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3 Pipe Flow

Fluid Mechanics 2 (CIVE50005)

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find f is to
find h_f !

Energy Lost

Major
(friction)

Minor
(enlargement,
contraction, etc)

★ Find f :
Moody Diagram
→ Laminar
- Re
→ Turbulent
- k_s/D

→ How to find f for non
Circular?

Pipes are everywhere

Pipes

Velocity Profile.
and
Shear Stress Profile.

Pipe System.

(When doing Bernoulli,
the energy lost, h
 $= KQ^2$ instead of $\frac{1}{2} \frac{U^2}{g}$)

Q basically any type
of question just
mass conservation and
energy conservation.
(both can have
multiple eqns)

Laminar

$$u(r) = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu D} \frac{dp}{dz} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)$$

(for all r)

$$\tau(r) = \mu \frac{du(r)}{dr}$$

Turbulent

$u(r)$ divided into
three regions.

$$\tau(r) = -\overline{\rho u' v'} + \bar{\tau}(r)$$

$$= -\overline{\rho u' v'} + \mu \frac{du(r)}{dr}$$

reynold stress viscous stress

$\approx 2\frac{r}{R}$ if core region ≈ 0 if core region

- having an alternative way to determine $\tau(r)$
→ another way to determine Z_0
→ another way to find h_f !

method 2
TWO METHODS
TO FIND
 h_f !

method 3

h_f and Z_0 are
interchangeable:

$$h_f = Z_0 \frac{PL}{pgA} = \frac{4Z_0 L}{pgD}$$

circular pipe

this means
there's two ways
to find Z_0 too!
one is find $\tau(r)$, one is
 $Z_0 = \frac{f}{f_p} pu^2$

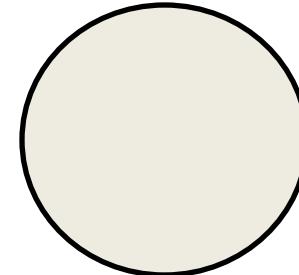
important notes / tricks :

- smooth pipe doesn't mean no friction, but ideal fluid does mean no friction

3.1 Steady Pipe Flow



Channel Flow



Pipe Flow

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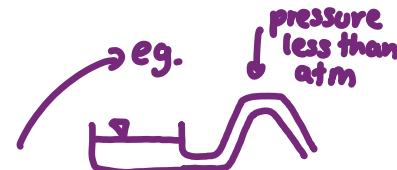
- liquid only (big density difference maintains concept of ‘free surface’)
- atmospheric pressure at free surface
- elevation of free surface, i.e. water depth and surface profile respond to flow
- cross-sectional area of flow determined by channel shape and flow conditions

Pipe Flow

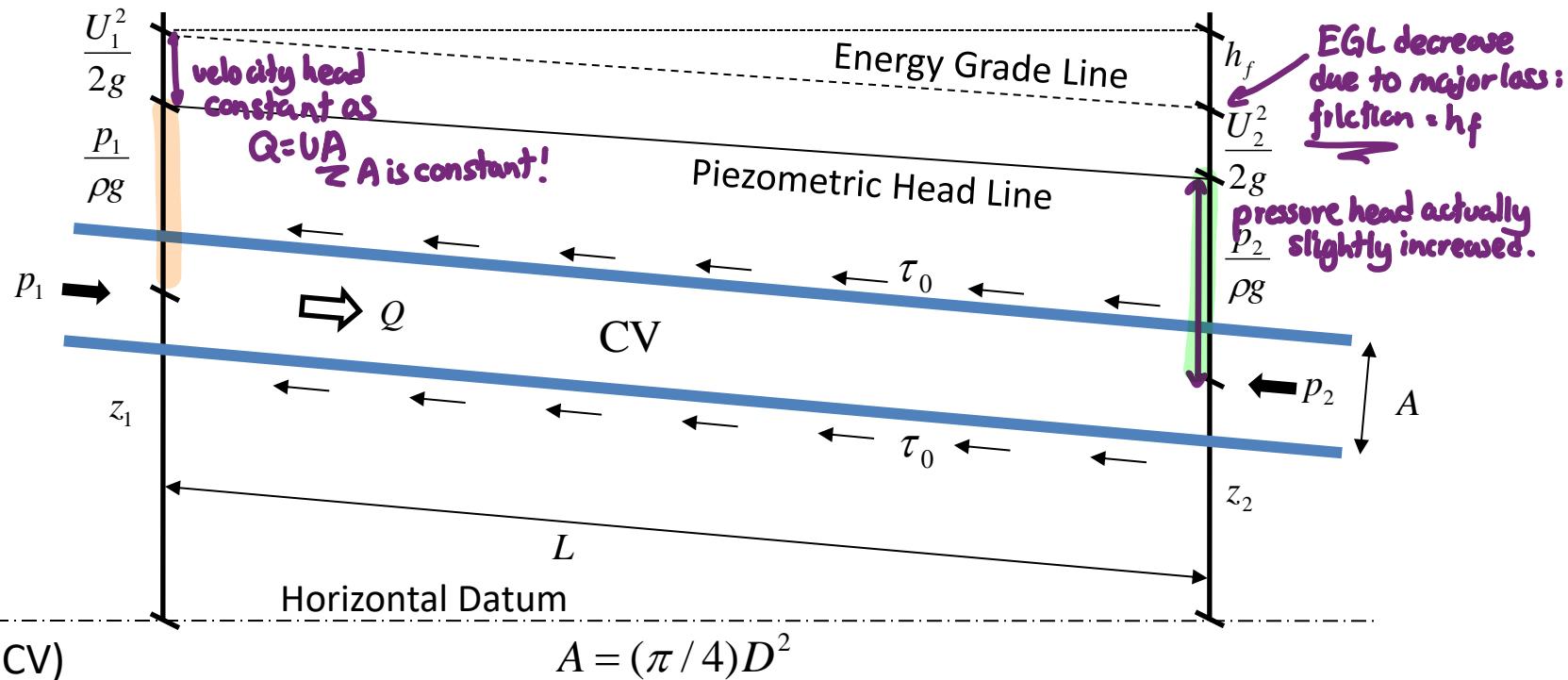
- liquid or gas
- fluid fills entire pipe (in all our examples)
- cross-sectional area of flow determined entirely by pipe geometry
- pressures can vary considerably, above and below atmospheric pressure



we don't look at cases
like this



Steady Flow Analysis (CI140)



Area (CV)

$$A = (\pi/4)D^2$$

Volume (Mass) conservation (CV) - This must be true for all flows (lam/turb) and all vel profiles

$$Q [m^3/s] = \text{constant} = 2\pi \int_0^{D/2} u(r) \cdot r \ dr, \text{ for uniform flow ONLY } u(r) = U \text{ then } Q = (\pi/4)D^2U$$

or else $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{dm}{dt}$

Momentum conservation(CV) - Mathematically true ONLY if velocity profile remains unchanged 1->2(slide 63+)

$$M [m^4/s^2] = 2\pi \int_0^{D/2} u^2(r) \cdot r \ dr, \text{ for uniform flow ONLY } u(r) = U \text{ then } M = (\pi/4)D^2U^2 = QU$$

$M = U^2A$ only if U is constant for U or

Energy and Hydraulic Grade Line

The functions of **total energy** and **piezometric head** are referred to as **the energy grade line ($H=EGL$)** and **hydraulic grade line ($h=HGL$)**, respectively.

- The energy and hydraulic grade lines are a **graphical representation of the energy state of the fluid** along a streamline
- The difference between **the total energy head (H)** [Pressure E. + P.E. + K.E.] and the **piezometric head (h)** [Pressure E. + P.E.] is the **velocity head**
- The **velocity head** is associated with the **kinetic energy [K.E.]** of the flow
- **Energy losses (h_f)** translate to a **decrease of the energy head H**
- **EGL = Press E. + P.E. + K.E. ; HGL = Press E. + P.E.**

Force balance down the pipe

force balance. $p_1A - p_2A + \rho g A z_1 - \rho g A z_2 - \tau_0 PL = 0$ ← force balance. $\sum F = 0$

or

energy balance $\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 + \frac{\tau_0 PL}{\rho g A} \Rightarrow (HGL)_1 = (HGL)_2 + \text{Losses}(h_f)_{1 \rightarrow 2}$

A – pipe cross section
P – wetted perimeter

*weight of fluid
in the dir. of pipe*

Area of fluid contact with pipe

(wetted perimeter = total length)

*both of these are zero when there is no change in momentum
i.e. $\frac{V^2}{2g}$ is fixed*

*$\sum F = 0$
or else
 $\sum F = ma$!*

$\sum E_{in} = \sum E_{out} + \sum E_{loss}$

Bernoulli equation

Steady flow Bernoulli equation for **ideal** fluid is

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 + \frac{U_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 + \frac{U_2^2}{2g} \Rightarrow (\text{EGL})_1 = (\text{EGL})_2$$

Real fluid, we could try to solve N.S. = bad idea, tough. Instead parameterise losses based on force balance. The head loss 1 to 2, in this case due to friction (shear stress) at the wall, is given by:

$$h_f = \frac{\tau_0 PL}{\rho g A} = \frac{\tau_0 \pi D L}{\rho g \pi D^2 / 4} = \frac{4\tau_0 L}{\rho g D}$$

$$h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{U^2}{2g} \quad (\text{in year 1's fluid})$$

better version of $f \frac{L}{D} \frac{U^2}{2g}$
(but need to find τ_0)

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 + \frac{U_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 + \frac{U_2^2}{2g} + h_f \Rightarrow (\text{EGL})_1 = (\text{EGL})_2 + \text{Losses}(h_f)_{1 \rightarrow 2}$$

How is shear stress modelled? What might the shear stress, τ_0 , depend on?

so how to find τ_0 ?

Shear Stress at Pipe Wall

Thinking and/or observation suggests
that wall-shear might depend on:

$$\tau_0 = \tau_0(U, D, \rho, \nu, k_s) = [M \cdot L^{-1} \cdot T^{-2}] = [kg / ms^2] = [N / m^2]$$

- $U = [L T^{-1}] = [m s^{-1}]$ – mean fluid speed = Q/A
- $D = [L] = [m]$ – pipe diameter
- $k_s = [L] = [m]$ – charac. wall roughness ‘height’
- $\rho = [ML^{-3}] = [kg m^{-3}]$ – density
- $\nu = [L^2 T^{-1}] = [m^2 s^{-1}]$ – kinematic viscosity

Dimensional Analysis (see Buckingham Pi theorem):

- 5 independent variables (n), in
- 3 independent physical units (k), => (mass, length and time)
- 2 ($n-k$) Non-Dimensional parameters, physically sensible to choose:

- Re = pipe Reynolds number
- k_s/D = relative roughness

IMPORTANT:

$$\tau_0 = \frac{f}{8} \rho U^2$$

where

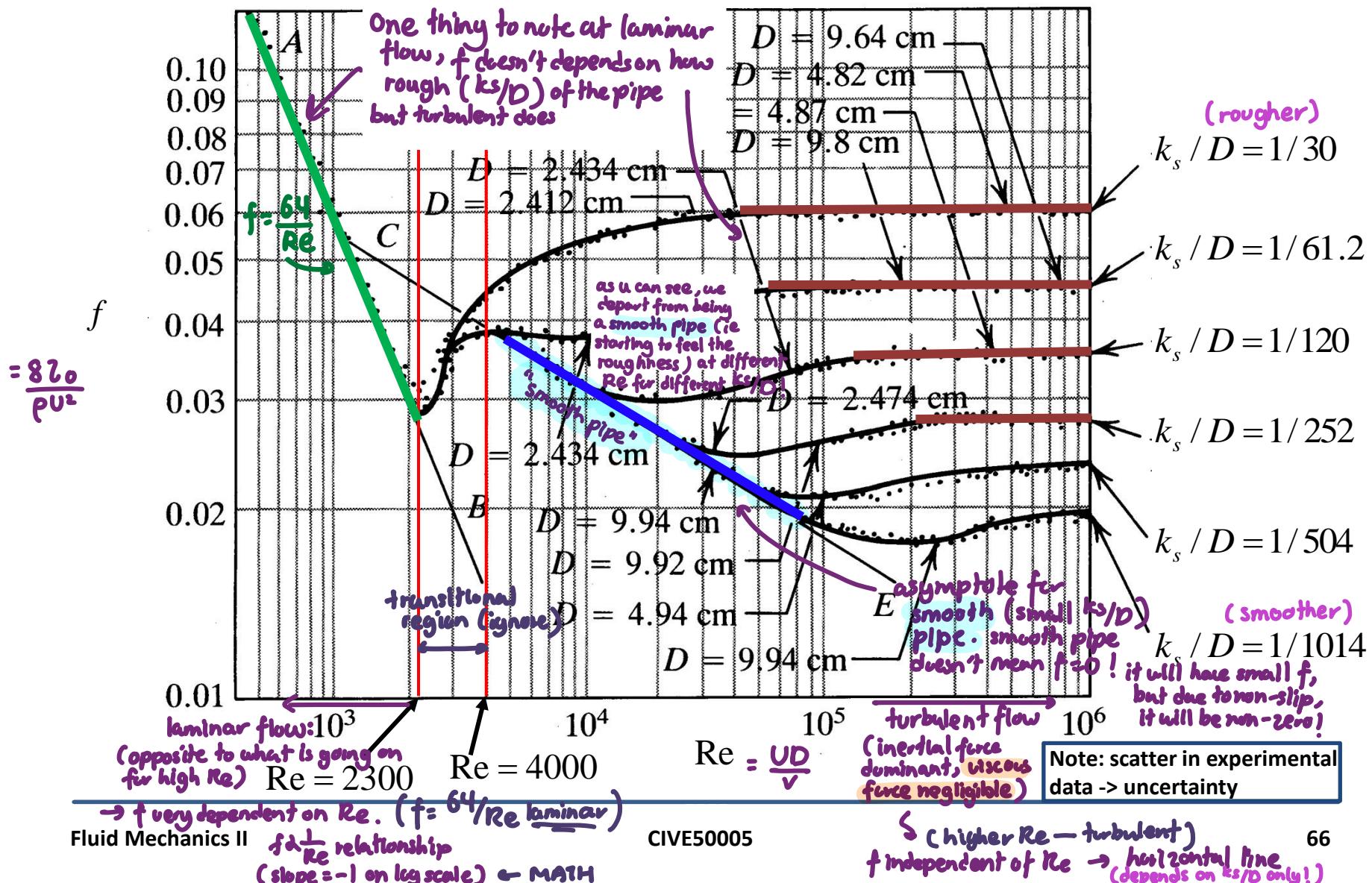
$$Re = \frac{UD}{\nu}$$

$$f = f\left(Re, \frac{k_s}{D}\right)$$

Why the factor (1/8)
in τ_0 ? See 3 slides on,
slide 68[?]

