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# **Preface to the Revised Second Edition**

The book was first released in 1998 and the second edition was published in 2004. The book has been extensively used by the faculty members and the students across the country. The present revised edition is based on the comments received from the users of the book. We take this opportunity to thank the individuals in various colleges/universities/institutes who provided inputs for the improvements. In the revised second edition, the typographical errors have been corrected. During the revision, the focus was primarily on the chapters pertaining to Fluid Machinery (Chapter 15 and Chapter 16). Some discussions have been expanded to make a better connection between the fundamentals and the applications. The illustrations have been improved. We are grateful to Ms. Surabhi Shukla and Ms. Sohini Mukherjee of McGraw-Hill for the efficient production of the revised second edition. We hope that our readers will find the revised second edition more useful.

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# Preface to the Second Edition

Many colleges, universities and institutions have used this book since the publication of its first edition. The colleagues and students of the authors have made valuable suggestions for the improvement of the book. The feedback of the students has influenced our style of presentation in the revised edition. The suggestions received from Prof. V Eswaran, Prof. R P Chhabra and Prof. P S Ghoshdastidar of IIT Kanpur are gratefully acknowledged. A major revision has been brought about in Chapter 4, especially, following the suggestions of Prof. V Eswaran on the earlier version of the chapter. Prof. B S Murty of IIT Madras provided valuable advice on the earlier version of Chapters 9, 11 and 12. Prof. S N Bhattacharya, Prof. S. Ghosh Moulic, Prof. P K Das and Prof. Sukanta Dash of IIT Kharagpur prompted several important modifications. Input from Prof. P M V Subbarao of IIT Delhi was indeed extremely useful. Prof. B.S. Joshi of Govt. College of Engineering, Aurangabad, put forward many meaningful suggestions. The authors have made use of this opportunity to correct the errors and introduce new material in an appropriate manner. The text on *Fluid Machines* has been enhanced by adding an additional chapter (Chapter 16). Some exciting problems have been added throughout the book. We sincerely hope that the readers will find this revised edition accurate and useful.

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# Preface to the First Edition

This text has been written primarily for an introductory course in fluid mechanics. Also, an attempt has been made to cover a significant part of the first course in fluid machines. The book is an outcome of our teaching experience at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, and Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

In the wake of modernisation of the industrial scenario in India, a need has been felt to modernise the engineering curriculum of the country at the undergraduate level. It has been observed that many of our graduates are being drawn into a high level of computational and experimental work in fluid mechanics without the benefit of a well-balanced basic course in fluids. In a basic (core level) course, a host of topics are covered, and almost everyday a new concept is introduced to the students. It is the instructor's job to redistribute the emphasis of any topic that he feels the students must focus with more priority. The merit of a basic course lies in its well-balanced coverage of physical concepts, mathematical operations and practical demonstrations within the scope of the course. The purpose of this book is to put effort towards this direction to provide a useful foundation of fluid mechanics to all engineering graduates of the country irrespective of their individual disciplines. Throughout this book, we have been emphatic to make the material lucid and easy to understand.

The topics of the first fourteen chapters are so chosen that it would require a one-semester (15 weeks) course with four one-hour lectures per week. The fifteenth chapter is on fluid machines which covers topics such as basic principles of fluid machines, hydraulic turbines, pumps, fluid couplings and torque converters. This material may be gainfully utilised together with the otherwise available text material on gas and steam turbines to cover a full course on introductory turbomachines.

The text contains many worked-out examples. These are selected carefully so that nuances of the principles are better explained and doubts are removed through demonstration. The problems assigned for practice and homework are also aimed at enhancing the dormant creative capability to the students. We hope that on completion of the course, the students will be able to apply the basic principles in engineering design in an appropriate manner.

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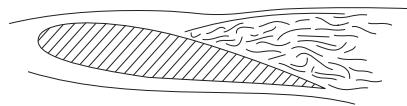
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## 1



# Introduction and Fundamental Concepts

## 1.1 DEFINITION OF STRESS

$$\delta F_n = \text{normal force, } \delta F_t = \text{tangential force}$$

Let us consider a small area  $\delta A$  on the surface of a body (Fig. 1.1). The force acting on this area is  $\delta F$ . This force can be resolved into two components, namely,  $\delta F_n$  along the normal to the area  $\delta A$  and  $\delta F_t$ , along the plane of  $\delta A$ .  $\delta F_n$  and  $\delta F_t$  are called the normal and tangential forces respectively. When they are expressed as force per unit area they are called as *normal stress* and *tangential or shear stress*.

$$\text{The normal stress } \sigma = \lim_{\delta A \rightarrow 0} (\delta F_n / \delta A)$$

$$\text{and shear stress } \tau = \lim_{\delta A \rightarrow 0} (\delta F_t / \delta A)$$

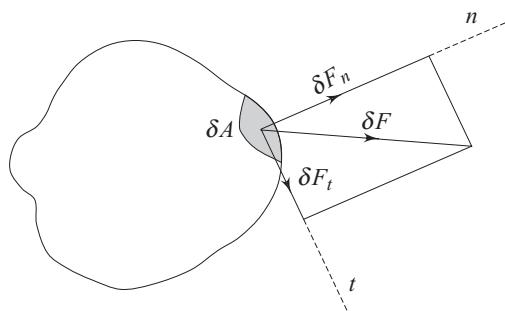


Fig. 1.1 Normal and tangential forces on a surface

## 1.2 DEFINITION OF FLUID

A fluid is a substance that deforms continuously when subjected to a tangential or shear stress, however small the shear stress may be.

As such, this continuous deformation under the application of shear stress constitutes a flow. For example (Fig. 1.2), if a shear stress  $\tau$  is applied at any location in a fluid, the element 011' which is initially at rest, will move to 022', then to 033' and to 044' and so on. In other words, the tangential stress in a fluid body depends on velocity of deformation and vanishes as this velocity approaches zero.

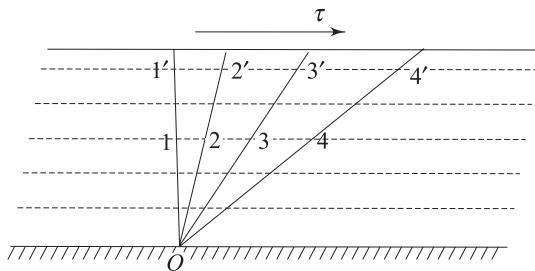


Fig. 1.2 Shear stress on a fluid body

## 1.3 DISTINCTION BETWEEN A SOLID AND A FLUID

The molecules of a solid are more closely packed as compared to that of a fluid. Attractive forces between the molecules of a solid are much larger than those of a fluid.

A solid body undergoes either a definite (say  $\alpha$ ) deformation (Fig. 1.3) or breaks completely when shear stress is applied on it. The amount of deformation ( $\alpha$ ) is proportional to the magnitude of applied stress up to some limiting condition.

If this were an element of fluid, there would have been no fixed  $\alpha$  even for an infinitesimally small shear stress. Instead a continuous deformation would have persisted as long as the shear stress was applied. It can be simply said, in other words, that while solids can resist tangential stress under static conditions, fluids can do it only under dynamic situation. Moreover, when the tangential stress disappears, solids regain either fully or partly their original shape, whereas a fluid can never regain its original shape.

### 1.3.1 Concept of Continuum

The concept of continuum is a kind of idealization of the continuous description of matter where the properties of the matter are considered as continuous functions of space variables. Although any matter is composed of several

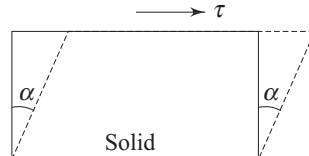


Fig. 1.3 Deformation of a solid body

molecules, the concept of continuum assumes a continuous distribution of mass within the matter or system with no empty space, instead of the actual conglomeration of separate molecules.

The most fundamental form of description of motion of a fluid is the behaviour of discrete molecules which constitute the fluid. But in liquids, molecular description is not required in order to analyse the fluid motion because the strong intermolecular cohesive forces make the entire liquid mass to behave as a continuous mass of substance. In gases, when the quantity of molecules in a given volume is large, it is good enough to consider the average effect of all molecular within the gas. It may be mentioned here that most gases have the molecules density of  $2.7 \times 10^{25}$  molecules per  $\text{m}^3$ . In continuum approach, fluid properties such as density, viscosity, thermal conductivity, temperature, etc. can be expressed as continuous functions of space and time.

There are factors which are to be considered with great importance in determining the validity of continuum model. One such factor is the distance between molecules which is a function of molecular density. The distance between the molecules is characterised by mean free path ( $\lambda$ ) which is a statistical average distance the molecules travel between two successive collisions. If the mean free path is very small as compared with some characteristic length in the flow domain (i.e., the molecular density is very high) then the gas can be treated as a continuous medium. If the mean free path is large in comparison to some characteristic length, the gas cannot be considered continuous and it should be analysed by the molecular theory. A dimensionless parameter known as *Knudsen number*,  $K_n = \lambda/L$ , where  $\lambda$  is the mean free path and  $L$  is the characteristic length, aptly describes the degree of departure from continuum. Usually when  $K_n > 0.01$ , the concept of continuum does not hold good. Beyond this critical range of Knudsen number, the flows are known as slip flow ( $0.01 < K_n < 0.1$ ), transition flow ( $0.1 < K_n < 10$ ) and free-molecule flow ( $K_n > 10$ ). However, for the flow regimes described in this book,  $K_n$  is always less than 0.01 and it is usual to say that the fluid is a continuum. Apart from this "distance between the molecules" factor, the other factor which checks the validity of continuum is the elapsed time between collisions. The time should be small enough so that the random statistical description of molecular activity holds good.

## 1.4 FLUID PROPERTIES

Certain characteristics of a continuous fluid are independent of the motion of the fluid. These characteristics are called basic properties of the fluid. We shall discuss a few such basic properties here.

### 1.4.1 Density ( $\rho$ )

The density  $\rho$  of a fluid is its mass per unit volume. Density has the unit of  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ . If a fluid element enclosing a point  $P$  has a volume  $\Delta V$  and mass  $\Delta m$  (Fig. 1.4), then density ( $\rho$ ) at point  $P$  is written as

$$\rho = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta V} = \frac{dm}{dV} \Big|_P$$

### 1.4.2 Specific Weight ( $\gamma$ )

The specific weight is the weight of fluid per unit volume. The specific weight is given by

$$\gamma = \rho g$$

where  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration. Just as weight must be clearly distinguished from mass, so must the specific weight be distinguished from density. In SI units,  $\gamma$  will be expressed in  $\text{N/m}^3$ .

### 1.4.3 Specific Volume ( $v$ )

The *specific volume* of a fluid is the volume occupied by unit mass of fluid. Thus

$$v = 1/\rho$$

Specific volume has the unit of  $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ .

### 1.4.4 Specific Gravity ( $s$ )

For liquids, it is the ratio of density of a liquid at actual conditions to the density of pure water at  $101 \text{ kN/m}^2$ , and at  $4^\circ\text{C}$ . The specific gravity of a gas is the ratio of its density to that of either hydrogen or air at some specified temperature or pressure. However, there is no general standard; so the conditions must be stated while referring to the specific gravity of a gas.

### 1.4.5 Viscosity ( $\mu$ )

Though viscosity is a fluid property but the effect of this property is understood when the fluid is in motion. In a flow of fluid, when the fluid elements move with different velocities, each element will feel some resistance due to fluid friction within the elements. Therefore, shear stresses can be identified between the fluid elements with different velocities. The relationship between the shear stress and the velocity field was given by Sir Isaac Newton. Consider a flow (Fig. 1.5) in which all fluid particles are moving in the same direction in such a way that the fluid layers move parallel with different velocities.

Figure 1.6 represents two adjacent layers of fluid at a distance  $y$  measured from a reference axis of Fig. 1.5, and they are shown slightly separated in Fig. 1.6 for the sake of clarity. The upper layer, which is moving faster, tries to draw the lower slowly moving layer along with it by means of a force

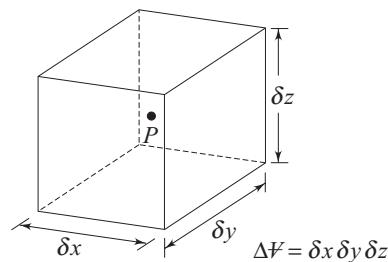


Fig. 1.4 A fluid element enclosing point P

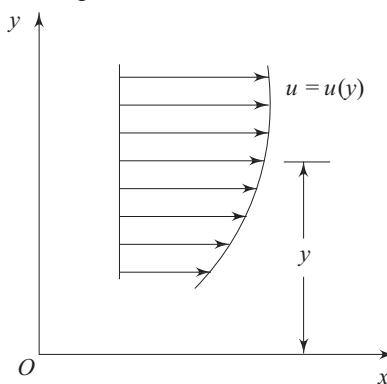


Fig. 1.5 Parallel flow of a fluid

$F$  along the direction of flow on this layer. Similarly, the lower layer tries to retard the upper one, according to Newton's third law, with an equal and opposite force  $F$  on it. Thus, the dragging effect of one layer on the other is experienced by a tangential force  $F$  on the respective layers. If  $F$  acts over an area of contact  $A$ , then the shear stress  $\tau$  is defined as  $\tau = F/A$ .

Newton postulated that  $\tau$  is proportional to the quantity  $\Delta u/\Delta y$ , where  $\Delta y$  is the distance of separation of the two layers and  $\Delta u$  is the difference in their velocities. In the limiting case of  $\Delta y \Rightarrow 0$ ,  $\Delta u/\Delta y$  equals to  $du/dy$ , the velocity gradient at a point in a direction perpendicular to the direction of the motion of the layer. According to Newton,  $\tau$  and  $du/dy$  bears the relation

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy} \quad (1.1)$$

where, the constant of proportionality  $\mu$  is known as the viscosity coefficient or simply the viscosity which is a property of the fluid and depends on its state. Sign of  $\tau$  depends upon the sign of  $du/dy$ . For the profile shown in Fig. 1.5,  $du/dy$  is positive everywhere and hence,  $\tau$  is positive. Both the velocity and stress are considered positive in the positive direction of the coordinate parallel to them. Equation (1.1), defining the viscosity of a fluid, is known as Newton's law of viscosity. Common fluids, viz. water, air, mercury obey Newton's law of viscosity and are known as *Newtonian fluids*. Other classes of fluids, viz. paints, different polymer solution, blood do not obey the typical linear relationship of  $\tau$  and  $du/dy$  and are known as *non-Newtonian fluids*.

**Dimensional Formula and Units of Viscosity** Dimensional formula of viscosity is determined from Eq. (1.1) as,

$$\mu = \frac{\tau}{du/dy} = \frac{[F/L^2]}{[1/T]} = \frac{[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]}{[1/T]} = [ML^{-1} T^{-1}]$$

The dimension of  $\mu$  can be expressed either as  $FTL^{-2}$  with  $F$ ,  $L$ ,  $T$  as basic dimensions, or as  $ML^{-1}T^{-1}$  with  $M$ ,  $L$ ,  $T$  as basic dimensions; corresponding symbols in SI unit are  $\text{Ns/m}^2$  and  $\text{kg/ms}$  respectively.

For Newtonian fluids, the coefficient of viscosity depends strongly on temperature but varies very little with pressure. For liquids, the viscosity decreases with increase in temperature, whereas for gases viscosity increases with the increase in temperature. Figure 1.7 shows the typical variation of viscosity with temperature for some commonly used liquids and gases.

**Causes of Viscosity** The causes of viscosity in a fluid are possibly attributed to two factors: (i) intermolecular force of cohesion (ii) molecular momentum exchange.

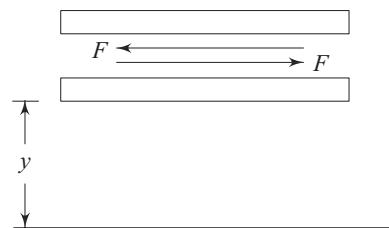


Fig. 1.6 Two adjacent layers of a moving fluid

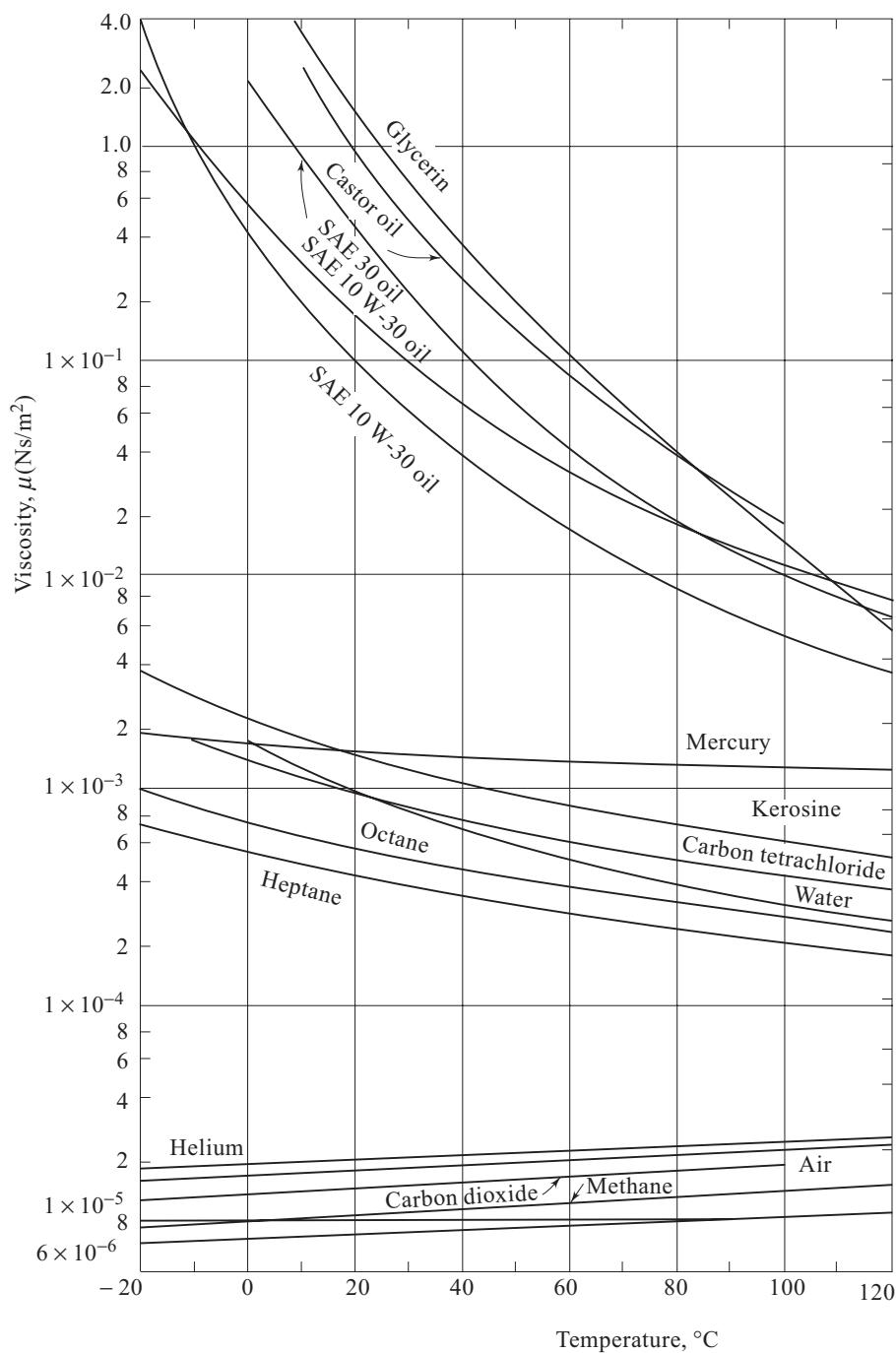


Fig. 1.7 Viscosity of common fluids as a function of temperature

- (i) Due to strong cohesive forces between the molecules, any layer in a moving fluid tries to drag the adjacent layer to move with an equal speed and thus produces the effect of viscosity as discussed earlier.
- (ii) The individual molecules of a fluid are continuously in motion and this motion makes a possible process of a exchange of momentum between different moving layers of the fluid. Suppose in a straight and parallel flow, a layer *aa* (Fig. 1.8) is moving more rapidly than the layer *bb*. Some molecules from the layer *aa*, in course of their continuous thermal agitation, migrate into the layer *bb*, taking together with them the momentum they have as a result of their stay at *aa*. By “collisions” with other molecules already prevailing in the layer *bb*, this momentum is shared among the occupants of *bb*, and thus layer *bb* as a whole is speeded up. Similarly molecules from the lower layer *bb* arrive at *aa* and tend to retard the layer *aa*. Every such migration of molecules, causes forces of acceleration or deceleration to drag the layers so as to oppose the differences in velocity between the layers and produces the effect of viscosity.

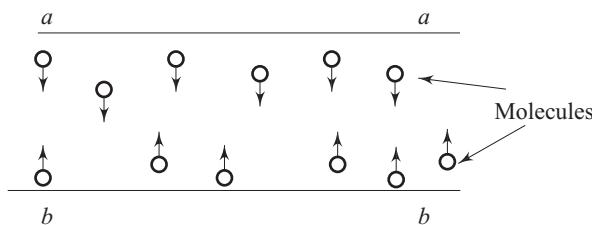


Fig. 1.8 Movement of fluid molecules between two adjacent moving layers

Although the process of molecular momentum exchange occurs in liquids, intermolecular cohesion is the predominant cause of viscosity in a liquid. Since cohesion decreases with temperature, the liquid viscosity does likewise. In gases the intermolecular cohesive forces are very small and the viscosity is dictated by molecular momentum exchange. As the random molecular motion increases with a rise in temperature, the viscosity also increases accordingly. Except for very special cases (e.g., at very high pressure) the viscosity of both liquids and gases ceases to be a function of pressure.

**Ideal Fluid** It has been found that considerable simplification can be achieved in the theoretical analysis of fluid motion by using the concept of an hypothetical fluid having a zero viscosity ( $\mu = 0$ ). Such a fluid is called an *ideal fluid* and the resulting motion is called as *ideal* or *inviscid flow*. In an ideal flow, there is no existence of shear force because of vanishing viscosity. All the fluids in reality have viscosity ( $\mu > 0$ ) and hence they are termed as real fluid and their motion is known as viscous flow. Under certain situations of very high velocity flow of viscous fluids, an accurate analysis of flow field away from a solid surface can be made from the ideal flow theory.

**Non-Newtonian Fluids** There are certain fluids where the linear relationship between the shear stress and the deformation rate (velocity gradient in parallel flow) as expressed by the Eq. (1.1) is not valid. Figure 1.9 shows that for a class of fluids this relationship is nonlinear. As such, for these fluids the viscosity varies with rate of deformation. Due to the deviation from Newton's law of viscosity they are commonly termed as *non-Newtonian fluids*. The abscissa in Fig. 1.9 represents the behaviour of ideal fluids since for the ideal fluids the resistance to shearing deformation rate is always zero, and hence they exhibit zero shear stress under any condition of flow. The ordinate represents the ideal solid for there is no deformation rate under any loading condition. The Newtonian fluids behave according to the law that shear stress is linearly proportional to velocity gradient or rate of shear strain (Eq. 1.1). Thus for these fluids, the plot of shear stress against velocity gradient is a straight line through the origin. The slope of the line determines the viscosity. As such, many mathematical models are available to describe the nonlinear "shear-stress vs deformation-rate" relationship of non-Newtonian fluids. But no general model can describe the constitutive equation ("shear stress vs rate of deformation" relationship) of all kinds of non-Newtonian fluids. However, the mathematical model for describing the mechanistic behaviour of a variety of commonly used non-Newtonian fluids is the *Power-Law model* which is also known as *Ostwald-de Waele model* (the name is after the scientist who proposed it). According to Ostwald-de Waele model

$$\tau = m \left| \frac{du}{dy} \right|^{n-1} \frac{du}{dy} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $m$  is known as the *flow consistency index* and  $n$  is the flow behaviour index. Viscosity of any fluid is always defined by the ratio of shear stress to the deformation rate. Hence viscosity for the Power-law fluids, obeying the above model, can be described as:

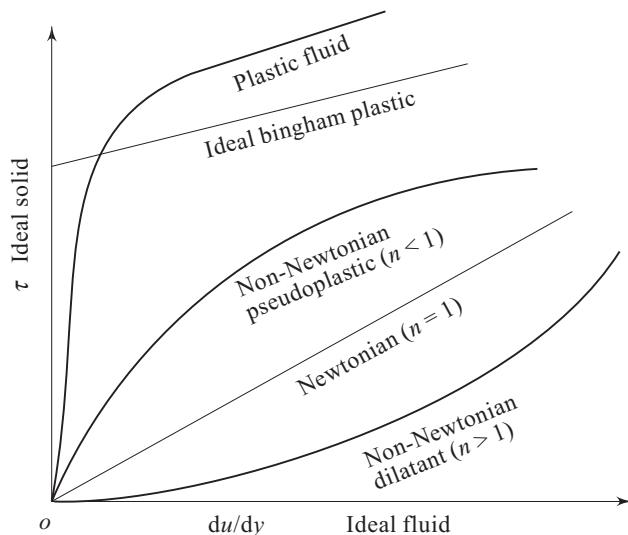


Fig. 1.9 Shear stress and deformation rate relationship of different fluids

$$m \left| \frac{du}{dy} \right|^{n-1}$$

It is readily observed that the viscosities of non-Newtonian fluids are function of deformation rate and are often termed as apparent or effective viscosity.

When  $n = 1$ ,  $m$  equals to  $\mu$ , the model identically satisfies Newtonian model as a special case.

When  $n < 1$ , the model is valid for pseudoplastic fluids, such as gelatine, blood, milk etc.

When  $n > 1$ , the model is valid for dilatant fluids, such as sugar in water, aqueous suspension of rice starch etc.

There are some substances which require a yield stress for the deformation rate (i.e. the flow) to be established, and hence their constitutive equations do not pass through the origin thus violating the basic definition of a fluid. They are termed as *Bingham plastic*. For an ideal Bingham plastic, the shear stress-deformation rate relationship is linear.

