

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

ENGR30002 Fluid Mechanics

Workshop 05 – Head loss

Part A: Newton-Raphson method

- Most widely used root finding method.
- Converges quickly.
- Only need one initial guess.

To find a root using Newton-Raphson method, do the following:

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

- Let the initial guess be x_i
- Find x_{i+1} by using the above relationship
- Let $x_i = x_{i+1}$ repeat until you feel your answer is accurate enough.

Question 01

Find the roots of the following equation using the Newton-Raphson method and starting with $x_1=4$.

$$f(x) = e^x - 10x = 0$$

Part B

Question 01

Water at 150°C is flowing steadily in a 60-meter horizontal pipe made of stainless steel at a rate of 6 L/s as shown in Figure 1. Determine a diameter of the pipe (meter). Pressure drop over the pipe length is 96.5 kPa.

Hint: Since a diameter is not known, you first guess an initial value and then do the iteration until it converges. Apply the Newton-Raphson method and set a tolerance of 1e-3.

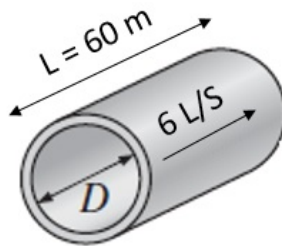


Figure 1: Water flowing in the horizontal pipe

Question 02

Water at 20°C flows at a rate of $0.28 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ by gravity from a reservoir 1 at a high elevation to a smaller reservoir 2 through a 20 meter-long cast iron piping system as shown in Figure 2. It includes four standard flanged elbows, a well-rounded entrance, a sharp-edged exit, and a fully open gate valve. How does the elevation change with a different size of diameters?. Take the free surface of the lower reservoir as the reference level and use the roughness of cast iron pipe $\epsilon = 0.00026 \text{ m}$.

Resistance coefficient:

A well-rounded entrance $K_L = 0.03$

A standard flanged elbow $K_L = 0.3$

A fully open gate valve $K_L = 0.2$

A sharp-edged exit $K_L = 1.0$

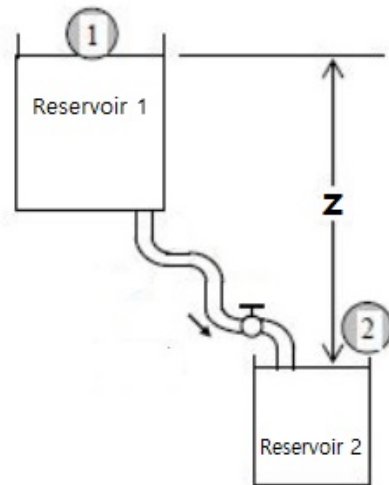


Figure 2: Water flowing from the large reservoir to the small one

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