Important: f is very dependent on Re ,
almost independent on k_s/D for laminar (small Re)
 f is very dependent on k_s/D
and almost independent on Re for turbulent (large Re)

Nikuradse's Sand-Roughened Experiments



$$f = \frac{C}{Re} \quad \log f = \log C - \frac{\log Re}{m+1}$$

Experimental Data Fit

- From the **theory** of slow viscous flow (confirmed by experiments):

Laminar flow – Hagen-Poiseuille flow (Line A-B)

$$f = \frac{64}{Re} \quad \text{for } Re < 2300$$

- From the **experimental data**, the following relationships were established for **Turbulent flow in smooth or rough pipes** – Colebrook-White equation

$$\frac{1}{f^{1/2}} = -2 \log_{10} \left[\frac{k_s / D}{3.71} + \frac{2.51}{Re f^{1/2}} \right] \quad \text{for } Re > 4000. \quad -\text{(CW)}$$

- The equation for turbulent flow is **implicit in f**
 - Solution by: (i) trial and error, (ii) Newton-Raphson ... or (iii) **graphical**
- Colebrook-White equation forms basis for Moody Diagram

Note for later, as: $Re \rightarrow \infty$ then (CW) becomes: $\frac{1}{f^{1/2}} = -2 \log_{10} \left[\frac{k_s / D}{3.71} \right]$

Turbulent flow in smooth pipes (Line C-E)

$$k_s / D \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{then (CW) becomes: } \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} = 2 \log_{10} [Re f^{1/2}] - 0.8 \quad \text{for } Re \geq 4000$$

which is a horizontal
line eqn of $f = c_1$

Moody Diagram – plot of Hagen-Poiseuille flow and Colebrook-White equation

General case $h_f = \frac{\tau_0 PL}{\rho g A}$

Pipes $\tau_0 = \frac{f}{8} \rho U^2$

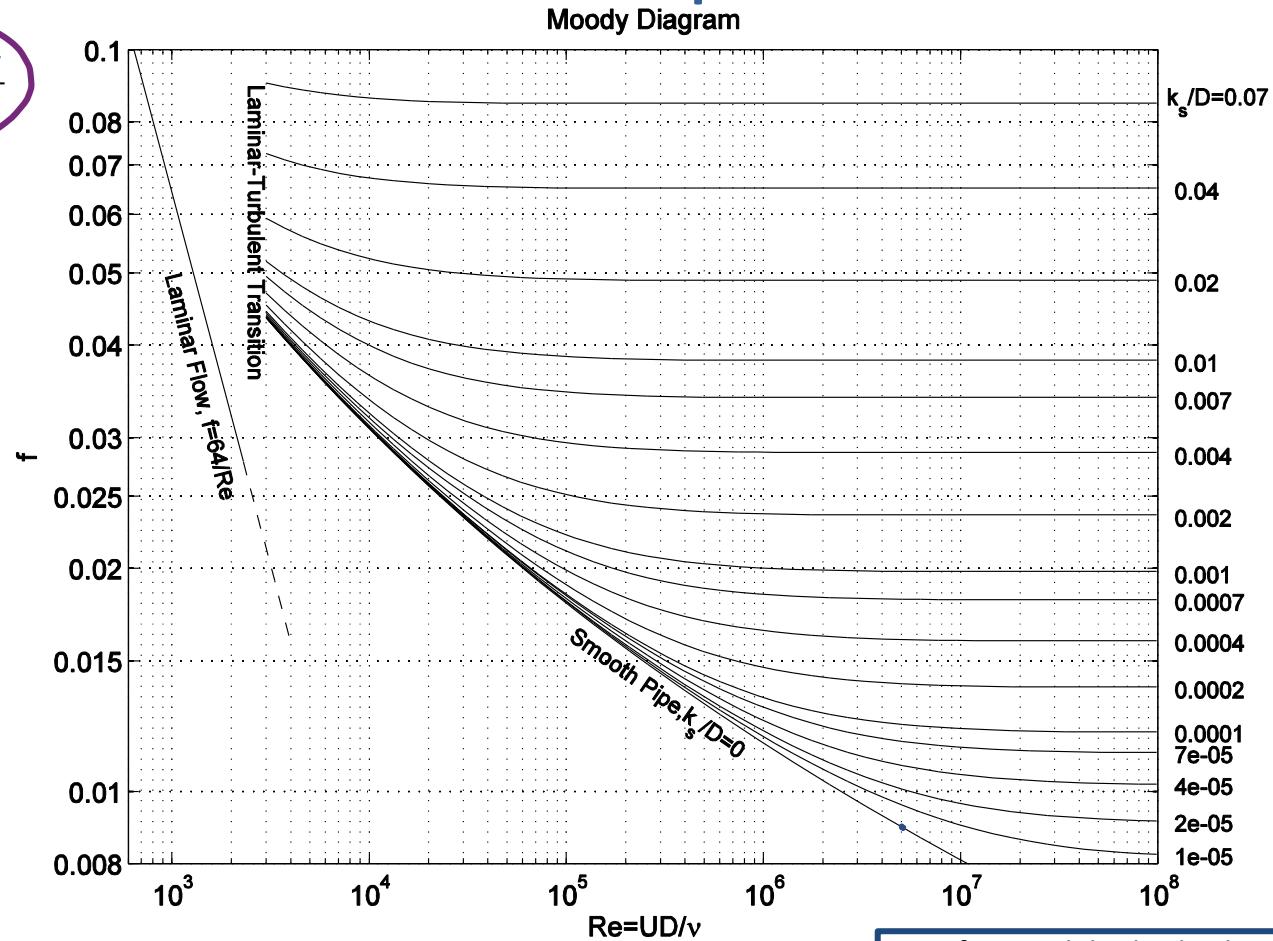
and $P = \pi D; A = \pi D^2 / 4$

So for pipes make h_f a factor of kinetic head.

$$h_f = f \frac{L U^2}{D 2g}$$

Moody Diagram

$$f = f\left(\text{Re}, \frac{k_s}{D}\right)$$



- Here f is the dimensionless **Darcy-Weisbach** friction coefficient
- [Some textbooks define: *friction coefficient* = $f/4$]

Note from 3 Slides back: The factor (1/8) there, results in (1/2) in the velocity head here...

Discussion of Moody Diagram

In the general case, the **Darcy-Weisbach** friction coefficient is a function of both Reynolds number and relative wall roughness.

Laminar flow ($Re < 2300$)

- The friction coefficient is **independent** of the roughness of the pipe walls
- Experimental results confirm that this is valid unless the roughness becomes so great that it affects the diameter of the pipe, i.e. $D - 2k_s \ll D$

Turbulent flow ($Re > 4000$)

- The friction coefficient is indeed a function of Reynolds number **and** relative wall roughness
 - Each curve in the diagram represents the friction coefficient for a particular value of k_s/D
 - **Moderate** values of k_s/D : curves coincide with smooth pipe line for **intermediate** values of Re – ‘Smooth zone of flow’
 - For **very large** Reynolds numbers each curve flattens out and f is hence **independent** of Re , and:
- $$\frac{1}{f^{1/2}} = -2 \log_{10} \left[\frac{k_s / D}{3.71} \right] \quad \text{or} \quad f = \left[-2 \log_{10} \left(\frac{k_s / D}{3.71} \right) \right]^{-2} = \left[\log_{10} \left(\frac{13.76 D^2}{k_s^2} \right) \right]^{-2}$$

Understanding Pipe Losses

- **Laminar pipe flow** is governed by the Hagen-Poiseuille solution. This is the exact analytical solution.
- **MOST pipe flows are turbulent** and, as a result, highly complex. It is outside the scope of this course to introduce any analysis of the turbulence itself – **we will** parameterise the effects of turbulence and **gain physical insight into turbulence in pipes** (slide 75&76).
- In turbulent flows, an **irregular fluctuation** is superimposed on the main flow – remember Reynolds decomposition & averaging (slide 44).
- The expressions for turbulent pipe losses (Colebrook-White, Moody diagram) are based on **experimental data, NOT** theoretical results.
- For very **large Re** numbers (fully turbulent flow) simple viscous effects (which are responsible for the losses in laminar flow) no longer vary with Reynolds number.
- In highly turbulent flows (**very large Re**) the energy is lost due to **turbulent mixing** where losses are proportional to the square of the mean velocity. For a given relative roughness, the friction factor f must thus be independent of the Re number and is hence **constant** in this regime – flat curves @ RH end of Moody diagram.

Steady Pipe Flow Problem 1

Assume water (at 20°C $\nu=1.0\times10^{-6}$ m²/s) flowing in a pipe with diameter $D = 75$ mm, length $L = 300$ m and wall roughness $k_s = 0.15$ mm.

Given a volume flow rate of $Q = 3\times10^{-3}$ m³/s, what is head loss h_f ?

Solution:

$$h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{U^2}{2g} \quad f = f\left(\text{Re}, \frac{k_s}{D}\right) \quad \text{Re} = \frac{UD}{\nu} = 5.09 \cdot 10^4 \quad \frac{k_s}{D} = 0.002$$

i. Determine the mean velocity:

$$U = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{Q}{(\pi/4)D^2} = 0.68 \text{ m/s}$$

ii. Use the Moody diagram to obtain the Darcy-Weisbach coefficient

$$f \xrightarrow{\text{MoodyDiagram}} 0.027$$

iii. Obtain the head loss

$$h_f = 2.54 \text{ m}$$

Steady Pipe Flow Problem 2

Assume water (at 20°C $\nu=1.0\times10^{-6}$ m²/s) flowing in a pipe with diameter $D = 75$ mm, length $L = 300$ m and wall roughness $k_s = 0.15$ mm.

Given a head loss of $h_f = 2$ m, what is the volume flow rate Q ?

Solution:
$$h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{U^2}{2g} \quad f = f\left(\text{Re}, \frac{k_s}{D}\right) = f\left(\frac{UD}{\nu}, \frac{k_s}{D}\right)$$

- Implicit equation in U , trial and error solution

U [m/s]	Re	f	h_f [m]
1	$7.50 \cdot 10^4$	0.026	5.3
0.5	$3.75 \cdot 10^4$	0.027	1.38
0.7	$5.25 \cdot 10^4$	0.0265	2.65
0.6	$4.50 \cdot 10^4$	0.0265	1.94
0.609	$4.57 \cdot 10^4$	0.0265	2.00

$$Q = UA = U(\pi/4)D^2 = 2.69 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Minor Losses

Why minor? Because major loss, h_f , is often bigger: often $f \approx 10^{-2}$, $10^{-1}m \leq D \leq 10^0 m$ so for $10m \leq L \leq 100m$ then pre-factor in the 'major' losses, h_f , is $f L/D \gg 1$

minor loss sometimes can be greater than major loss

Including minor losses, the steady flow Bernoulli equation (Bernoulli balance) is:

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 + \frac{U_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 + \frac{U_2^2}{2g} + h_f + h_L$$

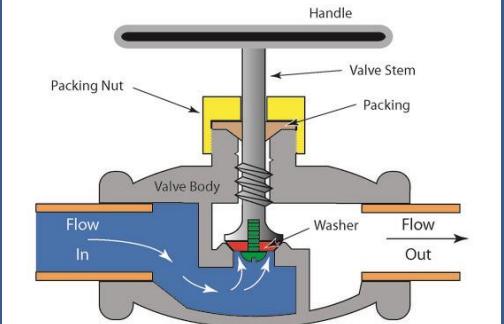
The loss factor is defined as (1st year)

$$h_L = \xi \frac{U^2}{2g}$$

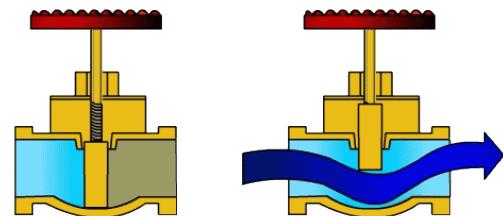
no matter $h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \left(\frac{U^2}{2g} \right)$ or
 $h_f = \xi \left(\frac{U^2}{2g} \right)$ the factor is not bounded by 1.

Approximate Loss Coefficients ξ for Commercial Pipe Fittings (you can lose more than KE head)

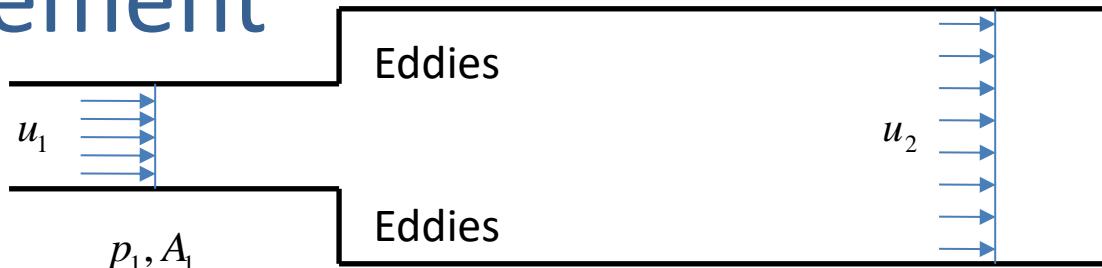
Type	Screwed	Flanged
Valve, wide open (Globe)	10	5
Valve, wide open (Gate)	0.2	0.1
Return bend	1.5	0.2
Elbow, 90 regular	1.5	0.3
Elbow, 90 long radius	0.7	0.2
Tee, line flow	0.9	0.2
Tee, branch flow	2	1



Globe valve



Sudden Enlargement



- Flow is assumed to be steady in section 1 and 2
- Sudden expansion typically causes turbulent eddies in the corners, hard to deal with analytically -> parameterise
- Additional dissipation of kinetic energy (via inconsequential heating)
- Additional dissipation is turbulent, remember the Reynolds stress terms (slide 45)

Assuming that at the expansion the pressure is approximately equal to p_1 (streamlines approximately parallel and experiments support this idea). Then a force balance gives:

$(p_1 - p_2)A_2 = \rho Q(U_2 - U_1)$ and this into Bernoulli gives:

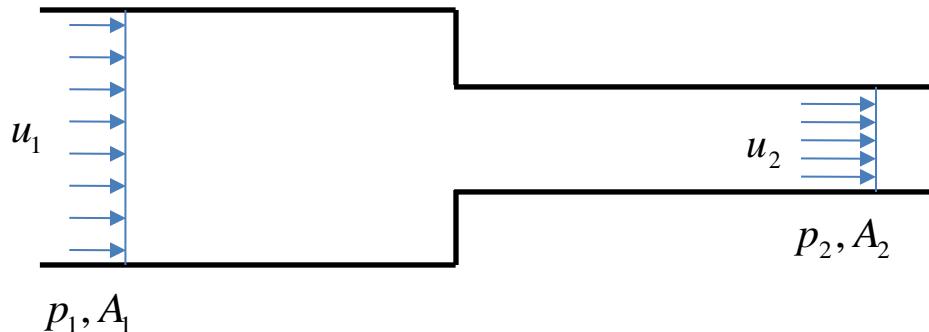
$$h_L = \left(1 - \frac{A_1}{A_2}\right)^2 \frac{U_1^2}{2g} = \left(\frac{A_2}{A_1} - 1\right)^2 \frac{U_2^2}{2g}$$

Defining the head loss factor **relative to the highest velocity** gives $\xi \frac{U_1^2}{2g}$

$$\xi = \left(1 - \frac{A_1}{A_2}\right)^2$$

A_1/A_2	0 (exit)	0.1	0.25	0.5	0.75	1
ξ	1	0.81	0.5625	0.25	0.0625	0

Sudden Contraction



- Sudden contraction causes a *vena contracta* (the point where the diameter of the fluid stream is minimal) immediately after the junction
- Eddies are formed between this vena contracta and the pipe walls
- Difficult to parametrise, losses depend on the ‘min’ width felt by the flow during the *vena contracta* analytically
 - The ‘min’ width itself is flow dependent and may be unsteady
 - Empirical data has been developed by experimental engineers

For coaxial circular pipes and fairly high Reynolds numbers, Massey (1998) suggests:

A_2/A_1	0 (entrance)	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
ξ	0.5	0.45	0.38	0.28	0.14	0

how to find $h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \left(\frac{U^2}{2g} \right)$ if pipe is non circular?

