}$$

$$V_m = 157 \text{ ft/s} \leftarrow \frac{V_m}{V_m}$$

This speed is low enough to neglect compressibility effects.

At these test conditions, the model and prototype flows are dynamically similar. Hence

$$\left( \frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} \right)_m = \left( \frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} \right)_p$$

and

$$F_p = F_m \frac{\rho_p V_p^2 D_p^2}{\rho_m V_m^2 D_m^2} = 0.60 \text{ lbf} \times \frac{1.99}{0.00238} \times \frac{(8.44)^2}{(157)^2} \times \frac{1}{(0.5)^2}$$

$$F_p = 5.8 \text{ lbf} \leftarrow \frac{F_p}{F_p}$$

If cavitation were expected—if the sonar probe were operated at high speed near the free surface of the seawater—then useful results could not be obtained from a model test in air.

*This problem:*

- Demonstrates the calculation of prototype values from model test data.
- “Reinvented the wheel”: the results for drag on a smooth sphere are very well known, so we did not need to do a model experiment but instead could have simply read from the graph of Fig. 7.1 the value of  $C_D = F_p / (\frac{1}{2} \rho V_p^2 \frac{\pi}{4} D_p^2) \approx 0.1$ , corresponding to a Reynolds number of  $4.99 \times 10^5$ . Then  $F_p \approx 5.6 \text{ lbf}$  can easily be computed. We will have more to say on drag coefficients in Chapter 9.

### Incomplete Similarity

We have shown that to achieve complete dynamic similarity between geometrically similar flows, it is necessary to duplicate the values of the independent dimensionless groups; by so doing the value of the dependent parameter is then duplicated.

In the simplified situation of Example 7.4, duplicating the Reynolds number value between model and prototype ensured dynamically similar flows. Testing in air allowed the Reynolds number to be duplicated exactly (this also could have been accomplished in a water tunnel for this situation). The drag force on a sphere actually depends on the nature of the boundary-layer flow. Therefore, geometric similarity requires that the relative surface roughness of the model and prototype be the same. This means that relative roughness also is a parameter that must be duplicated between model and prototype situations. If we assume that the model was constructed carefully, measured values of drag from model tests could be scaled to predict drag for the operating conditions of the prototype.

In many model studies, to achieve dynamic similarity requires duplication of several dimensionless groups. In some cases, complete dynamic similarity between model and prototype may not be attainable. Determining the drag force (resistance) of a surface ship is an example of such a situation. Resistance on a surface ship arises from skin friction on the hull (viscous forces) and surface wave resistance (gravity forces). Complete dynamic similarity requires that both Reynolds and Froude numbers be duplicated between model and prototype.

In general it is not possible to predict wave resistance analytically, so it must be modeled. This requires that

$$Fr_m = \frac{V_m}{(gL_m)^{1/2}} = Fr_p = \frac{V_p}{(gL_p)^{1/2}}$$

To match Froude numbers between model and prototype therefore requires a velocity ratio of

$$\frac{V_m}{V_p} = \left(\frac{L_m}{L_p}\right)^{1/2}$$

to ensure dynamically similar surface wave patterns.

Hence for any model length scale, matching the Froude numbers determines the velocity ratio. Only the kinematic viscosity can then be varied to match Reynolds numbers. Thus

$$Re_m = \frac{V_m L_m}{\nu_m} = Re_p = \frac{V_p L_p}{\nu_p}$$

leads to the condition that

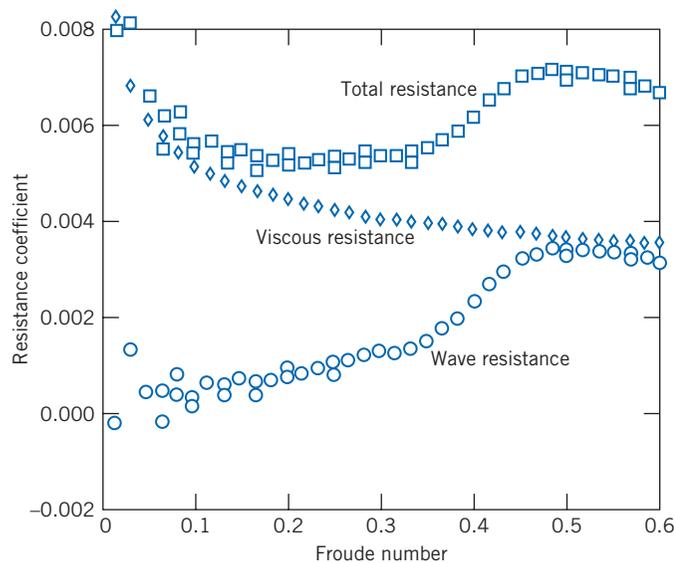
$$\frac{\nu_m}{\nu_p} = \frac{V_m L_m}{V_p L_p}$$

If we use the velocity ratio obtained from matching the Froude numbers, equality of Reynolds numbers leads to a kinematic viscosity ratio requirement of

$$\frac{\nu_m}{\nu_p} = \left(\frac{L_m}{L_p}\right)^{1/2} \frac{L_m}{L_p} = \left(\frac{L_m}{L_p}\right)^{3/2}$$

If  $L_m/L_p = \frac{1}{100}$  (a typical length scale for ship model tests), then  $\nu_m/\nu_p$  must be  $\frac{1}{1000}$ . Figure A.3 shows that mercury is the only liquid with kinematic viscosity less than that of water. However, it is only about an order of magnitude less, so the kinematic viscosity ratio required to duplicate Reynolds numbers cannot be attained.

We conclude that we have a problem: it is impossible in practice for this model/prototype scale of  $\frac{1}{100}$  to satisfy both the Reynolds number and Froude number criteria; at best we will be able to satisfy only one of them. In addition, water is the only practical fluid for most model tests of free-surface flows. To obtain complete dynamic similarity then would require a full-scale test. However, all is not lost: Model studies do provide useful information even though complete similarity cannot be obtained. As an example, Fig. 7.2 shows data from a test of a 1:80 scale model of a ship conducted at the U.S. Naval Academy Hydromechanics Laboratory. The plot displays “resistance coefficient” data versus Froude number. The



**Fig. 7.2** Data from test of 1:80 scale model of U.S. Navy guided missile frigate *Oliver Hazard Perry* (FFG-7). (Data from U.S. Naval Academy Hydromechanics Laboratory, courtesy of Professor Bruce Johnson.)

square points are calculated from values of total resistance measured in the test. We would like to obtain the corresponding total resistance curve for the full-scale ship.

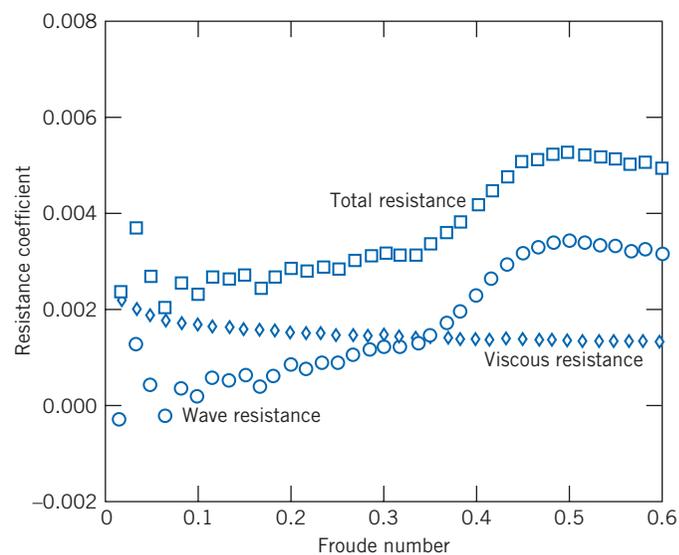
If you think about it, we can *only* measure the total drag (the square data points). The total drag is due to both wave resistance (dependent on the Froude number) and friction resistance (dependent on the Reynolds number), and it's not possible to determine experimentally how much each contributes. We *cannot* use the total drag curve of Fig. 7.2 for the full-scale ship because, as we have discussed above, we can never set up the model conditions so that its Reynolds number *and* Froude number match those of the full-scale ship. Nevertheless, we would like to extract from Fig. 7.2 the corresponding total drag curve for the full-scale ship. In many experimental situations we need to use a creative “trick” to come up with a solution. In this case, the experimenters used boundary-layer theory (which we discuss in Chapter 9) to *predict* the viscous resistance component of the model (shown as diamonds in Fig. 7.2); then they estimated the wave resistance (not obtainable from theory) by simply subtracting this theoretical viscous resistance from the experimental total resistance, point by point (shown as circles in Fig. 7.2).

Using this clever idea (typical of the kind of experimental and analytical approaches experimentalists need to employ), Fig. 7.2 therefore gives the wave resistance of the model as a function of Froude number. It is *also* valid for the full-scale ship, because wave resistance depends only on the Froude number! We can now build a graph similar to Fig. 7.2 valid for the full-scale ship: Simply compute from boundary-layer theory the viscous resistance of the full-scale ship and add this to the wave resistance values, point by point. The result is shown in Fig. 7.3. The wave resistance points are identical to those in Fig. 7.2; the viscous resistance points are computed from theory (and are different from those of Fig. 7.2); and the predicted total resistance curve for the full-scale ship is finally obtained.

In this example, incomplete modeling was overcome by using analytical computations; the model experiments modeled the Froude number, but not the Reynolds number.

Because the Reynolds number cannot be matched for model tests of surface ships, the boundary-layer behavior is not the same for model and prototype. The model Reynolds number is only  $(L_m/L_p)^{3/2}$  as large as the prototype value, so the extent of laminar flow in the boundary layer on the model is too large by a corresponding factor. The method just described assumes that boundary-layer behavior can be scaled. To make this possible, the model boundary layer is “tripped” or “stimulated” to become turbulent at a location that corresponds to the behavior on the full-scale vessel. “Studs” were used to stimulate the boundary layer for the model test results shown in Fig. 7.2.

A correction sometimes is added to the full-scale coefficients calculated from model test data. This correction accounts for roughness, waviness, and unevenness that inevitably are more pronounced on the full-scale ship than on the model. Comparisons between predictions from model tests and measurements made in full-scale trials suggest an overall accuracy within  $\pm 5$  percent [5].



**Fig. 7.3** Resistance of full-scale ship predicted from model test results. (Data from U.S. Naval Academy Hydromechanics Laboratory, courtesy of Professor Bruce Johnson.)

As we will see in Chapter 11, the Froude number is an important parameter in the modeling of rivers and harbors. In these situations it is not practical to obtain complete similarity. Use of a reasonable model scale would lead to extremely small water depths, so that viscous forces and surface tension forces would have much larger relative effects in the model flow than in the prototype. Consequently, different length scales are used for the vertical and horizontal directions. Viscous forces in the deeper model flow are increased using artificial roughness elements.

Emphasis on fuel economy has made reduction of aerodynamic drag important for automobiles, trucks, and buses. Most work on development of low-drag configurations is done using model tests. Traditionally, automobile models have been built to  $\frac{3}{8}$  scale, at which a model of a full-size automobile has a frontal area of about  $0.3 \text{ m}^2$ . Thus testing can be done in a wind tunnel with test section area of  $6 \text{ m}^2$  or larger. At  $\frac{3}{8}$  scale, a wind speed of about 150 mph is needed to model a prototype automobile traveling at the legal speed limit. Thus there is no problem with compressibility effects, but the scale models are expensive and time-consuming to build.

A large wind tunnel (test section dimensions are 5.4 m high, 10.4 m wide, and 21.3 m long; maximum air speed is 250 km/hr with the tunnel empty) is used by General Motors to test full-scale automobiles at highway speeds. The large test section allows use of production autos or of full-scale clay mockups of proposed auto body styles. Many other vehicle manufacturers are using comparable facilities; Fig. 7.4 shows a full-size sedan under test in the Volvo wind tunnel. The relatively low speed permits flow visualization using tufts or “smoke” streams.<sup>1</sup> Using full-size “models,” stylists and engineers can work together to achieve optimum results.

It is harder to achieve dynamic similarity in tests of trucks and buses; models must be made to smaller scale than those for automobiles.<sup>2</sup> A large scale for truck and bus testing is 1:8. To achieve complete dynamic similarity by matching Reynolds numbers at this scale would require a test speed of 440 mph.



Photograph courtesy of Volvo Cars of North America, Inc.

**Fig. 7.4** Full-scale automobile under test in Volvo wind tunnel, using smoke streaklines for flow visualization.

<sup>1</sup> A mixture of liquid nitrogen and steam may be used to produce “smoke” streaklines that evaporate and do not clog the fine mesh screens used to reduce the turbulence level in a wind tunnel. Streaklines may be made to appear “colored” in photos by placing a filter over the camera lens. This and other techniques for flow visualization are detailed in References [6] and [7].

<sup>2</sup> The vehicle length is particularly important in tests at large yaw angles to simulate crosswind behavior. Tunnel blockage considerations limit the acceptable model size. See Reference [8] for recommended practices.

This would introduce unwanted compressibility effects, and model and prototype flows would not be kinematically similar. Fortunately, trucks and buses are “bluff” objects. Experiments show that above a certain Reynolds number, their nondimensional drag becomes independent of Reynolds number [8]. (Figure 7.1 actually shows an example of this—for a sphere, the dimensionless drag is approximately constant for  $2000 < Re < 2 \times 10^5$ .) Although similarity is not complete, measured test data can be scaled to predict prototype drag forces. The procedure is illustrated in Example 7.5.

### Example 7.5 INCOMPLETE SIMILARITY: AERODYNAMIC DRAG ON A BUS

The following wind tunnel test data from a 1:16 scale model of a bus are available:

Air Speed (m/s)	18.0	21.8	26.0	30.1	35.0	38.5	40.9	44.1	46.7
Drag Force (N)	3.10	4.41	6.09	7.97	10.7	12.9	14.7	16.9	18.9

Using the properties of standard air, calculate and plot the dimensionless aerodynamic drag coefficient,

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A}$$

versus Reynolds number  $Re = \rho V w / \mu$ , where  $w$  is model width. Find the minimum test speed above which  $C_D$  remains constant. Estimate the aerodynamic drag force and power requirement for the prototype vehicle at 100 km/hr. (The width and frontal area of the prototype are 8 ft and  $84 \text{ ft}^2$ , respectively.)

**Given:** Data from a wind tunnel test of a model bus. Prototype dimensions are width of 8 ft and frontal area of  $84 \text{ ft}^2$ . Model scale is 1:16. Standard air is the test fluid.

**Find:** (a) Aerodynamic drag coefficient,  $C_D = F_D / \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A$ , versus Reynolds number,  $Re = \rho V w / \mu$ ; plot.  
 (b) Speed above which  $C_D$  is constant.  
 (c) Estimated aerodynamic drag force and power required for the full-scale vehicle at 100 km/hr.

**Solution:** The model width is

$$w_m = \frac{1}{16} w_p = \frac{1}{16} \times 8 \text{ ft} \times 0.3048 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{ft}} = 0.152 \text{ m}$$

The model area is

$$A_m = \left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^2 A_p = \left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^2 \times 84 \text{ ft}^2 \times (0.305)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{ft}^2} = 0.0305 \text{ m}^2$$

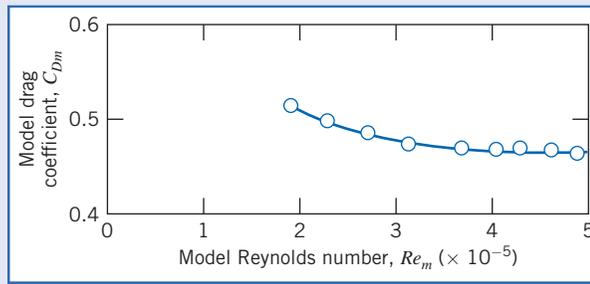
The aerodynamic drag coefficient may be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} C_D &= \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A} \\ &= 2 \times F_D(\text{N}) \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{1.23 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{(V)^2 \text{ m}^2} \times \frac{1}{0.0305 \text{ m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \\ C_D &= \frac{53.3 F_D(\text{N})}{[V(\text{m/s})]^2} \end{aligned}$$

The Reynolds number may be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} Re &= \frac{\rho V w}{\mu} = \frac{V w}{\nu} = V \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.152 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2} \\ Re &= 1.04 \times 10^4 V(\text{m/s}) \end{aligned}$$

The calculated values are plotted in the following figure:



$C_{Dm}$  versus  $Re_m$

The plot shows that the model drag coefficient becomes constant at  $C_{Dm} \approx 0.46$  above  $Re_m = 4 \times 10^5$ , which corresponds to an air speed of approximately 40 m/s. Since the drag coefficient is independent of Reynolds number above  $Re \approx 4 \times 10^5$ , then for the prototype vehicle ( $Re \approx 4.5 \times 10^6$ ),  $C_D \approx 0.46$ . The drag force on the full-scale vehicle is

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{D_p} &= C_D \frac{1}{2} \rho V_p^2 A_p \\
 &= \frac{0.46}{2} \times 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \left( 100 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} \times 1000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{km}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \right)^2 \times 84 \text{ ft}^2 \times (0.305)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\
 F_{D_p} &= 1.71 \text{ kN} \leftarrow F_{D_p}
 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding power required to overcome aerodynamic drag is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{P}_p &= F_{D_p} V_p \\
 &= 1.71 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \times 100 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} \times 1000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{km}} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}} \\
 \mathcal{P}_p &= 47.5 \text{ kW} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_p
 \end{aligned}$$

This problem illustrates a common phenomenon in aerodynamics: Above a certain minimum Reynolds number the drag coefficient of an object usually approaches a constant—that is, becomes independent of the Reynolds number. Hence, in these situations we do not have to match the Reynolds numbers of the model and prototype in order for them to have the same drag coefficient—a considerable advantage. However, the SAE *Recommended Practices* [8] suggests  $Re \geq 2 \times 10^6$  for truck and bus testing.

For additional details on techniques and applications of dimensional analysis consult [9–12].

## Scaling with Multiple Dependent Parameters

In some situations of practical importance there may be more than one dependent parameter. In such cases, dimensionless groups must be formed separately for each dependent parameter.

As an example, consider a typical centrifugal pump. The detailed flow pattern within a pump changes with volume flow rate and speed; these changes affect the pump's performance. Performance parameters of interest include the pressure rise (or head) developed, the power input required, and the machine efficiency measured under specific operating conditions.<sup>3</sup> Performance curves are generated by varying an independent parameter such as the volume flow rate. Thus the independent variables are volume flow rate, angular speed, impeller diameter, and fluid properties. Dependent variables are the several performance quantities of interest.

<sup>3</sup> Efficiency is defined as the ratio of power delivered to the fluid divided by input power,  $\eta = \mathcal{P} / \mathcal{P}_{in}$ . For incompressible flow, we will see in Chapter 8 that the energy equation reduces to  $\mathcal{P} = \rho Q h$  (when "head"  $h$  is expressed as energy per unit mass) or to  $\mathcal{P} = \rho g Q H$  (when head  $H$  is expressed as energy per unit weight).

Finding dimensionless parameters begins from the symbolic equations for the dependence of head,  $h$  (energy per unit mass,  $L^2/t^2$ ), and power,  $\mathcal{P}$ , on the independent parameters, given by

$$h = g_1(Q, \rho, \omega, D, \mu)$$

and

$$\mathcal{P} = g_2(Q, \rho, \omega, D, \mu)$$

Straightforward use of the Pi theorem gives the dimensionless *head coefficient* and *power coefficient* as

$$\frac{h}{\omega^2 D^2} = f_1\left(\frac{Q}{\omega D^3}, \frac{\rho \omega D^2}{\mu}\right) \quad (7.17)$$

and

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho \omega^3 D^5} = f_2\left(\frac{Q}{\omega D^3}, \frac{\rho \omega D^2}{\mu}\right) \quad (7.18)$$

The dimensionless parameter  $Q/\omega D^3$  in these equations is called the *flow coefficient*. The dimensionless parameter  $\rho \omega D^2/\mu$  ( $\propto \rho V D/\mu$ ) is a form of Reynolds number.

Head and power in a pump are developed by inertia forces. Both the flow pattern within a pump and the pump performance change with volume flow rate and speed of rotation. Performance is difficult to predict analytically except at the design point of the pump, so it is measured experimentally. Typical characteristic curves plotted from experimental data for a centrifugal pump tested at constant speed are shown in Fig. 7.5 as functions of volume flow rate. The head, power, and efficiency curves in Fig. 7.5 are smoothed through points calculated from measured data. Maximum efficiency usually occurs at the design point.

Complete similarity in pump performance tests would require identical flow coefficients and Reynolds numbers. In practice, it has been found that viscous effects are relatively unimportant when two geometrically similar machines operate under “similar” flow conditions. Thus, from Eqs. 7.17 and 7.18, when

$$\frac{Q_1}{\omega_1 D_1^3} = \frac{Q_2}{\omega_2 D_2^3} \quad (7.19)$$

it follows that

$$\frac{h_1}{\omega_1^2 D_1^2} = \frac{h_2}{\omega_2^2 D_2^2} \quad (7.20)$$

and

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_1}{\rho_1 \omega_1^3 D_1^5} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_2}{\rho_2 \omega_2^3 D_2^5} \quad (7.21)$$

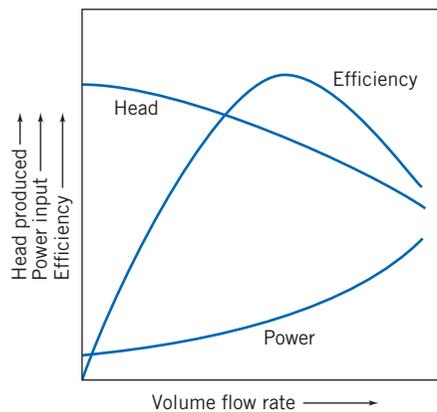


Fig. 7.5 Typical characteristic curves for centrifugal pump tested at constant speed.

The empirical observation that viscous effects are unimportant under similar flow conditions allows use of Eqs. 7.19 through 7.21 to scale the performance characteristics of machines to different operating conditions, as either the speed or diameter is changed. These useful scaling relationships are known as pump or fan “laws.” If operating conditions for one machine are known, operating conditions for any geometrically similar machine can be found by changing  $D$  and  $\omega$  according to Eqs. 7.19 through 7.21. (More details on dimensional analysis, design, and performance curves for fluid machinery are presented in Chapter 10.)

Another useful pump parameter can be obtained by eliminating the machine diameter from Eqs. 7.19 and 7.20. If we designate  $\Pi_1 = Q/\omega D^3$  and  $\Pi_2 = h/\omega^2 D^2$ , then the ratio  $\Pi_1^{1/2}/\Pi_2^{3/4}$  is another dimensionless parameter; this parameter is the *specific speed*,  $N_s$ ,

$$N_s = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{h^{3/4}} \quad (7.22a)$$

The specific speed, as defined in Eq. 7.22a, is a dimensionless parameter (provided that the head,  $h$ , is expressed as energy per unit mass). You may think of specific speed as the speed required for a machine to produce unit head at unit volume flow rate. A constant specific speed describes all operating conditions of geometrically similar machines with similar flow conditions.

Although specific speed is a dimensionless parameter, it is common practice to use a convenient but inconsistent set of units in specifying the variables  $\omega$  and  $Q$ , and to use the energy per unit weight  $H$  in place of energy per unit mass  $h$  in Eq. 7.22a. When this is done the specific speed,

$$N_{s_{cu}} = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{H^{3/4}} \quad (7.22b)$$

is not a unitless parameter and its magnitude depends on the units used to calculate it. Customary units used in U.S. engineering practice for pumps are rpm for  $\omega$ , gpm for  $Q$ , and feet (energy per unit weight) for  $H$ . In these customary U.S. units, “low” specific speed means  $500 < N_{s_{cu}} < 4000$  and “high” means  $10,000 < N_{s_{cu}} < 15,000$ . Example 7.6 illustrates use of the pump scaling laws and specific speed parameter. More details of specific speed calculations and additional examples of applications to fluid machinery are presented in Chapter 10.

### Example 7.6 PUMP “LAWS”

A centrifugal pump has an efficiency of 80 percent at its design-point specific speed of 2000 (units of rpm, gpm, and feet). The impeller diameter is 8 in. At design-point flow conditions, the volume flow rate is 300 gpm of water at 1170 rpm. To obtain a higher flow rate, the pump is to be fitted with a 1750 rpm motor. Use the pump “laws” to find the design-point performance characteristics of the pump at the higher speed. Show that the specific speed remains constant for the higher operating speed. Determine the motor size required.

**Given:** Centrifugal pump with design specific speed of 2000 (in rpm, gpm, and feet units). Impeller diameter is  $D = 8$  in. At the pump’s design-point flow conditions,  $\omega = 1170$  rpm and  $Q = 300$  gpm, with water.

**Find:** (a) Performance characteristics,  
(b) specific speed, and  
(c) motor size required, for similar flow conditions at 1750 rpm.

**Solution:** From pump “laws,”  $Q/\omega D^3 = \text{constant}$ , so

$$Q_2 = Q_1 \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^3 = 300 \text{ gpm} \left( \frac{1750}{1170} \right) (1)^3 = 449 \text{ gpm} \leftarrow \frac{Q_2}{\omega_2 D_2^3}$$

The pump head is not specified at  $\omega_1 = 1170$  rpm, but it can be calculated from the specific speed,  $N_{s_{cu}} = 2000$ . Using the given units and the definition of  $N_{s_{cu}}$ ,

$$N_{s_{cu}} = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{H^{3/4}} \quad \text{so} \quad H_1 = \left( \frac{\omega_1 Q_1^{1/2}}{N_{s_{cu}}} \right)^{4/3} = 21.9 \text{ ft}$$

Then  $H/\omega^2 D^2 = \text{constant}$ , so

$$H_2 = H_1 \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \right)^2 \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^2 = 21.9 \text{ ft} \left( \frac{1750}{1170} \right)^2 (1)^2 = 49.0 \text{ ft} \leftarrow H_2$$

The pump output power is  $\mathcal{P}_1 = \rho g Q_1 H_1$ , so at  $\omega_1 = 1170$  rpm,

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 300 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times 21.9 \text{ ft} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = 1.66 \text{ hp}$$

But  $\mathcal{P}/\rho \omega^3 D^5 = \text{constant}$ , so

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = \mathcal{P}_1 \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right) \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \right)^3 \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^5 = 1.66 \text{ hp} (1) \left( \frac{1750}{1170} \right)^3 (1)^5 = 5.55 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_2$$

The required input power may be calculated as

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{in}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_2}{\eta} = \frac{5.55 \text{ hp}}{0.80} = 6.94 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{in}}$$

Thus a 7.5-hp motor (the next larger standard size) probably would be specified.

The specific speed at  $\omega_2 = 1750$  rpm is

$$N_{s_{cu}} = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{H^{3/4}} = \frac{1750(449)^{1/2}}{(49.0)^{3/4}} = 2000 \leftarrow N_{s_{cu}}$$

This problem illustrates application of the pump “laws” and specific speed to scaling of performance data. Pump and fan “laws” are used widely in industry to scale performance curves for families of machines from a single performance curve, and to specify drive speed and power in machine applications.

## Comments on Model Testing

While outlining the procedures involved in model testing, we have tried not to imply that testing is a simple task that automatically gives results that are easily interpreted, accurate, and complete. As in all experimental work, careful planning and execution are needed to obtain valid results. Models must be constructed carefully and accurately, and they must include sufficient detail in areas critical to the phenomenon being measured. Aerodynamic balances or other force measuring systems must be aligned carefully and calibrated correctly. Mounting methods must be devised that offer adequate rigidity and model motion, yet do not interfere with the phenomenon being measured. References [13–15] are considered the standard sources for details of wind tunnel test techniques. More specialized techniques for water impact testing are described in Waugh and Stubstad [16].

Experimental facilities must be designed and constructed carefully. The quality of flow in a wind tunnel must be documented. Flow in the test section should be as nearly uniform as possible (unless the desire is to simulate a special profile such as an atmospheric boundary layer), free from angularity, and with little swirl. If they interfere with measurements, boundary layers on tunnel walls must be removed by suction or energized by blowing. Pressure gradients in a wind tunnel test section may cause erroneous drag-force readings due to pressure variations in the flow direction.

Special facilities are needed for unusual conditions or for special test requirements, especially to achieve large Reynolds numbers. Many facilities are so large or specialized that they cannot be supported by university laboratories or private industry. A few examples include [17–19]:

- National Full-Scale Aerodynamics Complex, NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California.
  - Two wind tunnel test sections, powered by a 125,000 hp electric drive system:
    - 40 ft high and 80 ft wide (12 × 24 m) test section, maximum wind speed of 300 knots.
    - 80 ft high and 120 ft wide (24 × 36 m) test section, maximum wind speed of 137 knots.
- U.S. Navy, David Taylor Research Center, Carderock, Maryland.
  - High-Speed Towing Basin 2968 ft long, 21 ft wide, and 16 ft deep. Towing carriage can travel at up to 100 knots while measuring drag loads to 8000 lbf and side loads to 2000 lbf.
  - 36 in. variable-pressure water tunnel with 50 knot maximum test speed at pressures between 2 and 60 psia.
  - Anechoic Flow Facility with quiet, low-turbulence air flow in 8 ft square by 21 ft-long open-jet test section. Flow noise at maximum speed of 200 ft/s is less than that of conversational speech.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sausalito, California.
  - San Francisco Bay and Delta Model with slightly more than 1 acre in area, 1:1000 horizontal scale and 1:100 vertical scale, 13,500 gpm of pumping capacity, use of fresh and salt water, and tide simulation.
- NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, Virginia.
  - National Transonic Facility (NTF) with cryogenic technology (temperatures as low as –300°F) to reduce gas viscosity, raising Reynolds number by a factor of 6, while halving drive power.

## 7.6 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we have:

- ✓ Obtained dimensionless coefficients by nondimensionalizing the governing differential equations of a problem.
- ✓ Stated the Buckingham Pi theorem and used it to determine the independent and dependent dimensionless parameters from the physical parameters of a problem.
- ✓ Defined a number of important dimensionless groups: the Reynolds number, Euler number, cavitation number, Froude number, Weber number, and Mach number, and discussed their physical significance.

We have also explored some ideas behind modeling: geometric, kinematic, and dynamic similarity, incomplete modeling, and predicting prototype results from model tests.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

### Useful Equations

Reynolds number (inertia to viscous):	$Re = \frac{\rho VL}{\mu} = \frac{VL}{\nu}$	(7.11)	Page 254
Euler number (pressure to inertia):	$Eu = \frac{\Delta p}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2}$	(7.12)	Page 255
Cavitation number:	$Ca = \frac{p - p_v}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2}$	(7.13)	Page 255
Froude number (inertia to gravity):	$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gL}}$	(7.14)	Page 255

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Weber number (inertia to surface tension):	$We = \frac{\rho V^2 L}{\sigma}$	(7.15)	Page 255
Mach number (inertia to compressibility):	$M = \frac{V}{c}$	(7.16)	Page 255
Centrifugal pump specific speed (in terms of head $h$ ):	$N_s = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{h^{3/4}}$	(7.22a)	Page 265
Centrifugal pump specific speed (in terms of head $H$ ):	$N_{s_{cu}} = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{H^{3/4}}$	(7.22b)	Page 265

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## PROBLEMS

### Nondimensionalizing the Basic Differential Equations

 Many of the problems in this chapter involve obtaining the  $\Pi$  groups that characterize a problem. The *Excel* workbook used in Example 7.1 is useful for performing the computations involved. To avoid needless duplication, the computer symbol will only be used next to problems when they have an *additional* benefit (e.g., for graphing).

**7.1** The slope of the free surface of a steady wave in one-dimensional flow in a shallow liquid layer is described by the equation

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = -\frac{u}{g} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

Use a length scale,  $L$ , and a velocity scale,  $V_0$ , to nondimensionalize this equation. Obtain the dimensionless groups that characterize this flow.

**7.2** One-dimensional unsteady flow in a thin liquid layer is described by the equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -g \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

Use a length scale,  $L$ , and a velocity scale,  $V_0$ , to nondimensionalize this equation. Obtain the dimensionless groups that characterize this flow.

**7.3** In atmospheric studies the motion of the earth's atmosphere can sometimes be modeled with the equation

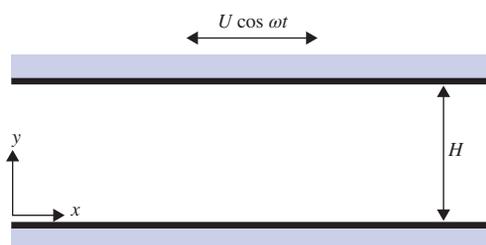
$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} + 2\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{V} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p$$

where  $\vec{V}$  is the large-scale velocity of the atmosphere across the Earth's surface,  $\nabla p$  is the climatic pressure gradient, and  $\vec{\Omega}$  is the Earth's angular velocity. What is the meaning of the term  $\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{V}$ ? Use the pressure difference,  $\Delta p$ , and typical length scale,  $L$  (which could, for example, be the magnitude of, and distance between, an atmospheric high and low, respectively), to nondimensionalize this equation. Obtain the dimensionless groups that characterize this flow.

**7.4** Fluid fills the space between two parallel plates. The differential equation that describes the instantaneous fluid velocity for unsteady flow with the fluid moving parallel to the walls is

$$\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

The lower plate is stationary and the upper plate oscillates in the  $x$ -direction with a frequency  $\omega$  and an amplitude in the plate velocity of  $U$ . Use the characteristic dimensions to normalize the differential equation and obtain the dimensionless groups that characterize the flow.



P7.4

**7.5** By using order of magnitude analysis, the continuity and Navier–Stokes equations can be simplified to the Prandtl boundary-layer equations. For steady, incompressible, and two-dimensional flow, neglecting gravity, the result is

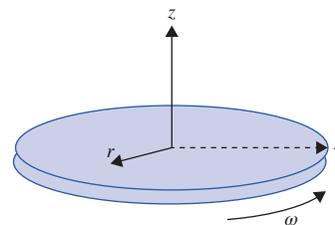
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Use  $L$  and  $V_0$  as characteristic length and velocity, respectively. Nondimensionalize these equations and identify the similarity parameters that result.

**7.6** Consider a disk of radius  $R$  rotating in an incompressible fluid at a speed  $\omega$ . The equations that describe the boundary layer on the disk are:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial(rv_r)}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} &= 0 \\ \rho \left( v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) &= \mu \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned}$$

Use the characteristic dimensions to normalize the differential equation and obtain the dimensionless groups that characterize the flow.



P7.6

**7.7** An unsteady, two-dimensional, compressible, inviscid flow can be described by the equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (u^2 + v^2) + (u^2 - c^2) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \\ + (v^2 - c^2) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + 2uv \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi$  is the stream function,  $u$  and  $v$  are the  $x$  and  $y$  components of velocity, respectively,  $c$  is the local speed of sound, and  $t$  is the time. Using  $L$  as a characteristic length and  $c_0$  (the speed of sound at the stagnation point) to nondimensionalize this equation, obtain the dimensionless groups that characterize the equation.

### Buckingham Pi Theorem

**7.8** Experiments show that the pressure drop for flow through an orifice plate of diameter  $d$  mounted in a length of pipe of diameter  $D$  may be expressed as  $\Delta p = p_1 - p_2 = f(\rho, \mu, \bar{V}, d, D)$ . You are asked to organize some experimental data. Obtain the resulting dimensionless parameters.

**7.9** At very low speeds, the drag on an object is independent of fluid density. Thus the drag force,  $F$ , on a small sphere is a function only of speed,  $V$ , fluid viscosity,  $\mu$ , and sphere diameter,  $D$ . Use dimensional analysis to determine how the drag force  $F$  depends on the speed  $V$ .

**7.10** We saw in Chapter 3 that the buoyant force,  $F_B$ , on a body submerged in a fluid is directly proportional to the specific weight of the fluid,  $\gamma$ . Demonstrate this using dimensional analysis, by starting with the buoyant force as a function of the volume of the body and the specific weight of the fluid.

**7.11** Assume that the velocity acquired by a body falling from rest (without resistance) depends on weight of body, acceleration due to gravity, and distance of fall. Prove by dimensional analysis that  $V = C\sqrt{g_n h}$  and is thus independent of the weight of the body.

**7.12** Derive by dimensional analysis an expression for the local velocity in established pipe flow through a smooth pipe if this velocity depends only on mean velocity, pipe diameter, distance from pipe wall, and density and viscosity of the fluid.

**7.13** The speed of shallow water waves in the ocean (e.g., seismic sea waves or *tsunamis*) depends only on the still water depth and the acceleration due to gravity. Derive an expression for wave speed.

**7.14** The speed,  $V$ , of a free-surface wave in shallow liquid is a function of depth,  $D$ , density,  $\rho$ , gravity,  $g$ , and surface tension,  $\sigma$ . Use dimensional analysis to find the functional dependence of  $V$  on the other variables. Express  $V$  in the simplest form possible.

**7.15** The boundary-layer thickness,  $\delta$ , on a smooth flat plate in an incompressible flow without pressure gradients depends on the free-stream speed,  $U$ , the fluid density,  $\rho$ , the fluid viscosity,  $\mu$ , and the distance from the leading edge of the plate,  $x$ . Express these variables in dimensionless form.

**7.16** The speed,  $V$ , of a free-surface gravity wave in deep water is a function of wavelength,  $\lambda$ , depth,  $D$ , density,  $\rho$ , and acceleration of gravity,  $g$ . Use dimensional analysis to find the functional dependence of  $V$  on the other variables. Express  $V$  in the simplest form possible.

**7.17** Derive an expression for the velocity of very small ripples on the surface of a liquid if this velocity depends only on ripple length and density and surface tension of the liquid.

**7.18** Derive an expression for the axial thrust exerted by a propeller if the thrust depends only on forward speed, angular speed, size, and viscosity and density of the fluid. How would the expression change if gravity were a relevant variable in the case of a ship propeller?

**7.19** Derive an expression for drag force on a smooth submerged object moving through incompressible fluid if this force depends only on speed and size of object and viscosity and density of the fluid.

**7.20** The energy released during an explosion,  $E$ , is a function of the time after detonation  $t$ , the blast radius  $R$  at time  $t$ , and the ambient air pressure  $p$ , and density  $\rho$ . Determine, by dimensional analysis, the general form of the expression for  $E$  in terms of the other variables.

**7.21** Measurements of the liquid height upstream from an obstruction placed in an open-channel flow can be used to determine volume flow rate. (Such obstructions, designed and calibrated to measure rate of open-channel flow, are called *weirs*.) Assume the volume flow rate,  $Q$ , over a weir is a function of upstream height,  $h$ , gravity,  $g$ , and channel width,  $b$ . Use dimensional analysis to find the functional dependence of  $Q$  on the other variables.

**7.22** The load-carrying capacity,  $W$ , of a journal bearing is known to depend on its diameter,  $D$ , length,  $l$ , and clearance,  $c$ , in addition to its angular speed,  $\omega$ , and lubricant viscosity,  $\mu$ . Determine the dimensionless parameters that characterize this problem.

**7.23** Derive an expression for the drag force on a smooth object moving through compressible fluid if this force depends only on speed and size of object, and viscosity, density, and modulus of elasticity of the fluid.

**7.24** A circular disk of diameter  $d$  and of negligible thickness is rotated at a constant angular speed,  $\omega$ , in a cylindrical casing filled with a liquid of viscosity  $\mu$  and density  $\rho$ . The casing has an internal diameter  $D$ , and there is a clearance  $y$  between the surfaces of disk

and casing. Derive an expression for the torque required to maintain this speed if it depends only on the foregoing variables.

**7.25** Two cylinders are concentric, the outer one fixed and the inner one movable. A viscous incompressible fluid fills the gap between them. Derive an expression for the torque required to maintain constant-speed rotation of the inner cylinder if this torque depends only on the diameters and lengths of the cylinders, the viscosity and density of the fluid, and the angular speed of the inner cylinder.

**7.26** The time,  $t$ , for oil to drain out of a viscosity calibration container depends on the fluid viscosity,  $\mu$ , and density,  $\rho$ , the orifice diameter,  $d$ , and gravity,  $g$ . Use dimensional analysis to find the functional dependence of  $t$  on the other variables. Express  $t$  in the simplest possible form.

**7.27** You are asked to find a set of dimensionless parameters to organize data from a laboratory experiment, in which a tank is drained through an orifice from initial liquid level  $h_0$ . The time,  $\tau$ , to drain the tank depends on tank diameter,  $D$ , orifice diameter,  $d$ , acceleration of gravity,  $g$ , liquid density,  $\rho$ , and liquid viscosity,  $\mu$ . How many dimensionless parameters will result? How many repeating variables must be selected to determine the dimensionless parameters? Obtain the  $\Pi$  parameter that contains the viscosity.

**7.28** A continuous belt moving vertically through a bath of viscous liquid drags a layer of liquid, of thickness  $h$ , along with it. The volume flow rate of liquid,  $Q$ , is assumed to depend on  $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $g$ ,  $h$ , and  $V$ , where  $V$  is the belt speed. Apply dimensional analysis to predict the form of dependence of  $Q$  on the other variables.

**7.29** Derive an expression for the frictional torque exerted on the journal of a bearing if this torque depends only on the diameters of journal and bearing, their axial lengths (these are the same), viscosity of the lubricant, angular speed of the journal, and the transverse load (force) on the bearing.

**7.30** Tests on the established flow of six different liquids in smooth pipes of various sizes yield the following data:

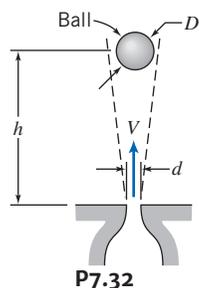
Diameter mm	Velocity m/s	Viscosity mPa·s	Density kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Wall Shear Pa
300	2.26	862.0	1247	51.2
250	2.47	431.0	1031	33.5
150	1.22	84.3	907	5.41
100	1.39	44.0	938	9.67
50	0.20	1.5	861	0.162
25	0.36	1.0	1000	0.517

Make a dimensional analysis of this problem and a plot of the resulting dimensionless numbers as ordinate and abscissa. What conclusions may be drawn from the plot?

**7.31** The power,  $\mathcal{P}$ , required to drive a fan is believed to depend on fluid density,  $\rho$ , volume flow rate,  $Q$ , impeller diameter,  $D$ , and angular velocity,  $\omega$ . Use dimensional analysis to determine the dependence of  $\mathcal{P}$  on the other variables.

**7.32** The sketch shows an air jet discharging vertically. Experiments show that a ball placed in the jet is suspended in a stable position. The equilibrium height of the ball in the jet is found to depend on  $D$ ,  $d$ ,  $V$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $W$ , where  $W$  is the weight of the ball. Dimensional analysis

is suggested to correlate experimental data. Find the  $\Pi$  parameters that characterize this phenomenon.



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**7.33** The diameter,  $d$ , of bubbles produced by a bubble-making toy depends on the soapy water viscosity,  $\mu$ , density,  $\rho$ , and surface tension,  $\sigma$ , the ring diameter,  $D$ , and the pressure differential,  $\Delta p$ , generating the bubbles. Use dimensional analysis to find the  $\Pi$  parameters that characterize this phenomenon.

**7.34** Choked-flow nozzles are often used to meter the flow of gases through piping systems. The mass flow rate of gas is thought to depend on nozzle area  $A$ , pressure  $p$ , and temperature  $T$  upstream of the meter, and the gas constant  $R$ . Determine how many independent  $\Pi$  parameters can be formed for this problem. State the functional relationship for the mass flow rate in terms of the dimensionless parameters.

**7.35** A large tank of liquid under pressure is drained through a smoothly contoured nozzle of area  $A$ . The mass flow rate is thought to depend on nozzle area,  $A$ , liquid density,  $\rho$ , difference in height between the liquid surface and nozzle,  $h$ , tank gage pressure,  $\Delta p$ , and gravitational acceleration,  $g$ . Determine how many independent  $\Pi$  parameters can be formed for this problem. Find the dimensionless parameters. State the functional relationship for the mass flow rate in terms of the dimensionless parameters.

**7.36** Spin plays an important role in the flight trajectory of golf, ping-pong, and tennis balls. Therefore, it is important to know the rate at which spin decreases for a ball in flight. The aerodynamic torque,  $T$ , acting on a ball in flight, is thought to depend on flight speed,  $V$ , air density,  $\rho$ , air viscosity,  $\mu$ , ball diameter,  $D$ , spin rate (angular speed),  $\omega$ , and diameter of the dimples on the ball,  $d$ . Determine the dimensionless parameters that result.

**7.37** The power loss,  $\mathcal{P}$ , in a journal bearing depends on length,  $l$ , diameter,  $D$ , and clearance,  $c$ , of the bearing, in addition to its angular speed,  $\omega$ . The lubricant viscosity and mean pressure are also important. Obtain the dimensionless parameters that characterize this problem. Determine the functional form of the dependence of  $\mathcal{P}$  on these parameters.

**7.38** The thrust of a marine propeller is to be measured during “open-water” tests at a variety of angular speeds and forward speeds (“speeds of advance”). The thrust,  $F_T$ , is thought to depend on water density,  $\rho$ , propeller diameter,  $D$ , speed of advance,  $V$ , acceleration of gravity,  $g$ , angular speed,  $\omega$ , pressure in the liquid,  $p$ , and liquid viscosity,  $\mu$ . Develop a set of dimensionless parameters to characterize the performance of the propeller. (One of the resulting parameters,  $gD/V^2$ , is known as the *Froude speed of advance*.)

**7.39** The rate  $dT/dt$  at which the temperature  $T$  at the center of a rice kernel falls during a food technology process is critical—too high a value leads to cracking of the kernel, and too low a value makes the

process slow and costly. The rate depends on the rice specific heat,  $c$ , thermal conductivity,  $k$ , and size,  $L$ , as well as the cooling air specific heat,  $c_p$ , density,  $\rho$ , viscosity,  $\mu$ , and speed,  $V$ . How many basic dimensions are included in these variables? Determine the  $\Pi$  parameters for this problem.

**7.40** When a valve is closed suddenly in a pipe with flowing water, a water hammer pressure wave is set up. The very high pressures generated by such waves can damage the pipe. The maximum pressure,  $p_{\max}$ , generated by water hammer is a function of liquid density,  $\rho$ , initial flow speed,  $U_0$ , and liquid bulk modulus,  $E_v$ . How many dimensionless groups are needed to characterize water hammer? Determine the functional relationship among the variables in terms of the necessary  $\Pi$  groups.

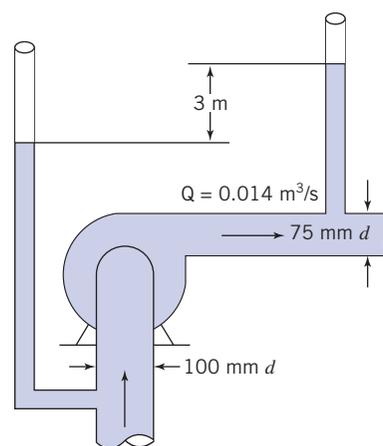
## Flow Similarity and Model Studies

**7.41** An airship is to operate at 20 m/s in air at standard conditions. A model is constructed to 1:20 scale and tested in a wind tunnel at the same air temperature to determine drag. What criterion should be considered to obtain dynamic similarity? If the model is tested at 75 m/s, what pressure should be used in the wind tunnel? If the model drag force is 250 N, what will be the drag of the prototype?

**7.42** An airplane wing of 3 m chord length moves through still air at 15°C and 101.3 kPa at a speed of 320 km/h. A 1:20 scale model of this wing is placed in a wind tunnel, and dynamic similarity between model and prototype is desired. (a) What velocity is necessary in a tunnel where the air has the same pressure and temperature as that in flight? (b) What velocity is necessary in a variable-density wind tunnel where absolute pressure is 1400 kPa and temperature is 15°C? (c) At what speed must the model move through water (15°C) for dynamic similarity?

**7.43** A flat plate 1.5 m long and 0.3 m wide is towed at 3 m/s in a towing basin containing water at 20°C, and the drag force is observed to be 14 N. Calculate the dimensions of a similar plate that will yield dynamically similar conditions in an airstream (101.4 kPa and 15°C) having a velocity of 18 m/s. What drag force may be expected on this plate?

**7.44** This 1:12 pump model using water at 15°C simulates a prototype for pumping oil of specific gravity 0.90. The input to the model is 0.522 kW. Calculate the viscosity of the oil and the prototype power for complete dynamic similarity between model and prototype.



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**7.45** An ocean-going vessel is to be powered by a rotating circular cylinder. Model tests are planned to estimate the power required to rotate the prototype cylinder. A dimensional analysis is needed to scale the power requirements from model test results to the prototype. List the parameters that should be included in the dimensional analysis. Perform a dimensional analysis to identify the important dimensionless groups.

**7.46** On a cruise ship, passengers complain about the noise emanating from the ship's propellers (probably due to turbulent flow effects between the propeller and the ship). You have been hired to find out the source of this noise. You will study the flow pattern around the propellers and have decided to use a 1:9-scale water tank. If the ship's propellers rotate at 100 rpm, estimate the model propeller rotation speed if (a) the Froude number or (b) the Reynolds number is the governing dimensionless group. Which is most likely to lead to the best modeling?

**7.47** A 1:3 scale model of a torpedo is tested in a wind tunnel to determine the drag force. The prototype operates in water, has 533 mm diameter, and is 6.7 m long. The desired operating speed of the prototype is 28 m/s. To avoid compressibility effects in the wind tunnel, the maximum speed is limited to 110 m/s. However, the pressure in the wind tunnel can be varied while holding the temperature constant at 20°C. At what minimum pressure should the wind tunnel be operated to achieve a dynamically similar test? At dynamically similar test conditions, the drag force on the model is measured as 618 N. Evaluate the drag force expected on the full-scale torpedo.

**7.48** A flow rate of 0.18 m<sup>3</sup>/s of water at 20°C discharges from a 0.3 m pipe through a 0.15 m nozzle into the atmosphere. The axial force component exerted by water on the nozzle is 3 kN. If frictional effects may be ignored, what corresponding force will be exerted on a 4:1 prototype of nozzle and pipe discharging 1.13 m<sup>3</sup>/s of air at 101.4 kPa and 15°C to the atmosphere? If frictional effects are included, the axial force component is 3.56 kN. What flow rate of air is then required for dynamic similarity? What is the corresponding force on the nozzle discharging air?

**7.49** A force of 9 N is required to tow a 1:50 ship model at 4.8 km/h. Assuming the same water in towing basin and sea, calculate the corresponding speed and force in the prototype if the flow is dominated by: (a) density and gravity, (b) density and surface tension, and (c) density and viscosity.

**7.50** An airplane wing, with chord length of 1.5 m and span of 9 m, is designed to move through standard air at a speed of 7.5 m/s. A 1:10 scale model of this wing is to be tested in a water tunnel. What speed is necessary in the water tunnel to achieve dynamic similarity? What will be the ratio of forces measured in the model flow to those on the prototype wing?

**7.51** A water pump with impeller diameter of 24 in. is to be designed to move 15 ft<sup>3</sup>/s when running at 750 rpm. Testing is performed on a 1:4 scale model running at 2400 rpm using air (68°F) as the fluid. For similar conditions (neglecting Reynolds number effects), what will be the model flow rate? If the model draws 0.1 hp, what will be the power requirement of the prototype?

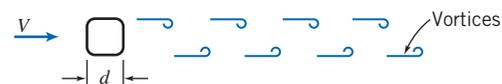
**7.52** A model hydrofoil is to be tested at 1:20 scale. The test speed is chosen to duplicate the Froude number corresponding to the 60-knot prototype speed. To model cavitation correctly, the cavitation number also must be duplicated. At what ambient pressure must the

test be run? Water in the model test basin can be heated to 130°F, compared to 45°F for the prototype.

**7.53** A ship 120 m long moves through freshwater at 15°C at 32 km/h. A 1:100 model of this ship is to be tested in a towing basin containing a liquid of specific gravity 0.92. What viscosity must this liquid have for both Reynolds' and Froude's laws to be satisfied? At what velocity must the model be towed? What propulsive force on the ship corresponds to a towing force of 9 N in the model?

**7.54** A 1:30 scale model of a cavitating overflow structure is to be tested in a vacuum tank wherein the pressure is maintained at 2.0 psia. The prototype liquid is water at 70°F. The barometric pressure on the prototype is 14.5 psia. If the liquid to be used in the model has a vapor pressure of 1.50 psia, what values of density, viscosity, and surface tension must it have for complete dynamic similarity between model and prototype?

**7.55** In some speed ranges, vortices are shed from the rear of bluff cylinders placed across a flow. The vortices alternately leave the top and bottom of the cylinder, as shown, causing an alternating force normal to the freestream velocity. The vortex shedding frequency,  $f$ , is thought to depend on  $\rho$ ,  $d$ ,  $V$ , and  $\mu$ . Use dimensional analysis to develop a functional relationship for  $f$ . Vortex shedding occurs in standard air on two cylinders with a diameter ratio of 2. Determine the velocity ratio for dynamic similarity, and the ratio of vortex shedding frequencies.



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**7.56** A 1:8 scale model of a tractor-trailer rig is tested in a pressurized wind tunnel. The rig width, height, and length are  $W = 0.305$  m,  $H = 0.476$  m, and  $L = 2.48$  m, respectively. At wind speed  $V = 75.0$  m/s, the model drag force is  $F_D = 128$  N. Air density in the tunnel is  $\rho = 3.23$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Calculate the aerodynamic drag coefficient for the model. Compare the Reynolds numbers for the model test and for the prototype vehicle at 55 mph. Calculate the aerodynamic drag force on the prototype vehicle at a road speed of 55 mph into a headwind of 10 mph.

**7.57** On a cruise ship, passengers complain about the amount of smoke that becomes entrained behind the cylindrical smoke stack. You have been hired to study the flow pattern around the stack, and have decided to use a 1:15 scale model of the 15-ft smoke stack. What range of wind tunnel speeds could you use if the ship speed for which the problem occurs is 12 to 24 knots?

**7.58** When a sphere of 0.25 mm diameter and specific gravity 5.54 is dropped in water at 25°C it will attain a constant velocity of 0.07 m/s. What specific gravity must a 2.5 mm sphere have so that when it is dropped in crude oil at 25°C the two flows will be dynamically similar when the terminal velocity is attained?

**7.59** The flow about a 150 mm artillery projectile which travels at 600 m/s through still air at 30°C and absolute pressure 101.4 kPa is to be modeled in a high-speed wind tunnel with a 1:6 model. If the wind tunnel air has a temperature of -18°C and absolute pressure of 68.9 kPa, what velocity is required? If the drag force on the model is 35 N, what is the drag force on the prototype if skin friction may be neglected?

**7.60** Your favorite professor likes mountain climbing, so there is always a possibility that the professor may fall into a crevasse in some glacier. If that happened today, and the professor was trapped in a slowly moving glacier, you are curious to know whether the professor would reappear at the downstream drop-off of the glacier during this academic year. Assuming ice is a Newtonian fluid with the density of glycerine but a million times as viscous, you decide to build a glycerin model and use dimensional analysis and similarity to estimate when the professor would reappear. Assume the real glacier is 15 m deep and is on a slope that falls 1.5 m in a horizontal distance of 1850 m. Develop the dimensionless parameters and conditions expected to govern dynamic similarity in this problem. If the model professor reappears in the laboratory after 9.6 hours, when should you return to the end of the real glacier to provide help to your favorite professor?

**7.61** A 1:50-scale model of a submarine is to be tested in a towing tank under two conditions: motion at the free surface and motion far below the surface. The tests are performed in freshwater. On the surface, the submarine cruises at 24 knots. At what speed should the model be towed to ensure dynamic similarity? Far below the surface, the sub cruises at 0.35 knot. At what speed should the model be towed to ensure dynamic similarity? What must the drag of the model be multiplied by under each condition to give the drag of the full-scale submarine?

**7.62** Consider water flow around a circular cylinder, of diameter  $D$  and length  $l$ . In addition to geometry, the drag force is known to depend on liquid speed,  $V$ , density,  $\rho$ , and viscosity,  $\mu$ . Express drag force,  $F_D$ , in dimensionless form as a function of all relevant variables. The static pressure distribution on a circular cylinder, measured in the laboratory, can be expressed in terms of the dimensionless pressure coefficient; the lowest pressure coefficient is  $C_p = -2.4$  at the location of the minimum static pressure on the cylinder surface. Estimate the maximum speed at which a cylinder could be towed in water at atmospheric pressure, without causing cavitation, if the onset of cavitation occurs at a cavitation number of 0.5.

**7.63** A 1:10 scale model of a tractor-trailer rig is tested in a wind tunnel. The model frontal area is  $A_m = 0.1 \text{ m}^2$ . When tested at  $V_m = 75 \text{ m/s}$  in standard air, the measured drag force is  $F_D = 350 \text{ N}$ . Evaluate the drag coefficient for the model conditions given. Assuming that the drag coefficient is the same for model and prototype, calculate the drag force on a prototype rig at a highway speed of 90 km/hr. Determine the air speed at which a model should be tested to ensure dynamically similar results if the prototype speed is 90 km/hr. Is this air speed practical? Why or why not?

**7.64** The power,  $\mathcal{P}$ , required to drive a fan is assumed to depend on fluid density  $\rho$ , volume flow rate  $Q$ , impeller diameter  $D$ , and angular speed  $\omega$ . If a fan with  $D_1 = 8 \text{ in.}$  delivers  $Q_1 = 15 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  of air at  $\omega_1 = 2500 \text{ rpm}$ , what size diameter fan could be expected to deliver  $Q_2 = 88 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  of air at  $\omega_2 = 1800 \text{ rpm}$ , provided they were geometrically and dynamically similar?

 **7.65** Over a certain range of air speeds,  $V$ , the lift,  $F_L$ , produced by a model of a complete aircraft in a wind tunnel depends on the air speed, air density,  $\rho$ , and a characteristic length (the wing base chord length,  $c = 150 \text{ mm}$ ). The following experimental data is obtained for air at standard atmospheric conditions:

$V \text{ (m/s)}$	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
$F_L \text{ (N)}$	2.2	4.8	8.7	13.3	19.6	26.5	34.5	43.8	54

Plot the lift versus speed curve. Generate and plot data for the lift produced by the prototype, which has a wing base chord length of 5 m, over a speed range of 75 m/s to 250 m/s.

**7.66** The pressure rise,  $\Delta p$ , of a liquid flowing steadily through a centrifugal pump depends on pump diameter  $D$ , angular speed of the rotor  $\omega$ , volume flow rate  $Q$ , and density  $\rho$ . The table gives data for the prototype and for a geometrically similar model pump. For conditions corresponding to dynamic similarity between the model and prototype pumps, calculate the missing values in the table.

Variable	Prototype	Model
$\Delta p$	52.5 kPa	
$Q$		0.0928 m <sup>3</sup> /min
$\rho$	800 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	999 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$\omega$	183 rad/s	367 rad/s
$D$	150 mm	50 mm

**7.67** An axial-flow pump is required to deliver  $0.75 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water at a head of 15 J/kg. The diameter of the rotor is 0.25 m, and it is to be driven at 500 rpm. The prototype is to be modeled on a small test apparatus having a 2.25 kW, 1000 rpm power supply. For similar performance between the prototype and the model, calculate the head, volume flow rate, and diameter of the model.

**7.68** A model propeller 1 m in diameter is tested in a wind tunnel. Air approaches the propeller at 50 m/s when it rotates at 1800 rpm. The thrust and torque measured under these conditions are 100 N and 10 N·m, respectively. A prototype eight times as large as the model is to be built. At a dynamically similar operating point, the approach air speed is to be 130 m/s. Calculate the speed, thrust, and torque of the prototype propeller under these conditions, neglecting the effect of viscosity but including density.

**7.69** Consider Problem 7.38. Experience shows that for ship-size propellers, viscous effects on scaling are small. Also, when cavitation is not present, the nondimensional parameter containing pressure can be ignored. Assume that torque,  $T$ , and power,  $\mathcal{P}$ , depend on the same parameters as thrust. For conditions under which effects of  $\mu$  and  $p$  can be neglected, derive scaling “laws” for propellers, similar to the pump “laws” of Section 7.5, that relate thrust, torque, and power to the angular speed and diameter of the propeller.

**7.70** Closed-circuit wind tunnels can produce higher speeds than open-circuit tunnels with the same power input because energy is recovered in the diffuser downstream from the test section. The *kinetic energy ratio* is a figure of merit defined as the ratio of the kinetic energy flux in the test section to the drive power. Estimate the kinetic energy ratio for the 40 ft × 80 ft wind tunnel at NASA-Ames described on page 267.

**7.71** A 1:16 model of a bus is tested in a wind tunnel in standard air. The model is 152 mm wide, 200 mm high, and 762 mm long. The measured drag force at 26.5 m/s wind speed is 6.09 N. The longitudinal pressure gradient in the wind tunnel test section is  $-11.8 \text{ N/m}^2/\text{m}$ . Estimate the correction that should be made to the measured drag force to correct for horizontal buoyancy caused by the pressure gradient in the test section. Calculate the drag coefficient for the model. Evaluate the aerodynamic drag force on the prototype at 100 km/hr on a calm day.

**7.72** The propagation speed of small-amplitude surface waves in a region of uniform depth is given by

$$c^2 = \left( \frac{2\pi\sigma}{\lambda\rho} + \frac{g\lambda}{2\pi} \right) \tanh \frac{2\pi h}{\lambda}$$

where  $h$  is depth of the undisturbed liquid and  $\lambda$  is wavelength. Explore the variation in wave propagation speed for a free-surface

flow of water. Find the operating depth to minimize the speed of capillary waves (waves with small wavelength, also called ripples). First assume wavelength is much smaller than water depth. Then explore the effect of depth. What depth do you recommend for a water table used to visualize compressible flow wave phenomena? What is the effect of reducing surface tension by adding a surfactant?

## CHAPTER 8

# Internal Incompressible Viscous Flow

### 8.1 Internal Flow Characteristics

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## Case Study

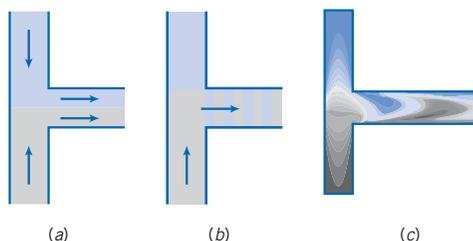
### “Lab-on-a-Chip”

An exciting new area in fluid mechanics is microfluidics, applied to microelectromechanical systems (MEMS—the technology of very small devices, generally ranging in size from a micrometer to a millimeter). In particular, a lot of research is being done in “lab-on-a-chip” technology, which has many applications. An example of this is in medicine, with devices for use in the immediate point-of-care diagnosis of diseases, such as real-time detection of bacteria, viruses, and cancers in the human body. In the area of security, there are devices that continuously sample and test air or water samples for biochemical toxins and other dangerous pathogens such as those in always-on early warning systems.

Because of the extremely small geometry, flows in such devices will be very low Reynolds numbers and therefore laminar; surface tension effects will also be significant. As discussed in this chapter, in many common applications (for example, typical water pipes and air conditioning ducts), laminar flow would

be desirable, but the flow is turbulent—it costs more to pump a turbulent as opposed to a laminar flow. In certain applications, turbulence is desirable instead because it acts as a mixing mechanism. If you couldn't generate turbulence in your coffee cup, it would take a lot of stirring before the cream and coffee were sufficiently blended; if your blood flow never became turbulent, you would not get sufficient oxygen to your organs and muscles! In the lab-on-a-chip, turbulent flow is usually desirable because the goal in these devices is often to mix minute amounts of two or more fluids.

How do we mix fluids in such devices that are inherently laminar? We could use complex geometries, or relatively long channels (relying on molecular diffusion), or some kind of MEM device with paddles. Research by professors Goulet, Glasgow, and Aubry at the New Jersey Institute of Technology instead suggests pulsing the two fluids. Part *a* of the figure shows a schematic of two fluids flowing at a constant rate (about 25 nL/s, average velocity less than 2 mm/s, in ducts about 200  $\mu\text{m}$  wide) and meeting in a T junction. The two fluids do not mix because of the strongly laminar nature of the flow. Part *b* of the figure shows a schematic of an instant of a pulsed flow, and part *c* shows an instant computed using a computational fluid dynamics (CFD) model of the same flow. In this case, the interface between the two fluid samples is shown to stretch and fold, leading to good nonturbulent mixing within 2 mm downstream of the confluence (after about 1 s of contact). Such a compact mixing device would be ideal for many of the applications mentioned above.



Mixing two fluids in a “lab-on-a-chip.”



Video: The Reynolds Transition Experiment



Flows completely bounded by solid surfaces are called internal flows. Thus internal flows include many important and practical flows such as those through pipes, ducts, nozzles, diffusers, sudden contractions and expansions, valves, and fittings.

Internal flows may be laminar or turbulent. Some laminar flow cases may be solved analytically. In the case of turbulent flow, analytical solutions are not possible, and we must rely heavily on semi-empirical theories and on experimental data. The nature of laminar and turbulent flows was discussed in Section 2.6. For internal flows, the flow regime (laminar or turbulent) is primarily a function of the Reynolds number.

In this chapter we will only consider incompressible flows; hence we will study the flow of liquids as well as gases that have negligible heat transfer and for which the Mach number  $M < 0.3$ ; a value of  $M = 0.3$  in air corresponds to a speed of approximately 100 m/s. Following a brief introduction, this chapter is divided into the following parts:

**Part A** Part A discusses fully developed laminar flow of a Newtonian fluid between parallel plates and in a pipe. These two cases can be studied analytically.

**Part B** Part B is about laminar and turbulent flows in pipes and ducts. The laminar flow analysis follows from Part A; the turbulent flow (which is the most common) is too complex to be analyzed, so experimental data will be used to develop solution techniques.

**Part C** Part C is a discussion of methods of flow measurement.

## 8.1 Internal Flow Characteristics

### Laminar versus Turbulent Flow



Video: Pipe Flow: Laminar



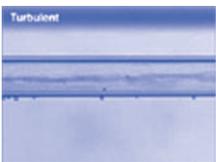
As discussed previously in Section 2.6, the pipe flow regime (laminar or turbulent) is determined by the Reynolds number,  $Re = \rho \bar{V} D / \mu$ . One can demonstrate by the classic Reynolds experiment the qualitative difference between laminar and turbulent flows. In this experiment water flows from a large reservoir through a clear tube. A thin filament of dye injected at the entrance to the tube allows visual observation of the flow. At low flow rates (low Reynolds numbers) the dye injected into the flow remains in a single filament along the tube; there is little dispersion of dye because the flow is laminar. A laminar flow is one in which the fluid flows in laminae, or layers; there is no macroscopic mixing of adjacent fluid layers.

As the flow rate through the tube is increased, the dye filament eventually becomes unstable and breaks up into a random motion throughout the tube; the line of dye is stretched and twisted into myriad entangled threads, and it quickly disperses throughout the entire flow field. This behavior of turbulent flow is caused by small, high-frequency velocity fluctuations superimposed on the mean motion of a turbulent flow, as illustrated earlier in Fig. 2.17; the mixing of fluid particles from adjacent layers of fluid results in rapid dispersion of the dye. We mentioned in Chapter 2 an everyday example of the difference between laminar and turbulent flow—when you gently turn on the kitchen faucet. For very low flow rates, the water exits smoothly indicating laminar flow in the pipe; for higher flow rates, the flow is churned up indicating turbulent flow.

Under normal conditions, transition to turbulence occurs at  $Re \approx 2300$  for flow in pipes: For water flow in a 1-in. diameter pipe, this corresponds to an average speed of 0.3 ft/s. With great care to maintain the flow free from disturbances, and with smooth surfaces, experiments have been able to maintain laminar flow in a pipe to a Reynolds number of about 100,000! However, most engineering flow situations are not so carefully controlled, so we will take  $Re \approx 2300$  as our benchmark for transition to turbulence. Transition Reynolds numbers for some other flow situations are given in the Examples. Turbulence occurs when the viscous forces in the fluid are unable to damp out random fluctuations in the fluid motion (generated, for example, by roughness of a pipe wall), and the flow becomes chaotic. For example, a high-viscosity fluid such as motor oil is able to damp out fluctuations more effectively than a low viscosity fluid such as water and therefore remains laminar even at relatively high flow rates. On the other hand, a high-density fluid will generate significant inertia forces due to the random fluctuations in the motion, and this fluid will transition to turbulence at a relatively low flow rate.



Video: Pipe Flow: Transitional



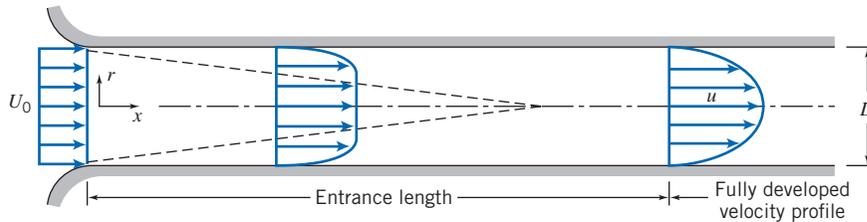


Fig. 8.1 Flow in the entrance region of a pipe.

## The Entrance Region

Figure 8.1 illustrates laminar flow in the entrance region of a circular pipe. The flow has uniform velocity  $U_0$  at the pipe entrance. Because of the no-slip condition at the wall, we know that the velocity at the wall must be zero along the entire length of the pipe. A boundary layer (Section 2.6) develops along the walls of the channel. The solid surface exerts a retarding shear force on the flow; thus the speed of the fluid in the neighborhood of the surface is reduced. At successive sections along the pipe in this entry region, the effect of the solid surface is felt farther out into the flow.

For incompressible flow, mass conservation requires that, as the speed close to the wall is reduced, the speed in the central frictionless region of the pipe must increase slightly to compensate; for this inviscid central region, then, the pressure, as indicated by the Bernoulli equation, must also drop somewhat.

Sufficiently far from the pipe entrance, the boundary layer developing on the pipe wall reaches the pipe centerline and the flow becomes entirely viscous. The velocity profile shape then changes slightly after the inviscid core disappears. When the profile shape no longer changes with increasing distance  $x$ , the flow is called *fully developed*. The distance downstream from the entrance to the location at which fully developed flow begins is called the *entrance length*. The actual shape of the fully developed velocity profile depends on whether the flow is laminar or turbulent. In Fig. 8.1 the profile is shown qualitatively for a laminar flow. Although the velocity profiles for some fully developed laminar flows can be obtained by simplifying the complete equations of motion from Chapter 5, turbulent flows cannot be so treated.

For laminar flow, it turns out that entrance length,  $L$ , is a function of Reynolds number,

$$\frac{L}{D} \simeq 0.06 \frac{\rho \bar{V} D}{\mu} \quad (8.1)$$

where  $\bar{V} \equiv Q/A$  is the average velocity (because flow rate  $Q = A\bar{V} = AU_0$ , we have  $\bar{V} = U_0$ ). Laminar flow in a pipe may be expected only for Reynolds numbers less than 2300. Thus the entrance length for laminar pipe flow may be as long as

$$L \simeq 0.06 ReD \leq (0.06)(2300)D = 138D$$

or nearly 140 pipe diameters. If the flow is turbulent, enhanced mixing among fluid layers causes more rapid growth of the boundary layer. Experiments show that the mean velocity profile becomes fully developed within 25 to 40 pipe diameters from the entrance. However, the details of the turbulent motion may not be fully developed for 80 or more pipe diameters. We are now ready to study laminar internal flows (Part A), as well as laminar and turbulent flows in pipes and ducts (Part B). For these we will be focusing on what happens after the entrance region, i.e., fully developed flows.

## Part A FULLY DEVELOPED LAMINAR FLOW

In this section we consider a few classic examples of fully developed laminar flows. Our intent is to obtain detailed information about the velocity field because knowledge of the velocity field permits calculation of shear stress, pressure drop, and flow rate.

### 8.2 Fully Developed Laminar Flow Between Infinite Parallel Plates

The flow between parallel plates is appealing because the geometry is the simplest possible, but why *would* there be a flow at all? The answer is that flow could be generated by applying a pressure gradient parallel to the plates, or by moving one plate parallel with respect to the other, or by having a body force

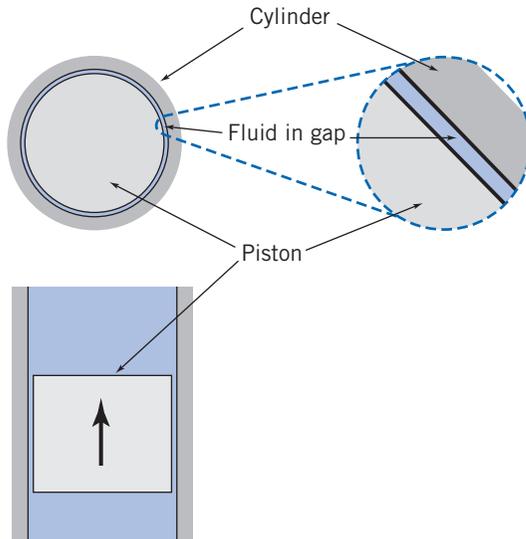


Fig. 8.2 Piston-cylinder approximated as parallel plates.

(e.g., gravity) parallel to the plates, or by a combination of these driving mechanisms. We will consider all of these possibilities.

### Both Plates Stationary

Fluid in high-pressure hydraulic systems, such as the brake system of an automobile, often leaks through the annular gap between a piston and cylinder. For very small gaps (typically 0.005 mm or less), this flow field may be modeled as flow between infinite parallel plates, as indicated in the sketch of Fig. 8.2. To calculate the leakage flow rate, we must first determine the velocity field.

Let us consider the fully developed laminar flow between horizontal infinite parallel plates. The plates are separated by distance  $a$ , as shown in Fig. 8.3. The plates are considered infinite in the  $z$  direction, with no variation of any fluid property in this direction. The flow is also assumed to be steady and incompressible. Before starting our analysis, what do we know about the flow field? For one thing we know that the  $x$  component of velocity must be zero at both the upper and lower plates as a result of the no-slip condition at the wall. The boundary conditions are then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } y=0 \quad u &= 0 \\ \text{at } y=a \quad u &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the flow is fully developed, the velocity cannot vary with  $x$  and, hence, depends on  $y$  only, so that  $u = u(y)$ . Furthermore, there is no component of velocity in either the  $y$  or  $z$  direction ( $v = w = 0$ ). In fact, for fully developed flow only the pressure can and will change in the  $x$  direction.

This is an obvious case for using the Navier–Stokes equations in rectangular coordinates (Eqs. 5.27). Using the above assumptions, these equations can be greatly simplified and then solved

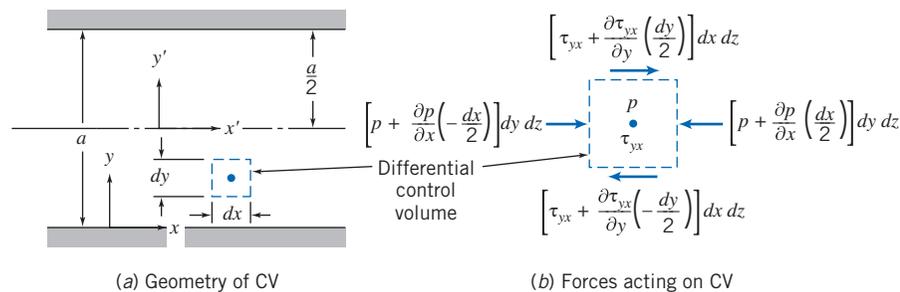


Fig. 8.3 Control volume for analysis of laminar flow between stationary infinite parallel plates.

using the boundary conditions. In this section we will instead take a longer route—using a differential control volume—to bring out some important features of the fluid mechanics.

For our analysis we select a differential control volume of size  $d\mathcal{V} = dx dy dz$ , and apply the  $x$  component of the momentum equation.

Basic equation:

$$=0(3) =0(1)$$

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho d\mathcal{V} + \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.18a)$$

Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow (given)
- 2 Fully developed flow (given)
- 3  $F_{B_x} = 0$  (given)

The very nature of fully developed flow is that the velocity profile is the same at all locations along the flow; hence there is no change in momentum. Equation then reduces to the simple result that the sum of the surface forces on the control volume is zero,

$$F_{s_x} = 0 \quad (8.2)$$

The next step is to sum the forces acting on the control volume in the  $x$  direction. We recognize that normal forces (pressure forces) act on the left and right faces and tangential forces (shear forces) act on the top and bottom faces.

If the pressure at the center of the element is  $p$ , then the pressure force on the left face is

$$dF_L = \left( p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) dy dz$$

and the pressure force on the right face is

$$dF_R = - \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{2} \right) dy dz$$

If the shear stress at the center of the element is  $\tau_{yx}$ , then the shear force on the bottom face is

$$dF_B = - \left( \tau_{yx} - \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz$$

and the shear force on the top face is

$$dF_T = \left( \tau_{yx} + \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz$$

Note that in expanding the shear stress,  $\tau_{yx}$ , in a Taylor series about the center of the element, we have used the total derivative rather than a partial derivative. We did this because we recognized that  $\tau_{yx}$  is only a function of  $y$ , since  $u = u(y)$ .

Using the four surface forces  $dF_L$ ,  $dF_R$ ,  $dF_B$ , and  $dF_T$  in Eq. 8.2, this equation simplifies to

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} \quad (8.3)$$

This equation states that because there is no change in momentum, the net pressure force (which is actually  $-\partial p/\partial x$ ) balances the net friction force (which is actually  $-d\tau_{yx}/dy$ ). Equation 8.3 has an interesting feature: The left side is at most a function of  $x$  only. This follows immediately from writing the  $y$  component of the momentum equation; the right side is at most a function of  $y$  only. The flow is fully developed, so it does not change with  $x$ . Hence, the only way the equation can be valid for all  $x$  and  $y$  is for each side to in fact be constant:

$$\frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \text{constant}$$

Integrating this equation, we obtain

$$\tau_{yx} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)y + c_1$$

which indicates that the shear stress varies linearly with  $y$ . We wish to find the velocity distribution. To do so, we need to relate the shear stress to the velocity field. For a Newtonian fluid we can use Eq. 2.15 because we have a one-dimensional flow

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad (2.15)$$

so we get

$$\mu \frac{du}{dy} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)y + c_1$$

Integrating again

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)y^2 + \frac{c_1}{\mu} y + c_2 \quad (8.4)$$

It is interesting to note that if we had started with the Navier–Stokes equations (Eqs. 5.27) instead of using a differential control volume, after only a few steps (i.e., simplifying and integrating twice) we would have obtained Eq. 8.4. To evaluate the constants,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , we must apply the boundary conditions. At  $y=0$ ,  $u=0$ . Consequently,  $c_2=0$ . At  $y=a$ ,  $u=0$ . Hence

$$0 = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)a^2 + \frac{c_1}{\mu} a$$

This gives

$$c_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)a$$

and hence,

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)y^2 - \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)ay = \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) \left[ \left(\frac{y}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y}{a}\right) \right] \quad (8.5)$$

At this point we have the velocity profile. This is key to finding other flow properties, as we next discuss.

### Shear Stress Distribution

The shear stress distribution is given by

$$\tau_{yx} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)y + c_1 = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)y - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right)a = a \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) \left[ \frac{y}{a} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (8.6a)$$

### Volume Flow Rate

The volume flow rate is given by

$$Q = \int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

For a depth  $l$  in the  $z$  direction,

$$Q = \int_0^a ul \, dy \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{Q}{l} = \int_0^a \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) (y^2 - ay) \, dy$$

Thus the volume flow rate per unit depth is given by

$$\frac{Q}{l} = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^3 \quad (8.6b)$$

### Flow Rate as a Function of Pressure Drop

Since  $\partial p/\partial x$  is constant, the pressure varies linearly with  $x$  and

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{L} = \frac{-\Delta p}{L}$$

Substituting into the expression for volume flow rate gives

$$\frac{Q}{l} = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \left[ \frac{-\Delta p}{L} \right] a^3 = \frac{a^3 \Delta p}{12\mu L} \quad (8.6c)$$

### Average Velocity

The average velocity magnitude,  $\bar{V}$ , is given by

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \frac{a^3 l}{la} = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^2 \quad (8.6d)$$

### Point of Maximum Velocity

To find the point of maximum velocity, we set  $du/dy$  equal to zero and solve for the corresponding  $y$ . From Eq. 8.5

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \frac{2y}{a^2} - \frac{1}{a} \right]$$

Thus,

$$\frac{du}{dy} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y = \frac{a}{2}$$

At

$$y = \frac{a}{2}, \quad u = u_{\max} = -\frac{1}{8\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^2 = \frac{3}{2} \bar{V} \quad (8.6c)$$

### Transformation of Coordinates

In deriving the above relations, the origin of coordinates,  $y=0$ , was taken at the bottom plate. We could just as easily have taken the origin at the centerline of the channel. If we denote the coordinates with origin at the channel centerline as  $x, y'$ , the boundary conditions are  $u=0$  at  $y' = \pm a/2$ .

To obtain the velocity profile in terms of  $x, y'$ , we substitute  $y = y' + a/2$  into Eq. 8.5. The result is

$$u = \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{y'}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right] \quad (8.7)$$

Equation 8.7 shows that the velocity profile for laminar flow between stationary parallel plates is parabolic, as shown in Fig. 8.4.

Since all stresses were related to velocity gradients through Newton's law of viscosity, and the additional stresses that arise as a result of turbulent fluctuations have not been accounted for, *all of the results in this section are valid for laminar flow only*. Experiments show that laminar flow between stationary parallel plates becomes turbulent for Reynolds numbers (defined as  $Re = \rho \bar{V} a / \mu$ ) greater than approximately 1400. Consequently, the Reynolds number should be checked after using Eqs. 8.6 to ensure a valid solution. The calculation of the leakage past a cylinder in an hydraulic system using Eq. 8.6c is shown in Example 8.1.

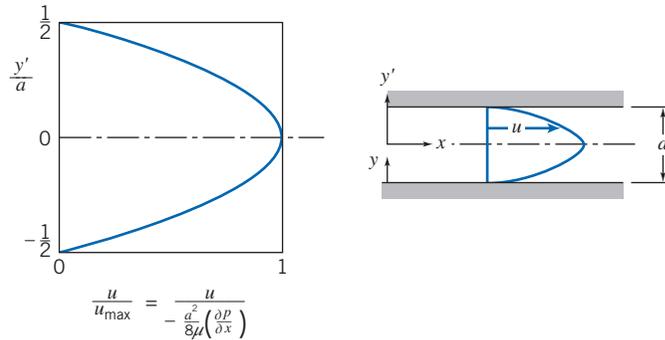


Fig. 8.4 Dimensionless velocity profile for fully developed laminar flow between infinite parallel plates.

**Example 8.1 LEAKAGE FLOW PAST A PISTON**

A hydraulic system operates at a gage pressure of 20 MPa and 55°C. The hydraulic fluid is SAE 10W oil. A control valve consists of a piston 25 mm in diameter, fitted to a cylinder with a mean radial clearance of 0.005 mm. Determine the leakage flow rate if the gage pressure on the low-pressure side of the piston is 1.0 MPa. The piston is 15 mm long.

**Given:** Flow of hydraulic oil between piston and cylinder, as shown. Fluid is SAE 10W oil at 55°C.

**Find:** Leakage flow rate,  $Q$ .

**Solution:** The gap width is very small, so the flow may be modeled as flow between parallel plates. Equation 8.6c may be applied.

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{Q}{l} = \frac{a^3 \Delta p}{12\mu L} \tag{8.6c}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Laminar flow.
- 2 Steady flow.
- 3 Incompressible flow.
- 4 Fully developed flow. (Note  $L/a = 15/0.005 = 3000!$ )

The plate width,  $l$ , is approximated as  $l = \pi D$ . Thus

$$Q = \frac{\pi D a^3 \Delta p}{12\mu L}$$

For SAE 10W oil at 55°C,  $\mu = 0.018 \text{ kg}/(\text{m} \cdot \text{s})$ , from Fig. A.2, Appendix A. Thus

$$Q = \frac{\pi}{12} \times 25 \text{ mm} \times (0.005)^3 \text{ mm}^3 \times (20 - 1) 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{m} \cdot \text{s}}{0.018 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1}{15 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}$$

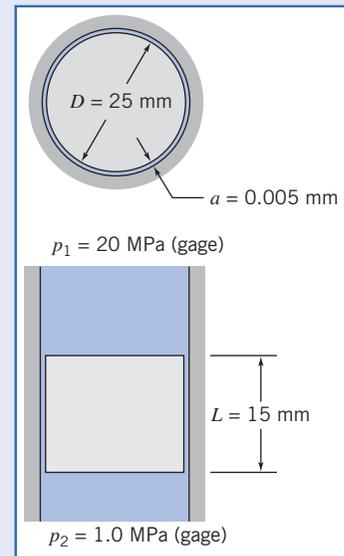
$$Q = 57.6 \text{ mm}^3/\text{s} \tag{Q}$$

To ensure that flow is laminar, we also should check the Reynolds number.

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{Q}{\pi D a} = 57.6 \frac{\text{mm}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{\pi} \times \frac{1}{25 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{1}{0.005 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{10^3 \text{ mm}} = 0.147 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$Re = \frac{\rho \bar{V} a}{\mu} = \frac{SG \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \bar{V} a}{\mu}$$



For SAE 10W oil,  $SG = 0.92$ , from Table A.2, Appendix A. Thus

$$Re = 0.92 \times 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 0.147 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.005 \text{ mm} \times \frac{\text{m} \cdot \text{s}}{0.018 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{10^3 \text{ mm}} = 0.0375$$

Thus flow is surely laminar, since  $Re \ll 1400$ .

### Upper Plate Moving with Constant Speed, $U$

The second basic way to generate flow between infinite parallel plates is to have one plate move parallel to the other, either with or without an applied pressure gradient. We will next analyze this problem for the case of laminar flow.

Such a flow commonly occurs, for example, in a journal bearing (e.g., the main crankshaft bearings in the engine of an automobile). In such a bearing, an inner cylinder, the journal, rotates inside a stationary member. At light loads, the centers of the two members essentially coincide, and the small clearance gap is symmetric. Since the gap is small, it is reasonable to “unfold” the bearing and to model the flow field as flow between infinite parallel plates, as indicated in the sketch of Fig. 8.5.

Let us now consider a case where the upper plate is moving to the right with constant speed,  $U$ . All we have done in going from a stationary upper plate to a moving upper plate is to change one of the boundary conditions. The boundary conditions for the moving plate case are

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 0 & \text{at} & \quad y = 0 \\ u &= U & \text{at} & \quad y = a \end{aligned}$$

Since only the boundary conditions have changed, there is no need to repeat the entire analysis of the previous section. The analysis leading to Eq. 8.4 is equally valid for the moving plate case. Thus the velocity distribution is given by

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) y^2 + \frac{c_1}{\mu} y + c_2 \quad (8.4)$$

and our only task is to evaluate constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  by using the appropriate boundary conditions.

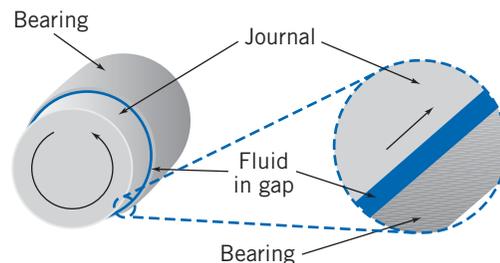
At  $y = 0$ ,  $u = 0$ . Consequently,  $c_2 = 0$ .

At  $y = a$ ,  $u = U$ . Consequently,

$$U = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^2 + \frac{c_1}{\mu} a \quad \text{and thus} \quad c_1 = \frac{U\mu}{a} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a$$

Hence,

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) y^2 + \frac{Uy}{a} - \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) ay = \frac{Uy}{a} + \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) (y^2 - ay)$$



**Fig. 8.5** Journal bearing approximated as parallel plates.

$$u = \frac{Uy}{a} + \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{y}{a} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{y}{a} \right) \right] \quad (8.8)$$

It is reassuring to note that Eq. 8.8 reduces to Eq. 8.5 for a stationary upper plate (set  $U = 0$ ). From Eq. 8.8, for zero pressure gradient (for  $\partial p/\partial x = 0$ ) the velocity varies linearly with  $y$ . This was the case treated earlier in Chapter 2; this linear profile is called a *Couette* flow, after a 19th-century physicist.

We can obtain additional information about the flow from the velocity distribution of Eq. 8.8.

### Shear Stress Distribution

The shear stress distribution is given by  $\tau_{yx} = \mu(du/dy)$ ,

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{U}{a} + \frac{a^2}{2} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \frac{2y}{a^2} - \frac{1}{a} \right] = \mu \frac{U}{a} + a \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \frac{y}{a} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (8.9a)$$

### Volume Flow Rate

The volume flow rate is given by  $Q = \int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$ . For depth  $l$  in the  $z$  direction

$$Q = \int_0^a ul \, dy \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{Q}{l} = \int_0^a \left[ \frac{Uy}{a} + \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) (y^2 - ay) \right] dy$$

Thus the volume flow rate per unit depth is given by

$$\frac{Q}{l} = \frac{Ua}{2} - \frac{1}{12\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^3 \quad (8.9b)$$

### Average Velocity

The average velocity magnitude,  $\bar{V}$ , is given by

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = l \left[ \frac{Ua}{2} - \frac{1}{12\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^3 \right] / la = \frac{U}{2} - \frac{1}{12\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^2 \quad (8.9c)$$

### Point of Maximum Velocity

To find the point of maximum velocity, we set  $du/dy$  equal to zero and solve for the corresponding  $y$ . From Eq. 8.8

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{U}{a} + \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \frac{2y}{a^2} - \frac{1}{a} \right] = \frac{U}{a} + \frac{a}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{y}{a} \right) - 1 \right]$$

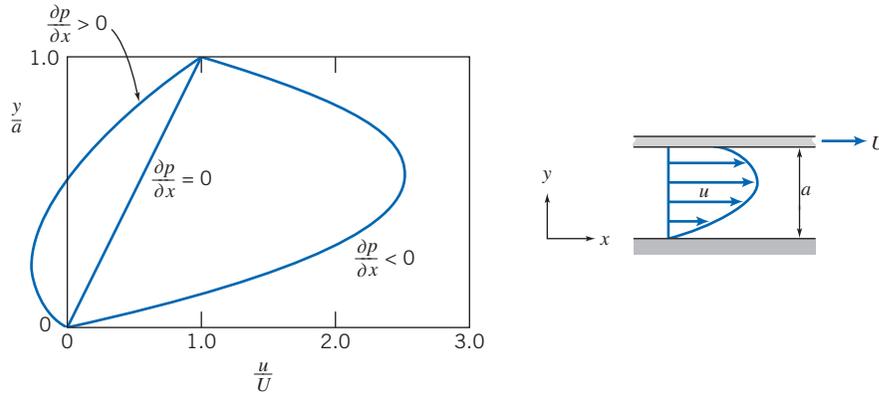
Thus,

$$\frac{du}{dy} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad y = \frac{a}{2} - \frac{U/a}{(1/\mu)(\partial p/\partial x)}$$

There is no simple relation between the maximum velocity,  $u_{\max}$ , and the mean velocity,  $\bar{V}$ , for this flow case.

Equation 8.8 suggests that the velocity profile may be treated as a combination of a linear and a parabolic velocity profile; the last term in Eq. 8.8 is identical to that in Eq. 8.5. The result is a family of velocity profiles, depending on  $U$  and  $(1/\mu)(\partial p/\partial x)$ ; three profiles are sketched in Fig. 8.6. (As shown in Fig. 8.6, some reverse flow—flow in the negative  $x$  direction—can occur when  $\partial p/\partial x > 0$ .)

Again, all of the results developed in this section are valid for laminar flow only. Experiments show that this flow becomes turbulent (for  $\partial p/\partial x = 0$ ) at a Reynolds number of approximately 1500, where



**Fig. 8.6** Dimensionless velocity profile for fully developed laminar flow between infinite parallel plates: upper plate moving with constant speed,  $U$ .

$Re = \rho U a / \mu$  for this flow case. Not much information is available for the case where the pressure gradient is not zero. In Example 8.2, the torque and power characteristics of a journal bearing are determined using the parallel plate model.

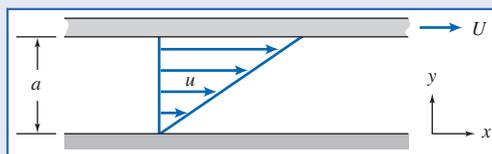
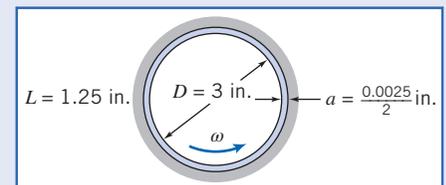
### Example 8.2 TORQUE AND POWER IN A JOURNAL BEARING

A crankshaft journal bearing in an automobile engine is lubricated by SAE 30 oil at  $210^\circ\text{F}$ . The bearing diameter is 3 in., the diametral clearance is 0.0025 in., and the shaft rotates at 3600 rpm; it is 1.25 in. long. The bearing is under no load, so the clearance is symmetric. Determine the torque required to turn the journal and the power dissipated.

**Given:** Journal bearing, as shown. Note that the gap width,  $a$ , is half the diametral clearance. Lubricant is SAE 30 oil at  $210^\circ\text{F}$ . Speed is 3600 rpm.

**Find:** (a) Torque,  $T$ .  
(b) Power dissipated.

**Solution:** Torque on the journal is caused by viscous shear in the oil film. The gap width is small, so the flow may be modeled as flow between infinite parallel plates:



**Governing equations:**

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{U}{a} + a \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \frac{y}{a} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad = 0(6) \quad (8.9a)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Laminar flow.
- 2 Steady flow.
- 3 Incompressible flow.
- 4 Fully developed flow.
- 5 Infinite width ( $L/a = 1.25/0.00125 = 1000$ , so this is a reasonable assumption).
- 6  $\partial p / \partial x = 0$  (flow is symmetric in the actual bearing at no load).

Then

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{U}{a} = \mu \frac{\omega R}{a} = \mu \frac{\omega D}{2a}$$

For SAE 30 oil at 210°F (99°C),  $\mu = 9.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}^2 (2.01 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{s}/\text{ft}^2)$ , from Fig. A.2, Appendix A. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{yx} &= 2.01 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{ft}^2} \times 3600 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 3 \text{ in.} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{0.00125 \text{ in.}} \\ \tau_{yx} &= 90.9 \text{ lbf}/\text{ft}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The total shear force is given by the shear stress times the area. It is applied to the journal surface. Therefore, for the torque

$$\begin{aligned} T &= FR = \tau_{yx} \pi DLR = \frac{\pi}{2} \tau_{yx} D^2 L \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \times 90.9 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^2} \times (3)^2 \text{ in.}^2 \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{144 \text{ in.}^2} \times 1.25 \text{ in.} \\ T &= 11.2 \text{ in.} \cdot \text{lbf} \end{aligned}$$

The power dissipated in the bearing is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W} &= FU = FR\omega = T\omega \\ &= 11.2 \text{ in.} \cdot \text{lbf} \times 3600 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in.}} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}} \\ \dot{W} &= 0.640 \text{ hp} \end{aligned}$$

To ensure laminar flow, check the Reynolds number.

$$Re = \frac{\rho Ua}{\mu} = \frac{SG\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} Ua}{\mu} = \frac{SG\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \omega Ra}{\mu}$$

Assume, as an approximation, the specific gravity of SAE 30 oil is the same as that of SAE 10W oil. From Table A.2, Appendix A,  $SG = 0.92$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Re &= 0.92 \times 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times \frac{(3600)2\pi}{60} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \times 1.5 \text{ in.} \times 0.00125 \text{ in.} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{2.01 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{s}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{144 \text{ in.}^2} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \\ Re &= 43.6 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the flow is laminar, since  $Re \ll 1500$ .

In this problem we approximated the circular-streamline flow in a small annular gap as a linear flow between infinite parallel plates. As we saw in Example 5.10, for the small value of the gap width  $a$  to radius  $R$  ratio  $a/R$  (in this problem  $< 1\%$ ), the error in shear stress is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this ratio. Hence, the error introduced is insignificant—much less than the uncertainty associated with obtaining a viscosity for the oil.

We have seen how steady, one-dimensional laminar flows between two plates can be generated by applying a pressure gradient, by moving one plate with respect to the other, or by having both driving mechanisms present. To finish our discussion of this type of flow, Example 8.3 examines a *gravity-driven* steady, one-dimensional laminar flow down a vertical wall. Once again, the direct approach would be to start with the two-dimensional rectangular coordinate form of the Navier–Stokes equations (Eqs. 5.27); instead we will use a differential control volume.

### Example 8.3 LAMINAR FILM ON A VERTICAL WALL

A viscous, incompressible, Newtonian liquid flows in steady, laminar flow down a vertical wall. The thickness,  $\delta$ , of the liquid film is constant. Since the liquid free surface is exposed to atmospheric pressure, there is no pressure gradient. For this gravity-driven flow, apply the momentum equation to differential control volume  $dx dy dz$  to derive the velocity distribution in the liquid film.

**Given:** Fully developed laminar flow of incompressible, Newtonian liquid down a vertical wall; thickness,  $\delta$ , of the liquid film is constant and  $\partial p/\partial x = 0$ .

**Find:** Expression for the velocity distribution in the film.

**Solution:** The  $x$  component of the momentum equation for a control volume is

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho dV + \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.18a)$$

Under the conditions given we are dealing with a steady, incompressible, fully developed laminar flow.

For steady flow,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho dV = 0$

For fully developed flow,  $\int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$

Thus the momentum equation for the present case reduces to

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = 0$$

The body force,  $F_{B_x}$ , is given by  $F_{B_x} = \rho g dV = \rho g dx dy dz$ . The only surface forces acting on the differential control volume are shear forces on the vertical surfaces. (Since we have a free-surface flow, with straight streamlines, the pressure is atmospheric throughout; no net pressure forces act on the control volume.)

If the shear stress at the center of the differential control volume is  $\tau_{yx}$ , then,

$$\text{shear stress on left face is } \tau_{yxL} = \left( \tau_{yx} - \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} \frac{dy}{2} \right)$$

and

$$\text{shear stress on right face is } \tau_{yxR} = \left( \tau_{yx} + \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} \frac{dy}{2} \right)$$

The direction of the shear stress vectors is taken consistent with the sign convention of Section 2.3. Thus on the left face, a minus  $y$  surface,  $\tau_{yxL}$  acts upward, and on the right face, a plus  $y$  surface,  $\tau_{yxR}$  acts downward.

The surface forces are obtained by multiplying each shear stress by the area over which it acts. Substituting into  $F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = 0$ , we obtain

$$-\tau_{yxL} dx dz + \tau_{yxR} dx dz + \rho g dx dy dz = 0$$

or

$$-\left( \tau_{yx} - \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz + \left( \tau_{yx} + \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} \frac{dy}{2} \right) dx dz + \rho g dx dy dz = 0$$

Simplifying gives

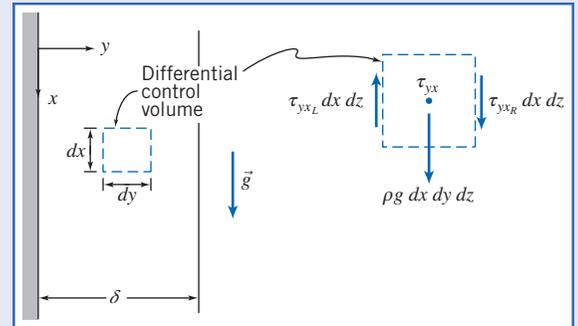
$$\frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} + \rho g = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d\tau_{yx}}{dy} = -\rho g$$

Since

$$\tau_{yx} = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad \text{then} \quad \mu \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = -\rho g \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = -\frac{\rho g}{\mu}$$

Integrating with respect to  $y$  gives

$$\frac{du}{dy} = -\frac{\rho g}{\mu} y + c_1$$



Integrating again, we obtain

$$u = -\frac{\rho g}{\mu} \frac{y^2}{2} + c_1 y + c_2$$

To evaluate constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , we apply appropriate boundary conditions:

- (i)  $y=0, \quad u=0$  (no-slip)
- (ii)  $y=\delta, \quad \frac{du}{dy}=0$  (neglect air resistance, i.e., assume zero shear stress at free surface)

From boundary condition (i),  $c_2=0$   
 From boundary condition (ii),  $0 = -\frac{\rho g}{\mu} \delta + c_1$  or  $c_1 = \frac{\rho g}{\mu} \delta$   
 Hence,

$$u = -\frac{\rho g}{\mu} \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{\rho g}{\mu} \delta y \quad \text{or} \quad u = \frac{\rho g}{\mu} \delta^2 \left[ \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^2 \right] \leftarrow u(y)$$

Using the velocity profile it can be shown that:

- the volume flow rate is  $Q/l = \frac{\rho g}{3\mu} \delta^3$
- the maximum velocity is  $U_{\max} = \frac{\rho g}{2\mu} \delta^2$
- the average velocity is  $\bar{V} = \frac{\rho g}{3\mu} \delta^2$

Flow in the liquid film is laminar for  $Re = \bar{V}\delta/\nu \leq 1000$  [1].

**Notes:**

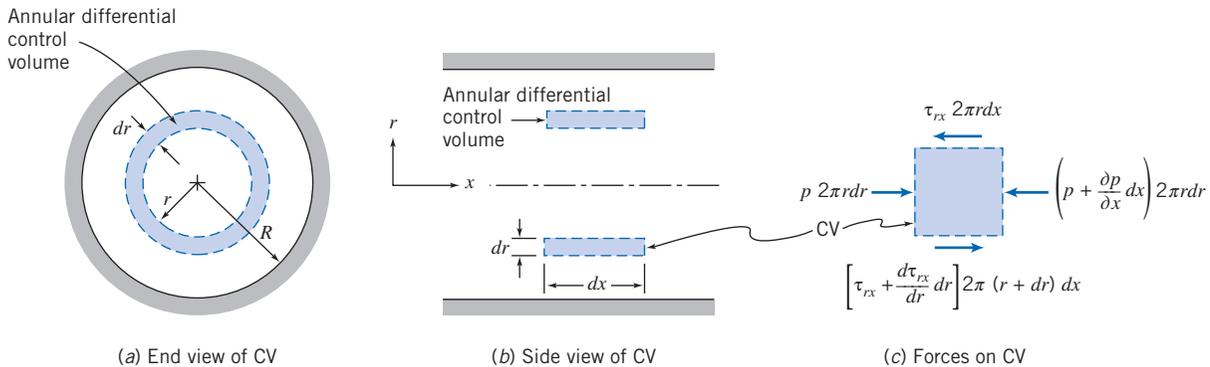
- This problem is a special case ( $\theta = 90^\circ$ ) of the inclined plate flow analyzed in Example 5.9 that we solved using the Navier–Stokes equations.
- This problem and Example 5.9 demonstrate that use of the differential control volume approach or the Navier–Stokes equations leads to the same result.

### 8.3 Fully Developed Laminar Flow in a Pipe

As a final example of fully developed laminar flow, let us consider fully developed laminar flow in a pipe. Here the flow is axisymmetric. Consequently it is most convenient to work in cylindrical coordinates. This is yet another case where we could use the Navier–Stokes equations, this time in cylindrical coordinates (see Example 5.10). Instead we will again take the longer route—using a differential control volume—to bring out some important features of the fluid mechanics. The development will be very similar to that for parallel plates in the previous section; cylindrical coordinates just make the analysis a little trickier mathematically. Since the flow is axisymmetric, the control volume will be a differential annulus, as shown in Fig. 8.7. The control volume length is  $dx$  and its thickness is  $dr$ .

For a fully developed steady flow, the  $x$  component of the momentum equation (Eq. 4.18a), when applied to the differential control volume, once again reduces to

$$F_{S_x} = 0$$



**Fig. 8.7** Differential control volume for analysis of fully developed laminar flow in a pipe.

The next step is to sum the forces acting on the control volume in the  $x$  direction. We know that normal forces (pressure forces) act on the left and right ends of the control volume, and that tangential forces (shear forces) act on the inner and outer cylindrical surfaces.

If the pressure at the left face of the control volume is  $p$ , then the pressure force on the left end is

$$dF_L = p2\pi r dr$$

The pressure force on the right end is

$$dF_R = -\left(p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx\right) 2\pi r dr$$

If the shear stress at the inner surface of the annular control volume is  $\tau_{rx}$ , then the shear force on the inner cylindrical surface is

$$dF_I = -\tau_{rx}2\pi r dx$$

The shear force on the outer cylindrical surface is

$$dF_O = \left(\tau_{rx} + \frac{d\tau_{rx}}{dr} dr\right) 2\pi(r + dr)dx$$

The sum of the  $x$  components of force,  $dF_L$ ,  $dF_R$ ,  $dF_I$ , and  $dF_O$ , acting on the control volume must be zero. This leads to the condition that

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} 2\pi r dr dx + \tau_{rx}2\pi dr dx + \frac{d\tau_{rx}}{dr} 2\pi r dr dx = 0$$

Dividing this equation by  $2\pi r dr dx$  and solving for  $\partial p/\partial x$  gives

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \frac{\tau_{rx}}{r} + \frac{d\tau_{rx}}{dr} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d(r\tau_{rx})}{dr}$$

Comparing this to the corresponding equation for parallel plates (Eq. 8.3) shows the mathematical complexity introduced because we have cylindrical coordinates. The left side of the equation is at most a function of  $x$  only because the pressure is uniform at each section; the right side is at most a function of  $r$  only because the flow is fully developed. Hence, the only way the equation can be valid for all  $x$  and  $r$  is for both sides to in fact be constant:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d(r\tau_{rx})}{dr} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \text{constant} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d(r\tau_{rx})}{dr} = r \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}$$

We are not quite finished, but already we have an important result: *In a constant diameter pipe, the pressure drops uniformly along the pipe length (except for the entrance region).*

Integrating this equation, we obtain

$$r\tau_{rx} = \frac{r^2}{2} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) + c_1$$

or

$$\tau_{rx} = \frac{r}{2} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{c_1}{r} \quad (8.10)$$

Since  $\tau_{rx} = \mu du/dr$ , we have

$$\mu \frac{du}{dr} = \frac{r}{2} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{c_1}{r}$$

and

$$u = \frac{r^2}{4\mu} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{c_1}{\mu} \ln r + c_2 \quad (8.11)$$

We need to evaluate constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . However, we have only the one boundary condition that  $u = 0$  at  $r = R$ . What do we do? Before throwing in the towel, let us look at the solution for the velocity profile given by Eq. 8.11. Although we do not know the velocity at the pipe centerline, we do know from physical considerations that the velocity must be finite at  $r = 0$ . The only way that this can be true is for  $c_1 = 0$ . (We could have also concluded that  $c_1 = 0$  from Eq. 8.10—which would otherwise yield an infinite stress at  $r = 0$ .) Thus, from physical considerations, we conclude that  $c_1 = 0$ , and hence

$$u = \frac{r^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) + c_2$$

The constant,  $c_2$ , is evaluated by using the available boundary condition at the pipe wall: at  $r = R$ ,  $u = 0$ . Consequently,

$$0 = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) + c_2$$

This gives

$$c_2 = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right)$$

and hence

$$u = \frac{r^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{1}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) (r^2 - R^2)$$

or

$$u = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \quad (8.12)$$

Since we have the velocity profile, we can obtain a number of additional features of the flow.

### Shear Stress Distribution

The shear stress is

$$\tau_{rx} = \mu \frac{du}{dr} = \frac{r}{2} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \quad (8.13a)$$

### Volume Flow Rate

The volume flow rate is

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \int_0^R u 2\pi r \, dr = \int_0^R \frac{1}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) (r^2 - R^2) 2\pi r \, dr \\ Q &= -\frac{\pi R^4}{8\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.13b)$$

### Flow Rate as a Function of Pressure Drop

We proved that in fully developed flow the pressure gradient,  $\partial p/\partial x$ , is constant. Therefore,  $\partial p/\partial x = (p_2 - p_1)/L = -\Delta p/L$ . Substituting into Eq. 8.13b for the volume flow rate gives

$$Q = -\frac{\pi R^4}{8\mu} \left[ \frac{-\Delta p}{L} \right] = \frac{\pi \Delta p R^4}{8\mu L} = \frac{\pi \Delta p D^4}{128\mu L} \quad (8.13c)$$

for laminar flow in a horizontal pipe. Note that  $Q$  is a sensitive function of  $D$ ;  $Q \sim D^4$ , so, for example, doubling the diameter  $D$  increases the flow rate  $Q$  by a factor of 16.

### Average Velocity

The average velocity magnitude,  $\bar{V}$ , is given by

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{Q}{\pi R^2} = -\frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \quad (8.13d)$$

### Point of Maximum Velocity

To find the point of maximum velocity, we set  $du/dr$  equal to zero and solve for the corresponding  $r$ . From Eq. 8.12

$$\frac{du}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) r$$

Thus,

$$\frac{du}{dr} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad r = 0$$

At  $r = 0$ ,

$$u = u_{\max} = U = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) = 2\bar{V} \quad (8.13e)$$

The velocity profile (Eq. 8.12) may be written in terms of the maximum (centerline) velocity as

$$\frac{u}{U} = 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \quad (8.14)$$

The parabolic velocity profile, given by Eq. 8.14 for fully developed laminar pipe flow, was sketched in Fig. 8.1. These laminar flow results are applied to the design of a viscometer in Example 8.4.

## Example 8.4 CAPILLARY VISCOMETER

A simple and accurate viscometer can be made from a length of capillary tubing. If the flow rate and pressure drop are measured, and the tube geometry is known, the viscosity of a Newtonian liquid can be computed from Eq. 8.13c. A test of a certain liquid in a capillary viscometer gave the following data:

Flow rate:	880 mm <sup>3</sup> /s	Tube length:	1 m
Tube diameter:	0.50 mm	Pressure drop:	1.0 MPa

Determine the viscosity of the liquid.

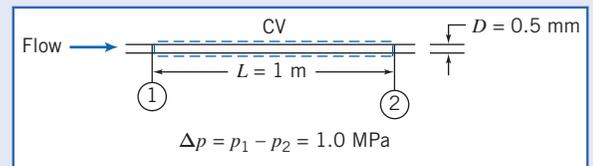
**Given:** Flow in a capillary viscometer.  
The flow rate is  $Q = 880 \text{ mm}^3/\text{s}$ .

**Find:** The fluid viscosity.

**Solution:** Equation 8.13c may be applied.

**Governing equation:**

$$Q = \frac{\pi \Delta p D^4}{128 \mu L} \quad (8.13c)$$



**Assumptions:**

- 1 Laminar flow.
- 2 Steady flow.
- 3 Incompressible flow.
- 4 Fully developed flow.
- 5 Horizontal tube.

Then

$$\mu = \frac{\pi \Delta p D^4}{128 L Q} = \frac{\pi}{128} \times 1.0 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times (0.50)^4 \text{ mm}^4 \times \frac{\text{s}}{880 \text{ mm}^3} \times \frac{1}{1 \text{ m}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{10^3 \text{ mm}}$$

$$\mu = 1.74 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s} / \text{m}^2 \quad \mu$$

Check the Reynolds number. Assume the fluid density is similar to that of water, 999 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Then

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{4Q}{\pi D^2} = \frac{4}{\pi} \times 880 \frac{\text{mm}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{(0.50)^2 \text{ mm}^2} \times \frac{\text{m}}{10^3 \text{ mm}} = 4.48 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$Re = \frac{\rho \bar{V} D}{\mu} = 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 4.48 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.50 \text{ mm}$$

$$\times \frac{\text{m}^2}{1.74 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}} \times \frac{\text{m}}{10^3 \text{ mm}} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$Re = 1290$$

Consequently, since  $Re < 2300$ , the flow is laminar.

This problem is a little oversimplified. To design a capillary viscometer the entrance length, liquid temperature, and kinetic energy of the flowing liquid would all need to be considered.

## Part B FLOW IN PIPES AND DUCTS

In this section we will be interested in determining the factors that affect the pressure in an incompressible fluid as it flows in a pipe or duct (we will refer to “pipe” but imply “duct,” too). If we ignore friction for a moment and assume steady flow and consider a streamline in the flow, the Bernoulli equation from Chapter 6 applies,

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (6.8)$$

From this equation we can see what *tends* to lead to a *pressure decrease* along the streamline in this frictionless flow: a *reduction of area* at some point in the pipe causing an increase in the velocity  $V$ , or the pipe having a *positive incline* so  $z$  increases. Conversely, the pressure will tend to increase if the flow area is increased or the pipe slopes downward. We say “tends to” because one factor may counteract another; for example, we may have a downward sloping pipe tending to increase pressure with a reduction in diameter tending to decrease pressure.

In reality, flows in pipes and ducts experience significant friction and are often turbulent, so the Bernoulli equation does not apply. It doesn’t even make sense to use  $V$ ; instead we will use  $\bar{V}$ , to represent the average velocity at a section along the pipe. We will learn that, in effect, friction effects lead to a continual reduction in the value of the Bernoulli constant of Eq. 6.8, representing a “loss” of mechanical energy. We have already seen that, in contrast to the Bernoulli equation, for laminar flow there is a pressure drop even for a horizontal, constant diameter pipe; in this section we will see that turbulent flows experience an even larger pressure drop. We will need to replace the Bernoulli equation with an energy equation that incorporates the effects of friction.

In summary, we can state that *three* factors tend to reduce the pressure in a pipe flow: a decrease in pipe area, an upward slope, and friction. For now we will focus on pressure loss due to friction and so will analyze pipes that are of constant area and that are horizontal.

We have already seen in the previous section that for laminar flow we can theoretically deduce the pressure drop. Rearranging Eq. 8.13c to solve for the pressure drop  $\Delta p$ ,

$$\Delta p = \frac{128\mu LQ}{\pi D^4}$$

We would like to develop a similar expression that applies for turbulent flows, but we will see that this is not possible analytically; instead, we will develop expressions based on a combination of theoretical and experimental approaches. Before proceeding, we note that it is conventional to break losses due to friction into two categories: *major losses*, which are losses due to friction in the constant-area sections of the pipe; and *minor losses* (sometimes larger than “major” losses), which are losses due to valves, elbows, and so on.

Since circular pipes are most common in engineering applications, the basic analysis will be performed for circular geometries. The results can be extended to other geometries by introducing the hydraulic diameter, which is treated in Section 8.7. (Open channel flows will be treated in Chapter 11, and compressible flow in ducts will be treated in Chapter 13.)

## 8.4 Shear Stress Distribution in Fully Developed Pipe Flow

We consider again fully developed flow in a horizontal circular pipe, except now we may have laminar or turbulent flow. In Section 8.3 we showed that a force balance between friction and pressure forces leads to Eq. 8.10:

$$\tau_{rx} = \frac{r}{2} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{c_1}{r} \quad (8.10)$$

Because we cannot have infinite stress at the centerline, the constant of integration  $c_1$  must be zero, so

$$\tau_{rx} = \frac{r}{2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (8.15)$$

Equation 8.15 indicates that *for both laminar and turbulent fully developed flows the shear stress varies linearly across the pipe*, from zero at the centerline to a maximum at the pipe wall. The stress on the wall,  $\tau_w$ , equal and opposite to the stress in the fluid at the wall, is given by

$$\tau_w = -[\tau_{rx}]_{r=R} = -\frac{R}{2} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (8.16)$$

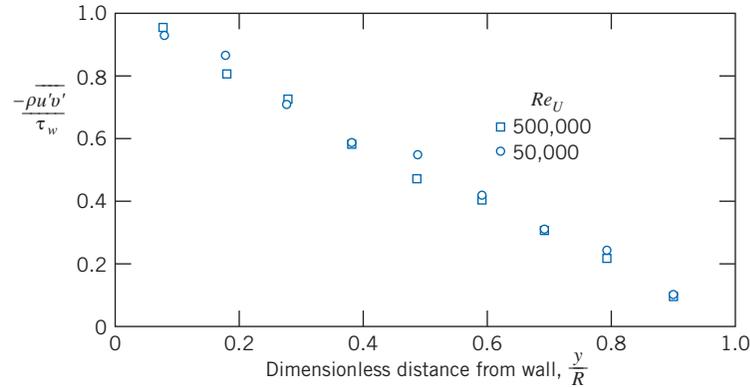
For *laminar* flow we used our familiar stress equation  $\tau_{rw} = \mu du/dr$  in Eq. 8.15 to eventually obtain the laminar velocity distribution. This led to a set of usable equations, Eqs. 8.13a, for obtaining various flow characteristics; e.g., Eq. 8.13c gave a relationship for the flow rate  $Q$ , a result first obtained experimentally by Jean Louis Poiseuille, a French physician, and independently by Gotthilf H. L. Hagen, a German engineer, in the 1850s [2].

Unfortunately there is no equivalent stress equation for *turbulent* flow, so we cannot replicate the laminar flow analysis to derive turbulent equivalents of Eqs. 8.13. All we can do in this section is indicate some classic semi-empirical results [3].

As we discussed in Section 2.6, and illustrated in Fig. 2.17, turbulent flow is represented at each point by the time-mean velocity  $\bar{u}$  plus randomly fluctuating velocity components  $u'$  and  $v'$  in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions. These components continuously transfer momentum between adjacent fluid layers, tending to reduce any velocity gradient present. This effect shows up as an apparent stress, first introduced by Osborne Reynolds, and called the *Reynolds stress*.<sup>1</sup> This stress is given by  $-\rho\overline{u'v'}$ , where the overbar indicates a time average. Hence, we find

$$\tau = \tau_{\text{lam}} + \tau_{\text{turb}} = \mu \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} - \rho\overline{u'v'} \quad (8.17)$$

<sup>1</sup>The Reynolds stress terms arise from consideration of the complete equations of motion for turbulent flow [4].



**Fig. 8.8** Turbulent shear stress (Reynolds stress) for fully developed turbulent flow in a pipe. (Data from Laufer [5].)

Do not misunderstand the minus sign in Eq. 8.17—it turns out that  $u'$  and  $v'$  are negatively correlated, so that  $\tau_{\text{turb}} = -\rho\overline{u'v'}$  is positive. In Fig. 8.8, experimental measurements of the Reynolds stress for fully developed turbulent pipe flow at two Reynolds numbers are presented;  $Re_U = UD/\nu$ , where  $U$  is the centerline velocity. The turbulent shear stress has been nondimensionalized with the wall shear stress. Recall that Eq. 8.15 showed that the shear stress in the fluid varies linearly from  $\tau_w$  at the pipe wall ( $y/R \rightarrow 0$ ) to zero at the centerline ( $y/R = 1$ ); from Fig. 8.8 we see that the Reynolds stress has almost the same trend, so that the friction is almost all due to Reynolds stress. What Fig. 8.8 *doesn't* show is that close to the wall ( $y/R \rightarrow 0$ ) the Reynolds stress drops to zero. This is because the no-slip condition holds, so not only does the mean velocity  $\bar{u} \rightarrow 0$ , but also the fluctuating velocity components  $u'$  and  $v' \rightarrow 0$  (the wall tends to suppress the fluctuations). Hence, the turbulent stress,  $\tau_{\text{turb}} = -\rho\overline{u'v'} \rightarrow 0$ , as we approach the wall, and is zero at the wall. Since the Reynolds stress is zero at the wall, Eq. 8.17 shows that the wall shear is given by  $\tau_w = \mu(d\bar{u}/dy)_{y=0}$ . In the region very close to the wall, called the *wall layer*, viscous shear is dominant. In the region between the wall layer and the central portion of the pipe both viscous and turbulent shear are important.

### 8.5 Turbulent Velocity Profiles in Fully Developed Pipe Flow

Except for flows of very viscous fluids in small diameter ducts, internal flows generally are turbulent. As noted in the discussion of shear stress distribution in fully developed pipe flow (Section 8.4), in turbulent flow there is no universal relationship between the stress field and the mean velocity field. Thus, for turbulent flows we are forced to rely on experimental data.

Dividing Eq. 8.17 by  $\rho$  gives

$$\frac{\tau}{\rho} = \nu \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} - \overline{u'v'} \tag{8.18}$$

The term  $\tau/\rho$  arises frequently in the consideration of turbulent flows; it has dimensions of velocity squared. In particular, the quantity  $(\tau_w/\rho)^{1/2}$  is called the *friction velocity* and is denoted by the symbol  $u_*$ . It is a constant for a given flow.

The velocity profile for fully developed turbulent flow through a smooth pipe is shown in Fig. 8.9. The plot is semilogarithmic;  $\bar{u}/u_*$  is plotted against  $\log(yu_*/\nu)$ . The nondimensional parameters  $\bar{u}/u_*$  and  $yu_*/\nu$  arise from dimensional analysis if one reasons that the velocity in the neighborhood of the wall is determined by the conditions at the wall, the fluid properties, and the distance from the wall. It is simply fortuitous that the dimensionless plot of Fig. 8.9 gives a fairly accurate representation of the velocity profile in a pipe away from the wall; note the small deviations in the region of the pipe centerline.

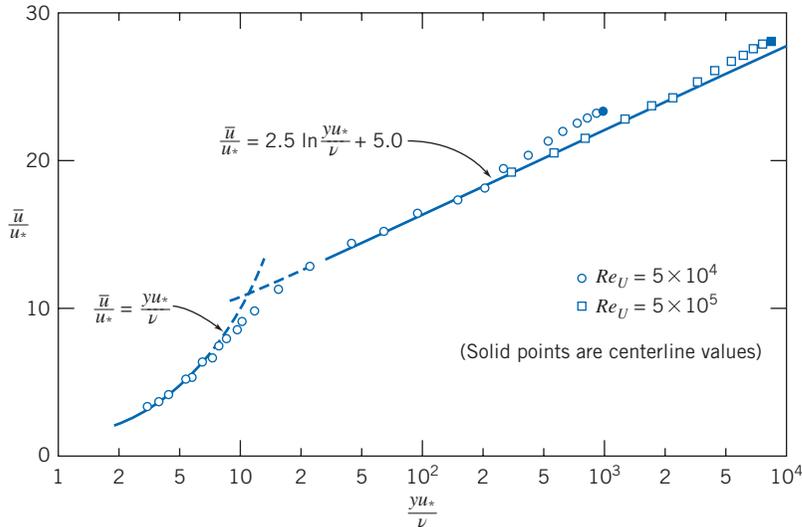
In the region very close to the wall where viscous shear is dominant, the mean velocity profile follows the linear viscous relation

$$u^+ = \frac{\bar{u}}{u_*} = \frac{yu_*}{\nu} = y^+ \tag{8.19}$$

where  $y$  is distance measured from the wall ( $y = R - r$ ;  $R$  is the pipe radius), and  $\bar{u}$  is mean velocity. Equation 8.19 is valid for  $0 \leq y^+ \leq 5 - 7$ ; this region is called the *viscous sublayer*.

 *Video: The Glen Canyon Dam: A Turbulent Pipe Flow*





**Fig. 8.9** Turbulent velocity profile for fully developed flow in a smooth pipe. (Data from Laufer [5].)

For values of  $yu_*/\nu > 30$ , the data are quite well represented by the semilogarithmic curve-fit equation

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_*} = 2.5 \ln \frac{yu_*}{\nu} + 5.0 \quad (8.20)$$

In this region both viscous and turbulent shear are important, although turbulent shear is expected to be significantly larger. There is considerable scatter in the numerical constants of Eq. 8.20; the values given represent averages over many experiments [6]. The region between  $y^+ = 5 - 7$  and  $y^+ = 30$  is referred to as the *transition region*, or *buffer layer*.

If Eq. 8.20 is evaluated at the centerline ( $y = R$  and  $u = U$ ) and the general expression of Eq. 8.20 is subtracted from the equation evaluated at the centerline, we obtain

$$\frac{U - \bar{u}}{u_*} = 2.5 \ln \frac{R}{y} \quad (8.21)$$

where  $U$  is the centerline velocity. Equation 8.21, referred to as the *defect law*, shows that the velocity defect is a function of the distance ratio only and does not depend on the viscosity of the fluid.

The velocity profile for turbulent flow through a smooth pipe may also be approximated by the empirical *power-law* equation

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{U} = \left(\frac{y}{R}\right)^{1/n} = \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^{1/n} \quad (8.22)$$

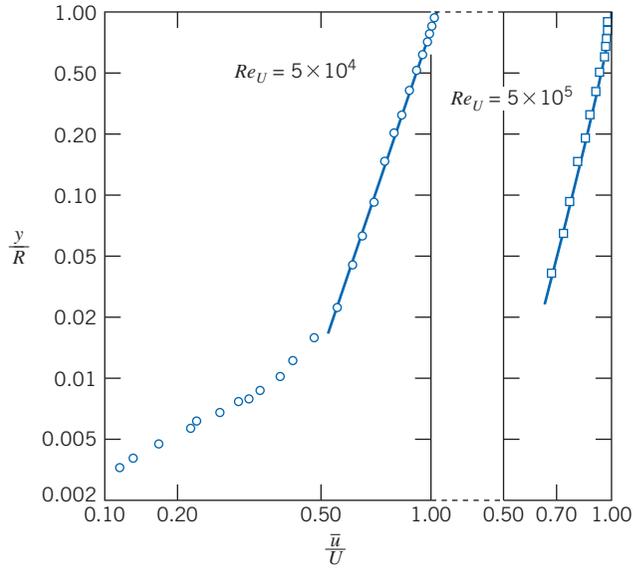
where the exponent,  $n$ , varies with the Reynolds number. In Fig. 8.10 the data of Laufer [5] are shown on a plot of  $\ln y/R$  versus  $\ln \bar{u}/U$ . If the power-law profile were an accurate representation of the data, all data points would fall on a straight line of slope  $n$ . Clearly the data for  $Re_U = 5 \times 10^4$  deviate from the best-fit straight line in the neighborhood of the wall.

Hence the power-law profile is not applicable close to the wall ( $y/R < 0.04$ ). Since the velocity is low in this region, the error in calculating integral quantities such as mass, momentum, and energy fluxes at a section is relatively small. The power-law profile gives an infinite velocity gradient at the wall and hence cannot be used in calculations of wall shear stress. Although the profile fits the data close to the centerline, it fails to give zero slope there. Despite these shortcomings, the power-law profile is found to give adequate results in many calculations.

Data from Hinze [7] suggest that the variation of power-law exponent  $n$  with Reynolds number (based on pipe diameter,  $D$ , and centerline velocity,  $U$ ) for fully developed flow in smooth pipes is given by

$$n = -1.7 + 1.8 \log Re_U \quad (8.23)$$

for  $Re_U > 2 \times 10^4$ .



**Fig. 8.10** Power-law velocity profiles for fully developed turbulent flow in a smooth pipe. (Data from Laufer [5].)

Since the average velocity is  $\bar{V} = Q/A$ , and

$$Q = \int_A \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

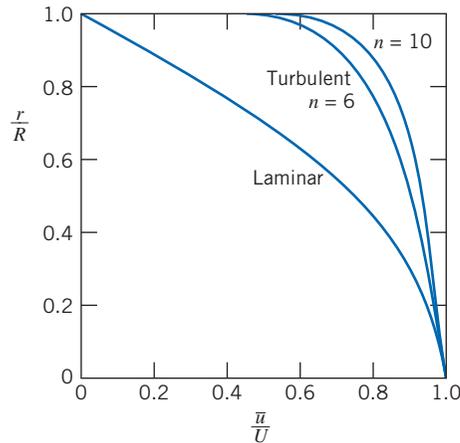
the ratio of the average velocity to the centerline velocity may be calculated for the power-law profiles of Eq. 8.22 assuming the profiles to be valid from wall to centerline. The result is

$$\frac{\bar{V}}{U} = \frac{2n^2}{(n+1)(2n+1)} \tag{8.24}$$

From Eq. 8.24, we see that as  $n$  increases (with increasing Reynolds number) the ratio of the average velocity to the centerline velocity increases; with increasing Reynolds number the velocity profile becomes more blunt or “fuller” (for  $n = 6, \bar{V}/U = 0.79$  and for  $n = 10, \bar{V}/U = 0.87$ ). As a representative value, 7 often is used for the exponent; this gives rise to the term “a one-seventh power profile” for fully developed turbulent flow:

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{U} = \left(\frac{y}{R}\right)^{1/7} = \left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)^{1/7}$$

Velocity profiles for  $n = 6$  and  $n = 10$  are shown in Fig. 8.11. The parabolic profile for fully developed laminar flow is included for comparison. It is clear that the turbulent profile has a much steeper slope near



**Fig. 8.11** Velocity profiles for fully developed pipe flow.

the wall. This is consistent with our discussion leading to Eq. 8.17—the fluctuating velocity components  $u'$  and  $v'$  continuously transfer momentum between adjacent fluid layers, tending to reduce the velocity gradient.

## 8.6 Energy Considerations in Pipe Flow

We have so far used the momentum and conservation of mass equations, in control volume form, to discuss viscous flow. It is obvious that viscous effects will have an important effect on energy considerations. In Section 6.4 we discussed the Energy Grade Line (EGL),

$$EGL = \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z \quad (6.16b)$$

and saw that this is a measure of the total mechanical energy (“pressure,” kinetic and potential, per unit mass) in a flow. We can expect that instead of being constant, which it was for inviscid flow, the EGL will continuously decrease in the direction of flow as friction “eats” the mechanical energy (Examples 8.9 and 8.10 have sketches of such EGL—and HGL—curves; you may wish to preview them). We can now consider the energy equation to obtain information on the effects of friction.

Consider, for example, steady flow through the piping system, including a reducing elbow, shown in Fig. 8.12. The control volume boundaries are shown as dashed lines. They are normal to the flow at sections ① and ② and coincide with the inside surface of the pipe wall elsewhere.

Basic equation:

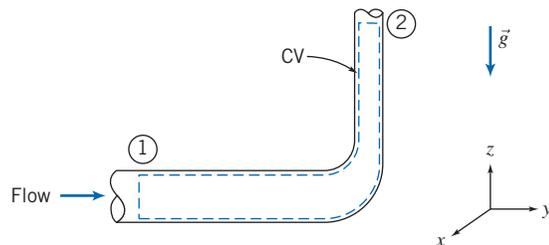
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} e \rho dV + \int_{CS} (e + pv) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ e &= u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \end{aligned} \quad (4.56)$$

Assumptions:

- 1  $\dot{W}_s = 0, \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = 0$ .
- 2  $\dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = 0$  (although shear stresses are present at the walls of the elbow, the velocities are zero there, so there is no possibility of work).
- 3 Steady flow.
- 4 Incompressible flow.
- 5 Internal energy and pressure uniform across sections ① and ②.

Under these assumptions the energy equation reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q} &= \dot{m}(u_2 - u_1) + \dot{m} \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} - \frac{p_1}{\rho} \right) + \dot{m}g(z_2 - z_1) \\ &+ \int_{A_2} \frac{V_2^2}{2} \rho V_2 dA_2 - \int_{A_1} \frac{V_1^2}{2} \rho V_1 dA_1 \end{aligned} \quad (8.25)$$



**Fig. 8.12** Control volume and coordinates for energy analysis of flow through a 90° reducing elbow.

Note that we have *not* assumed the velocity to be uniform at sections ① and ②, since we know that for viscous flows the velocity at a cross-section cannot be uniform. However, it is convenient to introduce the average velocity into Eq. 8.25 so that we can eliminate the integrals. To do this, we define a kinetic energy coefficient.

### Kinetic Energy Coefficient

The *kinetic energy coefficient*,  $\alpha$ , is defined such that

$$\int_A \frac{V^2}{2} \rho V dA = \alpha \int_A \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \rho V dA = \alpha \dot{m} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.26a)$$

or

$$\alpha = \frac{\int_A \rho V^3 dA}{\dot{m} \bar{V}^2} \quad (8.26b)$$

We can think of  $\alpha$  as a correction factor that allows us to use the average velocity  $\bar{V}$  in the energy equation to compute the kinetic energy at a cross section.

For laminar flow in a pipe (velocity profile given by Eq. 8.12),  $\alpha = 2.0$ .

In turbulent pipe flow, the velocity profile is quite flat, as shown in Fig. 8.11. We can use Eq. 8.26b together with Eqs. 8.22 and 8.24 to determine  $\alpha$ . Substituting the power-law velocity profile of Eq. 8.22 into Eq. 8.26b, we obtain

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{U}{\bar{V}} \right)^3 \frac{2n^2}{(3+n)(3+2n)} \quad (8.27)$$

Equation 8.24 gives  $\bar{V}/U$  as a function of the power-law exponent  $n$ ; combining this with Eq. 8.27 leads to a fairly complicated expression in  $n$ . The overall result is that in the realistic range of  $n$ , from  $n = 6$  to  $n = 10$  for high Reynolds numbers,  $\alpha$  varies from 1.08 to 1.03; for the one-seventh power profile ( $n = 7$ ),  $\alpha = 1.06$ . Because  $\alpha$  is reasonably close to unity for high Reynolds numbers, and because the change in kinetic energy is usually small compared with the dominant terms in the energy equation, *we shall almost always use the approximation  $\alpha = 1$  in our pipe flow calculations.*

### Head Loss

Using the definition of  $\alpha$ , the energy equation (Eq. 8.25) can be written

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}(u_2 - u_1) + \dot{m} \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} - \frac{p_1}{\rho} \right) + \dot{m}g(z_2 - z_1) + \dot{m} \left( \frac{\alpha_2 \bar{V}_2^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1 \bar{V}_1^2}{2} \right)$$

Dividing by the mass flow rate gives

$$\frac{\delta Q}{\dot{m}} = u_2 - u_1 + \frac{p_2}{\rho} - \frac{p_1}{\rho} + gz_2 - gz_1 + \frac{\alpha_2 \bar{V}_2^2}{2} - \frac{\alpha_1 \bar{V}_1^2}{2}$$

Rearranging this equation, we write

$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) = (u_2 - u_1) - \frac{\delta Q}{\dot{m}} \quad (8.28)$$

In Eq. 8.28, the term

$$\left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \alpha \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + gz \right)$$

represents the mechanical energy per unit mass at a cross section. Compare it to the EGL expression, Eq. 6.16b, for computing “mechanical” energy, which we discussed at the beginning of this section. The differences are that in the EGL we divide by  $g$  to obtain the EGL in units of feet or meters, and here  $\alpha\bar{V}^2$  allows for the fact that in a pipe flow we have a velocity profile, not a uniform flow.

The term  $u_2 - u_1 - \delta Q/dm$  is equal to the difference in mechanical energy per unit mass between sections ① and ②. It represents the (irreversible) conversion of mechanical energy at section ① to unwanted thermal energy ( $u_2 - u_1$ ) and loss of energy via heat transfer ( $-\delta Q/dm$ ). We identify this group of terms as the total energy loss per unit mass and designate it by the symbol  $h_{lr}$ . Then

$$\left(\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1\right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2\right) = h_{lr} \quad (8.29)$$

The dimensions of energy per unit mass  $FL/M$  are equivalent to dimensions of  $L^2/t^2$ . Equation 8.29 is one of the most important and useful equations in fluid mechanics. It enables us to compute the loss of mechanical energy caused by friction between two sections of a pipe. We recall our discussion at the beginning of Part B, where we discussed what would cause the pressure to change. We hypothesized a frictionless flow (i.e., described by the Bernoulli equation, or Eq. 8.29 with  $\alpha = 1$  and  $h_{lr} = 0$ ) so that the pressure could only change if the velocity changed (if the pipe had a change in diameter), or if the potential changed (if the pipe was not horizontal). Now, with friction, Eq. 8.29 indicates that the pressure will change even for a constant-area horizontal pipe—mechanical energy will be continuously changed into thermal energy.

As the empirical science of hydraulics developed during the 19th century, it was common practice to express the energy balance in terms of energy per unit *weight* of flowing liquid (e.g., water) rather than energy per unit *mass*, as in Eq. 8.29. When Eq. 8.29 is divided by the acceleration of gravity,  $g$ , we obtain

$$\left(\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2g} + z_1\right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} + z_2\right) = \frac{h_{lr}}{g} = H_{lr} \quad (8.30)$$

Each term in Eq. 8.30 has dimensions of energy per unit weight of flowing fluid. Then the net dimensions of  $H_{lr} = h_{lr}/g$  are  $(L^2/t^2)(t^2/L) = L$ , or feet of flowing liquid. Since the term head loss is in common use, we shall use it when referring to either  $H_{lr}$  (with dimensions of energy per unit weight or length) or  $h_{lr} = gH_{lr}$  (with dimensions of energy per unit mass).

Equation 8.29 (or Eq. 8.30) can be used to calculate the pressure difference between any two points in a piping system, provided the head loss,  $h_{lr}$  (or  $H_{lr}$ ), can be determined. We shall consider calculation of head loss in the next section.

## 8.7 Calculation of Head Loss

Total head loss,  $h_{lr}$ , is regarded as the sum of major losses,  $h_l$ , due to frictional effects in fully developed flow in constant-area tubes, and minor losses,  $h_{lm}$ , resulting from entrances, fittings, area changes, and so on. Consequently, we consider the major and minor losses separately.

### Major Losses: Friction Factor

The energy balance, expressed by Eq. 8.29, can be used to evaluate the major head loss. For fully developed flow through a constant-area pipe,  $h_{lm} = 0$ , and  $\alpha_1(\bar{V}_1^2/2) = \alpha_2(\bar{V}_2^2/2)$ ; Eq. 8.29 reduces to

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho} = g(z_2 - z_1) + h_l \quad (8.31)$$

If the pipe is horizontal, then  $z_2 = z_1$  and

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho} = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho} = h_l \quad (8.32)$$

Thus the major head loss can be expressed as the pressure loss for fully developed flow through a horizontal pipe of constant area.

Since head loss represents the energy converted by frictional effects from mechanical to thermal energy, head loss for fully developed flow in a constant-area duct depends only on the details of the flow through the duct. Head loss is independent of pipe orientation.

### a. Laminar Flow

In laminar flow, we saw in Section 8.3 that the pressure drop may be computed analytically for fully developed flow in a horizontal pipe. Thus, from Eq. 8.13c,

$$\Delta p = \frac{128\mu L Q}{\pi D^4} = \frac{128\mu L \bar{V} (\pi D^2/4)}{\pi D^4} = 32 \frac{L}{D} \frac{\mu \bar{V}}{D}$$

Substituting in Eq. 8.32 gives

$$h_l = 32 \frac{L}{D} \frac{\mu \bar{V}}{\rho D} = \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \left( 64 \frac{\mu}{\rho \bar{V} D} \right) = \left( \frac{64}{Re} \right) \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.33)$$

We shall see the reason for writing  $h_l$  in this form shortly.

### b. Turbulent Flow

In turbulent flow we cannot evaluate the pressure drop analytically; we must resort to experimental results and use dimensional analysis to correlate the experimental data. In fully developed turbulent flow, the pressure drop,  $\Delta p$ , caused by friction in a horizontal constant-area pipe is known to depend on pipe diameter,  $D$ , pipe length,  $L$ , pipe roughness,  $e$ , average flow velocity,  $\bar{V}$ , fluid density,  $\rho$ , and fluid viscosity,  $\mu$ . In functional form

$$\Delta p = \Delta p(D, L, e, \bar{V}, \rho, \mu)$$

We applied dimensional analysis to this problem in Example 7.2. The results were a correlation of the form

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho \bar{V}^2} = f \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho \bar{V} D}, \frac{L}{D}, \frac{e}{D} \right)$$

We recognize that  $\mu/\rho \bar{V} D = 1/Re$ , so we could just as well write

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho \bar{V}^2} = \phi \left( Re, \frac{L}{D}, \frac{e}{D} \right)$$

Substituting from Eq. 8.32, we see that

$$\frac{h_l}{\bar{V}^2} = \phi \left( Re, \frac{L}{D}, \frac{e}{D} \right)$$

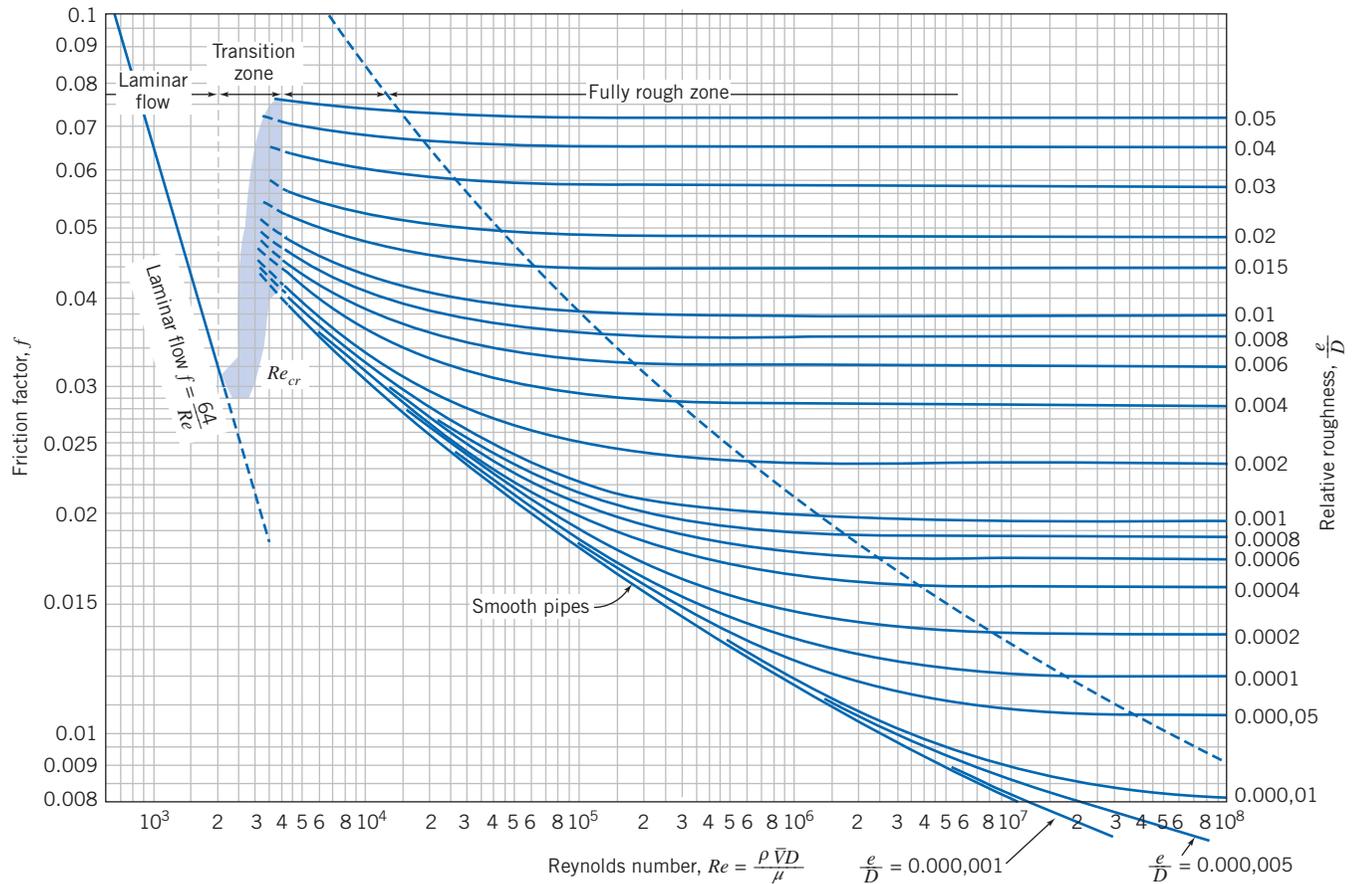
Although dimensional analysis predicts the functional relationship, we must obtain actual values experimentally.

Experiments show that the nondimensional head loss is directly proportional to  $L/D$ . Hence we can write

$$\frac{h_l}{\bar{V}^2} = \frac{L}{D} \phi_1 \left( Re, \frac{e}{D} \right)$$

Since the function,  $\phi_1$ , is still undetermined, it is permissible to introduce a constant into the left side of the above equation. By convention the number  $\frac{1}{2}$  is introduced into the denominator so that the left side of the equation is the ratio of the head loss to the kinetic energy per unit mass of flow. Then

$$\frac{h_l}{\frac{1}{2} \bar{V}^2} = \frac{L}{D} \phi_2 \left( Re, \frac{e}{D} \right)$$



**Fig. 8.13** Friction factor for fully developed flow in circular pipes. (Data from Moody [8].)

The unknown function,  $\phi_2(Re, e/D)$ , is defined as the *friction factor*,  $f$ ,

$$f \equiv \phi_2\left(Re, \frac{e}{D}\right)$$

and

$$h_l = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.34)$$

or

$$H_l = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} \quad (8.35)$$

The friction factor<sup>2</sup> is determined experimentally. The results, published by L. F. Moody [8], are shown in Fig. 8.13.

To determine head loss for fully developed flow with known conditions, the Reynolds number is evaluated first. Roughness,  $e$ , is obtained from data such as in Table 8.1. Then the friction factor,  $f$ , can be read from the appropriate curve in Fig. 8.13, at the known values of  $Re$  and  $e/D$ . Finally, head loss can be found using Eq. 8.34 or Eq. 8.35.

<sup>2</sup>The friction factor defined by Eq. 8.34 is the *Darcy friction factor*. The *Fanning friction factor*, less frequently used, is defined in terms of the wall shear stress. The *Darcy friction factor* is four times the *Fanning friction factor*.

**Table 8.1**  
Roughness for Pipes of Common Engineering Materials

Pipe	Roughness, $e$	
	Feet	Millimeters
Riveted steel	0.003–0.03	0.9–9
Concrete	0.001–0.01	0.3–3
Wood stave	0.0006–0.003	0.2–0.9
Cast iron	0.00085	0.26
Galvanized iron	0.0005	0.15
Asphalted cast iron	0.0004	0.12
Commercial steel or wrought iron	0.00015	0.046
Drawn tubing	0.000005	0.0015

Source: Data from Moody [8].

Several features of Fig. 8.13 require some discussion. The friction factor for laminar flow may be obtained by comparing Eqs. 8.33 and 8.34:

$$h_l = \left(\frac{64}{Re}\right) \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2}$$

Consequently, for laminar flow

$$f_{\text{laminar}} = \frac{64}{Re} \quad (8.36)$$

Thus, in laminar flow, the friction factor is a function of Reynolds number only; it is independent of roughness. Although we took no notice of roughness in deriving Eq. 8.33, experimental results verify that the friction factor is a function only of Reynolds number in laminar flow.

The Reynolds number in a pipe may be changed most easily by varying the average flow velocity. If the flow in a pipe is originally laminar, increasing the velocity until the critical Reynolds number is reached causes transition to occur; the laminar flow gives way to turbulent flow. The effect of transition on the velocity profile was discussed in Section 8.5. Figure 8.11 shows that the velocity gradient at the tube wall is much larger for turbulent flow than for laminar flow. This change in velocity profile causes the wall shear stress to increase sharply, with the same effect on the friction factor.

As the Reynolds number is increased above the transition value, the velocity profile continues to become fuller, as noted in Section 8.5. For values of relative roughness  $e/D \leq 0.001$ , the friction factor at first tends to follow the smooth pipe curve, along which friction factor is a function of Reynolds number only. However, as the Reynolds number increases, the velocity profile becomes still fuller. The size of the thin viscous sublayer near the tube wall decreases. As roughness elements begin to poke through this layer, the effect of roughness becomes important, and the friction factor becomes a function of both the Reynolds number *and* the relative roughness.

At very large Reynolds number, most of the roughness elements on the tube wall protrude through the viscous sublayer; the drag and, hence, the pressure loss, depend only on the size of the roughness elements. This is termed the “fully rough” flow regime; the friction factor depends only on  $e/D$  in this regime.

For values of relative roughness  $e/D \geq 0.001$ , as the Reynolds number is increased above the transition value, the friction factor is greater than the smooth pipe value. As was the case for lower values of  $e/D$ , the value of Reynolds number at which the flow regime becomes fully rough decreases with increasing relative roughness.

To summarize the preceding discussion, we see that as Reynolds number is increased, the friction factor decreases as long as the flow remains laminar. At transition,  $f$  increases sharply. In the turbulent flow regime, the friction factor decreases gradually and finally levels out at a constant value for large Reynolds number.

Bear in mind that the actual loss of energy is  $h_l$  (Eq. 8.34), which is proportional to  $f$  and  $\bar{V}^2$ . Hence, for laminar flow  $h_l \propto \bar{V}$  (because  $f = 64/Re$ , and  $Re \propto \bar{V}$ ); for the transition region there is a sudden increase in  $h_l$ ; for the fully rough zone  $h_l \propto \bar{V}^2$  because  $f \approx \text{constant}$ , and for the rest of the turbulent region  $h_l$  increases at a rate somewhere between  $\bar{V}$  and  $\bar{V}^2$ . We conclude that the head loss *always* increases with flow rate, and more rapidly when the flow is turbulent.

To avoid having to use a graphical method for obtaining  $f$  for turbulent flows, various mathematical expressions have been fitted to the data. The most widely used formula for friction factor is from Colebrook [9],

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2.0 \log \left( \frac{e/D}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{Re\sqrt{f}} \right) \quad (8.37)$$

Equation 8.37 is implicit in  $f$ , and an equation solver can be used to find  $f$  for a given roughness ratio  $e/D$  and Reynolds number  $Re$ . Eq. 8.37 is not difficult to solve for  $f$ —all we need to do is iterate. Equation 8.37 is quite stable—almost any initial guess value for  $f$  in the right side will, after very few iterations, lead to a converged value for  $f$  to three significant figures. From Fig. 8.13, we can see that for turbulent flows  $f < 0.1$ ; hence  $f = 0.1$  would make a good initial value. Another strategy is to use Fig. 8.13 to obtain a good first estimate; then usually one iteration using Eq. 8.37 yields a good value for  $f$ . As an alternative, Haaland [10] developed the following equation,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -1.8 \log \left[ \left( \frac{e/D}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} + \frac{6.9}{Re} \right]$$

as an approximation to the Colebrook equation; for  $Re > 3000$ , it gives results within about 2 percent of the Colebrook equation, without the need to iterate.

For turbulent flow in smooth pipes, the Blasius correlation, valid for  $Re \leq 10^5$ , is

$$f = \frac{0.316}{Re^{0.25}} \quad (8.38)$$

When this relation is combined with the expression for wall shear stress (Eq. 8.16), the expression for head loss (Eq. 8.32), and the definition of friction factor (Eq. 8.34), a useful expression for the wall shear stress is obtained as

$$\tau_w = 0.0332\rho\bar{V}^2 \left( \frac{\nu}{R\bar{V}} \right)^{0.25} \quad (8.39)$$

This equation will be used later in our study of turbulent boundary-layer flow over a flat plate (Chapter 9).

All of the  $e$  values given in Table 8.1 are for new pipes, in relatively good condition. Over long periods of service, corrosion takes place and, particularly in hard water areas, lime deposits and rust scale form on pipe walls. Corrosion can weaken pipes, eventually leading to failure. Deposit formation increases wall roughness appreciably, and also decreases the effective diameter. These factors combine to cause  $e/D$  to increase by factors of 5 to 10 for old pipes. An example is shown in Fig. 8.14.

Curves presented in Fig. 8.13 represent average values for data obtained from numerous experiments. The curves should be considered accurate within approximately  $\pm 10$  percent, which is sufficient for many engineering analyses. If more accuracy is needed, actual test data should be used.

## Minor Losses

The flow in a piping system may be required to pass through a variety of fittings, bends, or abrupt changes in area. Additional head losses are encountered, primarily as a result of flow separation. Energy eventually is dissipated by violent mixing in the separated zones. These losses will be minor

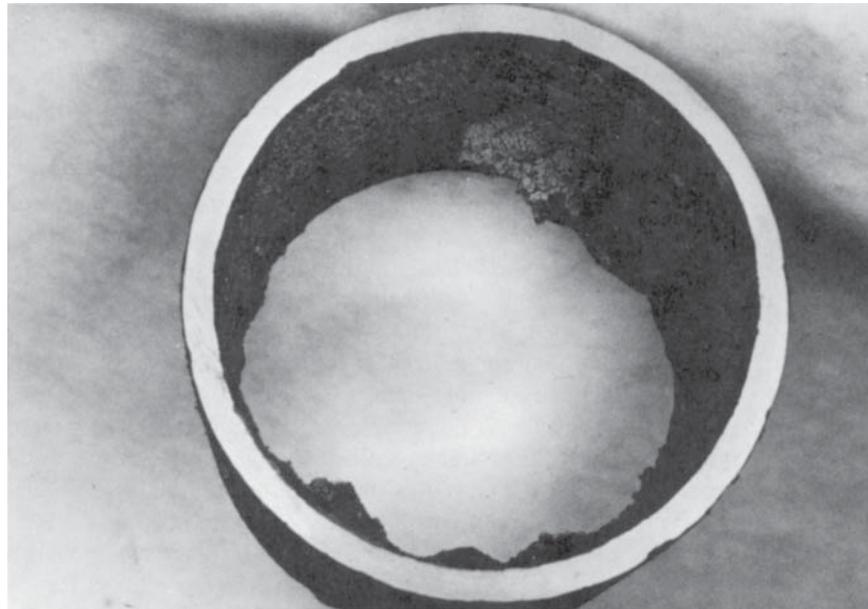


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**Fig. 8.14** Pipe section removed after 40 years of service as a water line, showing formation of scale.

(hence the term *minor losses*) if the piping system includes long lengths of constant-area pipe. Minor losses are computed as

$$h_{l_m} = K \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.40)$$

where the *loss coefficient*,  $K$ , must be determined experimentally for each situation. For flow through pipe bends and fittings, the loss coefficient,  $K$ , is found to vary with pipe size (diameter) in much the same manner as the friction factor,  $f$ , for flow through a straight pipe. The *ASHRAE Handbook—Fundamentals* [12] and websites such as The Engineering Toolbox [35] provide a wealth of data on fitting loss coefficients. The data presented here should be considered as representative for some commonly encountered situations.

#### a. Inlets and Exits

A poorly designed inlet to a pipe can cause appreciable head loss. If the inlet has sharp corners, flow separation occurs at the corners, and a *vena contracta* is formed. The fluid must accelerate locally to pass through the reduced flow area at the vena contracta. Losses in mechanical energy result from the unconfined mixing as the flow stream decelerates again to fill the pipe. Three basic inlet geometries are shown in Table 8.2. From the table it is clear that the loss coefficient is reduced significantly when the inlet is rounded even slightly. For a well-rounded inlet ( $r/D \geq 0.15$ ) the entrance loss coefficient is almost negligible. Example 8.9 illustrates a procedure for experimentally determining the loss coefficient for a pipe inlet.

The kinetic energy per unit mass,  $\alpha \bar{V}^2/2$ , is completely dissipated by mixing when flow discharges from a duct into a large reservoir or plenum chamber. The situation corresponds to flow through an abrupt expansion with  $AR = 0$  (Fig. 8.15). The minor loss coefficient thus equals  $\alpha$ , which as we saw in the previous section we usually set to 1 for turbulent flow. No improvement in minor loss coefficient for an exit is possible; however, addition of a diffuser can reduce  $\bar{V}^2/2$  and therefore  $h_{l_m}$  considerably (see Example 8.10).

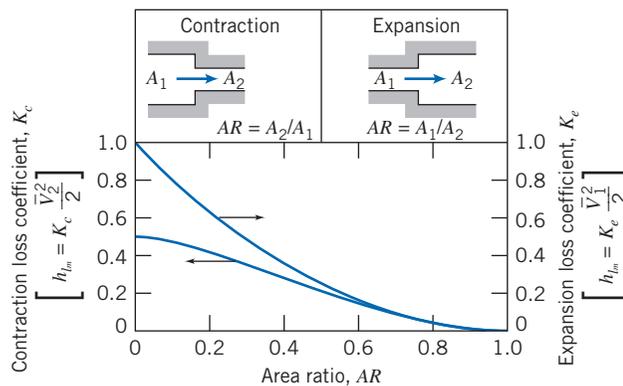
#### b. Enlargements and Contractions

Minor loss coefficients for sudden expansions and contractions in circular ducts are given in Fig. 8.15. Note that both loss coefficients are based on the *larger*  $\bar{V}^2/2$ . Thus losses for a sudden expansion are based on  $\bar{V}_1^2/2$ , and those for a contraction are based on  $\bar{V}_2^2/2$ .

**Table 8.2**  
Minor Loss Coefficients for Pipe Entrances

Entrance Type		Minor Loss Coefficient, $K^a$			
Reentrant		0.5 – 1.0 (depending on length of pipe entrance)			
Square-edged		0.5			
Rounded		$r/D$	0.02	0.06	$\geq 0.15$
		$K$	0.3	0.2	0.04

<sup>a</sup> Based on  $h_{lm} = K(\bar{V}^2/2)$ , where  $\bar{V}$  is the mean velocity in the pipe.  
Source: Data from Reference [12].



**Fig. 8.15** Loss coefficients for flow through sudden area changes. (Data from Streeter [1].)

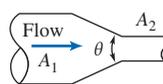
Losses caused by area change can be reduced somewhat by installing a nozzle or diffuser between the two sections of straight pipe. Data for nozzles are given in Table 8.3. Note that the final column (data for the included angle  $\theta = 180^\circ$ ) agrees with the data of Fig. 8.15.

Losses in diffusers depend on a number of geometric and flow variables. Diffuser data most commonly are presented in terms of a pressure recovery coefficient,  $C_p$ , defined as the ratio of static pressure rise to inlet dynamic pressure,

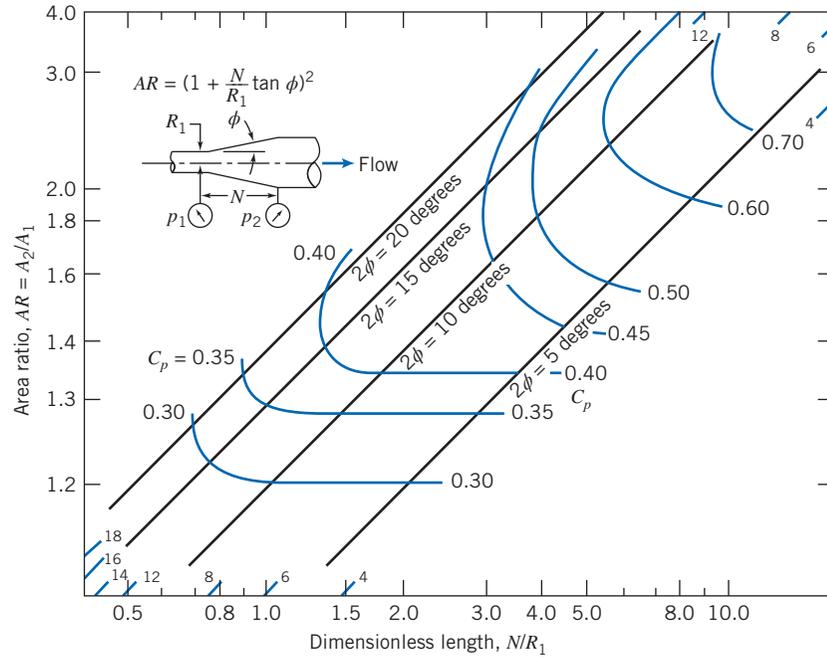
$$C_p \equiv \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\frac{1}{2}\rho\bar{V}_1^2} \tag{8.41}$$

This shows what fraction of the inlet kinetic energy shows up as a pressure rise. It is not difficult to show (using the Bernoulli and continuity equations) that the ideal (frictionless) pressure recovery coefficient is given by

**Table 8.3**  
Loss Coefficients ( $K$ ) for Gradual Contractions: Round and Rectangular Ducts

	Included Angle, $\theta$ , Degrees							
	$A_2/A_1$	10	15–40	50–60	90	120	150	180
	0.50	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.26
	0.25	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.17	0.27	0.35	0.41
	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.19	0.29	0.37	0.43

Note: Coefficients are based on  $h_{lm} = K(\bar{V}_2^2/2)$ .  
Source: Data from ASHRAE [12].



**Fig. 8.16** Pressure recovery for conical diffusers with fully developed turbulent pipe flow at inlet. (Data from Cockrell and Bradley [13].)

$$C_{p_i} = 1 - \frac{1}{AR^2} \quad (8.42)$$

where  $AR$  is the area ratio. Hence, the ideal pressure recovery coefficient is a function only of the area ratio. In reality a diffuser typically has turbulent flow, and the static pressure rise in the direction of flow may cause flow separation from the walls if the diffuser is poorly designed; flow pulsations can even occur. For these reasons the actual  $C_p$  will be somewhat less than indicated by Eq. 8.42. For example, data for conical diffusers with fully developed turbulent pipe flow at the inlet are presented in Fig. 8.16 as a function of geometry. Note that more tapered diffusers (small divergence angle  $\phi$  or large dimensionless length  $N/R_1$ ) are more likely to approach the ideal constant value for  $C_p$ . As we make the cone shorter, for a given fixed area ratio we start to see a drop in  $C_p$ —we can consider the cone length at which this starts to happen the optimum length, which is the shortest length for which we obtain the maximum coefficient for a given area ratio—closest to that predicted by Eq. 8.42. We can relate  $C_p$  to the head loss. If gravity is neglected, and  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1.0$ , the head loss equation, Eq. 8.29, reduces to

$$\left[ \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} \right] = h_{lr} = h_{lm}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} h_{lm} &= \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} - \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} - \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho} \\ h_{lm} &= \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{\bar{V}_1^2} \right) - \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\frac{1}{2}\rho\bar{V}_1^2} \right] = \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{\bar{V}_1^2} \right) - C_p \right] \end{aligned}$$

From continuity,  $A_1\bar{V}_1 = A_2\bar{V}_2$ , so

$$h_{lm} = \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{A_1}{A_2} \right)^2 - C_p \right]$$

or

$$h_{lm} = \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(AR)^2} \right) - C_p \right] \quad (8.43)$$

The frictionless result (Eq. 8.42) is obtained from Eq. 8.43 if  $h_{lm} = 0$ . We can combine Eqs. 8.42 and 8.43 to obtain an expression for the head loss in terms of the actual and ideal  $C_p$  values:

$$h_{lm} = (C_{pi} - C_p) \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \quad (8.44)$$

Performance maps for plane wall and annular diffusers [14] and for radial diffusers [15] are available in the literature.

Diffuser pressure recovery is essentially independent of Reynolds number for inlet Reynolds numbers greater than  $7.5 \times 10^4$  [16]. Diffuser pressure recovery with uniform inlet flow is somewhat better than that for fully developed inlet flow. Performance maps for plane wall, conical, and annular diffusers for a variety of inlet flow conditions are presented in [17].

Since static pressure rises in the direction of flow in a diffuser, flow may separate from the walls. For some geometries, the outlet flow is distorted. For wide angle diffusers, vanes or splitters can be used to suppress stall and improve pressure recovery [18].

### c. Pipe Bends

The head loss of a bend is larger than for fully developed flow through a straight section of equal length. The additional loss is primarily the result of secondary flow. The loss coefficients for bends of different construction, geometry, and angle are given in Table 8.4. Because they are simple and inexpensive to construct in the field, miter bends often are used in large pipe systems. Miter bends often have turning vanes installed inside them, and, as shown in Table 8.4, the loss is reduced significantly. Bends and fittings in a piping system may have threaded, flanged, or welded connections. For small diameters, threaded joints are most common; large pipe systems frequently have flanged or welded joints.

### d. Valves and Fittings

Losses for flow through valves and fittings are also expressed in terms of a loss coefficient. Some representative values are given in Table 8.4.

The resistance for fully open valves is low, but losses increase markedly when valves are partially open. Valve design varies significantly among manufacturers. Whenever possible, loss coefficients furnished by the valve supplier should be used if accurate results are needed.

**Table 8.4**  
Representative Loss Coefficients for Fittings and Valves

Fitting	Geometry	$K$	Fitting	Geometry	$K$
90° elbow	Flanged regular	0.3	Globe valve	Open	10
	Flanged long radius	0.2	Angle valve	Open	5
	Threaded regular	1.5	Gate valve	Open	0.20
	Threaded long radius	0.7		75% open	1.10
	Miter	1.30		50% open	3.6
	Miter with vanes	0.20		25% open	28.8
45° Elbow	Threaded regular	0.4	Ball valve	Open	0.5
	Flanged long radius	0.2		1/3 closed	5.5
Tee, dividing line flow	Threaded	0.9			2/3 closed
	Flanged	0.2	Water meter		7
Tee, branching flow	Threaded	2.0	Coupling		0.08
	Flanged	1.0			

Source: Data from References [12] and [34].

In an installation, losses for fittings and valves may be considerably different from the tabulated values, depending on the care used in fabricating the pipe system. If burrs from cutting pipe sections are allowed to remain, they cause local flow obstructions, which increase losses appreciably.

Although the losses discussed in this section were termed “minor losses,” they can be a large fraction of the overall system loss. Thus a system for which calculations are to be made must be checked carefully to make sure all losses have been identified and their magnitudes estimated. If calculations are made carefully, the results will be of satisfactory engineering accuracy. You may expect to predict actual losses within  $\pm 10$  percent.

We include here one more device that changes the energy of the fluid—except this time the energy of the fluid will be increased, so it creates a “negative energy loss.”

## Pumps, Fans, and Blowers in Fluid Systems

In many practical flow situations (e.g., the cooling system of an automobile engine, the HVAC system of a building), the driving force for maintaining the flow against friction is a pump for liquids or a fan or blower for gases. Here we will consider pumps, although all the results apply equally to fans and blowers. We generally neglect heat transfer and internal energy changes of the fluid and incorporate them later into the definition of the pump efficiency, so the first law of thermodynamics applied across the pump is

$$\dot{W}_{\text{pump}} = \dot{m} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + gz \right)_{\text{discharge}} - \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + gz \right)_{\text{suction}} \right]$$

We can also compute the head  $\Delta h_{\text{pump}}$  (energy/mass) produced by the pump,

$$\Delta h_{\text{pump}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{pump}}}{\dot{m}} = \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + gz \right)_{\text{discharge}} - \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + gz \right)_{\text{suction}} \quad (8.45)$$

In many cases the inlet and outlet diameters (and therefore velocities) and elevations are the same or negligibly different, so Eq. 8.45 simplifies to

$$\Delta h_{\text{pump}} = \frac{\Delta p_{\text{pump}}}{\rho} \quad (8.46)$$

It is interesting to note that a pump adds energy to the fluid in the form of a gain in pressure—the everyday, invalid perception is that pumps add kinetic energy to the fluid. It *is* true that when a pump-pipe system is first started up, the pump does work to accelerate the fluid to its steady speed; this is when a pump driven by an electric motor is most in danger of burning out the motor.

The idea is that in a pump-pipe system the head produced by the pump (Eq. 8.45 or 8.46) is needed to overcome the head loss for the pipe system. Hence, the flow rate in such a system depends on the pump characteristics and the major and minor losses of the pipe system. We will learn in Chapter 10 that the head produced by a given pump is not constant, but varies with flow rate through the pump, leading to the notion of “matching” a pump to a given system to achieve the desired flow rate.

A useful relation is obtained from Eq. 8.46 if we multiply by  $\dot{m} = \rho Q$  ( $Q$  is the flow rate) and recall that  $\dot{m}\Delta h_{\text{pump}}$  is the power supplied to the fluid,

$$\dot{W}_{\text{pump}} = Q\Delta p_{\text{pump}} \quad (8.47)$$

We can also define the pump efficiency:

$$\eta = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{pump}}}{\dot{W}_{\text{in}}} \quad (8.48)$$

where  $\dot{W}_{\text{pump}}$  is the power reaching the fluid, and  $\dot{W}_{\text{in}}$  is the power input (usually electrical) to the pump.

We note that, when applying the energy equation (Eq. 8.29) to a pipe system, we may sometimes choose points 1 and 2 so that a pump is included in the system. For these cases we can simply include the head of the pump as a “negative loss”:

$$\left(\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1\right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2\right) = h_{lr} - \Delta h_{\text{pump}} \quad (8.49)$$

## Noncircular Ducts

The empirical correlations for pipe flow also may be used for computations involving noncircular ducts, provided their cross sections are not too exaggerated. Thus ducts of square or rectangular cross section may be treated if the ratio of height to width is less than about 3 or 4.

The correlations for turbulent pipe flow are extended for use with noncircular geometries by introducing the *hydraulic diameter*, defined as

$$D_h \equiv \frac{4A}{P} \quad (8.50)$$

in place of the diameter,  $D$ . In Eq. 8.50,  $A$  is cross-sectional area, and  $P$  is *wetted perimeter*, the length of wall in contact with the flowing fluid at any cross-section. The factor 4 is introduced so that the hydraulic diameter will equal the duct diameter for a circular cross section. For a circular duct,  $A = \pi D^2/4$  and  $P = \pi D$ , so that

$$D_h = \frac{4A}{P} = \frac{4\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)D^2}{\pi D} = D$$

For a rectangular duct of width  $b$  and height  $h$ ,  $A = bh$  and  $P = 2(b + h)$ , so

$$D_h = \frac{4bh}{2(b + h)}$$

If the *aspect ratio*,  $ar$ , is defined as  $ar = h/b$ , then

$$D_h = \frac{2h}{1 + ar}$$

for rectangular ducts. For a square duct,  $ar = 1$  and  $D_h = h$ .

As noted, the hydraulic diameter concept can be applied in the approximate range  $\frac{1}{4} < ar < 4$ . Under these conditions, the correlations for pipe flow give acceptably accurate results for rectangular ducts. Since such ducts are easy and cheap to fabricate from sheet metal, they are commonly used in air conditioning, heating, and ventilating applications. Extensive data on losses for air flow are available (e.g., see [12, 19]).

Losses caused by secondary flows increase rapidly for more extreme geometries, so the correlations are not applicable to wide, flat ducts, or to ducts of triangular or other irregular shapes. Experimental data must be used when precise design information is required for specific situations.

## 8.8 Solution of Pipe Flow Problems

Section 8.7 provides us with a complete scheme for solving many different pipe flow problems. For convenience we collect together the relevant computing equations.

The *energy equation*, relating the conditions at any two points 1 and 2 for a single-path pipe system, is

$$\left(\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1\right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2\right) = h_{lr} = \sum h_l + \sum h_m \quad (8.29)$$

This equation expresses the fact that there will be a loss of mechanical energy (“pressure,” kinetic and/or potential) in the pipe. Recall that for turbulent flows  $\alpha \approx 1$ . Note that by judicious choice of points 1 and 2 we can analyze not only the entire pipe system, but also just a certain section of it that we may be interested in. The *total head loss* is given by the sum of the major and minor losses. (Remember that we can also include “negative losses” for any pumps present between points 1 and 2. The relevant form of the energy equation is then Eq. 8.49.)

Each *major loss* is given by

$$h_l = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.34)$$

where the *friction factor* is obtained from

$$f = \frac{64}{Re} \quad \text{for laminar flow } (Re < 2300) \quad (8.36)$$

or

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2.0 \log \left( \frac{e/D}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{Re\sqrt{f}} \right) \quad \text{for turbulent flow } (Re \geq 2300) \quad (8.37)$$

and Eqs. 8.36 and 8.37 are presented graphically in the Moody chart (Fig. 8.13).

Each *minor loss* is given by

$$h_{lm} = K \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.40)$$

We also note that the flow rate  $Q$  is related to the average velocity  $\bar{V}$  at each pipe cross section by

$$Q = \pi \frac{D^2}{4} \bar{V}$$

We will apply these equations first to single-path systems.

## Single-Path Systems

In single-path pipe problems we generally know the system configuration (type of pipe material and hence pipe roughness, the number and type of elbows, valves, and other fittings, etc., and changes of elevation), as well as the fluid ( $\rho$  and  $\mu$ ) we will be working with. Although not the only possibilities, usually the goal is to determine one of the following values:

- (a) The pressure drop  $\Delta p$ , for a given pipe ( $L$  and  $D$ ), and flow rate  $Q$ .
- (b) The pipe length  $L$ , for a given pressure drop  $\Delta p$ , pipe diameter  $D$ , and flow rate  $Q$ .
- (c) The flow rate  $Q$ , for a given pipe ( $L$  and  $D$ ), and pressure drop  $\Delta p$ .
- (d) The pipe diameter  $D$ , for a given pipe length  $L$ , pressure drop  $\Delta p$ , and flow rate  $Q$ .

