

Name of the experiment: Performance test of centrifugal pump

Objective: To predict the behaviour and performance of centrifugal pump at different flow rates, head and speed

Theory:

A centrifugal pump is a mechanical device designed to move a fluid by means of the transfer of rotational energy from one or more driven rotors, called impellers. Fluid enters the rapidly rotating impeller along its axis and is cast out by centrifugal force along its circumference through the impeller's vane tips.

Formulas to be used:

$$\text{Weight of water} = \text{density of water} \times \text{discharge} \times g$$

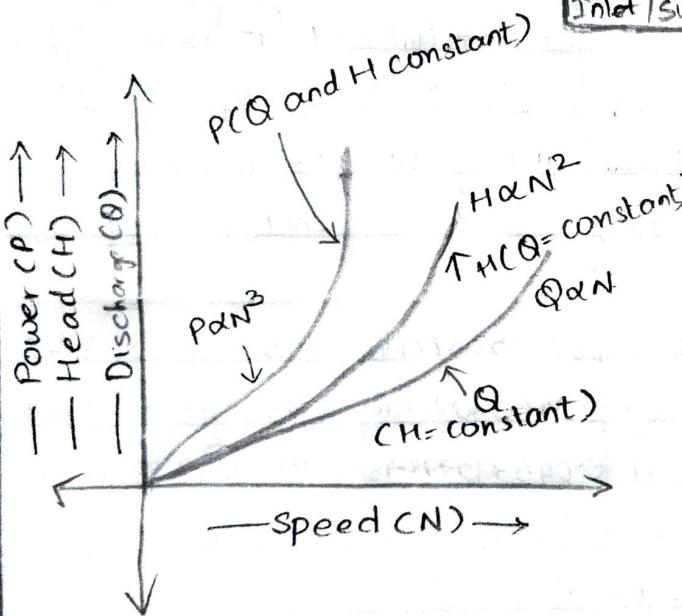
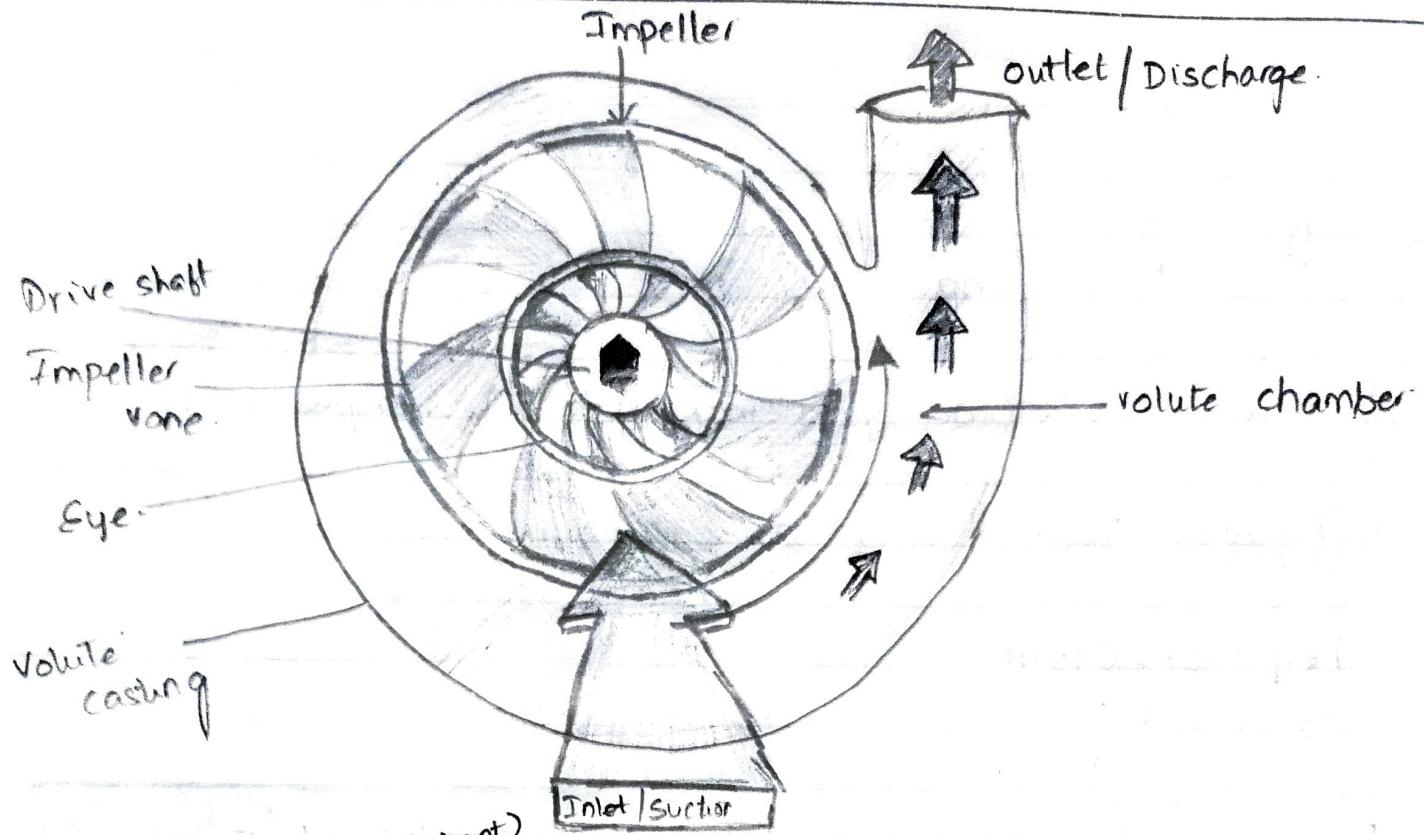
$$\text{Manometric head} = 10 \times \text{delivery pressure gauge reading}$$