Non circular pipes - Hydraulic Radius

For circular pipes:

Darcy-Weisbach equation

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 + \frac{U_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 + \frac{U_2^2}{2g} + h_f \quad \text{and} \quad h_f = \frac{\tau_0 PL}{\rho g A} = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{U^2}{2g} \text{ (slide 54)}$$

These equations can remain valid for **non-circular, prismatic** ducts. Introduce the **Hydraulic Radius**

$$R_H = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{\text{Flow Area}}{\text{Wetted Perimeter}}$$

- $a \times b$ rectangular duct:

$$R_H = \frac{ab}{2(a+b)}$$

- circular pipe:

$$R_H = \frac{\pi D^2 / 4}{\pi D} = \frac{D}{4}$$

Must be consistent for pipes between using physical pipe diameter D and hydraulic radius R_H , so replace D with $4R_H$ everywhere Darcy-Weisbach equation becomes

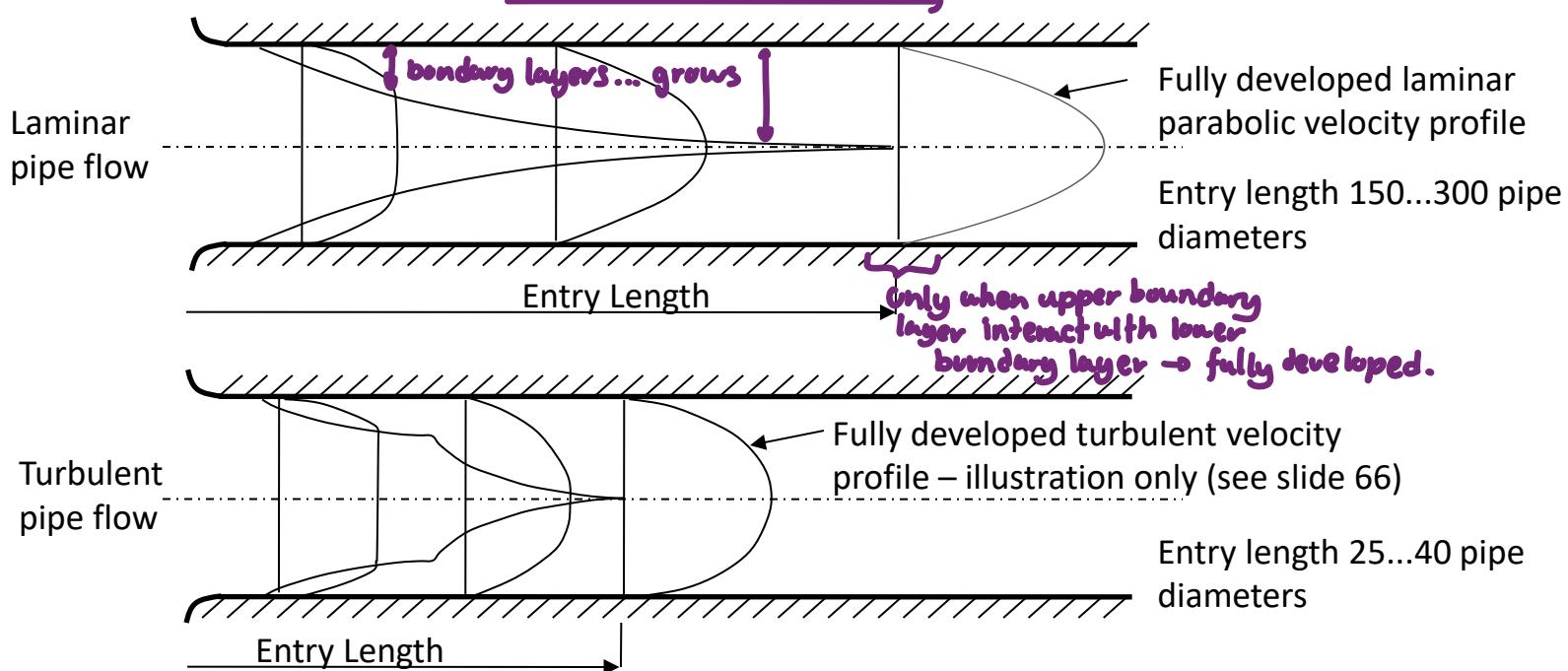
$$h_f = f \frac{L}{4R_H} \frac{U^2}{2g} \quad f = f \left(\frac{U 4R_H}{\nu}, \frac{k_s}{4R_H} \right)$$

3.2 Flow Profiles in Pipes

$$Re = \frac{\text{Inertia}}{\text{Viscosity}}$$

Reynold's number increases going downstream ...

$\rightarrow u$ increases



- At pipe entry, velocity profile is typically near uniform
- Boundary layer (BL) development from pipe wall
- Region where Boundary layer (BL) developing termed the '**entry length**'
- **Fully developed flow** when boundary layers converges to pipe centreline 
 - Flow profile ceases to vary with axial coordinate so $u(x,r) = u(r)$ *velocity profile stop changing after fully developed*
- Possible laminar-turbulent transition in boundary layer

Laminar Flow Profiles in Pipes

The **exact solution** of the Navier-Stokes equations for **steady (laminar)** flow in a pipe is referred to as '**Hagen-Poiseuille**' flow. The derivation will be omitted here but even Wikipedia has a reasonable derivation, note velocity u is not a function of time $u(r)$.

The velocity profile is parabolic (cf. steady flow between plates) and given by

$$u(r) = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{du}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} r$$

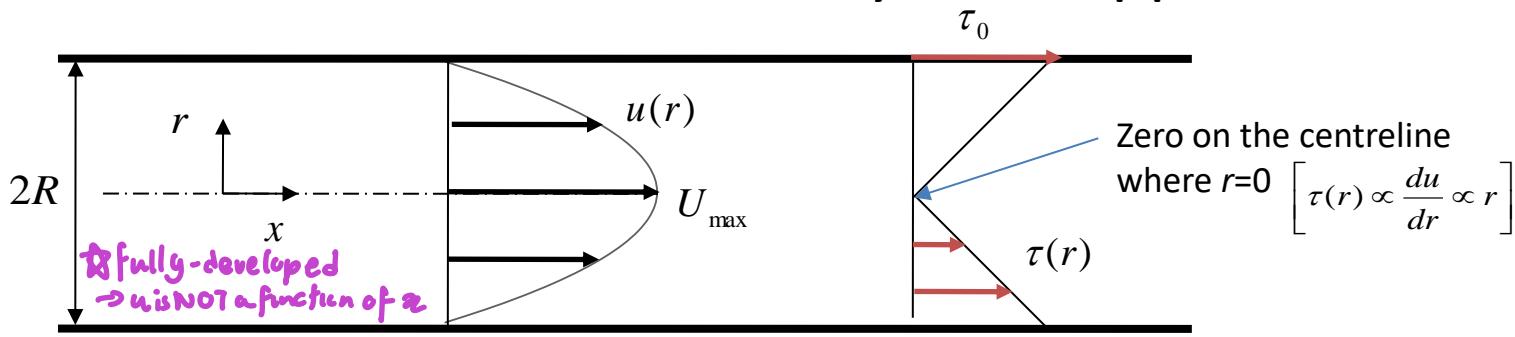
quite similar to the solution
of navier-stoke equation
for steady, laminar, fully-developed case.

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

For a **Newtonian fluid**, the shear stress distribution is

$$\tau(r) = \mu \frac{du}{dr} \quad \text{so here} \quad \tau(r) = \mu \frac{du}{dr} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{dp}{dx} r$$

which is linear in r , i.e. **shear stress varies linearly across the pipe**



Turbulent Flow Profiles, some notation

- For a turbulent flow velocity is a function of space (position, 3 dimensions) and time
- Turbulent flow in circular pipes natural axis of symmetry so: $u = u(x, r, t)$
- For fully developed flow, by definition: $u = u(r, t)$ *the difference between laminar and turbulent is: for turbulent, u is a function of t*
- Time averaged velocities, often very meaningful: $\overline{u(r)} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u(r, t) dt$
- Mean (cross-sectional average) velocity (slide 48): $U = \overline{\langle u(r) \rangle} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R 2\pi r \overline{u(r)} dr$
- Time-averaged velocity on centreline is maximum: $u_{max} = \overline{u(r=0)} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T u(0, t) dt$
- We're thinking about profiles, typically $\frac{\overline{u(r)}}{u_{max}}$ or $\frac{\overline{u(r)}}{U}$ *we usually normalise time averaged velocity with u_{max}*

remember, as mentioned previously,
smooth pipes doesn't mean no friction!
it just mean small k_s/D

Turbulent Flow Profiles in Smooth Pipes

Based on **experimental evidence**, the radial distribution of the (time-averaged) axial velocity in **smooth pipes** may be expressed by

$$\frac{\bar{u}(r)}{u_{\max}} = \left(\frac{R-r}{R} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\frac{y}{R} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

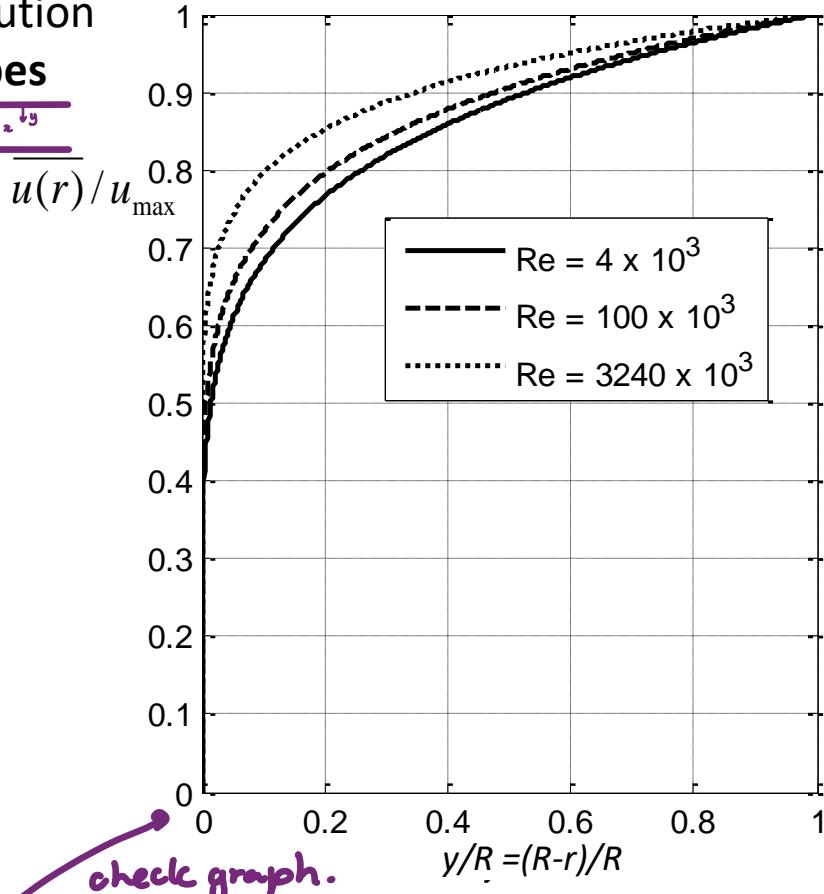
where the exponent n varies slightly with Reynolds number.

The ratio of mean, U , to maximum velocity , u , is

$$\frac{U}{u_{\max}} \approx \frac{2n^2}{(n+1)(2n+1)} = \frac{2n^2}{2n^2 + 3n + 1}$$

So what is n ? Empirical and approximate...