Each of these cases often arises in real-world situations. For example, case (a) is a necessary step in selecting the correct size pump to maintain the desired flow rate in a system—the pump must be able to produce the system  $\Delta p$  at the specified flow rate  $Q$ . (We will discuss this in more detail in Chapter 10.) Cases (a) and (b) are computationally straightforward; we will see that cases (c) and (d) can be a little tricky to evaluate. We will discuss each case, and present an example for each. The Examples present solutions as you might do them using a calculator, but there is also an *Excel* workbook for each. (Remember that the course website has an *Excel* add-in that once installed will automatically compute  $f$  from  $Re$  and  $e/D$ !) The advantage of using a computer application such as a spreadsheet is that we do not have to use either the Moody chart (Fig. 8.13) or solve the implicit Colebrook equation (Eq. 8.37) to obtain turbulent friction factors—the application can find them for us! In addition, as we’ll see, cases (c) and (d) involve significant iterative calculations that can be avoided by use of a computer application. Finally, once we have a solution using a computer application, engineering “what-ifs” become easy, e.g., if we double the head produced by a pump, how much will the flow rate in a given system increase?

### a. Find $\Delta p$ for a Given $L$ , $D$ , and $Q$

These types of problems are quite straightforward—the energy equation (Eq. 8.29) can be solved directly for  $\Delta p = (p_1 - p_2)$  in terms of known or computable quantities. The flow rate leads to the Reynolds number and hence the friction factor for the flow; tabulated data can be used for minor loss coefficients. The energy equation can then be used to directly obtain the pressure drop. Example 8.5 illustrates this type of problem.

### b. Find $L$ for a Given $\Delta p$ , $D$ , and $Q$

These types of problems are also straightforward—the energy equation (Eq. 8.29) can be solved directly for  $L$  in terms of known or computable quantities. The flow rate again leads to the Reynolds number and hence the friction factor for the flow. Tabulated data can be used for minor loss coefficients. The energy equation can then be rearranged and solved directly for the pipe length. Example 8.6 illustrates this type of problem.

### c. Find $Q$ for a Given $\Delta p$ , $L$ , and $D$

These types of problems require either manual iteration or use of a computer application such as *Excel*. The unknown flow rate or velocity is needed before the Reynolds number and hence the friction factor can be found. To manually iterate we first solve the energy equation directly for  $\bar{V}$  in terms of known quantities and the unknown friction factor  $f$ . To start the iterative process we make a guess for  $f$ . A good choice is to take a value from the fully turbulent region of the Moody chart because many practical flows are in this region and obtain a value for  $\bar{V}$ . Then we can compute a Reynolds number and hence obtain a new value for  $f$ . We repeat the iteration process  $f \rightarrow \bar{V} \rightarrow Re \rightarrow f$  until convergence (usually only two or three iterations are necessary). A much quicker procedure is to use a computer application. For example, spreadsheets (such as *Excel*) have built-in solving features for solving one or more algebraic equations for one or more unknowns. Example 8.7 illustrates this type of problem.

### d. Find $D$ for a Given $\Delta p$ , $L$ , and $Q$

These types of problems arise, for example, when we have designed a pump-pipe system and wish to choose the best pipe diameter—the best being the minimum diameter (for minimum pipe cost) that will deliver the design flow rate. We need to manually iterate, or use a computer application such as *Excel*. The unknown diameter is needed before the Reynolds number and relative roughness, and hence the friction factor, can be found. To manually iterate we could first solve the energy equation directly for  $D$  in terms of known quantities and the unknown friction factor  $f$ , and then iterate from a starting guess for  $f$  in a way similar to case (c) above:  $f \rightarrow D \rightarrow Re$  and  $e/D \rightarrow f$ . In practice this is a little unwieldy, so instead to manually find a solution we make successive guesses for  $D$  until the corresponding pressure drop  $\Delta p$  (for the given flow rate  $Q$ ) computed from the energy equation matches the design  $\Delta p$ . As in case (c) a much quicker procedure is to use a computer application. For example, spreadsheets (such as *Excel*) have built-in solving features for solving one or more algebraic equations for one or more unknowns. Example 8.8 illustrates this type of problem.

In choosing a pipe size, it is logical to work with diameters that are available commercially. Pipe is manufactured in a limited number of standard sizes. Some data for standard pipe sizes are given in Table 8.5. For data on extra strong or double extra strong pipes, consult a handbook, e.g., [11] and [35]. Pipe larger than 12 in. nominal diameter is produced in multiples of 2 in. up to a nominal diameter of 36 in. and in multiples of 6 in. for still larger sizes.

We have solved Examples 8.7 and 8.8 by iteration. Several specialized forms of friction factor versus Reynolds number diagrams have been introduced to solve problems of this type without the need for iteration. For examples of these specialized diagrams, see Daily and Harleman [20] and White [21].

Examples 8.9 and 8.10 illustrate the evaluation of minor loss coefficients and the application of a diffuser to reduce exit kinetic energy from a flow system.

**Table 8.5**  
Standard Sizes for Carbon Steel, Alloy Steel, and Stainless Steel Pipe

Nominal Pipe Size (in.)	Inside Diameter (in.)	Nominal Pipe Size (in.)	Inside Diameter (in.)
$\frac{1}{8}$	0.269	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2.469
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.364	3	3.068
$\frac{3}{8}$	0.493	4	4.026
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.622	5	5.047
$\frac{3}{4}$	0.824	6	6.065
1	1.049	8	7.981
$1\frac{1}{2}$	1.610	10	10.020
2	2.067	12	12.000

<sup>a</sup> Source: Data from References [11] and [35].

### Example 8.5 PIPE FLOW INTO A RESERVOIR: PRESSURE DROP UNKNOWN

A 100-m length of smooth horizontal pipe is attached to a large reservoir. A pump is attached to the end of the pipe to pump water into the reservoir at a volume flow rate of  $0.01 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . What pressure must the pump produce at the pipe to generate this flow rate? The inside diameter of the smooth pipe is 75 mm.

**Given:** Water is pumped at  $0.01 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  through a 75-mm-diameter smooth pipe, with  $L = 100 \text{ m}$ , into a constant-level reservoir of depth  $d = 10 \text{ m}$ .

**Find:** Pump pressure,  $p_1$ , required to maintain the flow.

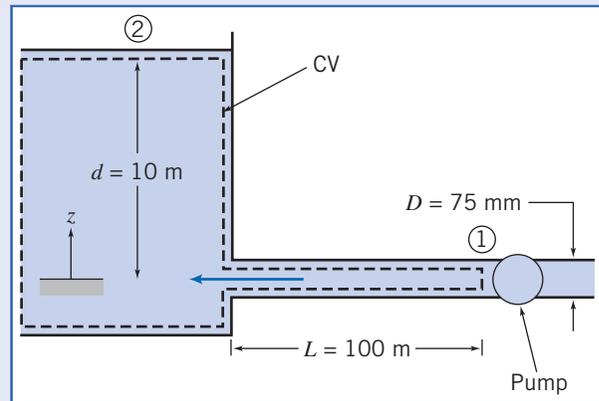
**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**

$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) = h_{l_T} = h_l + h_{l_m} \quad (8.29)$$

where

$$h_l = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.34) \quad \text{and} \quad h_{l_m} = K \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.40a)$$



For the given problem,  $p_1 = p_{\text{pump}}$  and  $p_2 = 0$  (gage), so  $\Delta p = p_1 - p_2 = p_{\text{pump}}$ ,  $\bar{V}_1 = \bar{V}$ ,  $\bar{V}_2 \approx 0$ ,  $K$  (exit loss) = 1.0, and  $\alpha_1 \approx 1.0$ . If we set  $z_1 = 0$ , then  $z_2 = d$ . Simplifying Eq. 8.29 gives

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} - gd = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (1)$$

The left side of the equation is the loss of mechanical energy between points ① and ②; the right side is the major and minor losses that contributed to the loss. Solving for the pressure drop,  $\Delta p = p_{\text{pump}}$ ,

$$p_{\text{pump}} = \Delta p = \rho \left( gd + f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \right)$$

Everything on the right side of the equation is known or can be readily computed. The flow rate  $Q$  leads to  $\bar{V}$ ,

$$\bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{4Q}{\pi D^2} = \frac{4}{\pi} \times 0.01 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{(0.075)^2 \text{ m}^2} = 2.26 \text{ m/s}$$

This in turn [assuming water at 20°C,  $\rho = 999 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , and  $\mu = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/(m}\cdot\text{s)}$ ] leads to the Reynolds number

$$Re = \frac{\rho \bar{V} D}{\mu} = 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 2.26 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.075 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{m} \cdot \text{s}}{1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}} = 1.70 \times 10^5$$

For turbulent flow in a smooth pipe ( $e=0$ ), from Eq. 8.37,  $f=0.0162$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{pump}} = \Delta p &= \rho \left( gd + f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \right) \\ &= 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \left( 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 10 \text{ m} + (0.0162) \times \frac{100 \text{ m}}{0.075 \text{ m}} \times \frac{(2.26)^2 \text{ m}^2}{2 \text{ s}^2} \right) \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$p_{\text{pump}} = 1.53 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 (\text{gage})$$

Hence,

$$p_{\text{pump}} = 153 \text{ kPa gage} \leftarrow \text{-----} p_{\text{pump}}$$

This problem illustrates the method for manually calculating pressure drop.

The *Excel* workbook for this problem automatically computes  $Re$  and  $f$  from the given data. It then solves Eq. 1 directly for pressure  $p_{\text{pump}}$  without having to explicitly solve for it first. The workbook can be easily used to see, for example, how the pump pressure  $p_{\text{pump}}$  required to maintain flow  $Q$  is affected by changing the diameter  $D$ ; it is easily editable for other case (a) type problems.

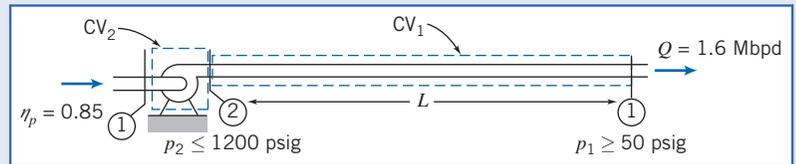
### Example 8.6 FLOW IN A PIPELINE: LENGTH UNKNOWN

Crude oil flows through a level section of the Alaskan pipeline at a rate of 1.6 million barrels per day (1 barrel = 42 gal). The pipe inside diameter is 48 in.; its roughness is equivalent to galvanized iron. The maximum allowable pressure is 1200 psi; the minimum pressure required to keep dissolved gases in solution in the crude oil is 50 psi. The crude oil has  $SG = 0.93$ ; its viscosity at the pumping temperature of 140°F is  $\mu = 3.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lbf}\cdot\text{s/ft}^2$ . For these conditions, determine the maximum possible spacing between pumping stations. If the pump efficiency is 85 percent, determine the power that must be supplied at each pumping station.

**Given:** Flow of crude oil through horizontal section of Alaskan pipeline.

$D = 48 \text{ in.}$  (roughness of galvanized iron),  
 $SG = 0.93$ ,  $\mu = 3.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lbf}\cdot\text{s/ft}^2$

**Find:** (a) Maximum spacing,  $L$ .  
 (b) Power needed at each pump station.



**Solution:** As shown in the figure, we assume that the Alaskan pipeline is made up of repeating pump-pipe sections. We can draw two control volumes:  $CV_1$ , for the pipe flow (state ② to state ①);  $CV_2$ , for the pump (state ① to state ②).

First we apply the energy equation for steady, incompressible pipe flow to  $CV_1$ .

**Governing equations:**

$$\left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) - \left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) = h_{l_r} = h_l + h_m \quad (8.29)$$

where

$$h_l = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.34) \quad \text{and} \quad h_m = K \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.40a)$$



so that

$$\dot{W}_{\text{pump}} = Q\Delta p_{\text{pump}} = 104 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{(1200-50)\text{ lbf}}{\text{in.}^2} \times \frac{144 \text{ in.}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}} \approx 31,300 \text{ hp}$$

and the required power input is

$$\dot{W}_{\text{in.}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{pump}}}{\eta} = \frac{31300 \text{ hp}}{0.85} = 36,800 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \dot{W}_{\text{needed}}$$

This problem illustrates the method for manually calculating pipe length  $L$ .



The Excel workbook for this problem automatically computes  $Re$  and  $f$  from the given data. It then solves Eq. 1 directly for  $L$  without having to explicitly solve for it first. The workbook can be easily used to see, for example, how the flow rate  $Q$  depends on  $L$ ; it may be edited for other case (b) type problems.

### Example 8.7 FLOW FROM A WATER TOWER: FLOW RATE UNKNOWN

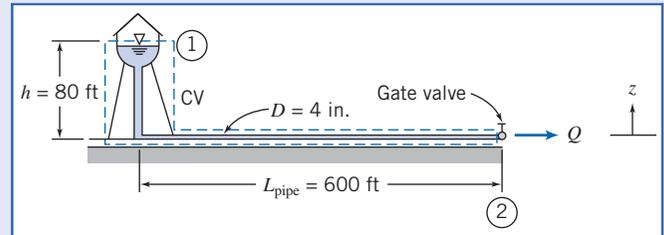
A fire protection system is supplied from a water tower and standpipe 80 ft tall. The longest pipe in the system is 600 ft and is made of cast iron about 20 years old. The pipe contains one gate valve; other minor losses may be neglected. The pipe diameter is 4 in. Determine the maximum rate of flow (gpm) through this pipe.

**Given:** Fire protection system, as shown.

**Find:**  $Q$ , gpm.

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**



$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) = h_{l_T} = h_l + h_{l_m} \quad (8.29)$$

$\approx 0(2)$

where

$$h_l = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.34) \quad \text{and} \quad h_{l_m} = f \frac{L_e}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (8.40b)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1  $p_1 = p_2 = p_{\text{atm}}$
- 2  $\bar{V}_1 = 0$ , and  $\alpha_2 \simeq 1.0$ .

Then Eq. 8.29 can be written as

$$g(z_1 - z_2) - \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} = h_{l_T} = f \left( \frac{L}{D} + \frac{L_e}{D} \right) \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} \quad (1)$$

For a fully open gate valve, from Table 8.4,  $L_e/D = 8$ . Thus

$$g(z_1 - z_2) = \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} \left[ f \left( \frac{L}{D} + 8 \right) + 1 \right]$$

To manually iterate, we solve for  $\bar{V}_2$  and obtain

$$\bar{V}_2 = \left[ \frac{2g(z_1 - z_2)}{f(L/D + 8) + 1} \right]^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

To be conservative, assume the standpipe is the same diameter as the horizontal pipe. Then

$$\frac{L}{D} = \frac{600 \text{ ft} + 80 \text{ ft}}{4 \text{ in.}} \times \frac{12 \text{ in.}}{\text{ft}} = 2040$$

Also

$$z_1 - z_2 = h = 80 \text{ ft}$$

To solve Eq. 2 manually we need to iterate. To start, we make an estimate for  $f$  by assuming the flow is fully turbulent (where  $f$  is constant). This value can be obtained from solving Eq. 8.37 using a calculator or from Fig. 8.13. For a large value of  $Re$  (e.g.,  $10^8$ ), and a roughness ratio  $e/D \approx 0.005$  ( $e = 0.00085 \text{ ft}$  for cast iron is obtained from Table 8.1, and doubled to allow for the fact that the pipe is old), we find that  $f \approx 0.03$ . Thus a first iteration for  $\bar{V}_2$  from Eq. 2 is

$$\bar{V}_2 = \left[ 2 \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 80 \text{ ft} \times \frac{1}{0.03(2040 + 8) + 1} \right]^{1/2} = 9.08 \text{ ft/s}$$

Now obtain a new value for  $f$ :

$$Re = \frac{\rho \bar{V} D}{\mu} = \frac{\bar{V} D}{\nu} = 9.08 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{3} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.21 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2} = 2.50 \times 10^5$$

For  $e/D = 0.005$ ,  $f = 0.0308$  from Eq. 8.37. Thus we obtain

$$\bar{V}_2 = \left[ 2 \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 80 \text{ ft} \times \frac{1}{0.0308(2040 + 8) + 1} \right]^{1/2} = 8.97 \text{ ft/s}$$

The values we have obtained for  $\bar{V}_2$  (9.08 ft/s and 8.97 ft/s) differ by less than 2%—an acceptable level of accuracy. If this accuracy had not been achieved we would continue iterating until this, or any other accuracy we desired, was achieved (usually only one or two more iterations at most are necessary for reasonable accuracy). Note that instead of starting with a fully rough value for  $f$ , we could have started with a guess value for  $\bar{V}_2$  of, say, 1 ft/s or 10 ft/s. The volume flow rate is

$$Q = \bar{V}_2 A = \bar{V}_2 \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = 8.97 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \text{ ft}^2 \times 7.48 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 60 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}}$$

$$Q = 351 \text{ gpm} \longleftarrow$$

This problem illustrates the method for manually iterating to calculate flow rate.



The *Excel* workbook for this problem automatically iterates to solve for the flow rate  $Q$ . It solves Eq. 1 without having to obtain the explicit equation (Eq. 2) for  $\bar{V}_2$  (or  $Q$ ) first. The workbook can be easily used to perform numerous “what-ifs” that would be extremely time-consuming to do manually, e.g., to see how  $Q$  is affected by changing the roughness  $e/D$ . For example, it shows that replacing the old cast-iron pipe with a new pipe ( $e/D \approx 0.0025$ ) would increase the flow rate from 351 gpm to about 386 gpm, a 10% increase! The workbook can be modified to solve other case (c) type problems.

### Example 8.8 FLOW IN AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM: DIAMETER UNKNOWN

Spray heads in an agricultural spraying system are to be supplied with water through 500 ft of drawn aluminum tubing from an engine-driven pump. In its most efficient operating range, the pump output is 1500 gpm at a discharge pressure not exceeding 65 psig. For satisfactory operation, the sprinklers must operate at 30 psig or higher pressure. Minor losses and elevation changes may be neglected. Determine the smallest standard pipe size that can be used.

**Given:** Water supply system, as shown.

**Find:** Smallest standard  $D$ .

**Solution:**  $\Delta p$ ,  $L$ , and  $Q$  are known.  $D$  is unknown, so iteration is needed to determine the minimum standard diameter that satisfies the pressure drop constraint at the given flow rate. The maximum allowable pressure drop over the length,  $L$ , is

$$\Delta p_{\max} = p_{1\max} - p_{2\min} = (65 - 30) \text{ psi} = 35 \text{ psi}$$

**Governing equations:**

$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 \right) = h_{lr} = 0 \quad (8.29)$$

$$h_{lr} = h_l + h_{lm} = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3  $h_{lr} = h_l$ , i.e.,  $h_{lm} = 0$ .
- 4  $z_1 = z_2$ .
- 5  $\bar{V}_1 = \bar{V}_2 = \bar{V}$ ;  $\alpha_1 \simeq \alpha_2$ .

Then

$$\Delta p = p_1 - p_2 = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\rho \bar{V}^2}{2} \quad (1)$$

Equation 1 is difficult to solve for  $D$  because both  $\bar{V}$  and  $f$  depend on  $D$ ! The best approach is to use a computer application such as *Excel* to automatically solve for  $D$ . For completeness here we show the manual iteration procedure. The first step is to express Eq. 1 and the Reynolds number in terms of  $Q$  instead of  $\bar{V}$  ( $Q$  is constant but  $\bar{V}$  varies with  $D$ ). We have  $\bar{V} = Q/A = 4Q/\pi D^2$  so that

$$\Delta p = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\rho}{2} \left( \frac{4Q}{\pi D^2} \right)^2 = \frac{8fL\rho Q^2}{\pi^2 D^5} \quad (2)$$

The Reynolds number in terms of  $Q$  is

$$Re = \frac{\rho \bar{V} D}{\mu} = \frac{\bar{V} D}{\nu} = \frac{4Q}{\pi D^2} \frac{D}{\nu} = \frac{4Q}{\pi \nu D}$$

Finally,  $Q$  must be converted to cubic feet per second.

$$Q = 1500 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} = 3.34 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$$

For an initial guess, take nominal 4 in. (4.026 in. i.d.) pipe:

$$Re = \frac{4Q}{\pi \nu D} = \frac{4}{\pi} \times 3.34 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.21 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{1}{4.026 \text{ in.}} \times 12 \frac{\text{in.}}{\text{ft}} = 1.06 \times 10^6$$

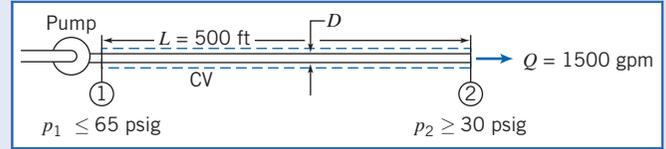
For drawn tubing,  $e = 5 \times 10^{-6}$  ft (Table 8.1) and hence  $e/D = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ , so  $f \simeq 0.012$  (Eq. 8.37), and

$$\Delta p = \frac{8fL\rho Q^2}{\pi^2 D^5} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \times 0.012 \times 500 \text{ ft} \times 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times (3.34)^2 \frac{\text{ft}^6}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{1}{(4.026)^5 \text{ in.}^5} \times 1728 \frac{\text{in.}^3}{\text{ft}^3} \times \frac{\text{lb} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}$$

$$\Delta p = 172 \text{ lb}/\text{in.}^2 > \Delta p_{\max}$$

Since this pressure drop is too large, try  $D = 6$  in. (actually 6.065 in. i.d.):

$$Re = \frac{4}{\pi} \times 3.34 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.21 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{1}{6.065 \text{ in.}} \times 12 \frac{\text{in.}}{\text{ft}} = 6.95 \times 10^5$$



For drawn tubing with  $D = 6$  in.,  $e/D = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ , so  $f \approx 0.013$  (Eq. 8.37), and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p &= \frac{8}{\pi^2} \times 0.013 \times 500 \text{ ft} \times 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times (3.34)^2 \frac{\text{ft}^6}{\text{s}^2} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{(6.065)^5 \text{ in.}^5} \times (12)^3 \frac{\text{in.}^3}{\text{ft}^3} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \\ \Delta p &= 24.0 \text{ lbf/in.}^2 < \Delta p_{\max} \end{aligned}$$

Since this is less than the allowable pressure drop, we should check a 5 in. nominal pipe with an actual i.d. of 5.047 in.,

$$Re = \frac{4}{\pi} \times 3.34 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.21 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{1}{5.047 \text{ in.}} \times 12 \frac{\text{in.}}{\text{ft}} = 8.36 \times 10^5$$

For drawn tubing with  $D = 5$  in.,  $e/D = 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ , so  $f \approx 0.0122$  (Eq. 8.37), and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p &= \frac{8}{\pi^2} \times 0.0122 \times 500 \text{ ft} \times 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times (3.34)^2 \frac{\text{ft}^6}{\text{s}^2} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{(5.047)^5 \text{ in.}^5} \times (12)^3 \frac{\text{in.}^3}{\text{ft}^3} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \\ \Delta p &= 56.4 \text{ lbf/in.}^2 > \Delta p_{\max} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the criterion for pressure drop is satisfied for a minimum nominal diameter of 6 in. pipe.  $\longleftarrow D$

This problem illustrates the method for manually iterating to calculate pipe diameter.



The Excel workbook for this problem automatically iterates to solve for the exact pipe diameter  $D$  that satisfies Eq. 1, without having to obtain the explicit equation (Eq. 2) for  $D$  first. Then all that needs to be done is to select the smallest standard pipe size that is equal to or greater than this value. For the given data,  $D = 5.58$  in., so the appropriate pipe size is 6 in. The workbook can be used to perform numerous “what-ifs” that would be extremely time-consuming to do manually, e.g., to see how the required  $D$  is affected by changing the pipe length  $L$ . For example, it shows that reducing  $L$  to 250 ft would allow 5 in. (nominal) pipe to be used. The workbook can be modified for solving other case (d) type problems.

### Example 8.9 CALCULATION OF ENTRANCE LOSS COEFFICIENT

Hamilton [22] reports results of measurements made to determine entrance losses for flow from a reservoir to a pipe with various degrees of entrance rounding. A copper pipe 10 ft long, with 1.5 in. i.d., was used for the tests. The pipe discharged to atmosphere. For a square-edged entrance, a discharge of  $0.566 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  was measured when the reservoir level was 85.1 ft above the pipe centerline. From these data, evaluate the loss coefficient for a square-edged entrance.

**Given:** Pipe with square-edged entrance discharging from reservoir as shown.

**Find:**  $K_{\text{entrance}}$ .

**Solution:** Apply the energy equation for steady, incompressible pipe flow.

**Governing equations:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 &\approx 0(2) = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 + h_{lr} \\ h_{lr} &= f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + K_{\text{entrance}} \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Assumptions:**

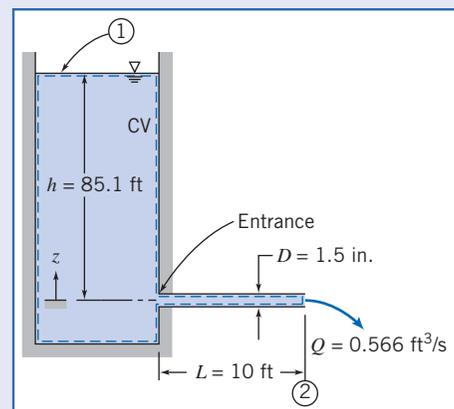
1  $p_1 = p_2 = p_{\text{atm}}$ .

2  $\bar{V}_1 \approx 0$ .

Substituting for  $h_{lr}$  and dividing by  $g$  gives  $z_1 = h = \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} + f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} + K_{\text{entrance}} \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g}$

or

$$K_{\text{entrance}} = \frac{2gh}{\bar{V}_2^2} - f \frac{L}{D} - \alpha_2 \quad (1)$$



The average velocity is

$$\bar{V}_2 = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{4Q}{\pi D^2}$$

$$\bar{V}_2 = \frac{4}{\pi} \times 0.566 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{(1.5)^2 \text{ in.}^2} \times 1.44 \frac{\text{in.}^2}{\text{ft}^2} = 46.1 \text{ ft/s}$$

Assume  $T = 70^\circ\text{F}$ , so  $\nu = 1.05 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$  (Table A.7). Then

$$Re = \frac{\bar{V}D}{\nu} = 46.1 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times 1.5 \text{ in.} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.05 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in.}} = 5.49 \times 10^5$$

For drawn tubing,  $e = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ft}$  (Table 8.1), so  $e/D = 0.000,04$  and  $f = 0.0135$  (Eq. 8.37).

In this problem we need to be careful in evaluating the kinetic energy correction factor  $\alpha_2$ , as it is a significant factor in computing  $K_{\text{entrance}}$  from Eq. 1. We recall from Section 8.6 and previous Examples that we have usually assumed  $\alpha \approx 1$ , but here we will compute a value from Eq. 8.27:

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{U}{\bar{V}}\right)^3 \frac{2n^2}{(3+n)(3+2n)} \quad (8.27)$$

To use this equation we need values for the turbulent power-law coefficient  $n$  and the ratio of centerline to mean velocity  $U/\bar{V}$ . For  $n$ , from Section 8.5

$$n = -1.7 + 1.8 \log(Re_U) \approx 8.63 \quad (8.23)$$

where we have used the approximation  $Re_U \approx Re_{\bar{V}}$ . For  $\bar{V}/U$ , we have

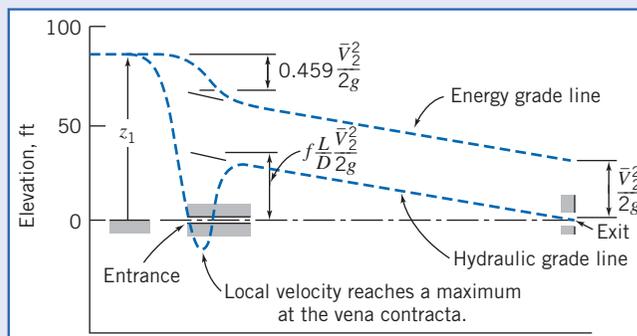
$$\frac{\bar{V}}{U} = \frac{2n^2}{(n+1)(2n+1)} = 0.847 \quad (8.24)$$

Using these results in Eq. 8.27 we find  $\alpha = 1.04$ . Substituting into Eq. 1, we obtain

$$K_{\text{entrance}} = 2 \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 85.1 \text{ ft} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{(46.1)^2 \text{ ft}^2} - (0.0135) \frac{10 \text{ ft}}{1.5 \text{ in.}} \times 12 \frac{\text{in.}}{\text{ft}} - 1.04$$

$$K_{\text{entrance}} = 0.459 \leftarrow \frac{K_{\text{entrance}}}{K_{\text{entrance}}}$$

This coefficient compares favorably with that shown in Table 8.2. The hydraulic and energy grade lines are shown below. The large head loss in a square-edged entrance is due primarily to separation at the sharp inlet corner and formation of a vena contracta immediately downstream from the corner. The effective flow area reaches a minimum at the vena contracta, so the flow velocity is a maximum there. The flow expands again following the vena contracta to fill the pipe. The uncontrolled expansion following the vena contracta is responsible for most of the head loss. (See Example 8.12.)



Rounding the inlet corner reduces the extent of separation significantly. This reduces the velocity increase through the vena contracta and consequently reduces the head loss caused by the entrance. A “well-rounded” inlet almost eliminates flow separation; the flow pattern approaches that shown in Fig. 8.1. The added head loss in a well-rounded inlet compared with fully developed flow is the result of higher wall shear stresses in the entrance length.

*This problem:*

- Illustrates a method for obtaining the value of a minor loss coefficient from experimental data.
- Shows how the EGL and HGL lines first introduced in Section 6.4 for inviscid flow are modified by the presence of major and minor losses. The EGL line continuously drops as mechanical energy is consumed—quite sharply when, for example, we have a square-edged entrance loss; the HGL at each location is lower than the EGL by an amount equal to the local dynamic head  $\bar{V}^2/2g$ —at the vena contracta, for example, the HGL experiences a large drop, then recovers.

**Example 8.10 USE OF DIFFUSER TO INCREASE FLOW RATE**

Water rights granted to each citizen by the Emperor of Rome gave permission to attach to the public water main a calibrated, circular, tubular bronze nozzle [23]. Some citizens were clever enough to take unfair advantage of a law that regulated flow rate by such an indirect method. They installed diffusers on the outlets of the nozzles to increase their discharge. Assume the static head available from the main is  $z_0 = 1.5$  m and the nozzle exit diameter is  $D = 25$  mm. (The discharge is to atmospheric pressure.) Determine the increase in flow rate when a diffuser with  $N/R_1 = 3.0$  and  $AR = 2.0$  is attached to the end of the nozzle.

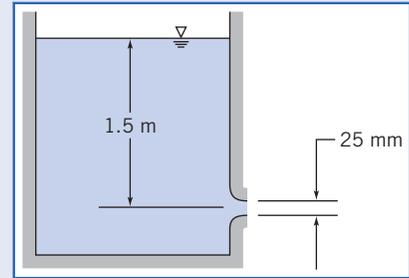
**Given:** Nozzle attached to water main as shown.

**Find:** Increase in discharge when diffuser with  $N/R_1 = 3.0$  and  $AR = 2.0$  is installed.

**Solution:** Apply the energy equation for steady, incompressible pipe flow.

**Governing equation:**

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho} + \alpha_0 \frac{\bar{V}_0^2}{2} + gz_0 = \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 + h_{l_T} \tag{8.29}$$



**Assumptions:**

- 1  $\bar{V}_0 \approx 0$ .
- 2  $\alpha_1 \approx 1$ .

For the nozzle alone,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_0}{\rho} + \alpha_0 \frac{\bar{V}_0^2}{2} + gz_0 &= \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 + h_{l_T} \\ \approx 0(1) \quad \approx 1(2) \quad = 0 & \\ \frac{p_0}{\rho} + \alpha_0 \frac{\bar{V}_0^2}{2} + gz_0 &= \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 + h_{l_T} \end{aligned}$$

$$h_{l_T} = K_{\text{entrance}} \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2}$$

Thus

$$gz_0 = \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + K_{\text{entrance}} \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} = (1 + K_{\text{entrance}}) \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \tag{1}$$

Solving for the velocity and substituting the value of  $K_{\text{entrance}} \approx 0.04$  (from Table 8.2),

$$\bar{V}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2gz_0}{1.04}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1.04} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 1.5 \text{ m}} = 5.32 \text{ m/s}$$

$$Q = \bar{V}_1 A_1 = \bar{V}_1 \frac{\pi D_1^2}{4} = 5.32 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.025)^2 \text{ m}^2 = 0.00261 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \leftarrow Q$$

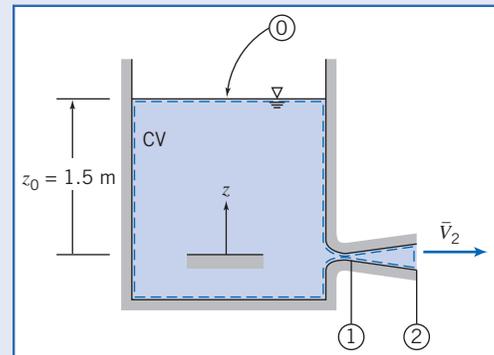
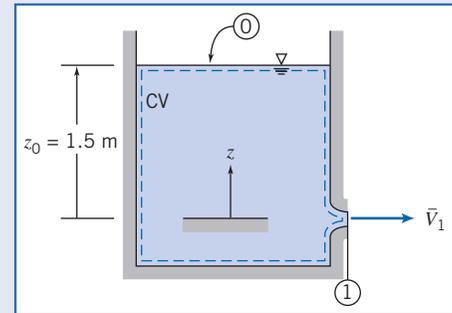
For the nozzle with diffuser attached,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_0}{\rho} + \alpha_0 \frac{\bar{V}_0^2}{2} + gz_0 &= \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 + h_{l_T} \\ \approx 0(1) \quad \approx 1(2) \quad = 0 & \\ \frac{p_0}{\rho} + \alpha_0 \frac{\bar{V}_0^2}{2} + gz_0 &= \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 + h_{l_T} \end{aligned}$$

$$h_{l_T} = K_{\text{entrance}} \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + K_{\text{diffuser}} \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2}$$

or

$$gz_0 = \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + (K_{\text{entrance}} + K_{\text{diffuser}}) \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \tag{2}$$



From continuity  $\bar{V}_1 A_1 = \bar{V}_2 A_2$ , so

$$\bar{V}_2 = \bar{V}_1 \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \bar{V}_1 \frac{1}{AR}$$

and Eq. 2 becomes

$$gz_0 = \left[ \frac{1}{(AR)^2} + K_{\text{entrance}} + K_{\text{diffuser}} \right] \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} \quad (3)$$

Figure 8.16 gives data for  $C_p = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\frac{1}{2}\rho\bar{V}_1^2}$  for diffusers.

To obtain  $K_{\text{diffuser}}$ , apply the energy equation from ① to ②.

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 + K_{\text{diffuser}} \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2}$$

Solving, with  $\alpha_2 \approx 1$ , we obtain

$$K_{\text{diffuser}} = 1 - \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{\bar{V}_1^2} - \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\frac{1}{2}\rho\bar{V}_1^2} = 1 - \left(\frac{A_1}{A_2}\right)^2 - C_p = 1 - \frac{1}{(AR)^2} - C_p$$

From Fig. 8.16,  $C_p = 0.45$ , so

$$K_{\text{diffuser}} = 1 - \frac{1}{(2.0)^2} - 0.45 = 0.75 - 0.45 = 0.3$$

Solving Eq. 3 for the velocity and substituting the values of  $K_{\text{entrance}}$  and  $K_{\text{diffuser}}$ , we obtain

$$\bar{V}_1^2 = \frac{2gz_0}{0.25 + 0.04 + 0.3}$$

so

$$\bar{V}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2gz_0}{0.59}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{0.59} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 1.5 \text{ m}} = 7.06 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$Q_d = \bar{V}_1 A_1 = \bar{V}_1 \frac{\pi D_1^2}{4} = 7.06 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.025)^2 \text{ m}^2 = 0.00347 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \leftarrow \frac{Q_d}{Q}$$

The flow rate increase that results from adding the diffuser is

$$\frac{\Delta Q}{Q} = \frac{Q_d - Q}{Q} = \frac{Q_d}{Q} - 1 = \frac{0.00347}{0.00261} - 1 = 0.330 \quad \text{or} \quad 33 \text{ percent} \leftarrow \frac{\Delta Q}{Q}$$

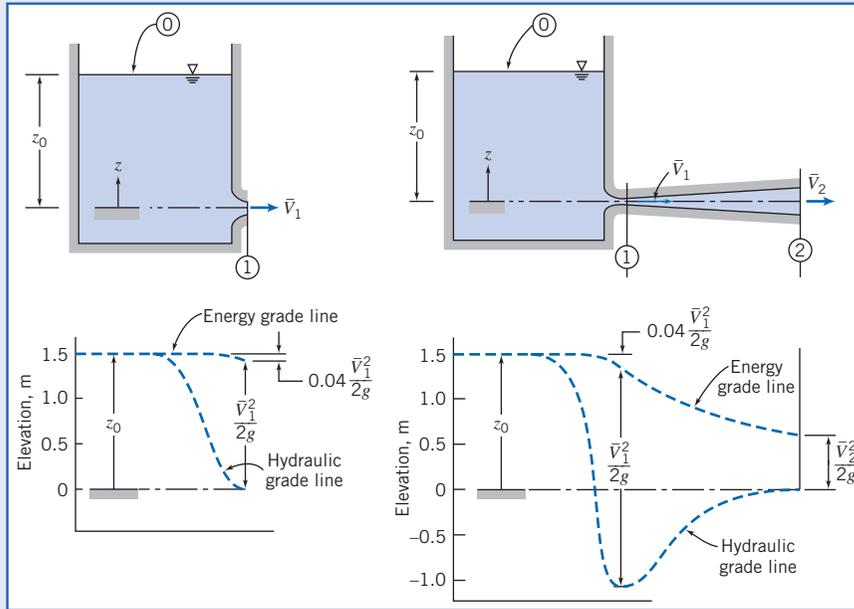
Addition of the diffuser significantly increases the flow rate! There are two ways to explain this.

First, we can sketch the EGL and HGL curves—approximately to scale—as shown below. We can see that, as required, the HGL at the exit is zero for both flows (recall that the HGL is the sum of static pressure and potential heads). However, the pressure rises through the diffuser, so the pressure at the diffuser inlet will be, as shown, quite low (below atmospheric). Hence, with the diffuser, the  $\Delta p$  driving force for the nozzle is much larger than that for the bare nozzle, leading to a much greater velocity, and flow rate, at the nozzle exit plane—it is as if the diffuser acted as a suction device on the nozzle.

Second, we can examine the energy equations for the two flows (for the bare nozzle Eq. 1, and for the nozzle with diffuser Eq. 3). These equations can be rearranged to yield equations for the velocity at the nozzle exit,

$$\bar{V}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2gz_0}{1 + K_{\text{entrance}}}} \quad (\text{bare nozzle}) \quad \bar{V}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2gz_0}{\frac{1}{(AR)^2} + K_{\text{diffuser}} + K_{\text{entrance}}}} \quad (\text{nozzle + diffuser})$$

Comparing these two expressions, we see that the diffuser introduces an extra term (its loss coefficient  $K_{\text{diffuser}} = 0.3$ ) to the denominator, tending to reduce the nozzle velocity, but on the other hand we replace the term 1, representing loss of the bare nozzle exit plane kinetic energy, with  $1/(AR)^2 = 0.25$ , representing a smaller loss, of the diffuser exit plane kinetic energy. The net effect is that we replace 1 in the denominator with  $0.25 + 0.3 = 0.55$ , leading to a net increase in the nozzle velocity. The resistance to flow introduced by adding the diffuser is more than made up by the fact that we “throw away” much less kinetic energy at the exit of the device (the exit velocity for the bare nozzle is 5.32 m/s, whereas for the diffuser it is 1.77 m/s).



Water Commissioner Frontinus standardized conditions for all Romans in 97 A.D. He required that the tube attached to the nozzle of each customer’s pipe be the same diameter for at least 50 lineal feet from the public water main (see Example 8.10).

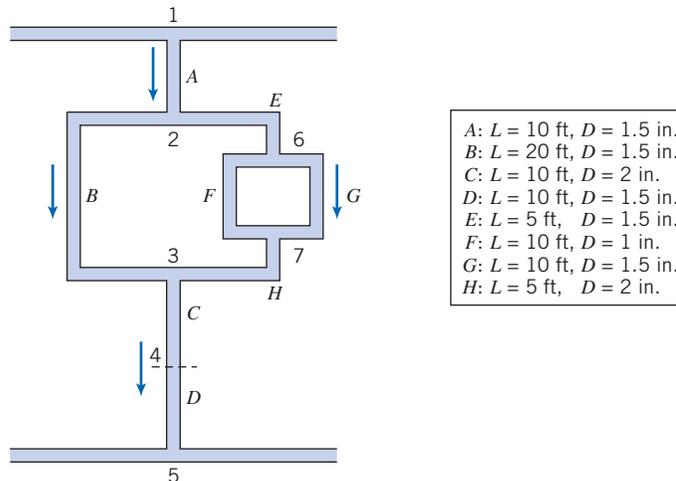
### Multiple-Path Systems

Many real-world pipe systems (e.g., the pipe network that supplies water to the apartments in a large building) consist of a network of pipes of various diameters assembled in a complicated configuration that may contain parallel and series connections. As an example, consider part of a system as shown in Fig. 8.17. Water is supplied at some pressure from a manifold at point 1, and flows through the components shown to the drain at point 5. Some water flows through pipes A, B, C, and D, constituting a *series* of pipes; some flows through A, E, F or G, H, C, and D and the two main branches F and G, which are in *parallel*. We analyze this type of problem in a similar way to how we analyze DC resistor circuits in electrical theory: by applying a few basic rules to the system. The electrical potential at each point in the circuit is analogous to the HGL (or static pressure head if we neglect gravity) at corresponding points in the system. The current in each resistor is analogous to the flow rate in each pipe section. We have the additional difficulty in pipe systems that the resistance to flow in each pipe is a function of the flow rate.

The simple rules for analyzing networks can be expressed in various ways. We will express them as follows:

- 1 The net flow out of any node (junction) is zero.
- 2 Each node has a unique pressure head (HGL).

For example, in Fig. 8.17 rule 1 means that the flow into node 2 from pipe A must equal the sum of outflows to pipes B and E. Rule 2 means that the pressure head at node 7 must be equal to the head at



**Fig. 8.17** Schematic of part of a pipe network.

node 6 less the losses through pipe  $F$  or pipe  $G$ , as well as equal to the head at node 3 plus the loss in pipe  $H$ .

These rules apply in addition to all the pipe-flow constraints we have discussed (e.g., for  $Re \geq 2300$  the flow will be turbulent, and the fact that we may have significant minor losses from features such as sudden expansions). We can anticipate that the flow in pipe  $F$  (diameter 1 in.) will be a good deal less than the flow in pipe  $G$  (diameter 1.5 in.), and the flow through branch  $E$  will be larger than that through branch  $B$ .

The problems that arise with pipe networks can be as varied as those we discussed when studying single-path systems, but the most common involve finding the flow delivered to each pipe, given an applied pressure difference. We examine this case in Example 8.11. Obviously, pipe networks are much more difficult and time-consuming to analyze than single-path problems, almost always requiring iterative solution methods, and in practice are usually only solved using the computer. A number of computer schemes for analyzing networks have been developed [24], and many engineering consulting companies use proprietary software applications for such analysis. A spreadsheet such as *Excel* is also very useful for setting up and solving such problems.

### Example 8.11 FLOW RATES IN A PIPE NETWORK

In the section of a cast-iron water pipe network shown in Fig. 8.17, the static pressure head (gage) available at point 1 is 100 ft of water, and point 5 is a drain (atmospheric pressure). Find the flow rates (gpm) in each pipe.

**Given:** Pressure head  $h_{1-5}$  of 100 ft across pipe network.

**Find:** The flow rate in each pipe.

**Solution:**

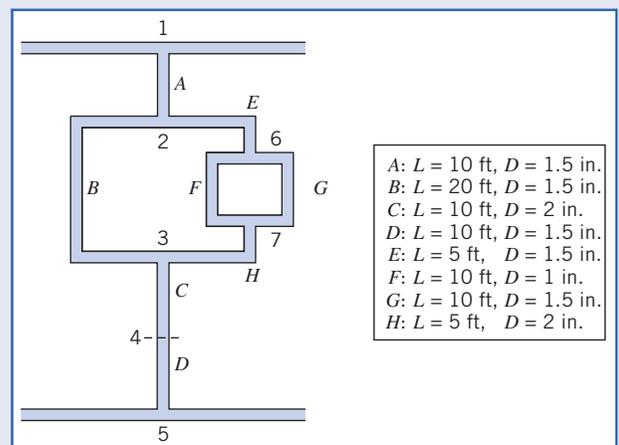
**Governing equations:**

For each pipe section,

$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + g z_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + g z_2 \right) = h_{l_T} = h_l + \sum h_{l_m} \quad (8.29)$$

where

$$h_l = f \frac{L \bar{V}^2}{D} \quad (8.34)$$



and  $f$  is obtained from either Eq. 8.36 (laminar) or Eq. 8.37 (turbulent). For the cast-iron pipe, Table 8.1 gives a roughness for cast iron of  $e = 0.00085$  ft.

#### Assumptions:

- 1 Ignore gravity effects.
- 2 Ignore minor losses.

Assumption 2 is applied to make the analysis clearer—minor losses can be incorporated easily later.

In addition we have mathematical expressions for the basic rules

- 1 The net flow out of any node (junction) is zero.
- 2 Each node has a unique pressure head (HGL).

We can apply basic rule 1 to nodes 2 and 6:

$$\text{Node 2: } Q_A = Q_B + Q_E \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Node 6: } Q_E = Q_F + Q_G \quad (2)$$

and we also have the obvious constraints

$$Q_A = Q_C \quad (3)$$

$$Q_A = Q_D \quad (4)$$

$$Q_E = Q_H \quad (5)$$

We can apply basic rule 2 to obtain the following pressure drop constraints:

$$h_{1-5}: h = h_A + h_B + h_C + h_D \quad (6)$$

$$h_{2-3}: h_B = h_E + h_F + h_H \quad (7)$$

$$h_{6-7}: h_F = h_G \quad (8)$$

This set of eight equations (as well as Eqs. 8.29 and 8.34 for each pipe section!) must be solved iteratively. If we were to manually iterate, we would use Eqs. 3, 4, and 5 to immediately reduce the number of unknowns and equations to five ( $Q_A, Q_B, Q_E, Q_F, Q_G$ ). There are several approaches to the iteration, one of which is:

- 1 Make a guess for  $Q_A, Q_B$ , and  $Q_F$ .
- 2 Eqs. 1 and 2 then lead to values for  $Q_E$  and  $Q_G$ .
- 3 Eqs. 6, 7, and 8 are finally used as a check to see if rule 2 (for unique pressure heads at the nodes) is satisfied.
- 4 If any of Eqs. 6, 7, or 8 are not satisfied, use knowledge of pipe flow to adjust the values of  $Q_A, Q_B$ , or  $Q_F$ .
- 5 Repeat steps 2 through 5 until convergence occurs.

An example of applying step 4 would be if Eq. 8 were not satisfied. Suppose  $h_F > h_G$ ; then we would have selected too large a value for  $Q_F$ , and would reduce this slightly, and recompute all flow rates and heads.

This iterative process is obviously quite unrealistic for manual calculation as obtaining each head loss  $h$  from each  $Q$  involves a good amount of calculation. We can use a spreadsheet such as *Excel* to automate all these calculations—it will simultaneously solve for all eight unknowns automatically! The first step is to set up one worksheet for each pipe section for computing the pipe head  $h$  given the flow rate  $Q$ . A typical such worksheet is shown below:

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel window titled "Microsoft Excel - Example 8.11". The worksheet contains the following data:

Pipe Data			Flow Rate		Computations				
$L$ (ft)	$D$ (in)	$e$ (ft)	$Q$ (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)		$V$ (ft/s)	$Re$	$e/D$	$f$	$h$ (ft <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )
10	1.5	8.50E-04	0.100		8.1	97009	6.80E-03	0.0342	91

The spreadsheet also shows a navigation bar at the bottom with tabs for "Main Page", "Pipe A", "Pipe B", "Pipe C", "Pipe D", "Pipe E", "Pipe F", "Pipe G", and "Pipe H".

In these worksheets, knowing  $L$ ,  $D$ , and  $e$ , a given flow rate  $Q$  is used to compute  $\bar{V}$ ,  $Re$ ,  $f$ , and finally  $h$  from  $L$ ,  $D$ , and  $e$ .

The next step is to set up a calculation page that collects together the flow rates and corresponding head losses for all of the pipe sections, and then use these to check whether Eqs. 1 through 8 are satisfied. Shown below is this page with initial guess values of  $0.1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  for each of the flow rates. The logic of the workbook is that the eight values entered for  $Q_A$  through  $Q_H$  determine all the other values—that is,  $h_A$  through  $h_H$ , and the values of the constraint equations. The absolute errors for each of the constraint equations are shown, as well as their sum. We can then use *Excel's Solver* feature (repeatedly as necessary) to minimize the total error (currently 735%) by varying  $Q_A$  through  $Q_H$ .

Microsoft Excel - Example 8.11

Available Head:  
 $h = 100 \text{ ft}$

Flows:

$Q_A \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_B \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_C \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_D \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_E \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_F \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_G \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_H \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$
0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
$Q_A \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_B \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_C \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_D \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_E \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_F \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_G \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_H \text{ (gpm)}$
45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45

Heads:

$h_A \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_B \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_C \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_D \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_E \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_F \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_G \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_H \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$
91	182	20	91	45	778	91	10
$h_A \text{ (ft)}$	$h_B \text{ (ft)}$	$h_C \text{ (ft)}$	$h_D \text{ (ft)}$	$h_E \text{ (ft)}$	$h_F \text{ (ft)}$	$h_G \text{ (ft)}$	$h_H \text{ (ft)}$
3	6	1	3	1	24	3	0

Constraints:

$Q_A = Q_C$	$Q_A = Q_D$	$Q_A = Q_B + Q_E$	$Q_E = Q_H$	$Q_E = Q_F + Q_C$
0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
$h = h_A + h_B + h_C + h_D$		$h_B = h_E + h_F + h_H$	$h_F = h_C$	
88.1%		358.7%	88.3%	

Error: 735.2%

The final results obtained by *Excel* are:

Microsoft Excel - Example 8.11

Available Head:  
 $h = 100 \text{ ft}$

Flows:

$Q_A \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_B \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_C \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_D \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_E \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_F \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_G \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$	$Q_H \text{ (ft}^3/\text{s)}$
0.373	0.161	0.373	0.373	0.211	0.053	0.158	0.211
$Q_A \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_B \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_C \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_D \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_E \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_F \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_G \text{ (gpm)}$	$Q_H \text{ (gpm)}$
167	72	167	167	95	24	71	95

Heads:

$h_A \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_B \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_C \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_D \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_E \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_F \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_G \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$	$h_H \text{ (ft}^2/\text{s}^2)$
1240	469	271	1240	200	224	224	44
$h_A \text{ (ft)}$	$h_B \text{ (ft)}$	$h_C \text{ (ft)}$	$h_D \text{ (ft)}$	$h_E \text{ (ft)}$	$h_F \text{ (ft)}$	$h_G \text{ (ft)}$	$h_H \text{ (ft)}$
39	15	8	39	6	7	7	1

Constraints:

$Q_A = Q_C$	$Q_A = Q_D$	$Q_A = Q_B + Q_E$	$Q_E = Q_H$	$Q_E = Q_F + Q_C$
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
$h = h_A + h_B + h_C + h_D$		$h_B = h_E + h_F + h_H$	$h_F = h_C$	
0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	

Error: 0.0%

The flow rates are:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_A &= Q_C = Q_D = 167 \text{ gpm} \\ Q_B (\text{gpm}) &= 72 \text{ gpm} \\ Q_E (\text{gpm}) &= Q_H (\text{gpm}) = 95 \text{ gpm} \\ Q_F (\text{gpm}) &= 24 \text{ gpm} \\ Q_G (\text{gpm}) &= 71 \text{ gpm} \end{aligned}$$

This problem illustrates use of *Excel* to solve a set of coupled, nonlinear equations for unknown flow rates.



The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be modified for solving a variety of other multiple-path systems.

## Part C FLOW MEASUREMENT

Throughout this text we have referred to the flow rate  $Q$  or average velocity  $\bar{V}$  in a pipe. The question arises: How does one measure these quantities? We will address this question by discussing the various types of flow meters available.

The choice of a flow meter is influenced by the accuracy required, range, cost, complication, ease of reading or data reduction, and service life. The simplest and cheapest device that gives the desired accuracy should be chosen.

The most obvious way to measure flow rate in a pipe is the *direct method*—simply measure the amount of fluid that accumulates in a container over a fixed time period! Tanks can be used to determine flow rate for steady liquid flows by measuring the volume or mass of liquid collected during a known time interval. If the time interval is long enough to be measured accurately, flow rates may be determined precisely in this way.

Compressibility must be considered in volume measurements for gas flows. The densities of gases generally are too small to permit accurate direct measurement of mass flow rate. However, a volume sample often can be collected by displacing a “bell,” or inverted jar over water (if the pressure is held constant by counterweights). If volume or mass measurements are set up carefully, no calibration is required; this is a great advantage of direct methods.

In specialized applications, particularly for remote or recording uses, *positive displacement* flow meters may be specified, in which the fluid moves a component such as a reciprocating piston or oscillating disk as it passes through the device. Common examples include household water and natural gas meters, which are calibrated to read directly in units of product, or gasoline metering pumps, which measure total flow and automatically compute the cost. Many positive-displacement meters are available commercially. Consult manufacturers’ literature or References (e.g., [25]) for design and installation details.

### 8.9 Restriction Flow Meters for Internal Flows

Most restriction flow meters for internal flow are based on acceleration of a fluid stream through some form of nozzle, as shown schematically in Fig. 8.18. The idea is that the change in velocity leads to a change in pressure. This  $\Delta p$  can be measured using a pressure gage (electronic or mechanical) or a manometer, and the flow rate inferred using either a theoretical analysis or an experimental correlation for the device. Flow separation at the sharp edge of the nozzle throat causes a recirculation zone to form, as shown by the dashed lines downstream from the nozzle. The mainstream flow continues to accelerate from the nozzle throat to form a *vena contracta* at section ② and then decelerates again to fill the duct.

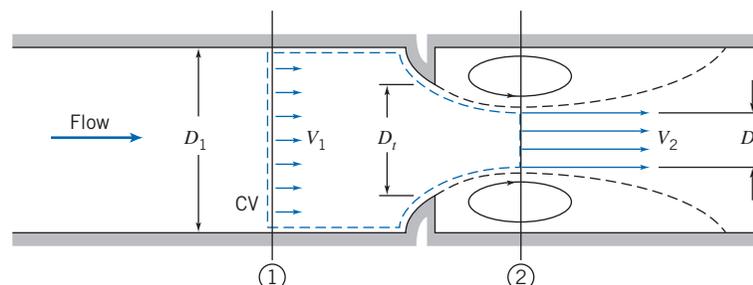


Fig. 8.18 Internal flow through a generalized nozzle, showing control volume used for analysis.

At the vena contracta, the flow area is a minimum, the flow streamlines are essentially straight, and the pressure is uniform across the channel section.

The theoretical flow rate may be related to the pressure differential between sections ① and ② by applying the continuity and Bernoulli equations. Then empirical correction factors may be applied to obtain the actual flow rate.

Basic equations:

We will need mass-conservation,

$$\sum_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.13b)$$

[we can use this instead of Eq. 4.12, because of assumption (5) below] and the Bernoulli equation,

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2 \quad (6.8)$$

which we can use if assumption (4) is valid. For the short section of pipe considered, this is reasonable.

Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Flow along a streamline.
- 4 No friction.
- 5 Uniform velocity at sections ① and ②.
- 6 No streamline curvature at sections ① or ②, so pressure is uniform across those sections.
- 7  $z_1 = z_2$ .

Then, from the Bernoulli equation,

$$p_1 - p_2 = \frac{\rho}{2} (V_2^2 - V_1^2) = \frac{\rho V_2^2}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^2 \right]$$

and from continuity

$$(-\rho V_1 A_1) + (\rho V_2 A_2) = 0$$

or

$$V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2 \quad \text{so} \quad \left( \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{A_2}{A_1} \right)^2$$

Substituting gives

$$p_1 - p_2 = \frac{\rho V_2^2}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{A_2}{A_1} \right)^2 \right]$$

Solving for the theoretical velocity,  $V_2$ ,

$$V_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2(p_1 - p_2)}{\rho[1 - (A_2/A_1)^2]}} \quad (8.51)$$

The theoretical mass flow rate is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}_{\text{theoretical}} &= \rho V_2 A_2 \\ &= \rho \sqrt{\frac{2(p_1 - p_2)}{\rho[1 - (A_2/A_1)^2]}} A_2 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\dot{m}_{\text{theoretical}} = \frac{A_2}{\sqrt{1 - (A_2/A_1)^2}} \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)} \quad (8.52)$$

Equation 8.52 shows that, under our set of assumptions, for a given fluid ( $\rho$ ) and flow meter geometry ( $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ), the flow rate is directly proportional to the square root of the pressure drop across the meter taps,

$$\dot{m}_{\text{theoretical}} \propto \sqrt{\Delta p}$$

which is the basic idea of these devices. This relationship limits the flow rates that can be measured accurately to approximately a 4:1 range.

Several factors limit the utility of Eq. 8.52 for calculating the actual mass flow rate through a meter. The actual flow area at section ② is unknown when the vena contracta is pronounced (e.g., for orifice plates when  $D_t$  is a small fraction of  $D_1$ ). The velocity profiles approach uniform flow only at large Reynolds numbers. Frictional effects can become important (especially downstream from the meter) when the meter contours are abrupt. Finally, the location of pressure taps influences the differential pressure reading.

The theoretical equation is adjusted for Reynolds number and diameter ratio  $D_t/D_1$  by defining an empirical *discharge coefficient*  $C$  such that, replacing Eq. 8.52, we have

$$\dot{m}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{CA_t}{\sqrt{1 - (A_t/A_1)^2}} \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)} \quad (8.53)$$

Letting  $\beta = D_t/D_1$ , then  $(A_t/A_1)^2 = (D_t/D_1)^4 = \beta^4$ , so

$$\dot{m}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{CA_t}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^4}} \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)} \quad (8.54)$$

In Eq. 8.54,  $1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^4}$  is the *velocity-of-approach factor*. The discharge coefficient and velocity-of-approach factor frequently are combined into a single *flow coefficient*,

$$K \equiv \frac{C}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^4}} \quad (8.55)$$

In terms of this flow coefficient, the actual mass flow rate is expressed as

$$\dot{m}_{\text{actual}} = KA_t \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)} \quad (8.56)$$

For standardized metering elements, test data [25, 26] have been used to develop empirical equations that predict discharge and flow coefficients from meter bore, pipe diameter, and Reynolds number. The accuracy of the equations (within specified ranges) usually is adequate so that the meter can be used without calibration. If the Reynolds number, pipe size, or bore diameter fall outside the specified range of the equation, the coefficients must be measured experimentally.

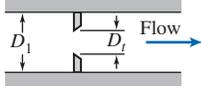
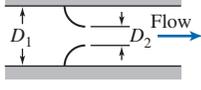
For the turbulent flow regime (pipe Reynolds number greater than 4000) the discharge coefficient may be expressed by an equation of the form [25]

$$C = C_\infty + \frac{b}{Re_{D_1}^n} \quad (8.57)$$

The corresponding form for the flow-coefficient equation is

$$K = K_\infty + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^4}} \frac{b}{Re_{D_1}^n} \quad (8.58)$$

**Table 8.6**  
Characteristics of Orifice, Flow Nozzle, and Venturi Flow Meters

Flow Meter Type	Diagram	Head Loss	Initial Cost
Orifice		High	Low
Flow Nozzle		Intermediate	Intermediate
Venturi		Low	High

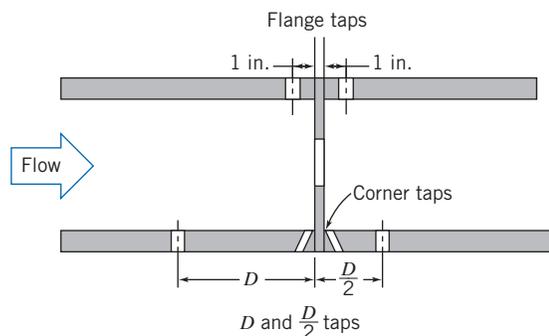
In Eqs. 8.57 and 8.58, subscript  $\infty$  denotes the coefficient at infinite Reynolds number; constants  $b$  and  $n$  allow for scaling to finite Reynolds numbers. Correlating equations and curves of coefficients versus Reynolds number are given in the next three subsections, following a general comparison of the characteristics of specific metering elements.

As we have noted, selection of a flow meter depends on factors such as cost, accuracy, need for calibration, and ease of installation and maintenance. Some of these factors are compared for *orifice plate*, *flow nozzle*, and *venturi* meters in Table 8.6. Note that a high head loss means that the running cost of the device is high—it will consume a lot of the fluid energy. A high initial cost must be amortized over the life of the device. This is an example of a common cost calculation for a company (and an individual!)—between a high initial but low running cost, or low initial but high running cost.

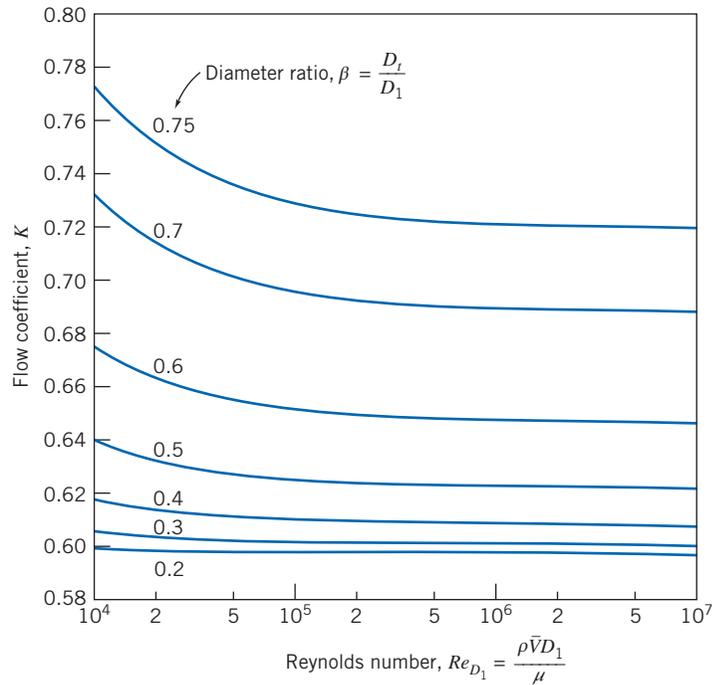
Flow meter coefficients reported in the literature have been measured with fully developed turbulent velocity distributions at the meter inlet (Section ①). If a flow meter is to be installed downstream from a valve, elbow, or other disturbance, a straight section of pipe must be placed in front of the meter. Approximately 10 diameters of straight pipe are required for venturi meters, and up to 40 diameters for orifice plate or flow nozzle meters. When a meter has been properly installed, the flow rate may be computed from Eq. 8.54 or 8.56, after choosing an appropriate value for the empirical discharge coefficient,  $C$ , or flow coefficient,  $K$ , defined in Eqs. 8.53 and 8.55, respectively. Some design data for incompressible flow are given in the next few sections. The same basic methods can be extended to compressible flows, but these will not be treated here. For complete details, see ASME [25] or Bean [26].

## The Orifice Plate

The orifice plate (Fig. 8.19) is a thin plate that may be clamped between pipe flanges. Since its geometry is simple, it is low in cost and easy to install or replace. The sharp edge of the orifice will not foul with scale or suspended matter. However, suspended matter can build up at the inlet side of a concentric orifice in a horizontal pipe; an eccentric orifice may be placed flush with the bottom of the pipe to avoid this



**Fig. 8.19** Orifice geometry and pressure tap locations (based on [25]).



**Fig. 8.20** Flow coefficients for concentric orifices with corner taps.

difficulty. The primary disadvantages of the orifice are its limited capacity and the high permanent head loss caused by the uncontrolled expansion downstream from the metering element.

Pressure taps for orifices may be placed in several locations, as shown in Fig. 8.19 (see [25] or [26] for additional details). Since the location of the pressure taps influences the empirically determined flow coefficient, one must select handbook values of  $C$  or  $K$  consistent with the location of pressure taps.

The correlating equation recommended for a concentric orifice with corner taps [25] is

$$C = 0.5959 + 0.0312\beta^{2.1} - 0.184\beta^8 + \frac{91.71\beta^{2.5}}{Re_{D_1}^{0.75}} \quad (8.59)$$

Equation 8.59 is the form of Eq. 8.57 for the discharge coefficient  $C$  for the orifice plate; it predicts orifice discharge coefficients within  $\pm 0.6$  percent for  $0.2 < \beta < 0.75$  and for  $10^4 < Re_{D_1} < 10^7$ . Some flow coefficients calculated from Eq. 8.59 and 8.55 are presented in Fig. 8.20.

A similar correlating equation is available for orifice plates with  $D$  and  $D/2$  taps. Flange taps require a different correlation for every line size. Pipe taps, located at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $8D$ , no longer are recommended for accurate work.

Example 8.12, which appears later in this section, illustrates the application of flow coefficient data to orifice sizing.

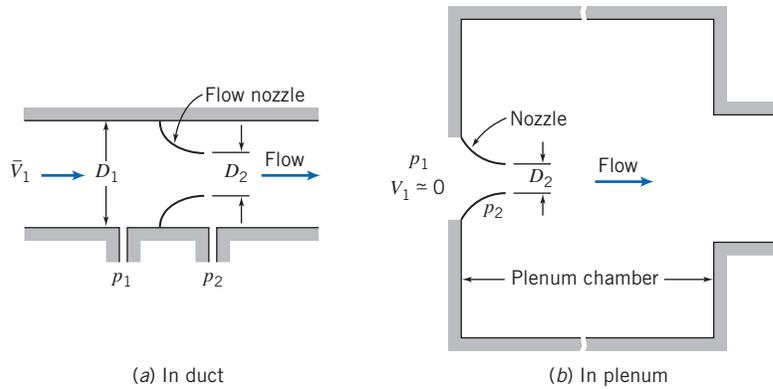
## The Flow Nozzle

Flow nozzles may be used as metering elements in either plenums or ducts, as shown in Fig. 8.21; the nozzle section is approximately a quarter ellipse. Design details and recommended locations for pressure taps are given in [26].

The correlating equation recommended for an ASME long-radius flow nozzle [25] is

$$C = 0.9975 - \frac{6.53\beta^{0.5}}{Re_{D_1}^{0.5}} \quad (8.60)$$

Equation 8.60 is the form of Eq. 8.57 for the discharge coefficient  $C$  for the flow nozzle; it predicts discharge coefficients for flow nozzles within  $\pm 2.0$  percent for  $0.25 < \beta < 0.75$  for  $10^4 < Re_{D_1} < 10^7$ . Some



**Fig. 8.21** Typical installations of nozzle flow meters.

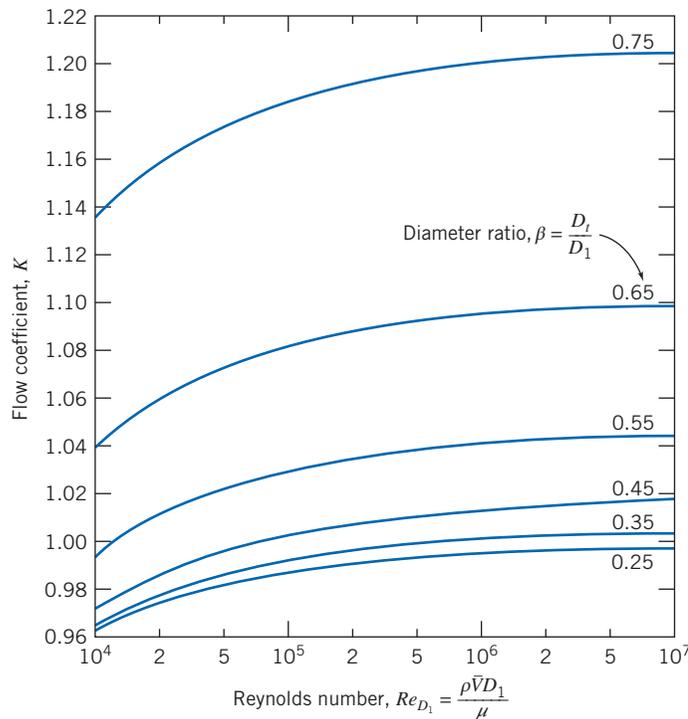
flow coefficients calculated from Eq. 8.60 and Eq. 8.55 are presented in Fig. 8.22. ( $K$  can be greater than one when the velocity-of-approach factor exceeds one.)

### a. Pipe Installation

For pipe installation,  $K$  is a function of  $\beta$  and  $Re_{D_1}$ . Figure 8.22 shows that  $K$  is essentially independent of Reynolds number for  $Re_{D_1} > 10^6$ . Thus at high flow rates, the flow rate may be computed directly using Eq. 8.56. At lower flow rates, where  $K$  is a weak function of Reynolds number, iteration may be required.

### b. Plenum Installation

For plenum installation, nozzles may be fabricated from spun aluminum, molded fiberglass, or other inexpensive materials. Thus they are simple and cheap to make and install. Since the plenum pressure is equal to  $p_2$ , the location of the downstream pressure tap is not critical. Meters suitable for a wide range of flow rates may be made by installing several nozzles in a plenum. At low flow rates, most of them may be plugged. For higher flow rates, more nozzles may be used.



**Fig. 8.22** Flow coefficients for ASME long-radius flow nozzles.

For plenum nozzles  $\beta = 0$ , which is outside the range of applicability of Eq. 8.58. Typical flow coefficients are in the range,  $0.95 < K < 0.99$ ; the larger values apply at high Reynolds numbers. Thus the mass rate of flow can be computed within approximately  $\pm 2$  percent using Eq. 8.56 with  $K = 0.97$ .

### The Venturi

Venturi meters, as sketched in Table 8.6, are generally made from castings and machined to close tolerances to duplicate the performance of the standard design. As a result, venturi meters are heavy, bulky, and expensive. The conical diffuser section downstream from the throat gives excellent pressure recovery; therefore, overall head loss is low. Venturi meters are also self-cleaning because of their smooth internal contours.

Experimental data show that discharge coefficients for venturi meters range from 0.980 to 0.995 at high Reynolds numbers ( $Re_{D_1} > 2 \times 10^5$ ). Thus  $C = 0.99$  can be used to measure mass flow rate within about  $\pm 1$  percent at high Reynolds number [25]. Consult manufacturers' literature for specific information at Reynolds numbers below  $10^5$ .

The orifice plate, flow nozzle, and venturi all produce pressure differentials proportional to the square of the flow rate, according to Eq. 8.56. In practice, a meter size must be chosen to accommodate the highest flow rate expected. Because the relationship of pressure drop to flow rate is nonlinear, the range of flow rate that can be measured accurately is limited. Flow meters with single throats usually are considered only for flow rates over a 4:1 range [25].

The unrecoverable loss in head across a metering element may be expressed as a fraction of the differential pressure,  $\Delta p$ , across the element. Pressure losses are displayed as functions of diameter ratio in Fig. 8.23. Note that the venturi meter has a much lower permanent head loss than the orifice (which has the highest loss) or nozzle, confirming the trends we summarized in Table 8.6.

### The Laminar Flow Element

The *laminar flow element*<sup>3</sup> is designed to produce a pressure differential directly proportional to flow rate. The idea is that the laminar flow element contains a metering section in which the flow passes through a large number of tubes or passages (these often look like a bunch of straws) that are each narrow enough that the flow through them is laminar, regardless of the flow conditions in the main pipe (recall that  $Re_{\text{tube}} = \rho V_{\text{tube}} D_{\text{tube}} / \mu$ , so if  $D_{\text{tube}}$  is made small enough we can ensure that  $Re_{\text{tube}} < Re_{\text{crit}} \approx 2300$ ). For each laminar flow tube we can apply the results of Section 8.3, specifically

$$Q_{\text{tube}} = \frac{\pi D_{\text{tube}}^4}{128 \mu L_{\text{tube}}} \Delta p \propto \Delta p \quad (8.13c)$$

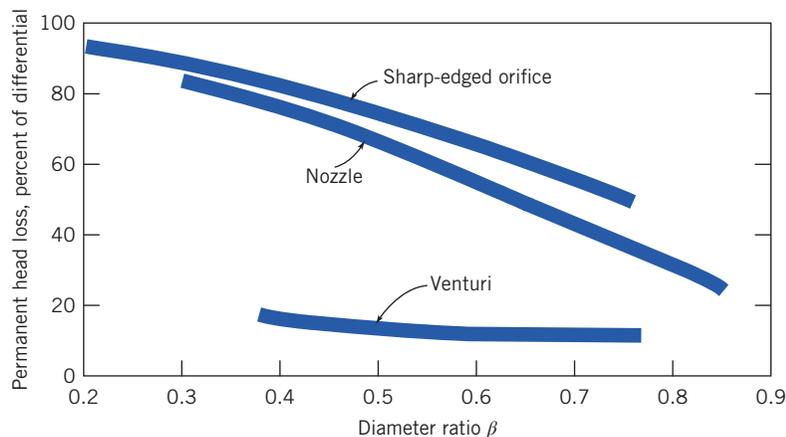


Fig. 8.23 Permanent head loss produced by various flow metering elements, based on References [25] and [33].

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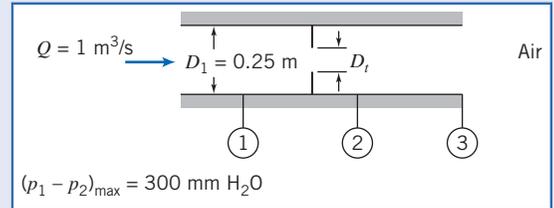
**Example 8.12 FLOW THROUGH AN ORIFICE METER**

An air flow rate of  $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  at standard conditions is expected in a 0.25-m diameter duct. An orifice meter is used to measure the rate of flow. The manometer available to make the measurement has a maximum range of 300 mm of water. What diameter orifice plate should be used with corner taps? Analyze the head loss if the flow area at the vena contracta is  $A_2 = 0.65 A_t$ . Compare with data from Fig. 8.23.

**Given:** Flow through duct and orifice as shown.

- Find:** (a)  $D_t$ .  
 (b) Head loss between sections ① and ②.  
 (c) Degree of agreement with data from Fig. 8.23.

**Solution:** The orifice plate may be designed using Eq. 8.56 and data from Fig. 8.20.



**Governing equation:**

$$\dot{m}_{\text{actual}} = KA_t \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)} \quad (8.56)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.

Since  $A_t/A_1 = (D_t/D_1)^2 = \beta^2$ ,

$$\dot{m}_{\text{actual}} = K\beta^2 A_1 \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} K\beta^2 &= \frac{\dot{m}_{\text{actual}}}{A_1 \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)}} = \frac{\rho Q}{A_1 \sqrt{2\rho(p_1 - p_2)}} = \frac{Q}{A_1} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{2(p_1 - p_2)}} \\ &= \frac{Q}{A_1} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{2g\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}\Delta h}} \\ &= 1 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{1}{(0.25)^2 \text{ m}^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \times 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{999 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1}{0.30 \text{ m}} \right]^{1/2} \\ K\beta^2 &= 0.295 \quad \text{or} \quad K = \frac{0.295}{\beta^2} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Since  $K$  is a function of both  $\beta$  (Eq. 1) and  $Re_{D_1}$  (Fig. 8.20), we must iterate to find  $\beta$ . The duct Reynolds number is

$$\begin{aligned} Re_{D_1} &= \frac{\rho \bar{V}_1 D_1}{\mu} = \frac{\rho(Q/A_1)D_1}{\mu} = \frac{4Q}{\pi \nu D_1} \\ Re_{D_1} &= \frac{4}{\pi} \times 1 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2} \times \frac{1}{0.25 \text{ m}} = 3.49 \times 10^5 \end{aligned}$$

Guess  $\beta = 0.75$ . From Fig. 8.20,  $K$  should be 0.72. From Eq. 1,

$$K = \frac{0.295}{(0.75)^2} = 0.524$$

Thus our guess for  $\beta$  is too large. Guess  $\beta = 0.70$ . From Fig. 8.20,  $K$  should be 0.69. From Eq. 1,

$$K = \frac{0.295}{(0.70)^2} = 0.602$$

Thus our guess for  $\beta$  is still too large. Guess  $\beta = 0.65$ . From Fig. 8.20,  $K$  should be 0.67. From Eq. 1,

$$K = \frac{0.295}{(0.65)^2} = 0.698$$

There is satisfactory agreement with  $\beta \approx 0.66$  and

$$D_t = \beta D_1 = 0.66(0.25 \text{ m}) = 0.165 \text{ m} \longleftarrow \overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{D_t}$$

To find the permanent head loss for this device, we could simply use the diameter ratio  $\beta \approx 0.66$  in Fig. 8.23; but instead we will find it from the given data. To evaluate the permanent head loss, apply Eq. 8.29 between sections ① and ③.

**Governing equation:**

$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + g z_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_3}{\rho} + \alpha_3 \frac{\bar{V}_3^2}{2} + g z_3 \right) = h_{l_T} \quad (8.29)$$

**Assumptions:**

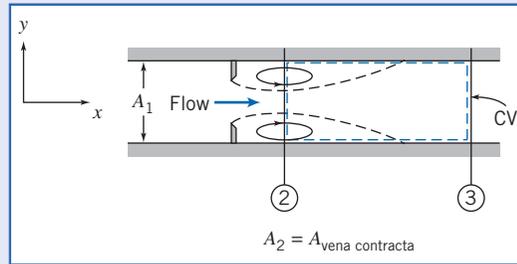
3  $\alpha_1 \bar{V}_1^2 = \alpha_3 \bar{V}_3^2$ .

4 Neglect  $\Delta z$ .

Then

$$h_{l_T} = \frac{p_1 - p_3}{\rho} = \frac{p_1 - p_2 - (p_3 - p_2)}{\rho} \quad (2)$$

Equation 2 indicates our approach: We will find  $p_1 - p_3$  by using  $p_1 - p_2 = 300 \text{ mm H}_2\text{O}$ , and obtain a value for  $p_3 - p_2$  by applying the  $x$  component of the momentum equation to a control volume between sections ② and ③.



**Governing equation:**

$$= 0(5) = 0(1) \quad (4.18a)$$

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho dV + \int_{CV} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

**Assumptions:**

5  $F_{B_x} = 0$

6 Uniform flow at sections ② and ③.

7 Pressure uniform across duct at sections ② and ③.

8 Neglect friction force on CV.

Then, simplifying and rearranging,

$$(p_2 - p_3)A_1 = u_2(-\rho \bar{V}_2 A_2) + u_3(\rho \bar{V}_3 A_3) = (u_3 - u_2)\rho Q = (\bar{V}_3 - \bar{V}_2)\rho Q$$

or

$$p_3 - p_2 = (\bar{V}_2 - \bar{V}_3) \frac{\rho Q}{A_1}$$

Now  $\bar{V}_3 = Q/A_1$ , and

$$\bar{V}_2 = \frac{Q}{A_2} = \frac{Q}{0.65 A_t} = \frac{Q}{0.65 \beta^2 A_1}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} p_3 - p_2 &= \frac{\rho Q^2}{A_1^2} \left[ \frac{1}{0.65 \beta^2} - 1 \right] \\ p_3 - p_2 &= 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (1)^2 \frac{\text{m}^6}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{4^2}{\pi^2 (0.25)^4 \text{m}^4} \left[ \frac{1}{0.65(0.66)^2} - 1 \right] \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ p_3 - p_2 &= 1290 \text{ N/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The diameter ratio,  $\beta$  was selected to give maximum manometer deflection at maximum flow rate. Thus

$$p_1 - p_2 = \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} g \Delta h = 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 0.30 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} = 2940 \text{ N/m}^2$$

Substituting into Eq. 2 gives

$$\begin{aligned} h_{l_f} &= \frac{p_1 - p_3}{\rho} = \frac{p_1 - p_2 - (p_3 - p_2)}{\rho} \\ h_{l_f} &= (2940 - 1290) \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{1.23 \text{ kg}} = 1340 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/kg} \leftarrow h_{l_f} \end{aligned}$$

To compare with Fig. 8.23, express the permanent pressure loss as a fraction of the meter differential

$$\frac{p_1 - p_3}{p_1 - p_2} = \frac{(2940 - 1290) \text{ N/m}^2}{2940 \text{ N/m}^2} = 0.561$$

The fraction from Fig. 8.23 is about 0.57. This is satisfactory agreement!

This problem illustrates flow meter calculations and shows use of the momentum equation to compute the pressure rise in a sudden expansion.

so the flow rate in each tube is a linear function of the pressure drop across the device. The flow rate in the whole pipe will be the sum of each of these tube flows, and so will also be a linear function of pressure drop. Usually this linear relation is provided in a calibration from the manufacturer, and the meter can be used over a 10:1 range of flow rates. The relationship between pressure drop and flow rate for laminar flow also depends on viscosity, which is a strong function of temperature. Therefore, the fluid temperature must be known to obtain accurate metering with a laminar flow meter.

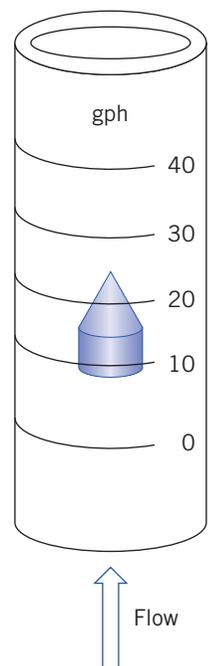
A laminar flow element costs approximately as much as a venturi, but it is much lighter and smaller. Thus it is becoming widely used in applications where compactness and extended range are important.

## Linear Flow Meters

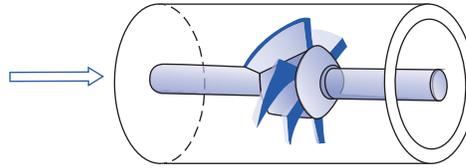
The disadvantage of restriction flow meters (except the laminar flow meter) is that the measured output ( $\Delta p$ ) is not linear with the flow rate  $Q$ . Several flow meter types produce outputs that are directly proportional to flow rate. These meters produce signals without the need to measure differential pressure. The most common linear flow meters are discussed briefly in the following paragraphs.

*Float meters* may be used to indicate flow rate directly for liquids or gases. An example is shown in Fig. 8.24. In operation, the ball or float is carried upward in the tapered clear tube by the flowing fluid until the drag force and float weight are in equilibrium. Such meters (often called *rotameters*) are available with factory calibration for a number of common fluids and flow rate ranges.

A free-running vaned impeller may be mounted in a cylindrical section of tube (Fig. 8.25) to make a *turbine flow meter*. With proper design, the rate of rotation of the impeller may be made closely proportional to volume flow rate over a wide range.



**Fig. 8.24** Float-type variable-area flow meter.



**Fig. 8.25** Turbine flow meter.

Rotational speed of the turbine element can be sensed using a magnetic or modulated carrier pickup external to the meter. This sensing method therefore requires no penetrations or seals in the duct. Thus turbine flow meters can be used safely to measure flow rates in corrosive or toxic fluids. The electrical signal can be displayed, recorded, or integrated to provide total flow information.

An interesting device is the *vortex flow meter*. This device takes advantage of the fact that a uniform flow will generate a vortex street when it encounters a bluff body such as a cylinder perpendicular to the flow. A vortex street is a series of alternating vortices shed from the rear of the body; the alternation generates an oscillating sideways force on, and therefore oscillation of, the cylinder (the classic example of this being the “singing” of telephone wires in a high wind). It turns out that the dimensionless group characterizing this phenomenon is the Strouhal number,  $St = fL/V$  ( $f$  is the vortex shedding frequency,  $L$  is the cylinder diameter, and  $V$  is the freestream velocity), and it is approximately constant ( $St \approx 0.21$ ). Hence we have a device for which  $V \propto f$ . Measurement of  $f$  thus directly indicates the velocity  $\bar{V}$  (however, the velocity profile does affect the shedding frequency so calibration is required). The cylinder used in a flow meter is usually quite short in length—10 mm or less—and placed perpendicular to the flow (and for some devices is not a cylinder at all but some other small bluff object). The oscillation can be measured using a strain gage or other sensor. Vortex flow meters can be used over a 20:1 range of flow rates.

The *electromagnetic flow meter* uses the principle of magnetic induction. A magnetic field is created across a pipe. When a conductive fluid passes through the field, a voltage is generated at right angles to the field and velocity vectors. Electrodes placed on a pipe diameter are used to detect the resulting signal voltage. The signal voltage is proportional to the average axial velocity when the profile is axisymmetric.

*Magnetic flow meters* may be used with liquids that have electrical conductivities above 100 microsiemens per meter (1 siemen = 1 ampere per volt). The minimum flow speed should be above about 0.3 m/s, but there are no restrictions on Reynolds number. The flow rate range normally quoted is 10:1.

*Ultrasonic flow meters* also respond to average velocity at a pipe cross section. Two principal types of ultrasonic meters are common: Propagation time is measured for clean liquids, and reflection frequency shift (Doppler effect) is measured for flows carrying particulates. The speed of an acoustic wave increases in the flow direction and decreases when transmitted against the flow. For clean liquids, an acoustic path inclined to the pipe axis is used to infer flow velocity. Multiple paths are used to estimate the volume flow rate accurately.

Doppler effect ultrasonic flow meters depend on reflection of sonic waves (in the MHz range) from scattering particles in the fluid. When the particles move at flow speed, the frequency shift is proportional to flow speed; for a suitably chosen path, output is proportional to volume flow rate. One or two transducers may be used; the meter may be clamped to the outside of the pipe. Ultrasonic meters may require calibration in place. Flow rate range is 10:1.

## Traversing Methods

In situations such as in air handling or refrigeration equipment, it may be impractical or impossible to install fixed flow meters. In such cases it may be possible to obtain flow rate data using traversing techniques.

To make a flow rate measurement by traverse, the duct cross section is conceptually subdivided into segments of equal area. The velocity is measured at the center of each area segment using a pitot tube, a total head tube, or a suitable anemometer. The volume flow rate for each segment is approximated by the product of the measured velocity and the segment area. The flow rate through the entire duct is the sum of these segmental flow rates. Details of recommended procedures for flow rate measurements by the traverse method are given in [27].



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**Fig. 8.26** A 2-component Laser Doppler Anemometer Probe Volume.

Use of *pitot* or *pitot-static tubes* for traverse measurements requires direct access to the flow field. Pitot tubes give uncertain results when pressure gradients or streamline curvature are present, and their response times are slow. Two types of anemometers—*thermal anemometers* and *laser Doppler anemometers* (LDAs)—overcome these difficulties partially, although they introduce new complications.

Thermal anemometers use tiny elements (either hot-wire or hot-film elements) that are heated electrically. Sophisticated electronic feedback circuits are used to maintain the temperature of the element constant and to sense the input heating rate needed to do this. The heating rate is related to the local flow velocity by calibration (a higher velocity leads to more heat transfer). The primary advantage of thermal anemometers is the small size of the sensing element. Sensors as small as 0.002 mm in diameter and 0.1 mm long are available commercially. Because the thermal mass of such tiny elements is extremely small, their response to fluctuations in flow velocity is rapid. Frequency responses to the 50 kHz range have been quoted [28]. Thus thermal anemometers are ideal for measuring turbulence quantities. Insulating coatings may be applied to permit their use in conductive or corrosive gases or liquids.

Because of their fast response and small size, thermal anemometers are used extensively for research. Numerous schemes have been published for treating the resulting data [29]. Digital processing techniques, including fast Fourier transforms, can be applied to the signals to obtain mean values and moments, and to analyze frequency content and correlations.

Laser Doppler anemometers are becoming widely used for specialized applications where direct physical access to the flow field is difficult or impossible. One or more laser beams are focused to a small volume in the flow at the location of interest (as shown in Fig 8.26). Laser light is scattered from particles that are present in the flow (dust or particulates) or introduced for this purpose. A frequency shift is caused by the local flow speed (Doppler effect). Scattered light and a reference beam are collected by receiving optics. The frequency shift is proportional to the flow speed; this relationship may be calculated, so there is no need for calibration. Since velocity is measured directly, the signal is unaffected by changes in temperature, density, or composition in the flow field. The primary disadvantages of LDAs are that the optical equipment is expensive and fragile, and that extremely careful alignment is needed (as the authors can attest).

## 8.10 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we have:

- ✓ Defined many terms used in the study of internal incompressible viscous flow, such as: the entrance length, fully developed flow, the friction velocity, Reynolds stress, the kinetic energy coefficient, the friction factor, major and minor head losses, and hydraulic diameter.

- ✓ Analyzed laminar flow between parallel plates and in pipes and observed that we can obtain the velocity distribution analytically, and from this derive: the average velocity, the maximum velocity and its location, the flow rate, the wall shear stress, and the shear stress distribution.
- ✓ Studied turbulent flow in pipes and ducts and learned that semi-empirical approaches are needed, e.g., the power-law velocity profile.
- ✓ Written the energy equation in a form useful for analyzing pipe flows.
- ✓ Discussed how to incorporate pumps, fans, and blowers into a pipe flow analysis.
- ✓ Described various flow measurement devices: direct measurement, restriction devices (orifice plate, nozzle, and venturi), linear flow meters (rotameters, various electromagnetic or acoustic devices, and the vortex flow meter), and traversing devices (pitot tubes and laser-Doppler anemometers).

We have learned that pipe and duct flow problems often need iterative solution—the flow rate  $Q$  is not a linear function of the driving force (usually  $\Delta p$ ), except for laminar flows (which are not common in practice). We have also seen that pipe networks can be analyzed using the same techniques as a single-pipe system, with the addition of a few basic rules, and that in practice a computer application such as *Excel* is needed to solve all but the simplest networks.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

### Useful Equations

Velocity profile for pressure-driven laminar flow between stationary parallel plates:	$u = \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{y}{a} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{y}{a} \right) \right]$	(8.5)	Page 280
Flow rate for pressure-driven laminar flow between stationary parallel plates:	$\frac{Q}{l} = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \left[ \frac{-\Delta p}{L} \right] a^3 = \frac{a^3 \Delta p}{12\mu L}$	(8.6c)	Page 281
Velocity profile for pressure-driven laminar flow between stationary parallel plates (centered coordinates):	$u = \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{y}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right]$	(8.7)	Page 281
Velocity profile for pressure-driven laminar flow between parallel plates (upper plate moving):	$u = \frac{Uy}{a} + \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{y}{a} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{y}{a} \right) \right]$	(8.8)	Page 284
Flow rate for pressure-driven laminar flow between parallel plates (upper plate moving):	$\frac{Q}{l} = \frac{Ua}{2} - \frac{1}{12\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) a^3$	(8.9b)	Page 284
Velocity profile for laminar flow in a pipe:	$u = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right]$	(8.12)	Page 290
Flow rate for laminar flow in a pipe:	$Q = -\frac{\pi R^4}{8\mu} \left[ \frac{-\Delta p}{L} \right] = \frac{\pi \Delta p R^4}{8\mu L} = \frac{\pi \Delta p D^4}{128\mu L}$	(8.13c)	Page 290
Velocity profile for laminar flow in a pipe (normalized form):	$\frac{u}{U} = 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2$	(8.14)	Page 291
Velocity profile for turbulent flow in a smooth pipe (power-law equation):	$\frac{\bar{u}}{U} = \left( \frac{y}{R} \right)^{1/n} = \left( 1 - \frac{r}{R} \right)^{1/n}$	(8.22)	Page 295

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Head loss equation:	$\left(\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1\right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2\right) = h_{l_f}$	(8.29)	Page 299
Major head loss equation:	$h_l = f \frac{L \bar{V}^2}{D 2}$	(8.34)	Page 301
Friction factor (laminar flow):	$f_{\text{laminar}} = \frac{64}{Re}$	(8.36)	Page 302
Friction factor (turbulent flow—Colebrook equation):	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2.0 \log \left( \frac{e/D}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{Re \sqrt{f}} \right)$	(8.37)	Page 303
Minor loss	$h_{l_m} = K \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2}$	(8.40)	Page 304
Diffuser pressure recovery coefficient:	$C_p \equiv \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\frac{1}{2} \rho \bar{V}_1^2}$	(8.41)	Page 305
Ideal diffuser pressure recovery coefficient:	$C_{p_i} = 1 - \frac{1}{AR^2}$	(8.42)	Page 306
Head loss in diffuser in terms of pressure recovery coefficients:	$h_{l_m} = (C_{p_i} - C_p) \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2}$	(8.44)	Page 307
Pump work:	$\dot{W}_{\text{pump}} = Q \Delta p_{\text{pump}}$	(8.47)	Page 308
Pump efficiency:	$\eta = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{pump}}}{\dot{W}_{\text{in}}}$	(8.48)	Page 308
Hydraulic diameter:	$D_h \equiv \frac{4A}{P}$	(8.50)	Page 309
Mass flow rate equation for a flow meter (in terms of discharge coefficient $C$ ):	$\dot{m}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{CA_t}{\sqrt{1-\beta^4}} \sqrt{2\rho(p_1-p_2)}$	(8.54)	Page 328
Mass flow rate equation for a flow meter (in terms of flow coefficient $K$ ):	$\dot{m}_{\text{actual}} = KA_t \sqrt{2\rho(p_1-p_2)}$	(8.56)	Page 328
Discharge coefficient (as a function of $Re$ ):	$C = C_\infty + \frac{b}{Re_{D_1}^n}$	(8.57)	Page 328
Flow coefficient (as a function of $Re$ ):	$K = K_\infty + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^4}} \frac{b}{Re_{D_1}^n}$	(8.58)	Page 328

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# PROBLEMS

## Lamina versus Turbulent Flow

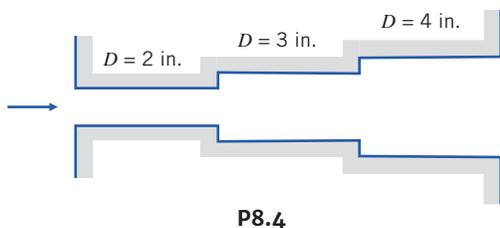
**8.1** Consider incompressible flow in a circular channel. Derive general expressions for Reynolds number in terms of (a) volume flow rate and tube diameter and (b) mass flow rate and tube diameter. The Reynolds number is 1800 in a section where the tube diameter is 10 mm. Find the Reynolds number for the same flow rate in a section where the tube diameter is 6 mm.

**8.2** What is the maximum flow rate of air that may occur at laminar condition in a 4-in.-diameter pipe at an absolute pressure of 30 psia and 100°F? If the pressure is raised to 60 psia, what is the maximum flow rate? If the temperature is raised to 200°F, what is the maximum flow rate? Explain the differences in answers in terms of the physical mechanisms involved.

 **8.3** For flow in circular tubes, transition to turbulence usually occurs around  $Re \approx 2300$ . Investigate the circumstances under which the flows of (a) standard air and (b) water at 15°C become turbulent. On log-log graphs, plot: the average velocity, the volume flow rate, and the mass flow rate at which turbulence first occurs as functions of tube diameter.

## Laminar Flow between Parallel Plates

**8.4** Air flows at 100°F in a pipe system in which the diameter increases in two stages from 2 in. to 3 in. to 4 in. Each section is 6 ft long. The initial flow rate is high enough so that the flow is turbulent in all sections. As the flow rate is decreased, which section will become laminar first? Determine the flow rates at which one, two, and then three sections first become laminar. At each of these flow rates, determine which, if any, of the sections attain fully developed flow.

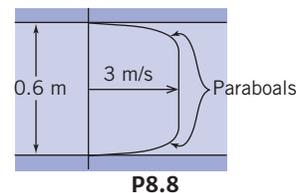


**8.5** An incompressible fluid flows between two infinite stationary parallel plates. The velocity profile is given by  $u = u_{\max}(Ay^2 + By + C)$ , where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are constants and  $y$  is measured upward from the lower plate. The total gap width is  $h$  units. Use appropriate boundary conditions to express the magnitude and units of the constants in terms of  $h$ . Develop an expression for volume flow rate per unit depth and evaluate the ratio  $\bar{V}/u_{\max}$ .

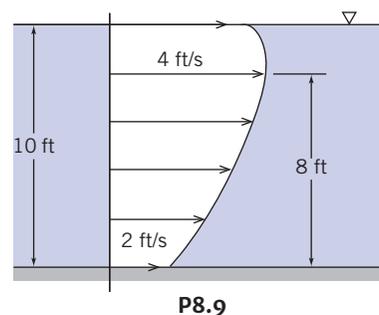
**8.6** Oil is confined in a 4-in.-diameter cylinder by a piston having a radial clearance of 0.001 in. and a length of 2 in. A steady force of 4500 lbf is applied to the piston. Assume the properties of SAE 30 oil at 120°F. Estimate the rate at which oil leaks past the piston.

**8.7** Viscous oil flows steadily between parallel plates. The flow is fully developed and laminar. The pressure gradient is 1.25 kPa/m and the channel half-width is  $h = 1.5$  mm. Calculate the magnitude and direction of the wall shear stress at the upper plate surface. Find the volume flow rate through the channel ( $\mu = 0.50 \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}^2$ ).

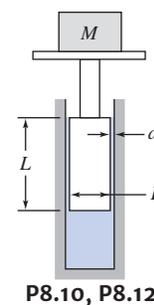
**8.8** Calculate  $\alpha$  for the flow in this two-dimensional passage if  $q$  is  $1.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \cdot \text{m}$ .



**8.9** The velocity profile in a two-dimensional open channel may be approximated by the *parabola* shown. Calculate the flow rate and the kinetic energy coefficient  $\alpha$ .



**8.10** A large mass is supported by a piston of diameter  $D = 4$  in. and length  $L = 4$  in. The piston sits in a cylinder closed at the bottom, and the gap  $a = 0.001$  in. between the cylinder wall and piston is filled with SAE 10 oil at 68°F. The piston slowly sinks due to the mass, and oil is forced out at a rate of 0.1 gpm. What is the mass (slugs)?



**8.11** A hydraulic jack supports a load of 9000 kg. The following data are given:

Diameter of piston	100 mm
Radial clearance between piston and cylinder	0.05 mm
Length of piston	120 mm

Estimate the rate of leakage of hydraulic fluid past the piston, assuming the fluid is SAE 30 oil at 30°C.

**8.12** The basic component of a pressure gage tester consists of a piston-cylinder apparatus as shown. The piston, 6 mm in diameter, is loaded to develop a pressure of known magnitude. The piston length is 25 mm. Calculate the mass,  $M$ , required to produce 1.5

MPa gage in the cylinder. Determine the leakage flow rate as a function of radial clearance,  $a$ , for this load if the liquid is SAE 30 oil at 20°C. Specify the maximum allowable radial clearance so the vertical movement of the piston due to leakage will be less than 1 mm/min.

**8.13** When a horizontal laminar flow occurs between two parallel plates of infinite extent 0.3 m apart, the velocity at the midpoint between the plates is 2.7 m/s. Calculate (a) the flow rate through a cross section 0.9 m wide, (b) the velocity gradient at the surface of the plate, (c) the wall shearing stress if the fluid has viscosity 1.44 P·s, and (d) the pressure drop in each 30 m along the flow.

**8.14** In a laminar flow of water of 0.007 m<sup>3</sup>/s between parallel plates spaced 75 mm apart, the measured shearing stress at the pipe wall is 47.9 Pa. What is the viscosity of the fluid? Is the flow laminar?

 **8.15** Consider the simple power-law model for a non-Newtonian fluid given by Eq. 2.16. Extend the analysis of Section 8.2 to show that the velocity profile for fully developed laminar flow of a power-law fluid between stationary parallel plates separated by distance  $2h$  may be written

$$u = \left(\frac{h}{k} \frac{\Delta p}{L}\right)^{1/n} \frac{nh}{n+1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{y}{h}\right)^{(n+1)/n}\right]$$

where  $y$  is the coordinate measured from the channel centerline. Plot the profiles  $u/U_{\max}$  versus  $y/h$  for  $n = 0.7, 1.0, \text{ and } 1.3$ .

**8.16** A sealed journal bearing is formed from concentric cylinders. The inner and outer radii are 25 and 26 mm, the journal length is 100 mm, and it turns at 2800 rpm. The gap is filled with oil in laminar motion. The velocity profile is linear across the gap. The torque needed to turn the journal is 0.2 N·m. Calculate the viscosity of the oil. Will the torque increase or decrease with time? Why?

 **8.17** Using the profile of Problem 8.15, show that the flow rate for fully developed laminar flow of a power-law fluid between stationary parallel plates may be written as

$$Q = \left(\frac{h}{k} \frac{\Delta p}{L}\right)^{1/n} \frac{2nwh^2}{2n+1}$$

Here  $w$  is the plate width. In such an experimental setup the following data on applied pressure difference  $\Delta p$  and flow rate  $Q$  were obtained:

$\Delta p$ (kPa)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
$Q$ (L/min)	0.451	0.759	1.01	1.15	1.41	1.57	1.66	1.85	2.05	2.25

Determine if the fluid is pseudoplastic or dilatant and obtain an experimental value for  $n$ .

**8.18** In a laminar flow between parallel plates spaced 12 in. apart, the shear stress at the wall is 1.0 psf and the fluid viscosity 0.002 lb s/ft<sup>2</sup>. What is the centerline velocity and the velocity gradient 1 in. from the centerline?

**8.19** A fluid of specific gravity 0.90 flows at a Reynolds number of 1500 between parallel plates spaced 0.3 m apart. The velocity 50 mm from the wall is 3 m/s. Calculate the flow rate and the velocity gradient at the wall.

**8.20** Two immiscible fluids are contained between infinite parallel plates. The plates are separated by distance  $2h$ , and the two fluid layers are of equal thickness  $h$ ; the dynamic viscosity of the upper fluid is three times that of the lower fluid. If the lower plate is

stationary and the upper plate moves at constant speed  $U = 20$  ft/s, what is the velocity at the interface? Assume laminar flows, and that the pressure gradient in the direction of flow is zero.

**8.21** The record-read head for a computer disk-drive memory storage system rides above the spinning disk on a very thin film of air (the film thickness is 0.25 μm). The head location is 25 mm from the disk centerline; the disk spins at 8500 rpm. The record-read head is 5 mm square. For standard air in the gap between the head and disk, determine (a) the Reynolds number of the flow, (b) the viscous shear stress, and (c) the power required to overcome viscous shear.

**8.22** Consider steady, incompressible, and fully developed laminar flow of a viscous liquid down an incline with no pressure gradient. The velocity profile was derived in Example 5.9. Plot the velocity profile. Calculate the kinematic viscosity of the liquid if the film thickness on a 30° slope is 0.8 mm and the maximum velocity is 15.7 mm/s. 

**8.23** In a flow of air between parallel plates spaced 0.03 m apart, the centerline velocity is 1.2 m/s and that 5 mm from the pipe wall is 0.8 m/s. Assuming laminar flow, determine the wall shear stress using each of the measurements. Explain whether the flow is laminar or turbulent.

**8.24** Two immiscible fluids of equal density are flowing down a surface inclined at a 60° angle. The two fluid layers are of equal thickness  $h = 10$  mm; the kinematic viscosity of the upper fluid is 1/5th that of the lower fluid, which is  $\nu_{\text{lower}} = 0.01 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . Find the velocity at the interface and the velocity at the free surface. Plot the velocity distribution. 

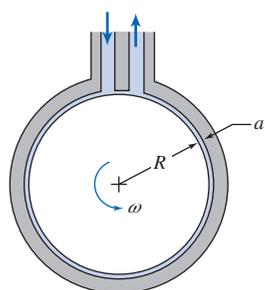
**8.25** Consider fully developed flow between parallel plates with the upper plate moving at  $U = 5$  ft/s. The spacing between the plates is  $a = 0.1$  in. Determine the flow rate per unit depth for the case of zero pressure gradient. If the fluid is air, evaluate the shear stress on the lower plate and plot the shear stress distribution across the channel for the zero pressure gradient case. Will the flow rate increase or decrease if the pressure gradient is adverse? Determine the pressure gradient that will give zero shear stress at  $y = 0.25a$ . Plot the shear stress distribution across the channel for the latter case. 

**8.26** The velocity profile for fully developed flow of castor oil at 20°C between parallel plates with the upper plate moving is given by Eq. 8.8. Assume  $U = 1.5$  m/s and  $a = 5$  mm. Find the pressure gradient for which there is no net flow in the  $x$  direction. Plot the expected velocity distribution and the expected shear stress distribution across the channel for this flow. For the case where  $u = U$  at  $y/a = 0.5$ , plot the expected velocity distribution and shear stress distribution across the channel. Comment on features of the plots. 

**8.27** Free-surface waves begin to form on a laminar liquid film flowing down an inclined surface whenever the Reynolds number, based on mass flow per unit width of film, is larger than about 33. Estimate the maximum thickness of a laminar film of water that remains free from waves while flowing down a vertical surface.

**8.28** A viscous-shear pump is made from a stationary housing with a close-fitting rotating drum inside. The clearance is small compared with the diameter of the drum, so flow in the annular space may be treated as flow between parallel plates. Fluid is dragged around the annulus by viscous forces. Evaluate the performance characteristics of the shear pump (pressure differential, input power, and efficiency)

as functions of volume flow rate. Assume that the depth normal to the diagram is  $b$ .



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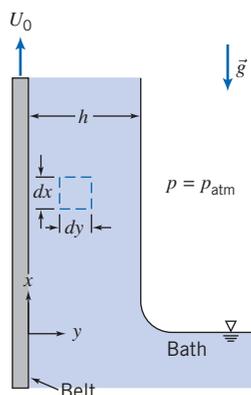
 **8.29** The efficiency of the viscous-shear pump of Fig. P8.29 is given by

$$\eta = 6q \frac{(1-2q)}{(4-6q)}$$

where  $q = Q/abR\omega$  is a dimensionless flow rate,  $Q$  is the flow rate at pressure differential  $\Delta p$ , and  $b$  is the depth normal to the diagram. Plot the efficiency versus dimensionless flow rate, and find the flow rate for maximum efficiency. Explain why the efficiency peaks and why it is zero at certain values of  $q$ .

**8.30** An inventor proposes to make a “viscous timer” by placing a weighted cylinder inside a slightly larger cylinder containing viscous liquid, creating a narrow annular gap close to the wall. Analyze the flow field created when the apparatus is inverted and the mass begins to fall under gravity. Would this system make a satisfactory timer? If so, for what range of time intervals? What would be the effect of a temperature change on measured time?

**8.31** A continuous belt, passing upward through a chemical bath at speed  $U_0$ , picks up a liquid film of thickness  $h$ , density  $\rho$ , and viscosity  $\mu$ . Gravity tends to make the liquid drain down, but the movement of the belt keeps the liquid from running off completely. Assume that the flow is fully developed and laminar with zero pressure gradient, and that the atmosphere produces no shear stress at the outer surface of the film. State clearly the boundary conditions to be satisfied by the velocity at  $y=0$  and  $y=h$ . Obtain an expression for the velocity profile.



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**8.32** A wet paint film of uniform thickness,  $\delta$ , is painted on a vertical wall. The wet paint can be approximated as a Bingham fluid with a yield stress,  $\tau_y$ , and density,  $\rho$ . Derive an expression for the maximum

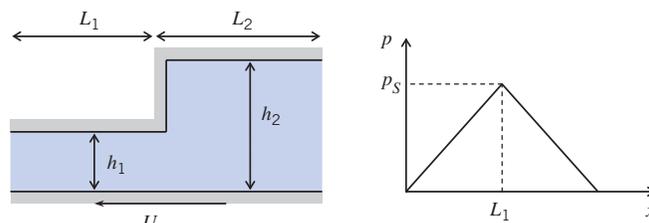
value of  $\delta$  that can be sustained without having the paint flow down the wall. Calculate the maximum thickness for lithographic ink whose yield stress  $\tau_y = 40$  Pa and density is approximately  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

**8.33** When dealing with the lubrication of bearings, the governing equation describing pressure is the Reynolds equation, generally written in one dimension as

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{h^3 dp}{\mu dx} \right) + 6U \frac{dh}{dx} = 0$$

where  $h$  is the step height and  $U$  is the velocity of the lower surface. Step bearings have a relatively simple design and are used with low-viscosity fluids such as water, gasoline, and solvents. The minimum film thickness in these applications is quite small. The step height must be small enough for good load capacity, yet large enough for the bearing to accommodate some wear without losing its load capacity by becoming smooth and flat. Beginning with the 1D equation for fluid motion in the  $x$  direction, show that the pressure distribution in the step bearing is as shown, where

$$p_s = \frac{6\mu(h_2 - h_1)}{\frac{h_1^3}{L_1} + \frac{h_2^3}{L_2}}$$



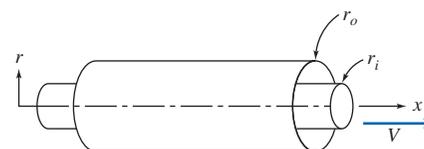
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### Laminar Flow in a Pipe

**8.34** Consider first water and then SAE 10W lubricating oil flowing at  $40^\circ\text{C}$  in a 6-mm-diameter tube. Determine the maximum flow rate and the corresponding pressure gradient,  $\partial p/\partial x$  for each fluid at which laminar flow would be expected.

**8.35** Using Eq. A.3 in Appendix A for the viscosity of water, find the viscosity at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $120^\circ\text{C}$ . Plot the viscosity over this range. Find the maximum laminar flow rate (L/hr) in a 7.5-mm-diameter tube at these temperatures. Plot the maximum laminar flow rate over this temperature range.

**8.36** Consider fully developed laminar flow in the annulus between two concentric pipes. The outer pipe is stationary, and the inner pipe moves in the  $x$  direction with speed  $V$ . Assume the axial pressure gradient is zero ( $\partial p/\partial x = 0$ ). Obtain a general expression for the shear stress,  $\tau$ , as a function of the radius,  $r$ , in terms of a constant,  $C_1$ . Obtain a general expression for the velocity profile,  $u(r)$ , in terms of two constants,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Obtain expressions for  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

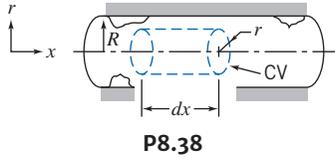


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**8.37** Carbon dioxide flows in a 50-mm-diameter pipe at a velocity of 1.5 m/s, temperature  $66^\circ\text{C}$ , and absolute pressure 50 kPa. Is the flow

laminar or turbulent? If the temperature is lowered to 30°C, what is the flow regime? If the pressure is reduced to 20 kPa, what is the flow regime? Explain the differences in answers in terms of the physical mechanisms involved.

**8.38** Consider fully developed laminar flow in a circular pipe. Use a cylindrical control volume as shown. Indicate the forces acting on the control volume. Using the momentum equation, develop an expression for the velocity distribution.



**8.39** What is the largest diameter of pipeline that may be used to carry 100 gpm of jet fuel (JP-4) at 59°F if the flow is to be laminar?

**8.40** Consider fully developed laminar flow in the annular space formed by the two concentric cylinders shown in the diagram for Problem 8.36, but with pressure gradient,  $\partial p/\partial x$ , and the inner cylinder stationary. Let  $r_0 = R$  and  $r_i = kR$ . Show that the velocity profile is given by

$$u = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1-k^2}{\ln(1/k)}\right) \ln \frac{r}{R} \right]$$

Show that the volume flow rate is given by

$$Q = -\frac{\pi R^4}{8\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \left[ (1-k^4) - \frac{(1-k^2)^2}{\ln(1/k)} \right]$$

Compare the volume flow rate for the limiting case,  $k \rightarrow 0$ , with the corresponding expression for flow in a circular pipe.

**8.41** Consider fully developed pressure-driven flow in a cylindrical tube of radius,  $R$ , and length,  $L = 10$  mm, with flow generated by an applied pressure gradient,  $\Delta p$ . Tests are performed with room temperature water for various values of  $R$ , with a fixed flow rate of  $Q = 10 \mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ . The hydraulic resistance is defined as  $R_{\text{hyd}} = \Delta p/Q$  (by analogy with the electrical resistance  $R_{\text{elec}} = \Delta V/I$ , where  $\Delta V$  is the electrical potential drop and  $I$  is the electric current). Calculate the required pressure gradient and hydraulic resistance for the range of tube radii listed in the table. Based on the results, is it appropriate to use a pressure gradient to pump fluids in microchannels, or should some other driving mechanism be used?

$R$ (mm)	$\Delta p$ (Pa)	$R_{\text{hyd}}$ (Pa · s/m <sup>3</sup> )
1		
10 <sup>-1</sup>		
10 <sup>-2</sup>		
10 <sup>-3</sup>		
10 <sup>-4</sup>		

**8.42** In the laminar flow of an oil of viscosity 1 Pa · s, the velocity at the center of a 0.3 m pipe is 4.5 m/s and the velocity distribution is parabolic. Calculate the shear stress at the pipe wall and within the fluid 75 mm from the pipe wall.

**8.43** In a laminar flow of 0.007 m<sup>3</sup>/s in a 75-mm-diameter pipeline the shearing stress at the pipe wall is known to be 47.9 Pa. Calculate the viscosity of the fluid.

**8.44** Consider blood flow in an artery. Blood is non-Newtonian; the shear stress versus shear rate is described by the Casson relationship:

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{\tau} = \sqrt{\tau_c} + \sqrt{\mu \frac{du}{dr}}, & \text{for } \tau \geq \tau_c \\ \tau = 0 & \text{for } \tau < \tau_c \end{cases}$$

where  $\tau_c$  is the critical shear stress, and  $\mu$  is a constant having the same dimensions as dynamic viscosity. The Casson relationship shows a linear relationship between  $\sqrt{\tau}$  and  $\sqrt{du/dr}$ , with intercept  $\sqrt{\tau_c}$  and slope  $\sqrt{\mu}$ . The Casson relationship approaches Newtonian behavior at high values of deformation rate. Derive the velocity profile of steady fully developed blood flow in an artery of radius  $R$ . Determine the flow rate in the blood vessel. Calculate the flow rate due to a pressure gradient  $dp/dx = -100$  Pa/m, in an artery of radius  $R = 1$  mm, using the following blood data:  $\mu = 3.5$  cP,  $\tau_c = 0.05$  dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**8.45** The classic Poiseuille flow (Eq. 8.12), is for no-slip conditions at the walls. If the fluid is a gas, and when the mean free path,  $l$  (the average distance a molecule travels before collision with another molecule), is comparable to the length-scale  $L$  of the flow, slip will occur at the walls, and the flow rate and velocity will be increased for a given pressure gradient. In Eq. 8.11,  $c_1$  will still be zero, but  $c_2$  must satisfy the slip condition  $u = l \partial u/\partial r$  at  $r = R$ . Derive the velocity profile and flow rate of gas flow in a micro- or nanotube which has such a slip velocity on the wall. Calculate the flow rate when  $R = 10 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\mu = 1.84 \times 10^{-5}$  N · s/m<sup>2</sup>, the mean free path  $l = 68$  nm, and  $-\partial p/\partial x = 1.0 \times 10^6$  Pa/m.

**8.46** For pressure-driven, steady, fully developed laminar flow of an incompressible fluid through a straight channel of length  $L$ , we can define the hydraulic resistance as  $R_{\text{hyd}} = \Delta p/Q$ , where  $\Delta p$  is the pressure drop and  $Q$  is the flow rate (analogous to the electrical resistance  $R_{\text{elec}} = \Delta V/I$ , where  $\Delta V$  is the electrical potential drop and  $I$  is the electric current). The following table summarizes the hydraulic resistance of channels with different cross sectional shapes [30]:

Shape	Formula for $R_{\text{hyd}}$	Computed $R_{\text{hyd}}$
Circle	$\frac{8\mu L}{\pi a^4}$	
Ellipse	$\frac{4\mu L [1 + (b/a)^2]}{\pi a b^3}$	
Triangle	$\frac{320\mu L}{\sqrt{3}a^4}$	
Two plates	$\frac{12\mu L}{h^3 w}$	
Rectangle	$\frac{12\mu L}{h^3 w [1 - 0.63(h/w)]}$	
Square	$\frac{12\mu L}{0.37h^4}$	

Calculate the hydraulic resistance of a straight channel with the listed cross-sectional shapes using the following parameters for water flow:  $\mu = 1 \text{ mPa}\cdot\text{s}$ ,  $L = 10 \text{ mm}$ ,  $a = 100 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $b = 33 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $h = 100 \mu\text{m}$ , and  $w = 300 \mu\text{m}$ . Based on the calculated hydraulic resistance, which shape is the most energy efficient to pump water?

**8.47** In a laminar flow in a 12-in.-diameter pipe the shear stress at the wall is 1.0 psf and the fluid viscosity  $0.002 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{s}/\text{ft}^2$ . Calculate the velocity gradient 1 in. from the centerline.

**8.48** A fluid of specific gravity 0.90 flows at a Reynolds number of 1500 in a 0.3-m-diameter pipeline. The velocity 50 mm from the wall is 3 m/s. Calculate the flow rate and the velocity gradient at the wall.

 **8.49** In a food industry plant, two immiscible fluids are pumped through a tube such that fluid 1 ( $\mu_1 = 0.5 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m}^2$ ) forms an inner core  $r = D/4$  and fluid 2 ( $\mu_2 = 5 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m}^2$ ) forms an outer annulus. The tube has  $D = 5 \text{ mm}$  diameter and length  $L = 5 \text{ m}$ . Derive and plot the velocity distribution if the applied pressure difference,  $\Delta p$ , is 5 MPa.

**8.50** A horizontal pipe carries fluid in fully developed turbulent flow. The static pressure difference measured between two sections is 750 psi. The distance between the sections is 15 ft, and the pipe diameter is 3 in. Calculate the shear stress,  $\tau_w$ , that acts on the walls.

**8.51** Kerosene is pumped through a smooth tube with inside diameter  $D = 30 \text{ mm}$  at close to the critical Reynolds number. The flow is unstable and fluctuates between laminar and turbulent states, causing the pressure gradient to intermittently change from approximately  $-4.5 \text{ kPa}/\text{m}$  to  $-11 \text{ kPa}/\text{m}$ . Which pressure gradient corresponds to laminar, and which to turbulent, flow? For each flow, compute the shear stress at the tube wall, and sketch the shear stress distributions.

**8.52** In a flow of water in a 0.3-m-diameter pipe, the centerline velocity is 6 m/s and that 50 mm from the pipe wall is 5.2 m/s. Assuming laminar flow, determine the wall shear stress using each of the measurements. Explain whether the flow is laminar or turbulent.

**8.53** A liquid drug, with the viscosity and density of water, is to be administered through a hypodermic needle. The inside diameter of the needle is 0.25 mm and its length is 50 mm. Determine (a) the maximum volume flow rate for which the flow will be laminar, (b) the pressure drop required to deliver the maximum flow rate, and (c) the corresponding wall shear stress.

### Turbulent Velocity Profiles in Fully Developed Pipe Flow

 **8.54** Laufer [5] measured the following data for mean velocity in fully developed turbulent pipe flow at  $Re_U = 50,000$ :

$\bar{u}/U$	0.996	0.981	0.963	0.937	0.907	0.866	0.831
$y/r$	0.898	0.794	0.691	0.588	0.486	0.383	0.280
$\bar{u}/U$	0.792	0.742	0.700	0.650	0.619	0.551	
$y/R$	0.216	0.154	0.093	0.062	0.041	0.024	

In addition, Laufer measured the following data for mean velocity in fully developed turbulent pipe flow at  $Re_U = 500,000$ :

$\bar{u}/U$	0.997	0.988	0.975	0.959	0.934	0.908
$y/R$	0.898	0.794	0.691	0.588	0.486	0.383
$\bar{u}/U$	0.874	0.847	0.818	0.771	0.736	0.690
$y/R$	0.280	0.216	0.154	0.093	0.062	0.037

Fit each set of data to the “power-law” profile for turbulent flow, Eq. 8.22, and obtain a value of  $n$  for each set. Do the data tend to confirm the validity of Eq. 8.22? Plot the data and their corresponding trendlines on the same graph.

**8.55** Equation 8.23 gives the power-law velocity profile exponent,  $n$ , as a function of centerline Reynolds number,  $Re_U$ , for fully developed turbulent flow in smooth pipes. Equation 8.24 relates mean velocity,  $\bar{V}$ , to centerline velocity,  $U$ , for various values of  $n$ . Prepare a plot of  $\bar{V}/U$  as a function of Reynolds number,  $Re_{\bar{V}}$ .

### Energy Considerations in Pipe Flow

**8.56** Consider fully developed laminar flow of water between stationary parallel plates. The maximum flow speed, plate spacing, and width are 20 ft/s, 0.075 in. and 1.25 in., respectively. Find the kinetic energy coefficient,  $\alpha$ .

**8.57** Consider fully developed laminar flow in a circular tube. Evaluate the kinetic energy coefficient for this flow.

**8.58** Show that the kinetic energy coefficient,  $\alpha$ , for the “power law” turbulent velocity profile of Eq. 8.22 is given by Eq. 8.27. Plot  $\alpha$  as a function of  $Re_{\bar{V}}$ , for  $Re_{\bar{V}} = 1 \times 10^4$  to  $1 \times 10^7$ . When analyzing pipe flow problems it is common practice to assume  $\alpha \approx 1$ . Plot the error associated with this assumption as a function of  $Re_{\bar{V}}$ , for  $Re_{\bar{V}} = 1 \times 10^4$  to  $1 \times 10^7$ .

**8.59** If the turbulent velocity profile in a pipe 0.6 m in diameter may be approximated by  $v = 3.56y^{1/7}$ , where  $v$  is in m/s and  $y$  is in m, and the shearing stress in the fluid 0.15 m from the pipe wall is 23.0 Pa, estimate the wall shear stress and volume flow rate.

**8.60** Water flows in a horizontal constant-area pipe; the pipe diameter is 75 mm and the average flow speed is 5 m/s. At the pipe inlet, the gage pressure is 275 kPa, and the outlet is at atmospheric pressure. Determine the head loss in the pipe. If the pipe is now aligned so that the outlet is 15 m above the inlet, what will the inlet pressure need to be to maintain the same flow rate? If the pipe is now aligned so that the outlet is 15 m below the inlet, what will the inlet pressure need to be to maintain the same flow rate? Finally, how much lower than the inlet must the outlet be so that the same flow rate is maintained if both ends of the pipe are at atmospheric pressure (i.e., gravity feed)?

### Calculation of Head Loss

**8.61** For a given volume flow rate and piping system, will the pressure loss be greater for hot water or cold water? Explain.

**8.62** Consider the pipe flow from the water tower of Example 8.7. To increase delivery, the pipe length is reduced from 600 ft to 450 ft (the flow is still fully turbulent and  $f = 0.035$ ). What is the flow rate?

**8.63** At the inlet to a constant-diameter section of the Alaskan pipeline, the pressure is 8.5 MPa and the elevation is 45 m; at the outlet the elevation is 115 m. The head loss in this section of pipeline is 6.9 kJ/kg. Calculate the outlet pressure.

**8.64** When oil (kinematic viscosity  $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , specific gravity 0.92) flows at a mean velocity of 1.5 m/s through a 50-mm-diameter pipeline, the head lost in 30 m of pipe is 5.4 m. What will be the head loss when the velocity is increased to 3 m/s?

**8.65** When fluid of specific weight  $50 \text{ lb}/\text{ft}^3$  flows in a 6-in.-diameter pipeline, the frictional stress between fluid and pipe is 0.5 psf. Calculate the head lost per foot of pipe. If the flow rate is 2.0 cfs, how much power is lost per foot of pipe?

**8.66** If the head lost in 30-m-diameter of 75-mm-diameter pipe is 7.6 m for a given flow rate of water, what is the total drag force exerted by the water on this length of pipe?

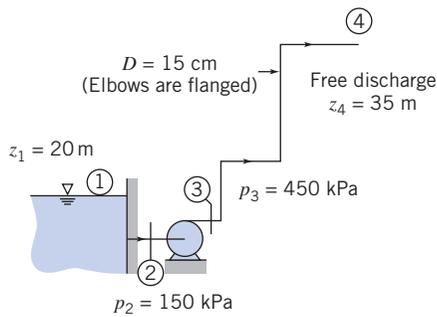
**8.67** Water flows at 10 L/min through a horizontal 15-mm-diameter tube. The pressure drop along a 20-m length of tube is 85 kPa. Calculate the head loss.

**8.68** Laufer [5] measured the following data for mean velocity near the wall in fully developed turbulent pipe flow at  $Re_U = 50,000$  ( $U = 9.8$  ft/s and  $R = 4.86$  in.) in air:

$\bar{u}/U$	0.343	0.318	0.300	0.264	0.228	0.221	0.179	0.152	0.140
$y/R$	0.0082	0.0075	0.0071	0.0061	0.0055	0.0051	0.0041	0.0034	0.0030

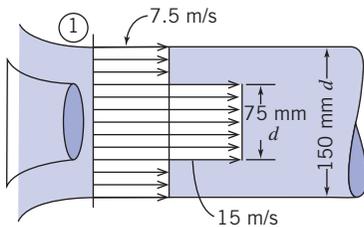
Plot the data and obtain the best-fit slope,  $d\bar{u}/dy$ . Use this to estimate the wall shear stress from  $\tau_w = \mu d\bar{u}/dy$ . Compare this value to that obtained using the friction factor  $f$  computed using (a) the Colebrook formula (Eq. 8.37), and (b) the Blasius correlation (Eq. 8.38).

**8.69** Water is pumped at the rate of  $0.075$  m<sup>3</sup>/s from a reservoir 20 m above a pump to a free discharge 35 m above the pump. The pressure on the intake side of the pump is 150 kPa and the pressure on the discharge side is 450 kPa. All pipes are commercial steel of 15 cm diameter. Determine (a) the head supplied by the pump and (b) the total head loss between the pump and point of free discharge.



**P8.69**

**8.70** Just downstream from the nozzle tip the velocity distribution is as shown. Calculate the flow rate past section 1, the kinetic energy coefficient  $\alpha$ , and the momentum flux. Assume water is flowing.



**P8.70**

**8.71** A horizontal nozzle having a cylindrical tip of 75 mm diameter attached to a 150-mm-diameter water pipe discharges  $0.05$  m<sup>3</sup>/s. In the pipe just upstream from the nozzle the pressure is 62.6 kPa and  $\alpha$  is 1.05. In the issuing jet  $\alpha$  is 1.01. Calculate the head losses in the nozzle. Which losses contribute the most to the total head loss? Which could be neglected?

**8.72** When  $0.3$  m<sup>3</sup>/s of water flows through a 150-mm-diameter constriction in a 300-mm-diameter horizontal pipeline, the pressure

at a point in the pipe is 345 kPa, and the head lost between this point and the constriction is 3 m. Calculate the pressure in the constriction.

**8.73** The Colebrook equation (Eq. 8.37) for computing the turbulent friction factor is implicit in  $f$ . An explicit expression [31] that gives reasonable accuracy is

$$f_0 = 0.25 \left[ \log \left( \frac{e/D}{3.7} + \frac{5.74}{Re^{0.9}} \right) \right]^{-2}$$

Compare the accuracy of this expression for  $f$  with Eq. 8.37 by computing the percentage discrepancy as a function of  $Re$  and  $e/D$ , for  $Re = 10^4$  to  $10^8$ , and  $e/D = 0, 0.0001, 0.001, 0.01, \text{ and } 0.05$ . What is the maximum discrepancy for these  $Re$  and  $e/D$  values? Plot  $f$  against  $Re$  with  $e/D$  as a parameter.

**8.74** We saw in Section 8.7 that instead of the implicit Colebrook equation (Eq. 8.37) for computing the turbulent friction factor  $f$ , an explicit expression that gives reasonable accuracy is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -1.8 \log \left[ \left( \frac{e/D}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} + \frac{6.9}{Re} \right]$$

Compare the accuracy of this expression for  $f$  with Eq. 8.37 by computing the percentage discrepancy as a function of  $Re$  and  $e/D$ , for  $Re = 10^4$  to  $10^8$ , and  $e/D = 0, 0.0001, 0.001, 0.01, \text{ and } 0.05$ . What is the maximum discrepancy for these  $Re$  and  $e/D$  values? Plot  $f$  against  $Re$  with  $e/D$  as a parameter.

**8.75** Water flows through a 2-in.-diameter tube that suddenly contracts to 1 in. diameter. The pressure drop across the contraction is 0.5 psi. Determine the volume flow rate.

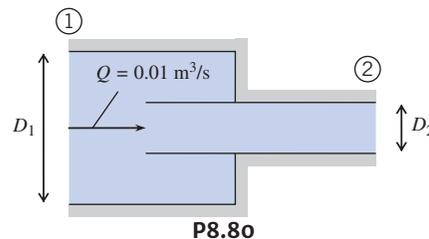
**8.76** A 50-mm-diameter nozzle terminates a vertical 150-mm-diameter pipeline in which water flows downward. At a point on the pipeline a pressure gage reads 276 kPa. If this point is 3.6 m above the nozzle tip and the head lost between point and tip is 1.5 m, calculate the flow rate.

**8.77** A 12-in.-diameter pipe leaves a reservoir of surface elevation 300 at elevation 250 and drops to elevation 150, where it terminates in a 3-in.-diameter nozzle. If the head lost through line and nozzle is 30 ft, calculate the flow rate.

**8.78** A water pipe gradually changes from 6-in.-diameter to 8-in.-diameter accompanied by an increase of elevation of 10 ft. If the pressures at the 6 in. and 8 in. sections are 9 psi and 6 psi, respectively, what is the direction of flow: (a) for 3 cfs and (b) for 4 cfs?

**8.79** Air at standard conditions flows through a sudden expansion in a circular duct. The upstream and downstream duct diameters are 75 mm and 225 mm, respectively. The pressure downstream is 5 mm of water higher than that upstream. Determine the average speed of the air approaching the expansion and the volume flow rate.

**8.80** Water flows from a larger pipe, diameter  $D_1 = 100$  mm, into a smaller one, diameter  $D_2 = 50$  mm, by way of a reentrant device. Find the head loss between points ① and ②.

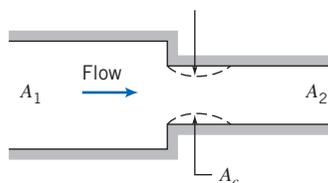


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 **8.81** Flow through a sudden contraction is shown. The minimum flow area at the vena contracta is given in terms of the area ratio by the contraction coefficient [32],

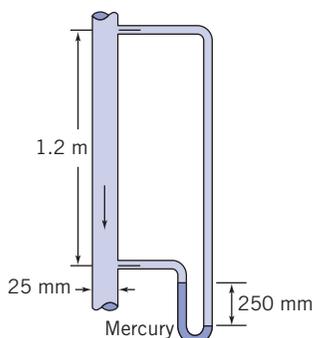
$$C_c = \frac{A_c}{A_2} = 0.62 + 0.38 \left( \frac{A_2}{A_1} \right)^3$$

The loss in a sudden contraction is mostly a result of the vena contracta: The fluid accelerates into the contraction, there is flow separation (as shown by the dashed lines), and the vena contracta acts as a miniature sudden expansion with significant secondary flow losses. Use these assumptions to obtain and plot estimates of the minor loss coefficient for a sudden contraction, and compare with the data presented in Fig. 8.15.



**P8.81**

**8.82** A flow rate of 1.01/min of oil of specific gravity 0.92 exists in this pipeline. Is this flow laminar? What is the viscosity of the oil? For the same flow in the opposite direction, what manometer reading is to be expected?



**P8.82**

**8.83** Water flows in a smooth pipeline at a Reynolds number of  $10^6$ . After many years of use, it is observed that half the original flow rate produces the same head loss as for the original flow. Estimate the size of the relative roughness of the deteriorated pipe.

**8.84** Air flows out of a clean room test chamber through a 150-mm-diameter duct of length  $L$ . The original duct had a square-edged entrance, but this has been replaced with a well-rounded one. The pressure in the chamber is 2.5 mm of water above ambient. Losses from friction are negligible compared with the entrance and exit losses. Estimate the increase in volume flow rate that results from the change in entrance contour.

**8.85** A conical diffuser is used to expand a pipe flow from a diameter of 100 mm to a diameter of 150 mm. Find the minimum length of the diffuser if we want a loss coefficient (a)  $K_{\text{diffuser}} \leq 0.2$  or (b)  $K_{\text{diffuser}} \leq 0.35$ .

 **8.86** By applying the basic equations to a control volume starting at the expansion and ending downstream, analyze flow through a sudden expansion assuming that the inlet pressure  $p_1$  acts on the area  $A_2$  at the expansion. Develop an expression for and plot the minor head

loss across the expansion as a function of area ratio, and compare with the data of Fig. 8.15.

**8.87** Water at 45°C enters a shower head through a circular tube with 15.8 mm inside diameter. The water leaves in 24 streams, each of 1.05 mm diameter. The volume flow rate is 5.67 L/min. Estimate the minimum water pressure needed at the inlet to the shower head. Evaluate the force needed to hold the shower head onto the end of the circular tube. Indicate whether this is a compression or a tension force.

**8.88** Water discharges to atmosphere from a large reservoir through a moderately rounded horizontal nozzle of 35-mm-diameter. The free surface is 2.5 m above the nozzle exit plane. Calculate the change in flow rate when a short section of 50-mm-diameter pipe is attached to the end of the nozzle to form a sudden expansion. Determine the location and estimate the magnitude of the minimum pressure with the sudden expansion in place. If the flow were frictionless with the sudden expansion in place, would the minimum pressure be higher, lower, or the same? Would the flow rate be higher, lower, or the same?

**8.89** You are asked to compare the behavior of fully developed laminar flow and fully developed turbulent flow in a horizontal pipe under different conditions. For the same flow rate, which will have the larger centerline velocity? Why? If the pipe discharges to atmosphere, what would you expect the trajectory of the discharge stream to look like for the same flow rate? Sketch your expectations for each case. For the same flow rate, which flow would give the larger wall shear stress? Why? Sketch the shear stress distribution  $\tau/\tau_w$  as a function of radius for each flow. For the same Reynolds number, which flow would have the larger pressure drop per unit length? Why? For a given imposed pressure differential, which flow would have the larger flow rate? Why?

NOTE: Most of the remaining problems in this chapter involve determination of the turbulent friction factor  $f$  from the Reynolds number  $Re$  and dimensionless roughness  $e/D$ . For approximate calculations,  $f$  can be read from Fig. 8.13; a more accurate approach is to use this value (or some other value, even  $f=1$ ) as the first value for iterating in Eq. 8.37. The most convenient approach is to use a numerical solution of Eq. 8.37 using an equation solver. To avoid needless duplication, the computer symbol will only be used next to remaining problems in this chapter when there is an *additional* benefit (e.g., for iterating to a solution, or for graphing).

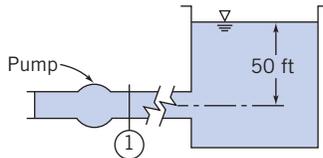
**8.90** A laboratory experiment is set up to measure pressure drop for flow of water through a smooth tube. The tube diameter is 15.9 mm, and its length is 3.56 m. Flow enters the tube from a reservoir through a square-edged entrance. Calculate the volume flow rate needed to obtain turbulent flow in the tube. Evaluate the reservoir height differential required to obtain turbulent flow in the tube.

**8.91** The applied pressure difference,  $\Delta p$ , and corresponding volume flow rate,  $Q$ , for laminar flow in a tube can be compared to the applied DC voltage  $V$  across, and current  $I$  through, an electrical resistor, respectively. Investigate whether or not this analogy is valid for turbulent flow by plotting the “resistance”  $\Delta p/Q$  as a function of  $Q$  for turbulent flow of kerosene (at 40°C) in a tube 250 mm long with inside diameter 7.5 mm.

**8.92** Plot the required reservoir depth of water to create flow in a smooth tube of diameter 10 mm and length 100 m, for a flow rate range of 1 L/min through 10 L/min.

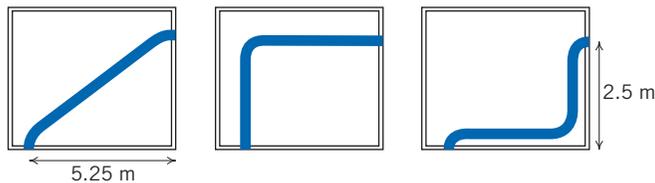
**8.93** Oil with kinematic viscosity  $\nu = 7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$  flows at 45 gpm in a 100-ft-long horizontal drawn-tubing pipe of 1 in. diameter. By what percentage ratio will the energy loss increase if the same flow rate is maintained while the pipe diameter is reduced to 0.75 in.?

**8.94** Water from a pump flows through a 9-in.-diameter commercial steel pipe for a distance of 4 miles from the pump discharge to a reservoir open to the atmosphere. The level of the water in the reservoir is 50 ft above the pump discharge, and the average speed of the water in the pipe is 10 ft/s. Calculate the pressure at the pump discharge.



**P8.94**

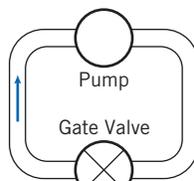
**8.95** A 5-cm-diameter potable water line is to be run through a maintenance room in a commercial building. Three possible layouts for the water line are proposed, as shown. Which is the best option, based on minimizing losses? Assume galvanized iron, and a flow rate of 350 L/min.



(a) Two miter bends (b) A standard elbow (c) Three standard elbows

**P8.95**

**8.96** A system for testing variable-output pumps consists of the pump, four standard elbows, and an open gate valve forming a closed circuit as shown. The circuit is to absorb the energy added by the pump. The tubing is 75-mm-diameter cast iron, and the total length of the circuit is 20 m. Plot the pressure difference required from the pump for water flow rates  $Q$  ranging from  $0.01 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  to  $0.06 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .



**P8.96**

**8.97** Two reservoirs are connected by three clean cast-iron pipes in series,  $L_1 = 600 \text{ m}$ ,  $D_1 = 0.3 \text{ m}$ ,  $L_2 = 900 \text{ m}$ ,  $D_2 = 0.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $L_3 = 1500 \text{ m}$ , and  $D_3 = 0.45 \text{ m}$ . When the discharge is  $0.11 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water at  $15^\circ\text{C}$ , determine the difference in elevation between the reservoirs.

**8.98** Water, at volume flow rate  $Q = 0.75 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ , is delivered by a fire hose and nozzle assembly. The hose of  $L = 250 \text{ ft}$ ,  $D = 3 \text{ in.}$ , and  $e/D = 0.004$  is made up of four 60-ft sections joined by couplings. The entrance is square-edged; the minor loss coefficient for each coupling is  $K_c = 0.5$ , based on mean velocity through the hose. The nozzle loss coefficient is  $K_n = 0.02$ , based on velocity in the exit

jet, of  $D_2 = 1 \text{ in.}$  diameter. Estimate the supply pressure required at this flow rate.

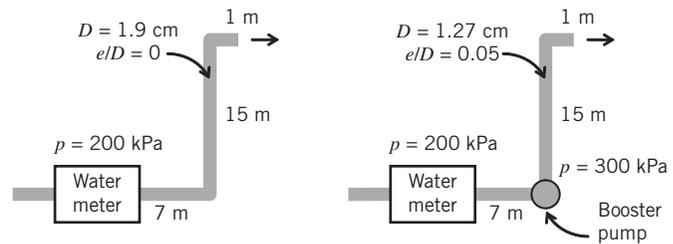
**8.99** Flow in a tube may alternate between laminar and turbulent states for Reynolds numbers in the transition zone. Design a bench-top experiment consisting of a constant-head cylindrical transparent plastic tank with depth graduations, and a length of smooth plastic tubing attached at the base of the tank through which the water flows to a measuring container. Select tank and tubing dimensions so that the system is compact, but will operate in the transition zone range. Design the experiment so that you can easily increase the tank head from a low range (laminar flow) through transition to turbulent flow, and vice versa. Write instructions for students on recognizing when the flow is laminar or turbulent. Generate plots on the same graph of tank depth against Reynolds number, assuming laminar or turbulent flow.

**8.100** When you drink a beverage with a straw, you need to overcome both gravity and friction in the straw. Estimate the fraction of the total effort you put into quenching your thirst of each factor, making suitable assumptions about the liquid and straw properties, and your drinking rate. For example, how long it would take you to drink a 12-oz drink if you drank it all in one go (quite a feat with a straw)? Is the flow laminar or turbulent? (Ignore minor losses.)

### Solution of Pipe Flow Problems

**8.101** What flow rate (gpm) will be produced in a 75-mm-diameter water pipe for which there is a pressure drop of 425 kPa over a 200-m length? The pipe roughness is 2.5 mm. The water is at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .

**8.102** You recently bought a house and want to improve the flow rate of water on your top floor. The low flow rate is due to three reasons: The city water pressure at the water meter is low ( $p = 200 \text{ kPa}$  gage); the piping has a small diameter ( $D = 1.27 \text{ cm}$ ) and has been crudded up, increasing its roughness ( $e/D = 0.05$ ); and the top floor of the house is 15 m higher than the water meter. You are considering two options to improve the flow rate: Option 1 is replacing all the piping after the water meter with new smooth piping with a diameter of 1.9 cm; and option 2 is installing a booster pump while keeping the original pipes. The booster pump has an outlet pressure of 300 kPa. Which option would be more effective? Neglect minor losses.



Option 1

Option 2

**P8.102**

**8.103** Gasoline flows in a long, underground pipeline at a constant temperature of  $15^\circ\text{C}$ . Two pumping stations at the same elevation are located 13 km apart. The pressure drop between the stations is 1.4 MPa. The pipeline is made from 0.6-m-diameter pipe. Although the pipe is made from commercial steel, age and corrosion have raised the pipe roughness to approximately that for galvanized iron. Compute the volume flow rate.

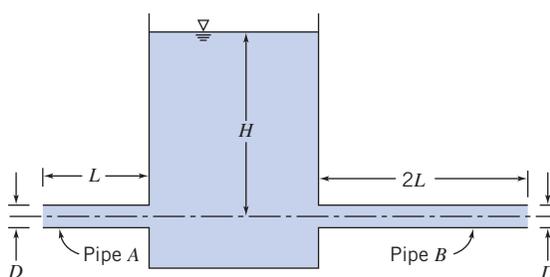
**8.104** An 18-in.-diameter new riveted steel pipeline 1000 ft long runs from an elevation of 150 ft to an elevation of 200 ft. If the pressure at 150 ft is 100 psi and at 200 ft is 72 psi, what flow rate can be expected through the line?

**8.105** What diameter of smooth masonry pipe is needed to carry 50 cfs between two reservoirs of surface elevations 250 and 100 if the pipeline is to be 2 miles long?

**8.106** Laboratory tests on cylindrical pipe yield the empirical formula  $h_L = 0.002583 V^{2.14} d^{-0.86}$  with head loss, length, and diameter in m, and velocity in m/s. Water of kinematic viscosity  $9.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  was used in the tests and ranges of  $d$  and  $V$  were:  $0.03 < d < 0.06$  and  $0.6 < V < 1.5$ . Analyze the formula and comment on its possible validity.

**8.107** Water flows steadily in a 125-mm-diameter cast-iron pipe 150 m long. The pressure drop between sections ① and ② is 150 kPa, and section ② is located 15 m above section ①. Find the volume flow rate.

**8.108** Two galvanized iron pipes of diameter  $D$  are connected to a large water reservoir, as shown. Pipe A has length  $L$  and pipe B has length  $2L$ . Both pipes discharge to atmosphere. Which pipe will pass the larger flow rate? Justify without calculating the flow rate in each pipe. Compute the flow rates if  $H = 10 \text{ m}$ ,  $D = 50 \text{ mm}$ , and  $L = 10 \text{ m}$ .

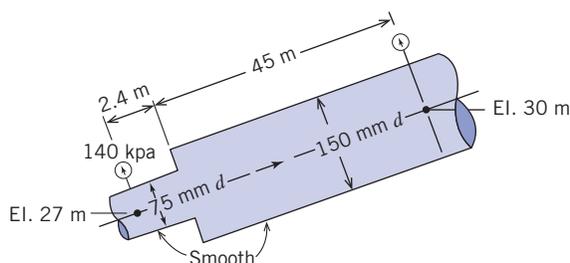


P8.108

**8.109** A mining engineer plans to do hydraulic mining with a high-speed jet of water. A lake is located  $H = 300 \text{ m}$  above the mine site. Water will be delivered through  $L = 900 \text{ m}$  of fire hose; the hose has inside diameter  $D = 75 \text{ mm}$  and relative roughness  $e/D = 0.01$ . Couplings are located every 10 m along the hose. The nozzle outlet diameter is  $d = 25 \text{ mm}$ . Its minor loss coefficient is  $K = 0.02$  based on outlet velocity. Estimate the maximum outlet velocity that this system could deliver. Determine the maximum force exerted on a rock face by this water jet.

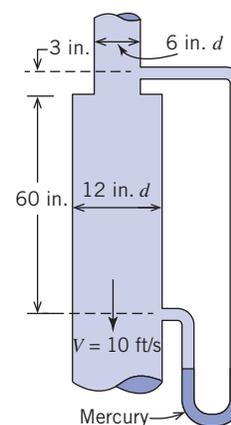
**8.110** The flow of water through a 150-mm-diameter horizontal pipe that enlarges abruptly to 300 mm diameter, is  $0.14 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The pressure in the smaller pipe is 138 kPa. Calculate the pressure in the 300-mm-diameter pipe, neglecting pipe friction.

**8.111** The fluid flowing has specific gravity 0.90;  $V_{75} = 6 \text{ m/s}$ ;  $R = 10^5$ . Calculate the gage reading.



P8.111

**8.112** Water is flowing. Calculate the direction and magnitude of the manometer reading.



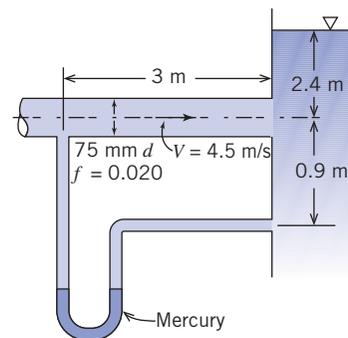
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**8.113** Investigate the effect of tube roughness on flow rate by computing the flow generated by a pressure difference  $\Delta p = 100 \text{ kPa}$  applied to a length  $L = 100 \text{ m}$  of tubing, with diameter  $D = 25 \text{ mm}$ . Plot the flow rate against tube relative roughness  $e/D$  for  $e/D$  ranging from 0 to 0.05 (this could be replicated experimentally by progressively roughening the tube surface). Is it possible that this tubing could be roughened so much that the flow could be slowed to a laminar flow rate?

**8.114** Investigate the effect of tube length on water flow rate by computing the flow generated by a pressure difference  $\Delta p = 100 \text{ kPa}$  applied to a length  $L$  of smooth tubing, of diameter  $D = 25 \text{ mm}$ . Plot the flow rate against tube length for flow ranging from low speed laminar to fully turbulent.

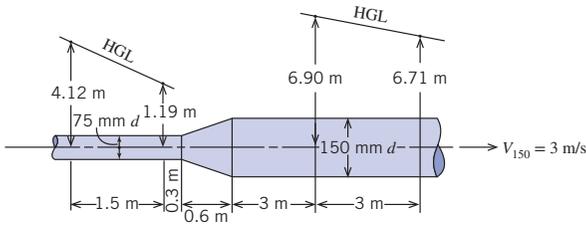
**8.115** For the pipe flow into a reservoir of Example 8.5 consider the effect of pipe roughness on flow rate, assuming the pressure of the pump is maintained at 153 kPa. Plot the flow rate against pipe roughness ranging from smooth ( $e = 0$ ) to very rough ( $e = 3.75 \text{ mm}$ ). Also consider the effect of pipe length assuming the pump always produces 153 kPa for smooth pipe. Plot the flow rate against pipe length for  $L = 100 \text{ m}$  through  $L = 1000 \text{ m}$ .

**8.116** Calculate the magnitude and direction of the manometer reading. Water is flowing.



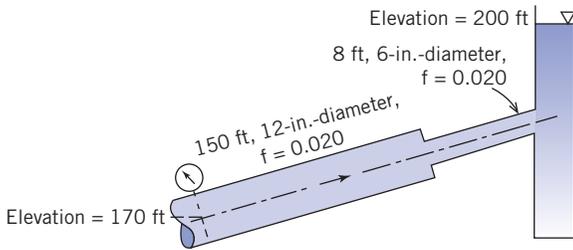
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**8.117** Experimental determination of local losses and loss coefficients are made from measurements of the hydraulic grade lines in zones of established flow. Calculate the head loss and loss coefficients for this gradual expansion from the data given.



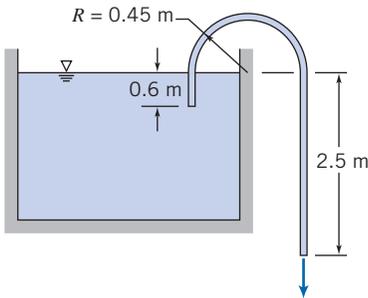
P8.117

8.118 Water is flowing. Calculate the gage reading when the velocity in the 12-in.-diameter pipe is 8 ft/s.



P8.118

8.119 The siphon shown is fabricated from 50-mm-ID drawn aluminum tubing. The liquid is water at 15°C. Compute the volume flow rate through the siphon. Estimate the minimum pressure inside the tube.



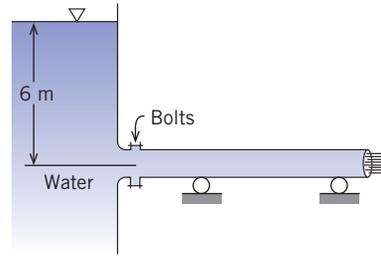
P8.119

8.120 A large open water tank has a horizontal cast iron drainpipe of diameter  $D = 1$  in. and length  $L = 2$  ft attached at its base. If the depth of water is  $h = 3$  ft, find the flow rate (gpm) if the pipe entrance is (a) reentrant, (b) square-edged, and (c) rounded ( $r = 0.2$  in.).

8.121 A tank containing  $30 \text{ m}^3$  of kerosene is to be emptied by a gravity feed using a drain hose of diameter 15 mm, roughness 0.2 mm, and length 1 m. The top of the tank is open to the atmosphere and the hose exits to an open chamber. If the kerosene level is initially 10 m above the drain exit, estimate, assuming steady flow, the initial drainage rate. Estimate the flow rate when the kerosene level is down to 5 m, and then down to 1 m. Based on these three estimates, make a rough estimate of the time it took to drain to the 1-m level.

8.122 A 90° screwed elbow is installed in a 2-in.-diameter pipeline having a friction factor of 0.03. The head lost at the elbow is equivalent to that lost in how many feet of the pipe? What would be the equivalent length for a 1-in.-diameter pipe?

8.123 Calculate the total tension in the bolts. Neglect entrance loss. The pipe is 30 m long, the diameter is 150 mm, and  $f = 0.020$ .



P8.123

8.124 A horizontal 50-mm-diameter PVC pipeline leaves (square-edged entrance) a water tank 3 m below its free surface. At 15 m from the tank, it enlarges abruptly to a 100-mm-diameter pipe which runs 30 m horizontally to another tank, entering it 0.6 m below its surface. Calculate the flow rate through the line for a water temperature of 20°C, including all head losses.

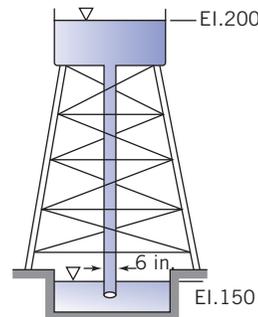
8.125 You are watering your lawn with an old hose. Because lime deposits have built up over the years, the 0.75-in.-ID hose now has an average roughness height of 0.022 in. One 50-ft length of the hose, attached to your spigot, delivers 15 gpm of water (60°F). Compute the pressure at the spigot, in psi. Estimate the delivery if two 50-ft lengths of the hose are connected. Assume that the pressure at the spigot varies with flow rate and the water main pressure remains constant at 50 psig.

8.126 Your boss claims that for pipe flow the flow rate,  $Q \propto \sqrt{\Delta p}$ , where  $\Delta p$  is the pressure difference driving the flow. You dispute this, so perform some calculations. You take a 1-in.-diameter commercial steel pipe and assume an initial flow rate of 1.25 gal/min of water. You then increase the applied pressure in equal increments and compute the new flow rates so you can plot  $Q$  versus  $\Delta p$ , as computed by you and your boss. Plot the two curves on the same graph. Was your boss right?

8.127 A hydraulic press is powered by a remote high-pressure pump. The gage pressure at the pump outlet is 3000 psi, whereas the pressure required for the press is 2750 psi gage, at a flow rate of  $0.02 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ . The press and pump are connected by 165 ft of smooth, drawn steel tubing. The fluid is SAE 10W oil at 100°F. Determine the minimum tubing diameter that may be used.

8.128 One-quarter of a cubic meter per second of liquid at 20°C is to be carried between two tanks having a difference of surface elevation of 9 m. If the pipeline is smooth and 90 m long, what pipe size is required if the liquid is (a) crude oil, (b) water?

8.129 Calculate the flow rate from this water tank if the 6 in. pipe-line has a friction factor of 0.020 and is 50 ft long. Is cavitation to be expected in the pipe entrance? The water in the tank is 5 ft deep.



P8.129

**8.130** A 6-ft-diameter pipeline 4 miles long between two reservoirs of surface elevations 500 and 300 ft carries a flow rate of 250 cfs of water (68°F). It is proposed to increase the flow rate through the line by installing a glass-smooth liner. Above what liner diameter may an increase of flow rate be expected? What is the maximum increase to be expected? Assume the 6-ft diameter to be measured to the midpoint of the roughness projections. Neglect all local head losses.

**8.131** Determine the minimum size smooth rectangular duct with an aspect ratio of 3 that will pass  $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of  $10^\circ\text{C}$  air with a head loss of 25 mm of water per 100 m of duct.

**8.132** A new industrial plant requires a water flow rate of  $5.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ . The gage pressure in the water main, located in the street 50 m from the plant, is 800 kPa. The supply line will require installation of 4 elbows in a total length of 65 m. The gage pressure required in the plant is 500 kPa. What size galvanized iron line should be installed?

**8.133** What diameter water pipe is required to handle  $0.075 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and a 500 kPa pressure drop? The pipe length is 175 m, and roughness is 2.5 mm.

**8.134** A pipe friction experiment for air consists of a smooth brass tube with 63.5 mm inside diameter; the distance between pressure taps is 1.52 m. The pressure drop is indicated by a manometer filled with Meriam red oil. The centerline velocity  $U$  is measured with a pitot cylinder. At one flow condition,  $U = 23.1 \text{ m/s}$  and the pressure drop is 12.3 mm of oil. For this condition, evaluate the Reynolds number based on average flow velocity. Calculate the friction factor and compare with the value obtained from Eq. 8.37 (use  $n = 7$  in the power-law velocity profile).

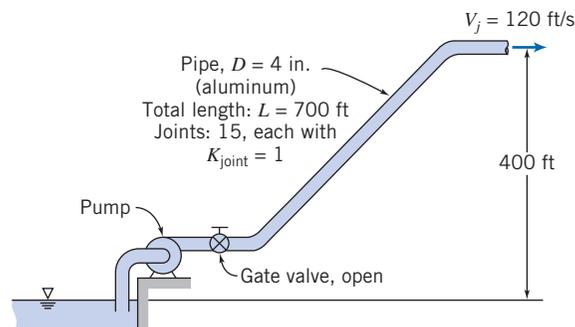
**8.135** Oil has been flowing from a large tank on a hill to a tanker at the wharf. The compartment in the tanker is nearly full and an operator is in the process of stopping the flow. A valve on the wharf is closed at a rate such that 1 MPa is maintained in the line immediately upstream of the valve. Assume:

Length of line from tank to valve	3 km
Inside diameter of line	200 mm
Elevation of oil surface in tank	60 m
Elevation of valve on wharf	6 m
Instantaneous flow rate	$2.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$
Head loss in line (exclusive of valve being closed) at this rate of flow	23 m of oil
Specific gravity of oil	0.88

Calculate the initial instantaneous rate of change of volume flow rate.

**8.136** The pressure rise across a water pump is 35 psi when the volume flow rate is 500 gpm. If the pump efficiency is 80 percent, determine the power input to the pump.

**8.137** Cooling water is pumped from a reservoir to rock drills on a construction job using the pipe system shown. The flow rate must be 600 gpm and water must leave the spray nozzle at 120 ft/s. Calculate the minimum pressure needed at the pump outlet. Estimate the required power input if the pump efficiency is 70 percent.



P8.137

**8.138** You are asked to size a pump for installation in the water supply system of the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower) in Chicago. The system requires 100 gpm of water pumped to a reservoir at the top of the tower 340 m above the street. City water pressure at the street-level pump inlet is 400 kPa gage. Piping is to be commercial steel. Determine the minimum diameter required to keep the average water velocity below 3.5 m/s in the pipe. Calculate the pressure rise required across the pump. Estimate the minimum power needed to drive the pump.

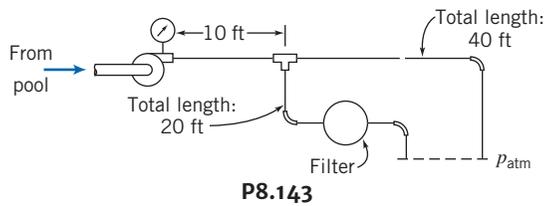
**8.139** Heavy crude oil ( $SG = 0.925$  and  $\nu = 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ) is pumped through a pipeline laid on flat ground. The line is made from steel pipe with 600 mm ID and has a wall thickness of 12 mm. The allowable tensile stress in the pipe wall is limited to 275 MPa by corrosion considerations. It is important to keep the oil under pressure to ensure that gases remain in solution. The minimum recommended pressure is 500 kPa. The pipeline carries a flow of 400,000 barrels (in the petroleum industry, a “barrel” is 42 gal) per day. Determine the maximum spacing between pumping stations. Compute the power added to the oil at each pumping station.

**8.140** Petroleum products are transported over long distances by pipelines such as the Alaskan pipeline (see Example 8.6). Estimate the energy needed to pump a typical petroleum product, expressed as a fraction of the throughput energy carried by the pipeline. State and critique your assumptions clearly.

**8.141** A water pump can generate a pressure difference  $\Delta p$  (psi) given by  $\Delta p = 145 - 0.1 Q^2$ , where the flow rate is  $Q \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ . It supplies a pipe of diameter 20 in., roughness 0.5 in., and length 2500 ft. Find the flow rate, pressure difference, and the power supplied to the pump if it is 70 percent efficient. If the pipe were replaced with one of roughness 0.25 in., how much would the flow increase, and what would the required power be?

**8.142** The head versus capacity curve for a certain fan may be approximated by the equation  $H = 30 - 10^{-7} Q^2$ , where  $H$  is the output static head in inches of water and  $Q$  is the air flow rate in  $\text{ft}^3/\text{min}$ . The fan outlet dimensions are  $8 \times 16$  in. Determine the air flow rate delivered by the fan into a 200 ft straight length of  $8 \times 16$  in. rectangular duct.

**8.143** A swimming pool has a partial-flow filtration system. Water at  $75^\circ\text{F}$  is pumped from the pool through the system shown. The pump delivers 30 gpm. The pipe is nominal 3/4-in. PVC (ID = 0.824 in.). The pressure loss through the filter is approximately  $\Delta p = 0.6 Q^2$ , where  $\Delta p$  is in psi and  $Q$  is in gpm. Determine the pump pressure and the flow rate through each branch of the system.



P8.143

**8.144** Water at  $65^\circ\text{C}$  flows through a 75-mm-diameter orifice installed in a 150-mm-ID pipe. The flow rate is  $20\text{ L/s}$ . Determine the pressure difference between the corner taps.

 **8.145** A smooth 200-m pipe, 100 mm diameter connects two reservoirs. The entrance and exit of the pipe are sharp-edged. At the midpoint of the pipe is an orifice plate with diameter 40 mm. If the water levels in the reservoirs differ by 30 m, estimate the pressure differential indicated by the orifice plate and the flow rate.

**8.146** A 12 in.  $\times$  6 in. Venturi meter is installed in a horizontal waterline. The pressure gages read 30 and 20 psi. Calculate the flow rate for a water temperature of  $68^\circ\text{F}$  and the head loss between the base and throat of the meter. Calculate the flow rate if the pipe is vertical with the throat of the meter 2 ft below the base and the pressure gages read the same values.

**8.147** A 1-in.-diameter nozzle is attached to a 3-in.-diameter hose. What flow rate of water will occur through the nozzle when the pressure in the hose is 60 psi? Assume that the Reynolds number is  $10^5$ . What is the velocity of the jet at the nozzle tip? How much head is lost through the nozzle? To what maximum height will the jet rise, neglecting air friction?

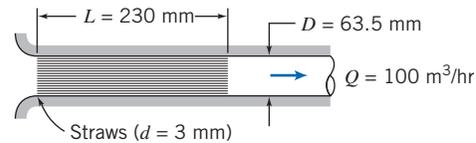
**8.148** A sharp-edged orifice with conventional pressure connections and an orifice coefficient of  $K=0.6$  is to be installed in a 300-mm-diameter waterline. For a flow rate of  $0.28\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , the maximum allowable head loss is 7.6 m. What is the smallest orifice that may be used?

**8.149** A venturi meter with a 3-in.-diameter throat is placed in a 6-in.-diameter line carrying water at  $75^\circ\text{F}$ . The pressure drop between the upstream tap and the venturi throat is 12 in. of mercury. Compute the rate of flow.

**8.150** Air flows through a venturi meter with a 3-in.-diameter throat placed in a 6-in.-diameter line. Assume that the upstream pressure is 60 psi and the temperature is  $68^\circ\text{F}$ . Determine the maximum possible mass flow rate of air for which the assumption of incompressible flow is a valid engineering approximation. Compute the corresponding differential pressure reading on a mercury manometer.

**8.151** Water at  $10^\circ\text{C}$  flows steadily through a venturi. The pressure upstream from the throat is 200 kPa gage. The throat diameter is 50 mm; and the upstream diameter is 100 mm. Estimate the maximum flow rate this device can handle without cavitation.

**8.152** Drinking straws are to be used to improve the air flow in a pipe-flow experiment. Packing a section of the air pipe with drinking straws to form a “laminar flow element” might allow the air flow rate to be measured directly, and simultaneously would act as a flow straightener. To evaluate this idea, determine (a) the Reynolds number for flow in each drinking straw, (b) the friction factor for flow in each straw, and (c) the gage pressure at the exit from the drinking straws. For laminar flow in a tube, the entrance loss coefficient is  $K_{\text{ent}}=1.4$  and  $\alpha=2.0$ . Comment on the utility of this idea.



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**8.153** In some western states, water for mining and irrigation was sold by the “miner’s inch,” the rate at which water flows through an opening in a vertical plank of  $1\text{ in.}^2$  area, up to 4 in. tall, under a head of 6 to 9 in. Develop an equation to predict the flow rate through such an orifice. Specify clearly the aspect ratio of the opening, thickness of the plank, and datum level for measurement of head (top, bottom, or middle of the opening). Show that the unit of measure varies from 38.4 (in Colorado) to 50 (in Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah) in units of miner’s inches per  $\text{ft}^3/\text{s}$ .

## CHAPTER 9

# External Incompressible Viscous Flow

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### The Blended Wing-Body Aircraft

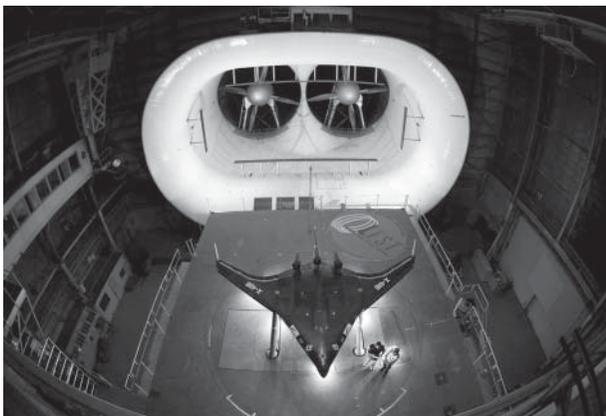
Boeing Phantom Works has partnered with NASA and the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory to study an advanced-concept, fuel-efficient, blended wing-body. It is called a blended wing-body (BWB) because it looks more like a modified triangular-shaped wing than traditional aircraft, which essentially consist of a tube and wing with a tail. The concept of a BWB actually goes back to the 1940s, but developments in composite materials and fly-by-wire controls are making it more feasible. Researchers have tested a 6.3-m wingspan (8.5 percent scale) prototype of the X-48B, a BWB aircraft that could have military and commercial applications. The next step is for NASA to flight-test a scale-model variant called X-48C. The X-48C will be used to examine

how engines mounted to the rear and above the body help to shield the ground from engine noise on takeoff and approach. It also features tail fins for additional noise shielding and for flight control.

The big difference between BWB aircraft and the traditional tube-and-wing aircraft, apart from the fact that the tube is absorbed into the wing shape, is that it does not have a tail. Traditional aircraft need a tail for stability and control; the BWB uses a number of different multiple-control surfaces and possibly tail fins to control the vehicle. There will be a number of advantages to the BWB if it proves feasible. Because the entire structure generates lift, less power is needed for takeoff. Studies have also shown that BWB designs can fit into the 80-m (260-ft) envelope that is the current standard for airplane maneuver at airports. A BWB could carry up to 1000 people, making such a future U.S. product a challenge to Airbus's A380 and future stretched versions.

Apart from possible fuel savings of up to 30 percent due to improved streamlining, the interior of a commercial BWB airplane would be radically different from that of current airplanes. Passengers would enter a room like a movie theater rather than a cramped half-cylinder, there would be no windows (video screens would be connected to external cameras instead), and passengers would be seated in the large movie theater-like room (because seating is not only in the central core but also well out into the blended wings).

In this chapter we will study how lift for the BWB is created by the flow of air over the surfaces. We will also learn how aerodynamic drag on the BWB occurs. Lift and the drag both depend on the nature of the flow pattern and the shape of the airfoil. The material in this chapter will give you insight into the mechanisms of flow over surfaces.

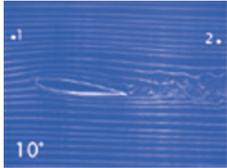


The X-48B prototype in the full-scale NASA tunnel.

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External flows are flows over bodies immersed in an unbounded fluid. The flow over a sphere (Fig. 2.14*b*) and the flow over a streamlined body (Fig. 2.16) are examples of external flows, which were discussed qualitatively in Chapter 2. More interesting examples are the flow fields around such objects as airfoils (Fig. 9.1), automobiles, and airplanes. Our objective in this chapter is to quantify the behavior of viscous, incompressible fluids in external flow.

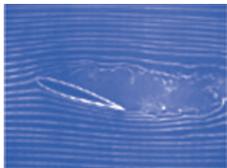
 Video: Flow around an Airfoil



A number of phenomena that occur in external flow over a body are illustrated in the sketch of viscous flow at high Reynolds number over an airfoil (Fig. 9.1). The freestream flow divides at the stagnation point and flows around the body. Fluid at the surface takes on the velocity of the body as a result of the no-slip condition. Boundary layers form on both the upper and lower surfaces of the body. (The boundary-layer thickness on both surfaces in Fig. 9.1 is exaggerated greatly for clarity.) The flow in the boundary layers initially is laminar. Transition to turbulent flow occurs at some distance from the stagnation point, depending on freestream conditions, surface roughness, and pressure gradient. The transition points are indicated by “T” in the figure. The turbulent boundary layer following transition grows more rapidly than the laminar layer. A slight displacement of the streamlines of the external flow is caused by the thickening boundary layers on the surface. In a region of increasing pressure (an *adverse pressure gradient*—so called because it opposes the fluid motion, tending to decelerate the fluid particles) flow separation may occur. Separation points are indicated by “S” in the figure. Fluid that was in the boundary layers on the body surface forms the viscous wake behind the separation points.

This chapter has two parts. Part A is a review of boundary-layer flows. Here we discuss in a little more detail the ideas introduced in Chapter 2, and then apply the fluid mechanics concepts we have learned to analyze the boundary layer for flow along a flat plate—the simplest possible boundary layer, because the pressure field is constant. We will be interested in seeing how the boundary-layer thickness grows, what the surface friction will be, and so on. We will explore a classic analytical solution for a laminar boundary layer, and see that we need to resort to approximate methods when the boundary layer is turbulent (and we will also be able to use these approximate methods for laminar boundary layers, to avoid using the somewhat difficult analytical method). This will conclude our introduction to boundary layers, except we will briefly discuss the effect of pressure gradients (present for *all* body shapes except flat plates) on boundary-layer behavior.

 Video: Flow Separation on an Airfoil



In Part B we will discuss the force on a submerged body, such as the airfoil of Fig. 9.1. We will see that this force results from both shear and pressure forces acting on the body surface, and that both of these are profoundly affected by the fact that we have a boundary layer, especially when this causes flow separation and a wake. Traditionally the force a body experiences is decomposed into the component parallel to the flow, the *drag*, and the component perpendicular to the flow, the *lift*. Because most bodies do have a point of separation and a wake, it is difficult to use analysis to determine the force components, so we will present approximate analyses and experimental data for various interesting body shapes.

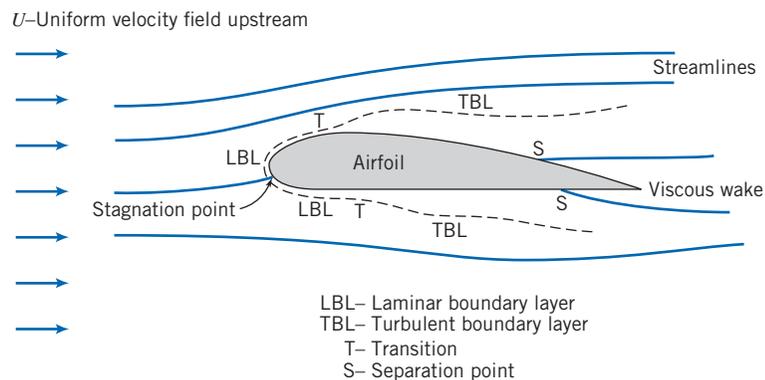


Fig. 9.1 Details of viscous flow around an airfoil.

## Part A BOUNDARY LAYERS

### 9.1 The Boundary-Layer Concept

The concept of a boundary layer was first introduced by Ludwig Prandtl [1], a German aerodynamicist, in 1904.

Prior to Prandtl's historic breakthrough, the science of fluid mechanics had been developing in two rather different directions. *Theoretical hydrodynamics* evolved from Euler's equation of motion for a nonviscous fluid (Eq. 6.1, published by Leonhard Euler in 1755). Since the results of hydrodynamics contradicted many experimental observations (especially, as we saw in Chapter 6, that under the assumption of inviscid flow no bodies experience drag!), practicing engineers developed their own empirical art of *hydraulics*. This was based on experimental data and differed significantly from the purely mathematical approach of theoretical hydrodynamics.

Although the complete equations describing the motion of a viscous fluid (the Navier–Stokes equations, Eqs. 5.26, developed by Navier, 1827, and independently by Stokes, 1845) were known prior to Prandtl, the mathematical difficulties in solving these equations (except for a few simple cases) prohibited a theoretical treatment of viscous flows. Prandtl showed [1] that many viscous flows can be analyzed by dividing the flow into two regions, one close to solid boundaries, the other covering the rest of the flow. Only in the thin region adjacent to a solid boundary (the boundary layer) is the effect of viscosity important. In the region outside of the boundary layer, the effect of viscosity is negligible and the fluid may be treated as inviscid.

The boundary-layer concept provided the link that had been missing between theory and practice (for one thing, it introduced the theoretical possibility of drag!). Furthermore, the boundary-layer concept permitted the solution of viscous flow problems that would have been impossible through application of the Navier–Stokes equations to the complete flow field.<sup>1</sup> Thus the introduction of the boundary-layer concept marked the beginning of the modern era of fluid mechanics.

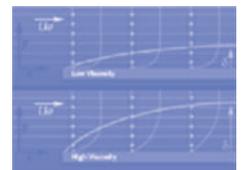
The development of a boundary layer on a solid surface was discussed in Section 2.6. In the boundary layer both viscous and inertia forces are important. Consequently, it is not surprising that the Reynolds number (which represents the ratio of inertia to viscous forces) is significant in characterizing boundary-layer flows. The characteristic length used in the Reynolds number is either the length in the flow direction over which the boundary layer has developed or some measure of the boundary-layer thickness.

