

# Summary | Hydraulic Machinery

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## Introduction|

|Positive Displacement|Piston pump, Rotary pump|Motors|Hydraulic Ram, Jack Press| |Rotodynamic| Pumps, Compressors|Turbines|Hydraulic coupling, Torque converter|

### Note

In s1, only rotodynamic [pumps](#) and rotodynamic turbines are studied.

## Pumps

### Vane

A curved blade used in a pump.

### Impeller

Set of vanes attached to a disc or a cylinder. Main rotating element in a pump.

In a pump, impeller is mounted on a shaft. The shaft is driven by an electric motor or IC engine.

## Direction of the fluid flow

### Axial flow

Fluid enters and exits the impeller axially.

### Radial flow

Fluid enters the impeller axially. Leaves radially. Aka. [centrifugal pumps](#).

### Mixed flow

Fluid enters the impeller axially. Leaves in both axial and radial directions.

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### Note

For s1, only centrifugal pumps are studied.

## Parameters

### Head provided

The head provided by a pump depends on the flow rate.

$$H = f(Q)$$

Here:

- $H$  - provided head
- $Q$  - flow rate

For a given pump running at a given speed, there is a unique variation of  $H$  and  $Q$ .

### Power input

Denoted by  $P_i$ . Varies with  $Q$ .

### Efficiency

Denoted by  $\mu$ . Varies with  $Q$ .

$$\mu = \frac{P_o}{P_i}$$

### Note

$$\text{Energy per unit volume} = \frac{P_{i_A}}{Q}$$

All these parameters, plotted vs  $Q$ , is known as **performance characteristic** of the pump. Will be given by the manufacturer. Can be found by laboratory testing.

## In a pipeline system

$$H = H_0 + KQ^2$$

$H$  is the head required (or received) to create the flow rate  $Q$  in the pipeline system. The above equation is known as **system characteristic** or **system load curve**.

Here  $K$  is the loss coefficient and is given by:

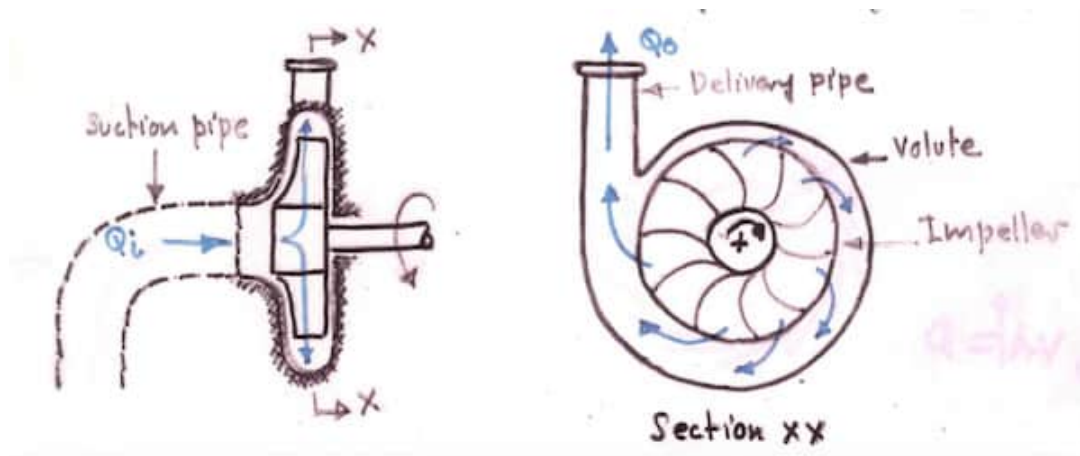
$$K = \frac{8}{\pi^2 g D^4} \left( K_L + \frac{\lambda L}{D} \right)$$

### ① Note

Working state of a pipeline system is given by the intersection of system characteristic and performance characteristic (of the pump) curves.

## Centrifugal Pumps

Most used pumps in engineering because they support wide range of heights and flow rates.



There can be a diffuser as well, which is optional.

## Volute

Casing of the impeller. A passage with increasing area, to reduce velocity (to reduce losses).

**Note**

Energy losses in a fluid flow is directly proportional to  $v^2$ .

## Diffuser

A fixed set of vanes added to the impeller. To direct the flow into the volute, to minimize impact losses.

## Operation

- Volute must be filled with fluid to start pumping
- Fluid enters through the *eye* of the impeller
- $v$  and  $P$  are increased when the fluid flows through the impeller

## Performance characteristic