Re	$4 \cdot 10^3$	$100 \cdot 10^3$	$3240 \cdot 10^3$
n	6	7	10
U/u_{\max}	0.791	0.837	0.865



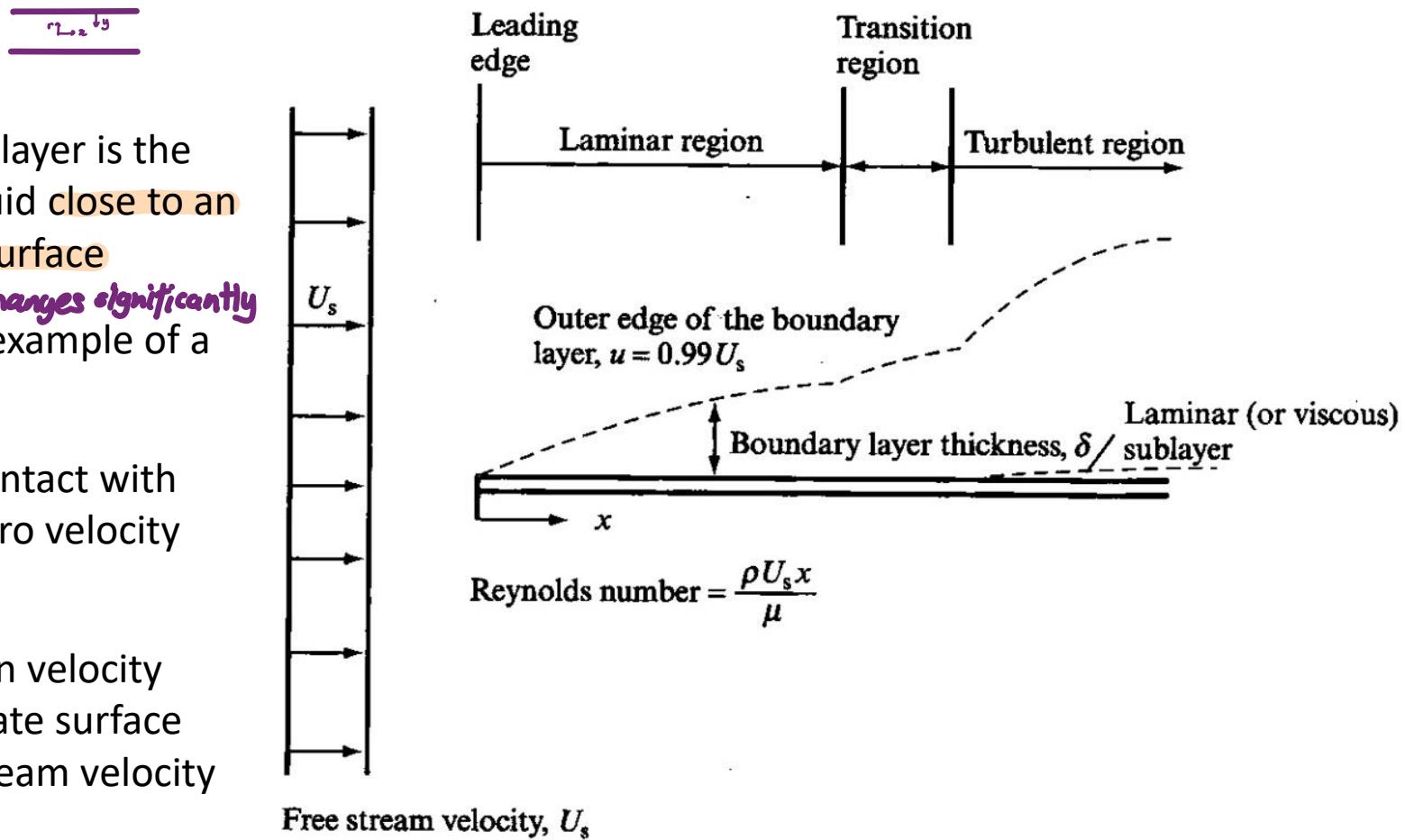
check graph.

- Velocity profile 'fuller' (flatter, i.e. closer to uniform velocity) for larger Re number
- **Results Differ for rough pipes** - validity close to the wall is not clear
- **Empirical laws of friction or laws of resistance** (pressure gradient and rate of flow)

Introduction to Boundary Layers (1)

For wall-bounded flows cross-stream coordinate is typically denoted y with $y=0$ at the wall, EXCEPTION: pipes r is typical with $r=0$ on the centreline, i.e. $y = R - r$.

- Boundary layer is the region of fluid close to an immersed surface where velocity changes significantly
- Consider example of a flat plate
- Fluid in contact with plate has zero velocity (no slip)
- Gradient in velocity between plate surface and free stream velocity



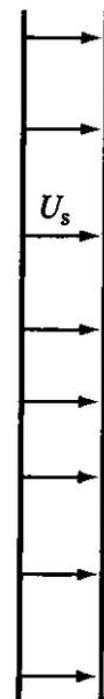
Introduction to Boundary Layers (2)

- Shear stress $\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$

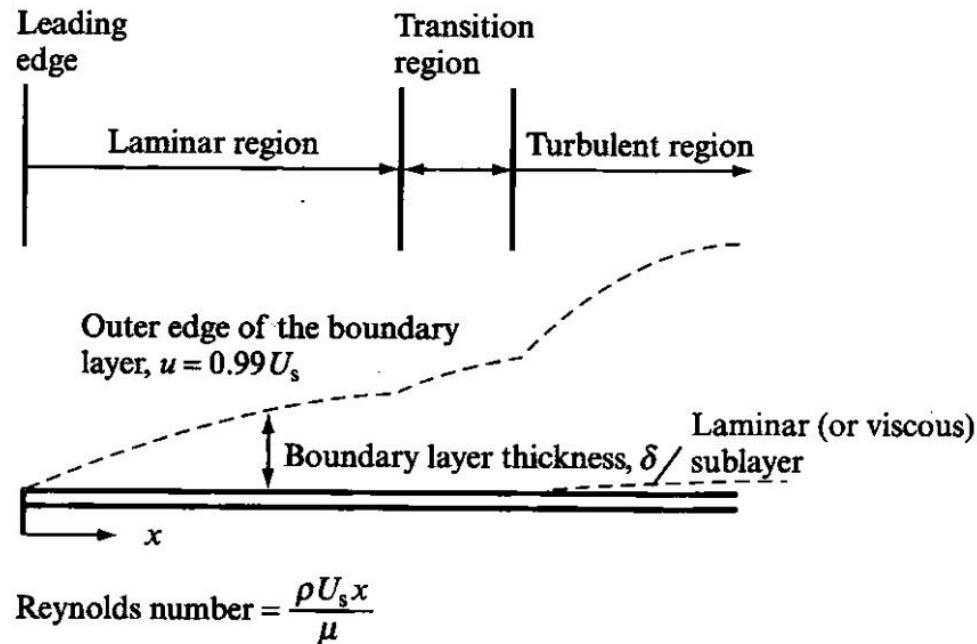
acting at the plate sets up a shear force that opposes the fluid motion

- Effect of shear force increases along plate, increasing the thickness of fluid layer that is affected

- Reynolds number typically increases along plate, leading to turbulent flow conditions



Free stream velocity, U_s



Boundary Layer Development (1)

- Very close to the plate surface the flow remains viscously dominated (laminar-like)

Velocity gradient is governed by the fluid viscosity and the wall-shear stress, τ_0

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \tau_0 / \mu$$

*valid primary
when viscous stress dominates
(laminar / viscous sublayer)*

Integrating both sides

$$\int du = \int \frac{1}{\mu} \tau_0 dy$$

$$u = \tau_0 \frac{y}{\mu} + C$$

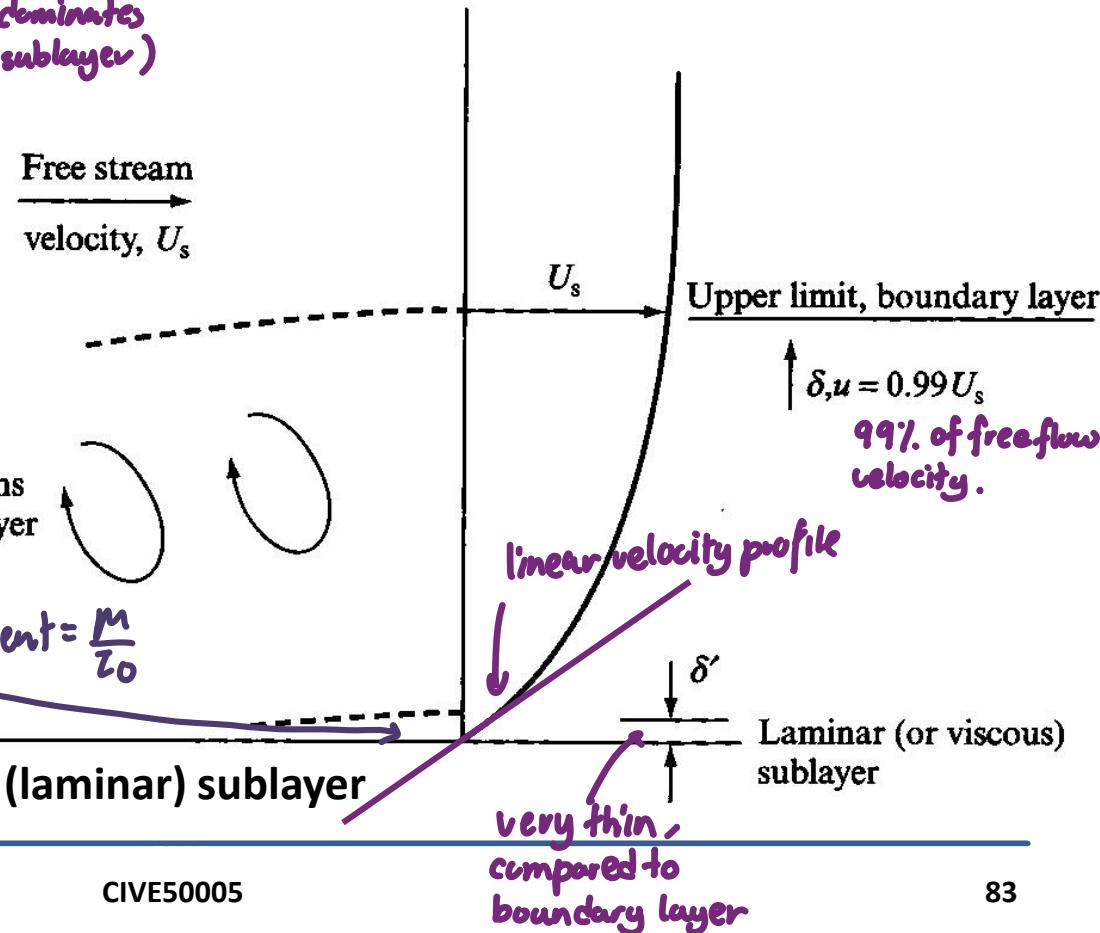
$$u(y=0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 0$$

$$u = \tau_0 \frac{y}{\mu}$$

$$u = \frac{\tau_0}{\mu} y \quad \text{gradient} = \frac{\mu}{\tau_0}$$

- Linear velocity profile in viscous (laminar) sublayer



Boundary Layer Development (2)

The velocity in the viscous sublayer is (using $\mu \equiv \rho v$)

$$u = \tau_0 \frac{y}{\mu} = \frac{\tau_0}{\rho} \frac{y}{v} \quad -(A) \quad \text{kinematic viscosity}$$

rewrite $\mu = \rho v$

We want to write a wall-shear velocity, $u_* = f(\tau_0)$, i.e. the velocity evident from the wall-shear stress [$M L^{-1} T^{-2}$].

Dimensionally wall-shear velocity [$L T^{-1}$] cannot depend on mass and so

$$u_* = f\left(\frac{\tau_0}{\rho}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\tau_0}{\rho} = \left[\frac{ML^{-1}T^{-2}}{ML^{-3}} \right] = \left[\frac{T^{-2}}{L^{-2}} \right] = \left[\frac{L^2}{T^2} \right]$$

So the wall-shear velocity is:

what is u_* ?

- a characteristic velocity scale.

(i.e. not an actual velocity at any specific point)

Now eq (A) can be written as: $u = \frac{u_*}{\nu} y$, or more intuitively:

Length scale ν/u_*
known as 'wall units'

$$\frac{u}{u_*} = \frac{u_*}{\nu} y$$

important length scale

why length?

cause u/u_* is dimensionless
if $[y] = m$, $[u_*/\nu] = m^{-1}$

Experimentally it has been shown that the viscous sub-layer thickness is $\delta' = (3-5)\nu/u_*$

We want to exploit this thinking for BLs and apply it to pipes

"3 to 5" not
"3 minus 5"

Consider two regions: a) Wall region 'near' the wall, b) Core region towards the pipe centre

Turbulent Flow Profiles in Pipes (Wall)

a) **Wall region** $0 < y < (70 - 200) \frac{v}{u_*}$

Viscous sub layer (within a few wall units of the wall)

$$U^+ = \frac{\overline{u(y)}}{u_*} = \frac{y}{v/u_*} = y^+$$

Beyond but still near the wall – the law of the wall!

In general

$$\frac{\overline{u(y)}}{u_*} = C_1 \ln \frac{y}{v/u_*} + C_2 \quad \text{or} \quad U^+ = C_1 \ln y^+ + C_2$$

it's a log curve!

For very large Reynolds numbers

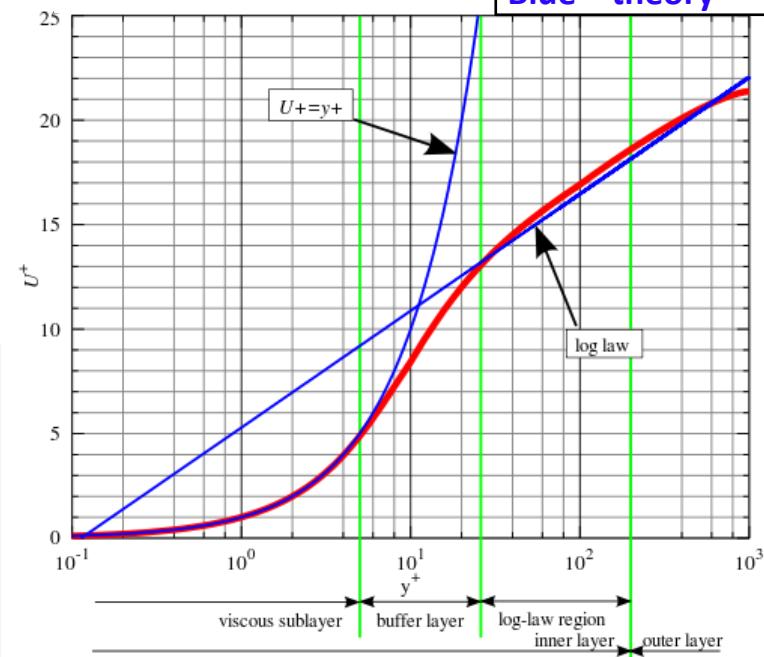
a) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 < \frac{yu_*}{v} < 3 \sim 5 \\ 10 \sim 40 < \frac{yu_*}{v} < 70 \sim 200 \end{array} \right.$

purely laminar friction
Viscous sub layer

laminar-turbulent friction
Law of the wall

Typical to scale the:
 - Cross-stream coordinate by wall units $y^+ = \frac{y}{v/u_*}$
 - Velocity by wall-shear velocity $U^+ = \frac{u(y)}{u_*}$