As is true for flow in a duct, flow in a boundary layer may be laminar or turbulent. There is no unique value of Reynolds number at which transition from laminar to turbulent flow occurs in a boundary layer. Among the factors that affect boundary-layer transition are pressure gradient, surface roughness, heat transfer, body forces, and freestream disturbances. Detailed consideration of these effects is beyond the scope of this book.

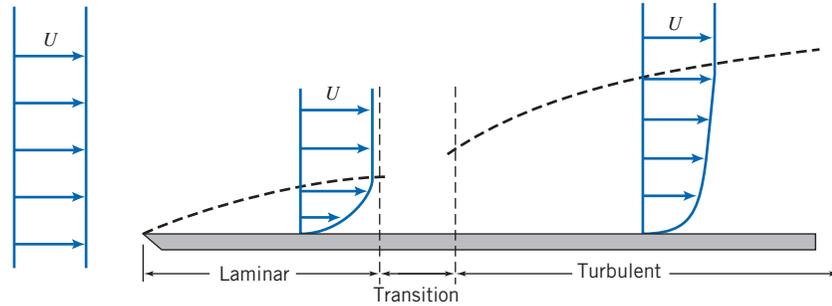
In many real flow situations, a boundary layer develops over a long, essentially flat surface. Examples include flow over ship and submarine hulls, aircraft wings, and atmospheric motions over flat terrain. Since the basic features of all these flows are illustrated in the simpler case of flow over a flat plate, we consider this first. The simplicity of the flow over an infinite flat plate is that the velocity  $U$  outside the boundary layer is constant, and therefore, because this region is steady, inviscid, and incompressible, the pressure will also be constant. This constant pressure is the pressure felt by the boundary layer—obviously the simplest pressure field possible. This is a *zero pressure gradient flow*.

A qualitative picture of the boundary-layer growth over a flat plate is shown in Fig. 9.2. The boundary layer is laminar for a short distance downstream from the leading edge; transition occurs over a region of the plate rather than at a single line across the plate. The transition region extends downstream to the location where the boundary-layer flow becomes completely turbulent.

For incompressible flow over a smooth flat plate (zero pressure gradient), in the absence of heat transfer, transition from laminar to turbulent flow in the boundary layer can be delayed to a Reynolds number,  $Re_x = \rho Ux/\mu$ , greater than one million if external disturbances are minimized. (The length  $x$  is



<sup>1</sup> Today, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) programs are commonly used to solve the Navier–Stokes equations.



**Fig. 9.2** Boundary layer on a flat plate (vertical thickness exaggerated greatly).

measured from the leading edge.) For calculation purposes, under typical flow conditions, transition usually is considered to occur at a length Reynolds number of 500,000. For air at standard conditions, with freestream velocity  $U = 30$  m/s, this corresponds to  $x \approx 0.24$  m. In the qualitative picture of Fig. 9.2, we have shown the turbulent boundary layer growing faster than the laminar layer. In later sections of this chapter we shall show that this is indeed true.

The boundary layer is the region adjacent to a solid surface in which viscous stresses are present, as opposed to the free stream where viscous stresses are negligible. These stresses are present because we have shearing of the fluid layers, i.e., a velocity gradient, in the boundary layer. As indicated in Fig. 9.2, both laminar and turbulent layers have such gradients, but the difficulty is that the gradients only asymptotically approach zero as we reach the edge of the boundary layer. Hence, the location of the edge, i.e., of the boundary-layer thickness, is not very obvious—we cannot simply define it as where the boundary-layer velocity  $u$  equals the freestream velocity  $U$ . Because of this, several boundary-layer definitions have been developed: the disturbance thickness  $\delta$ , the displacement thickness  $\delta^*$ , and the momentum thickness  $\theta$ . (Each of these increases as we move down the plate, in a manner we have yet to determine.)

The most straightforward definition is the disturbance thickness,  $\delta$ . This is usually defined as the distance from the surface at which the velocity is within 1 percent of the free stream,  $u \approx 0.99U$  (as shown in Fig. 9.3b). The other two definitions are based on the notion that the boundary layer retards the fluid, so that the mass flux and momentum flux are both less than they would be in the absence of the boundary layer. We imagine that the flow remains at uniform velocity  $U$ , but the surface of the plate is moved upwards to reduce either the mass or momentum flux by the same amount that the boundary layer actually does. The *displacement thickness*,  $\delta^*$ , is the distance the plate would be moved so that the loss of mass flux (due to reduction in uniform flow area) is equivalent to the loss the boundary layer causes. The mass flux if we had no boundary layer would be  $\int_0^\infty \rho U dy w$ , where  $w$  is the width of the plate perpendicular to the flow. The actual flow mass flux is  $\int_0^\infty \rho u dy w$ . Hence, the loss due to the boundary layer is  $\int_0^\infty \rho(U-u) dy w$ . If we imagine keeping the velocity at a constant  $U$ , and instead move the plate up a distance  $\delta^*$  (as shown in Fig. 9.3a), the loss of mass flux would be  $\rho U \delta^* w$ . Setting these losses equal to one another gives

$$\rho U \delta^* w = \int_0^\infty \rho(U-u) dy w$$

For incompressible flow,  $\rho = \text{constant}$ , and

$$\delta^* = \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \approx \int_0^\delta \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \quad (9.1)$$

Since  $u \approx U$  at  $y = \delta$ , the integrand is essentially zero for  $y \geq \delta$ . Application of the displacement-thickness concept is illustrated in Example 9.1.

The *momentum thickness*,  $\theta$ , is the distance the plate would be moved so that the loss of momentum flux is equivalent to the loss the boundary layer actually causes. The momentum flux if we had no boundary layer would be  $\int_0^\infty \rho u U dy w$  (the actual mass flux is  $\int_0^\infty \rho u dy w$ , and the momentum per unit mass flux of the uniform flow is  $U$  itself). The actual momentum flux of the boundary layer is  $\int_0^\infty \rho u^2 dy w$ . Hence, the loss of momentum in the boundary layer is  $\int_0^\infty \rho u(U-u) dy w$ . If we imagine keeping

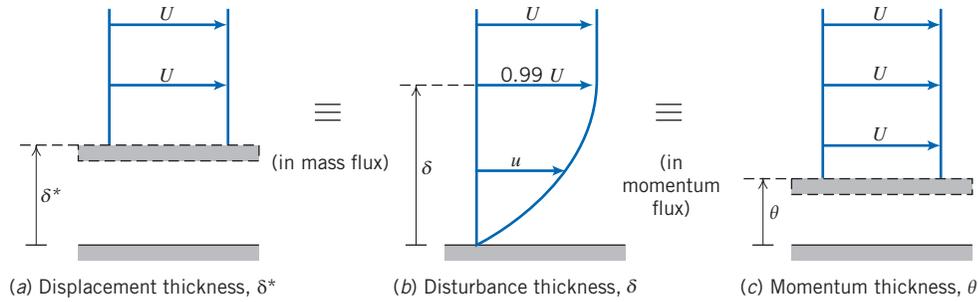


Fig. 9.3 Boundary-layer thickness definitions.

the velocity at a constant  $U$ , and instead move the plate up a distance  $\theta$  (as shown in Fig. 9.3c), the loss of momentum flux would be  $\int_0^\theta \rho U U dy w = \rho U^2 \theta w$ . Setting these losses equal to one another gives

$$\rho U^2 \theta = \int_0^\infty \rho u(U-u) dy$$

and

$$\theta = \int_0^\infty \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \approx \int_0^\delta \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \quad (9.2)$$

Again, the integrand is essentially zero for  $y \geq \delta$ .

The displacement and momentum thicknesses,  $\delta^*$  and  $\theta$ , are *integral thicknesses*, because their definitions, Eqs. 9.1 and 9.2, are in terms of integrals across the boundary layer. Because they are defined in terms of integrals for which the integrand vanishes in the freestream, they are appreciably easier to evaluate accurately from experimental data than the boundary-layer disturbance thickness,  $\delta$ . This fact, coupled with their physical significance, accounts for their common use in specifying boundary-layer thickness.

We have seen that the velocity profile in the boundary layer merges into the local freestream velocity asymptotically. Little error is introduced if the slight difference between velocities at the edge of the boundary layer is ignored for an approximate analysis. Simplifying assumptions usually made for engineering analyses of boundary-layer development are:

- 1  $u \rightarrow U$  at  $y = \delta$
- 2  $\partial u / \partial y \rightarrow 0$  at  $y = \delta$
- 3  $v \ll U$  within the boundary layer

Results of the analyses developed in the next two sections show that the boundary layer is very thin compared with its development length along the surface. Therefore it is also reasonable to assume:

- 4 Pressure variation across the thin boundary layer is negligible. The freestream pressure distribution is *impressed* on the boundary layer.

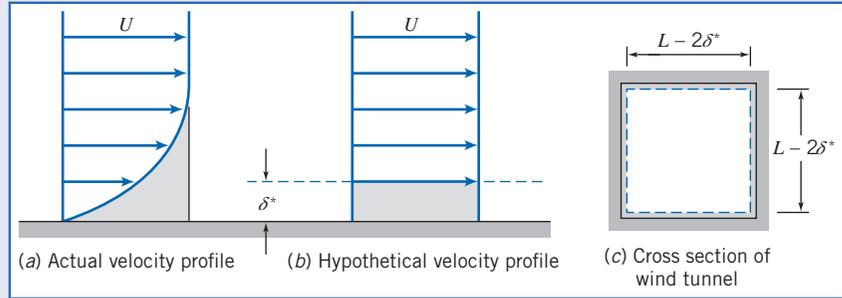
### Example 9.1 BOUNDARY LAYER IN CHANNEL FLOW

A laboratory wind tunnel has a test section that is 305 mm square. Boundary-layer velocity profiles are measured at two cross-sections and displacement thicknesses are evaluated from the measured profiles. At section ①, where the freestream speed is  $U_1 = 26$  m/s, the displacement thickness is  $\delta_1^* = 1.5$  mm. At section ②, located downstream from section ①,  $\delta_2^* = 2.1$  mm. Calculate the change in static pressure between sections ① and ②. Express the result as a fraction of the freestream dynamic pressure at section ①. Assume standard atmosphere conditions.

**Given:** Flow of standard air in laboratory wind tunnel. Test section is  $L = 305$  mm square. Displacement thicknesses are  $\delta_1^* = 1.5$  mm and  $\delta_2^* = 2.1$  mm. Freestream speed is  $U_1 = 26$  m/s.

**Find:** Change in static pressure between sections ① and ②. (Express as a fraction of freestream dynamic pressure at section ①.)

**Solution:** The idea here is that at each location the boundary-layer displacement thickness effectively reduces the area of uniform flow, as indicated in the following figures:



Location ② has a smaller effective flow area than location ① (because  $\delta_2^* > \delta_1^*$ ). Hence, from mass conservation the uniform velocity at location ② will be higher. Finally, from the Bernoulli equation the pressure at location ② will be lower than that at location ①.

Apply the continuity and Bernoulli equations to freestream flow outside the boundary-layer displacement thickness, where viscous effects are negligible.

**Governing equations:**

$$= 0(1) \tag{4.12}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \tag{4.24}$$

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Flow uniform at each section outside  $\delta^*$
- 4 Flow along a streamline between sections ① and ②.
- 5 No frictional effects in freestream.
- 6 Negligible elevation changes.

From the Bernoulli equation we obtain

$$p_1 - p_2 = \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_2^2 - V_1^2) = \frac{1}{2} \rho (U_2^2 - U_1^2) = \frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2 \left[ \left( \frac{U_2}{U_1} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

or

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2} = \left( \frac{U_2}{U_1} \right)^2 - 1$$

From continuity,  $V_1 A_1 = U_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2 = U_2 A_2$ , so  $U_2/U_1 = A_1/A_2$ , where  $A = (L - 2\delta^*)^2$  is the effective flow area. Substituting gives

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2} = \left( \frac{A_1}{A_2} \right)^2 - 1 = \left[ \frac{(L - 2\delta_1^*)^2}{(L - 2\delta_2^*)^2} \right]^2 - 1$$

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2} = \left[ \frac{305 - 2(1.5)}{305 - 2(2.1)} \right]^4 - 1 = 0.0161 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{p_1 - p_2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2} = 1.61 \text{ percent} \leftarrow \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_1^2}$$

**Notes:**

- This problem illustrates a basic application of the displacement-thickness concept. It is somewhat unusual in that, because the flow is confined, the reduction in flow area caused by the boundary layer leads to the result that the pressure in the inviscid flow region drops (if only slightly). In most applications the pressure distribution is determined from the inviscid flow and then applied to the boundary layer.
- We saw a similar phenomenon in Section 8.1, where we discovered that the centerline velocity at the entrance of a pipe increases due to the boundary layer “squeezing” the effective flow area.

## 9.2 Laminar Flat-Plate Boundary Layer: Exact Solution (on the Web)

### 9.3 Momentum Integral Equation

Blasius' exact solution, discussed in Section 9.2 (on the web), analyzed a laminar boundary layer on a flat plate. Even this simplest case (i.e., constant freestream velocity  $U$  and pressure  $p$ , laminar flow) involved a rather subtle mathematical transformation of two differential equations. The solution was based on the insight that the laminar boundary-layer velocity profile is self-similar—only its scale changes as we move along the plate. Numerical integration was necessary to obtain results for the boundary-layer thickness  $\delta(x)$ , velocity profile  $u/U$  versus  $y/\delta$ , and wall shear stress  $\tau_w(x)$ .

We would like to obtain a method for analyzing the general case—that is, for laminar *and* turbulent boundary layers, for which the freestream velocity  $U(x)$  and pressure  $p(x)$  are known functions of position along the surface  $x$ , such as on the curved surface of an airfoil or on the flat but divergent surfaces of a flow diffuser. The approach is one in which we will again apply the basic equations to a control volume. The derivation, from the mass conservation (or continuity) equation and the momentum equation, will take several pages.

Consider incompressible, steady, two-dimensional flow over a solid surface. The boundary-layer thickness,  $\delta$ , grows in some manner with increasing distance,  $x$ . For our analysis we choose a differential control volume, of length  $dx$ , width  $w$ , and height  $\delta(x)$ , as shown in Fig. 9.4. The freestream velocity is  $U(x)$ .

We wish to determine the boundary-layer thickness,  $\delta$ , as a function of  $x$ . There will be mass flow across surfaces  $ab$  and  $cd$  of differential control volume  $abcd$ . What about surface  $bc$ ? Surface  $bc$  is *not* a streamline (see Example W9.1, on the web); it is the imaginary boundary that separates the viscous boundary layer and the inviscid freestream flow. Thus there will be mass flow across surface  $bc$ . Since control surface  $ad$  is adjacent to a solid boundary, there will not be flow across  $ad$ . Before considering the forces acting on the control volume and the momentum fluxes through the control surface, let us apply the continuity equation to determine the mass flux through each portion of the control surface.

#### a. Continuity Equation

Basic equation:

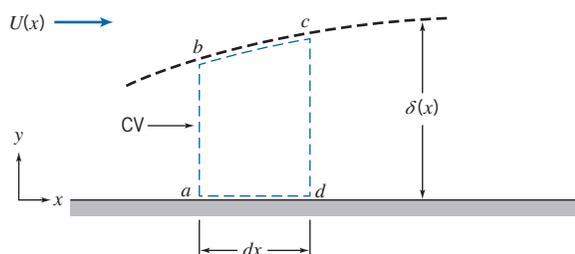
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho \, dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Two-dimensional flow.

Then

$$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$



**Fig. 9.4** Differential control volume in a boundary layer.

Hence

$$\dot{m}_{ab} + \dot{m}_{bc} + \dot{m}_{cd} = 0$$

or

$$\dot{m}_{bc} = -\dot{m}_{ab} - \dot{m}_{cd}$$

Now let us evaluate these terms for the differential control volume of width  $w$ :

Surface	Mass Flux
$ab$	Surface $ab$ is located at $x$ . Since the flow is two-dimensional (no variation with $z$ ), the mass flux through $ab$ is $\dot{m}_{ab} = - \left\{ \int_0^\delta \rho u \, dy \right\} w$
$cd$	Surface $cd$ is located at $x + dx$ . Expanding the $\dot{m}$ in a Taylor series about location $x$ , we obtain $\dot{m}_{x+dx} = \dot{m}_x + \left. \frac{\partial \dot{m}}{\partial x} \right _x dx$ <p>and hence</p> $\dot{m}_{cd} = \left\{ \int_0^\delta \rho u \, dy + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho u \, dy \right] dx \right\} w$
$bc$	Thus for surface $bc$ we obtain, from the continuity equation and the above results, $\dot{m}_{bc} = - \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho u \, dy \right] dx \right\} w$

(Note that the velocity  $u$  and boundary-layer thickness  $\delta$ , both depend on  $x$ .)

Now let us consider the momentum fluxes and forces associated with control volume  $abcd$ . These are related by the momentum equation.

### b. Momentum Equation

Apply the  $x$  component of the momentum equation to control volume  $abcd$ :

Basic equation:

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho \, dV + \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \tag{4.18a}$$

Assumptions:

3  $F_{B_x} = 0$

Then

$$F_{S_x} = mf_{ab} + mf_{bc} + mf_{cd}$$

where  $mf$  represents the  $x$  component of momentum flux.

To apply this equation to differential control volume  $abcd$ , we must obtain expressions for the  $x$  momentum flux through the control surface and also the surface forces acting on the control volume in the  $x$  direction. Let us consider the momentum flux first and again consider each segment of the control surface.

Surface	Momentum Flux (mf)
<i>ab</i>	Surface <i>ab</i> is located at <i>x</i> . Since the flow is two-dimensional, the <i>x</i> momentum flux through <i>ab</i> is $mf_{ab} = - \left\{ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy \right\} w$
<i>cd</i>	Surface <i>cd</i> is located at <i>x + dx</i> . Expanding the <i>x</i> momentum flux (mf) in a Taylor series about location <i>x</i> , we obtain $mf_{x+dx} = mf_x + \left. \frac{\partial mf}{\partial x} \right]_x dx$ or $mf_{cd} = \left\{ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy \right] dx \right\} w$
<i>bc</i>	Since the mass crossing surface <i>bc</i> has velocity component <i>U</i> in the <i>x</i> direction, the <i>x</i> momentum flux across <i>bc</i> is given by $mf_{bc} = U \dot{m}_{bc} = -U \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho u dy \right] dx \right\} w$

From the above we can evaluate the net *x* momentum flux through the control surface as

$$\int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = - \left\{ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy \right\} w + \left\{ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy \right\} w + \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy \right] dx \right\} w - U \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho u dy \right] dx \right\} w$$

Collecting terms, we find that

$$\int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy \right] dx - U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho u dy \right] dx \right\} w$$

Now that we have a suitable expression for the *x* momentum flux through the control surface, let us consider the surface forces acting on the control volume in the *x* direction. (For convenience the differential control volume has been redrawn in Fig. 9.5.) Note that surfaces *ab*, *bc*, and *cd* all experience normal forces (i.e., pressure) that generate force in the *x* direction. In addition, a shear force acts on surface *ad*. Since, by definition of the boundary layer, the velocity gradient goes to zero at the edge of the boundary layer, the shear force acting along surface *bc* is negligible.

Surface	Force
<i>ab</i>	If the pressure at <i>x</i> is <i>p</i> , then the force acting on surface <i>ab</i> is given by $F_{ab} = pw\delta$ <p>[The boundary layer is very thin; its thickness has been greatly exaggerated in all the sketches we have made. Because it is thin, pressure variations in the <i>y</i> direction may be neglected, and we assume that within the boundary layer, <math>p = p(x)</math> only.]</p>
<i>cd</i>	Expanding in a Taylor series, the pressure at <i>x + dx</i> is given by

$$p_{x+dx} = p + \left. \frac{dp}{dx} \right]_x dx$$

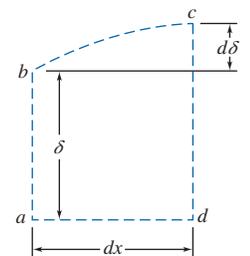


Fig. 9.5 Differential control volume.

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Surface	Force
	The force on surface $cd$ is then given by
	$F_{cd} = -\left(p + \frac{dp}{dx}\right)_x w(\delta + d\delta)$
$bc$	The average pressure acting over surface $bc$ is
	$p + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dp}{dx} dx$
	Then the $x$ component of the normal force acting over $bc$ is given by
	$F_{bc} = \left(p + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dp}{dx}\right)_x w d\delta$
$ad$	The average shear force acting on $ad$ is given by
	$F_{ad} = -\left(\tau_w + \frac{1}{2} d\tau_w\right) w dx$

Summing these  $x$  components, we obtain the total force acting in the  $x$  direction on the control volume,

$$F_{S_x} = \left\{ -\frac{dp}{dx} \delta dx - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dp}{dx} dx \overbrace{d\delta}^{\approx 0} - \tau_w dx - \frac{1}{2} \overbrace{d\tau_w}^{\approx 0} dx \right\} w$$

where we note that  $dx d\delta \ll \delta dx$  and  $d\tau_w \ll \tau_w$ , and so neglect the second and fourth terms.

Substituting the expressions, for  $\int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  and  $F_{S_x}$  into the  $x$  momentum equation (Eq. 4.18a), we obtain

$$\left\{ -\frac{dp}{dx} \delta dx - \tau_w dx \right\} w = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy \right] dx - U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \int_0^\delta \rho u dy \right] dx \right\} w$$

Dividing this equation by  $w dx$  gives

$$-\delta \frac{dp}{dx} - \tau_w = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy - U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\delta \rho u dy \quad (9.16)$$

Equation 9.16 is a “momentum integral” equation that gives a relation between the  $x$  components of the forces acting in a boundary layer and the  $x$  momentum flux.

The pressure gradient,  $dp/dx$ , can be determined by applying the Bernoulli equation to the inviscid flow outside the boundary layer:  $dp/dx = -\rho U dU/dx$ . If we recognize that  $\delta = \int_0^\delta dy$ , then Eq. 9.16 can be written as

$$\tau_w = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\delta u \rho u dy + U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\delta \rho u dy + \frac{dU}{dx} \int_0^\delta \rho U dy$$

Since

$$U \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\delta \rho u dy = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\delta \rho u U dy - \frac{dU}{dx} \int_0^\delta \rho u dy$$

we have

$$\tau_w = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_0^\delta \rho u (U - u) dy + \frac{dU}{dx} \int_0^\delta \rho (U - u) dy$$

and

$$\tau_w = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} U^2 \int_0^\delta \rho \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy + U \frac{dU}{dx} \int_0^\delta \rho \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy$$

Using the definitions of displacement thickness,  $\delta^*$  (Eq. 9.1), and momentum thickness,  $\theta$  (Eq. 9.2), we obtain

$$\frac{\tau_w}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx} (U^2 \theta) + \delta^* U \frac{dU}{dx} \quad (9.17)$$

Equation 9.17 is the *momentum integral equation*. This equation will yield an ordinary differential equation for boundary-layer thickness  $\delta$  as a function of  $x$ . Where does  $\delta$  appear in Eq. 9.17? It appears in the upper limits of the integrals that define  $\delta^*$  and  $\theta$ ! All we need to do is provide a suitable expression for the velocity profile  $u/U$  and somehow relate the wall stress  $\tau_w$  to other variables—not necessarily easy tasks! Once the boundary-layer thickness is determined, expressions for the momentum thickness, displacement thickness, and wall shear stress can then be obtained.

Equation 9.17 was obtained by applying the basic equations (continuity and  $x$  momentum) to a differential control volume. Reviewing the assumptions we made in the derivation, we see that the equation is restricted to steady, incompressible, two-dimensional flow with no body forces parallel to the surface.

We have not made any specific assumption relating the wall shear stress,  $\tau_w$ , to the velocity field. Thus Eq. 9.17 is valid for either a laminar or turbulent boundary-layer flow. In order to use this equation to estimate the boundary-layer thickness as a function of  $x$ , we must first:

- 1 Obtain a first approximation to the freestream velocity distribution,  $U(x)$ . This is determined from inviscid flow theory (the velocity that would exist in the absence of a boundary layer) and depends on body shape.
- 2 Assume a reasonable velocity-profile shape inside the boundary layer.
- 3 Derive an expression for  $\tau_w$  using the results obtained from item 2.

To illustrate the application of Eq. 9.17 to boundary-layer flows, we consider first the case of flow with zero pressure gradient over a flat plate (Section 9.4). The results we obtain for a laminar boundary layer can then be compared to the exact Blasius results. The effects of pressure gradients in boundary-layer flow are then discussed in Section 9.5.

## 9.4 Use of the Momentum Integral Equation for Flow with Zero Pressure Gradient

For the special case of a flat plate (zero pressure gradient) the freestream pressure  $p$  and velocity  $U$  are both constant, so for item 1 we have  $U(x) = U = \text{constant}$ .

The momentum integral equation then reduces to

$$\tau_w = \rho U^2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} = \rho U^2 \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^\delta \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \quad (9.18)$$

The velocity distribution,  $u/U$ , in the boundary layer is assumed to be similar for all values of  $x$  and normally is specified as a function of  $y/\delta$ . (Note that  $u/U$  is dimensionless and  $\delta$  is a function of  $x$  only.) Consequently, it is convenient to change the variable of integration from  $y$  to  $y/\delta$ . Defining

$$\eta = \frac{y}{\delta}$$

we get

$$dy = \delta d\eta$$

and the momentum integral equation for zero pressure gradient is written

$$\tau_w = \rho U^2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) d\eta \quad (9.19)$$

We wish to solve this equation for the boundary-layer thickness as a function of  $x$ . To do this, we must satisfy the remaining items:

- 2 Assume a velocity distribution in the boundary layer—a functional relationship of the form

$$\frac{u}{U} = f\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)$$

- (a) The assumed velocity distribution should satisfy the following approximate physical boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } y = 0, \quad u &= 0 \\ \text{at } y = \delta, \quad u &= U \\ \text{at } y = \delta, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Note that once we have assumed a velocity distribution, from the definition of the momentum thickness (Eq. 9.2), the numerical value of the integral in Eq. 9.19 is simply

$$\int_0^1 \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) d\eta = \frac{\theta}{\delta} = \text{constant} = \beta$$

and the momentum integral equation becomes

$$\tau_w = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \beta$$

- 3 Obtain an expression for  $\tau_w$  in terms of  $\delta$ . This will then permit us to solve for  $\delta(x)$ , as illustrated below.

### Laminar Flow

For laminar flow over a flat plate, a reasonable assumption for the velocity profile is a polynomial in  $y$ :

$$u = a + by + cy^2$$

The physical boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } y = 0, \quad u &= 0 \\ \text{at } y = \delta, \quad u &= U \\ \text{at } y = \delta, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating constants  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  gives

$$\frac{u}{U} = 2\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^2 = 2\eta - \eta^2 \quad (9.20)$$

Equation 9.20 satisfies item 2. For item 3, we recall that the wall shear stress is given by

$$\tau_w = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}$$

Substituting the assumed velocity profile, Eq. 9.20, into this expression for  $\tau_w$  gives

$$\tau_w = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \mu \left. \frac{U \partial(u/U)}{\delta \partial(y/\delta)} \right|_{y/\delta=0} = \frac{\mu U}{\delta} \left. \frac{d(u/U)}{d\eta} \right|_{\eta=0}$$

or

$$\tau_w = \frac{\mu U}{\delta} \left. \frac{d}{d\eta} (2\eta - \eta^2) \right]_{\eta=0} = \frac{\mu U}{\delta} (2 - 2\eta) \Big|_{\eta=0} = \frac{2\mu U}{\delta}$$

Note that this shows that the wall stress  $\tau_w$  is a function of  $x$ , since the boundary-layer thickness  $\delta = \delta(x)$ . Now that we have completed items **1**, **2**, and **3**, we can return to the momentum integral equation

$$\tau_w = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) d\eta \quad (9.19)$$

Substituting for  $\tau_w$  and  $u/U$ , we obtain

$$\frac{2\mu U}{\delta} = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 (2\eta - \eta^2)(1 - 2\eta + \eta^2) d\eta$$

or

$$\frac{2\mu U}{\delta \rho U^2} = \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 (2\eta - 5\eta^2 + 4\eta^3 - \eta^4) d\eta$$

Integrating and substituting limits yields

$$\frac{2\mu}{\delta \rho U} = \frac{2}{15} \frac{d\delta}{dx} \quad \text{or} \quad \delta d\delta = \frac{15\mu}{\rho U} dx$$

which is a differential equation for  $\delta$ . Integrating again gives

$$\frac{\delta^2}{2} = \frac{15\mu}{\rho U} x + c$$

If we assume that  $\delta = 0$  at  $x = 0$ , then  $c = 0$ , and thus

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{30\mu x}{\rho U}}$$

Note that this shows that the laminar boundary-layer thickness  $\delta$  grows as  $\sqrt{x}$ ; it has a parabolic shape. Traditionally this is expressed in dimensionless form:

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \sqrt{\frac{30\mu}{\rho U x}} = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \quad (9.21)$$

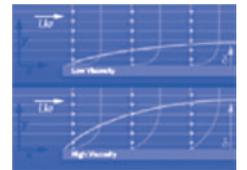
Equation 9.21 shows that the ratio of laminar boundary-layer thickness to distance along a flat plate varies inversely with the square root of length Reynolds number. It has the same form as the exact solution derived from the complete differential equations of motion by H. Blasius in 1908. Remarkably, Eq. 9.21 is only in error (the constant is too large) by about 10 percent compared with the exact solution (Section 9.2 on the web). Table 9.2 summarizes corresponding results calculated using other approximate velocity profiles and lists results obtained from the exact solution. The only thing that changes in the analysis when we choose a different velocity profile is the value of  $\beta$  in  $\tau_w = \rho U^2 (d\delta/dx)\beta$ . The shapes of the approximate profiles may be compared readily by plotting  $u/U$  versus  $y/\delta$ .

Once we know the boundary-layer thickness, all details of the flow may be determined. The wall shear stress, or “skin friction,” coefficient is defined as

$$C_f \equiv \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} \quad (9.22)$$

Substituting from the velocity profile and Eq. 9.21 gives

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{2\mu(U/\delta)}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{4\mu}{\rho U \delta} = 4 \frac{\mu}{\rho U x} \frac{x}{\delta} = 4 \frac{1}{Re_x} \frac{\sqrt{Re_x}}{5.48}$$



**Table 9.2**

Results of the Calculation of Laminar Boundary-Layer Flow over a Flat Plate at Zero Incidence Based on Approximate Velocity Profiles

Velocity Distribution $\frac{u}{U} = f\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) = f(\eta)$	$\beta \equiv \frac{\theta}{\delta}$	$\frac{\delta^*}{\delta}$	$H \equiv \frac{\delta^*}{\theta}$	Constant $a$ in $\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	Constant $b$ in $C_f = \frac{b}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$
$f(\eta) = \eta$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3.00	3.46	0.577
$f(\eta) = 2\eta - \eta^2$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	2.50	5.48	0.730
$f(\eta) = \frac{3}{2}\eta - \frac{1}{2}\eta^3$	$\frac{39}{280}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	2.69	4.64	0.647
$f(\eta) = 2\eta - 2\eta^3 + \eta^4$	$\frac{37}{315}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	2.55	5.84	0.685
$f(\eta) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\eta\right)$	$\frac{4-\pi}{2\pi}$	$\frac{\pi-2}{\pi}$	2.66	4.80	0.654
Exact	0.133	0.344	2.59	5.00	0.664

Finally,

$$C_f = \frac{0.730}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \tag{9.23}$$

Once the variation of  $\tau_w$  is known, the viscous drag on the surface can be evaluated by integrating over the area of the flat plate, as illustrated in Example 9.2.

Equation 9.21 can be used to calculate the thickness of the laminar boundary layer at transition. At  $Re_x = 5 \times 10^5$ , with  $U = 30$  m/s, for example,  $x = 0.24$  m for air at standard conditions. Thus

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{Re_x}} = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{5 \times 10^5}} = 0.00775$$

and the boundary-layer thickness is

$$\delta = 0.00775x = 0.00775(0.24 \text{ m}) = 1.86 \text{ mm}$$

The boundary-layer thickness at transition is less than 1 percent of the development length,  $x$ . These calculations confirm that viscous effects are confined to a very thin layer near the surface of a body.

The results in Table 9.2 indicate that reasonable results may be obtained with a variety of approximate velocity profiles.

### Example 9.2 LAMINAR BOUNDARY LAYER ON A FLAT PLATE: APPROXIMATE SOLUTION USING SINUSOIDAL VELOCITY PROFILE

Consider two-dimensional laminar boundary-layer flow along a flat plate. Assume the velocity profile in the boundary layer is sinusoidal,

$$\frac{u}{U} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2\delta}\right)$$

Find expressions for:

- (a) The rate of growth of  $\delta$  as a function of  $x$ .
- (b) The displacement thickness,  $\delta^*$ , as a function of  $x$ .
- (c) The total friction force on a plate of length  $L$  and width  $b$ .

**Given:** Two-dimensional, laminar boundary-layer flow along a flat plate. The boundary-layer velocity profile is

$$\frac{u}{U} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2\delta}\right) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq \delta$$

and

$$\frac{u}{U} = 1 \quad \text{for } y > \delta$$



- Find:** (a)  $\delta(x)$ .  
 (b)  $\delta^*$ .  
 (c) Total friction force on a plate of length  $L$  and width  $b$ .

**Solution:** For flat plate flow,  $U = \text{constant}$ ,  $dp/dx = 0$ , and

$$\tau_w = \rho U^2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) d\eta \quad (9.19)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.

Substituting  $\frac{u}{U} = \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\eta$  into Eq. 9.19, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_w &= \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\eta \left(1 - \sin\frac{\pi}{2}\eta\right) d\eta = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \left(\sin\frac{\pi}{2}\eta - \sin^2\frac{\pi}{2}\eta\right) d\eta \\ &= \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \frac{2}{\pi} \left[-\cos\frac{\pi}{2}\eta - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\pi}{2}\eta + \frac{1}{4}\sin\pi\eta\right]_0^1 = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \frac{2}{\pi} \left[0 + 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} + 0 + 0 - 0\right] \\ \tau_w &= 0.137 \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} = \beta \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx}; \quad \beta = 0.137 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\tau_w = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} = \mu \left. \frac{U}{\delta} \frac{\partial(u/U)}{\partial(y/\delta)} \right|_{y=0} = \mu \left. \frac{U}{\delta} \frac{\pi}{2} \cos\frac{\pi}{2}\eta \right|_{\eta=0} = \frac{\pi\mu U}{2\delta}$$

Therefore,

$$\tau_w = \frac{\pi\mu U}{2\delta} = 0.137 \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx}$$

Separating variables gives

$$\delta d\delta = 11.5 \frac{\mu}{\rho U} dx$$

Integrating, we obtain

$$\frac{\delta^2}{2} = 11.5 \frac{\mu}{\rho U} x + c$$

But  $c = 0$ , since  $\delta = 0$  at  $x = 0$ , so

$$\delta = \sqrt{23.0 \frac{x\mu}{\rho U}}$$

or

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = 4.80 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho U x}} = \frac{4.80}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \quad \delta(x)$$

The displacement thickness,  $\delta^*$ , is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^* &= \delta \int_0^1 \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) d\eta \\ &= \delta \int_0^1 \left(1 - \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \eta\right) d\eta = \delta \left[ \eta + \frac{2}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \eta \right]_0^1 \\ \delta^* &= \delta \left[ 1 - 0 + 0 - \frac{2}{\pi} \right] = \delta \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Since, from part (a),

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{4.80}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

then

$$\frac{\delta^*}{x} = \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}\right) \frac{4.80}{\sqrt{Re_x}} = \frac{1.74}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \longleftarrow \delta^*(x)$$

The total friction force on one side of the plate is given by

$$F = \int_{A_p} \tau_w dA$$

Since  $dA = b dx$  and  $0 \leq x \leq L$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \int_0^L \tau_w b dx = \int_0^L \rho U^2 \frac{d\theta}{dx} b dx = \rho U^2 b \int_0^{\theta_L} d\theta = \rho U^2 b \theta_L \\ \theta_L &= \int_0^{\delta_L} \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy = \delta_L \int_0^1 \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) d\eta = \beta \delta_L \end{aligned}$$

From part (a),  $\beta = 0.137$  and  $\delta_L = \frac{4.80L}{\sqrt{Re_L}}$ , so

$$F = \frac{0.658 \rho U^2 b L}{\sqrt{Re_L}} \longleftarrow F$$

This problem illustrates application of the momentum integral equation to the laminar boundary layer on a flat plate.



The Excel workbook for this problem plots the growth of  $\delta$  and  $\delta^*$  in the boundary layer, and the exact solution (Eq. 9.13 on the web). It also shows wall shear stress distributions for the sinusoidal velocity profile and the exact solution.

### Turbulent Flow

For the flat plate, we still have for item 1 that  $U = \text{constant}$ . As for the laminar boundary layer, we need to satisfy item 2 (an approximation for the turbulent velocity profile) and item 3 (an expression for  $\tau_w$ ) in order to solve Eq. 9.19 for  $\delta(x)$ :

$$\tau_w = \rho U^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) d\eta \tag{9.19}$$

Details of the turbulent velocity profile for boundary layers at zero pressure gradient are very similar to those for turbulent flow in pipes and channels. Data for turbulent boundary layers plot on the universal velocity profile using coordinates of  $\bar{u}/u_*$  versus  $yu_*/\nu$ , as shown in Fig. 8.9. However, this profile is rather complex mathematically for easy use with the momentum integral equation. The momentum integral equation is approximate; hence, an acceptable velocity profile for turbulent boundary layers on smooth flat plates is the empirical power-law profile. An exponent of  $\frac{1}{7}$  is typically used to model the turbulent velocity profile. Thus

$$\frac{u}{U} = \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{1/7} = \eta^{1/7} \tag{9.24}$$

However, this profile does not hold in the immediate vicinity of the wall, since at the wall it predicts  $du/dy = \infty$ . Consequently, we cannot use this profile in the definition of  $\tau_w$  to obtain an expression for  $\tau_w$  in terms of  $\delta$  as we did for laminar boundary-layer flow. For turbulent boundary-layer flow we adapt the expression developed for pipe flow,

$$\tau_w = 0.0332\rho\bar{V}^2 \left[ \frac{\nu}{R\bar{V}} \right]^{0.25} \quad (8.39)$$

For a  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power profile in a pipe, Eq. 8.24 gives  $\bar{V}/U = 0.817$ . Substituting  $\bar{V} = 0.817U$  and  $R = \delta$  into Eq. 8.39, we obtain

$$\tau_w = 0.0233\rho U^2 \left( \frac{\nu}{U\delta} \right)^{1/4} \quad (9.25)$$

Substituting for  $\tau_w$  and  $u/U$  into Eq. 9.19 and integrating, we obtain

$$0.0233 \left( \frac{\nu}{U\delta} \right)^{1/4} = \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \eta^{1/7} (1 - \eta^{1/7}) d\eta = \frac{7}{72} \frac{d\delta}{dx}$$

Thus we obtain a differential equation for  $\delta$ :

$$\delta^{1/4} d\delta = 0.240 \left( \frac{\nu}{U} \right)^{1/4} dx$$

Integrating gives

$$\frac{4}{5} \delta^{5/4} = 0.240 \left( \frac{\nu}{U} \right)^{1/4} x + c$$

If we assume that  $\delta \simeq 0$  at  $x = 0$  (this is equivalent to assuming turbulent flow from the leading edge), then  $c = 0$  and

$$\delta = 0.382 \left( \frac{\nu}{U} \right)^{1/5} x^{4/5}$$

Note that this shows that the turbulent boundary-layer thickness  $\delta$  grows as  $x^{4/5}$ ; it grows almost linearly (recall that  $\delta$  grows more slowly, as  $\sqrt{x}$ , for the laminar boundary layer). Traditionally this is expressed in dimensionless form:

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = 0.382 \left( \frac{\nu}{Ux} \right)^{1/5} = \frac{0.382}{Re_x^{1/5}} \quad (9.26)$$

Using Eq. 9.25, we obtain the skin friction coefficient in terms of  $\delta$ :

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = 0.0466 \left( \frac{\nu}{U\delta} \right)^{1/4}$$

Substituting for  $\delta$ , we obtain

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{0.0594}{Re_x^{1/5}} \quad (9.27)$$

Experiments show that Eq. 9.27 predicts turbulent skin friction on a flat plate very well for  $5 \times 10^5 < Re_x < 10^7$ . This agreement is remarkable in view of the approximate nature of our analysis.

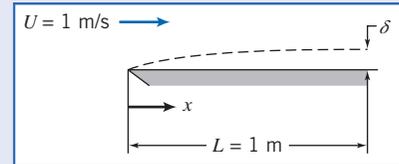
Application of the momentum integral equation for turbulent boundary-layer flow is illustrated in Example 9.3.

### Example 9.3 TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER ON A FLAT PLATE: APPROXIMATE SOLUTION USING $\frac{1}{7}$ -POWER VELOCITY PROFILE

Water flows at  $U = 1$  m/s past a flat plate with  $L = 1$  m in the flow direction. The boundary layer is tripped so it becomes turbulent at the leading edge. Evaluate the disturbance thickness,  $\delta$ , displacement thickness,  $\delta^*$ , and wall shear stress,  $\tau_w$ , at  $x = L$ . Compare with laminar flow maintained to the same position. Assume a  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power turbulent velocity profile.

**Given:** Flat-plate boundary-layer flow; turbulent flow from the leading edge. Assume  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power velocity profile.

- Find:** (a) Disturbance thickness,  $\delta_L$ .  
 (b) Displacement thickness,  $\delta_L^*$ .  
 (c) Wall shear stress,  $\tau_w(L)$ .  
 (d) Comparison with results for laminar flow from the leading edge.



**Solution:** Apply results from the momentum integral equation.

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{0.382}{Re_x^{1/5}} \quad (9.26)$$

$$\delta^* = \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \quad (9.1)$$

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{0.0594}{Re_x^{1/5}} \quad (9.27)$$

At  $x = L$ , with  $\nu = 1.00 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s for water ( $T = 20^\circ\text{C}$ ),

$$Re_L = \frac{UL}{\nu} = 1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 1 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{s}}{10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 10^6$$

From Eq. 9.26,

$$\delta_L = \frac{0.382}{Re_L^{1/5}} L = \frac{0.382}{(10^6)^{1/5}} \times 1 \text{ m} = 0.0241 \text{ m} \quad \text{or} \quad \delta_L = 24.1 \text{ mm} \quad \delta_L$$

Using Eq. 9.1, with  $u/U = (y/\delta)^{1/7} = \eta^{1/7}$ , we obtain

$$\delta_L^* = \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy = \delta_L \int_0^1 \left(\frac{u}{U}\right) d\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) = \delta_L \int_0^1 (1 - \eta^{1/7}) d\eta = \delta_L \left[ \eta - \frac{7}{8} \eta^{8/7} \right]_0^1$$

$$\delta_L^* = \frac{\delta_L}{8} = \frac{24.1 \text{ mm}}{8} = 3.01 \text{ mm} \quad \delta_L^*$$

From Eq. 9.27,

$$C_f = \frac{0.0594}{(10^6)^{1/5}} = 0.00375$$

$$\tau_w = C_f \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 = 0.00375 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (1)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$\tau_w = 1.87 \text{ N/m}^2 \quad \tau_w(L)$$

For laminar flow, use Blasius solution values. From Eq. 9.13 (on the web),

$$\delta_L = \frac{5.0}{\sqrt{Re_L}} L = \frac{5.0}{(10^6)^{1/2}} \times 1 \text{ m} = 0.005 \text{ m} \quad \text{or} \quad 5.00 \text{ mm}$$

From Example W9.1,  $\delta^*/\delta = 0.344$ , so

$$\delta^* = 0.344 \quad \delta = 0.344 \times 5.0 \text{ mm} = 1.72 \text{ mm}$$

From Eq. 9.15,  $C_f = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$ , so

$$\tau_w = C_f \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{10^6}} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (1)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} = 0.332 \text{ N/m}^2$$

Comparing values at  $x=L$ , we obtain

$$\text{Disturbance thickness, } \frac{\delta_{\text{turbulent}}}{\delta_{\text{laminar}}} = \frac{24.1 \text{ mm}}{5.00 \text{ mm}} = 4.82$$

$$\text{Displacement thickness, } \frac{\delta_{\text{turbulent}}^*}{\delta_{\text{laminar}}^*} = \frac{3.01 \text{ mm}}{1.72 \text{ mm}} = 1.75$$

$$\text{Wall shear stress, } \frac{\tau_{w, \text{turbulent}}}{\tau_{w, \text{laminar}}} = \frac{1.87 \text{ N/m}^2}{0.332 \text{ N/m}^2} = 5.63$$

This problem illustrates application of the momentum integral equation to the turbulent boundary layer on a flat plate. Compared to a laminar boundary layer, it is clear that the turbulent boundary layer grows much more rapidly—because the turbulent wall stress is significantly greater than the laminar wall stress.

 The Excel workbook for this example plots the  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power-law turbulent boundary layer (Eq. 9.26) and the laminar boundary layer (Eq. 9.13 on the web). It also shows the wall stress distributions for both cases.

## Summary of Results for Boundary-Layer Flow with Zero Pressure Gradient

Use of the momentum integral equation is an approximate technique to predict boundary-layer development; the equation predicts trends correctly. Parameters of the laminar boundary layer vary as  $Re_x^{-1/2}$ ; those for the turbulent boundary layer vary as  $Re_x^{-1/5}$ . Thus the turbulent boundary layer develops more rapidly than the laminar boundary layer.

Laminar and turbulent boundary layers were compared in Example 9.3. Wall shear stress is much higher in the turbulent boundary layer than in the laminar layer. This is the primary reason for the more rapid development of turbulent boundary layers.

The agreement we have obtained with experimental results shows that use of the momentum integral equation is an effective approximate method that gives us considerable insight into the general behavior of boundary layers.

## 9.5 Pressure Gradients in Boundary-Layer Flow

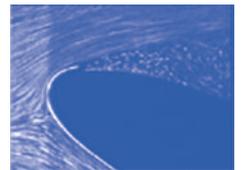
The boundary layer (laminar or turbulent) with a uniform flow along an infinite flat plate is the easiest one to study because the pressure gradient is zero—the fluid particles in the boundary layer are slowed only by shear stresses, leading to boundary-layer growth. We now consider the effects caused by a pressure gradient, which will be present for all bodies except, as we have seen, a flat plate.

A *favorable pressure gradient* is one in which the pressure decreases in the flow direction (i.e.,  $\partial p/\partial x < 0$ ); it is called favorable because it tends to overcome the slowing of fluid particles caused by friction in the boundary layer. This pressure gradient arises when the freestream velocity  $U$  is increasing with  $x$ , for example, in the converging flow field in a nozzle. On the other hand, an *adverse pressure gradient* is one in which pressure increases in the flow direction (i.e.,  $\partial p/\partial x > 0$ ); it is called adverse because it will cause fluid particles in the boundary-layer to slow down at a greater rate than that due to boundary-layer friction alone. If the adverse pressure gradient is severe enough, the fluid particles in the boundary layer will actually be brought to rest. When this occurs, the particles will be forced away from the body surface (a phenomenon called *flow separation*) as they make room for following particles, ultimately leading to a *wake* in which flow is turbulent. Examples of this are when the walls of a diffuser diverge too rapidly and when an airfoil has too large an angle of attack; both of these are generally very undesirable!

This description, of the adverse pressure gradient and friction in the boundary layer together forcing flow separation, certainly makes intuitive sense; the question arises whether we can more formally see when this occurs. For example, can we have flow separation and a wake for uniform flow over a flat plate, for which  $\partial p/\partial x = 0$ ? We can gain insight into this question by considering when the velocity in the boundary layer will become zero. Consider the velocity  $u$  in the boundary layer at an infinitesimal distance  $\Delta y$  above the plate. This will be

$$u_{y=\Delta y} = u_0 + \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} \Delta y = \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0} \Delta y$$

 Video: Flow Separation: Airfoil



where  $u_0 = 0$  is the velocity at the surface of the plate. It is clear that  $u_{y=\Delta y}$  will be zero (i.e., separation will occur) only when  $\partial u/\partial y|_{y=0} = 0$ . Hence, we can use this as our litmus test for flow separation. We recall that the velocity gradient near the surface in a laminar boundary layer, and in the viscous sublayer of a turbulent boundary layer, was related to the wall shear stress by

$$\tau_w = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}$$

Further, we learned in the previous section that the wall shear stress for the flat plate is given by

$$\frac{\tau_w(x)}{\rho U^2} = \frac{\text{constant}}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

for a laminar boundary layer and

$$\frac{\tau_w(x)}{\rho U^2} = \frac{\text{constant}}{Re_x^{1/5}}$$

for a turbulent boundary layer. We see that for the flow over a flat plate, the wall stress is always  $\tau_w > 0$ . Hence,  $\partial u/\partial y|_{y=0} > 0$  always; and therefore, finally,  $u_{y=\Delta y} > 0$  always. We conclude that for uniform flow over a flat plate the flow *never* separates, and we never develop a wake region, whether the boundary layer is laminar or turbulent, regardless of plate length.

We conclude that flow will not separate for flow over a flat plate, when  $\partial p/\partial x = 0$ . Clearly, for flows in which  $\partial p/\partial x < 0$  (whenever the freestream velocity is increasing), we can be sure that there will be no flow separation; for flows in which  $\partial p/\partial x > 0$  (i.e., adverse pressure gradients) we *could* have flow separation. We should not conclude that an adverse pressure gradient *always* leads to flow separation and a wake; we have only concluded that it is a necessary condition for flow separation to occur.

To illustrate these results consider the variable cross-sectional flow shown in Fig. 9.6. Outside the boundary layer the velocity field is one in which the flow accelerates (Region 1), has a constant velocity region (Region 2), and then a deceleration region (Region 3). Corresponding to these, the pressure gradient is favorable, zero, and adverse, respectively, as shown. Note that the straight wall is not a simple flat plate—it has these various pressure gradients because the flow above the wall is not a uniform flow. From our discussions above, we conclude that separation cannot occur in Region 1 or 2, but can occur in Region 3. Could we avoid flow separation in a device like this? Intuitively, we can see that if we make the divergent section less severe, we may be able to eliminate flow separation. In other words, we may eliminate flow separation if we make the adverse pressure gradient  $\partial p/\partial x$  small enough. The final question remaining is how small the adverse pressure gradient needs to be to accomplish this. This, and a more rigorous proof that we must have  $\partial p/\partial x > 0$  for a chance of flow separation, is beyond the scope of this text [3]. We conclude that flow separation is possible, but not guaranteed, when we have an adverse pressure gradient.

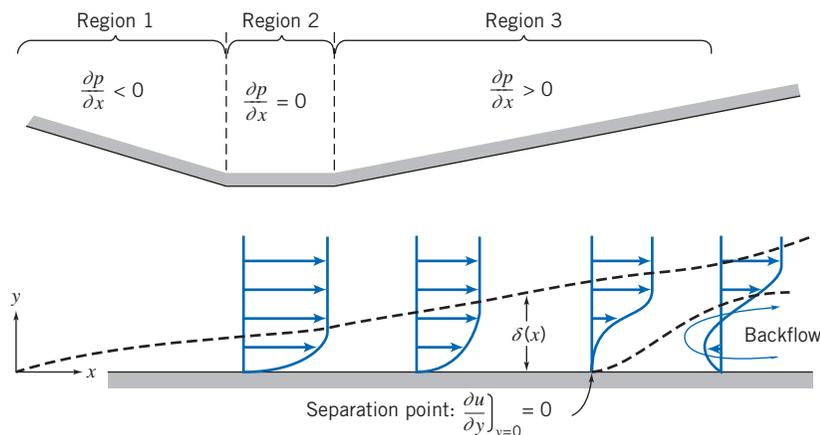
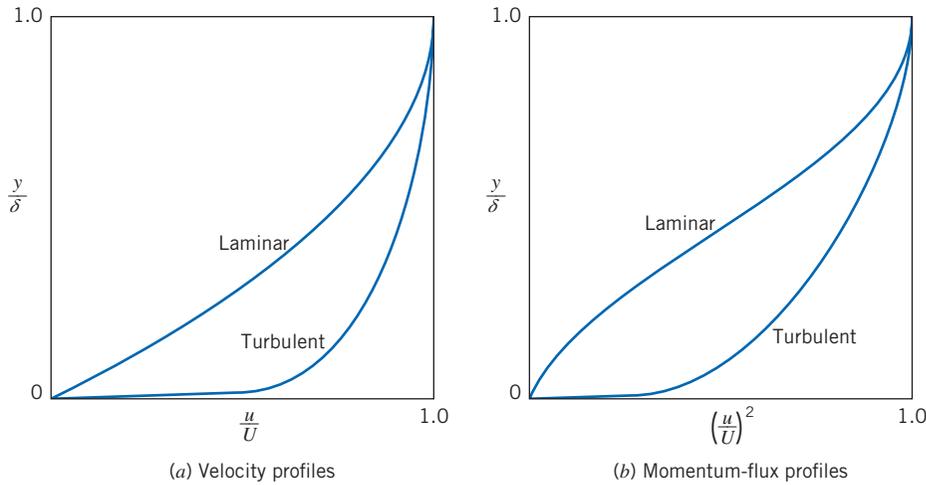


Fig. 9.6 Boundary-layer flow with pressure gradient (boundary-layer thickness exaggerated for clarity).



**Fig. 9.7** Nondimensional profiles for flat plate boundary-layer flow.

The nondimensional velocity profiles for laminar and turbulent boundary-layer flow over a flat plate are shown in Fig. 9.7a. The turbulent profile is much fuller (more blunt) than the laminar profile. At the same freestream speed, the momentum flux within the turbulent boundary layer is greater than within the laminar layer (Fig. 9.7b). Separation occurs when the momentum of fluid layers near the surface is reduced to zero by the combined action of pressure and viscous forces. As shown in Fig. 9.7b, the momentum of the fluid near the surface is significantly greater for the turbulent profile. Consequently, the turbulent layer is better able to resist separation in an adverse pressure gradient. We shall discuss some consequences of this behavior in Section 9.6.

Adverse pressure gradients cause significant changes in velocity profiles for both laminar and turbulent boundary-layer flows. Approximate solutions for nonzero pressure gradient flow may be obtained from the momentum integral equation

$$\frac{\tau_w}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx}(U^2\theta) + \delta^*U\frac{dU}{dx} \quad (9.17)$$

Expanding the first term, we can write

$$\frac{\tau_w}{\rho} = U^2\frac{d\theta}{dx} + (\delta^* + 2\theta)U\frac{dU}{dx}$$

or

$$\frac{\tau_w}{\rho U^2} = \frac{C_f}{2} = \frac{d\theta}{dx} + (H + 2)\frac{\theta}{U}\frac{dU}{dx} \quad (9.28)$$

where  $H = \delta^*/\theta$  is a velocity-profile “shape factor.” The shape factor increases in an adverse pressure gradient. For turbulent boundary-layer flow,  $H$  increases from 1.3 for a zero pressure gradient to approximately 2.5 at separation. For laminar flow with zero pressure gradient,  $H = 2.6$ ; at separation  $H = 3.5$ .

The freestream velocity distribution,  $U(x)$ , must be known before Eq. 9.28 can be applied. Since  $dp/dx = -\rho U dU/dx$ , specifying  $U(x)$  is equivalent to specifying the pressure gradient. We can obtain a first approximation for  $U(x)$  from ideal flow theory for an inviscid flow under the same conditions. As pointed out in Chapter 6, for frictionless irrotational flow (potential flow), the stream function,  $\psi$ , and the velocity potential,  $\phi$ , satisfy Laplace’s equation. These can be used to determine  $U(x)$  over the body surface.

Much effort has been devoted to calculation of velocity distributions over bodies of known shape (the “direct” problem) and to the determination of body shapes to produce a desired pressure distribution (the “inverse” problem). Smith and co-workers [6] have developed calculation methods that use singularities distributed over the body surface to solve the direct problem for two-dimensional or axisymmetric body shapes. A type of finite-element method that uses singularities defined on discrete surface panels (the “panel” method [7]) recently has gained increased popularity for application to

three-dimensional flows. Recall also that in Section 5.5 we briefly reviewed some basic ideas of CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics).

Once the velocity distribution,  $U(x)$ , is known, Eq. 9.28 can be integrated to determine  $\theta(x)$ , if  $H$  and  $C_f$  can be correlated with  $\theta$ . A detailed discussion of various calculation methods for flows with nonzero pressure gradient is beyond the scope of this book. Numerous solutions for laminar flows are given in Kraus [8]. Calculation methods for turbulent boundary-layer flow based on the momentum integral equation are reviewed in Rotta [9].

Because of the importance of turbulent boundary layers in engineering flow situations, the state of the art of calculation schemes is advancing rapidly. Numerous calculation schemes have been proposed [10, 11]; most such schemes for turbulent flow use models to predict turbulent shear stress and then solve the boundary-layer equations numerically [12, 13]. Continuing improvement in size and speed of computers is beginning to make possible the solution of the full Navier–Stokes equations using numerical methods [14, 15].

## Part B FLUID FLOW ABOUT IMMERSED BODIES

Whenever there is relative motion between a solid body and the viscous fluid surrounding it, the body will experience a net force  $\vec{F}$ . The magnitude of this force depends on many factors—certainly the relative velocity  $\vec{V}$ , but also the body shape and size, and the fluid properties ( $\rho$ ,  $\mu$ , etc.). As the fluid flows around the body, it will generate surface stresses on each element of the surface, and it is these that lead to the net force. The surface stresses are composed of tangential stresses due to viscous action and normal stresses due to the local pressure. We might be tempted to think that we can analytically derive the net force by integrating these over the body surface. The first step might be: Given the shape of the body (and assuming that the Reynolds number is high enough that we can use inviscid flow theory), compute the pressure distribution. Then integrate the pressure over the body surface to obtain the contribution of pressure forces to the net force  $\vec{F}$ . As we discussed in Chapter 6, this step was developed very early in the history of fluid mechanics; it led to the result that no bodies experience drag! The second step might be: Use this pressure distribution to find the surface viscous stress  $\tau_w$  (at least in principle, using, for example, Eq. 9.17). Then integrate the viscous stress over the body surface to obtain its contribution to the net force  $\vec{F}$ . This procedure sounds conceptually straightforward, but in practice is quite difficult except for the simplest body shapes. In addition, even if possible, it leads to erroneous results in most cases because it takes no account of a very important consequence of the existence of boundary layers—flow separation. This causes a wake, which not only creates a low-pressure region usually leading to large drag on the body, but also radically changes the overall flow field and hence the inviscid flow region and pressure distribution on the body.

For these reasons we must usually resort to experimental or CFD methods to determine the net force for most body shapes. Traditionally the net force  $\vec{F}$  is resolved into the drag force,  $F_D$ , defined as the component of the force parallel to the direction of motion, and the lift force,  $F_L$  (if it exists for a body), defined as the component of the force perpendicular to the direction of motion. In Sections 9.6 and 9.7 we will examine these forces for a number of different body shapes.



Video: Flow about a Sports Car



### 9.6 Drag

Drag is the component of force on a body acting parallel to the direction of relative motion. In discussing the need for experimental results in fluid mechanics (Chapter 7), we considered the problem of determining the drag force,  $F_D$ , on a smooth sphere of diameter  $d$ , moving through a viscous, incompressible fluid with speed  $V$ ; the fluid density and viscosity were  $\rho$  and  $\mu$ , respectively. The drag force,  $F_D$ , was written in the functional form

$$F_D = f_1(d, V, \mu, \rho)$$

Application of the Buckingham Pi theorem resulted in two dimensionless  $\Pi$  parameters that were written in functional form as

$$\frac{F_D}{\rho V^2 d^2} = f_2\left(\frac{\rho V d}{\mu}\right)$$

Note that  $d^2$  is proportional to the cross-sectional area ( $A = \pi d^2/4$ ) and therefore we could write

$$\frac{F_D}{\rho V^2 A} = f_3 \left( \frac{\rho V d}{\mu} \right) = f_3(Re) \quad (9.29)$$

Although Eq. 9.29 was obtained for a sphere, the form of the equation is valid for incompressible flow over *any* body; the characteristic length used in the Reynolds number depends on the body shape.

The *drag coefficient*,  $C_D$ , is defined as

$$C_D \equiv \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A} \quad (9.30)$$

The number  $\frac{1}{2}$  has been inserted (as was done in the defining equation for the friction factor) to form the familiar dynamic pressure. Then Eq. 9.29 can be written as

$$C_D = f(Re) \quad (9.31)$$

We have not considered compressibility or free-surface effects in this discussion of the drag force. Had these been included, we would have obtained the functional form

$$C_D = f(Re, Fr, M)$$

At this point we shall consider the drag force on several bodies for which Eq. 9.31 is valid. The total drag force is the sum of friction drag and pressure drag. However, the drag coefficient is a function only of the Reynolds number.

We now consider the drag force and drag coefficient for a number of bodies, starting with the simplest: a flat plate parallel to the flow (which has only friction drag); a flat plate normal to the flow (which has only pressure drag); and cylinders and spheres (the simplest 2D and 3D bodies, which have both friction and pressure drag). We will also briefly discuss streamlining.

### Pure Friction Drag: Flow over a Flat Plate Parallel to the Flow

This flow situation was considered in detail in Section 9.4. Since the pressure gradient is zero (and in any event the pressure forces are perpendicular to the plate and therefore do not contribute to drag), the total drag is equal to the friction drag. Thus

$$F_D = \int_{\text{plate surface}} \tau_w dA$$

and

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A} = \frac{\int_{\text{PS}} \tau_w dA}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A} \quad (9.32)$$

where  $A$  is the total surface area in contact with the fluid (i.e., the *wetted area*). The drag coefficient for a flat plate parallel to the flow depends on the shear stress distribution along the plate.

For laminar flow over a flat plate, the shear stress coefficient was given by

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2} = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \quad (9.15)$$

The drag coefficient for flow with freestream velocity  $V$ , over a flat plate of length  $L$  and width  $b$ , is obtained by substituting for  $\tau_w$  from Eq. 9.15 into Eq. 9.32. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} C_D &= \frac{1}{A} \int_A 0.664 Re_x^{-0.5} dA = \frac{1}{bL} \int_0^L 0.664 \left( \frac{V}{\nu} \right)^{-0.5} x^{-0.5} b dx \\ &= \frac{0.664}{L} \left( \frac{\nu}{V} \right)^{0.5} \left[ \frac{x^{0.5}}{0.5} \right]_0^L = 1.33 \left( \frac{\nu}{VL} \right)^{0.5} \end{aligned}$$

$$C_D = \frac{1.33}{\sqrt{Re_L}} \quad (9.33)$$

Assuming the boundary layer is turbulent from the leading edge, the shear stress coefficient, based on the approximate analysis of Section 9.4, is given by

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{0.0594}{Re_x^{1/5}} \quad (9.27)$$

Substituting for  $\tau_w$  from Eq. 9.27 into Eq. 9.32, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C_D &= \frac{1}{A} \int_A 0.0594 Re_x^{-0.2} dA = \frac{1}{bL} \int_0^L 0.0594 \left(\frac{V}{\nu}\right)^{-0.2} x^{-0.2} b dx \\ &= \frac{0.0594}{L} \left(\frac{\nu}{V}\right)^{0.2} \left[\frac{x^{0.8}}{0.8}\right]_0^L = 0.0742 \left(\frac{\nu}{VL}\right)^{0.2} \end{aligned}$$

$$C_D = \frac{0.0742}{Re_L^{1/5}} \quad (9.34)$$

Equation 9.34 is valid for  $5 \times 10^5 < Re_L < 10^7$ .

For  $Re_L < 10^9$  the empirical equation given by Schlichting [3]

$$C_D = \frac{0.455}{(\log Re_L)^{2.58}} \quad (9.35)$$

fits experimental data very well.

For a boundary layer that is initially laminar and undergoes transition at some location on the plate, the turbulent drag coefficient must be adjusted to account for the laminar flow over the initial length. The adjustment is made by subtracting the quantity  $B/Re_L$  from the  $C_D$  determined for completely turbulent flow. The value of  $B$  depends on the Reynolds number at transition;  $B$  is given by

$$B = Re_{tr}(C_{D_{turbulent}} - C_{D_{laminar}}) \quad (9.36)$$

For a transition Reynolds number of  $5 \times 10^5$ , the drag coefficient may be calculated by making the adjustment to Eq. 9.34, in which case

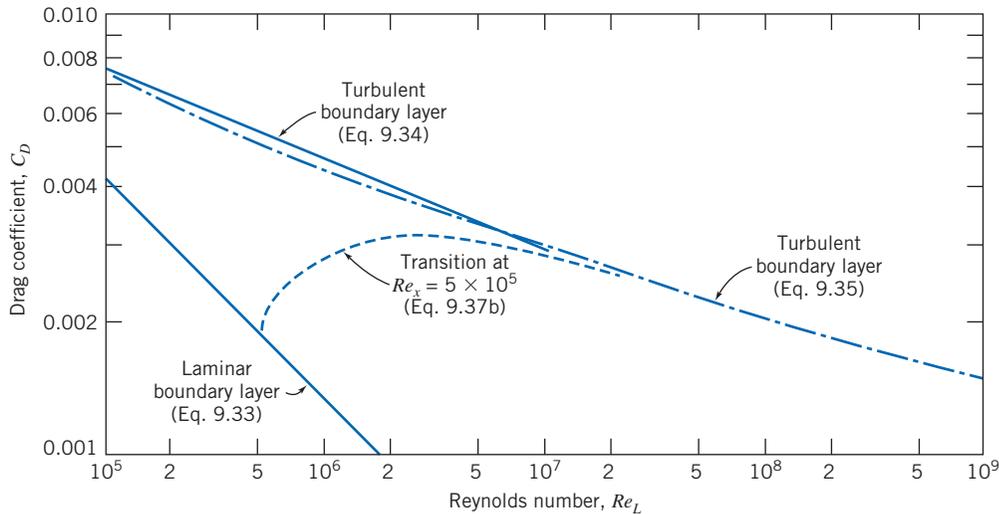
$$C_D = \frac{0.0742}{Re_L^{1/5}} - \frac{1740}{Re_L} \quad (5 \times 10^5 < Re_L < 10^7) \quad (9.37a)$$

or to Eq. 9.35, in which case

$$C_D = \frac{0.455}{(\log Re_L)^{2.58}} - \frac{1610}{Re_L} \quad (5 \times 10^5 < Re_L < 10^9) \quad (9.37b)$$

The variation in drag coefficient for a flat plate parallel to the flow is shown in Fig. 9.8.

In the plot of Fig. 9.8, transition was assumed to occur at  $Re_x = 5 \times 10^5$  for flows in which the boundary layer was initially laminar. The actual Reynolds number at which transition occurs depends on a combination of factors, such as surface roughness and freestream disturbances. Transition tends to occur earlier (at lower Reynolds number) as surface roughness or freestream turbulence is increased. For transition at other than  $Re_x = 5 \times 10^5$ , the constant in the second term of Eqs. 9.37 is modified using Eq. 9.36. Figure 9.8 shows that the drag coefficient is less, for a given length of plate, when laminar flow is maintained over the longest possible distance. However, at large  $Re_L (> 10^7)$  the contribution of the laminar drag is negligible. Example 9.4 illustrates how the skin friction force due to a turbulent boundary layer is calculated.



**Fig. 9.8** Variation of drag coefficient with Reynolds number for a smooth flat plate parallel to the flow.

### Example 9.4 SKIN FRICTION DRAG ON A SUPERTANKER

A supertanker is 360 m long and has a beam width of 70 m and a draft of 25 m. Estimate the force and power required to overcome skin friction drag at a cruising speed of 13 kt in seawater at 10°C.

**Given:** Supertanker cruising at  $U = 13$  kt.

**Find:** (a) Force.  
(b) Power required to overcome skin friction drag.

**Solution:** Model the tanker hull as a flat plate, of length  $L$  and width  $b = B + 2D$ , in contact with water. Estimate skin friction drag from the drag coefficient.

**Governing equations:**

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2 A} \quad (9.32)$$

$$C_D = \frac{0.455}{(\log Re_L)^{2.58}} - \frac{1610}{Re_L} \quad (9.37b)$$

The ship speed is 13 kt (nautical miles per hour), so

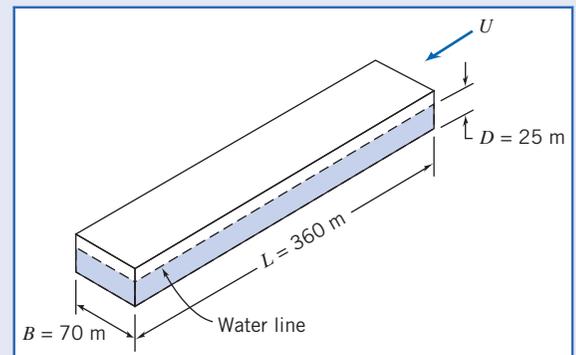
$$U = 13 \frac{\text{nm}}{\text{hr}} \times 6076 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{nm}} \times 0.305 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{ft}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 6.69 \text{ m/s}$$

From Appendix A, at 10°C,  $\nu = 1.37 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  for seawater. Then

$$Re_L = \frac{UL}{\nu} = 6.69 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 360 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.37 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 1.76 \times 10^9$$

Assuming Eq. 9.37b is valid,

$$C_D = \frac{0.455}{(\log 1.76 \times 10^9)^{2.58}} - \frac{1610}{1.76 \times 10^9} = 0.00147$$



and from Eq. 9.32,

$$F_D = C_D A \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2$$

$$= 0.00147 \times (360 \text{ m})(70 + 50) \text{ m} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 1020 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (6.69)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$F_D = 1.45 \text{ MN} \leftarrow F_D$$

The corresponding power is

$$\mathcal{P} = F_D U = 1.45 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \times 6.69 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = 9.70 \text{ MW} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}$$

This problem illustrates application of drag coefficient equations for a flat plate parallel to the flow.

- The power required (about 13,000 hp) is very large because although the friction stress is small, it acts over a substantial area.
- The boundary layer is turbulent for almost the entire length of the ship (transition occurs at  $x \approx 0.1 \text{ m}$ ).

### Pure Pressure Drag: Flow over a Flat Plate Normal to the Flow

In flow over a flat plate normal to the flow (Fig. 9.9), the wall shear stress is perpendicular to the flow direction and therefore does not contribute to the drag force. The drag is given by

$$F_D = \int_{\text{surface}} p dA$$

For this geometry the flow separates from the edges of the plate; there is back-flow in the low energy wake of the plate. Although the pressure over the rear surface of the plate is essentially constant, its magnitude cannot be determined analytically. Consequently, we must resort to experiments to determine the drag force.

The drag coefficient for flow over an immersed object usually is based on the *frontal area* (or projected area) of the object. (For airfoils and wings, the *planform area* is used; see Section 9.7.)

The drag coefficient for a finite plate normal to the flow depends on the ratio of plate width to height and on the Reynolds number. For  $Re$  (based on height) greater than about 1000, the drag coefficient is essentially independent of Reynolds number. The variation of  $C_D$  with the ratio of plate width to height ( $b/h$ ) is shown in Fig. 9.10. (The ratio  $b/h$  is defined as the *aspect ratio* of the plate.) For  $b/h = 1.0$ , the drag coefficient is a minimum at  $C_D = 1.18$  this is just slightly higher than for a circular disk ( $C_D = 1.17$ ) at large Reynolds number.

The drag coefficient for all objects with sharp edges is essentially independent of Reynolds number (for  $Re \gtrsim 1000$ ) because the separation points and therefore the size of the wake are fixed by the geometry of the object. Drag coefficients for selected objects are given in Table 9.3.

### Friction and Pressure Drag: Flow over a Sphere and Cylinder

We have looked at two special flow cases in which either friction or pressure drag was the sole form of drag present. In the former case, the drag coefficient was a strong function of Reynolds number, while in the latter case,  $C_D$  was essentially independent of Reynolds number for  $Re \gtrsim 1000$ .

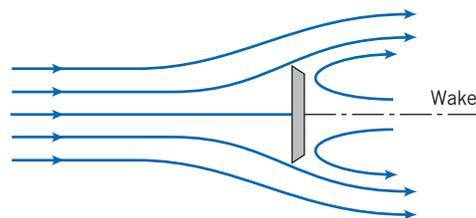
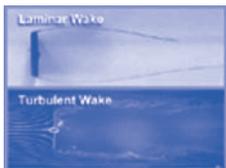


Fig. 9.9 Flow over a flat plate normal to the flow.



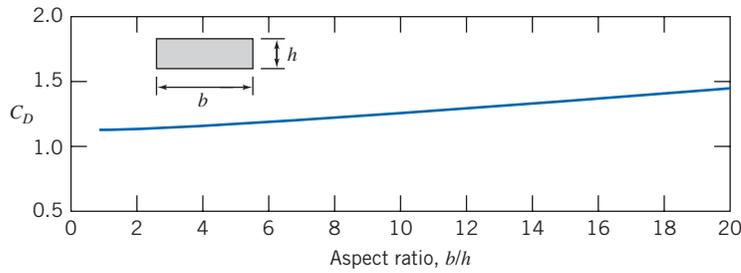


Fig. 9.10 Variation of drag coefficient with aspect ratio for a flat plate of finite width normal to the flow with  $Re_h > 1000$  [16].

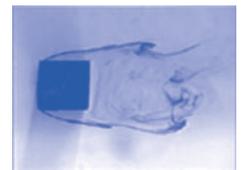
Table 9.3 Drag Coefficient Data for Selected Objects ( $Re \gtrsim 10^3$ )<sup>a</sup>

Object	Diagram	$C_D(Re \gtrsim 10^3)$
Square prism		$b/h = \infty$ 2.05
		$b/h = 1$ 1.05
Disk		1.17
Ring		1.20 <sup>b</sup>
Hemisphere (open end facing flow)		1.42
Hemisphere (open end facing downstream)		0.38
C-section (open side facing flow)		2.30
C-section (open side facing downstream)		1.20

<sup>a</sup> Data from Hoerner [16].

<sup>b</sup> Based on ring area.

Video: An Object with a High Drag Coefficient



In the case of flow over a sphere, both friction drag and pressure drag contribute to total drag. The drag coefficient for flow over a smooth sphere is shown in Fig. 9.11 as a function of Reynolds number.

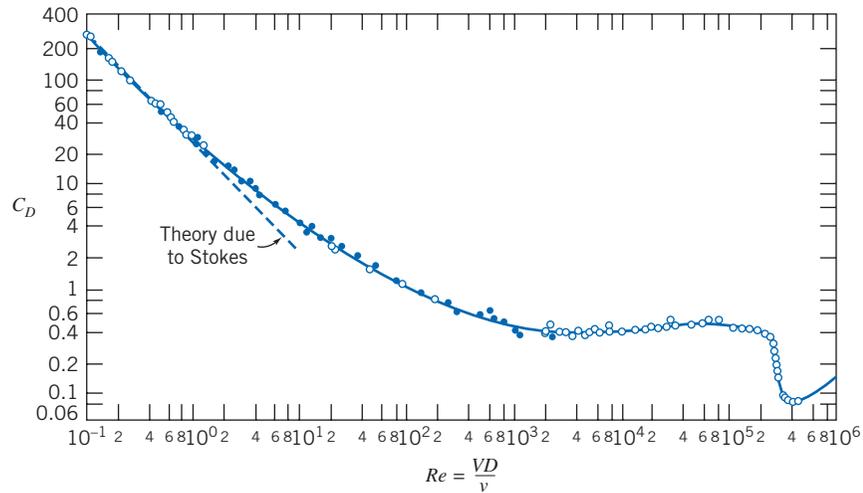
At very low Reynolds number,<sup>2</sup>  $Re \leq 1$ , there is no flow separation from a sphere; the wake is laminar and the drag is predominantly friction drag. Stokes has shown analytically, for very low Reynolds number flows where inertia forces may be neglected, that the drag force on a sphere of diameter  $d$ , moving at speed  $V$ , through a fluid of viscosity  $\mu$ , is given by

$$F_D = 3\pi\mu Vd$$

The drag coefficient,  $C_D$ , defined by Eq. 9.30, is then

$$C_D = \frac{24}{Re}$$

<sup>2</sup> See Shapiro [17] for a good discussion of drag on spheres and other shapes. See also Fage [18].



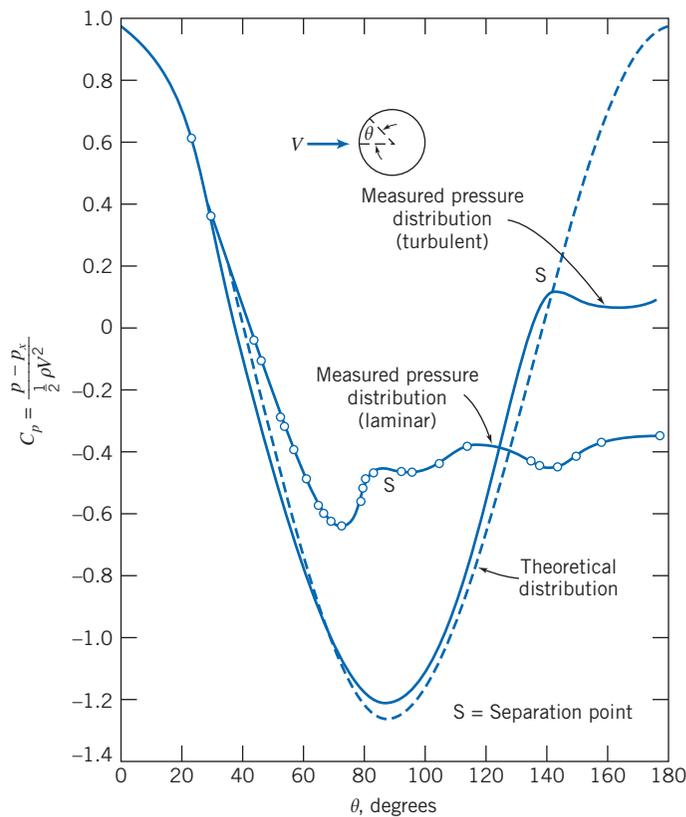
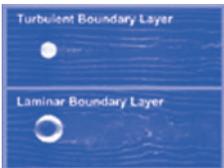
**Fig. 9.11** Drag coefficient of a smooth sphere as a function of Reynolds number (data from References [38], [39], and [3]).

As shown in Fig. 9.11, this expression agrees with experimental values at low Reynolds number but begins to deviate significantly from the experimental data for  $Re > 1.0$ .

As the Reynolds number is further increased, the drag coefficient drops continuously up to a Reynolds number of about 1000, but not as rapidly as predicted by Stokes' theory. A turbulent wake (not incorporated in Stokes' theory) develops and grows at the rear of the sphere as the separation point moves from the rear of the sphere toward the front; this wake is at a relatively low pressure, leading to a large pressure drag. By the time  $Re \approx 1000$ , about 95% of total drag is due to pressure. For  $10^3 < Re < 3 \times 10^5$  the drag coefficient is approximately constant. In this range the entire rear of the sphere has a low-pressure turbulent wake, as indicated in Fig. 9.12, and most of the drag is caused



Video: Examples of Flow around a Sphere



**Fig. 9.12** Pressure distribution around a smooth sphere for laminar and turbulent boundary-layer flow, compared with inviscid flow [18].

by the front-rear pressure asymmetry. Note that  $C_D \propto 1/Re$  corresponds to  $F_D \propto V$ , and that  $C_D \sim \text{const.}$  corresponds to  $F_D \propto V^2$ , indicating a quite rapid increase in drag.

For Reynolds numbers larger than about  $3 \times 10^5$ , transition occurs and the boundary layer on the forward portion of the sphere becomes turbulent. The point of separation then moves downstream from the sphere midsection, and the size of the wake decreases. The net pressure force on the sphere is reduced (Fig. 9.12), and the drag coefficient decreases abruptly.

A turbulent boundary layer, since it has more momentum flux than a laminar boundary layer, can better resist an adverse pressure gradient, as discussed in Section 9.5. Consequently, turbulent boundary-layer flow is desirable on a blunt body because it delays separation and thus reduces the pressure drag.

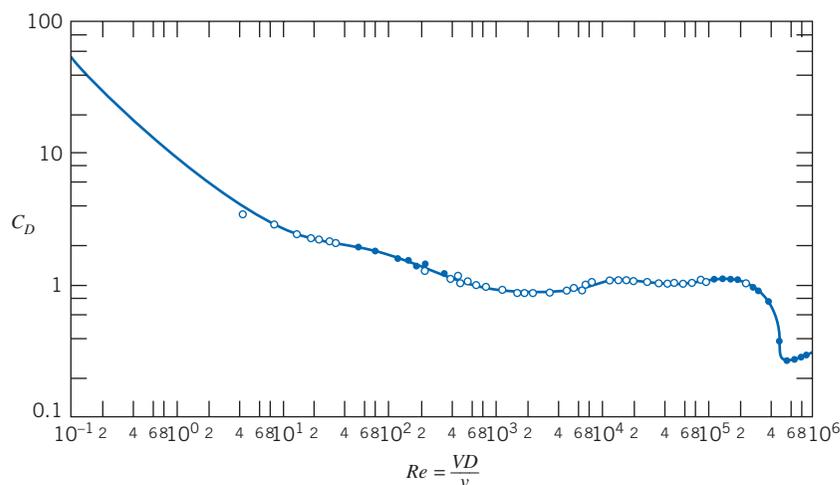
Transition in the boundary layer is affected by roughness of the sphere surface and turbulence in the flow stream. Therefore, the reduction in drag associated with a turbulent boundary layer does not occur at a unique value of Reynolds number. Experiments with smooth spheres in a flow with low turbulence level show that transition may be delayed to a critical Reynolds number,  $Re_D$ , of about  $4 \times 10^5$ . For rough surfaces and/or highly turbulent freestream flow, transition can occur at a critical Reynolds number as low as 50,000.

The drag coefficient of a sphere with turbulent boundary-layer flow is about one-fifth that for laminar flow near the critical Reynolds number. The corresponding reduction in drag force can affect the range of a sphere (e.g., a golf ball) appreciably. The “dimples” on a golf ball are designed to “trip” the boundary layer and, thus, to guarantee turbulent boundary-layer flow and minimum drag. To illustrate this effect graphically, we obtained samples of golf balls without dimples some years ago. One of our students volunteered to hit drives with the smooth balls. In 50 tries with each type of ball, the average distance with the standard balls was 215 yards; the average with the smooth balls was only 125 yards!

Adding roughness elements to a sphere also can suppress local oscillations in location of the transition between laminar and turbulent flow in the boundary layer. These oscillations can lead to variations in drag and to random fluctuations in lift (see Section 9.7). In baseball, the “knuckle ball” pitch is intended to behave erratically to confuse the batter. By throwing the ball with almost no spin, the pitcher relies on the seams to cause transition in an unpredictable fashion as the ball moves on its way to the batter. This causes the desired variation in the flight path of the ball.

Figure 9.13 shows the drag coefficient for flow over a smooth cylinder. The variation of  $C_D$  with Reynolds number shows the same characteristics as observed in the flow over a smooth sphere, but the values of  $C_D$  are about twice as high. The use of Fig. 9.13 to determine the drag force on a chimney is shown in Example 9.5, and the use of the drag coefficient data in Table 9.3 to find the drag of a parachute is given in Example 9.6.

Flow about a smooth circular cylinder may develop a regular pattern of alternating vortices downstream. The *vortex trail*<sup>3</sup> causes an oscillatory lift force on the cylinder perpendicular to the stream

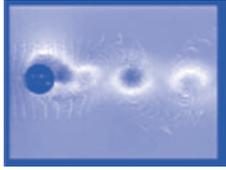


**Fig. 9.13** Drag coefficient for a smooth circular cylinder as a function of Reynolds number (data from References [38], [39], and [3]).

<sup>3</sup>The regular pattern of vortices in the wake of a cylinder sometimes is called a Karman vortex street in honor of the prominent fluid mechanician, Theodore von Kármán, who was first to predict the stable spacing of the vortex trail on theoretical grounds in 1911; see Goldstein [19].



Video: Vortex Trail behind a Cylinder



motion. Vortex shedding excites oscillations that cause telegraph wires to “sing” and ropes on flag poles to “slap” annoyingly. Sometimes structural oscillations can reach dangerous magnitudes and cause high stresses; they can be reduced or eliminated by applying roughness elements or fins—either axial or helical (sometimes seen on chimneys or automobile antennas)—that destroy the symmetry of the cylinder and stabilize the flow.

Experimental data show that regular vortex shedding occurs most strongly in the range of Reynolds number from about 60 to 5000. For  $Re > 1000$  the dimensionless frequency of vortex shedding, expressed as a Strouhal number,  $St = fD/V$ , is approximately equal to 0.21 [3].

Roughness affects drag of cylinders and spheres similarly: the critical Reynolds number is reduced by the rough surface, and transition from laminar to turbulent flow in the boundary layers occurs earlier. The drag coefficient is reduced by a factor of about 4 when the boundary layer on the cylinder becomes turbulent.

### Example 9.5 AERODYNAMIC DRAG AND MOMENT ON A CHIMNEY

A cylindrical chimney 1 m in diameter and 25 m tall is exposed to a uniform 50 km/hr wind at standard atmospheric conditions. End effects and gusts may be neglected. Estimate the bending moment at the base of the chimney due to wind forces.

**Given:** Cylindrical chimney,  $D = 1$  m,  $L = 25$  m, in uniform flow with

$$V = 50 \text{ km/hr} \quad \rho = 101 \text{ kPa (abs)} \quad T = 15^\circ\text{C}$$

Neglect end effects.

**Find:** Bending moment at bottom of chimney.

**Solution:** The drag coefficient is given by  $C_D = F_D / \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A$ , and thus  $F_D = C_D A \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$ . Since the force per unit length is uniform over the entire length, the resultant force,  $F_D$ , will act at the midpoint of the chimney. Hence the moment about the chimney base is

$$M_0 = F_D \frac{L}{2} = C_D A \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \frac{L}{2} = C_D A \frac{L}{4} \rho V^2$$

$$V = 50 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}} \times 10^3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{km}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 13.9 \text{ m/s}$$

For air at standard conditions,  $\rho = 1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , and  $\mu = 1.79 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/(m} \cdot \text{s)}$ . Thus

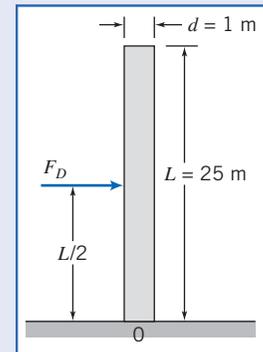
$$Re = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} = 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 13.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 1 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{m} \cdot \text{s}}{1.79 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg}} = 9.55 \times 10^5$$

From Fig. 9.13,  $C_D \approx 0.35$ . For a cylinder,  $A = DL$ , so

$$M_0 = C_D A \frac{L}{4} \rho V^2 = C_D D L \frac{L}{4} \rho V^2 = C_D D \frac{L^2}{4} \rho V^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times 0.35 \times 1 \text{ m} \times (25)^2 \text{ m}^2 \times 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (13.9)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$M_0 = 13.0 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m} \quad \leftarrow M_0$$



This problem illustrates application of drag-coefficient data to calculate the force and moment on a structure. We modeled the wind as a uniform flow; more realistically, the lower atmosphere is often modeled as a huge turbulent boundary layer, with a power-law velocity profile,  $u \sim y^{1/n}$  ( $y$  is the elevation).

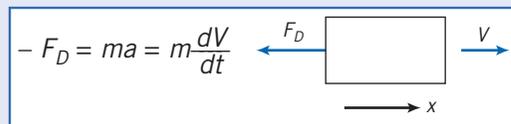
### Example 9.6 DECELERATION OF AN AUTOMOBILE BY A DRAG PARACHUTE

A dragster weighing 1600 lbf attains a speed of 270 mph in the quarter mile. Immediately after passing through the timing lights, the driver opens the drag chute, of area  $A = 25\text{ft}^2$ . Air and rolling resistance of the car may be neglected. Find the time required for the machine to decelerate to 100 mph in standard air.

**Given:** Dragster weighing 1600 lbf, moving with initial speed  $V_0 = 270\text{mph}$ , is slowed by the drag force on a chute of area  $A = 25\text{ft}^2$ . Neglect air and rolling resistance of the car. Assume standard air.

**Find:** Time required for the machine to decelerate to 100 mph.

**Solution:** Taking the car as a system and writing Newton's second law in the direction of motion gives



$$\begin{aligned} V_0 &= 270 \text{ mph} \\ V_f &= 100 \text{ mph} \\ \rho &= 0.00238 \text{ slug/ft}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A}$ , then  $F_D = \frac{1}{2} C_D \rho V^2 A$ .

Substituting into Newton's second law gives

$$-\frac{1}{2} C_D \rho V^2 A = m \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Separating variables and integrating, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} C_D \rho \frac{A}{m} \int_0^t dt &= \int_{V_0}^{V_f} \frac{dV}{V^2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} C_D \rho \frac{A}{m} t &= -\frac{1}{V} \Big|_{V_0}^{V_f} = -\frac{1}{V_f} + \frac{1}{V_0} = -\frac{(V_0 - V_f)}{V_f V_0} \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$t = \frac{(V_0 - V_f)}{V_f V_0} \frac{2m}{C_D \rho A} = \frac{(V_0 - V_f)}{V_f V_0} \frac{2W}{C_D \rho A g}$$

Model the drag chute as a hemisphere (with open end facing flow). From Table 9.3,  $C_D = 1.42$  (assuming  $Re > 10^3$ ). Then, substituting numerical values,

$$\begin{aligned} t &= (270 - 100) \text{ mph} \times 2 \times 1600 \text{ lbf} \times \frac{1}{100 \text{ mph}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{270 \text{ mi}} \times \frac{1}{1.2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{0.00238 \text{ slug}} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{25 \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{mi}}{5280 \text{ ft}} \times 3600 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{hr}} \\ t &= 5.05 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$

Check the assumption on  $Re$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Re &= \frac{DV}{\nu} = \left[ \frac{4A}{\pi} \right]^{1/2} \frac{V}{\nu} \\ &= \left[ \frac{4}{\pi} \times 25 \text{ ft}^2 \right]^{1/2} \times 100 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{3600 \text{ s}} \times 5280 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{mi}} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.57 \times 10^{-4} \text{ ft}^2} \\ Re &= 5.27 \times 10^6 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the assumption is valid.

This problem illustrates application of drag-coefficient data to calculate the drag on a vehicle parachute.

 The Excel workbook for this problem plots the dragster velocity (and distance traveled) as a function of time; it also allows "what-ifs," e.g., we can find the parachute area  $A$  required to slow the dragster to 60 mph in 5 sec.

All experimental data presented in this section are for single objects immersed in an unbounded fluid stream. The objective of wind tunnel tests is to simulate the conditions of an unbounded flow. Limitations on equipment size make this goal unreachable in practice. Frequently it is necessary to apply corrections to measured data to obtain results applicable to unbounded flow conditions.

In numerous realistic flow situations, interactions occur with nearby objects or surfaces. Drag can be reduced significantly when two or more objects, moving in tandem, interact. This phenomenon is well known to bicycle riders and those interested in automobile racing, where “drafting” is a common practice. Drag reductions of 80 percent may be achieved with optimum spacing [20]. Drag also can be increased significantly when spacing is not optimum.

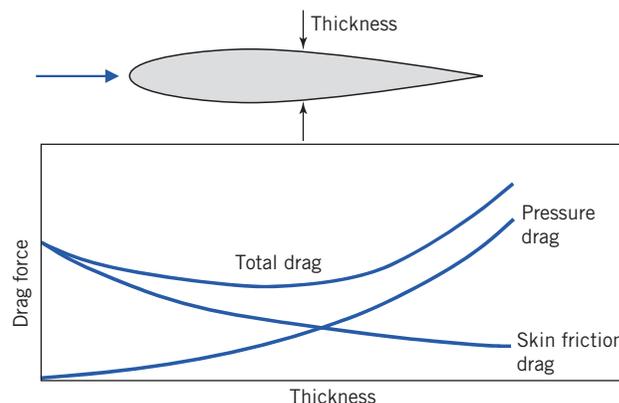
Drag can be affected by neighbors alongside as well. Small particles falling under gravity travel more slowly when they have neighbors than when they are isolated. This phenomenon has important applications to mixing and sedimentation processes.

Experimental data for drag coefficients on objects must be selected and applied carefully. Due regard must be given to the differences between the actual conditions and the more controlled conditions under which measurements were made.

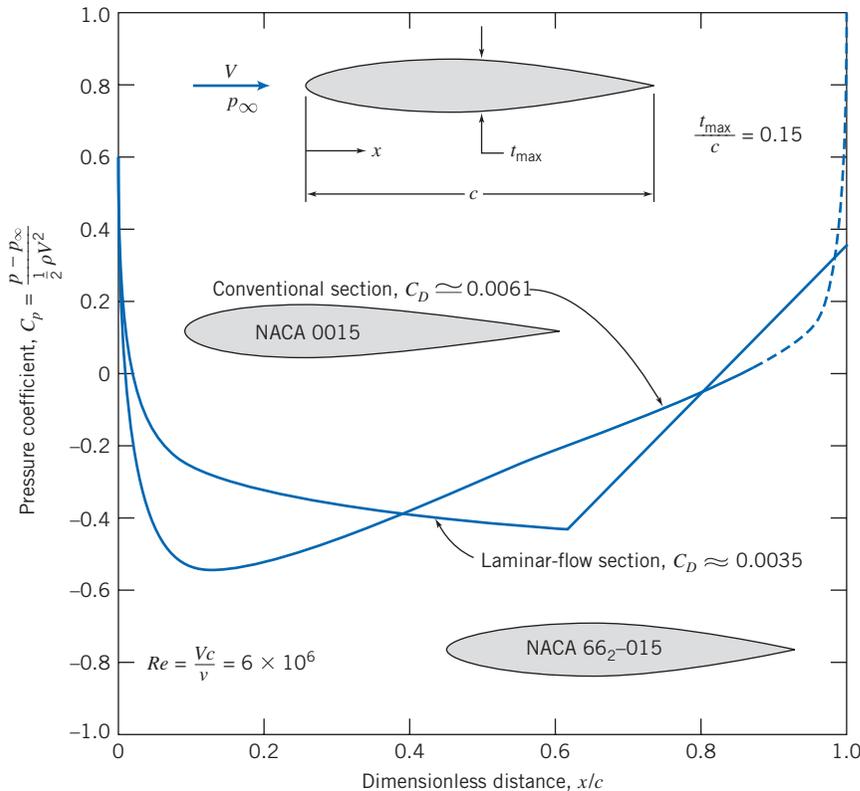
## Streamlining

The extent of the separated flow region behind many of the objects discussed in the previous section can be reduced or eliminated by streamlining, or fairing, the body shape. We have seen that due to the convergent body shape at the rear of any object (after all, every object is of finite length!), the streamlines will diverge, so that the velocity will decrease, and therefore, more importantly (as shown by the Bernoulli equation, applicable in the freestream region) the pressure will increase. Hence, we initially have an adverse pressure gradient at the rear of the body, leading to boundary-layer separation and ultimately to a low-pressure wake leading to large pressure drag. Streamlining is the attempt to reduce the drag on a body. We can reduce the drag on a body by making the rear of the body more tapered (e.g., we can reduce the drag on a sphere by making it “teardrop” shaped), which will reduce the adverse pressure gradient and hence make the turbulent wake smaller. However, as we do so, we are in danger of increasing the skin friction drag simply because we have increased the surface area. In practice, there is an optimum amount of fairing or tapering at which the total drag (the sum of pressure and skin friction drag) is minimized.

The pressure gradient around a “teardrop” shape (a “streamlined” cylinder) is less severe than that around a cylinder of circular section. The trade-off between pressure and friction drag for this case is shown schematically in Fig. 9.14. The pressure drag increases as the thickness is increased, while the friction drag due to the boundary layer flow decreases. The total drag is the sum of the two contributions and is a minimum at some value of thickness. This minimum drag is considerably less than that of a



**Fig. 9.14** Drag coefficient on a streamlined airfoil as a function of thickness showing contributions of skin friction and pressure to total drag (adapted from [19]).



**Fig. 9.15** Theoretical pressure distributions at zero angle of attack for two symmetric airfoil sections of 15 percent thickness ratio. (Data from Abbott and von Doenhoff [21].)

cylinder with a diameter equal to this value of thickness. As a result, streamlining of the structural members on aircraft and automobiles leads to significant savings.

The effect of the airfoil shape on the pressure distribution and drag coefficient<sup>4</sup> is shown in Figure 9.15 for two symmetric airfoils of infinite span and 15 percent thickness at zero angle of attack. These results were generated by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), which was founded in 1915 and undertook aeronautical research and development until it was replaced by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 1958. Transition on the conventional (NACA 0015) airfoil takes place where the pressure gradient becomes adverse, at  $x/c = 0.13$ , near the point of maximum thickness. Thus most of the airfoil surface is covered with a turbulent boundary layer; the drag coefficient is  $C_D \approx 0.0061$ . The point of maximum thickness has been moved aft on the airfoil (NACA 66<sub>2</sub>-015) designed for laminar flow. The boundary layer is maintained in the laminar regime by the favorable pressure gradient to  $x/c = 0.63$ . Thus the bulk of the flow is laminar;  $C_D \approx 0.0035$  for this section, based on planform area. The drag coefficient based on frontal area is  $C_{D_f} = C_D/0.15 = 0.0233$ , or about 40 percent of the optimum for the shapes shown in Fig. 9.14.

Tests in special wind tunnels have shown that laminar flow can be maintained up to length Reynolds numbers as high as 30 million by appropriate profile shaping. Because they have favorable drag characteristics, laminar-flow airfoils are used in the design of most modern subsonic aircraft.

Recent advances have made possible development of low-drag shapes even better than the NACA 60-series shapes. Experiments [21, 22] led to the development of a pressure distribution that prevented separation while maintaining the turbulent boundary layer in a condition that produces negligible skin

<sup>4</sup> Note that drag coefficients for airfoils are based on the *planform* area, i.e.,  $C_D = F_D / \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A_p$ , where  $A_p$  is the maximum projected wing area.

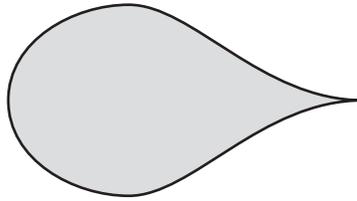


Fig. 9.16 Nearly optimum shape for low-drag strut [24].

friction. Improved methods for calculating body shapes that produced a desired pressure distribution [23, 24] led to development of nearly optimum shapes for thick struts with low drag. Figure 9.16 shows an example of the results.

Reduction of aerodynamic drag also is important for road vehicle applications. Interest in fuel economy has provided significant incentive to balance efficient aerodynamic performance with attractive design for automobiles. Drag reduction also has become important for buses and trucks.

Practical considerations limit the overall length of road vehicles. Fully streamlined tails are impractical for all but land-speed-record cars. Consequently, it is not possible to achieve results comparable to those for optimum airfoil shapes. However, it is possible to optimize both front and rear contours within given constraints on overall length [25–27].

Much attention has been focused on front contours. Studies on buses have shown that drag reductions up to 25 percent are possible with careful attention to front contour [27]. Thus it is possible to reduce the drag coefficient of a bus from about 0.65 to less than 0.5 with practical designs. Highway tractor-trailer rigs have higher drag coefficients— $C_D$  values from 0.90 to 1.1 have been reported. Commercially available add-on devices offer improvements in drag of up to 15 percent, particularly for windy conditions where yaw angles are nonzero. The typical fuel saving is half the percentage by which aerodynamic drag is reduced.

Front contours and details are important for automobiles. A low nose and smoothly rounded contours are the primary features that promote low drag. Radii of “A-pillar” and windshield header, and blending of accessories to reduce parasite and interference drag have received increased attention. As a result, drag coefficients have been reduced from about 0.55 to 0.30 or less for recent production vehicles. Recent advances in computational methods have led to development of computer-generated optimum shapes. A number of designs have been proposed, with claims of  $C_D$  values below 0.2 for vehicles complete with running gear.

## 9.7 Lift

For most objects in relative motion in a fluid, the most significant fluid force is the drag. However, there are some objects, such as airfoils, for which the lift is significant. Lift is defined as the component of fluid force perpendicular to the fluid motion. For an airfoil, the *lift coefficient*,  $C_L$ , is defined as

$$C_L \equiv \frac{F_L}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A_p} \quad (9.38)$$

It is worth noting that the lift coefficient defined above and the drag coefficient (Eq. 9.30) are each defined as the ratio of an actual force (lift or drag) divided by the product of dynamic pressure and area. This denominator can be viewed as the force that would be generated if we imagined bringing to rest the fluid directly approaching the area (recall that the dynamic pressure is the difference between total and static pressures). This gives us a “feel” for the meaning of the coefficients: They indicate the ratio of the actual force to this force. We note also that the coefficient definitions include  $V^2$  in the denominator, so that  $F_L$  (or  $F_D$ ) being proportional to  $V^2$  corresponds to a constant  $C_L$  (or  $C_D$ ), and that  $F_L$  (or  $F_D$ ) increasing with  $V$  at a lower rate than quadratic corresponds to a decrease in  $C_L$  (or  $C_D$ ) with  $V$ .

The lift and drag coefficients for an airfoil are functions of both Reynolds number and angle of attack; the angle of attack,  $\alpha$ , is the angle between the airfoil chord and the freestream velocity vector. The *chord* of an airfoil is the straight line joining the leading edge and the trailing edge. The wing section shape is obtained by combining a *mean line* and a thickness distribution (see Reference [21] for details). When the airfoil has a symmetric section, the mean line and the chord line both are straight lines, and they coincide. An airfoil with a curved mean line is said to be *cambered*.

The area at right angles to the flow changes with angle of attack. Consequently, the planform area,  $A_p$  (the maximum projected area of the wing), is used to define lift and drag coefficients for an airfoil.

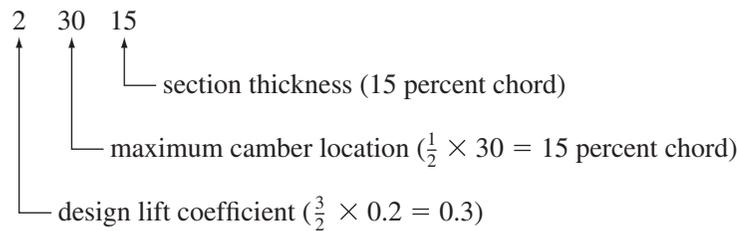
The phenomenon of aerodynamic lift is commonly explained by the velocity increase causing pressure to decrease (the Bernoulli effect) over the top surface of the airfoil and the velocity decrease (causing pressure to increase) along the bottom surface of the airfoil. Because of the pressure differences relative to atmosphere, the upper surface of the airfoil may be called the *suction surface* and the lower surface the *pressure surface*.

As was shown in Example 6.12, lift on a body can also be related to the circulation around the profile: In order for lift to be generated, there must be a net circulation around the profile. One may imagine the circulation to be caused by a vortex “bound” within the profile.

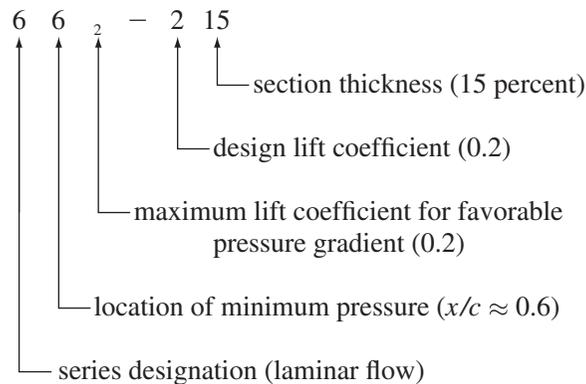
Advances continue in computational methods and computer hardware. However, most airfoil data available in the literature were obtained from wind tunnel tests. Reference [21] contains results from a large number of tests conducted by NACA. Data for some representative NACA profile shapes are described in the next few paragraphs.

Lift and drag coefficient data for typical conventional and laminar-flow profiles are plotted in Fig. 9.17 for a Reynolds number of  $9 \times 10^6$  based on chord length. The section shapes in Fig. 9.17 are designated as follows:

*Conventional*—23015

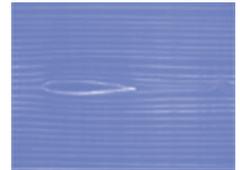


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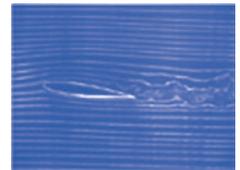


Both sections are cambered to give lift at zero angle of attack. As the angle of attack is increased, the  $\Delta p$  between the upper and lower surfaces increases, causing the lift coefficient to increase smoothly until a maximum is reached. Further increases in angle of attack produce a sudden decrease in  $C_L$ . The airfoil is said to have *stalled* when  $C_L$  drops in this fashion.

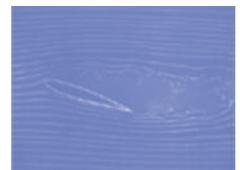
Video: Flow Past an Airfoil ( $\alpha = 0^\circ$ )

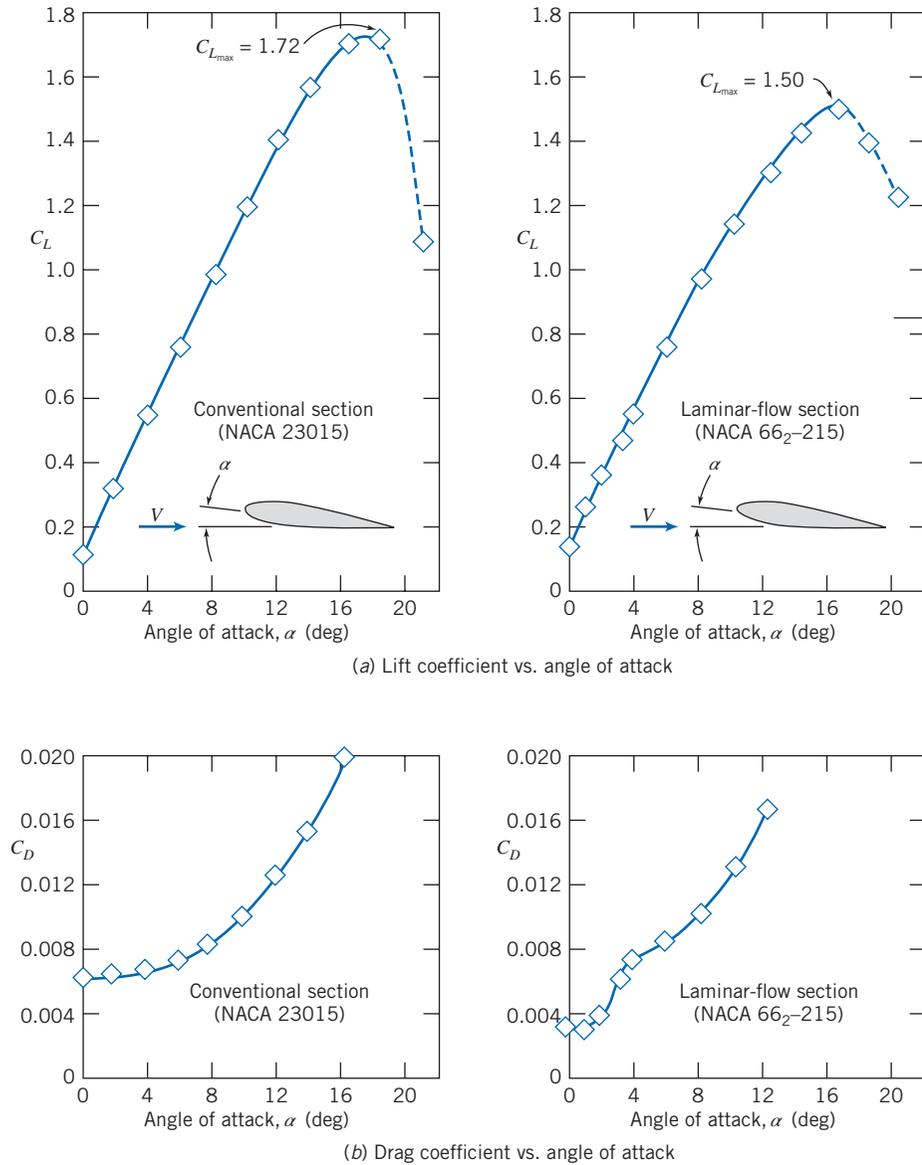


Video: Flow Past an Airfoil ( $\alpha = 10^\circ$ )



Video: Flow Past an Airfoil ( $\alpha = 20^\circ$ )

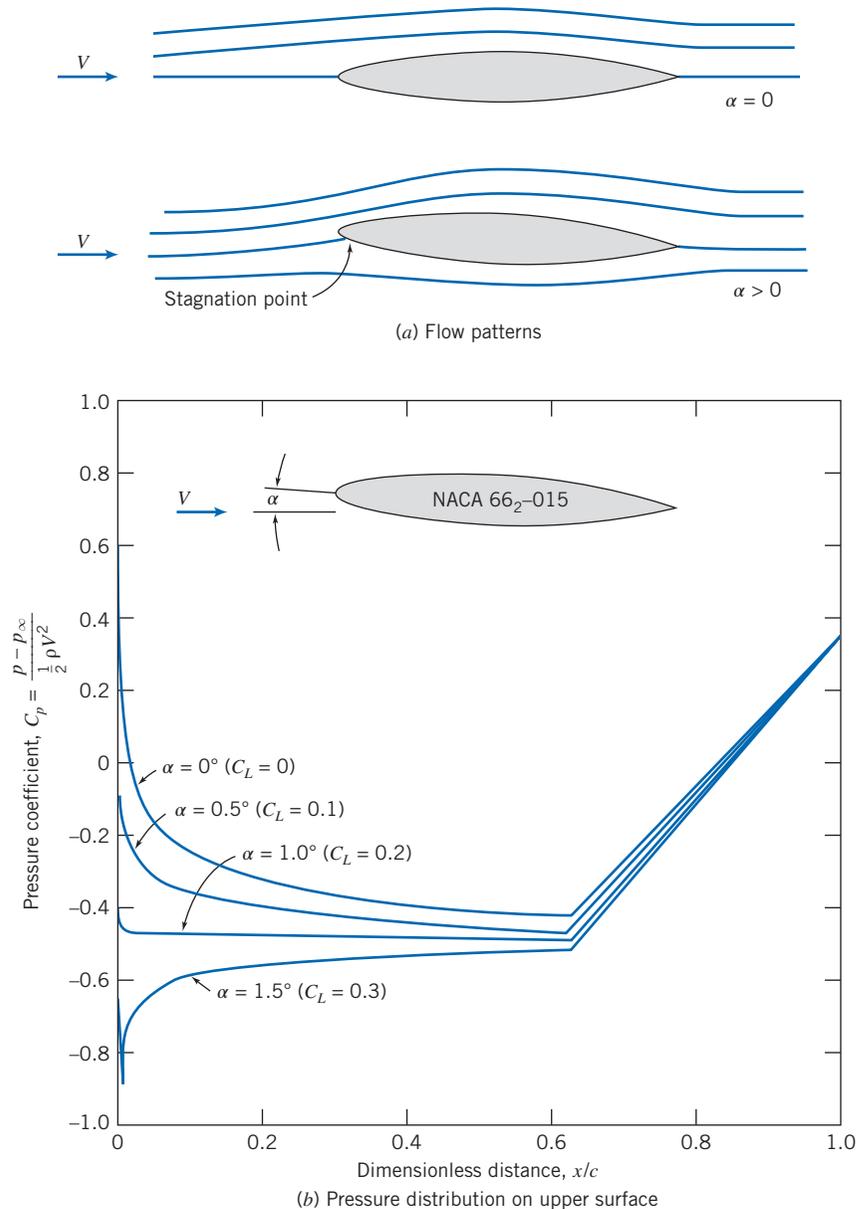




**Fig. 9.17** Lift and drag coefficients versus angle of attack for two airfoil sections of 15 percent thickness ratio at  $Re_c = 9 \times 10^6$ . (Data from Abbott and von Doenhoff [21].)

Airfoil stall results when flow separation occurs over a major portion of the upper surface of the airfoil. As the angle of attack is increased, the stagnation point moves back along the lower surface of the airfoil, as shown schematically for the symmetric laminar-flow section in Fig. 9.18a. Flow on the upper surface then must accelerate sharply to round the nose of the airfoil. The effect of angle of attack on the theoretical upper-surface pressure distribution is shown in Fig. 9.18b. The minimum pressure becomes lower, and its location moves forward on the upper surface. A severe adverse pressure gradient appears following the point of minimum pressure; finally, the adverse pressure gradient causes the flow to separate completely from the upper surface and the airfoil stalls (the uniform pressure in the turbulent wake will be approximately equal to the pressure just before separation, i.e., low).

Movement of the minimum pressure point and accentuation of the adverse pressure gradient are responsible for the sudden increase in  $C_D$  for the laminar-flow section, which is apparent in Fig. 9.17. The sudden rise in  $C_D$  is caused by early transition from laminar to turbulent boundary-layer flow on the upper surface. Aircraft with laminar-flow sections are designed to cruise in the low-drag region.

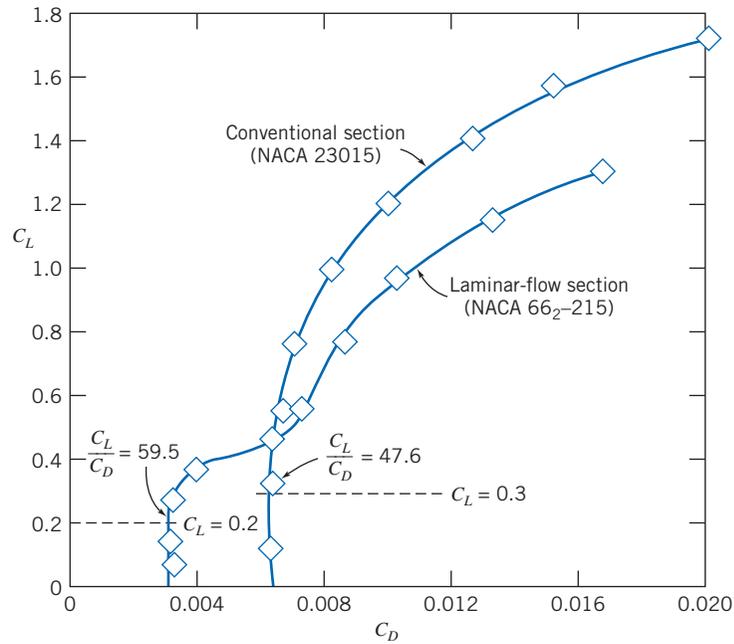


**Fig. 9.18** Effect of angle of attack on flow pattern and theoretical pressure distribution for a symmetric laminar-flow airfoil of 15 percent thickness ratio. (Data from Abbott and von Doenhoff [21].)

Because laminar-flow sections have very sharp leading edges, all of the effects we have described are exaggerated, and they stall at lower angles of attack than conventional sections, as shown in Fig. 9.17. The maximum possible lift coefficient,  $C_{L_{\max}}$ , also is less for laminar-flow sections.

Plots of  $C_L$  versus  $C_D$  (called lift-drag polars) often are used to present airfoil data in compact form. A polar plot is given in Fig. 9.19 for the two sections we have discussed. The lift/drag ratio,  $C_L/C_D$ , is shown at the design lift coefficient for both sections. This ratio is very important in the design of aircraft: The lift coefficient determines the lift of the wing and hence the load that can be carried, and the drag coefficient indicates a large part (in addition to that caused by the fuselage, etc.) of the drag the airplane engines have to work against in order to generate the needed lift; hence, in general, a high  $C_L/C_D$  is the goal, at which the laminar airfoil clearly excels.

Recent improvements in modeling and computational capabilities have made it possible to design airfoil sections that develop high lift while maintaining very low drag [23, 24]. Boundary-layer calculation codes are used with inverse methods for calculating potential flow to develop pressure



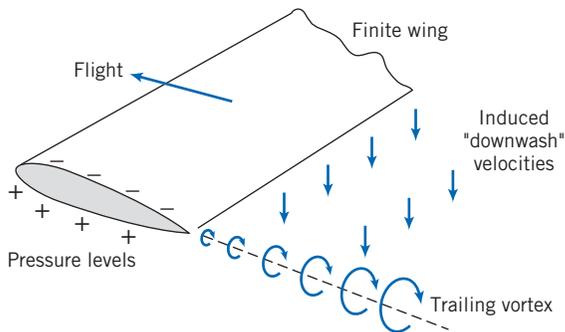
**Fig. 9.19** Lift-drag polars for two airfoil sections of 15 percent thickness ratio. (Data from Abbott and von Doenhoff [21].)

distributions and the resulting body shapes that postpone transition to the most rearward location possible. The turbulent boundary layer following transition is maintained in a state of incipient separation with nearly zero skin friction by appropriate shaping of the pressure distribution.

Such computer-designed airfoils have been used on racing cars to develop very high negative lift (downforce) to improve high-speed stability and cornering performance [23]. Airfoil sections especially designed for operation at low Reynolds number were used for the wings and propeller on the Kremer prize-winning man-powered “Gossamer Condor” [28], which now hangs in the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

All real airfoils—*wings*—are of finite span and have less lift and more drag than their airfoil section data would indicate. There are several ways to explain this. If we consider the pressure distribution near the end of the wing, the low pressure on the upper and high pressure on the lower surface cause flow to occur around the wing tip, leading to *trailing vortices* (as shown in Fig. 9.20), and the pressure difference is reduced, leading to less lift. These trailing vortices can also be explained more abstractly, in terms of circulation: We learned in Section 6.5 that circulation around a wing section is present whenever we have lift, and that the circulation is solenoidal—that is, it cannot end in the fluid; hence, the circulation extends beyond the wing in the form of trailing vortices. Trailing vortices can be very strong and persistent, possibly being a hazard to other aircraft for 5 to 10 miles behind a large airplane—air speeds of greater than 200 mph have been measured.<sup>5</sup>

 Video: *Wing Tip Vortices*



**Fig. 9.20** Schematic representation of the trailing vortex system of a finite wing.

<sup>5</sup>Sforza, P. M., “Aircraft Vortices: Benign or Baleful?” *Space/Aeronautics*, 53, 4, April 1970, pp. 42–49.

Trailing vortices reduce lift because of the loss of pressure difference, as we just mentioned. This reduction and an increase in drag (called *induced drag*) can also be explained in the following way: The “downwash” velocities induced by the vortices mean that the effective angle of attack is reduced—the wing “sees” a flow at approximately the mean of the upstream and downstream directions—explaining why the wing has less lift than its section data would suggest. This also causes the lift force (which is perpendicular to the effective angle of attack) to “lean backwards” a little, resulting in some of the lift appearing as drag.

Loss of lift and increase in drag caused by finite-span effects are concentrated near the tip of the wing; hence, it is clear that a short, stubby wing will experience these effects more severely than a very long wing. We should therefore expect the effects to correlate with the wing *aspect ratio*, defined as

$$AR \equiv \frac{b^2}{A_p} \quad (9.39)$$

where  $A_p$  is planform area and  $b$  is wingspan. For a rectangular planform of wingspan  $b$  and chord length  $c$ ,

$$AR = \frac{b^2}{A_p} = \frac{b^2}{bc} = \frac{b}{c}$$

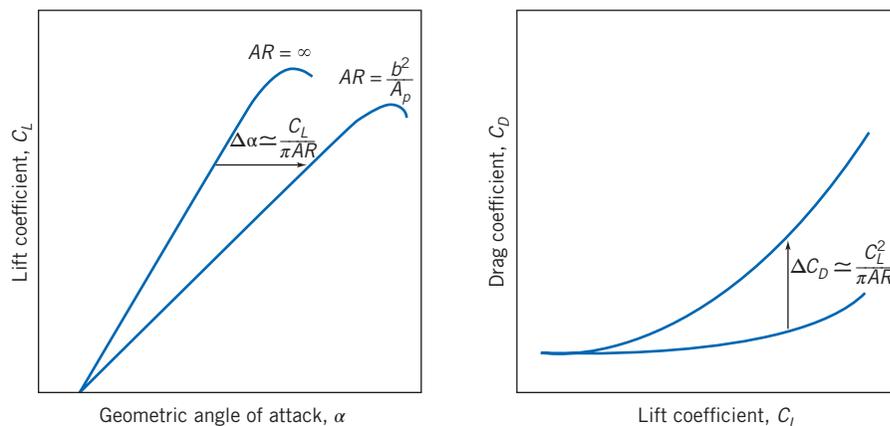
The maximum lift/drag ratio ( $L/D = C_L/C_D$ ) for a modern low-drag section may be as high as 400 for infinite aspect ratio. A high-performance sailplane (glider) with  $AR = 40$  might have  $L/D = 40$ , and a typical light plane ( $AR \approx 12$ ) might have  $L/D \approx 20$  or so. Two examples of rather poor shapes are lifting bodies used for reentry from the upper atmosphere, and water skis, which are *hydrofoils* of low aspect ratio. For both of these shapes,  $L/D$  typically is less than unity.

Variations in aspect ratio are seen in nature. Soaring birds, such as the albatross or California condor, have thin wings of long span. Birds that must maneuver quickly to catch their prey, such as hawks, have wings of relatively short span, but large area, which gives low *wing loading* (ratio of weight to planform area) and thus high maneuverability.

It makes sense that as we try to generate more lift from a finite wing (by, for example, increasing the angle of attack), the trailing vortices and therefore the downwash increase; we also learned that the downwash causes the effective angle of attack to be less than that of the corresponding airfoil section (i.e., when  $AR = \infty$ ), ultimately leading to loss of lift and to induced drag. Hence, we conclude that the effects of the finite aspect ratio can be characterized as a reduction  $\Delta\alpha$  in the effective angle of attack, and that this (which is usually undesirable) becomes worse as we generate more lift (i.e., as the lift coefficient  $C_L$  increases) and as the aspect ratio  $AR$  is made smaller. Theory and experiment indicate that

$$\Delta\alpha \approx \frac{C_L}{\pi AR} \quad (9.40)$$

Compared with an airfoil section ( $AR = \infty$ ), the geometric angle of attack of a wing (finite  $AR$ ) must be increased by this amount to get the same lift, as shown in Fig. 9.21. It also means that instead of being



**Fig. 9.21** Effect of finite aspect ratio on lift and drag coefficients for a wing.

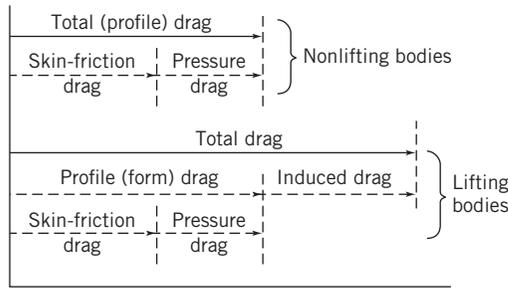


Fig. 9.22 Drag breakdown on nonlifting and lifting bodies.

perpendicular to the motion, the lift force leans angle  $\Delta\alpha$  backwards from the perpendicular—we have an induced drag component of the drag coefficient. From simple geometry

$$\Delta C_D \approx C_L \Delta\alpha \approx \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} \tag{9.41}$$

This also is shown in Fig. 9.21.

When written in terms of aspect ratio, the drag of a wing of finite span becomes [21]

$$C_D = C_{D,\infty} + C_{D,i} = C_{D,\infty} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} \tag{9.42}$$

where  $C_{D,\infty}$  is the section drag coefficient at  $C_L$ ,  $C_{D,i}$  is the induced drag coefficient at  $C_L$ , and  $AR$  is the aspect ratio of the finite-span wing.

Drag on airfoils arises from viscous and pressure forces. Viscous drag changes with Reynolds number but only slightly with angle of attack. These relationships and some commonly used terminology are illustrated in Fig. 9.22.

A useful approximation to the drag polar for a complete aircraft may be obtained by adding the induced drag to the drag at zero lift. The drag at any lift coefficient is obtained from

$$C_D = C_{D,0} + C_{D,i} = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} \tag{9.43}$$

where  $C_{D,0}$  is the drag coefficient at zero lift and  $AR$  is the aspect ratio. The optimum cruising speed of an aircraft brings in these lift and drag relations, as shown in Example 9.7.

### Example 9.7 OPTIMUM CRUISE PERFORMANCE OF A JET TRANSPORT

Jet engines burn fuel at a rate proportional to thrust delivered. The optimum cruise condition for a jet aircraft is at maximum speed for a given thrust. In steady level flight, thrust and drag are equal. Hence, optimum cruise occurs at the speed when the ratio of drag force to air speed is minimized.

A Boeing 727-200 jet transport has wing planform area  $A_p = 1600 \text{ ft}^2$ , and aspect ratio  $AR = 6.5$ . Stall speed at sea level for this aircraft with flaps up and a gross weight of 150,000 lbf is 175 mph. Below  $M = 0.6$ , drag due to compressibility effects is negligible, so Eq. 9.43 may be used to estimate total drag on the aircraft.  $C_{D,0}$  for the aircraft is constant at 0.0182. Assume sonic speed at sea level is  $c = 759 \text{ mph}$ .

Evaluate the performance envelope for this aircraft at sea level by plotting drag force versus speed, between stall and  $M = 0.6$ . Use this graph to estimate optimum cruise speed for the aircraft at sea-level conditions. Comment on stall speed and optimum cruise speed for the aircraft at 30,000 ft altitude on a standard day.

**Given:** Boeing 727-200 jet transport at sea-level conditions.

$$W = 150,000 \text{ lbf}, \quad A = 1600 \text{ ft}^2, \quad AR = 6.5, \quad \text{and} \quad C_{D,0} = 0.0182$$

Stall speed is  $V_{\text{stall}} = 175 \text{ mph}$ , and compressibility effects on drag are negligible for  $M \leq 0.6$  (sonic speed at sea level is  $c = 759 \text{ mph}$ ).

- Find:**
- Drag force as a function of speed from  $V_{\text{stall}}$  to  $M = 0.6$ ; plot results.
  - Estimate of optimum cruise speed at sea level.
  - Stall speed and optimum cruise speed at 30,000 ft altitude.

**Solution:** For steady, level flight, weight equals lift and thrust equals drag.

**Governing equations:**

$$F_L = C_L A \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = W \quad C_D = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR}$$

$$F_D = C_D A \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = T \quad M = \frac{V}{c}$$

At sea level,  $\rho = 0.00238 \text{ slug/ft}^3$ , and  $c = 759 \text{ mph}$ .  
Since  $F_L = W$  for level flight at any speed, then

$$C_L = \frac{W}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A} = \frac{2W}{\rho V^2 A}$$

At stall speed,  $V = 175 \text{ mph}$ , so

$$C_L = 2 \times 150,000 \text{ lbf} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{0.00238 \text{ slug}} \left[ \frac{\text{hr}}{V \text{ mi}} \times \frac{\text{mi}}{5280 \text{ ft}} \times 3600 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{hr}} \right]^2 \frac{1}{1600 \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}$$

$$C_L = \frac{3.65 \times 10^4}{[V(\text{mph})]^2} = \frac{3.65 \times 10^4}{(175)^2} = 1.196, \text{ and}$$

$$C_D = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} = 0.0182 + \frac{(1.196)^2}{\pi(6.5)} = 0.0882$$

Then

$$F_D = W \frac{C_D}{C_L} = 150,000 \text{ lbf} \left( \frac{0.0882}{1.19} \right) = 11,100 \text{ lbf}$$

At  $M = 0.6$ ,  $V = Mc = (0.6)759 \text{ mph} = 455 \text{ mph}$ , so  $C_L = 0.177$  and

$$C_D = 0.0182 + \frac{(0.177)^2}{\pi(6.5)} = 0.0197$$

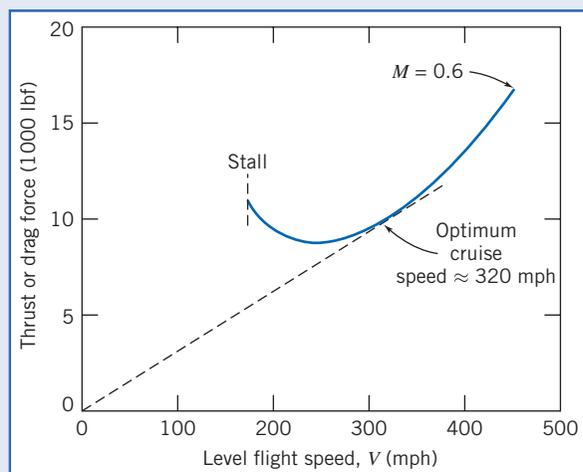
so

$$F_D = 150,000 \text{ lbf} \left( \frac{0.0197}{0.177} \right) = 16,700 \text{ lbf}$$

Similar calculations lead to the following table (computed using *Excel*):

V(mph)	175	200	300	400	455
$C_L$	1.196	0.916	0.407	0.229	0.177
$C_D$	0.0882	0.0593	0.0263	0.0208	0.0197
$F_D$ (lbf)	11,100	9,710	9,700	13,600	16,700

These data may be plotted as:



From the plot, the optimum cruise speed at sea level is estimated as 320 mph (and using *Excel* we obtain 323 mph).

At 30,000 ft (9140 m) altitude, the density is only about 0.375 times sea level density, from Table A.3. The speeds for corresponding forces are calculated from

$$F_L = C_L A \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \quad \text{or} \quad V = \sqrt{\frac{2F_L}{C_L \rho A}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{V_{30}}{V_{SL}} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{SL}}{\rho_{30}}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{0.375}} = 1.63$$

Thus, speeds increase 63 percent at 30,000 ft altitude:

$$V_{\text{stall}} \approx 285 \text{ mph}$$

$$V_{\text{cruise}} \approx 522 \text{ mph}$$

This problem illustrates that high-altitude flight increases the optimum cruising speed—in general this speed depends on aircraft configuration, gross weight, segment length, and winds aloft.



The *Excel* workbook for this problem plots the drag or thrust and power as functions of speed. It also allows “what-ifs,” e.g., what happens to the optimum speed if altitude is increased, or if the aspect ratio is increased, and so on.

It is possible to increase the *effective* aspect ratio for a wing of given geometric ratio by adding an *endplate* or *winglet* to the wing tip. An endplate may be a simple plate attached at the tip, perpendicular to the wing span, as on the rear-mounted wing of a racing car (see Fig. 9.26). An endplate functions by blocking the flow that tends to migrate from the high-pressure region below the wing tip to the low-pressure region above the tip when the wing is producing lift. When the endplate is added, the strength of the trailing vortex and the induced drag are reduced.

Winglets are short, aerodynamically contoured wings set perpendicular to the wing at the tip. Like the endplate, the winglet reduces the strength of the trailing vortex system and the induced drag. The winglet also produces a small component of force in the flight direction, which has the effect of further reducing the overall drag of the aircraft. The contour and angle of attack of the winglet are adjusted based on wind tunnel tests to provide optimum results.

As we have seen, aircraft can be fitted with low-drag airfoils to give excellent performance at cruise conditions. However, since the maximum lift coefficient is low for thin airfoils, additional effort must be expended to obtain acceptably low landing speeds. In steady-state flight conditions, lift must equal aircraft weight. Thus,

$$W = F_L = C_L \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 A$$

Minimum flight speed is therefore obtained when  $C_L = C_{L_{\text{max}}}$ . Solving for  $V_{\text{min}}$ ,

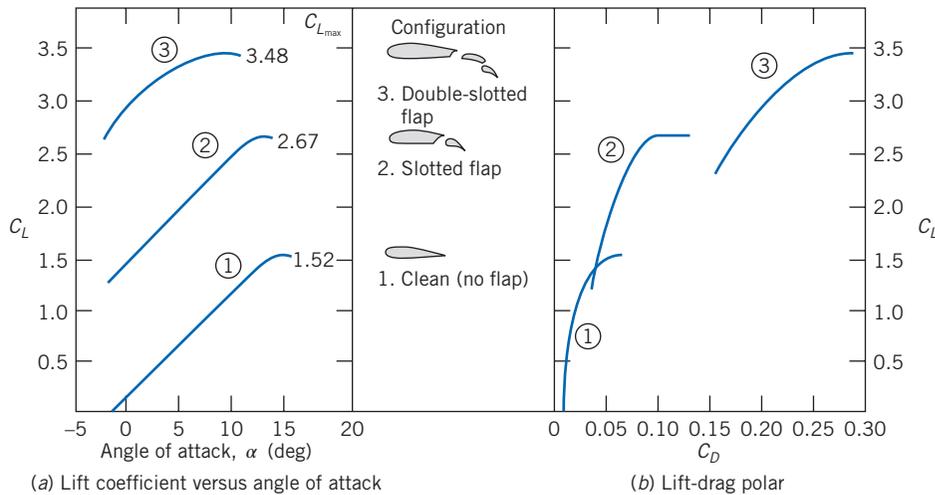
$$V_{\text{min}} = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\rho C_{L_{\text{max}}} A}} \tag{9.44}$$

According to Eq. 9.44, the minimum landing speed can be reduced by increasing either  $C_{L_{\text{max}}}$  or wing area. Two basic techniques are available to control these variables: variable-geometry wing sections (e.g., obtained through the use of flaps) or boundary-layer control techniques.

Flaps are movable portions of a wing trailing edge that may be extended during landing and takeoff to increase effective wing area. The effects on lift and drag of two typical flap configurations are shown in Fig. 9.23, as applied to the NACA 23012 airfoil section. The maximum lift coefficient for this section is increased from 1.52 in the “clean” condition to 3.48 with double-slotted flaps. From Eq. 9.44, the corresponding reduction in landing speed would be 34 percent.

Figure 9.23 shows that section drag is increased substantially by high-lift devices. From Fig. 9.23*b*, section drag at  $C_{L_{\text{max}}}$  ( $C_D \approx 0.28$ ) with double-slotted flaps is about 5 times as high as section drag at  $C_{L_{\text{max}}}$  ( $C_D \approx 0.055$ ) for the clean airfoil. Induced drag due to lift must be added to section drag to obtain total drag. Because induced drag is proportional to  $C_L^2$  (Eq. 9.41), total drag rises sharply at low aircraft speeds. At speeds near stall, drag may increase enough to exceed the thrust available from the engines. To avoid this dangerous region of unstable operation, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) limits operation of commercial aircraft to speeds above 1.2 times stall speed.

Although details are beyond the scope of this book, the basic purpose of all boundary-layer control techniques is to delay separation or reduce drag, by adding momentum to the boundary layer through



**Fig. 9.23** Effect of flaps on aerodynamic characteristics of NACA 23012 airfoil section. (Data from Abbott and von Doenhoff [21].)

blowing, or by removing low-momentum boundary-layer fluid by suction. Many examples of practical boundary-layer control systems may be seen on commercial transport aircraft at your local airport. Two typical systems are shown in Fig. 9.24.

Aerodynamic lift is an important consideration in the design of high-speed land vehicles such as racing cars and land-speed-record machines. A road vehicle generates lift by virtue of its shape [29]. A representative centerline pressure distribution measured in the wind tunnel for an automobile is shown in Fig. 9.25. The regions of positive and negative pressure coefficient are labeled with + and −, respectively, and indicate the levels of pressure on the automobile surfaces.

The pressure is low around the nose because of streamline curvature as the flow rounds the nose. The pressure reaches a maximum at the base of the windshield, again as a result of streamline curvature. Low-pressure regions also occur at the windshield header and over the top of the automobile. The air speed across the top is approximately 30 percent higher than the freestream air speed. The same effect occurs around the “A-pillars” at the windshield edges. The drag increase caused by an added object, such as an antenna, spotlight, or mirror at that location, thus would be  $(1.3)^2 \approx 1.7$  times the drag the object would experience in an undisturbed flow field. Thus the *parasite drag* of an added component can be much higher than would be predicted from its drag calculated for free flow.

At high speeds, aerodynamic lift forces can unload tires, causing serious reductions in steering control and reducing stability to a dangerous extent. Lift forces on early racing cars were counteracted somewhat by “spoilers,” at considerable penalty in drag. In 1965 Jim Hall introduced the use of movable inverted airfoils on his Chaparral sports cars to develop aerodynamic downforce and provide aerodynamic braking [31]. Since then the developments in application of aerodynamic devices have been rapid. Aerodynamic design is used to reduce lift on all modern racing cars, as exemplified in Fig. 9.26. Liebeck airfoils [23] are used frequently for high-speed automobiles. Their high lift coefficients and relatively low drag allow downforce equal to or greater than the car weight to be developed at racing speeds. “Ground effect” cars use venturi-shaped ducts under the car and side skirts to seal leakage flows. The net result of these aerodynamic effects is that the downward force (which increases with speed) generates excellent traction without adding significant weight to the vehicle, allowing faster speeds through curves and leading to lower lap times.

Another method of boundary-layer control is use of moving surfaces to reduce skin friction effects on the boundary layer [32]. This method is hard to apply to practical devices, because of geometric and weight complications, but it is very important in recreation. Most golfers, tennis players, soccer players, and baseball pitchers can attest to this! Tennis and soccer players use spin to control the trajectory and bounce of a shot. In golf, a drive can leave the tee at 275 ft/s or more, with backspin of 9000 rpm! Spin provides significant aerodynamic lift that substantially increases the carry of a drive. Spin is also largely





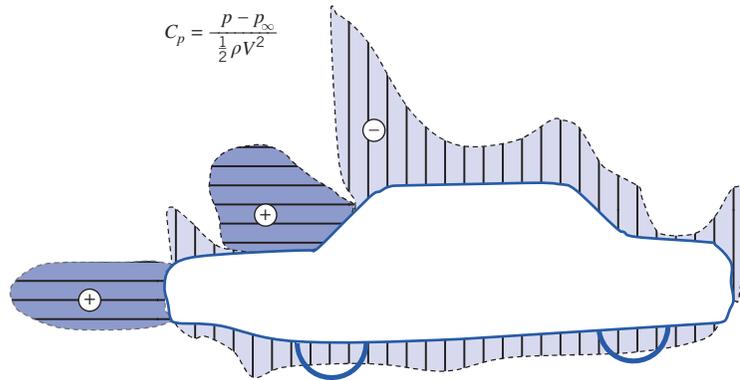
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**Fig. 9.24** (a) Application of high-lift boundary-layer control devices to reduce landing speed of a jet transport aircraft. The wing of the Boeing 777 is highly mechanized. In the landing configuration, large slotted trailing-edge flaps roll out from under the wing and deflect downward to increase wing area and camber, thus increasing the lift coefficient. Slats at the leading edge of the wing move forward and down, to increase the effective radius of the leading edge and prevent flow separation, and to open a slot that helps keep air flow attached to the wing's upper surface. After touchdown, spoilers (not shown in use) are raised in front of each flap to decrease lift and ensure that the plane remains on the ground, despite use of the lift-augmenting devices. (This photograph was taken during a flight test. Flow cones are attached to the flaps and ailerons to identify regions of separated flow on these surfaces.)

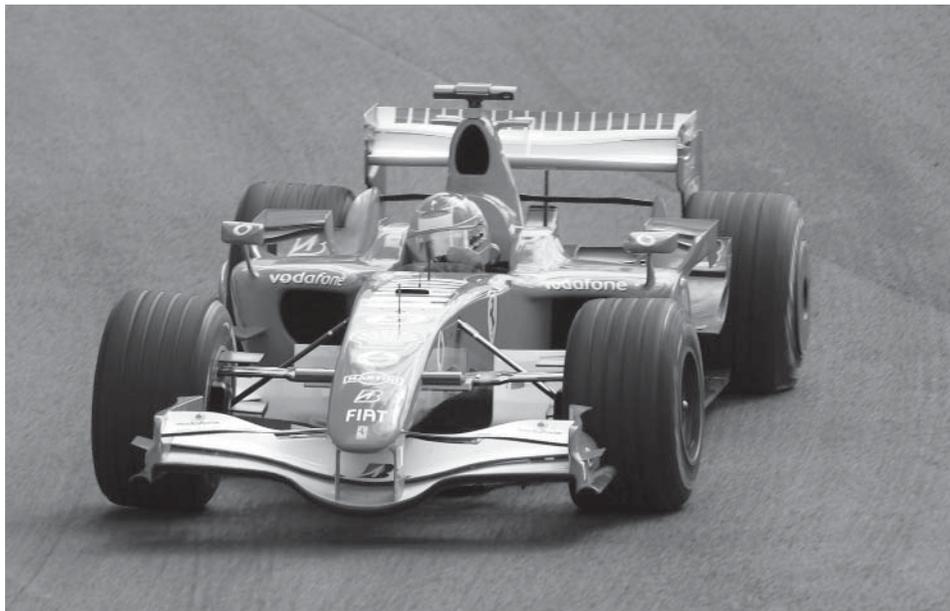


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**Fig. 9.24** (b) Application of high-lift boundary-layer control devices to reduce takeoff speed of a jet transport aircraft. This is another view of the Boeing 777 wing. In the takeoff configuration, large slotted trailing-edge flaps deflect to increase the lift coefficient. The low-speed aileron near the wingtip also deflects to improve span loading during takeoff. This view also shows the single-slotted outboard flap, the high-speed aileron, and nearest the fuselage, the double-slotted inboard flap.



**Fig. 9.25** Pressure distribution along the centerline of an automobile (based on data from Reference [30]).



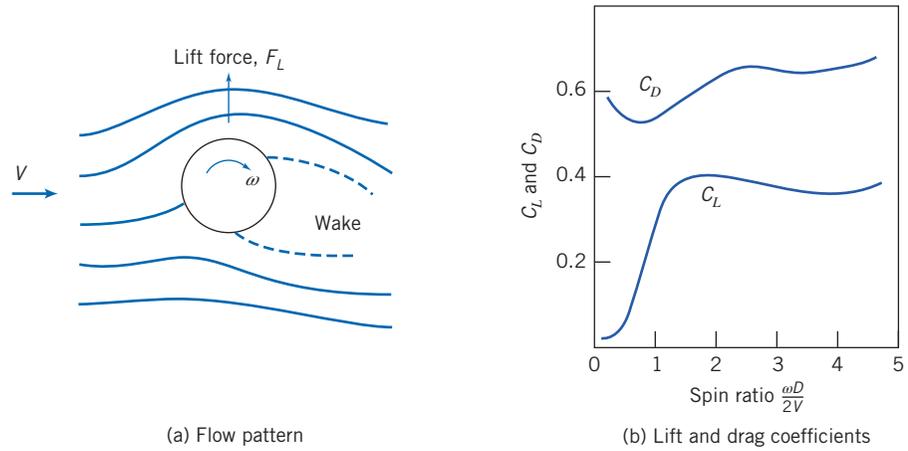
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**Fig. 9.26** Contemporary racing car showing aerodynamic features. The car's front and rear wings are designed to provide significant downforce at speed to improve traction. Also visible are fairings to direct hot air from the radiators around the rear tires, and at the front of the car, cool air toward the brakes. Not shown are other aerodynamic features such as the fuselage bottom, which is designed to route the airflow carefully, using diffusers, to develop the most negative pressure, and to cause this negative pressure to act over the largest possible area under the car, to develop additional downforce.

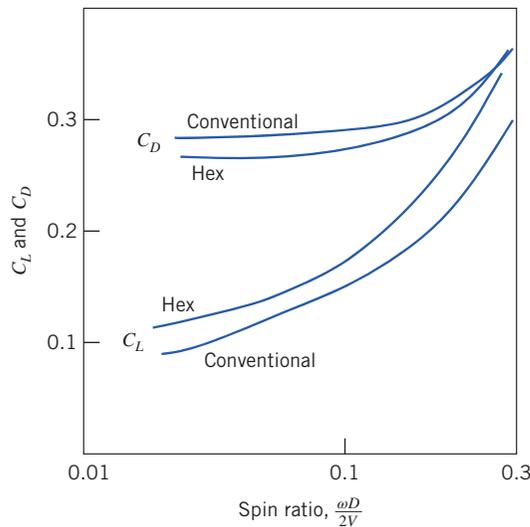
responsible for hooking and slicing when shots are not hit squarely. The baseball pitcher uses spin to throw a curve ball.

Flow about a spinning sphere is shown in Fig. 9.27a. Spin alters the pressure distribution and also affects the location of boundary-layer separation. Separation is delayed on the upper surface of the sphere in Fig. 9.27a, and it occurs earlier on the lower surface. Thus pressure (because of the Bernoulli effect) is reduced on the upper surface and increased on the lower surface; the wake is deflected downward as shown. Pressure forces cause a lift in the direction shown; spin in the opposite direction would produce negative lift—a downward force. The force is directed perpendicular to both  $V$  and the spin axis.

Lift and drag data for spinning smooth spheres are presented in Fig. 9.27b. The most important parameter is the *spin ratio*,  $\omega D/2V$ , the ratio of surface speed to freestream flow speed; Reynolds number plays a secondary role. At low spin ratio, lift is negative in terms of the directions shown in Fig. 9.27a. Only above  $\omega D/2V \approx 0.5$  does lift become positive and continue to increase as spin ratio



**Fig. 9.27** Flow pattern, lift, and drag coefficients for a smooth spinning sphere in uniform flow. (Data from Reference [19].)



**Fig. 9.28** Comparison of conventional and hex-dimpled golf balls (based on data from Reference [30]).

increases. Lift coefficient levels out at about 0.35. Spin has little effect on sphere drag coefficient, which varies from about 0.5 to about 0.65 over the range of spin ratio shown.

Earlier we mentioned the effect of dimples on the drag of a golf ball. Experimental data for lift and drag coefficients for spinning golf balls are presented in Fig. 9.28 for subcritical Reynolds numbers between 126,000 and 238,000. Again the independent variable is spin ratio; a much smaller range of spin ratio, typical of golf balls, is presented in Fig. 9.28.

A clear trend is evident: The lift coefficient increases consistently with spin ratio for both hexagonal and “conventional” (round) dimples. The lift coefficient on a golf ball with hexagonal dimples is significantly—as much as 15 percent—higher than on a ball with round dimples. The advantage for hexagonal dimples continues to the largest spin ratios that were measured. The drag coefficient for a ball with hexagonal dimples is consistently 5 to 7 percent lower than the drag coefficient for a ball with round dimples at low spin ratios, but the difference becomes less pronounced as spin ratio increases.

The combination of higher lift and lower drag increases the carry of a golf shot. A recent design—the Callaway HX—has improved performance further by using a “tubular lattice network” using ridges of hexagons and pentagons (at a precise height of 0.0083 in.) instead of dimples, so that there are no flat spots at all on the surface [34]. Callaway claims the HX flies farther than any ball they ever tested. Example 9.8 illustrates the effect of spin on the lift of a spinning ball.

### Example 9.8 LIFT OF A SPINNING BALL

A smooth tennis ball, with 57 g mass and 64 mm diameter, is hit at 25 m/s with topspin of 7500 rpm. Calculate the aerodynamic lift acting on the ball. Evaluate the radius of curvature of its path at maximum elevation in a vertical plane. Compare with the radius for no spin.

**Given:** Tennis ball in flight, with  $m = 57$  g and  $D = 64$  mm, hit with  $V = 25$  m/s and topspin of 7500 rpm.

**Find:** (a) Aerodynamic lift acting on ball.  
(b) Radius of curvature of path in vertical plane.  
(c) Comparison with radius for no spin.

**Solution:** Assume ball is smooth.

Use data from Fig. 9.27 to find lift:

$$C_L = f\left(\frac{\omega D}{2V}, Re_D\right).$$

From given data (for standard air,  $\nu = 1.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ),

$$\frac{\omega D}{2V} = \frac{1}{2} \times 7500 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 0.064 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{s}}{25 \text{ m}} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 1.01$$

$$Re_D = \frac{VD}{\nu} = 25 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.064 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{s}}{1.46 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2} = 1.10 \times 10^5$$

From Fig. 9.27,  $C_L \approx 0.3$ , so

$$F_L = C_L A \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$$

$$= C_L \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = \frac{\pi}{8} C_L D^2 \rho V^2$$

$$F_L = \frac{\pi}{8} \times 0.3 \times (0.064)^2 \text{ m}^2 \times 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (25)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} = 0.371 \text{ N} \leftarrow F_L$$

Because the ball is hit with topspin, this force acts downward.

Use Newton's second law to evaluate the curvature of the path. In the vertical plane,

$$\sum F_z = -F_L - mg = ma_z = -m \frac{V^2}{R} \quad \text{or} \quad R = \frac{V^2}{g + F_L/m}$$

$$R = (25)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \left[ \frac{1}{9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} + 0.371 \text{ N} \times \frac{1}{0.057 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}} \right]$$

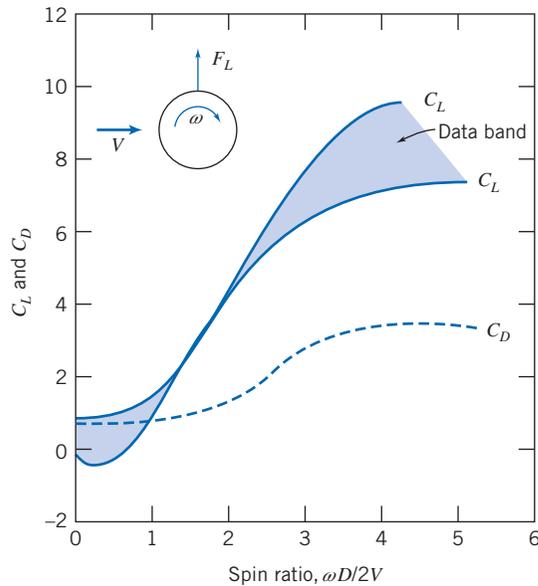
$$R = 38.3 \text{ m (with spin)} \leftarrow R$$

$$R = (25)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} = 63.7 \text{ m (without spin)} \leftarrow R$$

Thus topspin has a significant effect on trajectory of the shot!

It has long been known that a spinning projectile in flight is affected by a force perpendicular to the direction of motion and to the spin axis. This effect, known as the *Magnus effect*, is responsible for the systematic drift of artillery shells.

Cross flow about a rotating circular cylinder is qualitatively similar to flow about the spinning sphere shown schematically in Fig. 9.27a. If the velocity of the upper surface of a cylinder is in the same direction as the freestream velocity, separation is delayed on the upper surface; it occurs earlier on the lower surface. Thus the wake is deflected and the pressure distribution on the cylinder surface is altered



**Fig. 9.29** Lift and drag of a rotating cylinder as a function of relative rotational speed; Magnus force. (Data from Reference [35].)

when rotation is present. Pressure is reduced on the upper surface and increased on the lower surface, causing a net lift force acting upward. Spin in the opposite direction reverses these effects and causes a downward lift force.

Lift and drag coefficients for the rotating cylinder are based on projected area,  $LD$ . Experimentally measured lift and drag coefficients for subcritical Reynolds numbers between 40,000 and 660,000 are shown as functions of spin ratio in Fig. 9.29. When surface speed exceeds flow speed, the lift coefficient increases to surprisingly high values, while in two-dimensional flow, drag is affected only moderately. Induced drag, which must be considered for finite cylinders, can be reduced by using end disks larger in diameter than the body of the cylinder.

The power required to rotate a cylinder may be estimated from the skin friction drag of the cylinder surface. Hoerner [35] suggests basing the skin friction drag estimate on the tangential surface speed and surface area. Goldstein [19] suggests that the power required to spin the cylinder, when expressed as an equivalent drag coefficient, may represent 20 percent or more of the aerodynamic  $C_D$  of a stationary cylinder.

## 9.8 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter we have:

- ✓ Defined and discussed various terms commonly used in aerodynamics, such as: boundary-layer disturbance, displacement and momentum thicknesses; flow separation; streamlining; skin friction and pressure drag and drag coefficient; lift and lift coefficient; wing chord, span and aspect ratio; and induced drag.
- ✓ Derived expressions for the boundary-layer thickness on a flat plate (zero pressure gradient) using exact and approximate methods (using the momentum integral equation).
- ✓ Learned how to estimate the lift and drag from published data for a variety of objects.

While investigating the above phenomena, we developed insight into some of the basic concepts of aerodynamic design, such as how to minimize drag, how to determine the optimum cruising speed of an airplane, and how to determine the lift required for flight.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

## Useful Equations

Definition of displacement thickness:	$\delta^* = \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \approx \int_0^\delta \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy$	(9.1)	Page 356
Definition of momentum thickness:	$\theta = \int_0^\infty \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy \approx \int_0^\delta \frac{u}{U} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U}\right) dy$	(9.2)	Page 357
Boundary-layer thickness (laminar, exact—Blasius):	$\delta \approx \frac{5.0}{\sqrt{U/\nu x}} = \frac{5.0x}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	(9.13)	Table 9-2, Page W9-2
Wall stress (laminar, exact—Blasius):	$\tau_w = 0.332U\sqrt{\rho\mu U/x} = \frac{0.332\rho U^2}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	(9.14)	Page W9-3
Skin friction coefficient (laminar, exact—Blasius):	$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	(9.15)	Table 9-2, Page W9-3
Momentum integral equation:	$\frac{\tau_w}{\rho} = \frac{d}{dx}(U^2\theta) + \delta^* U \frac{dU}{dx}$	(9.17)	Page 363
Boundary-layer thickness for flat plate (laminar, approximate—polynomial velocity profile):	$\frac{\delta}{x} = \sqrt{\frac{30\mu}{\rho U x}} = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	(9.21)	Page 365
Definition of skin friction coefficient:	$C_f \equiv \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2}$	(9.22)	Page 365
Skin friction coefficient for flat plate (laminar, approximate—polynomial velocity profile):	$C_f = \frac{0.730}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$	(9.23)	Page 366
Boundary-layer thickness for flat plate (turbulent, approximate— $\frac{1}{7}$ -power-law velocity profile):	$\frac{\delta}{x} = 0.382 \left(\frac{\nu}{Ux}\right)^{1/5} = \frac{0.382}{Re_x^{1/5}}$	(9.26)	Page 369
Skin friction coefficient for flat plate (turbulent, approximate— $\frac{1}{7}$ -power-law velocity profile):	$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2} = \frac{0.0594}{Re_x^{1/5}}$	(9.27)	Page 369
Definition of drag coefficient:	$C_D \equiv \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A}$	(9.30)	Page 375
Drag coefficient for flat plate (entirely laminar, based on Blasius solution):	$C_D = \frac{1.33}{\sqrt{Re_L}}$	(9.33)	Page 376
Drag coefficient for flat plate (entirely turbulent, based on $\frac{1}{7}$ -power-law velocity profile):	$C_D = \frac{0.0742}{Re_L^{1/5}}$	(9.34)	Page 376
Drag coefficient for flat plate (empirical, $Re_L < 10^9$ ):	$C_D = \frac{0.455}{(\log Re_L)^{2.58}}$	(9.35)	Page 376
Drag coefficient for flat plate (based on $\frac{1}{7}$ th power-law velocity profile, $5 \times 10^5 \leq Re_L \leq 10^7$ ):	$C_D = \frac{0.0742}{Re_L^{1/5}} - \frac{1740}{Re_L}$	(9.37a)	Page 376
Drag coefficient for flat plate (empirical, $5 \times 10^5 \leq Re_L \leq 10^9$ ):	$C_D = \frac{0.455}{(\log Re_L)^{2.58}} - \frac{1610}{Re_L}$	(9.37b)	Page 376
Definition of lift coefficient:	$C_L \equiv \frac{F_L}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 A_p}$	(9.38)	Page 386

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Definition of aspect ratio:	$AR \equiv \frac{b^2}{A_p}$	(9.39)	Page 391
Drag coefficient of a wing (finite span airfoil, using $C_{D,\infty}$ ):	$C_D = C_{D,\infty} + C_{D,i} = C_{D,\infty} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR}$	(9.42)	Page 392
Drag coefficient of a wing (finite span airfoil, using $C_{D,0}$ ):	$C_D = C_{D,0} + C_{D,i} = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR}$	(9.43)	Page 392

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## PROBLEMS

### The Boundary-Layer Concept

 9.1 The roof of a minivan is approximated as a horizontal flat plate. Plot the length of the laminar boundary layer as a function of minivan speed,  $V$ , as the minivan accelerates from 10 mph to 90 mph.

9.2 A model of a river towboat is to be tested at 1:18 scale. The boat is designed to travel at 3.5 m/s in fresh water at 10°C. Estimate the distance from the bow where transition occurs. Where should transition be stimulated on the model towboat?

9.3 For flow over a smooth plate, what approximately is the maximum length of the laminar boundary layer if  $V_o = 9.0$  m/s in the irrotational uniform flow and the fluid is air? Water?

9.4 A model of a thin streamlined body is placed in a flow for testing. The body is 0.9 m long and the flow velocity is 0.6 m/s. What  $\nu$  is needed to ensure that the boundary layer on the body is laminar?

9.5 A student is to design an experiment involving dragging a sphere through a tank of fluid to illustrate (a) "creeping flow" ( $Re_D < 1$ ) and (b) flow for which the boundary layer becomes turbulent ( $Re_D \approx 2.5 \times 10^5$ ). The student proposes to use a smooth sphere of diameter 1 cm in SAE 10 oil at room temperature. Is this realistic for both cases? If either case is unrealistic, select an alternative reasonable sphere diameter and common fluid for that case.

9.6 A 1 m  $\times$  2 m sheet of plywood is attached to the roof of your vehicle after being purchased at the hardware store. At what speed (in kilometers per hour) in 20°C air will the boundary layer first start becoming turbulent? At what speed is about 90 percent of the boundary layer turbulent?

 9.7 The extent of the laminar boundary layer on the surface of an aircraft or missile varies with altitude. For a given speed, will the laminar boundary-layer length increase or decrease with altitude? Why? Plot the ratio of laminar boundary-layer length at altitude  $z$ , to boundary-layer length at sea level, as a function of  $z$ , up to altitude  $z = 30$  km, for a standard atmosphere.

### Boundary-Layer Thickness

9.8 Velocity profiles in laminar boundary layers often are approximated by the equations 

$$\text{Linear: } \frac{u}{U} = \frac{y}{\delta}$$

$$\text{Sinusoidal: } \frac{u}{U} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2\delta}\right)$$

$$\text{Parabolic: } \frac{u}{U} = 2\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^2$$

Compare the shapes of these velocity profiles by plotting  $y/\delta$  (on the ordinate) versus  $u/U$  (on the abscissa).

9.9 An approximation for the velocity profile in a laminar boundary layer is

$$\frac{u}{U} = 2\frac{y}{\delta} - 2\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^4$$

Does this expression satisfy boundary conditions applicable to the laminar boundary-layer velocity profile? Evaluate  $\delta^*/\delta$  and  $\theta/\delta$ .

9.10 Evaluate  $\theta/\delta$  for each of the laminar boundary-layer velocity profiles given in Problem 9.8.

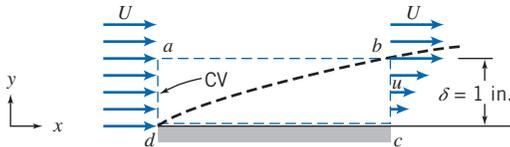
9.11 Evaluate the displacement thickness  $\delta^*$  and the momentum thickness  $\theta$  for a velocity profile given by  $\frac{u}{U} = \frac{y}{\delta}$ . Plot the nondimensional velocity profile and show the thicknesses  $\frac{\delta^*}{y}$  and  $\frac{\theta}{y}$  on the plot.

Does this expression satisfy the boundary conditions applicable to a laminar boundary layer?

9.12 Evaluate the displacement thickness  $\delta^*$  and the momentum thickness  $\theta$  for a power law velocity profile given by  $\frac{u}{U} = \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{1/7}$ . Plot the nondimensional velocity profile and show the thicknesses

$\frac{\delta^*}{y}$  and  $\frac{\theta}{y}$  on the plot. Does this expression satisfy the boundary conditions applicable to a laminar boundary layer?

**9.13** A fluid, with density  $\rho = 1.5 \text{ slug/ft}^3$ , flows at  $U = 10 \text{ ft/s}$  over a flat plate 10 ft long and 3 ft wide. At the trailing edge, the boundary-layer thickness is  $\delta = 1 \text{ in.}$  Assume the velocity profile is linear, as shown, and that the flow is two-dimensional (flow conditions are independent of  $z$ ). Using control volume  $abcd$ , shown by the dashed lines, compute the mass flow rate across surface  $ab$ . Determine the drag force on the upper surface of the plate. Explain how this viscous drag can be computed from the given data even though we do not know the fluid viscosity.



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**9.14** Solve Problem 9.13 with the velocity profile at section  $bc$  given by the parabolic expression from Problem 9.8.

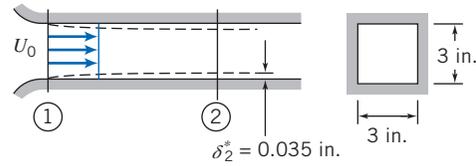
**9.15** Air flows in a horizontal cylindrical duct of diameter  $D = 100 \text{ mm}$ . At a section a few meters from the entrance, the turbulent boundary layer is of thickness  $\delta_1 = 5.25 \text{ mm}$ , and the velocity in the inviscid central core is  $U_1 = 12.5 \text{ m/s}$ . Farther downstream the boundary layer is of thickness  $\delta_2 = 24 \text{ mm}$ . The velocity profile in the boundary layer is approximated well by the  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power expression. Find the velocity,  $U_2$ , in the inviscid central core at the second section, and the pressure drop between the two sections.

**9.16** Evaluate the displacement thickness  $\delta^*$  and the momentum thickness  $\theta$  for the profile given by  $\frac{u}{U} = 2\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^2$ . Plot the non-dimensional velocity profile and show the thicknesses  $\frac{\delta^*}{y}$  and  $\frac{\theta}{y}$  on the plot. Does this expression satisfy the boundary conditions applicable to a laminar boundary layer?

**9.17** Evaluate the displacement thickness  $\delta^*$  and the momentum thickness  $\theta$  for a velocity profile given by  $\frac{u}{U} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2\delta}\right)$ . Plot the non-dimensional velocity profile and show the thicknesses  $\frac{\delta^*}{y}$  and  $\frac{\theta}{y}$  on the plot. Does this expression satisfy the boundary conditions applicable to a laminar boundary layer?

**9.18** A laboratory wind tunnel has a test section 25 cm square and 50 cm long. With nominal air speed  $U_1 = 25 \text{ m/s}$  at the test section inlet, turbulent boundary layers form on the top, bottom, and side walls of the tunnel. The boundary-layer thickness is  $\delta_1 = 10 \text{ mm}$  at the inlet and  $\delta_2 = 30 \text{ mm}$  at the outlet from the test section. The boundary-layer velocity profiles are of power-law form, with  $u/U = (y/\delta)^{1/7}$ . Evaluate the freestream velocity,  $U_2$ , at the exit from the wind-tunnel test section. Determine the change in static pressure along the test section.

**9.19** Air flows in the entrance region of a square duct, as shown. The velocity is uniform,  $U_0 = 100 \text{ ft/s}$ , and the duct is 3 in. square. At a section 1 ft downstream from the entrance, the displacement thickness,  $\delta^*$ , on each wall measures 0.035 in. Determine the pressure change between sections ① and ②.



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**9.20** A flow of 68°F air develops in a flat horizontal duct following a well-rounded entrance section. The duct height is  $H = 1 \text{ ft}$ . Turbulent boundary layers grow on the duct walls, but the flow is not yet fully developed. Assume that the velocity profile in each boundary layer is  $u/U = (y/\delta)^{1/7}$ . The inlet flow is uniform at  $V = 40 \text{ ft/s}$  at section ①. At section ②, the boundary-layer thickness on each wall of the channel is  $\delta_2 = 4 \text{ in.}$  Show that, for this flow,  $\delta^* = \delta/8$ . Evaluate the static gage pressure at section ①. Find the average wall shear stress between the entrance and section ②, located at  $L = 20 \text{ ft}$ .

**9.21** A flow of air develops in a horizontal cylindrical duct, of diameter  $D = 15 \text{ in.}$ , following a well-rounded entrance. A turbulent boundary grows on the duct wall, but the flow is not yet fully developed. Assume that the velocity profile in the boundary layer is  $u/U = (y/\delta)^{1/7}$ . The inlet flow is  $U = 50 \text{ ft/s}$  at section ①. At section ②, the boundary-layer thickness is  $\delta_2 = 4 \text{ in.}$  Evaluate the static gage pressure at section ②, located at  $L = 20 \text{ ft}$ . Find the average wall shear stress.

### Laminar Flat-Plate Boundary Layer: Exact Solution

**9.22** Using numerical results for the Blasius exact solution for laminar boundary-layer flow on a flat plate, (Section 9.2 on the web) plot the dimensionless velocity profile,  $u/U$  (on the abscissa), versus dimensionless distance from the surface,  $y/\delta$  (on the ordinate). Compare with the approximate parabolic velocity profile of Problem 9.8.

**9.23** Using numerical results obtained by Blasius (Table 9.1, on the web), evaluate the distribution of shear stress in a laminar boundary layer on a flat plate. Plot  $\tau/\tau_w$  versus  $y/\delta$ . Compare with results derived from the approximate parabolic velocity profile given in Problem 9.8.

**9.24** Using numerical results obtained by Blasius (Table 9.1, on the web), evaluate the vertical component of velocity in a laminar boundary layer on a flat plate. Plot  $v/U$  versus  $y/\delta$  for  $Re_x = 10^5$ .

**9.25** A smooth flat plate 2.4 m long and 0.6 m wide is placed in an airstream at 101.3 kPa, 15°C, and velocity 9 m/s. Calculate the total drag force on this plate (2 sides) if the boundary layer at the trailing edge is (a) laminar, (D) transition, and (c) turbulent.

**9.26** Consider flow of air over a flat plate. On one graph, plot the laminar boundary-layer thickness as a function of distance along the plate (up to transition) for freestream speeds  $U = 1 \text{ m/s}, 2 \text{ m/s}, 3 \text{ m/s}, 4 \text{ m/s}, 5 \text{ m/s},$  and  $10 \text{ m/s}$ .

### Laminar Flat-Plate Boundary Layer

**9.27** A thin flat plate,  $L = 9 \text{ in.}$  long and  $b = 3 \text{ ft}$  wide, is installed in a water tunnel as a splitter. The freestream speed is  $U = 5 \text{ ft/s}$ , and the velocity profile in the boundary layer is approximated as parabolic. Plot  $\delta, \delta^*$ , and  $\tau_w$  versus  $x/L$  for the plate.

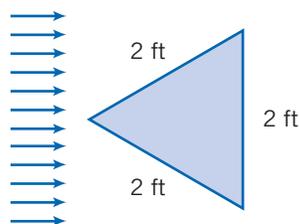
**9.28** For a laminar boundary layer on a flat plate, evaluate the kinetic energy lost between the free stream and any point in the boundary layer. Assume that the boundary layer is linear (see

Problem 9.8) and use a control volume so that the flow rate for the oncoming flow and boundary layer are equal. How may this loss of kinetic energy be accounted for?

**9.29** Air at atmospheric pressure and  $20^\circ\text{C}$  flows over both sides of a flat plate that is 0.8 m long and 0.3 m wide at a velocity of 5 m/s. Determine the total drag force on the plate. If the single plate is replaced by two plates each 0.4 m long and 0.3 m wide, what is the total drag force? Explain why there is a difference in the total drag even though the total surface area is the same.

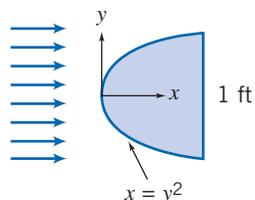
**9.30** A thin flat plate is installed in a water tunnel as a splitter. The plate is 0.3 m long and 1 m wide. The freestream speed is 1.6 m/s. Laminar boundary layers form on both sides of the plate. The boundary-layer velocity profile is approximated as parabolic. Determine the total viscous drag force on the plate assuming that pressure drag is negligible.

**9.31** Assume laminar boundary-layer flow to estimate the drag on the flat plate shown when it is placed parallel to a 15 ft/s air flow. The air is at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  and 1 atm.



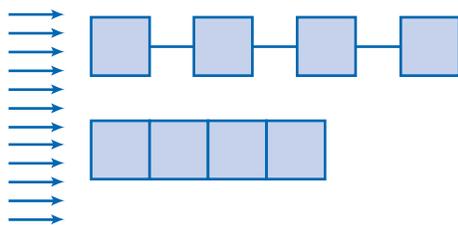
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**9.32** Assume laminar boundary-layer flow to estimate the drag on the flat plate shown when it is placed parallel to a 15 ft/s air flow. The air is at  $70^\circ\text{F}$  and 1 atm. (Note that the shape is given by  $x = y^2$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are in feet.)



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**9.33** Assume laminar boundary-layer flow to estimate the drag on four square plates (each 3 in.  $\times$  3 in.) placed parallel to a 3 ft/s water flow, for the two configurations shown. Before calculating, which configuration do you expect to experience the lower drag? Assume that the plates attached with string are far enough apart for wake effects to be negligible and that the water is at  $70^\circ\text{F}$ .



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## Momentum Integral Equation

**9.34** A horizontal surface, with length  $L = 1.8$  m and width  $b = 0.9$  m, is immersed in a stream of standard air flowing at  $U = 3.2$  m/s. Assume a laminar boundary layer forms and approximate the velocity profile as sinusoidal. Plot  $\delta$ ,  $\delta^*$ , and  $\tau_w$  versus  $x/L$  for the plate.

**9.35** Water at  $10^\circ\text{C}$  flows over a flat plate at a speed of 0.8 m/s. The plate is 0.35 m long and 1 m wide. The boundary layer on each surface of the plate is laminar. Assume that the velocity profile may be approximated as linear. Determine the drag force on the plate.

**9.36** Use the momentum integral equation to derive expressions for the displacement thickness  $\delta^*$ , the momentum thickness  $\theta$ , and the friction coefficient  $C_f$  for a linear velocity profile. Compare your results to those in Table 9.2. What is the percent error in the total drag on a plate if the linear approximation is used?

**9.37** A smooth flat plate 1.6 ft long is immersed in  $68^\circ\text{F}$  water flowing at 1.2 ft/s. In the center of the plate is a small 1-in.-square sensor. What is the friction force on this sensor?

**9.38** A horizontal surface, with length  $L = 0.8$  m and width  $b = 1.9$  m, is immersed in a stream of standard air flowing at  $U = 5.3$  m/s. Assume a laminar boundary layer forms and approximate the velocity profile as linear. Plot  $\delta$ ,  $\delta^*$ , and  $\tau_w$  versus  $x/L$  for the plate.

**9.39** A developing boundary layer of standard air on a flat plate is shown in Fig. P9.13. The freestream flow outside the boundary layer is undisturbed with  $U = 50$  m/s. The plate is 3 m wide perpendicular to the diagram. Assume flow in the boundary layer is turbulent, with a  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power velocity profile, and that  $\delta = 19$  mm at surface  $bc$ . Calculate the mass flow rate across surface  $ad$  and the mass flux across surface  $ab$ . Evaluate the  $x$  momentum flux across surface  $ab$ . Determine the drag force exerted on the flat plate between  $d$  and  $c$ . Estimate the distance from the leading edge at which transition from laminar to turbulent flow may be expected.

**9.40** Assume the flow conditions given in Example 9.3. Plot  $\delta$ ,  $\delta^*$ , and  $\tau_w$  versus  $x/L$  for the plate.

**9.41** A flat-bottomed barge having a 150 ft  $\times$  20 ft bottom is towed through still water ( $60^\circ\text{F}$ ) at 10 mph. What is the frictional drag force exerted by the water on the bottom of the barge? How long could the laminar portion of the boundary layer be, using a critical Reynolds number of 537,000? What is the thickness of the laminar layer at its downstream end? What is the approximate thickness of the boundary layer at the rear end of the bottom of the barge?

**9.42** European InterCity Express trains operate at speeds of up to 280 km/hr. Suppose that a train is 120 m long. Treat the sides and top of the train as a smooth flat plate 9 m wide. When the train moves through still air at sea level, calculate the possible length of the laminar boundary layer and the thickness of this layer at its downstream end. What is the thickness of the boundary layer at the rear end of the train? What is the viscous drag force on the train and what power must be expended to overcome this resistance at maximum speed? At 50 percent of maximum?

**9.43** Grumman Corp. has proposed to build a magnetic levitation train to operate at a top speed of 300 mph. The vehicle is 114 ft long. Assuming that the sides and top can be treated approximately as a smooth flat plate of 30 ft width with a turbulent boundary layer. Calculate the drag force and the power expended to overcome the drag at the maximum speed.