(1 Kg/cm² is equivalent to 10m of water head)

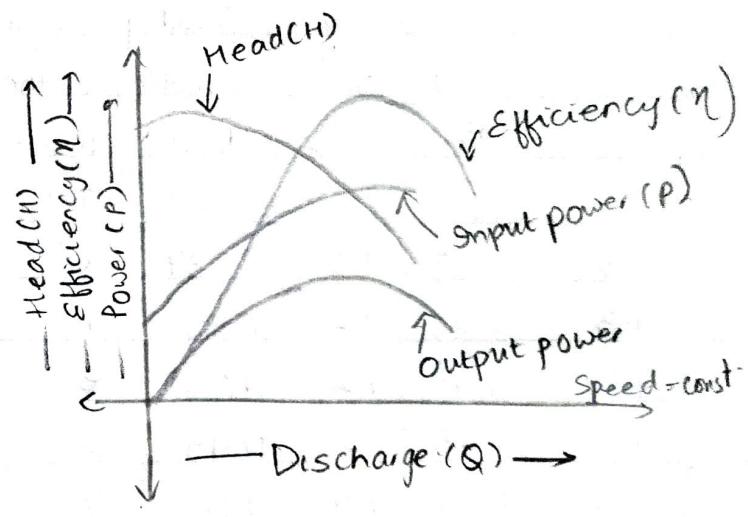
$$\text{Power output} = \text{weight of water lifted} \times \text{Manometric head}$$

$$\text{Efficiency (n)} = \frac{\text{Power output}}{\text{Power Input}}$$

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Main characteristics curves



Operating characteristics curves

Observations

Rated RPM of the pump = 2900 RPM

S No	Speed (50% of rated rpm)	Power Input (kW)	Discharge	Delivery Pressure gauge reading (Kg/cm²)
	1450	0.2	11.24	0
1	1450	0.2	7.96	0.5
	1450	0.2	5.4	1
	1450	0.2	0	1.5

S.No	Speed (60% of rated rpm)	Power Input (kW)	Discharge	Delivery Pressure gauge reading (Kg/cm²)
	1740	0.4	12.22	0
2	1740	0.4	10.25	0.5
	1740	0.4	9.56	1
	1740	0.3	6.02	1.5