Red = data
Blue = theory



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For rough pipes

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} \approx \frac{1}{0.4} = 2.5; \kappa \text{ known as von Karman's constant}$$

$$U^+ = \frac{\overline{u(y)}}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{y}{k_s} + 8.5$$

y scaled by roughness

For very large Reynolds numbers

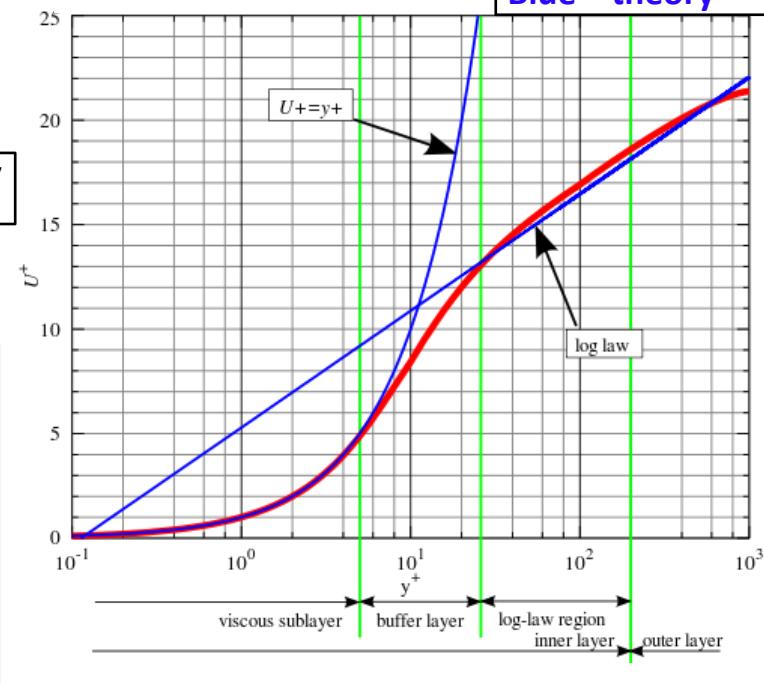
a)	$0 < \frac{yu_*}{v} < 3 \sim 5$	purely laminar friction Viscous sub layer
b)	$10 \sim 40 < \frac{yu_*}{v} < 70 \sim 200$	laminar-turbulent friction Law of the wall
b)	$\frac{yu_*}{v} > 70 \sim 200$	purely turbulent friction velocity defect law

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Blue = theory



Turbulent Flow Profiles in Pipes (Core)

b) Core Region $(70 - 200) \frac{v}{u_*} < y \leq R$

Velocity Defect Law after Prandtl (see Schlichting)

$$\frac{u_{\max} - \bar{u}(y)}{u_*} = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \frac{y}{R}$$

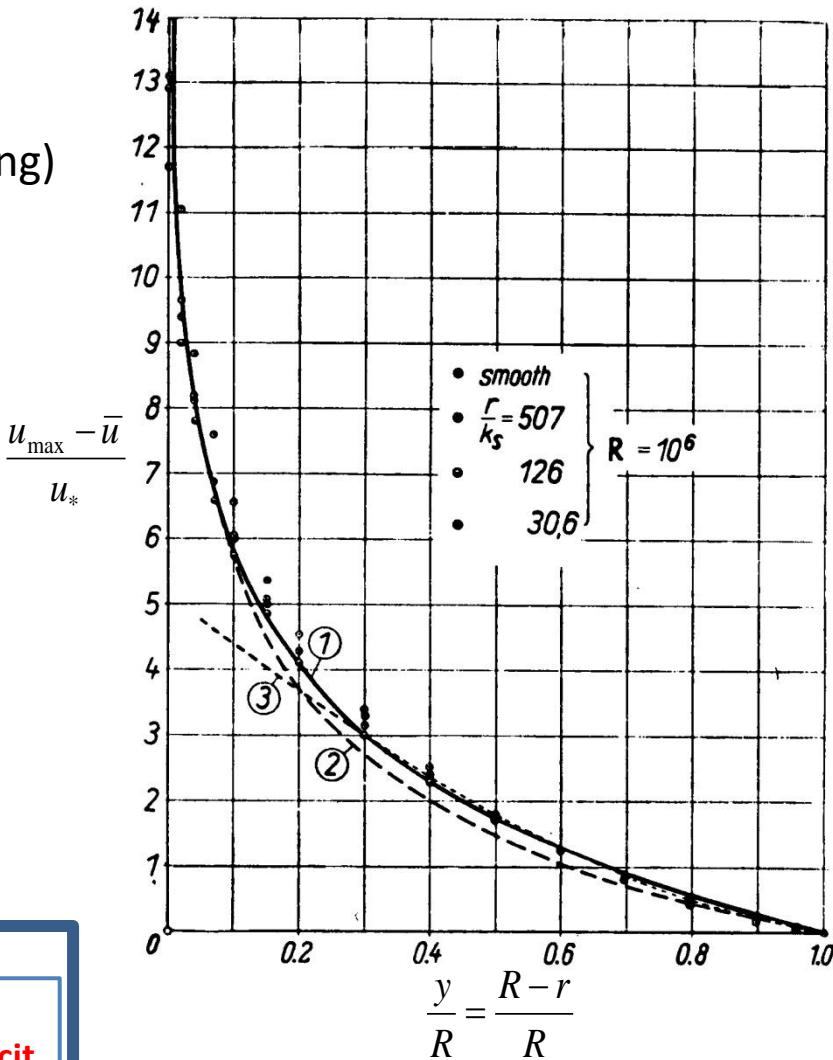
or

$$\bar{u}(y) = u_* \ln \frac{y}{R} + u_{\max}$$

- u_{\max} is the centreline velocity
- Velocity deficit law for radial distribution gives good fit to experimental data
- Curve (1) is Velocity Defect Law

b) { $\frac{yu_*}{v} > 70 - 200$

purely turbulent friction
Core – Velocity deficit



Shear Stress in Turbulent Pipe Flow

We developed the shear velocity (slide 69)

$$u_* = \sqrt{\tau_0 / \rho}$$

We defined the wall-shear (slide 54)

$$\tau_0 = \frac{f}{8} \rho U^2$$

where U is the cross-section-averaged velocity.

Equating τ_0 in both gives:

$$\tau_0 = \rho u_*^2 = \frac{f}{8} \rho U^2 \quad \text{hence} \quad u_* = \sqrt{\frac{f}{8}} U$$

The cross-section-averaged velocity is given by (slides 79)

$$U = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} 2\pi \int_0^R r \bar{u}(r) dr$$

Substituting the velocity defect law gives

$$U = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R 2\pi r \left[u_{\max} + \frac{u_*}{\kappa} \ln \left(1 - \frac{r}{R} \right) \right] dr = u_{\max} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{u_*}{\kappa}$$

$$Q = 2\pi \int_0^R r \bar{u}(r) dr$$
$$M = 2\pi \int_0^R r \bar{u}^2(r) dr$$

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} \approx \frac{1}{0.4} = 2.5;$$

κ known as von Karman's constant

This slides is to find τ_0 (shear stress at wall)

Turbulent Pipe Flow – what we can do

Easily measured by a pitot tube on the centreline, see your upcoming lab

From:

$$U = u_{\max} - \frac{3u_*}{2\kappa}$$

find this easily

von Karman's constant ≈ 0.4

Often known or prescribed
by a pump, $U = Q/A$

then able to find τ_0

We can infer an estimate of the wall shear velocity $u_* = \sqrt{\tau_0/\rho}$ and hence estimate the wall shear τ_0 and the size of the wall unit v/u_* .

We could then estimate the thickness of the viscous sub-layer and its profile and so too for the 'law of the wall' region

$$\text{Also, remember (slide 64), } h_f = \frac{4\tau_0 L}{\rho g D} \quad \text{so: } h_f = \frac{4\tau_0 L}{\rho g D} = \frac{2\tau_0 L}{\rho g R} = \frac{2u_*^2 L}{g R}$$

We could compare this estimate of h_f to other empirical estimates,

e.g. from Darcy Weisbach equation (slide 54) $h_f = f \frac{L U^2}{D 2g}$ where f is determined empirically (Moody diagram)

This is significant progress in understanding pipe flows, well done!

This slide is to find $\tau(r)$ (shear stress distribution)

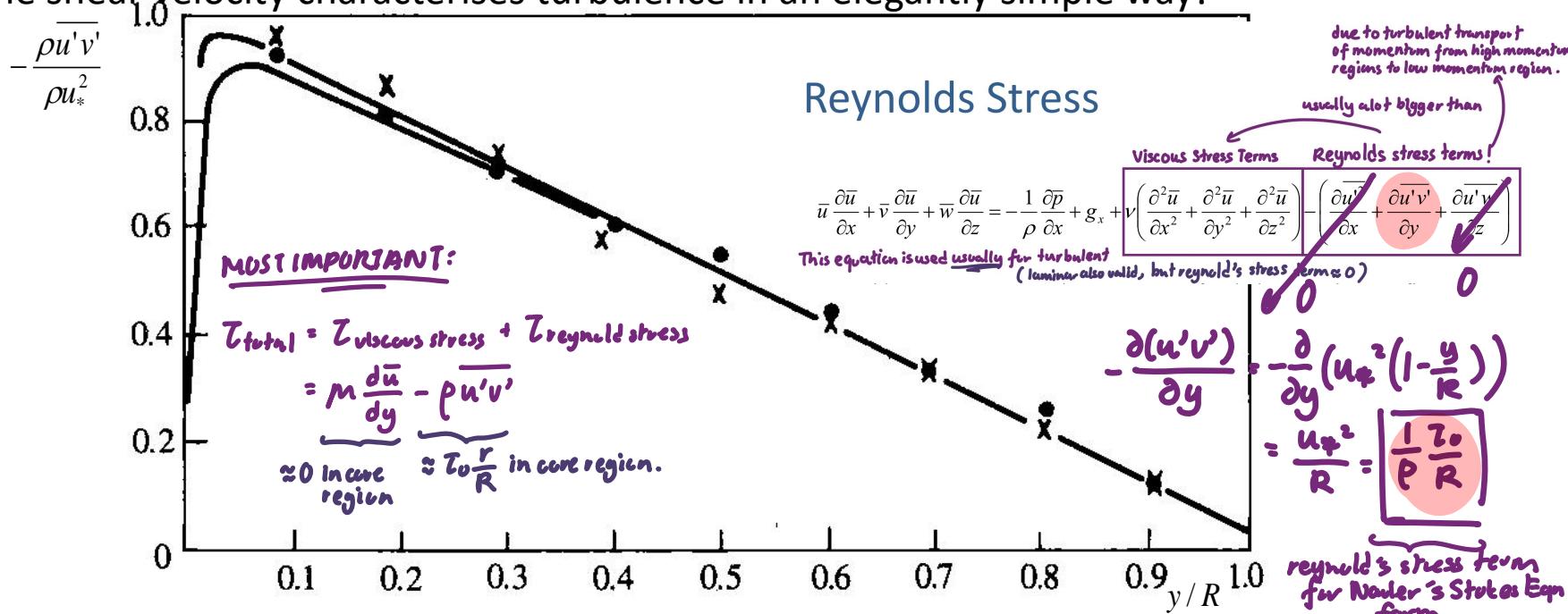
Shear Stress in Turbulent Pipe Flow

In the **core region** the Reynolds stress ($\overline{\rho u' v'}$ see slide 59) profile is found to be approximately **linear**

$$-\frac{\overline{\rho u' v'}}{\tau_0} = -\frac{\overline{\rho u' v'}}{\rho u_*^2} \approx 1 - \frac{y}{R} = \frac{1}{R}$$

Note this flow is statistically axisymmetric and so only $\overline{\rho u' v'}$ terms remain

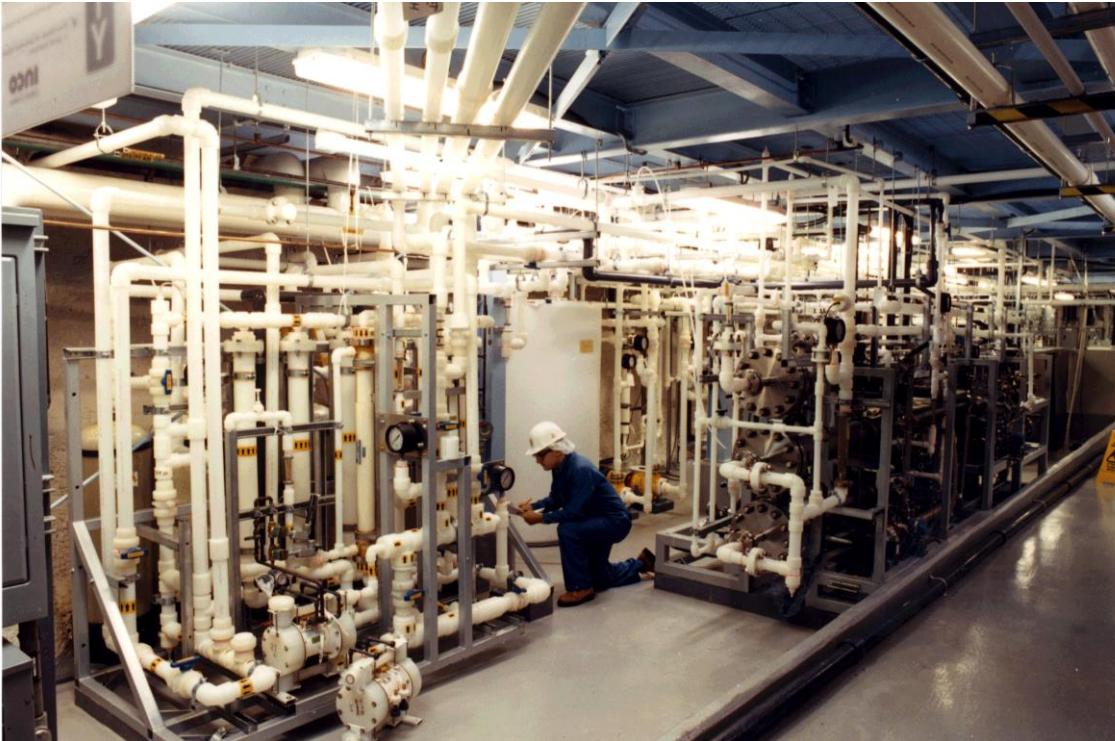
The shear velocity characterises turbulence in an elegantly simple way!