**9.44** Repeat Problem 9.32, for an air flow at 80 ft/s, assuming a turbulent boundary layer.

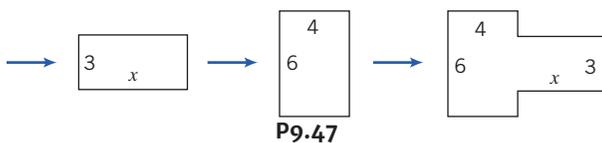
**9.45** The velocity profile in a turbulent boundary-layer flow at zero pressure gradient is approximated by the  $\frac{1}{6}$ -power profile expression,

$$\frac{u}{U} = \eta^{1/6}, \quad \text{where} \quad \eta = \frac{y}{\delta}$$

Use the momentum integral equation with this profile to obtain expressions for  $\delta/x$  and  $C_f$ . Compare with results obtained in Section 9.4 for the  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power profile.

**9.46** The U.S. Navy has built the *Sea Shadow*, which is a *small waterplane twin-hull* (SWATH) ship whose object is to achieve the same reduced radar profile as the STEALTH aircraft. This catamaran is 160 ft long and its twin hulls have a draft of 14 ft. Assume that the ocean turbulence triggers a fully turbulent boundary layer on the sides of each hull. Treat these as flat plate boundary layers and calculate the drag on the ship and the power required to overcome it as a function of speed. Plot the results for speeds from 5 to 13 knots.

**9.47** The two rectangular smooth flat plates are to have the same drag in the same fluid stream. Calculate the required value of  $x$ . If the two plates are combined into the T-shape indicated, what ratio exists between the drag of the combination and that of either one? Assume laminar boundary layers in all calculations.



**9.48** Standard air flows over a horizontal smooth flat plate at free-stream speed  $U = 20$  m/s. The plate length is  $L = 1.5$  m and its width is  $b = 0.8$  m. The pressure gradient is zero. The boundary layer is tripped so that it is turbulent from the leading edge; the velocity profile is well represented by the  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power expression. Evaluate the boundary-layer thickness,  $\delta$ , at the trailing edge of the plate. Calculate the wall shear stress at the trailing edge of the plate. Estimate the skin friction drag on the portion of the plate between  $x = 0.5$  m and the trailing edge.

**9.49** Air at standard conditions flows over a flat plate. The free-stream speed is 30 ft/s. Find  $\delta$  and  $\tau_w$  at  $x = 3$  ft from the leading edge assuming (a) completely laminar flow (assume a parabolic velocity profile) and (b) completely turbulent flow (assume a  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power velocity profile).

### Use of the Momentum Integral Equation for Flow with Zero Pressure Gradient

**9.50** A uniform flow of standard air at 60 m/s enters a plane-wall diffuser with negligible boundary-layer thickness. The inlet width is 75 mm. The diffuser walls diverge slightly to accommodate the boundary-layer growth so that the pressure gradient is negligible. Assume flat-plate boundary-layer behavior. Explain why the Bernoulli equation is applicable to this flow. Estimate the diffuser width 1.2 m downstream from the entrance.

**9.51** A laboratory wind tunnel has a flexible upper wall that can be adjusted to compensate for boundary-layer growth, giving zero pressure gradient along the test section. The wall boundary layers are well

represented by the  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power-velocity profile. At the inlet the tunnel cross section is square, with height  $H_1$  and width  $W_1$ , each equal to 1 ft. With freestream speed  $U_1 = 90$  ft/s, measurements show that  $\delta_1 = 0.5$  in. and downstream  $\delta_6 = 0.65$  in. Calculate the height of the tunnel walls at ⑥. Determine the equivalent length of a flat plate that would produce the inlet boundary layer thickness. Estimate the streamwise distance between sections ① and ⑥ in the tunnel. Assume standard air.

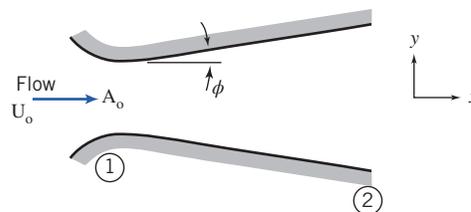
### Pressure Gradients in Boundary-Layer Flow

**9.52** Air flows in a cylindrical duct of diameter  $D = 6$  in. At section ①, the turbulent boundary layer is of thickness  $\delta_1 = 0.4$  in. and the velocity in the inviscid central core is  $U_1 = 80$  ft/s. Further downstream, at section ②, the boundary layer is of thickness  $\delta_2 = 1.2$  in. The velocity profile in the boundary layer is approximated well by the  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power expression. Find the velocity,  $U_2$ , in the inviscid central core at the second section, and the pressure drop between the two sections. Does the magnitude of the pressure drop indicate that we are justified in approximating the flow between sections ① and ② as one with zero pressure gradient? Estimate the length of duct between sections ① and ②. Estimate the distance downstream from section ① at which the boundary layer thickness is  $\delta = 0.6$  in. Assume standard air.

**9.53** Perform a cost-effectiveness analysis on a typical large tanker used for transporting petroleum. Determine, as a percentage of the petroleum cargo, the amount of petroleum that is consumed in traveling a distance of 2000 miles. Use data from Example 9.4, and the following: Assume the petroleum cargo constitutes 75% of the total weight, the propeller efficiency is 70%, the wave drag and power to run auxiliary equipment constitute losses equivalent to an additional 20%, the engines have a thermal efficiency of 40%, and the petroleum energy is 20,000 Btu/lbm. Also compare the performance of this tanker to that of the Alaskan Pipeline, which requires about 120 Btu of energy for each ton-mile of petroleum delivery.

**9.54** Table 9.1 (on the web) shows the numerical results obtained from Blasius exact solution of the laminar boundary-layer equations. Plot the velocity distribution. On the same graph, plot the turbulent velocity distribution given by the  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power expression of Eq. 9.24. Which is most likely to separate first when encountering an adverse pressure gradient? To justify your answer, compare the momentum fluxes of these profiles (the laminar data can be integrated using a numerical method such as Simpson's rule).

**9.55** A fluid flow enters the plane-wall diffuser that has an entrance area of  $A_o$  at a velocity of  $U_o$ . (a) Assuming the fluid is inviscid, determine the velocity gradient  $\frac{dU}{dx}$  in terms of  $U_o$  and  $A_o$  for a value of  $\phi = 0^\circ$  and  $\phi = 20^\circ$ . (b) Assuming a real viscous fluid, what is the effect of the boundary layers on the pressure gradient? In which assumption (inviscid or viscous) will the computed exit pressure be highest? Explain your answer.



 **9.56** Boundary-layer separation occurs when the shear stress at the surface becomes zero. Assume a polynomial representation for the laminar boundary layer of the form,  $u/U = a + b\lambda + c\lambda^2 + d\lambda^3$ , where  $\lambda = y/\delta$ . Specify boundary conditions on the velocity profile at separation. Find appropriate constants,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$ , for the separation profile. Calculate the shape factor  $H$  at separation. Plot the profile and compare with the parabolic approximate profile.

**9.57** For flow over a flat plate with zero pressure gradient, will the shear stress increase, decrease, or remain constant along the plate? Justify your answer. Does the momentum flux increase, decrease, or remain constant as the flow proceeds along the plate? Justify your answer. Compare the behavior of laminar flow and turbulent flow from the leading edge for over a flat plate. At a given distance from the leading edge, which flow will have the larger boundary-layer thickness? Does your answer depend on the distance along the plate? How would you justify your answer?

**9.58** A laboratory wind tunnel has a test section that is square in cross section, with inlet width  $W_1$  and height  $H_1$ , each equal to 1 ft. At freestream speed  $U_1 = 80$  ft/s, measurements show the boundary-layer thickness is  $\delta_1 = 0.4$  in. with a  $\frac{1}{7}$ -power turbulent velocity profile. The pressure gradient in this region is given approximately by  $dp/dx = -0.035$  in.  $H_2O/in.$  Evaluate the reduction in effective flow area caused by the boundary layers on the tunnel bottom, top, and walls at section ①. Calculate the rate of change of boundary-layer momentum thickness,  $d\theta/dx$ , at section ①. Estimate the momentum thickness at the end of the test section, located at  $L = 10$  in downstream.

## Drag

 **9.59** A flat-bottomed barge, 80 ft long and 35 ft wide, submerged to a depth of 5 ft, is to be pushed up a river at 60°F. Estimate and plot the power required to overcome skin friction for speeds ranging up to 15 mph.

**9.60** A towboat for river barges is tested in a towing tank. The towboat model is built at a scale ratio of 1:13.5. Dimensions of the model are overall length 3.5 m, beam 1 m, and draft 0.2 m. The model displacement in fresh water is 5500 N. Estimate the average length of wetted surface on the hull. Calculate the skin friction drag force of the prototype at a speed of 7 knots relative to the water.

**9.61** Plot the local friction coefficient  $c_f$ , the boundary layer thickness ratio  $\delta/x$ , and the drag coefficient  $C_f$ , for both laminar and turbulent boundary layers on a flat plate for  $R_x$ , from 0 to 500,000, assuming in the turbulent case that the layer is tripped at the leading edge and is fully turbulent along the length of the plate. Discuss the ratio of drag forces as a function of  $R_x$ .

**9.62** A smooth plate 3 m long and 0.9 m wide moves through still sea level air at 4.5 m/s. Assuming the boundary layer to be wholly laminar, calculate (a) the thickness of the layer at 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, and 3.0 m from the leading edge of the plate; (b) the shear stress,  $\tau_o$ , at those points; and (c) the total drag force on one side of the plate. (d) Calculate the thickness at the above points if the layer is turbulent. (e) Calculate the total drag for the turbulent boundary layer. (f) What percentage saving in drag is effected by a laminar boundary layer?

**9.63** Resistance of a barge is to be determined from model test data. The model is constructed to a scale ratio of 1:13.5 and has length, beam, and draft of 7.00 m, 1.4 m, and 0.2 m, respectively. The test is to simulate performance of the prototype at 10 knots. What must the model speed be for the model and prototype to exhibit similar

wave drag behavior? Is the boundary layer on the prototype predominantly laminar or turbulent? Does the model boundary layer become turbulent at the comparable point? If not, the model boundary layer could be artificially triggered to turbulent by placing a tripwire across the hull. Where could this be placed? Estimate the skin-friction drag on model and prototype.

**9.64** A nuclear submarine cruises fully submerged at 27 knots. The hull is approximately a circular cylinder with diameter  $D = 11.0$  m and length  $L = 107$  m. Estimate the percentage of the hull length for which the boundary layer is laminar. Calculate the skin friction drag on the hull and the power consumed.

**9.65** You are asked by your college crew to estimate the skin friction drag on their eight-seat racing shell. The hull of the shell may be approximated as half a circular cylinder with 457 mm diameter and 7.32 m length. The speed of the shell through the water is 6.71 m/s. Estimate the location of transition from laminar to turbulent flow in the boundary layer on the hull of the shell. Calculate the thickness of the turbulent boundary layer at the rear of the hull. Determine the total skin friction drag on the hull under the given conditions.

**9.66** The drag coefficient of a circular disk when placed normal to the flow is 1.12. Calculate the force and power necessary to drive a 12 in. (0.3 m) disk at 48 km/h through (a) standard air at sea level, and (b) water.

**9.67** A steel sphere of 0.25 in. diameter has a velocity of 200 ft/s at an altitude of 30,000 ft in the U.S. Standard Atmosphere. Calculate the drag force on this sphere.

**9.68** A steel sphere ( $SG = 7.8$ ) of 13 mm diameter falls at a constant velocity of 0.06 m/s through an oil ( $SG = 0.90$ ). Calculate the viscosity of the oil, assuming that the fall occurs in a large tank.

**9.69** A sheet of plastic material 0.5 in. thick, with specific gravity  $SG = 1.7$ , is dropped into a large tank containing water. The sheet is 2 ft  $\times$  4 ft. Estimate the terminal speed of the sheet as it falls with (a) the short side vertical and (b) the long side vertical. Assume that the drag is due only to skin friction, and that the boundary layers are turbulent from the leading edge.

**9.70** In Section 7.5 the wave resistance and viscous resistance on a model and prototype ship were discussed. For the prototype,  $L = 130$  m and  $A = 1800$  m<sup>2</sup>. From the data of Figs 7.2 and 7.3, plot on one graph the wave, viscous, and total resistance (N) experienced by the prototype, as a function of speed. Plot a similar graph for the model. Discuss your results. Finally, plot the power (kW) required for the prototype ship to overcome the total resistance. 

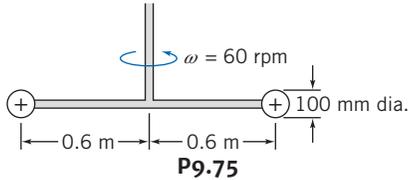
**9.71** As part of the 1976 bicentennial celebration, an enterprising group hung a giant American flag 194 ft high and 367 ft wide from the suspension cables of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge. They apparently were reluctant to make holes in the flag to alleviate the wind force, and hence they effectively had a flat plate normal to the flow. The flag tore loose from its mountings when the wind speed reached 10 mph. Estimate the wind force acting on the flag at this wind speed. Should they have been surprised that the flag blew down?

**9.72** What constant speed will be attained by a lead ( $SG = 1.4$ ) sphere of 0.5 in. diameter falling freely through an oil of kinematic viscosity 0.12 ft<sup>2</sup>/s and  $SG = 0.95$ , if the fall occurs in a large tank?

**9.73** Assuming a critical Reynolds number of 0.1, calculate the approximate diameter of the largest air bubble that will obey Stokes' law while rising through a large tank of oil of viscosity 0.19 Pa  $\cdot$  s and  $SG = 0.90$ .

**9.74** Glass spheres of 0.1 in. diameter fall at constant velocities of 0.1 and 0.05 ft/s through two different oils of the same specific gravity in very large tanks. If the viscosity of the first oil is  $0.002 \text{ lbf} \cdot \text{s}/\text{ft}^2$ , what is the viscosity of the second?

**9.75** A rotary mixer is constructed from two circular disks as shown. The mixer is rotated at 60 rpm in a large vessel containing a brine solution ( $SG = 1.1$ ). Neglect the drag on the rods and the motion induced in the liquid. Estimate the minimum torque and power required to drive the mixer.



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**9.76** As a design engineer you are asked to design an emergency braking parachute system for use with a military aircraft of mass 9500 kg. The plane lands at 350 km/hr, and the parachute system alone must slow the airplane to 100 km/hr in less than 1200 m. Find the minimum diameter required for a single parachute, and for three noninterfering parachutes. Plot the airplane speed versus distance and versus time. What is the maximum “g-force” experienced?

**9.77** An emergency braking parachute system on a military aircraft consists of a large parachute of diameter 6 m. If the airplane mass is 8500 kg, and it lands at 400 km/hr, find the time and distance at which the airplane is slowed to 100 km/hr by the parachute alone. Plot the aircraft speed versus distance and versus time. What is the maximum “g-force” experienced? An engineer proposes that less space would be taken up by replacing the large parachute with three noninterfering parachutes each of diameter 3.75 m. What effect would this have on the time and distance to slow to 100 km/hr?

**9.78** Calculate the drag of a smooth sphere of 0.3 m diameter in a stream of standard sea level air at Reynolds numbers of 1, 10, 100, and 1000.

**9.79** Calculate the drag of a smooth sphere of 0.5 m diameter when placed in an airstream ( $15^\circ\text{C}$  and 101.3 kPa) if the velocity is (a) 6 m/s, and (b) 8.4 m/s. For the same drag coefficient as at 8.4 m/s, at what velocity will the sphere attain the same drag that it had at a velocity of 6 m/s?

**9.80** A cylindrical chimney 0.9 m in diameter and 22.5 m high is exposed to a 56 km/h wind ( $15^\circ\text{C}$  and 101.3 kPa). Estimate the bending moment at the bottom of the chimney. Neglect end effects.

**9.81** The resistance to motion of a good bicycle on smooth pavement is nearly all due to aerodynamic drag. Assume that the total weight of rider and bike is 210 lbf. The frontal area measured from a photograph is  $A = 5 \text{ ft}^2$ . Experiments on a hill, where the road grade is 9 percent, show that terminal speed is  $V_t = 50 \text{ ft/s}$ . From these data, the drag coefficient is estimated as  $C_D = 1.25$ . Verify this calculation of drag coefficient. Estimate the distance needed for the bike and rider to decelerate from 50 ft/s to 30 ft/s while coasting after reaching level road.

**9.82** Ballistic data obtained on a firing range show that aerodynamic drag reduces the speed of a .44 magnum revolver bullet from 250 m/s to 210 m/s as it travels over a horizontal distance of 150 m. The diameter and mass of the bullet are 11.2 mm and 15.6 g, respectively. Evaluate the average drag coefficient for the bullet.

**9.83** A cyclist is able to attain a maximum speed of 30 km/hr on a calm day. The total mass of rider and bike is 65 kg. The rolling resistance of the tires is  $F_R = 7.5 \text{ N}$ , and the drag coefficient and frontal area are  $C_D = 1.2$  and  $A = 0.25 \text{ m}^2$ . Determine the maximum speeds the bicyclist is actually able to attain with the 10 km/hr wind (a) cycling into the wind, and (b) cycling with the wind. If the cyclist were to replace the tires with high-tech ones that had a rolling resistance of only 3.5 N, determine the maximum speed on a calm day, cycling into the wind, and cycling with the wind. If the cyclist in addition attaches an aerodynamic fairing that reduces the drag coefficient to  $C_D = 0.9$ , what will be the new maximum speeds?

**9.84** A standard marine torpedo is 0.533 m in diameter and about 7.2 m long. Make an engineering estimate of the power required to drive this torpedo at 80 km/h through freshwater at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . Assume hemispherical nose, cylindrical body, and flat tail.  $C_D$  for a solid hemisphere (flat side downstream) is about 0.42.

**9.85** A large truck has an essentially boxlike body that causes flow separation at the front edges of the cab at any speed. The drag is mostly profile drag and  $C_D = 0.75$ . If the projected frontal area of the truck is  $9 \text{ m}^2$ , determine and plot as a function of speed between zero and the legal limit the power that must be delivered to the road to propel the truck.

**9.86** At a surprise party for a friend you’ve tied a series of 20-cm-diameter helium balloons to a flagpole, each tied with a short string. The first one is tied 1 m above the ground, and the other eight are tied at 1 m spacings, so that the last is tied at a height of 9 m. You notice that in the steady wind, each balloon is blown by the wind so it looks like the angles that the strings make with the vertical are about  $10^\circ, 20^\circ, 30^\circ, 35^\circ, 40^\circ, 45^\circ, 50^\circ, 60^\circ$ , and  $65^\circ$ . Estimate and plot the wind velocity profile for the 9-m range. Assume the helium is at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and 10 kPa gage and that each balloon is made of 3 g of latex.

**9.87** A 0.5-m-diameter hollow plastic sphere containing pollution test equipment is being dragged through the Hudson River in New York by a diver riding an underwater jet device. The sphere with an effective specific gravity of  $SG = 0.30$  is fully submerged, and it is tethered to the diver by a thin 1.5-m-long wire. What is the angle the wire makes with the horizontal if the velocity of the diver and sphere relative to the water is 5 m/s? The water is at  $10^\circ\text{C}$ .

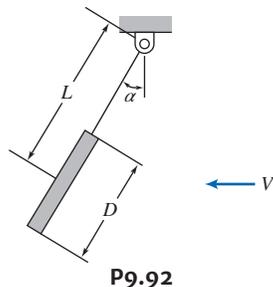
**9.88** A simple but effective anemometer to measure wind speed can be made from a thin plate hinged to deflect in the wind. Consider a thin plate made from brass that is 20 mm high and 10 mm wide. Derive a relationship for wind speed as a function of deflection angle,  $\theta$ . What thickness of brass should be used to give  $\theta = 30^\circ$  at 10 m/s?

**9.89** The Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower) in Chicago is 1454 ft tall. Assuming that it is a tall rectangle with a square base of 120 ft sides, calculate the maximum drag force on the building and the force when the wind is along the diagonal of the structure as a function of wind speed from Beaufort Wind Scales of strong breeze (28 mph) to hurricane (75 mph). Assuming that the wind field is uniform, calculate the moment about the base of the Tower also.

**9.90** It is proposed to build a pyramidal building with a square base with sides of 160 ft, which has the same volume as the Willis Tower. Calculate the maximum drag force on this building. Do you expect the drag force to be greater, the same, or less than that for the Willis Tower? Why? and compare it to that for the Willis Tower under hurricane force conditions (75 mph).

**9.91** Calculate the drag forces on a 1/200 scale model of the Willis Tower that is tested in a large water flume under conditions corresponding to those in problem 9.89. Ignore any free surface effects and assume dynamic similarity and that the drag coefficient is unchanged.

 **9.92** A circular disk is hung in an air stream from a pivoted strut as shown. In a wind-tunnel experiment, performed in air at 15 m/s with a 25-mm diameter disk,  $\alpha$  was measured at  $10^\circ$ . For these conditions determine the mass of the disk. Assume the drag coefficient for the disk applies when the component of wind speed normal to the disk is used. Assume drag on the strut and friction in the pivot are negligible. Plot a theoretical curve of  $\alpha$  as a function of air speed.



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**9.93** A vehicle is built to try for the land-speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats, elevation 4400 ft. The engine delivers 500 hp to the rear wheels, and careful streamlining has resulted in a drag coefficient of 0.15, based on a  $15 \text{ ft}^2$  frontal area. Compute the theoretical maximum ground speed of the car (a) in still air and (b) with a 20 mph headwind.

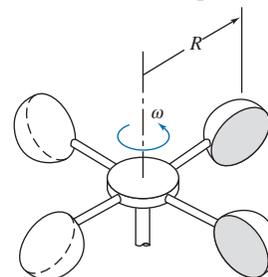
**9.94** An F-4 aircraft is slowed after landing by dual parachutes deployed from the rear. Each parachute is 12 ft in diameter. The F-4 weighs 32,000 lbf and lands at 160 knots. Estimate the time and distance required to decelerate the aircraft to 100 knots, assuming that the brakes are not used and the drag of the aircraft is negligible.

**9.95** A tractor-trailer rig has frontal area  $A = 102 \text{ ft}^2$  and drag coefficient  $C_D = 0.9$ . Rolling resistance is 6 lbf per 1000 lbf of vehicle weight. The specific fuel consumption of the diesel engine is 0.34 lbm of fuel per horsepower hour, and drivetrain efficiency is 92 percent. The density of diesel fuel is 6.9 lbm/gal. Estimate the fuel economy of the rig at 55 mph if its gross weight is 72,000 lbf. An air fairing system reduces aerodynamic drag 15 percent. The truck travels 120,000 miles per year. Calculate the fuel saved per year by the roof fairing.

 **9.96** A 180-hp sports car of frontal area  $1.72 \text{ m}^2$ , with a drag coefficient of 0.31, requires 17 hp to cruise at 100 km/h. At what speed does aerodynamic drag first exceed rolling resistance? The rolling resistance is 1.2 percent of the car weight, and the car mass is 1250 kg. Find the drivetrain efficiency. What is the maximum acceleration at 100 km/h? What is the maximum speed? Which redesign will lead to a higher maximum speed: improving the drive train efficiency by 6 percent from its current value, reducing the drag coefficient to 0.29, or reducing the rolling resistance to 0.91 percent of the car weight?

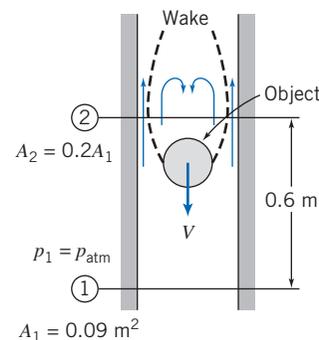
**9.97** An anemometer to measure wind speed is made from four hemispherical cups of 2-in. diameter, as shown. The center of each cup is placed at  $R = 3 \text{ in.}$  from the pivot. Find the theoretical calibration constant,  $k$ , in the calibration equation  $V = k\omega$ , where  $V$  (mph) is the wind speed and  $\omega$  (rpm) is the rotation speed. In your analysis,

base the torque calculations on the drag generated at the instant when two of the cups are orthogonal and the other two cups are parallel, and ignore friction in the bearings. Explain why, in the absence of friction, at any given wind speed, the anemometer runs at constant speed rather than accelerating without limit. If the actual anemometer bearing has constant friction such that the anemometer needs a minimum wind speed of 0.5 mph to begin rotating, compare the rotation speeds with and without friction for  $V = 20 \text{ mph.}$



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**9.98** An object falls in air down a long vertical chute. The speed of the object is constant at 3 m/s. The flow pattern around the object is shown. The static pressure is uniform across sections ① and ②; pressure is atmospheric at section ①. The effective flow area at section ② is 20 percent of the chute area. Frictional effects between sections ① and ② are negligible. Evaluate the flow speed relative to the object at section ②. Calculate the static pressure at section ②. Determine the mass of the object.



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**9.99** An object of mass  $m$ , with cross-sectional area equal to half the size of the chute, falls down a mail chute. The motion is steady. The wake area is  $\frac{3}{4}$  the size of the chute at its maximum area. Use the assumption of constant pressure in the wake. Apply the continuity, Bernoulli, and momentum equations to develop an expression for terminal speed of the object in terms of its mass and other quantities.

**9.100** A light plane tows an advertising banner over a football stadium on a Saturday afternoon. The banner is 4 ft tall and 45 ft long. According to Hoerner [16], the drag coefficient based on area ( $Lh$ ) for such a banner is approximated by  $C_D = 0.05 L/h$ , where  $L$  is the banner length and  $h$  is the banner height. Estimate the power required to tow the banner at  $V = 55 \text{ mph.}$  Compare with the drag of a rigid flat plate. Why is the drag larger for the banner?

**9.101** The antenna on a car is 10 mm in diameter and 1.8 m long. Estimate the bending moment that tends to snap it off if the car is driven at 120 km/hr on a standard day.

**9.102** Consider small oil droplets ( $SG = 0.85$ ) rising in water. Develop a relation for calculating terminal speed of a droplet (in

m/s) as a function of droplet diameter (in mm) assuming Stokes flow. For what range of droplet diameter is Stokes flow a reasonable assumption?

**9.103** Standard air is drawn into a low-speed wind tunnel. A 30-mm diameter sphere is mounted on a force balance to measure lift and drag. An oil-filled manometer is used to measure static pressure inside the tunnel; the reading is  $-40$  mm of oil ( $SG = 0.85$ ). Calculate the freestream air speed in the tunnel, the Reynolds number of flow over the sphere, and the drag force on the sphere. Are the boundary layers on the sphere laminar or turbulent? Explain.

**9.104** Compute the terminal speed of a 3-mm-diameter spherical raindrop in standard air.

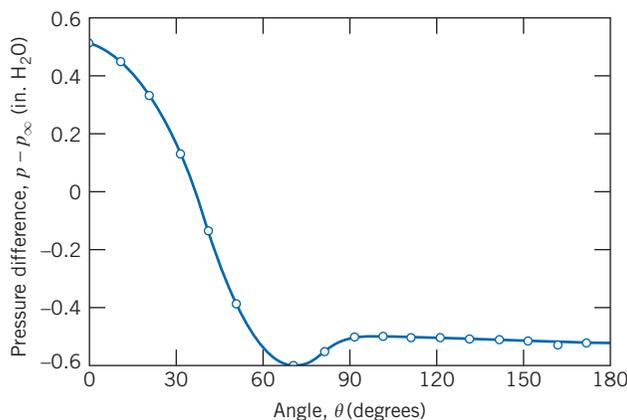
**9.105** A small sphere with  $D = 6$  mm is observed to fall through castor oil at a terminal speed of 60 mm/s. The temperature is  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . Compute the drag coefficient for the sphere. Determine the density of the sphere. If dropped in water, would the sphere fall slower or faster? Why?

**9.106** A tennis ball with a mass of 57 g and diameter of 64 mm is dropped in standard sea level air. Calculate the terminal velocity of the ball. Assuming as an approximation that the drag coefficient remains constant at its terminal-velocity value, estimate the time and distance required for the ball to reach 95% of its terminal speed.

**9.107** A water tower consists of a 12-m-diameter sphere on top of a vertical tower 30 m tall and 2 m in diameter. Estimate the bending moment exerted on the base of the tower due to the aerodynamic force imposed by a 100 km/hr wind on a standard day. Neglect interference at the joint between the sphere and tower.

**9.108** A cast-iron “12-pounder” cannonball rolls off the deck of a ship and falls into the ocean at a location where the depth is 1000 m. Estimate the time that elapses before the cannonball hits the sea bottom.

 **9.109** The plot shows pressure difference versus angle measured for air flow around a circular cylinder at  $Re = 80,000$ . Use these data to estimate  $C_D$  for this flow. Compare with data from Fig. 9.13. How can you explain the difference?



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**9.110** A rectangular airfoil of 40 ft span and 6 ft chord has lift and drag coefficients of 0.5 and 0.04, respectively, at an angle of attack of  $6^\circ$ . Calculate the drag and horsepower necessary to drive this airfoil at 50, 100, and 150 mph horizontally through still air ( $40^\circ\text{F}$  and 13.5 psia). What lift forces are obtained at these speeds?

**9.111** A rectangular airfoil of 9 m span and 1.8 m chord moves horizontally at an angle of attack through still air at 240 km/h. Calculate the lift and drag, and the power necessary to drive the airfoil at this speed through air of (a) 101.3 kPa and  $15^\circ\text{C}$ , and (b) 79.3 kPa and  $-18^\circ\text{C}$ .  $C_D = 0.035$ ;  $C_L = 0.46$ . Calculate the speed and power required for condition (b) to obtain the lift of condition (a).

**9.112** An air bubble, 0.3 in. in diameter, is released from the regulator of a scuba diver swimming 100 ft below the sea surface where the water temperature is  $86^\circ\text{F}$ . The air bubble expands as it rises in water. Find the time it takes for the bubble to reach the surface. Repeat for bubbles of diameter 5 mm and 15 mm. Compute and plot the depth of the bubbles as a function of time.

**9.113** Why is it possible to kick a football farther in a spiral motion than in an end-over-end tumbling motion?

**9.114** If  $C_L = 1.0$  and  $C_D = 0.05$  for an airfoil, then find the span needed for a rectangular wing of 10 m chord to lift 3560 kN at a take-off speed of 282 km/h. What is the wing drag at take-off?

**9.115** A wing model of 5 in. chord and 2.5 ft span is tested at a certain angle of attack in a wind tunnel at 60 mph using air at 14.5 psia and  $70^\circ\text{F}$ . The lift and drag are found to be 6.0 lbf and 0.4 lbf respectively. Calculate the lift and drag coefficient for the model at this angle of attack.

**9.116** A barge weighing 8820 kN that is 10 m wide, 30 m long, and 7 m tall has come free from its tug boat in the Mississippi River. It is in a section of river which has a current of 1 m/s, and there is a wind blowing straight upriver at 10 m/s. Assume that the drag coefficient is 1.3 for both the part of the barge in the wind as well as the part below water. Determine the speed at which the barge will be steadily moving. Is it moving upriver or downriver?

**9.117** A spherical sonar transducer with 15 in. diameter is to be towed in seawater. The transducer must be fully submerged at 55 ft/s. To avoid cavitation, the minimum pressure on the surface of the transducer must be greater than 5 psia. Calculate the hydrodynamic drag force acting on the transducer at the required towing speed. Estimate the minimum depth to which the transducer must be submerged to avoid cavitation.

**9.118** While walking across campus one windy day, an engineering student speculates about using an umbrella as a “sail” to propel a bicycle along the sidewalk. Develop an algebraic expression for the speed a bike could reach on level ground with the umbrella “propulsion system.” The frontal area of bike and rider is estimated as  $0.3\text{ m}^2$ , and the drag coefficient is about 1.2. Assume the rolling resistance is 0.75 percent of the bike and rider weight; the combined mass is 75 kg. Evaluate the bike speed that could be achieved with an umbrella 1.22 m in diameter in a wind that blows at 24 km/hr. Discuss the practicality of this propulsion system.

**9.119** If the mean velocity adjacent to the top of a wing of 1.8 m chord is 40 m/s and that adjacent to the bottom of the wing is 31 m/s when the wing moves through still air at 33.5 m/s, estimate the lift per meter of span.

**9.120** The NACA 23015 airfoil is to move at 180 mph through standard sea level air. Determine the minimum drag, drag at optimum  $L/D$  and drag at point of maximum lift. Calculate the lift at these points and the power that must be expended to obtain these lifts.

**9.121** A human-powered aircraft has a gross weight of 240 lbf including the pilot. Its wing has a lift coefficient of 1.5 and a lift-to-drag ratio of 70. Estimate the wing area needed and the pilot

power that must be provided for this craft to cruise at 15 mph. Assume that the wing profile drag is about 40 percent of the total drag and the propeller efficiency is 80 percent.

**9.122** Wiffle™ balls made from light plastic with numerous holes are used to practice baseball and golf. Explain the purpose of the holes and why they work. Explain how you could test your hypothesis experimentally.

 **9.123** The “shot tower,” used to produce spherical lead shot, has been recognized as a mechanical engineering landmark. In a shot tower, molten lead is dropped from a high tower; as the lead solidifies, surface tension pulls each shot into a spherical shape. Discuss the possibility of increasing the “hang time,” or of using a shorter tower, by dropping molten lead into an air stream that is moving upward. Support your discussion with appropriate calculations.

**9.124** A model airfoil of chord 6 in. and span 30 in. is placed in a wind tunnel with an air flow of 100 ft/s at 70°F. It is mounted on a cylindrical support rod 1 in. in diameter and 10 in. tall. Instruments at the base of the rod indicate a vertical force of 10 lbf and a horizontal force of 1.5 lbf. Calculate the lift and drag coefficients of the airfoil.

**9.125** An antique airplane carries 50 m of external guy wires stretched normal to the direction of motion. The wire diameter is 5 mm. Estimate the maximum power saving that results from an optimum streamlining of the wires at a plane speed of 175 km/hr in standard air at sea level.

**9.126** How do cab-mounted wind deflectors for tractor-trailer trucks work? Explain using diagrams of the flow pattern around the truck and pressure distribution on the surface of the truck.

**9.127** An airplane with an effective lift area of 25 m<sup>2</sup> is fitted with airfoils of NACA 23012 section (Fig. 9.23). The maximum flap setting that can be used at takeoff corresponds to configuration ② in Fig. 9.23. Determine the maximum gross mass possible for the airplane if its takeoff speed is 150 km/hr at sea level. Find the minimum takeoff speed required for this gross mass if the airplane is instead taking off from Denver (elevation approximately 1.6 km).

**9.128** The U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter aircraft has wing planform area  $A = 300 \text{ ft}^2$ ; it can achieve a maximum lift coefficient of  $C_L = 1.6$ . When fully loaded, its weight is 26,000 lbf. The airframe is capable of maneuvers that produce 9 *g* vertical accelerations. However, student pilots are restricted to 5 *g* maneuvers during training. Consider a turn flown in level flight with the aircraft banked. Find the minimum speed in standard air at which the pilot can produce a 5 *g* total acceleration. Calculate the corresponding flight radius. Discuss the effect of altitude on these results.

**9.129** A light airplane, with mass  $M = 1000 \text{ kg}$ , has a conventional-section (NACA 23015) wing of planform area  $A = 10 \text{ m}^2$ . Find the angle of attack of the wing for a cruising speed of  $V = 63 \text{ m/s}$ . What is the required power? Find the maximum instantaneous vertical “*g* force” experienced at cruising speed if the angle of attack is suddenly increased.

**9.130** A light airplane has 35-ft effective wingspan and 5.5-ft chord. It was originally designed to use a conventional (NACA 23015)

airfoil section. With this airfoil, its cruising speed on a standard day near sea level is 150 mph. A redesign is proposed in which the current conventional airfoil section is replaced with another conventional airfoil section of the same area, but with aspect ratio  $AR = 8$ . Determine the cruising speed that could be achieved with this new airfoil for the same power.

**9.131** Assume the Boeing 727 aircraft has wings with NACA 23012 section, planform area of 1600 ft<sup>2</sup>, double-slotted flaps, and effective aspect ratio of 6.5. If the aircraft flies at 150 knots in standard air at 175,000 lbf gross weight, estimate the thrust required to maintain level flight.

**9.132** Jim Hall’s Chaparral 2F sports-racing cars in the 1960s pioneered use of airfoils mounted above the rear suspension to enhance stability and improve braking performance. The airfoil was effectively 6 ft wide (span) and had a 1-ft chord. Its angle of attack was variable between 0° and –12°. Assume lift and drag coefficient data are given by curves in Fig. 9.17. Consider a car speed of 120 mph on a calm day. For an airfoil deflection of 12° down, calculate (a) the maximum downward force and (b) the maximum increase in deceleration force produced by the airfoil.

**9.133** Some cars come with a “spoiler,” a wing section mounted on the rear of the vehicle that salespeople sometimes claim significantly increases traction of the tires at highway speeds. Investigate the validity of this claim. Are these devices really just cosmetic?

**9.134** Roadside signs tend to oscillate in a twisting motion when a strong wind blows. Discuss the phenomena that must occur to cause this behavior.

**9.135** Air moving over an automobile is accelerated to speeds higher than the travel speed, as shown in Fig. 9.25. This causes changes in interior pressure when windows are opened or closed. Use the data of Fig. 9.25 to estimate the pressure reduction when a window is opened slightly at a speed of 100 km/hr. What is the air speed in the free-stream near the window opening?

**9.136** A class demonstration showed that lift is present when a cylinder rotates in an air stream. A string wrapped around a paper cylinder and pulled causes the cylinder to spin and move forward simultaneously. Assume a cylinder of 5 cm diameter and 30 cm length is given a rotational speed of 240 rpm and a forward speed of 1.5 m/s. Estimate the approximate lift force that acts on the cylinder.

**9.137** Rotating cylinders were proposed as a means of ship propulsion in 1924 by the German engineer, Flettner. The original Flettner rotor ship had two rotors, each about 10 ft in diameter and 50 ft high, rotating at up to 800 rpm. Calculate the maximum lift and drag forces that act on each rotor in a 30-mph wind. Compare the total force to that produced at the optimum  $L/D$  at the same wind speed. Estimate the power needed to spin the rotor at 800 rpm.

**9.138** A baseball pitcher throws a ball at 80 mph. Home plate is 60 ft away from the pitcher’s mound. What spin should be placed on the ball for maximum horizontal deviation from a straight path? A baseball has a mass of 5 oz and a circumference of 9 in. How far will the ball deviate from a straight line?

## CHAPTER 10

# Fluid Machinery

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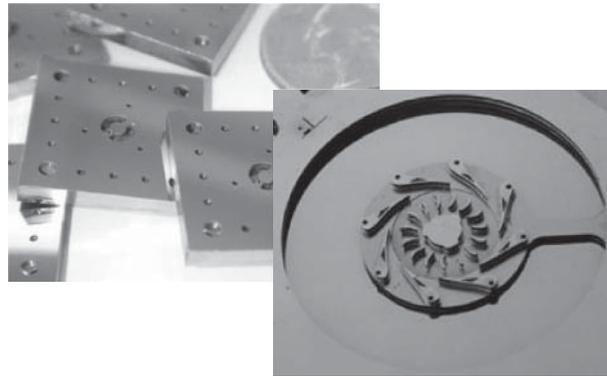
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## Case Study

### The Little Engine That Could!

Alan Epstein, a professor of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his team have done a lot of research on tiny gas-turbine engines made of silicon. They are about the size of a quarter (as shown in the figure) and can be easily mass produced. Unlike conventional large turbines that are assembled from many components, these turbines are built basically from a solid piece of silicon. Professor Epstein discovered that the basic concepts of turbine theory (discussed in this chapter) apply even to his microturbines; the fluid mechanics turns out to be the same as that for larger engines, as long as the passages made for gas flow are larger than about  $1\ \mu\text{m}$  in diameter (smaller than this and noncontinuum molecular kinetics is needed).

The rotor and its airfoils are carved out of a single wafer, as shown in the figure. Additional “plumbing” and bearings are etched onto the wafers that are to sandwich the rotor. Combustion occurs just outside the rotor, at the same wafer level, spinning it by pushing on its airfoils from the outside. At more than a *million* rpm, these turbines make no audible noise (it’s there, but not even your dog can hear it)! Electricity will then be generated using, for example, a tiny generator. The fuel source could be packaged with the engine or come as a replaceable cartridge like a cigarette lighter. In terms of power density, the little engine will easily beat batteries, with an output of somewhere between 50 and 100 watts!



Courtesy of Dr. Alan Epstein, M.I.T.

**Silicon gas-turbine engines suitable for powering laptops or cell phones; a 6-mm-diameter turbine assembly.**

In this chapter we will discuss how to analyze and design turbomachinery, such as this little gas turbine. Most of the devices you will encounter are much larger than this turbine, but the same principles apply. We will study pumps, blowers, fans, and compressors that cause a fluid to flow; turbines and windmills that extract energy from a flowing fluid; and propellers that provide the propulsive force for airplanes.

Humans have sought to control nature since antiquity. Early humans carried water by the bucket; as larger groups formed, this process was mechanized. The first fluid machines developed as bucket wheels and screw pumps to lift water. The Romans introduced paddle wheels around 70 B.C.E. to obtain energy from streams [1]. Later, windmills were developed to harness wind power, but the low power density of the wind limited output to a few hundred horsepower. Development of waterwheels made it possible to extract thousands of horsepower at a single site.

Today we take many fluid machines for granted. On a typical day we draw pressurized water from the tap, use a blower to dry our hair, drive a car (in which fluid machines operate the lubrication, cooling,

and power steering systems), and work in a comfortable environment provided by air circulation. The list could be extended indefinitely.

A fluid machine is a device that either performs work on or extracts work (or power) from a fluid. As you can imagine, this is a very large field of study, so we will limit ourselves mostly to incompressible flows. First the terminology of the field is introduced and machines are classified by operating principle and physical characteristics. Rather than attempt a treatment of the entire field, we focus on machines in which energy transfer to or from the fluid is through a rotating element. Basic equations are reviewed and then simplified to forms useful for analysis of fluid machines. Performance characteristics of typical machines are considered. Examples are given of pump and turbine applications in typical systems. Next, we will discuss propellers and wind turbines, which are unique in that they achieve energy transfer with a fluid without the benefit of an external housing. A discussion of compressible flow machines concludes the chapter.

## 10.1 Introduction and Classification of Fluid Machines

Fluid machines may be broadly classified as either *positive displacement* or *dynamic*. In positive-displacement machines, energy transfer is accomplished by volume changes that occur due to movement of the boundary in which the fluid is confined. This includes piston-cylinder arrangements, gear pumps (for example, the oil pump for a car engine), and lobe pumps (for example, those used in medicine for circulating blood through a machine). We will not analyze these devices in this chapter; we will review them briefly in Section 10.4. Dynamic fluid-handling devices that direct the flow with blades or vanes attached to a rotating member are termed *turbomachines*. In contrast to positive displacement machinery, there is no closed volume in a turbomachine. These devices are very widely used in industry for power generation (for example, water and steam turbines) and in numerous other applications (for example, the turbocharger of a high-performance car). The emphasis in this chapter is on dynamic machines.

A further distinction among types of turbomachines is based on the geometry of the flow path. In *radial-flow* machines, the flow path is essentially radial, with significant changes in radius from inlet to outlet. (Such machines sometimes are called *centrifugal* machines.) In *axial-flow* machines, the flow path is nearly parallel to the machine centerline, and the radius of the flow path does not vary significantly. In *mixed-flow* machines the flow-path radius changes only moderately.

All work interactions in a turbomachine result from dynamic effects of the rotor on the fluid stream; that is, the transfer of work between the fluid and the rotating machine either increases or decreases the speed of the flow. However, in conjunction with this kinetic energy transfer, machines that include external housings (e.g., compressors, pumps, and turbines) also involve either the conversion of pressure energy to kinetic energy, or vice versa. This acceleration or deceleration of the flow allows for maximum pressure rise in pumps and compressors and for maximum power output from turbines.

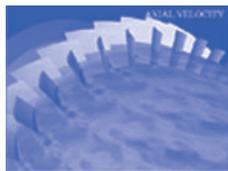
### Machines for Doing Work on a Fluid

Machines that add energy to a fluid by performing work on it are called *pumps* when the flow is liquid or slurry, and *fans*, *blowers*, or *compressors* for gas- or vapor-handling units, depending on pressure rise. Fans usually have small pressure rise (less than 1 inch of water) and blowers have moderate pressure rise (perhaps 1 inch of mercury); pumps and compressors may have very high pressure rises. Current industrial systems operate at pressures up to 150,000 psi ( $10^4$  atmospheres).

Pumps and compressors consist of a rotating wheel (called an *impeller* or *rotor*, depending on the type of machine) driven by an external power source (e.g., a motor or another fluid machine) to increase the flow kinetic energy, followed by an element to decelerate the flow, thereby increasing its pressure. This combination is known as a *stage*. These elements are contained within a *housing* or *casing*. A single pump or compressor might consist of several stages within a single housing, depending on the amount of pressure rise required of the machine. The shaft must penetrate the housing in order to receive mechanical work from the external power source. Bearings and seals are needed to minimize frictional (mechanical) losses and prevent leakage of the working fluid.

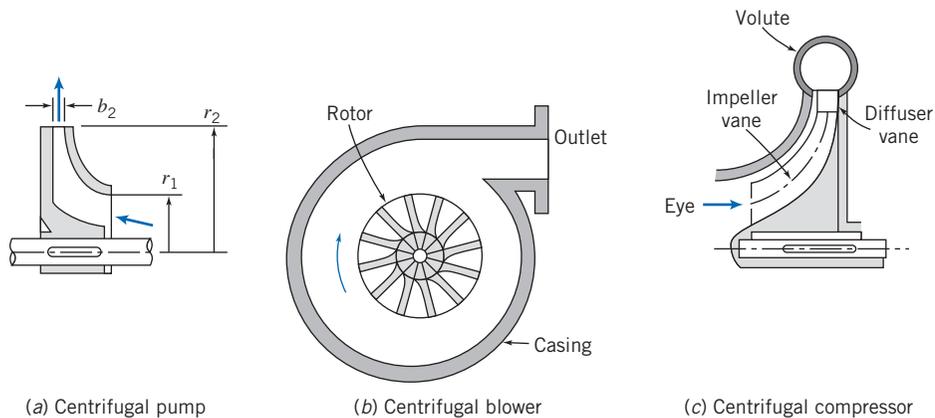
Three typical centrifugal machines are shown schematically in Fig. 10.1. The rotating element of a centrifugal pump or compressor is frequently called the impeller. Flow enters each machine nearly axially at small radius through the *eye* of the impeller, diagram (a), at radius  $r_1$ . Flow is turned and leaves through the impeller discharge at radius  $r_2$ , where the width is  $b_2$ . Diffusion of the flow is achieved in a centrifugal machine as it leaves the impeller and is collected in the *scroll* or *volute*, which gradually increases in area as it nears the outlet of the machine, diagram (b). The impeller usually has vanes; it may be *shrouded* (enclosed) as shown in diagram (a), or *open* as shown in diagram (c). The impeller vanes may be relatively straight, or they may curve to become nonradial at the outlet. Diagram (c) shows that the diffuser may have vanes to direct the flow between the impeller discharge and the volute; vanes allow for more efficient diffusion, but at increased fabrication cost. Centrifugal machines are capable of higher pressure ratios than axial machines, but they have a higher frontal area per unit mass flow.

 Video: Flow in an Axial Flow Compressor (Animation)

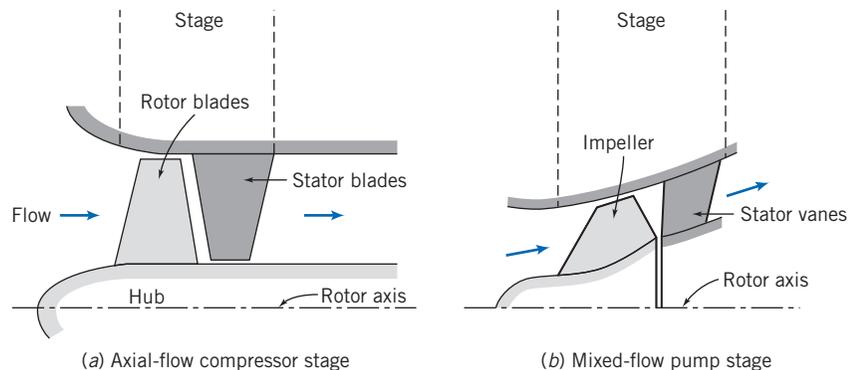


Typical axial-flow and mixed-flow turbomachines are shown schematically in Fig. 10.2. Figure 10.2a shows a typical axial-flow compressor stage. In these machines the rotating element is referred to as the rotor, and flow diffusion is achieved in the stator. Flow enters nearly parallel to the rotor axis and maintains nearly the same radius through the stage. The mixed-flow pump in diagram (b) shows the flow being turned outward and moving to larger radius as it passes through the stage. Axial flow machines have higher efficiencies and less frontal area than centrifugal machines, but they cannot achieve as high pressure ratios. As a result, axial flow machines are more likely to consist of multiple stages, making them more complex than centrifugal machines. Figure 10.3 shows a multiple-stage axial flow compressor. In this photograph, the outer housing (to which the stator vanes are attached) has been removed, clearly showing the rows of rotor vanes.

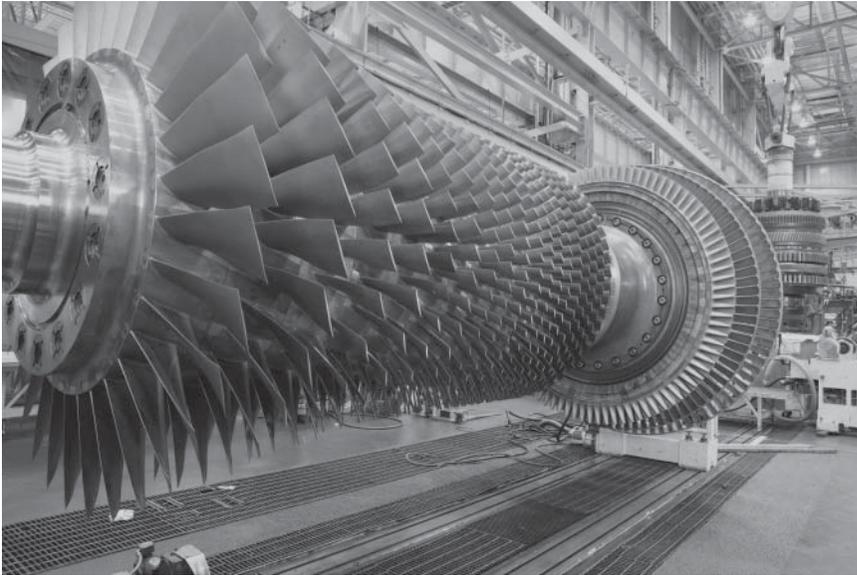
The pressure rise that can be achieved efficiently in a single stage is limited, depending on the type of machine. The reason for this limitation can be understood based on the pressure gradients in these machines (see Section 9.5). In a pump or compressor, the boundary layer subjected to an adverse pressure gradient is not stable; so flow is more likely to encounter boundary-layer separation in a compressor



**Fig. 10.1** Schematic diagrams of typical centrifugal-flow turbomachines, adapted from based on Reference [2].



**Fig. 10.2** Schematic diagrams of typical axial-flow and mixed-flow turbomachines, based on reference [2].



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**Fig. 10.3** Photograph of a multiple-stage axial-flow compressor rotor for a gas turbine.

or pump. Boundary-layer separation increases the drag on the impeller, resulting in a decrease in efficiency; therefore additional work is needed to compress the flow.

Fans, blowers, compressors, and pumps are found in many sizes and types, ranging from simple household units to complex industrial units of large capacity. Torque and power requirements for idealized pumps and turboblowers can be analyzed by applying the angular-momentum principle using a suitable control volume.

*Propellers* are essentially axial-flow devices that operate without an outer housing. Propellers may be designed to operate in gases or liquids. As you might expect, propellers designed for these very different applications are quite distinct. Marine propellers tend to have wide blades compared with their radii, giving high *solidity*. Aircraft propellers tend to have long, thin blades with relatively low solidity. These machines will be discussed in detail in Section 10.6.

## Machines for Extracting Work (Power) from a Fluid

Machines that extract energy from a fluid in the form of work (or power) are called *turbines*. In *hydraulic turbines*, the working fluid is water, so the flow is incompressible. In *gas turbines* and *steam turbines*, the density of the working fluid may change significantly. In a turbine, a stage normally consists of an element to accelerate the flow, converting some of its pressure energy to kinetic energy, followed by a *rotor*, *wheel*, or *runner* extracts the kinetic energy from the flow via a set of *vanes*, *blades*, or *buckets* mounted on the wheel.

The two most general classifications of turbines are impulse and reaction turbines. *Impulse turbines* are driven by one or more high-speed free jets. The classic example of an impulse turbine is the waterwheel. In a waterwheel, the jets of water are driven by gravity; the kinetic energy of the water is transferred to the wheel, resulting in work. In more modern forms of impulse turbines, the jet is accelerated in a nozzle external to the turbine wheel. If friction and gravity are neglected, neither the fluid pressure nor speed relative to the runner changes as the fluid passes over the turbine buckets. Thus for an impulse turbine, the fluid acceleration and accompanying pressure drop take place in nozzles external to the blades, and the runner does not flow full of fluid; work is extracted as a result of the large momentum change of the fluid.

In *reaction turbines*, part of the pressure change takes place externally and part takes place within the moving blades. External acceleration occurs and the flow is turned to enter the runner in the proper direction as it passes through nozzles or stationary blades, called *guide vanes* or *wicket gates*. Additional

fluid acceleration relative to the rotor occurs within the moving blades, so both the relative velocity and the pressure of the stream change across the runner. Because reaction turbines flow full of fluid, they generally can produce more power for a given overall size than impulse turbines.

Figure 10.4 shows turbines used for different applications. Figure 10.4a shows a Pelton wheel, a type of impulse turbine wheel used in hydroelectric power plants. Figure 10.4b is a photograph of an axial steam turbine rotor, an example of a reaction turbine. Figure 10.4c is a wind turbine farm. A wind turbine is another example of a reaction turbine, but, like a propeller, also operates without an outer housing. Modern wind turbines typically collect wind energy and convert it into electricity.

Several typical hydraulic turbines are shown schematically in Fig. 10.5. Figure 10.5a shows an impulse turbine driven by a single jet, which lies in the plane of the turbine runner. Water from the jet strikes each bucket in succession, is turned, and leaves the bucket with relative velocity nearly opposite to that with which it entered the bucket. Spent water falls into the *tailrace* (not shown).

A reaction turbine of the Francis type is shown in Fig. 10.5b. Incoming water flows circumferentially through the turbine casing. It enters the periphery of the stationary guide vanes and flows toward the runner. Water enters the runner nearly radially and is turned downward to leave nearly axially; the flow pattern may be thought of as a centrifugal pump in reverse. Water leaving the runner flows through a diffuser known as a *draft tube* before entering the tailrace. Figure 10.5c shows a propeller turbine of the Kaplan type. The water entry is similar to that in the Francis turbine, but it is turned to flow nearly axially before encountering the turbine runner. Flow leaving the runner may pass through a draft tube.

Thus turbines range from simple windmills to complex gas and steam turbines with many stages of carefully designed blading. These devices also can be analyzed in idealized form by applying the angular-momentum principle.

The allowable amount of pressure drop in a turbine stage is usually greater than the amount of pressure rise allowable in a compressor stage. The difference is due to the favorable pressure gradient (see Section 9.5), which makes boundary-layer separation much less likely than in the case of the compressor.

Dimensionless parameters, such as *specific speed*, *flow coefficient*, *torque coefficient*, *power coefficient*, and *pressure ratio*, frequently are used to characterize the performance of turbomachines. These

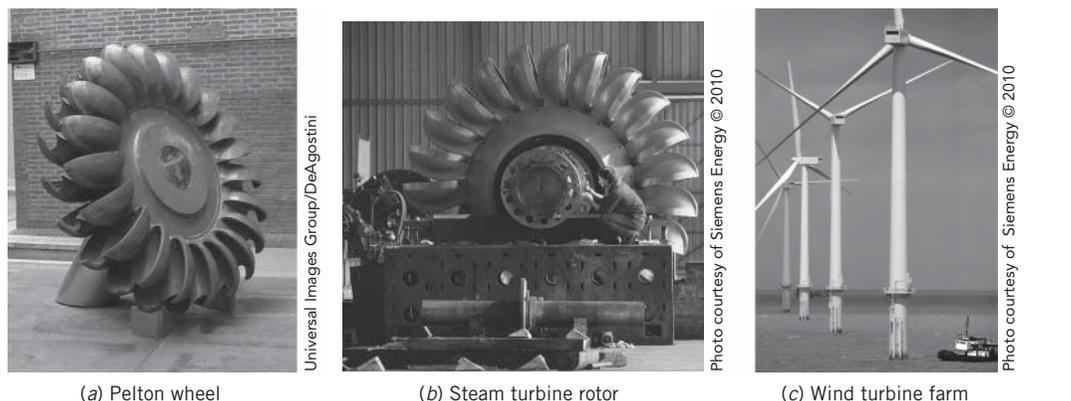


Fig. 10.4 Photograph of turbines used in different applications.

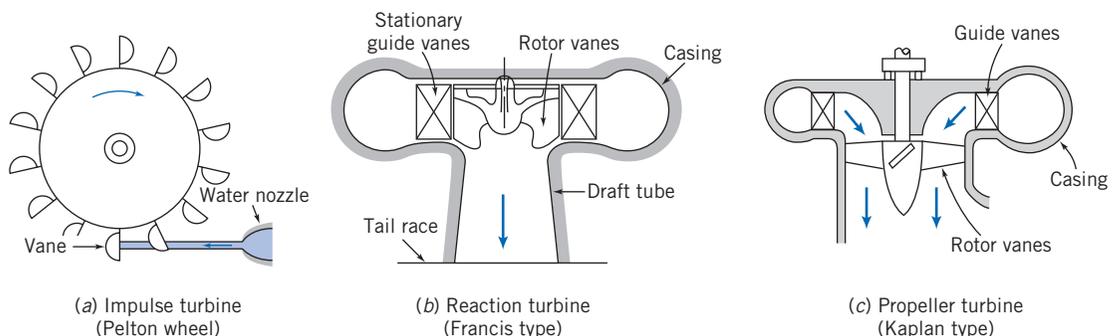


Fig. 10.5 Schematic diagrams of typical hydraulic turbines, based on Reference [2].

parameters were introduced in Chapter 7; their development and use will be considered in more detail later in this chapter.

## Scope of Coverage

According to Japikse [3], “Turbomachinery represents a \$400 billion market (possibly much more) with enormous worldwide growth at this time. It is estimated that industrial centrifugal pumps alone consume 5 percent of all the energy produced in the USA.” In addition, the demands for widely available, economical, green power will continue to drive research and development in the turbomachinery industry [4]. Therefore, proper design, construction, selection, and application of pumps and compressors are economically significant.

Design of actual machines involves diverse technical knowledge, including fluid mechanics, materials, bearings, seals, and vibrations. These topics are covered in numerous specialized texts. Our objective here is to present only enough detail to illustrate the analytical basis of fluid flow design and to discuss briefly the limitations on results obtained from simple analytical models. For more detailed design information, consult the references.

Applications or “system” engineering requires a wealth of experience. Much of this experience must be gained by working with other engineers in the field. Our coverage is not intended to be comprehensive; instead we discuss only the most important considerations for successful system application of pumps, compressors, and turbines.

The material in this chapter is of a different nature from that in the previous chapters. Chapters 1 through 9 covered much of the fundamental material of fluid mechanics, with detailed analytical results in most cases. This chapter will also involve significant amounts of analysis, but the inherent complexity of the topic means that, on many occasions, we need to resort to empirical results and correlations. To the student, this may appear as so much “hand-waving,” but combining theory and experiment to deduce results is a very common approach in engineering science.

## 10.2 Turbomachinery Analysis

As in other analyses, the method of analysis used for turbomachinery is chosen according to the information sought. If overall information on flow rate, pressure change, torque, and power is desired, then a finite-control-volume analysis may be used. If detailed information is desired about blade angles or velocity profiles, then individual blade elements must be analyzed using an infinitesimal-control-volume or other detailed procedure. We consider only idealized flow processes in this book, so we concentrate on the approach using the finite control volume, applying the angular-momentum principle. The analysis that follows applies to machines both for doing work on, and extracting work from, a fluid flow.

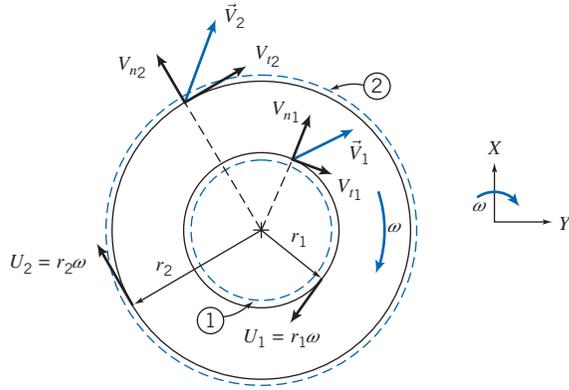
### The Angular-Momentum Principle: The Euler Turbomachine Equation

The angular-momentum principle was applied to finite control volumes in Chapter 4. The result was Eq. 4.46.

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_s + \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} \rho dV + \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho dV + \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.46)$$

Equation 4.46 states that the moment of surface forces and body forces, plus the applied torque, lead to a change in the angular momentum of the flow. The surface forces are due to friction and pressure, the body force is due to gravity, the applied torque could be positive or negative (depending on whether we are doing work on or extracting work from the fluid, respectively), and the angular-momentum change can arise as a change in angular momentum within the control volume or a flux of angular momentum across the control surface.

We will now simplify Eq. 4.46 for analysis of turbomachinery. First, it is convenient to choose a fixed control volume enclosing the rotor to evaluate shaft torque. Because we are looking at control volumes for which we expect large shaft torques, as a first approximation torques due to surface forces



**Fig. 10.6** Finite control volume and absolute velocity components for analysis of angular momentum.

may be ignored. This means we are neglecting friction and torque generated by pressure changes. The body force may be neglected by symmetry. Then, for steady flow, Eq. 4.46 becomes

$$\vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} = \int_{\text{CV}} \vec{r} \times \vec{V} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (10.1a)$$

Equation 10.1a states: For a turbomachine with work *input*, the torque *required* causes a change in the fluid angular momentum; for a turbomachine with work *output*, the torque *produced* is due to the change in fluid angular momentum. Let us write this equation in scalar form and illustrate its application to axial- and radial-flow machines.

As shown in Fig. 10.6, we select a *fixed* control volume enclosing a generalized turbomachine rotor. The fixed coordinate system is chosen with the z-axis aligned with the axis of rotation of the machine. The idealized velocity components are shown in the figure. The fluid enters the rotor at radial location,  $r_1$ , with uniform absolute velocity,  $\vec{V}_1$ ; the fluid leaves the rotor at radial location,  $r_2$ , with uniform absolute velocity  $\vec{V}_2$ .

The integrand on the right side of Eq. 10.1a is the product of with the mass flow rate at each section. For *uniform flow* into the rotor at section 10.1, and out of the rotor at section 10.2, Eq. 10.1a becomes

$$T_{\text{shaft}} \hat{k} = (r_2 V_{t_2} - r_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m} \hat{k} \quad (10.1b)$$

(Note that in  $\vec{r} \times \vec{V}$  the position vector  $\vec{r}$  is purely radial; so only the tangential velocity component  $V_t$  counts.) In scalar form,

$$T_{\text{shaft}} = (r_2 V_{t_2} - r_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m} \quad (10.1c)$$

The assumptions we made in deriving this equation are *steady, frictionless flow; uniform flow* at inlet and exit; and *negligible pressure effects*. Equation 10.1c is the basic relationship between torque and angular momentum for all turbomachines. It often is called the *Euler turbomachine equation*.

Each velocity that appears in Eq. 10.1c is the tangential component of the absolute velocity of the fluid crossing the control surface. The tangential velocities are chosen positive when in the same direction as the blade speed,  $U$ . This sign convention gives  $T_{\text{shaft}} > 0$  for pumps, fans, blowers, and compressors and  $T_{\text{shaft}} < 0$  for turbines.

The rate of work done on a turbomachine rotor (the mechanical power,  $\dot{W}_m$ ) is given by the dot product of rotor angular velocity,  $\vec{\omega}$ , and applied torque,  $\vec{T}_{\text{shaft}}$ . Using Eq. 10.1b, we obtain

$$\dot{W}_m = \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} = \omega \hat{k} \cdot T_{\text{shaft}} \hat{k} = \omega \hat{k} \cdot (r_2 V_{t_2} - r_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m} \hat{k}$$

or

$$\dot{W}_m = \omega T_{\text{shaft}} = \omega (r_2 V_{t_2} - r_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m} \quad (10.2a)$$

According to Eq. 10.2a, the angular momentum of the fluid is increased by the addition of shaft work. For a pump,  $\dot{W}_m > 0$  and the angular momentum of the fluid must increase. For a turbine,  $\dot{W}_m < 0$  and the angular momentum of the fluid must decrease.

Equation 10.2a may be written in two other useful forms. Introducing  $U = r\omega$ , where  $U$  is the tangential speed of the rotor at radius  $r$ , we have

$$\dot{W}_m = (U_2 V_{t_2} - U_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m} \quad (10.2b)$$

Dividing Eq. 10.2b by  $\dot{m}g$ , we obtain a quantity with the dimensions of length, which may be viewed as the theoretical head added to the flow.<sup>1</sup>

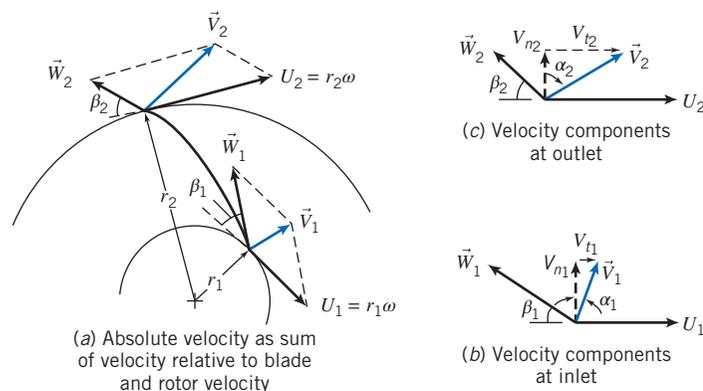
$$H = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{m}g} = \frac{1}{g} (U_2 V_{t_2} - U_1 V_{t_1}) \quad (10.2c)$$

Equations 10.1 and 10.2 are simplified forms of the angular-momentum equation for a control volume. They all are written for a fixed control volume under the assumptions of steady, uniform flow at each section. The equations show that only the difference in the product  $rV_t$  or  $UV_t$ , between the outlet and inlet sections, is important in determining the torque applied to the rotor or the mechanical power. Although  $r_2 > r_1$  in Fig. 10.6, no restriction has been made on geometry; the fluid may enter and leave at the same or different radii. Therefore, these equations may be used for axial, radial, or mixed-flow machines.

## Velocity Diagrams

The equations that we have derived also suggest the importance of clearly defining the velocity components of the fluid and rotor at the inlet and outlet sections. For this purpose, it is useful to develop *velocity diagrams* (frequently called *velocity polygons*) for the inlet and outlet flows. Figure 10.7 shows the velocity diagrams and introduces the notation for blade and flow angles. The important notation to remember is that the variable  $V$  is typically used to indicate absolute velocity, that is, the velocity of the flow relative to a stationary observer, while the variable  $W$  is used to indicate flow velocity relative to the rotating blade.

Machines are designed such that at *design condition* the fluid moves smoothly (without disturbances) through the blades. In the idealized situation at the *design speed*, flow relative to the rotor is assumed to enter and leave tangent to the blade profile at each section. (This idealized inlet condition



**Fig. 10.7** Geometry and notation used to develop velocity diagrams for typical radial-flow machines.

<sup>1</sup> Since  $\dot{W}_m$  has dimensions of energy per unit time and  $\dot{m}g$  is weight flow per unit time, head,  $H$ , is actually energy per unit weight of flowing fluid.

is sometimes called *shockless* entry flow.) At speeds other than design speed the fluid may impact the blades at inlet, exit at an angle relative to the blade, or may have significant flow separation, leading to machine inefficiency. Figure 10.7 is representative of a typical radial flow machine. We assume the fluid is moving without major flow disturbances through the machine, as shown in Fig. 10.7a, with blade inlet and exit angles  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ , respectively, relative to the circumferential direction. Note that although angles  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are both less than  $90^\circ$  in Fig. 10.7, in general they can be less than, equal to, or greater than  $90^\circ$ , and the analysis that follows applies to all of these possibilities.

The runner speed at inlet is  $U_1 = r_1\omega$ , and therefore it is specified by the impeller geometry and the machine operating speed. The absolute fluid velocity is the vector sum of the impeller velocity and the flow velocity relative to the blade. The absolute inlet velocity may be determined graphically, as shown in Fig. 10.7b. The angle of the absolute fluid velocity,  $\alpha_1$ , is measured from the direction normal to the flow area, as shown.<sup>2</sup> Note that for a given machine, angles  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  will vary with flow rate,  $Q$ , (through  $\bar{V}_1$  and  $\bar{V}_2$ ) and rotor speed,  $\omega$  (through  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ ). The tangential component of the absolute velocity,  $V_{t_1}$ , and the component normal to the flow area,  $V_{n_1}$ , are also shown in Fig. 10.7b. Note from the geometry of the figure that at each section the normal component of the absolute velocity,  $V_n$ , and the normal component of the velocity relative to the blade,  $W_n$ , are equal (because the blade has no normal velocity).

To help determine the absolute velocity at the machine entrance, it is necessary to determine whether swirl exists at the entrance. Swirl, which may be present in the inlet flow or introduced by *inlet guide vanes*, is the presence of a circumferential velocity component. When the inlet flow is swirl free, the absolute inlet velocity will be purely radial. The inlet blade angle may be specified for the design flow rate and pump speed to provide a smooth entry flow relative to the orientation of the blades.

The velocity diagram is constructed similarly at the outlet section. The runner speed at the outlet is  $U_2 = r_2\omega$ , which again is known from the geometry and operating speed of the turbomachine. The relative flow is assumed to leave the impeller tangent to the blades, as shown in Fig. 10.7c. This idealizing assumption of perfect guidance fixes the direction of the relative outlet flow at design conditions.

For a centrifugal pump or reaction turbine, the velocity relative to the blade generally changes in magnitude from inlet to outlet. The continuity equation must be applied, using the impeller geometry, to determine the normal component of velocity at each section. The normal component, together with the outlet blade angle, is sufficient to establish the velocity relative to the blade at the impeller outlet for a radial-flow machine. The velocity diagram is completed by the vector addition of the velocity relative to the blade and the wheel velocity, as shown in Fig. 10.7c.

The inlet and outlet velocity diagrams provide all the information needed to calculate the ideal torque or power, absorbed or delivered by the impeller, using Eqs. 10.1 or 10.2. The results represent the performance of a turbomachine under idealized conditions at the design operating point, since we have assumed:

- Negligible torque due to surface forces (viscous and pressure).
- Inlet and exit flow tangent to blades.
- Uniform flow at inlet and exit.

An actual turbomachine is not likely to conform to all of these assumptions, so the results of our analysis represent the upper limit of the performance of actual machines. In Example 10.1 we will use the Euler Turbomachine Equation to analyze an idealized centrifugal pump.

Performance of an actual machine may be estimated using the same basic approach, but accounting for variations in flow properties across the blade span at the inlet and outlet sections, as well as for deviations between the blade angles and the flow directions. Such detailed calculations are beyond the scope of this book. The alternative is to measure the overall performance of a machine on a suitable test stand. Manufacturers' data are examples of measured performance information.

<sup>2</sup>The notation varies from book to book, so be careful when comparing references.

### Example 10.1 IDEALIZED CENTRIFUGAL PUMP

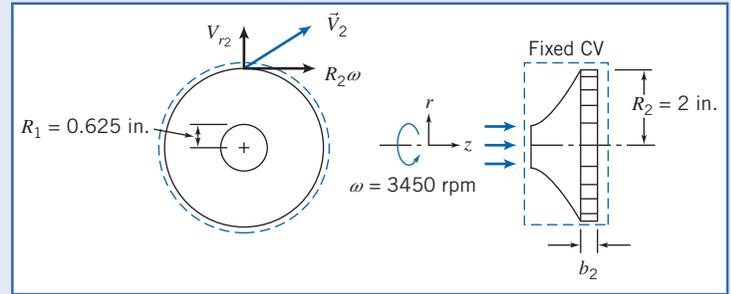
A centrifugal pump is used to pump 150 gpm of water. The water enters the impeller axially through a 1.25-in.-diameter inlet. The inlet velocity is axial and uniform. The impeller outlet diameter is 4 in. Flow leaves the impeller at 10 ft/s relative to the blades, which are radial at the exit. The impeller speed is 3450 rpm. Determine the impeller exit width,  $b_2$ , the torque input, and the power predicted by the Euler turbine equation.

**Given:** Flow as shown in the figure:  
 $V_{r_2} = 10 \text{ ft/s}$ ,  $Q = 150 \text{ gpm}$ .

**Find:** (a)  $b_2$ .  
 (b)  $T_{\text{shaft}}$ .  
 (c)  $\dot{W}_m$ .

**Solution:** Apply the Euler turbomachine equation to a fixed control volume.

**Governing equations:**



$$T_{\text{shaft}} = (r_2 V_{t_2} - r_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m} \quad (10.1c)$$

$$= 0(2) \quad (4.12)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} \rho dV + \int_{\text{CS}} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Neglect torques due to body and surface forces.
- 2 Steady flow.
- 3 Uniform flow at inlet and outlet sections.
- 4 Incompressible flow.

Then, from continuity,

$$(-\rho V_1 \pi R_1^2) + (\rho V_2 2\pi R_2 b_2) = 0$$

or

$$\dot{m} = \rho Q = \rho V_2 2\pi R_2 b_2$$

so that

$$b_2 = \frac{Q}{2\pi R_2 V_2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \times 150 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{1}{2 \text{ in.}} \times \frac{\text{s}}{10 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{in.}}{\text{ft}}$$

$$b_2 = 0.0319 \text{ ft or } 0.383 \text{ in.} \leftarrow b_2$$

For an axial inlet the tangential velocity  $V_{t_1} = 0$ , and for radial exit blades  $V_{t_2} = R_2 \omega$ , so Eq. 10.1c reduces to

$$T_{\text{shaft}} = R_2^2 \omega \dot{m} = \omega R_2^2 \rho Q$$

where we have used continuity ( $\dot{m} = \rho Q$ ).

Thus,

$$T_{\text{shaft}} = \omega R_2^2 \rho Q = 3450 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times (2 \text{ in.})^2 \times 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 150 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \\ \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}^2}{3600 \text{ s}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{144 \text{ in.}^2} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}$$

$$T_{\text{shaft}} = 6.51 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf} \leftarrow T_{\text{shaft}}$$

and

$$\dot{W}_m = \omega T_{\text{shaft}} = 3450 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 6.51 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}}$$

$$\dot{W}_m = 4.28 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\text{hp}}$$

This problem illustrates the application of the Euler turbomachine equation for a fixed control volume to a centrifugal flow machine.

### Performance—Hydraulic Power

The torque and power predicted by applying the angular-momentum equation to a turbomachine rotor (Eqs. 10.1c and 10.2a) are idealized values. In practice, rotor power and the rate of change of fluid energy are not equal. Energy *transfer* between rotor and fluid causes losses because of viscous effects, departures from uniform flow, and departures of flow direction from the blade angles. Kinetic energy *transformation* to pressure rise by diffusion in the fixed casing introduces more losses. Energy *dissipation* occurs in seals and bearings and in fluid friction between the rotor and housing of the machine (“windage” losses). Applying the first law of thermodynamics to a control volume surrounding the rotor shows that these “losses” in mechanical energy are irreversible conversions from mechanical energy to thermal energy. As was the case for the pipe flows discussed in Chapter 8, the thermal energy appears either as internal energy in the fluid stream or as heat transfer to the surroundings.

Because of these losses, in a pump the actual power delivered to the fluid is less than predicted by the angular-momentum equation. In the case of a turbine, the actual power delivered to the shaft is less than the power given up by the fluid stream.

We can define the power, head, and efficiency of a turbomachine based on whether the machine does work on the fluid or extracts work (or power) from the fluid.

For a pump, the *hydraulic power* is given by the rate of mechanical energy input to the fluid,

$$\dot{W}_h = \rho Q g H_p \quad (10.3a)$$

where

$$H_p = \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{discharge}} - \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{suction}} \quad (10.3b)$$

For a pump the *head* rise measured on a test stand is less than that produced by the impeller. The rate of mechanical energy input is greater than the rate of head rise produced by the impeller. The mechanical input power needed to drive the pump is related to the hydraulic power by defining *pump efficiency* as

$$\eta_p = \frac{\dot{W}_h}{\dot{W}_m} = \frac{\rho Q g H_p}{\omega T} \quad (10.3c)$$

To evaluate the actual change in head across a machine from Eq. 10.3b, we must know the pressure, fluid velocity, and elevation at two measurement sections. Fluid velocity can be calculated from the measured volume flow rate and passage diameters.

Static pressure usually is measured in straight sections of pipe upstream from the pump inlet and downstream from the pump outlet, after diffusion has occurred within the pump casing. The elevation of each pressure gage may be recorded, or the static pressure readings may be corrected to the same elevation. The pump centerline provides a convenient reference level.

For a hydraulic turbine, the *hydraulic power* is defined as the rate of mechanical energy removal from the flowing fluid stream,

$$\dot{W}_h = \rho Q g H_t \quad (10.4a)$$

where

$$H_t = \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{inlet}} - \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{outlet}} \quad (10.4b)$$

For a hydraulic turbine, the power output obtained from the rotor (the mechanical power) is less than the rate of energy transfer from the fluid to the rotor, because the rotor must overcome friction and windage losses.

The mechanical power output obtained from the turbine is related to the hydraulic power by defining *turbine efficiency* as

$$\eta_t = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{W}_h} = \frac{\omega T}{\rho Q g H_t} \quad (10.4c)$$

Equations 10.4a and 10.4b show that *to obtain maximum power output from a hydraulic turbine, it is important to minimize the mechanical energy in the flow leaving the turbine.* This is accomplished by making the outlet pressure, flow speed, and elevation as small as practical. The turbine must be set as close to the tailwater level as possible, allowing for the level increase when the river floods. Tests to measure turbine efficiency may be performed at various output power levels and at different constant head conditions (see the discussion of Figs. 10.35 and 10.36).

## Dimensional Analysis and Specific Speed

Dimensional analysis for turbomachines was introduced in Chapter 7, where dimensionless flow, head, and power coefficients were derived in generalized form. The independent parameters were the flow coefficient and a form of Reynolds number. The dependent parameters were the head and power coefficients.

Our objective here is to develop the forms of dimensionless coefficients in common use and to give examples illustrating their use in selecting a machine type, designing model tests, and scaling results. Since we developed an idealized theory for turbomachines, we can gain additional physical insight by developing dimensionless coefficients directly from the resulting computing equations. We will then apply these expressions to scaling of turbomachines through similarity rules in Section 10.3.

The dimensionless *flow coefficient*,  $\Phi$ , is defined by normalizing the volume flow rate using the exit area and the wheel speed at the outlet. Thus

$$\Phi = \frac{Q}{A_2 U_2} = \frac{V_{n_2}}{U_2} \quad (10.5)$$

where  $V_{n_2}$  is the velocity component perpendicular to the exit area. This component is also referred to as the *meridional velocity* at the wheel exit plane. It appears in true projection in the *meridional plane*, which is any radial cross-section through the centerline of a machine.

A dimensionless head coefficient,  $\Psi$ , may be obtained by normalizing the head,  $H$  (Eq. 10.2c), with  $U_2^2/g$ . Thus

$$\Psi = \frac{gH}{U_2^2} \quad (10.6)$$

A dimensionless torque coefficient,  $\tau$ , may be obtained by normalizing the torque,  $T$  (Eq. 10.1c), with  $\rho A_2 U_2^2 R_2$ . Thus

$$\tau = \frac{T}{\rho A_2 U_2^2 R_2} \quad (10.7)$$

Finally, the dimensionless power coefficient,  $\Pi$ , is obtained by normalizing the power,  $\dot{W}$  (Eq. 10.2b), with  $\dot{m}U_2^2 = \rho QU_2^2$ . Thus

$$\Pi = \frac{\dot{W}}{\rho QU_2^2} = \frac{\dot{W}}{\rho \omega^2 QR_2^2} \quad (10.8)$$

For pumps, mechanical input power exceeds hydraulic power, and the efficiency is defined as  $\eta_p = \dot{W}_h / \dot{W}_m$  (Eq. 10.3c). Hence

$$\dot{W}_m = T\omega = \frac{1}{\eta_p} \dot{W}_h = \frac{\rho QgH_p}{\eta_p} \quad (10.9)$$

Introducing dimensionless coefficients  $\Phi$  (Eq. 10.5),  $\Psi$  (Eq. 10.6), and  $\tau$  (Eq. 10.7) into Eq. 10.9, we obtain an analogous relation among the dimensionless coefficients as

$$\tau = \frac{\Psi\Phi}{\eta_p} \quad (10.10)$$

For turbines, mechanical output power is less than hydraulic power, and the efficiency is defined as  $\eta_t = \dot{W}_m / \dot{W}_h$  (Eq. 10.4c). Hence

$$\dot{W}_m = T\omega = \eta_t \dot{W}_h = \eta_t \rho QgH_p \quad (10.11)$$

Introducing dimensionless coefficients  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$ , and  $\tau$  into Eq. 10.11, we obtain an analogous relation among the dimensionless coefficients as

$$\tau = \Psi\Phi\eta_t \quad (10.12)$$

The dimensionless coefficients form the basis for designing model tests and scaling the results. As shown in Chapter 7, the flow coefficient,  $\Phi$ , is treated as the independent parameter. Then, if viscous effects are neglected, the head, torque, and power coefficients are treated as multiple dependent parameters. Under these assumptions, dynamic similarity is achieved when the flow coefficient is matched between model and prototype machines.

As discussed in Chapter 7, a useful parameter called *specific speed* can be obtained by combining the flow and head coefficients and eliminating the machine size. The result was

$$N_S = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{h^{3/4}} \quad (7.22a)$$

When head is expressed as energy per unit mass (i.e., with dimensions equivalent to  $L^2/t^2$ , or  $g$  times head in height of liquid), and  $\omega$  is expressed in radians per second, the specific speed defined by Eq. 7.22a is dimensionless.

Although specific speed is a dimensionless parameter, it is common practice to use an “engineering” equation form of Eq. 7.22a in which  $\omega$  and  $Q$  are specified in units that are convenient but inconsistent, and energy per unit mass,  $h$ , is replaced with energy per unit weight of fluid,  $H$ . When this is done, the specific speed is not a unitless parameter and the magnitude of the specific speed depends on the units used to calculate it. Customary units used in U.S. engineering practice for pumps are rpm for  $\omega$ , gpm for  $Q$ , and feet (energy per unit weight) for  $H$ . In practice, the symbol  $N$  is used to represent rate of rotation ( $\omega$ ) in rpm. Thus, the dimensional specific speed for pumps, expressed in U.S. customary units, as an “engineering” equation, becomes

$$N_{S_{cu}} = \frac{N(\text{rpm})[Q(\text{gpm})]^{1/2}}{[H(\text{ft})]^{3/4}} \quad (7.22b)$$

Values of the dimensionless specific speed,  $N_S$  (Eq. 7.22a), must be multiplied by 2733 to obtain the values of specific speed corresponding to this commonly used but inconsistent set of units (see Example 10.2).

For hydraulic turbines, we use the fact that power output is proportional to flow rate and head,  $\mathcal{P} \propto \rho Qh$  in consistent units. Substituting  $\mathcal{P}/\rho h$  for  $Q$  in Eq. 7.22a gives

$$N_S = \frac{\omega}{h^{3/4}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho h} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\omega P^{1/2}}{\rho^{1/2} h^{5/4}} \quad (10.13a)$$

as the nondimensional form of the specific speed.

In U.S. engineering practice it is customary to drop the factor  $\rho^{1/2}$  because water is invariably the working fluid in the turbines to which the specific speed is applied and to use head  $H$  in place of energy per unit mass  $h$ . Customary units used in U.S. engineering practice for hydraulic turbines are rpm for  $\omega$ , horsepower for  $\mathcal{P}$ , and feet for  $H$ . In practice, the symbol  $N$  is used to represent rate of rotation ( $\omega$ ) in rpm. Thus the dimensional specific speed for a hydraulic turbine, expressed in U.S. customary units, as an “engineering” equation, becomes

$$N_{S_{cu}} = \frac{N(\text{rpm})[\mathcal{P}(\text{hp})]^{1/2}}{[H(\text{ft})]^{5/4}} \quad (10.13b)$$

Values of the dimensionless specific speed for a hydraulic turbine,  $N_S$  (Eq. 10.13a), must be multiplied by 43.46 to obtain the values of specific speed corresponding to this commonly used but inconsistent set of units.

Specific speed may be thought of as the operating speed at which a pump produces unit head at unit volume flow rate (or, for a hydraulic turbine, unit power at unit head). To see this, solve for  $N$  in Eqs. 7.22b and 10.13b, respectively. For pumps

$$N(\text{rpm}) = N_{S_{cu}} \frac{[H(\text{ft})]^{3/4}}{[Q(\text{gpm})]^{1/2}}$$

and for hydraulic turbines

$$N(\text{rpm}) = N_{S_{cu}} \frac{[H(\text{ft})]^{5/4}}{[\mathcal{P}(\text{hp})]^{1/2}}$$

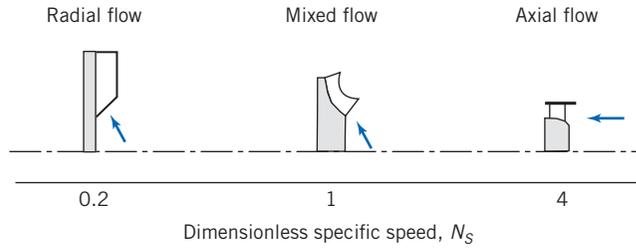
Holding specific speed constant describes all operating conditions of geometrically similar machines with similar flow conditions.

It is customary to characterize a machine by its specific speed at the design point. This specific speed has been found to characterize the hydraulic design features of a machine. Low specific speeds correspond to efficient operation of radial-flow machines. High specific speeds correspond to efficient operation of axial-flow machines. For a specified head and flow rate, one can choose either a low specific speed machine (which operates at low speed) or a high specific speed machine (which operates at higher speed).

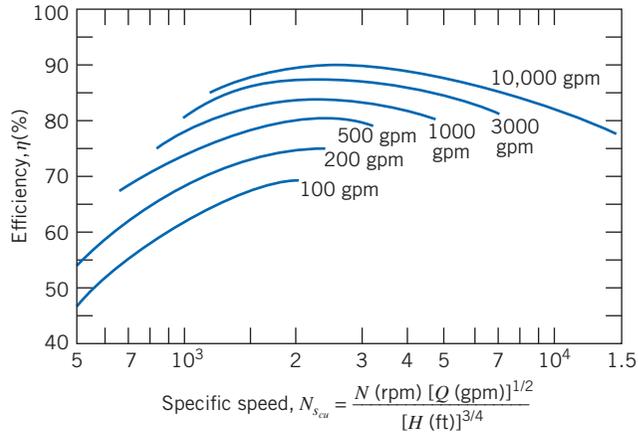
Typical proportions for commercial pump designs and their variation with dimensionless specific speed are shown in Fig. 10.8. In this figure, the size of each machine has been adjusted to give the same head and flow rate for rotation at a speed corresponding to the specific speed. Thus it can be seen that if the machine’s size and weight are critical, one should choose a higher specific speed. Figure 10.8 shows the trend from radial (purely centrifugal pumps), through mixed-flow, to axial-flow geometries as specific speed increases.

The corresponding efficiency trends for typical pumps are shown in Fig. 10.9, which shows that pump capacity generally increases as specific speed increases. The figure also shows that at any given specific speed, efficiency is higher for large pumps than for small ones. Physically this scale effect means that viscous losses become less important as the pump size is increased.

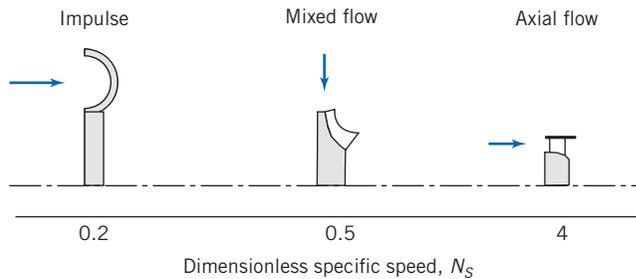
Characteristic proportions of hydraulic turbines also are correlated by specific speed, as shown in Fig. 10.10. As in Fig. 10.8, the machine size has been scaled in this illustration to deliver approximately the same power at unit head when rotating at a speed equal to the specific speed. The corresponding efficiency trends for typical turbine types are shown in Fig. 10.11.



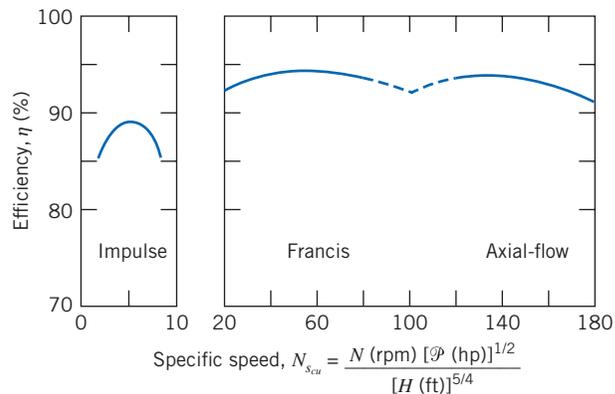
**Fig. 10.8** Typical geometric proportions of commercial pumps as a function of dimensionless specific speed, adapted from Reference [5].



**Fig. 10.9** Average efficiencies of commercial pumps as they vary with specific speed and pump size [6].



**Fig. 10.10** Typical geometric proportions of commercial hydraulic turbines as they vary with dimensionless specific speed, adapted from Reference [5].



**Fig. 10.11** Average efficiencies of commercial hydraulic turbines as they vary with specific speed [6].

Several variations of specific speed, calculated directly from engineering units, are widely used in practice. The most commonly used forms of specific speed for pumps are defined and compared in Example 10.2.

### Example 10.2 COMPARISON OF SPECIFIC SPEED DEFINITIONS

At the best efficiency point, a centrifugal pump, with impeller diameter  $D = 8$  in., produces  $H = 21.9$  ft at  $Q = 300$  gpm with  $N = 1170$  rpm. Compute the corresponding specific speeds using: (a) U.S. customary units, (b) SI units ( $\text{rad/s}, \text{m}^3/\text{s}, \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$ ), and (c) European units ( $\text{rev/s}, \text{m}^3/\text{s}, \text{m}^2/\text{s}^2$ ). Develop conversion factors to relate the specific speeds.

**Given:** Centrifugal pump at best efficiency point (BEP). Assume the pump characteristics are  $H = 21.9$  ft,  $Q = 300$  gpm, and  $N = 1170$  rpm.

- Find:** (a) The specific speed in U.S. customary units.  
 (b) The specific speed in SI units.  
 (c) The specific speed in European units.  
 (d) Appropriate conversion factors to relate the specific speeds.

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**  $N_s = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{h^{3/4}}$  and  $N_{s_{cu}} = \frac{NQ^{1/2}}{H^{3/4}}$

From the given information, the specific speed in U.S. customary units is

$$N_{s_{cu}} = 1170 \text{ rpm} \times (300)^{1/2} \text{ gpm}^{1/2} \times \frac{1}{(21.9)^{3/4} \text{ ft}^{3/4}} = 2000 \leftarrow N_{s_{cu}}$$

Convert information to SI units:

$$\omega = 1170 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 123 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$Q = 300 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times (0.305)^3 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{ft}^3} = 0.0190 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$H = 21.9 \text{ ft} \times 0.305 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{ft}} = 6.68 \text{ m}$$

The energy per unit mass is

$$h = gH = 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 6.68 \text{ m} = 65.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

The dimensionless specific speed is

$$N_s = 123 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} \times (0.0190)^{1/2} \frac{\text{m}^{3/2}}{\text{s}^{1/2}} \times \frac{(\text{s}^2)^{3/4}}{(65.5)^{3/4} (\text{m}^2)^{3/4}} = 0.736 \leftarrow N_s(\text{SI})$$

Convert the operating speed to hertz:

$$\omega = 1170 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \frac{\text{Hz} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{rev}} = 19.5 \text{ Hz}$$

Finally, the specific speed in European units is

$$N_s(\text{Eur}) = 19.5 \text{ Hz} \times (0.0190)^{1/2} \frac{\text{m}^{3/2}}{\text{s}^{1/2}} \times \frac{(\text{s}^2)^{3/4}}{(65.5)^{3/4} (\text{m}^2)^{3/4}} = 0.117 \leftarrow N_s(\text{Eur})$$

To relate the specific speeds, form ratios:

$$\frac{N_{s_{cu}}}{N_s(\text{Eur})} = \frac{2000}{0.117} = 17,100$$

$$\frac{N_{s_{cu}}}{N_s(\text{SI})} = \frac{2000}{0.736} = 2720$$

This problem demonstrates the use of “engineering” equations to calculate specific speed for pumps from each of three commonly used sets of units and to compare the results.

### 10.3 Pumps, Fans, and Blowers

We will now look at the various types of fluid machines in greater detail. We will begin our discussion with rotating machines that perform work on an incompressible fluid, namely pumps, fans and blowers.

#### Application of Euler Turbomachine Equation to Centrifugal Pumps

As demonstrated in Example 10.1, the treatment from Section 10.2 may be applied directly to the analysis of centrifugal machines. Figure 10.7 in Section 10.2 represents the flow through a simple centrifugal pump impeller. If the fluid enters the impeller with a purely radial absolute velocity, then the fluid entering the impeller has no angular momentum and  $V_{t_1}$  is identically zero.

With  $V_{t_1} = 0$ , the increase in head (from Eq. 10.2c) is given by

$$H = \frac{U_2 V_{t_2}}{g} \quad (10.14)$$

From the exit velocity diagram of Fig. 10.7c,

$$V_{t_2} = U_2 - W_2 \cos \beta_2 = U_2 - \frac{V_{n_2}}{\sin \beta_2} \cos \beta_2 = U_2 - V_{n_2} \cot \beta_2 \quad (10.15)$$

Then

$$H = \frac{U_2^2 - U_2 V_{n_2} \cot \beta_2}{g} \quad (10.16)$$

For an impeller of width  $w$ , the volume flow rate is

$$Q = \pi D_2 w V_{n_2} \quad (10.17)$$

To express the increase in head in terms of volume flow rate, we substitute for  $V_{n_2}$  in terms of  $Q$  from Eq. 10.17. Thus

$$H = \frac{U_2^2}{g} - \frac{U_2 \cot \beta_2}{\pi D_2 w g} Q \quad (10.18a)$$

Equation 10.18a is of the form

$$H = C_1 - C_2 Q \quad (10.18b)$$

where constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are functions of *machine geometry* and *speed*,

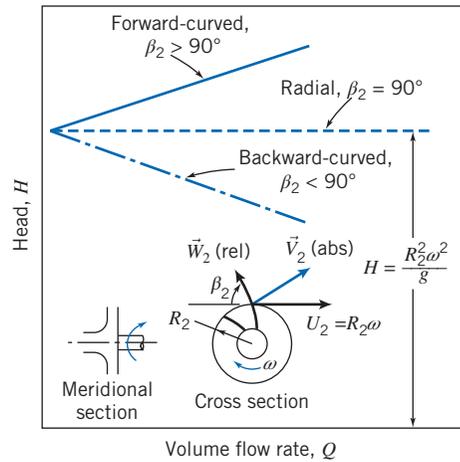
$$C_1 = \frac{U_2^2}{g} \quad \text{and} \quad C_2 = \frac{U_2 \cot \beta_2}{\pi D_2 w g}$$

Thus Eq. 10.18a predicts a linear variation of head,  $H$ , with volume flow rate,  $Q$ . Note that this linear relation is an idealized model; actual devices may have only an approximate linear variation and may be better modeled with a curve-fitting method based on measured data. (We will see an example of this in Example 10.5.)

Constant  $C_1 = U_2^2/g$  represents the ideal head developed by the pump for zero flow rate; this is called the *shutoff head*. The slope of the curve of head versus flow rate (the  $H-Q$  curve) depends on the sign and magnitude of  $C_2$ .

For radial outlet vanes,  $\beta_2 = 90^\circ$  and  $C_2 = 0$ . The tangential component of the absolute velocity at the outlet is equal to the wheel speed and is independent of flow rate. From Eq. 10.18a, the ideal head is independent of flow rate. This characteristic  $H-Q$  curve is plotted in Fig. 10.12.

If the vanes are backward curved (as shown in Fig. 10.7a),  $\beta_2 < 90^\circ$  and  $C_2 > 0$ . Then the tangential component of the absolute outlet velocity is less than the wheel speed and it decreases in proportion to the flow rate. From Eq. 10.18a, the ideal head decreases linearly with increasing flow rate. The corresponding  $H-Q$  curve is plotted in Fig. 10.12.



**Fig. 10.12** Idealized relationship between head and volume flow rate for centrifugal pump with forward-curved, radial, and backward-curved impeller blades.

If the vanes are forward curved, then  $\beta_2 > 90^\circ$  and  $C_2 < 0$ . The tangential component of the absolute fluid velocity at the outlet is greater than the wheel speed, and it increases as the flow rate increases. From Eq. 10.7a, the ideal head increases linearly with increasing flow rate. The corresponding  $H-Q$  curve is plotted in Fig. 10.12.

The characteristics of a radial-flow machine can be altered by changing the outlet vane angle; the idealized model developed above predicts the trends as the outlet vane angle is changed.

The predictions of the idealized angular-momentum theory for a centrifugal pump are summarized in Fig. 10.12. Forward-curved vanes are almost never used in practice because they tend to have an unstable operating point.

### Application of the Euler Equation to Axial Flow Pumps and Fans

The Euler Turbomachine Equation developed in Section 10.2 can be used for axial-flow machines as well. However, in order to use this model, some assumptions need to be made. The most important assumption is that the flow properties at the mean radius (the midpoint of the rotor blades) fully represent the flow at all radii. This is a good assumption, provided the ratio of blade height to mean radius is approximately 0.2 or less [7]. At larger ratios a three-dimensional analysis will be necessary. Such an analysis is beyond the scope of this work, but other sources can provide information on this phenomenon, such as Dixon [7]. A second assumption is that there is no radial component to the flow velocity. This is a reasonable assumption, since many axial machines incorporate stators or sets of vanes which guide the flow into the machine, removing unwanted radial velocity components. The third assumption is that the flow only varies in the axial direction. *This is not the same as saying that there is only an axial component of velocity!* In fact, there will be a significant component of the velocity in the tangential direction as the flow passes through an axial-flow machine, i.e., the flow will have “swirl.” The meaning of this assumption is that at a given axial location, the amount of swirl in the flow is constant, rather than varying between the blades of the machine [7].

The primary consequence of this model applied to axial-flow machines is that the radius used in Equations (10.1) is constant, i.e.,

$$r_1 = r_2 = R_m \quad (10.19a)$$

Since the angular velocity  $\omega$  of the rotor is also constant, it follows that

$$U_1 = U_2 = U \quad (10.19b)$$

Therefore, Equations (10.1) and (10.2) reduce to:

$$T_{\text{shaft}} = R_m(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})\dot{m} \quad (10.20)$$

$$\dot{W}_m = U(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})\dot{m} \quad (10.21)$$

$$H = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{m}g} = \frac{U}{g}(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1}) \quad (10.22)$$

In Example 10.3 these special versions of the Euler turbomachine equation and velocity diagrams are utilized in the analysis of flow through an axial-flow fan.

### Example 10.3 IDEALIZED AXIAL-FLOW FAN

An axial-flow fan operates at 1200 rpm. The blade tip diameter is 1.1 m and the hub diameter is 0.8 m. The inlet and exit angles at the mean blade radius are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$ , respectively. Inlet guide vanes give the absolute flow entering the first stage an angle of  $30^\circ$ . The fluid is air at standard conditions and the flow may be considered incompressible. There is no change in axial component of velocity across the rotor. Assume the relative flow enters and leaves the rotor at the geometric blade angles and use properties at the mean blade radius for calculations. For these idealized conditions, draw the inlet velocity diagram, determine the volume flow rate of the fan, and sketch the rotor blade shapes. Using the data so obtained, draw the outlet velocity diagram and calculate the minimum torque and power needed to drive the fan.

**Given:** Flow through rotor of axial-flow fan.

Tip diameter: 1.1 m

Hub diameter: 0.8 m

Operating speed: 1200 rpm

Absolute inlet angle:  $30^\circ$

Blade inlet angle:  $30^\circ$

Blade outlet angle:  $60^\circ$

Fluid is air at standard conditions. Use properties at mean diameter of blades.

- Find:** (a) Inlet velocity diagram.  
 (b) Volume flow rate.  
 (c) Rotor blade shape.  
 (d) Outlet velocity diagram.  
 (e) Rotor torque.  
 (f) Power required.

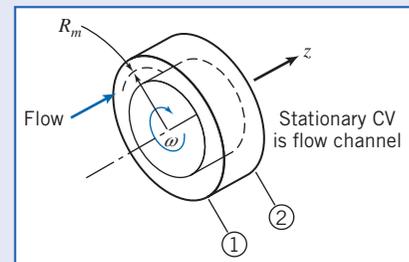
**Solution:** Apply the Euler turbomachine equation to a fixed control volume.

**Governing equations:**

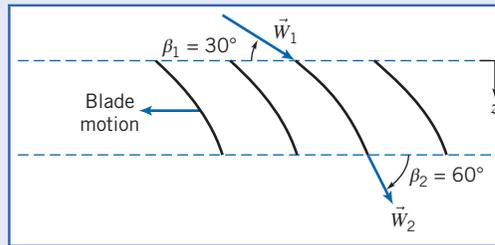
$$T_{\text{shaft}} = R_m(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})\dot{m} = R_m(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})\rho Q \quad (10.20)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Neglect torques due to body or surface forces.
- 2 Steady flow.
- 3 Uniform flow at inlet and outlet sections.
- 4 Incompressible flow.
- 5 No change in axial flow area.
- 6 Use mean radius of rotor blades,  $R_m$ .

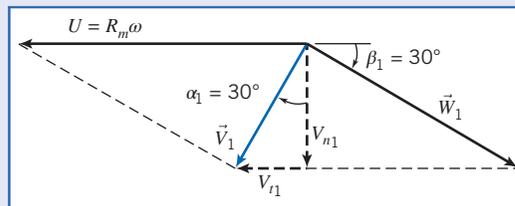


The blade shapes are



(Note that for an axial-flow machine the normal velocity components are parallel to the axis, not normal to the circumferential surface!)

The inlet velocity diagram is



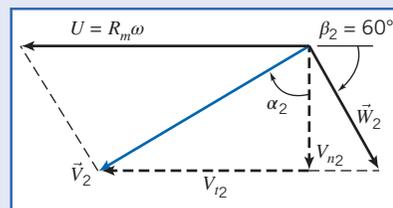
From continuity

$$(-\rho V_{n1} A_1) + (\rho V_{n2} A_2) = 0$$

or

$$Q = V_{n1} A_1 = V_{n2} A_2$$

Since  $A_1 = A_2$ , then  $V_{n1} = V_{n2}$ , and the outlet velocity diagram is as shown in the following figure:



At the mean blade radius,

$$U = R_m \omega = \frac{D_m}{2} \omega$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} (1.1 + 0.8) m \times 1200 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 59.7 \text{ m/s}$$

From the geometry of the inlet velocity diagram,

$$U = V_{n1} (\tan \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)$$

so that

$$V_{n1} = \frac{U}{\tan \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1} = 59.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{\tan 30^\circ + \cot 30^\circ} = 25.9 \text{ m/s}$$

Consequently,

$$V_1 = \frac{V_{n_1}}{\cos \alpha_1} = 25.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{\cos 30^\circ} = 29.9 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{t_1} = V_1 \sin \alpha_1 = 29.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \sin 30^\circ = 15.0 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$W_1 = \frac{V_{n_1}}{\sin \beta_1} = 25.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{\sin 30^\circ} = 51.8 \text{ m/s}$$

The volume flow rate is

$$Q = V_{n_1} A_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} V_{n_1} (D_t^2 - D_h^2) = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 25.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} [(1.1)^2 - (0.8)^2] \text{m}^2$$

$$Q = 11.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \leftarrow \frac{Q}{\quad \quad \quad}$$

From the geometry of the outlet velocity diagram,

$$\tan \alpha_2 = \frac{V_{t_2}}{V_{n_2}} = \frac{U - V_{n_2} \cot \beta_2}{V_{n_2}} = \frac{U - V_{n_1} \cot \beta_2}{V_{n_1}}$$

or

$$\alpha_2 = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{59.7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} - 25.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \cot 60^\circ}{25.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}} \right] = 59.9^\circ$$

and

$$V_2 = \frac{V_{n_2}}{\cos \alpha_2} = \frac{V_{n_1}}{\cos \alpha_2} = 25.9 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{\cos 59.9^\circ} = 51.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Finally,

$$V_{t_2} = V_2 \sin \alpha_2 = 51.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \sin 59.9^\circ = 44.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Applying Eq. 10.20

$$T_{\text{shaft}} = \rho Q R_m (V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})$$

$$= 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 11.6 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{0.95}{2} \text{m} \times (44.6 - 15.0) \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$T_{\text{shaft}} = 201 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \leftarrow \frac{T_{\text{shaft}}}{\quad \quad \quad}$$

Thus the torque *on* the CV is in the same sense as  $\vec{\omega}$ . The power required is

$$\dot{W}_m = \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{T} = \omega T_{\text{shaft}} = 1200 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 201 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \times \frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}$$

$$\dot{W}_m = 25.3 \text{ kW} \leftarrow \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\quad \quad \quad}$$

This problem illustrates construction of velocity diagrams and application of the Euler turbomachine equation for a fixed control volume to an axial-flow machine under idealized conditions.

## Performance Characteristics

To specify fluid machines for flow systems, the designer must know the pressure rise (or head), torque, power requirement, and efficiency of a machine. For a given machine, each of these characteristics is a function of flow rate; the characteristics for similar machines depend on size and operating speed. Here we define *performance characteristics* for pumps and turbines and review experimentally measured trends for typical machines.

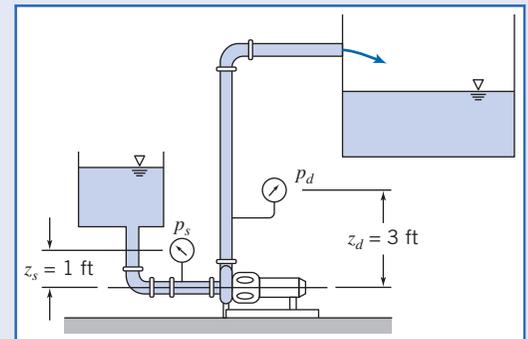
The idealized analyses presented in Section 10.2 are useful to predict trends and to approximate the design-point performance of an energy-absorbing or an energy-producing machine. However, the complete performance of a real machine, including operation at off-design conditions, must be determined experimentally.

To determine performance, a pump, fan, blower, or compressor must be set up on an instrumented test stand with the capability of measuring flow rate, speed, input torque, and pressure rise. The test must be performed according to a standardized procedure corresponding to the machine being tested [8, 9]. Measurements are made as flow rate is varied from shutoff (zero flow) to maximum delivery by varying the load from maximum to minimum (by starting with a valve that is closed and opening it to fully open in stages). Power input to the machine is determined from a calibrated motor or calculated from measured speed and torque, and then efficiency is computed as illustrated in Example 10.4. Finally, the calculated characteristics are plotted in the desired engineering units or nondimensionally. If appropriate, smooth curves may be faired through the plotted points or curve-fits may be made to the results, as illustrated in Example 10.5.

### Example 10.4 CALCULATION OF PUMP CHARACTERISTICS FROM TEST DATA

The flow system used to test a centrifugal pump at a nominal speed of 1750 rpm is shown. The liquid is water at 80°F, and the suction and discharge pipe diameters are 6 in. Data measured during the test are given in the table. The electric motor is supplied at 460 V, 3-phase, and has a power factor of 0.875 and a constant efficiency of 90 percent.

Rate of Flow (gpm)	Suction Pressure (psig)	Discharge Pressure (psig)	Motor Current (amp)
0	0.65	53.3	18.0
500	0.25	48.3	26.2
800	-0.35	42.3	31.0
1000	-0.92	36.9	33.9
1100	-1.24	33.0	35.2
1200	-1.62	27.8	36.3
1400	-2.42	15.3	38.0
1500	-2.89	7.3	39.0



Calculate the net head delivered and the pump efficiency at a volume flow rate of 1000 gpm. Plot the pump head, power input, and efficiency as functions of volume flow rate.

**Given:** Pump test flow system and data shown.

**Find:** (a) Pump head and efficiency at  $Q = 1000$  gpm.

(b) Pump head, power input, and efficiency as a function of volume flow rate. Plot the results.

**Solution:**

**Governing equations:**

$$\dot{W}_h = \rho Q g H_p \quad \eta_p = \frac{\dot{W}_h}{\dot{W}_m} = \frac{\rho Q g H_p}{\omega T}$$

$$H_p = \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_d - \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_s$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Uniform flow at each section.
- 3  $\bar{V}_2 = \bar{V}_1$ .
- 4 Correct all heads to the same elevation.

Since  $\bar{V}_1 = \bar{V}_2$ , the pump head is

$$H_p = \frac{1}{g} \left[ \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + gz \right)_d - \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + gz \right)_s \right] = \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho g}$$

where the discharge and suction pressures, *corrected to the same elevation*, are designated  $p_2$  and  $p_1$ , respectively.

Correct measured static pressures to the pump centerline:

$$p_1 = p_s + \rho g z_s$$

$$p_1 = -0.92 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} + 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 1.0 \text{ ft} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{144 \text{ in}^2} = -0.49 \text{ psig}$$

and

$$p_2 = p_d + \rho g z_d$$

$$p_2 = 36.9 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} + 1.94 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 3.0 \text{ ft} \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^2}{144 \text{ in}^2} = 38.2 \text{ psig}$$

Calculate the pump head:

$$H_p = (p_2 - p_1) / \rho g$$

$$H_p = [38.2 - (-0.49)] \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{1.94 \text{ slug}} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} \times 144 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2} = 89.2 \text{ ft} \leftarrow H_p$$

Compute the hydraulic power delivered to the fluid:

$$\dot{W}_h = \rho Q g H_p = Q(p_2 - p_1)$$

$$= 1000 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times [38.2 - (-0.49)] \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 144 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}}$$

$$\dot{W}_h = 22.6 \text{ hp}$$

Calculate the motor power output (the mechanical power input to the pump) from electrical information:

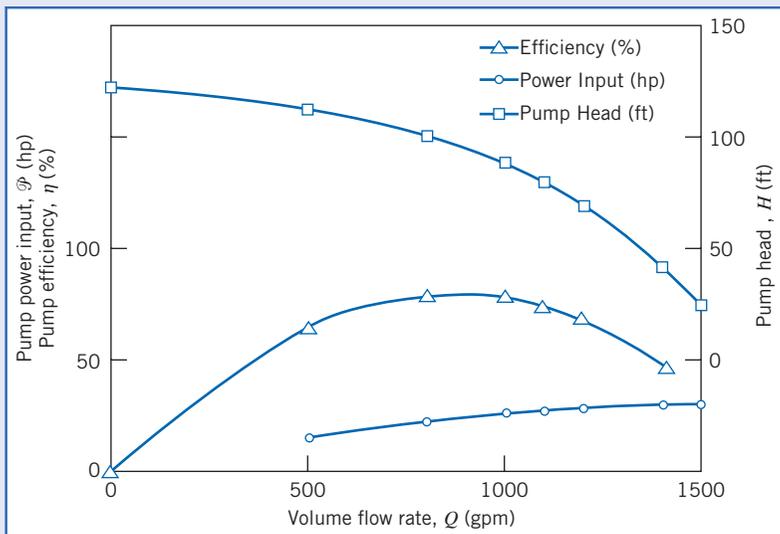
$$\mathcal{P}_{in} = \eta \sqrt{3} (PF) EI$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{in} = 0.90 \times \sqrt{3} \times 0.875 \times 460 \text{ V} \times 33.9 \text{ A} \times \frac{\text{W}}{\text{VA}} \times \frac{\text{hp}}{746 \text{ W}} = 28.5 \text{ hp}$$

The corresponding pump efficiency is

$$\eta_p = \frac{\dot{W}_h}{\dot{W}_m} = \frac{22.6 \text{ hp}}{28.5 \text{ hp}} = 0.792 \quad \text{or} \quad 79.2 \text{ percent} \leftarrow \eta_p$$

Results from similar calculations at the other volume flow rates are plotted below:



This problem illustrates the data reduction procedure used to obtain the performance curves for a pump from experimental data. The results calculated and plotted in this problem are typical for a centrifugal pump driven at constant speed:

- The pressure rise is highest at shutoff (zero flow rate).
- Pressure rise decreases steadily as flow rate is increased; compare this typical experimental curve to the linear behavior predicted by Eq. 10.18b, and shown in Fig. 10.12, for idealized backward-curved impeller blades used in most centrifugal pumps.
- Required power input increases with flow rate; the increase is generally nonlinear.
- Efficiency is zero at shutoff, rises to a peak as flow rate is increased, then drops off at larger flow rates; it stays near its maximum over a range of flow rates from about 800 to 1100 gpm.

This problem is a little oversimplified because it is assumed that the electric motor efficiency is constant. In practice, motor efficiency varies with load, so must be either computed at each load from motor speed and torque measurements, or obtained from a calibration curve.

 The Excel workbook for this problem was used for the calculations for each flow rate, and for generating the graph. It can be modified for use with other pump data.

### Example 10.5 CURVE-FIT TO PUMP PERFORMANCE DATA

Pump test data were given and performance was calculated in Example 10.4. Fit a parabolic curve,  $H = H_0 - AQ^2$ , to these calculated pump performance results and compare the fitted curve with the measured data.

**Given:** Pump test data and performance calculated in Example 10.4.

**Find:** (a) Parabolic curve,  $H = H_0 - AQ^2$ , fitted to the pump performance data.  
 (b) Comparison of the curve-fit with the calculated performance.

**Solution:** The curve-fit may be obtained by fitting a linear curve to  $H$  versus  $Q^2$ . Tabulating,

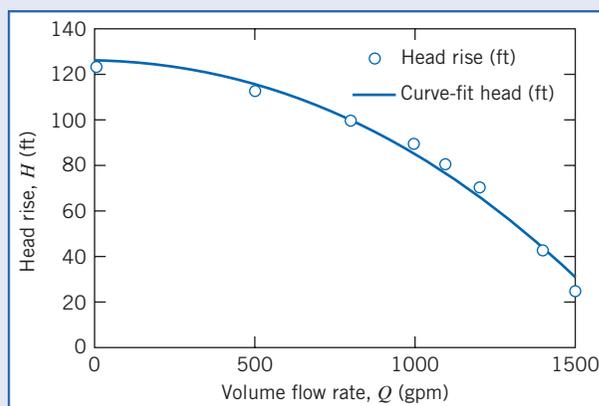
$Q$ (gpm)	From calculated performance:		From the curve fit:	
	$Q^2$ (gpm <sup>2</sup> )	$H$ (ft)	$H$ (ft)	Error (%)
0	0	123	127	2.8
500	$25 \times 10^4$	113	116	3.1
800	$64 \times 10^4$	100	99.8	-0.5
1000	$100 \times 10^4$	89.2	84.6	-5.2
1100	$121 \times 10^4$	80.9	75.7	-6.5
1200	$144 \times 10^4$	69.8	65.9	-5.6
1400	$196 \times 10^4$	42.8	43.9	2.5
1500	$225 \times 10^4$	25.5	31.7	24.2
			Intercept =	127
			Slope =	$-4.23 \times 10^{-5}$
			$r^2 =$	0.984

Using the method of least squares, the equation for the fitted curve is obtained as

$$H(\text{ft}) = 127 - 4.23 \times 10^{-5} [Q(\text{gpm})]^2$$

with coefficient of determination  $r^2 = 0.984$ . (The closer  $r^2$  is to unity, its maximum possible value, the better the fit.)

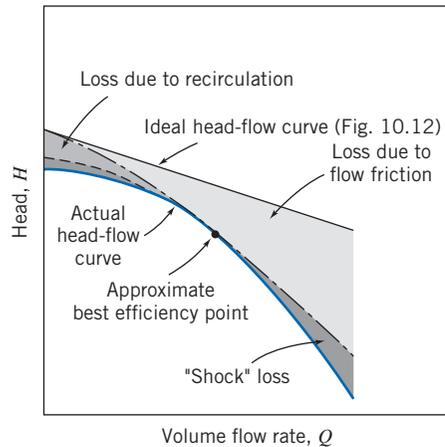
Always compare the results of a curve-fit with the data used to develop the fit. The figure shows the curve-fit (the solid line) and the experimental values (the points).



This problem illustrates that the pump test data for Example 10.4 can be fitted quite well to a parabolic curve. As with fitting a curve to any experimental data, our justifications for choosing a parabolic function in this case are:

- Experimental observation—the experimental data *looks* parabolic.
- Theory or concept—we will see later in this section that similarity rules suggest such a relation between head and flow rate.

 The *Excel* workbook for this problem was used for the least-squares calculations, and for generating the graph. It can be modified for use with other pump data.



**Fig. 10.13** Comparison of ideal and actual head-flow curves for a centrifugal pump with backward-curved impeller blades [10].

The basic procedure used to calculate machine performance was illustrated for a centrifugal pump in Example 10.4. The difference in static pressures between the pump suction and discharge was used to calculate the head rise produced by the pump. For pumps, dynamic pressure rise (or fluid kinetic energy change) typically is a small fraction of the head rise developed by the pump, so it may be neglected compared with the head rise.

Typical characteristic curves for a centrifugal pump tested at constant speed were shown qualitatively in Fig. 7.5;<sup>3</sup> the head versus capacity curve is reproduced in Fig. 10.13 to compare with characteristics predicted by the idealized analysis. Figure 10.13 shows that the head at any flow rate in the real machine may be significantly lower than is predicted by the idealized analysis. Some of the causes are:

- 1 At very low flow rate, some fluid recirculates in the impeller.
- 2 Friction loss and leakage loss both increase with flow rate.
- 3 “Shock loss” results from a mismatch between the direction of the relative velocity and the tangent to the impeller blade at the inlet.<sup>4</sup>

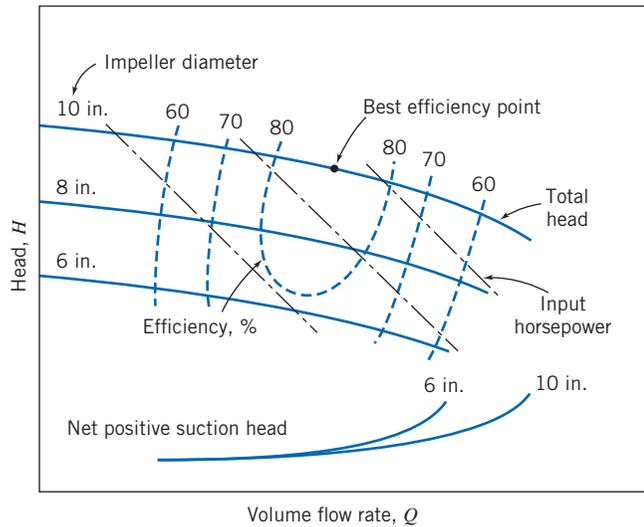
Curves such as those in Figs. 7.5 and 10.13 are measured at constant (design) speed with a single impeller diameter. It is common practice to vary pump capacity by changing the impeller size in a given casing. To present information compactly, data from tests of several impeller diameters may be plotted on a single graph, as shown in Fig. 10.14. As before, for each diameter, head is plotted versus flow rate; each curve is labeled with the corresponding diameter. Efficiency contours are plotted by joining points having the same constant efficiency. Power-requirement contours are also plotted. Finally, the *NPSH* requirements (which we have not yet defined; we will discuss its meaning later in this section) are shown for the extreme diameters; in Fig. 10.14, the curve for the 8-in. impeller lies between the curves for the 6-in. and 10-in. impellers.

The data of Fig. 10.14 are often tabulated for quick access by design software and therefore data are not always presented in the manner shown in this figure. The data of Fig. 10.14 are simplified by reporting an average efficiency as a function of the flow rate only, as shown in Fig. 10.15, rather than as a function of flow rate and head. The figures in Appendix C display pump performance in this format.

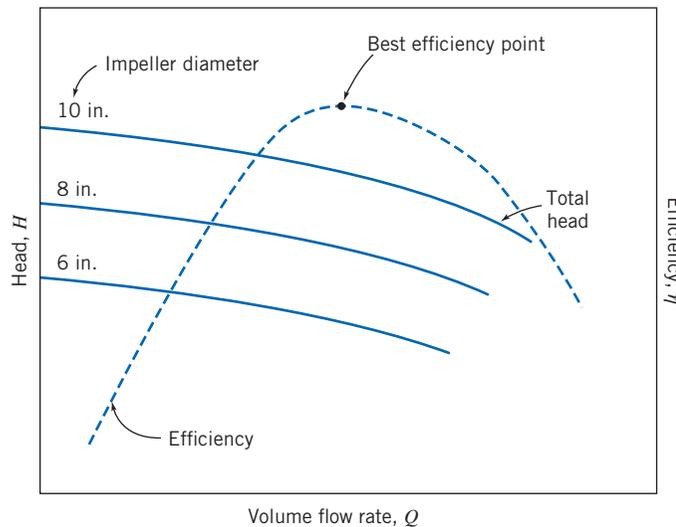
For this typical machine, head is a maximum at shutoff and decreases continuously as flow rate increases. Input power is minimum at shutoff and increases as delivery is increased. Consequently, to minimize the starting load, it may be advisable to start the pump with the outlet valve closed. (However, the valve should not be left closed for long, lest the pump overheat as energy dissipated

<sup>3</sup> The only important pump characteristic not shown in Fig. 7.5 is the net positive suction head (*NPSH*) required to prevent cavitation. Cavitation and *NPSH* will be treated later in this section.

<sup>4</sup> This loss is largest at high and low flow rates; it decreases essentially to zero as optimum operating conditions are approached [11].



**Fig. 10.14** Typical pump performance curves from tests with three impeller diameters at constant speed [10].



**Fig. 10.15** Typical pump performance curves from tests with three impeller diameters at constant speed, showing efficiency as a function of flow rate only [12].

by friction is transferred to the water in the housing.) Pump efficiency increases with capacity until the *best efficiency point* (BEP) is reached, then decreases as flow rate is increased further. For minimum energy consumption, it is desirable to operate as close to BEP as possible.

Centrifugal pumps may be combined in parallel to deliver greater flow or in series to deliver greater head. A number of manufacturers build multistage pumps, which are essentially several pumps arranged in series within a single casing. Pumps and blowers are usually tested at several constant speeds. Common practice is to drive machines with electric motors at nearly constant speed, but in some system applications impressive energy savings can result from variable-speed operation. These pump application topics are discussed later in this section.

## Similarity Rules

Pump manufacturers offer a limited number of casing sizes and designs. Frequently, casings of different sizes are developed from a common design by increasing or decreasing all dimensions by the same scale ratio. Additional variation in characteristic curves may be obtained by varying the operating speed or by

changing the impeller size within a given pump housing. The dimensionless parameters developed in Chapter 7 form the basis for predicting changes in performance that result from changes in pump size, operating speed, or impeller diameter.

To achieve dynamic similarity requires geometric and kinematic similarity. Assuming similar pumps and flow fields and neglecting viscous effects, as shown in Chapter 7, we obtain dynamic similarity when the dimensionless flow coefficient is held constant. Dynamically similar operation is assured when two flow conditions satisfy the relation

$$\frac{Q_1}{\omega_1 D_1^3} = \frac{Q_2}{\omega_2 D_2^3} \quad (10.23a)$$

The dimensionless head and power coefficients depend only on the flow coefficient, i.e.,

$$\frac{h}{\omega^2 D^2} = f_1\left(\frac{Q}{\omega D^3}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho \omega^3 D^5} = f_2\left(\frac{Q}{\omega D^3}\right)$$

Hence, when we have dynamic similarity, as shown in Example 7.6, pump characteristics at a new condition (subscript 2) may be related to those at an old condition (subscript 1) by

$$\frac{h_1}{\omega_1^2 D_1^2} = \frac{h_2}{\omega_2^2 D_2^2} \quad (10.23b)$$

and

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_1}{\rho \omega_1^3 D_1^5} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_2}{\rho \omega_2^3 D_2^5} \quad (10.23c)$$

These scaling relationships may be used to predict the effects of changes in pump operating speed, pump size, or impeller diameter within a given housing.

The simplest situation is when we keep the same pump and only the pump speed is changed. Then geometric similarity is assured. Kinematic similarity holds if there is no cavitation; flows are then dynamically similar when the flow coefficients are matched. For this case of speed change with fixed diameter, Eqs. 10.23 become

$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \quad (10.24a)$$

$$\frac{h_2}{h_1} = \frac{H_2}{H_1} = \left(\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right)^2 \quad (10.24b)$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_2}{\mathcal{P}_1} = \left(\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right)^3 \quad (10.24c)$$

In Example 10.5, we showed that a pump performance curve may be modeled within engineering accuracy by the parabolic relationship,

$$H = H_0 - AQ^2 \quad (10.25a)$$

Since this representation contains two parameters, the pump curve for the new operating condition could be derived by scaling any two points from the performance curve measured at the original operating condition. Usually, the *shutoff condition* and the *best efficiency point* are chosen for scaling. These points are represented by points *B* and *C* in Fig. 10.16.

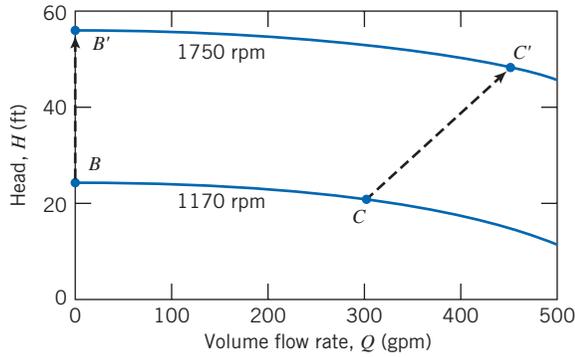
As shown by Eq. 10.24a, the flow rate increases by the ratio of operating speeds, so

$$Q_{B'} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} Q_B = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{C'} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} Q_C$$

Thus, point *B'* is located directly above point *B*, and point *C'* moves to the right of point *C* (in this example  $\omega_2 > \omega_1$ ).

The head increases by the square of the speed ratio, so

$$H_{B'} = H_B \left(\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}\right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad H_{C'} = H_C \left(\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}\right)^2$$



**Fig. 10.16** Schematic of a pump performance curve, illustrating the effect of a change in pump operating speed.

Points  $C$  and  $C'$ , where dynamically similar flow conditions are present, are termed *homologous* points for the pump.

We can relate the old operating condition (e.g., running at speed  $N_1 = 1170$  rpm, as shown in Fig. 10.16) to the new, primed one (e.g., running at speed  $N_2 = 1750$  rpm in Fig. 10.16) using the parabolic relation and Eqs. 10.24a and 10.24b,

$$H = H' \left( \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} \right)^2 = H_0 - A Q^2 = H'_0 \left( \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} \right)^2 - A Q'^2 \left( \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} \right)^2$$

or

$$H' = H'_0 - A Q'^2 \quad (10.25b)$$

so that for a given pump the factor  $A$  remains unchanged as we change pump speed, as we will verify in Example 10.6.

### Example 10.6 SCALING PUMP PERFORMANCE CURVES

When operated at  $N = 1170$  rpm, a centrifugal pump, with impeller diameter  $D = 8$  in., has shutoff head  $H_0 = 25.0$  ft of water. At the same operating speed, best efficiency occurs at  $Q = 300$  gpm, where the head is  $H = 21.9$  ft of water. Fit these data at 1170 rpm with a parabola. Scale the results to a new operating speed of 1750 rpm. Plot and compare the results.

**Given:** Centrifugal pump (with  $D = 8$  in. impeller) operated at  $N = 1170$  rpm.

$Q$ (gpm)	0	300
$H$ (ft of water)	25.0	21.9

- Find:** (a) The equation of a parabola through the pump characteristics at 1170 rpm.  
 (b) The corresponding equation for a new operating speed of 1750 rpm.  
 (c) Comparison (plot) of the results.

**Solution:** Assume a parabolic variation in pump head of the form,  $H = H_0 - A Q^2$ . Solving for  $A$  gives

$$A_1 = \frac{H_0 - H}{Q^2} = (25.0 - 21.9) \text{ ft} \times \frac{1}{(300)^2 (\text{gpm})^2} = 3.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}/(\text{gpm})^2$$

The desired equation is

$$H(\text{ft}) = 25.0 - 3.44 \times 10^{-5} [Q(\text{gpm})]^2$$

The pump remains the same, so the two flow conditions are geometrically similar. Assuming no cavitation occurs, the two flows also will be kinematically similar. Then dynamic similarity will be obtained when the two flow coefficients are matched. Denoting the 1170 rpm condition by subscript 1 and the 1750 rpm condition by subscript 2, we have

$$\frac{Q_2}{\omega_2 D_2^3} = \frac{Q_1}{\omega_1 D_1^3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

since  $D_2 = D_1$ . For the shutoff condition,

$$Q_2 = \frac{N_2}{N_1} Q_1 = \frac{1750 \text{ rpm}}{1170 \text{ rpm}} \times 0 \text{ gpm} = 0 \text{ gpm}$$

From the best efficiency point, the new flow rate is

$$Q_2 = \frac{N_2}{N_1} Q_1 = \frac{1750 \text{ rpm}}{1170 \text{ rpm}} \times 300 \text{ gpm} = 449 \text{ gpm}$$

The pump heads are related by

$$\frac{h_2}{h_1} = \frac{H_2}{H_1} = \frac{N_2^2 D_2^2}{N_1^2 D_1^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{H_2}{H_1} = \frac{N_2^2}{N_1^2} = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2$$

since  $D_2 = D_1$ . For the shutoff condition,

$$H_2 = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2 H_1 = \left(\frac{1750 \text{ rpm}}{1170 \text{ rpm}}\right)^2 25.0 \text{ ft} = 55.9 \text{ ft}$$

At the best efficiency point,

$$H_2 = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2 H_1 = \left(\frac{1750 \text{ rpm}}{1170 \text{ rpm}}\right)^2 21.9 \text{ ft} = 49.0 \text{ ft}$$

The curve parameter at 1750 rpm may now be found. Solving for  $A$ , we find

$$A_2 = \frac{H_{02} - H_2}{Q_2^2} = (55.9 - 49.0) \text{ ft} \times \frac{1}{(449)^2 (\text{gpm})^2} = 3.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}/(\text{gpm})^2$$

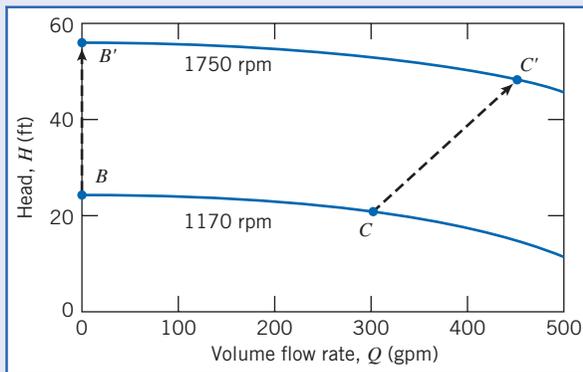
Note that  $A_2$  at 1750 rpm is the same as  $A_1$  at 1170 rpm. Thus we have demonstrated that the coefficient  $A$  in the parabolic equation does not change when the pump speed is changed. The “engineering” equations for the two curves are

$$H_1 = 25.0 - 3.44 \times 10^{-5} [Q \text{ (gpm)}]^2 \text{ (at 1170 rpm)}$$

and

$$H_2 = 55.9 - 3.44 \times 10^{-5} [Q \text{ (gpm)}]^2 \text{ (at 1750 rpm)}$$

The pump curves are compared in the following plot:



This problem illustrates the procedures for:

- Obtaining the parabolic “engineering” equation from shutoff head  $H_0$  and best efficiency data on  $Q$  and  $H$ .
- Scaling pump curves from one speed to another.

The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be used to generate pump performance curves for a range of speeds.

Efficiency remains relatively constant between dynamically similar operating points when only the pump operating speed is changed. Application of these ideas is illustrated in Example 10.6.

In principle, geometric similarity would be maintained when pumps of the *same geometry*, differing in size only by a scale ratio, were tested at the *same operating speed*. The flow, head, and power would be predicted to vary with *pump size* as

$$Q_2 = Q_1 \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1}\right)^3, \quad H_2 = H_1 \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1}\right)^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P}_2 = \mathcal{P}_1 \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1}\right)^5 \quad (10.26)$$

It is impractical to manufacture and test a series of pump models that differ in size by only a scale ratio. Instead it is common practice to test a given pump casing at a fixed speed with several impellers of different diameter [13]. Because pump casing width is the same for each test, impeller width also must be the same; only impeller diameter  $D$  is changed. As a result, volume flow rate scales in proportion to  $D^2$ , not to  $D^3$ . Pump input power at fixed speed scales as the product of flow rate and head, so it becomes proportional to  $D^4$ . Using this modified scaling method frequently gives results of acceptable accuracy, as demonstrated in several end-of-chapter problems where the method is checked against measured performance data from Appendix C.

It is not possible to compare the efficiencies at the two operating conditions directly. However, viscous effects should become relatively less important as the pump size increases. Thus efficiency should improve slightly as diameter is increased. Moody [14] suggested an empirical equation that may be used to estimate the maximum efficiency of a prototype pump based on test data from a geometrically similar model of the prototype pump. His equation is written

$$\frac{1 - \eta_p}{1 - \eta_m} = \left( \frac{D_m}{D_p} \right)^{1/5} \quad (10.27)$$

To develop Eq. 10.27, Moody assumed that only the surface resistance changes with model scale so that losses in passages of the same roughness vary as  $1/D^5$ . Unfortunately, it is difficult to maintain the same relative roughness between model and prototype pumps. Further, the Moody model does not account for any difference in mechanical losses between model and prototype, nor does it allow determination of off-peak efficiencies. Nevertheless, scaling of the maximum-efficiency point is useful to obtain a general estimate of the efficiency curve for the prototype pump.

## Cavitation and Net Positive Suction Head

*Cavitation* can occur in any machine handling liquid whenever the local static pressure falls below the vapor pressure of the liquid. When this occurs, the liquid can locally flash to vapor, forming a vapor cavity and significantly changing the flow pattern from the noncavitating condition. The vapor cavity changes the effective shape of the flow passage, thus altering the local pressure field. Since the size and shape of the vapor cavity are influenced by the local pressure field, the flow may become unsteady. The unsteadiness may cause the entire flow to oscillate and the machine to vibrate.

As cavitation commences, it reduces the performance of a pump or turbine rapidly. Thus cavitation must be avoided to maintain stable and efficient operation. In addition, local surface pressures may become high when the vapor cavity implodes or collapses, causing erosion damage or surface pitting. The damage may be severe enough to destroy a machine made from a brittle, low-strength material. Obviously cavitation also must be avoided to assure long machine life.

In a pump, cavitation tends to begin at the section where the flow is accelerated into the impeller. Cavitation in a turbine begins where pressure is lowest. The tendency to cavitate increases as local flow speeds increase; this occurs whenever flow rate or machine operating speed is increased.

Cavitation can be avoided if the pressure everywhere in the machine is kept above the vapor pressure of the operating liquid. At constant speed, this requires that a pressure somewhat greater than the vapor pressure of the liquid be maintained at a pump inlet (the *suction*). Because of pressure losses in the inlet piping, the suction pressure may be subatmospheric. Therefore it is important to carefully limit the pressure drop in the inlet piping system.

*Net positive suction head (NPSH)* is defined as the difference between the absolute stagnation pressure in the flow at the pump suction and the liquid vapor pressure, expressed as head of flowing liquid [15].<sup>5</sup> Hence the *NPSH* is a measure of the difference between the maximum possible pressure in the given flow and the pressure at which the liquid will start flashing over to a vapor; the larger the *NPSH*, the less likely cavitation is to occur. The *net positive suction head required (NPSHR)* by a specific pump to suppress cavitation varies with the liquid pumped, and with the liquid temperature and

<sup>5</sup> *NPSH* may be expressed in any convenient units of measure, such as height of the flowing liquid, e.g., feet of water (hence the term *suction head*), psia, or kPa (abs). When expressed as *head*, *NPSH* is measured relative to the pump impeller centerline.

pump condition (e.g., as critical geometric features of the pump are affected by wear). *NPSHR* may be measured in a pump test facility by controlling the input pressure. The results are plotted on the pump performance curve. Typical pump characteristic curves for three impellers tested in the same housing were shown in Fig. 10.14. Experimentally determined *NPSHR* curves for the largest and smallest impeller diameters are plotted near the bottom of the figure.

The *net positive suction head available (NPSHA)* at the pump inlet must be greater than the *NPSHR* to suppress cavitation. Pressure drop in the inlet piping and pump entrance increases as volume flow rate increases. Thus for any system, the *NPSHA* decreases as flow rate is raised. The *NPSHR* of the pump increases as the flow rate is raised. Therefore, as the system flow rate is increased, the curves for *NPSHA* and *NPSHR* versus flow rate ultimately cross. Hence, for any inlet system, there is a flow rate that cannot be exceeded if flow through the pump is to remain free from cavitation. Inlet pressure losses may be reduced by increasing the diameter of the inlet piping; for this reason, many centrifugal pumps have larger flanges or couplings at the inlet than at the outlet. Example 10.7 shows the relationships between the *NPSH*, the *NPSHA*, and the *NPSHR*.

### Example 10.7 CALCULATION OF NET POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD (NPSH)

A Peerless Type 4AE11 centrifugal pump (Fig. C.3, Appendix C) is tested at 1750 rpm using a flow system with the layout of Example 10.4. The water level in the inlet reservoir is 3.5 ft above the pump centerline; the inlet line consists of 6 ft of 5 in. diameter straight cast-iron pipe, a standard elbow, and a fully open gate valve. Calculate the net positive suction head available (*NPSHA*) at the pump inlet at a volume flow rate of 1000 gpm of water at 80°F. Compare with the net positive suction head required (*NPSHR*) by the pump at this flow rate. Plot *NPSHA* and *NPSHR* for water at 80°F and 180°F versus volume flow rate.

**Given:** A Peerless Type 4AE11 centrifugal pump (Fig. C.3, Appendix C) is tested at 1750 rpm using a flow system with the layout of Example 10.4. The water level in the inlet reservoir is 3.5 ft above the pump centerline; the inlet line has 6 ft of 5 in. diameter straight cast-iron pipe, a standard elbow, and a fully open gate valve.

**Find:** (a) *NPSHA* at  $Q = 1000$  gpm of water at 80°F.  
 (b) Comparison with *NPSHR* for this pump at  $Q = 1000$  gpm.  
 (c) Plot of *NPSHA* and *NPSHR* for water at 80°F and 180°F versus volume flow rate.

**Solution:** Net positive suction head (*NPSH*) is defined as the difference between the absolute stagnation pressure in the flow at the pump suction and the liquid vapor pressure, expressed as head of flowing liquid. Therefore it is necessary to calculate the head at the pump suction.

Apply the energy equation for steady, incompressible pipe flow to compute the pressure at the pump inlet and thus the *NPSHA*. Denote the reservoir level as ① and the pump suction as ②, as shown above.

**Governing equation:**

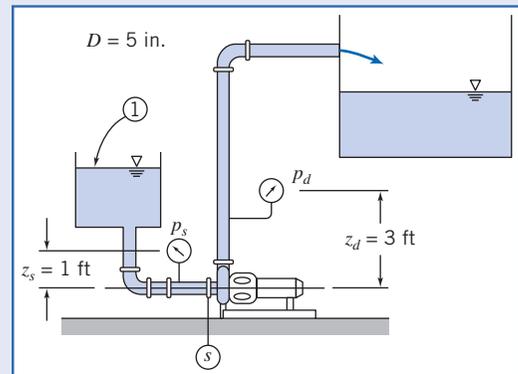
$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2}\rho\bar{V}_1^2 + \rho gz_1 = p_s + \frac{1}{2}\rho\bar{V}_s^2 + \rho g z_s + \rho h_{\ell_T} \approx 0$$

**Assumption:**  $\bar{V}_1$  is negligible. Thus

$$p_s = p_1 + \rho g(z_1 - z_s) - \frac{1}{2}\rho\bar{V}_s^2 - \rho h_{\ell_T} \quad (1)$$

The total head loss is

$$h_{\ell_T} = \left( \sum K + \sum f \frac{L_e}{D} + f \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{1}{2} \rho \bar{V}_s^2 \quad (2)$$



Substituting Eq. 2 into Eq. 1 and dividing by  $\rho g$ ,

$$H_s = H_1 + z_1 - z_s - \left( \sum K + \sum f \frac{L_e}{D} + f \frac{L}{D} + 1 \right) \frac{\bar{V}_s^2}{2g} \quad (3)$$

Evaluating the friction factor and head loss,

$$f = f(Re, e/D); \quad Re = \frac{\rho \bar{V} D}{\mu} = \frac{\bar{V} D}{\nu}; \quad \bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A}; \quad A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4}$$

For 5 in. (nominal) pipe,  $D = 5.047$  in.

$$D = 5.047 \text{ in.} \times \frac{\text{ft}}{12 \text{ in.}} = 0.421 \text{ ft}, \quad A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = 0.139 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\bar{V} = 1000 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{1}{0.139 \text{ ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} = 16.0 \text{ ft/s}$$

From Table A.7, for water at  $T = 80^\circ\text{F}$ ,  $\nu = 0.927 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2/\text{s}$ .

The Reynolds number is

$$Re = \frac{\bar{V} D}{\nu} = 16.0 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times 0.421 \text{ ft} \times \frac{\text{s}}{0.927 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}^2} = 7.27 \times 10^5$$

From Table 8.1,  $e = 0.00085$  ft, so  $e/D = 0.00202$ . From Eq. 8.37,  $f = 0.0237$ . The minor loss coefficients are

Entrance	$K = 0.5$
Standard elbow	$\frac{L_e}{D} = 30$
Open gate valve	$\frac{L_e}{D} = 8$

Substituting,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sum K + \sum f \frac{L_e}{D} + f \frac{L}{D} + 1 \right) \\ &= 0.5 + 0.0237(30 + 8) + 0.0237 \left( \frac{6}{0.421} \right) + 1 = 2.74 \end{aligned}$$

The heads are

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = 14.7 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in.}^2} \times 144 \frac{\text{in.}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{1.93 \text{ slug}} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2} \\ &= 34.1 \text{ ft( abs)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\bar{V}_s}{2g} = \frac{1}{2} \times (16.0)^2 \frac{\text{ft}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} = 3.98 \text{ ft}$$

Thus,

$$H_s = 34.1 \text{ ft} + 3.5 \text{ ft} - (2.74)3.98 \text{ ft} = 26.7 \text{ ft( abs)}$$

To obtain *NPSHA*, add velocity head and subtract vapor head. Thus

$$NPSHA = H_s + \frac{\bar{V}_s^2}{2g} - H_v$$

The vapor pressure for water at  $80^\circ\text{F}$  is  $p_v = 0.507$  psia. The corresponding head is  $H_v = 1.17$  ft of water. Thus,

$$NPSHA = 26.7 + 3.98 - 1.17 = 29.5 \text{ ft} \leftarrow \underline{\hspace{10em}} \quad NPSHA$$

This problem illustrates the procedures used for checking whether a given pump is in danger of experiencing cavitation:

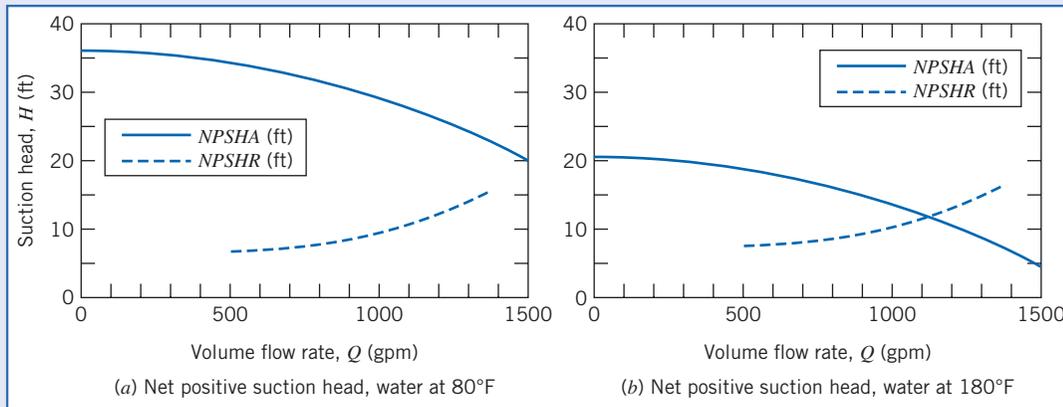
- Equation 3 and the plots show that the *NPSHA* decreases as flow rate  $Q$  (or  $\bar{V}_s$ ) increases; on the other hand, the *NPSHR* increases with  $Q$ , so if the flow rate is high enough, a pump will likely experience cavitation (when  $NPSHA < NPSHR$ ).
- The *NPSHR* for any pump increases with flow rate  $Q$  because local fluid velocities within the pump increase, causing locally reduced pressures and tending to promote cavitation.
- For this pump, at  $80^\circ\text{F}$ , the pump appears to have  $NPSHA > NPSHR$  at all flow rates, so it would never experience cavitation; at  $180^\circ\text{F}$ , cavitation would occur around 1100 gpm, but from Fig. C.3, the pump best efficiency is around 900 gpm, so it would probably not be run at 1100 gpm—the pump would probably not cavitate even with the hotter water.

 The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be used to generate the *NPSHA* and *NPSHR* curves for a variety of pumps and water temperatures.

The pump curve (Fig. C.3, Appendix C) shows that at 1000 gpm the pump requires

$$NPSHR = 12.0 \text{ ft} \leftarrow \text{-----} NPSHR$$

Results of similar computations for water at 80°F are plotted in the figure on the left below. (*NPSHR* values are obtained from the pump curves in Fig. C.3, Appendix C.)



Results of computation for water at 180°F are plotted in the figure on the right above. The vapor pressure for water at 180°F is  $p_v = 7.51$  psia. The corresponding head is  $H_v = 17.3$  ft of water. This high vapor pressure reduces the *NPSHA*, as shown in the plot.

## Pump Selection: Applications to Fluid Systems

We define a *fluid system* as the combination of a fluid machine and a network of pipes or channels that convey fluid. The engineering application of fluid machines in an actual system requires matching the machine and system characteristics, while satisfying constraints of energy efficiency, capital economy, and durability. We have alluded to the vast assortment of hardware offered by competing suppliers; this variety verifies the commercial importance of fluid machinery in modern engineering systems.

Usually it is more economical to specify a production machine rather than a custom unit, because products of established vendors have known, published performance characteristics, and they must be durable to survive in the marketplace. Application engineering consists of making the best selection from catalogs of available products. In addition to machine characteristic curves, all manufacturers provide a wealth of dimensional data, alternative configuration and mounting schemes, and technical information bulletins to guide intelligent application of their products.

This section consists of a brief review of relevant theory, followed by example applications using data taken from manufacturer literature. Selected performance curves for centrifugal pumps and fans are presented in Appendix C. These may be studied as typical examples of performance data supplied by manufacturers. The curves may also be used to help solve the equipment selection and system design problems at the end of the chapter.

We will consider various machines for doing work on a fluid, but we first make a few general points. As we saw in Example 10.4, a typical pump, for example, produces a smaller head as the flow rate is increased. On the other hand, the head (which includes major and minor losses) required to maintain flow in a pipe system increases with the flow rate. Hence, as shown graphically<sup>6</sup> in Fig. 10.17, a pump-system will run at the *operating point*, the flow rate at which the pump head rise and required system head match. Figure 10.17 also shows a pump efficiency curve, indicating that, for optimum pump selection, a pump should be chosen that has maximum efficiency at the operating point flow rate.

<sup>6</sup> While a graphical representation is useful for visualizing the pump-system matching, we typically use analytical or numerical methods to determine the operating point.

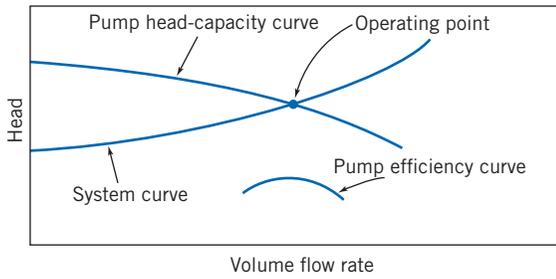


Fig. 10.17 Superimposed system head-flow and pump head-capacity curves.

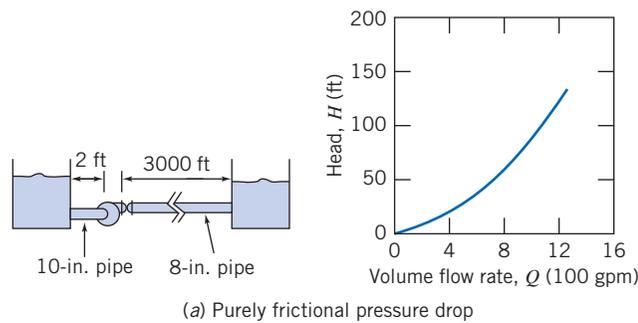
The pump-system shown in Fig. 10.17 is stable. If for some reason the flow rate falls below the operating flow rate, the pump pressure head rises above the required system head, and so the flow rate increases back to the operating point. Conversely, if the flow rate momentarily increases, the required head exceeds the head provided by the pump, and the flow rate decreases back to the operating point. This notion of an operating point applies to each machine we will consider (although, as we will see, the operating points are not always stable).

The system pressure requirement at a given flow rate is composed of frictional pressure drop (major loss due to friction in straight sections of constant area and minor loss due to entrances, fittings, valves, and exits) and pressure changes due to gravity (static lift may be positive or negative). It is useful to discuss the two limiting cases of pure friction and pure lift before considering their combination.

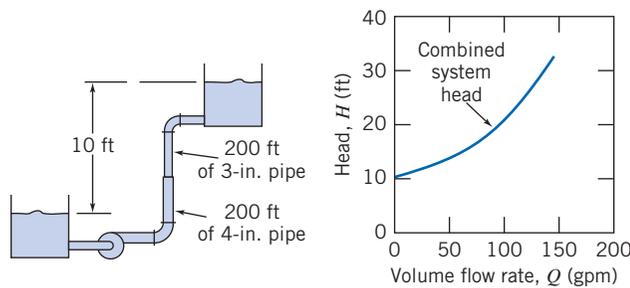
The *all-friction* system head versus flow curve, with no static lift, starts at zero flow and head, as shown in Fig. 10.18a. For this system the total head required is the sum of major and minor losses,

$$h_{l_T} = \sum h_l + \sum h_m = \sum f \frac{L}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + \sum \left( f \frac{L_e}{D} \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} + K \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2} \right)$$

For turbulent flow (the usual flow regime in engineering systems), as we learned in Chapter 8 (see Fig. 8.13), the friction factors approach constant and the minor loss coefficients  $K$  and equivalent lengths  $L_e$  are also constant. Hence  $h_{l_T} \sim \bar{V}^2 \sim Q^2$  so that the system curve is approximately parabolic. (In reality, because the friction factors  $f$  only approach constants as the regime becomes fully turbulent, it turns out that  $Q^{1.75} < h_{l_T} < Q^2$ .) This means the system curve with pure friction becomes steeper as flow rate increases. To develop the friction curve, losses are computed at various flow rates and then plotted.



(a) Purely frictional pressure drop



(b) Combination of frictional and gravity pressure changes

Fig. 10.18 Schematic diagrams illustrating basic types of system head-flow curves (based on Reference [10]).

Pressure change due to elevation difference is independent of flow rate. Thus the *pure lift* system head-flow curve is a horizontal straight line. The gravity head is evaluated from the change in elevation in the system.

All actual flow systems have some frictional pressure drop and some elevation change. Thus all system head-flow curves may be treated as the sum of a frictional component and a static-lift component. The head for the complete system at any flow rate is the sum of the frictional and lift heads. The system head-flow curve is plotted in Fig. 10.18*b*.

Whether the resulting system curve is *steep* or *flat* depends on the relative importance of friction and gravity. Friction drop may be relatively unimportant in the water supply to a high-rise building (e.g., the Willis Tower, formerly the Sears Tower, in Chicago, which is nearly 400 m tall), and gravity lift may be negligible in an air-handling system for a one-story building.

In Section 8.7 we obtained a form of the energy equation for a control volume consisting of a pump-pipe system,

$$\left(\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1\right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2\right) = h_{lr} - \Delta h_{\text{pump}} \quad (8.49)$$

Replacing  $\Delta h_{\text{pump}}$  with  $h_a$ , representing the head added by any machine (not only a pump) that does work on the fluid, and rearranging Eq. 8.4, we obtain a more general expression

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + gz_1 + h_a = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + gz_2 + h_{lr} \quad (10.28a)$$

Dividing by  $g$  gives

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2g} + z_1 + H_a = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + \frac{h_{lr}}{g} \quad (10.28b)$$

where  $H_a$  is the energy per unit weight (i.e., the head, with dimensions of  $L$ ) added by the machine. Note that these equations may also be used to analyze a fluid machine with internal losses as well.

The pump operating point is defined by superimposing the system curve and the pump performance curve, as shown in Fig. 10.17. The point of intersection is the only condition where the pump and system flow rates are equal and the pump and system heads are equal simultaneously. The procedure used to determine the match point for a pumping system is illustrated in Example 10.8.

### Example 10.8 FINDING THE OPERATING POINT FOR A PUMPING SYSTEM

The pump of Example 10.6, operating at 1750 rpm, is used to pump water through the pipe system of Fig. 10.18*a*. Develop an algebraic expression for the general shape of the system resistance curve. Calculate and plot the system resistance curve. Solve graphically for the system operating point. Obtain an approximate analytical expression for the system resistance curve. Solve analytically for the system operating point.

**Given:** Pump of Example 10.6, operating at 1750 rpm, with  $H = H_0 - A Q^2$ , where  $H_0 = 55.9$  ft and  $A = 3.44 \times 10^{-5}$  ft/(gpm)<sup>2</sup>. System of Fig. 10.18*a*, where  $L_1 = 2$  ft of  $D_1 = 10$  in. pipe and  $L_2 = 3000$  ft of  $D_2 = 8$  in. pipe, conveying water between two large reservoirs whose surfaces are at the same level.

- Find:**
- A general algebraic expression for the system head curve.
  - The system head curve by direct calculation.
  - The system operating point using a graphical solution.

- (d) An *approximate* analytical expression for the system head curve.  
 (e) The system operating point using the analytical expression of part (d).

**Solution:** Apply the energy equation to the flow system of Fig. 10.18a.

**Governing equation:**

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho g} + \alpha_0 \frac{\bar{V}_0^2}{2g} + z_0 + H_a = \frac{p_3}{\rho g} + \alpha_3 \frac{\bar{V}_3^2}{2g} + z_3 + \frac{h_{l_T}}{g} \quad (10.24b)$$

where  $z_0$  and  $z_3$  are the surface elevations of the supply and discharge reservoirs, respectively.

**Assumptions:**

- 1  $p_0 = p_3 = p_{\text{atm}}$ .
- 2  $\bar{V}_0 = \bar{V}_3 = 0$ .
- 3  $z_0 = z_3$  (given).

Simplifying, we obtain

$$H_a = \frac{h_{l_T}}{g} = \frac{h_{l_{T01}}}{g} + \frac{h_{l_{T23}}}{g} = H_{l_T} \quad (1)$$

where sections ① and ② are located just upstream and downstream from the pump, respectively.

The total head losses are the sum of the major and minor losses, so

$$h_{l_{T01}} = K_{\text{ent}} \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + f_1 \frac{L_1}{D_1} \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} = \left( K_{\text{ent}} + f_1 \frac{L_1}{D_1} \right) \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2}$$

$$h_{l_{T23}} = f_2 \frac{L_2}{D_2} \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} + K_{\text{exit}} \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2} = \left( f_2 \frac{L_2}{D_2} + K_{\text{exit}} \right) \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2}$$

From continuity,

$$\bar{V}_1 A_1 = \bar{V}_2 A_2, \text{ so } \bar{V}_1 = \bar{V}_2 \frac{A_2}{A_1} = \bar{V}_2 \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^2.$$

Hence

$$H_{l_T} = \frac{h_{l_T}}{g} = \left( K_{\text{ent}} + f_1 \frac{L_1}{D_1} \right) \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 + \left( f_2 \frac{L_2}{D_2} + K_{\text{exit}} \right) \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g}$$

or, upon simplifying,

$$H_{l_T} = \left[ \left( K_{\text{ent}} + f_1 \frac{L_1}{D_1} \right) \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 + f_2 \frac{L_2}{D_2} + K_{\text{exit}} \right] \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} \longleftarrow H_{l_T}$$

This is the head loss equation for the system. At the operating point, as indicated in Eq. 1, the head loss is equal to the head produced by the pump, given by

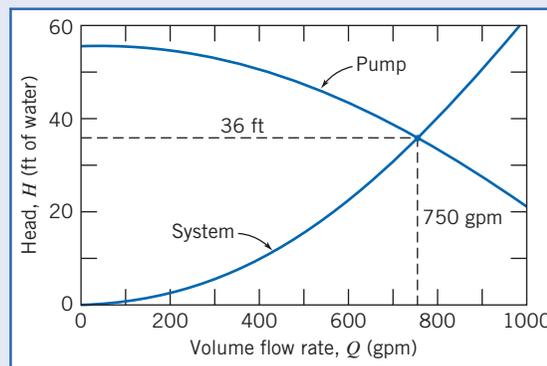
$$H_a = H_0 - A Q^2 \quad (2)$$

where  $H_0 = 55.9$  ft and  $A = 3.44 \times 10^{-5}$  ft/(gpm)<sup>2</sup>.

The head loss in the system and head produced by the pump can be computed for a range of flow rates:

$Q$ (gpm)	$\bar{V}_1$ (ft/s)	$Re_1$ (1000)	$f_1$ (-)	$\bar{V}_2$ (ft/s)	$Re_2$ (1000)	$f_2$ (-)	$H_{l_r}$ (ft)	$H_a$ (ft)
0	0.00	0	—	0.00	0	—	0.0	55.9
100	0.41	32	0.026	0.64	40	0.025	0.7	55.6
200	0.82	63	0.023	1.28	79	0.023	2.7	54.5
300	1.23	95	0.022	1.91	119	0.023	5.9	52.8
400	1.63	127	0.022	2.55	158	0.022	10.3	50.4
500	2.04	158	0.021	3.19	198	0.022	15.8	47.3
600	2.45	190	0.021	3.83	237	0.022	22.6	43.5
700	2.86	222	0.021	4.47	277	0.022	30.6	39.0
800	3.27	253	0.021	5.11	317	0.022	39.7	33.9
900	3.68	285	0.021	5.74	356	0.021	50.1	28.0
1000	4.09	317	0.021	6.38	396	0.021	61.7	21.5
1100	4.49	348	0.020	7.02	435	0.021	74.4	
1200	4.90	380	0.020	7.66	475	0.021	88.4	
1300	5.31	412	0.020	8.30	515	0.021	103	
1400	5.72	443	0.020	8.94	554	0.021	120	
1500	6.13	475	0.020	9.57	594	0.021	137	

The pump curve and the system resistance curve are plotted below:



The graphical solution is shown on the plot. At the operating point,  $H \approx 36$  ft and  $Q \approx 750$  gpm.

We can obtain more accuracy from the graphical solution using the following approach: Because the Reynolds number corresponds to the fully turbulent regime,  $f \approx \text{const.}$ , we can simplify the equation for the head loss and write it in the form

$$H_{l_r} \approx CQ^2 \quad (3)$$

where  $C = 8/\pi^2 D_2^4 g$  times the term in square brackets in the expression for  $H_{l_r}$ . We can obtain a value for  $C$  directly from Eq. 3 by using values for  $H_{l_r}$  and  $Q$  from the table at a point close to the anticipated operating point. For example, from the  $Q = 700$  gpm data point,

$$C = \frac{H_{l_r}}{Q^2} = \frac{30.6 \text{ ft}}{700^2 (\text{gpm})^2} = 6.24 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}/(\text{gpm})^2$$

Hence, the approximate analytical expression for the system head curve is

$$H_{l_r} = 6.24 \times 10^{-5} \text{ ft}/(\text{gpm})^2 [Q(\text{gpm})]^2 \leftarrow \frac{H_{l_r}}{H_{l_r}}$$

Using Eqs. 2 and 3 in Eq. 1, we obtain

$$H_0 - AQ^2 = CQ^2$$

Solving for  $Q$ , the volume flow rate at the operating point, gives

$$Q = \left[ \frac{H_0}{A + C} \right]^{1/2}$$

For this case,

$$Q = \left[ 55.9 \text{ ft} \times \frac{(\text{gpm})^2}{(3.44 \times 10^{-5} + 6.24 \times 10^{-5}) \text{ ft}} \right]^{1/2} = 760 \text{ gpm} \leftarrow Q$$

The volume flow rate may be substituted into either expression for head to calculate the head at the operating point as

$$H = CQ^2 = 6.24 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{ft}}{(\text{gpm})^2} \times (760)^2 (\text{gpm})^2 = 36.0 \text{ ft} \leftarrow H$$

We can see that in this problem our reading of the operating point from the graph was pretty good: The reading of head was in agreement with the calculated head; the reading of flow rate was less than 2 percent different from the calculated result.

Note that both sets of results are approximate. We can get a more accurate, and easier, result by using *Excel's Solver* or *Goal Seek* to find the operating point, allowing for the fact that the friction factors vary, however slightly, with Reynolds number. Doing so yields an operating point flow rate of 761 gpm and head of 36.0 ft.

This problem illustrates the procedures used to find the operating point of a pump and flow system.

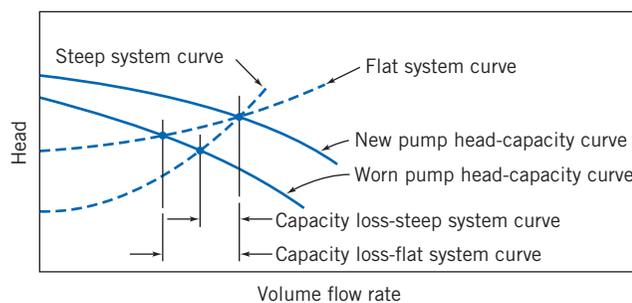
- The approximate methods—graphical, and assuming friction losses are proportional to  $Q^2$ —yielded results close to the detailed computation using *Excel*. We conclude that since most pipe flow friction coefficients are accurate to only about  $\pm 10$  percent anyway, the approximate methods are accurate enough.
- Equation 3, for the head loss in the system, must be replaced with an equation of the form  $H = Z_o + CQ^2$  when the head  $H$  required by the system has a component  $Z_o$  due to gravity as well as a component due to head losses.

 The *Excel* workbook for this problem was used to generate the tabulated results as well as the most accurate solution. It can be adapted for use with other pump-pipe systems.

The shapes of both the pump curve and the system curve can be important to system stability in certain applications. The pump curve shown in Fig. 10.17 is typical of the curve for a new centrifugal pump of intermediate specific speed, for which the head decreases smoothly and monotonically as the flow rate increases from shutoff. Two effects take place gradually as the system ages: (1) The pump wears, and its performance decreases (it produces less pressure head; so the pump curve gradually moves downward toward lower head at each flow rate). (2) The system head increases (the system curve gradually moves toward higher head at each flow rate because of pipe aging<sup>7</sup>). The effect of these changes is to move the operating point toward lower flow rates over time. The magnitude of the change in flow rate depends on the shapes of the pump and system curves.

The capacity losses, as pump wear occurs, are compared for steep (friction dominated) and flat (gravity dominated) system curves in Fig. 10.19. The loss in capacity is greater for the flat system curve than for the steep system curve.

The pump efficiency curve is also plotted in Fig. 10.17. The original system operating point usually is chosen to coincide with the maximum efficiency by careful choice of pump size and operating speed.



**Fig. 10.19** Effect of pump wear on flow delivery to system.

<sup>7</sup> As the pipe ages, mineral deposits form on the wall (see Fig. 8.14), raising the relative roughness and reducing the pipe diameter compared with the as-new condition.

Pump wear increases internal leakage, thus reducing delivery and lowering peak efficiency. In addition, as shown in Fig. 10.19, the operating point moves toward lower flow rate, away from the best efficiency point. Thus the reduced system performance may not be accompanied by reduced energy usage.

Sometimes it is necessary to satisfy a high-head, low-flow requirement; this forces selection of a pump with low specific speed. Such a pump may have a performance curve with a slightly rising head near shutoff, as shown in Fig. 10.20. When the system curve is steep, the operating point is well-defined and no problems with system operation should result. However, use of the pump with a flat system curve could easily cause problems, especially if the actual system curve were slightly above the computed curve or the pump delivery were below the charted head capacity performance.

If there are two points of intersection of the pump and system curves, the system may operate at either point, depending on conditions at start-up; a disturbance could cause the system operating point to shift to the second point of intersection. Under certain conditions, the system operating point can alternate between the two points of intersection, causing unsteady flow and unsatisfactory performance.

Instead of a single pump of low specific speed, a multistage pump may be used in this situation. Since the flow rate through all stages is the same, but the head per stage is less than in the single-stage unit, the specific speed of the multistage pump is higher (see Eq. 7.22a).

The head-flow characteristic curve of some high specific speed pumps shows a dip at capacities below the peak efficiency point, as shown in Fig. 10.21. Caution is needed in applying such pumps if it is ever necessary to operate the pump at or near the dip in the head-flow curve. No trouble should occur if the system characteristic is steep, for there will be only one point of intersection with the pump curve. Unless this intersection is near point *B*, the system should return to stable, steady-state operation following any transient disturbance.

Operation with a flat system curve is more problematic. It is possible to have one, two, or three points of intersection of the pump and system curves, as suggested in the figure. Points *A* and *C* are stable operating points, but point *B* is unstable: If the flow rate momentarily falls below  $Q_B$ , for whatever reason, the flow rate will continue to fall (to  $Q_A$ ) because the head provided by the pump is now less than that required by the system; conversely, if the flow surges above  $Q_B$ , the flow rate will continue to increase (to  $Q_C$ ) because the pump head exceeds the required head. With the flat system curve, the pump may “hunt” or oscillate periodically or aperiodically.

Several other factors can adversely influence pump performance: pumping hot liquid, pumping liquid with entrained vapor, and pumping liquid with high viscosity. According to [9], the presence of small

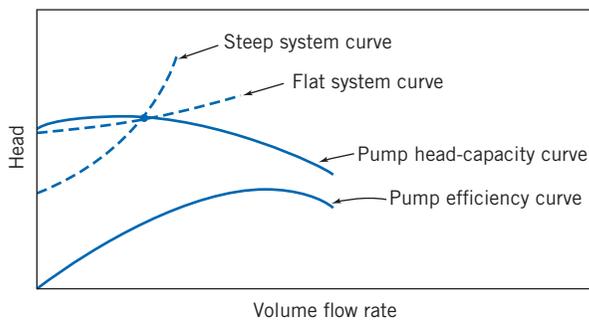


Fig. 10.20 Operation of low specific speed pump near shutoff.

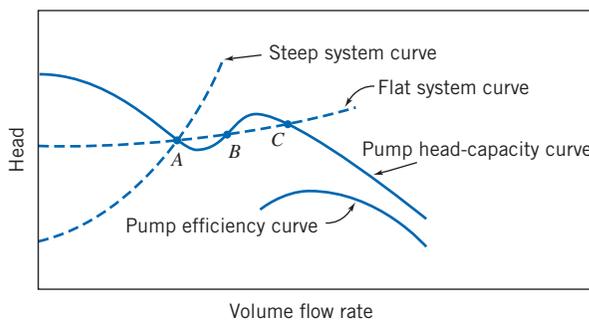


Fig. 10.21 Operation of high specific speed pump near the dip.

amounts of entrained gas can drastically reduce performance. As little as 4 percent vapor can reduce pump capacity by more than 40 percent. Air can enter the suction side of the pumping circuit where pressure is below atmospheric if any leaks are present.

Adequate submergence of the suction pipe is necessary to prevent air entrainment. Insufficient submergence can cause a vortex to form at the pipe inlet. If the vortex is strong, air can enter the suction pipe. Dickinson [16] and Hicks and Edwards [17] give guidelines for adequate suction-basin design to eliminate the likelihood of vortex formation.

Increased fluid viscosity may dramatically reduce the performance of a centrifugal pump [17]. Typical experimental test results are plotted in Fig. 10.22. In the figure, pump performance with water ( $\mu = 1$  cP) is compared with performance in pumping a more viscous liquid ( $\mu = 220$  cP). The increased viscosity reduces the head produced by the pump. At the same time the input power requirement is increased. The result is a dramatic drop in pump efficiency at all flow rates.

Heating a liquid raises its vapor pressure. Thus to pump a hot liquid requires additional pressure at the pump inlet to prevent cavitation, as we saw in Example 10.7.

In some systems, such as city water supply or chilled-water circulation, there may be a wide range in demand with a relatively constant system resistance. In these cases, it may be possible to operate constant-speed pumps in series or parallel to supply the system requirements without excessive energy dissipation due to outlet throttling. Two or more pumps may be operated in parallel or series to supply flow at high demand conditions, and fewer units can be used when demand is low.

For pumps in *series*, the combined performance curve is derived by adding the head rises at each flow rate, as shown in Fig. 10.23. The increase in flow rate gained by operating pumps in series depends

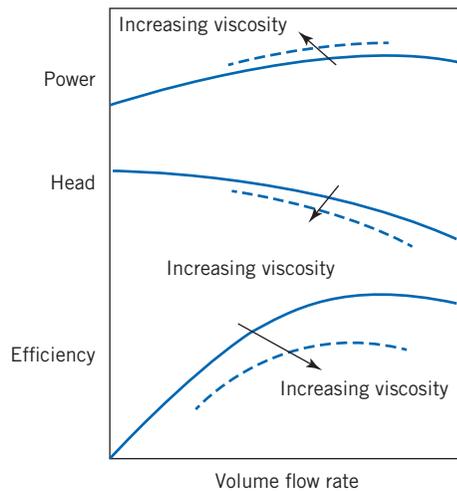


Fig. 10.22 Effect of liquid viscosity on performance of a centrifugal pump based on Reference [9].

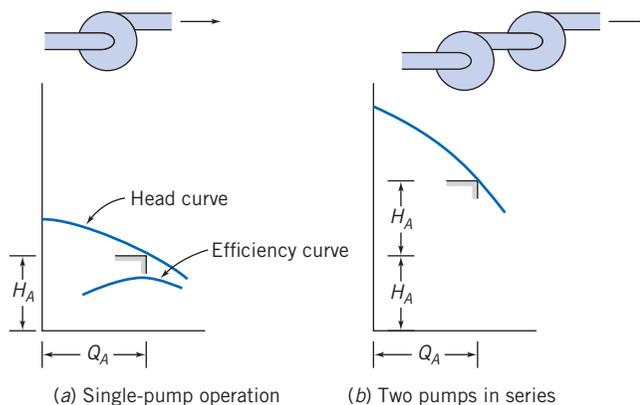


Fig. 10.23 Operation of two centrifugal pumps in series.

on the resistance of the system being supplied. For two pumps in series, delivery will increase at any system head. The characteristic curves for one pump and for two identical pumps in series are

$$H_1 = H_0 - AQ^2$$

and

$$H_{2s} = 2(H_0 - AQ^2) = 2H_0 - 2AQ^2$$

Figure 10.23 is a schematic illustrating the application of two identical pumps in series. A reasonable match to the system requirement is possible—while keeping efficiency high—if the system curve is relatively steep.