#### 1.4.6 Kinematic Viscosity

The coefficient of viscosity  $\mu$  which has been discussed so far is known as the coefficient of dynamic viscosity or simply the dynamic viscosity. Another coefficient of viscosity known as kinematic viscosity is defined as

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

Its dimensional formula is  $L^2 T^{-1}$  and is expressed as  $m^2/s$  in SI units. The importance of kinematic viscosity in practice is realised due to the fact that while the viscous force on a fluid element is proportional to  $\mu$ , the inertia force is proportional to  $\rho$  and this ratio of  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  appears in several dimensionless similarity parameters like Reynolds number  $VL/\nu$ , Prandtl number  $\nu/\alpha$  etc. in describing various physical problems.

#### 1.4.7 No-slip Condition of Viscous Fluids

When a viscous fluid flows over a solid surface, the fluid elements adjacent to the surface attain the velocity of the surface; in other words, the relative velocity between the solid surface and the adjacent fluid particles is zero. This phenomenon has been established through experimental observations and is known as the “no-slip” condition. Thus the fluid elements in contact with a stationary surface have zero velocity. This behaviour of no-slip at the solid surface should not be confused with the wetting of surfaces by the fluids. For example, mercury flowing in a stationary glass tube will not wet the surface, but will have zero velocity at the wall of the tube. The wetting property results from surface tension, whereas the no-slip condition is a consequence of fluid viscosity.

### 1.4.8 Compressibility

Compressibility of any substance is the measure of its change in volume under the action of external forces, namely, the normal compressive forces (the force  $\delta F_n$  as shown in Fig. 1.1, but in the opposite direction). The normal compressive stress on any fluid element at rest is known as hydrostatic pressure  $p$  and arises as a result of innumerable molecular collisions in the entire fluid. The degree of compressibility of a substance is characterised by the *bulk modulus of elasticity*  $E$  defined as

$$E = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\Delta p}{\Delta V/V} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\Delta V$  and  $\Delta p$  are the changes in the volume and pressure respectively, and  $V$  is the initial volume. The negative sign in Eq. (1.3) indicates that an increase in pressure is associated with a decrease in volume. For a given mass of a substance, the change in its volume and density satisfies the relation

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V} = -\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \quad (1.4)$$

with the help of Eq. (1.4),  $E$  can be expressed as,

$$E = \lim_{\Delta \rho \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta p}{(\Delta \rho / \rho)} = \rho \frac{dp}{d\rho} \quad (1.5)$$

Values of  $E$  for liquids are very high as compared with those of gases (except at very high pressures). Therefore, liquids are usually termed as incompressible fluids though, in fact, no substance is theoretically incompressible with a value of  $E$  as  $\infty$ . For example, the bulk modulus of elasticity for water and air at atmospheric pressure are approximately  $2 \times 10^6$  kN/m<sup>2</sup> and 101 kN/m<sup>2</sup> respectively. It indicates that air is about 20,000 times more compressible than water. Hence water can be treated as incompressible. Another characteristic parameter, known as compressibility  $K$ , is usually defined for gases. It is the reciprocal of  $E$  as

$$K = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dp} = -\frac{1}{V} \left( \frac{dV}{dp} \right) \quad (1.6)$$

$K$  is often expressed in terms of specific volume  $\nu$ . For any gaseous substance, a change in pressure is generally associated with a change in volume and a change in temperature simultaneously. A functional relationship between the pressure, volume and temperature at any equilibrium state is known as thermodynamic equation of state for the gas. For an ideal gas, the thermodynamic equation of state is given by

$$p = \rho RT \quad (1.7)$$

where  $T$  is the temperature in absolute thermodynamic or gas temperature scale (which are, in fact, identical), and  $R$  is known as the characteristic gas constant, the value of which depends upon a particular gas. However, this equation is also valid for the real gases which are thermodynamically far from their liquid phase.

For air, the value of  $R$  is 287 J/kg K. The relationship between the pressure  $p$  and the volume  $V$  for any process undergone by a gas depends upon the nature of the process. A general relationship is usually expressed in the form of

$$pV^x = \text{constant} \quad (1.8)$$

For a constant temperature (isothermal) process of an ideal gas,  $x = 1$ . If there is no heat transfer to or from the gas, the process is known as *adiabatic*. A frictionless adiabatic process is called an *isentropic* process and  $x$  equals to the ratio of specific heat at constant pressure to that at constant volume. The Eq. (1.8) can be written in a differential form as

$$\frac{dV}{dp} = -\frac{V}{xp} \quad (1.9)$$

Using the relation (1.9), Eqs (1.5) and (1.6) yield

$$E = xp \quad (1.10a)$$

$$\text{or} \quad K = \frac{1}{xp} \quad (1.10b)$$

Therefore, the compressibility  $K$ , or bulk modulus of elasticity  $E$  for gases depends on the nature of the process through which the pressure and volume change. For an isothermal process of an ideal gas ( $x = 1$ ),  $E = p$  or  $K = 1/p$ . The value of  $E$  for air quoted earlier is the isothermal bulk modulus of elasticity at normal atmospheric pressure and hence the value equals to the normal atmospheric pressure.

#### 1.4.9 Distinction between an Incompressible and a Compressible Flow

In order to know whether it is necessary to take into account the compressibility of gases in fluid flow problems, we have to consider whether the change in pressure brought about by the fluid motion causes large change in volume or density.

From Bernoulli's equation (to be discussed in a subsequent chapter),  $p + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = \text{constant}$  ( $V$  being the velocity of flow), and therefore the change in pressure,  $\Delta p$ , in a flow field, is of the order of  $\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$  (dynamic head). Invoking this relationship into Eq. (1.5) we get,

$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\rho V^2}{E} \quad (1.11)$$

Now, we can say that if  $(\Delta \rho / \rho)$  is very small, the flow of gases can be treated as incompressible with a good degree of approximation. According to *Laplace's equation*, the velocity of sound is given by  $a = \sqrt{E/\rho}$ . Hence

$$\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{V^2}{a^2} \approx \frac{1}{2} Ma^2 \quad (1.12)$$

where  $Ma$  is the ratio of the velocity of flow to the acoustic velocity in the flowing medium at the condition and is known as *Mach number*.

From the aforesaid argument, it is concluded that the compressibility of gas in

a flow can be neglected if  $\Delta\rho/\rho$  is considerably smaller than unity, i.e.,  $\frac{1}{2} Ma^2 \ll 1$ .

In other words, if the flow velocity is small as compared to the local acoustic velocity, compressibility of gases can be neglected. Considering a maximum relative change in density of 5 per cent as the criterion of an incompressible flow, the upper limit of Mach number becomes approximately 0.33. In case of air at standard pressure and temperature, the acoustic velocity is about 335.28 m/sec. Hence a Mach number of 0.33 corresponds to a velocity of about 110 m/sec. Therefore flow of air up to a velocity of 110 m/sec under standard condition can be considered as incompressible flow.

#### 1.4.10 Surface Tension of Liquids

The phenomenon of surface tension arises due to the two kinds of intermolecular forces (i) cohesion and (ii) adhesion.

The force of attraction between the molecules of a liquid by virtue of which they are bound to each other to remain as one assemblage of particles is known as the force of cohesion. This property enables the liquid to resist tensile stress. On the other hand, the force of attraction between unlike molecules, i.e. between the molecules of different liquids or between the molecules of a liquid and those of a solid body when they are in contact with each other, is known as the force of adhesion. This force enables two different liquids to adhere to each other or a liquid to adhere to a solid body or surface.

Consider a bulk of liquid with a free surface (Fig. 1.10) that separates the bulk of liquid from air. A molecule at a point *A* or *B* is attracted equally in all directions by the neighbouring molecules. Due to the random motion of the molecules, the forces of cohesion, on an average over a period of time can be considered equal in all directions. Moreover, this force is effective over a minute distance in the order of three to four times the average distance between the adjacent molecules. Therefore, one can imagine a sphere of influence around those points. A molecule at *C*, very near to the free surface has a smaller force of attraction acting on it from the direction of the surface because there are fewer molecules within the upper part of its sphere of influence. In other words, a net force acts on the molecule towards the interior of the liquid. This force has its maximum value when the molecule is actually at the surface, as at *D*. This net inward force at *D* depends not only on the attraction of the molecules inside the liquid, but also on the attraction by the molecules of air on the other side of the surface. The substance on the other side may be in general, any gas, immiscible liquid or solid. Hence, work is done on each molecule arriving at the surface against the action of

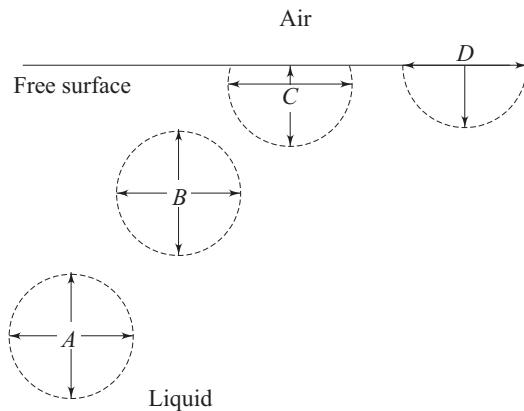


Fig. 1.10 The intermolecular cohesive force field in a bulk of liquid with a free surface

an inward force. Thus mechanical work is performed in creating a free surface or in increasing the area of the surface. Therefore, a surface requires mechanical energy for its formation and the existence of a free surface implies the presence of stored mechanical energy known as free surface energy. Any system tries to attain the condition of stable equilibrium with its potential energy as minimum. Thus a quantity of liquid will adjust its shape until its surface area and consequently its free surface energy is a minimum. For example, a drop of liquid free from all other forces, takes a permanent spherical shape, since for a given volume, the sphere is the geometrical shape having the minimum surface area. Free surface energy necessarily implies the existence of a tensile force in the surface and the surface, in fact, is in a stretched condition due to this force. If an imaginary line is drawn on the surface, the liquid molecules on both sides will pull the linear element in both the directions and this line will be subjected to a state of tensile force. The magnitude of surface tension is defined as the tensile force acting across such short and straight elemental line divided by the length of the line. The dimensional formula is  $F/L$  or  $MT^{-2}$ . It is usually expressed in N/m in SI units. Surface tension is a binary property of the liquid and gas or two liquids which are in contact with each other and define the interface. It decreases slightly with increasing temperature. The surface tension of water in contact with air at 20 °C is about 0.073 N/m.

It is due to surface tension that a curved liquid interface in equilibrium results in a greater pressure at the concave side of the surface than that at its convex side.

Consider an elemental curved liquid surface (Fig. 1.11) separating the bulk of liquid in its concave side and a gaseous substance or another immiscible liquid on the convex side. The surface is assumed to be curved on both the sides with radii of curvature as  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  and with the length of the surfaces subtending angles of  $d\theta_1$  and  $d\theta_2$  respectively at the centre of curvature as shown in Fig. 1.11. Let the surface be subjected to the uniform pressure  $p_i$  and  $p_o$  at its concave and convex sides respectively acting perpendicular to the elemental surface. The surface tension forces across the boundary lines of the surface appear to be the external

forces acting on the surface. Considering the equilibrium of this small elemental surface, a force balance in the direction perpendicular to the surface results.

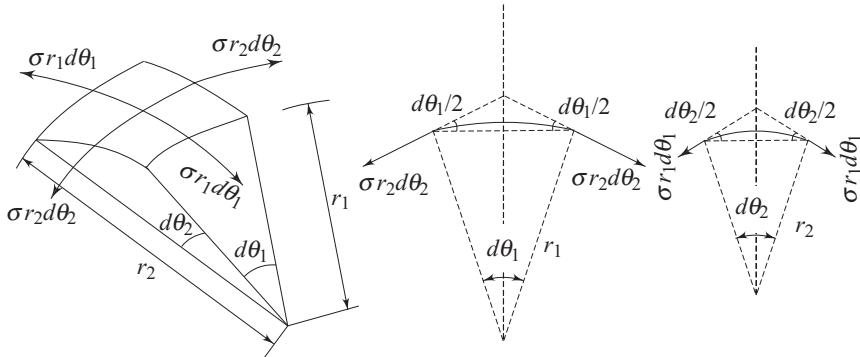


Fig. 1.11 State of stress and force balance on a curved liquid interface in equilibrium with surrounding due to surface tension

$$2 \sigma r_2 d\theta_2 \sin\left(\frac{d\theta_1}{2}\right) + 2 \sigma r_1 d\theta_1 \sin\left(\frac{d\theta_2}{2}\right) = (p_i - p_o) r_1 r_2 d\theta_1 d\theta_2$$

For small angles

$$\sin\left(\frac{d\theta_1}{2}\right) \approx \frac{d\theta_1}{2}, \sin\left(\frac{d\theta_2}{2}\right) \approx \frac{d\theta_2}{2}$$

Hence, from the above equation of force balance we can write

$$\frac{\sigma}{r_1} + \frac{\sigma}{r_2} = (p_i - p_o)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \Delta p = \frac{\sigma}{r_1} + \frac{\sigma}{r_2} \quad (1.13)$$

$$\text{where} \quad \Delta p = p_i - p_o$$

and  $\sigma$  is the surface tension of the liquid in contact with the specified fluid at its convex side. If the liquid surface coexists with another immiscible fluid, usually gas, on both the sides, the surface tension force appears on both the concave and convex interfaces and the net surface tension force on the surface will be twice as that described by Eq. (1.13). Hence the equation for pressure difference in this case becomes

$$\Delta p = 2 \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_1} + \frac{\sigma}{r_2} \right) \quad (1.14)$$

**Special Cases** For a spherical liquid drop, the Eq. (1.13) is applicable with  $r_1 = r_2 = r$  (the radius of the drop) to determine the difference between the pressure inside and outside the drop as

$$\Delta p = 2\sigma/r \quad (1.15)$$

The excess pressure in a cylindrical liquid jet over the pressure of the surrounding atmosphere can be found from Eq. (1.13) with  $r_1 \Rightarrow \infty$  and  $r_2 = r$  (the radius of the jet) as

$$\Delta p = \sigma/r \quad (1.16)$$

In case of the spherical bubble, the Eq. (1.14) is applicable with  $r_1 = r_2 = r$  (radius of the bubble), which gives

$$\Delta p = 4\sigma/r \quad (1.17)$$

### 1.4.11 Capillarity

The interplay of the forces of cohesion and adhesion explains the phenomenon of capillarity. When a liquid is in contact with a solid, if the forces of adhesion between the molecules of the liquid and the solid are greater than the forces of cohesion among the liquid molecules themselves, the liquid molecules crowd towards the solid surface. The area of contact between the liquid and solid increases and the liquid thus wets the solid surface. The reverse phenomenon takes place when the force of cohesion is greater than the force of adhesion. These adhesion and cohesion properties result in the phenomenon of capillarity by which a liquid either rises or falls in a tube dipped into the liquid depending upon whether the force of adhesion is more than that of cohesion or not (Fig. 1.12). The angle  $\theta$ , as shown in Fig. 1.12, is the area wetting contact angle made by the interface with the solid surface.

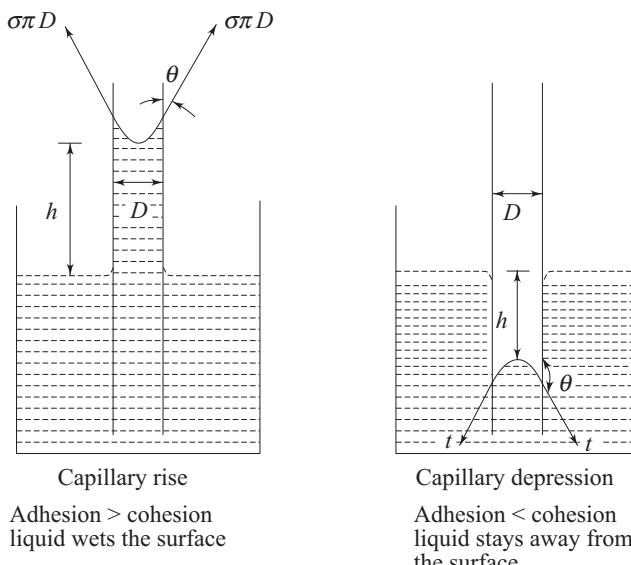


Fig. 1.12 Phenomenon of capillarity

Equating the weight of the column of liquid  $h$  with the vertical component of the surface tension force, we have,

$$\frac{\pi D^2}{4} h \rho g = \sigma \pi D \cos \theta$$

$$h = \frac{4\sigma \cos \theta}{\rho g D} \quad (1.18)$$

For pure water in contact with air in a clean glass tube, the capillary rise takes place with  $\theta = 0$ . The value of  $\theta$  may be different from zero in practice where cleanliness of a high order is seldom found. Mercury causes capillary depression with an angle of contact of about  $130^\circ$  in a clean glass in contact with air. Since  $h$  varies inversely with  $D$  as found from Eq. (1.18), an appreciable capillary rise or depression is observed in tubes of small diameter only.

#### 1.4.12 Vapour Pressure

All liquids have a tendency to evaporate when exposed to a gaseous atmosphere. The rate of evaporation depends upon the molecular energy of the liquid which in turn depends upon the type of liquid and its temperature. The vapour molecules exert a partial pressure in the space above the liquid, known as vapour pressure. If the space above the liquid is confined (Fig. 1.13) and the liquid is maintained at constant temperature, after sufficient time, the confined space above the liquid will contain vapour molecules to the extent that some of them will be forced to enter the liquid. Eventually an equilibrium condition will evolve when the rate at which the number of vapour molecules striking back the liquid surface and condensing is just equal to the rate at which they leave from the surface. The space above the liquid then becomes saturated with vapour. The vapour pressure of a given liquid is a function of temperature only and is equal to the saturation pressure for boiling corresponding to that temperature. Hence, the vapour pressure increases with the increase in temperature. Therefore the phenomenon of boiling of a liquid is closely related to the vapour pressure. In fact, when the vapour pressure of a liquid becomes equal to the total pressure impressed on its surface, the liquid starts boiling. This concludes that boiling can be achieved either by raising the temperature of the liquid, so that its vapour pressure is elevated to the ambient pressure, or by lowering the pressure of the ambience (surrounding gas) to the liquid's vapour pressure at the existing temperature.

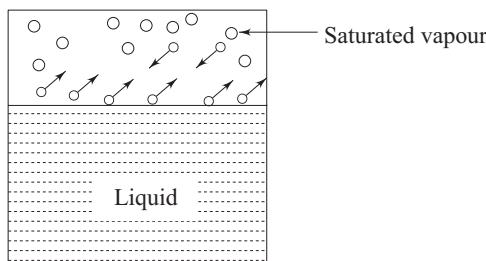


Fig. 1.13 To and fro movement of liquid molecules from an interface in a confined space as a closed surrounding

#### Summary

- A fluid is a substance that deforms continuously when subjected to even an infinitesimal shear stress. Solids can resist tangential stress at static

conditions undergoing a definite deformation while a fluid can do it only at dynamic conditions undergoing a continuous deformation as long as the shear stress is applied.

- The concept of continuum assumes a continuous distribution of mass within the matter or system with no empty space. In the continuum approach, properties of a system can be expressed as continuous functions of space and time. A dimensionless parameter known as *Knudsen number*  $Kn = \lambda/L$ , where  $\lambda$  is the mean free path and  $L$  is the characteristic length, aptly describes the degree of departure from continuum. The concept of continuum usually holds good when  $K_n < 0.01$ .
- Viscosity is a property of a fluid by virtue of which it offers resistance to flow. The shear stress at a point in a moving fluid is directly proportional to the rate of shear strain. For a one dimensional flow,  $\tau = \mu(du/dy)$ . The constant of proportionality  $\mu$  is known as coefficient of viscosity or simply the viscosity. The relationship is known as the Newton's law of viscosity and the fluids which obey this law are known as *Newtonian fluids*.
- The relationship between the shear stress and the rate of shear strain is known as the constitutive equation. The fluids whose constitutive equations are not linear through origin (do not obey the Newton's law of viscosity) are known as *non-Newtonian fluids*. For a Newtonian fluid, viscosity is a function of temperature only. With an increase in temperature, the viscosity of a liquid decreases, while that of a gas increases. For a non-Newtonian fluid, the viscosity depends not only on temperature but also on the deformation rate of the fluid. Kinematic viscosity  $v$  is defined as  $\mu/\rho$ .
- Compressibility of a substance is the measure of its change in volume or density under the action of external forces. It is usually characterised by the *bulk modulus of elasticity*

$$E = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\Delta P}{\Delta V/V}$$

- A flow is said to be incompressible when the change in its density due to the change in pressure brought about by the fluid motion is negligibly small. When the flow velocity is equal to or less than 0.33 times of the local acoustic speed, the relative change in density of the fluid, due to flow, becomes equal to or less than 5 per cent respectively, and hence the flow is considered to be incompressible.
- The force of attraction between the molecules of a fluid is known as cohesion, while that between the molecules of a fluid and of a solid is known as adhesion. The interplay of these two intermolecular forces explains the phenomena of surface tension and capillary rise or depression. A free surface of the liquid is always under stretched condition implying the existence of a tensile force on the surface. The magnitude of this force per unit length of an imaginary line drawn along the liquid surface is known as the surface tension coefficient or simply the *surface tension*.

Surface tension is a binary property of liquid and gas and bears an inverse relationship with temperature. It is due to the surface tension that a curved liquid interface, in equilibrium, results in a greater pressure at the concave side than that at its convex side. The pressure difference  $\Delta P$  is given by  $\Delta P$

$$= \sigma \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right). \text{ A liquid wets a solid surface and results in a capillary rise}$$

when the forces of cohesion between the liquid molecules are lower than the forces of adhesion between the molecules of liquid and solid in contact. Non-wettability of solid surfaces and capillary depression are exhibited by the liquids for which forces of cohesion are more than the forces of adhesion.

### Solved Examples

**Example 1.1** A fluid has an solute viscosity of 0.048 Pas and a specific gravity of 0.913. For the flow of such a fluid over a flat solid surface, the velocity at a point 75 mm away from the surface is 1.125 m/s. Calculate the shear stresses at the solid boundary, at points 25 mm, 50 mm, and 75 mm away from the boundary surface. Assume (i) a linear velocity distribution and (ii) a parabolic velocity distribution with the vertex at the point 75 mm away from the surface where the velocity is 1.125 m/s.

**Solution** Consider a two dimensional cartesian coordinate system with the velocity of fluid  $V$  as abscisa and the normal distance  $Y$  from the surface as the ordinate with the origin  $O$  at the solid surface (Fig. 1.14)

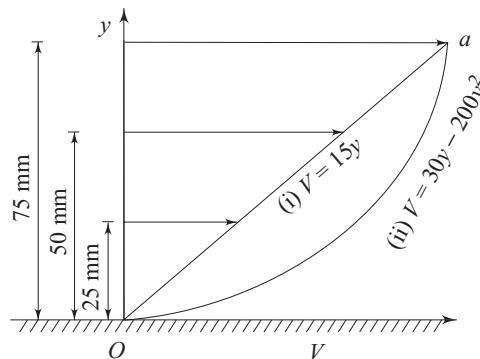


Fig. 1.14 Velocity distribution in the flow of liquid as described in example

According to the no-slip condition at the solid surface.

$$V = 0 \text{ at } y = 0$$

again  $V = 1.125 \text{ m/s}$  at  $y = 0.075 \text{ m}$  (given in the problem)

(i) For a linear velocity distribution, the relation between  $V$  and  $y$  is  $V = \frac{1.125}{0.075}y = 15y$

Hence

$$\frac{dV}{dy} = 15 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

According to Eq. (1.1), shear stress  $\tau = \mu dV/dy$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.048 \times 15 \\ &= 0.72 \text{ Pa (N/m}^2\text{)} \end{aligned}$$

In this case, shear stress is uniform throughout.

(ii) The equation of the parabolic velocity distribution is considered to be given by

$$V = A + By + Cy^2$$

where the constants A, B and C are to be determined from the boundary conditions given in the problem as

$$V = 0 \text{ at } y = 0 \text{ (No-slip at the plate surface)}$$

$$V = 1.125 \text{ at } y = 0.075$$

$$\frac{dV}{dy} = 0 \text{ at } y = 0.075 \text{ (the condition for the vertex of the parabola)}$$

Substitution of the boundary conditions in the expression of velocity profile we get

$$A = 0$$

$$1.125 = 0.075 B + (0.075)^2 C$$

$$0 = B + 0.15 C$$

which give  $B = 30, C = -200$

Therefore the expression of velocity profile becomes

$$V = 30y - 200y^2$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{dV}{dy} = 30 - 400y \quad (1.19)$$

Tabulation of results with the help of Eq. (1.19) is shown below:

$y$ m	$V$ m/s	$dV/dy$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\tau = 0.048 (dV/dy)$ (Pa)
0	0	30	1.44
0.025	0.625	20	0.96
0.050	0.880	10	0.48
0.075	1.125	0	0

It is observed that the shear stress decreases as the velocity gradient decreases with the distance  $y$  from the plate and becomes zero where the velocity gradient is zero.

**Example 1.2** A cylinder of 0.12 m radius rotates concentrically inside a fixed hollow cylinder of 0.13 m radius. Both the cylinders are 0.3 m long. Determine the viscosity of the liquid which fills the space between the cylinders if a torque of 0.88 Nm is required to maintain an angular velocity of  $2\pi$  rad/s.

**Solution** The torque applied = The resisting torque by the fluid  
 $= (\text{shear stress}) \times (\text{surface area}) \times (\text{Torque arm})$

Hence, at any radial location  $r$  from the axis of rotation.

$$0.88 = \tau (2\pi r \times 0.3) r$$

$$\tau = \frac{0.467}{r^2}$$

Now according to Eq. (1.1),

$$\frac{dV}{dy} = \frac{\tau}{\mu} = \frac{0.467}{\mu r^2}$$

Rearranging the above expression and substituting  $-dr$  for  $dy$  (the minus sign indicates that  $r$ , the radial distance, decreases as  $V$  increases), we obtain

$$\int_{V_{\text{outer}}}^{V_{\text{inner}}} dV = \frac{0.467}{\mu} \int_{0.13}^{0.12} -\frac{dr}{r^2}$$

$$\text{Hence } V_{\text{inner}} - V_{\text{outer}} = \frac{0.467}{\mu} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \right]_{0.13}^{0.12}$$

The velocity of the inner cylinder,

$$V_{\text{inner}} = 2\pi \times 0.12 = 0.754 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Hence, } (0.754 - 0) = \frac{0.467}{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{0.12} - \frac{1}{0.13} \right)$$

$$\text{From which } \mu = 0.397 \text{ Pa s}$$

**Example 1.3** The velocity profile in laminar flow through a round pipe is expressed as

$$u = 2U(1 - r^2/r_0^2)$$

where  $U$  is the average velocity,  $r$  is the radial distance from the centre line of the pipe, and  $r_0$  is the pipe radius. Draw the dimensionless shear stress profile  $\tau/\tau_0$  against  $r/r_0$ , where  $\tau_0$  is the wall shear stress. Find the value of  $\tau_0$ , when fuel oil having an absolute viscosity  $\mu = 4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ N}^{-\text{s}}/\text{m}^2$  flows with an average velocity of 4 m/s in a pipe of diameter 150 mm.