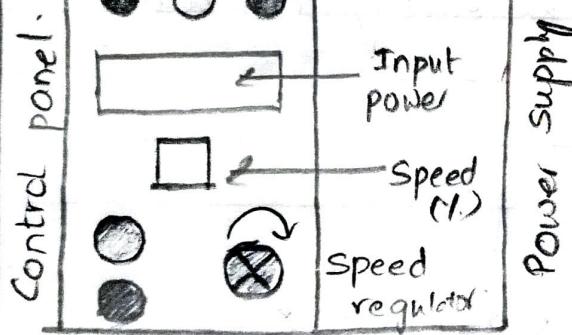
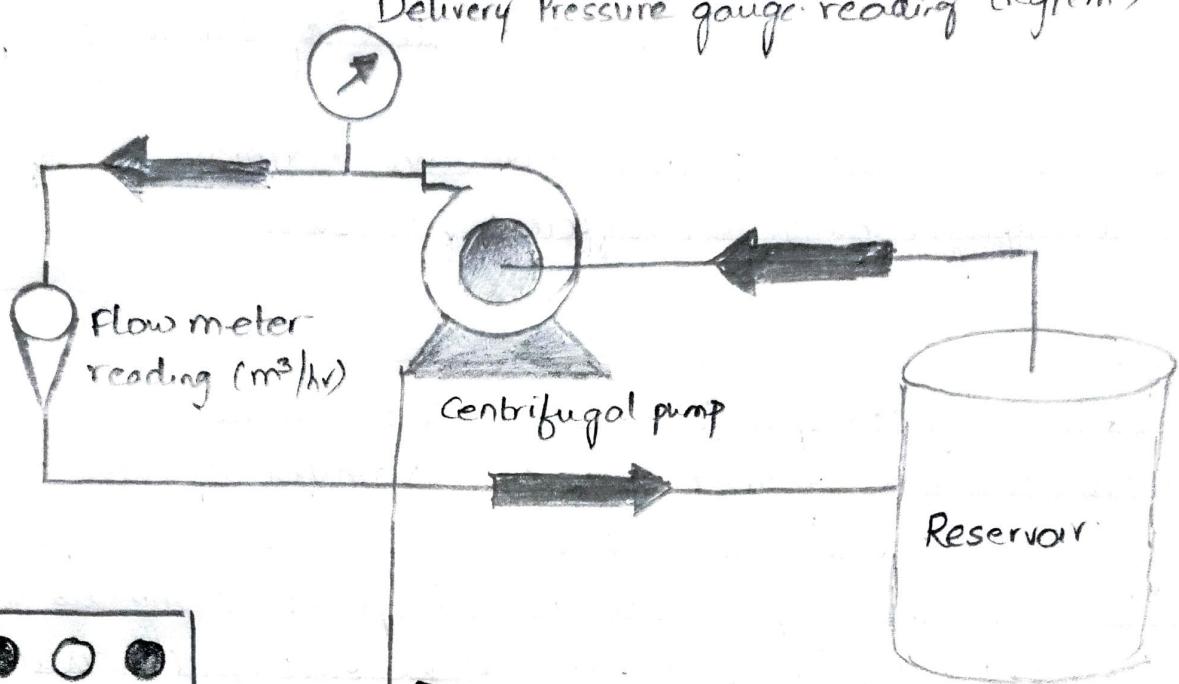
S.No	Speed (70% of rated rpm)	Power Input (kW)	Discharge	Delivery Pressure gauge reading (Kg/cm²)
	2030	0.8	11.96	0
3	2030	0.8	10.75	0.5
	2030	0.8	10.37	1
	2030	0.8	9.09	1.5

S.No	Speed (80% of rated rpm)	Power Input (kW)	Discharge	Delivery Pressure gauge reading (Kg/cm²)
	2320	1.0	10.7	0
4	2320	0.9	10.85	0.5
	2320	1.1	10.7	1
	2320	1.2	10.7	1.5

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Delivery Pressure gauge reading (kg/cm^2)



Single Stage centrifugal pump test rig

Calculations

For run 1, $N = 1450 \text{ rpm}$

CASE-1:

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 11.24 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 110.264 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0 = 0 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head.
 $= 110.264 \times 10^3 \times 0 / 3600 \text{ kW} = 0 \text{ kW} = 0 \text{ kwh}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0 / 0.2\% = 0\%$

CASE-2:

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 7.96 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 78.088 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0.5 = 5 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head.
 $= 78.088 \times 10^3 \times 5 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0.108 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.108 / 0.2\% = 54\%$

CASE-3:

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 5.4 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 52.97 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head.
 $= 52.97 \times 10^3 \times 10 / 3600 \text{ kW} = 0.147 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.147 / 0.2\% = 73.5\%$

CASE #4:

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 0 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 0 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1.5 = 15 \text{ m}$.
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head.
 $= 0 \times 5 \text{ W} = 0 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0 / 0.2 \% = 0\%$

For run 2, $N = 1740 \text{ rpm}$.