In an actual system, it is not appropriate simply to connect two pumps in series. If only one pump were powered, flow through the second, unpowered pump would cause additional losses, raising the system resistance. It also is desirable to arrange the pumps and piping so that each pump can be taken out of the pumping circuit for maintenance, repair, or replacement when needed. Thus a system of bypasses, valves, and check valves may be necessary in an actual installation [13, 17].

Pumps also may be combined in parallel. The resulting performance curve, shown in Fig. 10.24, is obtained by adding the pump capacities at each head. The characteristic curves for one pump and for two identical pumps in parallel are

$$H_1 = H_0 - AQ^2$$

and

$$H_{2p} = H_0 - A\left(\frac{Q}{2}\right)^2 = H_0 - \frac{1}{4}AQ^2$$

The schematic in Fig. 10.24 shows that the parallel combination may be used most effectively to increase system capacity when the system curve is relatively flat.

An actual system installation with parallel pumps also requires more thought to allow satisfactory operation with only one pump powered. It is necessary to prevent backflow through the pump that is not powered. To prevent backflow and to permit pump removal, a more complex and expensive piping setup is needed.

Many other piping arrangements and pump combinations are possible. Pumps of different sizes, heads, and capacities may be combined in series, parallel, or series-parallel arrangements. Obviously the complexity of the piping and control system increases rapidly. In many applications the complexity is due to a requirement that the system handle a variety of flow rates—a range of flow rates can be generated by using pumps in parallel and in series and by using throttling valves. Throttling valves are usually necessary because constant-speed motors drive most pumps, so simply using a network of pumps (with some on and others off) without throttling valves allows the flow rate to be varied only in discrete steps. The disadvantage of throttling valves is that they can be a major loss of energy so that a given flow rate will require a larger power supply than would otherwise be the case. Some typical data for a throttling valve, given in Table 10.1 [18], show a decreasing valve efficiency (the percentage of pump pressure available that is not consumed by the valve) as the valve is used to reduce the flow rate.

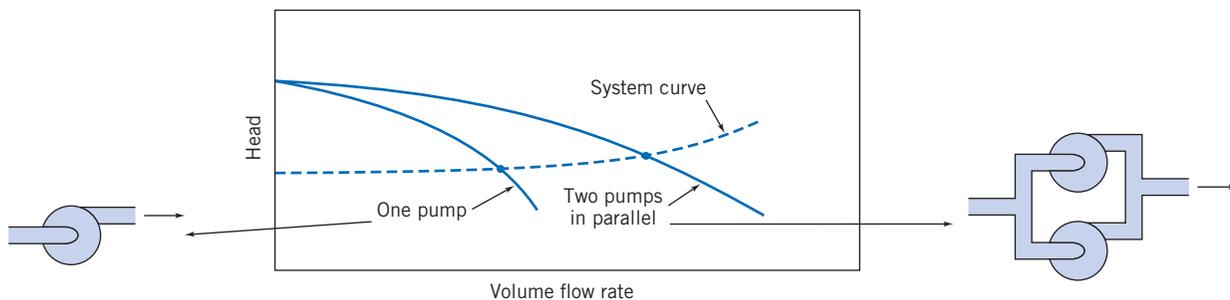


Fig. 10.24 Operation of two centrifugal pumps in parallel.

**Table 10.1**  
Power Requirements for Constant- and Variable-Speed Drive Pumps

Throttle Valve Control with Constant-Speed (1750 rpm) Motor								
Flow Rate (gpm)	System Head (ft)	Valve <sup>a</sup> Efficiency (%)	Pump Head (ft)	Pump Efficiency (%)	Pump Power (bhp)	Motor Efficiency (%)	Motor Input (hp)	Power Input <sup>b</sup> (hp)
1700	180	100.0	180	80.0	96.7	90.8	106.5	106.7
1500	150	78.1	192	78.4	92.9	90.7	102.4	102.6
1360	131	66.2	198	76.8	88.6	90.7	97.7	97.9
1100	102	49.5	206	72.4	79.1	90.6	87.3	87.5
900	83	39.5	210	67.0	71.3	90.3	79.0	79.1
600	62	29.0	214	54.0	60.1	90.0	66.8	66.9

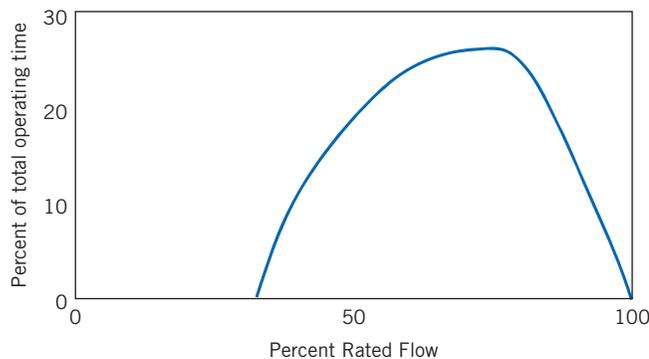
  

Variable-Speed Drive with Energy-Efficient Motor								
Flow Rate (gpm)	Pump/System Head (ft)	Pump Efficiency (%)	Pump Power (bhp)	Motor speed (rpm)	Motor Efficiency (%)	Motor Input (hp)	Control Efficiency (%)	Power Input (hp)
1700	180	80.0	96.7	1750	93.7	103.2	97.0	106.4
1500	150	79.6	71.5	1580	94.0	76.0	96.1	79.1
1360	131	78.8	57.2	1470	93.9	60.9	95.0	64.1
1100	102	78.4	36.2	1275	93.8	38.6	94.8	40.7
900	83	77.1	24.5	1140	92.3	26.5	92.8	28.6
600	62	72.0	13.1	960	90.0	14.5	89.1	16.3

Source: Based on Armintor and Connors [18].

<sup>a</sup> Valve efficiency is the ratio of system pressure to pump pressure.

<sup>b</sup> Power input is motor input divided by 0.998 starter efficiency.



**Fig. 10.25** Mean duty cycle for centrifugal pumps in the chemical and petroleum industries, based on Reference [18].

Use of *variable-speed operation* allows infinitely variable control of system flow rate with high energy efficiency and without extra plumbing complexity. A further advantage is that a variable-speed drive system offers much simplified control of system flow rate. The cost of efficient variable-speed drive systems continues to decrease because of advances in power electronic components and circuits. The system flow rate can be controlled by varying pump operating speed with impressive savings in pumping power and energy usage. The input power reduction afforded by use of a variable-speed drive is illustrated in Table 10.1. At 1100 gpm, the power input is cut almost 54 percent for the variable-speed system; the reduction at 600 gpm is more than 75 percent.

The reduction in input power requirement at reduced flow with the variable speed drive is impressive. The energy savings, and therefore the cost savings, depend on the specific duty cycle on which the machine operates. Armintor and Connors [18] present information on mean duty cycles for centrifugal pumps used in the chemical process industry; Fig. 10.25 is a plot showing the histogram of these data. The plot shows that although the system must be designed and installed to deliver full rated capacity, this condition seldom occurs. Instead, more than half the time, the system operates at 70 percent capacity or below. The energy savings that result from use of a variable speed drive for this duty cycle are estimated in Example 10.9.

**Example 10.9 ENERGY SAVINGS WITH VARIABLE-SPEED CENTRIFUGAL PUMP DRIVE**

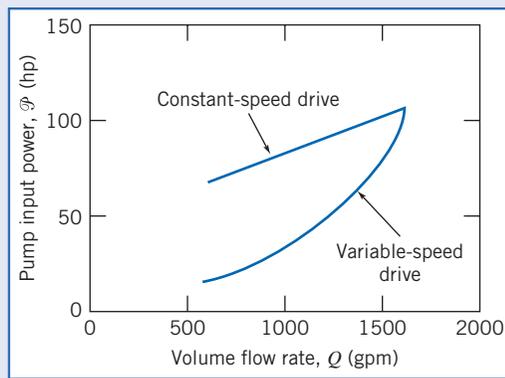
Combine the information on mean duty cycle for centrifugal pumps given in Fig. 10.25 with the drive data in Table 10.1. Estimate the annual savings in pumping energy and cost that could be achieved by implementing a variable-speed drive system.

**Given:** Consider the variable-flow, variable-pressure pumping system of Table 10.1. Assume the system operates on the typical duty cycle shown in Fig. 10.25, 24 hours per day, year round.

**Find:** (a) An estimate of the reduction in annual energy usage obtained with the variable-speed drive.  
 (b) The energy costs and the cost saving due to variable-speed operation.

**Solution:** Full-time operation involves 365 days × 24 hours per day, or 8760 hours per year. Thus the percentages in Fig. 10.27 may be multiplied by 8760 to give annual hours of operation.

First plot the pump input power versus flow rate using data from Table 10.1 to allow interpolation, as shown below.



Illustrate the procedure using operation at 70 percent flow rate as a sample calculation. At 70 percent flow rate, the pump delivery is  $0.7 \times 1700 \text{ gpm} = 1190 \text{ gpm}$ . From the plot, the pump input power requirement at this flow rate is 90 hp for the constant-speed drive. At this flow rate, the pump operates 23 percent of the time, or  $0.23 \times 8760 = 2015$  hours per year. The total energy consumed at this duty point is  $90 \text{ hp} \times 2015 \text{ hr} = 1.81 \times 10^5 \text{ hp} \cdot \text{hr}$ . The electrical energy consumed is

$$E = 1.81 \times 10^5 \text{ hp} \cdot \text{hr} \times 0.746 \frac{\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr}}{\text{hp} \cdot \text{hr}} = 1.35 \times 10^5 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr}$$

The corresponding cost of electricity [at  $\$0.12/(\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr})$ ] is

$$C = 1.35 \times 10^5 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr} \times \frac{\$0.12}{\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr}} = \$16,250$$

The following tables were prepared using similar calculations:

Constant-Speed Drive, 8760 hr/yr					
Flow (%)	Flow (gpm)	Time (%)	Time (hr)	Power (hp)	Energy (hp · hr)
100	1700	2	175	109	$1.91 \times 10^4$
90	1530	8	701	103	$7.20 \times 10^4$
80	1360	21	1840	96	$17.7 \times 10^4$
70	1190	23	2015	90	$18.1 \times 10^4$
60	1020	21	1840	84	$15.4 \times 10^4$
50	850	15	1314	77	$10.2 \times 10^4$
40	680	10	876	71	$6.21 \times 10^4$
				Total:	$76.7 \times 10^4$

Summing the last column of the table shows that for the constant-speed drive system the annual energy consumption is  $7.67 \times 10^5 \text{ hp} \cdot \text{hr}$ . The electrical energy consumption is

$$E = 7.67 \times 10^5 \text{ hp} \cdot \text{hr} \times 0.746 \frac{\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr}}{\text{hp} \cdot \text{hr}} = 572,000 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr} \leftarrow E_{\text{CSD}}$$

At \$0.12 per kilowatt hour, the energy cost for the constant-speed drive system is

$$C = 572,000 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr} \times \frac{\$0.12}{\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr}} = \$68,700 \leftarrow C_{\text{CSD}}$$

Variable-Speed Drive, 8760 hr/yr					
Flow (%)	Flow (gpm)	Time (%)	Time (hr)	Power (hp)	Energy (hp · hr)
100	1700	2	175	109	$1.90 \times 10^4$
90	1530	8	701	81	$5.71 \times 10^4$
80	1360	21	1840	61	$11.2 \times 10^4$
70	1190	23	2015	46	$9.20 \times 10^4$
60	1020	21	1840	34	$6.29 \times 10^4$
50	850	15	1314	26	$3.37 \times 10^4$
40	680	10	876	19	$1.68 \times 10^4$
				Total:	$39.4 \times 10^4$

Summing the last column of the table shows that for the variable-speed drive system, the annual energy consumption is  $3.94 \times 10^5 \text{ hp} \cdot \text{hr}$ . The electrical energy consumption is

$$E = 3.94 \times 10^5 \text{ hp} \cdot \text{hr} \times 0.746 \frac{\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr}}{\text{hp} \cdot \text{hr}} = 294,000 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr} \leftarrow E_{\text{VSD}}$$

At \$0.12 per kilowatt hour, the energy cost for the variable-speed drive system is only

$$C = 294,000 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr} \times \frac{\$0.12}{\text{kW} \cdot \text{hr}} = \$35,250 \leftarrow C_{\text{VSD}}$$

Thus, in this application, the variable-speed drive reduces energy consumption by  $278,000 \text{ kW} \cdot \text{hr}$  (47 percent). The cost saving is an impressive \$33,450 annually. One could afford to install a variable-speed drive even at considerable cost penalty. The savings in energy cost are appreciable each year and continue throughout the life of the system.

This problem illustrates the energy and cost savings that can be gained by the use of variable-speed pump drives. We see that the specific benefits depend on the system and its operating duty cycle.

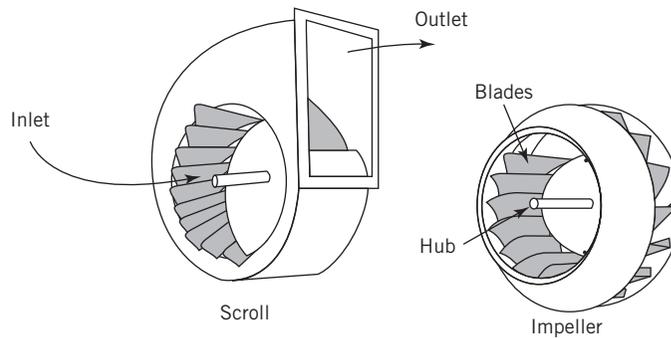


The *Excel* workbook for this problem was used for plotting the graph, for obtaining the interpolated data, and for performing all calculations. It can be easily modified for other such analyses.

## Blowers and Fans

Fans are designed to handle air or vapor. Fan sizes range from that of the cooling fan in a notebook computer, which moves a cubic meter of air per hour and requires a few watts of power, to that of the ventilation fans for the Channel Tunnel, which move thousands of cubic meters of air per minute and require many hundreds of kilowatts of power. Fans are produced in varieties similar to those of pumps: They range from radial-flow (centrifugal) to axial-flow devices. As with pumps, the characteristic curve shapes for fans depend on the fan type. Some typical performance curves for centrifugal fans are presented in Appendix C. The curves may be used to choose fans to solve some of the equipment-selection and system design problems at the end of the chapter.

A schematic of a centrifugal fan is shown in Fig. 10.26. Some commonly used terminology is shown on the figure. The pressure rise produced by fans is several orders of magnitude less than that for pumps. Another difference between fans and pumps is that measurement of flow rate is more difficult in gases and vapors than in liquids. There is no convenient analog to the catch-the-flow-in-a-bucket method of



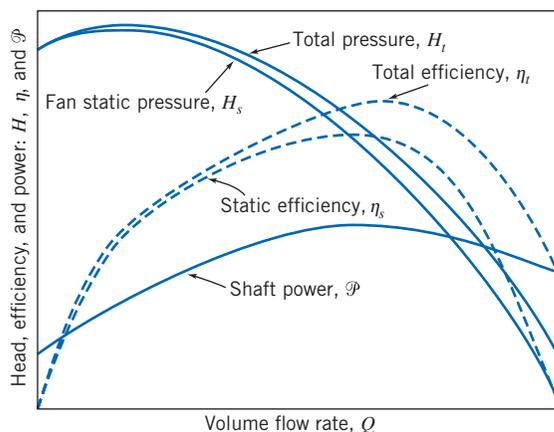
**Fig. 10.26** Schematic of a typical centrifugal fan.

measuring liquid flow rates! Consequently, fan testing requires special facilities and procedures [20, 21]. Because the pressure rise produced by a fan is small, usually it is impractical to measure flow rate with a restriction flow meter such as an orifice, flow nozzle, or venturi. It may be necessary to use an auxiliary fan to develop enough pressure rise to permit measurement of flow rate with acceptable accuracy using a restriction flow meter. An alternative is to use an instrumented duct in which the flow rate is calculated from a pitot traverse. Appropriate standards may be consulted to obtain complete information on specific fan-test methods and data-reduction procedures for each application [20, 21].

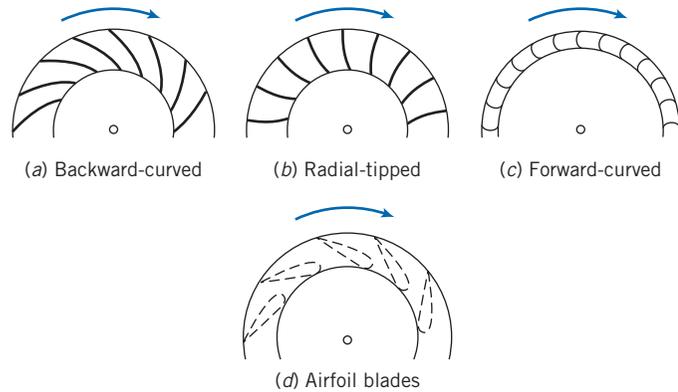
The test and data reduction procedures for fans, blowers, and compressors are basically the same as for centrifugal pumps. However, blowers, and especially fans, add relatively small amounts of static head to gas or vapor flows. For these machines, the dynamic head may increase from inlet to discharge, and it may be appreciable compared with the static head rise. For these reasons, it is important to state clearly the basis on which performance calculations are made. Standard definitions are available for machine efficiency based on either the static-to-static pressure rise or the static-to-total pressure rise [20]. Data for both static and total pressure rise and for efficiency, based on both pressure rises, are frequently plotted on the same characteristic graph, as shown in Fig. 10.27.

The coordinates may be plotted in physical units (e.g., inches of water, cubic feet per minute, and horsepower) or as dimensionless flow and pressure coefficients. The difference between the total and static pressures is the dynamic pressure, so the vertical distance between these two curves is proportional to  $Q^2$ .

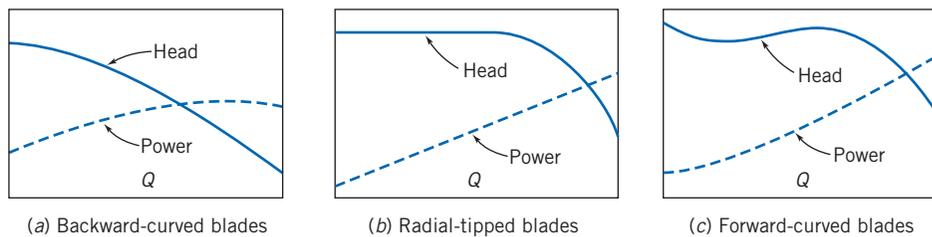
Centrifugal fans are used frequently; we will use them as examples. The centrifugal fan developed from simple paddle-wheel designs, in which the wheel was a disk carrying radial flat plates. (This primitive form still is used in nonclogging fans such as in commercial clothes dryers.) Refinements have led to the three general types shown in Fig. 10.28*a–c*, with backward-curved, radial-tipped, and forward curved blades. All the fans illustrated have blades that are curved at their inlet edges to approximate shockless flow between the blade and the inlet flow direction. These three designs are typical of fans with sheet-metal blades, which are relatively simple to manufacture and thus relatively inexpensive.



**Fig. 10.27** Typical characteristic curves for fan with backward-curved blades.



**Fig. 10.28** Typical types of blading used for centrifugal fan wheels.



**Fig. 10.29** General features of performance curves for centrifugal fans with backward-, radial-, and forward-curved blades.

The forward-curved design illustrated in the figure has very closely spaced blades; it is frequently called a *squirrel-cage fan* because of its resemblance to the exercise wheels found in animal cages.

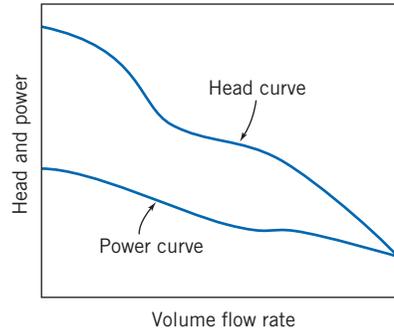
As fans become larger in size and power demand, efficiency becomes more important. The streamlined *airfoil blades* shown in Fig. 10.28d are much less sensitive to inlet flow direction and improve efficiency markedly compared with the thin blades shown in diagrams *a* through *c*. The added expense of airfoil blades for large metal fans may be life-cycle cost effective. Airfoil blades are being used more frequently on small fans as impellers molded from plastic become common.

As is true for pumps, the total pressure rise across a fan is approximately proportional to the absolute velocity of the fluid at the exit from the wheel. Therefore the characteristic curves produced by the basic blade shapes tend to differ from each other. The typical curve shapes are shown in Fig. 10.29, where both pressure rise and power requirements are sketched. Fans with backward-curved blade tips typically have a power curve that reaches a maximum and then decreases as flow rate increases. If the fan drive is sized properly to handle the peak power, it is impossible to overload the drive with this type of fan.

The power curves for fans with radial and forward-curved blades rise as flow rate increases. If the fan operating point is higher than the design flow rate, the motor may be overloaded. Such fans cannot be run for long periods at low back pressures. An example of this would be when a fan is run without a load to resist the flow—in other words, the fan is almost “free-wheeling.” Because the power drawn by the fan monotonically increases with flow rate, the fan motor could eventually burn out under this free-wheeling condition.

Fans with backward-curved blades are best for installations with large power demand and continuous operation. The forward-curved blade fan is preferred where low first cost and small size are important and where service is intermittent. Forward curved blades require lower tip speed to produce a specified head; lower blade tip speed means reduced noise. Thus forward-curved blades may be specified for heating and air conditioning applications to minimize noise.

Characteristic curves for axial-flow (*propeller*) fans differ markedly from those for centrifugal fans. The power curve, Fig. 10.30, is especially different, as it tends to decrease continuously as flow rate increases. Thus it is impossible to overload a properly sized drive for an axial-flow fan. The simple propeller fan is often used for ventilation; it may be free-standing or mounted in an opening, as a window fan, with no inlet or outlet duct work. Ducted axial-flow fans have been studied extensively and



**Fig. 10.30** Characteristic curves for a typical axial-flow fan [22].

developed to high efficiency [23]. Modern designs, with airfoil blades, mounted in ducts and often fitted with guide vanes, can deliver large volumes against high resistances with high efficiency. The primary deficiency of the axial-flow fan is the non-monotonic slope of the pressure characteristic: In certain ranges of flow rate the fan may pulsate. Because axial-flow fans tend to have high rotational speeds, they can be noisy.

Selection and installation of a fan always requires compromise. To minimize energy consumption, it is desirable to operate a fan at its highest efficiency point. To reduce the fan size for a given capacity, it is tempting to operate at higher flow rate than that at maximum efficiency. In an actual installation, this tradeoff must be made considering such factors as available space, initial cost, and annual hours of operation. It is not wise to operate a fan at a flow rate below maximum efficiency. Such a fan would be larger than necessary and some designs, particularly those with forward-curved blades, can be unstable and noisy when operated in this region.

It is necessary to consider the duct system at both the inlet and the outlet of the fan to develop a satisfactory installation. Anything that disrupts the uniform flow at the fan inlet is likely to impair performance. Nonuniform flow at the inlet causes the wheel to operate unsymmetrically and may decrease capacity dramatically. Swirling flow also adversely affects fan performance. Swirl in the direction of rotation reduces the pressure developed; swirl in the opposite direction can increase the power required to drive the fan.

The fan specialist may not be allowed total freedom in designing the best flow system for the fan. Sometimes a poor flow system can be improved without too much effort by adding splitters or straightening vanes to the inlet. Some fan manufacturers offer guide vanes that can be installed for this purpose.

Flow conditions at the fan discharge also affect installed performance. Every fan produces nonuniform outlet flow. When the fan is connected to a length of straight duct, the flow becomes more uniform and some excess kinetic energy is transformed to static pressure. If the fan discharges directly into a large space with no duct, the excess kinetic energy of the nonuniform flow is dissipated. A fan in a flow system with no discharge ducting may fall considerably short of the performance measured in a laboratory test setup.

The flow pattern at the fan outlet may be affected by the amount of resistance present downstream. The effect of the system on fan performance may be different at different points along the fan pressure-flow curve. Thus, it may not be possible to accurately predict the performance of a fan, *as installed*, on the basis of curves measured in the laboratory.

Fans may be scaled up or down in size or speed using the basic laws developed for fluid machines in Chapter 7. It is possible for two fans to operate with fluids of significantly different density,<sup>8</sup> so pressure is used instead of head (which uses density) as a dependent parameter and density must be retained in the dimensionless groups. The dimensionless groups appropriate for fan scaling are

$$\Pi_1 = \frac{Q}{\omega D^3}, \quad \Pi_2 = \frac{p}{\rho \omega^2 D^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_3 = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho \omega^3 D^5} \quad (10.29)$$

<sup>8</sup> Density of the flue gas handled by an induced-draft fan on a steam powerplant may be 40 percent less than the density of the air handled by the forced-draft fan in the same plant.

Once again, dynamic similarity is assured when the flow coefficients are matched. Thus when

$$Q' = Q \left( \frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right) \left( \frac{D'}{D} \right)^3 \quad (10.30a)$$

then

$$p' = p \left( \frac{\rho'}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right)^2 \left( \frac{D'}{D} \right)^2 \quad (10.30b)$$

and

$$\mathcal{P}' = \mathcal{P} \left( \frac{\rho'}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{\omega'}{\omega} \right)^3 \left( \frac{D'}{D} \right)^5 \quad (10.30c)$$

As a first approximation, the efficiency of the scaled fan is assumed to remain constant, so

$$\eta' = \eta \quad (10.30d)$$

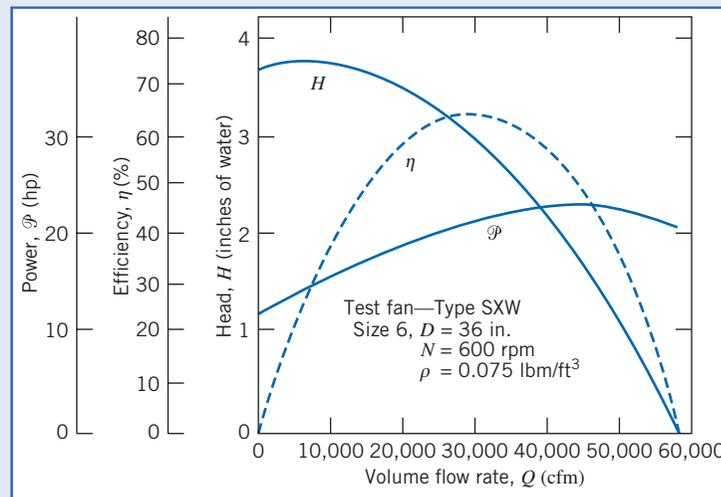
When head is replaced by pressure, and density is included, the expression defining the specific speed of a fan becomes

$$N_s = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2} \rho^{3/4}}{p^{3/4}} \quad (10.31)$$

A fan scale-up with density variation is the subject of Example 10.10.

### Example 10.10 SCALING OF FAN PERFORMANCE

Performance curves [20] are given below for a centrifugal fan with  $D = 36$  in. and  $N = 600$  rpm, as measured on a test stand using cool air ( $\rho = 0.075$  lbm/ft<sup>3</sup>). Scale the data to predict the performance of a similar fan with  $D' = 42$  in.,  $N' = 1150$  rpm, and  $\rho' = 0.045$  lbm/ft<sup>3</sup>. Estimate the delivery and power of the larger fan when it operates at a system pressure equivalent to 7.4 in. of H<sub>2</sub>O. Check the specific speed of the fan at the new operating point.



**Given:** Performance data as shown for centrifugal fan with  $D = 36$  in.,  $N = 600$  rpm and  $\rho = 0.075$  lbm/ft<sup>3</sup>.

- Find:**
- The predicted performance of a geometrically similar fan with  $D' = 42$  in., at  $N' = 1150$  rpm, with  $\rho' = 0.045$  lbm/ft<sup>3</sup>.
  - An estimate of the delivery and input power requirement if the larger fan operates against a system resistance of 7.4 in. H<sub>2</sub>O.
  - The specific speed of the larger fan at this operating point.

**Solution:** Develop the performance curves at the new operating condition by scaling the test data point-by-point. Using Eqs. 10.30 and the data from the curves at  $Q = 30,000$  cfm, the new volume flow rate is

$$Q' = Q \left( \frac{N'}{N} \right) \left( \frac{D'}{D} \right)^3 = 30,000 \text{ cfm} \left( \frac{1150}{600} \right) \left( \frac{42}{36} \right)^3 = 91,300 \text{ cfm}$$

The fan pressure rise is

$$p' = p \frac{\rho'}{\rho} \left( \frac{N'}{N} \right)^2 \left( \frac{D'}{D} \right)^2 = 2.96 \text{ in. H}_2\text{O} \left( \frac{0.045}{0.075} \right) \left( \frac{1150}{600} \right)^2 \left( \frac{42}{36} \right)^2 = 8.88 \text{ in. H}_2\text{O}$$

and the new power input is

$$\mathcal{P}' = \mathcal{P} \left( \frac{\rho'}{\rho} \right) \left( \frac{N'}{N} \right)^3 \left( \frac{D'}{D} \right)^5 = 21.4 \text{ hp} \left( \frac{0.045}{0.075} \right) \left( \frac{1150}{600} \right)^3 \left( \frac{42}{36} \right)^5 = 195 \text{ hp}$$

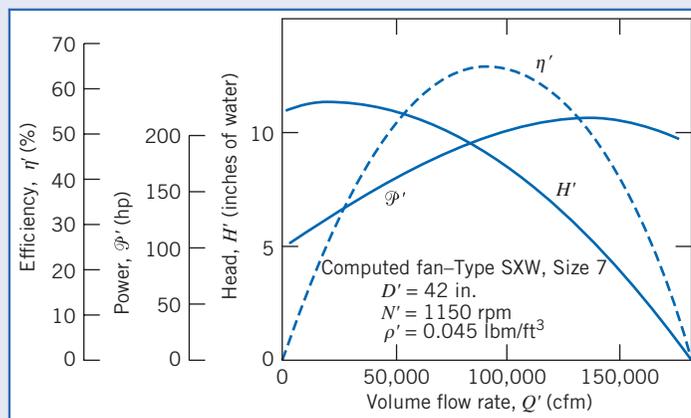
We assume the efficiency remains constant between the two scaled points, so

$$\eta' = \eta = 0.64$$

Similar calculations at other operating points give the results tabulated below:

$Q$ (cfm)	$p$ (in. H <sub>2</sub> O)	$\mathcal{P}$ (hp)	$\eta$ (%)	$Q'$ (cfm)	$p'$ (in. H <sub>2</sub> O)	$\mathcal{P}'$ (hp)
0	3.68	11.1	0	0	11.0	101
10,000	3.75	15.1	37	30,400	11.3	138
20,000	3.50	18.6	59	60,900	10.5	170
30,000	2.96	21.4	65	91,300	8.88	195
40,000	2.12	23.1	57	122,000	6.36	211
50,000	1.02	23.1	34	152,000	3.06	211
60,000	0	21.0	0	183,000	0	192

To allow interpolation among the calculated points, it is convenient to plot the results:



From the head-capacity curve, the larger fan should deliver 110,000 cfm at 7.5 in. H<sub>2</sub>O system head, with an efficiency of about 58 percent.

This operating point is only slightly to the right of peak efficiency for this fan, so it is a reasonable point at which to operate the fan. The specific speed of the fan at this operating point (in U.S. customary units) is given by direct substitution into Eq. 10.31:

$$N_{s_{cu}} = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2} \rho^{3/4}}{p^{3/4}} = \frac{(1150 \text{ rpm})(110,000 \text{ cfm})^{1/2} (0.045 \text{ lbm/ft}^3)^{3/4}}{(7.5 \text{ in. H}_2\text{O})^{3/4}} = 8223 \leftarrow N_{s_{cu}}$$

In nondimensional (SI) units,

$$N_s = \frac{(120 \text{ rad/s})(3110 \text{ m}^3/\text{s})^{1/2}(0.721 \text{ kg/m}^3)^{3/4}}{(1.86 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2)^{3/4}} = 18.5 \leftarrow N_s(\text{SI})$$

This problem illustrates the procedure for scaling performance of fans operating on gases with two different densities.



The *Excel* workbook for this problem was used for plotting the graphs, for obtaining the interpolated data, and for performing all calculations. It can be easily modified for other such analyses.

Three methods are available to control fan delivery: motor speed control, inlet dampers, and outlet throttling. Speed control was treated thoroughly in the section on pumps. The same benefits of reduced energy usage and noise are obtained with fans, and the cost of variable-speed drive systems continues to drop.

Inlet dampers may be used effectively on some large centrifugal fans. However, they decrease efficiency and cannot be used to reduce the fan flow rate below about 40 percent of rated capacity. Outlet throttling is cheap but wasteful of energy. For further details, consult either Jorgensen [19] or Berry [22]; both are particularly comprehensive. Osborne [24] also treats noise, vibration, and the mechanical design of fans.

Fans also may be combined in series, parallel, or more complex arrangements to match varying system resistance and flow needs. These combinations may be analyzed using the methods described for pumps. ASHRAE [25] and Idelchik [26] are excellent sources for loss data on air flow systems.

*Blowers* have performance characteristics similar to fans, but they operate (typically) at higher speeds and increase the fluid pressure more than do fans. Jorgensen [19] divides the territory between fans and compressors at an arbitrary pressure level that changes the air density by 5 percent; he does not demarcate between fans and blowers.

## 10.4 Positive Displacement Pumps

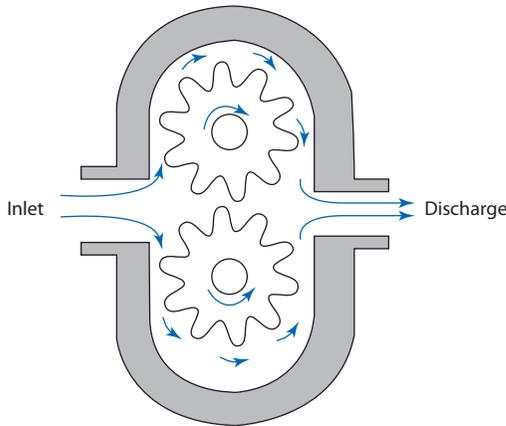
Pressure is developed in positive-displacement pumps through volume reductions caused by movement of the boundary in which the fluid is confined. In contrast to turbomachines, positive displacement pumps can develop high pressures at relatively low speeds because the pumping effect depends on volume change instead of dynamic action.

Positive-displacement pumps frequently are used in hydraulic systems at pressures ranging up to 40 MPa (6000 psi). A principal advantage of hydraulic power is the high *power density* (power per unit weight or unit size) that can be achieved: For a given power output, a hydraulic system can be lighter and smaller than a typical electric-drive system.

Numerous types of positive-displacement pumps have been developed. A few examples include piston pumps, vane pumps, and gear pumps. Within each type, pumps may be fixed- or variable-displacement. A comprehensive classification of pump types is given in [16].

The performance characteristics of most positive-displacement pumps are similar; in this section we shall focus on gear pumps. This pump type typically is used, for example, to supply pressurized lubricating oil in internal combustion engines. Figure 10.31 is a schematic diagram of a typical gear pump. Oil enters the space between the gears at the bottom of the pump cavity. Oil is carried outward and upward by the teeth of the rotating gears and exits through the outlet port at the top of the cavity. Pressure is generated as the oil is forced toward the pump outlet; leakage and backflow are prevented by the closely fitting gear teeth at the center of the pump, and by the small clearances maintained between the side faces of the gears and the pump housing. The close clearances require the hydraulic fluid to be kept extremely clean by full-flow filtration.

Figure 10.32 is a photo showing the parts of an actual gear pump; it gives a good idea of the robust housing and bearings needed to withstand the large pressure forces developed within the pump. It also shows pressure-loaded side plates designed to “float”—to allow thermal expansion—while maintaining the smallest possible side clearance between gears and housing. Many ingenious designs have been developed for pumps; details are beyond the scope of our treatment here, which will focus on performance characteristics. For more details consult Lambeck [27] or Warring [28].



**Fig. 10.31** Schematic of typical gear pump.

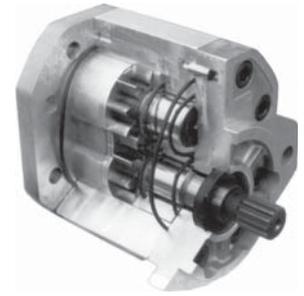
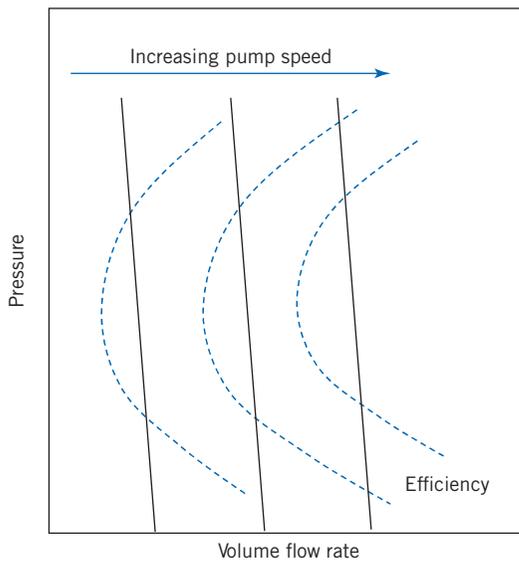


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**Fig. 10.32** Cutaway photograph of gear pump.



**Fig. 10.33** Performance characteristics of typical gear pump.

Schematic performance curves of pressure versus delivery for a medium-duty gear pump are shown in Fig. 10.33. The pump size is specified by its displacement per revolution and the working fluid is characterized by its viscosity and temperature. Curves for three constant speeds are presented in the diagram. At each speed, delivery decreases slightly as pressure is raised. The pump displaces the same volume, but as pressure is raised, both leakage and backflow increase; so delivery decreases slightly. Leakage fluid ends up in the pump housing; so a case drain must be provided to return this fluid to the system reservoir.

*Overall efficiency* is defined as power delivered to the fluid divided by power input to the pump. Overall efficiency tends to rise (and reaches a maximum at intermediate pressure) as pump speed increases. *Volumetric efficiency* is defined as actual volumetric delivery divided by pump displacement. Volumetric efficiency decreases as pressure is raised or pump speed is reduced.

Thus far we have shown pumps of fixed displacement only. The extra cost and complication of variable-displacement pumps are motivated by the energy saving they permit during partial-flow operation. In a variable-displacement pump, delivery can be varied to accommodate the load. Load sensing can be used to reduce the delivery pressure and thus the energy expenditure still further during part-load operation. Some pump designs allow pressure relief to further reduce power loss during standby operation.

There are system losses with a fixed-displacement pump compared with losses for variable-displacement and variable-pressure pumps. A fixed-displacement pump will deliver fluid at a fixed flow

rate. If the load requires a lower flow the remaining flow must be bypassed back to the reservoir. Its pressure is dissipated by throttling. A variable-displacement pump operating at constant pressure will deliver just enough flow to supply the load, but at a lower pressure. Thus the system power loss will be significantly reduced. The best system choice depends on the operating duty cycle. Complete details of these and other hydraulic power systems are presented in Lambeck [27]. The performance of constant and variable displacement pumps are compared in Example 10.11.

### Example 10.11 PERFORMANCE OF A POSITIVE-DISPLACEMENT PUMP

A hydraulic pump with performance characteristics represented in Fig. 10.33 delivers a flow rate of 48.5 gpm at zero pressure and 46.5 gpm at 1500 psig at a rotating speed of 2000 rpm. The displacement volume is 5.9 in<sup>3</sup>/revolution. It requires  $Q = 20$  gpm at  $p = 1500$  psig at one operating condition. Determine the volumetric efficiency at zero pressure. Compute the required pump power input, the power delivered to the load, and the power dissipated by throttling at this condition. Compare with the power dissipated by using (i) a variable-displacement pump at 3000 psig and (ii) a pump with load sensing that operates at 100 psi above the load requirement.

**Given:** Hydraulic pump, with performance characteristics of Fig. 10.33, operating at 2000 rpm. System requires  $Q = 20$  gpm at  $p = 1500$  psig.

- Find:**
- The volumetric efficiency at zero pressure.
  - The required pump power input.
  - The power delivered to the load.
  - The power dissipated by throttling at this condition.
  - The power dissipated using:
    - a variable-displacement pump at 3000 psig, and
    - a pump with load sensing that operates at 100 psi above the load pressure requirement.

**Solution:** The volumetric efficiency at zero pressure is determined using the flow rate of 48.5 gpm. The volume of fluid pumped per revolution is

$$\mathcal{V} = \frac{Q}{N} = 48.5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{2000 \text{ rev}} \times 231 \frac{\text{in.}^3}{\text{gal}} = 5.60 \text{ in.}^3/\text{rev} \leftarrow \mathcal{V}$$

The volumetric efficiency of the pump at maximum flow is

$$\eta_V = \frac{\mathcal{V}_{\text{calc}}}{\mathcal{V}_{\text{pump}}} = \frac{5.60}{5.9} = 0.949$$

At 1500 psig, the pump delivers 46.5 gpm. The power delivered to the fluid is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\text{fluid}} &= \rho Q g H_p = Q \Delta p_p \\ &= 46.5 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times 1500 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in.}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 144 \frac{\text{in.}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}} \\ \mathcal{P}_{\text{fluid}} &= 40.7 \text{ hp} \end{aligned}$$

The pump efficiency at this operating condition is given as  $\eta = 0.84$ . Therefore the required input power is

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{input}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{fluid}}}{\eta} = \frac{40.7 \text{ hp}}{0.84} = 48 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{input}}$$

The power delivered to the load is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\text{load}} &= Q_{\text{load}} \Delta p_{\text{load}} \\ &= 20.0 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times 1500 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in.}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 144 \frac{\text{in.}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}} \\ \mathcal{P}_{\text{load}} &= 17.5 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{load}} \end{aligned}$$

The power dissipated by throttling is

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{dissipated}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{fluid}} - \mathcal{P}_{\text{load}} = 40.7 - 17.5 = 23.2 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{dissipated}}$$

The dissipation with the variable-displacement pump is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\text{var-disp}} &= Q_{\text{load}}(p_{\text{oper}} - p_{\text{load}}) \\ &= 20.0 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times (3000 - 1500) \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 144 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}} \\ \mathcal{P}_{\text{var-disp}} &= 17.5 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{var-disp}} \end{aligned}$$

The dissipation with the variable-displacement pump is therefore less than the 23.2 hp dissipated with the constant-displacement pump and throttle. The saving is approximately 6 hp.

The final computation is for the load-sensing pump. If the pump pressure is 100 psi above that required by the load, the excess energy dissipation is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\text{var-disp}} &= Q_{\text{load}}(p_{\text{oper}} - p_{\text{load}}) \\ &= 20.0 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{min}} \times 100 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \times \frac{\text{ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 144 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}^2} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}} \\ \mathcal{P}_{\text{var-disp}} &= 1.17 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{load-sense}} \end{aligned}$$

This problem contrasts the performance of a system with a pump of constant displacement to that of a system with variable-displacement and load-sensing pumps. The specific savings depend on the system operating point and on the duty cycle of the system.

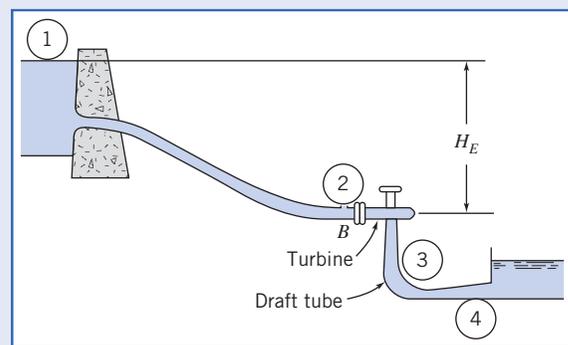
## 10.5 Hydraulic Turbines

### Hydraulic Turbine Theory

The theory for machines doing work on a fluid, e.g., pumps, may be used for the analysis of machines extracting work from a fluid, namely turbines. The main difference is that the terms denoting torque, work, and power will be negative instead of positive. Example 10.12 illustrates the application of the Euler turbomachine equation to a reaction turbine.

#### Example 10.12 IDEAL ANALYSIS OF A REACTION TURBINE

In a vertical-shaft Francis turbine the available head at the inlet flange of the turbine is 500 ft and the vertical distance between the runner and the tailrace is 6.5 ft. The runner tip speed is 115 ft/s, the velocity of the water entering the runner is 130 ft/s, and the velocity of the water exiting the runner is constant and equal to 35 ft/s. The flow velocity at the exit of the draft tube is 11.5 ft/s. The hydraulic energy losses estimated from the turbine are equal to 20 ft at the volute, 3.5 ft at the draft tube, and 33.0 ft at the runner. Determine the pressure head (with respect to the tailrace) at the inlet and exit of the runner, the flow angle at the runner inlet, and the efficiency of the turbine.



- Given:** Flow through a vertical shaft Francis turbine
- Head at entrance: 500 ft
  - Distance between runner and tailrace: 6.5 ft
  - Runner tip speed: 115 ft/s
  - Velocity at runner entrance: 130 ft/s
  - Velocity at runner exit: 35 ft/s
  - Flow velocity at draft tube exit: 11.5 ft/s
  - Losses: 20 ft at volute, 3.5 ft at draft tube, 33 ft at runner

- Find:** (a) Pressure head at inlet and exit of runner.  
 (b) Flow angle at runner inlet.  
 (c) Turbine efficiency.

**Solution:** Apply the energy and Euler turbomachine equations to the control volume.

**Governing equations:**

$$H = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{m}g} = \frac{1}{g}(U_2 V_{t_2} - U_1 V_{t_1}) \quad (10.2c)$$

$$\eta_t = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{W}_h} = \frac{\omega T}{\rho Q g H_t} \quad (10.4c)$$

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2g} + z_1 + H_a = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + \frac{h_{l_T}}{g} \quad (10.28b)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow
- 2 Uniform flow at each station
- 3 Turbulent flow;  $\alpha = 1$
- 4 Reservoir and tailrace are at atmospheric pressure
- 5 Reservoir is at stagnation condition;  $\bar{V}_1 = 0$

- (a) If we apply the energy equation between the runner exit and the tailrace:

$$H_3 = \frac{p_3 - p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = \frac{\bar{V}_4^2 - \bar{V}_3^2}{2g} + \Delta H_{DT} + z_4$$

$$H_3 = \frac{1}{2} \times \left[ \left( 11.5 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \right)^2 - \left( 35 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \right] \times \frac{1 \text{ s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} + 3.5 \text{ ft} - 6.5 \text{ ft} = -19.97 \text{ ft} \longleftarrow \frac{H_3}{H_3}$$

(negative sign indicates suction)

Next we apply the energy equation between the runner entrance and the tailrace:

$$H_2 = \frac{p_2 - p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = H_E - \Delta H_R - \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g}$$

$$H_2 = 500 \text{ ft} - 33.0 \text{ ft} - \frac{1}{2} \times \left( 130 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \times \frac{1 \text{ s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} = 205 \text{ ft} \longleftarrow \frac{H_2}{H_2}$$

- (b) Applying the energy equation across the entire system provides the work extraction through the turbine:

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2g} + z_1 + H_a = \frac{p_4}{\rho g} + \alpha_4 \frac{\bar{V}_4^2}{2g} + z_4 + \frac{h_{l_T}}{g}$$

If we simplify the expression based on assumptions and solve for the head extracted at the turbine:

$$H_a = \frac{\bar{V}_4^2}{2g} - z_1 + z_4 + \sum \Delta H = \frac{\bar{V}_4^2}{2g} - (H_E + z) + (\Delta H_V + \Delta H_R + \Delta H_{DT})$$

Since station 1 is higher than station 4, we will take the negative of  $H_a$  and call that  $H_T$ , the head extracted at the turbine:

$$H_T = -\frac{\bar{V}_4^2}{2g} + (H_e + z) - (\Delta H_V + \Delta H_R + \Delta H_{DT})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \times \left( 11.5 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \times \frac{1 \text{ s}^2}{32.2 \text{ ft}} + (500 \text{ ft} + 6.5 \text{ ft}) - (20 \text{ ft} + 33 \text{ ft} + 3.5 \text{ ft}) = 448 \text{ ft}$$

Applying the Euler turbomachine equation to this system:

$$-H_T = \frac{U_3 V_{t_3} - U_2 V_{t_2}}{g}$$

Solving for the tangential velocity at 2:

$$V_{t_2} = \frac{g H_T}{U_2} = 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \times 448 \text{ ft} \times \frac{1 \text{ s}}{115 \text{ ft}} = 125.4 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$

Setting up the velocity triangle:

$$\beta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{V_{t2} - U_2}{V_{n2}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{125.4 - 115}{35} = 16.58^\circ \leftarrow \beta_2$$

$$\alpha_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{V_{t2}}{V_{n2}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{125.4}{10.5} = 85.2^\circ \leftarrow \alpha_2$$

(c) To calculate the efficiency:

$$\eta_t = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{W}_h} = \frac{gH_T}{gH_E} = \frac{448}{500} = 89.6\% \leftarrow \eta$$

This problem demonstrates the analysis of a hydraulic turbine with head losses and quantifies those effects in terms of a turbine efficiency. In addition, since the head at the turbine exit is below atmospheric, care must be taken to ensure that cavitation does not occur.

The trends predicted by the idealized angular-momentum theory, especially Eq. 10.18b and Fig. 10.12, are compared with experimental results in the next section.

## Performance Characteristics for Hydraulic Turbines

The test procedure for turbines is similar to that for pumps, except that a dynamometer is used to absorb the turbine power output while speed and torque are measured. Turbines usually are intended to operate at a constant speed that is a fraction or multiple of the electric power frequency to be produced. Therefore turbine tests are run at constant speed under varying load, whereas water usage is measured and efficiency is calculated.

The impulse turbine is a relatively simple turbomachine, so we use it to illustrate typical test results. Impulse turbines are chosen when the head available exceeds about 300 m. Most impulse turbines used today are improved versions of the *Pelton wheel* developed in the 1880s by American mining engineer Lester Pelton [29]. An impulse turbine is supplied with water under high head through a long conduit called a *penstock*. The water is accelerated through a nozzle and discharges as a high-speed free jet at atmospheric pressure. The jet strikes deflecting buckets attached to the rim of a rotating wheel (Fig. 10.5a). Its kinetic energy is given up as it is turned by the buckets. Turbine output is controlled at essentially constant jet speed by changing the flow rate of water striking the buckets. A variable-area nozzle may be used to make small and gradual changes in turbine output. Larger or more rapid changes must be accomplished by means of jet deflectors, or auxiliary nozzles, to avoid sudden changes in flow speed and the resulting high pressures in the long water column in the penstock. Water discharged from the wheel at relatively low speed falls into the tailrace. The tailrace level is set to avoid submerging the wheel during flooded conditions. When large amounts of water are available, additional power can be obtained by connecting two wheels to a single shaft or by arranging two or more jets to strike a single wheel.

Figure 10.34 illustrates an impulse-turbine installation and the definitions of gross and net head [11]. The *gross head* available is the difference between the levels in the supply reservoir and the tailrace. The effective or *net head*,  $H$ , used to calculate efficiency, is the total head at the *entrance* to the nozzle, measured at the nozzle centerline [11]. Hence not all of the net head is converted into work at the turbine: Some is lost to turbine inefficiency, some is lost in the nozzle itself, and some is lost as residual kinetic

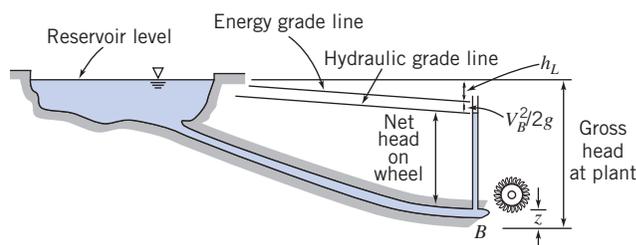


Fig. 10.34 Schematic of impulse-turbine installation, showing definitions of gross and net heads.

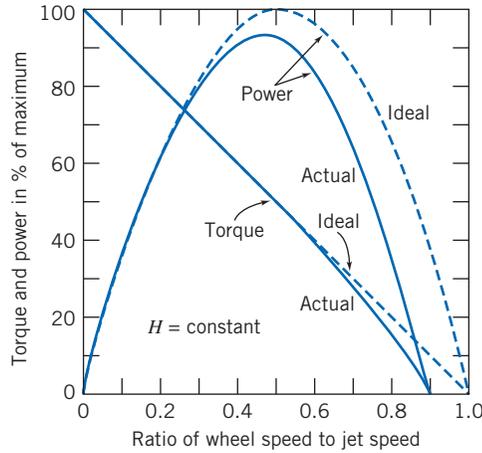


Fig. 10.35 Ideal and actual variable-speed performance for an impulse turbine [6].

energy in the exit flow. In practice, the penstock usually is sized so that at rated power the net head is 85–95 percent of the gross head.

In addition to nozzle loss, windage, bearing friction, and surface friction between the jet and bucket reduce performance compared with the ideal, frictionless case. Figure 10.35 shows typical results from tests performed at constant head.

The peak efficiency of the impulse turbine corresponds to the peak power, since the tests are performed at constant head and flow rate. For the ideal turbine, as we will see in Example 10.13, this occurs when the wheel speed is half the jet speed. As we will see, at this wheel speed the fluid exits the turbine at the lowest absolute velocity possible, hence minimizing the loss of kinetic energy at the exit. As indicated in Eq. 10.2a, if we minimize the exit velocity  $\vec{V}_2$  we will maximize the turbine work  $\dot{W}_m$ , and hence the efficiency. In actual installations, peak efficiency occurs at a wheel speed only slightly less than half the jet speed. This condition fixes the wheel speed once the jet speed is determined for a given installation. For large units, overall efficiency may be as high as 88 percent [30].

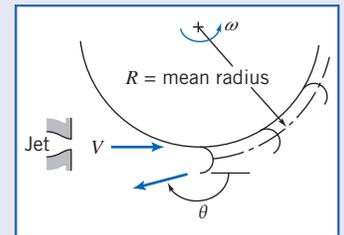
### Example 10.13 OPTIMUM SPEED FOR IMPULSE TURBINE

A Pelton wheel is a form of impulse turbine well adapted to situations of high head and low flow rate. Consider the Pelton wheel and single-jet arrangement shown, in which the jet stream strikes the bucket tangentially and is turned through angle  $\theta$ . Obtain an expression for the torque exerted by the water stream on the wheel and the corresponding power output. Show that the power is a maximum when the bucket speed,  $U = R\omega$ , is half the jet speed,  $V$ .

**Given:** Pelton wheel and single jet shown.

- Find:** (a) Expression for torque exerted on the wheel.  
 (b) Expression for power output.  
 (c) Ratio of wheel speed  $U$  to jet speed  $V$  for maximum power.

**Solution:** As an illustration of its use, we start with the angular-momentum equation, Eq. 4.52 (on the Web site), for a rotating CV as shown, rather than the inertial CV form, Eq. 4.46, that we used in deriving the Euler turbomachine equation in Section 10.2.

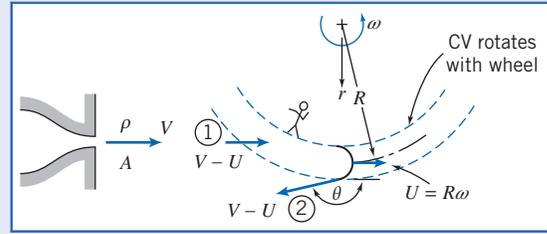


**Governing equation:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0(1) & = 0(2) & \approx 0(3) \\
 \vec{r} \times \vec{F}_S + \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{g} \rho dV + \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} - \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times [2\vec{\omega} \times \vec{V}_{xyz} + \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) + \dot{\vec{\omega}} \times \vec{r}] \rho dV \\
 &= 0(4) \\
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \vec{r} \times \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \vec{r} \times \vec{V}_{xyz} \rho \vec{V}_{xyz} \cdot d\vec{A}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.52}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Neglect torque due to surface forces.
- 2 Neglect torque due to body forces.
- 3 Neglect mass of water on wheel.
- 4 Steady flow with respect to wheel.
- 5 All water that issues from the nozzle acts upon the buckets.
- 6 Bucket height is small compared with  $R$ , hence  $r_1 \approx r_2 \approx R$ .
- 7 Uniform flow at each section.
- 8 No change in jet speed relative to bucket.



Then, since all water from the jet crosses the buckets,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} &= \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{V}_1(-\rho VA) + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{V}_2(+\rho VA) \\ \vec{r}_1 &= R\hat{e}_r & \vec{r}_2 &= R\hat{e}_r \\ \vec{V}_1 &= (V-U)\hat{e}_\theta & \vec{V}_2 &= (V-U)\cos\theta\hat{e}_\theta + (V-U)\sin\theta\hat{e}_r \\ T_{\text{shaft}}\hat{k} &= R(V-U)\hat{k}(-\rho VA) + R(V-U)\cos\theta\hat{k}(\rho VA) \end{aligned}$$

so that finally

$$T_{\text{shaft}}\hat{k} = -R(1 - \cos\theta)\rho VA(V-U)\hat{k}$$

This is the external torque of the shaft on the control volume, i.e., on the wheel. The torque exerted by the water on the wheel is equal and opposite,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{T}_{\text{out}} &= -\vec{T}_{\text{shaft}} = R(1 - \cos\theta)\rho VA(V-U)\hat{k} \\ \vec{T}_{\text{out}} &= \rho QR(V-U) \times (1 - \cos\theta)\hat{k} \leftarrow \vec{T}_{\text{out}} \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding power output is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_{\text{out}} &= \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{T}_{\text{out}} = R\omega(1 - \cos\theta)\rho VA(V-U) \\ \dot{W}_{\text{out}} &= \rho QU(V-U) \times (1 - \cos\theta) \leftarrow \dot{W}_{\text{out}} \end{aligned}$$

To find the condition for maximum power, differentiate the expression for power with respect to wheel speed  $U$  and set the result equal to zero. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\dot{W}}{dU} &= \rho Q(V-U)(1 - \cos\theta) + \rho QU(-1)(1 - \cos\theta) = 0 \\ \therefore (V-U) - U &= V - 2U = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus for maximum power,  $U/V = \frac{1}{2}U = V/2$ .  $\leftarrow \frac{U}{V}$

Note: Turning the flow through  $\theta = 180^\circ$  would give maximum power with  $U = V/2$ . Under these conditions, theoretically the *absolute* velocity of the fluid at the exit (computed in the direction of  $U$ ) would be  $U - (V - U) = V/2 - (V - V/2) = 0$ , so that the fluid would exit with zero kinetic energy, maximizing the power output. In practice, it is possible to deflect the jet stream through angles up to  $165^\circ$ . With  $\theta = 165^\circ$ ,  $1 - \cos\theta \approx 1.97$ , or about 1.5 percent below the value for maximum power.

This problem illustrates the use of the angular-momentum equation for a rotating control volume, Eq. 4.52 (on the web), to analyze flow through an ideal impulse turbine.

- The peak power occurs when the wheel speed is half the jet speed, which is a useful design criterion when selecting a turbine for a given available head.
- This problem also could be analyzed starting with an inertial control volume, i.e., using the Euler turbomachine equation.

In practice, hydraulic turbines usually are run at a constant speed, and output is varied by changing the opening area of the needle valve jet nozzle. Nozzle loss increases slightly and mechanical losses become a larger fraction of output as the valve is closed, so efficiency drops sharply at low load, as shown in Fig. 10.36. For this Pelton wheel, efficiency remains above 85 percent from 40 to 113 percent of full load.

At lower heads, reaction turbines provide better efficiency than impulse turbines. In contrast to flow in a centrifugal pump, used for doing work on a fluid, flow in a work-producing reaction turbine enters the rotor at the largest (outer) radial section and discharges at the smallest (inner) radial section after transferring most of its energy to the rotor. Reaction turbines tend to be high-flow, low-head machines. A typical reaction turbine installation is shown schematically in Fig. 10.37, where the terminology used to define the heads is indicated.

Reaction turbines flow full of water. Consequently, it is possible to use a diffuser or draft tube to regain a fraction of the kinetic energy that remains in water leaving the rotor. The draft tube forms an integral part of the installation design. As shown in Fig. 10.37, the *gross head* available is the difference between the supply reservoir head and the tailrace head. The *effective head* or *net head*,  $H$ , used to calculate efficiency, is the difference between the elevation of the energy grade line just upstream of the turbine and that of the draft tube discharge (section C). The benefit of the draft tube is clear: The net head available for the turbine is equal to the gross head minus losses in the supply pipework and the kinetic energy loss at the turbine exit. Without the draft tube the exit velocity and kinetic energy would be relatively large, but with the draft tube they are small, leading to increased turbine efficiency. Put another way, the draft tube diffuser, through a Bernoulli effect, reduces the turbine exit pressure, leading to a larger pressure drop across the turbine, and increased power output. (We saw a similar Bernoulli effect used by ancient Romans in Example 8.10.)

An efficient mixed-flow turbine runner was developed by James B. Francis using a careful series of experiments at Lowell, Massachusetts, during the 1840s [29]. An efficient axial-flow propeller turbine, with adjustable blades, was developed by German Professor Victor Kaplan between 1910 and 1924. The *Francis turbine* (Fig. 10.5b) is usually chosen when  $15 \text{ m} \leq H \leq 300 \text{ m}$ , and the *Kaplan turbine*

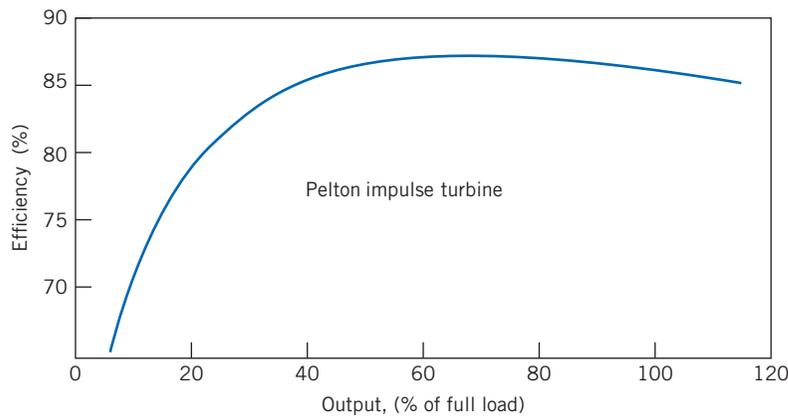


Fig. 10.36 Relation between efficiency and output for a typical Pelton water turbine, based on Reference [30].

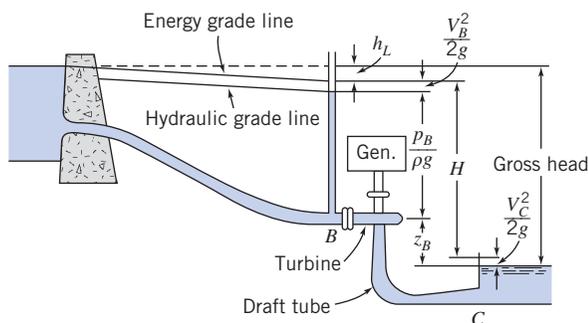
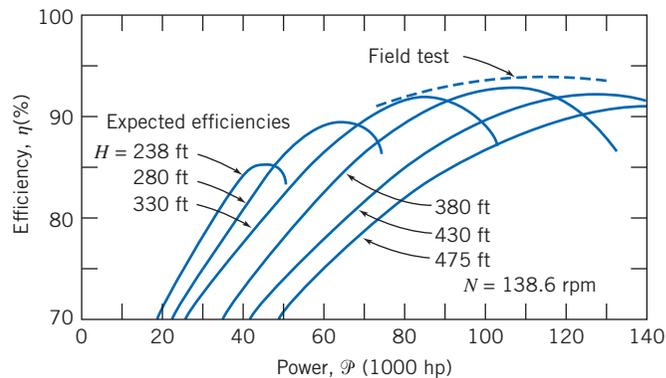


Fig. 10.37 Schematic of typical reaction turbine installation, showing definitions of head terminology.



**Fig. 10.38** Performance of typical reaction turbine as predicted by model tests (expected efficiencies) and confirmed by field test [6].

(Fig. 10.5c) is usually chosen for heads of 15 m or less. Performance of reaction turbines may be measured in the same manner as performance of the impulse turbine. However, because the gross heads are less, any change in water level during operation is more significant. Consequently, measurements are made at a series of heads to completely define the performance of a reaction turbine.

An example of the data presentation for a reaction turbine is given in Fig. 10.38, where efficiency is shown at various output powers for a series of constant heads [6]. The reaction turbine has higher maximum efficiency than the impulse turbine, but efficiency varies more sharply with load.

### Sizing Hydraulic Turbines for Fluid Systems

Falling water has long been considered a source of “free,” renewable energy. In reality, power produced by hydraulic turbines is not free; operating costs are low, but considerable capital investment is required to prepare the site and install the equipment. At a minimum, the water inlet works, supply penstock, turbine(s), powerhouse, and controls must be provided. An economic analysis is necessary to determine the feasibility of developing any candidate site. In addition to economic factors, hydroelectric power plants must also be evaluated for their environmental impact; in recent years it has been found that such plants are not entirely benign and can be damaging, for example, to salmon runs.

Early in the industrial revolution, waterwheels were used to power grain mills and textile machinery. These plants had to be located at the site of the falling water, which limited use of water power to relatively small and local enterprises. The introduction of alternating current in the 1880s made it possible to transmit electrical energy efficiently over long distances. Since then nearly 40 percent of the available hydroelectric power resources in the United States have been developed and connected to the utility grid [31]. Hydroelectric power accounts for about 16 percent of the electrical energy produced in this country.

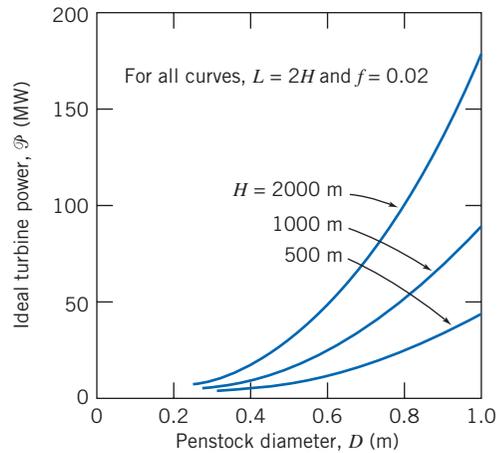
The United States has abundant and relatively cheap supplies of fossil fuels, mostly coal. Therefore at present the remaining hydropower resources in the United States are not considered economical compared to fossil-fired plants.

Worldwide, only about one-third of available hydropower resources have been developed commercially [32]. Considerably more hydropower will likely be developed in coming decades as countries become more industrialized. Many developing countries do not have their own supplies of fossil fuel. Hydropower may offer many such countries their only practical path to increased utility development. Consequently the design and installation of hydroelectric plants are likely to be important future engineering activities in developing countries.

To evaluate a candidate site for hydropower potential, one must know the average stream flow rate and the gross head available to make preliminary estimates of turbine type, number of turbines, and potential power production. Economic analyses are beyond the scope of this book, but we consider the fluids engineering fundamentals of impulse turbine performance to optimize the efficiency.

Hydraulic turbines convert the potential energy of stored water to mechanical work. To maximize turbine efficiency, it is always a design goal to discharge water from a turbine at ambient pressure, as close to the tailwater elevation as possible and with the minimum possible residual kinetic energy.

Conveying water flow into the turbine with minimum energy loss also is important. Numerous design details must be considered, such as inlet geometry, trash racks, etc. [31]. References 1, 6, 10, 31 and 33–38 contain a wealth of information about turbine siting, selection, hydraulic design, and



**Fig. 10.39** Maximum hydraulic impulse turbine power output versus penstock diameter.

optimization of hydropower plants. The number of large manufacturers has dwindled to just a few, but small-scale units are becoming plentiful [35]. The enormous cost of a commercial-scale hydro plant justifies the use of comprehensive scale-model testing to finalize design details. See [31] for a more detailed coverage of hydraulic power generation.

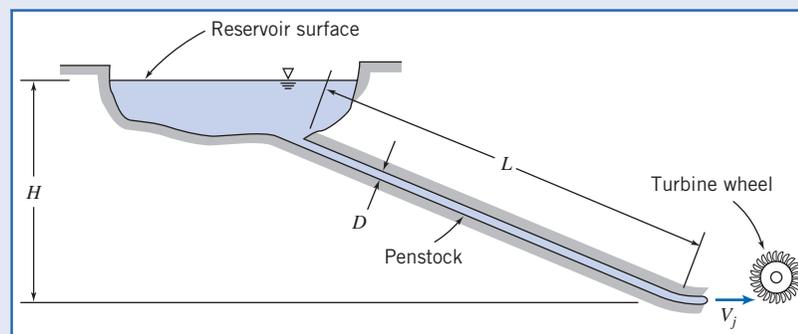
Hydraulic losses in long supply pipes (known as *penstocks*) must be considered when designing the installation for high-head machines such as impulse turbines; an optimum diameter for the inlet pipe that maximizes turbine output power can be determined for these units, as shown in Example 10.14.

Turbine power output is proportional to volume flow rate times the pressure difference across the nozzle. At zero flow, the full hydrostatic head is available but power is zero. As flow rate increases, the net head at the nozzle inlet decreases. Power first increases, reaches a maximum, then decreases again as flow rate increases. As we will see in Example 10.14, for a given penstock diameter, the theoretical maximum power is obtained when the system is designed so that one-third of the gross head is dissipated by friction losses in the penstock. In practice, penstock diameter is chosen larger than the theoretical minimum, and only 10–15 percent of the gross head is dissipated by friction [11].

A certain minimum penstock diameter is required to produce a given power output. The minimum diameter depends on the desired power output, the available head, and the penstock material and length. Some representative values are shown in Fig. 10.39.

### Example 10.14 PERFORMANCE AND OPTIMIZATION OF AN IMPULSE TURBINE

Consider the hypothetical impulse turbine installation shown. Analyze flow in the penstock to develop an expression for the optimum turbine output power as a function of jet diameter,  $D_j$ . Obtain an expression for the ratio of jet diameter,  $D_j$ , to penstock diameter,  $D$ , at which output power is maximized. Under conditions of maximum power output, show that the head loss in the penstock is one-third of the available head. Develop a parametric equation for the minimum penstock diameter needed to produce a specified power output, using gross head and penstock length as parameters.



**Given:** Impulse turbine installation shown.

- Find:** (a) Expression for optimum turbine output power as a function of jet diameter.  
 (b) Expression for the ratio of jet diameter,  $D_j$ , to penstock diameter,  $D$ , at which output power is maximized.  
 (c) Ratio of head loss in penstock to available head for condition of maximum power.  
 (d) Parametric equation for the minimum penstock diameter needed to produce a specified output power, using gross head and penstock length as parameters.

**Solution:** According to the results of Example 10.13, the output power of an idealized impulse turbine is given by  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{out}} = \rho Q U (V - U)(1 - \cos \theta)$ . For optimum power output,  $U = V/2 = V_j/2$ , and

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{out}} = \rho Q \frac{V}{2} \left( V - \frac{V}{2} \right) (1 - \cos \theta) = \rho A_j V_j \frac{V_j}{2} \frac{V_j}{2} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{out}} = \rho A_j \frac{V_j^3}{4} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Thus output power is proportional to  $A_j V_j^3$ .

Apply the energy equation for steady incompressible pipe flow through the penstock to analyze  $V_j^2$  at the nozzle outlet. Designate the free surface of the reservoir as section ① there  $\bar{V}_1 \approx 0$ .

**Governing equation:**

$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho} + \alpha \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2} + g z_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_j}{\rho} + \alpha_j \frac{\bar{V}_j^2}{2} + g z_j \right) = h_{lr} = \left( K_{\text{ent}} + f \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{\bar{V}_p^2}{2} + K_{\text{nozzle}} \frac{\bar{V}_j^2}{2}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Fully developed flow.
- 4 Atmospheric pressure at jet exit.
- 5  $\alpha_j = 1$ , so  $\bar{V}_j = V_j$ .
- 6 Uniform flow in penstock, so  $\bar{V}_p = V$ .
- 7  $K_{\text{ent}} \ll f \frac{L}{D}$ .
- 8  $K_{\text{nozzle}} = 1$ .

Then

$$g(z_1 - z_j) = gH = f \frac{L V^2}{D} + \frac{V_j^2}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad V_j^2 = 2gH - f \frac{L}{D} V^2 \quad (1)$$

Hence the available head is partly consumed in friction in the supply penstock, and the rest is available as kinetic energy at the jet exit—in other words, the jet kinetic energy is reduced by the loss in the penstock. However, this loss itself is a function of jet speed, as we see from continuity:

$$VA = V_j A_j, \text{ so } V = V_j \frac{A_j}{A} = V_j \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad V_j^2 = 2gH - f \frac{L}{D} V_j^2 \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4$$

Solving for  $V_j$ , we obtain

$$V_j = \left[ \frac{2gH}{\left\{ 1 + f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4 \right\}} \right]^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

The turbine power can be written as

$$\mathcal{P} = \rho A_j \frac{V_j^3}{4} (1 - \cos \theta) = \rho \frac{\pi}{16} D_j^2 \left[ \frac{2gH}{\left\{ 1 + f \frac{L_j}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4 \right\}} \right]^{3/2} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\mathcal{P} = C_1 D_j^2 \left[ 1 + f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4 \right]^{-3/2} \quad \mathcal{P}$$

where  $C_1 = \rho \pi (2gH)^{3/2} (1 - \cos \theta) / 16 = \text{constant}$ .

To find the condition for maximum power output, at fixed penstock diameter,  $D$ , differentiate with respect to  $D_j$  and set equal to zero,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{dD_j} = 2C_1 D_j \left[ 1 + f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4 \right]^{-3/2} - \frac{3}{2} C_1 D_j^2 \left[ 1 + f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4 \right]^{-5/2} 4f \frac{L}{D} \frac{D_j^3}{D^4} = 0$$

Thus,

$$1 + f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4 = 3f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4$$

Solving for  $D_j/D$ , we obtain

$$\frac{D_j}{D} = \left[ \frac{1}{2f \frac{L}{D}} \right]^{1/4} \quad \frac{D_j}{D}$$

At this optimum value of  $D_j/D$ , the jet speed is given by Eq. 2 as

$$V_j = \left[ \frac{2gH}{\left\{ 1 + f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{D_j}{D} \right)^4 \right\}} \right]^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3} gH}$$

The head loss at maximum power is then obtained from Eq. 1 after rearranging

$$h_l = f \frac{L V^2}{D} = gH - \frac{V_j^2}{2} = gH - \frac{2}{3} gH = \frac{1}{3} gH$$

and

$$\frac{h_l}{gH} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{h_l}{gH}$$

Under the conditions of maximum power

$$\mathcal{P}_{\max} = \rho V_j^3 \frac{A_j}{4} (1 - \cos \theta) = \rho \left( \frac{4}{3} gH \right)^{3/2} \frac{\pi}{16} \left[ \frac{D^5}{2fL} \right]^{1/2} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Finally, to solve for minimum penstock diameter for fixed output power, the equation may be written in the form

$$D \propto \left( \frac{L}{H} \right)^{1/5} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}}{H} \right)^{2/5} \quad D$$

This problem illustrates the optimization of an idealized impulse turbine. The analysis determines the minimum penstock diameter needed to obtain a specified power output. In practice, larger diameters than this are used, reducing the frictional head loss below that computed here.

## 10.6 Propellers and Wind-Power Machines

As mentioned in Section 10.1, propellers and wind-power machines such as windmills and wind turbines may be considered axial-flow machines without housings [6]. Despite their long history (propellers were used on marine craft as early as 1776, and wind-power machines discovered in Persia date back to some time between the 6th and 10th centuries C.E. [39]), they have been proven to be efficient methods of propulsion and energy generation.

### Propellers

In common with other propulsion devices, a propeller produces thrust by imparting linear momentum to a fluid. Thrust production always leaves the stream with some kinetic energy and angular momentum that are not recoverable, so the process is never 100 percent efficient.

The one-dimensional flow model shown schematically in Fig. 10.40 is drawn in absolute coordinates on the left and as seen by an observer moving with the propeller, at speed  $V$ , on the right. The wake is modeled as a uniform flow as shown, and in the new coordinates the flow is steady. The actual propeller is replaced conceptually by a thin *actuator disk*, across which flow speed is continuous but pressure rises abruptly. Relative to the propeller, the upstream flow is at speed  $V$  and ambient pressure. The axial speed at the actuator disk is  $V + \Delta V/2$ , with a corresponding reduction in pressure. Downstream, the speed is  $V + \Delta V$  and the pressure returns to ambient. (Example 10.15 will show that half the speed increase occurs before and half after the actuator disk.) The contraction of the slipstream area to satisfy continuity and the pressure rise across the propeller disk are shown in the figure.

Not shown in the figure are the swirl velocities that result from the torque required to turn the propeller. The kinetic energy of the swirl in the slipstream also is lost unless it is removed by a counter-rotating propeller or partially recovered in stationary guide vanes.

As for all turbomachinery, propellers may be analyzed in two ways. Application of linear momentum in the axial direction, using a finite control volume, provides overall relations among slipstream speed, thrust, useful power output, and minimum residual kinetic energy in the slipstream. A more detailed *blade element* theory is needed to calculate the interaction between a propeller blade and the stream. A general relation for ideal propulsive efficiency can be derived using the control volume approach, as shown following Example 10.15.

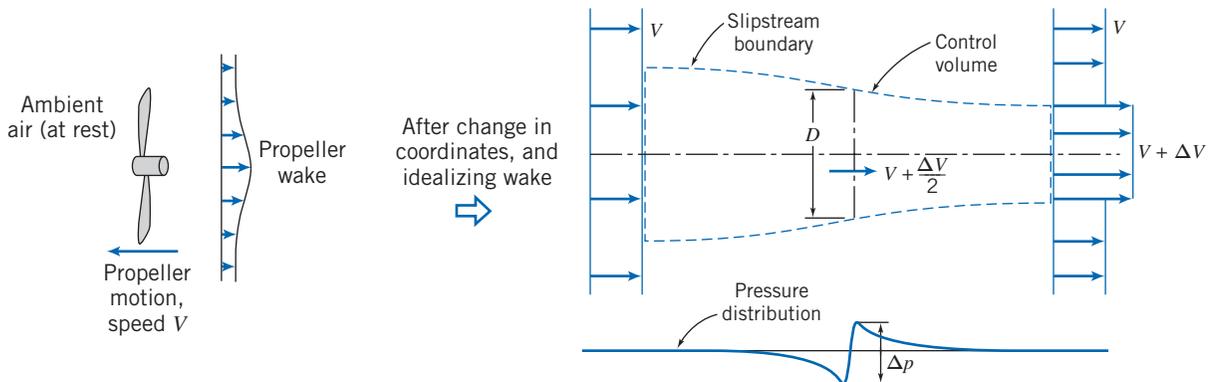


Fig. 10.40 One-dimensional flow model and control volume used to analyze an idealized propeller, based on Reference [6].

### Example 10.15 CONTROL VOLUME ANALYSIS OF IDEALIZED FLOW THROUGH A PROPELLER

Consider the one-dimensional model for the idealized flow through a propeller shown in Fig. 10.40. The propeller advances into still air at steady speed  $V_1$ . Obtain expressions for the pressure immediately upstream and the pressure immediately downstream from the actuator disk. Write the thrust on the propeller as the product of this pressure difference times the disk area. Equate this expression for thrust to one obtained by applying the linear momentum equation to the control volume. Show that half the velocity increase occurs ahead of and half behind the propeller disk.

**Given:** Propeller advancing into still air at speed  $V_1$ , as shown in Fig. 10.40.

**Find:** (a) Expressions for the pressures immediately upstream and immediately downstream from the actuator disk.

(b) Expression for the air speed at the actuator disk. Then show that half the velocity increase occurs ahead of the actuator disk and half occurs behind the actuator disk.

**Solution:** Apply the Bernoulli equation and the  $x$  component of linear momentum using the CV shown.

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \stackrel{\approx 0(5)}{=} \text{constant}$$

$$= 0(5) = 0(1)$$

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u_{xyz} \rho dV + \int_{CS} u_{xyz} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow relative to the CV.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Flow along a streamline.
- 4 Frictionless flow.
- 5 Horizontal flow: neglect changes in  $z$ ;  $F_{B_x} = 0$ .
- 6 Uniform flow at each section.
- 7  $p_{\text{atm}}$  surrounds the CV.

Applying the Bernoulli equation from section ① to section ② gives

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2}; \quad p_{2(\text{gage})} = \frac{1}{2}\rho(V_1^2 - V_2^2)$$

Applying Bernoulli from section ③ to section ④ gives

$$\frac{p_3}{\rho} + \frac{V_3^2}{2} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho} + \frac{V_4^2}{2}; \quad p_{3(\text{gage})} = \frac{1}{2}\rho(V_4^2 - V_3^2)$$

The thrust on the propeller is given by

$$F_T = (p_3 - p_2)A = \frac{1}{2}\rho A(V_4^2 - V_1^2) \quad (V_3 = V_2 = V)$$

From the momentum equation, using *relative* velocities,

$$R_x = F_T = u_1(-\dot{m}) + u_4(+\dot{m}) = \rho VA(V_4 - V_1) \quad \{u_1 = V_1, u_4 = V_4\}$$

$$F_T = \rho VA(V_4 - V_1)$$

Equating these two expressions for  $F_T$ ,

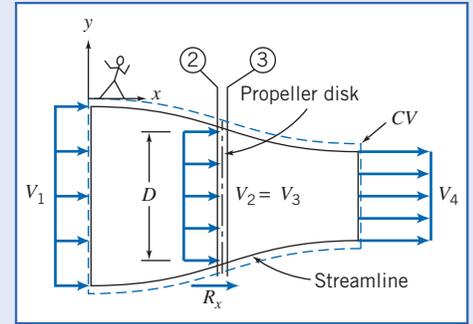
$$F_T = \frac{1}{2}\rho A(V_4^2 - V_1^2) = \rho VA(V_4 - V_1)$$

or  $\frac{1}{2}(V_4 + V_1)(V_4 - V_1) = V(V_4 - V_1)$

Thus,  $V = \frac{1}{2}(V_1 + V_4)$ , so

$$\Delta V_{12} = V - V_1 = \frac{1}{2}(V_1 + V_4) - V_1 = \frac{1}{2}(V_4 - V_1) = \frac{\Delta V}{2}$$

$$\Delta V_{34} = V_4 - V = V_4 - \frac{1}{2}(V_1 + V_4) = \frac{1}{2}(V_4 - V_1) = \frac{\Delta V}{2} \leftarrow \text{Velocity Increase}$$



The purpose of this problem is to apply the continuity, momentum, and Bernoulli equations to an idealized flow model of a propeller, and to verify the Rankine theory of 1885 that half the velocity change occurs on either side of the propeller disk.

The continuity and momentum equations in control volume form were applied in Example 10.15 to the propeller flow shown in Fig. 10.40. The results obtained are discussed further below. The thrust produced is

$$F_T = \dot{m}\Delta V \quad (10.32)$$

For incompressible flow, in the absence of friction and heat transfer, the energy equation indicates that the minimum required input to the propeller is the power required to increase the kinetic energy of the flow, which may be expressed as

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{input}} = \dot{m} \left[ \frac{(V + \Delta V)^2}{2} - \frac{V^2}{2} \right] = \dot{m} \left[ \frac{2V\Delta V + (\Delta V)^2}{2} \right] = \dot{m}V\Delta V \left[ 1 + \frac{\Delta V}{2V} \right] \quad (10.33)$$

The useful power produced is the product of thrust and speed of advance,  $V$ , of the propeller. Using Eq. 10.32, this may be written as

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{useful}} = F_T V = \dot{m}V\Delta V \quad (10.34)$$

Combining Eqs. 10.34 and 10.35, and simplifying, gives the propulsive efficiency as

$$\eta = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{useful}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{input}}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta V}{2V}} \quad (10.35)$$

Equations 10.32–10.35 are applicable to any device that creates thrust by increasing the speed of a fluid stream. Thus they apply equally well to propeller-driven or jet-propelled aircraft, boats, or ships.

Equation 10.35 for propulsive efficiency is of fundamental importance. It indicates that propulsive efficiency can be increased by reducing  $\Delta V$  or by increasing  $V$ . At constant thrust, as shown by Eq. 10.32,  $\Delta V$  can be reduced if  $\dot{m}$  is increased, i.e., if more fluid is accelerated over a smaller speed increase. More mass flow can be handled if propeller diameter is increased, but overall size and tip speed ultimately limit this approach. The same principle is used to increase the propulsive efficiency of a turbfan engine by using a large fan to move additional air flow outside the engine core.

Propulsive efficiency also can be increased by increasing the speed of motion relative to the fluid. Speed of advance may be limited by cavitation in marine applications. Flight speed is limited for propeller-driven aircraft by compressibility effects at the propeller tips, but progress is being made in the design of propellers to maintain high efficiency with low noise levels while operating with transonic flow at the blade tips. Jet-propelled aircraft can fly much faster than propeller-driven craft, giving them superior propulsive efficiency.

The analysis provided does not reveal the length scale over which the axial velocity varies. Such an analysis is provided in [40]; the axial variation in velocity may be expressed as

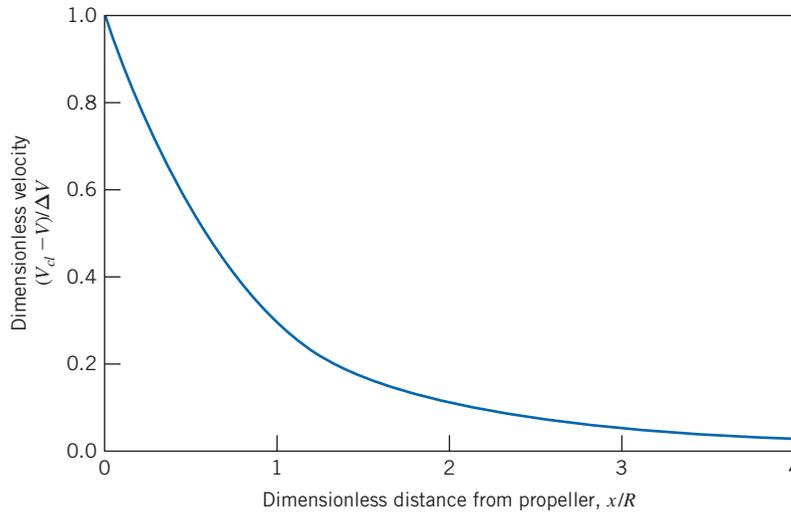
$$V_{cl}(x) = V + \Delta V \left( 1 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + R^2}} \right) \quad (10.36)$$

In Eq. 10.36  $V_{cl}(x)$  is the centerline velocity at location  $x$  upstream of the disk, while  $V$  is the upstream velocity. This relationship is plotted in Fig. 10.41. The plot shows that the effects of the propeller are only felt at distances within two radii of the actuator disk.

A more detailed *blade element* theory may be used to calculate the interaction between a propeller blade and the stream and therefore to determine the effects of blade aerodynamic drag on the propeller efficiency. If the blade spacing is large and the *disk loading*<sup>9</sup> is light, blades can be considered independent, and relations can be derived for the torque required and the thrust produced by a propeller. These approximate relations are most accurate for low-solidity propellers.<sup>10</sup> Aircraft propellers typically are of fairly low solidity, having long, thin blades.

<sup>9</sup> *Disk loading* is the propeller thrust divided by the swept area of the actuator disk.

<sup>10</sup> *Solidity* is defined as the ratio of projected blade area to the swept area of the actuator disk.



**Fig. 10.41** Plot of velocity versus distance for flow of air near a propeller.

A schematic diagram of an element of a rotating propeller blade is shown in Fig. 10.42. The blade is set at angle  $\theta$  to the plane of the propeller disk and has a thickness (into the plane of the page) of  $dr$ . Flow is shown as it would be seen by an observer on the propeller blade. Lift and drag forces are exerted on the blade perpendicular and parallel to the relative velocity vector  $V_r$ , respectively. We call the angle that  $V_r$  makes with the plane of the propeller disk the *effective pitch angle*,  $\phi$ , and therefore the lift and drag forces are inclined at an angle to the propeller rotation axis and the plane of the propeller disk, respectively.

The relative speed of flow,  $V_r$ , passing over the blade element depends on both the blade peripheral speed,  $r\omega$ , and the *speed of advance*,  $V$ . Consequently, for a given blade setting, the angle of attack,  $\alpha$ , depends on *both*  $V$  and  $r\omega$ . Thus, the performance of a propeller is influenced by both  $\omega$  and  $V$ .

If we take a free-body diagram of the airfoil element of width  $dr$  in Fig. 10.42, we find that the magnitude of the resultant force  $dF_r$  parallel to the velocity vector  $\vec{V}$ :

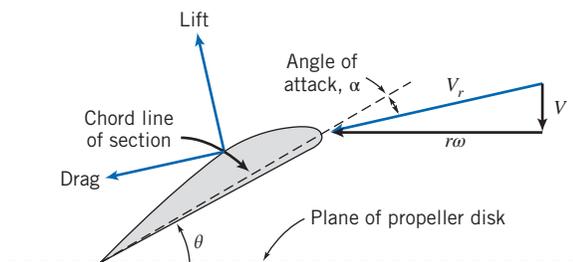
$$dF_T = dL \cos \phi - dD \sin \phi = q_r c dr (C_L \cos \phi - C_D \sin \phi) \quad (10.37a)$$

In this equation  $q_r$  is the dynamic pressure based on the relative velocity  $V_r$ ,

$$q_r = \frac{1}{2} \rho V_r^2$$

$c$  is the local chord length, and  $C_L$  and  $C_D$  are lift and drag coefficients, respectively, for the airfoil. In general, due to twist and taper in the propeller blades, and the radial variation of the blade peripheral speed,  $C_L, C_D, V_r, c, \phi$ , and  $q_r$  will all be functions of the radial coordinate  $r$ . We can also generate an expression for the torque that must be applied to the propeller:

$$dT = r(dL \sin \phi + dD \cos \phi) = q_r r c dr (C_L \sin \phi + C_D \cos \phi) \quad (10.37b)$$



**Fig. 10.42** Diagram of blade element and relative flow velocity vector.

These two expressions may be integrated to find the total propulsive thrust and torque, assuming  $N$  independent blades mounted on the rotor:

$$F_T = N \int_{r=R_{\text{hub}}}^{r=R} dF_T = qN \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R \frac{(C_L \cos \phi - C_D \sin \phi)}{\sin^2 \phi} cdr \quad (10.38a)$$

$$T = N \int_{r=R_{\text{hub}}}^{r=R} dT = qN \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R \frac{(C_L \sin \phi - C_D \cos \phi)}{\sin^2 \phi} cdr \quad (10.38b)$$

In these equations,  $q_r$  is replaced by  $q/\sin^2 \phi$  based on the relationship between  $V$  and  $V_r$ . We will use the equations above to analyze the startup characteristics of a propeller in Example 10.16.

### Example 10.16 PROPELLER STARTUP THRUST AND TORQUE

Use blade element theory to estimate the start-up thrust and torque for a propeller consisting of  $N$  independent blades with constant chord length,  $c$ , and at a constant angle,  $\theta$ , with respect to the actuator disk plane.

#### Given:

Propeller with  $N$  independent blades

Chord length  $c$  is constant

Angle with respect to actuator disk  $\theta$  is constant

**Find:** Expressions for startup thrust and torque

**Solution:** Apply the equations presented above to the propeller:

#### Governing equations:

$$dF_T = dL \cos \phi - dD \sin \phi = q_r cdr (C_L \cos \phi - C_D \sin \phi) \quad (10.37a)$$

$$dT = r(dL \sin \phi + dD \cos \phi) = q_r r cdr (C_L \sin \phi + C_D \cos \phi) \quad (10.37b)$$

$$F_T = qN \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R \frac{(C_L \cos \phi - C_D \sin \phi)}{\sin^2 \phi} cdr \quad (10.38a)$$

$$T = qN \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R \frac{(C_L \sin \phi + C_D \cos \phi)}{\sin^2 \phi} r cdr \quad (10.38b)$$

#### Assumptions:

Local wind velocity  $V$  is negligible.

Angular velocity  $\omega$  is constant.

If at start-up we neglect the local wind velocity  $V$ , we find that the integrals in Eqs. 10.38 will be indeterminate since  $q = 0$  and  $\phi = 0$ . Therefore, we will use the differential thrust and torque expressions given in Eqs. 10.37 and integrate them. At start-up, the relative velocity  $V_r$  is simply equal to the local blade element velocity  $r\omega$ . Therefore, the relative dynamic pressure  $q_r$  is equal to:

$$q_r = \frac{1}{2} \rho r^2 \omega^2$$

When  $\phi = 0$ , the differential thrust and torque expressions become

$$dF_T = \frac{1}{2} \rho r^2 \omega^2 cdr (C_L \cos 0 - C_D \sin 0) = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 c C_L r^2 dr$$

$$dT = \frac{1}{2} \rho r^2 \omega^2 r cdr (C_L \sin 0 + C_D \cos 0) = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 c C_D r^3 dr$$

We can then integrate the thrust and torque over the entire actuator disk:

$$F_T = N \int dF_T = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 c C_L \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R r^2 dr = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 c C_L \times \frac{1}{3} (R^3 - R_{\text{hub}}^3)$$

$$T = N \int dT = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 c C_D \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R r^3 dr = \frac{1}{2} \rho \omega^2 c C_D \times \frac{1}{4} (R^4 - R_{\text{hub}}^4)$$

When we collect terms and simplify we get the following expressions:

$$F_{T_{\text{startup}}} = \frac{\rho \omega^2 c C_L}{6} (R^3 - R_{\text{hub}}^3) \longleftarrow F_{T_{\text{startup}}}$$

$$T_{\text{startup}} = \frac{\rho \omega^2 c C_D}{8} (R^4 - R_{\text{hub}}^4) \longleftarrow T_{\text{startup}}$$

This problem demonstrates the analysis of a propeller using blade element theory. While the expressions here seem relatively simple, it is important to note that the lift and drag coefficients,  $C_L$  and  $C_D$ , are functions of the airfoil section being used, as well as the local angle of attack,  $\alpha$ , which for  $V = 0$  is equal to the blade inclination angle  $\theta$ . In addition, it should also be noted that when airfoil lift and drag coefficients are presented, such as in Figs. 9.17 or 9.19, they are typically given at high Reynolds numbers, where the flow is fully turbulent and the lift and drag are insensitive to changes in speed. Care needs to be taken to make sure that the lift and drag coefficients used are appropriate for the Reynolds number at startup.

While these expressions may be relatively simple to derive, they are difficult to evaluate. Even if the geometry of the propeller is adjusted to give constant geometric pitch,<sup>11</sup> the flow field in which it operates may not be uniform. Thus, the angle of attack across the blade elements may vary from the ideal, and it can be calculated only with the aid of a comprehensive computer code that can predict local flow directions and speeds. As a result, Eqs. 10.38 are not normally used, and propeller performance characteristics usually are measured experimentally.

Figure 10.43 shows typical characteristics for a marine propeller [6] and for an aircraft propeller [41]. The variables used to plot the characteristics are almost dimensionless: by convention, rotational speed,  $n$ , is expressed in revolutions per second (rather than as  $\omega$ , in radians per second). The independent variable is the *speed of advance coefficient*,  $J$ ,

$$J \equiv \frac{V}{nD} \quad (10.39)$$

Dependent variables are the *thrust coefficient*,  $C_F$ , the *torque coefficient*,  $C_T$ , the *power coefficient*,  $C_P$ , and the *propeller efficiency*,  $\eta$ , defined as

$$C_F = \frac{F_T}{\rho n^2 D^4}, \quad C_T = \frac{T}{\rho n^2 D^5}, \quad C_P = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho n^3 D^5}, \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \frac{F_T V}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{input}}} \quad (10.40)$$

The performance curves for both propellers show similar trends. Both thrust and torque coefficients are highest, and efficiency is zero, at zero speed of advance. This corresponds to the largest angle of attack for each blade element ( $\alpha = \alpha_{\text{max}} = \theta$ ). Efficiency is zero because no useful work is being done by the stationary propeller. As advance speed increases, thrust and torque decrease smoothly. Efficiency increases to a maximum at an optimum advance speed and then decreases to zero as thrust tends to zero. (For example, if the blade element section is symmetric, this would theoretically occur when  $\alpha = 0$ , or when  $\tan \theta = V/\omega r$ .) Example 10.17 shows the application of these relations to the design of a marine propeller.

<sup>11</sup> *Pitch* is defined as the distance a propeller would travel in still fluid per revolution if it advanced along the blade setting angle  $\theta$ . The pitch,  $H$ , of this blade element is equal to  $2\pi r \tan \theta$ . To obtain constant pitch along the blade,  $\theta$  must follow the relation,  $\tan \theta = H/2\pi r$ , from hub to tip. Thus the geometric blade angle is smallest at the tip and increases steadily toward the root.

**Example 10.17** SIZING A MARINE PROPELLER

Consider the supertanker of Example 9.5. Assume the total power required to overcome viscous resistance and wave drag is 11.4 MW. Use the performance characteristics of the marine propeller shown in Fig. 10.43a to estimate the diameter and operating speed required to propel the supertanker using a single propeller.

**Given:** Supertanker of Example 9.5, with total propulsion power requirement of 11.4 MW to overcome viscous and wave drag, and performance data for the marine propeller shown in Fig. 10.43a.

**Find:** (a) An estimate of the diameter of a single propeller required to power the ship.  
(b) The operating speed of this propeller.

**Solution:** From the curves in Fig. 10.43a, at optimum propeller efficiency, the coefficients are

$$J = 0.85, \quad C_F = 0.10, \quad C_T = 0.020, \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = 0.66$$

The ship steams at  $V = 6.69$  m/s and requires  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{useful}} = 11.4$  MW. Therefore, the propeller thrust must be

$$F_T = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{useful}}}{V} = 11.4 \times 10^6 \text{ W} \times \frac{\text{s}}{6.69 \text{ m}} \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{W} \cdot \text{s}} = 1.70 \text{ MN}$$

The required power input to the propeller is

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{input}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{useful}}}{\eta} = \frac{11.4 \text{ MW}}{0.66} = 17.3 \text{ MW}$$

From  $J = \frac{V}{nD} = 0.85$ , then

$$nD = \frac{V}{J} = 6.69 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{0.85} = 7.87 \text{ m/s}$$

Since

$$C_F = \frac{F_T}{\rho n^2 D^4} = 0.10 = \frac{F_T}{\rho (n^2 D^2) D^2} = \frac{F_T}{\rho (nD)^2 D^2}$$

solving for  $D$  gives

$$D = \left[ \frac{F_T}{\rho (nD)^2 C_F} \right]^{1/2} = \left[ 1.70 \times 10^6 \text{ N} \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{1025 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{(7.87)^2 \text{ m}^2} \times \frac{1}{0.10} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$D = 16.4 \text{ m} \leftarrow \text{D}$$

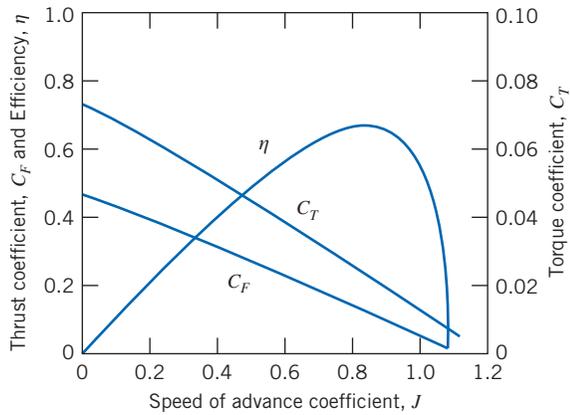
From  $nD = \frac{V}{J} = 7.87$  m/s,  $n = \frac{nD}{D} = 7.87 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{16.4 \text{ m}} = 0.480$  rev/s  
so that

$$n = \frac{0.480 \text{ rev}}{\text{s}} \times 60 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}} = 28.8 \text{ rev/min} \leftarrow \text{n}$$

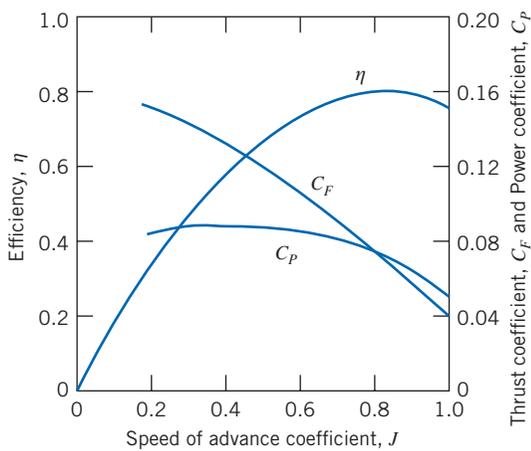
The required propeller is quite large, but still smaller than the 25 m draft of the supertanker. The ship would need to take on seawater for ballast to keep the propeller submerged when not carrying a full cargo of petroleum.

This problem illustrates the use of normalized coefficient data for the preliminary sizing of a marine propeller. This preliminary design process would be repeated, using data for other propeller types, to find the optimum combination of propeller size, speed, and efficiency.

In order to improve performance, some propellers are designed with variable pitch. The performance of a variable-pitch propeller is shown in Fig. 10.44. This figure shows efficiency curves (solid curves) for a propeller set to different pitch angles. As we saw in Fig. 10.43, the propeller exhibits a maximum  $\eta$  at a certain value of  $J$ . However, the value of  $J$  needed for maximum  $\eta$  varies with  $\theta$ . If we trace out all of the maxima, the result is the dashed curve in Fig. 10.44. Therefore, if we allow for the variation of  $\theta$ , we may achieve improved efficiency over a wider range of  $J$  than with a fixed-pitch propeller. Such a design, however, comes at the cost of the additional complexity in actuators



(a) Marine propeller, data from Reference [6]



(b) Aircraft propeller, data from Reference [41]

Fig. 10.43 Typical characteristics of two propellers.

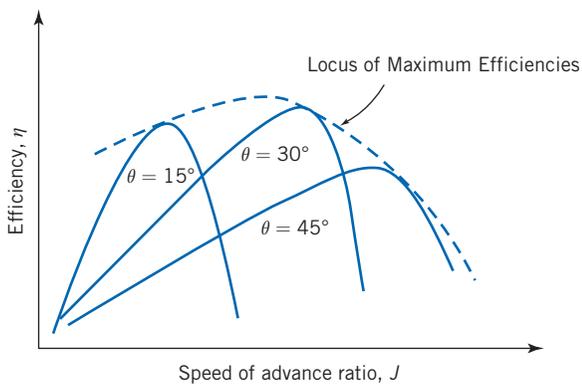


Fig. 10.44 Propeller efficiency for a variable-pitch propeller at various overall incidences identified by  $\theta$  at a fixed radial distance.

and control systems needed to implement the variable pitch, so the selection of this design depends on the relative costs and benefits for the intended application.

Marine propellers tend to have high solidity. This packs a lot of lifting surface within the swept area of the disk to keep the pressure difference small across the propeller and to avoid cavitation. Cavitation tends to unload the blades of a marine propeller, reducing both the torque required and the thrust produced [6]. Cavitation becomes more prevalent along the blades as the cavitation number,

$$Ca = \frac{p - p_v}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2} \tag{10.41}$$

is reduced. Inspection of Eq. 10.41 shows that  $Ca$  decreases when  $p$  is reduced by operating near the free surface or by increasing  $V$ . Those who have operated motor boats also are aware that local cavitation can be caused by distorted flow approaching the propeller, e.g., from turning sharply.

Compressibility affects aircraft propellers when tip speeds approach the *critical Mach number*, at which the local Mach number approaches  $M = 1$  at some point on the blade. Under these conditions, torque increases because of increased drag, thrust drops because of reduced section lift, and efficiency drops drastically.

If a propeller operates within the boundary layer of a propelled body, where the relative flow is slowed, its apparent thrust and torque may increase compared with those in a uniform freestream at the same rate of advance. The residual kinetic energy in the slipstream also may be reduced. The combination of these effects may increase the overall propulsive efficiency of the combined body and propeller. Advanced computer codes are used in the design of modern ships (and submarines, where noise may be an overriding consideration) to optimize performance of each propeller/hull combination.

For certain special applications, a propeller may be placed within a *shroud* or *duct*. Such configurations may be integrated into a hull (e.g., as a bow thruster to increase maneuverability), built into the wing of an aircraft, or placed on the deck of a hovercraft. Thrust may be improved by the favorable pressure forces on the duct lip, but efficiency may be reduced by the added skin-friction losses encountered in the duct.

## Wind-Power Machines

Windmills (or more properly, wind turbines) have been used for centuries to harness the power of natural winds. Two well-known classical examples are shown in Fig. 10.45.

Dutch windmills (Fig. 10.45a) turned slowly so that the power could be used to turn stone wheels for milling grain; hence the name “windmill.” They evolved into large structures; the practical maximum size was limited by the materials of the day. Calvert [43] reports that, based on his laboratory-scale tests, a traditional Dutch windmill of 26 m diameter produced 41 kW in a wind of 36 km/hr at an angular speed of 20 rpm. American multi-blade windmills (Fig. 10.45b) were found on many American farms between about 1850 and 1950. They performed valuable service in powering water pumps before rural electrification.

The recent emphasis on renewable resources has revived interest in windmill design and optimization. In 2008, the United States had over 25,000 MW of wind-based electric generation capacity, which generated 52 million MWh of electricity, representing 1.26 percent of the total electric energy consumption for that year [44]. In addition, in 2008 the United States overtook Germany to become the largest generator of wind-based electrical power in the world. Wind power accounts for 42 percent of *all* new generating capacity, up from only 2 percent in 2004. America’s wind belt, which stretches across the Great Plains from Texas to the Dakotas, has been dubbed the “Saudi Arabia of wind” [45].

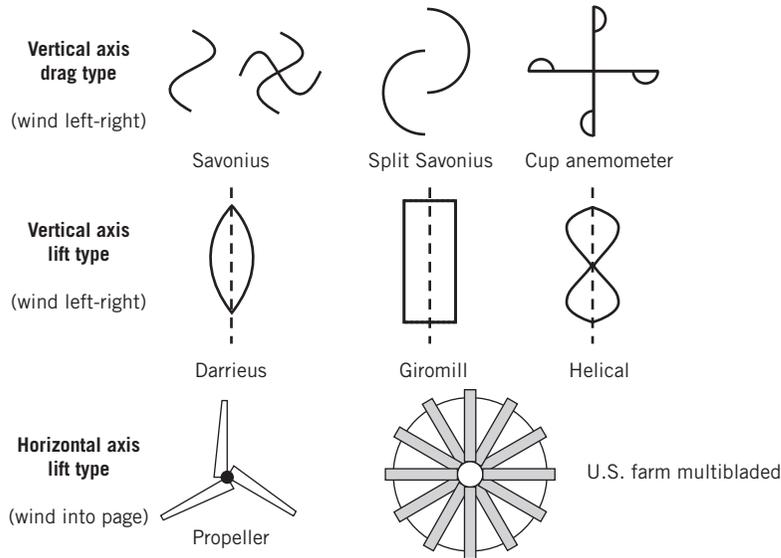


(a) Traditional Dutch Mill

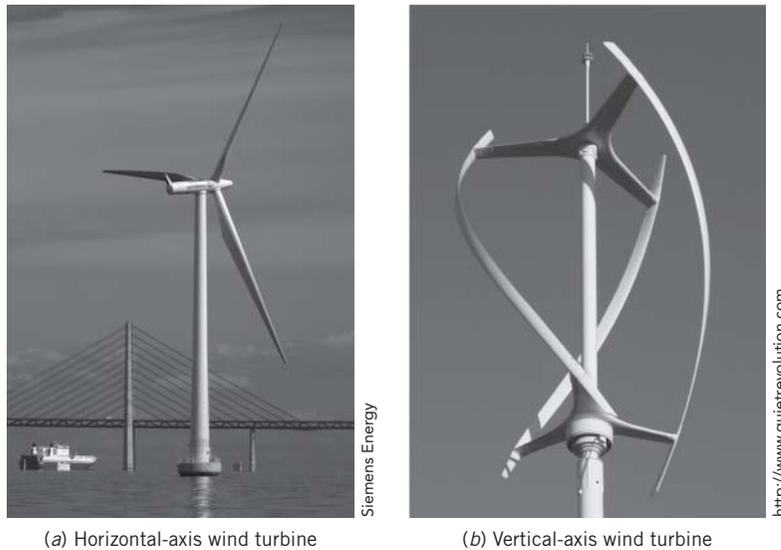


(b) American farm windmill

**Fig. 10.45** Examples of well-known windmills [42].



**Fig. 10.46** Wind turbine configurations differentiated by axis orientation (horizontal versus vertical) and by nature of force exerted on the active element (lift versus drag).



**Fig. 10.47** Examples of modern wind turbine designs.

Schematics of wind turbine configurations are shown in Fig. 10.46. In general, wind turbines are classified in two ways. The first classification is the orientation of the turbine axis. Horizontal-axis wind turbine (HAWT) and vertical-axis wind turbine (VAWT) configurations have been studied extensively. Most HAWT designs feature two- or three-bladed propellers turning at high speed, mounted on a tower along with its electric generator. The large modern HAWT, shown in Fig. 10.47a, is capable of producing power in any wind above a light breeze. The wind turbine shown in Fig. 10.47b is a VAWT. This device uses a modern symmetric airfoil section for the rotor. Earlier designs of the VAWT, such as the *Darrius troposkien* shape,<sup>12</sup> suffered from high bending stresses and pulsatory torques. More recent designs, such as the one shown in this figure, feature helical airfoils, which distribute the torques more evenly about the central axis. VAWTs feature a ground-mounted electric generator.

The second classification is how the wind energy is harnessed. The first group of turbines collects wind energy through drag forces; these wind turbines are typically of the vertical axis configuration only.

<sup>12</sup>This shape (which would be assumed by a flexible cord whirled about a vertical axis) minimizes bending stresses in the Darrius turbine rotor.

The second group collects energy through lift forces. Lift-based wind turbines employ horizontal- or vertical-axis configurations. It is important to note that most of these designs are self-starting. The lift-type VAWT is not capable of starting from rest; it can produce usable power only above a certain minimum angular speed. It is typically combined with a self-starting turbine, such as a Savonius rotor, to provide starting torque [40, 46].

A horizontal-axis wind turbine may be analyzed as a propeller operated in reverse. The Rankine model of one-dimensional flow incorporating an idealized actuator disk is shown in Fig. 10.48. The simplified notation of the figure is frequently used for analysis of wind turbines.

The wind speed far upstream is  $V$ . The stream is decelerated to  $V(1-a)$  at the turbine disk and to  $V(1-2a)$  in the wake of the turbine ( $a$  is called the *interference factor*). Thus the stream tube of air captured by the wind turbine is small upstream and its diameter increases as it moves downstream.

Straightforward application of linear momentum to a CV, as shown in Example 10.18, predicts the axial thrust on a turbine of radius  $R$  to be

$$F_T = 2\pi R^2 \rho V^2 a(1-a) \quad (10.42)$$

Application of the energy equation, assuming no losses (no change in internal energy or heat transfer), gives the power taken from the fluid stream as

$$\mathcal{P} = 2\pi R^2 \rho V^3 a(1-a)^2 \quad (10.43)$$

The efficiency of a wind turbine is most conveniently defined with reference to the kinetic energy flux contained within a stream tube the size of the actuator disk. This kinetic energy flux is

$$KEF = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3 \pi R^2 \quad (10.44)$$

Combining Eqs. 10.43 and 10.44 gives the efficiency (or alternatively, the *power coefficient* [47]) as

$$\eta = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{KEF} = 4a(1-a)^2 \quad (10.45)$$

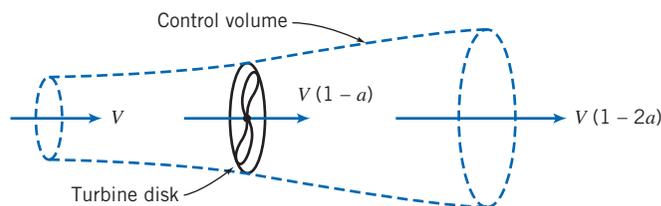
Betz [see 47] was the first to derive this result and to show that the theoretical efficiency is maximized when  $a = 1/3$ . The maximum theoretical efficiency is  $\eta = 0.593$ .

If the wind turbine is lightly loaded ( $a$  is small), it will affect a large mass of air per unit time, but the energy extracted per unit mass will be small and the efficiency low. Most of the kinetic energy in the initial air stream will be left in the wake and wasted. If the wind turbine is heavily loaded ( $a \approx 1/2$ ), it will affect a much smaller mass of air per unit time. The energy removed per unit mass will be large, but the power produced will be small compared with the kinetic energy flux through the undisturbed area of the actuator disk. Thus a peak efficiency occurs at intermediate disk loadings.

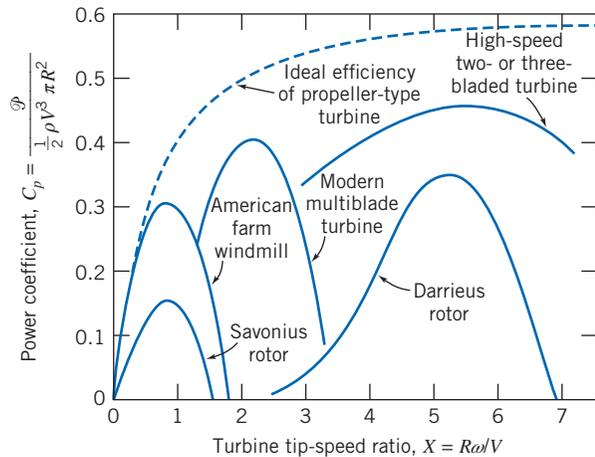
The Rankine model includes some important assumptions that limit its applicability [47]. First, the wind turbine is assumed to affect only the air contained within the stream tube defined in Fig. 10.48. Second, the kinetic energy produced as swirl behind the turbine is not accounted for. Third, any radial pressure gradient is ignored. Glauert [see 41] partially accounted for the wake swirl to predict the dependence of ideal efficiency on tip-speed ratio,  $X$ ,

$$X = \frac{R\omega}{V} \quad (10.46)$$

as shown in Fig. 10.49 ( $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the turbine).



**Fig. 10.48** Control volume and simplified notation used to analyze wind turbine performance.



**Fig. 10.49** Efficiency trends of wind turbine types versus tip-speed ratio, based on Reference [43].

As the tip-speed ratio increases, ideal efficiency increases, approaching the peak value ( $\eta = 0.593$ ) asymptotically. (Physically, the swirl left in the wake is reduced as the tip-speed ratio increases.) Avalone et al. [46] presents a summary of the detailed blade-element theory used to develop the limiting efficiency curve shown in Fig. 10.49.

Each type of wind turbine has its most favorable range of application. The traditional American multibladed windmill has a large number of blades and operates at relatively slow speed. Its solidity,  $\sigma$  (the ratio of blade area to the swept area of the turbine disk,  $\pi R^2$ ), is high. Because of its relatively slow operating speed, its tip-speed ratio and theoretical performance limit are low. Its relatively poor performance, compared with its theoretical limit, is largely caused by use of crude blades, which are simply bent sheet metal surfaces rather than airfoil shapes.

It is necessary to increase the tip-speed ratio considerably to reach a more favorable operating range. Modern high-speed wind-turbine designs use carefully shaped airfoils and operate at tip-speed ratios up to 7 [48].

### Example 10.18 PERFORMANCE OF AN IDEALIZED WINDMILL

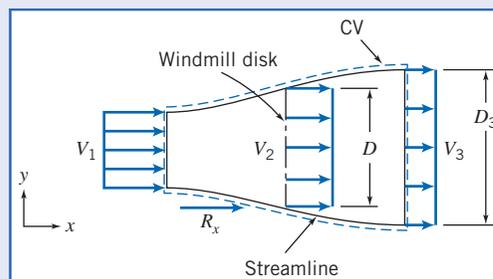
Develop general expressions for thrust, power output, and efficiency of an idealized windmill, as shown in Fig. 10.48. Calculate the thrust, ideal efficiency, and actual efficiency for the Dutch windmill tested by Calvert ( $D = 26$  m,  $N = 20$  rpm,  $V = 36$  km/hr, and  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{output}} = 41$  kW).

**Given:** Idealized windmill, as shown in Fig. 10.48, and Dutch windmill tested by Calvert:

$$D = 26 \text{ m} \quad N = 20 \text{ rpm} \quad V = 36 \text{ km/hr} \quad \mathcal{P}_{\text{output}} = 41 \text{ kW}$$

**Find:** (a) General expressions for the ideal thrust, power output, and efficiency.  
 (b) The thrust, power output, and ideal and actual efficiencies for the Dutch windmill tested by Calvert.

**Solution:** Apply the continuity, momentum ( $x$  component), and energy equations, using the CV and coordinates shown.



Governing equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} &= 0 \\ F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho dV + \int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} e \rho dV + \int_{CS} \left( e + \frac{p}{\rho} \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions:

- 1 Atmospheric pressure acts on CV;  $F_{S_x} = R_x$ .
- 2  $F_{B_x} = 0$ .
- 3 Steady flow.
- 4 Uniform flow at each section.
- 5 Incompressible flow of standard air.
- 6  $V_1 - V_2 = V_2 - V_3 = \frac{1}{2}(V_1 - V_3)$ , as shown by Rankine.
- 7  $Q = 0$ .
- 8 No change in internal energy for frictionless incompressible flow.

In terms of the interference factor,  $a, V_1 = V, V_2 = (1 - a)V$ , and  $V_3 = (1 - 2a)V$ .

From continuity, for uniform flow at each cross section,  $V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2 = V_3 A_3$ .

From momentum,

$$R_x = u_1(-\rho V_1 A_1) + u_3(+\rho V_3 A_3) = (V_3 - V_1)\rho V_2 A_2 \quad \{u_1 = V_1, u_3 = V_3\}$$

$R_x$  is the external force acting on the control volume. The thrust force exerted by the CV on the surroundings is

$$K_x = -R_x = (V_1 - V_3)\rho V_2 A_2$$

In terms of the interference factor, the equation for thrust may be written in the general form,

$$K_x = \rho V^2 \pi R^2 2a(1 - a) \leftarrow \frac{K_x}{\rho V^2 \pi R^2}$$

(Set  $dK_x/da$  equal to zero to show that maximum thrust occurs when  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ .)

The energy equation becomes

$$-\dot{W}_s = \frac{V_1^2}{2}(-\rho V_1 A_1) + \frac{V_3^2}{2}(+\rho V_3 A_3) = \rho V_2 \pi R^2 \frac{1}{2}(V_3^2 - V_1^2)$$

The ideal output power,  $\mathcal{P}$ , is equal to  $\dot{W}_s$ . In terms of the interference factor,

$$\mathcal{P} = \dot{W}_s = \rho V(1 - a)\pi R^2 \left[ \frac{V^2}{2} - \frac{V^2}{2}(1 - 2a)^2 \right] = \rho V^3(1 - a)\frac{\pi R^2}{2}[1 - (1 - 2a)^2]$$

After simplifying algebraically,

$$\mathcal{P}_{ideal} = 2\rho V^3 \pi R^2 a(1 - a)^2 \leftarrow \frac{\mathcal{P}_{ideal}}{2\rho V^3 \pi R^2}$$

The kinetic energy flux through a stream tube of undisturbed flow, equal in area to the actuator disk, is

$$KEF = \rho V \pi R^2 \frac{V^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^3 \pi R^2$$

Thus the ideal efficiency may be written

$$\eta = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{ideal}}{KEF} = \frac{2\rho V^3 \pi R^2 a(1 - a)^2}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^3 \pi R^2} = 4a(1 - a)^2 \leftarrow \eta$$

To find the condition for maximum possible efficiency, set  $d\eta/da$  equal to zero. The maximum efficiency is  $\eta = 0.593$ , which occurs when  $a = 1/3$ .

The Dutch windmill tested by Calvert had a tip-speed ratio of

$$X = \frac{NR}{V} = 20 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times 2\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times 13 \text{ m} \times \frac{\text{s}}{10 \text{ m}} = 2.72 \leftarrow \frac{X}{X}$$

The maximum theoretically attainable efficiency at this tip-speed ratio, accounting for swirl (Fig. 10.44), would be about 0.53.

The actual efficiency of the Dutch windmill is

$$\eta_{\text{actual}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{actual}}}{KEF}$$

Based on Calvert's test data, the kinetic energy flux is

$$\begin{aligned} KEF &= \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3 \pi R^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (10)^3 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}^3} \times \pi \times (13)^2 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{s}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}} \\ KEF &= 3.27 \times 10^5 \text{ W} \quad \text{or} \quad 327 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into the definition of actual efficiency,

$$\eta_{\text{actual}} = \frac{41 \text{ kW}}{327 \text{ kW}} = 0.125 \leftarrow \frac{\eta_{\text{actual}}}{\eta_{\text{actual}}}$$

Thus the actual efficiency of the Dutch windmill is about 24 percent of the maximum efficiency theoretically attainable at this tip-speed ratio.

The actual thrust on the Dutch windmill can only be estimated, because the interference factor,  $a$ , is not known. The maximum possible thrust would occur at  $a = 1/2$ , in which case,

$$\begin{aligned} K_x &= \rho V^2 \pi R^2 2a(1-a) \\ &= 1.23 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times (10)^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \pi \times (13)^2 \text{ m}^2 \times 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \\ K_x &= 3.27 \times 10^4 \text{ N} \quad \text{or} \quad 32.7 \text{ kN} \leftarrow \frac{K_x}{K_x} \end{aligned}$$

This does not sound like a large thrust force, considering the size ( $D = 26 \text{ m}$ ) of the windmill. However,  $V = 36 \text{ km/hr}$  is only a moderate wind. The actual machine would have to withstand much more severe wind conditions during storms.

This problem illustrates application of the concepts of ideal thrust, power, and efficiency for a windmill, and calculation of these quantities for an actual machine.

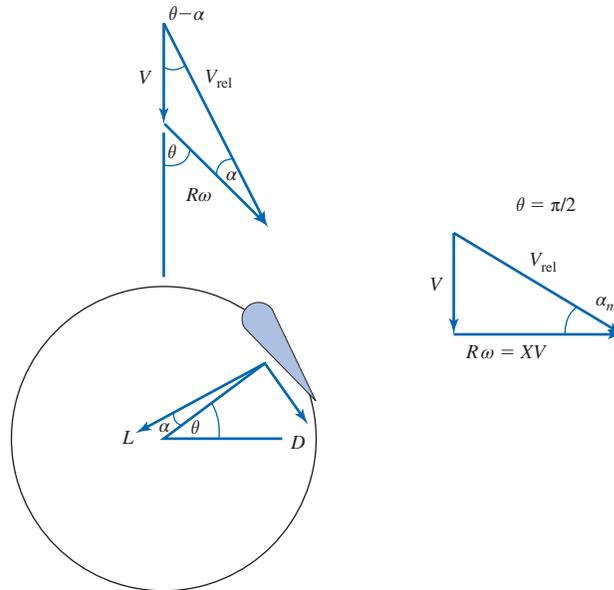
The analysis of a VAWT is slightly different from that of a HAWT. The main reason for this difference can be seen in Fig. 10.50. In this figure, a cross section of one airfoil in a Darrieus turbine is shown rotating about the turbine axis. Assuming that the wind emanates from a constant direction, the airfoil angle of attack  $\alpha$  will be a function of the azimuthal angle  $\theta$ . The angle of attack is due to the relation between the effective velocity vector and the rotational direction. As  $\theta$  varies,  $\alpha$  will vary as well until it reaches a maximum value when  $\theta$  is equal to  $90^\circ$ . In that configuration, the angle of attack is expressed by:

$$\alpha_m = \tan^{-1} \frac{V}{R\omega} \quad (10.47a)$$

Equation 10.47a states that the maximum angle of attack is related to the wind velocity, the angular velocity of the rotor, and the local rotor radius. In terms of the tip speed ratio  $X$  from Eq. 10.46, Eq. 10.47a may then be rewritten as:

$$\alpha_m = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{X} \quad (10.47b)$$

Since the maximum angle of attack must be less than that for stall ( $10^\circ - 15^\circ$  for most typical airfoils), it follows that  $X$  should be a large number (at least on the order of 6). The lift and drag forces ( $L$  and  $D$ ,



**Fig. 10.50** Velocities around a Darrieus rotor blade element at a general azimuthal angle  $\theta$ , as well as at  $\theta = \pi/2$ , where the airfoil angle of attack is maximized.

respectively) acting on the airfoil can be seen in Fig. 10.50. These aerodynamic forces generate a torque on the rotor. The torque on the rotor at a given value of  $\alpha$  is:

$$T = \omega R(L \sin \alpha - D \cos \alpha) \tag{10.48}$$

Now if the airfoil section being employed is symmetric (zero camber), then the lift coefficient is linearly proportional to the angle of attack [49]:

$$C_L = m\alpha \tag{10.49}$$

In Eq. 10.49,  $m$  is the slope of the lift curve, and is specific to the airfoil being used. In addition, the drag coefficient may be approximated by:

$$C_D = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} \tag{9.43}$$

In this expression,  $C_{D,0}$  is the drag coefficient at zero angle of attack, and  $AR$  is the aspect ratio of the airfoil. Now since the air velocity relative to the rotor is a function of  $\alpha$ , which depends on  $\theta$ , it follows that the lift and drag forces are functions of  $\theta$  as well. Therefore, any quantification of rotor performance needs to be averaged over the entire range of  $\theta$ . Decher [40] derived an expression for the efficiency of the rotor based on lift and drag effects,  $\eta_{L/D}$ . This expression is defined as the useful work out (the torque in Eq. 10.48) divided by the available power in the wind. In terms of the lift and drag, this expression is:

$$\eta_{L/D} = \frac{R\omega \overline{(L \sin \alpha - D \cos \alpha)}}{V \overline{(L \cos \alpha + D \sin \alpha)}}$$

The overbars in this equation indicate average values of those quantities. Since the lift and drag forces on the rotor change with  $\theta$ , a time average of the forces needs to be calculated by integrating. Now once we substitute Eqs. 10.49 and 9.43 into this expression and average over a full revolution of the rotor ( $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ), the efficiency becomes:

$$\eta_{L/D} = \frac{1 - C_{D,0} \left( \frac{2}{C_{D,0} AR} + \frac{4X^3}{1 + X^2} \right)}{1 + C_{D,0} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{3}{2C_{D,0} AR X^2} \right)} \tag{10.50}$$

This efficiency modifies the efficiency based on actuator disk theory (Eq. 10.45) for an estimate of the overall efficiency of the rotor:

$$\eta \approx \eta_{act\ disk} \eta_{L/D} \quad (10.51)$$

One must keep in mind, however, that in order to determine the efficiency of a complete rotor, one must add the contributions to the torque over the entire rotor. Since different parts of the rotor have different radii (different values of  $R$ ), they will have different values of  $X$ . Based on Eq. 10.50, one might realize that the portions of the rotor with small radii will contribute very little to the torque compared to central portions of the rotor. In Example 10.19, performance characteristics of a VAWT are determined.

### Example 10.19 ANALYSIS OF A GIROMILL

A Giromill wind turbine (see Fig. 10.46) has a height of 140 ft and a diameter of 110 ft. The airfoil section being used is a constant-width symmetric section with a stall angle of  $12^\circ$  and an aspect ratio of 50. Over the normal range of operation the airfoil lift coefficient can be described by the equation  $C_L = 0.1097\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is the angle of attack in degrees. The drag coefficient at zero angle of attack is 0.006, and at other angles of attack the drag coefficient can be approximated by Eq. 9.43. If the Giromill rotates at 24 rpm, calculate the maximum allowable wind speed to avoid stall on the airfoil section. If the power generated at this minimum speed condition is 160 hp, what is the efficiency of the turbine?

**Given:** Giromill wind turbine

Height: 140 ft

Diameter: 100 ft

Minimum rotation speed: 24 rpm

Power: 160 hp

Airfoil is symmetric

Stall angle:  $12^\circ$

Aspect ratio: 50

Lift coefficient is linear;  $C_L = 0.1097\alpha$  ( $\alpha$  is in degrees)

Drag coefficient is parabolic,  $C_{D,0} = 0.006$

**Find:** (a) Maximum allowable wind speed to prevent stall.

(b) Turbine efficiency.

**Solution:** Apply the equations presented above to the turbine:

**Governing equations:**

$$\alpha_m = \tan^{-1} \frac{V}{\omega R} = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{X} \quad (10.47a, b)$$

$$KEF = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3 \pi R^2 \quad (10.44)$$

$$\eta = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{KEF} \quad (10.45)$$

$$C_D = C_{D,0} + \frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR} \quad (9.43)$$

$$\eta_{L/D} = \frac{1 - C_{D,0} \left( \frac{2}{C_{D,0} AR} + \frac{4X^3}{1 + X^2} \right)}{1 + C_{D,0} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{3}{2C_{D,0} AR X^2} \right)} \quad (10.50)$$

$$\eta \approx \eta_{act\ disk} \eta_{L/D} \quad (10.51)$$

**Assumption:**

 Standard atmosphere:  $\rho = 0.002377 \text{ slug/ft}^3$ 

(a) To find the maximum speed, we solve Eq. 47a for the velocity:

$$V = R\omega \tan \alpha_m = 55 \text{ ft} \times 24 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{\text{rev}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ s}} \times \tan 12^\circ = 29.4 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{mi}}{5280 \text{ ft}} \times \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{\text{hr}} = 20.0 \text{ mph}$$

$$V = 20.0 \text{ mph} \longleftarrow \underline{\hspace{15em}} \quad V$$

(b) To determine the efficiency, we find the actuator disk efficiency and the lift/drag efficiency, per Eq. 10.51. To calculate the actuator disk efficiency, first we find the kinetic energy flux:

$$KEF = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^3 \pi R^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \times 0.002377 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3} \times \left(29.4 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}\right)^3 \times (55 \text{ ft})^2 \times \frac{\text{lbf} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}} \times \frac{\text{hp} \cdot \text{s}}{550 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}} = 521 \text{ hp}$$

Therefore, the actuator disk efficiency is:

$$\eta = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{KEF} = \frac{160}{521} = 0.307$$

To find the lift/drag efficiency of the rotor, we need to find the tip speed ratio:

$$X = \frac{1}{\tan \alpha_m} = \frac{1}{\tan 12^\circ} = 4.705$$

 Taking this value for  $X$  and the given data, we can calculate the lift/drag efficiency:

$$\eta_{L/D} = \frac{1 - C_{D,0} \left( \frac{2}{C_{D,0} AR} + \frac{4X^3}{1 + X^2} \right)}{1 + C_{D,0} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{3}{2C_{D,0} AR X^2} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 0.006 \times \left( \frac{2}{0.006 \times 50} + \frac{4 \times 4.705^3}{1 + 4.705^2} \right)}{1 + 0.006 \times \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{3}{2 \times 0.006 \times 50 \times 4.705^2} \right)} = 0.850$$

So the overall efficiency is:

$$\eta \approx \eta_{act\ disk} \eta_{L/D} = 0.307 \times 0.850 = 0.261 \longleftarrow \underline{\hspace{15em}} \quad \eta$$

This problem demonstrates the analysis of a VAWT, provided that the airfoil section used is below the stall angle. A more detailed analysis would be needed if a different type of section, such as the Darrieus turbine, were used, since the rotor radius is not constant.

## 10.7 Compressible Flow Turbomachines

While the interaction of incompressible fluids with turbomachines is an important topic, both from a phenomenological and a practical point of view, there are many instances in which the flow through a turbomachine will experience significant changes in density. This is especially important in gas turbine (Brayton cycle) power generation (for both stationary and mobile power plants) and in steam turbine (Rankine cycle) power generation. We will investigate the modifications to the governing equations and dimensional analyses necessary in compressible flow applications. Where necessary, the reader is directed to the appropriate sections in Chapter 12 for further clarification.

### Application of the Energy Equation to a Compressible Flow Machine

In Chapter 4 we looked at the first law of thermodynamics for an arbitrary control volume. The result was the energy equation, Eq. 4.56,

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} e \rho dV + \int_{CS} \left( u + pv + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.56)$$

Equation 4.56 states that the heat added to the system, minus the work done by the system results in an increase in energy for the system. In this equation, the work done by the system is assumed to consist of three parts. The first, known as “shaft work,” is the useful work input/output we consider in the analysis of turbomachines. The second is the work done by fluid shear stresses at the control volume surface. The third, referred to as “other work,” includes sources such as electromagnetic energy transfer.

We will now simplify Eq. 4.56 for compressible flow turbomachinery. First, turbomachines typically run at conditions such that heat transfer with the surroundings are minimized, and so the heat transfer term may be ignored. Second, work terms other than shaft work should be negligibly small, and so they can be ignored as well. Third, changes in gravitational potential energy should be small, and so that term can be dropped from the surface integral. Since enthalpy is defined as  $h \equiv u + pv$ , for steady flow, Eq. 4.56 becomes

$$\dot{W}_s = - \int_{CS} \left( h + \frac{V^2}{2} \right) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

At this point, we introduce the *stagnation enthalpy*<sup>13</sup> as the sum of the fluid enthalpy and kinetic energy:

$$h_0 = h + \frac{V^2}{2}$$

Therefore, we may rewrite the energy equation as:

$$\dot{W}_s = - \int_{CS} h_0 \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (10.52a)$$

Equation 10.52a states that, for a turbomachine with work *input*, the power *required* causes an increase in the stagnation enthalpy in the fluid; for a turbomachine with work *output*, the power *produced* is due to a decrease in the stagnation enthalpy of the fluid. In this equation,  $\dot{W}_s$  is positive when work is being done *by* the fluid (as in a turbine), while  $\dot{W}_s$  is negative when work is being done *on* the fluid (as in a compressor).

It is important to note that the sign convention used in this equation appears to be contrary to that used in the Euler turbomachine equation, developed in Section 10.2. If you recall, in Eq. 10.2a a positive value of  $\dot{W}_p$  indicated work done on the fluid, while a negative value indicated work done by the fluid. The difference to remember is that  $\dot{W}_s$  is the mechanical power exerted *by* the working fluid on its surroundings, i.e., the rotor, whereas  $\dot{W}_p$  is the mechanical power exerted *on* the working fluid by the rotor. Keeping this distinction in mind, it makes perfect sense that these two quantities would have equal magnitudes and opposite signs.

The integrand on the right side of Eq. 10.52a is the product of the stagnation enthalpy with the mass flow rate at each section. If we make the additional assumption of uniform flow into the machine at section 1, and out of the machine at section 2, Eq. 10.52a becomes

$$\dot{W}_s = -(h_{0_2} - h_{0_1}) \dot{m} \quad (10.52b)$$

## Compressors

*Compressors* may be centrifugal or axial, depending on specific speed. Automotive turbochargers, small gas-turbine engines, and natural-gas pipeline boosters usually are centrifugal. Large gas and steam turbines and jet aircraft engines (as seen in Figs. 10.3 and 10.4b) frequently are axial-flow machines.

Since the flow through a compressor will see a change in density, the dimensional analysis presented for incompressible flow is no longer appropriate. Rather, we quantify the performance of a compressor through  $\Delta h_0$ , the ideal rise in stagnation enthalpy of the flow,<sup>14</sup> the efficiency  $\eta$ , and the power  $\mathcal{P}$ . The functional relationship is:

$$\Delta h_0, \eta, \mathcal{P} = f(\mu, N, D, \dot{m}, \rho_{0_1}, c_{0_1}, k) \quad (10.53)$$

<sup>13</sup> See Section 12.3 for a discussion of the stagnation state.

<sup>14</sup> In Section 12.1, it is demonstrated that an adiabatic and reversible process is isentropic. It can be proven that an isentropic compression results in the minimum power input between two fixed pressures, and an isentropic expansion results in the maximum power output between two fixed pressures. Therefore, the isentropic compression/expansion process is considered the ideal for compressors and turbines, respectively [50].

In this relation, the independent variables are, in order, viscosity, rotational speed, rotor diameter, mass flow rate, inlet stagnation density, inlet stagnation speed of sound, and ratio of specific heats.

If we apply the Buckingham Pi theorem to this system, the resulting dimensionless groups are:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_1 &= \frac{\Delta h_{0s}}{(ND)^2} & \Pi_2 &= \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho_{01} N^3 D^5} \\ \Pi_3 &= \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho_{01} ND^3} & \Pi_4 &= \frac{\rho_{01} ND^2}{\mu} \\ \Pi_5 &= \frac{ND}{c_{01}}\end{aligned}$$

Since the efficiency  $\eta$  and ratio of specific heats  $k$  are dimensionless quantities, they can be thought of as  $\Pi$ -terms. The resulting functional relationships are:

$$\frac{\Delta h_{0s}}{(ND)^2}, \eta, \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho_{01} N^3 D^5} = f_1 \left( \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho_{01} ND^3}, \frac{\rho_{01} ND^2}{\mu}, \frac{ND}{c_{01}}, k \right) \quad (10.54a)$$

This equation is actually an expression of three separate functions; that is, the terms  $\Pi_1 = \Delta h_{0s}/(ND)^2, \eta$  and  $\Pi_2 = \mathcal{P}/\rho_{01} N^3 D^5$  are all functions of the other dimensionless quantities.  $\Delta h_{0s}/(ND)^2$  is a measure of the energy change in the flow and is the compressible analog to the head coefficient  $\Psi$  (Eq. 10.6).  $\mathcal{P}/\rho_{01} N^3 D^5$  is a power coefficient, similar to that in Eq. 10.8.  $\dot{m}/\rho_{01} ND^3$  is a mass flow coefficient, analogous to the incompressible flow coefficient  $\Phi$  (Eq. 10.5).  $\rho_{01} ND^2/\mu$  is a Reynolds number based on rotor tip speed, and  $ND/c_{01}$  is a Mach number based on rotor tip speed. Using the relationships for isentropic processes and for the compressible flow of a perfect gas, we can make some simplifications. As a result, Eq. 10.54a may be rewritten as:

$$\frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}}, \eta, \frac{\Delta T_0}{T_{01}} = f_2 \left( \frac{\dot{m} \sqrt{RT_{01}}}{\rho_{01} D^2}, \text{Re}, \frac{ND}{\sqrt{RT_{01}}}, k \right) \quad (10.54b)$$

The functional relationships presented here can be used in the manner seen both in Chapter 7 and earlier in this chapter to investigate scaling the performance of similar flow machines. An example of this is presented in Example 10.20.

### Example 10.20 SCALING OF A COMPRESSOR

A 1/5 scale model of a prototype air compressor consuming 300 hp and running at a speed of 1000 rpm delivers a flow rate of 20 lbm/s through a pressure ratio of 5. At dynamically and kinematically similar conditions, what would the operating speed, mass flow rate, and power consumption be for the full-scale prototype?

**Given:** 1/5 scale compressor model  
Power: 300 hp  
Speed: 1000 rpm  
Pressure ratio: 5  
Mass flow rate: 50 lbm/s

**Find:** Prototype speed, mass flow rate, and power consumption at similar conditions.

**Solution:** Apply the equations presented above and the concepts presented in Chapter 7 on similitude to the compressor:

**Governing equations:**

$$\left( \frac{ND}{c_{01}} \right)_p = \left( \frac{ND}{c_{01}} \right)_m$$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{m}}{\rho_{0_1} N D^3}\right)_p = \left(\frac{\dot{m}}{\rho_{0_1} N D^3}\right)_m$$

$$\left(\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho_{0_1} N^3 D^5}\right)_p = \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho_{0_1} N^3 D^5}\right)_m$$

**Assumption:**

Similar entrance conditions for both model and prototype.

Similar entrance conditions would stipulate that the stagnation sound speed and density would be equal for both the model and the prototype. Solving the first equation for the prototype speed:

$$N_p = N_m \frac{D_m c_{0_1p}}{D_p c_{0_1m}} = 1000 \text{ rpm} \times \frac{1}{5} \times 1 = 200 \text{ rpm}$$

$$N_p = 200 \text{ rpm} \leftarrow \frac{N_p}{N_p}$$

Solving the second equation for the prototype mass flow rate:

$$\dot{m}_p = \dot{m}_m \frac{\rho_{0_1p} N_p}{\rho_{0_1m} N_m} \left(\frac{D_p}{D_m}\right)^3 = 20 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{200}{1000} \times \left(\frac{5}{1}\right)^3 = 500 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{s}}$$

$$\dot{m}_p = 500 \text{ lbm/s} \leftarrow \frac{\dot{m}_p}{\dot{m}_p}$$

To calculate the power requirement for the prototype:

$$\mathcal{P}_p = \mathcal{P}_m \frac{\rho_{0_1p}}{\rho_{0_1m}} \left(\frac{N_p}{N_m}\right)^3 \left(\frac{D_p}{D_m}\right)^5 = 300 \text{ hp} \times \left(\frac{200}{1000}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{5}{1}\right)^5 = 7500 \text{ hp}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_p = 7500 \text{ hp} \leftarrow \frac{\mathcal{P}_p}{\mathcal{P}_p}$$

This problem demonstrates the scaling of compressible flow machines. Note that if the working fluid for the two different scale machines were different, e.g., air versus helium, the effects of different gas constants and specific heat ratios would have to be taken into account.

Since most operability studies are performed on a single compressor design without scaling, and, using the same working fluid, all variables related to the scale and the fluid (specifically,  $D$ ,  $R$ , and  $k$ ) may be eliminated from the functional relationship. In addition, empirical studies have shown that, as in the case study of the centrifugal pump in Chapter 7, for sufficiently high values of Reynolds number the performance of the compressor is not dependent upon Reynolds number either; i.e., the flow is fully turbulent in the compressor. Once these variables are eliminated, Eq. 10.54b becomes

$$\frac{p_{0_2}}{p_{0_1}}, \eta, \frac{\Delta T_0}{T_{0_1}} = f_3 \left( \frac{\dot{m} \sqrt{T_{0_1}}}{p_{0_1}}, \frac{N}{\sqrt{T_{0_1}}} \right) \quad (10.54c)$$

Note that this equation is no longer dimensionless. However, it is still useful in characterizing the performance of a compressor, provided the performance is assessed for a single machine using a single working fluid. The relationship portrayed in Eq. 10.54c is normally expressed in the form of a compressor operability map, as shown in Fig. 10.51. On this map we can see the compression ratio versus mass flow ratio ( $\dot{m} \sqrt{T_{0_1}} / p_{0_1}$ ), with curves of constant normalized speed ( $N / \sqrt{T_{0_1}}$ ) and efficiency. Often, the abscissa is a “corrected mass flow”:

$$\dot{m}_{corr} = \frac{\dot{m} \sqrt{T_{0_1} / T_{ref}}}{p_{0_1} / p_{ref}}$$

and the lines of constant compressor speed are a “corrected speed”:

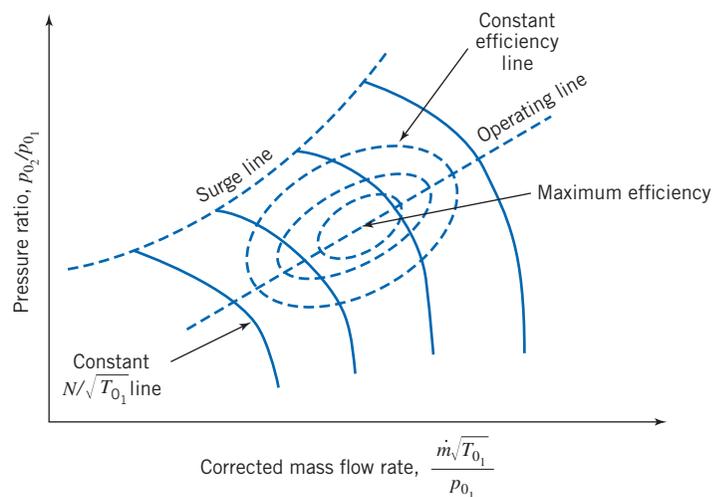
$$N_{corr} = \frac{N}{\sqrt{T_{0_1} / T_{ref}}}$$

In these expressions,  $T_{\text{ref}}$  and  $p_{\text{ref}}$  are reference pressure and temperature (usually standard conditions one would expect at the entrance of such a machine). This allows the user to read the chart quickly in terms of “real” physical quantities and to be able to make adjustments for varying entrance conditions with a minimum of calculation. The operating line is the locus of points of maximum efficiency for a given mass flow. It is important to note that the compressor operability map of Fig. 10.51 bears a striking resemblance to the pump operability map of Fig. 10.14. Not only do both figures show the performance of a turbomachine performing work on a fluid, but the data are plotted in a similar fashion; level curves of constant efficiency are plotted on a plane of work output (head for the pump, pressure ratio for the compressor) versus flow input (volumetric flow rate for the pump, mass flow rate for the compressor).

This figure shows two of the phenomena that must be avoided in the operation of a compressor. The first is *choking*, which is experienced when the local Mach number at some point in the compressor reaches unity.<sup>15</sup> To explain choking in a physical sense, imagine that we run the compressor at constant speed and constant inlet pressure and that we can directly control the compressor exit pressure. On the compressor map, we would be traveling along a line of constant normalized speed. If we were to lower the exit pressure, the pressure ratio would decrease. If the compressor speed remains constant, the mass flow increases. However, we see that the lines of constant normalized speed turn downward if the mass flow rate is increased beyond a certain value, indicating a maximum possible flow rate for a given rotor speed, and the compressor is choked. When choking occurs, it is impossible to increase mass flow without increasing rotor speed.

The second phenomenon is *surge*, which is a cyclic pulsation phenomenon that causes the mass flow rate through the machine to vary, and can even reverse it! Surge occurs when the pressure ratio in the compressor is raised beyond a certain level for a given mass flow rate. As pressure ratio increases, the adverse pressure gradient across the compressor increases as well. This increase in pressure gradient can cause boundary-layer separation on the rotor surfaces and constrict flow through the space between two adjacent blades.<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the extra flow gets diverted to the next channel between blades. The separation is relieved in the previous channel and moves to the next channel, causing the cyclic pulsation mentioned above. Surge is accompanied by loud noises and can damage the compressor or related components; it too must be avoided. Fig. 10.51 shows the *surge line*, the locus of operating conditions beyond which surge will occur.

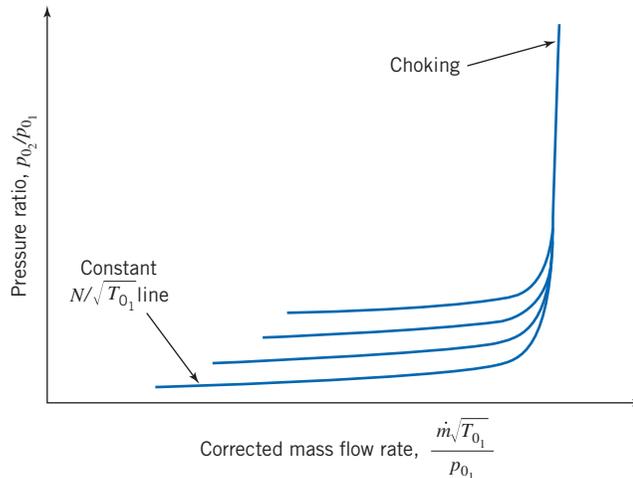
In general, as shown in Fig. 10.51, the higher the performance, the more narrow the range in which the compressor may be operated successfully. Thus a compressor must be carefully matched to its flow system to assure satisfactory operation. Compressor matching in natural gas pipeline applications is discussed by Vincent-Genod [51]. Perhaps the most common application of high-speed fluid machinery today is in automotive turbochargers (worldwide many millions of cars are sold each year with turbochargers). Automotive turbocharger matching is described in manufacturers’ literature [52].



**Fig. 10.51** Typical performance map for a compressor.

<sup>15</sup> Choking is also described from the standpoint of nozzle flow in Section 12.6.

<sup>16</sup> Boundary layer separation due to adverse pressure gradients is discussed in Section 9.5.



**Fig. 10.52** Typical performance map for a compressible flow turbine.

### Compressible-Flow Turbines

The flow through a gas turbine is governed by the same general relationship as the compressor, but the actual functional relationships are different. Figure 10.52 shows the performance map for a compressible flow turbine. As in the case for the compressor the turbine map shows lines of constant normalized speed on a graph of pressure ratio versus normalized mass flow rate. The most striking difference between this map and that for the compressor is that the performance is a very weak function of  $N/\sqrt{T_{01}}$ ; the curves are set very close together. The choking of the turbine flow is well-defined on this map: There is a normalized mass flow that cannot be exceeded in the turbine, regardless of the pressure ratio.

## 10.8 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter, we:

- ✓ Defined the two major types of fluid machines: positive displacement machines and turbomachines.
- ✓ Defined, within the turbomachine category, radial, axial, and mixed-flow types, pumps, fans, blowers, compressors, and impulse and reaction turbines.
- ✓ Discussed various features of turbomachines, such as impellers, rotors, runners, scrolls (volute), compressor stages, and draft tubes.
- ✓ Used the angular-momentum equation for a control volume to derive the Euler turbomachine equation.
- ✓ Drew velocity diagrams and applied the Euler turbomachine equation to the analysis of various idealized machines to derive ideal torque, head, and power.
- ✓ Evaluated the performance—head, power, and efficiency—of various actual machines from measured data.
- ✓ Defined and used dimensionless parameters to scale the performance of a fluid machine from one size, operating speed, and set of operating conditions to another.
- ✓ Discussed various defining parameters, such as pump efficiency, solidity, hydraulic power, mechanical power, turbine efficiency, shutoff head, shock loss, specific speed, cavitation, *NPSHR*, and *NPSHA*.
- ✓ Examined pumps for their compliance with the constraint that the net positive suction head available exceeds that required to avoid cavitation.
- ✓ Matched fluid machines for doing work on a fluid to pipe systems to obtain the operating point (flow rate and head).
- ✓ Predicted the effects of installing fluid machines in series and parallel on the operating point of a system.
- ✓ Discussed and analyzed turbomachines without housings, namely propellers and wind turbines.
- ✓ Discussed the use and performance of compressible flow turbomachines.

With these concepts and techniques, we learned how to use manufacturers' literature and other data to perform preliminary analyses and make appropriate selections of pumps, fans, hydraulic and wind turbines, and other fluid machines.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

### Useful Equations

Euler turbomachine equation:	$T_{\text{shaft}} = (r_2 V_{t_2} - r_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m}$	(10.1c)	Page 418
Turbomachine theoretical power:	$\dot{W}_m = (U_2 V_{t_2} - U_1 V_{t_1}) \dot{m}$	(10.2b)	Page 419
Turbomachine theoretical head:	$H = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{m}g} = \frac{1}{g}(U_2 V_{t_2} - U_1 V_{t_1})$	(10.2c)	Page 419
Pump power, head, and efficiency:	$\dot{W}_h = \rho Q g H_p$	(10.3a)	Page 422
	$H_p = \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{discharge}} - \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{suction}}$	(10.3b)	
	$\eta_p = \frac{\dot{W}_h}{\dot{W}_m} = \frac{\rho Q g H_p}{\omega T}$	(10.3c)	
Turbine power, head, and efficiency:	$\dot{W}_h = \rho Q g H_t$	(10.4a)	Page 422
	$H_t = \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{inlet}} - \left( \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z \right)_{\text{outlet}}$	(10.4b)	Page 423
	$\eta_t = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{W}_h} = \frac{\omega T}{\rho Q g H_t}$	(10.4c)	
Dimensionless flow coefficient:	$\Phi = \frac{Q}{A_2 U_2} = \frac{V_{n_2}}{U_2}$	(10.5)	Page 423
Dimensionless head coefficient:	$\Psi = \frac{gH}{U_2^2}$	(10.6)	Page 423
Dimensionless torque coefficient:	$\tau = \frac{T}{\rho A_2 U_2^2 R_2}$	(10.7)	Page 423
Dimensionless power coefficient:	$\Pi = \frac{\dot{W}}{\rho Q U_2^2} = \frac{\dot{W}}{\rho \omega^2 Q R_2^2}$	(10.8)	Page 424
Centrifugal pump specific speed (in terms of head $h$ ):	$N_S = \frac{\omega Q^{1/2}}{h^{3/4}}$	(7.22a)	Page 424
Centrifugal pump specific speed (in terms of head $H$ ):	$N_{S_{cu}} = \frac{N(\text{rpm})[Q(\text{gpm})]^{1/2}}{[H(\text{ft})]^{3/4}}$	(7.22b)	Page 424
Centrifugal turbine specific speed (in terms of head $h$ ):	$N_S = \frac{\omega}{h^{3/4}} \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho h} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\omega \mathcal{P}^{1/2}}{\rho^{1/2} h^{5/4}}$	(10.13a)	Page 425
Centrifugal turbine specific speed (in terms of head $H$ ):	$N_{S_{cu}} = \frac{N(\text{rpm})[\mathcal{P}(\text{hp})]^{1/2}}{[H(\text{ft})]^{5/4}}$	(10.13b)	Page 425

Table (Continued)

Axial-flow turbomachine ideal performance:	$T_{\text{shaft}} = R_m(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})\dot{m}$	(10.20)	Page 430
	$\dot{W}_m = U(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})\dot{m}$	(10.21)	
	$H = \frac{\dot{W}_m}{\dot{m}g} = \frac{U}{g}(V_{t_2} - V_{t_1})$	(10.22)	
Propeller thrust:	$F_T = qN \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R \frac{(C_L \cos \phi - C_D \sin \phi)}{\sin^2 \phi} c dr$	(10.38a)	Page 478
Propeller torque:	$T = qN \int_{R_{\text{hub}}}^R \frac{(C_L \sin \phi + C_D \cos \phi)}{\sin^2 \phi} r c dr$	(10.38b)	Page 478
Propeller speed of advance coefficient:	$J \equiv \frac{V}{nD}$	(10.39)	Page 479
Propeller thrust, torque, power, and efficiency coefficients:	$C_F = \frac{F_T}{\rho n^2 D^4}, \quad C_T = \frac{T}{\rho n^2 D^5},$ $C_P = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\rho n^3 D^5}, \quad \eta = \frac{F_T V}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{input}}}$	(10.40)	Page 479
Cavitation number:	$Ca = \frac{p - p_v}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2}$	(10.41)	Page 481
Actuator disk efficiency:	$\eta = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{KEF} = 4a(1-a)^2$	(10.45)	Page 484
Tip-speed ratio	$X = \frac{R\omega}{V}$	(10.46)	Page 484
VAWT efficiency:	$\eta_{L/D} = \frac{1 - C_{D,0} \left( \frac{2}{C_{D,0} AR} + \frac{4X^3}{1 + X^2} \right)}{1 + C_{D,0} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{3}{2C_{D,0} AR X^2} \right)}$	(10.50)	Page 488
	$\eta \approx \eta_{\text{act disk}} \eta_{L/D}$	(10.51)	Page 489
Energy equation for compressible flow turbomachine:	$\dot{W}_s = -(h_{0_2} - h_{0_1})\dot{m}$	(10.52b)	Page 591
Performance parameters for compressible flow turbomachine:	$\frac{p_{0_2}}{p_{0_1}}, \eta, \frac{\Delta T_0}{T_{0_1}} = f_3 \left( \frac{\dot{m} \sqrt{T_{0_1}}}{p_{0_1}}, \frac{N}{\sqrt{T_{0_1}}} \right)$	(10.54c)	Page 493

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# PROBLEMS

## Introduction and Classification of Fluid Machines; Turbomachinery Analysis

**10.1** The geometry of a centrifugal water pump is  $r_1 = 10$  cm,  $r_2 = 20$  cm,  $b_1 = b_2 = 4$  cm,  $\beta_1 = 30^\circ$ ,  $\beta_2 = 15^\circ$ , and it runs at speed 1600 rpm. Estimate the discharge required for axial entry, the power generated in the water in watts, and the head produced.

**10.2** Find the resulting  $\Pi$ -groups when (a)  $D$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $Q$  or (b)  $H$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $Q$  are the repeating variables in the analysis of a turbomachine where the relevant variables are  $P$ ,  $D$ ,  $N$ ,  $Q$ ,  $H$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\rho$ , and  $E$  (see Chapter 7). Discuss how to interpret each  $\Pi$  obtained.

**10.3** Consider the centrifugal pump impeller dimensions given in Example 10.1. Estimate the ideal head rise and mechanical power input if the outlet blade angle is changed to  $60^\circ$ ,  $70^\circ$ ,  $80^\circ$ , or  $85^\circ$ .

**10.4** Dimensions of a centrifugal pump impeller are

Parameter	Inlet, Section ①	Outlet, Section ②
Radius, $r$ (in.)	15	45
Blade width, $b$ (in.)	4.75	3.25
Blade angle, $\beta$ (deg)	40	60

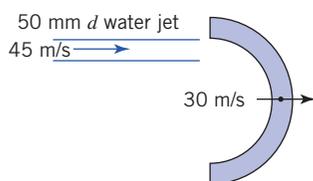
The pump is driven at 575 rpm and the fluid is water. Calculate the theoretical head and mechanical power if the flow rate is 80,000 gpm.

**10.5** Dimensions of a centrifugal pump impeller are

Parameter	Inlet, Section ①	Outlet, Section ②
Radius, $r$ (in.)	3	9.75
Blade width, $b$ (in.)	1.5	1.125
Blade angle, $\beta$ (deg)	60	70

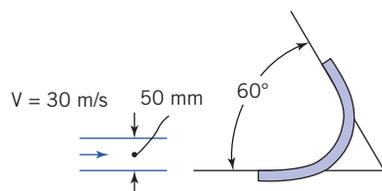
The pump is driven at 1250 rpm while pumping water. Calculate the theoretical head and mechanical power input if the flow rate is 1500 gpm.

**10.6** The blade is one of a series. Calculate the force exerted by the jet on the blade system.



P10.6

**10.7** This blade is one of a series. What force is required to move the series horizontally against the direction of the jet of water at a velocity of 15 m/s? What power is required to accomplish this motion?



P10.7

**10.8** A centrifugal water pump, with 15-cm-diameter impeller and axial inlet flow, is driven at 1750 rpm. The impeller vanes are backward curved ( $\beta_2 = 65^\circ$ ) and have axial width  $b_2 = 2$  cm. For a volume flow rate of  $225 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$  determine the theoretical head rise and power input to the pump.

**10.9** Consider the centrifugal pump impeller dimensions given in Example 10.1. Construct the velocity diagram for shockless flow at the impeller inlet, if  $b = \text{constant}$ . Calculate the effective flow angle with respect to the radial impeller blades for the case of no inlet swirl. Investigate the effects on flow angle of (a) variations in impeller width and (b) inlet swirl velocities.

**10.10** A centrifugal water pump designed to operate at 1300 rpm has dimensions

Parameter	Inlet	Outlet
Radius, $r$ (mm)	100	175
Blade width, $b$ (mm)	10	7.5
Blade angle, $\beta$ (deg)		40

Draw the inlet velocity diagram for a volume flow rate of 35 L/s. Determine the inlet blade angle for which the entering velocity has no tangential component. Draw the outlet velocity diagram. Determine the outlet absolute flow angle (measured relative to the normal direction). Evaluate the hydraulic power delivered by the pump if its efficiency is 75 percent. Determine the head developed by the pump.

**10.11** A series of blades, such as in Example 10.13, moving in the same direction as a water jet of 25 mm diameter and of velocity 46 m/s, deflects the jet  $75^\circ$  from its original direction. What relation between blade velocity and blade angle must exist to satisfy this condition? What is the force on the blade system?

**10.12** In passing through this blade system, the absolute jet velocity decreases from 41.5 to 22.5 m/s. If the flow rate is 57 L/s of water, calculate the power transferred to the blade system and the vertical force component exerted on the blade system.

**10.13** A centrifugal pump runs at 1750 rpm while pumping water at a rate of 50 L/s. The water enters axially, and leaves tangential to the impeller blades. The impeller exit diameter and width are 300 mm and 10 mm, respectively. If the pump requires 45 kW and is 75 percent efficient, estimate the exit angle of the impeller blades.

**10.14** A centrifugal water pump designed to operate at 1200 rpm has dimensions

Parameter	Inlet	Outlet
Radius, $r$ (mm)	90	150
Blade width, $b$ (mm)	10	7.5
Blade angle, $\beta$ (deg)	25	45

Determine the flow rate at which the entering velocity has no tangential component. Draw the outlet velocity diagram, and determine the outlet absolute flow angle measured relative to the normal direction at this flow rate. Evaluate the hydraulic power delivered by the pump if its efficiency is 70 percent. Determine the head developed by the pump.

**10.15** Kerosene is pumped by a centrifugal pump. When the flow rate is 350 gpm, the pump requires 18 hp input and its efficiency is 82 percent. Calculate the pressure rise produced by the pump. Express this result as (a) feet of water and (b) feet of kerosene.

**Pumps, Fans, and Blowers**

**10.16** In the water pump of Problem 10.8, the pump casing acts as a diffuser, which converts 60 percent of the absolute velocity head at the impeller outlet to static pressure rise. The head loss through the pump suction and discharge channels is 0.75 times the radial component of velocity head leaving the impeller. Estimate the volume flow rate, head rise, power input, and pump efficiency at the maximum efficiency point. Assume the torque to overcome bearing, seal, and spin losses is 10 percent of the ideal torque at  $Q=0.065 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

**10.17** Use data from Appendix C to choose points from the performance curves for a Peerless horizontal split case Type 16A18B pump at 705 and 880 nominal rpm. Obtain and plot curve-fits of total head versus delivery for this pump, with an 18.0-in.-diameter impeller.

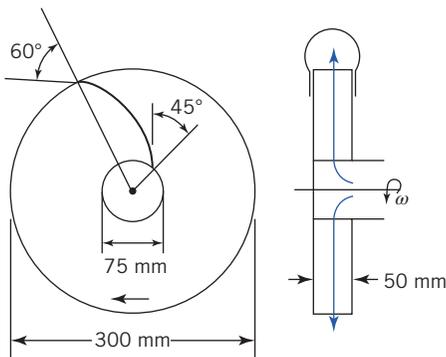
**10.18** Data from tests of a water suction pump operated at 2000 rpm with a 12-in.-diameter impeller are

Flow rate, $Q$ (cfm)	36	50	74	88	125
Total head, $H$ (ft)	190	195	176	162	120
Power input, $\mathcal{P}$ (hp)	25	30	35	40	46

Plot the performance curves for this pump; include a curve of efficiency versus volume flow rate. Locate the best efficiency point and specify the pump rating at this point.

**10.19** A centrifugal pump impeller having  $r_1 = 50 \text{ mm}$ ,  $r_2 = 150 \text{ mm}$ , and width  $b = 3.75 \text{ mm}$  is to pump 225 L/s of water and supply 12.2 J of energy to each newton of fluid. The impeller rotates at 1000 rpm. What blade angles are required? What power is required to drive this pump? Assume radial flow at the inlet of the impeller.

**10.20** A centrifugal pump impeller having dimensions and angles as shown rotates at 500 rpm. Assuming a radial direction of velocity at the blade entrance, calculate the flow rate, the pressure difference between inlet and outlet of blades, and the torque and power required to meet these conditions.



**P10.20**

**10.21** An axial-flow fan operates in sea-level air at 1350 rpm and has a blade tip diameter of 3 ft and a root diameter of 2.5 ft. The

inlet angles are  $\alpha_1 = 55^\circ, \beta_1 = 30^\circ$ , and at the exit  $\beta_2 = 60^\circ$ . Estimate the volumetric flow rate, horsepower, and the outlet angle,  $\alpha_2$ .

**10.22** Data measured during tests of a centrifugal pump driven at 3000 rpm are

Parameter	Inlet, Section ①	Outlet, Section ②
Gage pressure, $p$ (psi)	12.5	
Elevation above datum, $z$ (ft)	6.5	32.5
Average speed of flow, $\bar{V}$ (ft/s)	6.5	15

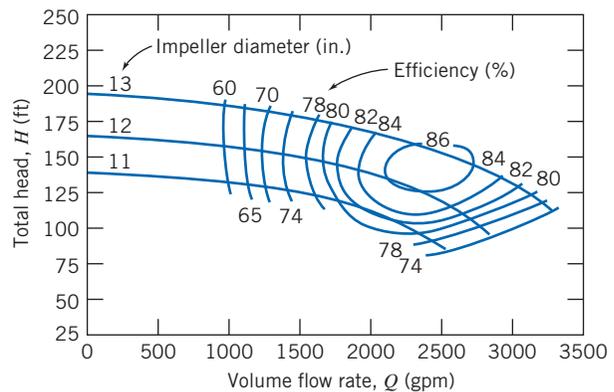
The flow rate is 65 gpm and the torque applied to the pump shaft is 4.75 lbf · ft. The pump efficiency is 75 percent, and the electric motor efficiency is 85 percent. Find (a) the electric power required and (b) the gage pressure at section ②.

**10.23** A small centrifugal pump, when tested at  $N = 2875 \text{ rpm}$  with water, delivered  $Q = 0.016 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and  $H = 40 \text{ m}$  at its best efficiency point ( $\eta = 0.70$ ). Determine the specific speed of the pump at this test condition. Sketch the impeller shape you expect. Compute the required power input to the pump.

**10.24** If the impeller of Problem 10.20 rotates between horizontal planes of infinite extent and the flow rate is 25 L/s, what rise of pressure may be expected between one point having  $r = 150 \text{ mm}$  and another having  $r = 225 \text{ mm}$ ?

**10.25** At the outlet of a pump impeller of diameter 0.6 m and width 150 mm, the absolute velocity is observed to be 30 m/s at an angle of  $60^\circ$  with a radial line. Calculate the torque exerted on the impeller.

**10.26** Typical performance curves for a centrifugal pump, tested with three different impeller diameters in a single casing, are shown. Specify the flow rate and head produced by the pump at its best efficiency point with a 12-in.-diameter impeller. Scale these data to predict the performance of this pump when tested with 11-in. and 13-in.-diameter impellers. Comment on the accuracy of the scaling procedure.

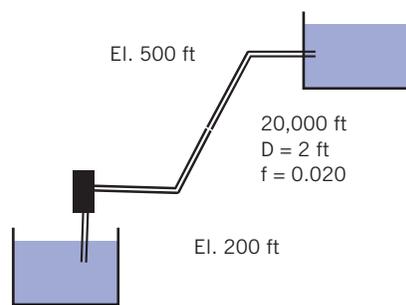


**P10.26**

**10.27** A pump with  $D = 500 \text{ mm}$  delivers  $Q = 0.725 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water at  $H = 10 \text{ m}$  at its best efficiency point. If the specific speed of the pump is 1.74, and the required input power is 90 kW, determine the shutoff head,  $H_0$ , and best efficiency,  $\eta$ . What type of pump is this? If the pump is now run at 900 rpm, by scaling the performance curve, estimate the new flow rate, head, shutoff head, and required power.

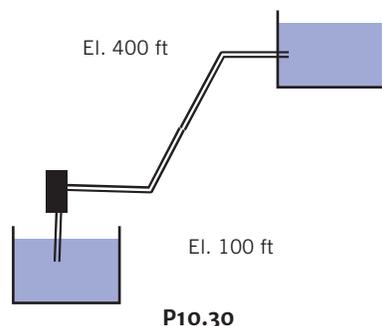
**10.28** At its best efficiency point ( $\eta = 0.87$ ), a mixed-flow pump, with  $D = 16$  in., delivers  $Q = 2500$  cfm of water at  $H = 140$  ft when operating at  $N = 1350$  rpm. Calculate the specific speed of this pump. Estimate the required power input. Determine the curve-fit parameters of the pump performance curve based on the shutoff point and the best efficiency point. Scale the performance curve to estimate the flow, head, efficiency, and power input required to run the same pump at 820 rpm.

**10.29** Using the performance curves in Appendix C, select the smallest diameter Peerless 8AE20G pump operating at 1770 rpm that will deliver a flow of at least 2000 gpm for the pipeline shown. Determine the actual flow rate and the pump electrical power requirement.



**10.30** A pump (Peerless 8AE20G, Appendix C) operates at 1775 rpm and has the 20-in. inch impeller. It supplies the pipe-line below while operating at maximum efficiency. Find the pipeline loss coefficient  $K$  in the equation  $h_L = KQ^2$ , with  $Q$  in gpm, for this condition. Neglect local losses.

If two of these pumps operate in parallel, what is the flow rate between the two reservoirs? Assume the pipeline  $K$  value remains unchanged.



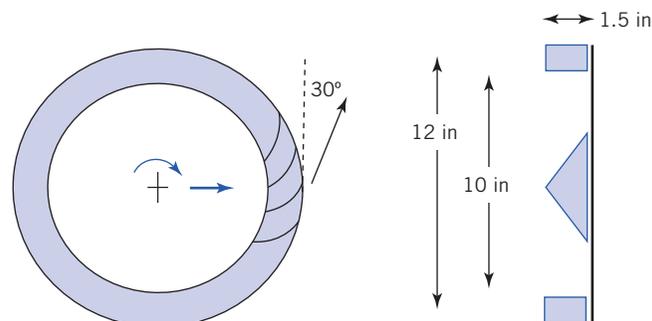
**10.31** A pumping system must be specified for a lift station at a wastewater treatment facility. The average flow rate is 110 million liters per day and the required lift is 10 m. Non-clogging impellers must be used; about 65 percent efficiency is expected. For convenient installation, electric motors of 37.5 kW or less are desired. Determine the number of motor/pump units needed and recommend an appropriate operating speed.

**10.32** A centrifugal water pump operates at 1750 rpm; the impeller has backward-curved vanes with  $\beta_2 = 60^\circ$  and  $b_2 = 1.25$  cm. At a flow rate of  $0.025$  m<sup>3</sup>/s, the radial outlet velocity is  $V_{n_2} = 3.5$  m/s. Estimate the head this pump could deliver at 1150 rpm.

**10.33** A set of eight 30-kW motor-pump units is used to deliver water through an elevation of 30 m. The efficiency of the pumps

is specified to be 65 percent. Estimate the delivery in liters per day and select an appropriate operating speed.

**10.34** A blower has a rotor with 12-in. outside diameter and 10-in. inside diameter with 1.5-in high rotor blades. The flow rate through the blower is 500 ft<sup>3</sup>/min at a rotor speed of 1800 rpm. The air at blade inlet is in the radial direction and the discharge angle is  $30^\circ$  from the tangential direction. Determine the power required by the blower motor.



**10.35** A centrifugal water pump has an impeller with an outer diameter of 14 in. and a blade height of 1 in. It rotates at 1200 rpm. The flow enters parallel to the axis of rotation and leaves at an angle of  $35^\circ$  with an absolute exit velocity of 75 ft/s. Determine the water flow rate, the torque, the horsepower required, and the pressure rise.

**10.36** Appendix C contains area bound curves for pump model selection and performance curves for individual pump models. Use these data to verify the similarity rules for a Peerless Type 4AE12 pump, with impeller diameter  $D = 11.0$  in., operated at 1750 and 3550 nominal rpm.

**10.37** Consider the Peerless Type 16A18B horizontal split case centrifugal pump (Appendix C). Use these performance data to verify the similarity rules for (a) impeller diameter change and (b) operating speeds of 705 and 880 rpm (note the scale change between speeds).

**10.38** Use data from Appendix C to verify the similarity rules for the effect of changing the impeller diameter of a Peerless Type 4AE12 pump operated at 1750 and 3550 nominal rpm.

**10.39** A centrifugal water pump has an impeller with backward-curved vanes and an inner diameter of 0.1 m, an outer diameter of 0.25 m, and a blade height of 4 cm. It operates at 1200 rpm. Water enters the impeller at the blade angle of  $50^\circ$  and leaves at the blade angle of  $30^\circ$ . The volume flow rate is  $0.18$  m<sup>3</sup>/s. Determine the shaft torque and power. Determine the pressure rise when the fluid velocity leaving the pump diffuser is the same as that entering.

**10.40** Catalog data for a centrifugal water pump at design conditions are  $Q = 250$  gpm and  $\Delta p = 18.6$  psi at 1750 rpm. A laboratory flume requires 200 gpm at 32 ft of head. The only motor available develops 3 hp at 1750 rpm. Is this motor suitable for the laboratory flume? How might the pump/motor match be improved?

**10.41** A 1/3 scale model of a centrifugal water pump running at  $N_m = 5100$  rpm produces a flow rate of  $Q_m = 1$  m<sup>3</sup>/s with a head of  $H_m = 5.4$  m. Assuming the model and prototype efficiencies are comparable, estimate the flow rate, head, and power requirement if the design speed is 125 rpm.

**10.42** Sometimes the variation of water viscosity with temperature can be used to achieve dynamic similarity. A model pump delivers  $0.10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water at  $15^\circ\text{C}$  against a head of 27 m, when operating at 3600 rpm. Determine the water temperature that must be used to obtain dynamically similar operation at 1800 rpm. Estimate the volume flow rate and head produced by the pump at the lower-speed test condition. Comment on the *NPSH* requirements for the two tests.