**Solution** The given velocity profile is

$$u = 2U(1 - r^2/r_0^2)$$

$$\frac{du}{dr} = -\frac{4Ur}{r_0^2}$$

Shear stress at any radial location  $r$  can be written as

$$\tau = -\mu \frac{du}{dr}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\tau}{\tau_0} = \frac{du/dr}{(du/dr)_{r=r_0}} = \frac{r}{r_0}$$

Figure 1.15 shows the shear stress distribution

$$\text{Wall shear stress } \tau_0 = -\mu \left( \frac{du}{dr} \right)_{r=r_0}$$

$$= \mu \left( \frac{4U}{r_0} \right)$$

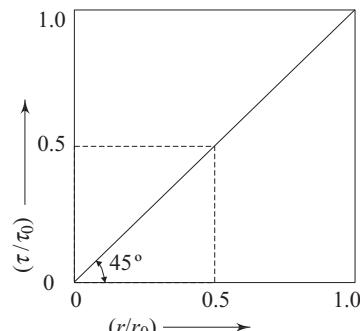


Fig. 1.15 Shear stress distribution in the pipe flow problem of Example 1.3

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (4 \times 10^{-2}) \left( \frac{4 \times 4}{0.075} \right) \\
 &= 8.533 \text{ N/m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.4** If we neglect the temperature effect, an empirical pressure-density relation for water is  $p/p_a = 3001 \times (\rho/\rho_a)^7 - 3000$ , where subscript 'a' refers to atmospheric conditions. Determine the isothermal bulk modulus of elasticity and compressibility of water at 1, 10 and 100 atmospheric pressure.

**Solution** Pressure-density relationship is given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{p}{p_a} &= 3001 \times \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^7 - 3000 \quad (1.20) \\
 \frac{1}{p_a} \frac{dp}{d\rho} &= 7 \times 3001 \frac{\rho^6}{\rho_a^7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dp}{d\rho} &= 7 \times 3001 p_a \frac{\rho^6}{\rho_a^7} \\
 \rho \frac{dp}{d\rho} &= 7 \times 3001 p_a \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^7
 \end{aligned}$$

According to Eq. (1.5),

$$E = \rho \frac{dp}{d\rho} = 7 \times 3001 p_a \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^7 \quad (1.21)$$

Substituting the value of  $\left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_a} \right)^7$  from Eq. (1.20) to Eq. (1.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 E &= \frac{7 \times 3001}{3001} \cdot p_a \left[ \frac{p}{p_a} + 3000 \right] \\
 &= 7p_a \left[ \frac{p}{p_a} + 3000 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 (E)_{1 \text{ atm pressure}} &= 7 \times 3001 p_a \\
 &= 2.128 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

(The atmospheric pressure  $p_a$  is taken as that at the sea level and equals to  $1.0132 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 (E)_{10 \text{ atm pressure}} &= 7 \times 3010 p_a \\
 &= 2.135 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (E)_{100 \text{ atm pressure}} &= 7 \times 3100 p_a \\
 &= 2.198 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Respective compressibilities are

$$(K)_{1 \text{ atm pressure}} = \frac{1}{(E)_{1 \text{ atm pressure}}} = 0.47 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{kN}$$

$$(K)_{10 \text{ atm pressure}} = \frac{1}{(E)_{10 \text{ atm pressure}}} = 0.468 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{kN}$$

$$(K)_{100 \text{ atm pressure}} = \frac{1}{(E)_{100 \text{ atm pressure}}} = 0.455 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{kN}$$

It is found from the above example that the bulk modulus of elasticity or compressibility of water is almost independent of pressure.

**Example 1.5** A cylinder contains  $0.35 \text{ m}^3$  of air at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  and  $276 \text{ kN/m}^2$  absolute. The air is compressed to  $0.071 \text{ m}^3$ . (a) Assuming isothermal conditions, what is the pressure at the new volume and what is the isothermal bulk modulus of elasticity at the new state. (b) Assuming isentropic conditions, what is the pressure and what is the isentropic bulk modulus of elasticity? (Take the ratio of specific heats of air  $\gamma = 1.4$ )

**Solution** (a) For isothermal conditions,

$$p_1 V_1 = p_2 V_2$$

$$\text{Then } (2.76 \times 10^5) 0.35 = (p_2) 0.071$$

which gives,

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 &= 13.6 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 \\ &= 1.36 \text{ MN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The isothermal bulk modulus of elasticity at any state of an ideal gas equals to its pressure at that state. Hence  $E = p_2 = 1.36 \text{ MN/m}^2$ .

(b) For isentropic conditions

$$P_1 V_1^{1.4} = P_2 V_2^{1.4}$$

$$\text{Then } (2.76 \times 10^5) (0.35)^{1.4} = (p_2) (0.071)^{1.4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From which, } p_2 &= 25.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 \\ &= 2.58 \text{ MN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The isentropic bulk modulus of elasticity

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \gamma p = 1.40 \times 25.8 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 \\ &= 3.61 \text{ MN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.6** Make an analysis of the shape of the water-air interface near a plane wall, as shown in Fig. 1.16, assuming that slope is small,  $1/R \approx d^2 \eta/dx^2$  (where  $R$  is the radius of curvature of the interface) and the pressure difference across the interface is balanced by the product of specific weight and interface height as  $\Delta p = \rho g \eta$ . Boundary conditions: area wetting contact angle  $\theta = \theta_0$  at  $x = 0$ , and  $\theta = 90^\circ$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . What is the height  $\eta$  at the wall?

**Solution** The curved interface is plane in other direction. Hence the pressure difference across the interface can be written according to Eq. (1.13) as

$$\Delta p = p_1 - p_2 = \sigma \left( \frac{1}{R} \right) \quad (1.22)$$

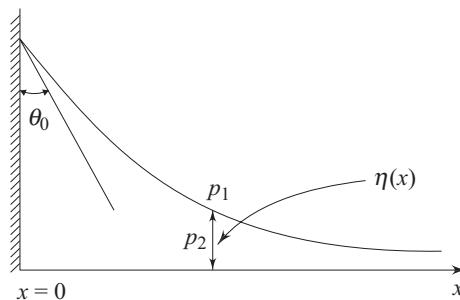


Fig. 1.16 Water air interface near a plane wall

From given data

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{d^2\eta}{dx^2}$$

and

$$\Delta p = \rho g \eta$$

Substituting the values of  $1/R$  and  $\Delta p$  in Eq. (1.22), we get

$$\frac{d^2\eta}{dx^2} - \frac{\rho g}{\sigma} \eta = 0 \quad (1.23)$$

The solution of  $\eta$  from the above Eq. (1.23) is,

$$\eta = Ae^{-\sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{\sigma}}x} + Be^{\sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{\sigma}}x} \quad (1.24)$$

where A and B are parametric constants. The value of A and B are found out using the boundary conditions as follows:

$$\text{at } x = 0, \quad \frac{d\eta}{dx} = -\cot \theta_0$$

$$\text{and at } x \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{d\eta}{dx} = 0$$

which give,

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}} \cot \theta_0$$

$$B = 0$$

Hence Eq. (1.24) becomes

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}} \cot \theta_0 e^{-\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}}x}$$

which defines the shape of the interface

$$(\eta)_{x=0} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\rho g}} \cot \theta_0$$

**Example 1.7** Two coaxial glass tubes forming an annulus with small gap are immersed in water in a trough. The inner and outer radii of the annulus are  $r_i$  and  $r_o$  respectively. What is the capillary rise of water in the annulus if  $\sigma$  is the surface tension of water in contact with air?

**Solution** The area wetting contact angle for air-water interface in a glass tube is  $0^\circ$  (Fig. 1.17). Therefore, equating the weight of water column in the annulus with the total surface tension force, we get,

$$W = T_i + T_o \quad (1.25)$$

Again,

$$T_i = \sigma(2\pi r_i)$$

$$T_o = \sigma(2\pi r_o)$$

and

$$W = \pi(r_o^2 - r_i^2)h\rho g$$

Substitution of these values of  $T_i$ ,  $T_o$  and  $W$  in Eq. (1.25) gives,

$$\pi(r_o^2 - r_i^2)h\rho g = 2\pi\sigma(r_o + r_i)$$

from which

$$h = \frac{2\sigma}{\rho g(r_o - r_i)}$$

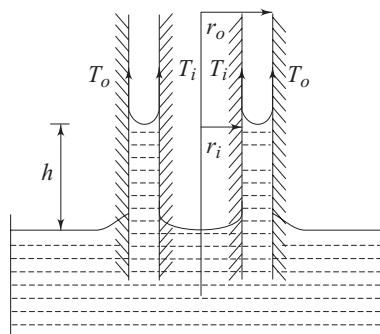


Fig. 1.17 Capillary rise of water in the annulus of two coaxial glass tubes

**Example 1.8** What is the pressure within a 1 mm diameter spherical droplet of water relative to the atmospheric pressure outside? Assume  $\sigma$  for pure water to be 0.073 N/m.

**Solution** Equation (1.15) is used to determine the pressure difference  $\Delta p$  ( $= p_2 - p_1$ ; refer to Fig. 1.18) as

$$\Delta p = 2\sigma/R$$

$$\text{or} \quad \Delta p = 2 \times 7.3 \times 10^{-2} / (0.5 \times 10^{-3}) = 292 \text{ N/m}^2$$

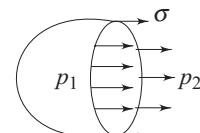


Fig. 1.18 Surface tension force on a spherical water droplet

**Example 1.9** A spherical water drop of 1 mm in diameter splits up in air into 64 smaller drops of equal size. Find the work required in splitting up the drop. The surface tension coefficient of water in air = 0.073 N/m.

**Solution** An increase in the surface area out of a given mass takes place when a bigger drop splits up into a number of smaller drops, and the work required is given by the product of surface tension coefficient and the increase in surface area.

Let  $d$  be the diameter of the smaller drops.

From conservation of mass

$$64 \times \pi \times \frac{d^3}{6} = \pi \times \frac{(0.001)^3}{6}$$

$$\text{which gives} \quad d = \frac{0.001}{4} = 0.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

Initial surface area (due to the single drop)

$$= \pi \times (0.001)^2$$

$$= \pi \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

Final surface area (due to 64 smaller drops)

$$\begin{aligned} &= 64 \times \pi (0.25 \times 10^{-3})^2 \\ &= 4\pi \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the increase in surface area

$$\begin{aligned} &= (4 - 1)\pi \times 10^{-6} \\ &= 3\pi \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the required work

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.073 \times 3\pi \times 10^{-6} \text{ J} \\ &= 0.69 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

## Exercises

1.1 Choose the correct answer

- (i) A fluid is a substance that
  - (a) always expands until it fills any container.
  - (b) is practically incompressible.
  - (c) cannot withstand any shear force.
  - (d) cannot remain at rest under the action of any shear force.
  - (e) obeys the Newton's law of viscosity.
  - (f) none of the above.
- (ii) Newton's law of viscosity relates
  - (a) pressure, velocity and viscosity.
  - (b) shear stress and rate of angular deformation in a fluid.
  - (c) shear stress, temperature, viscosity and velocity.
  - (d) pressure, viscosity and rate of angular deformation.
  - (e) none of the above.
- (iii) The bulk modulus of elasticity
  - (a) is independent of temperature.
  - (b) increases with the pressure.
  - (c) has the dimensions of  $1/P$ .
  - (d) is larger when the fluid is more compressible.
  - (e) is independent of pressure and viscosity.
- (iv) The phenomenon of capillary rise or depression
  - (a) is observed only in vertical tubes.
  - (b) depends solely upon the surface tension of the liquid.
  - (c) depends upon the surface tension of the liquid, material of the tube and the surrounding gas in contact of the liquid.
  - (d) depends upon the pressure difference between the liquid and the environment.
  - (e) is influenced by the viscosity of the liquid.

1.2 One measure as to a gas is in continuum, is the size of its mean free path.

According to the kinetic theory of gas, the mean free path is given by

$$\lambda = 1.26 \mu/\rho (RT)^{1/2}$$

- What will be the density of air when its mean free path is 10 mm. The temperature is 20 °C,  $\mu = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  kg/ms,  $R = 287$  J/kg K. *Ans. (0.782 \times 10^{-5} kg/m $^3)$*
- 1.3 A shaft 80 mm in diameter is being pushed through a bearing sleeve 80.2 mm in diameter and 0.3 m long. The clearance, assumed uniform is flooded with lubricating oil of viscosity 0.1 kg/ms and specific gravity 0.9, (a) If the shaft moves axially at 0.8 ms/, estimate the resistance force exerted by the oil on the shaft, (b) If the shaft is axially fixed and rotated at 1800 rpm, estimate the resisting torque exerted by the oil and the power required to rotate the shaft.  
*Ans. (60.32N, 22.74 Nm, 4.29 kW)*
- 1.4 A body weighing 1000 N slides down at a uniform speed of 1 ms/ along a lubricated inclined plane making 30° angle with the horizontal. The viscosity of lubricant is 0.1 kg/ms and contact area of the body is 0.25 m $^2$ . Determine the lubricant thickness assuming linear velocity distribution. *Ans. (0.05 mm)*
- 1.5 A uniform film of oil 0.13 mm thick separates two discs, each of 200 mm diameter, mounted co-axially. Ignoring the edge effects, calculate the torque necessary to rotate one disc relative to other at a speed of 7 rev/s, if the oil has a viscosity of 0.14 Pas. *Ans. (7.43 Nm)*
- 1.6 A piston 79.6 mm diameter and 210 mm long works in a cylinder 80 mm diameter. If the annular space is filled with a lubricating oil having a viscosity of 0.065 kg/ms, calculate the speed with which the piston will move through the cylinder when an axial load of 85.6 N is applied. Neglect the inertia of the piston.  
*Ans. (5.01 m/s)*
- 1.7 (a) Find the change in volume of 1.00 m $^3$  of water at 26.7 °C when subjected to a pressure increase of 2 MN/m $^2$  (The bulk modulus of elasticity of water at 26.7 °C is  $2.24 \times 10^9$  N/m $^2$ ). *Ans. (0.89 \times 10^{-3} m $^3)$*   
(b) From the following test data, determine the bulk modulus of elasticity of water: at 3.5 MN/m $^2$ , the volume was 1.000 m $^3$  and at 24 MN/m $^2$ , the volume was 0.990 m $^3$ . *Ans. (2.05 \times 10^9 N/m $^2)$*
- 1.8 A pressure vessel has an internal volume of 0.5 m $^3$  at atmospheric pressure. It is desired to test the vessel at 300 bar by pumping water into it. The estimated variation in the change of the empty volume of the container due to pressurisation to 300 bar is 6 per cent. Calculate the mass of water to be pumped into the vessel to attain the desired pressure level. Given the bulk modulus of elasticity of water as  $2 \times 10^9$  N/m $^2$ . *Ans. (538 kg)*
- 1.9 Find an expression of the isothermal bulk modulus of elasticity for a gas which obeys van der Waals law of state according to the equation
- $$P = \rho RT \left( \frac{1}{1-b\rho} - \frac{a\rho}{RT} \right),$$
- where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.
- 1.10 An atomizer forms water droplets with a diameter of  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  m. What is the pressure within the droplets at 20 °C, if the pressure outside the droplets is 101 kN/m $^2$ ? Assume the surface tension of water at 20 °C is 0.0718 N/m.  
*Ans. (106.74 kN/m $^2$ )*
- 1.11 A spherical soap bubble of diameter  $d_1$  coalesces with another bubble of diameter  $d_2$  to form a single bubble of diameter  $d_3$  containing the same amount of air. Assuming an isothermal process, derive an analytical expression for  $d_3$  as a

function of  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$ , the ambient pressure  $p_0$  and the surface tension of soap solution  $\sigma$ . If  $d_1 = 20$  mm,  $d_2 = 40$  mm  $p_0 = 101$  kN/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\sigma = 0.09$  N/m, determine  $d_3$ .

$$Ans. (P_0 + 8\sigma/d_3)d_3^3 = (P_0 + 8\sigma/d_1)d_1^3 + (P_0 + 8\sigma/d_2)d_2^3; d_3 = 41.60 \text{ mm}$$

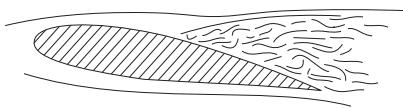
- 1.12 By how much does the pressure in a cylindrical jet of water 4 mm in diameter exceed the pressure of the surrounding atmosphere if the surface tension of water is 0.0718 N/m?

$$Ans. (35.9 \text{ N/m}^2)$$

- 1.13 Calculate the capillary depression of mercury at 20 °C (contact angle  $\theta = 140^\circ$ ) to be expected in a 2.5 mm diameter tube. The surface tension of mercury at 20 °C is 0.4541 N/m.

$$Ans. (4.2 \text{ mm})$$

# 2



# Fluid Statics

## 2.1 FORCES ON FLUID ELEMENTS

An infinitesimal region of the fluid continuum can be defined as a fluid element. A fluid element, in isolation from its surroundings, is experienced by two types of external forces (a) *Body force* and (b) *Surface force*.

**Body Forces** These forces act throughout the body of the fluid element and are distributed over the entire mass or volume of the element. These forces are generally caused by external agencies such as gravitation, electromagnetic force fields, etc. Body forces are usually expressed per unit mass of the element or medium upon which the forces act.

**Surface Forces** They include all forces exerted on the fluid element by its surroundings through direct contact at the surface. Therefore these forces appear only at the surface of a fluid element. It has been discussed in Section 1.1 of Chapter 1, that such a surface force can be resolved into two components, one along the normal to an elemental area and the other along the plane of the elemental area. The component along the normal to the area is called the *normal force*, while that along the plane of the area is the *shear force*. The ratios of these forces and the elemental area in the limit of the area tending to zero are called the normal or shear stresses respectively. Though surface forces are considered as external forces acting on the free body of a fluid element (a fluid element in isolation from its neighbouring fluid), they appear as internal forces and cause internal stresses in a continuous fluid medium either in rest or in motion.

The shear force is zero for any fluid element at rest and hence the only surface force to a fluid element, under this situation, is the normal force.

## 2.2 NORMAL STRESSES IN A STATIONARY FLUID

A stationary fluid element of a tetrahedronal shape with three of its faces coinciding with the coordinate planes is shown in Fig. 2.1. Since a fluid at rest

can develop neither shear stress nor tensile stress, the normal stresses acting on different faces are compressive in nature. Considering gravity as the only source of external body force, the equations of static equilibrium for the tetrahedronal fluid element can be written as,

$$\Sigma F_x = \sigma_x \left( \frac{\Delta y \Delta z}{2} \right) - \sigma_n \Delta A \cos \alpha = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

$$\Sigma F_y = \sigma_y \left( \frac{\Delta x \Delta z}{2} \right) - \sigma_n \Delta A \cos \beta = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

$$\Sigma F_z = \sigma_z \left( \frac{\Delta x \Delta y}{2} \right) - \sigma_n \Delta A \cos \gamma - \frac{\rho g}{6} (\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z) = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\Sigma F_x$ ,  $\Sigma F_y$ , and  $\Sigma F_z$  are the net forces acting on the fluid element in positive  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  directions respectively, and  $\cos \alpha$ ,  $\cos \beta$ ,  $\cos \gamma$  are the direction cosines of the normal to the inclined plane of area  $\Delta A$ .

Therefore,

$$\Delta A \cos \alpha = (\Delta y \Delta z)/2 \quad (2.4)$$

$$\Delta A \cos \beta = (\Delta x \Delta z)/2 \quad (2.5)$$

$$\Delta A \cos \gamma = (\Delta x \Delta y)/2 \quad (2.6)$$

Since  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ ,  $\Delta z$  are infinitesimal, the third term in the Eq. (2.3) can be neglected in comparison with the other terms. Substituting the values of  $\Delta A \cos \alpha$ ,  $\Delta A \cos \beta$  and  $\Delta A \cos \gamma$  from Eqs (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6) into Eqs (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = \sigma_n \quad (2.7)$$

The state of normal stress at any point in a stationary fluid is thus defined by Eq. (2.7). It concludes that the normal stresses at any point in a fluid at rest are directed towards the point from all directions and are of equal magnitude. These stresses are denoted by a scalar quantity  $p$  (Fig. 2.1a) defined as the *hydrostatic* or *thermodynamic pressure*. This is known as *Pascal's law of hydrostatics*. With conventional notation of the positive sign for the tensile stress, the above statement can be expressed analytically as

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = \sigma_z = -p \quad (2.8)$$

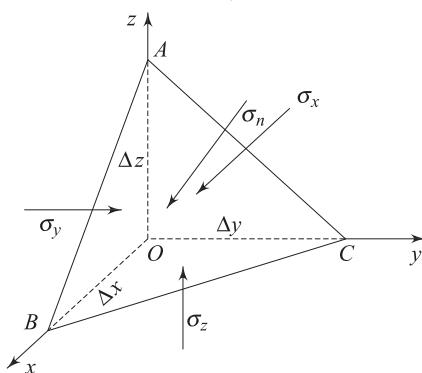


Fig. 2.1 State of stress in a fluid element at rest

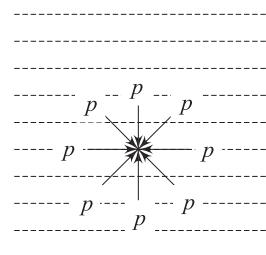


Fig. 2.1a State of normal stress at a point in a fluid at rest

## 2.3 FUNDAMENTAL EQUATION OF FLUID STATICS

It is established from the above discussion that a pressure field defined by Eq. (2.8) exists in a fluid mass at rest. The fundamental equation of fluid statics, that describes the spatial variation of hydrostatic pressure  $p$  in the continuous mass of a fluid, is derived as follows.

Consider a fluid element of given mass at rest which occupies a volume  $\mathcal{V}$  bounded by the surface  $S$  (Fig. 2.2).

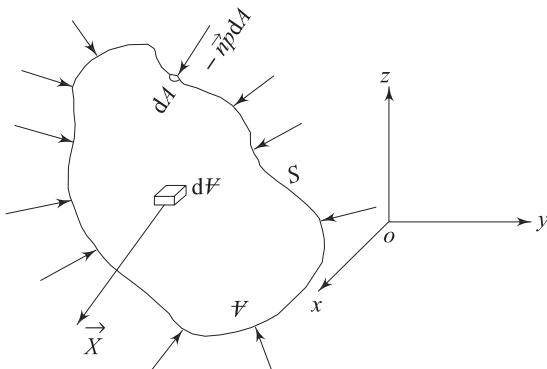


Fig. 2.2 External forces on a fluid element at rest

The fluid element is in equilibrium under the action of the following forces:

(i) *The resultant body force*

$$\vec{F}_B = \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \vec{X} \rho \, dV \quad (2.9)$$

where  $dV$  is an element of volume whose mass is  $\rho dV$ , and  $\vec{X}$  is the body force per unit mass acting on the elementary volume  $dV$

(ii) *The resultant surface force*

$$\vec{F}_S = - \iint_S \vec{n} p \, dA \quad (2.10)$$

where,  $dA$  is the area of an element of surface and  $\vec{n}$  is the unit vector normal to the elemental surface, taken positive when directed outwards. In accordance with Gauss divergence theorem, Eq. (2.10) can be written as

$$\vec{F}_S = - \iint_S \vec{n} p \, dA = - \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \nabla p \, dV \quad (2.11)$$

For equilibrium of the fluid element, we have

$$\vec{F}_B + \vec{F}_S = \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} (\vec{X} \rho - \nabla p) \, dV = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

Equation (2.12) is valid for all  $\mathcal{V}$ , (the volume of the fluid element), no matter how small, and hence,

$$\vec{X}\rho - \nabla p = 0$$

or,  $\nabla p = \vec{X}\rho$  (2.13)

Equation (2.13) is the fundamental equation of fluid statics. If gravity is considered to be the only external body force acting on the fluid, the vector form of the Eq. (2.13) can be expressed in its scalar components with respect to a cartesian coordinate system (Fig. 2.2) as

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (2.13a)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (2.13b)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = X_z \rho = -g \rho \quad (2.13c)$$

where  $X_z$ , the external body force per unit mass in the positive direction of  $z$  (vertically upward), equals to the negative value of  $g$ , the acceleration due to gravity. From Eqs (2.13a) to (2.13c), it can be concluded that the pressure  $p$  is a function of  $z$  only. Therefore, Eq. (2.13c) can be written as,

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\rho g \quad (2.14)$$

The explicit functional relationship of hydrostatic pressure  $p$  with  $z$  can be obtained by integrating the Eq. (2.14). However, this integration is not possible unless the variation of  $\rho$  with  $p$  and  $z$  is known.

**Constant Density Solution (Incompressible Fluid)** For an incompressible fluid, the density  $\rho$  is constant throughout. Hence the Eq. (2.14) can be integrated as

$$p = -\rho g z + C \quad (2.15)$$

where  $C$  is the integration constant.

If we consider an expanse of fluid with a free surface, where the pressure is defined as  $p = p_0$  (Fig. 2.3), Eq. (2.15) can be written as,

$$p - p_0 = \rho g (z_0 - z_1) = \rho g h \quad (2.16)$$

Therefore, Eq. (2.16) gives the expression of hydrostatic pressure  $p$  at a point whose vertical depression from the free surface is  $h$ . Thus, the difference in pressure between two points in an incompressible fluid at rest can be expressed in terms of the vertical distance between the points. This result is known as *Toricelli's principle* which is the basis for differential pressure measuring devices. The pressure  $p_0$  at free surface is the local atmospheric pressure. Therefore, it can be stated from Eq. (2.16), that the pressure at any point in an expanse of stagnant fluid with a free surface exceeds that of the local atmosphere by an amount  $\rho gh$ , where  $h$  is the vertical depth of the point from the free surface.