We can use our estimates of the wall shear stress via the shear velocity to estimate the Reynolds stress – we stated (slide 59) that characterising the Reynolds stress was extremely challenging – you've made real progress in pipes, well done!

rarely able to be done by
gravity.
else we'll just use open channel flow

3.3 Pipe Systems



- Pipe **networks** such as in domestic water supply can be **very large**
- In addition to pipes, networks contain pumps, valves, etc...
- Real pipes networks usually lead to a **large set of coupled (simultaneous) equations**, some of which are nonlinear. Hence an **iterative scheme** is usually required, and is frequently the simplest route, to find a solution

Mass Conservation

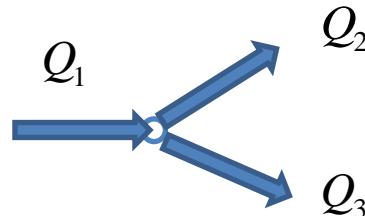
In the scope of this course, analysis is in the context of:

- Steady flow - $\partial/\partial t = 0$
- Incompressible flow, $\rho = \text{constant}$
- Work with volume (mass) flux as flow variable, i.e. Q rather than U

Mass conservation at a junction



Pipes in series: $Q_1 = Q_2$

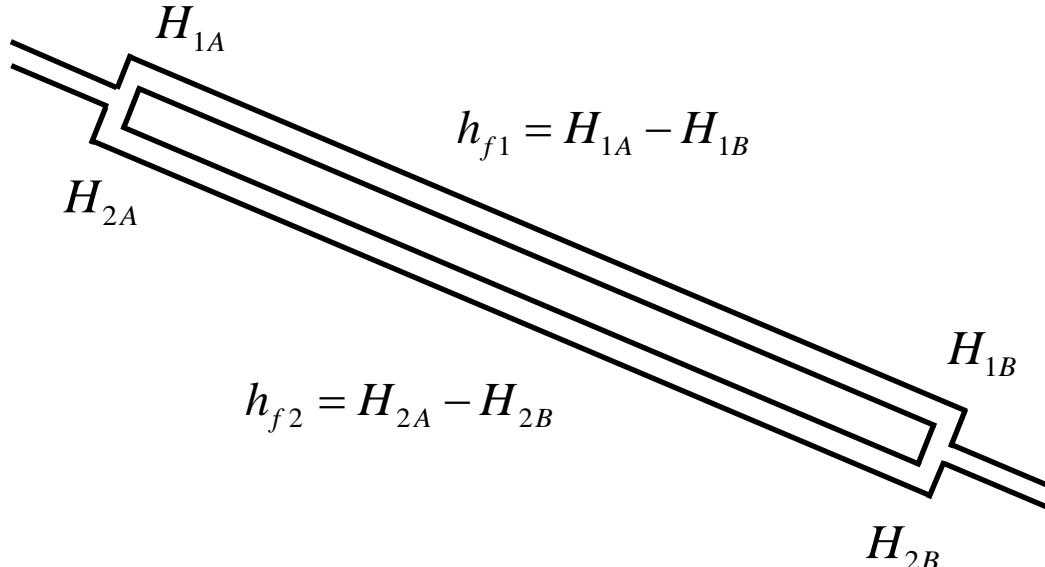


Pipes in parallel: $Q_1 = Q_2 + Q_3$

like unknown face, you can always assume the direction of volume flux by drawing arrows.
If the assumed direction is wrong,
 Q will be negative

Momentum Conservation

Head loss across two pipe segments in parallel



Neglecting minor losses at the pipe bends

$$H_{1A} = H_{2A} \quad H_{1B} = H_{2B}$$

Hence

$$h_{f1} = h_{f2}$$

Head Loss in a Pipe Segment

From 1st and 2nd year we know that the **total head loss** is given by

$$h_f + h_L = \left(f \frac{L}{D} + \sum_j \xi_j \frac{A^2}{A_j^2} \right) \frac{U^2}{2g}$$

we want to work in term of Q instead of U

Introducing the flow **variable Q** instead of U yields

$$h_f + h_L = \left(f \frac{L}{D} + \sum_j \xi_j \frac{A^2}{A_j^2} \right) \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} = \left(f \frac{L}{D} + \sum_j \xi_j \frac{D^4}{D_j^4} \right) \frac{Q^2}{2g(\pi/4)^2 D^4} = K Q^2$$

where

$$K = \frac{8}{g\pi^2 D^4} \left(f \frac{L}{D} + \sum_j \xi_j \frac{D^4}{D_j^4} \right) = \left[\frac{T^2}{L^5} \right]$$

Neglecting minor losses: $K \approx \frac{8 f L}{g\pi^2 D^5}$

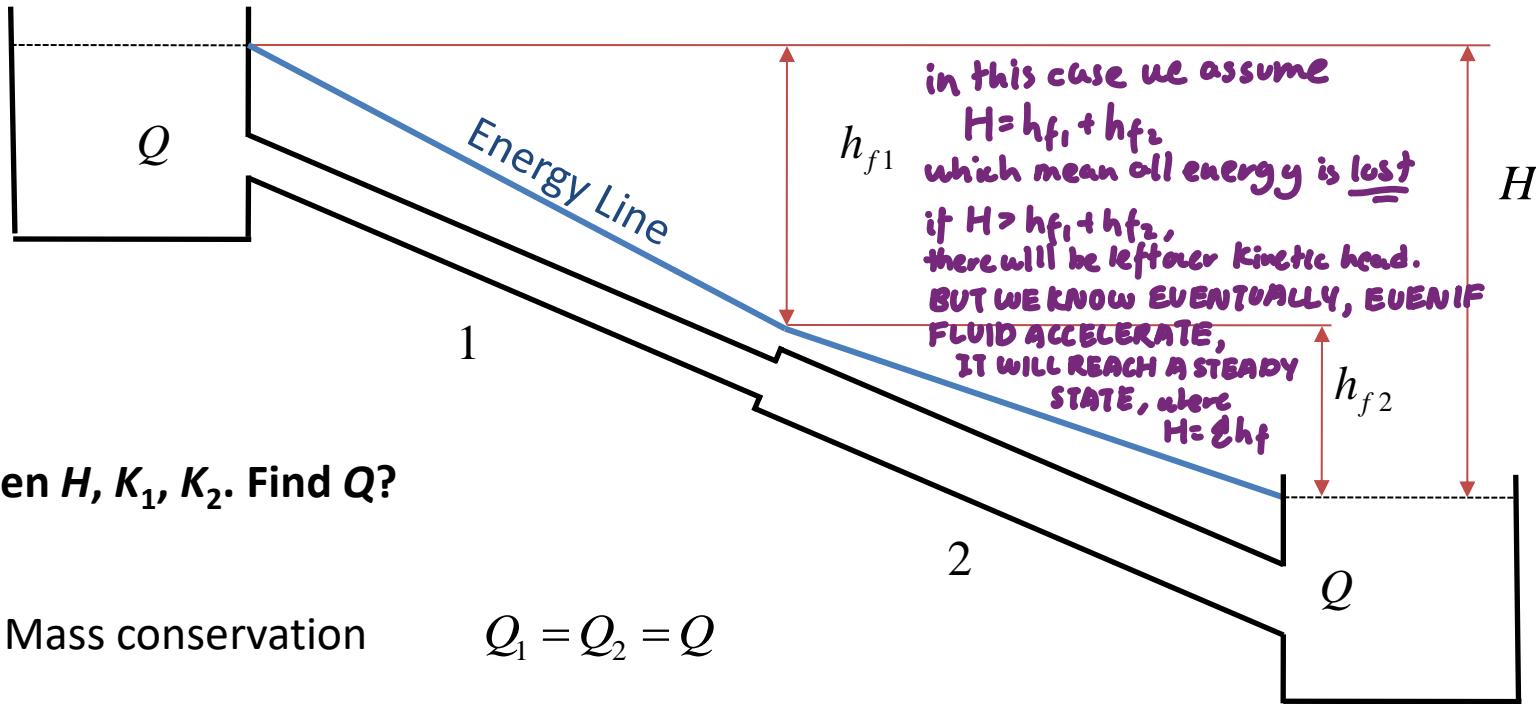
To deal with larger systems, K is mostly assumed to be constant:

- requiring $f = \text{constant}$
- use $\text{Re} \rightarrow \infty$ limit of Colebrook-White Equation \rightarrow constant f (even if you change U)
for specific k_s/D of $\text{Re} = \frac{UD}{v}$
- called "rough turbulent" approximation

Horizontal asymptote of Moody diagram (slide 55)

$$f = \left[\log_{10} \left(\frac{13.76 D^2}{k_s^2} \right) \right]^{-2}$$

Pipes in Series



(i) Mass conservation $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q$

(ii) Steady \Rightarrow Bernoulli balance so: losses = work done, here work is done only by gravitational head H , so:

$$H = h_{f1} + h_{f2} = K_1 Q_1^2 + K_2 Q_2^2$$

what we did in y1:

Solution is direct: (i) in (ii)

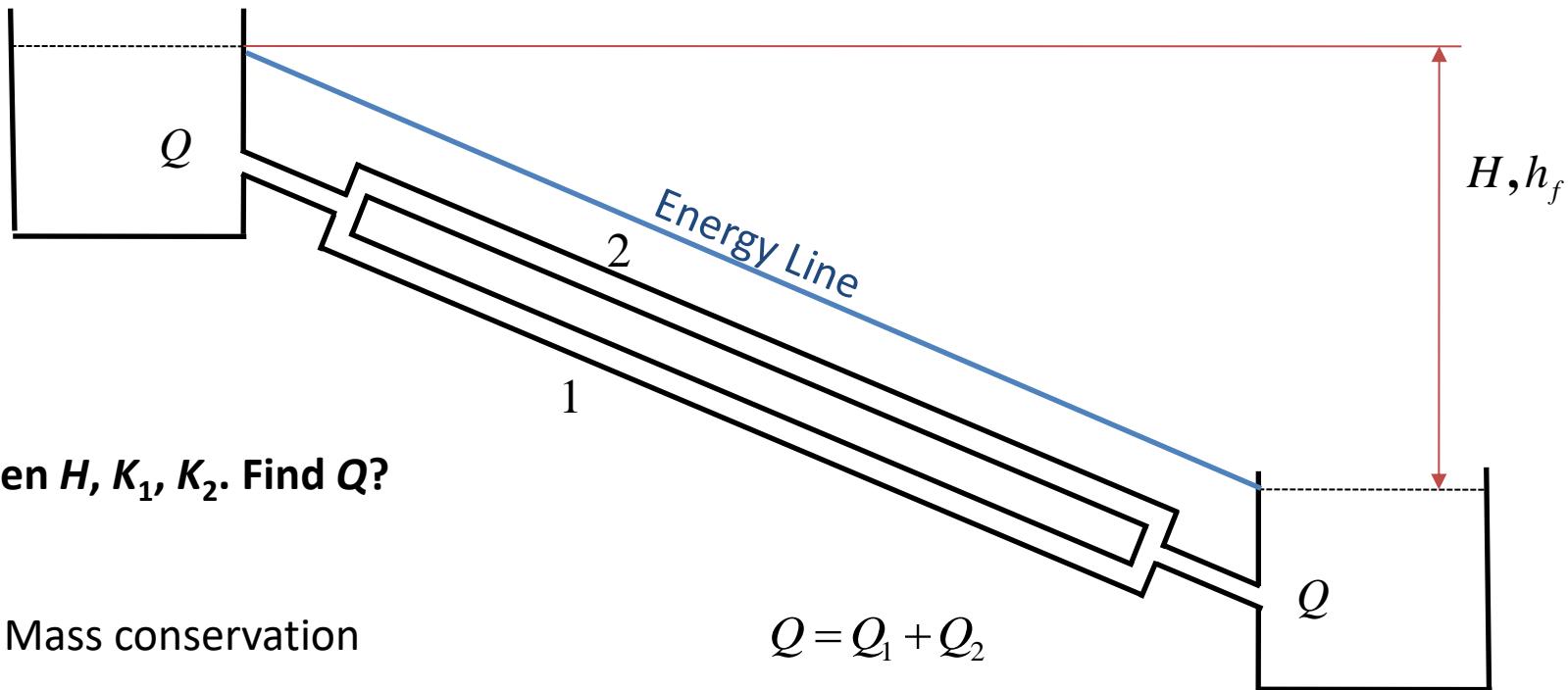
$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{H}{K_1 + K_2}}$$

if energy before = energy after ...

$$h_1 + \frac{u_1^2}{g} = h_2 + \frac{u_2^2}{g} + h_{f1} + h_{f2}$$

$$h_1 - h_2 = h_{f1} + h_{f2} \rightarrow H = h_{f1} + h_{f2}$$

Pipes in Parallel



Given H, K_1, K_2 . Find Q ?

(i) Mass conservation

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

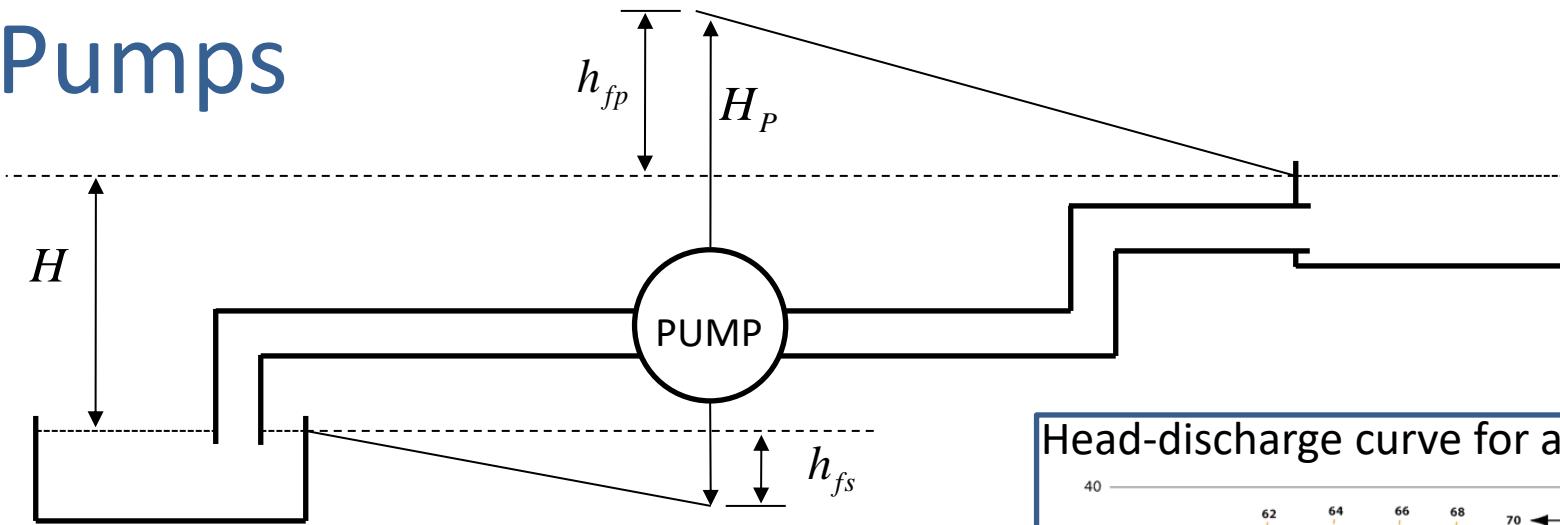
(ii) Steady balance (as before):

$$H = h_{f1} = h_{f2} = K_1 Q_1^2 = K_2 Q_2^2$$

Solution is direct:

$$Q_1 = \sqrt{\frac{H}{K_1}} \quad Q_2 = \sqrt{\frac{H}{K_2}}$$

Pumps



Given $H, H_p(Q), K_s, K_p$. Find Q ?

