

Example problem-1

Calculate the uncertainty in head loss h_l expressed as

$$h_l = \frac{flV^2}{2gd}$$

Given uncertainties in l, v and d are 2%, 4% and 1%. Ignore the uncertainties in f and g

Example problem-2

Find uncertainties in the following calculated quantities

Flow rate in fully developed laminar region

$$Q = \frac{\pi \Delta p d^4}{128 \mu l}$$

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$$G_r = \frac{g \rho^2 \beta (T_s - T_\infty) l^3}{\mu^2}$$

Given uncertainties in Δp , d , μ , l , ρ , β and T are 4%, 2%, 3%, 2%, 4%, 5% and $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$

Example problem-3

Q3. Airflow rate of 17m³/h through a pipe of 60 mm ID at 20°C is measured using a square edged orifice ($\beta = 0.4$). A pressure drop observed is 157.85 N/m² with $\pm 0.4\%$. If the area of orifice is maintained within 0.2 %, estimate the design stage uncertainty in the flow rate. Assume accuracies of C_d and ρ are $\pm 0.5\%$. Estimate the total error in the measurement for $C_d = 0.63$ and $P = 0.97$ bar abs and $R = 287$ J/kg K.

For an orifice, $Q = C_d A (2\Delta p / \rho)^{1/2}$