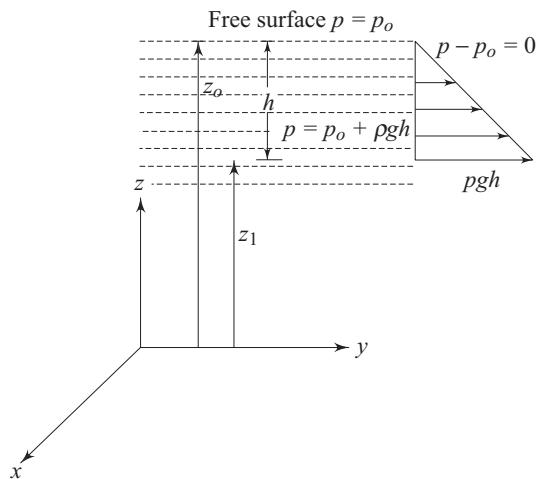


Fig. 2.3 Pressure variation in an incompressible fluid at rest with a free surface

**Variable Density Solution (Pressure Variation in a Compressible Fluid)** The pressure variation in a compressible fluid at rest depends on how the fluid density changes with height  $z$  and pressure  $p$ .

**Constant Temperature Solution (Isothermal Fluid)** The equation of state for a compressible system generally relates its density to its pressure and temperature. If the fluid is a perfect gas at rest at constant temperature, it can be written from Eq. (1.7)

$$\frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{p_0}{\rho_0} \quad (2.17)$$

where  $p_0$  and  $\rho_0$  are the pressure and density at some reference horizontal plane. With the help of Eq. (2.17), Eq. (2.14) becomes,

$$\frac{dp}{p} = - \frac{\rho_0}{p_0} g dz \quad (2.18)$$

$$p = p_0 \exp \left[ - \frac{\rho_0 g}{p_0} (z - z_0) \right] \quad (2.19)$$

where  $z$  and  $z_0$  are the vertical coordinates of the plane concerned for pressure  $p$  and the reference plane respectively from any fixed datum.

**Non-isothermal Fluid** The temperature of the atmosphere up to a certain altitude is frequently assumed to decrease linearly with the altitude  $z$  as given by

$$T = T_0 - \alpha z \quad (2.20)$$

where  $T_0$  is the absolute temperature at sea level and the constant  $\alpha$  is known as *lapse rate*. For the standard atmosphere,  $\alpha = 6.5 \text{ K/km}$  and  $T_0 = 288 \text{ K}$ . With the help of Eq. (1.7) and (2.20), the Eq. (2.14) can be written as,

$$\frac{dp}{p} = \frac{-g}{R} \frac{dz}{(T_0 - \alpha z)} \quad (2.21)$$

Integration of Eq. (2.21) yields

$$\ln \frac{p}{p_0} = \frac{g}{R\alpha} \ln \frac{T_0 - \alpha z}{T_0}$$

Hence, 
$$\frac{p}{p_0} = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha z}{T_0}\right)^{g/R\alpha} \quad (2.22)$$

The altitude  $z$  in Eq. (2.22) is measured from the sea level where the pressure is  $p_0$ . Experimental evidence of the temperature variation with altitude in different layers of the atmosphere is shown in Fig. 2.4.

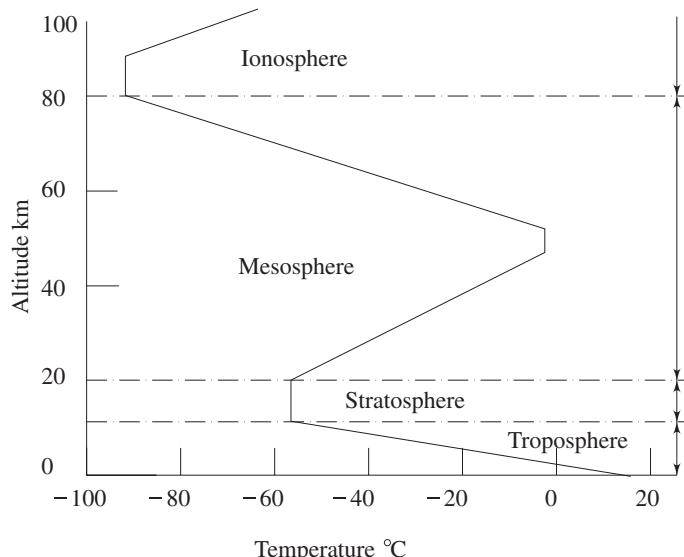


Fig. 2.4 Temperature variation in atmosphere

## 2.4 UNITS AND SCALES OF PRESSURE MEASUREMENT

The unit of pressure is  $\text{N/m}^2$  and is known as *Pascal*. Pressure is usually expressed with reference to either absolute zero pressure (a complete vacuum) or local atmospheric pressure. The *absolute pressure* is the pressure expressed as a difference between its value and the absolute zero pressure. When a pressure is expressed as a difference between its value and the local atmospheric pressure, it is known as *gauge pressure* (Fig. 2.5). Therefore,

$$p_{\text{abs}} = p - 0 = p \quad (2.23a)$$

$$p_{\text{gauge}} = p - p_{\text{atm}} \quad (2.23b)$$

If the pressure  $p$  is less than the local atmospheric pressure, the gauge pressure  $p_{\text{gauge}}$ , defined by the Eq. (2.23b), becomes negative and is called *vacuum pressure*.

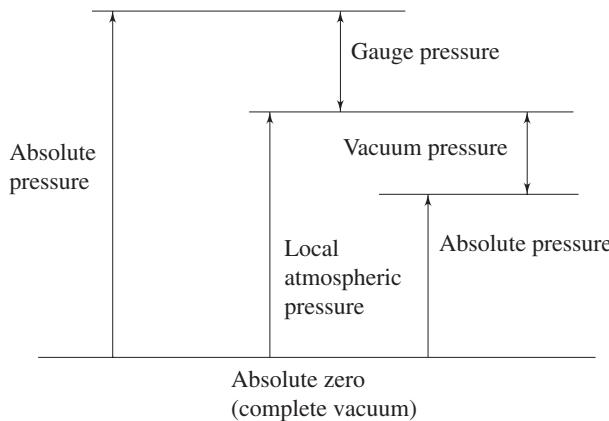


Fig. 2.5 The scale of pressure

At sea-level, the international standard atmosphere has been chosen as

$$p_{\text{atm}} = 101.32 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

## 2.5 THE BAROMETER

It is already established that there is a simple relation (Eq. 2.16) between the height of a column of liquid and the pressure at its base. The direct proportionality between gauge pressure and the height  $h$  for a fluid of constant density enables the pressure to be simply visualized in terms of the vertical height,  $h = p/\rho g$ . The height  $h$  is termed as *pressure head* corresponding to pressure  $p$ . For a liquid without a free surface in a closed pipe, the pressure head  $p/\rho g$  at a point corresponds to the vertical height above the point to which a free surface would rise, if a small tube of sufficient length and open to atmosphere is connected to the pipe (Fig. 2.6).

Such a tube is called a *piezometer tube*, and the height  $h$  is the measure of the gauge pressure of the fluid in the pipe. If such a piezometer tube of sufficient length were closed at the top and the space above the liquid surface were a perfect vacuum, the height of the column would then correspond to the absolute pressure of the liquid at the

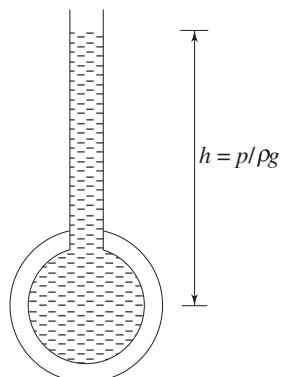


Fig. 2.6 A piezometer tube

base. This principle is used in the well-known mercury barometer to determine the local atmospheric pressure. Mercury is employed because its density is sufficiently high for a relative short column to be obtained, and also because it has very small vapour pressure at normal temperature. A perfect vacuum at the top of the tube (Fig. 2.7) is never possible; even if no air is present, the space would be occupied by the mercury vapour and the pressure would equal to the vapour pressure of mercury at its existing temperature. This almost vacuum condition above the mercury in the barometer is known as *Torricellian* vacuum. The pressure at *A* equal to that at *B* (Fig. 2.7) which is the atmospheric pressure  $p_{\text{atm}}$  since *A* and *B* lie on the same horizontal plane. Therefore, we can write

$$p_B = p_{\text{atm}} = p_v + \rho g h \quad (2.24)$$

The vapour pressure of mercury  $p_v$ , can normally be neglected in comparison to  $p_{\text{atm}}$ . At  $20^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p_v$  is only  $0.16 p_{\text{atm}}$ , where  $p_{\text{atm}} = 1.0132 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  at sea level. Then we get from Eq. (2.24)

$$h = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g = \frac{1.0132 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2}{(13560 \text{ kg/m}^3)(9.81 \text{ N/kg})} = 0.752 \text{ m of Hg}$$

For accurate work, small corrections are necessary to allow for the variation of  $\rho$  with temperature, the thermal expansion of the scale (usually made of brass), and surface tension effects. If water was used instead of mercury, the corresponding height of the column would be about 10.4 m provided that a perfect vacuum could be achieved above the water. However, the vapour pressure of water at ordinary temperature is appreciable and so the actual height at, say,  $15^\circ\text{C}$  would be about 180 mm less than this value. Moreover, with a tube smaller in diameter than about 15 mm, surface tension effects become significant.

## 2.6 MANOMETERS

Manometers are devices in which columns of a suitable liquid are used to measure the difference in pressure between two points or between a certain point and the atmosphere. For measuring very small gauge pressures of liquids, simple piezometer tube (Fig. 2.6) may be adequate, but for larger gauge pressures, some modifications of the tube are necessary and this modified tube is known as *manometer*. A common type manometer is like a transparent "u-tube" as shown in Fig. 2.8a.

One of its ends is connected to a pipe or a container having a fluid (*A*) whose pressure is to be measured while the other end is open to atmosphere. The lower

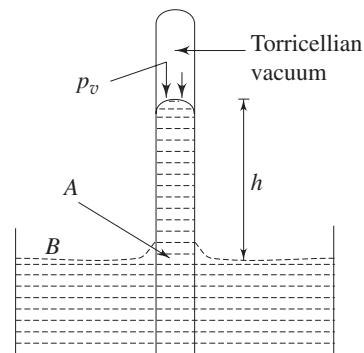


Fig. 2.7 A barometer

part of the u-tube contains a liquid immiscible with the fluid  $A$  and is of greater density than that of  $A$ . This fluid is called the *manometric fluid*. The pressures at two points  $P$  and  $Q$  (Fig. 2.8a) in a horizontal plane within the continuous expanse of same fluid (the liquid  $B$  in this case) must be equal. Then equating the pressures at  $P$  and  $Q$  in terms of the heights of the fluids above those points, with the aid of the fundamental equation of hydrostatics (Eq. 2.16), we have

$$p_1 + \rho_A g (y + x) = p_{\text{atm}} + \rho_B g x$$

$$\text{Hence, } p_1 - p_{\text{atm}} = (\rho_B - \rho_A) g x - \rho_A g y \quad (2.25)$$

where  $p_1$  is the absolute pressure of the fluid  $A$  in the pipe or container at its centre line, and  $p_{\text{atm}}$  is the local atmospheric pressure. When the pressure of the fluid in the container is lower than the atmospheric pressure, the liquid levels in the manometer would be adjusted as shown in Fig. 2.8b. Hence it becomes,

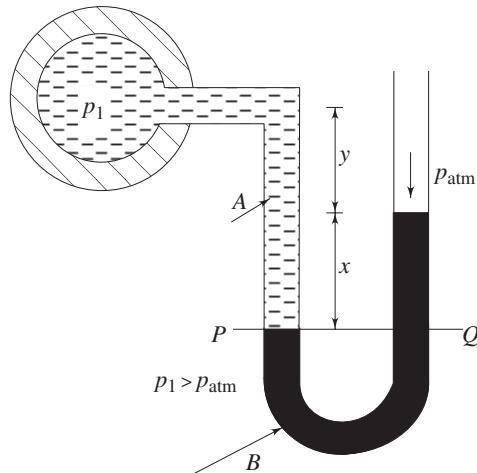


Fig. 2.8a A simple manometer to measure gauge pressure

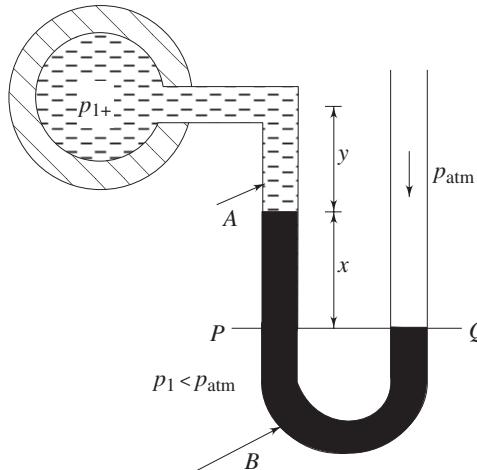


Fig. 2.8b A simple manometer measuring vacuum pressure

$$p_1 + \rho_A g y + \rho_B g x = p_{\text{atm}}$$

$$p_{\text{atm}} - p_1 = (\rho_A y + \rho_B x)g \quad (2.26)$$

In the similar fashion, a manometer is frequently used to measure the pressure difference, in course of flow, across a restriction in a horizontal pipe (Fig. 2.9).

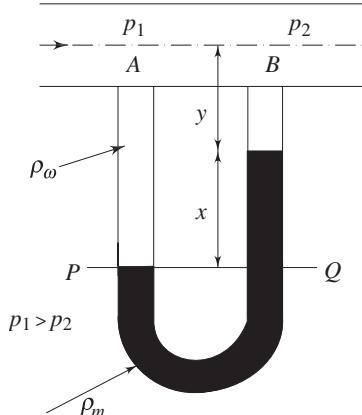


Fig. 2.9 A manometer measuring pressure differential

It is very important that the axis of each connecting tube at *A* and *B* to be perpendicular to the direction of flow and also for the edges of the connections to be smooth. Applying the principle of hydrostatics at *P* and *Q* we have,

$$p_1 + (y + x)\rho_w g = p_2 + y \rho_w g + x \rho_m g$$

$$p_1 - p_2 = (\rho_m - \rho_w)gx \quad (2.27)$$

where,  $\rho_m$  is the density of manometric fluid and  $\rho_w$  is the density of the working fluid flowing through the pipe. Sometimes it is desired to express this difference of pressure in terms of the difference of heads (height of the working fluid at equilibrium).

$$\text{Thus, } h_1 - h_2 = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho_w g} = \left( \frac{\rho_m}{\rho_w} - 1 \right) x \quad (2.28)$$

### 2.6.1 Inclined Tube Manometer

To obtain a reasonable value of  $x$  [Eqn. (2.28)] for accurate measurement of small pressure differences by a ordinary U-tube manometer, it is essential that the ratio  $\rho_m/\rho_w$  should be close to unity. If the working fluid is a gas, this is not possible. Moreover, it may not be always possible to have a manometric liquid of density very close to that of the working liquid and giving at the same time a well defined meniscus at the interface. For this purpose, an inclined tube manometer is used. For example, if the transparent tube of a manometer instead of being vertical is set at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal (Fig. 2.10), then a pressure difference corresponding to a vertical difference of levels  $x$  gives a movement of the meniscus  $s = x/\sin \theta$  along the slope (Fig. 2.10).

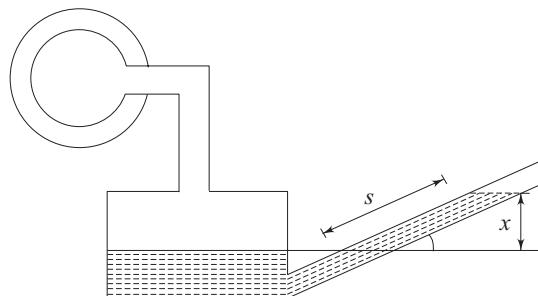


Fig. 2.10 An inclined tube manometer

If  $\theta$  is small, a considerable magnification of the movement of the meniscus may be achieved. Angles less than  $5^\circ$ , however, are not usually satisfactory, because it becomes difficult to determine the exact position of the meniscus. One limb is usually made very much greater in cross-section than the other. When a pressure difference is applied across the manometer, the movement of the liquid surface in the wider limb is practically negligible compared to that occurring in the narrower limb. If the level of the surface in the wider limb is assumed constant, the displacement of the meniscus in the narrower limb needs only to be measured, and therefore only this limb is required to be transparent.

### 2.6.2 Inverted Tube Manometer

For the measurement of small pressure differences in liquids, an inverted U-tube manometer as shown in Fig. 2.11 is often used.

Here  $\rho_m < \rho_w$ , and the line  $PQ$  is taken at the level of the higher meniscus to equate the pressures at  $P$  and  $Q$  from the principle of hydrostatics. It may be written that

$$p_1^* - p_2^* = (\rho_w - \rho_m) g x \quad (2.29)$$

where  $p^*$  represents the *piezometric pressure*  $p + \rho g z$  ( $z$  being the vertical height of the point concerned from any reference datum). In case of a horizontal pipe ( $z_1 = z_2$ ), the difference in piezometric pressure becomes equal to the difference in the static pressure. If  $(\rho_w - \rho_m)$  is sufficiently small, a large value of  $x$  may be obtained for a small value of  $p_1^* - p_2^*$ . Air is used as the manometric fluid. Therefore,  $\rho_m$  is negligible compared with  $\rho_w$  and hence,

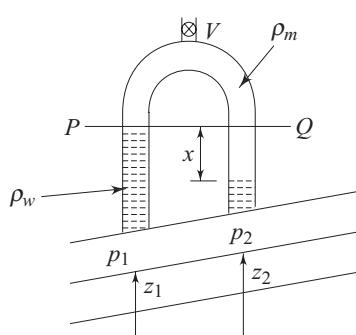


Fig. 2.11 An inverted tube manometer

$$p_1^* - p_2^* \approx \rho_w g x \quad (2.30)$$

Air may be pumped through a valve  $V$  at the top of the manometer until the liquid menisci are at a suitable level.

### 2.6.3 Micromanometer

When an additional gauge liquid is used in a U-tube manometer, a large difference in meniscus levels may be obtained for a very small pressure difference. The typical arrangement is shown in Fig. 2.12.

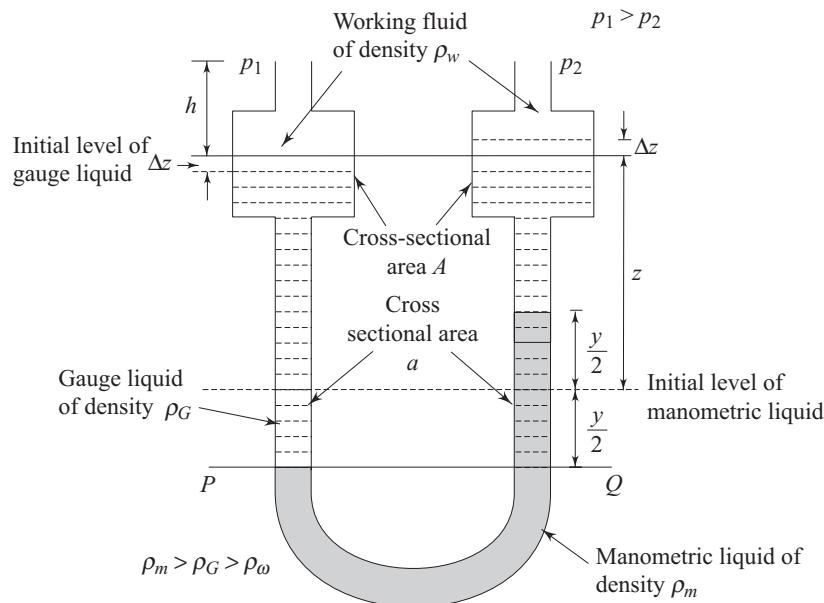


Fig. 2.12 A micromanometer

The equation of hydrostatic equilibrium at  $PQ$  can be written as

$$p_1 + \rho_w g(h + \Delta z) + \rho_G g\left(z - \Delta z + \frac{y}{2}\right) = p_2 + \rho_w g(h - \Delta z) + \rho_G g\left(z + \Delta z - \frac{y}{2}\right) + \rho_m g y \quad (2.31)$$

where  $\rho_w$ ,  $\rho_G$  and  $\rho_m$  are the densities of working fluid, gauge liquid and manometric liquid respectively.

From continuity of gauge liquid,

$$A \Delta z = a \frac{y}{2} \quad (2.32)$$

Substituting for  $\Delta z$  from Eq. (2.32) in Eq. (2.31), we have

$$p_1 - p_2 = gy \left\{ \rho_m - \rho_G \left( 1 - \frac{a}{A} \right) - \rho_w \frac{a}{A} \right\} \quad (2.33)$$

If  $a$  is very small compared to  $A$ ,

$$p_1 - p_2 \approx (\rho_m - \rho_G) gy \quad (2.34)$$

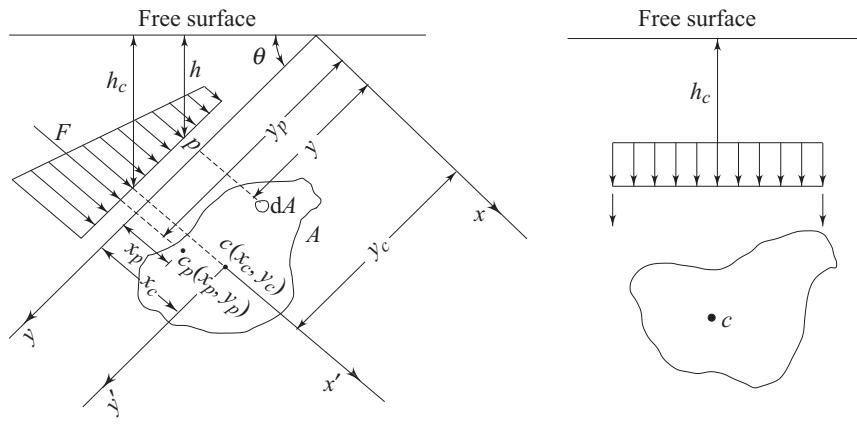
With a suitable choice for the manometric and gauge liquids so that their densities are close ( $\rho_m \approx \rho_G$ ), a reasonable value of  $y$  may be achieved for a small pressure difference.

## 2.7 HYDROSTATIC THRUSTS ON SUBMERGED SURFACES

Due to the existence of hydrostatic pressure in a fluid mass, a normal force is exerted on any part of a solid surface which is in contact with a fluid. The individual forces distributed over an area give rise to a resultant force. The determination of the magnitude and the line of action of the resultant force is of practical interest to engineers.

### 2.7.1 Plane Surfaces

Figure 2.13a shows a plane surface of arbitrary shape wholly submerged in a liquid so that the plane of the surface makes an angle  $\theta$  with the free surface of the liquid. In fact, any elemental area of the surface under this situation would be subjected to normal forces in the opposite directions from the two sides of the surface due to hydrostatic pressure; therefore no resultant force would act on the surface. But we consider the case as if the surface  $A$  shown in Fig. 2.13a to be subjected to hydrostatic pressure on one side and atmospheric pressure on the other side. Let  $p$  denote the gauge pressure on an elemental area  $dA$ . The resultant force  $F$  on the area  $A$  is therefore



(a) Inclined surface

(b) Horizontal surface

Fig. 2.13 Hydrostatic thrust on submerged plane surface

$$F = \iint_A p \, dA \quad (2.35)$$

According to Eq. (2.16), Eq. (2.35) reduces to

$$F = \rho g \iint h \, dA = \rho g \sin \theta \iint y \, dA \quad (2.36)$$

where  $h$  is the vertical depth of the elemental area  $dA$  from the free surface and the distance  $y$  is measured from the  $x$ -axis, the line of intersection between the extension of the inclined plane and the free surface (Fig. 2.13a). The ordinate of the centre of area of the plane surface  $A$  is defined as

$$y_c = \frac{1}{A} \iint y \, dA \quad (2.37)$$

Hence from Eqs (2.36) and (2.37), we get

$$F = \rho g y_c \sin \theta A = \rho g h_c A \quad (2.38)$$

where  $h_c (= y_c \sin \theta)$  is the vertical depth (from free surface) of centre of area  $c$ .

Equation (2.38) implies that the hydrostatic thrust on an inclined plane is equal to the pressure at its centroid times the total area of the surface, i.e. the force that would have been experienced by the surface if placed horizontally at a depth  $h_c$  from the free surface (Fig. 2.13b).

The point of action of the resultant force on the plane surface is called the centre of pressure  $c_p$ . Let  $x_p$  and  $y_p$  be the distances of the centre of pressure from the  $y$  and  $x$  axes respectively. Equating the moment of the resultant force about the  $x$  axis to the summation of the moments of the component forces, we have

$$y_p F = \int y \, dF = \rho g \sin \theta \iint y^2 \, dA \quad (2.39)$$

Solving for  $y_p$  from Eq. (2.39) and replacing  $F$  from Eq. (2.36), we can write

$$y_p = \frac{\iint y^2 \, dA}{\iint y \, dA} \quad (2.40)$$

In the same manner, the  $x$  coordinate of the centre of pressure can be obtained by taking moment about the  $y$ -axis. Therefore,

$$x_p F = \int x \, dF = \rho g \sin \theta \iint xy \, dA$$

from which,

$$x_p = \frac{\iint xy \, dA}{\iint y \, dA} \quad (2.41)$$

The two double integrals in the numerators of Eqs (2.40) and (2.41) are the moment of inertia about the  $x$ -axis  $I_{xx}$  and the product of inertia  $I_{xy}$  about  $x$  and  $y$  axis of the plane area respectively. By applying the theorem of parallel axis,

$$I_{xx} = \iint y^2 dA = I_{x'x'} + A y_c^2 \quad (2.42)$$

$$I_{xy} = \iint xy dA = I_{x'y'} + A x_c y_c \quad (2.43)$$

where,  $I_{x'x'}$  and  $I_{x'y'}$  are the moment of inertia and the product of inertia of the surface about the centroidal axes ( $x' - y'$ ),  $x_c$  and  $y_c$  are the coordinates of the centre of area  $c$  with respect to  $x - y$  axes.