**10.43** A large deep fryer at a snack-food plant contains hot oil that is circulated through a heat exchanger by pumps. Solid particles and water droplets coming from the food product are observed in the flowing oil. What special factors must be considered in specifying the operating conditions for the pumps?

 **10.44** Data from tests of a pump, with a 12.3-in.-diameter impeller operated at 1450 rpm are

Flow rate, $Q$ (cfm)	20	40	60	80	100	120	140
Net positive suction head required, <i>NPSHR</i> (ft)	7.1	8.0	8.9	10.3	11.8	12.3	16.9

Develop and plot a curve-fit equation for *NPSHR* versus volume flow rate in the form  $NPSHR = a + bQ^2$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. If the  $NPSHA = 20$  ft, estimate the maximum allowable flow rate of this pump.

**10.45** A four-stage boiler feed pump has suction and discharge lines of 10 cm and 7.5 cm inside diameter. At 3500 rpm, the pump is rated at  $0.025 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  against a head of 125 m while handling water at  $115^\circ\text{C}$ . The inlet pressure gage, located 50 cm below the impeller centerline, reads 150 kPa. The pump is to be factory certified by tests at the same flow rate, head rise, and speed, but using water at  $27^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the *NPSHA* at the pump inlet in the field installation. Evaluate the suction head that must be used in the factory test to duplicate field suction conditions.

**10.46** A centrifugal pump operating at  $N = 2265$  rpm lifts water between two reservoirs connected by 300 ft of 6-in.-diameter and 100 ft of 3-in.-diameter cast-iron pipe in series. The gravity lift is 25 ft. Estimate the head requirement, power needed, and hourly cost of electrical energy to pump water at 200 gpm to the higher reservoir. Assume that electricity costs  $12\text{¢}/\text{kW}\cdot\text{hr}$  and that the electric motor efficiency is 85 percent.

 **10.47** A centrifugal pump is installed in a piping system with  $L = 300$  m of  $D = 40$  cm cast-iron pipe. The downstream reservoir surface is 15 m lower than the upstream reservoir. Determine and plot the system head curve. Find the volume flow rate (magnitude and direction) through the system when the pump is not operating. Estimate the friction loss, power requirement, and hourly energy cost to pump water at  $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  through this system.

 **10.48** Part of the water supply for the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is taken from the Colorado River [54]. A flow rate of 600 gpm taken from the river at elevation 3734 ft is pumped to a storage tank atop the South Rim at 7022 ft elevation. Part of the pipeline is above ground and part is in a hole directionally drilled at angles up to  $70^\circ$  from the vertical; the total pipe length is approximately 13,200 ft.

Under steady-flow operating conditions, the frictional head loss is 290 ft of water in addition to the static lift. Estimate the diameter of the commercial steel pipe in the system. Compute the pumping power requirement if the pump efficiency is 61 percent.

**10.49** A pump transfers water from one reservoir to another through two cast-iron pipes in series. The first is 3000 ft of 9-in.-diameter pipe and the second is 1000 ft of 6-in.-diameter pipe. A constant flow rate of 75 gpm is tapped off at the junction between the two pipes. Obtain and plot the system head versus flow rate curve. Find the delivery if the system is supplied by the pump of Example 10.6 operating at 1750 rpm.

**10.50** Performance data for a pump are 

$H$ (ft)	179	176	165	145	119	84	43
$Q$ (gpm)	0	500	1000	1500	2000	2500	3000

Estimate the delivery when the pump is used to move water between two open reservoirs through 1200 ft of 12-in.-diameter commercial steel pipe containing two  $90^\circ$  elbows and an open gate valve if the elevation increase is 50 ft. Determine the gate valve loss coefficient needed to reduce the volume flow rate by half.

**10.51** Consider the pump and piping system of Problem 10.50. Determine the volume flow rate and gate valve loss coefficient for the case of two identical pumps installed in *parallel*. 

**10.52** Consider the pump and piping system of Problem 10.51. Estimate the percentage reductions in volume flow rate that occur after (a) 20 years and (b) 40 years of use, if the pump characteristics remain constant. Repeat the calculation if the pump head is reduced 10 percent after 20 years of use and 25 percent after 40 years. Use the data in the table below for the effect of age on the multiplier of the friction factor. 

Pipe Age (years)	Small Pipes, 4–10 in.	Large Pipes, 12–60 in.
New	1.00	1.00
10	2.20	1.60
20	5.00	2.00
30	7.25	2.20
40	8.75	2.40
50	9.60	2.86
60	10.0	3.70
70	10.1	4.70

**10.53** Consider the flow system shown in Problem 8.94. Assume the minimum *NPSHR* at the pump inlet is 15 ft of water. Select a pump appropriate for this application. Use the data for increase in friction factor with pipe age given in Problem 10.52 to determine and compare the system flow rate after 10 years of operation. 

**10.54** A fire nozzle is supplied through 300 ft of 3-in.-diameter canvas hose with  $e = 0.001$  ft. Water from a hydrant is supplied at 50 psig to a booster pump on board the pumper truck. At design operating conditions, the pressure at the nozzle inlet is 100 psig and the pressure drop along the hose is 33 psi per 100 ft of length. Calculate the design flow rate and the maximum nozzle exit speed. Select a pump

appropriate for this application, determine its efficiency at this operating condition, and calculate the power required to drive the pump.

**10.55** Manufacturer's data for a submersible utility pump are

<b>Discharge height (ft)</b>	0.3	0.7	1.5	3.0	4.5	6.0	8.0
<b>Water flow rate (L/min)</b>	77.2	75	71	61	51	26	0

The owner's manual also states, "Note: These ratings are based on discharge into 25-mm-diameter pipe with friction loss neglected. Using 20-mm-diameter garden hose adaptor, performance will be reduced approximately 15 percent." Plot a performance curve for the pump. Develop a curve-fit equation for the performance curve; show the curve-fit on the plot. Calculate and plot the pump delivery versus discharge height through a 15-m length of smooth 20-mm-diameter garden hose. Compare with the curve for delivery into 25-mm-diameter pipe.

**10.56** Water is pumped from a lake at  $z=0$  to a large storage tank located on a bluff above the lake. The pipe is 3-in.-diameter galvanized iron. The inlet section between the lake and the pump includes one rounded inlet, one standard 90° elbow, and 50 ft of pipe. The discharge section between the pump outlet and the discharge to the open tank includes two standard 90° elbows, one gate valve, and 150 ft of pipe. The pipe discharge into the side of the tank is at  $z=70$  ft. Calculate the system flow curve. Estimate the system operating point. Determine the power input to the pump if its efficiency at the operating point is 80 percent. Sketch the system curve when the water level in the upper tank reaches  $z=90$  ft. If the water level in the upper tank is at  $z=75$  ft and the valve is partially closed to reduce the flow rate to  $0.1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ , sketch the system curve for this operating condition. Would you expect the pump efficiency to be higher for the first or second operating condition? Why?

**10.57** Performance data for a centrifugal fan of 3-ft diameter tested at 750 rpm are

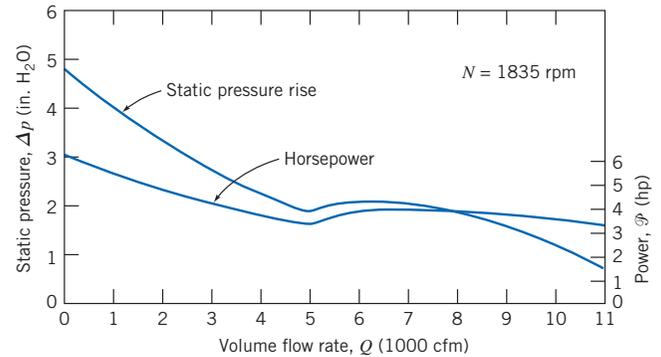
<b>Volume flow rate, <math>Q</math> (<math>\text{ft}^3/\text{s}</math>)</b>	106	141	176	211	246	282
<b>Static pressure rise, <math>\Delta p</math> (psi)</b>	0.075	0.073	0.064	0.050	0.033	0.016
<b>Power output, <math>\mathcal{P}</math> (hp)</b>	2.75	3.18	3.50	3.51	3.50	3.22

Plot the performance data versus volume flow rate. Calculate static efficiency, and show the curve on the plot. Find the best efficiency point, and specify the fan rating at this point.

**10.58** The performance data of Problem 10.57 are for a 36-in.-diameter fan wheel. The fan also is manufactured with 42-, 48-, 54-, and 60-in.-diameter wheels. Pick a standard fan to deliver  $600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  against a 1-in. water static pressure rise. Determine the required fan speed and input power required.

**10.59** Performance characteristics of a Howden Buffalo axial flow fan are presented below. The fan is used to power a wind tunnel with 1-ft-square test section. The tunnel consists of a smooth inlet contraction, two screens each with loss coefficient  $K=0.12$ , the test section, and a diffuser where the cross section is expanded to 24-in.-diameter at the fan inlet. Flow from the fan is discharged back to the room.

Calculate and plot the system characteristic curve of pressure loss versus volume flow rate. Estimate the maximum air flow speed available in this wind tunnel test section.



**P10.59**

**10.60** Experimental test data for an aircraft engine fuel pump are presented below. This gear pump is required to supply jet fuel at 450 pounds per hour and 150 psig to the engine fuel controller. Tests were conducted at 10, 96, and 100 percent of the rated pump speed of 4536 rpm. At each constant speed, the back pressure on the pump was set, and the flow rate was measured. On one graph, plot curves of pressure versus delivery at the three constant speeds. Estimate the pump displacement volume per revolution. Calculate the volumetric efficiency at each test point and sketch contours of constant  $\eta_v$ . Evaluate the energy loss caused by valve throttling at 100 percent speed and full delivery to the engine.

Pump Speed (rpm)	Back Pressure (psig)	Fuel Flow (pph*)	Pump Speed (rpm)	Back Pressure (psig)	Fuel Flow (pph)	Pump Speed (rpm)	Back Pressure (psig)	Fuel Flow (pph)
	200	1810		200	1730		200	89
4536 (100%)	300	1810	4355 (96%)	400	1735	453 (10%)	300	58.5
	500	1790		500	1720		350	45
	900	1720		900	1635		400	30

\* Fuel flow rate measured in pounds per hour (pph).

### Hydraulic Turbines

**10.61** Preliminary calculations for a hydroelectric power generation site show a net head of 2350 ft is available at a water flow rate of  $75 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ . Compare the geometry and efficiency of Pelton wheels designed to run at (a) 450 rpm and (b) 600 rpm.

**10.62** Conditions at the inlet to the nozzle of a Pelton wheel are  $p=700$  psig and  $V=15$  mph. The jet diameter is  $d=7.5$  in. and the nozzle loss coefficient is  $K_{\text{nozzle}}=0.04$ . The wheel diameter is  $D=8$  ft. At this operating condition,  $\eta=0.86$ . Calculate (a) the power output, (b) the normal operating speed, (c) the approximate runaway speed, (d) the torque at normal operating speed, and (e) the approximate torque at zero speed.

**10.63** A Francis turbine is to operate under a head of 46 m and deliver 18.6 MW while running at 150 rpm. The runner diameter is 4 m. A 1-m-diameter model is operated in a laboratory under the same head. Find the model speed, power, and flow rate.

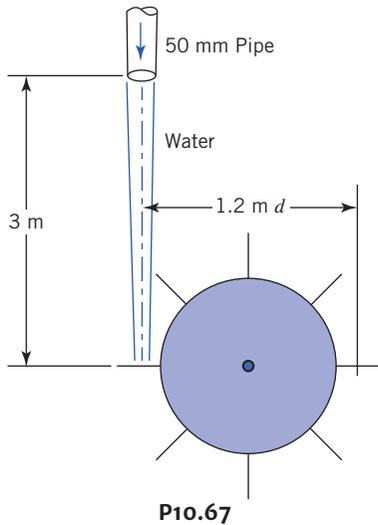
**10.64** A Kaplan (propeller with variable-pitch blades) turbine with a rated capacity of 83 MW at a head of 24 m and 86 rpm was one

of 14 units installed at the McNary project on the Columbia River. The characteristic runner diameter is 7 m. If a 6-m head is available in the laboratory, what should be the model scale, flow rate, and rpm?

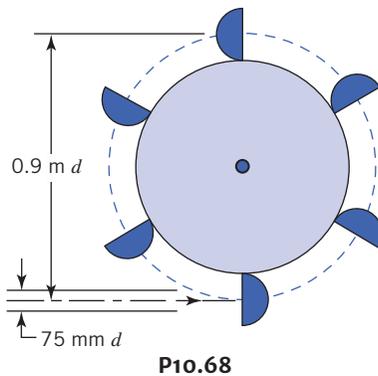
**10.65** Francis turbine Units 19, 20, and 21, installed at the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River, are *very* large [55]. Each runner is 32.6 ft in diameter and contains 550 tons of cast steel. At rated conditions, each turbine develops 820,000 hp at 72 rpm under 285 ft of head. Efficiency is nearly 95 percent at rated conditions. The turbines operate at heads from 220 to 355 ft. Calculate the specific speed at rated operating conditions. Estimate the maximum water flow rate through each turbine.

**10.66** Measured data for performance of the reaction turbines at Shasta Dam near Redding, California, are shown in Fig. 10.38. Each turbine is rated at 103,000 hp when operating at 138.6 rpm under a net head of 380 ft. Evaluate the specific speed and compute the shaft torque developed by each turbine at rated operating conditions. Calculate and plot the water flow rate per turbine required to produce rated output power as a function of head.

**10.67** For a flow rate of 12 L/s and turbine speed of 65 rpm, estimate the power transferred from jet to turbine wheel.



**10.68** The velocity of the water jet driving this impulse turbine is 45 m/s. The jet has a 75-mm diameter. After leaving the buckets the absolute velocity of the water is observed to be 15 m/s in a direction 60° to that of the original jet. Calculate the mean tangential force exerted by the jet on the turbine wheel and the speed (rpm) of the wheel.



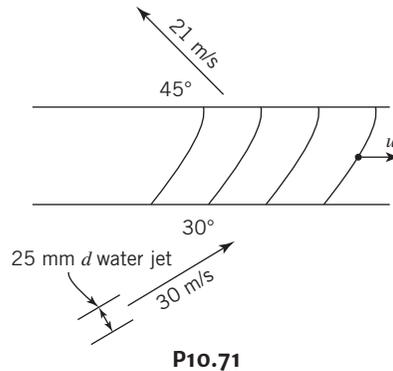
**10.69** An impulse turbine is to develop 15 MW from a single wheel at a location where the net head is 350 m. Determine the appropriate speed, wheel diameter, and jet diameter for single- and multiple-jet operation. Compare with a double-overhung wheel installation. Estimate the required water consumption.

**10.70** An impulse turbine under a net head of 33 ft was tested at a variety of speeds. The flow rate and the brake force needed to set the impeller speed were recorded:

Wheel Speed (rpm)	Flow Rate (cfm)	Brake Force (lbf) (R = 0.5 ft)
0	7.74	2.63
1000	7.74	2.40
1500	7.74	2.22
1900	7.44	1.91
2200	7.02	1.45
2350	5.64	0.87
2600	4.62	0.34
2700	4.08	0.09

Calculate and plot the machine power output and efficiency as a function of water turbine speed.

**10.71** The absolute velocities and directions of the jets entering and leaving the blade system are as shown. Calculate the power transferred from the jet to the blade system and the blade angles required.



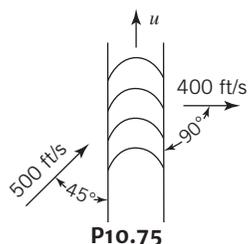
**10.72** A small hydraulic impulse turbine is supplied with water through a penstock with diameter  $D$  and length  $L$ ; the jet diameter is  $d$ . The elevation difference between the reservoir surface and nozzle centerline is  $Z$ . The nozzle head loss coefficient is  $K_{nozzle}$  and the loss coefficient from the reservoir to the penstock entrance is  $K_{entrance}$ . Determine the water jet speed, the volume flow rate, and the hydraulic power of the jet, for the case where  $Z = 300$  ft,  $L = 1000$  ft  $D = 6$  in.,  $K_{entrance} = 0.5$ ,  $K_{nozzle} = 0.04$  and  $d = 2$  in., if the pipe is made from commercial steel. Plot the jet power as a function of jet diameter to determine the optimum jet diameter and the resulting hydraulic power of the jet. Comment on the effects of varying the loss coefficients and pipe roughness.

### Propellers and Wind-Power Machines

**10.73** A fanboat in the Florida Everglades is powered by a propeller with  $D = 1.5$  m driven at maximum speed,  $N = 1800$  rpm, by a 125 kW engine. Estimate the maximum thrust produced by the propeller at (a) standstill and (b)  $V = 12.5$  m/s.

**10.74** A jet-propelled aircraft traveling at 225 m/s takes in 50 kg/s of air. If the propulsive efficiency (defined as the ratio of the useful work output to the mechanical energy input to the fluid) of the aircraft is 45 percent, determine the speed at which the exhaust is discharged relative to the aircraft.

**10.75** When an air jet of 1-in.-diameter strikes a series of blades on a turbine rotor, the absolute velocities are as shown. If the air is assumed to have a constant specific weight of 0.08 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>, what is the force on the turbine rotor? How much horsepower is transferred to the rotor? What must be the velocity of the blade system?



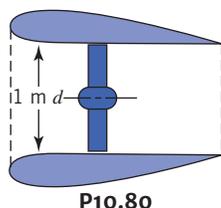
**10.76** The volume flow rate through the propeller of an airboat (a boat driven by a propeller moving air) is 50m<sup>3</sup>/s. When the boat is docked, the speed of the slipstream behind the propeller at a location where the flow has returned atmospheric pressure is 40 m/s. Determine (a) the propeller diameter, (b) the thrust produced when the boat is docked, (c) the thrust produced at the same flow rate when the airboat is moving ahead at 15 m/s, and (d) the maximum speed of the boat.

**10.77** The propeller for the Gossamer Condor human-powered aircraft has  $D = 12$  ft and rotates at  $N = 107$  rpm. The wing loading is 0.4 lbf/ft<sup>2</sup> of wing area, the drag is approximately 6 lbf at 12 mph, the total weight is 200 lbf, and the effective aspect ratio is 17. Estimate the dimensionless performance characteristics and efficiency of this propeller at cruise conditions. Assume the pilot expends 70 percent of maximum power at cruise. (See Reference [56] for more information on human-powered flight.)

**10.78** A typical American multiblade farm windmill has  $D = 7$  ft and is designed to produce maximum power in winds with  $V = 15$  mph. Estimate the rate of water delivery as a function of the height to which the water is pumped.

**10.79** An airplane flies at 200 km/h through still air of specific weight 12 N/m<sup>3</sup>. The propeller is 2.4 m in diameter and its slipstream has a velocity of 290 km/h relative to the fuselage. Calculate (a) the propeller efficiency, (b) the velocity through the plane of the propeller, (c) the power input, (d) the power output, (e) the thrust of the propeller, and (f) the pressure difference across the propeller disk.

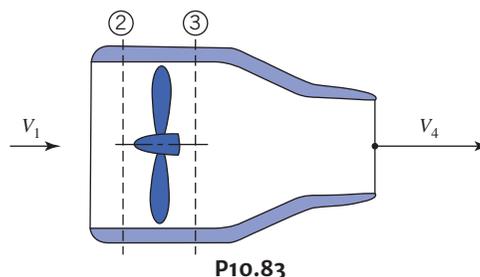
**10.80** This ducted propeller unit drives a ship through still water at a speed of 4.5 m/s. Within the duct the mean velocity of the water relative to the unit is 15 m/s. Calculate the propulsive force produced by the unit. Calculate the force exerted on the fluid by the propeller. Account for the difference between these forces.



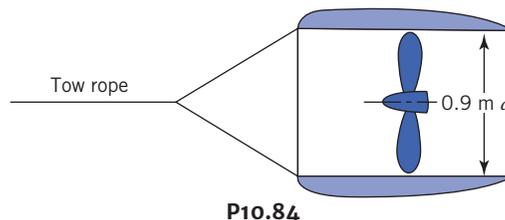
**10.81** A model of an American multiblade farm windmill is to be built for display. The model, with  $D = 1$  m, is to develop full power at  $V = 10$  m/s wind speed. Calculate the angular speed of the model for optimum power generation. Estimate the power output.

**10.82** A large Darrieus vertical axis wind turbine was built by the U.S. Department of Energy near Sandia, New Mexico [48]. This machine is 18 m tall and has a 5-m radius; the area swept by the rotor is over 110 m<sup>2</sup>. If the rotor is constrained to rotate at 70 rpm, plot the power this wind turbine can produce in kilowatts for wind speeds between 5 and 50 knots.

**10.83** Show that this ducted propeller system when moving forward at velocity  $V_1$  will have an efficiency given by  $2V_1/(V_4 + V_1)$ . If for a specific design and point of operation,  $V_2/V_1 = 9/4$  and  $V_4/V_2 = 5/4$ , what fraction of the propulsive force will be contributed (a) by the propeller, and, (b) by the duct?



**10.84** This ducted propeller unit (now operating as a turbine) is towed through still water at a speed of 7.5 m/s. Calculate the maximum power that the propeller can develop. Neglect all friction effects.



**10.85** Aluminum extrusions, patterned after NACA symmetric airfoil sections, frequently are used to form Darrieus wind turbine “blades.” Below are section lift and drag coefficient data [57] for a NACA 0012 section tested at  $Re = 6 \times 10^6$  with standard roughness. The section stalled for  $\alpha > 12^\circ$ :

Angle of attack, $\alpha$ (deg)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Lift coefficient, $C_L$ (—)	0	0.23	0.45	0.68	0.82	0.94	1.02
Drag coefficient, $C_D$ (—)	0.0098	0.0100	0.0119	0.0147	0.0194	—	—

Analyze the air flow relative to a blade element of a Darrieus wind turbine rotating about its troposkien axis. Develop a numerical model for the blade element. Calculate the power coefficient developed by

the blade element as a function of tip-speed ratio. Compare your result with the general trend of power output for Darrieus rotors shown in Fig. 10.49.

**10.86** What is the maximum power that can be expected from a windmill 30 m in diameter in a wind of 50 km/h? Assume air density  $1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

**10.87** If an ideal windmill is operating at best efficiency in a wind of 48 km/h, what is the velocity through the disk and at some distance behind the windmill? What is the thrust on this windmill, assuming a diameter of 60 m and an air density of  $1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ? What are the mean pressures just ahead of and directly behind the windmill disk?

### Compressible-Flow Turbomachines

**10.88** A prototype air compressor with a compression ratio of 7 is designed to take  $8.9 \text{ kg/s}$  air at 1 atmosphere and  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . The design point speed, power requirement, and efficiency are 600 rpm, 5.6 MW, and 80 percent, respectively. A 1:5-scale model of the

prototype is built to help determine operability for the prototype. If the model takes in air at identical conditions to the prototype design point, what will the mass flow and power requirement be for operation at 80 percent efficiency?

**10.89** A compressor has been designed for entrance conditions of 14.7 psia and  $70^\circ\text{F}$ . To economize on the power required, it is being tested with a throttle in the entry duct to reduce the entry pressure. The characteristic curve for its normal design speed of 3200 rpm is to be obtained on a day when the ambient temperature is  $58^\circ\text{F}$ . At what speed should the compressor be run? At the point on the characteristic curve at which the mass flow would normally be  $125 \text{ lbm/s}$ , the entry pressure is 8.0 psia. Calculate the actual mass flow rate during the test.

**10.90** We have seen many examples in Chapter 7 of replacing working fluids in order to more easily achieve similitude between models and prototypes. Describe the effects of testing an air compressor using helium as the working fluid on the dimensionless and dimensional parameters we have discussed for compressible flow machines.

## CHAPTER 11

# Flow in Open Channels

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### Case Study

Many flows of liquids in engineering and in nature occur with a free surface. An example of a human-made channel that carries water is shown in the photograph. This is a view of the 190-mile-long Hayden-Rhodes Aqueduct, which is part of the Central Arizona Project (CAP). The CAP is a 336-mile (541 km) diversion canal used to redirect water from the Colorado River into central and southern Arizona. The CAP originates in Lake Havasu on the western border of Arizona, travels through the Phoenix area, and terminates in the San Xavier Indian Reservation southwest of Tucson. It is designed to carry about 1.5 million acre-feet of Colorado River water per year, making it the largest

single resource of renewable water supplies in the state of Arizona.

The design of the CAP involved many of the engineering principles we will study in this chapter. Because of the large flow rate of water, the aqueduct was designed as an open channel with a trapezoidal cross section that provided the smallest channel for the desired flow rate. Gravity is the driving force for the flow, and the land was graded to give the correct slope to the channel for the flow. As Lake Havasu is nearly 3000 feet below the terminus, the final aqueduct design included 15 pumping stations, eight inverted siphons, and three tunnels.



Aqueduct, Central Arizona Project (© Robert Shantz/Alamy)

Aqueduct, Central Arizona Project.

Free surface flows differ in several important respects from the flows in closed conduits that we studied in Chapter 8. Familiar examples where the free surface of a water flow is at atmospheric pressure include flows in rivers, aqueducts, irrigation canals, rooftop or street gutters, and drainage ditches. Human-made channels, termed aqueducts, encompass many different types, such as canals, flumes, and culverts. A canal usually is below ground level and may be unlined or lined. Canals generally are long and of very mild slope; they are used to carry irrigation or storm water or for navigation. A flume usually is built above ground level to carry water across a depression. A culvert, which usually is designed to flow only part-full, is a short covered channel used to drain water under a highway or railroad embankment.

Figure 11.1 illustrates a typical example of water flowing in an open channel. The channel, often called an aqueduct, carries water from a source, such as a lake, across the Earth's surface to where the



**Fig. 11.1** A typical example of an open-channel flow of water; located in California's Central Valley with supply pipes visible in background.

water is needed, often for crop irrigation or as a water supply for a city. As you can see in this photograph, the channel is relatively wide with sloped sides and has a gradual slope that allows the water to proceed downhill. Water enters this aqueduct through large corrugated pipes from a higher elevation; the pipes are used because the slope of the hillside is too steep for an open channel. The structure at the entrance to the aqueduct could be a low head turbine that extracts power from the flowing water.

In this chapter we will introduce some of the basic concepts in open-channel flows. These flows are covered in much more detail in a number of specialized texts [1–8]. We will use the control volume concepts from Chapter 4 to develop the basic theory that describes the behavior and classification of flows in natural and human-made channels. We shall consider:

- *Flows for which the local effects of area change predominate and frictional forces may be neglected.* An example is flow over a bump or depression, over the short length of which friction is negligible.
- *Flow with an abrupt change in depth.* This occurs during a hydraulic jump in which the water flow goes from fast and shallow to slow and deep in a very short distance (see Fig 11.12).
- *Flow at what is called normal depth.* For this, the flow cross section does not vary in the flow direction; the liquid surface is parallel to the channel bed. This is analogous to fully developed flow in a pipe.
- *Gradually varied flow.* An example is flow in a channel in which the bed slope varies. The major objective in the analysis of gradually varied flow is to predict the shape of the free surface.

It is quite common to observe surface waves in flows with a free surface, the simplest example being when an object such as a pebble is thrown into the water. The propagation speed of a surface wave is analogous in many respects to the propagation of a sound wave in a compressible fluid medium (which we discuss in Chapter 12). We shall determine the factors that affect the speed of such surface waves. We will see that this is an important determinant in whether an open-channel flow is able to gradually adjust to changing conditions downstream or a hydraulic jump occurs.

This chapter also includes a brief discussion of flow measurement techniques for use in open channels.

## 11.1 Basic Concepts and Definitions

Before analyzing the different types of flows that may occur in an open channel, we will discuss some common concepts and state some simplifying assumptions. We are doing so explicitly, because there are some important differences between our previous studies of pipes and ducts in Chapter 8 and the study of open-channel flows.

One significant difference between flows in pipes and ducts is

- The driving force for open-channel flows is *gravity*.

(Note that some flows in pipes and ducts are also gravity driven (for example, flow down a full drain-pipe), but typically flow is driven by a pressure difference generated by a device such as a pump.) The gravity force in open-channel flow is opposed by friction force on the solid boundaries of the channel.

### Simplifying Assumptions

The flow in an open channel, especially in a natural one such as a river, is often very complex, three-dimensional, and unsteady. However, in most cases, we can obtain useful results by approximating such flows as being:

- *One-dimensional.*
- *Steady.*

A third simplifying assumption is:

- The flow at each section in an open-channel flow is approximated as a *uniform velocity*.

Although the actual velocity in a channel is really not uniform, we will justify this assumption. Figure 11.2 indicates the regions of the maximum velocity in some open-channel flow geometries. The minimum velocity is zero along the walls because of viscosity. Measurements show that the region of maximum velocity occurs below the free surface. There is a negligible shear stress due to air drag on the free surface, so one would expect the maximum velocity to occur at the free surface. However, secondary flows occur and produce a nonuniform velocity profile with the maximum usually occurring below the surface. Secondary flows also occur when a channel has a bend or curve or has an obstruction, such as a bridge pier. These obstructions can produce vortices that erode the bottom of a natural channel.

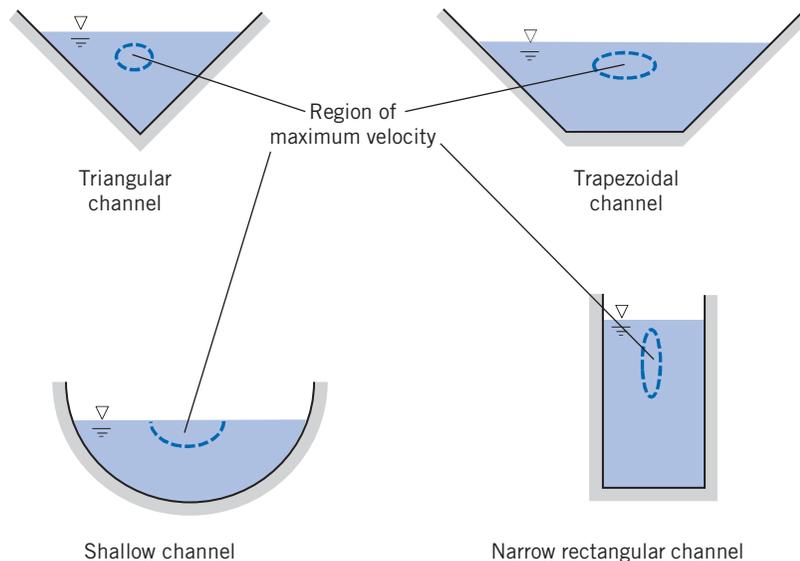
Most open-channel flows of water are large in physical scale, so the Reynolds number is generally quite high. Consequently, open-channel flow is seldom laminar, and so we will assume that the flow in open channels is always turbulent. As we saw in earlier chapters, turbulence tends to smooth out the velocity profile (see Fig. 8.11 for turbulent pipe flow and Fig. 9.7 for turbulent boundary layers). Hence, although there is a velocity profile in an open channel flow, as indicated in Fig. 11.2, we will assume a uniform velocity at each section, as illustrated in Fig. 11.3a.

The next simplifying assumption we make is:

- The pressure distribution is approximated as *hydrostatic*.

This is illustrated in Fig. 11.3b and is a significant difference from the analysis of flows in pipes and ducts of Chapter 8; for these we found that the pressure was uniform at each axial location and varied in the streamwise direction. In open-channel flows, the free surface will be at atmospheric pressure (zero gage), so the pressure at the surface does not vary in the direction of flow. The major pressure variation occurs *across* each section; this will be exactly true if streamline curvature effects are negligible, which is often the case.

As in the case of turbulent flow in pipes, we must rely on empirical correlations to relate frictional effects to the average velocity of flow. The empirical correlation is included through a head loss term in the energy equation (Section 11.2). Additional complications in many practical cases include the



**Fig. 11.2** Region of maximum velocity in some typical open-channel geometries. (Based on Chow [1].)

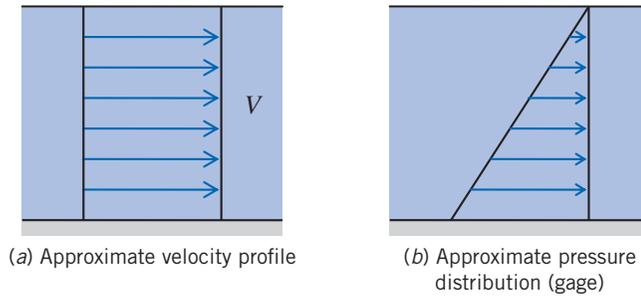


Fig. 11.3 Approximations for velocity profile and pressure distribution.

presence of sediment or other particulate matter in the flow, as well as the erosion of earthen channels or structures by water action.

### Channel Geometry

Channels may be constructed in a variety of cross-sectional shapes; in many cases regular geometric shapes are used. A channel with a constant slope and cross section is termed *prismatic*. Lined canals often are built with rectangular or trapezoidal sections; smaller troughs or ditches sometimes are triangular. Culverts and tunnels generally are circular or elliptical in section. Natural channels are highly irregular and nonprismatic, but often they are approximated using trapezoid or paraboloid sections. Geometric properties of common open-channel shapes are summarized in Table 11.1.

The *depth of flow*,  $y$ , is the perpendicular distance measured from the channel bed to the free surface. The *flow area*,  $A$ , is the cross section of the flow perpendicular to the flow direction. The *wetted perimeter*,  $P$ , is the length of the solid channel cross-section surface in contact with the liquid. The *hydraulic radius*,  $R_h$ , is defined as

$$R_h = \frac{A}{P} \quad (11.1)$$

For flow in noncircular closed conduits (Section 8.7), the hydraulic diameter was defined as

$$D_h = \frac{4A}{P} \quad (8.50)$$

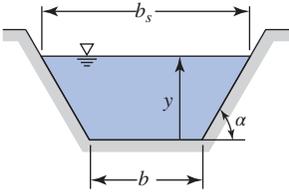
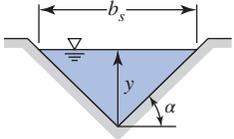
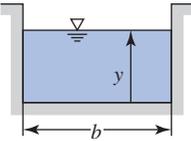
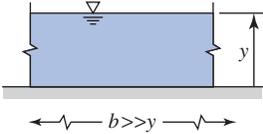
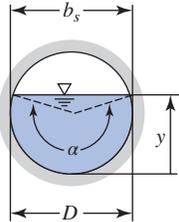
Thus, for a circular pipe, the hydraulic diameter, from Eq. 8.50, is equal to the pipe diameter. From Eq. 11.1, the hydraulic radius for a circular pipe would then be *half* the actual pipe radius, which is a bit confusing! The hydraulic radius, as defined by Eq. 11.1, is commonly used in the analysis of open-channel flows, so it will be used throughout this chapter. One reason for this usage is that the hydraulic radius of a wide channel, as seen in Table 11.1, is equal to the actual depth.

For nonrectangular channels, the *hydraulic depth* is defined as

$$y_h = \frac{A}{b_s} \quad (11.2)$$

where  $b_s$  is the width at the surface. Hence the hydraulic depth represents the *average depth* of the channel at any cross section. It gives the *depth of an equivalent rectangular channel*.

**Table 11.1**  
Geometric Properties of Common Open-Channel Shapes

Shape	Section	Flow Area, $A$	Wetted Perimeter, $P$	Hydraulic Radius, $R_h$
Trapezoidal		$y(b + y \cot \alpha)$	$b + \frac{2y}{\sin \alpha}$	$\frac{y(b + y \cot \alpha)}{b + \frac{2y}{\sin \alpha}}$
Triangular		$y^2 \cot \alpha$	$\frac{2y}{\sin \alpha}$	$\frac{y \cos \alpha}{2}$
Rectangular		$by$	$b + 2y$	$\frac{by}{b + 2y}$
Wide Flat		$by$	$b$	$y$
Circular		$(\alpha - \sin \alpha) \frac{D^2}{8}$	$\frac{\alpha D}{2}$	$\frac{D}{4} \left(1 - \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}\right)$

### Speed of Surface Waves and the Froude Number

We will learn later in this chapter that the behavior of an open-channel flow as it encounters downstream changes (for example, a bump of the bed surface, a narrowing of the channel, or a change in slope) is strongly dependent on whether the flow is “slow” or “fast.” A slow flow will have time to gradually adjust to changes downstream, whereas a fast flow will also sometimes gradually adjust but in some situations will do so “violently” (i.e., there will be a hydraulic jump; see Fig. 11.12 for an example). The question is what constitutes a slow or fast flow? These vague descriptions will be made more precise now. It turns out that the speed at which surface waves travel along the surface is key to defining more precisely the notions of slow and fast.

To determine the speed (or *celerity*) of surface waves, consider an open channel with movable end wall, containing a liquid initially at rest. If the end wall is given a sudden motion, as in Fig. 11.4a, a wave forms and travels down the channel at some speed,  $c$  (we assume a rectangular channel of width,  $b$ , for simplicity).

If we shift coordinates so that we are traveling with the wave speed,  $c$ , we obtain a steady control volume, as shown in Fig. 11.4b (where for now we assume  $c > \Delta V$ ). To obtain an expression for  $c$ , we

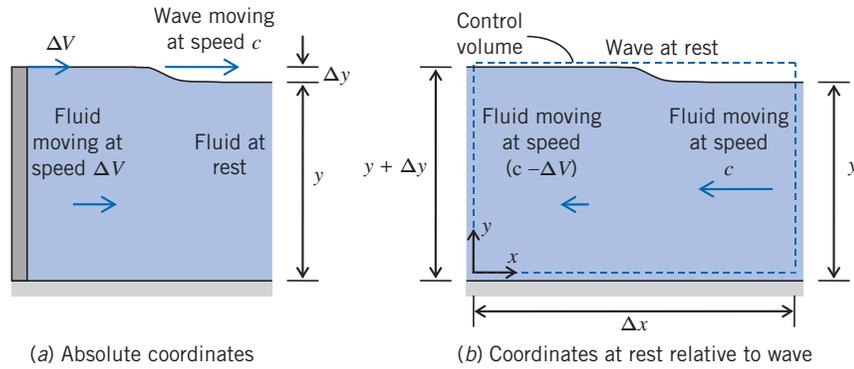


Fig. 11.4 Motion of a surface wave.

will use the continuity and momentum equations for this control volume. We also have the following assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform velocity at each section.
- 4 Hydrostatic pressure distribution at each section.
- 5 Frictionless flow.

Assumption **1** is valid for the control volume in shifted coordinates. Assumption **2** is obviously valid for our liquid flow. Assumptions **3** and **4** are used for the entire chapter. Assumption **5** is valid in this case because we assume the area on which it acts,  $b\Delta x$ , is relatively small (the sketch is not to scale), so the total friction force is negligible.

For an *incompressible* flow with *uniform velocity* at each section, we can use the appropriate form of continuity from Chapter 4,

$$\sum_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.13b)$$

Applying Eq. 4.13b to the control volume, we obtain

$$(c - \Delta V)\{(y + \Delta y)b\} - cyb = 0 \quad (11.3)$$

or

$$cy - \Delta Vy + c\Delta y - \Delta V\Delta y - cy = 0$$

Solving for  $\Delta V$ ,

$$\Delta V = c \frac{\Delta y}{y + \Delta y} \quad (11.4)$$

For the momentum equation, again with the assumption of uniform velocity at each section, we can use the following form of the  $x$  component of momentum

$$F_x = F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u\rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \sum_{CS} u\rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.18d)$$

The unsteady term  $\partial/\partial t$  disappears as the flow is *steady*, and the body force  $F_{B_x}$  is zero for *horizontal flow*. So we obtain

$$F_{S_x} = \sum_{CS} u\rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (11.5)$$

The surface force consists of pressure forces on the two ends, and friction force on the bottom surface (the air at the free surface contributes negligible friction in open-channel flows). By assumption 5 we neglect friction. The gage pressure at the two ends is hydrostatic, as illustrated in Fig. 11.4*b*. We recall from our study of hydrostatics that the hydrostatic force  $F_R$  on a submerged vertical surface of area  $A$  is given by the simple result

$$F_R = p_c A \quad (3.10b)$$

where  $p_c$  is the pressure at the centroid of the vertical surface. For the two vertical surfaces of the control volume, then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{S_x} &= F_{R_{\text{left}}} - F_{R_{\text{right}}} = (p_c A)_{\text{left}} - (p_c A)_{\text{right}} \\ &= \left\{ \left( \rho g \frac{y + \Delta y}{2} \right) (y + \Delta y) b \right\} - \left\{ \left( \rho g \frac{y}{2} \right) y b \right\} \\ &= \frac{\rho g b}{2} (y + \Delta y)^2 - \frac{\rho g b}{2} y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using this result in Eq. 11.5 and evaluating the terms on the right,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{S_x} &= \frac{\rho g b}{2} (y + \Delta y)^2 - \frac{\rho g b}{2} y^2 = \sum_{\text{CS}} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \\ &= -(c - \Delta V) \rho \{ (c - \Delta V) (y + \Delta y) b \} - c \rho \{ -c y b \} \end{aligned}$$

The two terms in braces are equal, from continuity as shown in Eq. 11.3, so the momentum equation simplifies to

$$g y \Delta y + \frac{g (\Delta y)^2}{2} = y c \Delta V$$

or

$$g \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta y}{2y} \right) \Delta y = c \Delta V$$

Combining this with Eq. 11.4, we obtain

$$g \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta y}{2y} \right) \Delta y = c^2 \frac{\Delta y}{y + \Delta y}$$

and solving for  $c$ ,

$$c^2 = g y \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta y}{2y} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right)$$

For waves of relatively small amplitude ( $\Delta y \ll y$ ), we can simplify this expression to

$$c = \sqrt{g y} \quad (11.6)$$

Hence the speed of a surface disturbance depends on the local fluid depth. For example, it explains why waves “crash” as they approach the beach. Out to sea, the water depths below wave crests and troughs are approximately the same, and hence so are their speeds. As the water depth decreases on the approach to the beach, the depth of crests start to become significantly larger than trough depths, causing crests to speed up and overtake the troughs.

Note that fluid properties do not enter into the speed: Viscosity is usually a minor factor, and it turns out that the disturbance or wave we have described is due to the interaction of gravitational and inertia forces, both of which are linear with density. Equation 11.6 was derived on the basis of one-dimensional motion ( $x$  direction); a more realistic model allowing two-dimensional fluid motion ( $x$  and  $y$  directions) shows that Eq. 11.6 applies for the limiting case of large wavelength waves (Problem 11.3 explores this). Also, there are other types of surface waves, such as capillary waves driven by surface tension, for which Eq. 11.6 does not apply (Problem 11.6 explores surface tension effects). Example 11.1 illustrates the calculation for the speed of a surface wave that depends only on the depth.

**Example 11.1** SPEED OF FREE SURFACE WAVES

You are enjoying a summer's afternoon relaxing in a rowboat on a pond. You decide to find out how deep the water is by splashing your oar and timing how long it takes the wave you produce to reach the edge of the pond. (The pond is artificial; so it has approximately the same depth even to the shore.) From floats installed in the pond, you know you're 20 ft from shore, and you measure the time for the wave to reach the edge to be 1.5 s. Estimate the pond depth. Does it matter if it's a freshwater pond or if it's filled with seawater?

**Given:** Time for a wave to reach the edge of a pond.

**Find:** Depth of the pond.

**Solution:** Use the wave speed equation, Eq. 11.6.

**Governing equation:**  $c = \sqrt{gy}$

The time for a wave, speed  $c$ , to travel a distance  $L$ , is  $\Delta t = \frac{L}{c}$ , so  $c = \frac{L}{\Delta t}$ . Using this and Eq. 11.6,

$$\sqrt{gy} = \frac{L}{\Delta t}$$

where  $y$  is the depth, or

$$y = \frac{L^2}{g\Delta t^2}$$

Using the given data

$$y = 20^2 \text{ ft}^2 \times \frac{1}{32.2} \frac{\text{s}^2}{\text{ft}} \times \frac{1}{1.5^2} \frac{1}{\text{s}^2} = 5.52 \text{ ft} \quad \leftarrow y$$

The pond depth is about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

The result obtained is independent of whether the water is fresh or saline, because the speed of these surface waves is independent of fluid properties.

The speed of surface disturbances given in Eq. 11.6 provides us with a more useful “litmus test” for categorizing the speed of a flow than the terms “slow” and “fast.” To illustrate this, consider a flow moving at speed  $V$ , which experiences a disturbance at some point downstream. (The disturbance could be caused by a bump in the channel floor or by a barrier, for example.) The disturbance will travel upstream at speed  $c$  relative to the fluid. If the fluid speed is slow,  $V < c$ , and the disturbance will travel upstream at absolute speed  $(c - V)$ . However, if the fluid speed is fast,  $V > c$ , and the disturbance cannot travel upstream and instead is washed downstream at absolute speed  $(V - c)$ . This leads to radically different responses of slow and fast flows to a downstream disturbance. Hence, recalling Eq. 11.6 for the speed  $c$ , open-channel flows may be classified on the basis of Froude number first introduced in Chapter 7:

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy}} \quad (11.7)$$

Instead of the rather loose terms “slow” and “fast,” we now have the following criteria:

**$Fr < 1$**  Flow is *subcritical*, *tranquil*, or *streaming*. Disturbances can travel upstream; downstream conditions can affect the flow upstream. The flow can gradually adjust to the disturbance.

**$Fr = 1$**  Flow is *critical*.

**$Fr > 1$**  Flow is *supercritical*, *rapid*, or *shooting*. No disturbance can travel upstream; downstream conditions cannot be felt upstream. The flow may “violently” respond to the disturbance because the flow has no chance to adjust to the disturbance before encountering it.

Note that for nonrectangular channels we use the hydraulic depth  $y_h$ ,

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy_h}} \quad (11.8)$$

These regimes of flow behavior are qualitatively analogous to the subsonic, sonic, and supersonic regimes of gas flow that we will discuss in Chapter 12. (In that case we are also comparing a flow speed,  $V$ , to the speed of a wave,  $c$ , except that the wave is a sound wave rather than a surface wave.)

We will discuss the ramifications of these various Froude number regimes later in this chapter.

## 11.2 Energy Equation for Open-Channel Flows

In analyzing open-channel flows, we will use the continuity, momentum, and energy equations. Here we derive the appropriate form of the energy equation, and continuity and momentum when needed. As in the case of pipe flow, friction in open-channel flows results in a loss of mechanical energy; this can be characterized by a head loss. The temptation is to just use one of the forms of the energy equation for pipe flow we derived in Section 8.6, such as

$$\left( \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \alpha_1 \frac{\bar{V}_1^2}{2g} + z_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \alpha_2 \frac{\bar{V}_2^2}{2g} + z_2 \right) = \frac{h_{lr}}{g} = H_{lr} \quad (8.30)$$

The problem with this is that it was derived on the assumption of uniform pressure at each section, which is not the case in open-channel flow (we have a hydrostatic pressure variation at each location); we do not have a uniform  $p_1$  at section ① and uniform  $p_2$  at section ②!

Instead we need to derive an energy equation for open-channel flows from first principles. We will closely follow the steps outlined in Section 8.6 for pipe flows but use different assumptions. You are urged to review Section 8.6 in order to be aware of the similarities and differences between pipe flows and open-channel flows.

We will use the generic control volume shown in Fig. 11.5, with the following assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform velocity at a section.
- 4 Gradually varying depth so that pressure distribution is hydrostatic.
- 5 Small bed slope.
- 6  $\dot{W}_s = \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = 0$ .

We make a few comments here. We have seen assumptions 1–4 already; they will always apply in this chapter. Assumption 5 simplifies the analysis so that depth,  $y$ , is taken to be vertical and speed,  $V$ , is taken to be horizontal, rather than normal and parallel to the bed, respectively. Assumption 6 states that there is no shaft work, no work due to fluid shearing at the boundaries, and no other work. There is no shear work at the boundaries because on each part of the control surface the tangential velocity is zero (on the channel walls) or the shear stress is zero (the open surface), so no work can be done. Note that there can still be mechanical energy dissipation within the fluid due to friction.

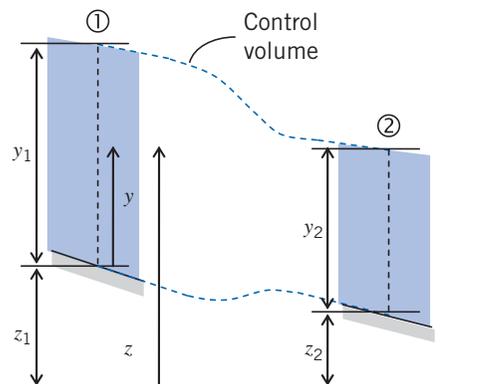


Fig. 11.5 Control volume and coordinates for energy analysis of open-channel flow.

We have chosen a generic control volume so that we can derive a generic energy equation for open-channel flows, that is, an equation that can be applied to a variety of flows such as ones with a variation in elevation, or a hydraulic jump, or a sluice gate, and so on, between sections ① and ②. Coordinate  $z$  indicates distances measured in the vertical direction; distances measured vertically from the channel bed are denoted by  $y$ . Note that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are the flow depths at sections ① and ②, respectively, and  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the corresponding channel elevations.

The energy equation for a control volume is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{hear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} e \rho dV + \int_{\text{CS}} (e + pv) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \\ e &= u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \end{aligned} \quad (4.56)$$

Recall that  $u$  is the thermal specific energy and  $v = 1/\rho$  is the specific volume. After using assumptions **1** and **6**, and rearranging, with  $\dot{m} = \int \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$ , and  $dA = bdy$  where  $b(y)$  is the channel width, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q} &= - \int_1 \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho V b dy - \int_1 u \rho V b dy + \int_2 \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho V b dy + \int_2 u \rho V b dy \\ &= \int_1 \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho V b dy + \int_2 \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho V b dy + \dot{m}(u_2 - u_1) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\int_1 \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho V b dy - \int_2 \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho V b dy = \dot{m}(u_2 - u_1) - \dot{Q} = \dot{m} h_{lr} \quad (11.9)$$

This states that the loss in mechanical energies (“pressure,” kinetic and potential) through the control volume leads to a gain in the thermal energy and/or a loss of heat from the control volume. As in Section 8.6, these thermal effects are collected into the head loss term  $h_{lr}$ .

The surface integrals in Eq. 11.9 can be simplified. The speed,  $V$ , is constant at each section by assumption **3**. The pressure,  $p$ , does vary across sections ① and ②, as does the potential,  $z$ . However, by assumption **4**, the pressure variation is hydrostatic. Hence, for section ①, using the notation of Fig. 11.5

$$p = \rho g(y_1 - y)$$

[so  $p = \rho g y_1$  at the bed and  $p = 0$  (gage) at the free surface] and

$$z = (z_1 + y)$$

Conveniently, we see that the pressure *decreases* linearly with  $y$  while  $z$  *increases* linearly with  $y$ , so the two terms together are constant,

$$\left( \frac{p}{\rho} + gz \right)_1 = g(y_1 - y) + g(z_1 + y) = g(y_1 + z_1)$$

Using these results in the first integral in Eq. 11.9,

$$\int_1 \left( \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \rho V b dy = \int_1 \left( \frac{V^2}{2} + g(y_1 + z_1) \right) \rho V b dy = \left( \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g y_1 + g z_1 \right) \dot{m}$$

We find a similar result for section ②, so Eq. 11.9 becomes

$$\left( \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g y_2 + g z_2 \right) - \left( \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g y_1 + g z_1 \right) = h_{lr}$$

Finally, dividing by  $g$  (with  $H_l = h_{lr}/g$ ) leads to an energy equation for open-channel flow

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 + z_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + z_2 + H_l \quad (11.10)$$

This can be compared to the corresponding equation for pipe flow, Eq. 8.30, presented at the beginning of this section. Note that we  $H_t$  use rather than  $H_{t_r}$ ; in pipe flow we can have major and minor losses, justifying  $T$  for total, but in open-channel flow we do not make this distinction. Equation 11.10 will prove useful to us for the remainder of the chapter and indicates that energy computations can be done simply from geometry ( $y$  and  $z$ ) and velocity,  $V$ .

The *total head* or *energy head*,  $H$ , at any location in an open-channel flow can be defined from Eq. 11.10 as

$$H = \frac{V^2}{2g} + y + z \quad (11.11)$$

where  $y$  and  $z$  are the local *flow depth* and *channel bed elevation*, respectively (they no longer represent the coordinates shown in Fig. 11.5). This is a measure of the mechanical energy (kinetic and pressure/potential) of the flow. Using this in the energy equation, we obtain an alternative form

$$H_1 - H_2 = H_l \quad (11.12)$$

From this we see that the loss of total head depends on head loss due to friction.

### Specific Energy

We can also define the *specific energy* (or *specific head*), denoted by the symbol  $E$ ,

$$E = \frac{V^2}{2g} + y \quad (11.13)$$

This is a measure of the mechanical energy (kinetic and pressure/potential) of the flow above and beyond that due to channel bed elevation; it essentially indicates *the energy due to the flow's speed and depth*. Using Eq. 11.13 in Eq. 11.10, we obtain another form of the energy equation,

$$E_1 - E_2 + z_1 - z_2 = H_l \quad (11.14)$$

From this we see that the change in specific energy depends on friction and on channel elevation change. While the total head must decrease in the direction of flow (Eq. 11.12), the specific head may decrease, increase, or remain constant, depending on the bed elevation,  $z$ .

From continuity,  $V = Q/A$ , so the specific energy can be written

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y \quad (11.15)$$

For all channels  $A$  is a monotonically increasing function of flow depth (as Table 11.1 indicates); increasing the depth must lead to a larger flow area. Hence, Eq. 11.15 indicates that the specific energy is a combination of a hyperbolic-type decrease with depth and a linear increase with depth. This is illustrated in Fig. 11.6 We see that for a given flow rate,  $Q$ , there is a range of possible flow depths and energies, but one depth at which the specific energy is at a minimum. Instead of  $E$  versus  $y$  we typically plot  $y$  versus  $E$  so that the plot corresponds to the example flow section, as shown in Fig. 11.7.

Recalling that the specific energy,  $E$ , indicates actual energy (kinetic plus potential/pressure per unit mass flow rate) being carried by the flow, we see that a given flow,  $Q$ , can have a range of energies,  $E$ , and corresponding flow depths,  $y$ . Figure 11.7 also reveals some interesting flow phenomena. For a given flow,  $Q$ , and specific energy,  $E$ , there are two possible flow depths,  $y$ ; these are called *alternate depths*. For example, we can have a flow at depth  $y_1$  or depth  $y_2$ . The first flow has large depth and is moving slowly, and the second flow is shallow but fast moving. The plot graphically indicates this: For the first flow,  $E_1$  is made up of a large  $y_1$  and small  $V_1^2/2g$ ; for the second flow,  $E_2$  is made up of a small  $y_2$  and large  $V_2^2/2g$ . We will see later that we can switch from one flow to another. We can also see (as we

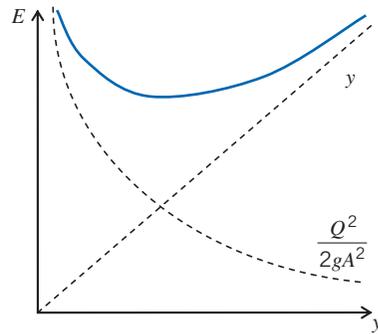


Fig. 11.6 Dependence of specific energy on flow depth for a given flow rate.

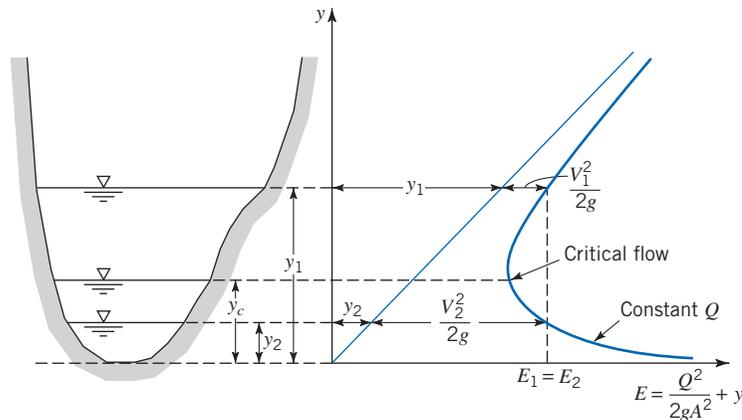


Fig. 11.7 Specific energy curve for a given flow rate.

will demonstrate in Example 11.2 for a rectangular channel) that for a given  $Q$ , there is always one flow for which the specific energy is minimum,  $E = E_{\min}$ ; we will investigate this further after Example 11.2 and show that  $E_{\min} = E_{\text{crit}}$ , where  $E_{\text{crit}}$  is the specific energy at critical conditions.

### Example 11.2 SPECIFIC ENERGY CURVES FOR A RECTANGULAR CHANNEL

For a rectangular channel of width  $b = 10$  m, construct a family of specific energy curves for  $Q = 0, 2, 5$ , and  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . What are the minimum specific energies for these curves?

**Given:** Rectangular channel and range of flow rates.

**Find:** Curves of specific energy. For each flow rate, find the minimum specific energy.

**Solution:** Use the flow rate form of the specific energy equation (Eq. 11.15) for generating the curves.

**Governing equations:**

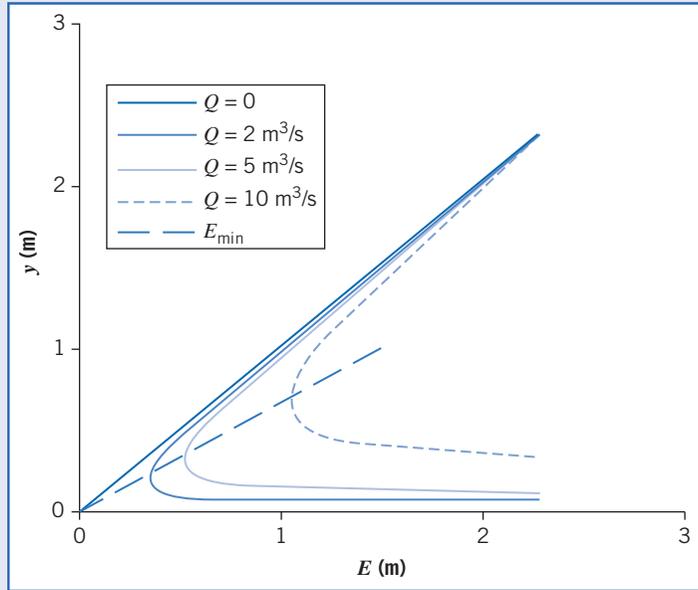
$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y \quad (11.15)$$

For the specific energy curves, express  $E$  as a function of depth,  $y$ .

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y = \frac{Q^2}{2g(by)^2} + y = \left( \frac{Q^2}{2gb^2} \right) \frac{1}{y^2} + y \quad (1)$$

The table and corresponding graph were generated from this equation using *Excel*.

y (m)	Specific Energy, E (m)			
	Q = 0	Q = 2	Q = 5	Q = 10
0.100	0.10	0.92	5.20	20.49
0.125	0.13	0.65	3.39	13.17
0.150	0.15	0.51	2.42	9.21
0.175	0.18	0.44	1.84	6.83
0.200	0.20	0.40	1.47	5.30
0.225	0.23	0.39	1.23	4.25
0.250	0.25	0.38	1.07	3.51
0.275	0.28	0.38	0.95	2.97
0.30	0.30	0.39	0.87	2.57
0.35	0.35	0.42	0.77	2.01
0.40	0.40	0.45	0.72	1.67
0.45	0.45	0.49	0.70	1.46
0.50	0.50	0.53	0.70	1.32
0.55	0.55	0.58	0.72	1.22
0.60	0.60	0.62	0.74	1.17
0.70	0.70	0.72	0.80	1.12
0.80	0.80	0.81	0.88	1.12
0.90	0.90	0.91	0.96	1.15
1.00	1.00	1.01	1.05	1.20
1.25	1.25	1.26	1.28	1.38
1.50	1.50	1.50	1.52	1.59
2.00	2.00	2.00	2.01	2.05
2.50	2.50	2.50	2.51	2.53



To find the minimum energy for a given Q, we differentiate Eq. 1,

$$\frac{dE}{dy} = \left( \frac{Q^2}{2gb^2} \right) \left( -\frac{2}{y^3} \right) + 1 = 0$$

Hence, the depth  $y_{E_{\min}}$  for minimum specific energy is

$$y_{E_{\min}} = \left( \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Using this in Eq. 11.15:

$$E_{\min} = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y_{E_{\min}} = \frac{Q^2}{2gb^2 y_{E_{\min}}^2} + \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right] \left[ \frac{gb^2}{Q^2} \right]^{\frac{2}{3}} + \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} y_{E_{\min}} \tag{2}$$

Hence for a rectangular channel, we obtain a simple result for the minimum energy. Using Eq. 2 with the given data:

Q (m³/s)	2	5	10
$E_{\min}$ (m)	0.302	0.755	1.51

The depths corresponding to these flows are 0.201 m, 0.503 m, and 1.01 m, respectively.

We will see in the next topic that the depth at which we have minimum energy is the critical depth,  $y_c$ , and  $E_{\min} = E_{\text{crit}}$ .

 The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be used for plotting specific energy curves for other rectangular channels. The depth for minimum energy is also obtained using *Solver*.

### Critical Depth: Minimum Specific Energy

Example 11.2 treated the case of a rectangular channel. We now consider channels of general cross section. For flow in such a channel we have the specific energy in terms of flow rate  $Q$ ,

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y \quad (11.15)$$

For a given flow rate  $Q$ , to find the depth for minimum specific energy, we differentiate:

$$\frac{dE}{dy} = 0 = -\frac{Q^2}{gA^3} \frac{dA}{dy} + 1 \quad (11.16)$$

To proceed further, it would seem we need  $A(y)$ ; some examples of  $A(y)$  are shown in Table 11.1. However, it turns out that for any given cross section we can write

$$dA = b_s dy \quad (11.17)$$

where, as we saw earlier,  $b_s$  is the width at the surface. This is indicated in Fig. 11.8; the incremental increase in area  $dA$  due to incremental depth change  $dy$  occurs at the free surface, where  $b = b_s$ .

Using Eq. 11.17 in Eq. 11.16 we find

$$-\frac{Q^2}{gA^3} \frac{dA}{dy} + 1 = -\frac{Q^2}{gA^3} b_s + 1 = 0$$

so

$$Q^2 = \frac{gA^3}{b_s} \quad (11.18)$$

for minimum specific energy. From continuity  $V = Q/A$ , so Eq. 11.18 leads to

$$V = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1}{A} \left[ \frac{gA^3}{b_s} \right]^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{gA}{b_s}} \quad (11.19)$$

We have previously defined the hydraulic depth,

$$y_h = \frac{A}{b_s} \quad (11.2)$$

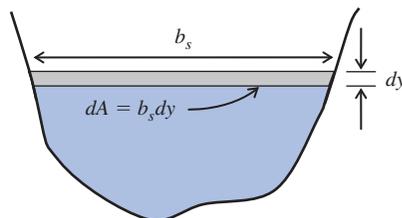
Hence, using Eq. 11.2 in Eq. 11.19, we obtain

$$V = \sqrt{gy_h} \quad (11.20)$$

But the Froude number is given by

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy_h}} \quad (11.8)$$

Hence we see that, for minimum specific energy,  $Fr = 1$ , which corresponds to critical flow. We obtain the important result that, for flow in any open channel, *the specific energy is at its minimum at critical conditions.*



**Fig. 11.8** Dependence of flow area change  $dA$  on depth change  $dy$ .

We collect Eqs. 11.18 and 11.20; for critical flow

$$Q^2 = \frac{gA_c^3}{b_{s_c}} \quad (11.21)$$

$$V_c = \sqrt{gy_{h_c}} \quad (11.22)$$

for  $E = E_{\min}$ . In these equations,  $A_c$ ,  $V_c$ ,  $b_{s_c}$  and  $y_{h_c}$  are the critical flow area, velocity, channel surface width, and hydraulic depth, respectively. Equation 11.21 can be used to find the critical depth,  $y_c$ , for a given channel cross-section shape, at a given flow rate. The equation is deceptively difficult:  $A_c$  and  $b_{s_c}$  each depend on flow depth  $y$ , often in a nonlinear fashion; so it must usually be iteratively solved for  $y$ . Once  $y_c$  is obtained, area,  $A_c$ , and surface width,  $b_{s_c}$ , can be computed, leading to  $y_{h_c}$  (using Eq. 11.2). This in turn is used in Eq. 11.22 to find the flow speed  $V_c$  (or  $V_c = Q/A_c$  can be used). Finally, the minimum energy can be computed from Eq. 11.15. Example 11.3 shows how the critical depth is determined for a triangular section channel.

For the particular case of a *rectangular channel*, we have  $b_s = b = \text{constant}$  and  $A = by$ , so Eq. 11.21 becomes

$$Q^2 = \frac{gA_c^3}{b_{s_c}} = \frac{gb^3y_c^3}{b} = gb^2y_c^3$$

so

$$y_c = \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{1/3} \quad (11.23)$$

with

$$V_c = \sqrt{gy_c} = \left[ \frac{gQ}{b} \right]^{1/3} \quad (11.24)$$

For the rectangular channel, a particularly simple result for the minimum energy is obtained when Eq. 11.24 is used in Eq. 11.15,

$$E = E_{\min} = \frac{V_c^2}{2g} + y_c = \frac{gy_c}{2g} + y_c$$

or

$$E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2}y_c \quad (11.25)$$

This is the same result we found in Example 11.2. The critical state is an important benchmark. It will be used in the next section to help determine what happens when a flow encounters an obstacle such as a bump. Also, near the minimum  $E$ , as Fig. 11.7 shows, the rate of change of  $y$  with  $E$  is nearly infinite. This means that for critical flow conditions, even small changes in  $E$ , due to channel irregularities or disturbances, can cause pronounced changes in fluid depth. Thus, surface waves, usually in an unstable manner, form when a flow is near critical conditions. Long runs of near-critical flow consequently are avoided in practice.

### Example 11.3 CRITICAL DEPTH FOR TRIANGULAR SECTION

A steep-sided triangular section channel ( $\alpha = 60^\circ$ ) has a flow rate of  $300 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Find the critical depth for this flow rate. Verify that the Froude number is unity.

**Given:** Flow in a triangular section channel.

**Find:** Critical depth; verify that  $Fr = 1$ .

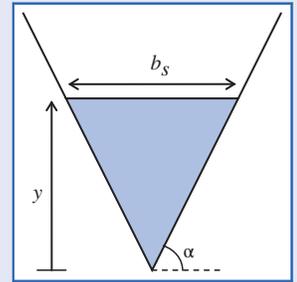
**Solution:** Use the critical flow equation, Eq. 11.21

**Governing equations:**

$$Q^2 = \frac{gA_c^3}{b_{sc}} \quad Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy_h}}$$

The given data is:

$$Q = 300 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \quad \alpha = 60^\circ$$



From Table 11.1 we have the following:

$$A = y^2 \cot \alpha$$

and from basic geometry

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{y}{b_s/2} \quad \text{so} \quad b_s = 2y \cot \alpha$$

Using these in Eq. 11.21

$$Q^2 = \frac{gA_c^3}{b_{sc}} = \frac{g[y_c^2 \cot \alpha]^3}{2y_c \cot \alpha} = \frac{1}{2} g y_c^5 \cot^2 \alpha$$

Hence

$$y_c = \left[ \frac{2Q^2 \tan^2 \alpha}{g} \right]^{1/5}$$

Using the given data

$$y_c = \left[ 2 \times 300^2 \left( \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \times \tan^2 \left( \frac{60 \times \pi}{180} \right) \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \right]^{1/5} = [5.51 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^5]^{1/5}$$

Finally

$$y_c = 8.88 \text{ m} \longleftarrow y_c$$

To verify that  $Fr = 1$ , we need  $V$  and  $y_h$ .

From continuity

$$V_c = \frac{Q}{A_c} = \frac{Q}{y_c^2 \cot \alpha} = 300 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{8.88^2 \text{ m}^2} \times \frac{1}{\cot \left( \frac{60 \times \pi}{180} \right)} = 6.60 \text{ m/s}$$

and from the definition of hydraulic depth

$$y_{hc} = \frac{A_c}{b_{sc}} = \frac{y_c^2 \cot \alpha}{2y_c \cot \alpha} = \frac{y_c}{2} = 4.44 \text{ m}$$

Hence

$$Fr_c = \frac{V_c}{\sqrt{gy_{hc}}} = \frac{6.60 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}{\sqrt{9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 4.44 \text{ m}}} = 1 \longleftarrow Fr_c = 1$$

We have verified that at critical depth the Froude number is unity.

As with the rectangular channel, the triangular section channel analysis leads to an explicit equation for  $y_c$  from Eq. 11.21. Other more complicated channel cross sections often lead to an implicit equation that needs to be solved numerically.

### 11.3 Localized Effect of Area Change (Frictionless Flow)

We will next consider a simple flow case in which the channel bed is horizontal and for which the effects of channel cross section (area change) predominate: flow over a bump. Since this phenomenon is localized (it takes place over a short distance), the effects of friction (on either momentum or energy) may be neglected.

The energy equation, Eq. 11.10, with the assumption of no losses due to friction then becomes

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 + z_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + z_2 = \frac{V^2}{2g} + y + z = \text{const} \quad (11.26)$$

(Note that Eq. 11.26 could also have been obtained from by applying the Bernoulli equation between two points ① and ② on the surface, because all of the requirements of the Bernoulli equation are satisfied here.) Alternatively, using the definition of specific energy

$$E_1 + z_1 = E_2 + z_2 = E + z = \text{const}$$

We see that the specific energy of a frictionless flow will change only if there is a change in the elevation of the channel bed.

#### Flow over a Bump

Consider frictionless flow in a horizontal rectangular channel of constant width,  $b$ , with a bump in the channel bed, as illustrated in Fig. 11.9. We choose a rectangular channel for simplicity, but the results we obtain will apply generally. The bump height above the horizontal bed of the channel is  $z = h(x)$ ; the water depth,  $y(x)$ , is measured from the local channel bottom surface.

Note that we have indicated two possibilities for the free surface behavior: Perhaps the flow gradually rises over the bump; perhaps it gradually dips over the bump. One thing we can be sure of, however, is that if it rises, it will not have the same contour as the bump. (Can you explain why?) Applying the energy equation (Eq. 11.26) for frictionless flow between an upstream point ① and any point along the region of the bump,

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 = E_1 = \frac{V^2}{2g} + y + h = E + h(x) = \text{const} \quad (11.27)$$

Equation 11.27 indicates that the specific energy must decrease through the bump, then increase back to its original value (of  $E_1 = E_2$ ),

$$E(x) = E_1 - h(x) \quad (11.28)$$

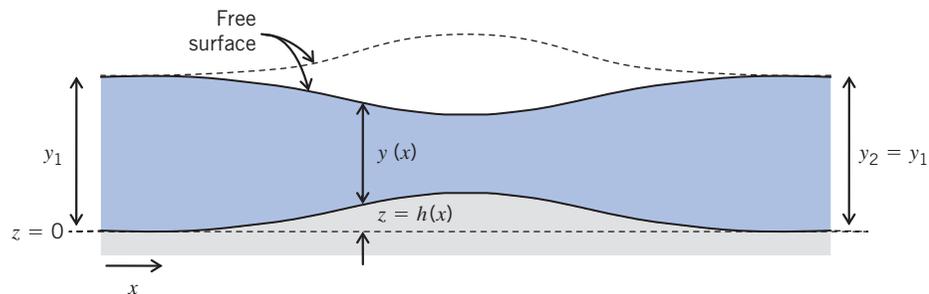


Fig. 11.9 Flow over a bump in a horizontal channel.

From continuity

$$Q = bV_1y_1 = bVy$$

Using this in Eq 11.27

$$\frac{Q^2}{2gb^2y_1^2} + y_1 = \frac{Q^2}{2gb^2y^2} + y + h = \text{const} \quad (11.29)$$

We can obtain an expression for the variation of the free surface depth by differentiating Eq. 11.29:

$$-\frac{Q^2}{gb^2y^3} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dh}{dx} = 0$$

Solving for the slope of the free surface, we obtain

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dh/dx}{\left[\frac{Q^2}{gb^2y^3} - 1\right]} = \frac{dh/dx}{\left[\frac{V^2}{gy} - 1\right]}$$

Finally,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{Fr^2 - 1} \frac{dh}{dx} \quad (11.30)$$

Equation 11.30 leads to the interesting conclusion that the response to a bump very much depends on the local Froude number,  $Fr$ .

**$Fr < 1$**  Flow is *subcritical, tranquil, or streaming*. When  $Fr < 1$ ,  $(Fr^2 - 1) < 1$  and the slope  $dy/dx$  of the free surface has the *opposite* sign to the slope  $dh/dx$  of the bump: When the bump elevation increases, the flow dips; when the bump elevation decreases, the flow depth increases. This is the solid free surface shown in Fig. 11.9.

**$Fr = 1$**  Flow is *critical*. When  $Fr = 1$ ,  $(Fr^2 - 1) = 0$ . Eq. 11.30 predicts an infinite water surface slope, unless  $dh/dx$  equals zero at this instant. Since the free surface slope cannot be infinite, then  $dh/dx$  must be zero when  $Fr = 1$ ; put another way, if we have  $Fr = 1$  it can *only* be at a location where  $dh/dx = 0$  (at the crest of the bump, or where the channel is flat). If critical flow *is* attained, then downstream of the critical flow location the flow may be subcritical or supercritical, depending on downstream conditions. If critical flow does *not* occur where  $dh/dx = 0$ , then flow downstream from this location will be the same type as the flow upstream from the location.

**$Fr > 1$**  Flow is *supercritical, rapid, or shooting*. When  $Fr > 1$ ,  $(Fr^2 - 1) > 1$  and the slope  $dy/dx$  of the free surface has the same sign as the slope  $dh/dx$  of the bump: when the bump elevation increases, so does the flow depth; when the bump elevation decreases, so does the flow depth. This is the dashed free surface shown in Fig. 11.9.

The general trends for  $Fr < 1$  and  $Fr > 1$ , for either an increasing or decreasing bed elevation, are illustrated in Fig. 11.10. The important point about critical flow ( $Fr = 1$ ) is that, if it does occur, it can do so only where the bed elevation is constant.

An additional visual aid is provided by the specific energy graph of Fig. 11.11. This shows the specific energy curve for a given flow rate,  $Q$ . For a subcritical flow that is at state  $a$  before it encounters a bump, as the flow moves up the bump toward the bump peak, the specific energy must decrease (Eq. 11.28). Hence we move along the curve to point  $b$ . If point  $b$  corresponds to the bump peak, then we move back along the curve to  $a$  (note that this frictionless flow is reversible!) as the flow descends the bump. Alternatively, if the bump continues to increase beyond point  $b$ , we continue to move along the curve to the minimum energy point, point  $e$  where  $E = E_{\min} = E_{\text{crit}}$ . As we have discussed, for frictionless flow to exist, point  $e$  can only be where  $dh/dx = 0$  (the bump peak). For this case, something interesting happens as the flow descends down the bump: We can return along the curve to point  $a$ , or we can move along the curve to point  $d$ . This means that the surface of a subcritical flow that encounters a bump will dip and then *either* return to its original depth *or* if the bump is high enough for the flow to reach critical conditions may continue to accelerate and become shallower until it reaches the supercritical state corresponding to the original specific energy (point  $d$ ). Which trend occurs depends on downstream conditions; for example, if there is some type of flow restriction, the flow downstream of the bump will return to its original subcritical state. Note that as we mentioned earlier, when a flow is at the critical

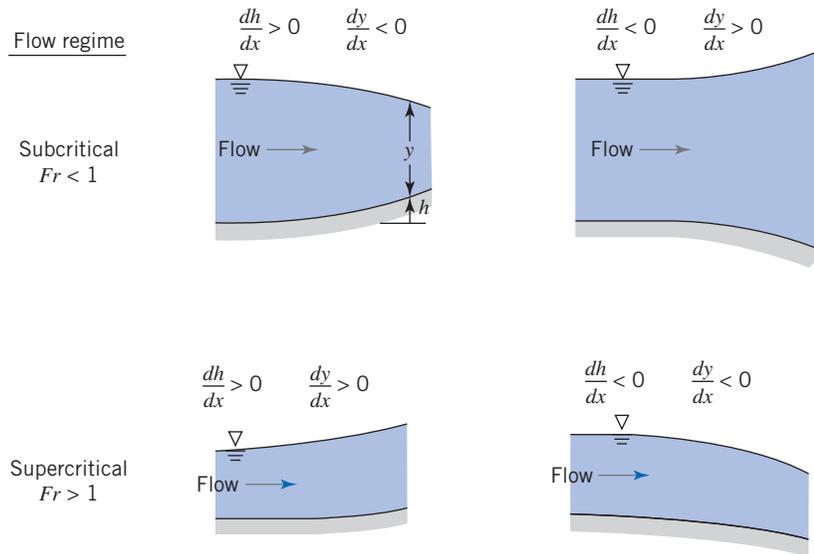


Fig. 11.10 Effects of bed elevation changes.

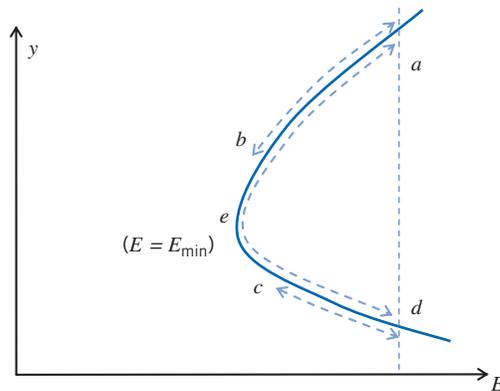


Fig. 11.11 Specific energy curve for flow over a bump.

state the surface behavior tends to display dramatic variations in behavior. Finally, Fig. 11.11 indicates that a supercritical flow (point  $d$ ) that encounters a bump would increase in depth over the bump (to point  $c$  at the bump peak), and then return to its supercritical flow at point  $d$ . We also see that if the bump is high enough a supercritical flow could slow down to critical (point  $e$ ) and then either return to supercritical (point  $d$ ) or become subcritical (point  $a$ ). Which of these possibilities actually occurs obviously depends on the bump shape, but also on upstream and downstream conditions (the last possibility is somewhat unlikely to occur in practice). In Example 11.4, the flow in a rectangular channel with a change in the bed or side wall surface is analyzed.

The alert reader may ask, “What happens if the bump is so big that the specific energy wants to decrease below the minimum shown at point  $e$ ?” The answer is that the flow will no longer conform to Eq. 11.26; the flow will no longer be frictionless, because a hydraulic jump will occur, consuming a significant amount of mechanical energy (see Section 11.4).

### Example 11.4 FLOW IN A RECTANGULAR CHANNEL WITH A BUMP OR A NARROWING

A rectangular channel 2 m wide has a flow of  $2.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  at a depth of 1.0 m. Determine whether critical depth occurs at (a) a section where a bump of height  $h = 0.20 \text{ m}$  is installed across the channel bed, (b) a side wall constriction (with no bumps) reducing the channel width to 1.7 m, and (c) both the bump and side wall constrictions combined. Neglect head losses of the bump and constriction caused by friction, expansion, and contraction.

**Given:** Rectangular channel with a bump, a side wall constriction, or both.

**Find:** Whether critical flow occurs.

**Solution:** Compare the specific energy to the minimum specific energy for the given flow rate in each case to establish whether critical depth occurs.

**Governing equations:**

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y \quad (11.15) \quad y_c = \left[ \frac{Q}{gb^2} \right]^{1/3} \quad (11.23)$$

$$E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2}y_c \quad (11.25) \quad E = E_1 - h \quad (11.28)$$

(a) Bump of height  $h = 0.20$  m:

The initial specific energy,  $E_1$ , is

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= y_1 + \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} = y_1 + \frac{Q^2}{2gb^2y_1^2} \\ &= 1.0 \text{ m} + 2.4^2 \left( \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1}{2^2 \text{ m}^2} \times \frac{1}{1^2 \text{ m}^2} \\ E_1 &= 1.073 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Then the specific energy at the peak of the bump,  $E_{\text{bump}}$ , is obtained from Eq. 11.28

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{bump}} &= E_1 - h = 1.073 \text{ m} - 0.20 \text{ m} \\ E_{\text{bump}} &= 0.873 \text{ m} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

We must compare this to the minimum specific energy for the flow rate  $Q$ . First, the critical depth is

$$\begin{aligned} y_c &= \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{1/3} = \left[ 2.4^2 \left( \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1}{2^2 \text{ m}^2} \right]^{1/3} \\ y_c &= 0.528 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

(Note that we have  $y_1 > y_c$ , so we have a subcritical flow.)

Then the minimum specific energy is

$$E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2}y_c = 0.791 \text{ m} \quad (2)$$

Comparing Eqs. 1 and 2 we see that with the bump we

do *not* attain critical conditions. ←

(b) A side wall constriction (with no bump) reducing the channel width to 1.7 m:

In this case the specific energy remains constant throughout ( $h = 0$ ), even at the constriction; so

$$E_{\text{constriction}} = E_1 - h = E_1 = 1.073 \text{ m} \quad (3)$$

However, at the constriction, we have a new value for  $b$ , ( $b_{\text{constriction}} = 1.7$  m), and so a new critical depth

$$\begin{aligned} y_{c_{\text{constriction}}} &= \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb_{\text{constriction}}^2} \right]^{1/3} = \left[ 2.4^2 \left( \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right)^2 \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1}{1.7^2 \text{ m}^2} \right]^{1/3} \\ y_{c_{\text{constriction}}} &= 0.588 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Then the minimum specific energy *at the constriction* is

$$E_{\min, \text{constriction}} = \frac{3}{2} y_{c, \text{constriction}} = 0.882 \text{ m} \quad (4)$$

Comparing Eqs. 3 and 4 we see that with the constriction

we do *not* attain critical conditions. ←

We might enquire as to what constriction *would* cause critical flow. To find this, solve

$$E = 1.073 \text{ m} = E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2} y_c = \frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb_c^2} \right]^{1/3}$$

for the critical channel width  $b_c$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Q^2}{gb_c^2} &= \left[ \frac{2}{3} E_{\min} \right]^3 \\ b_c &= \frac{Q}{\sqrt{\frac{8}{27} g E_{\min}^3}} \\ &= \left( \frac{27}{8} \right)^{1/2} \times 2.4 \left( \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right) \times \frac{\text{s}}{9.81^{1/2} \text{ m}^{1/2}} \times \frac{1}{1.073^{3/2} \text{ m}^{3/2}} \\ b_c &= 1.27 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

To make the given flow attain critical conditions, the constriction should be 1.27 m; anything wider, and critical conditions are not reached.

(c) For a bump of  $h = 0.20 \text{ m}$  and the constriction to  $b = 1.7 \text{ m}$ :

We have already seen in case (a) that the bump ( $h = 0.20 \text{ m}$ ) was insufficient by itself to create critical conditions. From case (b) we saw that at the constriction the minimum specific energy is  $E_{\min} = 0.882 \text{ m}$  rather than  $E_{\min} = 0.791 \text{ m}$  in the main flow. When we have both factors present, we can compare the specific energy at the bump and constriction,

$$E_{\text{bump} + \text{constriction}} = E_{\text{bump}} = E_1 - h = 0.873 \text{ m} \quad (5)$$

and the minimum specific energy for the flow at the bump and constriction,

$$E_{\min, \text{constriction}} = \frac{3}{2} y_{c, \text{constriction}} = 0.882 \text{ m} \quad (6)$$

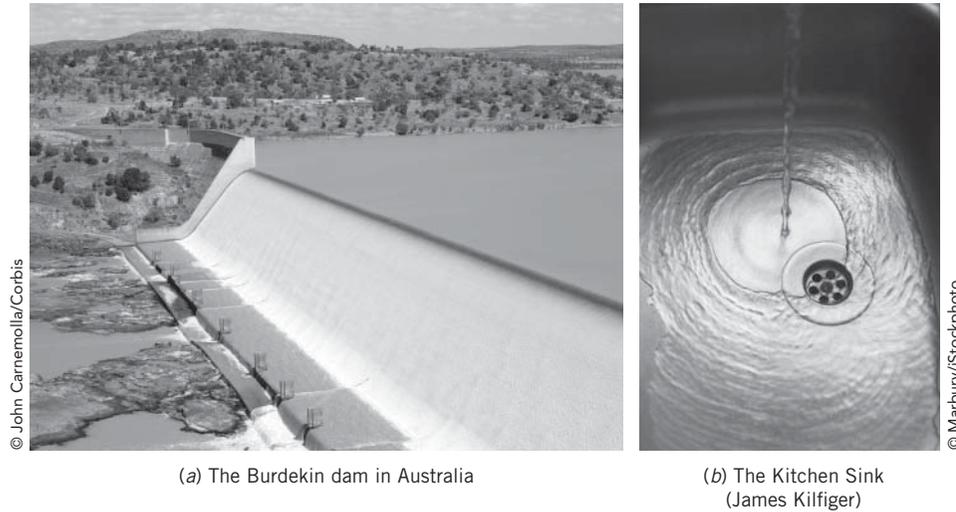
From Eqs. 5 and 6 we see that with both factors the specific energy is actually *less* than the minimum. The fact that we must have a specific energy that is less than the minimum allowable means something has to give! What happens is that the flow assumptions become invalid; the flow may no longer be uniform or one-dimensional, or there may be a significant energy loss, for example due to a hydraulic jump occurring. (We will discuss hydraulic jumps in the next section.)

Hence the bump and constriction together *are* sufficient to make the flow reach critical state. ←

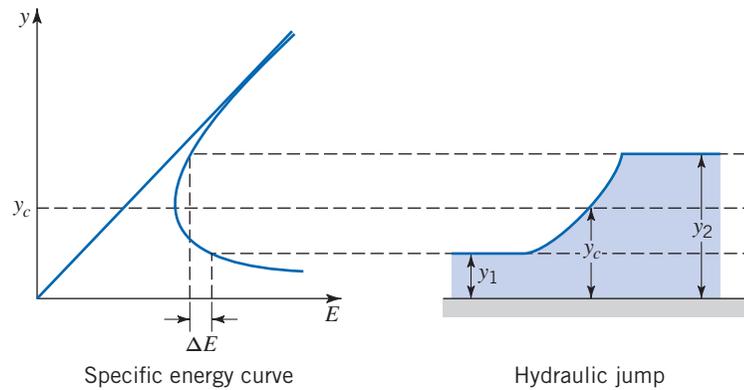
This problem illustrates how to determine whether a channel bump or constriction, or both, lead to critical flow conditions.

## 11.4 The Hydraulic Jump

We have shown that open-channel flow may be subcritical ( $Fr < 1$ ) or supercritical ( $Fr > 1$ ). For subcritical flow, disturbances caused by a change in bed slope or flow cross section may move upstream and downstream; the result is a smooth adjustment of the flow, as we have seen in the previous section. When flow at a section is supercritical, and downstream conditions will require a change to subcritical flow, the



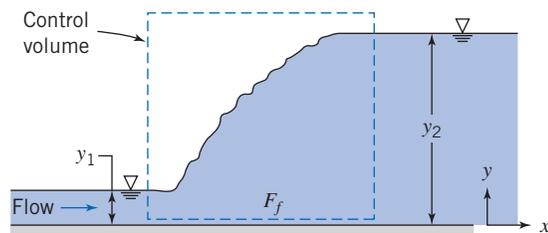
**Fig. 11.12** Examples of a hydraulic jump.



**Fig. 11.13** Specific energy curve for flow through a hydraulic jump.

need for this change cannot be communicated upstream; the flow speed exceeds the speed of surface waves, which are the mechanism for transmitting changes. Thus a gradual change with a smooth transition through the critical point is not possible. The transition from supercritical to subcritical flow occurs abruptly through a *hydraulic jump*. Hydraulic jumps can occur in canals downstream of regulating sluices, at the foot of spillways (see Fig. 11.12a), where a steep channel slope suddenly becomes flat—and even in the home kitchen (see Fig. 11.12b)! The specific energy curve and general shape of a jump are shown in Fig. 11.13. We will see in this section that the jump always goes from a supercritical depth ( $y_1 < y_c$ ) to a subcritical depth ( $y_2 > y_c$ ) and that there will be a drop  $\Delta E$  in the specific energy. Unlike the changes due to phenomena such as a bump, the abrupt change in depth involves a significant loss of mechanical energy through turbulent mixing.

We shall analyze the hydraulic jump phenomenon by applying the basic equations to the control volume shown in Fig. 11.14. Experiments show that the jump occurs over a relatively short distance—



**Fig. 11.14** Schematic of hydraulic jump, showing control volume used for analysis.



Video: A Laminar Hydraulic Jump



at most, approximately six times the larger depth ( $y_2$ ) [9]. In view of this short length, it is reasonable to assume that friction force  $F_f$  acting on the control volume is negligible compared to pressure forces. Note that we are therefore ignoring viscous effects for momentum considerations, but *not* for energy considerations (as we just mentioned, there is considerable turbulence in the jump). Although hydraulic jumps can occur on inclined surfaces, for simplicity we assume a horizontal bed, and rectangular channel of width  $b$ ; the results we obtain will apply generally to hydraulic jumps.

Hence we have the following assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform velocity at each section.
- 4 Hydrostatic pressure distribution at each section.
- 5 Frictionless flow (for the momentum equation).

These assumptions are familiar from previous discussions in this chapter. For an *incompressible* flow with *uniform velocity* at each section, we can use the appropriate form of continuity from Chapter 4,

$$\sum_{CS} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.13b)$$

Applying Eq. 4.13b to the control volume we obtain

$$-V_1 b y_1 + V_2 b y_2 = 0$$

or

$$V_1 y_1 = V_2 y_2 \quad (11.31)$$

This is the continuity equation for the hydraulic jump. For the momentum equation, again with the assumption of uniform velocity at each section, we can use the following form for the  $x$  component of momentum

$$F_x = F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} u \rho \, dV + \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (4.18d)$$

The unsteady term  $\partial/\partial t$  disappears as the flow is *steady*, and the body force  $F_{B_x}$  is zero for *horizontal flow*. So we obtain

$$F_{S_x} = \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (11.32)$$

The surface force consists of pressure forces on the two ends and friction force on the wetted surface. By assumption **5** we neglect friction. The gage pressure at the two ends is hydrostatic, as illustrated in Fig. 11.3b. We recall from our study of hydrostatics that the hydrostatic force,  $F_R$ , on a submerged vertical surface of area,  $A$ , is given by the simple result

$$F_R = p_c A \quad (3.10b)$$

where  $p_c$  is the pressure at the centroid of the vertical surface. For the two vertical surfaces of the control volume, then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_{S_x} &= F_{R_1} - F_{R_2} = (p_c A)_1 - (p_c A)_2 = \{(\rho g y_1) y_1 b\} - \{(\rho g y_2) y_2 b\} \\ &= \frac{\rho g b}{2} (y_1^2 - y_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

Using this result in Eq. 11.32, and evaluating the terms on the right,

$$F_{S_x} = \frac{\rho g b}{2} (y_1^2 - y_2^2) = \sum_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} = V_1 \rho \{-V_1 y_1 b\} + V_2 \rho \{V_2 y_2 b\}$$

Rearranging and simplifying

$$\frac{V_1^2 y_1}{g} + \frac{y_1^2}{2} = \frac{V_2^2 y_2}{g} + \frac{y_2^2}{2} \quad (11.33)$$

This is the momentum equation for the hydraulic jump. We have already derived the energy equation for open-channel flows,

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 + z_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + z_2 + H_l \quad (11.10)$$

For our horizontal hydraulic jump,  $z_1 = z_2$ , so

$$E_1 = \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + H_l = E_2 + H_l \quad (11.34)$$

This is the energy equation for the hydraulic jump; the loss of mechanical energy is

$$\Delta E = E_1 - E_2 = H_l$$

The continuity, momentum, and energy equations (Eqs. 11.31, 11.33, and 11.34, respectively) constitute a complete set for analyzing a hydraulic jump.

### Depth Increase Across a Hydraulic Jump

To find the downstream or, as it is called, the *sequent* depth in terms of conditions upstream from the hydraulic jump, we begin by eliminating  $V_2$  from the momentum equation. From continuity,  $V_2 = V_1 y_1 / y_2$  (Eq. 11.31), so Eq. 11.33 can be written

$$\frac{V_1^2 y_1}{g} + \frac{y_1^2}{2} = \frac{V_1^2 y_1}{g} \left( \frac{y_1}{y_2} \right) + \frac{y_2^2}{2}$$

Rearranging

$$y_2^2 - y_1^2 = \frac{2V_1^2 y_1}{g} \left( 1 - \frac{y_1}{y_2} \right) = \frac{2V_1^2 y_1}{g} \left( \frac{y_2 - y_1}{y_2} \right)$$

Dividing both sides by the common factor  $(y_2 - y_1)$ , we obtain

$$y_2 + y_1 = \frac{2V_1^2 y_1}{g y_2}$$

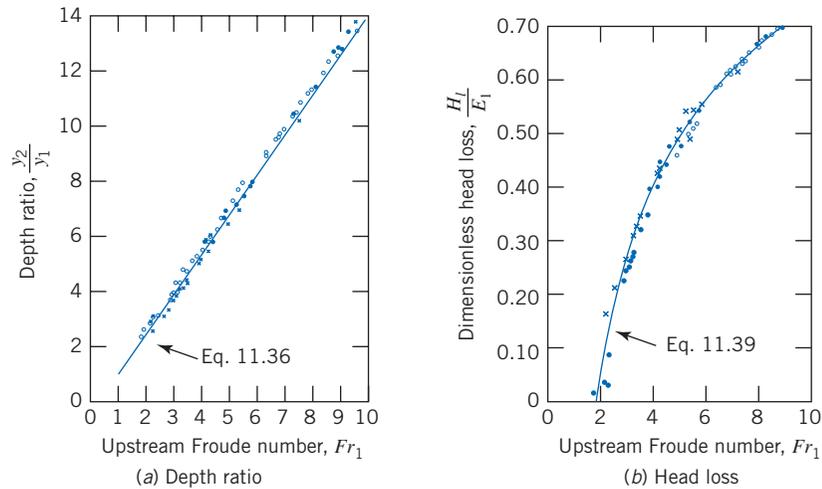
Next, multiplying by  $y_2$  and dividing by  $y_1^2$  gives

$$\left( \frac{y_2}{y_1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{y_2}{y_1} \right) = \frac{2V_1^2}{g y_1} = 2Fr_1^2 \quad (11.35)$$

Solving for  $y_2/y_1$  using the quadratic formula (ignoring the physically meaningless negative root), we obtain

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + 8Fr_1^2} - 1 \right] \quad (11.36)$$

Hence, the ratio of downstream to upstream depths across a hydraulic jump is only a function of the upstream Froude number. Equation 11.36 has been experimentally well verified, as can be seen in Fig. 11.15a. Depths  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are referred to as *conjugate depths*. From Eq. 11.35, we see that an increase in depth ( $y_2 > y_1$ ) requires an upstream Froude number greater than one ( $Fr_1 > 1$ ). We have not yet established that we *must* have  $Fr_1 > 1$ , just that it must be for an increase in depth (theoretically we could have  $Fr_1 < 1$  and  $y_2 < y_1$ ); we will now consider the head loss to demonstrate that we *must* have  $Fr_1 > 1$ .



**Fig. 11.15** Depth ratio and head loss for a hydraulic jump. (Data from Peterka [9].)

### Head Loss Across a Hydraulic Jump

Hydraulic jumps often are used to dissipate energy below spillways as a means of preventing erosion of artificial or natural channel bottom or sides. It is therefore of interest to be able to determine the head loss due to a hydraulic jump.

From the energy equation for the jump, Eq. 11.34, we can solve for the head loss

$$H_l = E_1 - E_2 = \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 - \left( \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 \right)$$

From continuity,  $V_2 = V_1 y_1 / y_2$ , so

$$H_l = \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{y_1}{y_2} \right)^2 \right] + (y_1 - y_2)$$

or

$$\frac{H_l}{y_1} = \frac{Fr_1^2}{2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{y_1}{y_2} \right)^2 \right] + \left[ 1 - \frac{y_2}{y_1} \right] \quad (11.37)$$

Solving Eq. 11.35 for  $Fr_1$  in terms of  $y_2/y_1$  and substituting into Eq. 11.37, we obtain (after quite a bit of algebraic manipulation)

$$\frac{H_l}{y_1} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\left[ \frac{y_2}{y_1} - 1 \right]^3}{\frac{y_2}{y_1}} \quad (11.38a)$$

Equation 11.38a is our proof that  $y_2/y_1 > 1$ ; the left side is always positive (turbulence must lead to a loss of mechanical energy); so the cubed term must lead to a positive result. Then, from either Eq. 11.35 or Eq. 11.36, we see that we must have  $Fr_1 > 1$ . An alternative form of this result is obtained after some minor rearranging,

$$H_l = \frac{[y_2 - y_1]^3}{4y_1 y_2} \quad (11.38b)$$

which again shows that  $y_2 > y_1$  for real flows ( $H_l > 0$ ). Next, the specific energy,  $E_1$ , can be written as

$$E_1 = \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 = y_1 \left[ \frac{V_1^2}{2gy_1} + 1 \right] = y_1 \frac{(Fr_1^2 + 2)}{2}$$

Nondimensionalizing  $H_l$  using  $E_1$ ,

$$\frac{H_l}{E_1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left[\frac{y_2}{y_1} - 1\right]^3}{\frac{y_2}{y_1} [Fr_1^2 + 2]}$$

The depth ratio in terms of  $Fr_1$  is given by Eq. 11.36. Hence  $H_l/E_1$  can be written purely as a function of the upstream Froude number. The result, after some manipulation, is

$$\frac{H_l}{E_1} = \frac{\left[\sqrt{1 + 8Fr_1^2} - 3\right]^3}{8 \left[\sqrt{1 + 8Fr_1^2} - 1\right] [Fr_1^2 + 2]} \quad (11.39)$$

We see that the head loss, as a fraction of the original specific energy across a hydraulic jump, is only a function of the upstream Froude number. Equation 11.39 is experimentally well verified, as can be seen in Fig. 11.15b; the figure also shows that more than 70 percent of the mechanical energy of the entering stream is dissipated in jumps with  $Fr_1 > 9$ . Inspection of Eq. 11.39 also shows that if  $Fr_1 = 1$ , then  $H_l = 0$ , and that negative values are predicted for  $Fr_1 < 1$ . Since  $H_l$  must be positive in any real flow, this reconfirms that a hydraulic jump can occur only in supercritical flow. Flow downstream from a jump always is subcritical. The characteristics of a hydraulic jump are determined in Example 11.5.

### Example 11.5 HYDRAULIC JUMP IN A RECTANGULAR CHANNEL FLOW

A hydraulic jump occurs in a rectangular channel 3 m wide. The water depth before the jump is 0.6 m, and after the jump is 1.6 m. Compute (a) the flow rate in the channel (b) the critical depth (c) the head loss in the jump.

**Given:** Rectangular channel with hydraulic jump in which flow depth changes from 0.6 m to 1.6 m.

**Find:** Flow rate, critical depth, and head loss in the jump.

**Solution:** Use the equation that relates depths  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  in terms of the Froude number (Eq. 11.36); then use the Froude number (Eq. 11.7) to obtain the flow rate; use Eq. 11.23 to obtain the critical depth; and finally compute the head loss from Eq. 11.38b.

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -1 + \sqrt{1 + 8Fr_1^2} \right] \quad (11.36)$$

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy}} \quad (11.7)$$

$$y_c = \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{1/3} \quad (11.23)$$

$$H_l = \frac{[y_2 - y_1]^3}{4y_1y_2} \quad (11.38b)$$

(a) From Eq. 11.36

$$\begin{aligned} Fr_1 &= \sqrt{\frac{\left(1 + 2\frac{y_2}{y_1}\right)^2 - 1}{8}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\left(1 + 2 \times \frac{1.6 \text{ m}}{0.6 \text{ m}}\right)^2 - 1}{8}} \\ Fr_1 &= 2.21 \end{aligned}$$

As expected,  $Fr_1 > 1$  (supercritical flow). We can now use the definition of Froude number for open-channel flow to find  $V_1$

$$Fr_1 = \frac{V_1}{\sqrt{gy_1}}$$

Hence

$$V_1 = Fr_1 \sqrt{gy_1} = 2.21 \times \sqrt{\frac{9.81 \text{ m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 0.6 \text{ m}} = 5.36 \text{ m/s}$$

From this we can obtain the flow rate,  $Q$ .

$$Q = by_1 V_1 = 3.0 \text{ m} \times 0.6 \text{ m} \times \frac{5.36 \text{ m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$Q = 9.65 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \leftarrow \text{ } Q$$

(b) The critical depth can be obtained from Eq. 11.23.

$$y_c = \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$= \left( 9.65^2 \frac{\text{m}^6}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \times \frac{1}{3.0^2 \text{ m}^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$y_c = 1.02 \text{ m} \leftarrow \text{ } y_c$$

Note that as illustrated in Fig. 11.13,  $y_1 < y_c < y_2$ .

(c) The head loss can be found from Eq. 11.38b.

$$H_l = \frac{[y_2 - y_1]^3}{4y_1 y_2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \frac{[1.6 \text{ m} - 0.6 \text{ m}]^3}{1.6 \text{ m} \times 0.6 \text{ m}} = 0.260 \text{ m} \leftarrow \text{ } H_l$$

As a verification of this result, we use the energy equation directly,

$$H_l = E_1 - E_2 = \left( y_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \right) - \left( y_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} \right)$$

with  $V_2 = Q/(by_2) = 2.01 \text{ m/s}$ ,

$$H_l = \left( 0.6 \text{ m} + 5.36^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \right)$$

$$- \left( 1.6 \text{ m} + 2.01^2 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2}{9.81 \text{ m}} \right)$$

$$H_l = 0.258 \text{ m}$$

This problem illustrates computation of flow rate, critical depth, and head loss, for a hydraulic jump.

## 11.5 Steady Uniform Flow

After studying local effects such as bumps and hydraulic jumps, and defining some fundamental quantities such as the specific energy and critical velocity, we are ready to analyze flows in long stretches. Steady uniform flow is something that is to be expected to occur for channels of constant slope and cross section; Figs. 11.1 and 11.2 show examples of this kind of flow. Such flows are very common and important, and have been extensively studied.

The simplest such flow is *fully developed* flow; it is analogous to fully developed flow in pipes. A fully developed flow is one for which the channel is *prismatic*, that is, a channel with constant slope and cross section that flows at constant depth. This depth,  $y_n$ , is termed the *normal depth* and the flow is

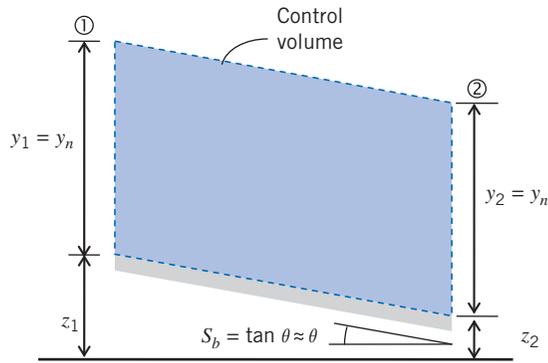


Fig. 11.16 Control volume for uniform channel flow.

termed a *uniform flow*. Hence the expression *uniform flow* in this chapter has a different meaning than in earlier chapters. In earlier chapters it meant that the *velocity* was uniform *at a section* of the flow; in this chapter we use it to mean that, but in addition specifically that the *flow* is the same *at all sections*. Hence for the flow shown in Fig. 11.16, we have  $A_1 = A_2 = A$  (cross-section areas),  $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q$  (flow rates),  $V_1 = V_2 = V$  (average velocity,  $V = Q/A$ ), and  $y_1 = y_2 = y_n$  (flow depth).

As before (Section 11.2), we use the following assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Incompressible flow.
- 3 Uniform velocity at a section.
- 4 Gradually varying depth so that pressure distribution is hydrostatic.
- 5 Bed slope is small.
- 6  $\dot{W}_s = \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = 0$ .

Note that assumption 5 means that we can approximate the flow depth  $y$  to be vertical and flow speed horizontal. (Strictly speaking they should be normal and parallel to the channel bottom, respectively.)

The continuity equation is obvious for this case.

$$Q = V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2 = VA$$

For the momentum equation, again with the assumption of uniform velocity at each section, we can use the following form for the  $x$  component of momentum

$$F_x = F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\text{CV}} u\rho \, dV + \sum_{\text{CS}} u\rho \vec{V} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (4.18d)$$

The unsteady term  $\partial/\partial t$  disappears as the flow is steady, and the control surface summation is zero because  $V_1 = V_2$ ; hence the right hand side is zero as there is no change of momentum for the control volume. The body force  $F_{B_x} = W \sin \theta$  where  $W$  is the weight of fluid in the control volume;  $\theta$  is the bed slope, as shown in Fig. 11.16. The surface force consists of the hydrostatic force on the two end surfaces at ① and ② and the friction force  $F_f$  on the wetted surface of the control volume; however, because we have the same pressure distributions at ① and ②, the net  $x$  component of pressure force is zero. Using all these results in Eq. 4.18d we obtain

$$-F_f + W \sin \theta = 0$$

or

$$F_f = W \sin \theta \quad (11.40)$$

We see that for flow at normal depth, the component of the gravity force driving the flow is just balanced by the friction force acting on the channel walls. This is in contrast to flow in a pipe or duct, for which (with the exception of pure gravity driven flow) we usually have a balance between an applied pressure gradient and the friction. The friction force may be expressed as the product of an average wall shear

stress,  $\tau_w$ , and the channel wetted surface area,  $PL$  (where  $L$  is the channel length), on which the stress acts

$$F_f = \tau_w PL \quad (11.41)$$

The component of gravity force can be written as

$$W \sin \theta = \rho g AL \sin \theta \approx \rho g AL \theta \approx \rho g ALS_b \quad (11.42)$$

where  $S_b$  is the channel bed slope. Using Eqs. 11.41 and 11.42 in Eq. 11.40,

$$\tau_w PL = \rho g ALS_b$$

or

$$\tau_w = \frac{\rho g AS_b}{P} = \rho g R_h S_b \quad (11.43)$$

where we have used the hydraulic radius,  $R_h = A/P$  as defined in Eq. 11.1. In Chapter 9 we have previously introduced a skin friction coefficient,

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2} \quad (9.22)$$

Using this in Eq. 11.43

$$\frac{1}{2} C_f \rho V^2 = \rho g R_h S_b$$

so, solving for  $V$

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{C_f}} \sqrt{R_h S_b} \quad (11.44)$$

### The Manning Equation for Uniform Flow

Equation 11.44 gives the flow velocity  $V$  as a function of channel geometry, specifically the hydraulic radius,  $R_h$  and slope,  $S_b$ , but also the skin friction coefficient,  $C_f$ . This latter term is difficult to obtain experimentally or theoretically; it depends on a number of factors such as bed roughness and fluid properties, but also on the velocity itself (via the flow Reynolds number). Instead of this we define a new quantity,

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{C_f}}$$

so that Eq. 11.44 becomes

$$V = C \sqrt{R_h S_b} \quad (11.45)$$

Equation 11.45 is the well-known *Chezy equation*, and  $C$  is referred to as the *Chezy coefficient*. Experimental values of  $C$  were obtained by Manning [10]. He suggested that

$$C = \frac{1}{n} R_h^{1/6} \quad (11.46)$$

where  $n$  is a roughness coefficient having different values for different types of boundary roughness. Some representative values of  $n$  are listed in Table 11.2. The range of values given in the table reflects the importance of surface characteristics. For the same material, the value of  $n$  can vary 20 to 30 percent depending on the finish of the channel surface. Substituting  $C$  from Eq. 11.46 into Eq. 11.45 results in the *Manning equation* for the velocity for flow at normal depth

$$V = \frac{1}{n} R_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad (11.47a)$$

**Table 11.2**  
Representative Manning's Roughness Coefficients

Channel Type	Condition	Manning's $n$
Constructed, unlined	Smooth earth	0.016 – 0.020
	Bare earth	0.018 – 0.022
	Gravel	0.022 – 0.030
	Rocky	0.025 – 0.035
Constructed, lined	Plastic	0.009 – 0.011
	Asphalt	0.013 – 0.016
	Concrete	0.013 – 0.015
	Brick	0.014 – 0.017
	Wood	0.011 – 0.015
	Masonry	0.025 – 0.030
Natural	Corrugated metal	0.022 – 0.024
	Stream, clean	0.025 – 0.035
	Major river, clean	0.030 – 0.040
	Major river, sluggish	0.040 – 0.080

Source: Data taken from References [1], [3], [7], [11], [12]

which is valid for SI units. Manning's equation in SI units can also be expressed as

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} A R_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad (11.48a)$$

For  $V$  in ft/s and  $R_h$  in feet (English Engineering units), Eq. 11.47a can be rewritten as

$$V = \frac{1.49}{n} R_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad (11.47b)$$

and Eq. 11.48a can be written as

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} A R_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad (11.48b)$$

where  $A$  is in square feet. Note that a number of these equations, as well as many that follow, are “engineering” equations; that is, *the user needs to be aware of the required units of each term in the equation.*

The relationship among variables in Eqs. 11.48a can be viewed in a number of ways. For example, it shows that the volume flow rate through a prismatic channel of given slope and roughness is a function of both channel size and channel shape. This is illustrated in Examples 11.6 and 11.7.

### Example 11.6 FLOW RATE IN A RECTANGULAR CHANNEL

An 8-ft-wide rectangular channel with a bed slope of 0.0004 ft/ft has a depth of flow of 2 ft. Assuming steady uniform flow, determine the discharge in the channel. The Manning roughness coefficient is  $n = 0.015$ .

**Given:** Geometry of rectangular channel and flow depth.

**Find:** Flow rate  $Q$ .

**Solution:** Use the appropriate form of Manning's equation. For a problem in English Engineering units, this is Eq. 11.48b.

**Governing equations:**

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad R_h = \frac{by}{b + 2y} \quad (\text{Table 11.1})$$

Using this equation with the given data

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \frac{1.49}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1.49}{0.015} \times (8 \text{ ft} \times 2 \text{ ft}) \times \left( \frac{8 \text{ ft} \times 2 \text{ ft}}{8 \text{ ft} + 2 \times 2 \text{ ft}} \right)^{2/3} \times \left( 0.004 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{ft}} \right)^{1/2} \\ Q &= 38.5 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s} \end{aligned}$$

This problem demonstrates use of Manning's equation to solve for flow rate,  $Q$ . Note that because this is an "engineering" equation, the units do not cancel.

**Example 11.7 FLOW VERSUS AREA THROUGH TWO CHANNEL SHAPES**

Open channels, of square and semicircular shapes, are being considered for carrying flow on a slope of  $S_b = 0.001$ ; the channel walls are to be poured concrete with  $n = 0.015$ . Evaluate the flow rate delivered by the channels for maximum dimensions between 0.5 and 2.0 m. Compare the channels on the basis of volume flow rate for given cross-sectional area.

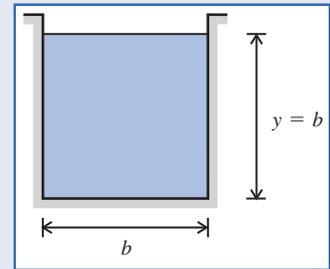
**Given:** Square and semicircular channels;  $S_b = 0.001$  and  $n = 0.015$ . Sizes between 0.5 and 2.0 m across.

**Find:** Flow rate as a function of size. Compare channels on the basis of volume flow rate,  $Q$ , versus cross-sectional area,  $A$ .

**Solution:** Use the appropriate form of Manning's equation. For a problem in SI units, this is Eq. 11.68a.

**Governing equations:**

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad (11.48a)$$



**Assumption:** Flow at normal depth.

For the square channel,

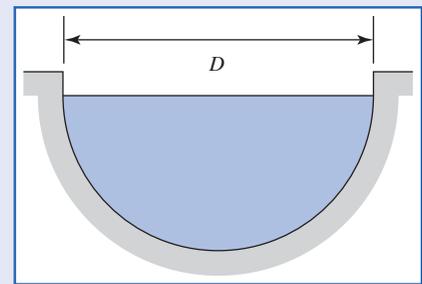
$$P = 3b \quad \text{and} \quad A = b^2 \quad \text{so} \quad R_h = \frac{b}{3}$$

Using this in Eq. 11.48a

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{1}{n} b^2 \left( \frac{b}{3} \right)^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{1}{3^{2/3} n} S_b^{1/2} b^{8/3}$$

For  $b = 1 \text{ m}$ ,

$$Q = \frac{1}{3^{2/3} (0.015)} (0.001)^{1/2} (1)^{8/3} = 1.01 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$



Tabulating for a range of sizes yields

$b \text{ (m)}$	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
$A \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$	0.25	1.00	2.25	4.00
$Q \text{ (m}^3\text{/s)}$	0.160	1.01	2.99	6.44

For the semicircular channel,

$$P = \frac{\pi D}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \frac{\pi D^2}{8}$$

$$\text{so} \quad R_h = \frac{\pi D^2}{8} \frac{2}{\pi D} = \frac{D}{4}$$

Using this in Eq. 11.48a

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} A R_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\pi D^2}{8} \left(\frac{D}{4}\right)^{2/3} S_b^{1/2}$$

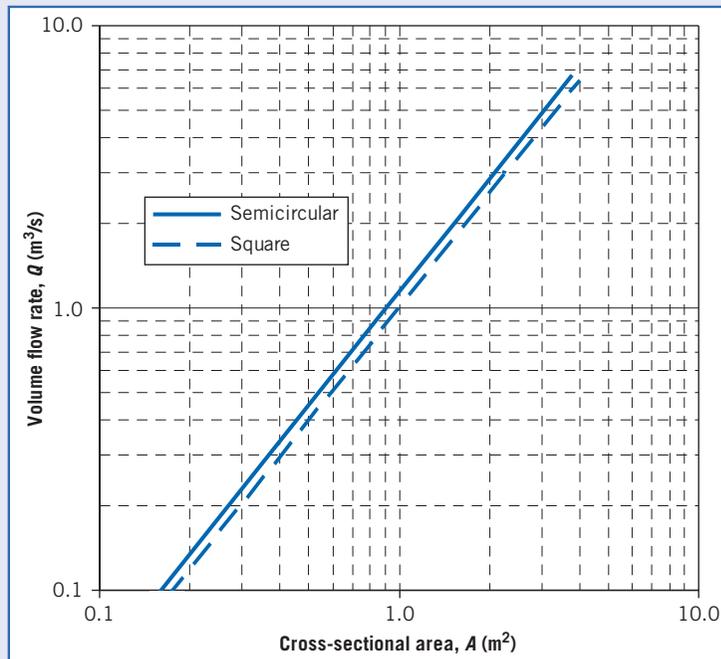
$$= \frac{\pi}{4^{5/3} (2)n} S_b^{1/2} D^{8/3}$$

For  $D = 1$  m,

$$Q = \frac{\pi}{4^{5/3} (2)(0.015)} (0.001)^{1/2} (1)^{8/3} = 0.329 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \leftarrow Q$$

Tabulating for a range of sizes yields

$D$ (m)	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
$A$ (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.0982	0.393	0.884	1.57
$Q$ (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.0517	0.329	0.969	2.09



For both channels, volume flow rate varies as

$$Q \sim L^{8/3} \quad \text{or} \quad Q \sim A^{4/3}$$

since  $A \sim L^2$ . The plot of flow rate versus cross-sectional area shows that the semicircular channel is more “efficient.”

Performance of the two channels may be compared at any specified area. At  $A = 1$  m<sup>2</sup>,  $Q/A = 1.01$  m/s for the square channel. For the semicircular channel with  $A = 1$  m<sup>2</sup>, then  $D = 1.60$  m, and  $Q = 1.15$  m<sup>3</sup>/s; so  $Q/A = 1.15$  m/s. Thus the semicircular channel carries approximately 14 percent more flow per unit area than the square channel.

The comparison on cross-sectional area is important in determining the amount of excavation required to build the channel. The channel shapes also could be compared on the basis of perimeter, which would indicate the amount of concrete needed to finish the channel.



The Excel workbook for this problem can be used for computing data and plotting curves for other square and semicircular channels.

We have demonstrated that Eqs. 11.48 mean that, for normal flow, the flow rate depends on the channel size and shape. For a specified flow rate through a prismatic channel of given slope and roughness, Eqs. 11.48 also show that the depth of uniform flow is a function of both channel size and shape, as well as the slope. There is only one depth for uniform flow at a given flow rate; it may be greater than, less than, or equal to the critical depth. This is illustrated in Examples 11.8 and 11.9.

### Example 11.8 NORMAL DEPTH IN A RECTANGULAR CHANNEL

Determine the normal depth (for uniform flow) if the channel described in Example 11.6 has a flow rate of 100 cfs.

**Given:** Geometric data on rectangular channel of Example 11.6.

**Find:** Normal depth for a flow rate  $Q = 100$  ft<sup>3</sup>/s.

**Solution:** Use the appropriate form of Manning's equation. For a problem in English Engineering units, this is Eq. 11.48b.

**Governing equations:**

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad R_h = \frac{by_n}{b + 2y_n} \quad \text{Table(11.1)}$$

Combining these equations

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{1.49}{n} (by_n) \left( \frac{by_n}{b + 2y_n} \right)^{2/3} S_b^{1/2}$$

Hence, after rearranging

$$\left( \frac{Qn}{1.49b^{5/3} S_b^{1/2}} \right)^3 (b + 2y_n)^2 = y_n^5$$

Substituting  $Q = 100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $n = 0.015$ ,  $b = 8 \text{ ft}$ , and  $S_b = 0.0004$  and simplifying (remembering this is an “engineering” equation, in which we insert values without units),

$$3.89(8 + 2y_n)^2 = y_n^5$$

This nonlinear equation can be solved for  $y_n$  using a numerical method such as the Newton-Raphson method (or better yet using your calculator's solving feature or *Excel's Goal Seek* or *Solver!*). We find

$$y_n = 3.97 \text{ ft} \leftarrow \frac{y_n}{\text{ft}}$$

Note that there are five roots, but four of them are complex—mathematically correct but physically meaningless.

- This problem demonstrates the use of Manning's equation for finding the normal depth.
- This relatively simple physical problem still involved solving a nonlinear algebraic equation.



The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be used for solving similar problems.

### Example 11.9 DETERMINATION OF FLUME SIZE

An above-ground flume, built from timber, is to convey water from a mountain lake to a small hydroelectric plant. The flume is to deliver water at  $Q = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ; the slope is  $S_b = 0.002$  and  $n = 0.013$ . Evaluate the required flume size for (a) a rectangular section with  $y/b = 0.5$  and (b) an equilateral triangular section.

**Given:** Flume to be built from timber, with  $S_b = 0.002$ ,  $n = 0.013$ , and  $Q = 2.00 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

**Find:** Required flume size for:

- Rectangular section with  $y/b = 0.5$ .
- Equilateral triangular section.

**Solution:** Assume flume is long, so flow is uniform; it is at normal depth. Then Eq. 11.48a applies.

**Governing equations:**

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad (11.48a)$$

The choice of channel shape fixes the relationship between  $R_h$  and  $A$ ; so Eq. 11.48a may be solved for normal depth,  $y_n$ , thus determining the channel size required.

(a) Rectangular section

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 2y_n + b; \quad y_n/b = 0.5 \text{ so } b = 2y_n \\ P &= 2y_n + 2y_n = 4y_n \quad A = y_n b = y_n(2y_n) = 2y_n^2 \\ \text{so } R_h &= \frac{A}{P} = \frac{2y_n^2}{4y_n} = 0.5y_n \end{aligned}$$

Using this in Eq. 11.48a,

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{1}{n} (2y_n^2)(0.5y_n)^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{2(0.5)^{2/3}}{n} y_n^{8/3} S_b^{1/2}$$

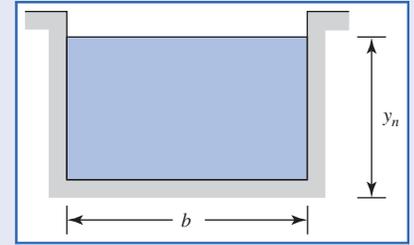
Solving for  $y_n$

$$y_n = \left[ \frac{nQ}{2(0.5)^{2/3} S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8} = \left[ \frac{0.013(2.00)}{2(0.5)^{2/3} (0.002)^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8} = 0.748 \text{ m}$$

The required dimensions for the rectangular channel are

$$y_n = 0.748 \text{ m} \quad A = 1.12 \text{ m}^2 \\ b = 1.50 \text{ m} \quad p = 3.00 \text{ m}$$

Flume size



(b) Equilateral triangle section

$$P = 2s = \frac{2y_n}{\cos 30^\circ} \quad A = \frac{y_n s}{2} = \frac{y_n^2}{2 \cos 30^\circ} \\ \text{so } R_h = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{y_n}{4}$$

Using this in Eq. 11.48a,

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{y_n^2}{2 \cos 30^\circ} \right) \left( \frac{y_n}{4} \right)^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2 \cos 30^\circ (4)^{2/3} n} y_n^{8/3} S_b^{1/2}$$

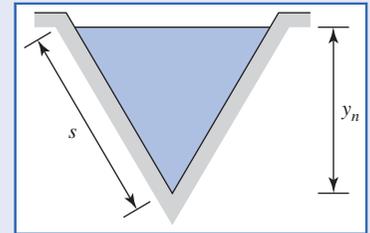
Solving for  $y_n$

$$y_n = \left[ \frac{2 \cos 30^\circ (4)^{2/3} n Q}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8} = \left[ \frac{2 \cos 30^\circ (4)^{2/3} (0.013)(2.00)}{(0.002)^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8} = 1.42 \text{ m}$$

The required dimensions for the triangular channel are

$$y_n = 1.42 \text{ m} \quad A = 1.16 \text{ m}^2 \\ b_s = 1.64 \text{ m} \quad p = 3.28 \text{ m}$$

Flume size



Note that for the triangular channel

$$V = \frac{Q}{A} = 2.0 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{1.16 \text{ m}^2} = 1.72 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy_n}} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gA/b_s}} \\ Fr = 1.72 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{1}{\left[ 9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 1.16 \text{ m}^2 \times \frac{1}{1.64 \text{ m}} \right]^{1/2}} = 0.653$$

Hence this normal flow is subcritical (as is the flow in the rectangular channel).

Comparing results, we see that the rectangular flume would be cheaper to build; its perimeter is about 8.5 percent less than that of the triangular flume.

This problem shows the effect of channel shape on the size required to deliver a given flow at a specified bed slope and roughness coefficient. At specified  $S_b$  and  $n$ , flow may be subcritical, critical, or supercritical, depending on  $Q$ .

## Energy Equation for Uniform Flow

To complete our discussion of normal flows, we consider the energy equation. The energy equation was already derived in Section 11.2.

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 + z_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + z_2 + H_l \quad (11.10)$$

In this case we obtain, with  $V_1 = V_2 = V$ , and  $y_1 = y_2 = y_n$ ,

$$z_1 = z_2 + H_f$$

or

$$H_f = z_1 - z_2 = LS_b \tag{11.49}$$

where  $S_b$  is the slope of the bed and  $L$  is the distance between points ① and ②. Hence we see that for flow at normal depth, *the head loss due to friction is equal to the change in elevation of the bed*. The specific energy,  $E$ , is the same at all sections,

$$E = E_1 = \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 = E_2 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y = \text{const}$$

For completeness we also compute the energy grade line EGL and hydraulic grade line HGL. From Section 6.4

$$EGL = \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z_{\text{total}} \tag{6.16b}$$

and

$$HGL = \frac{p}{\rho g} + z_{\text{total}} \tag{6.16c}$$

Note that we have used  $z_{\text{total}} = z + y$  in Eqs. 6.16b and 6.16c (in Chapter 6,  $z$  is the total elevation of the free surface). Hence at any point on the free surface (recall that we are using gage pressures),

$$EGL = \frac{V^2}{2g} + z + y \tag{11.50}$$

and

$$HGL = z + y \tag{11.51}$$

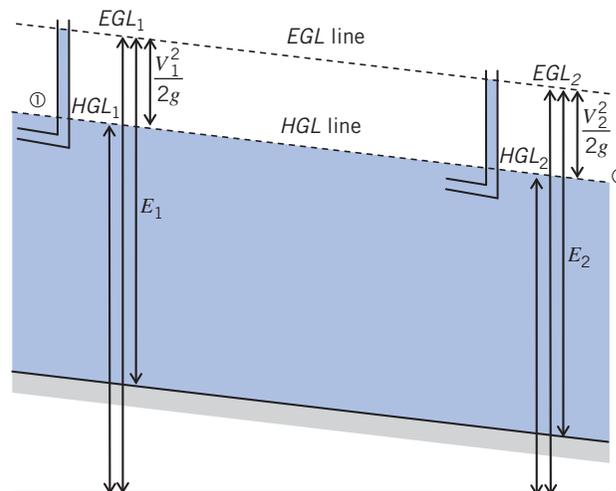
Hence, using Eqs. 11.50 and 11.51 in Eqs. 11.10, between points ① and ② we obtain

$$EGL_1 - EGL_2 = H_f = z_1 - z_2$$

and (because  $V_1 = V_2$ )

$$HGL_1 - HGL_2 = H_f = z_1 - z_2$$

*For normal flow, the energy grade line, the hydraulic grade line, and the channel bed are all parallel.* The trends for the energy grade line, hydraulic grade line, and specific energy, are shown in Fig. 11.17.



**Fig. 11.17** Energy grade line, hydraulic grade line, and specific energy for uniform flow.

## Optimum Channel Cross Section

For given slope and roughness, the optimum channel cross section is that for which we need the smallest channel for a given flow rate; this is when  $Q/A$  is maximized. From Eq. 11.48a (using the SI version, although the results we obtain will apply generally)

$$\frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1}{n} R_h^{2/3} S_b^{1/2} \quad (11.52)$$

Thus the optimum cross section has maximum hydraulic radius,  $R_h$ . Since  $R_h = A/P$ ,  $R_h$  is maximum when the wetted perimeter is minimum. Solving Eq. 11.52 for  $A$  (with  $R_h = A/P$ ) then yields

$$A = \left[ \frac{nQ}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/5} P^{2/5} \quad (11.53)$$

From Eq. 11.53, the flow area will be a minimum when the wetted perimeter is a minimum.

Wetted perimeter,  $P$ , is a function of channel shape. For any given prismatic channel shape (rectangular, trapezoidal, triangular, circular, etc.), the channel cross section can be optimized. Optimum cross sections for common channel shapes are given without proof in Table 11.3.

Once the optimum cross section for a given channel shape has been determined, expressions for normal depth,  $y_n$ , and area,  $A$ , as functions of flow rate can be obtained from Eq. 11.48a. These expressions are included in Table 11.3.

**Table 11.3**  
Properties of Optimum Open-Channel Sections (SI Units)

Shape	Section	Optimum Geometry	Normal Depth, $y_n$	Cross-Sectional Area, $A$
Trapezoidal		$\alpha = 60^\circ$ $b = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} y_n$	$0.968 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8}$	$1.622 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/4}$
Rectangular		$b = 2y_n$	$0.917 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8}$	$1.682 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/4}$
Triangular		$\alpha = 45^\circ$	$1.297 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8}$	$1.682 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/4}$
Wide Flat		None	$1.00 \left[ \frac{(Q/b)n}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8}$	—
Circular		$D = 2y_n$	$1.00 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/8}$	$1.583 \left[ \frac{Qn}{S_b^{1/2}} \right]^{3/4}$

## 11.6 Flow with Gradually Varying Depth

Most human-made channels are designed to have uniform flow (for example, see Fig. 11.1). However, this is not true in some situations. A channel can have nonuniform flow, that is, a flow for which the depth and hence speed, and so on vary along the channel for a number of reasons. Examples include when an open-channel flow encounters a change in bed slope, geometry, or roughness, or is adjusting itself back to normal depth after experiencing an upstream change (such as a sluice gate). We have already studied rapid, localized changes, such as that occurring in a hydraulic jump, but here we assume flow depth changes gradually. Flow with gradually varying depth is analyzed by applying the energy equation to a differential control volume; the result is a differential equation that relates changes in depth to distance along the flow. The resulting equation may be solved analytically or, more typically numerically, if we approximate the head loss at each section as being the same as that for flow at normal depth, using the velocity and hydraulic radius of the section. Water depth and channel bed height are assumed to change slowly. As in the case of flow at normal depth, velocity is assumed uniform, and the pressure distribution is assumed hydrostatic at each section.

The energy equation (Eq. 11.10) for open-channel flow was applied to a finite control volume in Section 11.2,

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 + z_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + z_2 + H_l \quad (11.10)$$

We apply this equation to the differential control volume, of length  $dx$ , shown in Fig. 11.18. Note that *the energy grade line, hydraulic grade line, and channel bottom all have different slopes*, unlike for the uniform flow of the previous section!

The energy equation becomes

$$\frac{V^2}{2g} + y + z = \frac{V^2}{2g} + d\left(\frac{V^2}{2g}\right) + y + dy + z + dz + dH_l$$

or after simplifying and rearranging

$$-d\left(\frac{V^2}{2g}\right) - dy - dz = dH_l \quad (11.54)$$

This is not surprising. The differential loss of mechanical energy equals the differential head loss. From channel geometry

$$dz = -S_b dx \quad (11.55)$$

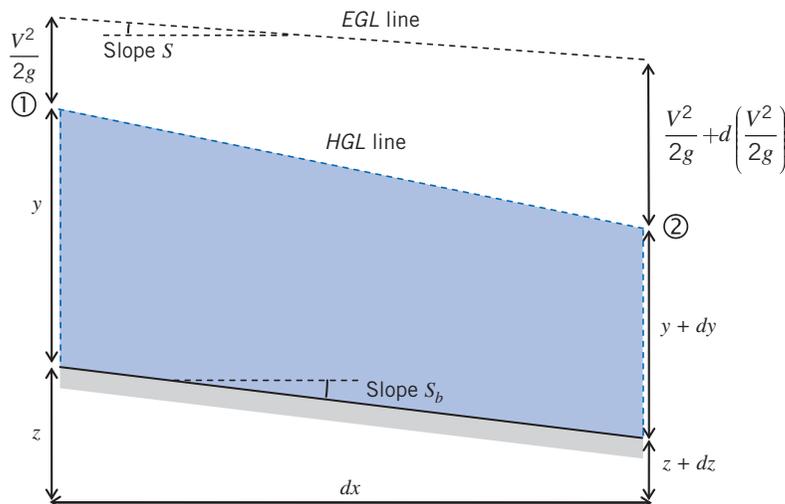


Fig. 11.18 Control volume for energy analysis of gradually varying flow.

We also have the approximation that the head loss in this differential nonuniform flow can be approximated by the head loss that uniform flow would have at the same flow rate,  $Q$ , at the section. Hence the differential head loss is approximated by

$$dH_f = S dx \quad (11.56)$$

where  $S$  is the slope of the EGL (see Fig. 11.18). Using Eqs. 11.55 and 11.56 in Eq. 11.54, dividing by  $dx$ , and rearranging, we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{V^2}{2g} \right) + \frac{dy}{dx} = S_b - S \quad (11.57)$$

To eliminate the velocity derivative, we differentiate the continuity equation,  $Q = VA = \text{const}$ , to obtain

$$\frac{dQ}{dx} = 0 = A \frac{dV}{dx} + V \frac{dA}{dx}$$

or

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -\frac{V}{A} \frac{dA}{dx} = -\frac{V b_s}{A} \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (11.58)$$

where we have used  $dA = b_s dy$  (Eq. 11.17), where  $b_s$  is the channel width at the free surface. Using Eq. 11.58 in Eq. 11.57, after rearranging

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{V^2}{2g} \right) + \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{V}{g} \frac{dV}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{V^2 b_s}{gA} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} = S_b - S \quad (11.59)$$

Next, we recognize that

$$\frac{V^2 b_s}{gA} = \frac{V^2}{g \frac{A}{b_s}} = \frac{V^2}{g y_h} = Fr^2$$

where  $y_h$  is the hydraulic depth (Eq. 11.2). Using this in Eq. 11.59, we finally obtain our desired form of the *energy equation for gradually varying flow*

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_b - S}{1 - Fr^2} \quad (11.60)$$

This equation indicates how the depth  $y$  of the flow varies. Whether the flow becomes deeper ( $dy/dx > 0$ ) or shallower ( $dy/dx < 0$ ) depends on the sign of the right-hand side. For example, consider a channel that has a horizontal section ( $S_b = 0$ ):

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{S}{1 - Fr^2}$$

Because of friction the EGL always decreases, so  $S > 0$ . If the incoming flow is subcritical ( $Fr < 1$ ), the flow depth will gradually decrease ( $dy/dx < 0$ ); if the incoming flow is supercritical ( $Fr > 1$ ), the flow depth will gradually increase ( $dy/dx > 0$ ). Note also that for critical flow ( $Fr = 1$ ), the equation leads to a singularity, and gradually flow is no longer sustainable—something dramatic will happen (guess what).

## Calculation of Surface Profiles

Equation 11.60 can be used to solve for the free surface shape  $y(x)$ ; the equation looks simple enough, but it is usually difficult to solve analytically and so is solved numerically. It is difficult to solve because the bed slope,  $S_b$ , the local Froude number,  $Fr$ , and  $S$ , the EGL slope equivalent to uniform flow at rate  $Q$ , will in general all vary with location,  $x$ . For  $S$ , we use the results obtained in Section 11.5, specifically

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} A R_h^{2/3} S^{1/2} \quad (11.48a)$$

or for English Engineering units

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} AR_h^{2/3} S^{1/2} \quad (11.48b)$$

Note that we have used  $S$  rather than  $S_b$  in Eq. 11.48 as we are using the equation to obtain an *equivalent* value of  $S$  for a uniform flow at rate  $Q$ ! Solving for  $S$ ,

$$S = \frac{n^2 Q^2}{A^2 R_h^{4/3}} \quad (11.61a)$$

or for English Engineering units

$$S = \frac{n^2 Q^2}{1.49^2 A^2 R_h^{4/3}} \quad (11.61b)$$

We can also express the Froude number as a function of  $Q$ ,

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy_h}} = \frac{Q}{A\sqrt{gy_h}} \quad (11.62)$$

Using Eqs. 11.61a (or 11.61b) and 11.62 in Eq. 11.60

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_b - S}{1 - Fr^2} = \frac{S_b - \frac{n^2 Q^2}{A^2 R_h^{4/3}}}{1 - \frac{Q^2}{A^2 gy_h}} \quad (11.63a)$$

or for English Engineering units

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_b - \frac{n^2 Q^2}{1.49^2 A^2 R_h^{4/3}}}{1 - \frac{Q^2}{A^2 gy_h}} \quad (11.63b)$$

For a given channel (slope,  $S_b$ , and roughness coefficient,  $n$ , both of which may vary with  $x$ ) and flow rate  $Q$ , the area  $A$ , hydraulic radius  $R_h$ , and hydraulic depth  $y_h$  are all functions of depth  $y$  (see Section 11.1). Hence Eqs. 11.63 are usually best solved using a suitable numerical integration scheme. Example 11.10 shows such a calculation for the simplest case, that of a rectangular channel.

### Example 11.10 CALCULATION OF FREE SURFACE PROFILE

Water flows in a 5-m-wide rectangular channel made from unfinished concrete with  $n = 0.015$ . The channel contains a long reach on which  $S_b$  is constant at  $S_b = 0.020$ . At one section, flow is at depth  $y_1 = 1.5$  m, with speed  $V_1 = 4.0$  m/s. Calculate and plot the free surface profile for the first 100 m of the channel, and find the final depth.

**Given:** Water flow in a rectangular channel.

**Find:** Plot of free surface profile; depth at 100 m.

**Solution:** Use the appropriate form of the equation for flow depth, Eq. 11.63a.

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_b - S}{1 - Fr^2} = \frac{S_b - \frac{n^2 Q^2}{A^2 R_h^{4/3}}}{1 - \frac{Q^2}{A^2 gy_h}} \quad (11.63a)$$

We use Euler’s method (see Section 5.5) to convert the differential equation to a difference equation. In this approach, the differential is converted to a difference,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \tag{1}$$

where  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$  are small but finite changes in  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. Combining Eqs. 11.63a and 1, and rearranging,

$$\Delta y = \Delta x \left( \frac{S_b - \frac{n^2 Q^2}{A^2 R_h^{4/3}}}{1 - \frac{Q^2}{A^2 g y_h}} \right)$$

Finally, we let  $\Delta y = y_{i+1} - y_i$ , where  $y_i$  and  $y_{i+1}$  are the depths at point  $i$  and a point  $(i + 1)$  distance  $\Delta x$  further downstream,

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \Delta x \left( \frac{S_b - \frac{n_i^2 Q^2}{A_i^2 R_{h_i}^{4/3}}}{1 - \frac{Q^2}{A_i^2 g y_{h_i}}} \right) \tag{2}$$

Equation 2 computes the depth,  $y_{i+1}$ , given data at point  $i$ . In the current application,  $S_b$  and  $n$  are constant, but  $A$ ,  $R_h$ , and  $y_h$  will, of course, vary with  $x$  because they are functions of  $y$ . For a rectangular channel we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} A_i &= b y_i \\ R_{h_i} &= \frac{b y_i}{b + 2 y_i} \\ y_{h_i} &= \frac{A_i}{b_s} = \frac{A_i}{b} = \frac{b y_i}{b_s} = y_i \end{aligned}$$

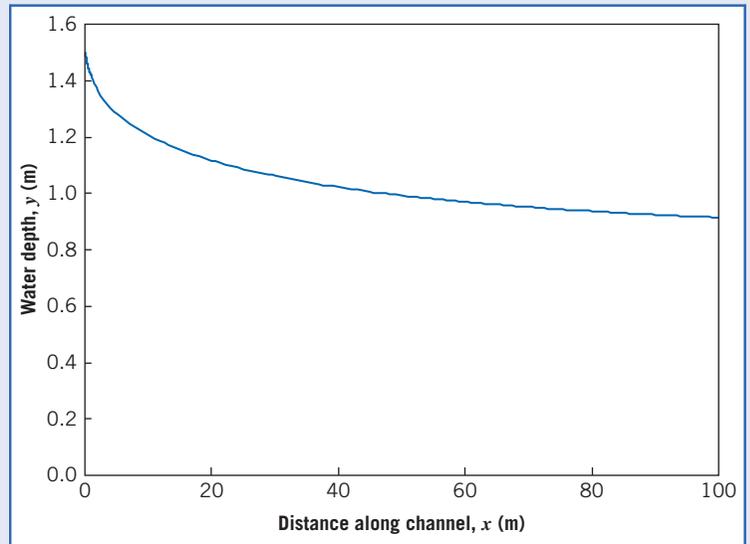
The calculations are conveniently performed and results plotted using *Excel*. Note that partial results are shown in the table, and that for the first meter, over which there is a rapid change in depth, the step size is  $\Delta x = 0.05$ .

$i$	$x$ (m)	$y$ (m)	$A$ (m <sup>2</sup> )	$R_h$ (m)	$y_h$ (m)
1	0.00	1.500	7.500	0.938	1.500
2	0.05	1.491	7.454	0.934	1.491
3	0.10	1.483	7.417	0.931	1.483
4	0.15	1.477	7.385	0.928	1.477
5	0.20	1.471	7.356	0.926	1.471
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
118	98	0.916	4.580	0.670	0.916
119	99	0.915	4.576	0.670	0.915
120	100	0.914	4.571	0.669	0.914

The depth at location  $x = 100$  m is seen to be 0.914 m.

$$y(100 \text{ m}) = 0.914 \text{ m} \quad \leftarrow \quad y(100 \text{ m})$$

Note (following the solution procedure of Example 11.8) that the normal depth for this flow is  $y_n = 0.858$  m; the flow depth is asymptotically approaching this value. In general, this is one of several possibilities, depending on the values of the initial depth and the channel properties (slope and roughness). A flow may approach normal depth, become deeper and deeper, or eventually become shallower and experience a hydraulic jump.



The accuracy of the results obtained obviously depends on the numerical model used; for example, a more accurate model is the RK4 method. Also, for the first meter or so, there are rapid changes in depth, bringing into question the validity of several assumptions, for example, uniform flow and hydrostatic pressure.

 The *Excel* workbook for this problem can be modified for use in solving similar problems.

### 11.7 Discharge Measurement Using Weirs

A *weir* is a device (or overflow structure) that is placed normal to the direction of flow. The weir essentially backs up water so that, in flowing over the weir, the water goes through critical depth. Weirs have been used for the measurement of water flow in open channels for many years. Weirs can generally be classified as *sharp-crested weirs* and *broad-crested weirs*. Weirs are discussed in detail in Bos [14], Brater [15], and Replogle [16].

A *sharp-crested weir* is basically a thin plate mounted perpendicular to the flow with the top of the plate having a beveled, sharp edge, which makes the nappe spring clear from the plate (see Fig. 11.19).

The rate of flow is determined by measuring the head, typically in a stilling well (see Fig. 11.20) at a distance upstream from the crest. The head  $H$  is measured using a gage.

#### Suppressed Rectangular Weir

These sharp-crested weirs are as wide as the channel and the width of the nappe is the same length as the crest. Referring to Fig. 11.20, consider an elemental area  $dA = b dh$  and assume the velocity is  $V = \sqrt{2gh}$ ; then the elemental flow is

$$dQ = b dh \sqrt{2gh} = b \sqrt{2g} h^{1/2} dh$$

The discharge is expressed by integrating this over the area above the top of the weir crest:

$$Q = \int_0^H dQ = \sqrt{2g} b \int_0^H h^{1/2} dh = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{2g} b H^{3/2} \tag{11.64}$$

Friction effects have been neglected in the derivation of Eq. 11.64. The drawdown effect shown in Fig. 11.19 and the crest contraction indicate that the streamlines are not parallel or normal to the area in the plane. To account for these effects, a coefficient of discharge  $C_d$  is used, so that

$$Q = C_d \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{2g} b H^{3/2}$$

where  $C_d$  is approximately 0.62. This is the basic equation for a suppressed rectangular weir, which can be expressed more generally as

$$Q = C_w b H^{3/2} \tag{11.65}$$

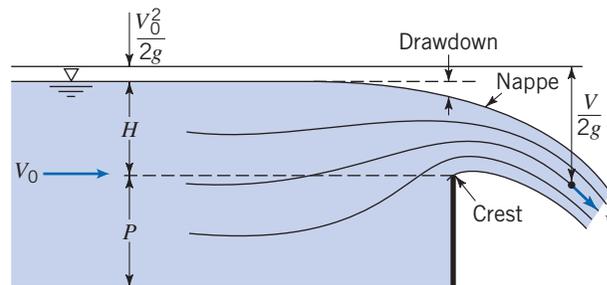


Fig. 11.19 Flow over sharp-crested weir.

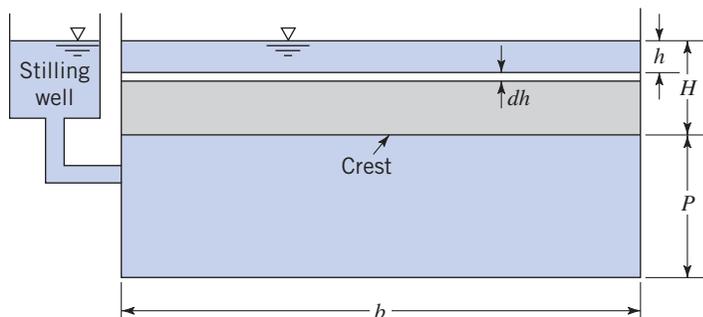


Fig. 11.20 Rectangular sharp-crested weir without end contraction.

where the  $C_w$  is the weir coefficient,  $C_w = \frac{2}{3} C_d \sqrt{2g}$ . For English Engineering units,  $C_w \approx 3.33$ , and for SI units,  $C_w \approx 1.84$ .

If the velocity of approach,  $V_a$ , where  $H$  is measured is appreciable, then the integration limits are

$$Q = \sqrt{2g} b \int_{V_a^2/2g}^{H + V_a^2/2g} h^{1/2} dh = C_w b \left[ \left( H + \frac{V_a^2}{2g} \right)^{3/2} - \left( \frac{V_a^2}{2g} \right)^{3/2} \right] \quad (11.66)$$

When  $(V_a^2/2g)^{3/2} \approx 0$  Eq. 11.66 can be simplified to

$$Q = C_w b \left( H + \frac{V_a^2}{2g} \right)^{3/2} \quad (11.67)$$

## Contracted Rectangular Weirs

A *contracted horizontal weir* is another sharp-crested weir with a crest that is shorter than the width of the channel and one or two beveled end sections so that water contracts both horizontally and vertically. This forces the nappe width to be less than  $b$ . The effective crest length is

$$b' = b - 0.1 nH$$

where  $n = 1$  if the weir is placed against one side wall of the channel so that the contraction on one side is suppressed and  $n = 2$  if the weir is positioned so that it is not placed against a side wall.

## Triangular Weir

*Triangular or V-notch weirs* are sharp-crested weirs that are used for relatively small flows but that have the advantage that they can also function for reasonably large flows as well. Referring to Fig. 11.21, the rate of discharge through an elemental area,  $dA$ , is

$$dQ = C_d \sqrt{2gh} dA$$

where  $dA = 2xdh$ , and  $x = (H-h)\tan(\theta/2)$ ; so  $dA = 2(H-h)\tan(\theta/2)dh$ . Then

$$dQ = C_d \sqrt{2gh} \left[ 2(H-h)\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) dh \right]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= C_d 2\sqrt{2g} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \int_0^H (H-h)h^{1/2} dh \\ &= C_d \left(\frac{8}{15}\right) \sqrt{2g} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) H^{5/2} \\ Q &= C_w H^{5/2} \end{aligned}$$

The value of  $C_w$  for a value of  $\theta = 90^\circ$ ; (the most common) is  $C_w = 1.38$  for SI units and  $C_w = 2.50$  for English Engineering units.

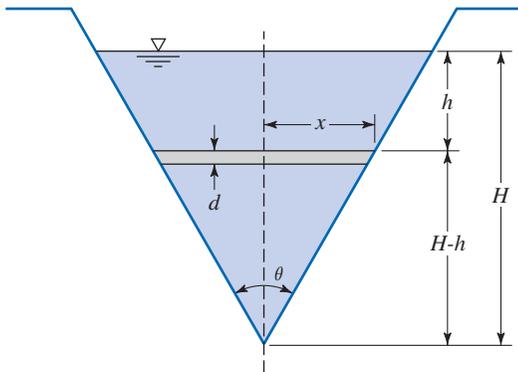


Fig. 11.21 Triangular sharp-crested weir.

### Broad-Crested Weir

Broad-crested weirs (Fig. 11.22) are essentially critical-depth weirs in that if the weirs are high enough, critical depth occurs on the crest of the weir. For critical flow conditions  $y_c = (Q^2/gb^2)^{1/3}$  (Eq. 11.23) and  $E = 3y_c/2$  (Eq. 11.25) for rectangular channels:

$$Q = b\sqrt{gy_c^3} = b\sqrt{g\left(\frac{2}{3}E\right)^3} = b\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3/2}\sqrt{gE^{3/2}}$$

or, assuming the approach velocity is negligible:

$$Q = b\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3/2}\sqrt{gH^{3/2}}$$

$$Q = C_w b H^{3/2}$$

Figure 11.23 illustrates a broad-crested weir installation in a trapezoidal canal.

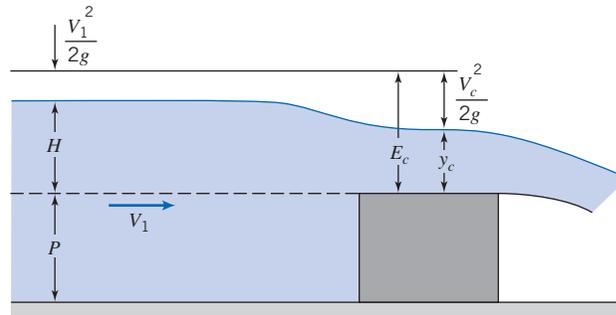


Fig. 11.22 Broad-crested weir.

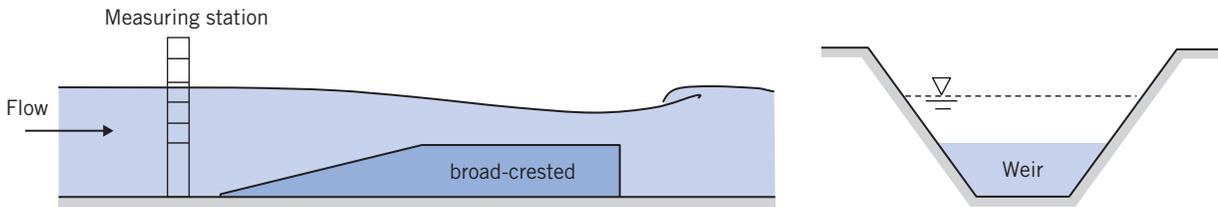


Fig. 11.23 Broad-crested weir in trapezoidal canal.

Example 11.11 shows the process for calculating the flow over a sharp-crested weir. The procedure for other weir geometries is basically the same as for this specific geometry.

### Example 11.11 DISCHARGE FROM A RECTANGULAR SHARP-CRESTED SUPPRESSED WEIR

A rectangular, sharp-crested suppressed weir 3 m long is 1 m high. Determine the discharge when the head is 150 mm.

**Given:** Geometry and head of a rectangular sharp-crested suppressed weir.

**Find:** Discharge (flow rate),  $Q$ .

**Solution:** Use the appropriate weir discharge equation.

**Governing equation:**

$$Q = C_w b H^{3/2} \tag{11.65}$$

In Eq. 11.65 we use  $C_w \approx 1.84$ , and the given data,  $b = 3$  m and  $H = 150$  mm = 0.15 m, so

$$Q = 1.84 \times 3 \text{ m} \times (0.15 \text{ m})^{3/2}$$

$$Q = 0.321 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \quad \underline{\quad \quad \quad} \quad Q$$

Note that Eq. 11.65 is an “engineering” equation; so we do not expect the units to cancel.

This problem illustrates use of one of a number of weir discharge equations.

## 11.8 Summary and Useful Equations

In this chapter, we:

- ✓ Derived an expression for the speed of surface waves and developed the notion of the specific energy of a flow, and derived the Froude number for determining whether a flow is subcritical, critical, or supercritical.
- ✓ Investigated rapidly varied flows, especially the hydraulic jump.
- ✓ Investigated steady uniform flow in a channel, and used energy and momentum concepts to derive Chezy's and Manning's equations.
- ✓ Investigated some basic concepts of gradually varied flows.

We also learned how to use many of the important concepts mentioned above in analyzing a range of real-world open-channel flow problems.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations—*be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!*

### Useful Equations

Hydraulic radius:	$R_h = \frac{A}{P}$	11.1	Page 511
Hydraulic depth:	$y_h = \frac{A}{b_s}$	11.2	Page 511
Speed of surface wave:	$c = \sqrt{gy}$	11.6	Page 514
Froude number:	$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy}}$	11.7	Page 515
Energy equation for open-channel flow:	$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 + z_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + z_2 + H_l$	11.10	Page 517
Total head:	$H = \frac{V^2}{2g} + y + z$	11.11	Page 518
Specific energy:	$E = \frac{V^2}{2g} + y$	11.13	Page 518
Critical flow:	$Q^2 = \frac{gA_c^3}{b_{s_c}}$	11.21	Page 522
Critical velocity:	$V_c = \sqrt{gy_{h_c}}$	11.22	Page 522
Critical depth (rectangular channel):	$y_c = \left[ \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \right]^{1/3}$	11.23	Page 522
Critical velocity (rectangular channel):	$V_c = \sqrt{gy_c} = \left[ \frac{gQ}{b} \right]^{1/3}$	11.24	Page 522
Minimum specific energy (rectangular channel):	$E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2}y_c$	11.25	Page 522
Hydraulic jump conjugate depths:	$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{1 + 8Fr_1^2} - 1 \right]$	11.36	Page 531

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Hydraulic jump head loss:	$H_l = \frac{[y_2 - y_1]^3}{4y_1y_2}$	11.38b	Page 532
Hydraulic jump head loss (in terms of $Fr_1$ ):	$\frac{H_l}{E_1} = \frac{[\sqrt{1 + 8Fr_1^2} - 3]^3}{8[\sqrt{1 + 8Fr_1^2} - 1][Fr_1^2 + 2]}$	11.39	Page 533
Chezy equation:	$V = C\sqrt{R_h S_b}$	11.45	Page 536
Chezy coefficient:	$C = \frac{1}{n}R_h^{1/6}$	11.46	Page 536
Manning equation for velocity (SI units)	$V = \frac{1}{n}R_h^{2/3}S_b^{1/2}$	11.47a	Page 536
Manning equation for flow (SI units)	$Q = \frac{1}{n}AR_h^{2/3}S_b^{1/2}$	11.48a	Page 537
Manning equation for velocity (English Engineering units)	$V = \frac{1.49}{n}R_h^{2/3}S_b^{1/2}$	11.47b	Page 537
Manning equation for flow (English Engineering units)	$Q = \frac{1.49}{n}AR_h^{2/3}S_b^{1/2}$	11.48b	Page 537
Energy Grade Line	$EGL = \frac{V^2}{2g} + z + y$	11.50	Page 542
Hydraulic Grade Line	$HGL = z + y$	11.51	Page 542
Energy equation (gradually varying flow):	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_b - S}{1 - Fr^2}$	11.60	Page 545

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# PROBLEMS

## Basic Concepts and Definitions

 **11.1** Verify the equation given in Table 11.1 for the hydraulic radius of a circular channel. Evaluate and plot the ratio  $R/D$ , for liquid depths between 0 and  $D$ .

**11.2** A pebble is dropped into a stream of water that flows in a rectangular channel at 2 m depth. In one second, a ripple caused by the stone is carried 7 m downstream. What is the speed of the flowing water?

**11.3** Solution of the complete differential equations for wave motion without surface tension shows that wave speed is given by

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi} \tanh\left(\frac{2\pi y}{\lambda}\right)}$$

where  $\lambda$  is the wave wavelength and  $y$  is the liquid depth. Show that when  $\lambda/y \ll 1$ , wave speed becomes proportional to  $\sqrt{\lambda}$ . In the limit as  $\lambda/y \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $c = \sqrt{gy}$ . Determine the value of  $\lambda/y$  for which  $c > 0.99\sqrt{gy}$ .

**11.4** A water flow rate of 250 cfs flows at a depth of 5 ft in a rectangular channel that is 9 ft wide. Determine whether the flow is sub- or supercritical. For this flow rate, determine the depth for critical flow.

**11.5** Determine and plot the relation between water velocity and depth over the range of  $V = 0.1$  m/s to 10 m/s for Froude numbers of 0.5 (subcritical), 1.0 (critical), and 2 (supercritical). Explain how the flow can be subcritical, critical, or supercritical for (a) the same velocity and (b) the same depth.

**11.6** Capillary waves (ripples) are small amplitude and wavelength waves, commonly seen, for example, when an insect or small particle hits the water surface. They are waves generated due to the interaction of the inertia force of the fluid  $\rho$  and the fluid surface tension  $\sigma$ . The wavelength is

$$\lambda = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}}$$

Find the speed of capillary waves in water and mercury.

 **11.7** The Froude number characterizes flow with a free surface. Plot on a log-log scale the speed versus depth for  $0.1 \text{ m/s} < V < 3 \text{ m/s}$  and  $0.001 < y < 1 \text{ m}$ ; plot the line  $Fr = 1$ , and indicate regions that correspond to tranquil and rapid flow.

**11.8** Consider waves on the surface of a tank of water that travel at 5 ft/s. How fast would the waves travel if the tank were (a) on the moon, (b) on Jupiter, or (c) on an orbiting space station? Explain your results.

 **11.9** A submerged body traveling horizontally beneath a liquid surface at a Froude number (based on body length) about 0.5 produces a strong surface wave pattern if submerged less than half its length. (The wave pattern of a surface ship also is pronounced at this Froude number.) On a log-log plot of speed versus body (or ship) length for  $1 \text{ m/s} < V < 30 \text{ m/s}$  and  $1 \text{ m} < x < 300 \text{ m}$ , plot the line  $Fr = 0.5$ .

**11.10** Water flows in a rectangular channel at a depth of 750 mm. If the flow speed is (a) 1 m/s and (b) 4 m/s, compute the corresponding Froude numbers.

## Energy Equation for Open-Channel Flows

**11.11** A partially open sluice gate in a 5-m-wide rectangular channel carries water at  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The upstream depth is 2.5 m. Find the downstream depth and Froude number.

**11.12** Find the critical depth for flow at  $3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  in a rectangular channel of width 2.5 m.

**11.13** Flow occurs in a rectangular channel of 6 m width and has a specific energy of 3 m. Plot accurately the relation between depth and specific energy. Determine from the curve (a) the critical depth, (b) the maximum flow rate, (c) the flow rate at a depth of 2.4 m, and (d) the depths at which a flow rate of  $28.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  may exist, and (e) the flow condition at these depths.

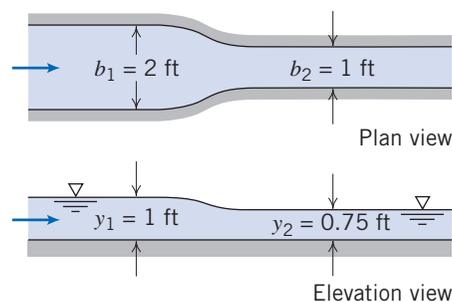
**11.14** What is the maximum flow rate that may occur in a rectangular channel 2.4 m wide for a specific energy of 1.5 m?

**11.15** A rectangular channel carries a discharge of  $10 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  per foot of width. Determine the minimum specific energy possible for this flow. Compute the corresponding flow depth and speed.

**11.16** Flow in the channel of Problem 11.15 has a specific energy of 4.5 ft. Compute the alternate depths for this specific energy. 

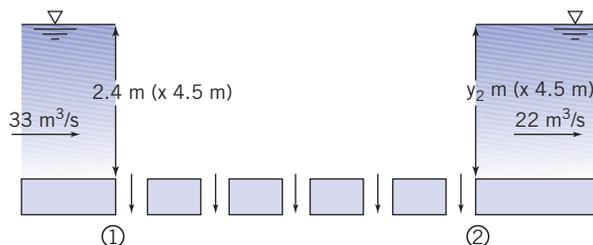
## Localized Effects of Area Change (Frictionless Flow)

**11.17** Consider the Venturi flume shown. The bed is horizontal, and flow may be considered frictionless. The upstream depth is 1 ft, and the downstream depth is 0.75 ft. The upstream breadth is 2 ft, and the breadth of the throat is 1 ft. Estimate the flow rate through the flume.



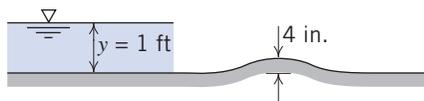
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**11.18** Eleven cubic meters per second of water are diverted through ports in the bottom of the channel between sections ① and ②. Neglecting head losses and assuming a horizontal channel, what depth of water is to be expected at section ②? What channel width at section ② would be required to produce a depth of 2.5 m?



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-  **11.19** A rectangular channel 10 ft wide carries 100 cfs on a horizontal bed at 1.0 ft depth. A smooth bump across the channel rises 4 in. above the channel bottom. Find the elevation of the liquid free surface above the bump.

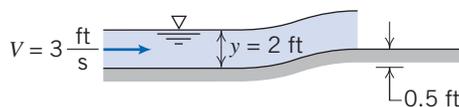


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- 11.20** At what depths can 800 cfs flow in a trapezoidal channel of base width 12 ft and side slopes 1 (vert.) on 3 (horiz.) if the specific energy is 7 ft?

-  **11.21** At a section of a 10-ft-wide rectangular channel, the depth is 0.3 ft for a discharge of  $20 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ . A smooth bump 0.1 ft high is placed on the floor of the channel. Determine the local change in flow depth caused by the bump.

-  **11.22** Water, at 3 ft/s and 2 ft depth, approaches a smooth rise in a wide channel. Estimate the stream depth after the 0.5 ft rise.



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- 11.23** A horizontal rectangular channel 3 ft wide contains a sluice gate. Upstream of the gate the depth is 6 ft and the depth downstream is 0.9 ft. Estimate the volume flow rate in the channel.

### The Hydraulic Jump

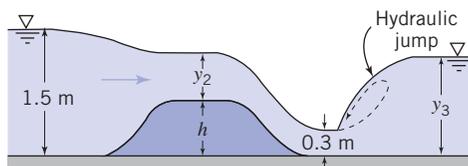
- 11.24** A hydraulic jump occurs in a rectangular channel 4.0 m wide. The water depth before the jump is 0.4 m and after the jump is 1.7 m. Compute the flow rate in the channel, the critical depth, and the head loss in the jump.

- 11.25** A hydraulic jump occurs in a wide horizontal channel. The discharge is  $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  per meter of width. The upstream depth is 500 mm. Determine the depth of the jump.

- 11.26** A hydraulic jump occurs in a rectangular channel. The flow rate is  $200 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ , and the depth before the jump is 1.2 ft. Determine the depth behind the jump and the head loss. The channel is 10 ft wide.

- 11.27** The depths of water upstream and downstream from a hydraulic jump on the horizontal “apron” downstream from a spillway structure are observed to be approximately 3 ft and 8 ft. If the structure is 200 ft long (perpendicular to the direction of flow), about how much horsepower is being dissipated in this jump?

- 11.28** Calculate  $y_2$ ,  $h$ , and  $y_3$  for this two-dimensional flow picture. State any assumptions clearly.



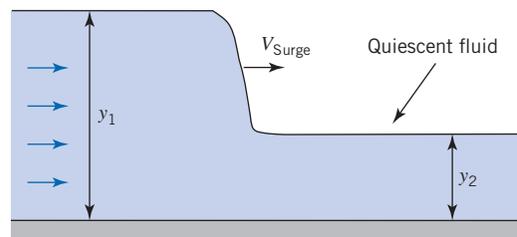
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- 11.29** The hydraulic jump may be used as a crude flow meter. Suppose that in a horizontal rectangular channel 5 ft wide the observed depths before and after a hydraulic jump are 0.66 ft and 3.0 ft. Find the rate of flow and the head loss.

- 11.30** A hydraulic jump occurs on a horizontal apron downstream from a wide spillway at a location where depth is 0.9 m and speed is 25 m/s. Estimate the depth and speed downstream from the jump. Compare the specific energy downstream of the jump to that upstream.

- 11.31** A hydraulic jump occurs in a rectangular channel. The flow rate is  $50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and the depth before the jump is 2 m. Determine the depth after the jump and the head loss if the channel is 1 m wide.

- 11.32** A positive surge wave, or moving hydraulic jump, can be produced in the laboratory by suddenly opening a sluice gate. Consider a surge of depth  $y_2$  advancing into a quiescent channel of depth  $y_1$ . Obtain an expression for surge speed in terms of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ .



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### Uniform Flow

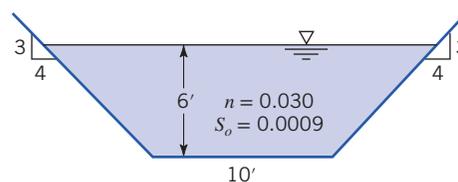
- 11.33** A 2-m-wide rectangular channel with a bed slope of 0.0005 has a depth of flow of 1.5 m. Manning’s roughness coefficient is 0.015. Determine the steady uniform discharge in the channel.

- 11.34** Determine the uniform flow depth in a rectangular channel 2.5 m wide with a discharge of  $3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The slope is 0.0004 and Manning’s roughness factor is 0.015.

- 11.35** Determine the uniform flow depth in a trapezoidal channel with a bottom width of 8 ft and side slopes of 1 vertical to 2 horizontal. The discharge is  $100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ . Manning’s roughness factor is 0.015 and the channel bottom slope is 0.0004.

- 11.36** Water flows uniformly at a depth of 1.2 m in a rectangular canal 3 m wide laid on a slope of 1 m per 1000 m. What is the mean shear stress on the sides and bottom of the canal?

- 11.37** This large uniform open channel flow is to be modeled without geometric distortion in the hydraulic laboratory at a scale of 1:9. What flow rate, bottom slope, and Manning  $n$  will be required in the model?



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- 11.38** A rectangular flume built of timber is 3 ft wide. The flume is to handle a flow of  $90 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  at a normal depth of 6 ft. Determine the slope required.
- 11.39** A channel with square cross section is to carry  $20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water at normal depth on a slope of 0.003. Compare the dimensions of the channel required for (a) concrete and (b) masonry.
- 11.40** A triangular channel with side angles of  $45^\circ$  is to carry  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  at a slope of 0.001. The channel is concrete. Find the required dimensions.
- 11.41** A flume of timber has as its cross section an isosceles triangle (apex down) of 2.4 m base and 1.8 m altitude. At what depth will  $5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  flow uniformly in this flume if it is laid on a slope of 0.01?
- 11.42** At what depth will  $4.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  flow uniformly in a rectangular channel 3.6 m wide lined with rubble masonry and laid on a slope of 1:4000?
- 11.43** A semicircular trough of corrugated steel, with diameter  $D = 1 \text{ m}$ , carries water at depth  $y = 0.25 \text{ m}$ . The slope is 0.01. Find the discharge.
- 11.44** A rectangular flume built of concrete with 1 ft per 1000 ft slope is 6 ft wide. Water flows at a normal depth of 3 ft. The flume is fitted with a new plastic film liner. Find the new depth of flow if the discharge remains constant.
- 11.45** Water flows in a trapezoidal channel at a flow rate of  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The bottom width is 2.4 m, the sides slope at 1:1, and the bed slope is 0.00193. The channel is excavated from bare soil. Find the depth of the flow.
- 11.46** What slope is necessary to carry  $11 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  uniformly at a depth of 1.5 m in a rectangular channel 3.6 m wide having  $n = 0.017$ ?
- 11.47** Find the normal depth for the channel of Problem 11.45 after a new plastic liner is installed.
- 11.48** For a trapezoidal shaped channel with  $n = 0.014$  and slope  $S_b = 0.0002$  with a 20-ft bottom width and side slopes of 1 vertical to 1.5 horizontal, determine the normal depth for a discharge of 1000 cfs.
- 11.49** Compute the critical depth for the channel in Problem 11.33.
- 11.50** A trapezoidal canal lined with brick has side slopes of 2:1 and bottom width of 10 ft. It carries  $600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  at critical speed. Determine the critical slope (the slope at which the depth is critical).
- 11.51** An optimum rectangular storm sewer channel made of unfinished concrete is to be designed to carry a maximum flow rate of  $100 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$  at the critical flow rate (the rate at which the depth is the critical depth.) Determine the channel width and slope.

### Discharge Measurement

- 11.52** For a sharp-crested suppressed weir of length  $B = 8.0 \text{ ft}$ ,  $P = 2.0 \text{ ft}$ , and  $H = 1.0 \text{ ft}$ , determine the discharge over the weir. Neglect the velocity of approach head.
- 11.53** A rectangular sharp-crested weir with end contractions is 1.5 m long. How high should the weir crest be placed in a channel to maintain an upstream depth of 2.5 m for  $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  flow rate?
- 11.54** What is the depth of water behind a rectangular sharp-crested weir 1.5 m wide and 1.2 m high when a flow of  $0.28 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  passes over it? What is the velocity of approach?
- 11.55** A broad-crested weir 0.9 m high has a flat crest and a coefficient of 1.6. If this weir is 6 m long and the head on it is 0.46 m, what is the flow rate?
- 11.56** The head on a  $90^\circ$  V-notch weir is 1.5 ft. Determine the discharge.

## CHAPTER 12

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## Case Study

### The X-43A/Hyper-X Airplane

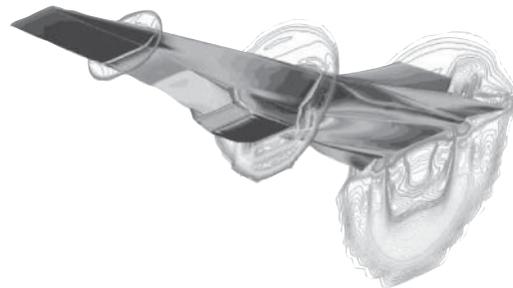
Superman is faster than a speeding bullet. So how fast is that? It turns out that the highest speed of a bullet is about 1500 m/s, or about Mach 4.5 at sea level. Can humans keep up with Superman? If we're in orbit we can (What is the Mach number of the Space Shuttle in orbit?—it's a trick question!), because there's no drag—once we get up to speed, we can stay there—but flying at hypersonic speeds (i.e., above about  $M = 5$ ) in the atmosphere requires tremendous engine thrust and an engine that can function at all at such speeds. In 2004, an air-breathing X-43A managed to fly at almost Mach 10, or about 7000 mph. The hypersonic scramjet engine in this airplane is actually integrated into the airframe, and the entire lower surface of the vehicle is shaped to make the engine work. The bulge on the underside in the figure is the engine. Unlike the turbojet engines used in many jet aircraft, which have fans and compressors as major components, the scramjet, amazingly, has no moving parts, so if you were to look inside it there wouldn't be much to see! Instead it uses geometry to develop a shock train that reduces the speed of the airflow from hypersonic to supersonic velocities. The scramjet, which is essentially a ramjet with supersonic combustion, doesn't need to slow the flow down to subsonic speeds. The compression ram on the undersurface of the aircraft slows the flow down from hypersonic to supersonic speed before it reaches the engine. It does this by causing a sequence of oblique shocks (which we discussed in this chapter) that successively slow the flow down and also increase the air density. As the supersonic, relatively high-density air passes through the engine, hydrogen fuel is injected and combusts, creating tremendous thrust at the exhaust. Once at hypersonic speed, the combustion process is self-sustaining.

One of the problems the engineers faced was how to start the engine. First, the airplane has to be accelerated above Mach 4 by

conventional means (by a jet engine or rocket, or by piggy-backing another aircraft), and then the scramjet fuel can be started and ignited. This sounds simple enough, but the ignition process has been compared to "lighting a match in a hurricane"! The solution was to ignite using a mixture of pyrophoric silane (which auto-ignites when exposed to air) and hydrogen, then switch to pure hydrogen.

The X-43A/Hyper-X is experimental, but in the future we may expect to see scramjets in military applications (aircraft and missiles), then possibly in commercial aircraft. Conceivably, you could live in New York, go to a meeting in Los Angeles, and be back in New York for dinner!

In this chapter you will learn some of the basic ideas behind sub- and supersonic flow and why the designs of aircraft differ between the two regimes. You'll also learn about how shock waves form and why a supersonic nozzle looks so different from a subsonic one.



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The X-43A/Hyper-X at  $M = 7$  (CFD image showing pressure contours).

In Chapter 2 we briefly discussed the two most important questions we must ask before analyzing a fluid flow: whether or not the flow is viscous, and whether or not the flow is compressible. We subsequently considered *incompressible, inviscid* flows (Chapter 6) and *incompressible, viscous* flows (Chapters 8 and 9). We are now ready to study flows that experience compressibility effects. Because this is an introductory text, our focus will be mainly on *one-dimensional compressible, inviscid* flows, although we will also review some important *compressible, viscous* flow phenomena.

We first need to establish what we mean by a “compressible” flow. This is a flow in which there are significant or noticeable changes in fluid density. Just as inviscid fluids do not actually exist, so incompressible fluids do not actually exist. For example, in this text we have treated water as an incompressible fluid, although in fact the density of seawater increases by 1 percent for each mile or so of depth. Hence, whether or not a given flow can be treated as incompressible is a judgment call: Liquid flows will almost always be considered incompressible (exceptions include phenomena such as the “water hammer” effect in pipes), but gas flows could easily be either incompressible or compressible. We will learn in Example 12.5 that for Mach numbers  $M$  less than about 0.3, the change in gas density due to the flow will be less than 3 percent; this change is small enough in most engineering applications for the following rule: *A gas flow can be considered incompressible when  $M < 0.3$ .*

The consequences of compressibility are not limited simply to density changes. Density changes mean that we can have significant compression or expansion work on a gas, so the thermodynamic state of the fluid will change, meaning that in general *all* properties—temperature, internal energy, entropy, and so on—can change. In particular, density changes create a mechanism (just as viscosity did) for exchange of energy between “mechanical” energies (kinetic, potential, and “pressure”) and the thermal internal energy. For this reason, we begin with a review of the thermodynamics needed to study compressible flow.