CASE -1:

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 12.22 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 119.88 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0 = 0 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head.
 $= 119.88 \times 10^3 \times 0 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0.4 \text{ W} = 0 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0 / 0.4 = 0\%$

CASE -2:

- weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$.
 $= 1000 \times 12.25 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 120.72 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0.5 = 5 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head.
 $= 120.72 \times 10^3 \times 5 / 3600 = 166.9 \text{ W} = 0.166 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.166 / 0.4 = 0.4172 \times 100\% = 41.72\%$

CASE - 3

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 9.56 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 93.78 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 93.78 \times 10^3 \times 10 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0.26 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.26 / 0.4 = 65\%$.

CASE - 4

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 6.02 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 59.06 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1.5 = 15 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 59.06 \times 10^3 \times 15 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0.246 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.246 / 0.3 = 82\%$.

For run 3, $N = 2030 \text{ rpm}$.

CASE - 1

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 11.96 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 117.32 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0 = 0 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 117.32 \times 10^3 \times 0 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0 \text{ kW} = 0 \text{ kwh}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0 / 0.8 = 0\%$

CASE-2

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 10.75 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 105.46 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0.5 = 5 \text{ m}$.
- Power output = Weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 105.46 \times 10^3 \times 5 / 3600 = 0.146 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.146 / 0.8 = 18.25\%$.

CASE-3

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 10.37 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 101.73 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ m}$.
- Power output = Weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 101.73 \times 10^3 \times 10 / 3600 = 0.283 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.283 / 0.8 = 35.38\%$.

CASE-4

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 9.09 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 89.17 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1.5 = 15 \text{ m}$.
- Power output = Weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 89.17 \times 10^3 \times 15 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0.372 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.372 / 0.8 = 46.5\%$.

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For run 4, $N = 2320 \text{ rpm}$.

CASE - 1 :

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 10.7 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 104.97 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0 = 0 \text{ m}$.
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 104.97 \times 10^3 \times 0 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0 \text{ kW}$.
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0 / 1.11 = 0\%$.

CASE - 2 :

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 10.85 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 106.44 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 0.5 = 5 \text{ m}$.
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 106.44 \times 10^3 \times 5 / 3600 \text{ kW} = 0.148 \text{ kW}$.
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.148 / 1.11 = 26.44\%$.

CASE - 3

- Weight of water = density of water \times discharge $\times g$
 $= 1000 \times 10.7 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 104.97 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = $10 \times$ delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ m}$.
- Power output = weight of water lifted \times manometric head
 $= 104.97 \times 10^3 \times 10 / 3600 \text{ kW} = 0.292 \text{ kW}$.
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.292 / 1.11 = 26.31\%$.