With the help of Eqs (2.42), (2.43) and (2.37), Eqs (2.40) and (2.41) can be written as

$$y_p = \frac{I_{x'x'}}{A y_c} + y_c \quad (2.44a)$$

$$x_p = \frac{I_{x'y'}}{A y_c} + x_c \quad (2.44b)$$

The first term on the right hand side of the Eq. (2.44a) is always positive. Hence, the centre of pressure is always at a higher depth from the free surface than that at which the centre of area lies. This is obvious because of the typical variation of hydrostatic pressure with the depth from the free surface. When the plane area is symmetrical about the  $y'$  axis,  $I_{x'y'} = 0$ , and  $x_p = x_c$ .

### 2.7.2 Curved Surfaces

On a curved surface, the direction of the normal changes from point to point, and hence the pressure forces on individual elemental surfaces differ in their directions. Therefore, a scalar summation of them cannot be made. Instead, the resultant thrusts in certain directions are to be determined and these forces may then be combined vectorially.

An arbitrary submerged curved surface is shown in Fig. 2.14. A rectangular Cartesian coordinate system is introduced whose  $xy$  plane coincides with the free

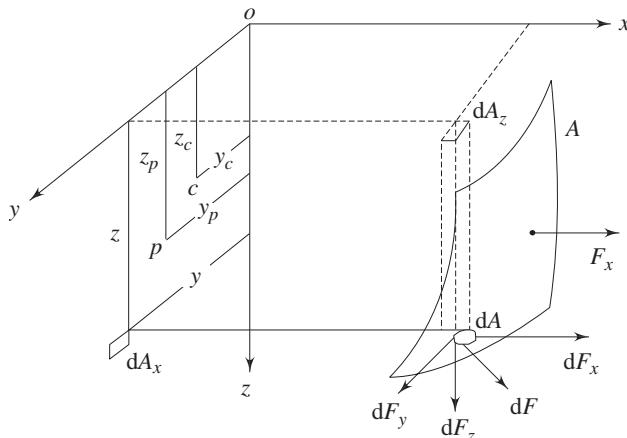


Fig. 2.14 Hydrostatic thrust on a submerged curved surface

surface of the liquid and  $z$ -axis is directed downward below the  $x - y$  plane. Consider an elemental area  $dA$  at a depth  $z$  from the surface of the liquid. The hydrostatic force on the elemental area  $dA$  is

$$dF = \rho g z dA \quad (2.45)$$

and the force acts in a direction normal to the area  $dA$ . The components of the force  $dF$  in  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  directions are

$$dF_x = l dF = l \rho g z dA \quad (2.46a)$$

$$dF_y = m dF = m \rho g z dA \quad (2.46b)$$

$$dF_z = n dF = n \rho g z dA \quad (2.46c)$$

Where  $l$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are the direction cosines of the normal to  $dA$ . The components of the surface element  $dA$  projected on  $yz$ ,  $xz$  and  $xy$  planes are, respectively

$$dA_x = l dA \quad (2.47a)$$

$$dA_y = m dA \quad (2.47b)$$

$$dA_z = n dA \quad (2.47c)$$

Substituting Eqs (2.47a–2.47c) into (2.46) we can write

$$dF_x = \rho g z dA_x \quad (2.48a)$$

$$dF_y = \rho g z dA_y \quad (2.48b)$$

$$dF_z = \rho g z dA_z \quad (2.48c)$$

Therefore, the components of the total hydrostatic force along the coordinate axes are

$$F_x = \iint_A \rho g z dA_x = \rho g z_c A_x \quad (2.49a)$$

$$F_y = \iint_A \rho g z dA_y = \rho g z_c A_y \quad (2.49b)$$

$$F_z = \iint_A \rho g z dA_z \quad (2.49c)$$

where  $z_c$  is the  $z$  coordinate of the centroid of area  $A_x$  and  $A_y$  (the projected areas of curved surface on  $yz$  and  $xz$  plane respectively). If  $z_p$  and  $y_p$  are taken to be the coordinates of the point of action of  $F_x$  on the projected area  $A_x$  on  $yz$  plane, following the method discussed in 2.7.1, we can write

$$z_p = \frac{1}{A_x z_c} \iint z^2 dA_x = \frac{I_{yy}}{A_x z_c} \quad (2.50a)$$

$$y_p = \frac{1}{A_x z_c} \iint yz dA_x = \frac{I_{yz}}{A_x z_c} \quad (2.50b)$$

where  $I_{yy}$  is the moment of inertia of area  $A_x$  about  $y$ -axis and  $I_{yz}$  is the product of inertia of  $A_x$  with respect to axes  $y$  and  $z$ . In the similar fashion,  $z'_p$  and  $x'_p$ , the coordinates of the point of action of the force  $F_y$  on area  $A_y$ , can be written as

$$z'_p = \frac{1}{A_y z_c} \iint z^2 dA_y = \frac{I_{xx}}{A_y z_c} \quad (2.51a)$$

$$x'_p = \frac{1}{A_y z_c} \iint xz \, dA_y = \frac{I_{xz}}{A_y z_c} \quad (2.51b)$$

where  $I_{xz}$  is the moment of inertia of area  $A_y$  about  $x$  axis and  $I_{xz}$  is the product of inertia of  $A_y$  about the axes  $x$  and  $z$ .

We can conclude from Eqs (2.49), (2.50) and (2.51) that for a curved surface, the component of hydrostatic force in a horizontal direction is equal to the hydrostatic force on the projected plane surface perpendicular to that direction and acts through the centre of pressure of the projected area. From Eq. (2.49c), the vertical component of the hydrostatic force on the curved surface can be written as

$$F_z = \rho g \iint z \, dA_z = \rho g V \quad (2.52)$$

where  $V$  is the volume of the body of liquid within the region extending vertically above the submerged surface to the free surface of the liquid. Therefore, the vertical component of hydrostatic force on a submerged curved surface is equal to the weight of the liquid volume vertically above the solid surface to the free surface of the liquid and acts through the centre of gravity of the liquid in that volume.

In some instances (Fig. 2.15), it is only the underside of a curved surface which is subjected to hydrostatic pressure. The vertical component of the hydrostatic thrust on the surface in this case acts upward and is equal, in magnitude, to the weight of an imaginary volume of liquid extending from the surface up to the level of the free surface. If a free surface does not exist in practice, an imaginary free surface may be considered (Fig. 2.16a, 2.16b) at a height  $p/\rho g$  above any point where the pressure  $p$  is known. The hydrostatic forces on the surface can then be calculated by considering the surface as a submerged one in the same fluid with an imaginary free surface as shown.

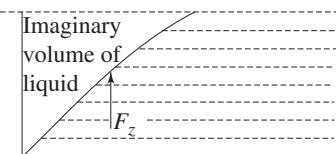


Fig. 2.15 Hydrostatic thrust on the underside of a curved surface

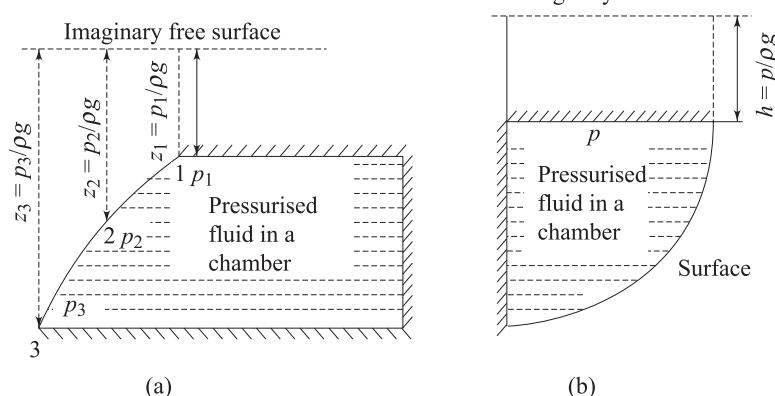


Fig. 2.16 Hydrostatic force exerted on a curved surface by a fluid without a free surface

## 2.8 BUOYANCY

When a body is either wholly or partially immersed in a fluid, the hydrostatic lift due to the net vertical component of hydrostatic pressure forces experienced by the body is called the *buoyant force* and the phenomenon is called *buoyancy*. Consider a solid body of arbitrary shape completely submerged in a homogeneous liquid as shown in Fig. 2.17. Hydrostatic pressure forces act on the entire surface of the body.

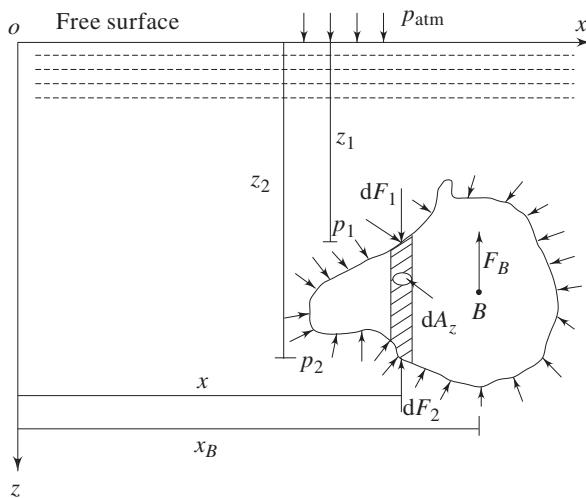


Fig. 2.17 Buoyant force on a submerged body

It is evident according to the earlier discussion in Section 2.7, that the resultant horizontal force in any direction for such a closed surface is always zero. To calculate the vertical component of the resultant hydrostatic force, the body is considered to be divided into a number of elementary vertical prisms. The vertical forces acting on the two ends of such a prism of cross-section  $dA_z$  (Fig. 2.17) are respectively

$$dF_1 = (p_{atm} + p_1) dA_z = (p_{atm} + \rho g z_1) dA_z \quad (2.53a)$$

$$dF_2 = (p_{atm} + p_2) dA_z = (p_{atm} + \rho g z_2) dA_z \quad (2.53b)$$

Therefore, the buoyant force (the net vertically upward force) acting on the elemental prism is

$$dF_B = dF_2 - dF_1 = \rho g (z_2 - z_1) dA_z = \rho g dV \quad (2.54)$$

where  $dV$  is the volume of the prism.

Hence the buoyant force  $F_B$  on the entire submerged body is obtained as

$$F_B = \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \rho g dV = \rho g \mathcal{V} \quad (2.55)$$

where  $\mathcal{V}$  is the total volume of the submerged body. The line of action of the force  $F_B$  can be found by taking moment of the force with respect to  $z$ -axis. Thus

$$x_B F_B = \int x dF_B \quad (2.56)$$

Substituting for  $dF_B$  and  $F_B$  from Eqs (2.54) and (2.55) respectively into Eq. (2.56), the  $x$  coordinate of the centre of buoyancy is obtained as

$$x_B = \frac{1}{\cancel{V}} \iiint_{\cancel{V}} x d\cancel{V} \quad (2.57)$$

which is the centroid of the displaced volume. It is found from Eq. (2.55) that the buoyant force  $F_B$  equals to the weight of liquid displaced by the submerged body of volume  $\cancel{V}$ . This phenomenon was discovered by Archimedes and is known as the *Archimedes principle*. This principle states that the buoyant force on a submerged body is equal to the weight of liquid displaced by the body, and acts vertically upward through the centroid of the displaced volume. Thus the net weight of the submerged body, (the net vertical downward force experienced by it) is reduced from its actual weight by an amount that equals to the buoyant force. The buoyant force of a partially immersed body, according to Archimedes principle, is also equal to the weight of the displaced liquid. Therefore the buoyant force depends upon the density of the fluid and the submerged volume of the body. For a floating body in static equilibrium and in the absence of any other external force, the buoyant force must balance the weight of the body.

## 2.9 STABILITY OF UNCONSTRAINED BODIES IN FLUID

### 2.9.1 Submerged Bodies

For a body not otherwise restrained, it is important to know whether it will rise or fall in a fluid, and also whether an originally vertical axis in the body will remain vertical. When a body is submerged in a liquid, the equilibrium requires that the weight of the body acting through its centre of gravity should be colinear with an equal hydrostatic lift acting through the centre of buoyancy. In general, if the body is not homogeneous in its distribution of mass over the entire volume, the location of centre of gravity  $G$  does not coincide with the centre of volume, i.e., the centre of buoyancy  $B$ . Depending upon the relative locations of  $G$  and  $B$ , a floating or submerged body attains different states of equilibrium, namely, (i) *stable equilibrium* (ii) *unstable equilibrium* and (iii) *neutral equilibrium*.

A body is said to be in stable equilibrium, if it, being given a small angular displacement and hence released, returns to its original position by retaining the originally vertical axis as vertical. If, on the other hand, the body does not return to its original position but moves further from it, the equilibrium is unstable. In neutral equilibrium, the body having been given a small displacement and then released will neither return to its original position nor increase its displacement further, it will simply adopt its new position. Consider a submerged body in equilibrium whose centre of gravity is located below the centre of buoyancy (Fig. 2.18a). If the body is tilted slightly in any direction, the buoyant force and the weight always produce a restoring couple trying to return the body to its original position (Fig. 2.18b, 2.18c). On the other hand, if point  $G$  is above point

*B* (Fig. 2.19a), any disturbance from the equilibrium position will create a destroying couple which will turn the body away from its original position (Figs 2.19b, 2.19c). When the centre of gravity *G* and centre of buoyancy *B* coincides, the body will always assume the same position in which it is placed (Fig. 2.20) and hence it is in neutral equilibrium. Therefore, it can be concluded from the above discussion that a submerged body will be in stable, unstable or neutral equilibrium if its centre of gravity is below, above or coincident with the centre of buoyancy respectively (Fig. 2.21).

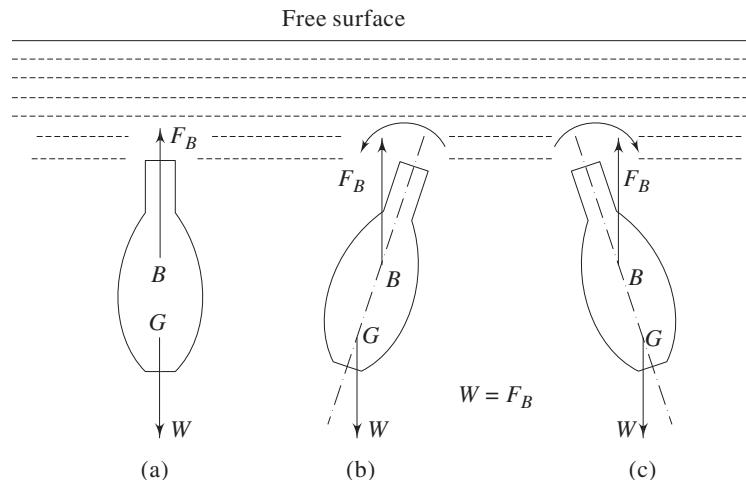


Fig. 2.18 A submerged body in stable equilibrium

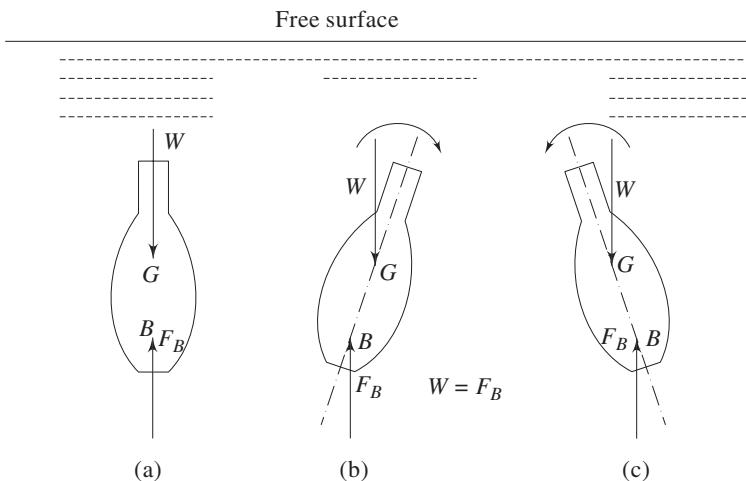


Fig. 2.19 A submerged body in unstable equilibrium

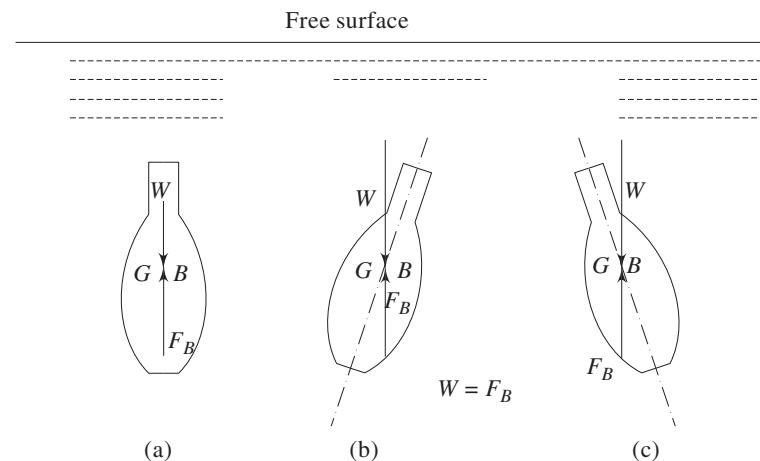


Fig. 2.20 A submerged body in neutral equilibrium

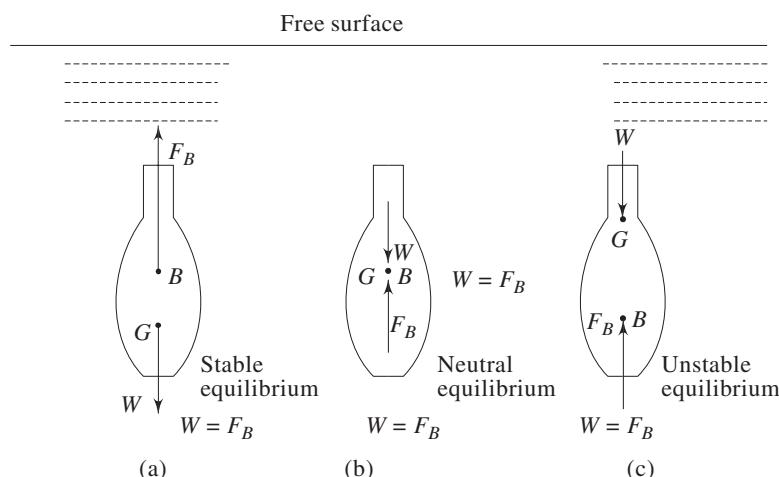


Fig. 2.21 States of equilibrium of a submerged body

### 2.9.2 Floating Bodies

The condition for angular stability of a floating body is a little more complicated. This is because, when the body undergoes an angular displacement about a horizontal axis, the shape of the immersed volume changes and so the centre of buoyancy moves relative to the body. As a result, stable equilibrium can be achieved, under certain condition, even when  $G$  is above  $B$ . Figure 2.22a illustrates a floating body—a boat, for example, in its equilibrium position. The force of buoyancy  $F_B$  is equal to the weight of the body  $W$  with the centre of gravity  $G$  being above the centre of buoyancy in the same vertical line. Figure 2.22b shows the situation after the body has undergone a small angular displacement  $\theta$  with respect to the vertical axis. The centre of gravity  $G$  remains

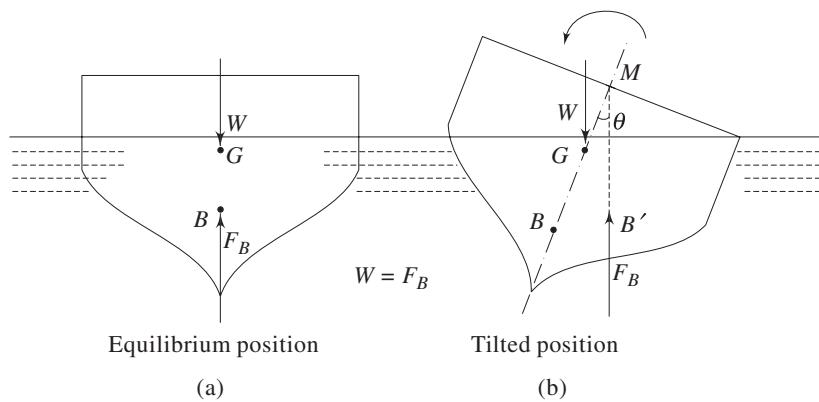


Fig. 2.22 A floating body in stable equilibrium

unchanged relative to the body (This is not always true for ships where some of the cargo may shift during an angular displacement). During the movement, the volume immersed on the right hand side increases while that on the left hand side decreases. Therefore the centre of buoyancy (i.e., the centroid of immersed volume) moves towards the right to its new position  $B'$ . Let the new line of action of the buoyant force (which is always vertical) through  $B'$  intersects the axis  $BG$  (the old vertical line containing the centre of gravity  $G$  and the old centre of buoyancy  $B$ ) at  $M$ . For small values of  $\theta$ , the point  $M$  is practically constant in position and is known as *metacentre*. For the body shown in Fig. 2.22,  $M$  is above  $G$ , and the couple acting on the body in its displaced position is a restoring couple which tends to turn the body to its original position. If  $M$  were below  $G$ , the couple would be an overturning couple and the original equilibrium would have been unstable. When  $M$  coincides with  $G$ , the body will assume its new position without any further movement and thus will be in neutral equilibrium. Therefore, for a floating body, the stability is determined not simply by the relative position of  $B$  and  $G$ , rather by the relative position of  $M$  and  $G$ . The distance of metacentre above  $G$  along the line  $BG$  is known as *metacentric height*  $GM$  which can be written as

$$GM = BM - BG$$

Hence the condition of stable equilibrium for a floating body can be expressed in terms of metacentric height as follows:

$$GM > 0 \text{ (} M \text{ is above } G \text{)} \quad \text{Stable equilibrium}$$

$$GM = 0 \text{ (} M \text{ coinciding with } G \text{)} \quad \text{Neutral equilibrium}$$

$$GM < 0 \text{ (} M \text{ is below } G \text{)} \quad \text{Unstable equilibrium}$$

The angular displacement of a boat or ship about its longitudinal axis is known as ‘rolling’ while that about its transverse axis is known as “pitching”.

### 2.9.3 Experimental Determination of Metacentric Height

A simple experiment is usually conducted to determine the metacentric height. Suppose that for the boat, shown in Fig. 2.23, the metacentric height

corresponding to “roll” about the longitudinal axis (the axis perpendicular to the plane of the figure) is required. Let a weight  $P$  be moved transversely across the deck (which was initially horizontal) so that the boat heels through a small angle  $\theta$  and comes to rest at this new position of equilibrium. The new centres of gravity and buoyancy are therefore again vertically in line. The movement of the weight  $P$  through a distance  $x$  in fact causes a parallel shift of the centre of gravity (centre of gravity of the boat including  $P$ ) from  $G$  to  $G'$ .

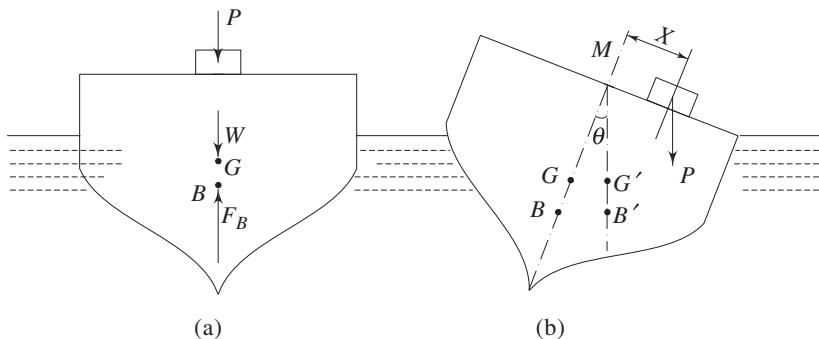


Fig. 2.23 Experimental determination of metacentric height

$$\text{Hence, } P \cdot x = W \cdot GG'$$

$$\text{Again, } GG' = GM \tan \theta$$

$$\text{Therefore, } GM = \frac{P \cdot x}{W} \cot \theta \quad (2.58)$$

The angle of heel  $\theta$  can be measured by the movement of a plumb line over a scale. Since the point  $M$  corresponds to the metacentre for small angles of heel only, the true metacentric height is the limiting value of  $GM$  as  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ . This may be determined from a graph of nominal values of  $GM$  calculated from Eq. (2.58) for various values of  $\theta$  (positive and negative).