After we cover the basic concepts of compressible flow, we will discuss one-dimensional compressible flow in more detail. We will look at what causes the fluid properties to vary in a one-dimensional compressible flow. Changes in the fluid properties can be caused by various phenomena, such as a varying flow area, a normal shock (which is a “violent” adiabatic process that causes the entropy to increase), friction on the walls of the flow passage, and heating or cooling. A real flow is likely to experience several of these phenomena simultaneously. Further, there may be two-dimensional flow effects, such as oblique shock and expansion waves. Although we will only introduce these subjects in this text, we hope it will provide you with a foundation for further study of this important topic.

## 12.1 Review of Thermodynamics

The pressure, density, temperature and other properties of a substance may be related by an equation of state. Although many substances are complex in behavior, experience shows that most gases of engineering interest, at moderate pressure and temperature, are well represented by the ideal gas equation of state, (see References [1] or [2] for a review of the property relations for an ideal gas)

$$p = \rho RT \quad (12.1)$$

where  $R$  is a unique constant for each gas;<sup>1</sup>  $R$  is given by

$$R = \frac{R_u}{M_m}$$

where  $R_u$  is the universal gas constant,  $R_u = 8314 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/(\text{kgmole} \cdot \text{K}) = 1544 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}/(\text{lbmole} \cdot ^\circ \text{R})$  and  $M_m$  is the molecular mass of the gas. Although the ideal gas equation is derived using a model that has the unrealistic assumptions that the gas molecules (a) take up zero volume (i.e., they are point masses) and (b) do not interact with one another, many real gases conform to Eq. 12.1, especially if the pressure is “low” enough and/or temperature “high” enough. For example, at room temperature, as long as the pressure is less than about 30 atm, Eq. 12.1 models the air density to better than 1 percent accuracy; similarly, Eq. 12.1 is accurate for air at 1 atm for temperatures that are greater than about  $-130^\circ \text{C}$  (140 K).

<sup>1</sup> For air,  $R = 287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}) = 53.3 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lbf}/(\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ \text{R})$ .

The ideal gas has other features that are useful. In general, the *internal energy* of a simple substance may be expressed as a function of any two independent properties, e.g.,  $u = u(v, T)$ , where  $v \equiv 1/\rho$  is the *specific volume*. Then

$$du = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial T}\right)_v dT + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right)_T dv$$

The *specific heat at constant volume* is defined as  $c_v \equiv (\partial u/\partial T)_v$ , so that

$$du = c_v dT + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right)_T dv$$

In particular, for an ideal gas the internal energy,  $u$ , is a function of temperature only, so  $(\partial u/\partial v)_T = 0$ , and

$$du = c_v dT \quad (12.2)$$

This means that internal energy and temperature changes may be related if  $c_v$  is known. Furthermore, since  $u = u(T)$ , then from Eq. 12.2,  $c_v = c_v(T)$ .

The *enthalpy* of any substance is defined as  $h \equiv u + p/\rho$ . For an ideal gas,  $p = \rho RT$ , and so  $h = u + RT$ . Since  $u = u(T)$  for an ideal gas,  $h$  also must be a function of temperature alone.

We can obtain a relation between  $h$  and  $T$  by recalling once again that for a simple substance any property can be expressed as a function of any two other independent properties, e.g.,  $h = h(v, T)$  as we did for  $u$ , or  $h = h(p, T)$ . We choose the latter in order to develop a useful relation,

$$dh = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial T}\right)_p dT + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial p}\right)_T dp$$

Since the *specific heat at constant pressure* is defined as  $c_p \equiv (\partial h/\partial T)_p$ ,

$$dh = c_p dT + \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial p}\right)_T dp$$

We have shown that for an ideal gas  $h$  is a function of  $T$  only. Consequently,  $(\partial h/\partial p)_T = 0$  and

$$dh = c_p dT \quad (12.3)$$

Since  $h$  is a function of  $T$  alone, Eq. 12.3 requires that  $c_p$  be a function of  $T$  only for an ideal gas.

Although specific heats for an ideal gas are functions of temperature, their difference is a constant for each gas. To see this, from

$$h = u + RT$$

we can write

$$dh = du + R dT$$

Combining this with Eq. 12.2 and Eq. 12.3, we can write

$$dh = c_p dT = du + R dT = c_v dT + R dT$$

Then

$$c_p - c_v = R \quad (12.4)$$

It may seem a bit odd that we have functions of temperature on the left of Eq. 12.4 but a constant on the right; it turns out that the specific heats of an ideal gas change with temperature at the same rate, so their *difference* is constant.

The *ratio of specific heats* is defined as

$$k \equiv \frac{c_p}{c_v} \quad (12.5)$$

Using the definition of  $k$ , we can solve Eq. 12.4 for either  $c_p$  or  $c_v$  in terms of  $k$  and  $R$ . Thus,

$$c_p = \frac{kR}{k-1} \quad (12.6a)$$

and

$$c_v = \frac{R}{k-1} \quad (12.6b)$$

Although the specific heats of an ideal gas may vary with temperature, for moderate temperature ranges they vary only slightly, and can be treated as constant, so

$$u_2 - u_1 = \int_{u_1}^{u_2} du = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_v dT = c_v(T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.7a)$$

$$h_2 - h_1 = \int_{h_1}^{h_2} dh = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_p dT = c_p(T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.7b)$$

Data for  $M_m$ ,  $c_p$ ,  $c_v$ ,  $R$ , and  $k$  for common gases are given in Table A.6 of Appendix A.

We will find the property *entropy* to be extremely useful in analyzing compressible flows. State diagrams, particularly the temperature-entropy ( $Ts$ ) diagram, are valuable aids in the physical interpretation of analytical results. Since we shall make extensive use of  $Ts$  diagrams in solving compressible flow problems, let us review briefly some useful relationships involving the property entropy.

Entropy is defined by the equation

$$\Delta S \equiv \int_{\text{rev}} \frac{\delta Q}{T} \quad \text{or} \quad dS = \left( \frac{\delta Q}{T} \right)_{\text{rev}} \quad (12.8)$$

where the subscript signifies *reversible*.

The inequality of Clausius, deduced from the second law, states that

$$\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} \leq 0$$

As a consequence of the second law, we can write

$$dS \geq \frac{\delta Q}{T} \quad \text{or} \quad T dS \geq \delta Q \quad (12.9a)$$

For *reversible* processes, the equality holds, and

$$T ds = \frac{\delta Q}{m} \quad (\text{reversible process}) \quad (12.9b)$$

The inequality holds for *irreversible* processes, and

$$T ds > \frac{\delta Q}{m} \quad (\text{irreversible process}) \quad (12.9c)$$

For an *adiabatic* process,  $\delta Q/m = 0$ . Thus

$$ds = 0 \quad (\text{reversible adiabatic process}) \quad (12.9d)$$

and

$$ds > 0 \quad (\text{irreversible adiabatic process}) \quad (12.9e)$$

Thus a process that is *reversible and adiabatic* is also *isentropic*; the entropy remains constant during the process. Inequality 12.9e shows that entropy must *increase* for an adiabatic process that is irreversible. Equations 12.9 show that any two of the restrictions—reversible, adiabatic, or isentropic—imply the third. For example, a process that is isentropic and reversible must also be adiabatic.

A useful relationship among properties ( $p, v, T, s, u$ ) can be obtained by considering the first and second laws together. The result is the Gibbs, or  $T ds$ , equation

$$T ds = du + p dv \quad (12.10a)$$

This is a differential relationship among properties, valid for any process between any two equilibrium states. Although it is derived from the first and second laws, it is, in itself, a statement of neither.

An alternative form of Eq. 12.10a can be obtained by substituting

$$du = d(h - pv) = dh - p dv - v dp$$

to obtain

$$T ds = dh - \nu dp \quad (12.10b)$$

For an ideal gas, entropy change can be evaluated from the  $T ds$  equations as

$$ds = \frac{du}{T} + \frac{p}{T} d\nu = c_\nu \frac{dT}{T} + R \frac{d\nu}{\nu}$$

$$ds = \frac{dh}{T} - \frac{\nu}{T} dp = c_p \frac{dT}{T} - R \frac{dp}{p}$$

For constant specific heats, these equations can be integrated to yield

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_\nu \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \quad (12.11a)$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (12.11b)$$

and also

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_\nu \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} + c_p \ln \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \quad (12.11c)$$

Equation 12.11c can be obtained from either Eq. 12.11a or 12.11b using Eq. 12.4 and the ideal gas equation, Eq. 12.1, written in the form  $p\nu = RT$ , to eliminate  $T$ . Example 12.1 shows use of the above governing equations (the  $T ds$  equations) to evaluate property changes during a process.

For an ideal gas with constant specific heats, we can use Eqs. 12.11 to obtain relations valid for an isentropic process. From Eq. 12.11a

$$s_2 - s_1 = 0 = c_\nu \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1}$$

Then, using Eqs. 12.4 and 12.5,

$$\left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right) \left(\frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1}\right)^{R/c_\nu} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad T_2 \nu_2^{k-1} = T_1 \nu_1^{k-1} = T \nu^{k-1} = \text{constant}$$

where states 1 and 2 are arbitrary states of the isentropic process. Using  $\nu = 1/\rho$ ,

$$T \nu^{k-1} = \frac{T}{\rho^{k-1}} = \text{constant} \quad (12.12a)$$

We can apply a similar process to Eqs. 12.11b and 12.11c, respectively, and obtain the following useful relations:

$$Tp^{1-k/k} = \text{constant} \quad (12.12b)$$

$$p\nu^k = \frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{constant} \quad (12.12c)$$

Equations 12.12 are for an ideal gas undergoing an isentropic process.

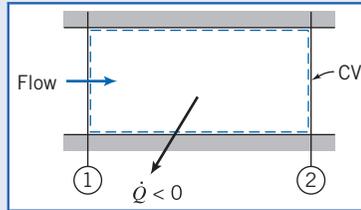
Qualitative information that is useful in drawing state diagrams also can be obtained from the  $T ds$  equations. To complete our review of the thermodynamic fundamentals, we evaluate the slopes of lines of constant pressure and of constant volume on the  $Ts$  diagram in Example 12.2.

### Example 12.1 PROPERTY CHANGES IN COMPRESSIBLE DUCT FLOW

Air flows through a long duct of constant area at 0.15 kg/s. A short section of the duct is cooled by liquid nitrogen that surrounds the duct. The rate of heat loss in this section is 15.0 kJ/s from the air. The absolute pressure, temperature, and velocity entering the cooled section are 188 kPa, 440 K, and 210 m/s, respectively. At the outlet, the absolute pressure and temperature are 213 kPa and 351 K. Compute the duct cross-sectional area and the changes in enthalpy, internal energy, and entropy for this flow.

**Given:** Air flows steadily through a short section of constant-area duct that is cooled by liquid nitrogen.

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= 440 \text{ K} \\ p_1 &= 188 \text{ kPa (abs)} \\ V_1 &= 210 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= 351 \text{ K} \\ p_2 &= 213 \text{ kPa (abs)} \end{aligned}$$

- Find:** (a) Duct area.  
 (b)  $\Delta h$ .  
 (c)  $\Delta u$ .  
 (d)  $\Delta s$ .

**Solution:** The duct area may be found from the continuity equation.

**Governing equations:**

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CV} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

**Assumptions:**

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Uniform flow at each section.
- 3 Ideal gas with constant specific heats.

Then

$$(-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + (\rho_2 V_2 A_2) = 0$$

or

$$\dot{m} = \rho_1 V_1 A = \rho_2 V_2 A$$

since  $A = A_1 = A_2 = \text{constant}$ . Using the ideal gas relation,  $p = \rho RT$ , we find

$$\rho_1 = \frac{p_1}{RT_1} = 1.88 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{440 \text{ K}} = 1.49 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

From continuity,

$$A = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho_1 V_1} = 0.15 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{1.49 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{\text{s}}{210 \text{ m}} = 4.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \leftarrow \text{_____} A$$

For an ideal gas, the change in enthalpy is

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_p dT = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.7b)$$

$$\Delta h = 1.00 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times (351 - 440)\text{K} = -89.0 \text{ kJ/kg} \leftarrow \frac{\Delta h}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}$$

Also, the change in internal energy is

$$\Delta u = u_2 - u_1 = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_v dT = c_v(T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.7a)$$

$$\Delta u = 0.717 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times (351 - 440)\text{K} = -63.8 \text{ kJ/kg} \leftarrow \frac{\Delta u}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}$$

The entropy change may be obtained from Eq. 12.11b,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta s &= s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \\ &= 1.00 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times \ln \left( \frac{351}{440} \right) - 0.287 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times \ln \left( \frac{2.13 \times 10^5}{1.88 \times 10^5} \right) \\ \Delta s &= -0.262 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}) \leftarrow \frac{\Delta s}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \end{aligned}$$

We see that entropy may decrease for a nonadiabatic process in which the gas is cooled.

This problem illustrates the use of the governing equations for computing property changes of an ideal gas during a process.

### Example 12.2 CONSTANT-PROPERTY LINES ON A $Ts$ DIAGRAM

For an ideal gas, find the equations for lines of (a) constant volume and (b) constant pressure in the  $Ts$  plane.

**Find:** Equations for lines of (a) constant volume and (b) constant pressure in the  $Ts$  plane for an ideal gas.

**Solution:**

(a) We are interested in the relation between  $T$  and  $s$  with the volume  $\nu$  held constant. This suggests use of Eq. 12.11a,

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_v \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \stackrel{=0}{=} \quad (12.8)$$

We relabel this equation so that state 1 is now reference state 0, and state 2 is an arbitrary state,

$$s - s_0 = c_v \ln \frac{T}{T_0} \quad \text{or} \quad T = T_0 e^{(s-s_0)/c_v} \quad (1)$$

Hence, we conclude that constant volume lines in the  $Ts$  plane are exponential.

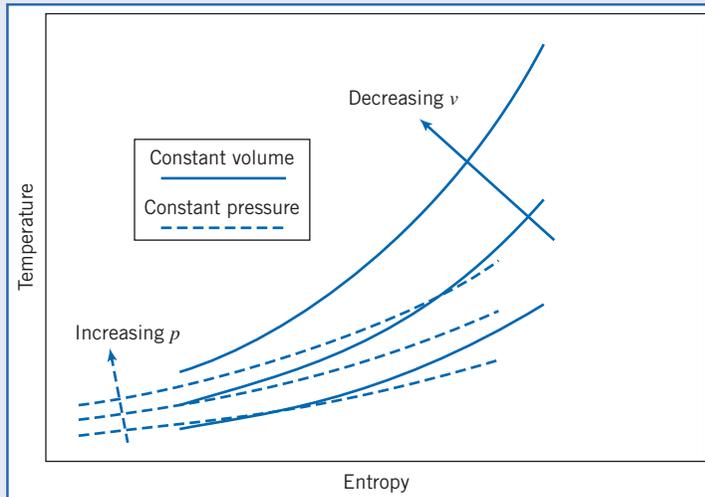
(b) We are interested in the relation between  $T$  and  $s$  with the pressure  $p$  held constant. This suggests use of Eq. 12.11b, and using a similar approach to case (a), we find

$$T = T_0 e^{(s-s_0)/c_p} \quad (2)$$

Hence, we conclude that constant pressure lines in the  $Ts$  plane are also exponential.

What about the slope of these curves? Because  $c_p > c_v$  for all gases, we can see that the exponential, and therefore the slope, of the constant pressure curve, Eq. 2, is smaller than that for the constant volume curve, Eq. 1.

This is shown in the sketch below:



This problem illustrates use of governing equations to explore relations among properties.

## 12.2 Propagation of Sound Waves

### Speed of Sound

A beginner to compressible flow studies might wonder what on earth sound has to do with the speeds present in a flow. We will see in this chapter and the next that the speed of sound,  $c$ , is an important marker in fluid mechanics: Flows with speeds less than the speed of sound are called *subsonic*; flows with speeds greater than the speed of sound are called *supersonic*; and we will learn that the behaviors of subsonic and supersonic flows are completely different. We have previously (in Chapter 2, and in Chapter 7) defined the Mach number  $M$  of a flow, and it is so important for our studies that we redefine it here,

$$M \equiv \frac{V}{c} \quad (12.13)$$

where  $V$  is the speed of the fluid, or in some cases of the aircraft, so that  $M < 1$  and  $M > 1$  correspond to subsonic and supersonic flow, respectively. In addition, we mentioned in Section 12.1 that we'll demonstrate in Example 12.5 that for  $M < 0.3$ , we can generally assume incompressible flow. Hence, knowledge of the Mach number value is important in fluid mechanics.

An answer to the question posed at the beginning of this section is that the speed of sound is important in fluid mechanics because this is the speed at which “signals” can travel through the medium. Consider, for example, an object such as an aircraft in motion—the air ultimately has to move out of its way. In Newton’s day, it was thought that this happened when the (invisible) air particles literally bounced off the front of the object, like so many balls bouncing off a wall; now we know that in most instances the air starts moving out of the way well before encountering the object; this will *not* be true when we have supersonic flow! How does the air “know” to move out of the way? It knows because as the object moves, it generates disturbances (infinitesimal pressure waves, which are sound waves) that emanate from the object in all directions. It is these waves that cumulatively “signal” the air and redirect it around the body as it approaches. These waves travel out at the speed of sound.

Sound is a pressure wave of very low pressure magnitude, for human hearing typically in the range of about  $10^{-9}$  atm (the threshold of hearing) to about  $10^{-3}$  atm (pain). Superimposed on the ambient atmospheric pressure, sound waves consist of extremely small pressure fluctuations. Because the range of human hearing covers about five or six orders of magnitude in pressure, typically we use a dimensionless logarithmic scale, the decibel level, to indicate sound intensity; 0 dB corresponds to the

threshold of hearing, and if you listen to your MP3 player at full blast the sound will be at about 100 dB—about  $10^{10}$  the intensity of the threshold of hearing!

Let us derive a method for computing the speed of sound in any medium (solid, liquid, or gas). As we do so, bear in mind that we are obtaining the speed of a “signal”—a pressure wave—and that the speed of the medium in which the wave travels is a completely different thing. For example, if you watch a soccer player kick the ball, a fraction of a second later you will hear the thud of contact as the sound, which is a pressure wave, travels from the field up to you in the stands, but no air particles traveled between you and the player. All of the air particles simply vibrated a bit.

Consider propagation of a sound wave of infinitesimal strength into an undisturbed medium, as shown in Fig. 12.1a. We are interested in relating the speed of wave propagation,  $c$ , to fluid property changes across the wave. If pressure and density in the undisturbed medium ahead of the wave are denoted by  $p$  and  $\rho$ , passage of the wave will cause them to undergo infinitesimal changes to become  $p + dp$  and  $\rho + d\rho$ . Since the wave propagates into a stationary fluid, the velocity ahead of the wave,  $V_x$ , is zero. The magnitude of the velocity behind the wave,  $V_x + dV_x$ , then will be simply  $dV_x$ ; in Fig. 12.1a, the direction of the motion behind the wave has been assumed to the left.<sup>2</sup>

The flow of Fig. 12.1a appears unsteady to a stationary observer, viewing the wave motion from a fixed point on the ground. However, the flow appears steady to an observer located *on* an inertial control volume moving with a segment of the wave, as shown in Fig. 12.1b. The velocity approaching the control volume is then  $c$ , and the velocity leaving is  $c - dV_x$ .

The basic equations may be applied to the differential control volume shown in Fig. 12.1b (we use  $V_x$  for the  $x$  component of velocity to avoid confusion with internal energy,  $u$ ).

**a. Continuity Equation**

Governing equations:

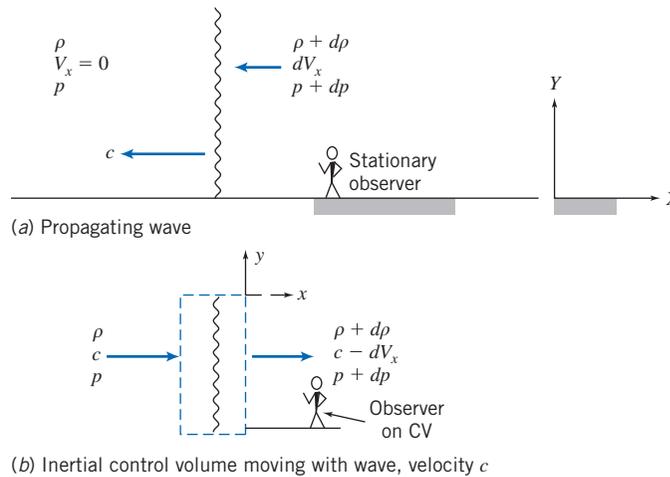
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \tag{4.12}$$

Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Uniform flow at each section.

Then

$$(-\rho c A) + \{(\rho + d\rho)(c - dV_x)A\} = 0 \tag{12.14a}$$



**Fig. 12.1** Propagating sound wave showing control volume chosen for analysis.

<sup>2</sup>The same final result is obtained regardless of the direction initially assumed for motion behind the wave.

or

$$-\rho \cancel{A} + \rho \cancel{A} - \rho dV_x A + d\rho c A - d\rho d\tilde{y}_x A \approx 0$$

or

$$dV_x = \frac{c}{\rho} d\rho \quad (12.14b)$$

### b. Momentum Equation

Governing equation:

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} V_x \rho dV + \int_{CS} V_x \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.18a)$$

Assumption:

$$3 \quad F_{B_x} = 0$$

The only surface forces acting in the  $x$  direction on the control volume of Fig. 12.1b are due to pressure. The upper and lower surfaces have zero friction because the areas are infinitesimal.

$$F_{S_x} = pA - (p + dp)A = -A dp$$

Substituting into the governing equation gives

$$-A dp = c(-\rho c A) + (c - dV_x)\{(\rho + d\rho)(c - dV_x)A\}$$

Using the continuity equation, (Eq. 12.14a), this reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} -A dp &= c(-\rho c A) + (c - dV_x)(\rho c A) = (-c + c - dV_x)(\rho c A) \\ -A dp &= -\rho c A dV_x \end{aligned}$$

or

$$dV_x = \frac{1}{\rho c} dp \quad (12.14c)$$

Combining Eqs. 12.14b and 12.14c, we obtain

$$dV_x = \frac{c}{\rho} d\rho = \frac{1}{\rho c} dp$$

from which

$$dp = c^2 d\rho$$

or

$$c^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho} \quad (12.15)$$

We have derived an expression for the speed of sound in any medium in terms of thermodynamic quantities! Equation 12.15 indicates that the speed of sound depends on how the pressure and density of the medium are related. To obtain the speed of sound in a medium we could measure the time a sound wave takes to travel a prescribed distance, or instead we could apply a small pressure change  $dp$  to a sample, measure the corresponding density change  $d\rho$ , and evaluate  $c$  from Eq. 12.15. For example, an *incompressible* medium would have  $d\rho = 0$  for any  $dp$ , so  $c \rightarrow \infty$ . We can anticipate that solids and liquids whose densities are difficult to change will have relatively high  $c$  values, and gases whose densities are easy to change will have relatively low  $c$  values. There is only one problem with Eq. 12.15. For a simple substance, each property depends on any *two* independent properties. For a sound wave, by definition we have an infinitesimal pressure change (i.e., it is *reversible*), and it occurs very quickly, so there is no time for any heat transfer to occur (i.e., it is *adiabatic*). Thus the sound wave propagates *isentropically*. Hence, if we express  $p$  as a function of density and entropy,  $p = p(\rho, s)$ , then

$$dp = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_s d\rho + \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s}\right)_\rho ds = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_s d\rho$$

so Eq. 12.15 becomes

$$c^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho} = \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s$$

and

$$c = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s} \quad (12.16)$$

We can now apply Eq. 12.16 to solids, liquids, and gases. For *solids* and *liquids* data are usually available on the bulk modulus  $E_v$ , which is a measure of how a pressure change affects a relative density change,

$$E_v = \frac{dp}{d\rho/\rho} = \rho \frac{dp}{d\rho}$$

For these media

$$c = \sqrt{E_v/\rho} \quad (12.17)$$

For an *ideal gas*, the pressure and density in isentropic flow are related by

$$\frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{constant} \quad (12.12c)$$

Taking logarithms and differentiating, we obtain

$$\frac{dp}{p} - k \frac{d\rho}{\rho} = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s = k \frac{p}{\rho}$$

But  $p/\rho = RT$ , so finally

$$c = \sqrt{kRT} \quad (12.18)$$

for an ideal gas. The speed of sound in air has been measured precisely by numerous investigators [3]. The results agree closely with the theoretical prediction of Eq. 12.18.

The important feature of sound propagation in an ideal gas, as shown by Eq. 12.18, is that the *speed of sound is a function of temperature only*. The variation in atmospheric temperature with altitude on a standard day was discussed in Chapter 3; the properties are summarized in Table A.3. Example 12.3 shows the use of Eqs. 12.17 and 12.18 in determining the speed of sound in different media.

### Example 12.3 SPEED OF SOUND IN STEEL, WATER, SEAWATER, AND AIR

Find the speed of sound in (a) steel ( $E_v \approx 200 \text{ GN/m}^2$ ), (b) water (at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ), (c) seawater (at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ), and (d) air at sea level on a standard day.

**Find:** Speed of sound in (a) steel ( $E_v \approx 200 \text{ GN/m}^2$ ), (b) water (at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ), (c) seawater (at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ), and (d) air at sea level on a standard day.

**Solution:**

(a) For steel, a solid, we use Eq. 12.17, with  $\rho$  obtained from Table A.1(b),

$$c = \sqrt{E_v/\rho} = \sqrt{E_v/SG\rho_{H_2O}}$$

$$c = \sqrt{200 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2} \times \frac{1}{7.83} \times \frac{1}{1000} \frac{m^3}{kg} \times \frac{kg \cdot m}{N \cdot s^2}} = 5050 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow c_{\text{steel}}$$

(b) For water we also use Eq. 12.17, with data obtained from Table A.2,

$$c = \sqrt{E_v/\rho} = \sqrt{E_v/SG\rho_{H_2O}}$$

$$c = \sqrt{2.24 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2} \times \frac{1}{0.998} \times \frac{1}{1000} \frac{m^3}{kg} \times \frac{kg \cdot m}{N \cdot s^2}} = 1500 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow c_{\text{water}}$$

(c) For seawater we again use Eq. 12.17, with data obtained from Table A.2,

$$c = \sqrt{E_v/\rho} = \sqrt{E_v/SG\rho_{H_2O}}$$

$$c = \sqrt{2.42 \times 10^9 \frac{N}{m^2} \times \frac{1}{1.025} \times \frac{1}{1000} \frac{m^3}{kg} \times \frac{kg \cdot m}{N \cdot s^2}} = 1540 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow c_{\text{seawater}}$$

(d) For air we use Eq. 12.18, with the sea level temperature obtained from Table A.3,

$$c = \sqrt{kRT}$$

$$c = \sqrt{1.4 \times 287 \frac{N \cdot m}{kg \cdot K} \times 288 \text{ K} \times \frac{kg \cdot m}{N \cdot s^2}} = 340 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow c_{\text{air}(288 \text{ K})}$$

This problem illustrates the relative magnitudes of the speed of sound in typical solids, liquids, and gases

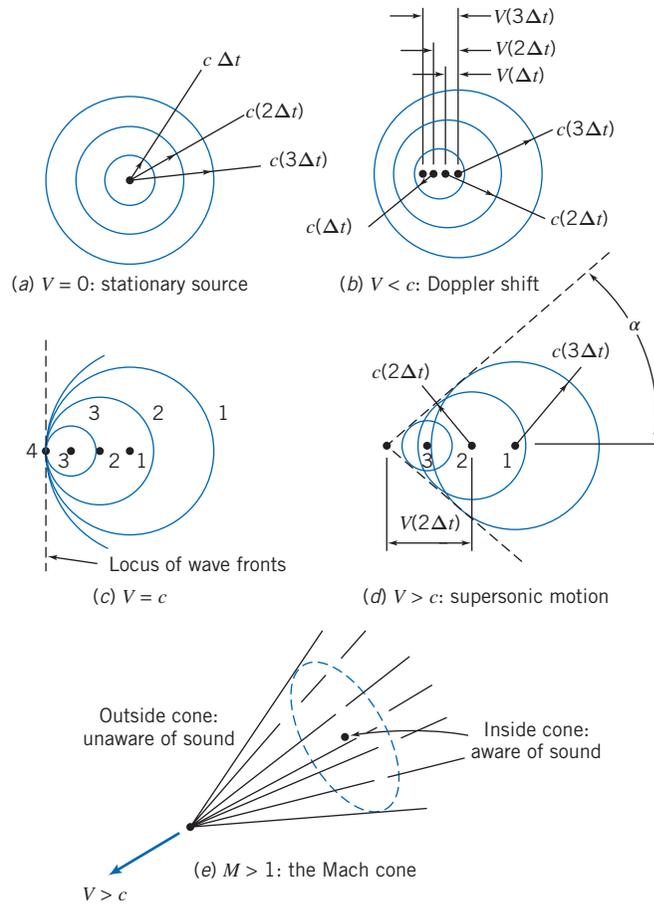
( $c_{\text{solids}} > c_{\text{liquids}} > c_{\text{gases}}$ ). Do not confuse the speed of sound with the *attenuation* of sound—the rate at which internal friction of the medium reduces the sound level—generally, solids and liquids attenuate sound much more rapidly than do gases.

## Types of Flow—The Mach Cone

Flows for which  $M < 1$  are *subsonic*, while those with  $M > 1$  are *supersonic*. Flow fields that have both subsonic and supersonic regions are termed *transonic*. The transonic regime occurs for Mach numbers between about 0.9 and 1.2. Although most flows within our experience are subsonic, there are important practical cases where  $M \geq 1$  occurs in a flow field. Perhaps the most obvious are supersonic aircraft and transonic flows in aircraft compressors and fans. Yet another flow regime, *hypersonic* flow ( $M \gtrsim 5$ ), is of interest in missile and reentry-vehicle design. Some important qualitative differences between subsonic and supersonic flows can be deduced from the properties of a simple moving sound source.

Consider a point source of sound that emits a pulse every  $\Delta t$  seconds. Each pulse expands outwards from its origination point at the speed of sound  $c$ , so at any instant  $t$  the pulse will be a sphere of radius  $ct$  centered at the pulse's origination point. We want to investigate what happens if the point source itself is moving. There are four possibilities, as shown in Fig. 12.2:

- $V = 0$ . The point source is *stationary*. Figure 12.2a shows conditions after  $3\Delta t$  seconds. The first pulse has expanded to a sphere of radius  $c(3\Delta t)$ , the second to a sphere of radius  $c(2\Delta t)$ , and the third to a sphere of radius  $c(\Delta t)$ ; a new pulse is about to be emitted. The pulses constitute a set of ever-expanding concentric spheres.
- $0 < V < c$ . The point source moves to the left at *subsonic* speed. Figure 12.2b shows conditions after  $3\Delta t$  seconds. The source is shown at times  $t = 0, \Delta t, 2\Delta t$ , and  $3\Delta t$ . The first pulse has expanded to a sphere of radius  $c(3\Delta t)$  centered where the source was originally, the second to a sphere of radius  $c(2\Delta t)$  centered where the source was at time  $\Delta t$ , and the third to a sphere of radius  $c(\Delta t)$  centered where the source was at time  $2\Delta t$ ; a new pulse is about to be emitted. The pulses again constitute a set of ever-expanding spheres, except now they are not concentric. The pulses are all expanding at constant speed  $c$ . We make two important notes: First, we can see that an observer who is ahead of the source (or whom the source is approaching) will hear the pulses at a higher frequency rate than will an observer who is behind the source (this is the Doppler effect that occurs when a vehicle



**Fig. 12.2** Propagation of sound waves from a moving source: The Mach cone.

approaches and passes); second, an observer ahead of the source hears the source *before* the source itself reaches the observer.

- (c)  $V = c$ . The point source moves to the left at *sonic* speed. Figure 12.2c shows conditions after  $3\Delta t$  seconds. The source is shown at times  $t = 0$  (point 1),  $\Delta t$  (point 2),  $2\Delta t$  (point 3), and  $3\Delta t$  (point 4). The first pulse has expanded to sphere 1 of radius  $c(3\Delta t)$  centered at point 1, the second to sphere 2 of radius  $c(2\Delta t)$  centered at point 2, and the third to sphere 3 of radius  $c(\Delta t)$  centered around the source at point 3. We can see once more that the pulses constitute a set of ever-expanding spheres, except now they are tangent to one another on the left! The pulses are all expanding at constant speed  $c$ , but the source is also moving at speed  $c$ , with the result that the source and all its pulses are traveling together to the left. We again make two important notes: First, we can see that an observer who is ahead of the source will *not* hear the pulses before the source reaches the observer second, in theory, over time an unlimited number of pulses will accumulate at the front of the source, leading to a sound wave of unlimited amplitude. This was a source of concern to engineers trying to break the “sound barrier,” which many people thought could not be broken—Chuck Yeager in a Bell X-1 was the first to do so in 1947.
- (d)  $V > c$ . The point source moves to the left at *supersonic* speed. Figure 12.2d shows conditions after  $3\Delta t$  seconds. By now it is clear how the spherical waves develop. We can see once more that the pulses constitute a set of ever-expanding spheres, except now the source is moving so fast it moves ahead of each sphere that it generates! For supersonic motion, the spheres generate what is called a *Mach cone* tangent to each sphere. The region inside the cone is called the *zone of action* and that outside the cone the *zone of silence*, for obvious reasons, as shown in Fig. 12.2e. From geometry, we see from Fig. 12.2d that

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{c}{V} = \frac{1}{M}$$

or

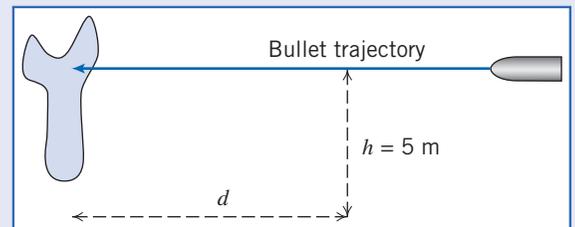
$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{M}\right) \quad (12.19)$$



Figure 12.3 shows an image of an F/A-18 Hornet just as it accelerates to supersonic speed. The visible vapor pattern is due to the sudden increase in pressure as a shock wave washes over the aircraft (a shock wave leads to a sudden and large pressure increase). The (invisible) Mach cone emanates from the nose of the aircraft and passes through the periphery of the vapor disk. In Example 12.4, the properties of the Mach cone are used in analyzing a bullet trajectory.

### Example 12.4 MACH CONE OF A BULLET

In tests of a protective material, we wish to photograph a bullet as it impacts a jacket made of the material. A camera is set up a perpendicular distance  $h = 5$  m from the bullet trajectory. We wish to determine the perpendicular distance  $d$  from the target plane at which the camera must be placed such that the sound of the bullet will trigger the camera at the impact time. Note: The bullet speed is measured to be 550 m/s; the delay time of the camera is 0.005 s.



**Find:** Location of camera for capturing impact image.

**Solution:** The correct value of  $d$  is that for which the bullet hits the target 0.005 s before the Mach wave reaches the camera. We must first find the Mach number of the bullet; then we can find the Mach angle; finally, we can use basic trigonometry to find  $d$ .

Assuming sea level conditions, from Table A.3 we have  $T = 288$  K. Hence Eq. 12.18 yields

$$c = \sqrt{kRT}$$

$$c = \sqrt{1.4 \times 287 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 288 \text{ K} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}} = 340 \text{ m/s}$$

Then we can find the Mach number,

$$M = \frac{V}{c} = \frac{550 \text{ m/s}}{340 \text{ m/s}} = 1.62$$

From Eq. 12.19 we can next find the Mach angle,

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{M}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1.62}\right) = 38.2^\circ$$

The distance  $x$  traveled by the bullet while the Mach wave reaches the camera is then

$$x = \frac{h}{\tan(\alpha)} = \frac{5 \text{ m}}{\tan(38.2^\circ)} = 6.35 \text{ m}$$

Finally, we must add to this the time traveled by the bullet while the camera is operating, which is  $0.005 \text{ s} \times 550 \text{ m/s}$ ,

$$d = 0.005 \text{ s} \times \frac{550 \text{ m}}{\text{s}} + 6.35 \text{ m} = 2.75 \text{ m} + 6.35 \text{ m}$$

$$d = 9.10 \text{ m} \leftarrow \text{-----} d$$



Fig. 12.3 An F/A-18 Hornet as it breaks the sound barrier.

### 12.3 Reference State: Local Isentropic Stagnation Properties

In our study of compressible flow, we will discover that, in general, *all* properties ( $p, T, \rho, u, s, V$ ) may be changing as the flow proceeds. We need to obtain reference conditions that we can use to relate conditions in a flow from point to point. For any flow, a reference condition is obtained when the fluid is brought to rest either in reality or conceptually. We will call this the *stagnation condition*, and the property values ( $p_0, T_0, \rho_0, u_0, h_0, s_0$ ) at this state the *stagnation properties*. This process—of bringing the fluid to rest—is not as straightforward as it seems. For example, do we do so while there is friction, or while the fluid is being heated or cooled, or “violently,” or in some other way? The simplest process to use is an isentropic process, in which there is no friction, no heat transfer, and no “violent” events. Hence, the properties we obtain will be the *local isentropic stagnation properties*. Why “local”? Because the actual flow can be any kind of flow, e.g., with friction, so it may or may not itself be isentropic. Hence, each point in the flow will have its own, or local, isentropic stagnation properties. This is illustrated in Fig. 12.4, showing a flow from some state ① to some new state ②. The local isentropic stagnation properties for each state, obtained by isentropically bringing the fluid to rest, are also shown. Hence,  $s_{01} = s_1$  and  $s_{02} = s_2$ . The actual flow may or may not be isentropic. If it *is* isentropic,  $s_1 = s_2 = s_{01} = s_{02}$ , so the stagnation states are identical; if it is *not* isentropic, then  $s_{01} \neq s_{02}$ . We will see that changes in local isentropic stagnation properties will provide useful information about the flow.

We can obtain information on the reference isentropic stagnation state for *incompressible* flows by recalling the Bernoulli equation from Chapter 6

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant} \quad (6.8)$$

valid for a steady, incompressible, frictionless flow along a streamline. Equation 6.8 is valid for an incompressible isentropic process because it is reversible (frictionless and steady) and adiabatic (we

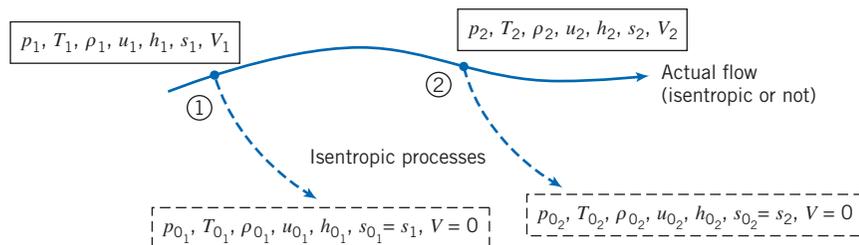


Fig. 12.4 Local isentropic stagnation properties.

did not include heat transfer considerations in its derivation). As we saw in Section 6.2, the Bernoulli equation leads to

$$p_0 = p + \frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 \tag{6.11}$$

The gravity term drops out because we assume the reference state is at the same elevation as the actual state, and in any event in external flows it is usually much smaller than the other terms. In Example 12.6 we compare isentropic stagnation conditions obtained assuming incompressibility (Eq. 6.11), and allowing for compressibility.

### Local Isentropic Stagnation Properties for the Flow of an Ideal Gas

For a compressible flow we can derive the isentropic stagnation relations by applying the mass conservation and momentum equations to a differential control volume, and then integrating. For the process shown schematically in Fig. 12.4, we can depict the process from state ① to the corresponding stagnation state by imagining the control volume shown in Fig. 12.5. Consider first the continuity equation.

#### a. Continuity Equation

Governing equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \tag{4.12}$$

Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 Uniform flow at each section.

Then

$$(-\rho V_x A) + \{(\rho + d\rho)(V_x + dV_x)(A + dA)\} = 0$$

or

$$\rho V_x A = (\rho + d\rho)(V_x + dV_x)(A + dA) \tag{12.20a}$$

#### b. Momentum Equation

Governing equation:

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} V_x \rho dV + \int_{CS} V_x \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \tag{4.18a}$$

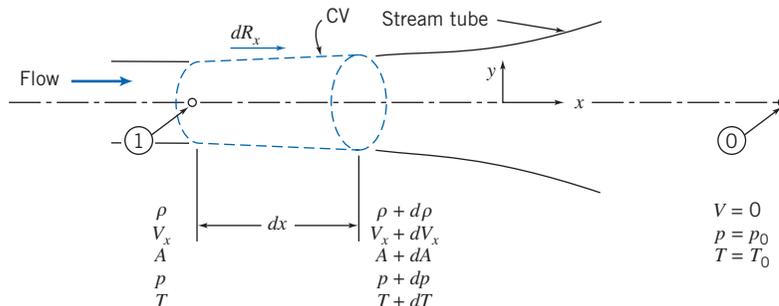


Fig. 12.5 Compressible flow in an infinitesimal stream tube.

Assumptions:

3  $F_{B_x} = 0$

4 Frictionless flow.

The surface forces acting on the infinitesimal control volume are

$$F_{S_x} = dR_x + pA - (p + dp)(A + dA)$$

The force  $dR_x$  is applied along the stream tube boundary, as shown in Fig. 12.5, where the average pressure is  $p + dp/2$ , and the area component in the  $x$  direction is  $dA$ . There is no friction. Thus,

$$F_{S_x} = \left( p + \frac{dp}{2} \right) dA + pA - (p + dp)(A + dA)$$

or

$$F_{S_x} = \cancel{pdA} + \overset{\approx 0}{\frac{dp}{2}dA} + \cancel{pA} - \cancel{pA} - \cancel{dpA} - \overset{\approx 0}{dp dA} = -dpA$$

Substituting this result into the momentum equation gives

$$-dpA = V_x \{ -\rho V_x A \} + (V_x + dV_x) \{ (\rho + d\rho)(V_x + dV_x)(A + dA) \}$$

which may be simplified using Eq. 12.20a to obtain

$$-dpA = (-V_x + V_x + dV_x)(\rho V_x A)$$

Finally,

$$dp = -\rho V_x dV_x = -\rho d\left(\frac{V_x^2}{2}\right)$$

or

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + d\left(\frac{V_x^2}{2}\right) = 0 \quad (12.20b)$$

Equation 12.20b is a relation among properties during the deceleration process. (Note that for incompressible flow, it immediately leads to Eq. 6.11.) In developing this relation, we have specified a frictionless deceleration process. Before we can integrate between the initial state and final stagnation state, we must specify the relation that exists between pressure,  $p$ , and density,  $\rho$ , along the process path.

Since the deceleration process is isentropic, then  $p$  and  $\rho$  for an ideal gas are related by the expression

$$\frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{constant} \quad (12.12c)$$

Our task now is to integrate Eq. 12.20b subject to this relation. Along the stagnation streamline there is only a single component of velocity;  $V_x$  is the magnitude of the velocity. Hence we can drop the subscript in Eq. 12.20b.

From  $p/\rho^k = \text{constant} = C$ , we can write

$$p = C\rho^k \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = p^{1/k} C^{-1/k}$$

Then, from Eq. 12.20b,

$$-d\left(\frac{V^2}{2}\right) = \frac{dp}{\rho} = p^{-1/k} C^{1/k} dp$$

We can integrate this equation between the initial state and the corresponding stagnation state

$$-\int_V^0 d\left(\frac{V^2}{2}\right) = C^{1/k} \int_p^{p_0} p^{-1/k} dp$$

to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{V^2}{2} &= C^{1/k} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ p^{(k-1)/k} \right]_p^{p_0} = C^{1/k} \frac{k}{k-1} \left[ p_0^{(k-1)/k} - p^{(k-1)/k} \right] \\ \frac{V^2}{2} &= C^{1/k} \frac{k}{k-1} p^{(k-1)/k} \left[ \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{(k-1)/k} - 1 \right]\end{aligned}$$

Since  $C^{1/k} = p^{1/k} / \rho$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{V^2}{2} &= \frac{k}{k-1} \frac{p^{1/k}}{\rho} p^{(k-1)/k} \left[ \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{(k-1)/k} - 1 \right] \\ \frac{V^2}{2} &= \frac{k}{k-1} \frac{p}{\rho} \left[ \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{(k-1)/k} - 1 \right]\end{aligned}$$

Since we seek an expression for stagnation pressure, we can rewrite this equation as

$$\left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{(k-1)/k} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{k} \frac{\rho V^2}{p}$$

and

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{k} \frac{\rho V^2}{p} \right]^{k/(k-1)}$$

For an ideal gas,  $p = \rho RT$ , and hence

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} \frac{V^2}{kRT} \right]^{k/(k-1)}$$

Also, for an ideal gas the sonic speed is  $c = \sqrt{kRT}$ , and thus

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{p_0}{p} &= \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} \frac{V^2}{c^2} \right]^{k/(k-1)} \\ \frac{p_0}{p} &= \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)}\end{aligned}\tag{12.21a}$$

Equation 12.21a enables us to calculate the local isentropic stagnation pressure at any point in a flow field of an ideal gas, provided that we know the static pressure and Mach number at that point.

We can readily obtain expressions for other isentropic stagnation properties by applying the relation

$$\frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{constant}$$

between end states of the process. Thus

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left( \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \right)^k \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{1/k}$$

For an ideal gas, then,

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = \frac{p_0 \rho}{p \rho_0} = \frac{p_0}{p} \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{-1/k} = \left( \frac{p_0}{p} \right)^{(k-1)/k}$$

Using Eq. 12.21a, we can summarize the equations for determining local isentropic stagnation properties of an ideal gas as

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)}\tag{12.21a}$$

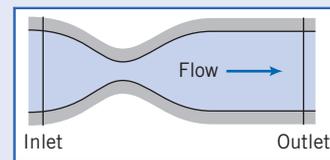
$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \quad (12.21b)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{1/(k-1)} \quad (12.21c)$$

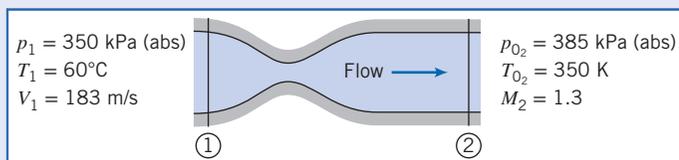
From Eqs. 12.21, the ratio of each local isentropic stagnation property to the corresponding static property at any point in a flow field for an ideal gas can be found if the local Mach number is known. We will usually use Eqs. 12.21 in lieu of the continuity and momentum equations for relating the properties at a state to that state's stagnation properties, but it is important to remember that we derived Eqs. 12.21 using these equations *and* the isentropic relation for an ideal gas. Appendix D.1 lists flow functions for property ratios  $T_0/T$ ,  $p_0/p$ , and  $\rho_0/\rho$ , in terms of  $M$  for isentropic flow of an ideal gas. A table of values, as well as a plot of these property ratios is presented for air ( $k = 1.4$ ) for a limited range of Mach numbers. The associated *Excel* workbook, *Isentropic Relations*, available on the website, can be used to print a larger table of values for air and other ideal gases. The calculation procedure is illustrated in Example 12.5. The Mach number range for validity of the assumption of incompressible flow is investigated in Example 12.6.

### Example 12.5 LOCAL ISENTROPIC STAGNATION CONDITIONS IN CHANNEL FLOW

Air flows steadily through the duct shown from 350 kPa (abs), 60°C, and 183 m/s at the inlet state to  $M = 1.3$  at the outlet, where local isentropic stagnation conditions are known to be 385 kPa (abs) and 350 K. Compute the local isentropic stagnation pressure and temperature at the inlet and the static pressure and temperature at the duct outlet. Locate the inlet and outlet static state points on a  $Ts$  diagram, and indicate the stagnation processes.



**Given:** Steady flow of air through a duct as shown in the sketch.



- Find:**
- $p_{01}$ .
  - $T_{01}$ .
  - $p_2$ .
  - $T_2$ .
  - State points ① and ② on a  $Ts$  diagram; indicate the stagnation processes.

**Solution:** To evaluate local isentropic stagnation conditions at section ①, we must calculate the Mach number,  $M_1 = V_1/c_1$ . For an ideal gas,  $c = \sqrt{kRT}$ . Then

$$c_1 = \sqrt{kRT_1} = \left[ 1.4 \times 287 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times (273 + 60) \text{ K} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \right]^{1/2} = 366 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$M_1 = \frac{V_1}{c_1} = \frac{183}{366} = 0.5$$

Local isentropic stagnation properties can be evaluated from Eqs. 12.21. Thus

$$p_{01} = p_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} = 350 \text{ kPa} [1 + 0.2(0.5)^2]^{3.5} = 415 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow \frac{p_{01}}{p_1}$$

$$T_{01} = T_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right] = 333 \text{ K} [1 + 0.2(0.5)^2] = 350 \text{ K} \leftarrow \frac{T_{01}}{T_1}$$

At section ②, Eqs. 12.21 can be applied again. Thus from Eq. 12.21a,

$$p_2 = \frac{p_{02}}{\left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)}} = \frac{385 \text{ kPa}}{[1 + 0.2(1.3)^2]^{3.5}} = 139 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow \frac{p_2}{p_{02}}$$

From Eq. 12.21b,

$$T_2 = \frac{T_{02}}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2} = \frac{350 \text{ K}}{1 + 0.2(1.3)^2} = 262 \text{ K} \leftarrow \frac{T_2}{T_{02}}$$

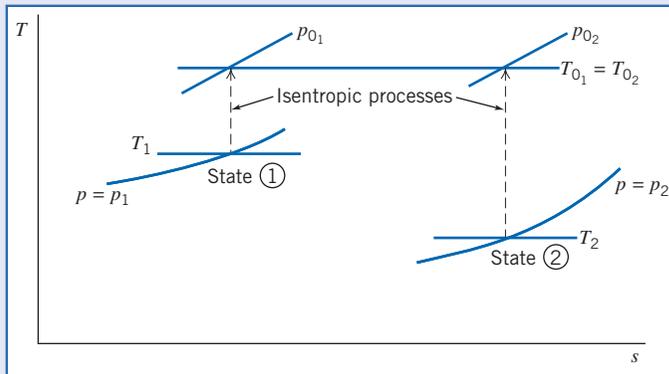
To locate states ① and ② in relation to one another, and sketch the stagnation processes on the  $Ts$  diagram, we need to find the change in entropy  $s_2 - s_1$ . At each state we have  $p$  and  $T$ , so it is convenient to use Eq. 12.11b,

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

$$= 1.00 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times \ln \left( \frac{262}{333} \right) - 0.287 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times \ln \left( \frac{139}{350} \right)$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = 0.0252 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})$$

Hence in this flow we have an increase in entropy. Perhaps there is irreversibility (e.g., friction), or heat is being added, or both. (We will see in Chapter 13 that the fact that  $T_{01} = T_{02}$  for this particular flow means that actually we have an adiabatic flow.) We also found that  $T_2 < T_1$  and that  $p_2 < p_1$ . We can now sketch the  $Ts$  diagram (and recall we saw in Example 12.2 that isobars (lines of constant pressure) in  $Ts$  space are exponential),



This problem illustrates use of the local isentropic stagnation properties (Eqs. 12.21) to relate different points in a flow.

 The Excel workbook *Isentropic Relations*, available on the website, can be used for computing property ratios from the Mach number  $M$ , as well as for computing  $M$  from property ratios.

### Example 12.6 MACH-NUMBER LIMIT FOR INCOMPRESSIBLE FLOW

We have derived equations for  $p_0/p$  for both compressible and “incompressible” flows. By writing both equations in terms of Mach number, compare their behavior. Find the Mach number below which the two equations agree within engineering accuracy.

**Given:** The incompressible and compressible forms of the equations for stagnation pressure,  $p_0$ .

$$\text{Incompressible} \quad p_0 = p + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \quad (6.11)$$

$$\text{Compressible} \quad \frac{p_0}{p} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.21a)$$

- Find:** (a) Behavior of both equations as a function of Mach number.  
 (b) Mach number below which calculated values of  $p_0/p$  agree within engineering accuracy.

**Solution:** First, let us write Eq. 6.11 in terms of Mach number. Using the ideal gas equation of state and  $c^2 = kRT$ ,

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = 1 + \frac{\rho V^2}{2p} = 1 + \frac{V^2}{2RT} = 1 + \frac{kV^2}{2kRT} = 1 + \frac{kV^2}{2c^2}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = 1 + \frac{k}{2} M^2 \quad (1)$$

for “incompressible” flow.

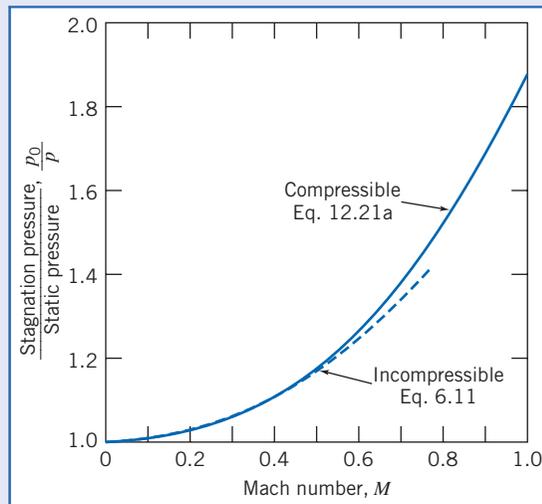
Equation 12.21a may be expanded using the binomial theorem,

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \dots, |x| < 1$$

For Eq. 12.21a,  $x = [(k-1)/2]M^2$ , and  $n = k/(k-1)$ . Thus the series converges for  $[(k-1)/2]/M^2 < 1$ , and for compressible flow,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_0}{p} &= 1 + \left( \frac{k}{k-1} \right) \left[ \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right] + \left( \frac{k}{k-1} \right) \left( \frac{k}{k-1} - 1 \right) \frac{1}{2!} \left[ \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^2 \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{k}{k-1} \right) \left( \frac{k}{k-1} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{k}{k-1} - 2 \right) \frac{1}{3!} \left[ \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{k}{2} M^2 + \frac{k}{8} M^4 + \frac{k(2-k)}{48} M^6 + \dots \\ \frac{p_0}{p} &= 1 + \frac{k}{2} M^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} M^2 + \frac{(2-k)}{24} M^4 + \dots \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

In the limit, as  $M \rightarrow 0$ , the term in brackets in Eq. 2 approaches 1.0. Thus, for flow at low Mach number, the incompressible and compressible equations give the same result. The variation of  $p_0/p$  with Mach number is shown below. As Mach number is increased, the compressible equation gives a larger ratio,  $p_0/p$ .



Equations 1 and 2 may be compared quantitatively most simply by writing

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_0}{p} - 1 &= \frac{k}{2} M^2 \text{ (“incompressible”)} \\ \frac{p_0}{p} - 1 &= \frac{k}{2} M^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} M^2 + \frac{(2-k)}{24} M^4 + \dots \right] \text{ (compressible)} \end{aligned}$$

## 12.4 Critical Conditions

Stagnation conditions are extremely useful as reference conditions for thermodynamic properties; this is not true for velocity, since by definition  $V = 0$  at stagnation. A useful reference value for velocity is the *critical speed*—the speed  $V$  we attain when a flow is either accelerated or decelerated (actually or conceptually) isentropically until we reach  $M = 1$ . Even if there is no point in a given flow field where the Mach number is equal to unity, such a hypothetical condition still is useful as a reference condition.

Using asterisks to denote conditions at  $M = 1$ , then by definition

$$V^* \equiv c^*$$

At critical conditions, Eqs. 12.21 for isentropic stagnation properties become

$$\frac{p_0}{p^*} = \left[ \frac{k+1}{2} \right]^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.22a)$$

$$\frac{T_0}{T^*} = \frac{k+1}{2} \quad (12.22b)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho^*} = \left[ \frac{k+1}{2} \right]^{1/(k-1)} \quad (12.22c)$$

The critical speed may be written in terms of either critical temperature,  $T^*$ , or isentropic stagnation temperature,  $T_0$ .

For an ideal gas,  $c^* = \sqrt{kRT^*}$ , and thus  $V^* = \sqrt{kRT^*}$ . Since, from Eq. 12.22b,

$$T^* = \frac{2}{k+1} T_0$$

we have

$$V^* = c^* = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{k+1} RT_0} \quad (12.23)$$

We shall use both stagnation conditions and critical conditions as reference conditions in the next chapter when we consider a variety of compressible flows.

## 12.5 Basic Equations for One-Dimensional Compressible Flow

Our first task is to develop general equations for a one-dimensional flow that express the basic laws from Chapter 4: *mass conservation* (continuity), *momentum*, the *first law of thermodynamics*, the *second law of thermodynamics*, and an *equation of state*. To do so, we will use the fixed control volume shown in Fig. 12.6. We initially assume that the flow is affected by *all* of the phenomena mentioned above (i.e., area change, friction, and heat transfer—even the normal shock will be described by this approach). Then, for each individual phenomenon we will simplify the equations to obtain useful results.

As shown in Fig. 12.6, the properties at sections ① and ② are labeled with corresponding subscripts.  $R_x$  is the  $x$  component of surface force from friction and pressure on the sides of the channel. There will also be surface forces from pressures at surfaces ① and ②. Note that the  $x$  component of body force is zero, so it is not shown.  $\dot{Q}$  is the heat transfer.

### Continuity Equation

Basic equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} \rho \, dV + \int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

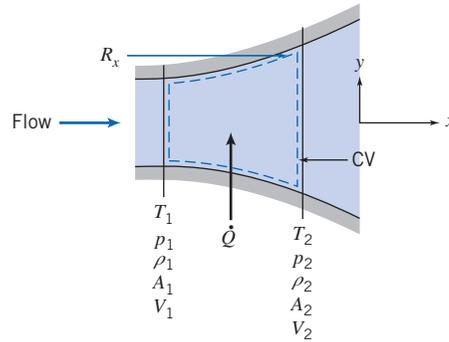


Fig. 12.6 Control volume for analysis of a general one-dimensional flow.

Assumptions:

- 1 Steady flow.
- 2 One-dimensional flow.

Then

$$(-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + (\rho_2 V_2 A_2) = 0$$

or

$$\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = \rho V A = \dot{m} = \text{constant} \tag{12.24a}$$

### Momentum Equation

Basic equation:

$$F_{S_x} + F_{B_x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} V_x \rho dV + \int_{CS} V_x \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \tag{4.18a}$$

Assumption:

- 3  $F_{B_x} = 0$

The surface force is caused by pressure forces at surfaces ① and ②, and by the friction and distributed pressure force,  $R_x$ , along the channel walls. Substituting gives

$$R_x + p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 = V_1 (-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + V_2 (\rho_2 V_2 A_2)$$

Using continuity, we obtain

$$R_x + p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 = \dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1 \tag{12.24b}$$

### First Law of Thermodynamics

Basic equation:

$$\dot{Q} - \dot{W}_s - \dot{W}_{\text{shear}} - \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} e \rho dV + \int_{CS} (e + pv) \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \tag{4.56}$$

where

$$e = u + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \tag{4.57}$$

Assumptions:

- 4  $\dot{W}_s = 0$ .
- 5  $\dot{W}_{\text{shear}} = \dot{W}_{\text{other}} = 0$ .
- 6 Effects of gravity are negligible.

Note that even if we have friction, there is no friction *work* at the walls because with friction the velocity at the walls must be zero from the no-slip condition. Under these assumptions, the first law reduces to

$$\dot{Q} = \left( u_1 + p_1 v_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} \right) (-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + \left( u_2 + p_2 v_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \right) (\rho_2 V_2 A_2)$$

(Remember that  $v$  here represents the specific volume.) This can be simplified by using  $h \equiv u + p v$ , and continuity (Eq. 12.24a),

$$\dot{Q} = \dot{m} \left[ \left( h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \right) - \left( h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} \right) \right]$$

We can write the heat transfer on a per unit mass rather than per unit time basis:

$$\frac{\delta Q}{dm} = \frac{1}{\dot{m}} \dot{Q}$$

so

$$\frac{\delta Q}{dm} + h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \quad (12.24c)$$

Equation 12.24c expresses the fact that heat transfer changes the total energy (the sum of thermal energy  $h$ , and kinetic energy  $V^2/2$ ) of the flowing fluid. This combination,  $h + V^2/2$ , occurs often in compressible flow, and is called the *stagnation enthalpy*,  $h_0$ . This is the enthalpy obtained if a flow is brought adiabatically to rest.

Hence, Eq. 12.24c can also be written

$$\frac{\delta Q}{dm} = h_{02} - h_{01}$$

We see that heat transfer causes the stagnation enthalpy, and hence, stagnation temperature,  $T_0$ , to change.

## Second Law of Thermodynamics

Basic equation:

$$= 0(1) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{CV} s \rho dV + \int_{CS} s \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \geq \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA \quad (4.58)$$

or

$$s_1 (-\rho_1 V_1 A_1) + s_2 (\rho_2 V_2 A_2) \geq \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA$$

and, again using continuity,

$$\dot{m}(s_2 - s_1) \geq \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA \quad (12.24d)$$

## Equation of State

Equations of state are relations among intensive thermodynamic properties. These relations may be available as tabulated data or charts, or as algebraic equations. In general, regardless of the format of the data, as we discussed in earlier in this chapter, for a simple substance any property can be expressed

as a function of any two other independent properties. For example, we could write  $h = h(s, p)$ , or  $\rho = \rho(s, p)$ , and so on.

We will primarily be concerned with ideal gases with constant specific heats, and for these we can write Eqs. 12.1 and 12.7b (renumbered for convenient use in this chapter),

$$p = \rho RT \quad (12.24e)$$

and

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p \Delta T = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.24f)$$

For ideal gases with constant specific heats, the change in entropy,  $\Delta s = s_2 - s_1$ , for any process can be computed from any of Eqs. 12.11. For example, Eq. 12.11b (renumbered here for convenience) is

$$\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (12.24g)$$

We now have a basic set of equations for analyzing one-dimensional compressible flows of an ideal gas with constant specific heats:

$$\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = \rho V A = \dot{m} = \text{constant} \quad (12.24a)$$

$$R_x + p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 = \dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1 \quad (12.24b)$$

$$\frac{\delta Q}{dm} + h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \quad (12.24c)$$

$$\dot{m}(s_2 - s_1) \geq \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA \quad (12.24d)$$

$$p = \rho RT \quad (12.24e)$$

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p \Delta T = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.24f)$$

$$\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (12.24g)$$

Note that Eq. 12.24e applies only if we have an ideal gas; Equations 12.24f and 12.24g apply only if we have an ideal gas with constant specific heats. Our task is now to simplify this set of equations for each of the phenomena that can affect the flow:

- Flow with varying area.
- Normal shock.
- Flow in a channel with friction.
- Flow in a channel with heating or cooling.

## 12.6 Isentropic Flow of an Ideal Gas: Area Variation

The first phenomenon is one in which the flow is changed only by area variation—there is no heat transfer, friction, or shocks. The absence of heat transfer, friction, and shocks means the flow will be reversible and adiabatic, so Eq. 12.24d becomes

$$\dot{m}(s_2 - s_1) = \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA = 0$$

or

$$\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = 0$$

so such a flow is *isentropic*. This means that Eq. 12.24g leads to the result we saw previously,

$$T_1 p_1^{(1-k)/k} = T_2 p_2^{(1-k)/k} = T p^{(1-k)/k} = \text{constant} \quad (12.12b)$$

or its equivalent, which can be obtained by using the ideal gas equation of state in Eq. 12.12b to eliminate temperature,

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho_1^k} = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2^k} = \frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{constant} \quad (12.12c)$$

Hence, the basic set of equations (Eqs. 12.24) becomes:

$$\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = \rho V A = \dot{m} = \text{constant} \quad (12.25a)$$

$$R_x + p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 = \dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1 \quad (12.25b)$$

$$h_{01} = h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = h_{02} = h_0 \quad (12.25c)$$

$$s_2 = s_1 = s \quad (12.25d)$$

$$p = \rho R T \quad (12.25e)$$

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p \Delta T = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.25f)$$

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho_1^k} = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2^k} = \frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{constant} \quad (12.25g)$$

Note that Eqs. 12.25c, 12.25d, and 12.25f provide insight into how this process appears on an  $hs$  diagram and on a  $Ts$  diagram. From Eq. 12.25c, the total energy, or stagnation enthalpy  $h_0$ , of the fluid is constant; the enthalpy and kinetic energy may vary along the flow, but their sum is constant. This means that if the fluid accelerates, its temperature must decrease, and vice versa. Equation 12.25d indicates that the entropy remains constant. These results are shown for a typical process in Fig. 12.7.

Equation 12.25f indicates that the temperature and enthalpy are linearly related; hence, processes plotted on a  $Ts$  diagram will look very similar to that shown in Fig. 12.7 except for the vertical scale.

Equations 12.25 *could* be used to analyze isentropic flow in a channel of varying area. For example, if we know conditions at section ① (i.e.,  $p_1$ ,  $\rho_1$ ,  $T_1$ ,  $s_1$ ,  $h_1$ ,  $V_1$ , and  $A_1$ ) we could use these equations to find conditions at some new section ② where the area is  $A_2$ : We would have seven equations and seven unknowns ( $p_2$ ,  $\rho_2$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $s_2$ ,  $h_2$ ,  $V_2$ , and  $R_x$ ). We stress *could*, because in practice this procedure is unwieldy—we have a set of seven *nonlinear coupled algebraic* equations to solve. Instead we can take advantage of the results we obtained for isentropic flows and develop property relations in terms of the local Mach number, the stagnation conditions, and critical conditions.

Before proceeding with this approach, we can gain insight into the isentropic process by reviewing the results we obtained previously when we analyzed a differential control volume (Fig. 12.5). The momentum equation for this was

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + d\left(\frac{V^2}{2}\right) = 0 \quad (12.20b)$$

Then

$$dp = -\rho V dV$$

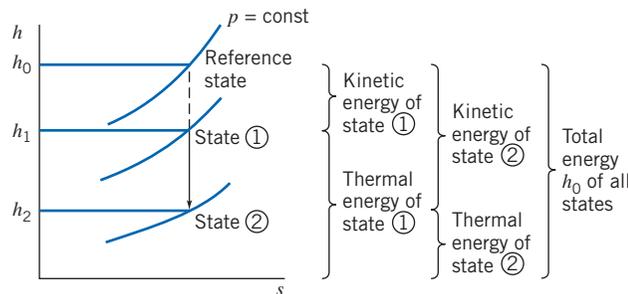


Fig. 12.7 Isentropic flow in the  $hs$  plane.

Dividing by  $\rho V^2$ , we obtain

$$\frac{dp}{\rho V^2} = -\frac{dV}{V} \quad (12.26)$$

A convenient differential form of the continuity equation can be obtained from Eq. 12.25a, in the form

$$\rho AV = \text{constant}$$

Differentiating and dividing by  $\rho AV$  yields

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dA}{A} + \frac{dV}{V} = 0 \quad (12.27)$$

Solving Eq. 12.27 for  $dA/A$  gives

$$\frac{dA}{A} = -\frac{dV}{V} - \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

Substituting from Eq. 12.26 gives

$$\frac{dA}{A} = \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} - \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

or

$$\frac{dA}{A} = \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{V^2}{dp/d\rho} \right]$$

Now recall that for an isentropic process,  $dp/d\rho = \partial p/\partial \rho)_s = c^2$ , so

$$\frac{dA}{A} = \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{V^2}{c^2} \right] = \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} [1 - M^2]$$

or

$$\frac{dp}{\rho V^2} = \frac{dA}{A} \frac{1}{[1 - M^2]} \quad (12.28)$$

Substituting from Eq. 12.26 into Eq. 12.28, we obtain

$$\frac{dV}{V} = -\frac{dA}{A} \frac{1}{[1 - M^2]} \quad (12.29)$$

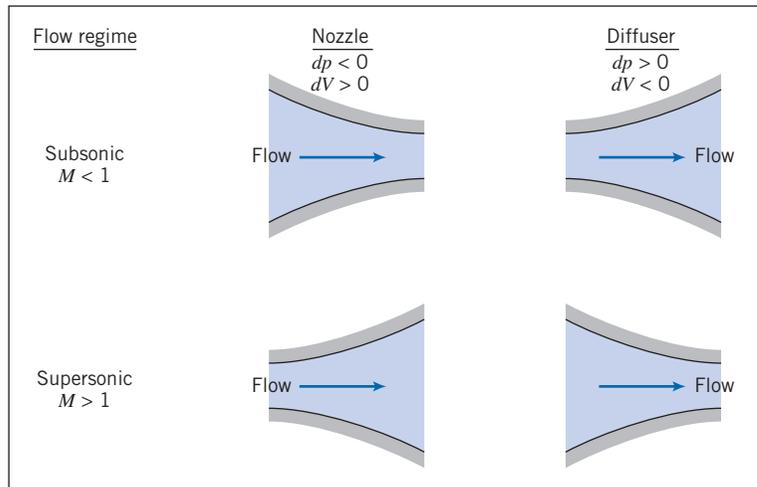
Note that for an isentropic flow there can be no friction. Equations 12.28 and 12.29 confirm that for this case, from a momentum point of view we expect an increase in pressure to cause a decrease in speed, and vice versa. Although we cannot use them for computations because we have not so far determined how  $M$  varies with  $A$ , Eqs. 12.28 and 12.29 give us very interesting insights into how the pressure and velocity change as we change the area of the flow. Three possibilities are discussed below.

### Subsonic Flow, $M < 1$

For  $M < 1$ , the factor  $1/[1 - M^2]$  in Eqs. 12.28 and 12.29 is positive, so that a positive  $dA$  leads to a positive  $dp$  and a negative  $dV$ . These mathematical results mean that in a *divergent* section ( $dA > 0$ ) the flow must experience an *increase* in pressure ( $dp > 0$ ) and the velocity must *decrease* ( $dV < 0$ ). Hence a *divergent channel is a subsonic diffuser* that decelerates a flow.

On the other hand, a negative  $dA$  leads to a negative  $dp$  and a positive  $dV$ . These mathematical results mean that in a *convergent* section ( $dA < 0$ ) the flow must experience a *decrease* in pressure ( $dp < 0$ ) and the velocity must *increase* ( $dV > 0$ ). Hence a *convergent channel is a subsonic nozzle* that accelerates a flow.

These results are consistent with our everyday experience and are not surprising—for example, recall the venturi meter in Chapter 8, in which a reduction in area at the throat of the venturi led to a local increase in velocity, and because of the Bernoulli principle, to a pressure drop, and the divergent



**Fig. 12.8** Nozzle and diffuser shapes as a function of initial Mach number.

section led to pressure recovery and flow deceleration. (The Bernoulli principle assumes incompressible flow, which is the limiting case of subsonic flow.) The subsonic diffuser and nozzle are also shown in Fig. 12.8.

### Supersonic Flow, $M > 1$

For  $M > 1$ , the factor  $1/[1 - M^2]$  in Eqs. 12.28 and 12.29 is negative, so that a positive  $dA$  leads to a negative  $dp$  and a positive  $dV$ . These mathematical results mean that in a *divergent* section ( $dA > 0$ ) the flow must experience a *decrease* in pressure ( $dp < 0$ ) and the velocity must *increase* ( $dV > 0$ ). Hence a *divergent channel is a supersonic nozzle*.

On the other hand, a negative  $dA$  leads to a positive  $dp$  and a negative  $dV$ . These mathematical results mean that in a *convergent* section ( $dA < 0$ ) the flow must experience an *increase* in pressure ( $dp > 0$ ) and the velocity must *decrease* ( $dV < 0$ ). Hence a *convergent channel is a supersonic diffuser*.

These results are inconsistent with our everyday experience and are at first a bit surprising—they are the opposite of what we saw in the venturi meter! The results are consistent with the laws of physics; for example, an increase in pressure must lead to a flow deceleration because pressure forces are the only forces acting. The supersonic nozzle and diffuser are also shown in Fig. 12.8.

These somewhat counterintuitive results can be understood when we realize that we are used to assuming that  $\rho = \text{constant}$ , but we are now in a flow regime where the fluid density is a function of flow conditions. From Eq. 12.27,

$$\frac{dV}{V} = -\frac{dA}{A} - \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

For example, in a supersonic diverging flow ( $dA$  positive) the flow actually accelerates ( $dV$  also positive) because the density drops sharply ( $d\rho$  is negative and large, with the net result that the right side of the equation is positive). We can see examples of supersonic diverging nozzles in the space shuttle main engines, each of which has a nozzle about 10 ft long with an 8 ft exit diameter. The maximum thrust is obtained from the engines when the combustion gases exit at the highest possible speed, which the nozzles achieve.

### Sonic Flow, $M = 1$

As we approach  $M = 1$ , from either a subsonic or supersonic state, the factor  $1/[1 - M^2]$  in Eqs. 12.28 and 12.29 approaches infinity, implying that the pressure and velocity changes also approach infinity. This is obviously unrealistic, so we must look for some other way for the equations to make physical sense. The only way we can avoid these singularities in pressure and velocity is if we require that  $dA \rightarrow 0$  as  $M \rightarrow 1$ .

Hence, for an isentropic flow, sonic conditions can only occur where the area is constant! We can be even more specific: We can imagine approaching  $M = 1$  from either a subsonic or a supersonic state. A subsonic flow ( $M < 1$ ) would need to be accelerated using a subsonic nozzle, which we have learned is a converging section; a supersonic flow ( $M > 1$ ) would need to be decelerated using a supersonic diffuser, which is also a converging section. Hence, sonic conditions are limited not just to a location of constant area, but one that is a minimum area. The important result is that *for isentropic flow the sonic condition  $M = 1$  can only be attained at a throat, or section of minimum area*. This does *not* mean that a throat *must* have  $M = 1$ . After all, we may have a low speed flow or even no flow at all in the device!

We can see that to isentropically accelerate a fluid from rest to supersonic speed we would need to have a subsonic nozzle (converging section) followed by a supersonic nozzle (diverging section), with  $M = 1$  at the throat. This device is called a *converging-diverging nozzle* (C-D nozzle). Of course, to create a supersonic flow we need more than just a C-D nozzle: We must also generate and maintain a pressure difference between the inlet and exit. We will discuss shortly C-D nozzles in some detail, and the pressures required to accomplish a change from subsonic to supersonic flow.

We must be careful in our discussion of isentropic flow, especially deceleration, because real fluids can experience nonisentropic phenomena such as boundary-layer separation and shock waves. In practice, supersonic flow cannot be decelerated to exactly  $M = 1$  at a throat because sonic flow near a throat is unstable in a rising (adverse) pressure gradient. It turns out that disturbances that are always present in a real subsonic flow propagate upstream, disturbing the sonic flow at the throat, causing shock waves to form and travel upstream, where they may be disgorged from the inlet of the supersonic diffuser.

The throat area of a real supersonic diffuser must be slightly larger than that required to reduce the flow to  $M = 1$ . Under the proper downstream conditions, a weak normal shock forms in the diverging channel just downstream from the throat. Flow leaving the shock is subsonic and decelerates in the diverging channel. Thus deceleration from supersonic to subsonic flow cannot occur isentropically in practice, since the weak normal shock causes an entropy increase. Normal shocks will be analyzed in Section 12.7.

For accelerating flows (favorable pressure gradients), the idealization of isentropic flow is generally a realistic model of the actual flow behavior. For decelerating flows, the idealization of isentropic flow may not be realistic because of the adverse pressure gradients and the attendant possibility of flow separation, as discussed for incompressible boundary-layer flow in Chapter 9.

## Reference Stagnation and Critical Conditions for Isentropic Flow of an Ideal Gas

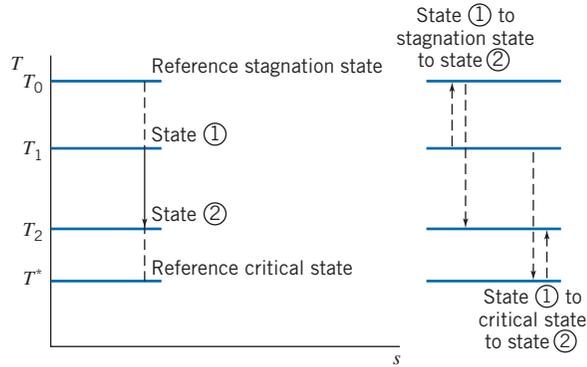
As we mentioned at the beginning of this section, in principle we could use Eqs. 12.25 to analyze one-dimensional isentropic flow of an ideal gas, but the computations would be somewhat tedious. Instead, because the flow is isentropic, we can use the results of Sections 12.3 (reference stagnation conditions) and 12.4 (reference critical conditions). The idea is illustrated in Fig. 12.9: Instead of using Eqs. 12.25 to compute, for example, properties at state ② from those at state ①, we can use state ① to determine two reference states (the stagnation state and the critical state), and then use these to obtain properties at state ②. We need two reference states because the reference stagnation state does not provide area information (mathematically the stagnation area is infinite).

We will use Eqs. 12.21 (renumbered for convenience),

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.30a)$$

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \quad (12.30b)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{1/(k-1)} \quad (12.30c)$$



**Fig. 12.9** Example of stagnation and critical reference states in the  $Ts$  plane.

We note that *the stagnation conditions are constant throughout the isentropic flow*. The critical conditions ( $M = 1$ ) were related to stagnation conditions in Section 12.4,

$$\frac{p_0}{p^*} = \left[ \frac{k+1}{2} \right]^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.22a)$$

$$\frac{T_0}{T^*} = \frac{k+1}{2} \quad (12.22b)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho^*} = \left[ \frac{k+1}{2} \right]^{1/(k-1)} \quad (12.22c)$$

$$V^* = c^* = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{k+1} RT_0} \quad (12.23)$$

Although a particular flow may never attain sonic conditions, as in the example in Fig. 12.9, we will still find the critical conditions useful as reference conditions. Equations 12.30a, 12.30b, and 12.30c relate local properties ( $p$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $T$ , and  $V$ ) to stagnation properties ( $p_0$ ,  $\rho_0$ , and  $T_0$ ) via the Mach number  $M$ , and Eqs. 12.22 and 12.23 relate critical properties ( $p^*$ ,  $\rho^*$ ,  $T^*$ , and  $V^*$ ) to stagnation properties ( $p_0$ ,  $\rho_0$ , and  $T_0$ ) respectively, but we have yet to obtain a relation between areas  $A$  and  $A^*$ . To do this we start with continuity (Eq. 12.25a) in the form

$$\rho AV = \text{constant} = \rho^* A^* V^*$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A}{A^*} &= \frac{\rho^* V^*}{\rho V} = \frac{\rho^* c^*}{\rho M c} = \frac{1}{M} \frac{\rho^*}{\rho} \sqrt{\frac{T^*}{T}} \\ \frac{A}{A^*} &= \frac{1}{M} \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} \sqrt{\frac{T^*/T_0}{T/T_0}} \\ \frac{A}{A^*} &= \frac{1}{M} \frac{\left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{1/(k-1)}}{\left[ \frac{k+1}{2} \right]^{1/(k-1)}} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{1/2} \\ \frac{A}{A^*} &= \frac{1}{M} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} \end{aligned} \quad (12.30d)$$

Equations 12.30 form a set that is convenient for analyzing isentropic flow of an ideal gas with constant specific heats, which we usually use instead of the basic equations, Eqs. 12.25. For convenience we list Eqs. 12.30 together:

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.30a)$$

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \quad (12.30b)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{1/(k-1)} \quad (12.30c)$$

$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} \quad (12.30d)$$

Equations 12.30 provide property relations in terms of the local Mach number, the stagnation conditions, and critical conditions. These equations are readily programmed and there are also interactive websites that make them available (see, for example, [4]). These equations are also available in the *Excel* spreadsheets on the website, with add-in functions available for computing pressure, temperature, density and area ratios from  $M$ , or computing  $M$  from the ratios. While they are somewhat complicated algebraically, they have the advantage over the basic equations, Eq. 12.25, that they are not coupled. Each property can be found directly from its stagnation value and the Mach number.

Equation 12.30d shows the relation between Mach number  $M$  and area  $A$ . The critical area  $A^*$  is used to normalize area  $A$ . For each Mach number  $M$  we obtain a unique area ratio, but as shown in Fig 12.10 each  $A/A^*$  ratio (except 1) has two possible Mach numbers—one subsonic, the other supersonic. The shape shown in Fig. 12.10 looks like a converging-diverging section for accelerating from a subsonic to a supersonic flow (with, as necessary,  $M = 1$  only at the throat), but in practice this is not the shape to which such a passage would be built. For example, the diverging section usually will have a much less severe angle of divergence to reduce the chance of flow separation.

Appendix D.1 lists flow functions for property ratios  $T_0/T$ ,  $p_0/p$ ,  $\rho_0/\rho$ , and  $A/A^*$  in terms of  $M$  for isentropic flow of an ideal gas. A table of values, as well as a plot of these property ratios, is presented for air ( $k = 1.4$ ) for a limited range of Mach numbers. The associated *Excel* workbook, *Isentropic Relations*, can be used to print a larger table of values for air and other ideal gases.

Example 12.7 demonstrates use of some of the above equations. As shown in Fig. 12.9, we can use the equations to relate a property at one state to the stagnation value and then from the stagnation value to a second state, but note that we can accomplish this in one step—for example,  $p_2$  can be obtained from  $p_1$  by writing  $p_2 = (p_2/p_0)(p_0/p_1)p_1$ , where the pressure ratios come from Eq. 12.30a evaluated at the two Mach numbers.

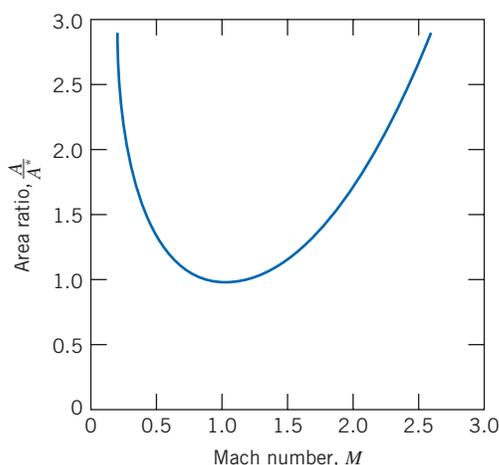


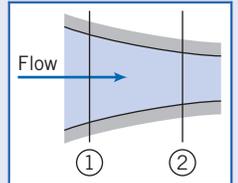
Fig. 12.10 Variation of  $A/A^*$  with Mach number for isentropic flow of an ideal gas with  $k = 1.4$ .

### Example 12.7 ISENTROPIC FLOW IN A CONVERGING CHANNEL

Air flows isentropically in a channel. At section ①, the Mach number is 0.3, the area is  $0.001 \text{ m}^2$ , and the absolute pressure and the temperature are 650 kPa and  $62^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively. At section ②, the Mach number is 0.8. Sketch the channel shape, plot a  $Ts$  diagram for the process, and evaluate properties at section ②. Verify that the results agree with the basic equations, Eqs. 12.25.

**Given:** Isentropic flow of air in a channel. At sections ① and ②, the following data are given:  $M_1 = 0.3$ ,  $T_1 = 62^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p_1 = 650 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ ,  $A_1 = 0.001 \text{ m}^2$ , and  $M_2 = 0.8$ .

- Find:** (a) The channel shape.  
 (b) A  $Ts$  diagram for the process.  
 (c) Properties at section ②.  
 (d) Show that the results satisfy the basic equations.



**Solution:** To accelerate a subsonic flow requires a converging nozzle. The channel shape must be as shown.

On the  $Ts$  plane, the process follows an  $s = \text{constant}$  line. Stagnation conditions remain fixed for isentropic flow.

Consequently, the stagnation temperature at section ② can be calculated (for air,  $k = 1.4$ ) from Eq. 12.30b.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{0_2} &= T_{0_1} = T_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right] \\ &= (62 + 273) \text{ K} \left[ 1 + 0.2(0.3)^2 \right] \\ T_{0_2} &= T_{0_1} = 341 \text{ K} \leftarrow T_{0_1}, T_{0_2} \end{aligned}$$

For  $p_{0_2}$ , from Eq. 12.30a,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{0_2} &= p_{0_1} = p_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} = 650 \text{ kPa} [1 + 0.2(0.3)^2]^{3.5} \\ p_{0_2} &= 692 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow p_{0_2} \end{aligned}$$

For  $T_2$ , from Eq. 12.30b,

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= T_{0_2} / \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2 \right] = 341 \text{ K} / [1 + 0.2(0.8)^2] \\ T_2 &= 302 \text{ K} \leftarrow T_2 \end{aligned}$$

For  $p_2$ , from Eq. 12.30a,

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 &= p_{0_2} / \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} = 692 \text{ kPa} / [1 + 0.2(0.8)^2]^{3.5} \\ p_2 &= 454 \text{ kPa} \leftarrow p_2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that we could have directly computed  $T_2$  from  $T_1$  because  $T_0 = \text{constant}$ :

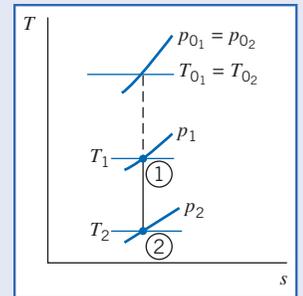
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T_2}{T_1} &= \frac{T_2/T_0}{T_1/T_0} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right] / \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2 \right] = [1 + 0.2(0.3)^2] / [1 + 0.2(0.8)^2] \\ \frac{T_2}{T_1} &= \frac{0.8865}{0.9823} = 0.9025 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$T_2 = 0.9025 T_1 = 0.9025(273 + 62)\text{K} = 302 \text{ K}$$

Similarly, for  $p_2$ ,

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{p_2/p_0}{p_1/p_0} = 0.8865^{3.5} / 0.9823^{3.5} = 0.6982$$



Hence,

$$p_2 = 0.6982 p_1 = 0.6982(650 \text{ kPa}) = 454 \text{ kPa}$$

The density  $\rho_2$  at section ② can be found from Eq. 12.30c using the same procedure we used for  $T_2$  and  $p_2$ , or we can use the ideal gas equation of state, Eq. 12.25e,

$$\rho_2 = \frac{p_2}{RT_2} = 4.54 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{302 \text{ K}} = 5.24 \text{ kg/m}^3 \leftarrow \rho_2$$

and the velocity at section ② is

$$V_2 = M_2 c_2 = M_2 \sqrt{kRT_2} = 0.8 \times \sqrt{1.4 \times 287 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 302 \text{ K} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{N}}} = 279 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow V_2$$

The area  $A_2$  can be computed from Eq. 12.30d, noting that  $A^*$  is constant for this flow,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_2}{A_1} &= \frac{A_2 A^*}{A^* A_1} = \frac{1}{M_2} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+2)/2(k-1)} \bigg/ \frac{1}{M_1} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{0.8} \left[ \frac{1 + 0.2(0.8)^2}{1.2} \right]^3 \bigg/ \frac{1}{0.3} \left[ \frac{1 + 0.2(0.3)^2}{1.2} \right]^3 = \frac{1.038}{2.035} = 0.5101 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$A_2 = 0.5101 A_1 = 0.5101(0.001 \text{ m}^2) = 5.10 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \leftarrow A_2$$

Note that  $A_2 < A_1$  as expected.

Let us verify that these results satisfy the basic equations.

We first need to obtain  $\rho_1$  and  $V_1$ :

$$\rho_1 = \frac{p_1}{RT_1} = 6.5 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{335 \text{ K}} = 6.76 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

and

$$V_1 = M_1 c_1 = M_1 \sqrt{kRT_1} = 0.3 \times \sqrt{1.4 \times 287 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 335 \text{ K} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}^2 \cdot \text{N}}} = 110 \text{ m/s}$$

The mass conservation equation is

$$\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = \rho V A = \dot{m} = \text{constant} \quad (12.25a)$$

$$\dot{m} = 6.76 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 110 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.001 \text{ m}^2 = 5.24 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 279 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.00051 \text{ m}^2 = 0.744 \text{ kg/s} \quad (\text{Check!})$$

We cannot check the momentum equation (Eq. 12.25b) because we do not know the force  $R_x$  produced by the walls of the device (we could use Eq. 12.25b to compute this if we wished). The energy equation is

$$h_{01} = h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = h_{02} = h_0 \quad (12.25c)$$

We will check this by replacing enthalpy with temperature using Eq. 13.2f,

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p \Delta T = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.25f)$$

so the energy equation becomes

$$c_p T_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = c_p T_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = c_p T_0$$

Using  $c_p$  for air from Table A.6,

$$c_p T_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = 1004 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 335 \text{ K} + \frac{(110)^2}{2} \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{\text{J}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}} = 342 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$c_p T_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = 1004 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 302 \text{ K} + \frac{(278)^2}{2} \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)^2 \times \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{\text{J}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}} = 342 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$c_p T_0 = 1004 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 341 \text{ K} = 342 \text{ kJ/kg} \quad (\text{Check!})$$

The final equation we can check is the relation between pressure and density for an isentropic process (Eq. 12.25g),

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho_1^k} = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2^k} = \frac{p}{\rho^k} = \text{constant} \quad (\text{Check!})$$

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho_1^{1.4}} = \frac{650 \text{ kPa}}{\left(6.76 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right)^{1.4}} = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2^{1.4}} = \frac{454 \text{ kPa}}{\left(5.24 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right)^{1.4}} = 44.7 \frac{\text{kPa}}{\left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\right)^{1.4}} \quad (\text{Check!})$$

The basic equations are satisfied by our solution.

*This problem illustrates:*

- Use of the isentropic equations, Eqs. 12.30
- That the isentropic equations are consistent with the basic equations, Eqs. 12.25
- That the computations can be quite laborious without using preprogrammed isentropic relations (available, for example, in the *Excel* add-ins on the website)!



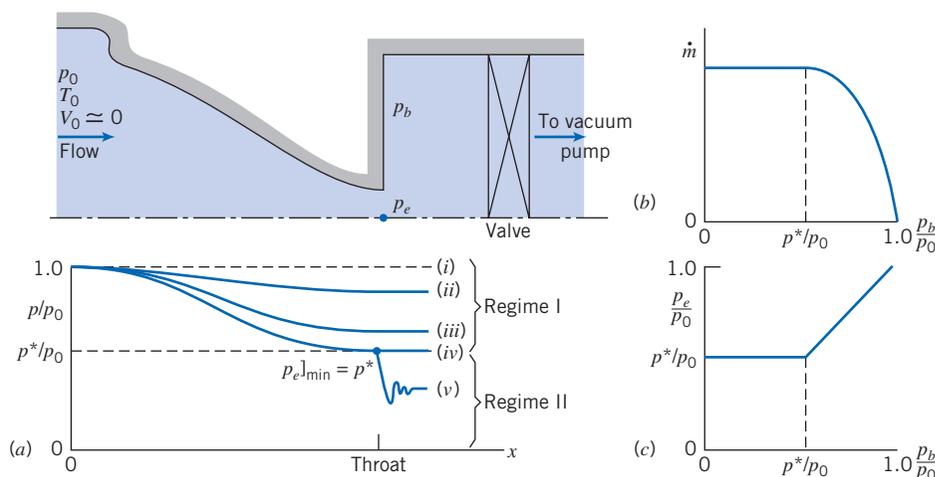
The *Excel* workbook for this example is convenient for performing the calculations, using either the isentropic equations or the basic equations.

## Isentropic Flow in a Converging Nozzle

Now that we have our computing equations (Eqs. 12.30) for analyzing isentropic flows, we are ready to see how we could obtain flow in a nozzle, starting from rest. We first look at the converging nozzle, and then the C-D nozzle. In either case, to produce a flow we must provide a pressure difference. For example, as illustrated in the converging nozzle shown in Fig. 12.11a, we can do this by providing the gas from a reservoir (or “plenum chamber”) at  $p_0$  and  $T_0$ , and using a vacuum pump/valve combination to create a low pressure, the “back pressure,”  $p_b$ . We are interested in what happens to the gas properties as the gas flows through the nozzle, and also in knowing how the mass flow rate increases as we progressively lower the back pressure.

Let us call the pressure at the exit plane  $p_e$ . We will see that this will often be equal to the applied back pressure,  $p_b$ , but not always! The results we obtain as we progressively open the valve from a closed position are shown in Figs. 12.11b and 12.11c. We consider each of the cases shown.

When the valve is closed, there is no flow through the nozzle. The pressure is  $p_0$  throughout, as shown by condition (i) in Fig. 12.11a.



**Fig. 12.11** Converging nozzle operating at various back pressures.

If the back pressure,  $p_b$ , is now reduced to slightly less than  $p_0$ , there will be flow through the nozzle with a decrease in pressure in the direction of flow, as shown by condition (ii). Flow at the exit plane will be subsonic with the exit-plane pressure equal to the back pressure.

What happens as we continue to decrease the back pressure? As expected, the flow rate will continue to increase, and the exit-plane pressure will continue to decrease, as shown by condition (iii) in Fig. 12.11a.

As we progressively lower the back pressure the flow rate increases, and hence, so do the velocity and Mach number at the exit plane. The question arises: “Is there a limit to the mass flow rate through the nozzle?” or, to put it another way, “Is there an upper limit on the exit Mach number?” The answer to these questions is “Yes!” To see this, recall that for isentropic flow Eq. 12.29 applies:

$$\frac{dV}{V} = -\frac{dA}{A} \frac{1}{1-M^2} \quad (12.29)$$

From this we learned that the *only* place we can have sonic conditions ( $M = 1$ ) is where the change in area  $dA$  is zero. We *cannot* have sonic conditions anywhere in the converging section. Logically we can see that the *maximum exit Mach number is one*. Because the flow started from rest ( $M = 0$ ), if we had  $M > 1$  at the exit, we would have had to pass through  $M = 1$  somewhere in the converging section, which would be a violation of Eq. 12.29.

Hence, the maximum flow rate occurs when we have sonic conditions at the exit plane, when  $M_e = 1$ , and  $p_e = p_b = p^*$ , the critical pressure. This is shown as condition (iv) in Fig. 12.11a, and is called a “choked flow,” beyond which the flow rate cannot be increased. From Eq. 12.30a with  $M = 1$  (or from Eq. 12.21a),

$$\left. \frac{p_e}{p_0} \right|_{\text{choked}} = \frac{p^*}{p_0} = \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.31)$$

For air,  $k = 1.4$ , so  $p_e/p_0|_{\text{choked}} = 0.528$ . For example, if we wish to have sonic flow at the exit of a nozzle from a plenum chamber that is at atmospheric pressure, we would need to maintain a back pressure of about 7.76 psia, or about 6.94 psig vacuum. This does not sound difficult for a vacuum pump to generate, but actually takes a lot of power to maintain because we will have a large mass flow rate through the pump. For the maximum, or choked, mass flow rate we have

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = \rho^* V^* A^*$$

Using the ideal gas equation of state, Eq. 12.25e, and the stagnation to critical pressure and temperature ratios, Eqs. 12.30a and 12.30b respectively, with  $M = 1$  (or Eqs. 12.21a and 12.21b, respectively), with  $A^* = A_e$ , it can be shown that this becomes

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = A_e p_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{RT_0}} \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} \quad (12.32a)$$

Note that for a given gas ( $k$  and  $R$ ), the maximum flow rate in the converging nozzle depends *only* on the size of the exit area ( $A_e$ ) and the conditions in the reservoir ( $p_0$ ,  $T_0$ ).

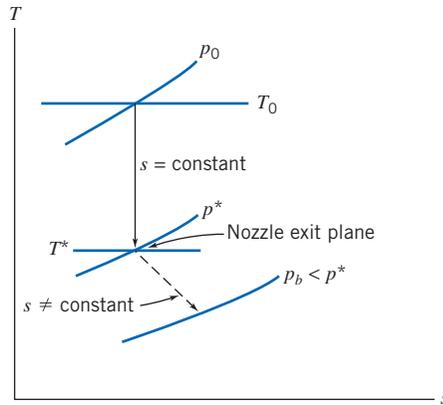
For air, for convenience we write an “engineering” form of Eq. 12.32a,

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 0.04 \frac{A_e p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \quad (12.32b)$$

with  $\dot{m}_{\text{choked}}$  in kg/s,  $A_e$  in  $\text{m}^2$ ,  $p_0$  in Pa, and  $T_0$  in K, and

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 76.6 \frac{A_e p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \quad (12.32c)$$

with  $\dot{m}_{\text{choked}}$  in lbm/s,  $A_e$  in  $\text{ft}^2$ ,  $p_0$  in psia, and  $T_0$  in  $^{\circ}\text{R}$ .



**Fig. 12.12** Schematic  $Ts$  diagram for choked flow through a converging nozzle.

Suppose we now insist on lowering the back pressure below this “benchmark” level of  $p^*$ . Our next question is “What will happen to the flow in the nozzle?” The answer is “Nothing!” The flow remains choked: The mass flow rate does not increase, as shown in Fig. 12.11b, and the pressure distribution in the nozzle remains unchanged, with  $p_e = p^* > p_b$ , as shown in condition (v) in Figs. 12.11a and 12.11c. After exiting, the flow adjusts down to the applied back pressure, but does so in a nonisentropic, three-dimensional manner in a series of expansion waves and shocks, and for this part of the flow our one-dimensional, isentropic flow concepts no longer apply. We will return to this discussion in Section 12.8.

This idea of choked flow seems a bit strange, but can be explained in at least two ways. First, we have already discussed that to increase the mass flow rate beyond choked would require  $M_e > 1$ , which is not possible. Second, once the flow reaches sonic conditions, it becomes “deaf” to downstream conditions: Any change (i.e., a reduction) in the applied back pressure propagates in the fluid at the speed of sound in all directions, so it gets “washed” downstream by the fluid which is moving at the speed of sound at the nozzle exit.

Flow through a converging nozzle may be divided into two regimes:

- 1 In Regime I,  $1 \geq p_b/p_0 \geq p^*/p_0$ . Flow to the throat is isentropic and  $p_e = p_b$ .
- 2 In Regime II,  $p_b/p_0 < p^*/p_0$ . Flow to the throat is isentropic, and  $M_e = 1$ . A nonisentropic expansion occurs in the flow leaving the nozzle and  $p_e = p^* > p_b$  (entropy increases because this is adiabatic but irreversible).

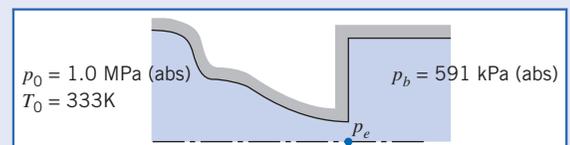
Although isentropic flow is an idealization, it often is a very good approximation for the actual behavior of nozzles. Since a nozzle is a device that accelerates a flow, the internal pressure gradient is favorable. This tends to keep the wall boundary layers thin and to minimize the effects of friction. The flow processes corresponding to Regime II are shown on a  $Ts$  diagram in Fig. 12.12. Two problems involving converging nozzles are solved in Examples 12.8 and 12.9.

### Example 12.8 ISENTROPIC FLOW IN A CONVERGING NOZZLE

A converging nozzle, with a throat area of  $0.001 \text{ m}^2$ , is operated with air at a back pressure of 591 kPa (abs). The nozzle is fed from a large plenum chamber where the absolute stagnation pressure and temperature are 1.0 MPa and  $60^\circ\text{C}$ . The exit Mach number and mass flow rate are to be determined.

**Given:** Air flow through a converging nozzle at the conditions shown:  
Flow is isentropic.

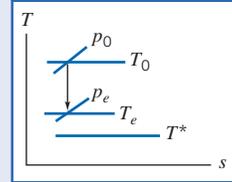
**Find:** (a)  $M_e$ .  
(b)  $\dot{m}$ .



**Solution:** The first step is to check for choking. The pressure ratio is

$$\frac{p_b}{p_0} = \frac{5.91 \times 10^5}{1.0 \times 10^6} = 0.591 > 0.528$$

so the flow is *not* choked. Thus  $p_b = p_e$ , and the flow is isentropic, as sketched on the  $Ts$  diagram.



Since  $p_0 = \text{constant}$ ,  $M_e$  may be found from the pressure ratio,

$$\frac{p_0}{p_e} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_e^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)}$$

Solving for  $M_e$ , since  $p_e = p_b$ , we obtain

$$1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_e^2 = \left( \frac{p_0}{p_b} \right)^{(k-1)/k}$$

and

$$M_e = \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{p_0}{p_b} \right)^{(k-1)/k} - 1 \right] \frac{2}{k-1} \right\}^{1/2} = \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{1.0 \times 10^6}{5.91 \times 10^5} \right)^{0.286} - 1 \right] \frac{2}{1.4-1} \right\}^{1/2} = 0.90 \longleftarrow M_e$$

The mass flow rate is

$$\dot{m} = \rho_e V_e A_e = \rho_e M_e c_e A_e$$

We need  $T$  to find  $\rho_e$  and  $c_e$ . Since  $T_0 = \text{constant}$ ,

$$\frac{T_0}{T_e} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_e^2$$

or

$$T_e = \frac{T_0}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_e^2} = \frac{(273 + 60)\text{K}}{1 + 0.2(0.9)^2} = 287 \text{ K}$$

$$c_e = \sqrt{kRT_e} = \left[ 1.4 \times 287 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 287 \text{ K} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \right]^{1/2} = 340 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$\rho_e = \frac{p_e}{RT_e} = 5.91 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{287 \text{ K}} = 7.18 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m} &= \rho_e M_e c_e A_e = 7.18 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times 0.9 \times 340 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times 0.0001 \text{ m}^2 \\ &= 2.20 \text{ kg/s} \longleftarrow \dot{m} \end{aligned}$$

This problem illustrates use of the isentropic equations, Eqs. 12.30a for a flow that is not choked.



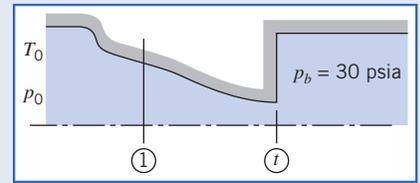
The Excel workbook for this example is convenient for performing the calculations (using either the isentropic equations or the basic equations). (The Excel add-ins for isentropic flow, on the website, also make calculations much easier.)

### Example 12.9 CHOKED FLOW IN A CONVERGING NOZZLE

Air flows isentropically through a converging nozzle. At a section where the nozzle area is  $0.013 \text{ ft}^2$ , the local pressure, temperature, and Mach number are 60 psia,  $40^\circ\text{F}$ , and 0.52, respectively. The back pressure is 30 psia. The Mach number at the throat, the mass flow rate, and the throat area are to be determined.

**Given:** Air flow through a converging nozzle at the conditions shown:

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= 0.52 \\ T_1 &= 40^\circ\text{F} \\ p_1 &= 60 \text{ psia} \\ A_1 &= 0.013 \text{ ft}^2 \end{aligned}$$



**Find:** (a)  $M_t$ . (b)  $\dot{m}$ . (c)  $A_t$ .

**Solution:**

First we check for choking, to determine if flow is isentropic down to  $p_b$ . To check, we evaluate the stagnation conditions.

$$p_0 = p_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} = 60 \text{ psia} [1 + 0.2(0.52)^2]^{3.5} = 72.0 \text{ psia}$$

The back pressure ratio is

$$\frac{p_b}{p_0} = \frac{30.0}{72.0} = 0.417 < 0.528$$

so the flow is choked! For choked flow,

$$M_t = 1.0 \longleftarrow M_t$$

The  $Ts$  diagram is

The mass flow rate may be found from conditions at section ①, using  $\rho_1 V_1 A_1$ .

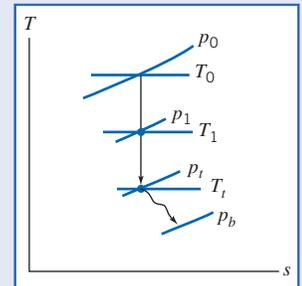
$$V_1 = M_1 c_1 = M_1 \sqrt{kRT_1}$$

$$= 0.52 \left[ 1.4 \times 53.3 \frac{\text{ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}} \times (460 + 40)^\circ\text{R} \times 32.2 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{slug}} \times \frac{\text{slug} \cdot \text{ft}}{\text{lb}_f \cdot \text{s}^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$V_1 = 570 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$\rho_1 = \frac{p_1}{RT_1} = 60 \frac{\text{lb}_f}{\text{in}^2} \times \frac{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}}{53.3 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f} \times \frac{1}{500^\circ\text{R}} \times 144 \frac{\text{in}^2}{\text{ft}^2} = 0.324 \text{ lbm/ft}^3$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho_1 V_1 A_1 = 0.324 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{ft}^3} \times 570 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \times 0.013 \text{ ft}^2 = 2.40 \text{ lbm/s} \longleftarrow \dot{m}$$



From Eq. 12.29,

$$\frac{A_1}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M_1} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} = \frac{1}{0.52} \left[ \frac{1 + 0.2(0.52)^2}{1.2} \right]^{3.00} = 1.303$$

For choked flow,  $A_t = A^*$ . Thus,

$$A_t = A^* = \frac{A_1}{1.303} = \frac{0.013 \text{ ft}^2}{1.303}$$

$$A_t = 9.98 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ft}^2 \longleftarrow A_t$$

This problem illustrates use of the isentropic equations, Eqs. 12.30a for a flow that is choked.

- Because the flow is choked, we could also have used Eq. 12.32a for  $\dot{m}$  (after finding  $T_0$ ).



The Excel workbook for this example is convenient for performing the calculations. (The Excel add-ins for isentropic flow, on the website, also make calculations much easier.)

## Isentropic Flow in a Converging-Diverging Nozzle

Having considered isentropic flow in a converging nozzle, we turn now to isentropic flow in a converging-diverging (C-D) nozzle. As in the previous case, flow through the converging-diverging passage of Fig. 12.13 is induced by a vacuum pump downstream, and is controlled by the valve shown; upstream stagnation conditions are constant. Pressure in the exit plane of the nozzle is  $p_e$ ; the nozzle

discharges to back pressure  $p_b$ . As for the converging nozzle, we wish to see, among other things, how the flow rate varies with the driving force, the applied pressure difference  $(p_0 - p_b)$ . Consider the effect of gradually reducing the back pressure. The results are illustrated graphically in Fig. 12.13. Let us consider each of the cases shown.

With the valve initially closed, there is no flow through the nozzle; the pressure is constant at  $p_0$ . Opening the valve slightly ( $p_b$  slightly less than  $p_0$ ) produces pressure distribution curve (i). If the flow rate is low enough, the flow will be subsonic and essentially incompressible at all points on this curve. Under these conditions, the C-D nozzle will behave as a venturi, with flow accelerating in the converging portion until a point of maximum velocity and minimum pressure is reached at the throat, then decelerating in the diverging portion to the nozzle exit. This behavior is described accurately by the Bernoulli equation, Eq. 6.8.

As the valve is opened farther and the flow rate is increased, a more sharply defined pressure minimum occurs, as shown by curve (ii). Although compressibility effects become important, the flow is still subsonic everywhere, and flow decelerates in the diverging section. Finally, as the valve is opened farther, curve (iii) results. At the section of minimum area the flow finally reaches  $M = 1$ , and the nozzle is choked—the flow rate is the maximum possible for the given nozzle and stagnation conditions.

All flows with pressure distributions (i), (ii), and (iii) are isentropic; as we progress from (i) to (ii) to (iii) we are generating increasing mass flow rates. Finally, when curve (iii) is reached, critical conditions are present at the throat. For this flow rate, the flow is choked, and

$$\dot{m} = \rho^* V^* A^*$$

where  $A^* = A_t$ , just as it was for the converging nozzle, and for this maximum possible flow rate Eq. 12.32a applies (with  $A_e$  replaced with the throat area  $A_t$ ),

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = A_t p_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{RT_0}} \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} \tag{12.33a}$$

Note that for a given gas ( $k$  and  $R$ ), the maximum flow rate in the C-D nozzle depends *only* on the size of the throat area ( $A_t$ ) and the conditions in the reservoir ( $p_0, T_0$ ).

As with the converging nozzle, for air we write an “engineering” form of Eq. 12.33a,

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 0.04 \frac{A_t p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \tag{12.33b}$$

with  $\dot{m}_{\text{choked}}$  in kg/s,  $A_t$  in  $\text{m}^2$ ,  $p_0$  in Pa, and  $T_0$  in K, and

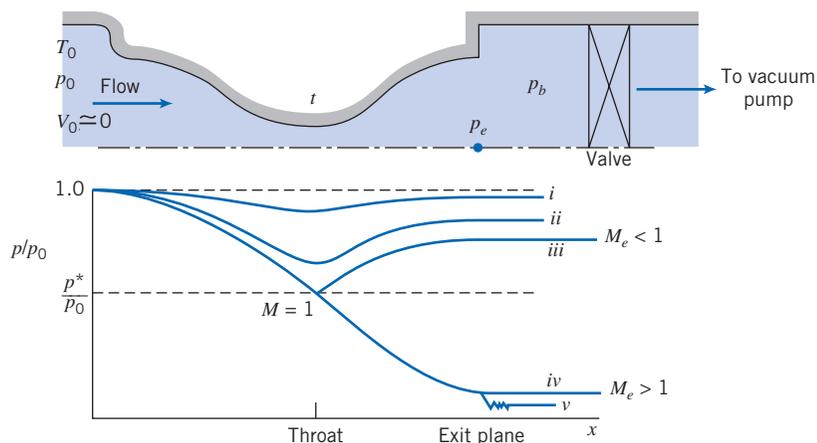


Fig. 12.13 Pressure distributions for isentropic flow in a converging-diverging nozzle.

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 76.6 \frac{A_t p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \quad (12.33c)$$

with  $\dot{m}_{\text{choked}}$  in lbm/s,  $A_t$  in ft<sup>2</sup>,  $p_0$  in psia, and  $T_0$  in °R. We again have Eqs. 12.32b and 12.32c, with the exit area  $A_e$  now replaced by the throat area  $A_t$ .

Any attempt to increase the flow rate by further lowering the back pressure will fail, for the two reasons we discussed earlier: once we attain sonic conditions, downstream changes can no longer be transmitted upstream; and we cannot exceed sonic conditions at the throat, because this would require passing through the sonic state somewhere in the converging section, which is not possible in isentropic flow.

With sonic conditions at the throat, we consider what *can* happen to the flow in the diverging section. We have previously discussed (see Fig. 12.8) that a diverging section will decelerate a subsonic flow ( $M < 1$ ) but will accelerate a supersonic flow ( $M > 1$ )—very different behaviors! The question arises: “Does a sonic flow behave as a subsonic or as a supersonic flow as it enters a diverging section?” The answer to this question is that it can behave like either one, depending on the downstream pressure! We have already seen subsonic flow behavior [curve (iii)]: the applied back pressure leads to a gradual downstream pressure increase, decelerating the flow. We now consider accelerating the choked flow.

To accelerate flow in the diverging section requires a pressure decrease. This condition is illustrated by curve (iv) in Fig. 12.13. The flow will accelerate isentropically in the nozzle provided the exit pressure is set at  $p_{iv}$ . Thus, we see that with a throat Mach number of unity, there are two possible isentropic flow conditions in the converging-diverging nozzle. This is consistent with the results of Fig. 12.10, where we found two Mach numbers for each  $A/A^*$  in isentropic flow.

Lowering the back pressure below condition (iv), say to condition (v), has no effect on flow in the nozzle. The flow is isentropic from the plenum chamber to the nozzle exit [as in condition (iv)] and then it undergoes a three-dimensional irreversible expansion to the lower back pressure. A nozzle operating under these conditions is said to be *underexpanded*, since additional expansion takes place outside the nozzle.

A converging-diverging nozzle generally is intended to produce supersonic flow at the exit plane. If the back pressure is set at  $p_{iv}$ , flow will be isentropic through the nozzle, and supersonic at the nozzle exit. Nozzles operating at  $p_b = p_{iv}$  [corresponding to curve (iv) in Fig. 12.13] are said to operate at *design conditions*.

Flow leaving a C-D nozzle is supersonic when the back pressure is at or below nozzle design pressure. The exit Mach number is fixed once the area ratio,  $A_e/A^*$ , is specified. All other exit plane properties are uniquely related to stagnation properties by the fixed exit plane Mach number. The assumption of isentropic flow for a real nozzle at design conditions is a reasonable one. However, the one-dimensional flow model is inadequate for the design of relatively short nozzles.

Rocket-propelled vehicles use C-D nozzles to accelerate the exhaust gases to the maximum possible speed to produce high thrust. A propulsion nozzle is subject to varying ambient conditions during flight through the atmosphere, so it is impossible to attain the maximum theoretical thrust over the complete operating range. Because only a single supersonic Mach number can be obtained for each area ratio, nozzles for developing supersonic flow in wind tunnels often are built with interchangeable test sections, or with variable geometry.

You probably have noticed that nothing has been said about the operation of converging-diverging nozzles with back pressure in the range  $p_{iii} > p_b > p_{iv}$ . For such cases the flow cannot expand isentropically to  $p_b$ . Under these conditions a shock (which may be treated as an irreversible discontinuity involving entropy increase) occurs somewhere within the flow. Following a discussion of normal shocks in Section 12.7, we shall complete the discussion of converging-diverging nozzle flows in Section 12.8.

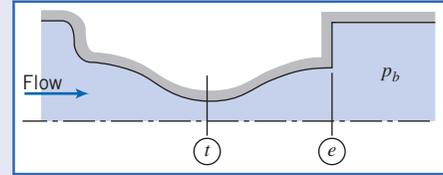
Nozzles operating with  $p_{iii} > p_b > p_{iv}$  are said to be *overexpanded* because the pressure at some point in the nozzle is less than the back pressure. Obviously, an overexpanded nozzle could be made to operate at a new design condition by removing a portion of the diverging section. In Example 12.10, we consider isentropic flow in a C-D nozzle and in Example 12.11, we consider choked flow in a C-D nozzle.

**Example 12.10** ISENTROPIC FLOW IN A CONVERGING-DIVERGING NOZZLE

Air flows isentropically in a converging-diverging nozzle, with exit area of  $0.001 \text{ m}^2$ . The nozzle is fed from a large plenum where the stagnation conditions are  $350 \text{ K}$  and  $1.0 \text{ MPa}$  (abs). The exit pressure is  $954 \text{ kPa}$  (abs) and the Mach number at the throat is  $0.68$ . Fluid properties and area at the nozzle throat and the exit Mach number are to be determined.

**Given:** Isentropic flow of air in C-D nozzle as shown:

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 &= 350 \text{ K} \\ p_0 &= 1.0 \text{ MPa (abs)} \\ p_b &= 954 \text{ kPa (abs)} \\ M_t &= 0.68 \quad A_e = 0.001 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$



**Find:** (a) Properties and area at nozzle throat.  
(b)  $M_e$ .

**Solution:** Stagnation temperature is constant for isentropic flow. Thus, since

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2$$

then

$$T_t = \frac{T_0}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_t^2} = \frac{350 \text{ K}}{1 + 0.2(0.68)^2} = 320 \text{ K} \leftarrow T_t$$

Also, since  $p_0$  is constant for isentropic flow, then

$$\begin{aligned} p_t &= p_0 \left( \frac{T_t}{T_0} \right)^{k/(k-1)} = p_0 \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_t^2} \right]^{k/(k-1)} \\ p_t &= 1.0 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} \left[ \frac{1}{1 + 0.2(0.68)^2} \right]^{3.5} = 734 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow p_t \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\rho_t = \frac{p_t}{RT_t} = 7.34 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{320 \text{ K}} = 7.99 \text{ kg/m}^3 \leftarrow \rho_t$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V_t &= M_t c_t = M_t \sqrt{kRT_t} \\ V_t &= 0.68 \left[ 14 \times 287 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 320 \text{ K} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \right]^{1/2} = 244 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow V_t \end{aligned}$$

From Eq. 12.30d we can obtain a value of  $A_t/A^*$

$$\frac{A_t}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M_t} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_t^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} = \frac{1}{0.68} \left[ \frac{1 + 0.2(0.68)^2}{1.2} \right]^{3.00} = 1.11$$

but at this point  $A^*$  is not known.

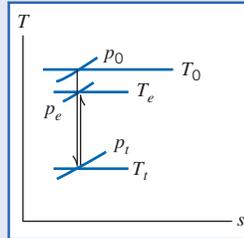
Since  $M_t < 1$ , flow at the exit must be subsonic. Therefore,  $p_e = p_b$ . Stagnation properties are constant, so

$$\frac{p_0}{p_e} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_e^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)}$$

Solving for  $M_e$  gives

$$M_e = \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{p_0}{p_e} \right)^{(k-1)/k} - 1 \right] \frac{2}{k-1} \right\}^{1/2} = \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{1.0 \times 10^6}{9.54 \times 10^5} \right)^{0.286} - 1 \right] (5) \right\}^{1/2} = 0.26 \leftarrow M_e$$

The  $Ts$  diagram for this flow is



Since  $A_e$  and  $M_e$  are known, we can compute  $A^*$ . From Eq. 12.30d

$$\frac{A_e}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M_e} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_e^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} = \frac{1}{0.26} \left[ \frac{1 + 0.2(0.26)^2}{1.2} \right]^{3.00} = 2.317$$

Thus,

$$A^* = \frac{A_e}{2.317} = \frac{0.001 \text{ m}^2}{2.317} = 4.32 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

and

$$A_t = 1.110A^* = (1.110)(4.32 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2) = 4.80 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \leftarrow A_t$$

This problem illustrates use of the isentropic equations, Eqs. 12.30a for flow in a C-D nozzle that is not choked.

- Note that use of Eq. 12.30d allowed us to obtain the throat area without needing to first compute other properties.

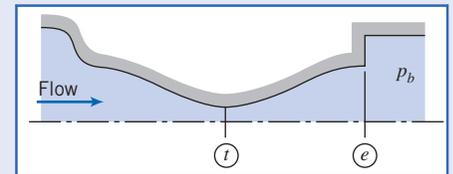
 The Excel workbook for this example is convenient for performing the calculations (using either the isentropic equations or the basic equations). (The Excel add-ins for isentropic flow, on the website, also make calculations much easier.)

### Example 12.11 ISENTROPIC FLOW IN A CONVERGING-DIVERGING NOZZLE: CHOKED FLOW

The nozzle of Example 12.10 has a design back pressure of 87.5 kPa (abs) but is operated at a back pressure of 50.0 kPa (abs). Assume flow within the nozzle is isentropic. Determine the exit Mach number and mass flow rate.

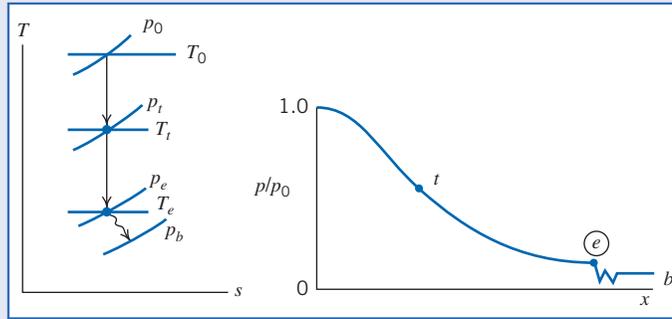
**Given:** Air flow through C-D nozzle as shown:

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 &= 350 \text{ K} \\ p_0 &= 1.0 \text{ MPa (abs)} \\ p_e(\text{design}) &= 87.5 \text{ kPa (abs)} \\ p_b &= 50.0 \text{ kPa (abs)} \\ A_e &= 0.001 \text{ m}^2 \\ A_t &= 4.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \text{ (Example 12.10)} \end{aligned}$$



**Find:** (a)  $M_e$ .  
(b)  $\dot{m}$ .

**Solution:** The operating back pressure is *below* the design pressure. Consequently, the nozzle is underexpanded, and the  $Ts$  diagram and pressure distribution will be as shown:



Flow *within* the nozzle will be isentropic, but the irreversible expansion from  $p_e$  to  $p_b$  will cause an entropy increase;  $p_e = p_e(\text{design}) = 87.5 \text{ kPa (abs)}$ .

Since stagnation properties are constant for isentropic flow, the exit Mach number can be computed from the pressure ratio. Thus

$$\frac{p_0}{p_e} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_e^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)}$$

or

$$M_e = \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{p_0}{p_e} \right)^{(k-1)/k} - 1 \right] \frac{2}{k-1} \right\}^{1/2} = \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{1.0 \times 10^6}{8.75 \times 10^4} \right)^{0.286} - 1 \right] \frac{2}{0.4} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$= 2.24 \leftarrow M_e$$

Because the flow is choked we can use Eq. 12.33b for the mass flow rate,

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 0.04 \frac{A_t p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \quad (12.33b)$$

(with  $\dot{m}_{\text{choked}}$  in kg/s,  $A_t$  in  $\text{m}^2$ ,  $p_0$  in Pa, and  $T_0$  in K), so

$$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 0.04 \times 4.8 \times 10^{-4} \times 1 \times 10^6 / \sqrt{350}$$

$$\dot{m} = \dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 1.04 \text{ kg/s} \leftarrow \dot{m}$$

This problem illustrates use of the isentropic equations, Eqs. 12.30a for flow in a C-D nozzle that is choked.

- Note that we used Eq. 12.33b, an “engineering equation”—that is, an equation containing a coefficient that has units. While useful here, generally these equations are no longer used in engineering because their correct use depends on using input variable values in specific units.



The *Excel* workbook for this example is convenient for performing the calculations (using either the isentropic equations or the basic equations). (The *Excel* add-ins for isentropic flow, on the website, also make calculations much easier.)

## 12.7 Normal Shocks

We mentioned normal shocks in the previous section in the context of flow through a nozzle. In practice, these irreversible discontinuities can occur in any supersonic flow field, in either internal flow or external flow. Knowledge of property changes across shocks and of shock behavior is important in understanding the design of supersonic diffusers, e.g., for inlets on high performance aircraft, and supersonic wind tunnels. Accordingly, the purpose of this section is to analyze the normal shock process.

Before applying the basic equations to normal shocks, it is important to form a clear physical picture of the shock itself. Although it is physically impossible to have discontinuities in fluid properties, the normal shock is nearly discontinuous. The thickness of a shock is about  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  ( $10^{-5}$  in.), or roughly 4 times the mean free path of the gas molecules [5]. Large changes in pressure, temperature, and other properties occur across this small distance. Fluid particle decelerations through the shock reach tens

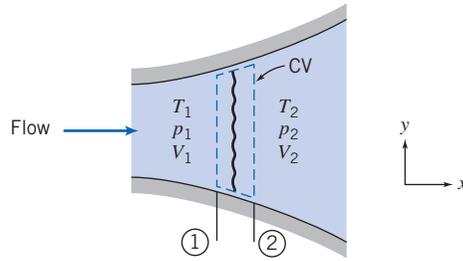


Fig. 12.14 Control volume used for analysis of normal shock.

of millions of gs! These considerations justify treating the normal shock as an abrupt discontinuity; we are interested in changes occurring across the shock rather than in the details of its structure.

Consider the short control volume surrounding a normal shock standing in a passage of arbitrary shape shown in Fig. 12.14. As for isentropic flow with area variation (Section 12.6), our starting point in analyzing this normal shock is the set of basic equations (Eqs. 12.24), describing one-dimensional motion that may be affected by several phenomena: area change, friction, and heat transfer. These are

$$\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = \rho V A = \dot{m} = \text{constant} \quad (12.24a)$$

$$R_x + p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 = \dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1 \quad (12.24b)$$

$$\frac{\delta Q}{dm} + h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \quad (12.24c)$$

$$\dot{m}(s_2 - s_1) \geq \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA \quad (12.24d)$$

$$p = \rho R T \quad (12.24e)$$

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p \Delta T = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.24f)$$

$$\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (12.24g)$$

We recall that Equation 12.24a is *continuity*, Eq. 12.24b is a *momentum equation*, Eq. 12.24c is an *energy equation*, Eq. 12.24d is the *second law of thermodynamics*, and Eqs. 12.24e, 12.24f, and 12.24g are useful *property relations* for an ideal gas with constant specific heats.

### Basic Equations for a Normal Shock

We can now simplify Eqs. 12.24 for flow of an ideal gas with constant specific heats through a normal shock. The most important simplifying feature is that the width of the control volume is infinitesimal (in reality about  $0.2 \mu\text{m}$  as we indicated), so  $A_1 \approx A_2 \approx A$ , the force due to the walls  $R_x \approx 0$  because the control volume wall surface area is infinitesimal, and the heat exchange with the walls  $\delta Q/dm \approx 0$ , for the same reason. Hence, for this flow our equations become

$$\rho_1 V_1 = \rho_2 V_2 = \frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \text{constant} \quad (12.34a)$$

$$p_1 A - p_2 A = \dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1$$

or, using Eq. 12.34a,

$$p_1 + \rho_1 V_1^2 = p_2 + \rho_2 V_2^2 \quad (12.34b)$$

$$h_{01} = h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = h_{02} \quad (12.34c)$$

$$s_2 > s_1 \quad (12.34d)$$

$$p = \rho R T \quad (12.34e)$$

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p \Delta T = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (12.34f)$$

$$\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (12.34g)$$

Equations 12.34 can be used to analyze flow through a normal shock. For example, if we know conditions before the shock, at section ① (i.e.,  $p_1, \rho_1, T_1, s_1, h_1$ , and  $V_1$ ), we can use these equations to find conditions after the shock, at section ②. We have six equations (not including the constraint of Eq. 12.34d) and six unknowns ( $p_2, \rho_2, T_2, s_2, h_2$ , and  $V_2$ ). Hence, for given upstream conditions there is a single unique downstream state. To analyze a shock, we need to solve this set of *nonlinear coupled algebraic* equations.

We can certainly use these equations for analyzing normal shocks, but we will usually find it more useful to develop normal shock functions based on  $M_1$ , the upstream Mach number. Before doing this, let us consider the set of equations. We have stated in this chapter that changes in a one-dimensional flow can be caused by area variation, friction, or heat transfer, but in deriving Eqs. 12.34 we have eliminated all three causes! In this case, then, what is causing the flow to change? Perhaps there are no changes through a normal shock! Indeed, if we examine each of these equations we see that each one is satisfied—if all properties at location ② are equal to the corresponding properties at location ① (e.g.,  $p_2 = p_1, T_2 = T_1$ ) *except* for Eq. 12.34d, which expresses the second law of thermodynamics. Nature is telling us that in the absence of area change, friction, and heat transfer, flow properties will not change *except* in a very abrupt, irreversible manner, for which the entropy increases. In fact, all properties except  $T_0$  change through the shock. We must find a solution in which *all* of Eqs. 12.34 are satisfied.

Because they are a set of nonlinear coupled equations, it is difficult to use Eqs. 12.34 to see exactly what happens through a normal shock. We will postpone formal proof of the results we are about to present until a subsequent subsection, where we recast the equations in terms of the incoming Mach number. This recasting is rather mathematical, so we present results of the analysis here for clarity.

It turns out that a normal shock can occur only when the incoming flow is supersonic. Fluid flows will generally gradually adjust to downstream conditions (e.g., an obstacle in the flow) as the pressure field redirects the flow (e.g., around the object). However, if the flow is moving at such a speed that the pressure field cannot propagate upstream (when the flow speed,  $V$ , is greater than the local speed of sound,  $c$ , or in other words  $M > 1$ ), then the fluid has to “violently” adjust to the downstream conditions. The shock that a supersonic flow may encounter is like a hammer blow that each fluid particle experiences; the pressure suddenly increases through the shock, so that, at the instant a particle is passing through the shock, there is a very large negative pressure gradient. This pressure gradient causes a dramatic reduction in speed,  $V$ , and hence a rapid rise in temperature,  $T$ , as kinetic energy is converted to internal thermal energy.

We may wonder what happens to the density because both the temperature and pressure rise through the shock, leading to opposing changes in density; it turns out that the density,  $\rho$ , increases through the shock. Because the shock is adiabatic but highly irreversible, entropy,  $s$ , increases through the shock. Finally, we see that as speed,  $V$ , decreases and the speed of sound,  $c$ , increases (because temperature,  $T$ ,

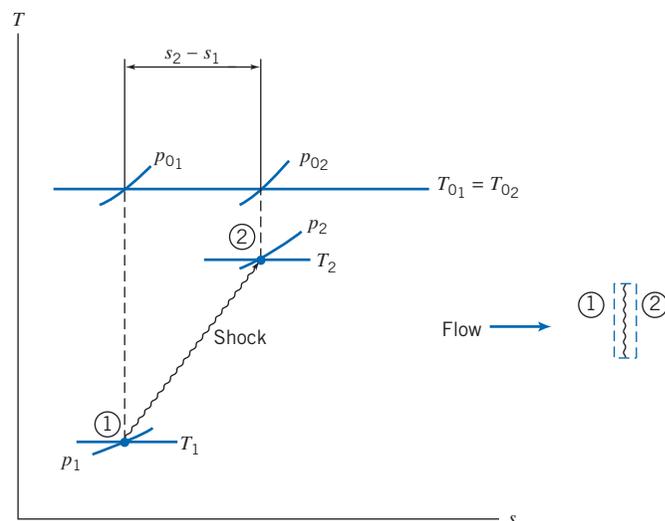


Fig. 12.15 Schematic of normal-shock process on the  $Ts$  plane.

**Table 12.1**  
Summary of Property Changes Across a Normal Shock

Property	Effect	Obtained from:
Stagnation temperature	$T_0 = \text{Constant}$	Energy equation
Entropy	$s \uparrow$	Second law
Stagnation pressure	$p_0 \downarrow$	$Ts$ diagram
Temperature	$T \uparrow$	$Ts$ diagram
Velocity	$V \downarrow$	Energy equation, and effect on $T$
Density	$\rho \uparrow$	Continuity equation, and effect on $V$
Pressure	$p \uparrow$	Momentum equation, and effect on $V$
Mach number	$M \downarrow$	$M = V/c$ , and effects on $V$ and $T$

increases) through the normal shock, the Mach number,  $M$ , decreases; in fact, we will see later that it always becomes subsonic. These results are shown graphically in Fig. 12.15 and in tabular form in Table 12.1.

### Normal-Shock Flow Functions for One-Dimensional Flow of an Ideal Gas

The basic equations, Eqs. 12.34, can be used to analyze flows that experience a normal shock. However, it is often more convenient to use Mach number-based equations, in this case based on the incoming Mach number,  $M_1$ . This involves three steps: First, we obtain property ratios (e.g.,  $T_2/T_1$  and  $p_2/p_1$ ) in terms of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , then we develop a relation between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , and finally, we use this relation to obtain expressions for property ratios in terms of upstream Mach number,  $M_1$ .

The temperature ratio can be expressed as

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{T_2 T_{02} T_{01}}{T_{02} T_{01} T_1}$$

Since stagnation temperature is constant across the shock, we have

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_2^2} \quad (12.35)$$

A velocity ratio may be obtained by using

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{M_2 c_2}{M_1 c_1} = \frac{M_2 \sqrt{kRT_2}}{M_1 \sqrt{kRT_1}} = \frac{M_2}{M_1} \sqrt{\frac{T_2}{T_1}}$$

or

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{M_2}{M_1} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_2^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

A ratio of densities may be obtained from the continuity equation

$$\rho_1 V_1 = \rho_2 V_2 \quad (12.34a)$$

so that

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{M_1}{M_2} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_2^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_1^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (12.36)$$

Finally, we have the momentum equation,

$$p_1 + \rho_1 V_1^2 = p_2 + \rho_2 V_2^2 \quad (12.34b)$$

Substituting  $\rho = p/RT$ , and factoring out pressures, gives

$$p_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{V_1^2}{RT_1} \right] = p_2 \left[ 1 + \frac{V_2^2}{RT_2} \right]$$

Since

$$\frac{V^2}{RT} = k \frac{V^2}{kRT} = kM^2$$

then

$$p_1 [1 + kM_1^2] = p_2 [1 + kM_2^2]$$

Finally,

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{1 + kM_1^2}{1 + kM_2^2} \quad (12.37)$$

To solve for  $M_2$  in terms of  $M_1$ , we must obtain another expression for one of the property ratios given by Eqs. 12.35 through 12.37.

From the ideal gas equation of state, the temperature ratio may be written as

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{p_2/\rho_2 R}{p_1/\rho_1 R} = \frac{p_2 \rho_1}{p_1 \rho_2}$$

Substituting from Eqs. 12.36 and 12.37 yields

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left[ \frac{1 + kM_1^2}{1 + kM_2^2} \right] \frac{M_2}{M_1} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (12.38)$$

Equations 12.35 and 12.38 are two equations for  $T_2/T_1$ . We can combine them and solve for  $M_2$  in terms of  $M_1$ . Combining and canceling gives

$$\left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2} \right]^{1/2} = \frac{M_2}{M_1} \left[ \frac{1 + kM_1^2}{1 + kM_2^2} \right]$$

Squaring, we obtain

$$\frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2} = \frac{M_2^2}{M_1^2} \left[ \frac{1 + 2kM_1^2 + k^2 M_1^4}{1 + 2kM_2^2 + k^2 M_2^4} \right]$$

which may be solved explicitly for  $M_2^2$ . Two solutions are obtained:

$$M_2^2 = M_1^2 \quad (12.39a)$$

and

$$M_2^2 = \frac{M_1^2 + \frac{2}{k-1}}{\frac{2k}{k-1} M_1^2 - 1} \quad (12.39b)$$

Obviously, the first of these is trivial. The second expresses the unique dependence of  $M_2$  on  $M_1$ .

Now, having a relationship between  $M_2$  and  $M_1$ , we can solve for property ratios across a shock. Knowing  $M_1$ , we obtain  $M_2$  from Eq. 12.39b; the property ratios can be determined subsequently from Eqs. 12.35 through 12.37.

Since the stagnation temperature remains constant, the stagnation temperature ratio across the shock is unity. The ratio of stagnation pressures is evaluated as

$$\frac{p_{0_2}}{p_{0_1}} = \frac{p_{0_2} p_2 p_1}{p_2 p_1 p_{0_1}} = \frac{p_2}{p_1} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_2^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2} \right]^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.40)$$

Combining Eqs. 12.37 and 12.39b, we obtain (after considerable algebra)

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{1 + kM_1^2}{1 + kM_2^2} = \frac{2k}{k+1} M_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{k+1} \quad (12.41)$$

Using Eqs. 12.39b and 12.41, we find that Eq. 12.40 becomes

$$\frac{p_{0_2}}{p_{0_1}} = \frac{\left[ \frac{\frac{k+1}{2} M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2} \right]^{k/(k-1)}}{\left[ \frac{2k}{k+1} M_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{k+1} \right]^{1/(k-1)}} \quad (12.42)$$

After substituting for  $M_2^2$  from Eq. 12.39b into Eqs. 12.35 and 12.36, we summarize the set of Mach number-based equations (renumbered for convenience) for use with an ideal gas passing through a normal shock:

$$M_2^2 = \frac{M_1^2 + \frac{2}{k-1}}{\frac{2k}{k-1} M_1^2 - 1} \quad (12.43a)$$

$$\frac{p_{0_2}}{p_{0_1}} = \frac{\left[ \frac{\frac{k+1}{2} M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2} \right]^{k/(k-1)}}{\left[ \frac{2k}{k+1} M_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{k+1} \right]^{1/(k-1)}} \quad (12.43b)$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2\right) \left(kM_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{2}\right)}{\left(\frac{k+1}{2}\right)^2 M_1^2} \quad (12.43c)$$

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{2k}{k+1} M_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{k+1} \quad (12.43d)$$

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{\frac{k+1}{2} M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2} \quad (12.43e)$$

Equations 12.43 are useful for analyzing flow through a normal shock. Note that all changes through a normal shock depend only on  $M_1$ , the incoming Mach number and the fluid property,  $k$ , the ratio of specific heats. The equations are usually preferable to the original equations, Eq. 12.34, because they provide explicit, uncoupled expressions for property changes; Eqs. 12.34 are occasionally useful too. Note that Eq. 12.43d requires  $M_1 > 1$  for  $p_2 > p_1$ , which agrees with our previous discussion. The ratio  $p_2/p_1$  is known as the *strength* of the shock; the higher the incoming Mach number, the stronger (more violent) the shock.

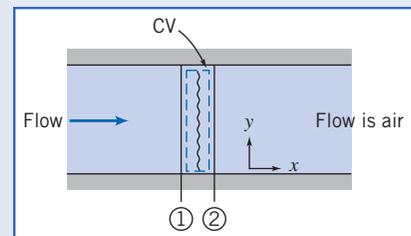
Equations 12.43, while quite complex algebraically, provide explicit property relations in terms of the incoming Mach number,  $M_1$ . They are easily programmed and there are also interactive websites that make them available (see, e.g., [4]). The equations can also be programmed in *Excel* and spreadsheets are available from the website; with the add-ins, functions are available for computing  $M_2$ , and the stagnation pressure, temperature, pressure, and density/velocity ratios, from  $M_1$ , and  $M_1$  from these ratios. Appendix D.2 lists flow functions for  $M_2$  and property ratios  $p_{02}/p_{01}$ ,  $T_2/T_1$ ,  $p_2/p_1$ , and  $\rho_2/\rho_1$  ( $V_1/V_2$ ) in terms of  $M_1$  for normal-shock flow of an ideal gas. A table of values, as well as a plot of these property ratios, is presented for air ( $k = 1.4$ ) for a limited range of Mach numbers. The associated *Excel* workbook, *Normal-Shock Relations*, can be used to print a larger table of values for air and other ideal gases. A problem involving a normal shock is solved in Example 12.12.

### Example 12.12 NORMAL SHOCK IN A DUCT

A normal shock stands in a duct. The fluid is air, which may be considered an ideal gas. Properties upstream from the shock are  $T_1 = 5^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p_1 = 65.0\text{ kPa (abs)}$ , and  $V_1 = 668\text{ m/s}$ . Determine properties downstream and  $s_2 - s_1$ . Sketch the process on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**Given:** Normal shock in a duct as shown:

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= 5^\circ\text{C} \\ p_1 &= 65.0\text{ kPa (abs)} \\ V_1 &= 668\text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$



**Find:** (a) Properties at section ②.  
 (b)  $s_2 - s_1$ .  
 (c)  $Ts$  diagram.

**Solution:** First compute the remaining properties at section ①. For an ideal gas,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_1 &= \frac{p_1}{RT_1} = 6.5 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{278 \text{ K}} = 0.815 \text{ kg/m}^3 \\ c_1 &= \sqrt{kRT_1} = \left[ 1.4 \times 287 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times 278 \text{ K} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{N} \cdot \text{s}^2} \right]^{1/2} = 334 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $M_1 = \frac{V_1}{c_1} = \frac{668}{334} = 2.00$ , and (using isentropic stagnation relations, Eqs. 12.21b and 12.21a)

$$\begin{aligned} T_{01} &= T_1 \left( 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right) = 278 \text{ K} [1 + 0.2(2.0)^2] = 500 \text{ K} \\ p_{01} &= p_1 \left( 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M_1^2 \right)^{k/(k-1)} = 65.0 \text{ kPa} [1 + 0.2(2.0)^2]^{3.5} = 509 \text{ kPa (abs)} \end{aligned}$$

From the normal-shock flow functions, Eqs. 12.43, at  $M_1 = 2.0$ ,

$M_1$	$M_2$	$p_{02}/p_{01}$	$T_2/T_1$	$p_2/p_1$	$V_2/V_1$
2.00	0.5774	0.7209	1.687	4.500	0.3750

From these data

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= 1.687T_1 = (1.687)278 \text{ K} = 469 \text{ K} \leftarrow T_2 \\ p_2 &= 4.500p_1 = (4.500)65.0 \text{ kPa} = 293 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow p_2 \\ V_2 &= 0.3750V_1 = (0.3750)668 \text{ m/s} = 251 \text{ m/s} \leftarrow V_2 \end{aligned}$$

For an ideal gas,

$$\rho_2 = \frac{p_2}{RT_2} = 2.93 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}{287 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}} \times \frac{1}{469 \text{ K}} = 2.18 \text{ kg/m}^3 \leftarrow \rho_2$$

Stagnation temperature is constant in adiabatic flow. Thus

$$T_{02} = T_{01} = 500 \text{ K} \leftarrow T_{02}$$

Using the property ratios for a normal shock, we obtain

$$p_{02} = p_{01} \frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}} = 509 \text{ kPa} (0.7209) = 367 \text{ kPa (abs)} \leftarrow p_{02}$$

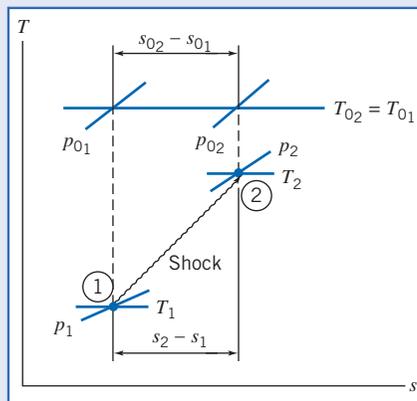
For the change in entropy (Eq. 12.34g),

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

But  $s_{02} - s_{01} = s_2 - s_1$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0 \\ s_{02} - s_{01} &= s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_{02}}{T_{01}} - R \ln \frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}} = -0.287 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}} \times \ln(0.7209) \\ s_2 - s_1 &= 0.0939 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}) \leftarrow s_2 - s_1 \end{aligned}$$

The  $Ts$  diagram is



This problem illustrates the use of the normal shock relations, Eqs. 12.43, for analyzing flow of an ideal gas through a normal shock.

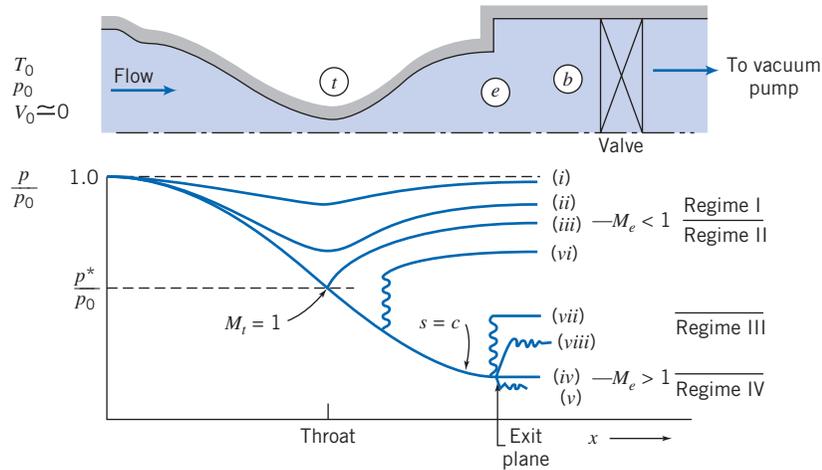
 The Excel workbook for this problem is convenient for performing the calculations. (Alternatively, the normal shock relations Excel add-ins, available on the website, are useful for these calculations.)

## 12.8 Supersonic Channel Flow with Shocks

Supersonic flow is a necessary condition for a normal shock to occur and the possibility of a normal shock must be considered in any supersonic flow. Sometimes a shock *must* occur to match a downstream pressure condition; it is desirable to determine if a shock will occur and the shock location when it does occur.

In this section isentropic flow in a converging-diverging nozzle (Section 12.6) is extended to include shocks and complete our discussion of flow in a converging-diverging nozzle operating under varying back pressures. The pressure distribution through a nozzle for different back pressures is shown in Fig. 12.16.

Four flow regimes are possible. In Regime I the flow is subsonic throughout. The flow rate increases with decreasing back pressure. At condition (iii), which forms the dividing line between Regimes I and II, flow at the throat is sonic, and  $M_t = 1$ .



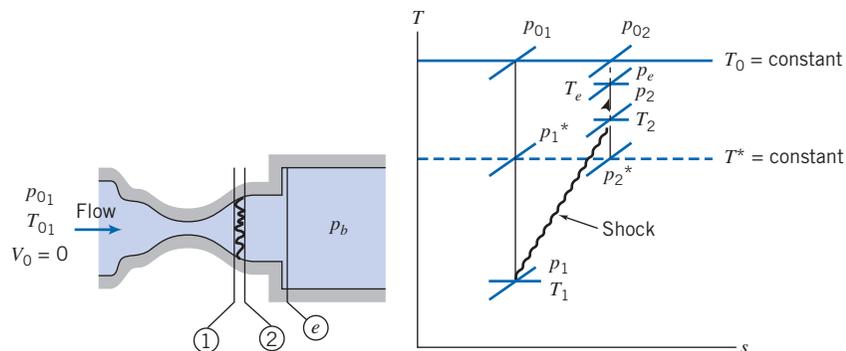
**Fig. 12.16** Pressure distributions for flow in a converging-diverging nozzle for different back pressures.

As the back pressure is lowered below condition (iii), a normal shock appears downstream from the throat, as shown by condition (vi). There is a pressure rise across the shock. Since the flow is subsonic ( $M < 1$ ) after the shock, the flow decelerates, with an accompanying increase in pressure, through the diverging channel. As the back pressure is lowered further, the shock moves downstream until it appears at the exit plane (condition vii). In Regime II, as in Regime I, the exit flow is subsonic, and consequently  $p_e = p_b$ . Since flow properties at the throat are constant for all conditions in Regime II, the flow rate in Regime II does not vary with back pressure.

In Regime III, as exemplified by condition (viii), the back pressure is higher than the exit pressure, but not high enough to sustain a normal shock in the exit plane. The flow adjusts to the back pressure through a series of oblique compression shocks outside the nozzle; these oblique shocks cannot be treated by one-dimensional theory.

As previously noted in Section 12.6, condition (iv) represents the design condition. In Regime IV the flow adjusts to the lower back pressure through a series of oblique expansion waves outside the nozzle; these oblique expansion waves cannot be treated by one-dimensional theory.

The  $Ts$  diagram for converging-diverging nozzle flow with a normal shock is shown in Fig. 12.17; state ① is located immediately upstream from the shock and state ② is immediately downstream. The entropy increase across the shock moves the subsonic downstream flow to a new isentropic line. The critical temperature is constant, so  $p_2^*$  is lower than  $p_1^*$ . Since  $\rho^* = p^*/RT^*$ , the critical density downstream also is reduced. To carry the same mass flow rate, the downstream flow must have a larger critical area. From continuity (and the equation of state), the critical area ratio is the inverse of the critical pressure ratio, i.e., across a shock,  $p^*A^* = \text{constant}$ .



**Fig. 12.17** Schematic  $Ts$  diagram for flow in a converging-diverging nozzle with a normal shock.

If the Mach number (or position) of the normal shock in the nozzle is known, the exit-plane pressure can be calculated directly. In the more realistic situation, the exit-plane pressure is specified, and the position and strength of the shock are unknown. The subsonic flow downstream must leave the nozzle at the back pressure, so  $p_b = p_e$ . Then

$$\frac{p_b}{p_{01}} = \frac{p_e}{p_{01}} = \frac{p_e}{p_{02}} \frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}} = \frac{p_e}{p_{02}} \frac{A_1^*}{A_2^*} = \frac{p_e}{p_{02}} \frac{A_t}{A_e} \frac{A_e}{A_2^*} \quad (12.44)$$

Because we have isentropic flow from state ② (after the shock) to the exit plane,  $A_2^* = A_e^*$  and  $p_{02} = p_{0e}$ . Then from Eq. 12.44 we can write

$$\frac{p_e}{p_{01}} = \frac{p_e}{p_{02}} \frac{A_t}{A_e} \frac{A_e}{A_2^*} = \frac{p_e}{p_{0e}} \frac{A_t}{A_e} \frac{A_e}{A_e^*}$$

Rearranging,

$$\frac{p_e}{p_{01}} \frac{A_e}{A_t} = \frac{p_e}{p_{0e}} \frac{A_e}{A_e^*} \quad (12.45)$$

In Eq. 12.45 the left side contains known quantities, and the right side is a function of the exit Mach number  $M_e$  only. The pressure ratio is obtained from the stagnation pressure relation (Eq. 12.21a); the area ratio is obtained from the isentropic area relation (Eq. 12.30d). Finding  $M_e$  from Eq. 12.45 usually requires iteration. The magnitude and location of the normal shock can be found once  $M_e$  is known by rearranging Eq. 12.45 (remembering that  $p_{02} = p_{0e}$ ),

$$\frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}} = \frac{A_t}{A_e} \frac{A_e}{A_e^*} \quad (12.46)$$

In Eq. 12.46 the right side is known (the first area ratio is given and the second is a function of  $M_e$  only), and the left side is a function of the Mach number before the shock,  $M_1$ , only. Hence,  $M_1$  can be found. The area at which this shock occurs can then be found from the isentropic area relation (Eq. 12.30d, with  $A^* = A_t$ ) for isentropic flow between the throat and state ①.

In this introductory chapter on compressible flow, we have covered some of the basic flow phenomena and presented the equations that allow us to evaluate the flow properties in some of the simpler flow situations. There are many more complex compressible flow situations, and we provide an introduction to some of these advanced topics on the website. Shock formation in a CD nozzle, one-dimensional flows with friction and/or heat transfer, and two-dimensional shock and expansion waves are covered in these sections.

## 12.8 *Supersonic Channel Flow with Shocks (continued, on the Web)*

## 12.9 *Flow in a Constant-Area Duct with Friction (on the Web)*

## 12.10 *Frictionless Flow in a Constant-Area Duct with Heat Exchange (on the Web)*

## 12.11 *Oblique Shocks and Expansion Waves (on the Web)*

## 12.12 *Summary and Useful Equations*

In this chapter, we:

- ✓ Reviewed the basic equations used in thermodynamics, including isentropic relations.
- ✓ Introduced some compressible flow terminology, such as definitions of the Mach number and subsonic, supersonic, transonic, and hypersonic flows.
- ✓ Learned about several phenomena having to do with sound, including that the speed of sound in an ideal gas is a function of temperature only ( $c = \sqrt{kRT}$ ), and that the Mach cone and Mach angle determine when a supersonic vehicle is heard on the ground.

- ✓ Learned that there are two useful reference states for a compressible flow: the isentropic stagnation condition, and the isentropic critical condition.
- ✓ Developed a set of governing equations (continuity, the momentum equation, the first and second laws of thermodynamics, and equations of state) for one-dimensional flow of a compressible fluid (in particular an ideal gas) as it may be affected by area change, friction, heat exchange, and normal shocks.
- ✓ Simplified these equations for isentropic flow affected only by area change, and developed isentropic relations for analyzing such flows.
- ✓ Simplified the equations for flow through a normal shock, and developed normal-shock relations for analyzing such flows.

While investigating the above flows we developed insight into some interesting compressible flow phenomena, including:

- ✓ Use of  $T_s$  plots in visualizing flow behavior.
- ✓ Flow through, and necessary shape of, subsonic and supersonic nozzles and diffusers.
- ✓ The phenomenon of choked flow in converging nozzles and C-D nozzles, and the circumstances under which shock waves develop in C-D nozzles.

**Note:** Most of the equations in the table below have a number of constraints or limitations. *Be sure to refer to their page numbers for details!* In particular, most of them assume an ideal gas, with constant specific heats.

### Useful Equations

Definition of Mach number $M$ :	$M \equiv \frac{V}{c}$	(12.13)	Page 563
Speed of sound $c$ :	$c = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho}\right)_s}$	(12.16)	Page 566
Speed of sound $c$ (solids and liquids):	$c = \sqrt{E_v/\rho}$	(12.17)	Page 566
Speed of sound $c$ (ideal gas):	$c = \sqrt{kRT}$	(12.18)	Page 566
Mach cone angle $\alpha$ :	$\alpha = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{M}\right)$	(12.19)	Page 569
Isentropic pressure ratio (ideal gas, constant specific heats):	$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left[1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M^2\right]^{k/(k-1)}$	(12.21a)	Page 573
Isentropic temperature ratio (ideal gas, constant specific heats):	$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M^2$	(12.21b)	Page 574
Isentropic density ratio (ideal gas, constant specific heats):	$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left[1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M^2\right]^{1/(k-1)}$	(12.21c)	Page 574
Critical pressure ratio (ideal gas, constant specific heats):	$\frac{p_0}{p^*} = \left[\frac{k+1}{2}\right]^{k/(k-1)}$	(12.22a)	Page 577
Critical temperature ratio (ideal gas, constant specific heats):	$\frac{T_0}{T^*} = \frac{k+1}{2}$	(12.22b)	Page 577
Critical density ratio (ideal gas, constant specific heats):	$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho^*} = \left[\frac{k+1}{2}\right]^{1/(k-1)}$	(12.22c)	Page 577
Critical velocity $V^*$ (ideal gas, constant specific heats):	$V^* = c^* = \sqrt{\frac{2k}{k+1}RT_0}$	(12.23)	Page 577
One-dimensional flow equations:	$\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = \rho VA = \dot{m} = \text{constant}$ $R_x + p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 = \dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1$ $\frac{\delta Q}{dm} + h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2}$	(12.24a) (12.24b) (12.24c)	Page 580

Table (Continued)

	$\dot{m}(s_2 - s_1) \geq \int_{CS} \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\dot{Q}}{A} \right) dA$ $p = \rho RT$ $\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p \Delta T = c_p (T_2 - T_1)$ $\Delta s = s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$	(12.24d) (12.24e) (12.24f) (12.24g)	
Isentropic relations: [Note: These equations are a little cumbersome for practical use by hand. They are listed (and tabulated and plotted for air) in Appendix D. The <i>Excel</i> add-ins from the website are useful for computing with these equations.]	$\frac{p_0}{p} = f(M)$ $\frac{T_0}{T} = f(M)$ $\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = f(M)$ $\frac{A}{A^*} = f(M)$	(12.30a) (12.30b) (12.30c) (12.30d)	Page 585 Page 586
Pressure ratio for choked converging nozzle, $p_e/p_0 _{\text{choked}}$ :	$\frac{p_e}{p_0} _{\text{choked}} = \frac{p^*}{p_0} = \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{k/(k-1)}$	(12.31)	Page 590
Mass flow rate for choked converging nozzle:	$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = A_e p_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{RT_0}} \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{(k+1)/2(k-1)}$	(12.32a)	Page 590
Mass flow rate for choked converging nozzle (SI units):	$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 0.04 \frac{A_e p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}}$	(12.32b)	Page 590
Mass flow rate for choked converging nozzle (English Engineering units):	$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = 76.6 \frac{A_e p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}}$	(12.32c)	Page 590
Mass flow rate for choked converging-diverging nozzle:	$\dot{m}_{\text{choked}} = A_t p_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{RT_0}} \left( \frac{2}{k+1} \right)^{(k+1)/2(k-1)}$	(12.33a)	Page 594
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Normal shock relations: [Note: These equations are too cumbersome for practical use by hand. They are listed (and tabulated and plotted for air) in Appendix D. The <i>Excel</i> add-ins from the website are useful for computing with these equations.]	$M_2 = f(M_1)$ $\frac{p_{0_2}}{p_{0_1}} = f(M_1)$ $\frac{T_2}{T_1} = f(M_1)$ $\frac{p_2}{p_1} = f(M_1)$ $\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} = f(M_1)$	(12.43a) (12.43b) (12.43c) (12.43d) (12.43e)	Page 603
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## PROBLEMS

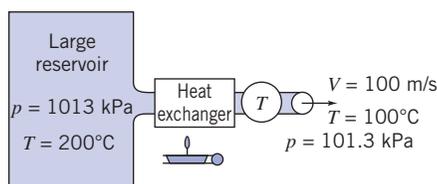
## Review of Thermodynamics

**12.1** Air is expanded in a steady flow process through a turbine. Initial conditions are 1300°C and 2.0 MPa absolute. Final conditions are 500°C and atmospheric pressure. Show this process on a  $Ts$  diagram. Evaluate the changes in internal energy, enthalpy, and specific entropy for this process.

**12.2** Five kilograms of air is cooled in a closed tank from 250 to 50°C. The initial absolute pressure is 3 MPa. Compute the changes in entropy, internal energy, and enthalpy. Show the process state points on a  $Ts$  diagram.

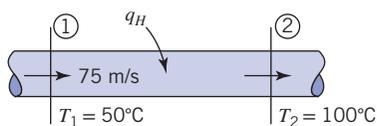
 **12.3** Air is contained in a piston-cylinder device. The temperature of the air is 100°C. Using the fact that for a reversible process the heat transfer  $q = \int T ds$ , compare the amount of heat (J/kg) required to raise the temperature of the air to 1200°C at (a) constant pressure and (b) constant volume. Verify your results using the first law of thermodynamics. Plot the processes on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**12.4** Calculate the power delivered by the turbine per unit mass of airflow when the heat transfer in the heat exchanger is zero. Then, how does the power depend on the heat transfer through the exchanger if all other conditions remain the same? Assume air is a perfect gas.



P12.4

**12.5** If hydrogen flows as a perfect gas without friction between stations ① and ② while  $q_H = 7.5 \times 10^5$  J/kg, find  $V_2$ .



P12.5

**12.6** A 1-m<sup>3</sup> tank contains air at 0.1 MPa absolute and 20°C. The tank is pressurized to 2 MPa. Assuming that the tank is filled adiabatically and reversibly, calculate the final temperature of the

air in the tank. Now assuming that the tank is filled isothermally, how much heat is lost by the air in the tank during filling? Which process (adiabatic or isothermal) results in a greater mass of air in the tank?

**12.7** Air enters a turbine in steady flow at 0.5 kg/s with negligible velocity. Inlet conditions are 1300°C and 2.0 MPa absolute. The air is expanded through the turbine to atmospheric pressure. If the actual temperature and velocity at the turbine exit are 500°C and 200 m/s, determine the power produced by the turbine. Label state points on a  $Ts$  diagram for this process.

**12.8** Natural gas, with the thermodynamic properties of methane, flows in an underground pipeline of 0.6 m diameter. The gage pressure at the inlet to a compressor station is 0.5 MPa; outlet pressure is 8.0 MPa gage. The gas temperature and speed at inlet are 13°C and 32 m/s, respectively. The compressor efficiency is  $\eta = 0.85$ . Calculate the mass flow rate of natural gas through the pipeline. Label state points on a  $Ts$  diagram for compressor inlet and outlet. Evaluate the gas temperature and speed at the compressor outlet and the power required to drive the compressor.

**12.9** Carbon dioxide flows at a speed of 10 m/s in a pipe and then through a nozzle where the velocity is 50 m/s. What is the change in gas temperature between pipe and nozzle? Assume this is an adiabatic flow of a perfect gas.

**12.10** In an isothermal process, 0.1 cubic feet of standard air per minute (SCFM) is pumped into a balloon. Tension in the rubber skin of the balloon is given by  $\sigma = kA$ , where  $k = 200$  lbf/ft<sup>3</sup>, and  $A$  is the surface area of the balloon in ft<sup>2</sup>. Compute the time required to increase the balloon radius from 5 to 7 in.

## Propagation of Sound Waves

**12.11** Calculate the speed of sound at 20°C for (a) hydrogen, (b) helium, (c) methane, (d) nitrogen, and (e) carbon dioxide.

**12.12** An airplane flies at 550 km/hr at 1500 m altitude on a standard day. The plane climbs to 15,000 m and flies at 1200 km/h. Calculate the Mach number of flight in both cases.

**12.13** Actual performance characteristics of the Lockheed SR-71 “Blackbird” reconnaissance aircraft never were released. However, it was thought to cruise at  $M = 3.3$  at 85,000 ft altitude. Evaluate the speed of sound and flight speed for these conditions. Compare to the muzzle speed of a 30-06 rifle bullet (700 m/s).

**12.14** For a speed of sound in steel of 4300 m/s, determine the bulk modulus of elasticity. Compare the modulus of elasticity of steel to

that of water. Determine the speed of sound in steel, water, and air at atmospheric conditions. Comment on the differences.

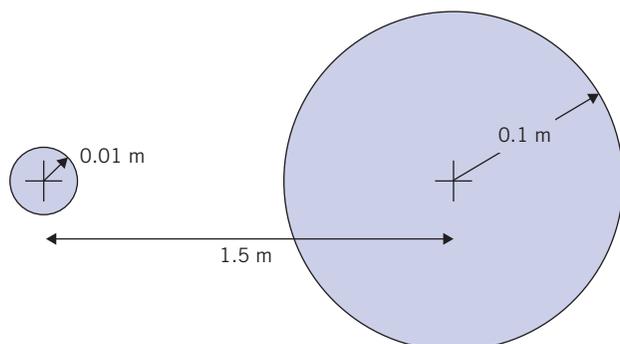
**12.15** Determine and plot the Mach number of an automobile as a function of speed from 25 mph to 100 mph for winter ( $T = 0^\circ\text{F}$ ) and summer ( $T = 100^\circ\text{F}$ ) conditions.

 **12.16** Investigate the effect of altitude on Mach number by plotting the Mach number of a 500 mph airplane as it flies at altitudes ranging from sea level to 10 km.

**12.17** The grandstand at the Kennedy Space Center is located 3.5 mi away from the Space Shuttle Launch Pad. On a day when the air temperature is  $80^\circ\text{F}$ , how long does it take the sound from a blastoff to reach the spectators? If the launch was early on a winter morning, the temperature may be as low as  $50^\circ\text{F}$ . How long would the sound take to reach the spectators under those conditions?

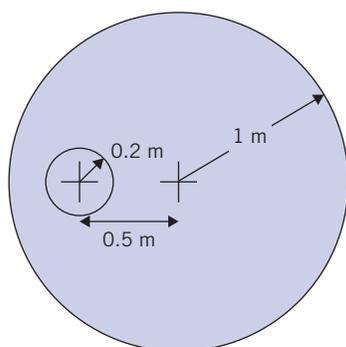
 **12.18** Use data for specific volume to calculate and plot the speed of sound in saturated liquid water over the temperature range from 0 to  $200^\circ\text{C}$ .

**12.19** An object traveling in atmospheric air emits two pressure waves at different times. At an instant in time, the waves appear as in the figure. Determine the velocity and Mach number of the object and its current location.



P12.19

**12.20** An object traveling in atmospheric air emits two pressure waves at different times. At an instant in time, the waves appear as in the figure. Determine the velocity and Mach number of the object and its current location.



P12.20

**12.21** While at the seashore, you observe an airplane that is flying at 10,000 ft. You hear the airplane 8 seconds after it passes directly overhead. Estimate the airplane speed and Mach number. If the

airplane had been flying at 30,000 ft, how many seconds would have passed before you heard it?

**12.22** The temperature varies linearly from sea level to approximately 11 km altitude in the standard atmosphere. Evaluate the *lapse rate*—the rate of decrease of temperature with altitude—in the standard atmosphere. Derive an expression for the rate of change of sonic speed with altitude in an ideal gas under standard atmospheric conditions. Evaluate and plot the sonic speed from sea level to 10 km altitude.

**12.23** A projectile is fired into a gas (ratio of specific heats  $k = 1.625$ ) in which the pressure is 450 kPa absolute and the density is  $4.5 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . It is observed experimentally that a Mach cone emanates from the projectile with  $25^\circ$  total angle. What is the speed of the projectile with respect to the gas?

**12.24** A photograph of a bullet shows a Mach angle of  $32^\circ$ . Determine the speed of the bullet for standard air.

**12.25** An F-4 aircraft makes a high-speed pass over an airfield on a day when  $T = 35^\circ\text{C}$ . The aircraft flies at  $M = 1.4$  and 200 m altitude. Calculate the speed of the aircraft. How long after it passes directly over point A on the ground does its Mach cone pass over point A?

**12.26** An aircraft passes overhead at 3 km altitude. The aircraft flies at  $M = 1.5$ . Assume the air temperature is constant at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . Find the air speed of the aircraft. A headwind blows at 30 m/s. How long after the aircraft passes directly overhead does its sound reach a point on the ground?

**12.27** A supersonic aircraft flies at 3 km altitude at a speed of 1000 m/s on a standard day. How long after passing directly above a ground observer is the sound of the aircraft heard by the ground observer?

**12.28** For the conditions of Problem 12.27, find the location at which the sound wave that first reaches the ground observer was emitted.

**12.29** The Concorde supersonic transport cruised at  $M = 2.2$  at 17 km altitude on a standard day. How long after the aircraft passed directly above a ground observer was the sound of the aircraft heard?

### Reference State: Local Isentropic Stagnation Properties

**12.30** Plot the percentage discrepancy between the density at the stagnation point and the density at a location where the Mach number is  $M$ , of a compressible flow, for Mach numbers ranging from 0.05 to 0.95. Find the Mach numbers at which the discrepancy is 1 percent, 5 percent, and 10 percent.

**12.31** Compute the air density in the undisturbed air and at the stagnation point of an aircraft flying at 250 m/s in air at 28 kPa and  $250^\circ\text{C}$ . What is the percentage increase in density? Can we approximate this as an incompressible flow?

**12.32** Carbon dioxide flows in a duct at a velocity of 90 m/s, absolute pressure 140 kPa, and temperature  $90^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate pressure and temperature on the nose of a small object placed in this flow.

**12.33** If nitrogen at  $15^\circ\text{C}$  is flowing and the stagnation temperature on the nose of a small object in the flow is measured as  $38^\circ\text{C}$ , what is the velocity in the pipe?

**12.34** An aircraft cruises at  $M = 0.65$  at 10 km altitude on a standard day. The aircraft speed is deduced from measurement of the difference between the stagnation and static pressures. What is the value

of this difference? Compute the air speed from this actual difference assuming (a) compressibility and (b) incompressibility. Is the discrepancy in air-speed computations significant in this case?

 **12.35** High-speed aircraft use “air data computers” to compute air speed from measurement of the difference between the stagnation and static pressures. Plot, as a function of actual Mach number  $M$ , for  $M=0.1$  to  $M=0.9$ , the percentage error in computing the Mach number assuming incompressibility (i.e., using the Bernoulli equation), from this pressure difference. Plot the percentage error in speed, as a function of speed, of an aircraft cruising at 12 km altitude, for a range of speeds corresponding to the actual Mach number ranging from  $M=0.1$  to  $M=0.9$ .

**12.36** A supersonic wind tunnel test section is designed to have  $M=2.5$  at  $15^\circ\text{C}$  and 35 kPa absolute. The fluid is air. Determine the required inlet stagnation conditions,  $T_0$  and  $p_0$ . Calculate the required mass flow rate for a test section area of  $0.175\text{ m}^2$ .

**12.37** Oxygen flows in a passage at a pressure of 25 psia. The pressure and temperature on the nose of a small object in the flow are 28 psia and  $150^\circ\text{F}$ , respectively. What is the velocity in the passage?

**12.38** What is the pressure on the nose of a bullet moving through standard sea level air at 300 m/s assuming that (a) the flow is incompressible and (b) the flow is compressible? Compare results.

**12.39** Air flows steadily through an insulated constant area duct, where ① denotes the inlet and ② the outlet. Properties change along the duct as a result of friction.

(a) Beginning with the control volume form of the first law of thermodynamics, show that the equation can be reduced to

$$h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = \text{constant}$$

(b) Denoting the constant by  $h_0$  (the stagnation enthalpy), show that for adiabatic flow of an ideal gas with friction

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M^2$$

(c) For this flow does  $T_{01} = T_{02}$ ?  $p_{01} = p_{02}$ ? Explain these results.

**12.40** Air flows in an insulated duct. At point ① the conditions are  $M_1=0.1$ ,  $T_1=-20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $p_1=1.0\text{ MPa}$  absolute. Downstream, at point ②, because of friction the conditions are  $M_2=0.7$ ,  $T_2=-5.62^\circ\text{C}$ , and  $p_2=136.5\text{ kPa}$  absolute. (Four significant figures are given to minimize roundoff errors.) Compare the stagnation temperatures at points ① and ②, and explain the result. Compute the stagnation pressures at points ① and ②. Can you explain how it can be that the velocity *increases* for this frictional flow? Should this process be isentropic or not? Justify your answer by computing the change in entropy between points ① and ②. Plot static and stagnation state points on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**12.41** Consider steady, adiabatic flow of air through a long straight pipe with  $A=0.05\text{ m}^2$ . At the inlet section ① the air is at 200 kPa absolute,  $60^\circ\text{C}$ , and 146 m/s. Downstream at section ②, the air is at 95.6 kPa absolute and 280 m/s. Determine  $p_{01}$ ,  $p_{02}$ ,  $T_{01}$ ,  $T_{02}$ , and the entropy change for the flow. Show static and stagnation state points on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**12.42** Air passes through a normal shock in a supersonic wind tunnel. Upstream conditions are  $M_1=1.8$ ,  $T_1=270\text{K}$ , and  $p_1=$

10.0 kPa absolute. Downstream conditions are  $M_2=0.6165$ ,  $T_2=413.6\text{ K}$ , and  $p_2=36.13\text{ kPa}$  absolute. (Four significant figures are given to minimize roundoff errors.) Evaluate local isentropic stagnation conditions (a) upstream from, and (b) downstream from, the normal shock. Calculate the change in specific entropy across the shock. Plot static and stagnation state points on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**12.43** A Boeing 747 cruises at  $M=0.87$  at an altitude of 13 km on a standard day. A window in the cockpit is located where the external flow Mach number is 0.2 relative to the plane surface. The cabin is pressurized to an equivalent altitude of 2500 m in a standard atmosphere. Estimate the pressure difference across the window. Be sure to specify the direction of the net pressure force.

### Critical Conditions

**12.44** Space debris impact is a real concern for spacecraft. If a piece of space debris were to create a hole of  $0.001\text{ in.}^2$  area in the hull of the International Space Station (ISS), at what rate would air leak from the ISS? Assume that the atmosphere in the International Space Station (ISS) is air at a pressure of 14.7 psia and a temperature of  $65^\circ\text{F}$ .

**12.45** A  $\text{CO}_2$  cartridge is used to propel a toy rocket. Gas in the cartridge is pressurized to 45 MPa gage and is at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the critical conditions (temperature, pressure, and flow speed) that correspond to these stagnation conditions.

**12.46** Nitrogen flows from a large tank, through a convergent nozzle of 2-in. tip diameter, into the atmosphere. The temperature in the tank is  $200^\circ\text{F}$ . Calculate pressure, velocity, temperature, and sonic velocity in the jet, and calculate the flow rate when the tank pressure is (a) 30 psia and (b) 25 psia. Barometric pressure is 15.0 psia. What is the lowest tank pressure that will produce sonic velocity in the jet? What is this velocity, and what is the flowrate?

**12.47** Air flows from the atmosphere into an evacuated tank through a convergent nozzle of 38-mm tip diameter. If atmospheric pressure and temperature are 101.3 kPa and  $15^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively, what vacuum must be maintained in the tank to produce sonic velocity in the jet? What is the flow rate? What is the flow rate when the vacuum is 254 mm of mercury?

**12.48** Oxygen discharges from a tank through a convergent nozzle. The temperature and velocity in the jet are  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  and 270 m/s, respectively. What is the temperature in the tank? What is the temperature on the nose of a small object in the jet?

**12.49** The hot gas stream at the turbine inlet of a JT9-D jet engine is at  $1500^\circ\text{C}$ , 140 kPa absolute, and  $M=0.32$ . Calculate the critical conditions (temperature, pressure, and flow speed) that correspond to these conditions. Assume the fluid properties of pure air.

**12.50** Carbon dioxide discharges from a tank through a convergent nozzle into the atmosphere. If the tank temperature and gage pressure are  $38^\circ\text{C}$  and 140 kPa, respectively, what jet temperature, pressure, and velocity can be expected? Barometric pressure is 101.3 kPa.

**12.51** Air at  $100^\circ\text{F}$  and 100 psia in a large tank flows into a 6-in.-diameter pipe, from which it discharges to the atmosphere at 15.0 psia through a convergent nozzle of 4-in. tip-diameter. Calculate pressure, temperature, and velocity in the pipe.

**12.52** Calculate the required diameter of a convergent nozzle to discharge 5.0 lb/s of air from a large tank in which the temperature is  $100^\circ\text{F}$  to the atmosphere at 14.7 psia if the pressure in the tank is (a) 25.0 psia and (b) 30.0 psia.

**12.53** Steam flows steadily and isentropically through a nozzle. At an upstream section where the speed is negligible, the temperature and pressure are  $450^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $6\text{ MPa}$  absolute. At a section where the nozzle diameter is  $2\text{ cm}$ , the steam pressure is  $2\text{ MPa}$  absolute. Determine the speed and Mach number at this section and the mass flow rate of steam. Sketch the passage shape.

**12.54** Nitrogen flows through a diverging section of duct with  $A_1 = 0.15\text{ m}^2$  and  $A_2 = 0.45\text{ m}^2$ . If  $M_1 = 0.7$  and  $p_1 = 450\text{ kPa}$ , find  $M_2$  and  $p_2$ .

**12.55** At a section in a passage, the pressure is  $30\text{ psia}$ , the temperature is  $100^{\circ}\text{F}$ , and the speed is  $1750\text{ ft/s}$ . At a section downstream the Mach number is  $2.5$ . Determine the pressure at this downstream location for isentropic flow of air. Sketch the passage shape.