- $H_p = H_p(Q)$ is head-discharge rating curve for pump
- Mass conservation, $Q = \text{constant}$
- Steady, Bernoulli balance \Rightarrow losses = work done

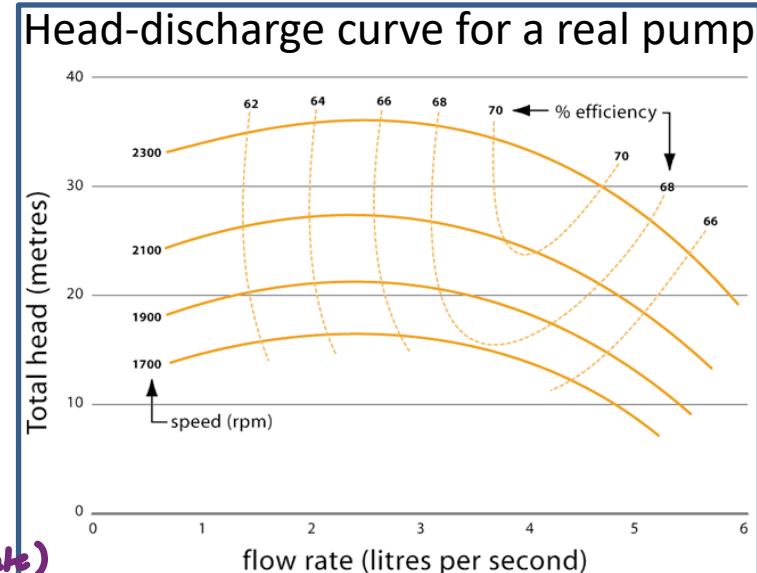
$$h_{fs} + h_{fp} = H_p - H \quad \text{or energy gain = energy lost}$$

$$H_p = H + h_{fs} + h_{fp}$$

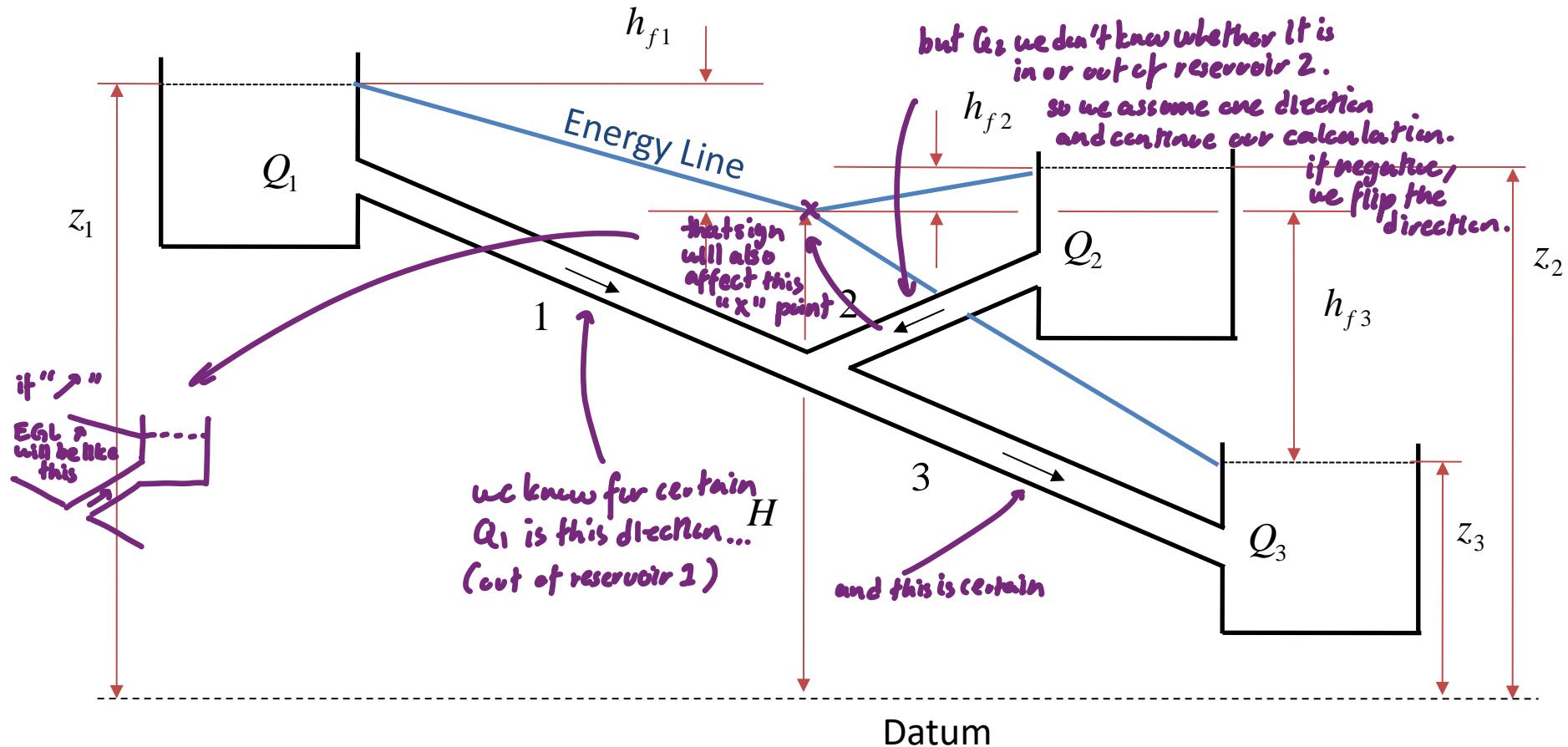
*if $H_p \neq H + h_{fs} + h_{fp}$ (non-steady state)
there will be v_z/g !*

Iterative Solution

- I. Guess Q
- II. Bernoulli balance so, $0 = H_p(Q) - H - (K_s + K_p) Q^2$
- III. If Bernoulli balance is satisfied (i.e. sums to zero), then Q is the required flow, otherwise iterate...



Branched Pipes – 3 Reservoir Problem



Branched Pipes – 3 Reservoir Solution

Given $z_1, K_1, z_2, K_2, z_3, K_3$. Find Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 ?

- (i) Assign positive flow direction (arbitrary)
- (ii) Mass conservation $Q_1 + Q_2 = Q_3$

- (iii) Steady flow so apply Bernoulli balance

$$\begin{aligned} H &= z_1 - h_{f1} = z_1 - K_1 |Q_1| Q_1 \quad \text{this is modulus} \\ &= z_2 - h_{f2} = z_2 - K_2 |Q_2| Q_2 \\ &= z_3 + h_{f3} = z_3 + K_3 |Q_3| Q_3 \end{aligned}$$

Calling that center point as C
 $E_{\text{before}} = E_{\text{after}} + E_{\text{lost}}$.

$E_1 = E_c + E_{\text{lost},1}$ $z_1 = H_c + K_1 |Q_1| Q_1$
 $E_2 = E_c + E_{\text{lost},2}$ $z_2 = H_c + K_2 |Q_2| Q_2$
 $E_c = E_3 + E_{\text{lost},3}$ $H_c = z_3 + K_3 |Q_3| Q_3$

E_1 and E_2 only \geq no $\frac{U^2}{2g}$ or $\frac{P}{\rho g}$
 E_c has all three so same if H_c

Solution:

- (1) Guess H
- (2) Use Bernoulli balance

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_1| Q_1 &= (z_1 - H) / K_1 \rightarrow Q_1 \\ |Q_2| Q_2 &= (z_2 - H) / K_2 \rightarrow Q_2 \\ |Q_3| Q_3 &= (H - z_3) / K_3 \rightarrow Q_3 \end{aligned}$$

If $Q_1 + Q_2 = Q_3$ then valid solution. Otherwise, return to 1

Single Loop Pipe Networks

Given $Q_A, Q_B, Q_C; K_1, K_2, K_3$. Find Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 ?

(i) Assign positive flow direction (arbitrary)

(ii) Mass conservation ⚡

$$Q_A + Q_3 = Q_1$$

$$Q_1 = Q_B + Q_2$$

$$Q_2 = Q_C + Q_3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Q_{in} = Q_{out} \\ Q_{in} = Q_{out} \text{ also!} \end{array} \right\}$$

▪ Only 2 independent equations! $Q_A = Q_B + Q_C$ is given.

can be subbed in to get rid 1 eqn.

(iii) Steady so Bernoulli balance around loop

$$\sum h_f = 0 = h_{f1} + h_{f2} + h_{f3} = K_1|Q_1|Q_1 + K_2|Q_2|Q_2 + K_3|Q_3|Q_3$$

- Mathematically closed, 3 unknowns and 3 simultaneous (coupled) equations
- Single loop gives single nonlinear equation (from Bernoulli balance)
- Can be solved analytically or with an iterative solution
- Numerical solution (Newton-Raphson...), existing computer codes

Single Loop Pipe Networks - solution

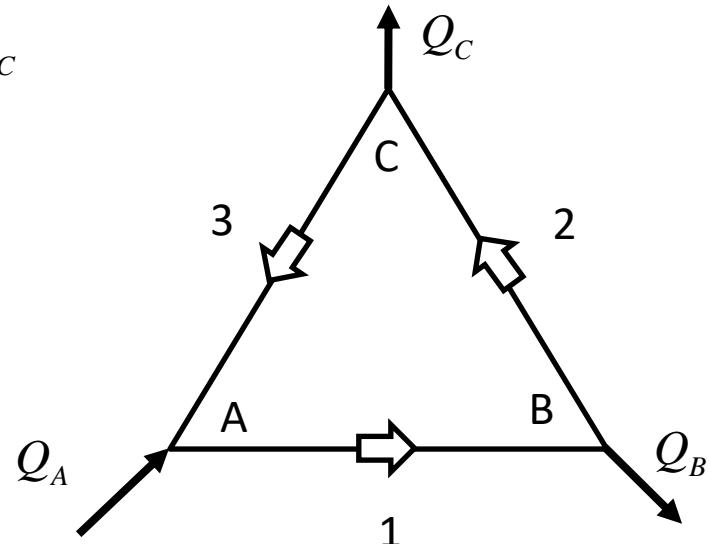
$Q_A, Q_B, Q_C; K_1, K_2, K_3$ are all known and $Q_A = Q_B + Q_C$

(ii) Mass conservation

$$Q_A + Q_3 = Q_1 \Rightarrow Q_3 = Q_1 - Q_A$$

$$Q_1 = Q_B + Q_2 \Rightarrow Q_2 = Q_1 - Q_B$$

$$Q_2 = Q_C + Q_3$$



Sub the above into the Bernoulli balance equation

$$K_1|Q_1|Q_1 + K_2|Q_2|Q_2 + K_3|Q_3|Q_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow K_1|Q_1|Q_1 + K_2|Q_1 - Q_B|(Q_1 - Q_B) + K_3|Q_1 - Q_A|(Q_1 - Q_A) = 0$$

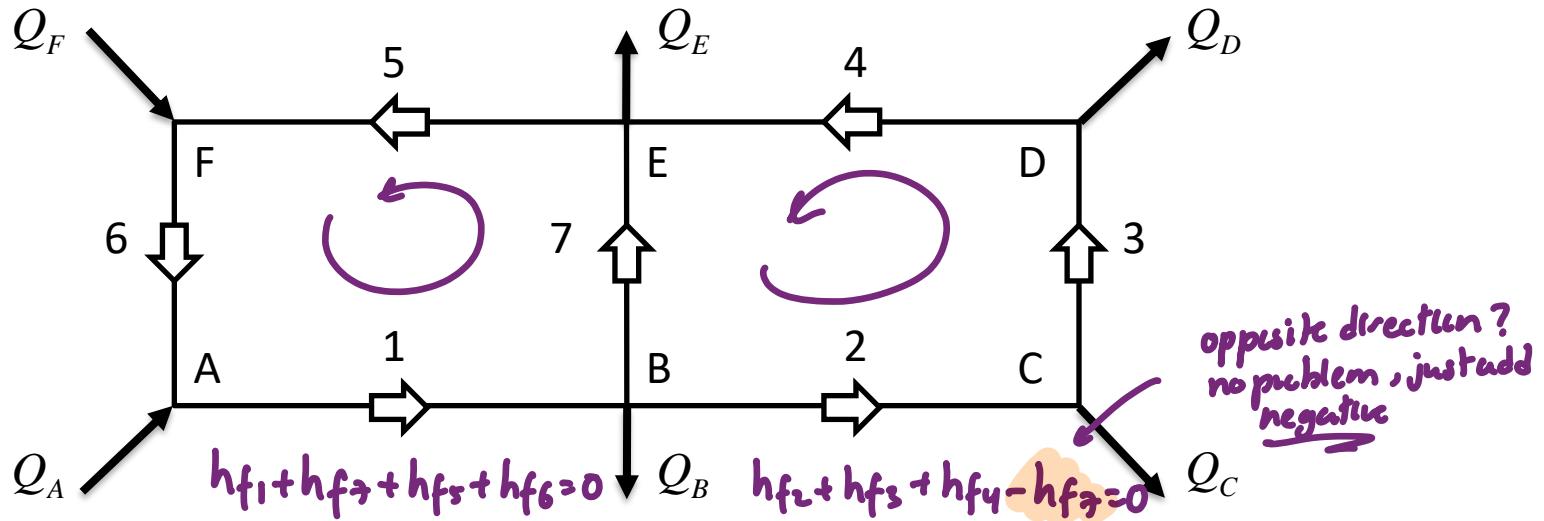
Modulus signs just help with directions, solve and then use physics (e.g. diagram) to determine directions

$$K_1Q_1^2 + K_2(Q_1 - Q_B)^2 + K_3(Q_1 - Q_A)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (K_1 + K_2 + K_3)Q_1^2 - 2(K_2Q_B + K_3Q_A)Q_1 + (K_2Q_B^2 + K_3Q_A^2) = 0$$

Quadratic in Q_1 , just use the quadratic formula to solve!

Double Loop Pipe Network



Given $Q_A, Q_B, Q_C, Q_D, Q_E, Q_F; K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, K_5, K_6, K_7$. Find $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4, Q_5, Q_6, Q_7$?

(i) Assign positive flow direction (arbitrary)

(ii) Mass conservation

$$Q_A + Q_6 = Q_1 \quad Q_1 = Q_B + Q_2 + Q_7 \quad Q_2 = Q_C + Q_3$$

$$Q_3 = Q_D + Q_4 \quad Q_4 + Q_7 = Q_E + Q_5 \quad Q_F + Q_5 = Q_6$$

▪ Only 5 independent equations! $Q_A + Q_F = Q_B + Q_C + Q_D + Q_E$ is given.