It is well understood that the metacentric height serves as the criterion of stability for a floating body. Therefore it is desirable to establish a relation between the metacentric height and the geometrical shape and dimensions of a body so that one can determine the position of metacentre beforehand and then construct the boat or the ship accordingly. This may be done simply by considering the shape of the hull. Figure 2.24a shows the cross-section, perpendicular to the axis of rotation, in which the centre of buoyancy  $B$  lies at the initial equilibrium position. The position of the body after a small angular displacement is shown in Fig. 2.24b. The section on the left, indicated by cross-hatching, has emerged from the liquid, whereas the cross-hatched section on the right has moved down into the liquid. It is assumed that there is no overall vertical movement; thus the vertical equilibrium is undisturbed. As the total weight of the body remains unaltered so does the volume immersed, and therefore the volumes corresponding to the cross-hatched sections are equal. This is so if the planes of flotation for the equilibrium and displaced positions intersect along

the centroidal axes of the planes. The coordinate axes are chosen through  $O$  as origin.  $OY$  is perpendicular to the plane of Fig 2.24a and 2.24b,  $OY$  lies in the original plane of flotation (Fig. 2.24c) and  $OZ$  is vertically downwards in the original equilibrium position. The total immersed volume is considered to be made up of elements each underneath an area  $dA$  in the plane of flotation as shown in Figs 2.24a and 2.24c. The centre of buoyancy by definition is the centroid of the immersed volume (the liquid being assumed homogeneous). The  $x$  coordinate  $x_B$  of the centre of buoyancy may therefore be determined by taking moments of elemental volumes about the  $yz$  plane as,

$$\nabla x_B = \int (z dA) x \quad (2.59)$$

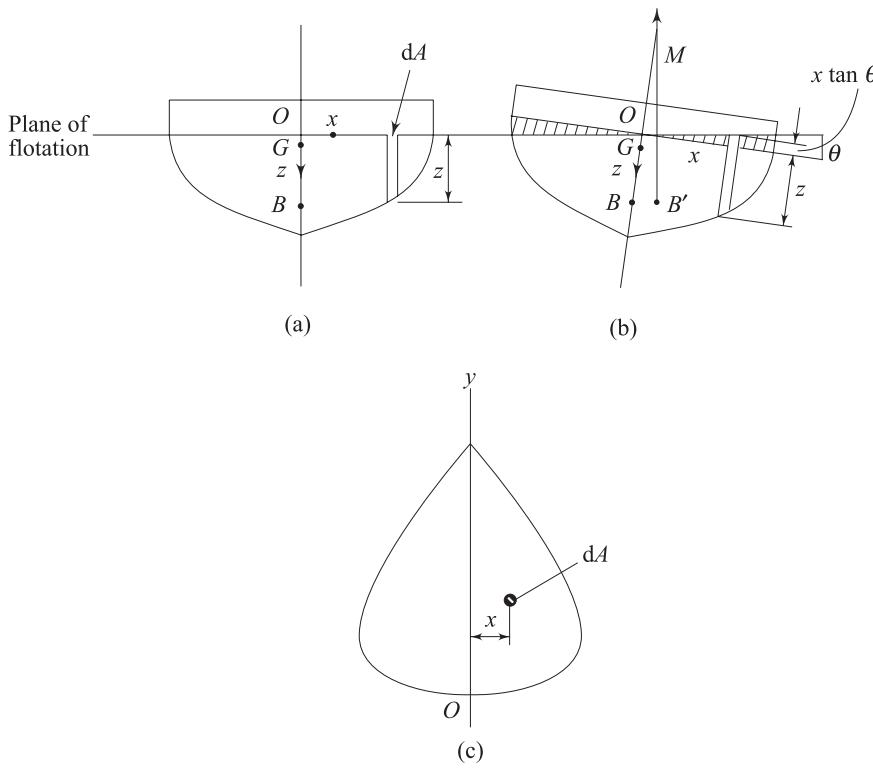


Fig. 2.24 Analysis of metacentric height

After displacement, the depth of each elemental volume immersed is  $z + x \tan \theta$  and hence the new centre of buoyancy  $x'_B$  can be written as

$$\nabla x'_B = \int (z + x \tan \theta) dA x \quad (2.60)$$

Subtracting Eq. (2.59) from Eq. (2.60), we get

$$\nabla(x'_B - x_B) = \int x^2 \tan \theta dA = \tan \theta \int x^2 dA \quad (2.61)$$

The second moment of area of the plane of flotation about the axis-*Oy* is defined as

$$I_{yy} = \int x^2 dA \quad (2.62)$$

Again, for small angular displacements,

$$x'_B - x_B = BM \tan \theta \quad (2.63)$$

With the help of Eqs (2.62) and (2.63), Eq. (2.61) can be written as

$$BM = \frac{I_{yy}}{\frac{V}{\rho}} = \frac{\text{Second moment of area of the plane of flotation about the centroidal axis perpendicular to plane of rotation}}{\text{Immersed volume}} \quad (2.64)$$

$$\text{Hence, } GM = \frac{I_{yy}}{\frac{V}{\rho}} - BG \quad (2.65)$$

The length *BM* is sometimes known as metacentric radius; it must not be confused with the metacentric height *GM*. For rolling movement of a ship, the centroidal axis about which the second moment is taken is the longitudinal one, while for pitching movements, the appropriate axis is the transverse one. For typical sections of the boat, the second moment of area about the transverse axis is much greater than that about the longitudinal axis. Hence, the stability of a boat or ship with respect to its rolling is much more important compared to that with respect to pitching. The value of *BM* for a ship is always affected by a change of loading whereby the immersed volume alters. If the sides are not vertical at the water-line, the value of *I<sub>yy</sub>* may also change as the vessel rises or falls in the water. Therefore, floating vessels must be designed in a way so that they are stable under all conditions of loading and movement.

#### 2.9.4 Floating Bodies Containing Liquid

If a floating body carrying liquid with a free surface undergoes an angular displacement, the liquid will also move to keep its free surface horizontal. Thus not only does the centre of buoyancy *B* move, but also the centre of gravity *G* of the floating body and its contents move in the same direction as the movement of *B*. Hence the stability of the body is reduced. For this reason, liquid which has to be carried in a ship is put into a number of separate compartments so as to minimize its movement within the ship.

#### 2.9.5 Period of Oscillation

It is observed from the foregoing discussion that the restoring couple caused by the buoyant force and gravity force acting on a floating body displaced from its equilibrium position is  $W \cdot GM \sin \theta$  (Fig. 2.22). Since the torque equals to mass moment of inertia (i.e., second moment of mass) multiplied by angular acceleration, it can be written

$$W(GM) \sin \theta = -I_M (d^2\theta/dt^2) \quad (2.66)$$

where  $I_M$  represents the mass moment of inertia of the body about its axis of rotation. The minus sign in the RHS of Eq. (2.66) arises since the torque is a retarding one and decreases the angular acceleration. If  $\theta$  is small,  $\sin \theta \approx \theta$  and hence Eq. (2.66) can be written as

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{W \cdot GM}{I_M} \theta = 0 \quad (2.67)$$

Equation (2.67) represents a simple harmonic motion. The time period (i.e., the time of a complete oscillation from one side to the other and back again) equals to  $2\pi(I_M/W \cdot GM)^{1/2}$ . The oscillation of the body results in a flow of the liquid around it and this flow has been disregarded here. In practice, of course, viscosity in the liquid introduces a damping action which quickly suppresses the oscillation unless further disturbances such as waves cause new angular displacements.

The metacentric height of ocean-going vessel is usually of the order of 0.3 m to 1.2 m. An increase in the metacentric height results in a better stability but reduces the period of roll, and so the vessel is less comfortable for passengers. In cargo vessels the metacentric height and the period of roll are adjusted by changing the position of the cargo. If the cargo is placed further from the centre-line, the moment of inertia of the vessel and consequently the period may be increased with little sacrifice of stability. On the other hand, in warships and racing yachts, stability is more important than comfort, and such vessels have larger metacentric heights.

## Summary

- Forces acting on a fluid element in isolation are of two types; (a) Body force and (b) Surface force. Body forces act over the entire volume of the fluid element and are caused by external agencies, while surface forces, resulting from the action of surrounding mass on the fluid element, appear on its surfaces.
- Normal stresses at any point in a fluid at rest, being directed towards the point from all directions, are of equal magnitude. The scalar magnitude of the stress is known as hydrostatic or thermodynamic pressure.
- The fundamental equations of fluid statics are written as  $\partial p/\partial x = 0$ ,  $\partial p/\partial y = 0$  and  $\partial p/\partial z = -\rho g$  with respect to a cartesian frame of reference with  $x - y$  plane as horizontal and axis  $z$  being directed vertically upwards. For an incompressible fluid, pressure  $p$  at a depth  $h$  below the free surface can be written as  $p = p_0 + \rho gh$ , where  $p_0$  is the local atmospheric pressure.
- At sea-level, the international standard atmospheric pressure has been chosen as  $p_{atm} = 101.32 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . The pressure expressed as the difference between its value and the local atmospheric pressure is known as gauge pressure.
- Piezometer tube measures the gauge pressure of a flowing liquid in terms of the height of liquid column. Manometers are devices in which columns of a suitable liquid are used to measure the difference in pressure between two points or between a certain point and the atmosphere. A simple U-tube manometer is modified as inclined tube manometer, inverted tube manometer and micro

manometer to measure a small difference in pressure through a relatively large deflection of liquid columns.

- The hydrostatic force on any one side of a submerged plane surface is equal to the product of the area and the pressure at the centre of area. The force acts in a direction perpendicular to the surface and its point of action, known as pressure centre, is always at a higher depth than that at which the centre of area lies. The distance of centre of pressure from the centre of area along the axis of symmetry is given by  $y_p - y_C = I_{xx'}/Ay_c$ .
- For a curved surface, the component of hydrostatic force in any horizontal direction is equal to the hydrostatic force on the projected plane surface on a vertical plane perpendicular to that direction and acts through the centre of pressure for the projected plane area. The vertical component of hydrostatic force on a submerged curved surface is equal to the weight of the liquid volume vertically above the submerged surface to the level of the free surface of liquid and acts through the centre of gravity of the liquid in that volume.
- When a solid body is either wholly or partially immersed in a fluid, the hydrostatic lift due to net vertical component of the hydrostatic pressure forces experienced by the body is called the buoyant force. The buoyant force on a submerged or floating body is equal to the weight of liquid displaced by the body and acts vertically upward through the centroid of displaced volume known as centre of buoyancy.
- The equilibrium of floating or submerged bodies requires that the weight of the body acting through its centre of gravity has to be colinear with an equal buoyant force acting through the centre of buoyancy. A submerged body will be in stable, unstable or neutral equilibrium if its centre of gravity is below, above or coincident with the centre of buoyancy respectively. Metacentre of a floating body is defined as the point of intersection of the centre line of cross-section containing the centre of gravity and centre of buoyancy with the vertical line through new centre of buoyancy due to any small angular displacement of the body. For stable equilibrium of floating bodies, metacentre  $M$  has to be above the centre of gravity  $G$ .  $M$  coinciding with  $G$  or lying below  $G$  refers to the situation of neutral and unstable equilibrium respectively. The distance of metacentre from centre of gravity along the centre line of cross-section is known as metacentric height and is given by  $MG = (I_{yy}/F) - BG$ .

### Solved Examples

**Example 2.1** What is the intensity of pressure in the ocean at a depth of 1500 m, assuming (a) salt water is incompressible with a specific weight of 10050 N/m<sup>3</sup> and (b) salt water is compressible and weighs 10050 N/m<sup>3</sup> at the free surface?  $E$  (bulk modulus of elasticity of salt water) = 2070 MN/m<sup>2</sup> (constant).

**Solution** (a) For an incompressible fluid, the intensity of pressure at a depth, according to Eq. (2.16), is

$$p \text{ (pressure in gauge)} = \rho gh = 10050 (1500) \text{ N/m}^2 = 15.08 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ gauge}$$

(b) The change in pressure with the depth of liquid  $h$  from free surface can be written according to Eq. (2.14) as

$$\frac{dp}{dh} = \rho g \quad (2.68)$$

Again from the definition of bulk modulus of elasticity  $E$  (Eq. (1.5)),

$$dp = E \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \quad (2.69)$$

Integrating equation (2.69), for a constant value of  $E$ , we get

$$p = E \ln \rho + C \quad (2.70)$$

The integration constant  $C$  can be found out by considering  $p = p_0$  and  $\rho = \rho_0$  at the free surface.

Therefore Eq. (2.70) becomes

$$p - p_0 = E \ln \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) \quad (2.71)$$

Substitution of  $dp$  from Eq. (2.68) into Eq. (2.69) yields

$$dh = \frac{E d\rho}{g \rho^2}$$

After integration

$$h = -\frac{E}{g \rho} + C_1$$

The constant  $C_1$  is found out from the condition that,  $\rho = \rho_0$  at  $h = 0$  (free surface)

Hence, 
$$h = \frac{E}{g} \left( \frac{1}{\rho_0} - \frac{1}{\rho} \right)$$

from which 
$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \frac{E}{E - h \rho_0 g}$$

Substituting this value of  $\rho/\rho_0$  in Eq. (2.71), we have

$$p - p_0 = E \ln \left( \frac{E}{E - h \rho_0 g} \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} p \text{ (in gauge)} &= 2.07 \times 10^9 \ln \left[ \frac{2.07 \times 10^9}{2.07 \times 10^9 - (10050)(1500)} \right] \text{N/m}^2 \text{ gauge} \\ &= 15.13 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ gauge} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.2** For a gauge reading at  $A$  of  $-17200$  Pa (Fig. 2.25), determine (a) the elevation of the liquids in the open piezometer columns  $E$ ,  $F$ ,  $G$ , and (b) the deflection of mercury in the U-tube gauge. The elevations  $EL$  of the interfaces, as shown in Fig. 2.25, are measured from a fixed reference datum.

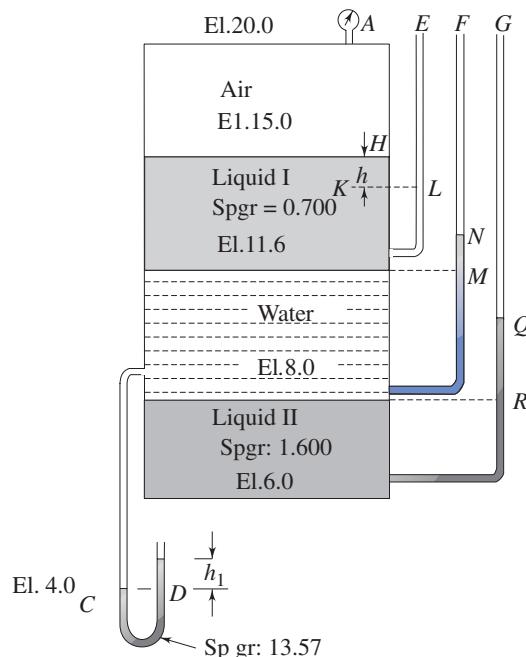


Fig. 2.25 Piezometer tubes connected to a tank containing different liquids

**Solution** (a) Since the specific weight of air ( $= 12 \text{ N/m}^3$ ) is very small compared to that of the liquids, the pressure at elevation 15.0 may be considered to be  $-17200 \text{ Pa}$  gauge by neglecting the weight of air above it without introducing any significant error in the calculations.

For column *E*: Since the pressure at *H* is below the atmospheric pressure, the elevation of liquid in the piezometer *E* will be below *H*, and assume this elevation is *L* as shown in Fig. 2.25.

From the principle of hydrostatics,  $p_K = p_L$

$$\text{Then } p_{\text{atm}} - 17200 + (0.700 \times 9.81 \times 10^3)h = p_{\text{atm}}$$

(where  $p_{\text{atm}}$  is the atmospheric pressure)

$$\text{or } h = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

Hence the elevation at *L* is  $15 - 2.5 = 12.5 \text{ m}$

For column *F*: Pressure at EL11.6 = Pressure at EL15.0 + Pressure of the liquid I

$$\begin{aligned} &= -17200 + (0.7 \times 9.81 \times 10^3)(15 - 11.6) \\ &= 6148 \text{ Pa gauge} \end{aligned}$$

which must equal the pressure at *M*.

The height of water column corresponding to this pressure is  $\frac{6148}{9810} = 0.63 \text{ m}$ , and therefore the water column in the piezometer *F* will rise 0.63 m above *M*.

Hence the elevation at *N* is  $(11.6 + 0.63) = 12.23 \text{ m}$

For column *G* : Pressure at

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EL8.0} &= \text{Pressure at EL11.6} + \text{pressure of 3.6 m of water} \\ &= 6148 + 9.81 \times 3.6 \times 10^3 = 41464 \text{ Pa} \end{aligned}$$

which must be the pressure at  $R$  and equals to a column of

$$\frac{41464}{1.6 \times 9810} = 2.64 \text{ m of liquid II}$$

Therefore, the liquid column in piezometer  $G$  will rise 2.64 m above  $R$  and elevation at  $Q$  is  $(8.0 + 2.64) = 10.64 \text{ m}$ .

(b) For the U-tube gauge,

Pressure at  $D$  = Pressure at  $C$

$9810 \times 13.57 h_1$  = Pressure at EL11.6 + Pressure of 7.6 m of water

or,  $13.57 h_1 = 0.63 + 7.6$

from which  $h_1 = 0.61 \text{ m}$

**Example 2.3** A typical differential manometer is attached to two sections  $A$  and  $B$  in a horizontal pipe through which water is flowing at a steady rate (Fig. 2.26). The deflection of mercury in the manometer is 0.6 m with the level nearer  $A$  being the lower one as shown in the figure. Calculate the difference in pressure between Sections  $A$  and  $B$ . Take the densities of water and mercury as  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $13570 \text{ kg/m}^3$  respectively.

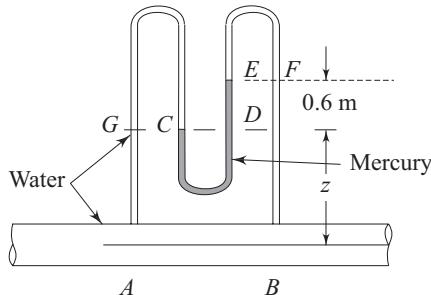


Fig. 2.26 A differential manometer measuring pressure drop between two sections in the flow of water through a pipe

### Solution

$$p_C \text{ (Pressure at } C) = p_D \text{ (Pressure at } D) \quad (2.72)$$

$$\text{Again } p_C = p_G \text{ (Pressure at } G) = p_A - \rho_w g z \quad (2.73)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } p_D &= p_E \text{ (Pressure at } E) + \text{Pressure of the column } ED \text{ of mercury} \\ &= p_F \text{ (Pressure at } F) + \rho_m g (0.6) \\ &= p_B - (z + 0.6) \rho_w g + 0.6 \rho_m g \end{aligned} \quad (2.74)$$

With the help of equations (2.73) and (2.74), the equation (2.72) can be written as,

$$p_A - \rho_w g z = p_B - (z + 0.6) \rho_w g + 0.6 \rho_m g$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } p_A - p_B &= 0.6g (\rho_m - \rho_w) = 0.6 \times 9.81 (13.57 - 1) \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} \\ &= 74 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.4** An inclined tube manometer measures the gauge pressure  $p_s$  of a system  $S$  (Fig. 2.27). The reservoir and tube diameters of the manometer are 50 mm and 5 mm respectively. The inclination angle of the tube is  $30^\circ$ . What will be the percentage error in measuring  $p_s$  if the reservoir deflection is neglected.

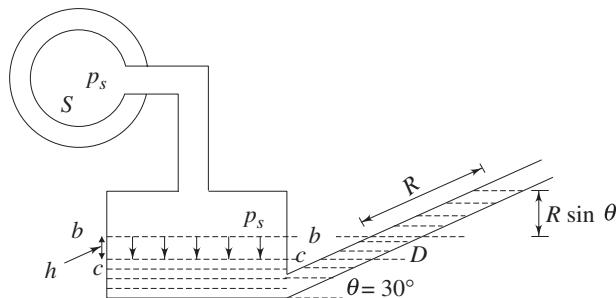


Fig. 2.27 An inclined tube manometer measuring gauge pressure of a system

**Solution** Let, with the application of pressure  $p_S$ , the level of gauge fluid in the reservoir lowers down from  $bb$  to  $cc$

Now, pressure at  $c$  = Pressure at  $D$

$$\text{or} \quad p_S = \rho_g \cdot g (R \sin \theta + h) \quad (2.75)$$

where  $\rho_g$  is the density of the gauge fluid. From continuity of the fluid in both the limbs,

$$A \cdot h = a \cdot R$$

$$\text{or} \quad h = \frac{aR}{A} \quad (2.76)$$

where  $A$  and  $a$  are the cross-sectional areas of the reservoir and the tube respectively.

Substituting for  $h$  from Eq. (2.76) in Eq. (2.75)

$$p_S = \rho_{gg} R \sin \theta \left( 1 + \frac{a}{A} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \right) \quad (2.77)$$

Let the pressure  $p_S$  be measured as  $p_S'$  from the gauge reading  $R$  only (neglecting the reservoir deflection  $h$ ).

$$\text{Then } p_S' = \rho_a g R \sin \theta \quad (2.78)$$

The percentage error in measuring  $p_S$  as  $p_S'$  can now be calculated with the help of Eqs (2.77) and (2.78) as

$$e = \frac{(p_S - p'_S) \times 100}{p_S} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{A}{a} \sin \theta\right)} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left[1 + \left(\frac{50}{5}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2}\right]} \times 100 = 1.96\%$$

**Example 2.5** Oil of specific gravity 0.800 acts on a vertical triangular area whose apex is in the oil surface. The triangle is isosceles of 3 m high and 4 m wide. A vertical rectangular area of 2 m high is attached to the 4 m base of the triangle and is acted upon by water. Find the magnitude and point of action of the resultant hydrostatic force on the entire area.

**Solution** The submerged area under oil and water is shown in Fig. 2.28.

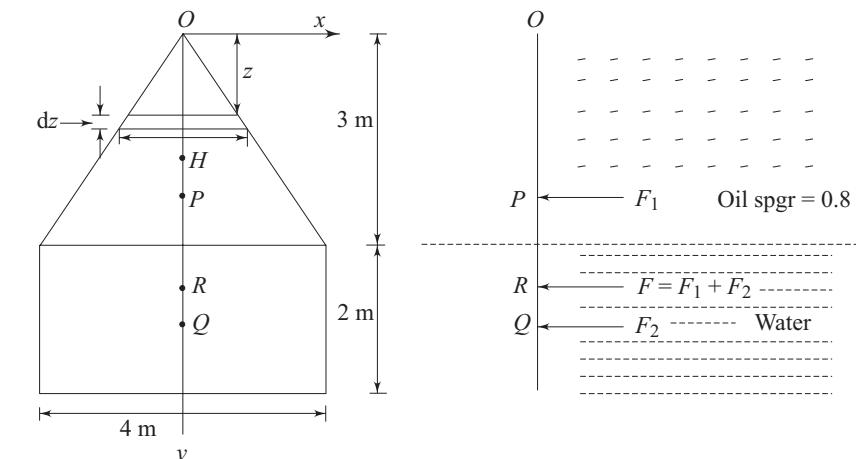


Fig. 2.28 The submerged surface under oil and water as described in Example 2.5

The hydrostatic force  $F_1$  on the triangular area

$$= 9.81 \times 0.8 \times 10^3 \times \left(\frac{2}{3} \times 3\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 4\right) N = 94.18 \text{ kN}$$

The hydrostatic force  $F_2$  on the rectangular area

$$= 9.81 \times 10^3 (3 \times 0.8 + 1) \times (2 \times 4) N = 266.83 \text{ kN}$$

Therefore the resultant force on the entire area

$$F = F_1 + F_2 = 94.18 + 266.83 = 361 \text{ kN}$$

Since the vertical line through the apex 0 is the axis of symmetry of the entire area, the hydrostatic forces will always act through this line. To find the points of action of the forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  on this line, the axes  $Ox$  and  $Oy$  are taken as shown in Fig. 2.28.

For the triangular area, moments of forces on the elemental strips of thickness  $dz$  about  $Ox$  give

$$F_1 \cdot OP = \int_0^3 9.81 \times 10^3 (0.8z) (H dz) z$$

$$\text{Again from geometry, } H = \frac{4}{3} z$$

$$\text{Hence, } OP = \frac{\int_0^3 9.81 \times 10^3 \times 0.8 \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) z^3 dz}{94.18 \times 10^3} = 2.25 \text{ m}$$

In a similar way, the point of action of the force  $F_2$  on the rectangular area is found out as

$$OQ = \frac{\int_3^5 9.81 \times 10^3 \{(3 \times 0.8) + (z - 3)\} (4 dz) z}{266.83 \times 10^3} = 4.1 \text{ m}$$

Finally the point of action  $R$  (Fig. 2.28) of the resultant force  $F$  is found out by taking moments of the forces  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  about  $O$  as

$$OR = \frac{94.18 \times 2.25 + 266.83 \times 4.1}{361} = 3.62 \text{ m}$$

**Example 2.6** Figure 2.29 shows a flash board. Find the depth of water  $h$  at the instant when the water is just ready to tip the flash board.

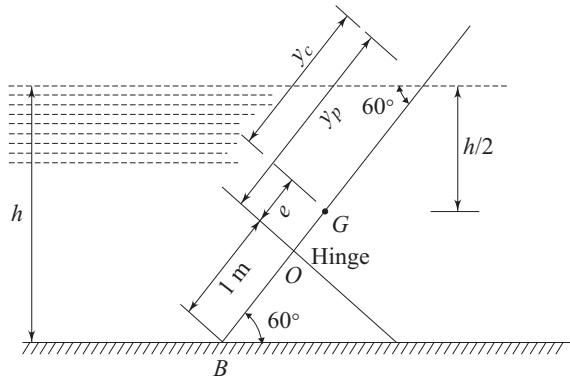


Fig. 2.29 A flash board in water

**Solution** The flash board will tip if the hydrostatic force on the board acts at a point away from the hinge towards the free surface. Therefore, the depth of water  $h$  for which the hydrostatic force  $F_p$  passes through the hinge point  $O$  is the required depth when water is just ready to tip the board. Let  $G$  be the centre of gravity of the submerged part of the board (Fig. 2.29).

$$\text{Then, } BG = \frac{h/2}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

If  $y_p$  and  $y_c$  are the distances of the pressure centre (point of application of the hydrostatic force  $F_p$ ) and the centre of gravity respectively from the free surface along the board, then from Eq. (2.44a)

$$e = y_p - y_c = \frac{(2h/\sqrt{3})^3}{12 \left( \frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}} = h/(3\sqrt{3}) \quad (2.79)$$

(considering unit length of the board)

Again from the geometry,

$$e = BG - BO = \left( h/\sqrt{3} \right) - 1 \quad (2.80)$$

Equating the two expressions of  $e$  from Eqs (2.79) and (2.80), we have

$$h/(3\sqrt{3}) = h/\sqrt{3} - 1$$

from which  $h = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} = 2.6 \text{ m}$

**Example 2.7** The plane gate (Fig. 2.30) weighs 2000 N/m length normal to the plane of the figure, with its centre of gravity 2 m from the hinge  $O$ . Find  $h$  as a function of  $\theta$  for equilibrium of the gate.