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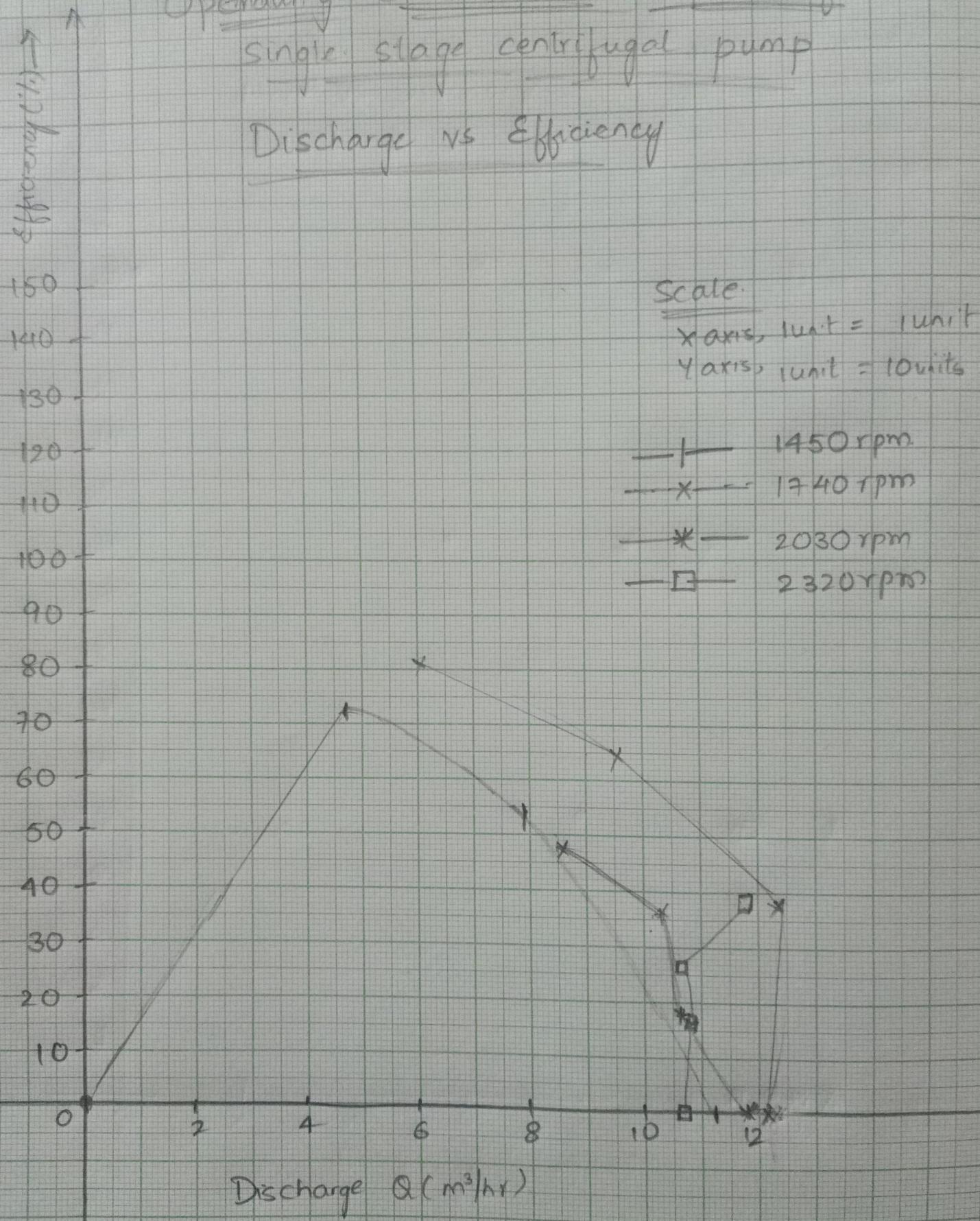
- Weight of water = density of water x discharge x g
 $= 1000 \times 11.7 \times 9.81 \text{ N/hr} = 114.78 \times 10^3 \text{ N/hr}$
- Manometric head = 10x delivery pressure gauge = $10 \times 1.5 = 15 \text{ m}$
- Power output = weight of water lifted x manometric head
 $= 114.78 \times 10^3 \times 15 / 3600 \text{ W} = 0.478 \text{ kW}$
- Efficiency = $\eta = 0.478 / 1.21 = 39.83\%$

SPEED(N)	DISCHARGE(Q)	OUTPUT POWER(P)	HEAD(H)	EFFICIENCY(η)
rpm	m^3/hr	kW	m	%
1450	11.24	0	0	0
1450	7.96	0.108	5	54
1450	5.4	0.147	10	73.5
1450	0	0	15	0
1740	12.22	0	0	0
1740	12.25	0.166	5	91.72%
1740	9.56	0.26	10	65
1740	6.02	0.246	15	82
2030	11.96	0	0	0
2030	10.75	0.146	5	18.25
2030	10.37	0.283	10	35.28
2030	9.09	0.372	15	46.5
2320	10.70	0	0	0
2320	10.85	0.148	5	16.44
2320	10.7	0.292	10	26.31
2320	11.7	0.478	15	39.83

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Operating characteristics curves of a
single stage centrifugal pump

Discharge vs Efficiency



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scale

x axis, 1 unit = 1 unit

y axis, 1 unit = 1 unit

1450 rpm —●—

1240 rpm —×—

2030 rpm —*—

2320 rpm —□—

Head (m)

150

140
130

120
110

100
90

80
70

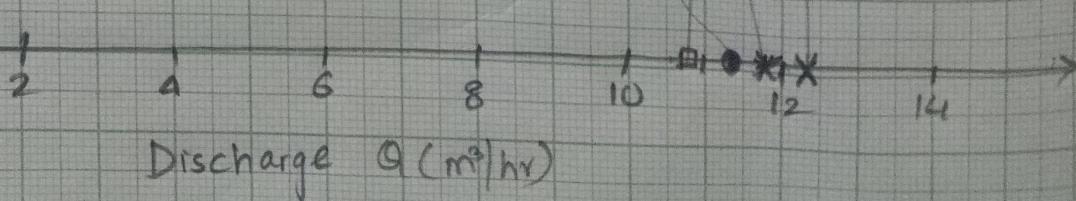
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50