### Isentropic Flow—Area Variation

**12.56** In a given duct flow  $M = 2.0$ ; the velocity undergoes a  $20\text{ percent}$  decrease. What percent change in area was needed to accomplish this? What would be the answer if  $M = 0.5$ ?

**12.57** Air flows isentropically through a converging nozzle into a receiver in which the absolute pressure is  $35\text{ psia}$ . The air enters the nozzle with negligible speed at a pressure of  $60\text{ psia}$  and a temperature of  $200^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Determine the mass flow rate through the nozzle for a throat diameter of  $4\text{ in}$ .

**12.58** Five pounds of air per second discharge from a tank through a convergent-divergent nozzle into another tank where a vacuum of  $10\text{ in. of mercury}$  is maintained. If the pressure and temperature in the upstream tank are  $100\text{ in. of mercury absolute}$  and  $100^{\circ}\text{F}$ , respectively, what nozzle-exit diameter must be provided for full expansion? What throat diameter is required? Calculate pressure, temperature, velocity, and sonic velocity in throat and nozzle exits. Barometric pressure is  $30\text{ in. of mercury}$ .

 **12.59** Air flows isentropically through a converging-divergent nozzle from a large tank containing air at  $250^{\circ}\text{C}$ . At two locations where the area is  $1\text{ cm}^2$ , the static pressures are  $200\text{ kPa}$  and  $50\text{ kPa}$ . Find the mass flow rate, the throat area, and the Mach numbers at the two locations.

**12.60** Air, at an absolute pressure of  $60.0\text{ kPa}$  and  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , enters a passage at  $486\text{ m/s}$ , where  $A = 0.02\text{ m}^2$ . At section ① downstream,  $p = 78.8\text{ kPa}$  absolute. Assuming isentropic flow, calculate the Mach number at section ②. Sketch the flow passage.

**12.61** Carbon dioxide flows from a tank through a convergent-divergent nozzle of  $25\text{-mm}$  throat and  $50\text{-mm}$  exit diameter. The absolute pressure and temperature in the tank are  $241.5\text{ kPa}$  and  $37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , respectively. Calculate the mass flow rate when the absolute exit pressure is (a)  $172.5\text{ kPa}$  and (b)  $221\text{ kPa}$ .

**12.62** A convergent-divergent nozzle of  $50\text{-mm}$  tip diameter discharges to the atmosphere ( $103.2\text{ kPa}$ ) from a tank in which air is maintained at an absolute pressure and temperature of  $690\text{ kPa}$  and  $37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , respectively. What is the maximum mass flow rate that can occur through this nozzle? What throat diameter must be provided to produce this mass flow rate?

**12.63** Air flows adiabatically through a duct. At the entrance, the static temperature and pressure are  $310\text{ K}$  and  $200\text{ kPa}$ , respectively. At the exit, the static and stagnation temperatures are  $294\text{ K}$  and  $316\text{ K}$ , respectively, and the static pressure is  $125\text{ kPa}$ . Find (a) the Mach numbers of the flow at the entrance and exit and (b) the area ratio  $A_2/A_1$ .

**12.64** Air flows isentropically through a converging nozzle into a receiver where the pressure is  $250\text{ kPa}$  absolute. If the pressure is  $350\text{ kPa}$  absolute and the speed is  $150\text{ m/s}$  at the nozzle location where the Mach number is  $0.5$ , determine the pressure, speed, and Mach number at the nozzle throat.

**12.65** Air flows isentropically through a converging nozzle into a receiver in which the absolute pressure is  $35\text{ psia}$ . The air enters the nozzle with negligible speed at a pressure of  $60\text{ psia}$  and a temperature of  $200^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Determine the mass flow rate through the nozzle for a throat diameter of  $4\text{ in}$ .

**12.66** Atmospheric air at  $98.5\text{ kPa}$  and  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  is drawn into a vacuum tank through a convergent-divergent nozzle of  $50\text{-mm}$  throat diameter and  $75\text{-mm}$  exit diameter. Calculate the largest mass flow rate that can be drawn through this nozzle under these conditions.

**12.67** The exit section of a convergent-divergent nozzle is to be used for the test section of a supersonic wind tunnel. If the absolute pressure in the test section is to be  $140\text{ kPa}$ , what pressure is required in the reservoir to produce a Mach number of  $5$  in the test section? For the air temperature to be  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the test section, what temperature is required in the reservoir? What ratio of throat area to test section area is required to meet these conditions?

**12.68** Air flowing isentropically through a converging nozzle discharges to the atmosphere. At the section where the absolute pressure is  $250\text{ kPa}$ , the temperature is  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the air speed is  $200\text{ m/s}$ . Determine the nozzle throat pressure.

**12.69** Air flows from a large tank at  $p = 650\text{ kPa}$  absolute,  $T = 550^{\circ}\text{C}$  through a converging nozzle, with a throat area of  $600\text{ mm}^2$ , and discharges to the atmosphere. Determine the mass rate of flow for isentropic flow through the nozzle.

**12.70** A converging nozzle is connected to a large tank that contains compressed air at  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The nozzle exit area is  $0.001\text{ m}^2$ . The exhaust is discharged to the atmosphere. To obtain a satisfactory shadow photograph of the flow pattern leaving the nozzle exit, the pressure in the exit plane must be greater than  $325\text{ kPa}$  gage. What pressure is required in the tank? What mass flow rate of air must be supplied if the system is to run continuously? Show static and stagnation state points on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**12.71** Air at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  is contained in a large tank on the space shuttle. A converging section with exit area  $1 \times 10^{-3}\text{ m}^2$  is attached to the tank, through which the air exits to space at a rate of  $2\text{ kg/s}$ . What are the pressure in the tank, and the pressure, temperature, and speed at the exit?

**12.72** A large tank initially is evacuated to  $-10\text{ kPa}$  gage. Ambient conditions are  $101\text{ kPa}$  at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . At  $t = 0$ , an orifice of  $5\text{ mm}$  diameter is opened in the tank wall; the vena contracta area is  $65\text{ percent}$  of the geometric area. Calculate the mass flow rate at which air initially enters the tank. Show the process on a  $Ts$  diagram. Make a schematic plot of mass flow rate as a function of time. Explain why the plot is nonlinear.

**12.73** Air flows isentropically through a converging nozzle attached to a large tank, where the absolute pressure is  $171\text{ kPa}$  and the temperature is  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ . At the inlet section the Mach number is  $0.2$ . The nozzle discharges to the atmosphere; the discharge area is  $0.015\text{ m}^2$ . Determine the magnitude and direction of the force that must be applied to hold the nozzle in place.

**12.74** Air enters a converging-divergent nozzle at  $2\text{ MPa}$  absolute and  $313\text{ K}$ . At the exit of the nozzle, the pressure is  $200\text{ kPa}$  absolute.

Assume adiabatic, frictionless flow through the nozzle. The throat area is  $20 \text{ cm}^2$ . What is the area at the nozzle exit? What is the mass flow rate of the air?

**12.75** A converging nozzle is bolted to the side of a large tank. Air inside the tank is maintained at a constant  $50 \text{ psia}$  and  $100^\circ\text{F}$ . The inlet area of the nozzle is  $10 \text{ in.}^2$  and the exit area is  $1 \text{ in.}^2$ . The nozzle discharges to the atmosphere. For isentropic flow in the nozzle, determine the total force on the bolts, and indicate whether the bolts are in tension or compression.

 **12.76** A jet transport aircraft, with pressurized cabin, cruises at  $11 \text{ km}$  altitude. The cabin temperature and pressure initially are at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and equivalent to  $2.5 \text{ km}$  altitude. The interior volume of the cabin is  $25 \text{ m}^3$ . Air escapes through a small hole with effective flow area of  $0.002 \text{ m}^2$ . Calculate the time required for the cabin pressure to decrease by 40 percent. Plot the cabin pressure as a function of time.

**12.77** A converging-diverging nozzle, with a throat area of  $2 \text{ in.}^2$ , is connected to a large tank in which air is kept at a pressure of  $80 \text{ psia}$  and a temperature of  $60^\circ\text{F}$ . If the nozzle is to operate at design conditions and the ambient pressure outside the nozzle is  $12.9 \text{ psia}$ , calculate the exit area of the nozzle and the mass flow rate. Assume the flow is isentropic.

**12.78** Air, at a stagnation pressure of  $7.20 \text{ MPa}$  absolute and a stagnation temperature of  $1100 \text{ K}$ , flows isentropically through a converging-diverging nozzle having a throat area of  $0.01 \text{ m}^2$ . Determine the speed and the mass flow rate at the downstream section where the Mach number is  $4.0$ .

**12.79** A small rocket motor, fueled with hydrogen and oxygen, is tested on a thrust stand at a simulated altitude of  $10 \text{ km}$ . The motor is operated at chamber stagnation conditions of  $1500 \text{ K}$  and  $8.0 \text{ MPa}$  gage. The combustion product is water vapor, which may be treated as an ideal gas. Expansion occurs through a converging-diverging nozzle with design Mach number of  $3.5$  and exit area of  $700 \text{ mm}^2$ . Evaluate the pressure at the nozzle exit plane. Calculate the mass flow rate of exhaust gas. Determine the force exerted by the rocket motor on the thrust stand.

## Normal Shocks

**12.80** Testing of a demolition explosion is to be evaluated. Sensors indicate that the shock wave generated at the instant of explosion is  $30 \text{ MPa}$  absolute. If the explosion occurs in air at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $101 \text{ kPa}$ , find the speed of the shock wave, and the temperature and speed of the air just after the shock passes. As an approximation assume  $k = 1.4$ . Why is this an approximation?

**12.81** A total-pressure probe is placed in a supersonic wind tunnel where  $T = 530^\circ\text{R}$  and  $M = 2.0$ . A normal shock stands in front of the probe. Behind the shock,  $M_2 = 0.577$  and  $p_2 = 5.76 \text{ psia}$ . Find (a) the downstream stagnation pressure and stagnation temperature and (b) all fluid properties upstream from the shock. Show static and stagnation state points and the process path on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**12.82** Air flows steadily through a long, insulated constant-area pipe. At section ①,  $M_1 = 2.0$ ,  $T_1 = 140^\circ\text{F}$ , and  $p_1 = 35.9 \text{ psia}$ . At section ②, downstream from a normal shock,  $V_2 = 1080 \text{ ft/s}$ . Determine the density and Mach number at section ②. Make a qualitative sketch of the pressure distribution along the pipe.

**12.83** Air discharges through a convergent-divergent nozzle which is attached to a large reservoir. At a point in the nozzle a normal shock wave is detected across which the absolute pressure jumps from  $69$  to  $207 \text{ kPa}$ . Calculate the pressures in the throat of the nozzle and in the reservoir.

**12.84** A normal shock wave exists in an airflow. The absolute pressure, velocity, and temperature just upstream from the wave are  $207 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $610 \text{ m/s}$ , and  $-17.8^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively. Calculate the pressure, velocity, temperature, and sonic velocity just downstream from the shock wave.

**12.85** Air approaches a normal shock at  $V_1 = 900 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $p_1 = 50 \text{ kPa}$  absolute, and  $T_1 = 220 \text{ K}$ . What are the velocity and pressure after the shock? What would the velocity and pressure be if the flow were decelerated isentropically to the same Mach number?

**12.86** Air approaches a normal shock at  $M_1 = 2.5$ , with  $T_{01} = 1250^\circ\text{R}$  and  $p_1 = 20 \text{ psia}$ . Determine the speed and temperature of the air leaving the shock and the entropy change across the shock.

**12.87** Air undergoes a normal shock. Upstream,  $T_1 = 35^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p_1 = 229 \text{ kPa}$  absolute, and  $V_1 = 704 \text{ m/s}$ . Determine the temperature and stagnation pressure of the air stream leaving the shock.

**12.88** If, through a normal shock wave in air, the absolute pressure rises from  $275$  to  $410 \text{ kPa}$  and the velocity diminishes from  $460$  to  $346 \text{ m/s}$ , what temperatures are to be expected upstream and downstream from the wave?

**12.89** The stagnation temperature in an airflow is  $149^\circ\text{C}$  upstream and downstream from a normal shock wave. The absolute stagnation pressure downstream from the shock wave is  $229.5 \text{ kPa}$ . Through the wave the absolute pressure rises from  $103.4$  to  $138 \text{ kPa}$ . Determine the velocities upstream and downstream from the wave.

**12.90** A supersonic aircraft cruises at  $M = 2.2$  at  $12 \text{ km}$  altitude. A pitot tube is used to sense pressure for calculating air speed. A normal shock stands in front of the tube. Evaluate the local isentropic stagnation conditions in front of the shock. Estimate the stagnation pressure sensed by the pitot tube. Show static and stagnation state points and the process path on a  $Ts$  diagram.

**12.91** The Concorde supersonic transport flew at  $M = 2.2$  at  $20 \text{ km}$  altitude. Air is decelerated isentropically by the engine inlet system to a local Mach number of  $1.3$ . The air passed through a normal shock and was decelerated further to  $M = 0.4$  at the engine compressor section. Assume, as a first approximation, that this subsonic diffusion process was isentropic and use standard atmosphere data for free-stream conditions. Determine the temperature, pressure, and stagnation pressure of the air entering the engine compressor.

## APPENDIX A

# Fluid Property Data

### A.1 Specific Gravity

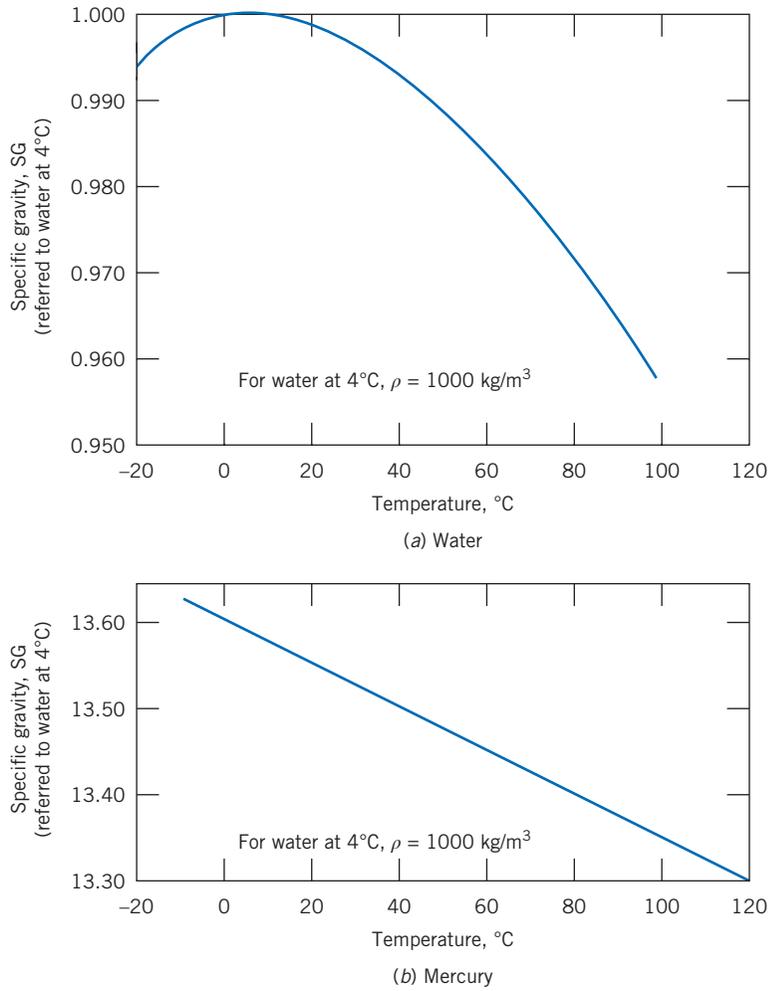
Specific gravity data for several common liquids and solids are presented in Figs. A.1a and A.1b and in Tables A.1 and A.2. For liquids specific gravity is a function of temperature. (Density data for water and air are given as functions of temperature in Tables A.7 through A.10.) For most liquids specific gravity decreases as temperature increases. Water is unique: It displays a maximum density of  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ( $1.94 \text{ slug/ft}^3$ ) at  $4^\circ\text{C}$  ( $39^\circ\text{F}$ ). The maximum density of water is used as a reference value to calculate specific gravity. Thus

$$\text{SG} \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} (\text{at } 4^\circ\text{C})}$$

Consequently the maximum SG of water is exactly unity.

Specific gravities for solids are relatively insensitive to temperature; values given in Table A.1 were measured at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ .

The specific gravity of seawater depends on both its temperature and salinity. A representative value for ocean water is  $\text{SG} = 1.025$ , as given in Table A.2.



**Fig. A.1** Specific gravity of water and mercury as functions of temperature. (Data from Reference [1].) (The specific gravity of mercury varies linearly with temperature. The variation is given by  $SG = 13.60 - 0.00240 T$  when  $T$  is measured in degrees C.)

**Table A.1**  
Specific Gravities of Selected Engineering Materials

(a) Common Manometer Liquids at 20°C	
Liquid	Specific Gravity
E.V. Hill blue oil	0.797
Meriam red oil	0.827
Benzene	0.879
Dibutyl phthalate	1.04
Monochloronaphthalene	1.20
Carbon tetrachloride	1.595
Bromoethylbenzene (Meriam blue)	1.75
Tetrabromoethane	2.95
Mercury	13.55

Source: Data from References [1–3].

**Table A.1**  
Specific Gravities of Selected Engineering Materials (*Continued*)

(b) Common Materials	
Material	Specific Gravity (—)
Aluminum	2.64
Balsa wood	0.14
Brass	8.55
Cast Iron	7.08
Concrete (cured)	2.4 <sup>a</sup>
Concrete (liquid)	2.5 <sup>a</sup>
Copper	8.91
Ice (0°C)	0.917
Lead	11.4
Oak	0.77
Steel	7.83
Styrofoam (1 pcf <sup>b</sup> )	0.0160
Styrofoam (3 pcf)	0.0481
Uranium (depleted)	18.7
White pine	0.43

Source: Data from Reference [4].

<sup>a</sup> depending on aggregate.

<sup>b</sup> pounds per cubic foot.

**Table A.2**  
Physical Properties of Common Liquids at 20°C

Liquid	Isentropic Bulk Modulus <sup>a</sup> (GN/m <sup>2</sup> )	Specific Gravity (—)
Benzene	1.48	0.879
Carbon tetrachloride	1.36	1.595
Castor oil	2.11	0.969
Crude oil	—	0.82–0.92
Ethanol	—	0.789
Gasoline	—	0.72
Glycerin	4.59	1.26
Heptane	0.886	0.684
Kerosene	1.43	0.82
Lubricating oil	1.44	0.88
Methanol	—	0.796
Mercury	28.5	13.55
Octane	0.963	0.702
Seawater <sup>b</sup>	2.42	1.025
SAE 10W oil	—	0.92
Water	2.24	0.998

Source: Data from References [1, 5, 6].

<sup>a</sup> Calculated from speed of sound;  $1 \text{ GN/m}^2 = 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$  ( $1 \text{ N/m}^2 = 1.45 \times 10^{-4} \text{ lbf/in.}^2$ ).

<sup>b</sup> Dynamic viscosity of seawater at 20°C is  $\mu = 1.08 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s/m}^2$ . (Thus, the kinematic viscosity of seawater is about 5 percent higher than that of freshwater.)

**Table A.3**  
Properties of the U.S. Standard Atmosphere

Geometric Altitude (m)	Temperature (K)	$p/p_{\text{SL}}$ (—)	$\rho/\rho_{\text{SL}}$ (—)
−500	291.4	1.061	1.049
0	288.2	1.000 <sup>a</sup>	1.000 <sup>b</sup>
500	284.9	0.9421	0.9529
1,000	281.7	0.8870	0.9075
1,500	278.4	0.8345	0.8638
2,000	275.2	0.7846	0.8217
2,500	271.9	0.7372	0.7812
3,000	268.7	0.6920	0.7423
3,500	265.4	0.6492	0.7048
4,000	262.2	0.6085	0.6689
4,500	258.9	0.5700	0.6343
5,000	255.7	0.5334	0.6012
6,000	249.2	0.4660	0.5389
7,000	242.7	0.4057	0.4817
8,000	236.2	0.3519	0.4292
9,000	229.7	0.3040	0.3813
10,000	223.3	0.2615	0.3376
11,000	216.8	0.2240	0.2978
12,000	216.7	0.1915	0.2546
13,000	216.7	0.1636	0.2176
14,000	216.7	0.1399	0.1860
15,000	216.7	0.1195	0.1590
16,000	216.7	0.1022	0.1359
17,000	216.7	0.08734	0.1162
18,000	216.7	0.07466	0.09930
19,000	216.7	0.06383	0.08489
20,000	216.7	0.05457	0.07258
22,000	218.6	0.03995	0.05266
24,000	220.6	0.02933	0.03832
26,000	222.5	0.02160	0.02797
28,000	224.5	0.01595	0.02047
30,000	226.5	0.01181	0.01503
40,000	250.4	0.002834	0.003262
50,000	270.7	0.0007874	0.0008383
60,000	255.8	0.0002217	0.0002497
70,000	219.7	0.00005448	0.00007146
80,000	180.7	0.00001023	0.00001632
90,000	180.7	0.000001622	0.000002588

Source: Data from Reference [7].

<sup>a</sup>  $p_{\text{SL}} = 1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 \text{ (abs)} (= 14.696 \text{ psia})$ .

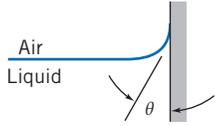
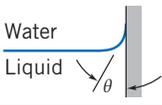
<sup>b</sup>  $\rho_{\text{SL}} = 1.2250 \text{ kg/m}^3 (= 0.002377 \text{ slug/ft}^3)$ .

## A.2 Surface Tension

The values of surface tension,  $\sigma$ , for most organic compounds are remarkably similar at room temperature; the typical range is 25 to 40 mN/m. Water is higher, at about 73 mN/m at 20°C. Liquid metals have values in the range between 300 and 600 mN/m; mercury has a value of about 480 mN/m at 20°C. Surface tension decreases with temperature; the decrease is nearly linear with absolute temperature. Surface tension at the critical temperature is zero.

Values of  $\sigma$  are usually reported for surfaces in contact with the pure vapor of the liquid being studied or with air. At low pressures both values are about the same.

**Table A.4**  
Surface Tension of Common Liquids at 20°C

Liquid	Surface Tension, $\sigma$ (mN/m) <sup>a</sup>	Contact Angle, $\theta$ (degrees)
(a) In contact with air		
Benzene	28.9	
Carbon tetrachloride	27.0	
Ethanol	22.3	
Glycerin	63.0	
Hexane	18.4	
Kerosene	26.8	
Lube oil	25–35	
Mercury	484	140
Methanol	22.6	
Octane	21.8	
Water	72.8	~0
<i>Source:</i> Data from References [1, 5, 8, 9].		
(b) In contact with water		
Benzene	35.0	
Carbon tetrachloride	45.0	
Hexane	51.1	
Mercury	375	140
Methanol	22.7	
Octane	50.8	

*Source:* Data from References [1, 5, 8, 9].

<sup>a</sup> 1 mN/m = 10<sup>-3</sup> N/m.

### A.3 The Physical Nature of Viscosity

Viscosity is a measure of internal fluid friction, i.e., resistance to deformation. The mechanism of gas viscosity is reasonably well understood, but the theory is poorly developed for liquids. We can gain some insight into the physical nature of viscous flow by discussing these mechanisms briefly.

The viscosity of a Newtonian fluid is fixed by the state of the material. Thus  $\mu = \mu(T, p)$ . Temperature is the more important variable, so let us consider it first. Excellent empirical equations for viscosity as a function of temperature are available.

#### Effect of Temperature on Viscosity

##### a. Gases

All gas molecules are in continuous random motion. When there is bulk motion due to flow, the bulk motion is superimposed on the random motions. It is then distributed throughout the fluid by molecular collisions. Analyses based on kinetic theory predict

$$\mu \propto \sqrt{T}$$

The kinetic theory prediction is in fair agreement with experimental trends, but the constant of proportionality and one or more correction factors must be determined; this limits practical application of this simple equation.

If two or more experimental points are available, the data may be correlated using the empirical Sutherland correlation [7]

$$\mu = \frac{bT^{1/2}}{1 + S/T} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Constants  $b$  and  $S$  may be determined most simply by writing

$$\mu = \frac{bT^{3/2}}{S + T}$$

or

$$\frac{T^{3/2}}{\mu} = \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)T + \frac{S}{b}$$

(Compare this with  $y = mx + c$ .) From a plot of  $T^{3/2}/\mu$  versus  $T$ , one obtains the slope,  $1/b$ , and the intercept,  $S/b$ . For air,

$$b = 1.458 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m} \cdot \text{s} \cdot \text{K}^{1/2}}$$

$$S = 110.4 \text{ K}$$

These constants were used with Eq. A.1 to compute viscosities for the standard atmosphere in [7], the air viscosity values at various temperatures shown in Table A.10, and using appropriate conversion factors, the values shown in Table A.9.

### b. Liquids

Viscosities for liquids cannot be estimated well theoretically. The phenomenon of momentum transfer by molecular collisions is overshadowed in liquids by the effects of interacting force fields among the closely packed liquid molecules.

Liquid viscosities are affected drastically by temperature. This dependence on absolute temperature may be represented by the empirical equation

$$\mu = Ae^{B/(T-C)} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

or the equivalent form

$$\mu = A10^{B/(T-C)} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

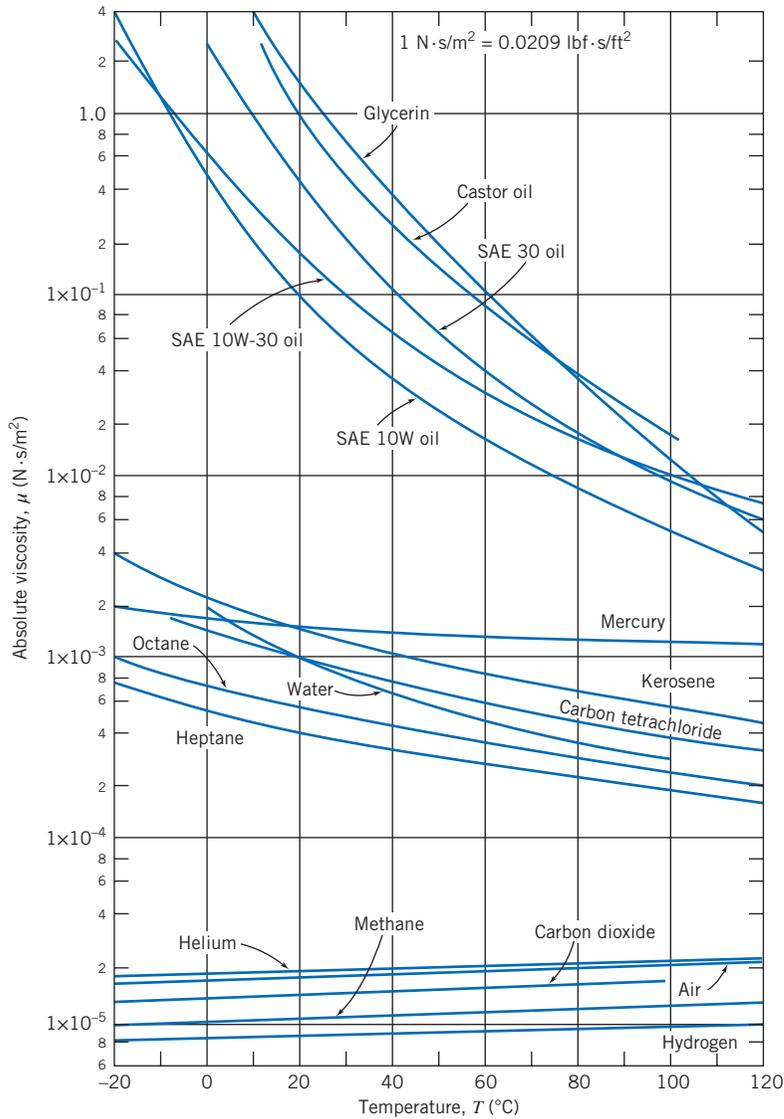
where  $T$  is absolute temperature.

Equation A.3 requires at least three points to fit constants  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ . In theory it is possible to determine the constants from measurements of viscosity at just three temperatures. It is better practice to use more data and to obtain the constants from a statistical fit to the data.

However a curve-fit is developed, always compare the resulting line or curve with the available data. The best way is to critically inspect a plot of the curve-fit compared with the data. In general, curve-fit results will be satisfactory only when the quality of the available data and that of the empirical relation are known to be excellent.

Data for the dynamic viscosity of water are fitted well using constant values  $A = 2.414 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N} \cdot \text{s}/\text{m}^2$ ,  $B = 247.8 \text{ K}$ , and  $C = 140 \text{ K}$ . Reference [10] states that using these constants in Eq. A.3 predicts water viscosity within  $\pm 2.5$  percent over the temperature range from  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $370^\circ\text{C}$ . Equation A.3 and *Excel* were used to compute the water viscosity values at various temperatures shown in Table A.8, and using appropriate conversion factors, the values shown in Table A.7.

Note that the viscosity of a liquid decreases with temperature, while that of a gas increases with temperature.



**Fig. A.2** Dynamic (absolute) viscosity of common fluids as a function of temperature. (Data from References [1, 6, and 10].)

 The graphs for air and water were computed from the *Excel* workbook *Absolute Viscosities*, using Eq. A.1 and Eq. A.3, respectively. The workbook can be used to compute viscosities of other fluids if constants  $b$  and  $S$  (for a gas) or  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  (for a liquid) are known.

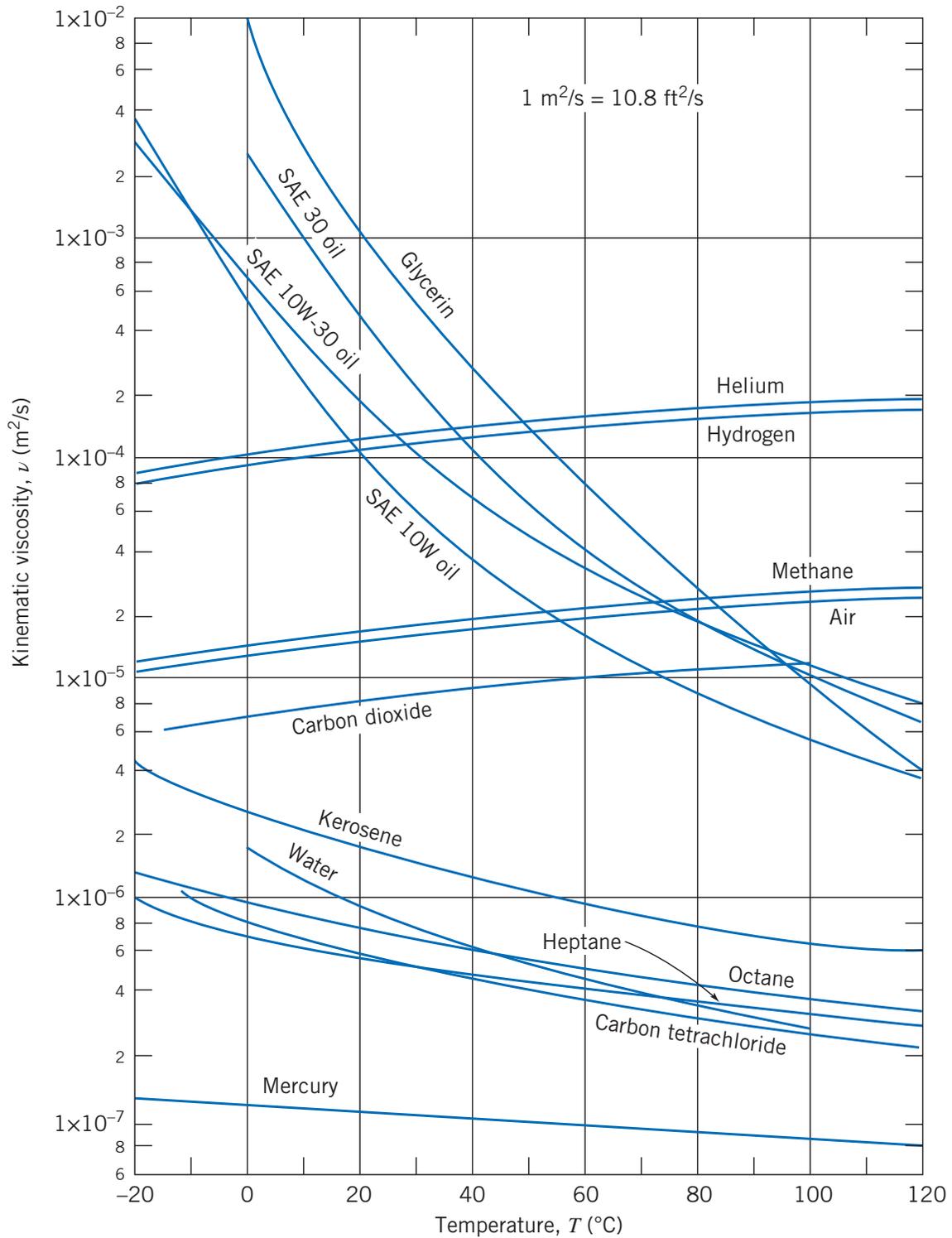
## Effect of Pressure on Viscosity

### a. Gases

The viscosity of gases is essentially independent of pressure between a few hundredths of an atmosphere and a few atmospheres. However, viscosity at high pressures increases with pressure (or density).

### b. Liquids

The viscosities of most liquids are not affected by moderate pressures, but large increases have been found at very high pressures. For example, the viscosity of water at 10,000 atm is twice that at



**Fig. A.3** Kinematic viscosity of common fluids (at atmospheric pressure) as a function of temperature. (Data from References [1, 6, and 10].)

1 atm. More complex compounds show a viscosity increase of several orders of magnitude over the same pressure range.

More information may be found in Reid and Sherwood [11].

### A.4 Lubricating Oils

Engine and transmission lubricating oils are classified by viscosity according to standards established by the Society of Automotive Engineers [12]. The allowable viscosity ranges for several grades are given in Table A.5.

Viscosity numbers with W (e.g., 20W) are classified by viscosity at 0°F. Those without W are classified by viscosity at 210°F.

Multigrade oils (e.g., 10W-40) are formulated to minimize viscosity variation with temperature. High polymer “viscosity index improvers” are used in blending these multigrade oils. Such additives are highly non-Newtonian; they may suffer permanent viscosity loss caused by shearing.

Special charts are available to estimate the viscosity of petroleum products as a function of temperature. The charts were used to develop the data for typical lubricating oils plotted in Figs. A.2 and A.3. For details, see [15].

**Table A.5**  
Allowable Viscosity Ranges for Lubricants

Engine Oil	SAE Viscosity Grade	Max. Viscosity (cP) <sup>a</sup> at Temp. (°C)	Viscosity (cSt) <sup>b</sup> at 100°C	
			Min	Max
	0W	3250 at -30	3.8	—
	5W	3500 at -25	3.8	—
	10W	3500 at -20	4.1	—
	15W	3500 at -15	5.6	—
	20W	4500 at -10	5.6	—
	25W	6000 at -5	9.3	—
	20	—	5.6	<9.3
	30	—	9.3	<12.5
	40	—	12.5	<16.3
	50	—	16.3	<21.9
Axle and Manual Transmission Lubricant	SAE Viscosity Grade	Max. Temp. (°C) for Viscosity of 150,000 cP	Viscosity (cSt) at 100°C	
			Min	Max
	70W	-55	4.1	—
	75W	-40	4.1	—
	80W	-26	7.0	—
	85W	-12	11.0	—
	90	—	13.5	<24.0
	140	—	24.0	<41.0
	250	—	41.0	—
Automatic Transmission Fluid (Typical)	Maximum Viscosity (cP)	Temperature (°C)	Viscosity (cSt) at 100°C	
			Min	Max
	50000	-40	6.5	8.5
	4000	-23.3	6.5	8.5
	1700	-18	6.5	8.5

Source: Data from References [12–14].

<sup>a</sup> centipoise = 1 cP = 1 mPa · s = 10<sup>-3</sup> Pa · s (= 2.09 × 10<sup>-5</sup> lbf · s/ft<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>b</sup> centistoke = 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>2</sup>/s (= 1.08 × 10<sup>-5</sup> ft<sup>2</sup>/s).

## A.5 Properties of Common Gases, Air and Water

Table A.6

Thermodynamic Properties of Common Gases at STP<sup>a</sup>

Gas	Chemical Symbol	Molecular Mass, $M_m$	$\left(\frac{R^b}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{c_p}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{c_v}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{K}}\right)$	$k = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$ (-)	$\left(\frac{R^b}{\text{lbm} \cdot \text{R}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{c_p}{\text{lbm} \cdot \text{R}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{c_v}{\text{lbm} \cdot \text{R}}\right)$
Air	—	28.98	286.9	1004	717.4	1.40	53.33	0.2399	0.1713
Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	44.01	188.9	840.4	651.4	1.29	35.11	0.2007	0.1556
Carbon monoxide	CO	28.01	296.8	1039	742.1	1.40	55.17	0.2481	0.1772
Helium	He	4.003	2077	5225	3147	1.66	386.1	1.248	0.7517
Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	2.016	4124	14,180	10,060	1.41	766.5	3.388	2.402
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	16.04	518.3	2190	1672	1.31	96.32	0.5231	0.3993
Nitrogen	N <sub>2</sub>	28.01	296.8	1039	742.0	1.40	55.16	0.2481	0.1772
Oxygen	O <sub>2</sub>	32.00	259.8	909.4	649.6	1.40	48.29	0.2172	0.1551
Steam <sup>c</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	18.02	461.4	~2000	~1540	~1.30	85.78	~0.478	~0.368

Source: Data from References [7, 16, 17].

<sup>a</sup> STP = standard temperature and pressure,  $T = 15^\circ\text{C} = 59^\circ\text{F}$  and  $p = 101.325 \text{ kPa (abs)} = 14.696 \text{ psia}$ .<sup>b</sup>  $R \equiv R_u/M_m$ ;  $R_u = 8314.3 \text{ J/(kgmol} \cdot \text{K)} = 1545.3 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f/(\text{lbmol} \cdot \text{R)}$ ;  $1 \text{ Btu} = 778.2 \text{ ft} \cdot \text{lb}_f$ .<sup>c</sup> Water vapor behaves as an ideal gas when superheated by  $55^\circ\text{C}$  ( $100^\circ\text{F}$ ) or more.

Table A.7

Properties of Water (U.S. Customary Units)

Temperature, $T$ ( $^\circ\text{F}$ )	Density, $\rho$ (slug/ft <sup>3</sup> )	Dynamic Viscosity, $\mu$ (lbf·s/ft <sup>2</sup> )	Kinematic Viscosity, $\nu$ (ft <sup>2</sup> /s)	Surface Tension, $\sigma$ (lbf/ft)	Vapor Pressure, $p_v$ (psia)	Bulk Modulus, $E_v$ (psi)
32	1.94	3.68E-05	1.90E-05	0.00519	0.0886	2.92E + 05
40	1.94	3.20E-05	1.65E-05	0.00514	0.122	
50	1.94	2.73E-05	1.41E-05	0.00509	0.178	
59	1.94	2.38E-05	1.23E-05	0.00504	0.247	
60	1.94	2.35E-05	1.21E-05	0.00503	0.256	
68	1.94	2.10E-05	1.08E-05	0.00499	0.339	
70	1.93	2.05E-05	1.06E-05	0.00498	0.363	3.20E + 05
80	1.93	1.80E-05	9.32E-06	0.00492	0.507	
90	1.93	1.59E-05	8.26E-06	0.00486	0.699	
100	1.93	1.43E-05	7.38E-06	0.00480	0.950	
110	1.92	1.28E-05	6.68E-06	0.00474	1.28	
120	1.92	1.16E-05	6.05E-06	0.00467	1.70	3.32E + 05
130	1.91	1.06E-05	5.54E-06	0.00461	2.23	
140	1.91	9.70E-06	5.08E-06	0.00454	2.89	
150	1.90	8.93E-06	4.70E-06	0.00448	3.72	
160	1.89	8.26E-06	4.37E-06	0.00441	4.75	
170	1.89	7.67E-06	4.06E-06	0.00434	6.00	
180	1.88	7.15E-06	3.80E-06	0.00427	7.52	
190	1.87	6.69E-06	3.58E-06	0.00420	9.34	
200	1.87	6.28E-06	3.36E-06	0.00413	11.5	3.08E + 05
212	1.86	5.84E-06	3.14E-06	0.00404	14.7	

**Table A.8**  
Properties of Water (SI Units)

Temperature, $T$ (°C)	Density, $\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Dynamic Viscosity, $\mu$ (N·s/m <sup>2</sup> )	Kinematic Viscosity, $\nu$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	Surface Tension, $\sigma$ (N/m)	Vapor Pressure, $p_v$ (kPa)	Bulk Modulus, $E_v$ (GPa)
0	1000	1.76E-03	1.76E-06	0.0757	0.661	2.01
5	1000	1.51E-03	1.51E-06	0.0749	0.872	
10	1000	1.30E-03	1.30E-06	0.0742	1.23	
15	999	1.14E-03	1.14E-06	0.0735	1.71	
20	998	1.01E-03	1.01E-06	0.0727	2.34	2.21
25	997	8.93E-04	8.96E-07	0.0720	3.17	
30	996	8.00E-04	8.03E-07	0.0712	4.25	
35	994	7.21E-04	7.25E-07	0.0704	5.63	
40	992	6.53E-04	6.59E-07	0.0696	7.38	
45	990	5.95E-04	6.02E-07	0.0688	9.59	
50	988	5.46E-04	5.52E-07	0.0679	12.4	2.29
55	986	5.02E-04	5.09E-07	0.0671	15.8	
60	983	4.64E-04	4.72E-07	0.0662	19.9	
65	980	4.31E-04	4.40E-07	0.0654	25.0	
70	978	4.01E-04	4.10E-07	0.0645	31.2	
75	975	3.75E-04	3.85E-07	0.0636	38.6	
80	972	3.52E-04	3.62E-07	0.0627	47.4	
85	969	3.31E-04	3.41E-07	0.0618	57.8	
90	965	3.12E-04	3.23E-07	0.0608	70.1	2.12
95	962	2.95E-04	3.06E-07	0.0599	84.6	
100	958	2.79E-04	2.92E-07	0.0589	101	

**Table A.9**  
Properties of Air at Atmospheric Pressure (U.S. Customary Units)

Temperature, $T$ (°F)	Density, $\rho$ (slug/ft <sup>3</sup> )	Dynamic Viscosity, $\mu$ (lb·s/ft <sup>2</sup> )	Kinematic Viscosity, $\nu$ (ft <sup>2</sup> /s)
40	0.00247	3.63E-07	1.47E-04
50	0.00242	3.69E-07	1.52E-04
59	0.00238	3.74E-07	1.57E-04
60	0.00237	3.74E-07	1.58E-04
68	0.00234	3.79E-07	1.62E-04
70	0.00233	3.80E-07	1.63E-04
80	0.00229	3.85E-07	1.68E-04
90	0.00225	3.91E-07	1.74E-04
100	0.00221	3.96E-07	1.79E-04
110	0.00217	4.02E-07	1.86E-04
120	0.00213	4.07E-07	1.91E-04
130	0.00209	4.12E-07	1.97E-04
140	0.00206	4.18E-07	2.03E-04
150	0.00202	4.23E-07	2.09E-04
160	0.00199	4.28E-07	2.15E-04
170	0.00196	4.33E-07	2.21E-04
180	0.00193	4.38E-07	2.27E-04
190	0.00190	4.43E-07	2.33E-04
200	0.00187	4.48E-07	2.40E-04

**Table A.10**  
Properties of Air at Atmospheric Pressure (SI Units)

Temperature, $T$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Density, $\rho$ ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ )	Dynamic Viscosity, $\mu$ ( $\text{N}\cdot\text{s}/\text{m}^2$ )	Kinematic Viscosity, $\nu$ ( $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ )
0	1.29	1.72E-05	1.33E-05
5	1.27	1.74E-05	1.37E-05
10	1.25	1.76E-05	1.41E-05
15	1.23	1.79E-05	1.45E-05
20	1.21	1.81E-05	1.50E-05
25	1.19	1.84E-05	1.54E-05
30	1.17	1.86E-05	1.59E-05
35	1.15	1.88E-05	1.64E-05
40	1.13	1.91E-05	1.69E-05
45	1.11	1.93E-05	1.74E-05
50	1.09	1.95E-05	1.79E-05
55	1.08	1.98E-05	1.83E-05
60	1.06	2.00E-05	1.89E-05
65	1.04	2.02E-05	1.94E-05
70	1.03	2.04E-05	1.98E-05
75	1.01	2.06E-05	2.04E-05
80	1.00	2.09E-05	2.09E-05
85	0.987	2.11E-05	2.14E-05
90	0.973	2.13E-05	2.19E-05
95	0.960	2.15E-05	2.24E-05
100	0.947	2.17E-05	2.29E-05

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## APPENDIX B

# Videos for Fluid Mechanics



Referenced in the text are the following videos available at [www.wiley.com/college/fox](http://www.wiley.com/college/fox).

### Chapter 2

- Streamlines
- Streaklines
- Capillary Rise
- Boundary Layer Flow
- Streamlined Flow over an Airfoil
- Internal Laminar Flow in a Tube
- Streamlines around a Car
- Laminar and Turbulent Flow

### Chapter 4

- Mass Conservation: Filling a Tank
- Momentum Effect: A Jet Impacting a Surface

### Chapter 5

- An Example of Streamlines/Streaklines
- Particle Motion in a Channel
- Linear Deformation
- Flow Past a Cylinder

### Chapter 6

- An Example of Irrotational Flow

### Chapter 7

- Geometric, Not Dynamic, Similarity:  
Flow Past a Block 1
- Geometric, Not Dynamic, Similarity:  
Flow Past a Block 2

### Chapter 8

- The Reynolds Transition Experiment
- Pipe Flow: Laminar

- Pipe Flow: Transitional
- The Glen Canyon Dam: A Turbulent Pipe Flow

### Chapter 9

- Flow around an Airfoil
- Flow Separation on an Airfoil
- Effect of Viscosity on Boundary Layer Growth
- Examples of Boundary Layer Growth
- Flow Separation: Airfoil
- Flow about a Sports Car
- Plate Normal to the Flow
- An Object with a High Drag Coefficient
- Examples of Flow around a Sphere
- Vortex Trail behind a Cylinder
- Flow Past an Airfoil ( $\alpha = 0^\circ$ )
- Flow Past an Airfoil ( $\alpha = 10^\circ$ )
- Flow Past an Airfoil ( $\alpha = 20^\circ$ )
- Wing Tip Vortices
- Leading Edge Slats

### Chapter 10

- Flow in an Axial Flow Compressor (Animation)

### Chapter 11

- A Laminar Hydraulic Jump

### Chapter 12

- Shock Waves due to a Projectile
- Shock Waves over a Supersonic Airplane

The following videos were developed by the National Committee for Fluid Mechanics Films (NCFMF) and may be viewed at <http://web.mit.edu/hml/ncfmf.html>. Each of these videos goes into the subject in more depth than may be appropriate for an undergraduate class. However, selected segments of the videos are useful in bringing out important fluids phenomena.

These videos are supplied by:

Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation  
331 North La Salle Street  
Chicago, IL 60654

*Aerodynamic Generation of Sound* (44 min, principals: M. J. Lighthill, J. E. Ffowcs-Williams)  
*Cavitation* (31 min, principal: P. Eisenberg)  
*Channel Flow of a Compressible Fluid* (29 min, principal: D. E. Coles)  
*Deformation of Continuous Media* (38 min, principal: J. L. Lumley)  
*Eulerian and Lagrangian Descriptions in Fluid Mechanics* (27 min, principal: J. L. Lumley)  
*Flow Instabilities* (27 min, principal: E. L. Mollo-Christensen)  
*Flow Visualization* (31 min, principal: S. J. Kline)  
*The Fluid Dynamics of Drag* (4 parts, 120 min, principal: A. H. Shapiro)  
*Fundamentals of Boundary Layers* (24 min, principal: F. H. Abernathy)  
*Low-Reynolds-Number Flows* (33 min, principal: Sir G. I. Taylor)  
*Magnetohydrodynamics* (27 min, principal: J. A. Shercliff)  
*Pressure Fields and Fluid Acceleration* (30 min, principal: A. H. Shapiro)  
*Rarefied Gas Dynamics* (33 min, principals: F. C. Hurlbut, F. S. Sherman)  
*Rheological Behavior of Fluids* (22 min, principal: H. Markovitz)  
*Rotating Flows* (29 min, principal: D. Fultz)  
*Secondary Flow* (30 min, principal: E. S. Taylor)  
*Stratified Flow* (26 min, principal: R. R. Long)  
*Surface Tension in Fluid Mechanics* (29 min, principal: L. M. Trefethen)  
*Turbulence* (29 min, principal: R. W. Stewart)  
*Vorticity* (2 parts, 44 min, principal: A. H. Shapiro)  
*Waves in Fluids* (33 min, principal: A. E. Bryson)

Another source of fluid mechanics videos is a CD entitled "Multimedia Fluid Mechanics" by Homsy et al. it is available from Cambridge University Press, 32 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013-2473, ISBN 9780521721691. This CD contains a very large number of videos that illustrate different phenomena in fluid flow.

## APPENDIX C

# Selected Performance Curves for Pumps and Fans

### C.1 Introduction

Many firms, worldwide, manufacture fluid machines in numerous standard types and sizes. Each manufacturer publishes complete performance data to allow application of its machines in systems. This Appendix contains selected performance data for use in solving pump and fan system problems. Two pump types and one fan type are included.

Choice of a manufacturer may be based on established practice, location, or cost. Once a manufacturer is chosen, machine selection is a three-step process:

1. Select a machine type, suited to the application, from a manufacturer's full-line catalog, which gives the ranges of pressure rise (head) and flow rate for each machine type.
2. Choose an appropriate machine model and driver speed from a master selector chart, which superposes the head and flow rate ranges of a series of machines on one graph.
3. Verify that the candidate machine is satisfactory for the intended application, using a detailed performance curve for the specific machine.

It is wise to consult with experienced system engineers, either employed by the machine manufacturer or in your own organization, before making a final purchase decision.

Many manufacturers currently use computerized procedures to select a machine that is most suitable for each given application. Such procedures are simply automated versions of the traditional selection method. Use of the master selector chart and the detailed performance curves is illustrated below for pumps and fans, using data from one manufacturer of each type of machine. Literature of other manufacturers differs in detail but contains the necessary information for machine selection.

### C.2 Pump Selection

Representative data are shown in Figs. C.1 through C.10 for Peerless<sup>1</sup> horizontal split case single-stage (series AE) pumps and in Figs. C.11 and C.12 for Peerless multi-stage (series TU and TUT) pumps.

Figures C.1 and C.2 are master pump selector charts for series AE pumps at 3500 and 1750 nominal rpm. On these charts, the model number (e.g., 6AE14) indicates the discharge line size (6 in. nominal pipe), the pump series (AE), and the maximum impeller diameter (approximately 14 in.).

Figures C.3 through C.10 are detailed performance charts for individual pump models in the AE series.

Figures C.11 and C.12 are master pump selector charts for series TU and TUT pumps at 1750 nominal rpm. Data for two-stage pumps are presented in Fig. C.11, while Fig. C.12 contains data for pumps with three, four, and five stages.

Each pump performance chart contains curves of total head versus volume flow rate; curves for several impeller diameters—tested in the same casing—are presented on a single graph. Each performance chart also contains curves showing pump efficiency and driver power; the net positive suction head (*NPSH*) requirement, as it varies with flow rate, is shown by the curve at the bottom of each chart. The best efficiency point (BEP) for each impeller may be found using the efficiency curves.

Use of the master pump selector chart and detailed performance curves is illustrated in Example C.1.

<sup>1</sup>Peerless Pump Company, P.O. Box 7026, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7026.

### Example C.1 PUMP SELECTION PROCEDURE

Select a pump to deliver 1750 gpm of water at 120 ft total head. Choose the appropriate pump model and driver speed. Specify the pump efficiency, driver power, and *NPSH* requirement.

**Given:** Select a pump to deliver 1750 gpm of water at 120 ft total head.

**Find:**

- Pump model and driver speed.
- Pump efficiency.
- Driver power.
- NPSH* requirement.

**Solution:** Use the pump selection procedure described in Section C-1. (The numbers below correspond to the numbered steps given in the procedure.)

- Select a machine type suited to the application. (This step actually requires a manufacturer's full-line catalog, which is not reproduced here. The Peerless product line catalog specifies a maximum delivery and head of 2500 gpm and 660 ft for series AE pumps. Therefore the required performance can be obtained; assume the selection is to be made from this series.)
- Consult the master pump selector chart. The desired operating point is not within any pump contour on the 3500 rpm selector chart (Fig. C.1). From the 1750 rpm chart (Fig. C.2), select a model 6AE14 pump. From the performance curve for the 6AE14 pump (Fig. C.6), choose a 13-in. impeller.
- Verify the performance of the machine using the detailed performance chart. On the performance chart for the 6AE14 pump, project up from the abscissa at  $Q = 1750$  gpm. Project across from  $H = 120$  ft on the ordinate. The intersection is the pump performance at the desired operating point:

$$\eta \approx 85.8 \text{ percent} \quad \mathcal{P} \approx 64 \text{ hp}$$

From the operating point, project down to the *NPSH* requirement curve. At the intersection, read  $NPSH \approx 17$  ft.

This completes the selection process for this pump. One should consult with experienced system engineers to verify that the system operating condition has been predicted accurately and the pump has been selected correctly.

## C.3 Fan Selection

Fan selection is similar to pump selection. A representative master fan selection chart is shown in Fig. C.13 for a series of Howden Buffalo<sup>2</sup> axial-flow fans. The chart shows the efficiency of the entire series of fans as a function of total pressure rise and flow rate. The series of numbers for each fan indicates the fan diameter in inches, the hub diameter in inches, and the fan speed in revolutions per minute. For instance, a 54-26-870 fan has a fan diameter of 54 in., a hub diameter of 26 in., and should be operated at 870 rpm.

Normally, final evaluation of suitability of the fan model for the application would be done using detailed performance charts for the specific model. Instead, we use the efficiencies from Fig C.13, which are indicated by the shading of the different zones on the map. To calculate the power requirement for the fan motor, we use the following equation:

$$\mathcal{P}(\text{hp}) = \frac{Q(\text{cfm}) \times \Delta p(\text{in. H}_2\text{O})}{6350 \times \eta}$$

A sample fan selection is presented in Example C.2.

<sup>2</sup>Howden Buffalo Inc., 2029 W. DeKalb St., Camden, SC 29020.

### Example C.2 FAN SELECTION PROCEDURE

Select an axial flow fan to deliver 30,000 cfm of standard air at 1.25 in. H<sub>2</sub>O total pressure. Choose the appropriate fan model and driver speed. Specify the fan efficiency and driver power.

**Given:** Select an axial flow fan to deliver 30,000 cfm of standard air at 1.25 in. H<sub>2</sub>O total head.

**Find:**

- (a) Fan size and driver speed.
- (b) Fan efficiency.
- (c) Driver power.

**Solution:** Use the fan selection procedure described in Section C-1. (The numbers below correspond to the numbered steps given in the procedure.)

1. Select a machine type suited to the application. (This step actually requires a manufacturer's full-line catalog, which is not reproduced here. Assume the fan selection is to be made from the axial fan data presented in Fig. C.13.)
2. Consult the master fan selector chart. The desired operating point is within the contour for the 48-21-860 fan on the selector chart (Fig. C.13). To achieve the desired performance requires driving the fan at 860 rpm.
3. Verify the performance of the machine using a detailed performance chart. To determine the efficiency, we consult Fig C.13 again. We estimate an efficiency of 85 percent. To determine the motor power requirement, we use the equation given above:

$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{Q \times \Delta p}{6350 \times \eta} = \frac{30,000 \text{ cfm} \times 1.25 \text{ in. H}_2\text{O}}{6350 \times 0.85} = 6.95 \text{ hp}$$

This completes the fan selection process. Again, one should consult with experienced system engineers to verify that the system operating condition has been predicted accurately and the fan has been selected correctly.

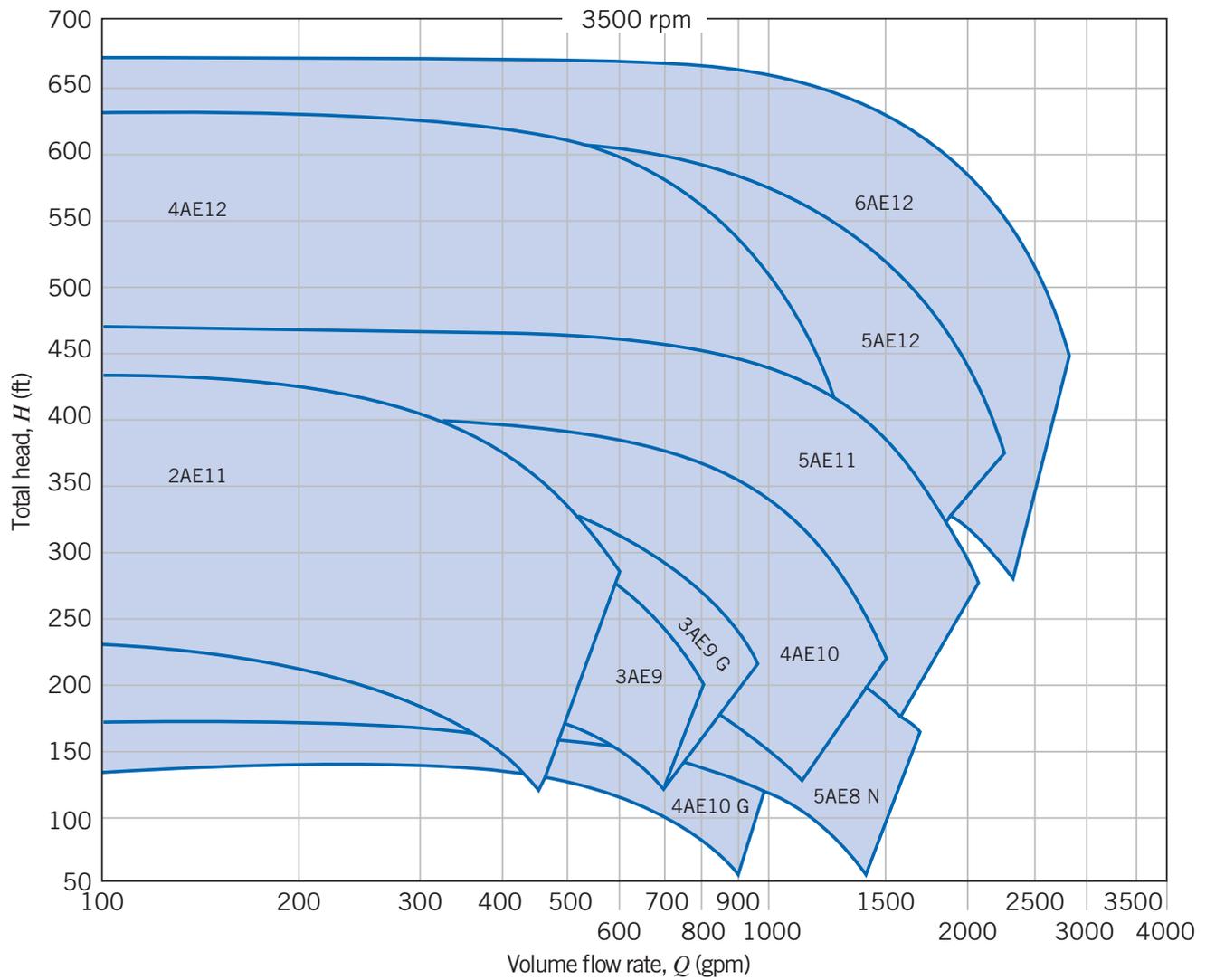


Fig. C.1 Selector chart for Peerless horizontal split case (series AE) pumps at 3500 nominal rpm.

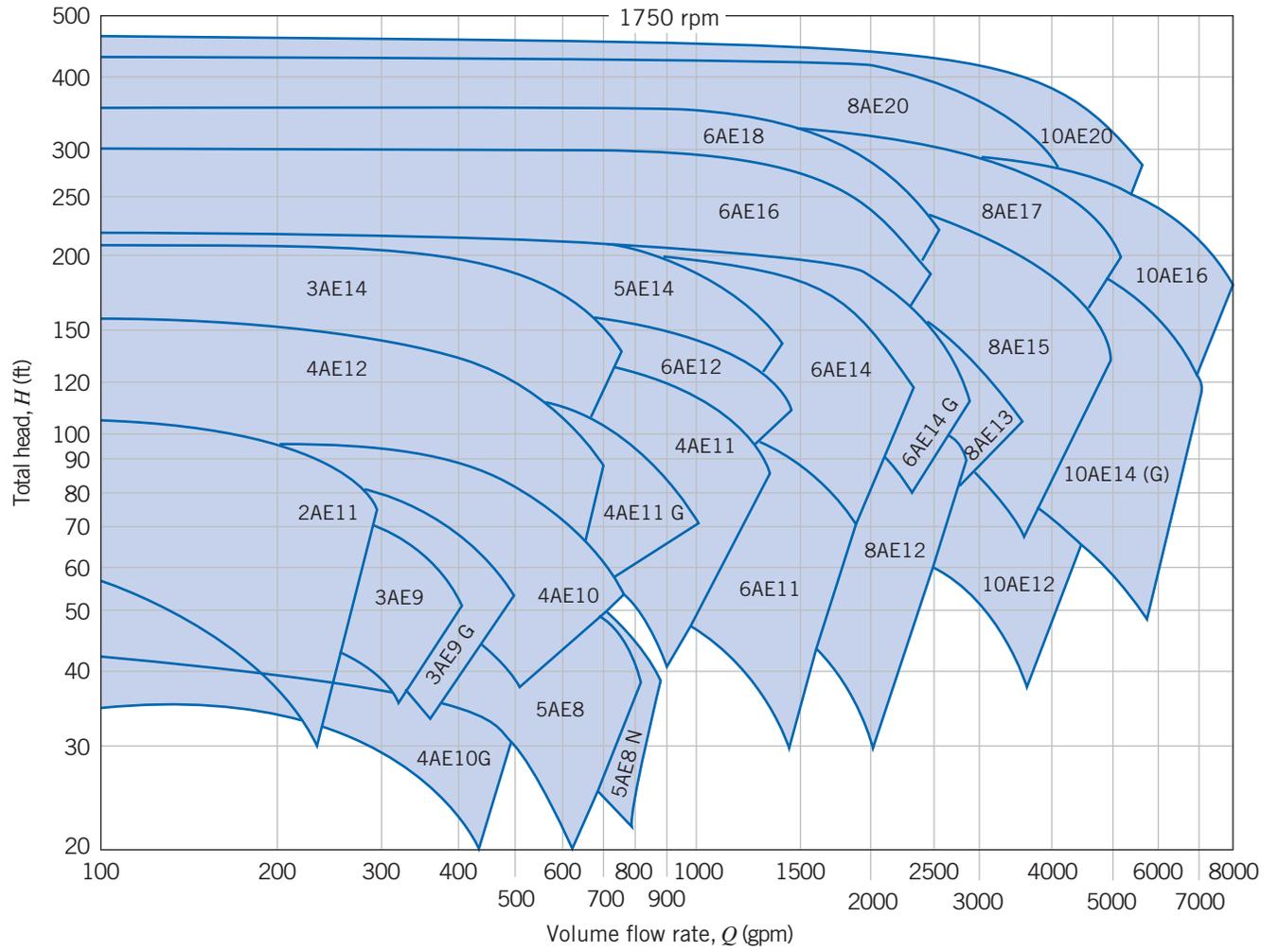


Fig. C.2 Selector chart for Peerless horizontal split case (series AE) pumps at 1750 nominal rpm.

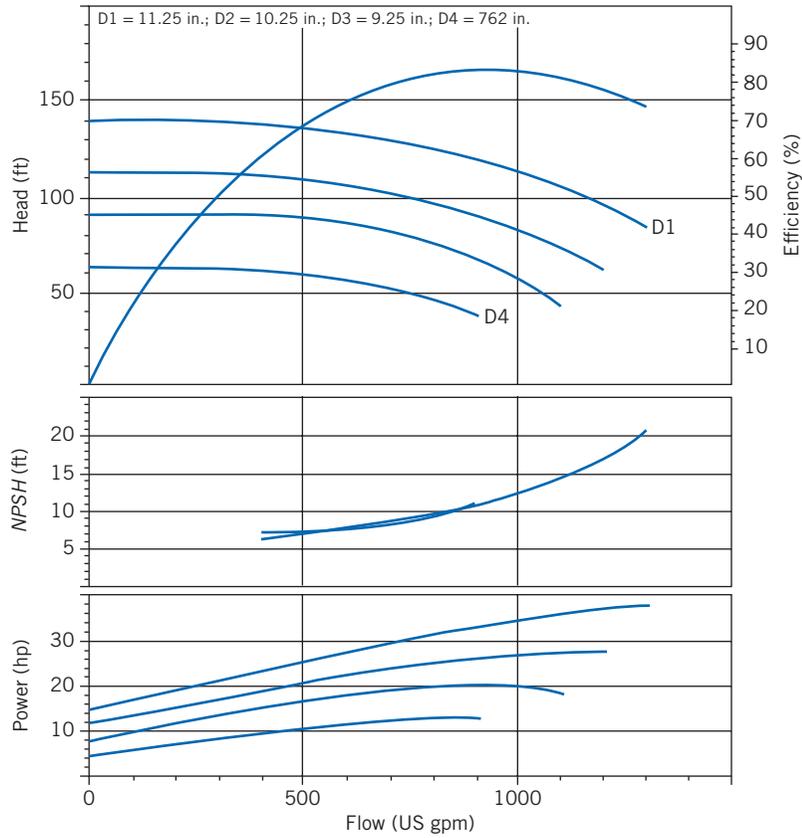


Fig. C.3 Performance curve for Peerless 4AE11 pump at 1750 rpm.

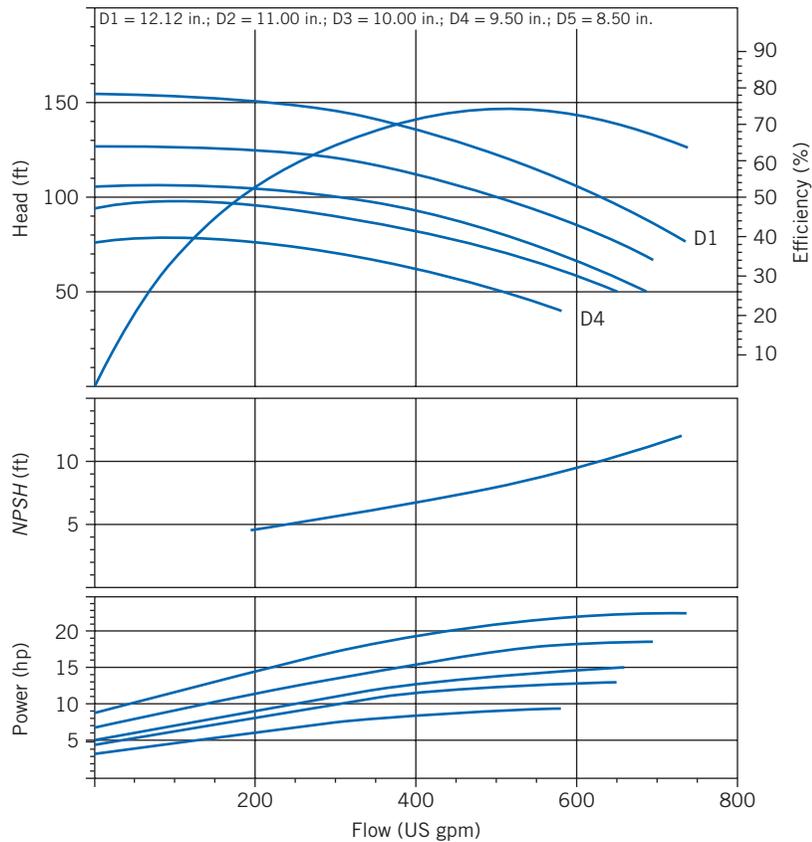


Fig. C.4 Performance curve for Peerless 4AE12 pump at 1750 rpm.

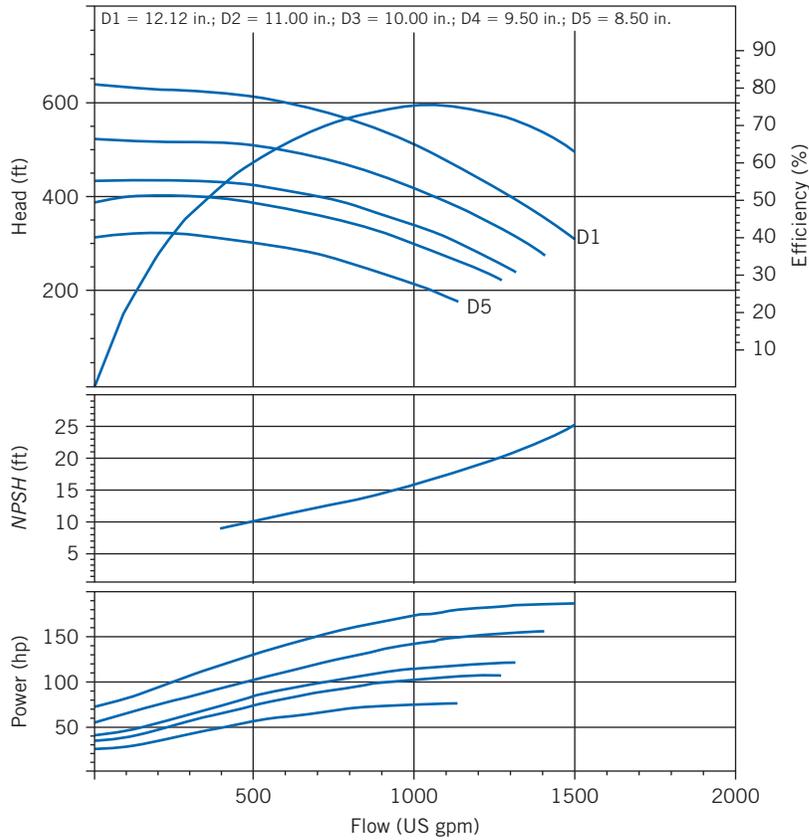


Fig. C.5 Performance curve for Peerless 4AE12 pump at 3550 rpm.

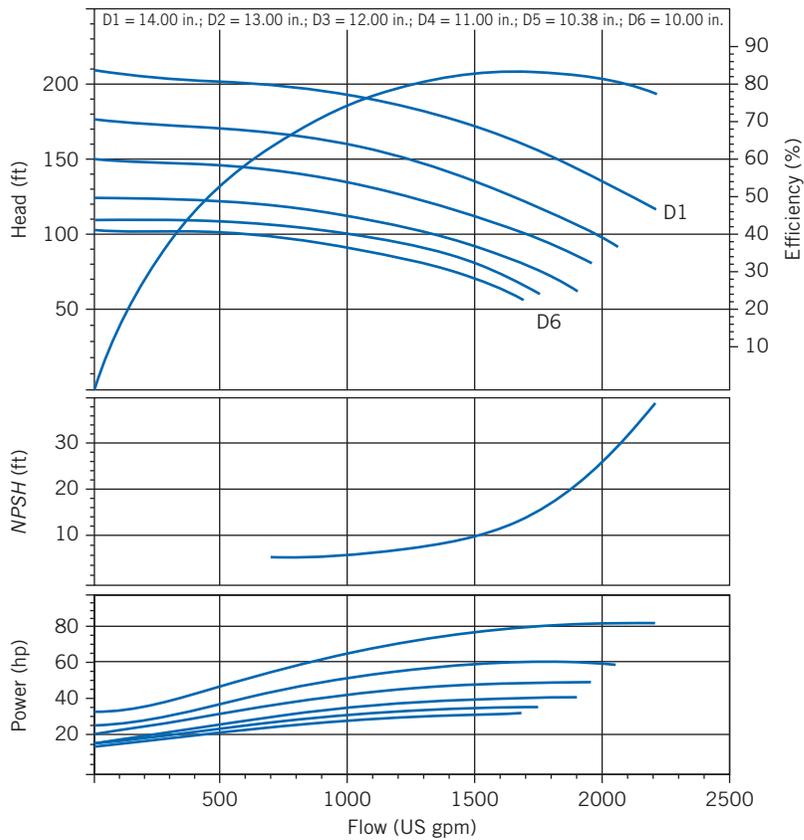


Fig. C.6 Performance curve for Peerless 6AE14 pump at 1750 rpm.

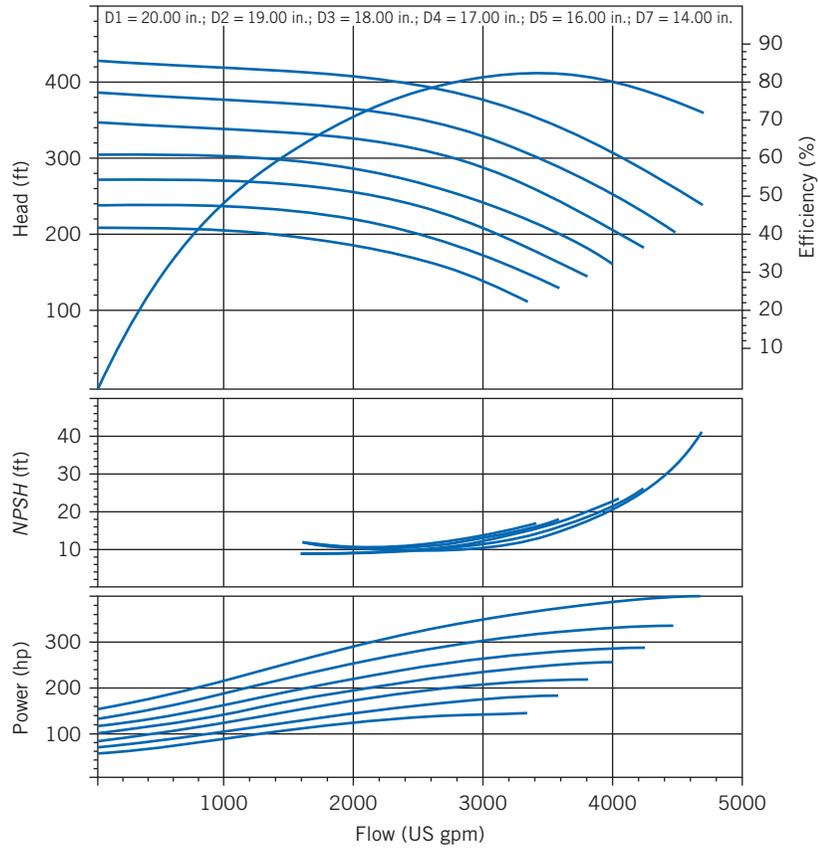


Fig. C.7 Performance curve for Peerless 8AE20G pump at 1770 rpm.

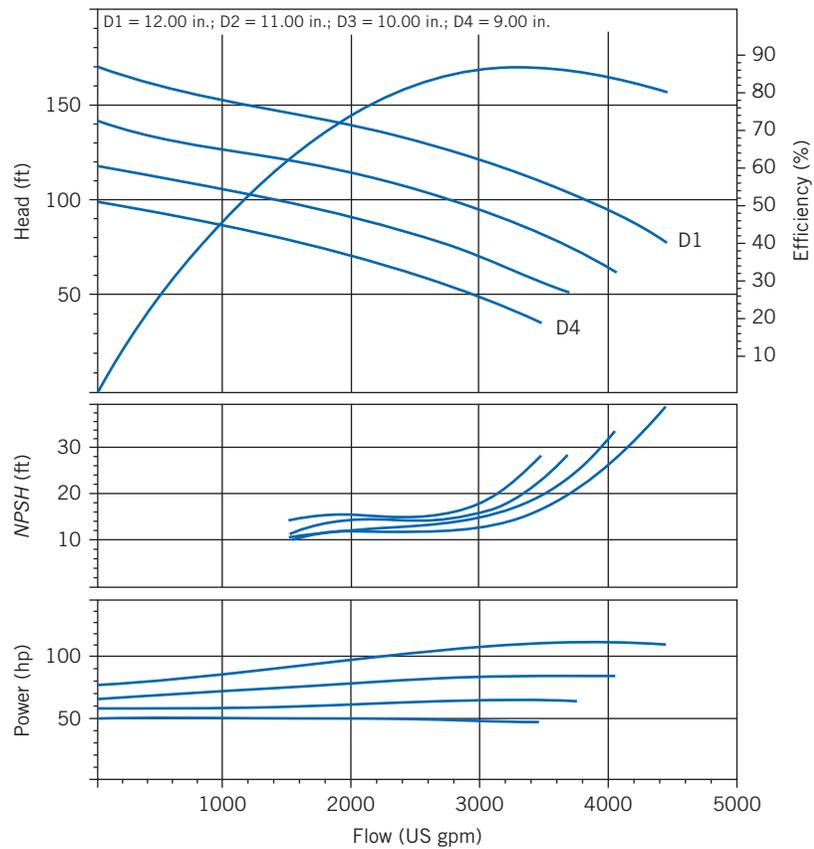


Fig. C.8 Performance curve for Peerless 10AE12 pump at 1760 rpm.

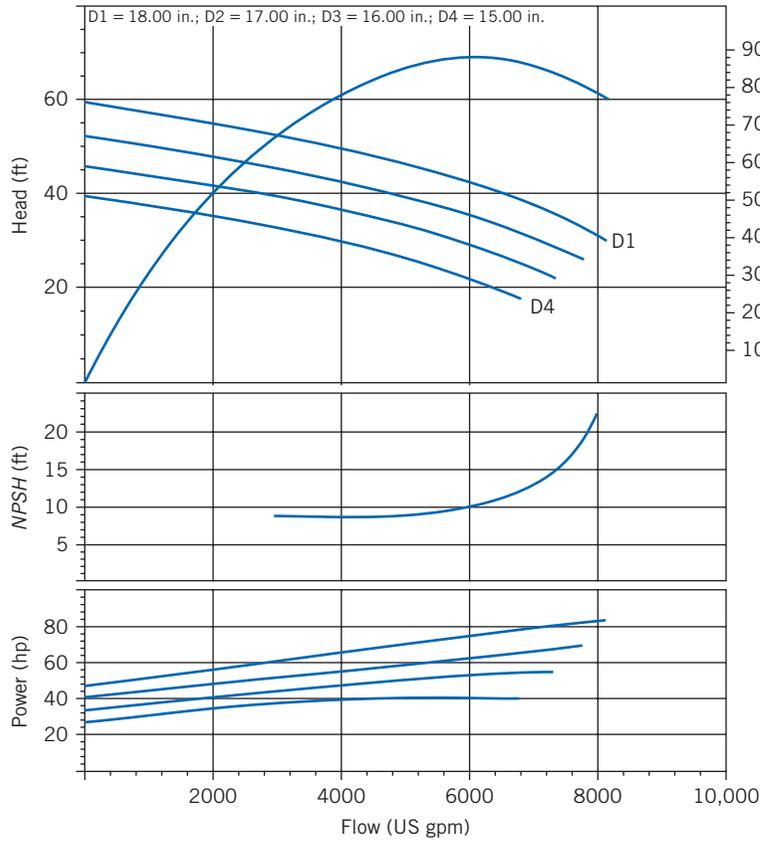


Fig. C.9 Performance curve for Peerless 16A18B pump at 705 rpm.

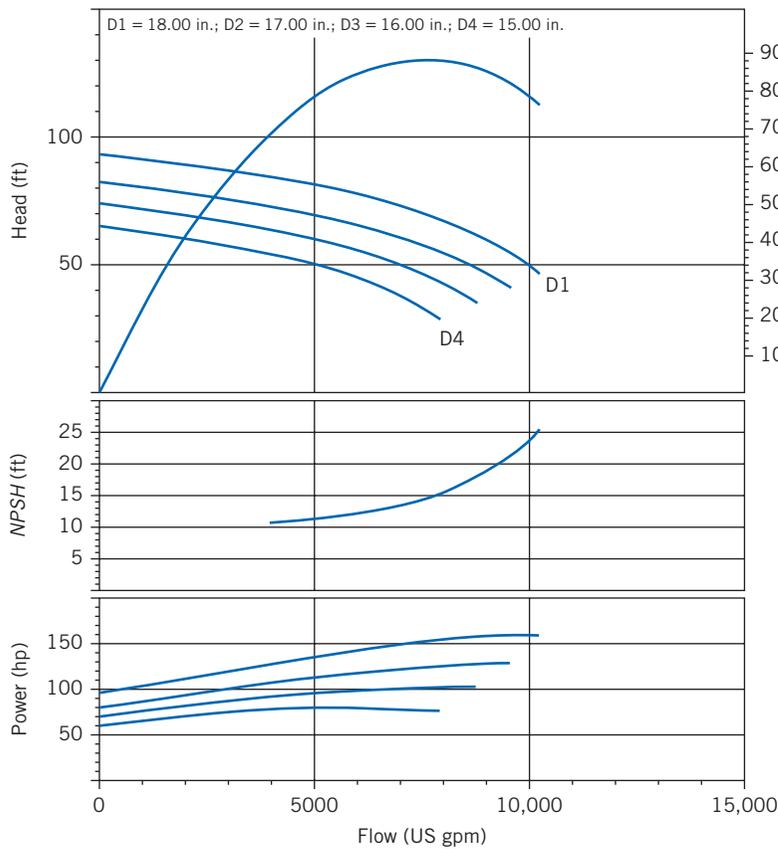


Fig. C.10 Performance curve for Peerless 16A18B pump at 880 rpm.

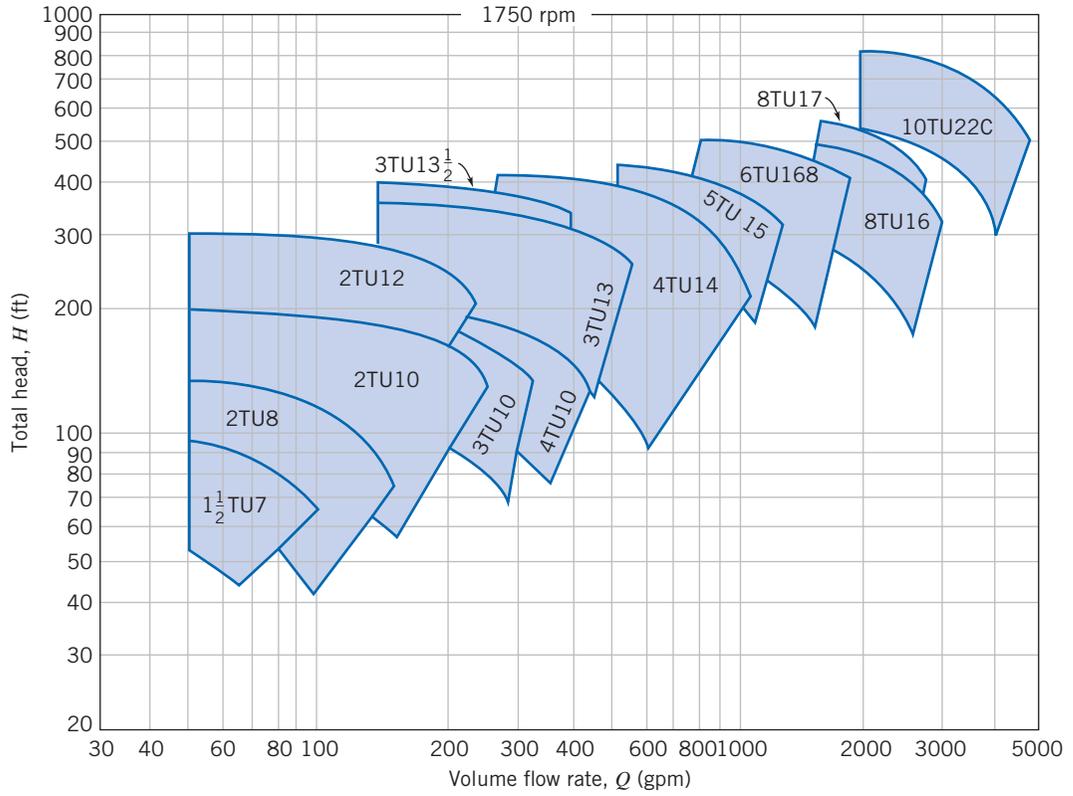


Fig. C.11 Selector chart for Peerless two-stage (series TU and TUT) pumps at 1750 nominal rpm.

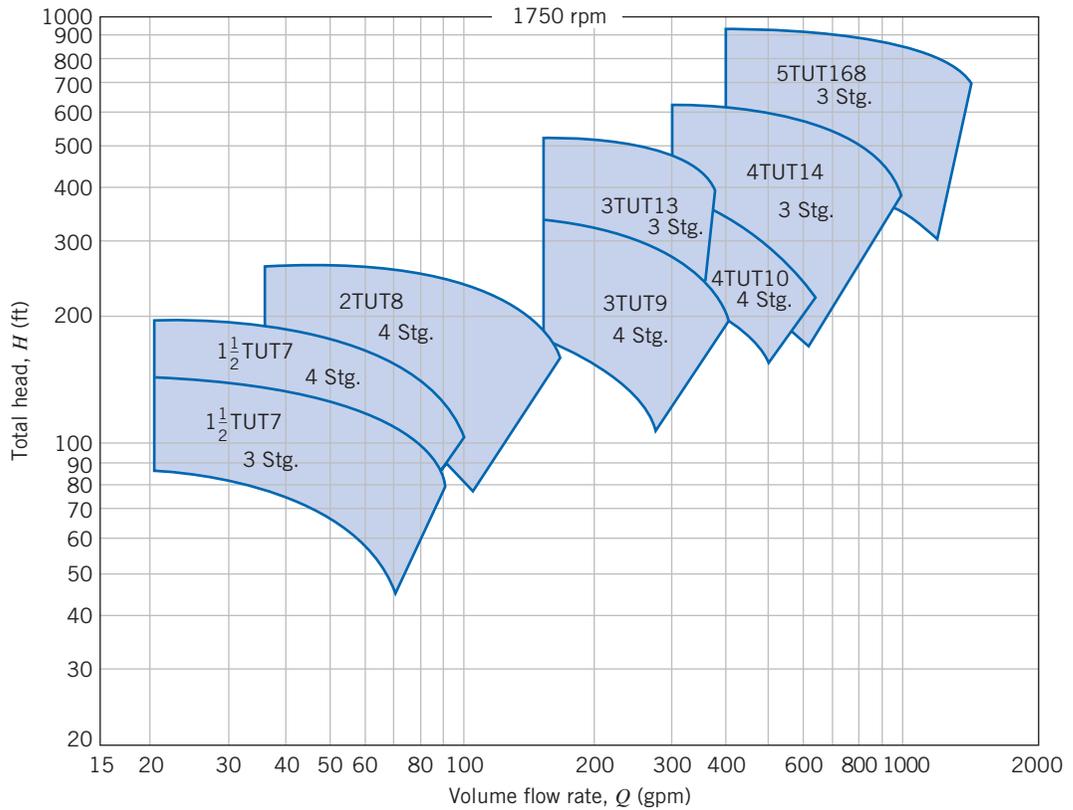
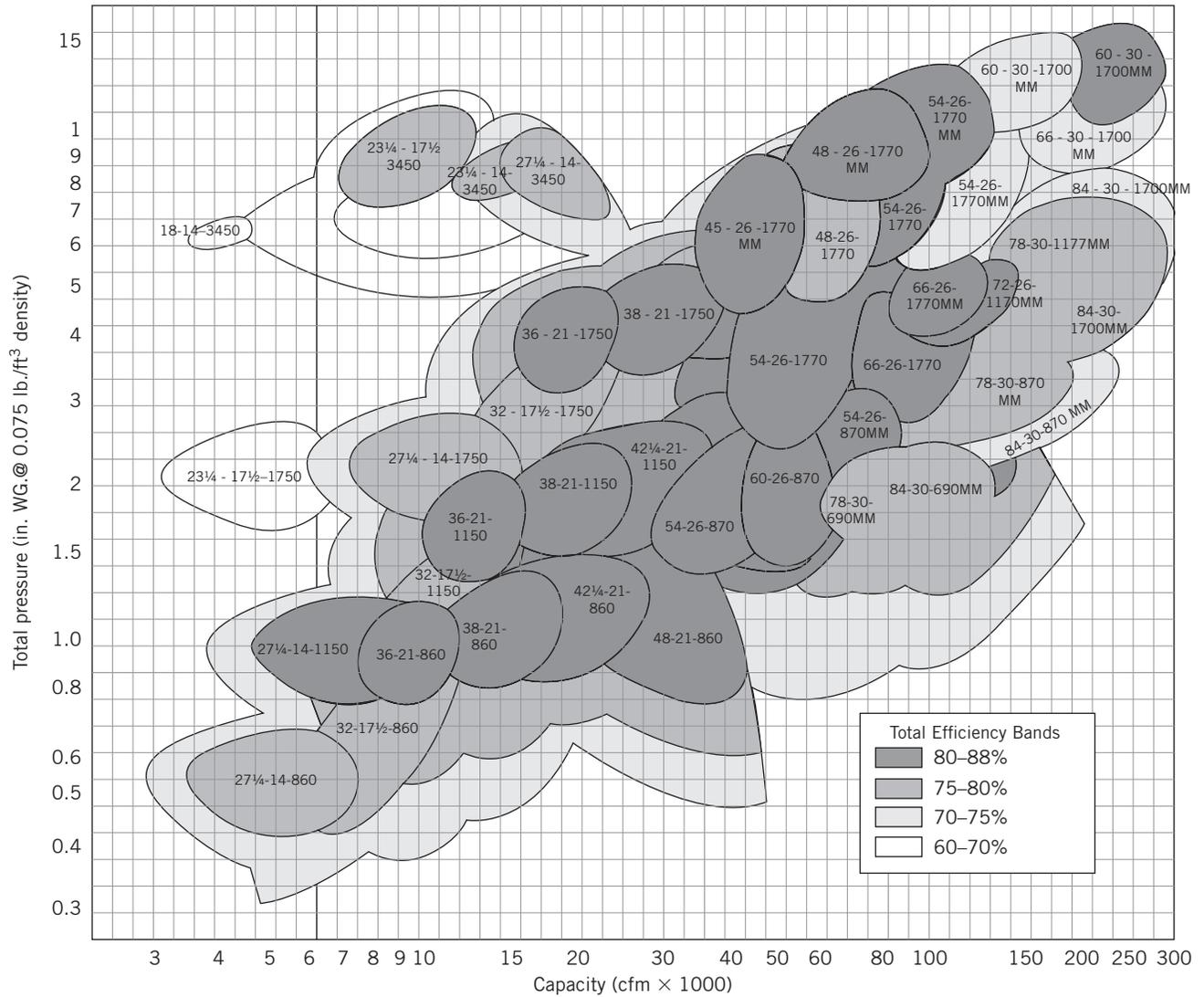


Fig. C.12 Selector chart for Peerless multi-stage (series TU and TUT) pumps at 1750 nominal rpm.



**Fig. C.13** Master fan selection chart for Howden Buffalo axial fans.

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## APPENDIX D

# Flow Functions for Computation of Compressible Flow

### D.1 Isentropic Flow

Isentropic flow functions are computed using the following equations:

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{k/(k-1)} \quad (12.21a/12.30a)$$

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \quad (12.21b/12.30b)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left[ 1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2 \right]^{1/(k-1)} \quad (12.21c/12.30c)$$

$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{M} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{k-1}{2} M^2}{\frac{k+1}{2}} \right]^{(k+1)/2(k-1)} \quad (12.30d)$$

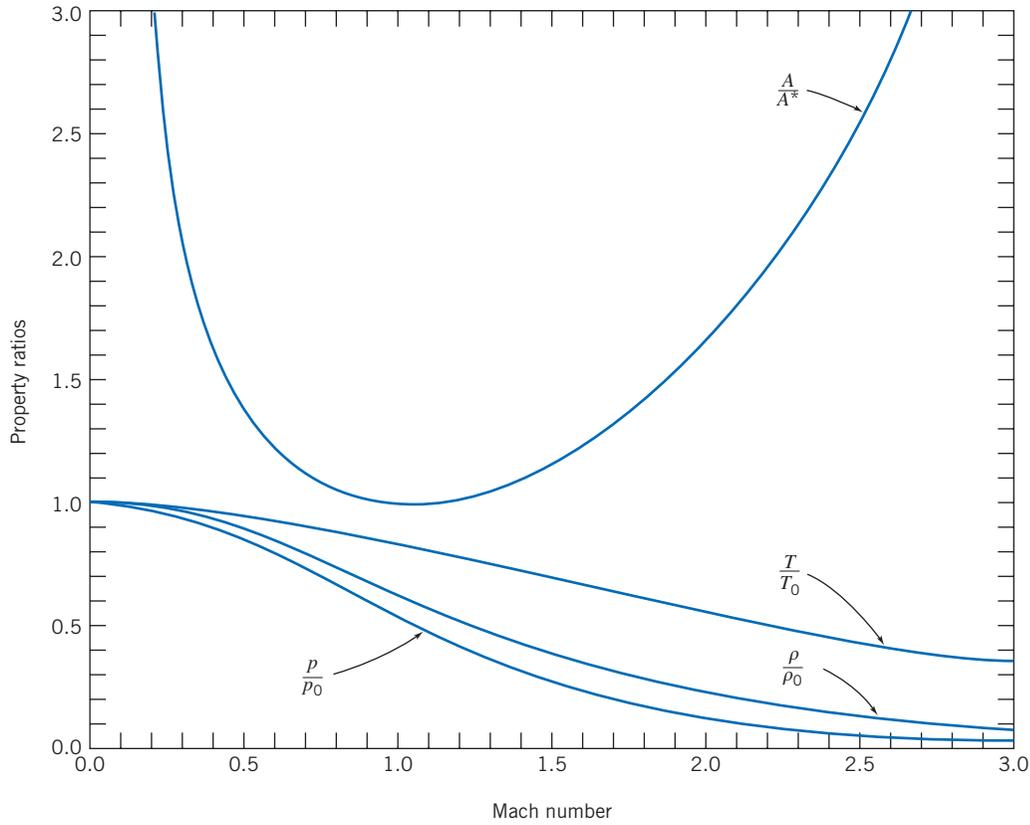
Representative values of the isentropic flow functions for  $k = 1.4$  are presented in Table D.1 and plotted in Fig. D.1.

**Table D.1**

Isentropic Flow Functions (one-dimensional flow, ideal gas,  $k = 1.4$ )

$M$	$T/T_0$	$p/p_0$	$\rho/\rho_0$	$A/A^*$
0.00	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	$\infty$
0.50	0.9524	0.8430	0.8852	1.340
1.00	0.8333	0.5283	0.6339	1.000
1.50	0.6897	0.2724	0.3950	1.176
2.00	0.5556	0.1278	0.2301	1.688
2.50	0.4444	0.05853	0.1317	2.637
3.00	0.3571	0.02722	0.07623	4.235
3.50	0.2899	0.01311	0.04523	6.790
4.00	0.2381	0.006586	0.02766	10.72
4.50	0.1980	0.003455	0.01745	16.56
5.00	0.1667	0.001890	0.01134	25.00

 This table was computed from the *Excel* workbook *Isentropic Relations*. The workbook contains a more detailed, printable version of the table and can be easily modified to generate data for a different Mach number range, or for a different gas.



**Fig. D.1** Isentropic flow functions.

 This graph was generated from the *Excel* workbook. The workbook can be modified easily to generate curves for a different gas.

## D.2 Normal Shock

Normal-shock flow functions are computed using the following equations:

$$M_2^2 = \frac{M_1^2 + \frac{2}{k-1}}{\frac{2k}{k-1}M_1^2 - 1} \quad (12.43a)$$

$$\frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}} = \frac{\left[ \frac{\frac{k+1}{2}M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_1^2} \right]^{k/(k-1)}}{\left[ \frac{2k}{k+1}M_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{k+1} \right]^{1/(k-1)}} \quad (12.43b)$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{\left( 1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_1^2 \right) \left( kM_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{2} \right)}{\left( \frac{k+1}{2} \right)^2 M_1^2} \quad (12.43c)$$

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{2k}{k+1}M_1^2 - \frac{k-1}{k+1} \quad (12.43d)$$

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{\frac{k+1}{2}M_1^2}{1 + \frac{k-1}{2}M_1^2} \quad (12.43e)$$

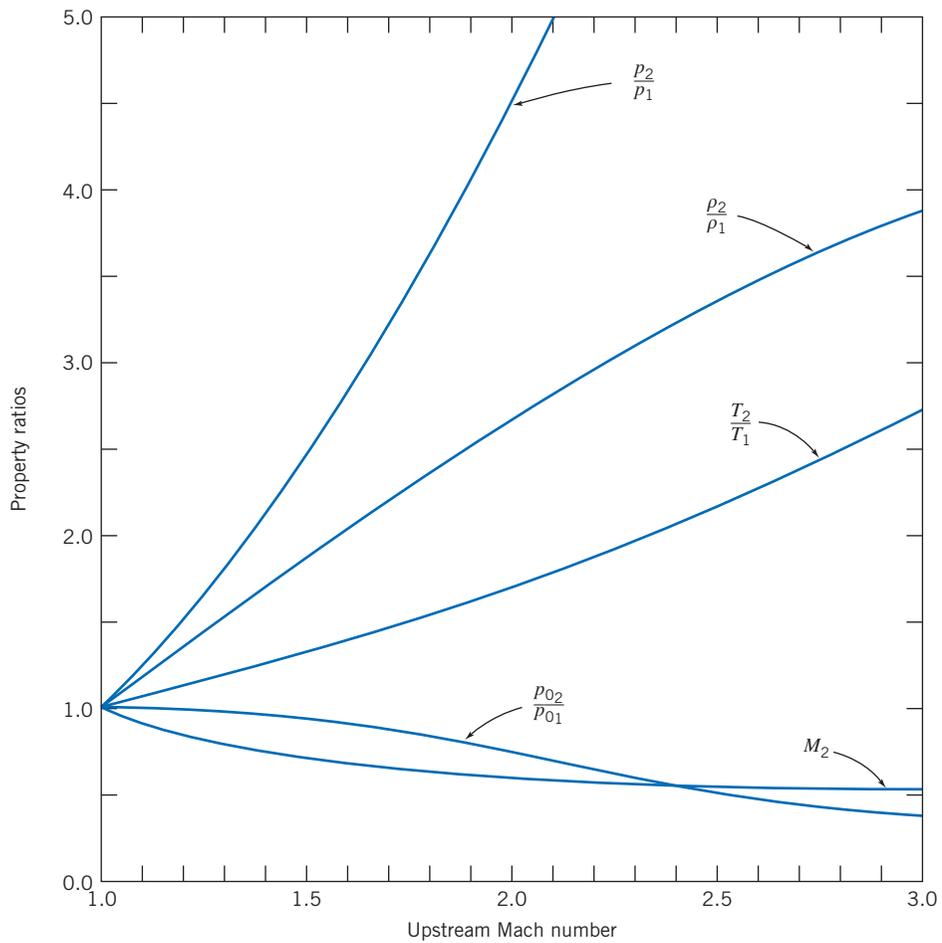
Representative values of the normal-shock flow functions for  $k = 1.4$  are presented in Table D.2 and plotted in Fig. D.2.

**Table D.2**

Normal-Shock Flow Functions (one-dimensional flow, ideal gas,  $k = 1.4$ )

$M_1$	$M_2$	$p_{02}/p_{01}$	$T_2/T_1$	$p_2/p_1$	$\rho_2/\rho_1$
1.00	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
1.50	0.7011	0.9298	1.320	2.458	1.862
2.00	0.5774	0.7209	1.687	4.500	2.667
2.50	0.5130	0.4990	2.137	7.125	3.333
3.00	0.4752	0.3283	2.679	10.33	3.857
3.50	0.4512	0.2130	3.315	14.13	4.261
4.00	0.4350	0.1388	4.047	18.50	4.571
4.50	0.4236	0.09170	4.875	23.46	4.812
5.00	0.4152	0.06172	5.800	29.00	5.000

 This table was computed from the *Excel* workbook *Normal-Shock Relations*. The workbook contains a more detailed, printable version of the table and can be modified easily to generate data for a different Mach number range, or for a different gas.



**Fig. D.2** Normal-shock flow functions.

 This graph was generated from the *Excel* workbook. The workbook can be modified easily to generate curves for a different gas.

## APPENDIX E

# Analysis of Experimental Uncertainty

### E.1 Introduction

Experimental data often are used to supplement engineering analysis as a basis for design. Not all data are equally good; the validity of data should be documented before test results are used for design. Uncertainty analysis is the procedure used to quantify data validity and accuracy.

Analysis of uncertainty also is useful during experiment design. Careful study may indicate potential sources of unacceptable error and suggest improved measurement methods.

### E.2 Types of Error

Errors always are present when experimental measurements are made. Aside from gross blunders by the experimenter, experimental error may be of two types. Fixed (or systematic) error causes repeated measurements to be in error by the same amount for each trial. Fixed error is the same for each reading and can be removed by proper calibration or correction. Random error (nonrepeatability) is different for every reading and hence cannot be removed. The factors that introduce random error are uncertain by their nature. The objective of uncertainty analysis is to estimate the probable random error in experimental results.

We assume that equipment has been constructed correctly and calibrated properly to eliminate fixed errors. We assume that instrumentation has adequate resolution and that fluctuations in readings are not excessive. We assume also that care is used in making and recording observations so that only random errors remain.

### E.3 Estimation of Uncertainty

Our goal is to estimate the uncertainty of experimental measurements and calculated results due to random errors. The procedure has three steps:

1. Estimate the uncertainty interval for each measured quantity.
2. State the confidence limit on each measurement.
3. Analyze the propagation of uncertainty into results calculated from experimental data.

Below we outline the procedure for each step and illustrate applications with examples.

**Step 1** *Estimate the measurement uncertainty interval.* Designate the measured variables in an experiment as  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . One possible way to find the uncertainty interval for each variable would be to repeat each measurement many times. The result would be a distribution of data for each variable. Random errors in measurement usually produce a *normal (Gaussian)* frequency distribution of measured values. The data scatter for a normal distribution is characterized by the standard deviation,  $\sigma$ . The uncertainty interval for each measured variable,  $x_i$ , may be stated as  $\pm n\sigma_i$ , where  $n = 1, 2, \text{ or } 3$ .

However, the most typical situation in engineering work is a “single-sample” experiment, where only one measurement is made for each point [1]. A reasonable estimate of the measurement uncertainty due to random error in a single-sample experiment usually is plus or minus half the smallest scale division (the *least count*) of the instrument. However, this approach also must be used with caution, as illustrated in the following example.

**Example E.1 UNCERTAINTY IN BAROMETER READING**

The observed height of the mercury barometer column is  $h = 752.6$  mm. The least count on the vernier scale is 0.1 mm, so one might estimate the probable measurement error as  $\pm 0.05$  mm.

A measurement probably could not be made this precisely. The barometer sliders and meniscus must be aligned by eye. The slider has a least count of 1 mm. As a conservative estimate, a measurement could be made to the nearest millimeter. The probable value of a single measurement then would be expressed as  $752.6 \pm 0.5$  mm. The relative uncertainty in barometric height would be stated as

$$u_h = \pm \frac{0.5 \text{ mm}}{752.6 \text{ mm}} = \pm 0.000664 \quad \text{or} \quad \pm 0.0664 \text{ percent}$$

*Comments:*

1. An uncertainty interval of  $\pm 0.1$  percent corresponds to a result specified to three significant figures; this precision is sufficient for most engineering work.
2. The measurement of barometer height was precise, as shown by the uncertainty estimate. But was it accurate? At typical room temperatures, the observed barometer reading must be reduced by a temperature correction of nearly 3 mm! This is an example of a fixed error that requires a correction factor.

When repeated measurements of a variable are available, they are usually normally distributed data, for which over 99 percent of measured values of  $x_i$  lie within  $\pm 3\sigma_i$  of the mean value, 95 percent lie within  $\pm 2\sigma_i$ , and 68 percent lie within  $\pm \sigma_i$  of the mean value of the data set [2]. Thus it would be possible to quantify expected errors within any desired *confidence limit* if a statistically significant set of data were available.

The method of repeated measurements usually is impractical. In most applications it is impossible to obtain enough data for a statistically significant sample owing to the excessive time and cost involved. However, the normal distribution suggests several important concepts:

1. Small errors are more likely than large ones.
2. Plus and minus errors are about equally likely.
3. No finite maximum error can be specified.

**Step 2** *State the confidence limit on each measurement.* The uncertainty interval of a measurement should be stated at specified odds. For example, one may write  $h = 752.6 \pm 0.5$  mm (20 to 1). This means that one is willing to bet 20 to 1 that the height of the mercury column actually is within  $\pm 0.5$  mm of the stated value. It should be obvious [3] that “. . . the specification of such odds can only be made by the experimenter based on . . . total laboratory experience. There is no substitute for sound engineering judgment in estimating the uncertainty of a measured variable.”

The confidence interval statement is based on the concept of standard deviation for a normal distribution. Odds of about 370 to 1 correspond to  $\pm 3\sigma$ ; 99.7 percent of all future readings are expected to fall within the interval. Odds of about 20 to 1 correspond to  $\pm 2\sigma$  and odds of 3 to 1 correspond to  $\pm \sigma$  confidence limits. Odds of 20 to 1 typically are used for engineering work.

**Step 3** *Analyze the propagation of uncertainty in calculations.* Suppose that measurements of independent variables,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , are made in the laboratory. The relative uncertainty of each independently measured quantity is estimated as  $u_i$ . The measurements are used to calculate some result,  $R$ , for the experiment. We wish to analyze how errors in the  $x_i$ s propagate into the calculation of  $R$  from measured values.

In general,  $R$  may be expressed mathematically as  $R = R(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . The effect on  $R$  of an error in measuring an individual  $x_i$  may be estimated by analogy to the derivative of a function [4]. A variation,  $\delta x_i$ , in  $x_i$  would cause variation  $\delta R_i$  in  $R$ ,

$$\delta R_i = \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_i} \delta x_i$$

The relative variation in  $R$  is

$$\frac{\delta R_i}{R} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_i} \delta x_i = \frac{x_i}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_i} \frac{\delta x_i}{x_i} \quad (\text{E.1})$$

Equation E.1 may be used to estimate the relative uncertainty in the result due to uncertainty in  $x_i$ . Introducing the notation for relative uncertainty, we obtain

$$u_{R_i} = \frac{x_i}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_i} u_{x_i} \quad (\text{E.2})$$

How do we estimate the relative uncertainty in  $R$  caused by the combined effects of the relative uncertainties in all the  $x_i$ 's? The random error in each variable has a range of values within the uncertainty interval. It is unlikely that all errors will have adverse values at the same time. It can be shown [1] that the best representation for the relative uncertainty of the result is

$$u_R = \pm \left[ \left( \frac{x_1}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_1} u_1 \right)^2 + \left( \frac{x_2}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_2} u_2 \right)^2 + \cdots + \left( \frac{x_n}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial x_n} u_n \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (\text{E.3})$$

### Example E.2 UNCERTAINTY IN VOLUME OF CYLINDER

Obtain an expression for the uncertainty in determining the volume of a cylinder from measurements of its radius and height. The volume of a cylinder in terms of radius and height is

$$V = V(r, h) = \pi r^2 h$$

Differentiating, we obtain

$$dV = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} dh = 2\pi r h dr + \pi r^2 dh$$

since

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} = 2\pi r h \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = \pi r^2$$

From Eq. E.2, the relative uncertainty due to radius is

$$u_{V,r} = \frac{\delta V_r}{V} = \frac{r}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} u_r = \frac{r}{\pi r^2 h} (2\pi r h) u_r = 2u_r$$

and the relative uncertainty due to height is

$$u_{V,h} = \frac{\delta V_h}{V} = \frac{h}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} u_h = \frac{h}{\pi r^2 h} (\pi r^2) u_h = u_h$$

The relative uncertainty in volume is then

$$u_V = \pm [(2u_r)^2 + (u_h)^2]^{1/2} \quad (\text{E.4})$$

*Comment:*

The coefficient 2, in Eq. E.4, shows that the uncertainty in measuring cylinder radius has a larger effect than the uncertainty in measuring height. This is true because the radius is squared in the equation for volume.

### E.4 Applications to Data

Applications to data obtained from laboratory measurements are illustrated in the following examples.

#### Example E.3 UNCERTAINTY IN LIQUID MASS FLOW RATE

The mass flow rate of water through a tube is to be determined by collecting water in a beaker. The mass flow rate is calculated from the net mass of water collected divided by the time interval,

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} \quad (\text{E.5})$$

where  $\Delta m = m_f - m_e$ . Error estimates for the measured quantities are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass of full beaker, } m_f &= 400 \pm 2 \text{ g (20 to 1)} \\ \text{Mass of empty beaker, } m_e &= 200 \pm 2 \text{ g (20 to 1)} \\ \text{Collection time interval, } \Delta t &= 10 \pm 0.2 \text{ s (20 to 1)} \end{aligned}$$

The relative uncertainties in measured quantities are

$$\begin{aligned} u_{m_f} &= \pm \frac{2 \text{ g}}{400 \text{ g}} = \pm 0.005 \\ u_{m_e} &= \pm \frac{2 \text{ g}}{200 \text{ g}} = \pm 0.01 \\ u_{\Delta t} &= \pm \frac{0.2 \text{ s}}{10 \text{ s}} = \pm 0.02 \end{aligned}$$

The relative uncertainty in the measured value of net mass is calculated from Eq. E.3 as

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\Delta m} &= \pm \left[ \left( \frac{m_f}{\Delta m} \frac{\partial \Delta m}{\partial m_f} u_{m_f} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{m_e}{\Delta m} \frac{\partial \Delta m}{\partial m_e} u_{m_e} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \pm \{ [(2)(1)(\pm 0.005)]^2 + [(1)(-1)(\pm 0.01)]^2 \}^{1/2} \\ u_{\Delta m} &= \pm 0.0141 \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\dot{m} = \dot{m}(\Delta m, \Delta t)$ , we may write Eq. E.3 as

$$u_{\dot{m}} = \pm \left[ \left( \frac{\Delta m}{\dot{m}} \frac{\partial \dot{m}}{\partial \Delta m} u_{\Delta m} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta t}{\dot{m}} \frac{\partial \dot{m}}{\partial \Delta t} u_{\Delta t} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (\text{E.6})$$

The required partial derivative terms are

$$\frac{\Delta m}{\dot{m}} \frac{\partial \dot{m}}{\partial \Delta m} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Delta t}{\dot{m}} \frac{\partial \dot{m}}{\partial \Delta t} = -1$$

Substituting into Eq. E.6 gives

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\dot{m}} &= \pm \{ [(1)(\pm 0.0141)]^2 + [(-1)(\pm 0.02)]^2 \}^{1/2} \\ u_{\dot{m}} &= \pm 0.0245 \quad \text{or} \quad \pm 2.45 \text{ percent (20 to 1)} \end{aligned}$$

*Comment:*

The 2 percent uncertainty interval in time measurement makes the most important contribution to the uncertainty interval in the result.

### Example E.4 UNCERTAINTY IN THE REYNOLDS NUMBER FOR WATER FLOW

The Reynolds number is to be calculated for flow of water in a tube. The computing equation for the Reynolds number is

$$Re = \frac{4\dot{m}}{\pi\mu D} = Re(\dot{m}, D, \mu) \quad (\text{E.7})$$

We have considered the uncertainty interval in calculating the mass flow rate. What about uncertainties in  $\mu$  and  $D$ ? The tube diameter is given as  $D = 6.35$  mm. Do we assume that it is exact? The diameter might be measured to the nearest 0.1 mm. If so, the relative uncertainty in diameter would be estimated as

$$u_D = \pm \frac{0.05 \text{ mm}}{6.35 \text{ mm}} = \pm 0.00787 \quad \text{or} \quad \pm 0.787 \text{ percent}$$

The viscosity of water depends on temperature. The temperature is estimated as  $T = 24 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ . How will the uncertainty in temperature affect the uncertainty in  $\mu$ ? One way to estimate this is to write

$$u_{\mu(T)} = \pm \frac{\delta\mu}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{d\mu}{dT} (\pm\delta T) \quad (\text{E.8})$$

The derivative can be estimated from tabulated viscosity data near the nominal temperature of  $24^\circ\text{C}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mu}{dT} &\approx \frac{\Delta\mu}{\Delta T} = \frac{\mu(25^\circ\text{C}) - \mu(23^\circ\text{C})}{(25 - 23)^\circ\text{C}} = (0.000890 - 0.000933) \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{s}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{1}{2^\circ\text{C}} \\ \frac{d\mu}{dT} &= -2.15 \times 10^{-5} \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}) \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Eq. E.8 that the relative uncertainty in viscosity due to temperature is

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\mu(T)} &= \frac{1}{0.000911} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{N}\cdot\text{s}} \times -2.15 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{s}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}} \times (\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}) \\ u_{\mu(T)} &= \pm 0.0118 \quad \text{or} \quad \pm 1.18 \text{ percent} \end{aligned}$$

Tabulated viscosity data themselves also have some uncertainty. If this is  $\pm 1.0$  percent, an estimate for the resulting relative uncertainty in viscosity is

$$u_\mu = \pm [(\pm 0.01)^2 + (\pm 0.0118)^2]^{1/2} = \pm 0.0155 \quad \text{or} \quad \pm 1.55 \text{ percent}$$

The uncertainties in mass flow rate, tube diameter, and viscosity needed to compute the uncertainty interval for the calculated Reynolds number now are known. The required partial derivatives, determined from Eq. E.7, are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{m}}{Re} \frac{\partial Re}{\partial \dot{m}} &= \frac{\dot{m}}{Re} \frac{4}{\pi\mu D} = \frac{Re}{Re} = 1 \\ \frac{\mu}{Re} \frac{\partial Re}{\partial \mu} &= \frac{\mu}{Re} (-1) \frac{4\dot{m}}{\pi\mu^2 D} = -\frac{Re}{Re} = -1 \\ \frac{D}{Re} \frac{\partial Re}{\partial D} &= \frac{D}{Re} (-1) \frac{4\dot{m}}{\pi\mu D^2} = -\frac{Re}{Re} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into Eq. E.3 gives

$$\begin{aligned} u_{Re} &= \pm \left\{ \left[ \frac{\dot{m}}{Re} \frac{\partial Re}{\partial \dot{m}} u_{\dot{m}} \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{\mu}{Re} \frac{\partial Re}{\partial \mu} u_\mu \right]^2 + \left[ \frac{D}{Re} \frac{\partial Re}{\partial D} u_D \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \\ u_{Re} &= \pm \left\{ [(1)(\pm 0.0245)]^2 + [(-1)(\pm 0.0155)]^2 + [(-1)(\pm 0.00787)]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \\ u_{Re} &= \pm 0.0300 \quad \text{or} \quad \pm 3.00 \text{ percent} \end{aligned}$$

#### Comment:

Examples E.3 and E.4 illustrate two points important for experiment design. First, the mass of water collected,  $\Delta m$ , is calculated from two measured quantities,  $m_f$  and  $m_e$ . For any stated uncertainty interval in the measurements of  $m_f$  and  $m_e$ , the relative uncertainty in  $\Delta m$  can be decreased by making  $\Delta m$  larger. This might be accomplished by using larger containers or a longer measuring interval,  $\Delta t$ , which also would reduce the relative uncertainty in the measured  $\Delta t$ . Second, the uncertainty in tabulated property data may be significant. The data uncertainty also is increased by the uncertainty in measurement of fluid temperature.

**Example E.5** UNCERTAINTY IN AIR SPEED

Air speed is calculated from pitot tube measurements in a wind tunnel. From the Bernoulli equation,

$$V = \left( \frac{2gh\rho_{\text{water}}}{\rho_{\text{air}}} \right)^{1/2} \quad (\text{E.9})$$

where  $h$  is the observed height of the manometer column.

The only new element in this example is the square root. The variation in  $V$  due to the uncertainty interval in  $h$  is

$$\frac{h}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = \frac{h}{V} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2gh\rho_{\text{water}}}{\rho_{\text{air}}} \right)^{-1/2} \frac{2g\rho_{\text{water}}}{\rho_{\text{air}}}$$

$$\frac{h}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = \frac{h}{V} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{V} \frac{2g\rho_{\text{water}}}{\rho_{\text{air}}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V^2}{V^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Using Eq. E.3, we calculate the relative uncertainty in  $V$  as

$$u_V = \pm \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} u_h \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} u_{\rho_{\text{water}}} \right)^2 + \left( -\frac{1}{2} u_{\rho_{\text{air}}} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

If  $u_h = \pm 0.01$  and the other uncertainties are negligible,

$$u_V = \pm \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\pm 0.01) \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$u_V = \pm 0.00500 \quad \text{or} \quad \pm 0.500 \text{ percent}$$

*Comment:*

The square root reduces the relative uncertainty in the calculated velocity to half that of  $u_h$ .

**E.5 Summary**

A statement of the probable uncertainty of data is an important part of reporting experimental results completely and clearly. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers requires that all manuscripts submitted for journal publication include an adequate statement of uncertainty of experimental data [5]. Estimating uncertainty in experimental results requires care, experience, and judgment, in common with many endeavors in engineering. We have emphasized the need to quantify the uncertainty of measurements, but space allows including only a few examples. Much more information is available in the references that follow (e.g., [4, 6, 7]). We urge you to consult them when designing experiments or analyzing data.

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# Answers to Selected Problems

- 1.5  $d = 4.30 \cdot 10^{-3}$  in
- 1.7  $m = 907$  kg = 62.1 slug,  $W_{\text{moon}} = 1483$  N = 333 lbf
- 1.9  $v = 11.91 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{slug}}$ ,  $\rho = 0.0084 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3}$ ,  $\gamma = 0.271 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^3}$ ,  
 $v_s = 72.6 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{slug}}$ ,  $\rho_s = 0.0138 \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3}$ ,  $\gamma = 0.444 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^3}$
- 1.11  $V_t = 52.4$  m/s,  $V(100\text{-m}) = 37.4$  m/s
- 1.15  $P = 50$  hp = 37.3 kW = 127,200 Btu/hr
- 1.17  $E = 4.73 \times 10^{16}$  J =  $3.49 \times 10^{16}$  ft lbf
- 1.19 1 psi = 6.89 kPa, 1 liter = 0.264 gal,  $1 \frac{\text{lbf s}}{\text{ft}^2} = 47.9 \frac{\text{N s}}{\text{m}^2}$
- 1.21  $100 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{min}} = 0.0472 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$ , 5 gal = 0.0189 m<sup>3</sup>,  
 $65$  mph =  $29.1 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ , 5.4 acres =  $2.19 \times 10^4$  m<sup>2</sup>
- 1.23  $D = 1$  12 in.  $H = 8$  in,  $m_{\text{propane}} = 17$  lbm.  
 $V_{\text{propane}}/V_{\text{tank}} = 0.53$
- 1.25  $32$  psi =  $2.25 \frac{\text{kgf}}{\text{cm}^2}$
- 1.27  $c = 0.04 \frac{\text{K}^{1/2} \text{ s}}{\text{m}}$
- 1.29  $W = 77.0$  lbf,  $V = 1.24$  ft<sup>3</sup>
- 1.31  $u_p = \pm 2.66 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{ft}^3}$
- 1.33  $\rho = 930 \pm 27.2 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$
- 1.37  $\mu = 1.005 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{N s}}{\text{m}^2}$ ,  $u_\mu = 1.11$  %
- 2.1 2D unsteady, 2D steady, 1D steady, 1D steady,  
 1D Unsteady, 2D Steady, 2D Unsteady, 3D steady
- 2.3 2D
- 2.5  $y = x^2 - c$
- 2.7 At (0,0)  $v_t = \infty$  and  $v_r = 0$
- 2.9  $y = c x^{-3}$
- 2.11  $\Delta t = 0.75$  s
- 2.13 At (2,2)  $xy = 4$
- 2.17  $y = C/x$
- 2.19  $y = x$  at  $t = 0$ ,  $y = x^{1.4}$  at  $t = 1$ ,  $y = x^{1.6}$  at  $t = 1.5$
- 2.21 At (1,1)  $x = c$  at  $t = 0$ ,  $y = x^{-10}$  at  $t = 1$ ,  $y = x^{-5}$  at  $t = 2$
- 2.23 At (1,1)  $y = x$  at  $t = 0$ ,  $y = x^{2/3}$  at  $t = 1$ ,  $y = x^{1/2}$  at  $t = 2$
- 2.29 Pathlines Streaklines Streamlines
- 2.35 At 10 C  $\frac{\mu_{\text{air}}}{\mu_{\text{water}}} = 0.013$ ,  $\frac{\nu_{\text{air}}}{\nu_{\text{water}}} = 10.3$
- 2.37  $\mu_2 = 2 \mu_1 = 1.934$  Pa s
- 2.39  $U = 0.196$  m/s for  $F = 0$ ;  $U = 0.496$  m/s for  $F$  upward
- 2.41 66.9 N
- 2.43 0.002 N m
- 2.45  $\mu = 1.30 \frac{\text{N s}}{\text{m}^2}$
- 2.47 0.2 N s/m<sup>2</sup>
- 2.49 9.73 rpm
- 2.51  $\tau = 0$  at  $r = 13.7$  mm,  $F_o = -172$  N,  $F_i = 63.4$  N
- 2.53 1308 W
- 2.55 50.3 kW
- 2.57 77.4 ft-lbf
- 2.59  $\mu = 0.0208$  N s/m<sup>2</sup>
- 2.61  $T = \frac{\pi \mu \omega R^4}{2 h}$
- 2.63  $k = 0.0162$ ,  $n = 0.793$
- 2.65  $T = 0.278$  N for  $H = 200$  mm,  $R = 75$  mm,  
 $a = 0.02$  mm,  $\omega = 100$  rpm
- 2.67  $\Delta p = 2.91$  kPa
- 2.69  $A = 0.403$ ,  $b = 4.53$
- 2.71 0.0149 mm
- 2.75 Turbulent at  $D = 29.4$  mm
- 2.77  $x_{\text{tran}} = 0.327$  m
- 2.79  $x_{\text{tran}} = 0.295$  ft;  $x_{\text{tran}} = 0.552$  ft
- 3.1 At 1000 m  $T = 96.7$  C, At 2000 m  $T = 93.3$  C,  
 At 0 m  $T = 100$  C
- 3.3  $z = 9303$  ft,  $\Delta z = 5338$  ft
- 3.5  $F = 271$  N,  $T = 0.282$  N
- 3.7  $p = 20.1$  kPa gage = 121.1 kPa abs;  
 $p = 20.1$  kPa gage = 150.1 kPa abs
- 3.9  $\Delta p = 972$  kPa,  $\rho = 991$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 3.11  $\gamma = 10.1 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^3}$ ,  $p = 20.1$  MPa
- 3.13  $h = 13, 600$  ft
- 3.15 Strong,  $h = 20.7$  ft
- 3.17  $\Delta p = 51.9$  kPa
- 3.19 4.41 kPa gage
- 3.21  $\Delta p = 0.758$  psi
- 3.23  $\Delta p = 1.638$  psi
- 3.25  $l = 1.600$  m
- 3.27 Reading = 15.2 in.
- 3.29 sensitivity =  $\frac{5}{\text{SG}}$
- 3.31  $p_{\text{atm}} = 14.41$  psi, length would decrease
- 3.33  $\Delta h = 0.360$  in

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- 3.37 9.62 kPa, 41.0 kPa, 35.7 kPa
- 3.39  $F_R = 35.7 \text{ N}$ ,  $y' = 1.9 \text{ m}$ ,  $F_R = 71.3 \text{ N}$ ,  $y' = 1.8 \text{ m}$
- 3.41  $F_R = 7.96 \times 10^4 \text{ lbf}$
- 3.43  $F = 936 \text{ lbf}$
- 3.45  $W = 68 \text{ kN}$
- 3.47  $F_R = 8.63 \text{ MN}$ ,  $F_n = 16.7 \text{ MN}$ ,  $R_x = 8.34 \text{ MN}$ ,  
 $R_y = 14.4 \text{ MN}$ ,  $R = 16.7 \text{ MN}$
- 3.49  $y' = 2.78 \text{ m}$ ,  $F = 130 \text{ kN}$
- 3.51  $F_D = 32.9 \text{ N}$
- 3.53  $F_R = 33.3 \text{ kN}$ ,  $d_h = 7.28 \text{ mm}$
- 3.55  $F_A = 111 \text{ kN}$
- 3.57  $F_T = -2.70 \times 10^4 \text{ lbf}$
- 3.59  $F_V = -17.12 \times 10^3 \text{ ft}$ ,  $x' = 2.14 \text{ ft}$
- 3.61  $R = 43,250 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $\theta = 40.9 \text{ deg}$  wrt horizontal,  
 $R$  passes through 0
- 3.63  $F_H = 8.56 \text{ kN}$ ,  $F_V = 7.76 \text{ kN}$
- 3.65  $F_R = 370 \text{ kN}$ ,  $\alpha = 57.5 \text{ deg}$ .
- 3.67 Canoe floats higher
- 3.69  $h = 177 \text{ mm}$
- 3.71  $W = 12,980 \text{ lbf}$
- 3.73  $h = 0.292 \text{ m}$
- 3.75  $V_{\text{disp}} = 2.52 \text{ L}$ ,  $n = 5.33$  (6 weights)
- 3.77  $d = 3.1 \text{ ft}$
- 3.81  $W = 0$ ,  $F_V = 1568 \text{ lbf}$
- 3.83  $D = 82.7 \text{ m}$ ,  $M = 638 \text{ kg}$
- 3.87  $\rho_{\text{mix}} = 1.52 \text{ slug/ft}^3$
- 4.1  $\Delta s = -0.0753 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$ ,  $\Delta U = -20.9 \text{ kJ}$
- 4.3  $x = 747 \text{ m}$ ,  $t = 23.9 \text{ s}$
- 4.5  $t_f = 0.85 \text{ s}$ ,  $x = 2.12 \text{ m}$ ,  $t_f = 0.80 \text{ s}$
- 4.7 work = 102 kJ/kg
- 4.9  $\Delta U_{\text{air}} = 259 \text{ MJ}$ ,  $\Delta U = 0 \text{ MJ}$ ,  $\frac{\Delta T_a}{\Delta t} = 6.1 \frac{\text{K}}{\text{hr}}$
- 4.11  $Q = -24 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,
- 4.13  $V_m = 8 \text{ m/s}$
- 4.15  $\frac{V_2}{V_1} = 4$
- 4.17  $V = 1.56 \text{ ft/s}$ ,  $Q = 3.82 \text{ gpm}$
- 4.19  $p_2 V_2 = 1.5 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{Pa m}}{\text{s}}$
- 4.21  $\frac{V}{v_c} = \frac{2n}{n+1} - \frac{2n}{2n+1}$
- 4.23  $n = 4.52$ ; 5 pipes
- 4.25  $Q = 54.4 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 4.27  $V_A = 40.7 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $V_B = 30.5 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $V_C = 20.4 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $V_D = 10.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$
- 4.29  $t = 2.39 \text{ s}$ ,  $Q = 2.0 \text{ m}^3$
- 4.31  $V = 10 \text{ m/s}$
- 4.33  $V_m = \frac{\pi}{4} V_1$
- 4.35  $V_{\text{min}} = 5.0 \text{ m/s}$
- 4.37  $\frac{dh}{dt} = -0.289 \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{s}}$
- 4.39  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 2.50 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{slug}}{\text{ft}^3 \text{ s}}$
- 4.41  $Q = 3.61 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -0.532 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 4.45  $\text{Mom}_x = -2406 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $\text{Mom}_y = 2113 \text{ lbf}$
- 4.47  $\text{Mom}_x = 841 \text{ N}$ ,  $\text{Mom}_y = -2075 \text{ N}$
- 4.49  $R_y = 10,600 \text{ N}$  (downward)
- 4.51  $R_x = -7050 \text{ N}$
- 4.53 For  $\theta = 40$ ,  $M = 238 \text{ kg}$
- 4.55  $F_x = 888 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $F_y = -296 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $\alpha = -18.74 \text{ deg}$  from  
horizontal
- 4.57  $F_x = 2602 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $F_y = 0$
- 4.59  $V = 28.9 \text{ m/s}$  for  $h = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $V = 10.2 \text{ m/s}$  for  $h = 0.5 \text{ m}$ ,  
 $V = 3.61 \text{ m/s}$  for  $h = 0.25 \text{ m}$
- 4.61  $F_x = 1488 \text{ N}$ ,  $\alpha = -82.4 \text{ deg}$
- 4.63  $F = 441 \text{ lbf}$
- 4.65  $R_x = -86.9 \text{ lbf}$
- 4.67  $F = 25.5 \text{ N}$  (to left)
- 4.69  $F_x = 5350 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $F_y = 3080 \text{ lbf}$
- 4.71  $R_x = -1970 \text{ lbf}$
- 4.73  $F_x = 22,080 \text{ N/m}$
- 4.75  $F_x = 1765 \text{ N}$
- 4.79  $R_x = 138 \text{ N}$ ,  $R_y = 554 \text{ N}$
- 4.81 1124 N
- 4.83  $R_x = -4.77 \text{ lbf}$  (to the right)
- 4.85  $R_x = -37.9 \text{ N}$  (to the right)
- 4.87  $\Delta p = 9.08 \text{ kPa}$
- 4.89  $F = 0.163 \text{ N/m}$
- 4.91  $h = H/2$
- 4.93  $h = 4.28 \text{ m}$
- 4.95  $p = 103 \text{ kPa}$
- 4.101  $Q = 0.0663 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $\alpha = 10 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $V = 16.7 \text{ m/s}$
- 4.103  $t = 0.222 \text{ in}$ ,  $R_x = -1780 \text{ lbf}$
- 4.105  $a_x = 13.5 \text{ m/s}^2$
- 4.107  $U = 15.8 \text{ m/s}$
- 4.111  $V(0) = 12.9 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $V(2.5\text{s}) = 19.2 \text{ m/s}$ ,  
 $V(5\text{s}) = 25.4 \text{ m/s}$
- 4.113  $a_x = 5.99 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $\frac{U}{U_t} = 0.667$
- 4.117  $x_{\text{max}} = 1.93 \text{ m}$ ,  $t = 2.51 \text{ s}$

- 4.119  $U(\infty) = 227 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 4.121  $m = 82.7 \text{ kg}$
- 4.123  $V(20\text{s}) = 3860 \text{ ft/s}$ ,  $y = 33,500 \text{ ft}$
- 4.125  $\theta = 19.0 \text{ deg}$
- 4.127  $V_{\text{max}} = 138 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $y_{\text{max}} = 1085 \text{ m}$
- 4.129  $R_{x2} = -22.8 \text{ kN}$ ,  $T = -468 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$
- 4.131  $T = 488 \text{ N m}$
- 4.133  $T = 316 \text{ Q}^2 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$
- 4.135  $T = 2,28 \text{ N m}$ ,  $N = 387 \text{ rpm}$
- 4.137  $T = -0.0161 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$
- 4.141  $\frac{dT_a}{dt} = -1.97 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{s}}$
- 4.143  $\dot{W} = -96.0 \text{ kW}$
- 4.145  $\dot{W} = -96 \text{ kW}$
- 4.147  $\dot{W} = -3.41 \text{ kW}$
- 5.1 (a)
- 5.3  $w = -(a+c)x + \text{const}$
- 5.5  $A + E + J = 0$
- 5.9  $V_\theta = 6r^2 \sin(\theta) - 6r\theta + f(r)$
- 5.11  $\frac{v}{U} = 0.00167$
- 5.15 (a), (b), and (c)
- 5.17  $\vec{V} = \omega r \frac{z}{h} \hat{e}_\theta$
- 5.23  $Q = 16 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  per m of depth
- 5.27  $\frac{y}{\delta} = 0.465$  and  $0.671$
- 5.29  $h_{\text{half}} = 1.06 \text{ m}$
- 5.31 3 D, not incompressible,  $\vec{a}_p = 48 \hat{i} + 4 \hat{j} + 54 \hat{k} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$
- 5.33  $\vec{a} = 10 \hat{i} + \frac{30}{t^4} \hat{j}$
- 5.35  $V = 4\pi(1 - e^{-t}) \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $a_t = 4\pi e^{-t} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ ,  
 $a_n = -8\pi^2(1 - e^{-t})^2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$
- 5.39  $x_{\text{max}} = 8.32 \text{ ft}$ ,  $t_{\text{max}} = 0.119 \text{ s}$ ,  
 $\frac{Dc_{\text{max}}}{Dt} = -4.38 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{ppm}}{\text{s}}$
- 5.45  $a_{px} = -16.7 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$  at  $\frac{y}{\delta} = 0.667$ ,  $a_{px} = -0.0178 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2}$   
 at  $\frac{y}{\delta} = 0.839$
- 5.51 not irrotational, not irrotational, irrotational, not irrotational
- 5.53  $\Gamma = 0 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$
- 5.55 Incompressible, irrotational
- 5.57  $\omega_z = -0.5 \frac{1}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\Gamma = -1 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$
- 5.59  $\vec{V} = (Ay + f(x))\hat{i}$ ,  $\vec{\omega} = -0.05k \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $\psi = \frac{1}{2}Ay^2 + c_1y + c_2$
- 5.61  $\vec{\omega} = -y\hat{k} \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\Gamma = -1.00 \frac{\text{ft}^2}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\psi = Ax^2y$
- 5.63 Irrotational,  $\psi = -\frac{K}{2\pi} \ln(r) - \frac{q\theta}{2\pi}$
- 5.73  $u = -\frac{h^2}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \left( y - \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right) + \frac{Ch}{\mu} y$ ,  $\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{C}{h}$
- 5.75  $y = 0.489 \text{ m}$ ,  $u_y = 1\%$
- 5.77  $V_{\text{max}} = 11.93 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $t = 3.8 \text{ s}$
- 6.1  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -20.0 \frac{\text{kPa}}{\text{m}}$ ,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = -29.8 \frac{\text{kPa}}{\text{m}}$
- 6.3  $a_x = 8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ ,  $a_y = 4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -12 \frac{\text{Pa}}{\text{m}}$ ,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = -6 \frac{\text{Pa}}{\text{m}}$ ,  
 $\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -14.7 \frac{\text{Pa}}{\text{m}}$
- 6.7  $p(x,y) = 80 \text{ kPa}$
- 6.9  $p(L) = 206 \text{ kPa}$
- 6.11  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} (1,0) = 127 \frac{\text{Pa}}{\text{m}}$ ,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \left(1, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 127 \frac{\text{Pa}}{\text{m}}$ ,  
 $\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} (2,0) = 15.8 \frac{\text{Pa}}{\text{m}}$
- 6.15 Exit:  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -10.0 \frac{\text{MPa}}{\text{m}}$ ,  $L = 1.0 \text{ m}$
- 6.17  $F_y = \frac{4\rho V^2 L^3 W}{3b^2}$
- 6.21  $a_{px} = \frac{q^2 x}{h^2}$ ,  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -\frac{\rho q^2 x}{h^2}$
- 6.27  $r = 0.5 \text{ m}$  at  $y = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $r = 1 \text{ m}$  at  $y = 2 \text{ m}$ ,  $r = 1.5 \text{ m}$  at  
 $y = 3 \text{ m}$
- 6.33  $p_{\text{dyn}} = 1.64 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $p_s = -1.738 \text{ kPa}$
- 6.35  $V_1 = 27.5 \text{ m/s}$
- 6.39  $p_1 = 10.0 \text{ psi}$ ,  $p_2 = 1.35 \text{ psi}$
- 6.41  $h = 5.81 \text{ m}$
- 6.43  $V = 7.29 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $Q = 0.0143 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 6.45  $V = 16.3 \text{ m/s}$
- 6.49  $p_2 = 15.6 \text{ psi}$ ,  $\Delta p = 0.917 \text{ psi}$
- 6.51  $Q = 2.55 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 6.57  $p_1 = 1.35 \text{ psig}$ ,  $p_0 = 1.79 \text{ psig}$ ,  $\vec{F} = 4.76 \hat{k} \text{ lbf}$
- 6.59  $\Delta h = 6.60 \text{ in}$ ,  $R_x = -0.105 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $F = 18.5 \text{ lbf}$
- 6.61  $F_V = 2.28 \times 10^4 \text{ lbf}$
- 6.69  $\psi(x,y) = axy + \frac{1}{2}b(y^2 - x^2)$ ,  
 $\phi(x,y) = -bxy - \frac{1}{2}b(x^2 - y^2)$
- 6.71  $\phi(x) = -x^2 + y^2 + c$
- 6.73  $\phi(x,y) = Axy^2 - \frac{Ax^3}{3}$
- 6.77  $\phi(x,y) = 6x^5y - 20x^2y^3 + 6xy^5$

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- 6.81  $\phi(x,y) = 3Axy^2 - Ax^3$
- 6.85  $\frac{V}{U} \leq 1\%$  for  $r \geq 10a$
- 6.89  $\vec{V} = 0$  at  $r = \frac{k}{2\pi U}$ ,  $r = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- 7.1  $\frac{V_0^2}{gL}$
- 7.3  $\frac{\Delta p}{\rho V^2}$ ,  $\frac{\Omega L}{V}$
- 7.5  $\frac{\nu}{V_0 L}$ , which is reciprocal of Reynolds number
- 7.7 No dimensionless groups
- 7.9  $\frac{F}{\mu VD} = \text{constant}$
- 7.13  $V_w = k \sqrt{d g}$
- 7.15  $\Pi_1 = \frac{\delta}{x}$ ,  $\Pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho x U}$ ,  $\Pi_1 = f(\Pi_2)$
- 7.17  $V_w = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi\sigma}{\rho \ell}}$
- 7.19  $\frac{D}{\rho V^2 \ell^2} = f\left(\frac{V \rho \ell}{\mu}\right)$
- 7.21  $Q = h^2 \sqrt{gh} f\left(\frac{b}{h}\right)$
- 7.23  $\frac{D}{\rho V^2 d^2} = f\left(\frac{V \rho d}{\mu}, \frac{V^2 \rho}{E}\right)$
- 7.25  $\frac{T}{\rho \omega^2 d_1^2} = f\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}, \frac{\ell_1}{d_1}, \frac{\ell_2}{d_1}, \frac{\omega d_1^2 \rho}{\mu}\right)$
- 7.27 4 dimensionless groups,  $\Pi_1 = \frac{\mu}{\rho d^{3/2} g^{1/2}}$
- 7.29  $\frac{T}{F d_1} = f\left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}, \frac{\ell_1}{d_1}, \frac{\mu \omega d_1^2}{F}\right)$
- 7.31  $P = \rho D^5 \omega^3 f\left(\frac{Q}{D^3 \omega}\right)$
- 7.33  $\frac{d}{D}$ ,  $\frac{\mu^2}{\rho \Delta p D^2}$ ,  $\frac{\sigma}{D \Delta p}$
- 7.35  $\dot{m} = \rho A^{5/4} g^{1/2} f\left(\frac{h}{\sqrt{A}}, \frac{\Delta p}{\rho g \sqrt{A}}\right)$
- 7.37  $P = \omega \rho D^3 f\left(\frac{1}{D}, \frac{c}{D}, \frac{\mu \omega}{p}\right)$
- 7.39  $\frac{dT}{dt} \frac{L c_p}{V^3} = f\left(\frac{c}{c_p}, \frac{k}{\rho L^3 c_p}, \frac{\mu}{\rho L V}\right)$
- 7.41  $p_m = 5.39 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $F_p = 1.333 \text{ kN}$
- 7.43  $\ell = 3.64 \text{ m}$ ,  $D_p = 3.65 \text{ N}$
- 7.45  $\Pi_1 = \frac{P}{\rho \omega^3 D^5}$ ,  $\Pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho \omega D^2}$ ,  $\Pi_3 = \frac{V}{\omega D}$ ,  $\Pi_4 = \frac{H}{D}$
- 7.47  $p_m = 1.934 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $F_p = 43.4 \text{ kN}$
- 7.49 (a)  $F_p = 1125 \text{ kN}$ , (b)  $F_p = 450 \text{ N}$ , (c)  $F_p = 9 \text{ N}$
- 7.51  $Q_m = 0.750 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\dot{W}_p = 2590 \text{ hp}$
- 7.53  $\mu_m = 1.05 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{Ns}}{\text{m}^2}$ ,  $V_m = 3.2 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ ,  $F_p = 9 \times 10^6 \text{ N}$
- 7.55  $\frac{f d}{V} = f\left(\frac{\rho V d}{\mu}\right)$ ,  $\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{f_1}{f_2} = \frac{1}{4}$
- 7.57  $V_m = 304 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$  for  $V_p = 12 \text{ knots}$  to  
 $V_m = 608 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$  for  $V_p = 24 \text{ knots}$
- 7.59  $V_m = 550 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $D_p = 1857 \text{ N}$
- 7.61  $V_m = 19.41 \text{ knots} = 9.99 \text{ mph}$ ,  $\frac{F_{Dp}}{F_{Dm}} = 1.29 \times 10^5$   
 (on surface),  $\frac{F_{Dp}}{F_{Dm}} = 0.835$  (submerged)
- 7.63  $V_m = 250 \text{ m/s}$
- 7.67  $h_m = 13.8 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}}$ ,  $D_m = 0.120 \text{ m}$ ,  $Q_m = 0.166 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 7.71  $C_{Dm} = 0.443$ ,  $F_{Dp} = 1.636 \text{ kN}$
- 8.1  $Re = \frac{4 \dot{m}}{\pi D \mu}$ ,  $Re = 3000$
- 8.3  $\dot{m}_{\text{air}} = 0.0322 D \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m-s}}$ ,  $\dot{m}_{\text{water}} = 2.06 D \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m-s}}$
- 8.5  $\frac{Q}{b} = \frac{2}{3} u_{\text{max}} h$ ,  $\frac{\bar{V}}{u_{\text{max}}} = \frac{2}{3}$
- 8.7  $\tau = -1.88 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $\frac{Q}{b} = -5.63 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$
- 8.9  $Q = 34.6 \frac{\text{ft}^2}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\alpha = 1.08$
- 8.11  $Q = 1.01 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.13  $Q = 0.49 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\frac{dV}{dy} = 36 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $\tau_0 = 51.8 \text{ Pa}$ ,  
 $\Delta p = 10.4 \text{ kPa}$
- 8.17 Dilatant fluid,  $n = 1.48$
- 8.19  $0.324 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\pm 21.6 \frac{1}{\text{s}}$
- 8.21  $Re = 0.384$ ,  $\tau = 1.60 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $P = 0.890 \text{ W}$
- 8.23  $\tau_w = 0.0281 \text{ Pa s}$  or  $0.0350 \text{ Pa s}$   
 The flow is probably transitional.
- 8.25  $Q = 0.0208 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s ft}}$ ,  $\tau = 1.58 \times 10^{-6} \text{ psi}$ ,  
 $\frac{dp}{dx} = 7.58 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{psi}}{\text{ft}}$
- 8.27  $\delta = 0.216 \text{ mm}$
- 8.31  $u = \frac{\rho g y^2}{2\mu} - \frac{\rho g h y}{\mu} + U_0$
- 8.35  $Q_{\text{max}}(T_1) = 5.07 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $Q_{\text{max}}(T_2) = 3.12 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.37 Flow is turbulent
- 8.39  $D = 3.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $D = 11 \text{ ft}$
- 8.41  $R = 1 \text{ mm}$ :  $\Delta p = 0.00424 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $R_{\text{hyd}} = 2.55 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Pa s}}{\text{m}^2}$

- 8.43  $\mu = 0.284 \frac{\text{N s}}{\text{m}^2}$
- 8.45  $Q = 2.19 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.47 83.3 1/s
- 8.51  $\tau_{W1} = 33.8 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $\tau_{W2} = 82.5 \text{ Pa}$
- 8.53  $Q = 4.52 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\tau_w = 294 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $\Delta p = 235 \text{ kPa}$
- 8.57  $\alpha = 2$
- 8.59  $\varepsilon = 8.90 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $\ell = 0.062 \text{ m}$ ,  $K = 0.41$
- 8.61 Cold water has greater pressure drop
- 8.63  $p_2 = 1.68 \text{ MPa}$
- 8.65  $h_{\text{loss}} = 0.08 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{ft}}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 0.015 \frac{\text{hp}}{\text{ft}}$
- 8.67  $h_{\text{loss}} = 8.68 \text{ m}$
- 8.69  $h_{\text{pump}} = 30.6 \text{ m}$ ,  $h_{\text{loss}} = 10.9 \text{ m}$
- 8.71 Conventional:  $h_{\text{loss}} = 0.258 \text{ m}$ ; Exact:  $h_{\text{loss}} = 0.213 \text{ m}$
- 8.75  $Q = 2.44 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}} = 18.2 \text{ gpm}$
- 8.77  $Q = 4.32 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.79  $V_1 = 20.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $Q = 0.0910 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.83  $\frac{e}{D} = 0.017$
- 8.85 a)  $\ell = 275 \text{ mm}$ , b)  $\ell = 150 \text{ mm}$
- 8.87  $p_1 = 15.1 \text{ kPa gage}$ ,  $R_x = 2.65 \text{ N (tension)}$
- 8.89 turbulent flow has larger pressure drop
- 8.93 Increase in loss =  $\frac{38,200 - 6326}{6326} = 505 \%$
- 8.95 Case (a) is best and Case (c) is worst
- 8.97  $z_1 - z_2 = 8.13 \text{ m}$
- 8.101  $Q = 165 \text{ gpm}$
- 8.103  $Q = 1.01 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.105  $D = 2.5 \text{ ft}$
- 8.107  $Q = 0.0053 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.109  $\bar{V} = 27.3 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $R_x = 365 \text{ N (to right)}$
- 8.111  $p = 104.0 \text{ kPa}$
- 8.117  $h_{\text{loss}} = 0.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $K = 0.1$
- 8.119  $p_3 = -20 \text{ kPa}$
- 8.121  $Q = 1.26 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{s}}$  at 10m,  $0.890 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{s}}$  at 5m,  $0.393 \frac{\text{L}}{\text{s}}$  at 1m,  
 $t = 9.64 \text{ hr}$
- 8.123  $F = 832 \text{ N}$   $0.0173 \text{ m}^2$
- 8.125  $p_2 = 35.9 \text{ psi gage}$ ,  $Q = 11.5 \text{ gpm}$
- 8.127  $D_{\text{min}} = 0.488 \text{ in (0.5 ID tubing)}$
- 8.129  $Q = 5.97 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.131 Min dimensions = 198 mm by 395 mm
- 8.135  $K_v(0) = 1370$
- 8.137  $p_3 = 341 \text{ psi}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 170 \text{ hp}$
- 8.139  $L = 72.8 \text{ km}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 7,730 \text{ kW}$
- 8.141 Rough pipe:  $Q = 26.1 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\Delta p = 76.8 \text{ psi}$ ,  
 $\dot{W} = 750 \text{ hp}$ ; Smooth pipe:  $Q = 27.8 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $\Delta p = 67.4 \text{ psi}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 702 \text{ hp}$
- 8.143  $\Delta \Delta p_{\text{pump}} = (5.4 + 16.8) \text{ psi} = 22.6 \text{ psi}$ ,  
 $Q = 5.2$  and  $24.8 \text{ gpm}$
- 8.145  $\Delta p = 265 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $\dot{m} = 17.6 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$
- 8.149  $Q = 1.49 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.151  $Q = 0.0492 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 8.153  $Q_{\text{actual}} = 0.0297 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 9.3  $x_w = 0.181 \text{ ft}$ ,  $x_{\text{air}} = 2.62 \text{ ft}$
- 9.7 Length ratio increases with altitude
- 9.9 Satisfies boundary conditions
- 9.13  $F_D = 6.25 \text{ lbf}$
- 9.15  $U_2 = 13.8 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\Delta p = 20.6 \text{ Pa}$
- 9.19  $\Delta p = -1.16 \text{ psi}$
- 9.21  $\tau = 6.77 \times 10^{-5} \text{ psi}$
- 9.25  $F_{D, \text{lam}} = 0.157 \text{ N}$ ,  $F_{D, \text{trans}} = 0.424 \text{ N}$ ,  
 $F_{D, \text{turb}} = 0.527 \text{ N}$
- 9.31  $F_D = 1.11 \times 10^{-3} \text{ lbf per face}$
- 9.33 Lower drag on composite
- 9.35  $F_D = 0.557 \text{ N}$
- 9.37  $2.15 \times 10^{-6} \text{ lbf}$
- 9.39  $\dot{M}_{\text{bc}} = 136.3 \frac{\text{kg m}}{\text{s}^2}$ ,  $F_D = 17.04 \text{ N}$ ,  $x_{\text{trans}} = 0.150 \text{ m}$
- 9.41  $F_D = 1313 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $x_{\text{crit}} = 0.45 \text{ ft}$ ,  $\delta_{\text{crit}} = 0.0033 \text{ ft}$ ,  
 $\delta = 1.276 \text{ ft}$
- 9.43  $F_D = 1180 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 944 \text{ hp}$
- 9.45  $\frac{\delta}{x} = 0.353 \text{ Re}_x^{-0.2}$ ,  $C_f = 0.0605 \text{ Re}_x^{-0.2}$
- 9.47  $x = 16 \text{ m}$ , Drag ratio = 1.62
- 9.49 Laminar:  $\delta = 0.261 \text{ in}$ ,  $\tau_w = 7.17 \times 10^{-6} \text{ psi}$ .  
 Turbulent:  $\delta = 0.970 \text{ in}$ ,  $\tau_w = 3.12 \times 10^{-5} \text{ psi}$ .
- 9.51  $H_6 = 1.006 \text{ ft}$ ,  $L_1 = 1.725 \text{ ft}$ ,  $L = 0.669 \text{ ft}$
- 9.53  $e_{\text{ship}} = 17.8 \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{ton mile}}$ ,  $e_{\text{pipeline}} = 120 \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{ton mile}}$
- 9.57 Laminar boundary layer thinner

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- 9.63  $F_{D, m} = 36.7 \text{ N}$ ,  $F_{D, p} = 54.5 \text{ N}$
- 9.65  $x_t = 0.0745 \text{ m}$ ,  $\delta = 0.0810 \text{ m}$ ,  $F_D = 278 \text{ N}$
- 9.67  $F_D = 0.00242 \text{ lbf}$
- 9.69 (a)  $V = 15.8 \text{ ft/s}$ , (b)  $V = 17.1 \text{ ft/s}$
- 9.71  $F_D = 2.06 \times 10^4 \text{ lbf}$
- 9.73  $D = 0.002 \text{ m}$
- 9.75  $T = 86.2 \text{ Nm}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 0.726 \text{ hp}$
- 9.77 Max  $g = -3.66$
- 9.79 a)  $F_D = 1.82 \text{ N}$ , b)  $F_D = 1.61 \text{ N}$ ,  $V = 8.94 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 9.81  $\Delta s = 447 \text{ ft}$
- 9.83  $V_{\text{into}} = 24.7 \text{ km/hr}$ ,  $V_{\text{with}} = 35.8 \text{ km/hr}$ ; Improved tires:  $V_{\text{calm}} = 32.6 \text{ km/hr}$ ,  $V_{\text{into}} = 26.8 \text{ km/hr}$ ,  $V_{\text{with}} = 39.1 \text{ km/hr}$ ; Fairing:  $V_{\text{max}} = 42.1 \text{ km/hr}$
- 9.87  $\alpha = 50.7 \text{ deg}$
- 9.89  $F_D = 525,400 \text{ lbf}$  and  $T = 3.70 \times 10^{11} \text{ ft lbf}$  at 28 mph;  
 $F_D = 3,760,000 \text{ lbf}$  and  $T = 2.65 \times 10^{12} \text{ ft lbf}$  at 75 mph
- 9.91  $F_D = 2.6 \times 10^6 \text{ lbf}$  to  $1.8 \times 10^7 \text{ lbf}$
- 9.93  $V_{\text{still}} = 333 \text{ mph}$ ,  $V_{\text{head}} = 319 \text{ mph}$
- 9.95  $\text{mpg} = 6.13 \frac{\text{mile}}{\text{gal}}$ , Fuel savings =  $1720 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{yr}}$
- 9.97  $k = 0.0561 \frac{\text{mph}}{\text{rpm}}$
- 9.101  $T = 11.0 \text{ Nm}$
- 9.103  $V = 23.3 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\text{Re} = 48,200$ ,  $F_D = 0.111 \text{ N}$
- 9.105  $C_D = 61.9$ ,  $\rho_{\text{sphere}} = 3720 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ ,  $V = 0.731 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 9.107  $T = 519 \text{ kN m}$
- 9.109  $C_D = 1.11$
- 9.111 (a)  $F_L = 20,300 \text{ N}$ ,  $F_D = 1545 \text{ N}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 103 \text{ kW}$ ;  
 (b)  $F_L = 17,950 \text{ N}$ ,  $F_D = 1366 \text{ N}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 91 \text{ kW}$
- 9.115  $C_L = 0.648$ ,  $C_D = 0.043$
- 9.117  $F_D = 645 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $h = 33.9 \text{ ft}$
- 9.119  $F_L = 692 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}}$
- 9.121  $A = 278 \text{ ft}^2$ ,  $\dot{W} = 0.34 \text{ hp}$
- 9.125  $\Delta \dot{W} = 16.3 \text{ kW}$ , Savings = 94 %
- 9.127  $7m_{\text{max}} = 260 \text{ kg}$ ,  $V_{\text{min}} = 162 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$
- 9.129  $\alpha = 3 \text{ deg}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 10 \text{ kW}$ ,  $\frac{\text{acceleration}}{g} = 3.28$
- 9.131 Thrust = 7300 lbf
- 9.135  $\Delta p = -190 \text{ Pa gage}$ ,  $V = 118 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$
- 9.137  $F_L = 1.08 \times 10^4 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $F_D = 3.96 \times 10^3 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 8.13 \text{ hp}$
- 10.1  $Q = 0.243 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 126 \text{ kW}$ ,  $H = 52.8 \text{ m}$
- 10.3 For 60 deg:  $H = 102 \text{ ft}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 3.87 \text{ hp}$
- 10.5  $H = 320 \text{ ft}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 121 \text{ hp}$
- 10.7  $F = -3983 \text{ N}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 59.7 \text{ kW}$
- 10.9  $\theta_{\text{eff}} = 30.4 \text{ deg}$
- 10.13  $\beta = 61.3 \text{ deg}$
- 10.15  $H = 167 \text{ ft}$ ,  $H_k = 203 \text{ ft}$
- 10.19  $\dot{W} = 26.9 \text{ kW}$ ,  $\beta_1 = 105 \text{ deg}$ ,  $\beta_2 = 141.8 \text{ deg}$
- 10.21  $Q = 133 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 7.93 \text{ hp}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 68.8 \text{ deg}$
- 10.23  $N_S = 0.432$ ,  $\dot{W} = 8.97 \text{ kW}$
- 10.25  $T = 33.1 \text{ kN m}$
- 10.27  $H_0 = 25.8 \text{ m}$ ,  $\eta_p = 78.9 \%$ ; For  $N = 900 \text{ rpm}$ :  
 $Q = 1.07 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $H = 21.9 \text{ m}$ ,  
 $H_0 = 56.6 \text{ m}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 292 \text{ kW}$
- 10.29  $\dot{W} = 1403 \text{ kW}$
- 10.31 6 pumps,  $N = 473 \text{ rpm}$
- 10.33  $Q = 1051 \text{ gpm}$ ,  $N = 2410 \text{ rpm}$
- 10.41  $Q = 33.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $H = 63.3 \text{ m}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 20.9 \text{ MW}$
- 10.45 NPSHA = 82.2 kPa,  $p = -20.3 \text{ kPa gage}$
- 10.47  $Q = 0.58 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ; At  $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ :  $\dot{W} = 706 \text{ kW}$ ,  
 Cost = \$53 at \$ 0.15/kWh
- 10.49  $Q = 627 \text{ gpm}$
- 10.51  $Q = 2280 \text{ gpm}$ ,  $K = 150$
- 10.53  $Q = 423 \text{ gpm}$
- 10.57  $\eta = 86.6\%$ ,  $Q = 162 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $\Delta p = 0.0668 \text{ psi}$
- 10.59  $V = 123 \text{ ft/s}$
- 10.61  $N = 450 \text{ rpm}$ :  $D = 7.77 \text{ ft}$ ,  $\eta = 88 \%$ ;  $N = 600 \text{ rpm}$ :  
 $D = 5.83 \text{ ft}$ ,  $\eta = 89 \%$
- 10.63  $N_m = 600 \text{ rpm}$ ,  $\dot{W}_m = 1.16 \text{ kW}$ ,  $Q_m = 2.86 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $\eta_p = 0.924$
- 10.65  $N_S = 55.7$ ,  $Q_{\text{max}} = 34,600 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$
- 10.67  $\dot{W} = 280 \text{ W}$
- 10.69 Single jet:  $N = 236 \text{ rpm}$ ,  $D = 3.16 \text{ m}$ ,  
 $D_{\text{jet}} = 0.275 \text{ m}$
- 10.71  $\dot{W} = 3374 \text{ W}$ ,  $\beta_1 = 36.4 \text{ deg}$ ,  $\beta_2 = 144 \text{ deg}$
- 10.73 At  $V = 0$   $F_T = 893 \text{ N}$ ; At  $V = 12.5 \text{ m/s}$   
 $F_T = 809 \text{ N}$
- 10.75  $F_x = 0.315 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $F_y = 2.39 \text{ lbf}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 0.554 \text{ hp}$ ,  
 $u = 128 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$
- 10.77  $J = 0.748$ ,  $C_F = 0.0415$ , 77 %,  $C_T = 0.00642$ ,  
 $C_P = 0.0036$
- 10.79  $A_2 = 5.77 \text{ m}^2$
- 10.81  $N = 153 \text{ rpm}$ ,  $\dot{W} = 144 \text{ W}$
- 10.83  $F_p = 80.4 \text{ kN}$ ,  $F_T = 123.7 \text{ kN}$
- 10.87  $V_{\text{down}} = 4.6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $V_{\text{disk}} = 8.95 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $F_{\text{thrust}} = 272 \text{ kN}$ ,  
 $p_{\text{up}} = 59.7 \text{ Pa}$ ,  $p_{\text{down}} = -36.5 \text{ Pa}$

- 10.89  $N = 3160 \text{ rpm}$ ,  $\dot{m} = 68.8 \text{ lbm/s}$
- 11.3  $\frac{\lambda}{y} = 5.16$
- 11.11  $y = 0.302$ ,  $Fr = 3.85$
- 11.13  $y_c = 2.0 \text{ m}$ ,  $Q_{\max} = 53.2 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  $Q = 49.4 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$  at  $2.4 \text{ m}$ ,  
 $y = 2.87 \text{ m}$  and  $0.71 \text{ m}$  at  $Q = 28.3 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}$
- 11.15  $y = 1.46 \text{ ft}$ ,  $V = 6.85 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $E_{\text{min}} = 2.19 \text{ ft}$
- 11.17  $Q = 3.24 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$
- 11.19  $y_2 = 2.71 \text{ m}$ ,  $\text{width} = 3.22 \text{ m}$
- 11.21  $y_2 = 0.334 \text{ ft}$ ,  $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{y_1} = 11.3 \%$
- 11.23  $Q = 49.5 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$
- 11.25  $y_2 = 1.05 \text{ m}$
- 11.27  $\dot{W}_{\text{loss}} = 1924 \text{ hp}$
- 11.29  $Q = 54.0 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $H_1 = 1.62 \text{ ft}$
- 11.31  $y_2 = 4.45 \text{ m}$ ,  $H_1 = 9.31 \text{ m}$
- 11.33  $Q = 3.18 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- 11.35  $y = 2.61 \text{ ft}$
- 11.37  $Q_m = 1.56 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$ ,  $S_{o,m} = 0.0009$ ,  $n_m = 0.208$
- 11.39 concrete:  $b = 2.36 \text{ ft}$ ; cement:  $b = 2.77 \text{ ft}$
- 11.41  $y_0 = 1.32 \text{ m}$
- 11.43  $Q = 0.194 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- 11.45  $y = 1.37 \text{ m}$
- 11.47  $y = 0.775 \text{ m}$
- 11.49  $y_c = 0.637 \text{ m}$
- 11.51  $b = 4.78 \text{ ft}$ ,  $S_c = 0.00462$
- 11.53  $H = 0.331 \text{ m}$ ,  $P = 2.17 \text{ m}$
- 11.55  $8.84 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- 12.1  $\Delta u = -574 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}}$ ,  $\Delta h = -803 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg}}$ ,  $\Delta s = 143 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{kg K}}$
- 12.3 a)  $q = 1104 \text{ kJ/kg}$ , b)  $q = 789 \text{ kJ/kg}$
- 12.5  $V_2 = 247 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.7  $\dot{W} = 392 \text{ kW}$
- 12.9  $\Delta T = -2.1 \text{ F}$
- 12.11  $c_{\text{H}_2} = 1305 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $c_{\text{He}} = 1005 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $c_{\text{CH}_4} = 446 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $c_{\text{N}_2} = 349 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $c_{\text{CO}_2} = 267 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.13  $c = 299 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $V = 987 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\frac{V}{V_{\text{bullet}}} = 1.41$
- 12.17  $\Delta t = 16.233 \text{ s}$ ,  $\Delta t = 16.7 \text{ s}$
- 12.23  $V = 1862 \text{ m/s}$
- 12.25  $V = 493 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.398 \text{ s}$
- 12.27  $\Delta t = 8.55 \text{ s}$
- 12.29  $\Delta t = 48.5 \text{ s}$
- 12.31  $\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} = 48.5 \%$ , Not incompressible flow
- 12.33  $V = 218 \text{ m/s}$
- 12.37  $V = 460 \text{ ft/s}$
- 12.41  $T_{01} = 344 \text{ K}$ ,  $p_{01} = 223 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $T_{02} = 344 \text{ K}$ ,  
 $p_{02} = 145 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $s_2 - s_1 = 0.124 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg K}}$
- 12.43  $p_{\text{in}} - p_{\text{out}} = 48.2 \text{ kPa}$
- 12.45  $T^* = 260 \text{ K}$ ,  $p^* = 24.7 \text{ MPa abs}$ ,  $V^* = 252 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.47  $p_{\text{vac}} = 359 \text{ mm Hg}$ ,  $\dot{m} = 0.27 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\dot{m} = 0.26 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.49  $T^* = 1478 \text{ K}$ ,  $p^* = 74.0 \text{ kPa abs}$ ,  $V^* = 770 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.51  $p = 95.1 \text{ psia}$ ,  $T = 91.4 \text{ F}$ ,  $V = 309 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.53  $V = 781 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $\dot{m} = 2.00 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $M = 1.35$
- 12.55  $p = 6.52 \text{ psi}$
- 12.57  $D_{\text{th}} = 2.4 \text{ in.}$ ,  $D_e = 2.78 \text{ in.}$
- 12.59  $M_1 = 0.512$ ,  $M_2 = 1.68$ ,  $A^* = 0.759 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  
 $\dot{m} = 0.0321 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.61 a)  $\dot{m} = 0.325 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$ , b)  $\dot{m} = 0.325 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.63  $M_1 = 0.311$ ,  $M_2 = 0.612$ ,  $\frac{A_2}{A_1} = 0.792$
- 12.65  $\dot{m} = 17.0 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.67  $p_2 = 38,870 \text{ kPa abs}$ ,  $T_1 = 1246 \text{ C}$ ,  $\frac{A_2}{A_3} = 0.040$
- 12.69  $\dot{m} = 0.548 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.71  $p_0 = 817 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $p_e = 432 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $T_e = 228 \text{ K}$ ,  $V_e = 302 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.73  $F = 1560 \text{ N}$  to the left
- 12.75  $F = 304 \text{ lbf}$  in tension
- 12.77  $A = 2.99 \text{ in}^2$ ,  $m = 3.74 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.79  $p_e = 88.3 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $\dot{m} = 0.499 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $F = 1026 \text{ N}$  to the left
- 12.81  $p_1 = 1.28 \text{ psia}$ ,  $\rho_1 = 0.00653 \frac{\text{lbm}}{\text{ft}^3}$ ,  $V = 2260 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $T_{01} = 954 \text{ R}$ ,  $p_{01} = 10.0 \text{ psia}$ ,  $p_{02} = 7.22 \text{ psia}$
- 12.83  $p_1 = 314 \text{ kPa abs}$ ,  $p_2 = 166 \text{ kPa abs}$
- 12.85  $V_2 = 232 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $p_2 = 526 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $V_{2s} = 232 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  
 $p_{2s} = 1642 \text{ kPa}$
- 12.87  $T_2 = 520 \text{ K}$ ,  $p_{02} = 1.29 \text{ MPa abs}$
- 12.89  $V_1 = 416 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ ,  $V_2 = 399 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$
- 12.91  $p_0 = 57.9 \text{ kPa abs}$ ,  $T = 414 \text{ K}$ ,  $p = 51.9 \text{ kPa abs}$

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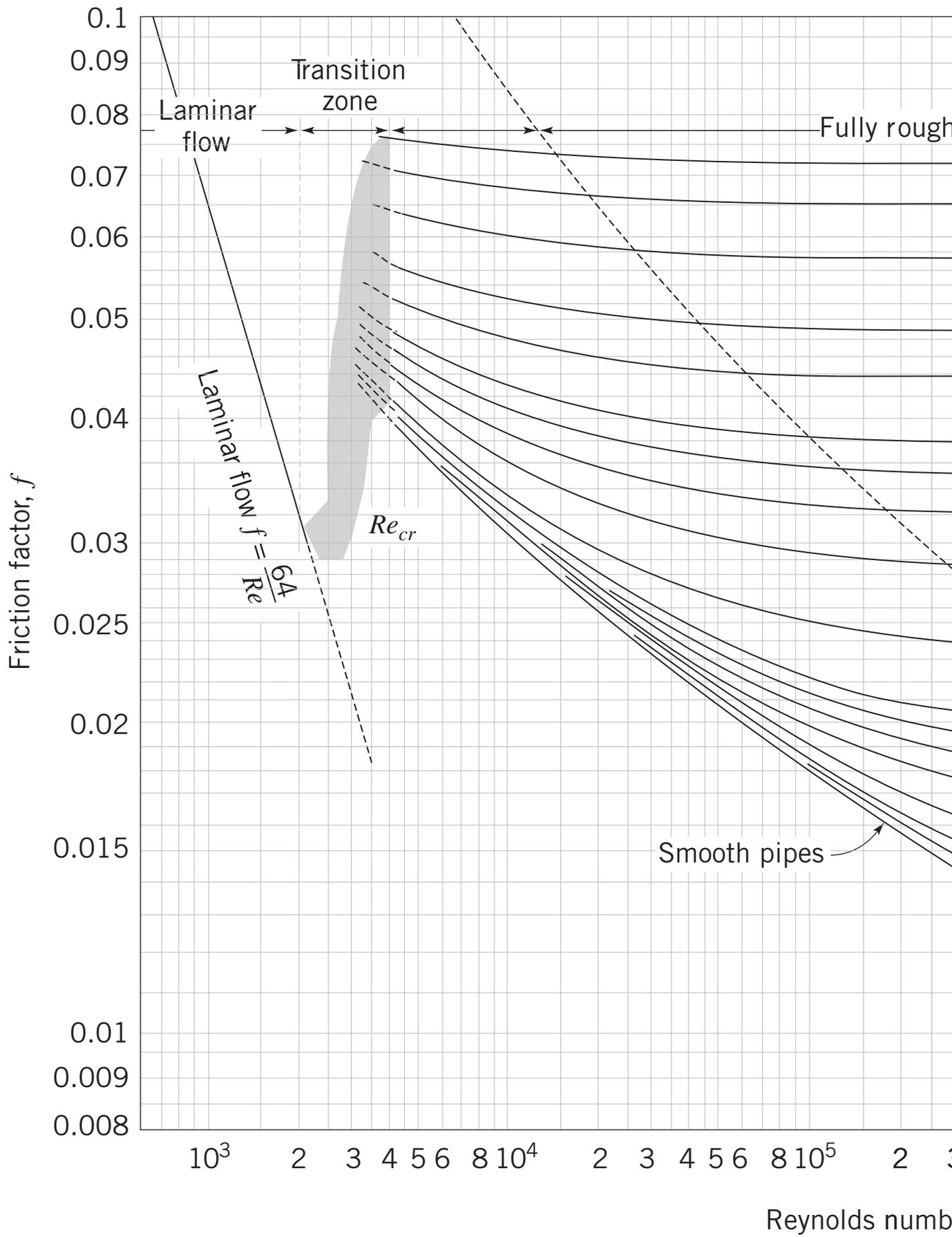
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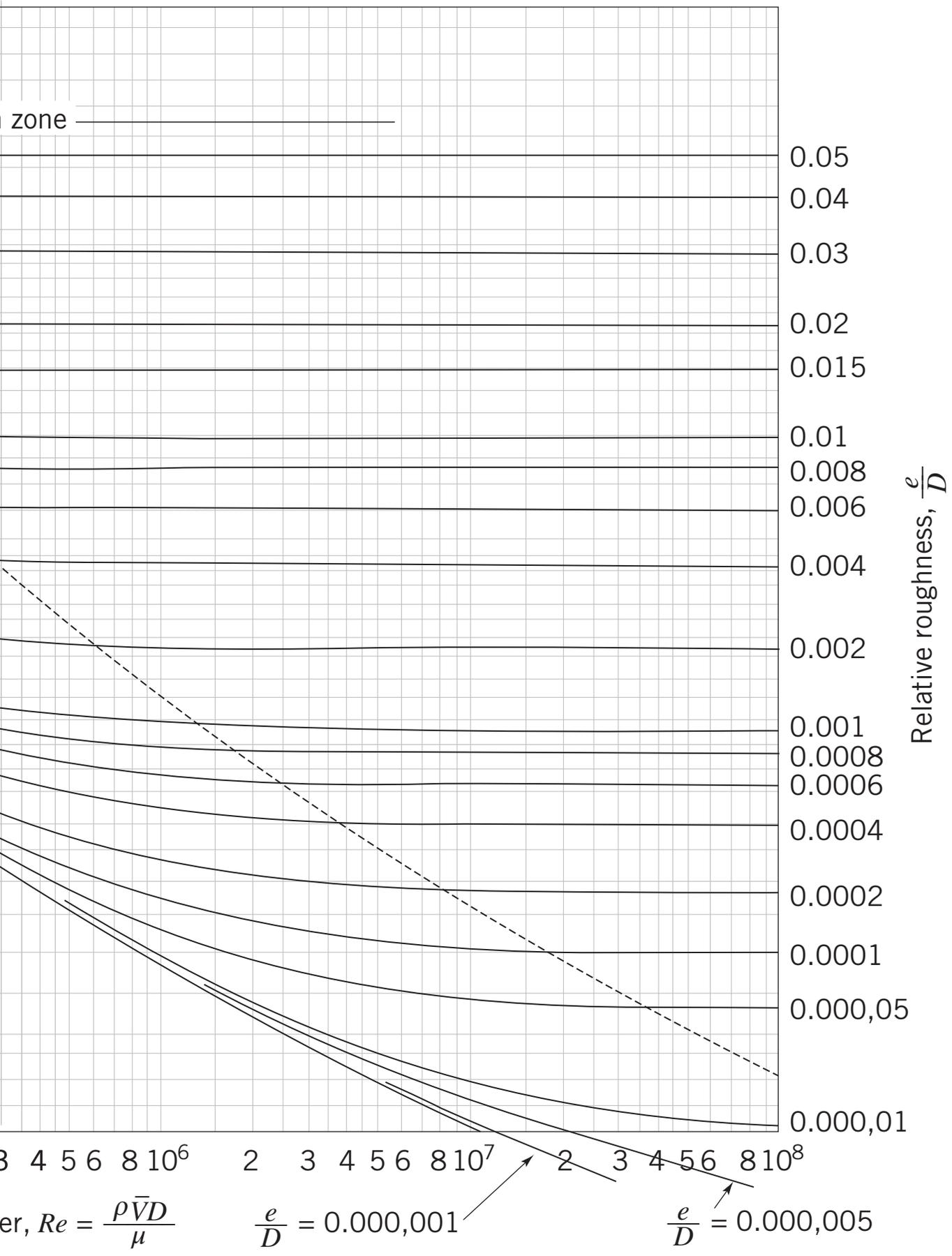
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