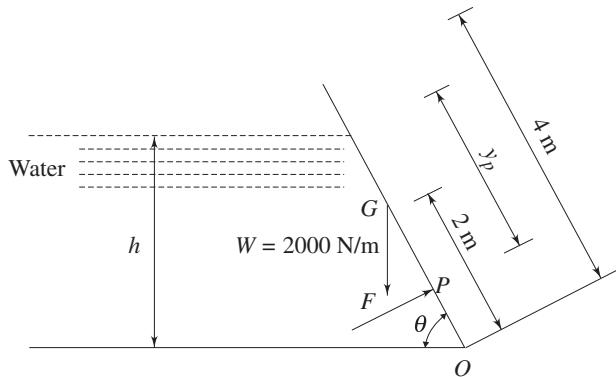


Fig. 2.30 A plain gate in equilibrium under hydrostatic force due to water

**Solution** Let  $F$  be the hydrostatic force acting on the gate at point  $P$

Then  $F = \text{Pressure at the centroid of the submerged portion of gate} \times \text{submerged area of the gate}$

$$= \frac{h}{2} \times 9.81 \times 10^3 \times \frac{h}{\sin \theta} \times 1 = \frac{4905 h^2}{\sin \theta} \quad (2.81)$$

The distance of the pressure centre  $P$  from the free surface along the gate is found out, according to Eq. (2.44), as

$$y_p = \frac{h}{2 \sin \theta} + \frac{1 \times (h/\sin \theta)^3}{12 \times 1 \times \frac{h}{\sin \theta} \left( \frac{h}{2 \sin \theta} \right)} = \frac{h}{\sin \theta} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \right) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{h}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\text{Now } OP = \frac{h}{\sin \theta} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{h}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{h}{\sin \theta}$$

For equilibrium of the gate, moment of all the forces about the hinge  $O$  will be zero.

$$\text{Hence, } F \left( \frac{1}{3} \frac{h}{\sin \theta} \right) - 2000 (2 \cos \theta) = 0$$

Substituting  $F$  from Eq. (2.81),

$$\frac{4905 h^2}{\sin \theta} \left( \frac{1}{3} \frac{h}{\sin \theta} \right) - 4000 \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\text{from which } h = 1.347 (\sin^2 \theta \cos \theta)^{1/3}$$

**Example 2.8** A circular cylinder of 1.8 m diameter and 2.0 m long is acted upon by water in a tank as shown in Fig. 2.31a. Determine the horizontal and vertical components of hydrostatic force on the cylinder.

**Solution** Let us consider, at a depth  $z$  from the free surface, an elemental surface on the cylinder that subtends an angle  $d\theta$  at the centre. The horizontal and vertical components of hydrostatic force on the elemental area can be written as

$$dF_H = 9.81 \times 10^3 \{0.9 (1 + \cos \theta)\} (0.9 d\theta \times 2) \sin \theta$$

$$\text{and } dF_V = 9.81 \times 10^3 \{0.9 (1 + \cos \theta)\} (0.9 d\theta \times 2) \cos \theta$$

Therefore, the horizontal and vertical components of the net force on the entire cylindrical surface in contact with water are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_H &= \int_0^{\pi} 9.81 \times 10^3 \{0.9(1 + \cos \theta)\} 1.8 \sin \theta d\theta \text{ N} = 31.78 \text{ kN} \\
 F_V &= \int_0^{\pi} 9.81 \times 10^3 \{0.9(1 + \cos \theta)\} 1.8 \cos \theta d\theta \text{ N} \\
 &= 9.81 \times 10^3 \times 0.9 \times 1.8 \left[ \int_0^{\pi} \cos \theta d\theta + \int_0^{\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \right] \\
 &= 9.81 \times 10^3 \times 0.9 \times 1.8 \left[ 0 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \text{ N} \\
 &= 24.96 \text{ kN}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Alternative method:*

The horizontal component of the hydrostatic force on surface *ACB* (Fig. 2.31b) is equal to the hydrostatic force on a projected plane area of 1.8 m high and 2 m long.

Therefore,  $F_H = 9.81 \times 10^3 \times 0.9 \times (1.8 \times 2) \text{ N} = 31.78 \text{ kN}$

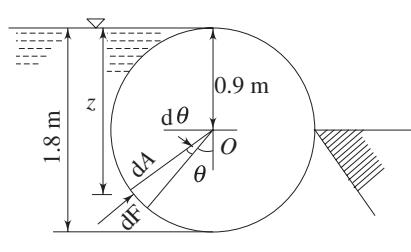


Fig. 2.31a A circular cylinder in a tank of water

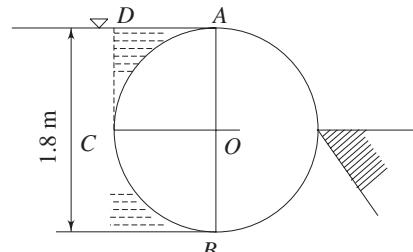


Fig. 2.31b A circular cylinder in a tank of water

The downward vertical force acting on surface *AC* is equal to the weight of water contained in the volume *CDAC*. The upward vertical force acting on surface *CB* is equal to the weight of water corresponding to a volume *BCDAB*.

Therefore the net upward vertical force on surface *ACB*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{Weight of water corresponding to volume of } BCDAB \\
 &\quad - \text{Weight of water in volume } CDAC \\
 &= \text{Weight of water corresponding to a volume of } BCAB \\
 &\quad (\text{half of the cylinder volume})
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$F_V = 9.81 \times 10^3 \times \frac{1}{2} \{3.14 \times (0.9)^2 \times 2\} \text{ N} = 24.96 \text{ kN}$$

**Example 2.9** A parabolic gate *AB* is hinged at *A* and latched at *B* as shown in Fig. 2.32. The gate is 3 m wide. Determine the components of net hydrostatic force on the gate exerted by water.

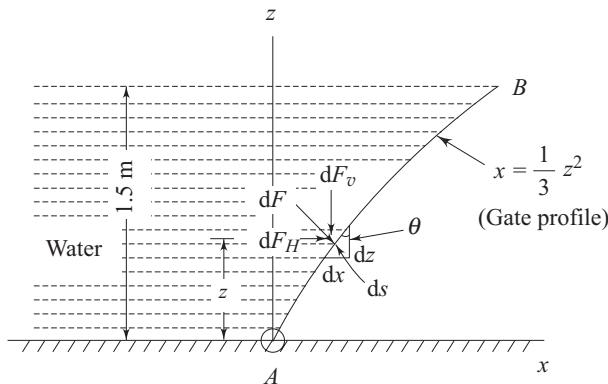


Fig. 2.32 A parabolic gate under hydrostatic pressure

**Solution** The hydrostatic force on an elemental portion of the gate of length  $ds$  (Fig. 2.32) can be written as

$$dF = 9.81 \times 10^3 \times (1.5 - z) ds \times 3$$

The horizontal and vertical components of the force  $dF$  are

$$\begin{aligned} dF_H &= 9.81 \times 10^3 \times 3(1.5 - z) \times ds \cos \theta \\ &= 9.81 \times 3 \times (1.5 - z) \times 10^3 dz \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} dF_V &= 9.81 \times 10^3 \times 3(1.5 - z) \times ds \sin \theta \\ &= 9.81 \times 3 \times (1.5 - z) \times 10^3 dx \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the horizontal component of hydrostatic force on the entire gate

$$\begin{aligned} F_H &= \int_0^{1.5} 9.81 \times 3 \times (1.5 - z) \times 10^3 dz \\ &= 9.81 \times 10^3 \times \frac{1.5 \times 1.5}{2} \times 3 \text{ N} = 33.11 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

The vertical component of force on the entire gate

$$F_V = \int_0^{1.5} 9.81 \times 3 \times (1.5 - z) \times 10^3 \left( \frac{2}{3} z \right) dz$$

$$\left( \text{Since } x = \frac{1}{3} z^2 \text{ for the gate profile, } dx = \frac{2}{3} z dz \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \times 9.81 \times 10^3 \times \frac{(1.5)^3}{6} \times 3 \text{ N} = 11.04 \text{ kN}$$

**Example 2.10** A sector gate, of radius 4 m and length 5 m, controls the flow of water in a horizontal channel. For the equilibrium condition shown in Fig. 2.33, determine the total thrust on the gate.

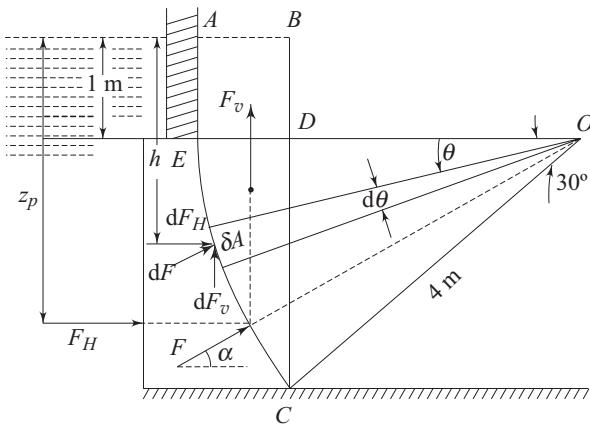


Fig. 2.33 A sector gate controlling the flow of water in a channel

**Solution** The horizontal component of the hydrostatic force is the thrust which would be exerted by the water on a projected plane surface in a vertical plane. The height of this projected surface is  $4 \sin 30^\circ$  m = 2 m and its centroid is  $(1 + 2/2)$  m = 2 m below the free surface.

Therefore, the horizontal component of hydrostatic thrust

$$F_H = \rho g \bar{h} A = 1000 \times 9.81 \times 2 \times (5 \times 2) \text{ N} = 196.2 \text{ kN}$$

The line of action of  $F_H$  passes through the centre of 'pressure which is at a distance  $z_p$  below the free surface, given by (see Eq. 2.44a)

$$z_p = 2 + \frac{5(2)^3}{12 \times (5 \times 2) \times 2} = 2.167 \text{ m}$$

The vertical component of the hydrostatic thrust  $F_V$

= Weight of imaginary water contained in the volume  $ABDCEA$

Now, Volume  $ABDCEA$  = Volume  $ABDEA$  + Volume  $OECO$  - Volume  $ODCO$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume } ABDEA &= 5 \times AB \times BD = 5 \times (4 - 4 \cos 30^\circ) \times 1 \\ &= 5 \times 0.536 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume } OECO &= 5 \times \pi \times (OC)^2 \times 30/360 \\ &= 5 \times \pi \times (4)^2 \times (30/360) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume } ODCO &= 5 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 4 \sin 30^\circ \times 4 \cos 30^\circ \\ &= 5 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 4 \cos 30^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} F_V &= 1000 \times 9.81 \times 5 \left[ (0.536 \times 1) + \left( \pi \times 4^2 \times \frac{30}{360} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left( \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 4 \cos 30^\circ \right) \right] \text{ N} = 61.8 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

The centre of gravity of the imaginary fluid volume  $ABDCEA$  is found by taking moments of the weights of all the elementary fluid volumes about  $BC$ . It is 0.237 m to the

left of  $BC$ . The horizontal and vertical components, being co-planar, combine to give a single resultant force of magnitude  $F$  as

$$F = (F_H^2 + F_V^2)^{1/2} = \{(196.2)^2 + (61.8)^2\}^{1/2} = 205.7 \text{ kN}$$

at an angle  $\alpha = \tan^{-1}(61.8/196.2) \approx 17.5^\circ$  to the horizontal.

*Alternative method:*

Consider an elemental area  $\delta A$  of the gate subtending a small angle  $d\theta$  at 0 (Fig. 2.33). Then the hydrostatic thrust  $dF$  on the area  $\delta A$  becomes  $dF = \rho gh \delta A$ .

The horizontal and vertical components of  $dF$  are

$$dF_H = \rho gh \delta A \cos \theta$$

$$dF_V = \rho gh \delta A \sin \theta$$

where  $h$  is the vertical depth of area  $\delta A$  below the free surface.

Now  $h = (1 + 4 \sin \theta)$

and  $\delta A = (4 d\theta \times 5) = 20 d\theta$

Therefore the total horizontal and vertical components are,

$$F_H = \int dF_H = 1000 \times 9.81 \times 20 \int_0^{\pi/6} (1 + 4 \sin \theta) \cos \theta d\theta N = 196.2 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_V = 1000 \times 9.81 \times 20 \int_0^{\pi/6} (1 + 4 \sin \theta) \sin \theta d\theta N = 61.8 \text{ kN}$$

Since all the elemental thrusts are perpendicular to the surface, their lines of action pass through  $O$  and that of the resultant force therefore also passes through  $O$ .

**Example 2.11** A block of steel (sp. gr. 7.85) floats at a mercury water interface as in Fig. 2.34. What is the ratio of  $a$  and  $b$  for this condition? (sp. gr. of mercury is 13.57).

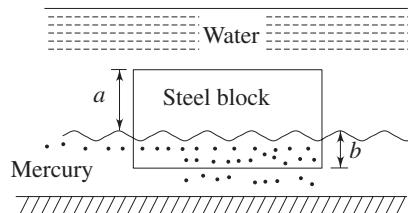


Fig. 2.34 A steel block floating at mercury water interface

**Solution** Let the block have a uniform cross-sectional area  $A$ .

Under the condition of floating equilibrium as shown in Fig. 2.34,

Weight of the body = Total Buoyancy force acting on it

$$A \times (a + b) (7850) \times g = (b \times 13.57 + a) \times A \times g \times 10^3$$

Hence  $7.85 (a + b) = 13.57b + a$

or,  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{5.72}{6.85} = 0.835$

**Example 2.12** An aluminium cube 150 mm on a side is suspended by a string in oil and water as shown in Fig. 2.35. The cube is submerged with half of it being in oil and

the other half in water. Find the tension in the string if the specific gravity of oil is 0.8 and the specific weight of aluminium is  $25.93 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .

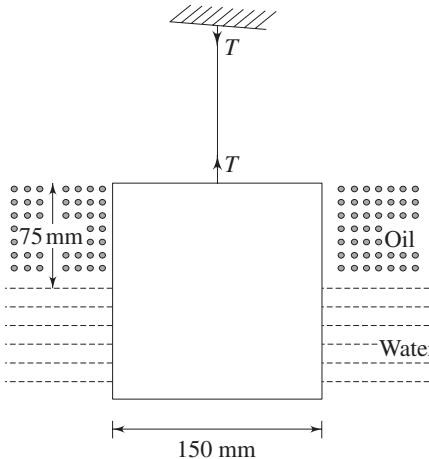


Fig. 2.35 An aluminium cube suspended in an oil and water system

**Solution** Tension  $T$  in the string can be written in consideration of the equilibrium of the cube as

$$\begin{aligned} T &= W - F_B \\ &= 25.93 \times 10^3 \times (.15)^3 - 9.81 \times 10^3 [(.15^3 \times 0.5 \times 0.8 \\ &\quad + (.15)^3 \times 0.5 \times 1] \text{ N} \\ &= 57.71 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

( $W$  = weight of the cube and  $F_B$  = total buoyancy force on the cube)

**Example 2.13** A cube of side  $a$  floats with one of its axes vertical in a liquid of specific gravity  $S_L$ . If the specific gravity of the cube material is  $S_c$ , find the values of  $S_L/S_c$  for the metacentric height to be zero.

**Solution** Let the cube float with  $h$  as the submerged depth as shown in Fig. 2.36.

For equilibrium of the cube,

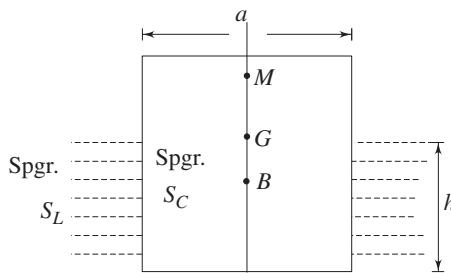


Fig. 2.36 A solid cube floating in a liquid

Weight = Buoyant force

$$a^3 S_c \times 10^3 \times 9.81 = h a^2 \times S_L \times 10^3 \times 9.81$$

$$\text{or, } h = a (S_c/S_L) = a/x$$

where  $S_L/S_c = x$

The distance between the centre of buoyancy  $B$  and centre of gravity  $G$  becomes

$$BG = \frac{a}{2} - \frac{h}{2} = \frac{a}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Let  $M$  be the metacentre, then

$$BM = \frac{I}{\cancel{\rho} h} = \frac{a \left(\frac{a^3}{12}\right)}{a^2 h} = \frac{a^4}{12 a^2 \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)} = \frac{ax}{12}$$

$$\text{The metacentric height } MG = BM - BG = \frac{ax}{12} - \frac{a}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

According to the given condition

$$MG = \frac{ax}{12} - \frac{a}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 - 6x + 6 = 0$$

$$\text{which gives } x = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2} = 4.732, 1.268$$

$$\text{Hence } S_L/S_c = 4.732 \quad \text{or} \quad 1.268$$

**Example 2.14** A rectangular barge of width  $b$  and a submerged depth of  $H$  has its centre of gravity at the waterline. Find the metacentric height in terms of  $b/H$ , and hence show that for stable equilibrium of the barge  $b/H \geq \sqrt{6}$ .

**Solution** Let  $B$ ,  $G$  and  $M$  be the centre of buoyancy, centre of gravity and metacentre of the barge (Fig. 2.37) respectively.

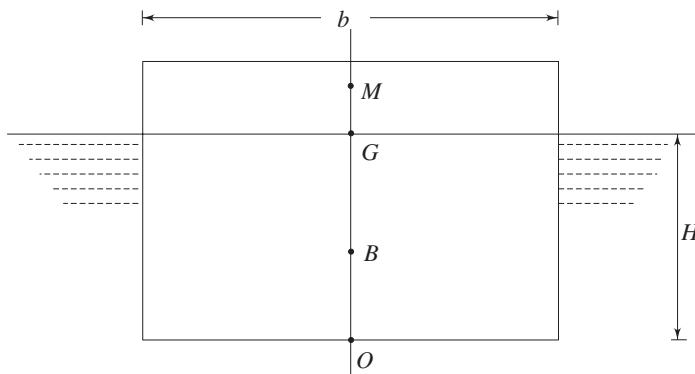


Fig. 2.37 A rectangular barge in water

$$\text{Now, } OB = H/2$$

$$\text{and, } OG = H \text{ (as given in the problem)}$$

$$\text{Hence } BG = OG - OB = H - \frac{H}{2} = \frac{H}{2}$$

Again 
$$BM = \frac{I}{V} = \frac{L b^3}{12 \times L \times b \times H} = \frac{b^2}{12H}$$

where  $L$  is the length of the barge in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the Fig. 2.37.

Therefore, 
$$MG = BM - BG = \frac{b^2}{12H} - \frac{H}{2} = \frac{H}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{b}{H} \right)^2 - 1 \right\}$$

For stable equilibrium of the barge,  $MG \geq 0$

Hence, 
$$\frac{H}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{b}{H} \right)^2 - 1 \right\} \geq 0$$

which gives  $b/H \geq \sqrt{6}$

**Example 2.15** A solid hemisphere of density  $\rho$  and radius  $r$  floats with its plane base immersed in a liquid of density  $\rho_l$  ( $\rho_l > \rho$ ). Show that the equilibrium is stable and the metacentric height is

$$\frac{3}{8} r \left( \frac{\rho_l}{\rho} - 1 \right)$$

**Solution** The hemisphere in its floating condition is shown in Fig. 2.38. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the submerged volume. Then from equilibrium under floating condition,

$$\frac{2}{3} \pi r^3 \times \rho = \mathcal{V} \times \rho_l$$

or, 
$$\mathcal{V} = \frac{2}{3} \pi r^3 \times \frac{\rho}{\rho_l}$$

The centre of gravity  $G$  will lie on the axis of symmetry of the hemisphere. The distance of  $G$  along this line from the base of the hemisphere can be found by taking moments of elemental circular strips (Fig. 2.38) about the base as

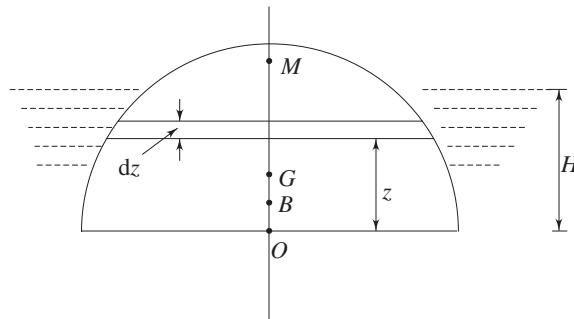


Fig. 2.38 A solid hemisphere floating in a liquid

$$OG = \frac{\int_0^r \pi (r^2 - z^2) z dz}{\frac{2}{3} \pi r^3} = \frac{3}{8} r$$

In a similar way, the location of centre of buoyancy which is the centre of immersed volume  $\mathcal{V}$  is found as

$$OB = \frac{\frac{0}{2} \pi r^3 \frac{\rho}{\rho_l} \int_0^H \pi(r^2 - z^2) z dz}{3} = \frac{3}{8} \frac{\rho_l}{\rho} r \frac{H^2}{r^2} \left( 2 - \frac{H^2}{r^2} \right) \quad (2.82)$$

where  $H$  is the depth of immersed volume as shown in Fig. 2.38.

If  $r_h$  is the radius of cross-section of the hemisphere at water line, then we can write

$$H^2 = r^2 - r_h^2$$

Substituting the value of  $H$  in Eq. (2.82), we have

$$OB = \frac{3}{8} \frac{\rho_l}{\rho} r \left( 1 - \frac{r_h^4}{r^4} \right)$$

The height of the metacentre  $M$  above the centre of buoyancy  $B$  is given by

$$BM = \frac{I}{V} = \frac{\pi r_h^4}{4 \left\{ \left( \frac{2}{3} \pi r^3 \right) \frac{\rho}{\rho_l} \right\}} = \frac{3}{8} \frac{\rho_l}{\rho} r \frac{r_h^4}{r^4}$$

Therefore, the metacentric height  $MG$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} MG &= MB - BG = MB - (OG - OB) \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \frac{\rho_l}{\rho} r \frac{r_h^4}{r^4} - \frac{3}{8} r + \left[ \frac{3}{8} \frac{\rho_l}{\rho} r \left( 1 - \frac{r_h^4}{r^4} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3}{8} r \left( \frac{\rho_l}{\rho} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\rho_l > \rho$ ,  $MG > 0$ , and hence, the equilibrium is stable.

**Example 2.16** A cone floats in water with its apex downward (Fig. 2.39) and has a base diameter  $D$  and a vertical height  $H$ . If the specific gravity of the cone is  $S$ , prove that for stable equilibrium,

$$H^2 < \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{D^2 S^{1/3}}{1 - S^{1/3}} \right)$$

**Solution** Let the submerged height of the cone under floating condition be  $h$ , and the diameter of the cross-section at the plane of flotation be  $d$  (Fig. 2.39).

For the equilibrium,

Weight of the cone = Total buoyancy force

$$\frac{1}{3} \pi \left( \frac{D^2}{4} \right) H \cdot S = \frac{1}{3} \pi \left( \frac{d^2}{4} \right) \cdot h \quad (2.83)$$

Again from geometry,

$$d = D \frac{h}{H} \quad (2.84)$$

Using the value of  $d$  from Eq. (2.84) in Eq. (2.83), we get

$$h = H S^{1/3} \quad (2.85)$$

The centre of gravity  $G$  of the cone is found out by considering the mass of cylindrical element of height  $dz$  and diameter  $Dz/H$ , and its moment about the apex  $O$  in the following way:

$$OG = \frac{\int_0^H \pi \frac{D^2 z^2}{4H^2} z dz}{\frac{1}{3} \pi \frac{D^2}{4} H} = \frac{3}{4} H$$

The centre of buoyancy  $B$  is the centre of volume of the submerged conical part and hence  $OB = \frac{3}{4} h$ .

$$\text{Therefore } BG = OG - OB = \frac{3}{4} (H - h)$$

Substituting  $h$  from Eq. (2.85) we can write

$$BG = \frac{3}{4} H (1 - S^{1/3}) \quad (2.86)$$

If  $M$  is the metacentre, the metacentric radius  $BM$  can be written according to Eq. (2.64) as

$$BM = \frac{1}{\cancel{V}} = \frac{\pi d^4}{64 \times \frac{1}{3} \pi (d^2/4) h} = \frac{3}{16} \frac{d^2}{h}$$

Substituting  $d$  from Eq. (2.84) and  $h$  from Eq. (2.85), we can write

$$BM = \frac{3}{16} \frac{D^2}{H} S^{1/3}$$

The metacentric height

$$MG = BM - BG$$

$$= \frac{3}{16} \frac{D^2}{H} S^{1/3} - \frac{3}{4} H (1 - S^{1/3})$$

For stable equilibrium,  $MG > 0$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{3}{16} \frac{D^2}{H} S^{1/3} - \frac{3}{4} H (1 - S^{1/3}) > 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{D^2}{H^2} S^{1/3} - 4(1 - S^{1/3}) > 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{D^2}{H^2} S^{1/3} > 4(1 - S^{1/3})$$

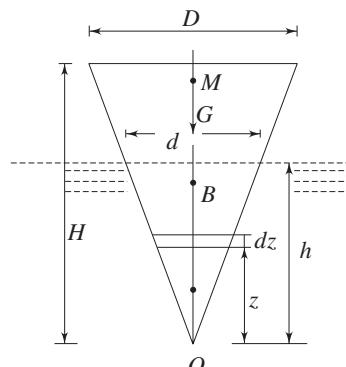


Fig. 2.39 A solid cone floating in water

or, 
$$\frac{H^2}{D^2 S^{1/3}} < \frac{1}{4(1 - S^{1/3})}$$

Hence, 
$$H^2 < \frac{D^2 S^{1/3}}{4(1 - S^{1/3})}$$

**Example 2.17** An 80 mm diameter composite solid cylinder consists of an 80 mm diameter 20 mm thick metallic plate having sp. gr. 4.0 attached at the lower end of an 80 mm diameter wooden cylinder of specific gravity 0.8. Find the limits of the length of the wooden portion so that the composite cylinder can float in stable equilibrium in water with its axis vertical.

**Solution** Let  $l$  be the length of the wooden piece. For floating equilibrium of the composite cylinder,

Weight of the cylinder  $\leq$  Weight of the liquid of the same volume as that of the cylinder

Hence, 
$$\frac{\pi(0.08)^2}{4} \{0.02 \times 4 + 0.8l\} \leq \frac{\pi(0.08)^2}{4} \{0.02 + l\}$$

From which  $l \geq 0.3 \text{ m}$

Hence, the minimum length of the wooden portion  $l_{\text{minimum}} = 0.3 \text{ m} = 300 \text{ mm}$ .

The minimum length corresponds to the situation when the cylinder will just float with its top edge at the free surface (Fig. 2.40a). For any length  $l$  greater than 300 mm, the cylinder will always float in equilibrium with a part of its length submerged as shown in (Fig. 2.40b). The upper limit of  $l$  would be decided from the consideration of stable equilibrium (angular stability) of the cylinder.