40
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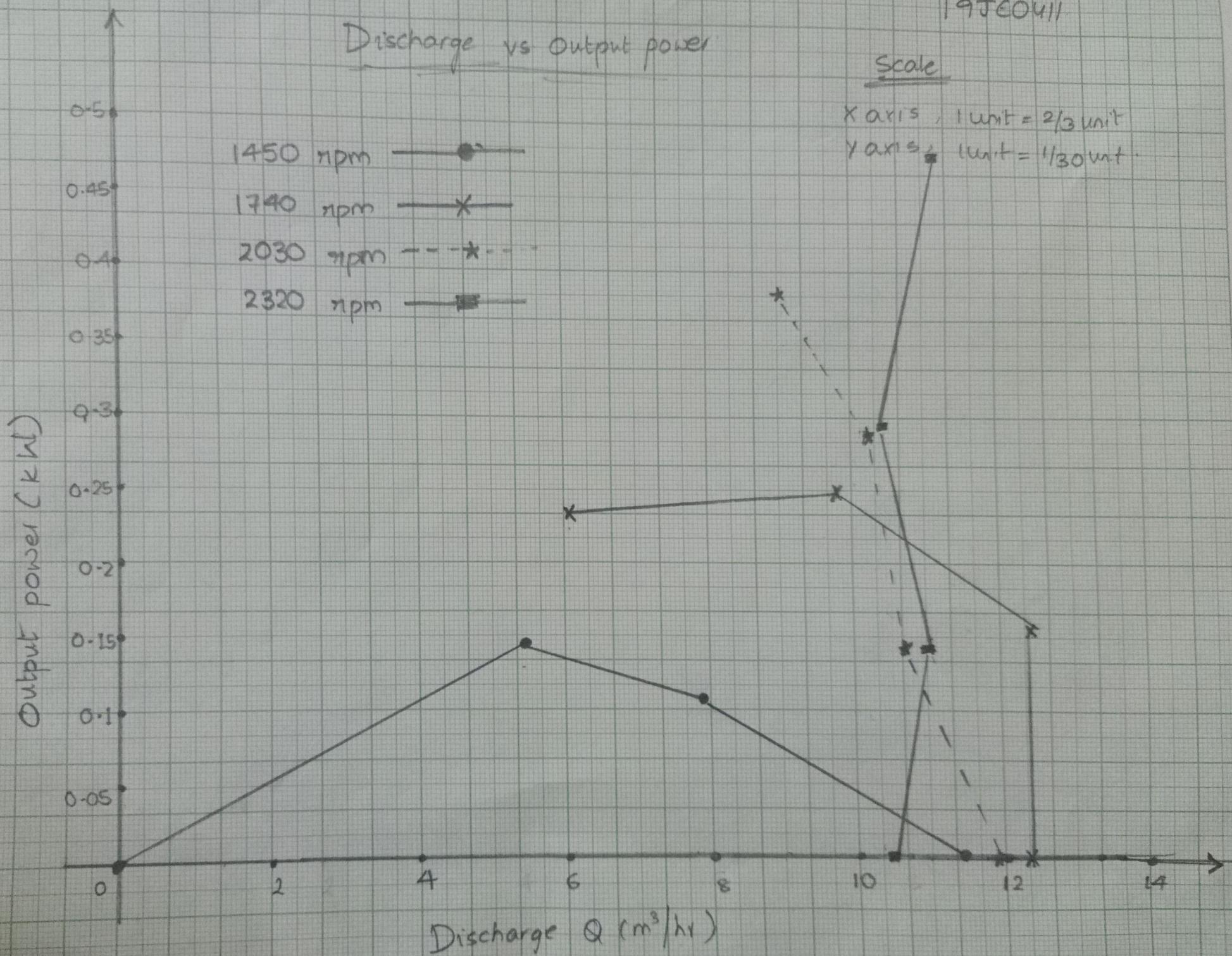
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Head vs Discharge



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Discharge vs Output power

ScaleX axis, 1 unit = $2/3$ unitY axis, 1 unit = $1/30$ unit

Discussion :

From the experiment, we can conclude that more hydraulic power doesn't generate greater efficiency but we can improve performance could by reducing the fluid flow rate.