Double Loop Pipe Network (cont.)

(iii) Steady so Bernoulli balance around each loop

$$K_1|Q_1|Q_1 + K_7|Q_7|Q_7 + K_5|Q_5|Q_5 + K_6|Q_6|Q_6 = 0$$

$$K_2|Q_2|Q_2 + K_3|Q_3|Q_3 + K_4|Q_4|Q_4 - K_7|Q_7|Q_7 = 0$$

- Mathematically closed, 7 unknowns and 7 simultaneous (coupled) equations
- Double loop gives two nonlinear equation (from Bernoulli balance)
- Cannot be solved analytically (see tutorial 6, Q4) an iterative solution is required
- Numerical solution (Newton-Raphson...), existing computer codes
- Hardy-Cross Method is easily implemented in practice (see e.g. Potter & Wiggert (2002))

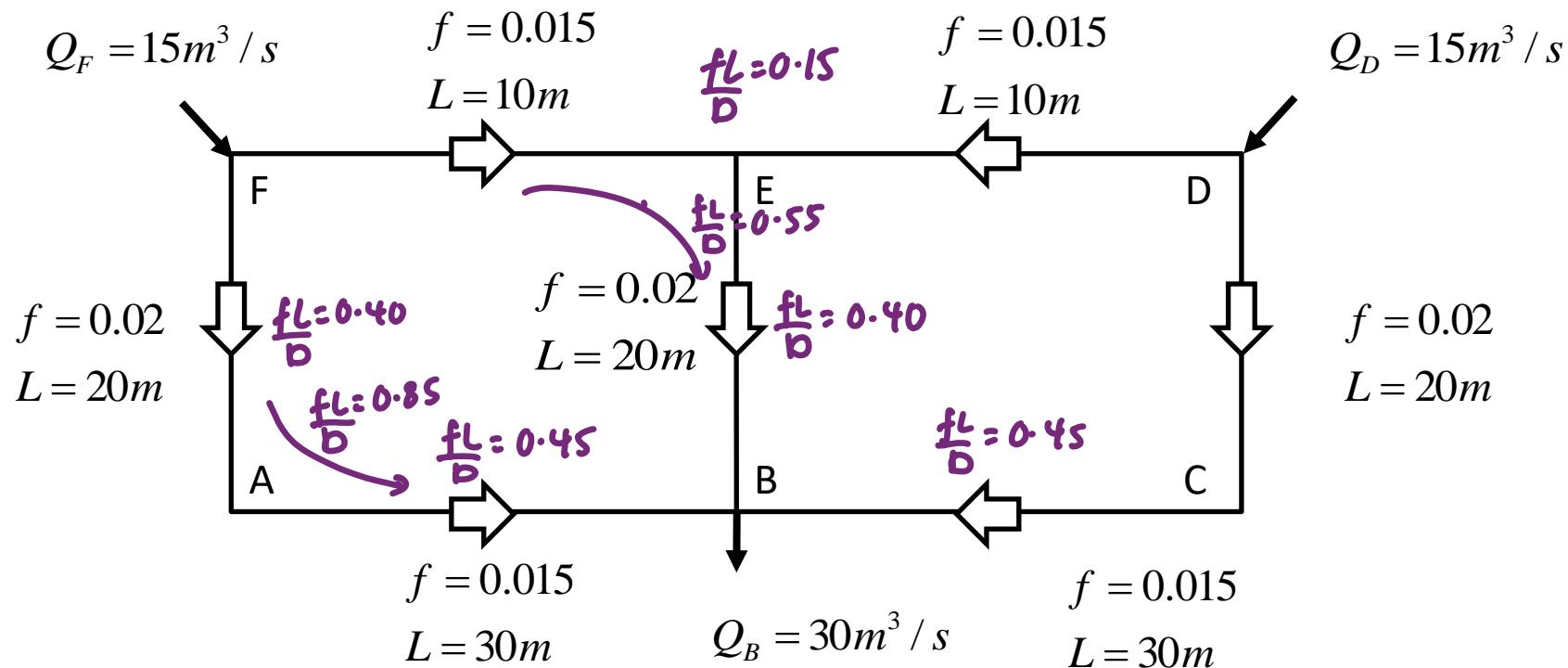
during exams:

- don't need to fully solve (impossible)
 - just need to know the steps of:
 - assign initial flow direction
 - write down the eqns
-
- if given some info, eg. k values,
iterate some times to get good enough solution.*

1. Observe Q_{in} and Q_{out} . Predict what direction Q will flow .
2. Find $\frac{fL}{D}$ of each pipe

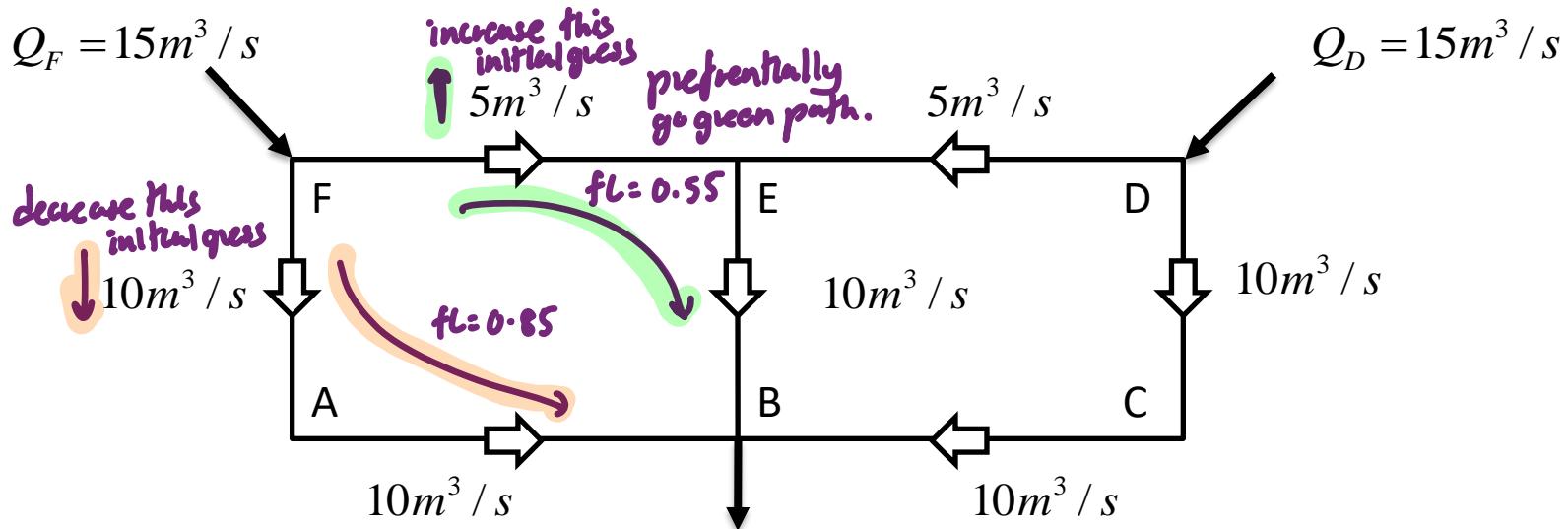
Application Example

Consider the following pipe system:



- Inflow (Q_F and Q_D) and outflow (Q_B) are given
- All pipe diameters are $D=1m$
- Volume flow rates Q in each pipe are unknown

Step 1: Guess Flow in Each Pipe

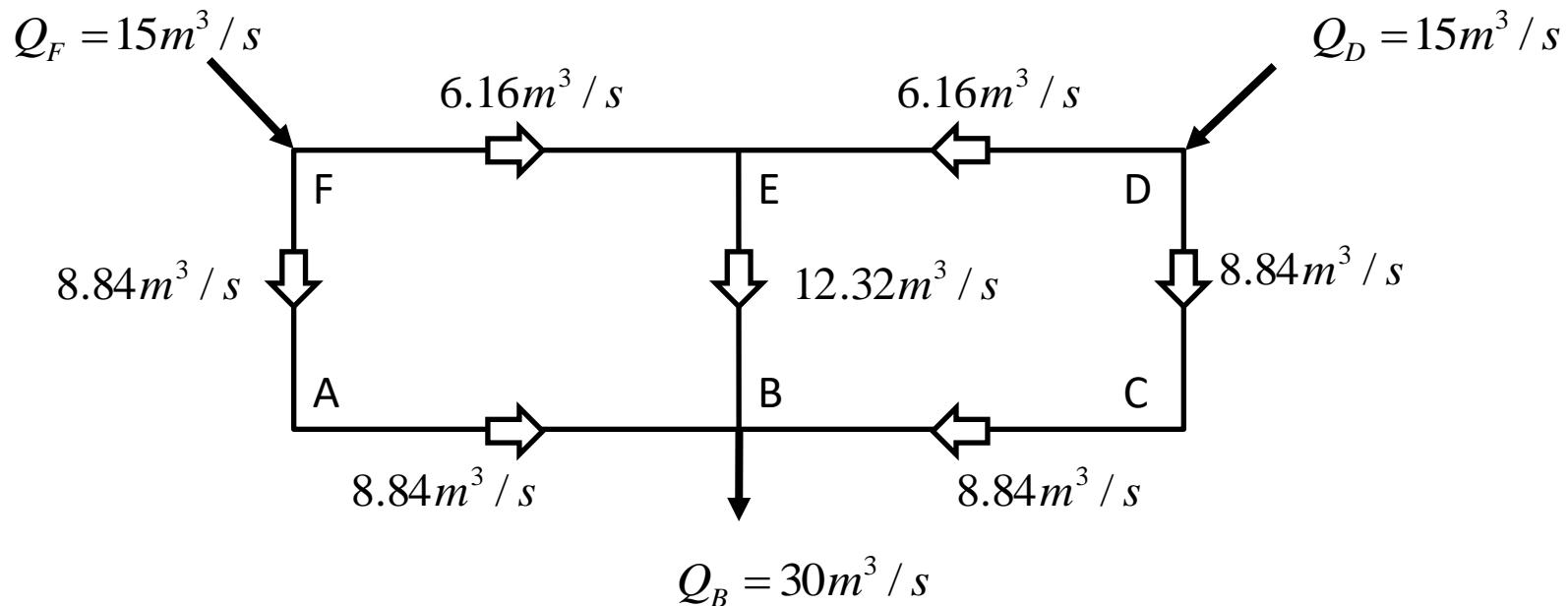


after this initial thinking
just looking at mass conservation
and splitting, we should look at
 fL/D ! (D constant in this question)

after first guess, before increase
or decrease Q , find Δh_f
(bernoulli balance) and see
whether how close / far it is from
 0

- Make an intelligent first guess how the flow is distributed
- Mass continuity must be observed here!!!
- This initial step becomes more difficult for larger networks

Step 2: Apply Hardy-Cross Procedure

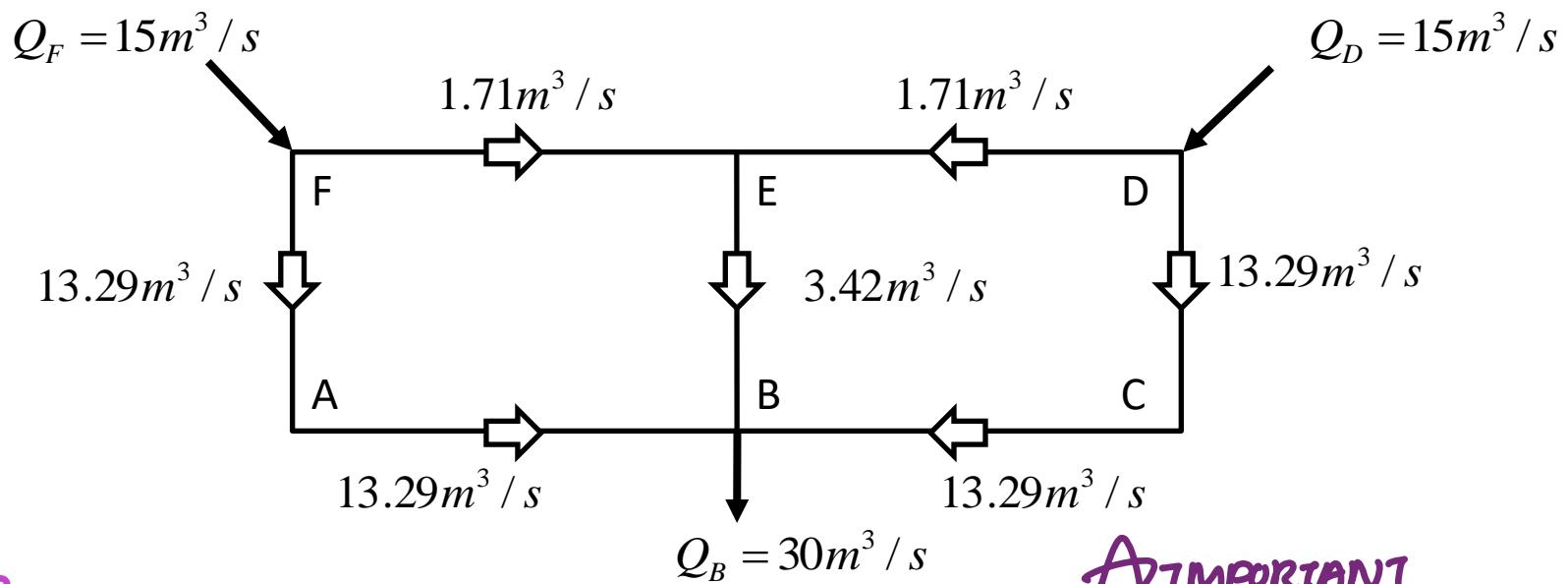


Discussion of next level thinking:

- The paths FEB (30m) and DEB (30m) are shorter than FAB (50m) and DCB (50m)
=> As a result, pipe EB carries more flow than pipes FA and DC
- The flow symmetry results from the symmetry in the pipe specification (L , f and D)
*symmetry can be one of the good observation!
(if there's symmetry)*

Understanding Pipe Systems

Let us assume that the diameter of the pipe segment EB is reduced to $D = 0.5$ m; all other pipe diameters remain $D = 1.0$ m. Adopting the Hardy-Cross procedure for this case gives:



IMPORTANT

- The **resistance** of pipe segment EB **increases** significantly, $K \sim D^{-5} \Rightarrow K$ inc 32 times
- As a result, the **flow** through this segment **reduces** significantly
- The **flow** always follows the path of the **lowest resistance!!!**