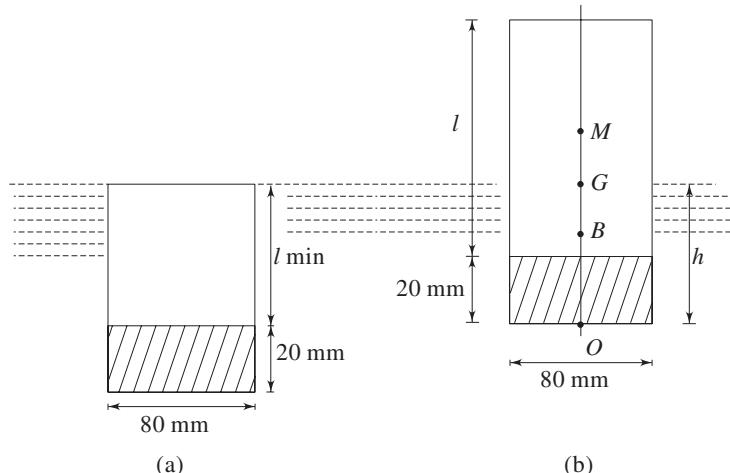


Fig. 2.40 A composite cylinder floating in water

For stable equilibrium,

Metacentric Height  $> 0$

(2.87)

The location of centre of gravity  $G$  of the composite cylinder can be found as

$$OG = \frac{\pi \frac{(.08)^2}{4} [ .02 \times 4 \times .01 + l \times .8(0.5l + 0.02) ]}{\pi \frac{(.08)^2}{4} (.08 + .8l)}$$

$$= \frac{5l^2 + 0.2l + 0.01}{10l + 1}$$

The submerged length  $h$  of the wooden cylinder is found from the consideration of floating equilibrium as

Weight of the cylinder = Buoyancy force

$$\frac{\pi(.08)^2}{4} (.02 \times 4 + .8l) = \frac{\pi(.08)^2}{4} \times h$$

or  $h = 0.08(10l + 1)$  (2.88)

The location of the centre of buoyancy  $B$  can therefore be expressed as  $OB = h/2 = 0.04(10l + 1)$

$$\text{Now } BG = OG - OB = \frac{5l^2 + 0.2l + 0.01}{10l + 1} - 0.04(10l + 1)$$

$$= \frac{l^2 - 0.6l - .03}{10l + 1} \quad (2.89)$$

The location of the metacentre  $M$  above buoyancy  $B$  can be found out according to Eq. (2.64) as

$$BM = \frac{I}{V} = \frac{\pi(.08)^4 \times 4}{64 \times \pi(.08)^2 \times h} \quad (2.90)$$

Substituting  $h$  from Eq. (2.88) to Eq. (2.90), we get

$$BM = \frac{.005}{10l + 1}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } MG = BM - BG = \frac{.005}{10l + 1} - \frac{l^2 - 0.6l - .03}{10l + 1}$$

$$= \frac{-(l^2 - 0.6l - .035)}{10l + 1}$$

Using the criterion for stable equilibrium as  $MG > 0$  we have,

$$\frac{-(l^2 - 0.6l - .035)}{10l + 1} > 0$$

or  $l^2 - 0.6l - .035 < 0$

or  $(l - 0.653)(l + 0.053) < 0$

The length  $l$  can never be negative. Hence, the physically possible condition is

$$l - 0.653 < 0$$

or,  $l < 0.653$

## Exercises

## 2.1 Choose the correct answer

- (i) The normal stress is the same in all directions at a point in a fluid:
  - (a) only when the fluid is frictionless
  - (b) only when the fluid is frictionless and incompressible
  - (c) in a liquid at rest
  - (d) when the fluid is at rest, regardless of its nature.
- (ii) The magnitude of hydrostatic force on one side of a circular surface of unit area, with the centroid 10 m below a free water (density  $\rho$ ) surface is:
  - (a) less than  $10 \rho g$
  - (b) equals to  $10 \rho g$
  - (c) greater than  $10 \rho g$
  - (d) the product of  $\rho g$  and the vertical distance from the free surface to pressure centre
  - (e) none of the above.
- (iii) The line of action of the buoyancy force acts through the
  - (a) centre of gravity of any submerged body
  - (b) centroid of the volume of any floating body
  - (c) centroid of the displaced volume of fluid
  - (d) centroid of the volume of fluid vertically above the body
  - (e) centroid of the horizontal projection of the body.
- (iv) For stable equilibrium of floating bodies, the centre of gravity has to:
  - (a) be always below the centre of buoyancy
  - (b) be always above the centre of buoyancy
  - (c) be always above the metacentre
  - (d) be always below the metacentre
  - (e) coincide with metacentre

## 2.2 In construction, a barometer is a graduated inverted tube with its open end dipped in the measuring liquid contained in a trough opened to atmosphere.

Estimate the height of liquid column in the barometer where the atmospheric pressure is  $100 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . (a) when the liquid is mercury and (b) when the liquid is water. The measuring temperature is  $50^\circ\text{C}$ , the vapour pressures of mercury and water at this temperature are respectively  $0.015 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$  and  $1.23 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$ , and the densities are  $13500$  and  $980 \text{ kg/m}^3$  respectively. What would be the percentage error if the effect of vapour pressure is neglected.

*Ans. (0.754 m, 9.12 m, 0.14%, 14.05%)*

2.3 The density of a fluid mixture  $\rho$  (in  $\text{kg/m}^3$ ) in a chemical reactor varies with the vertical distance  $z$  (in metre) above the bottom of the reactor according to the relation

$$\rho = 10.1 \left[ 1 - \frac{z}{500} + \left( \frac{z}{1000} \right)^2 \right]$$

Assuming the mixture to be stationary, determine the pressure difference between the bottom and top of a 60 m tall reactor.

*Ans. (5.59  $\text{kN/m}^2$ )*

- 2.4 Find the atmospheric pressure just at the end of troposphere which extends upto a height of 11.02 km from sea level. Consider a temperature variation in the troposphere as  $T = 288.16 - 6.49 \times 10^{-3} z$ , where  $z$  is in metres and  $T$  in Kelvin. The atmospheric pressure at sea level is  $101.32 \text{ kN/m}^2$ .

Ans.  $(22.55 \text{ kN/m}^2)$

- 2.5 Find the pressure at an elevation of 3000 m above the sea level by assuming (a) an isothermal condition of air and (b) an isentropic condition of air. Pressure and temperature at sea level are  $101.32 \text{ kN/m}^2$  and  $293.15 \text{ K}$ . Consider air to be an ideal gas with  $R$  (characteristic gas constant) =  $287 \text{ J/kg K}$ , and  $\gamma$  (ratio of specific heats) = 1.4.

Ans.  $(71.41 \text{ kN/m}^2, 70.08 \text{ kN/m}^2)$

- 2.6 Two pipes *A* and *B* (Fig. 2.41) are in the same elevation. Water is contained in *A* and rises to a level of 1.8 m above it. Carbon tetrachloride (Sp. gr. = 1.59) is contained in *B*. The inverted U-tube is filled with compressed air at  $300 \text{ kN/m}^2$  and  $30^\circ\text{C}$ . Barometer reads 760 mm of mercury. Determine:

- (a) The pressure difference in  $\text{kN/m}^2$  between *A* and *B* if  $z = 0.45 \text{ m}$ .  
 (b) The absolute pressure in *B* in mm of mercury.

Ans.  $(P_B - P_A = 3.4 \text{ kN/m}^2, 2408.26 \text{ mm})$

- 2.7 A multi-tube manometer using water and mercury is used to measure the pressure of air in a vessel, as shown in Fig. 2.42. For the given values of heights, calculate the gauge pressure in the vessel.  $h_1 = 0.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $h_2 = 0.5 \text{ m}$ ,  $h_3 = 0.3 \text{ m}$ ,  $h_4 = 0.7 \text{ m}$ ,  $h_5 = 0.1 \text{ m}$  and  $h_6 = 0.5 \text{ m}$ .

Ans.  $(190.31 \text{ kN/m}^2 \text{ gauge})$

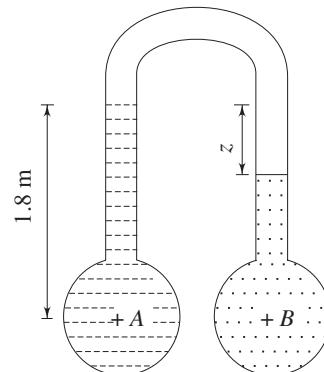


Fig. 2.41 Pipes with water and carbon tetrachloride

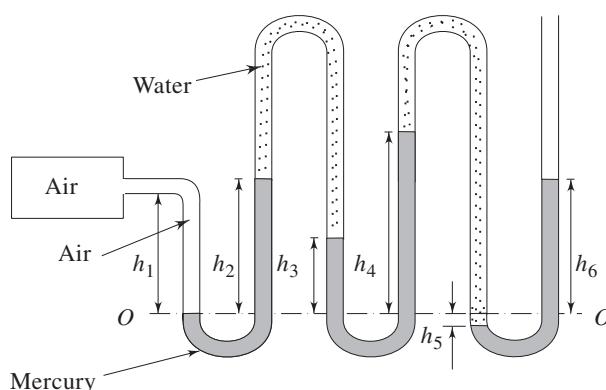


Fig. 2.42 A multi-tube manometer measuring air pressure in a vessel

- 2.8 Gate  $AB$  in Fig. 2.43 is 1.2 m wide (in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the figure) and is hinged at  $A$ . Gauge  $G$  reads  $-0.147$  bar and oil in the right hand tank is having a relative density 0.75. What horizontal force must be applied at  $B$  for equilibrium of gate  $AB$ ?

*Ans. (3.66 kN)*

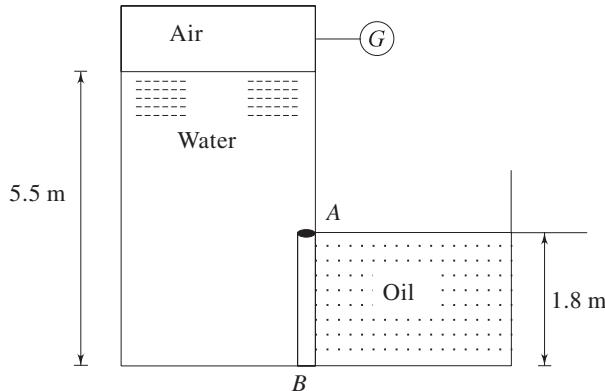


Fig. 2.43 A plane gate with water on one side and oil on the other side

- 2.9 Show that the centre of pressure for a vertical semicircular plane submerged in a homogeneous liquid and with its diameter  $d$  at the free surface lies on the centre line at a depth of  $3\pi d/32$  from the free surface.
- 2.10 A spherical viewing port exists 1.5 m below the static water surface of a tank as shown in Fig. 2.44. Calculate the magnitude, direction and location of the thrust on the viewing port.

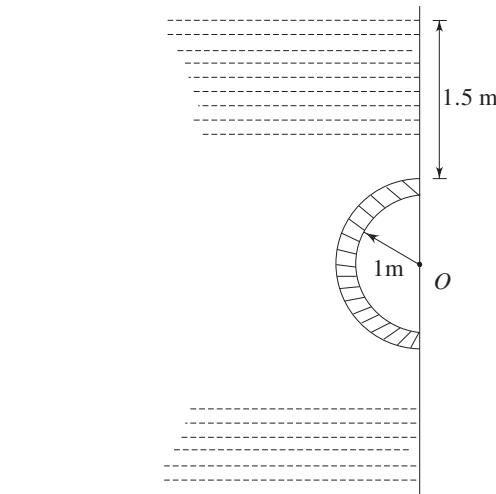


Fig. 2.44 A spherical viewing port in a water tank

*Ans. (79.74 kN,  $75^\circ$  in a direction  $75^\circ$  clockwise from a vertically upward line and passes through the centre  $O$ )*

- 2.11 Find the weight of the cylinder (dia = 2 m) per metre length if it supports water and oil (Sp. gr. 0.82) as shown in Fig. 2.45. Assume contact with wall as frictionless.

Ans. (14.02 kN)

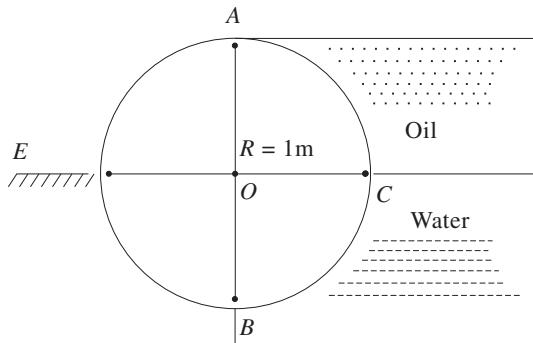


Fig. 2.45 A cylinder supporting oil and water

- 2.12 Calculate the force  $F$  required to hold the gate in a closed position (Fig. 2.46), if  $R = 0.6\text{ m}$ .

Ans. (46.02 kN)

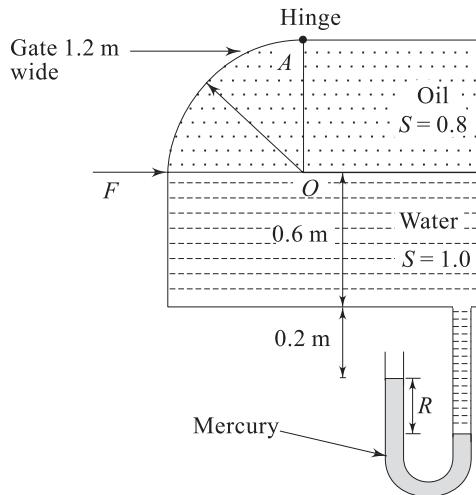


Fig. 2.46 A gate in closed position supporting oil and water in a tank

- 2.13 A cylindrical log of specific gravity 0.425 is 5 m long and 2 m in diameter. To what depth the log will sink in fresh water with its axis being horizontal?

Ans. (0.882 m)

- 2.14 A sphere of 1219 mm diameter floats half submerged in salt water ( $\rho = 1025\text{ kg/m}^3$ ). What minimum mass of concrete ( $\rho = 2403\text{ kg/m}^3$ ) has to be used as an anchor to submerge the sphere completely?

Ans. (848.47 kg)

- 2.15 The drain plug shown in Fig. 2.47 is closed initially. As the water fills up and the level reaches 2 m, the buoyancy force on the float opens the plug. Find the volume of the spherical weight if the total mass of the plug and the weight is 5 kg. As soon as the plug opens it is observed that the plug-float assembly jumps upward and attains a floating position. Explain why. Determine the level in the reservoir when the plug closes again. Can the plug diameter be larger than the float diameter? Find out the maximum possible plug diameter.

Ans. (0.018 m<sup>3</sup>, 1.95 m, No, 87.5 mm)

- 2.16 A long prism, the cross-section of which is an equilateral triangle of side  $a$ , floats in water with one side horizontal and submerged to a depth  $h$ . Find

- $h/a$  as a function of the specific gravity  $S$  of the prism.
- The metacentric height in terms of side  $a$  for small angle of rotation if specific gravity,  $S = 0.8$ .

Ans.  $(\sqrt{3s}/2, 0.11a)$

- 2.17 A uniform wooden cylinder has a specific gravity of 0.6. Find the ratio of diameter to length of the cylinder so that it will just float upright in a state of neutral equilibrium in water.

Ans. (1.386)

- 2.18 Find the minimum apex angle of a solid cone of specific gravity 0.8 so that it can float in stable equilibrium in fresh water with its axis vertical and vertex downward.

Ans. (31.12°)

- 2.19 A ship weighing 25 MN floats in sea water with its axis vertical. A pendulum 2 m long is observed to have a horizontal displacement of 20 mm when a weight of 40 kN is moved 5 m across the deck. Find the metacentric height of the ship.

Ans. (0.8 m)

- 2.20 A ship of mass  $2 \times 10^6$  kg has a cross-section at the waterline as shown in Fig. 2.48. The centre of buoyancy is 1.5 m below the free surface, and the centre of gravity is 0.6 m above the free surface. Calculate the metacentric height for rolling and pitching of the ship with a small angle of tilt.

Ans. (0.42 m, 25.41 m)

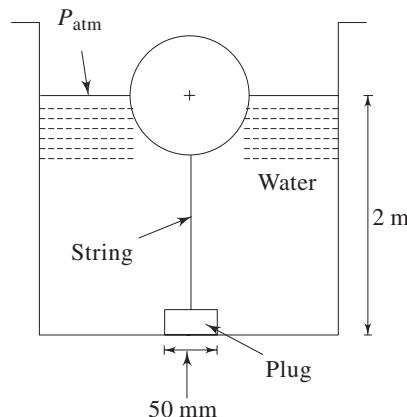


Fig. 2.47 A typical drain plug

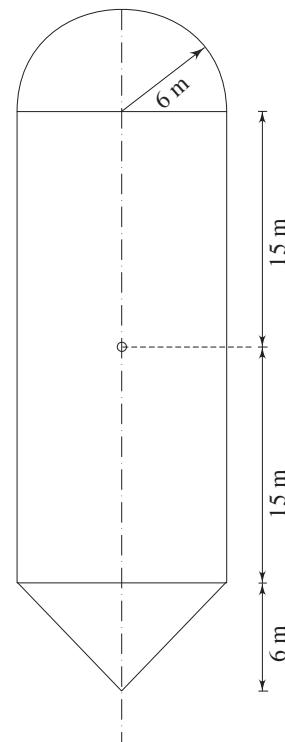
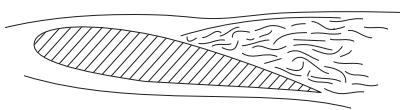


Fig. 2.48 Cross-section of a ship at the waterline

# 3



## Kinematics of Fluid

### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

Kinematics is the geometry of motion. Therefore the kinematics of fluid is that branch of fluid mechanics which describes the fluid motion and its consequences without consideration of the nature of forces causing the motion. The basic understanding of the fluid kinematics forms the ground work for the studies on dynamical behaviour of fluid in consideration of the forces accompanying the motion. The subject has three main aspects:

- (a) The development of methods and techniques for describing and specifying the motions of fluids.
- (b) Characterization of different types of motion and associated deformation rates of any fluid element.
- (c) The determination of the conditions for the kinematic possibility of fluid motions, i.e., the exploration of the consequences of continuity in the motion.

### 3.2 SCALAR AND VECTOR FIELDS

**Scalar** A quantity which has only magnitude is defined to be a scalar. A scalar quantity can be completely specified by a single number representing its magnitude. Typical scalar quantities are mass, density and temperature. The magnitude of a scalar (a real number) will change when the units expressing the scalar are changed, but the physical entity remains the same.

**Vector** A quantity which is specified by both magnitude and direction is known to be a vector. Force, velocity and displacement are typical vector quantities. The magnitude of a vector is a scalar.

**Scalar Field** If at every point in a region, a scalar function has a defined value, the region is called a scalar field. The temperature distribution in a rod is an example of a scalar field.

**Vector Field** If at every point in a region, a vector function has a defined value, the region is called a vector field. Force and velocity fields are the typical examples of vector fields.

### 3.3 FLOW FIELD AND DESCRIPTION OF FLUID MOTION

A flow field is a region in which the flow is defined at each and every point at any instant of time. Usually, velocity describes the flow. In other words, a flow field is specified by the velocities at different points in the region at different times. A fluid mass can be conceived of consisting of a number of fluid particles. Hence the instantaneous velocity at any point in a fluid region is actually the velocity of a particle that exists at that point at that instant. In order to obtain a complete picture of the flow, the fluid motion is described by two methods discussed as follows:

**A. Lagrangian Method** In this method, the fluid motion is described by tracing the kinematic behaviour of each and every individual particle constituting the flow. Identities of the particles are made by specifying their initial position (spatial location) at a given time. The position of a particle at any other instant of time then becomes a function of its identity and time. This statement can be analytically expressed as

$$\vec{S} = S(\vec{S}_0, t) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\vec{S}$  is the position vector of a particle (with respect to a fixed point of reference) at a time  $t$ .  $\vec{S}_0$  is its initial position at a given time  $t = t_0$ , and thus specifies the identity of the particle. The Eq. (3.1) can be written into scalar components with respect to a rectangular cartesian frame of coordinates as

$$x = x(x_0, y_0, z_0, t) \quad (3.1a)$$

$$y = y(x_0, y_0, z_0, t) \quad (3.1b)$$

$$z = z(x_0, y_0, z_0, t) \quad (3.1c)$$

where  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  are the initial coordinates and  $x, y, z$  are the coordinates at a time  $t$  of the particle. Hence  $\vec{S}$  in Eq. (3.1) can be expressed as

$$\vec{S} = \vec{i}x + \vec{j}y + \vec{k}z$$

where  $\vec{i}, \vec{j}$  and  $\vec{k}$  are the unit vectors along  $x, y$  and  $z$  axes respectively. The velocity  $\vec{V}$  and acceleration  $\vec{a}$  of the fluid particle can be obtained from the material derivatives of the position of the particle with respect to time. Therefore,

$$\vec{V} = \left[ \frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} \right]_{S_0} \quad (3.2a)$$

or, in terms of scalar components,

$$u = \left[ \frac{dx}{dt} \right]_{x_0, y_0, z_0} \quad (3.2b)$$

$$v = \left[ \frac{dy}{dt} \right]_{x_0, y_0, z_0} \quad (3.2c)$$

$$w = \left[ \frac{dz}{dt} \right]_{x_0, y_0, z_0} \quad (3.2d)$$

$u, v, w$  are the components of velocity in  $x, y$  and  $z$  directions respectively. For the acceleration,

$$\vec{a} = \left[ \frac{d^2 \vec{S}}{dt^2} \right]_{S_0} \quad (3.3a)$$

and hence,  $a_x = \left[ \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \right]_{x_0, y_0, z_0} \quad (3.3b)$

$$a_y = \left[ \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \right]_{x_0, y_0, z_0} \quad (3.3c)$$

$$a_z = \left[ \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} \right]_{x_0, y_0, z_0} \quad (3.3d)$$

The subscripts in Eqs (3.2) and (3.3) represent the initial (at  $t = t_0$ ) position of the particle and thus specify the particle identity. The favourable aspect of the method lies in the information about the motion and trajectory of each and every particle of the fluid so that at any time it is possible to trace the history of each fluid particle. In addition, by virtue of the fact that particles are initially identified and traced through their motion, conservation of mass is inherent. However, the serious drawback of this method is that the solution of the equations (Eqs (3.2) and (3.3)) presents appreciable mathematical difficulties except certain special cases and therefore, the method is rarely suitable for practical applications.

**B. Eulerian Method** The method due to Leonhard Euler is of greater advantage since it avoids the determination of the movement of each individual fluid particle in all details. Instead it seeks the velocity  $\vec{V}$  and its variation with time  $t$  at each and every location ( $\vec{S}$ ) in the flow field. While in the Lagrangian view, all hydrodynamic parameters are tied to the particles or elements, in Eulerian view, they are functions of location and time. Mathematically, the flow field in Eulerian method is described as

$$\vec{V} = V(\vec{S}, t) \quad (3.4)$$

where,

$$\vec{V} = \vec{i} u + \vec{j} v + \vec{k} w$$

and,

$$\vec{S} = \vec{i} x + \vec{j} y + \vec{k} z$$

therefore,  $u = u(x, y, z, t)$  (3.4a)

$v = v(x, y, z, t)$  (3.4b)

$w = w(x, y, z, t)$  (3.4c)

The relationship between the Eulerian and Lagrangian method can now be shown. The Eq. (3.4) of Eulerian description can be written as,

$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = V(\vec{S}, t) \quad (3.5)$$

or,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = u(x, y, z, t)$  (3.5a)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v(x, y, z, t) \quad (3.5b)$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = w(x, y, z, t) \quad (3.5c)$$

The integration of Eq. (3.5) yields the constants of integration which are to be found from the initial coordinates of the fluid particles. Hence, the solution of Eq. (3.5) gives the equations of Lagrange as,

$$\vec{S} = S(\vec{S}_0, t)$$

or,  $x = x(x_0, y_0, z_0, t)$

$$y = y(x_0, y_0, z_0, t)$$

$$z = z(x_0, y_0, z_0, t)$$

Therefore, it is evident that, in principle, the Lagrangian method of description can always be derived from the Eulerian method. But the solution of the set of three simultaneous differential equations is generally very difficult.

### 3.3.1 Variation of Flow Parameters in Time and Space

In general, the flow velocity and other hydrodynamic parameters like pressure and density may vary from one point to another at any instant, and also from one instant to another at a fixed point. According to the type of variations, different categories of flow are described as follows:

**Steady and Unsteady Flows** A steady flow is defined as a flow in which the various hydrodynamic parameters and fluid properties at any point do not change with time. Flow in which any of these parameters changes with time is termed as unsteady flow. In Eulerian approach, a steady flow is described as,

$$\vec{V} = V(\vec{S})$$

and  $\vec{a} = a(\vec{S})$

which means that velocity and acceleration are functions of space coordinates only. This implies that, in a steady flow, the hydrodynamic and other parameters may vary with location, but the spatial distribution of any such parameter essentially remains invariant with time.

In the Lagrangian approach, time is inherent in describing the trajectory of any particle (Eq. (3.1)). But in steady flow, the velocities of all particles passing

through any fixed point at different times will be same. In other words, the description of velocity as a function of time for a given particle will simply show the velocities at different points through which the particle has passed and thus furnish the information of velocity as a function of spatial location as described by Eulerian method. Therefore, the Eulerian and Lagrangian approaches of describing fluid motion become identical under this situation.

In practice, absolute steady flow is the exception rather than the rule, but many problems may be studied effectively by assuming that the flow is steady. Though minor fluctuations of velocity and other quantities with time occur in reality, the average value of any quantity over a reasonable interval of time remains unchanged. Moreover, a particular flow may appear steady to one observer but unsteady to another. This is because all movement is relative. The motion of a body or a fluid element is described with respect to a set of coordinates axes. Therefore, flow may appear steady or unsteady depending upon the choice of coordinate axes. For example, the movement of water past the sides of a motor-boat travelling at constant velocity would (apart from small fluctuations) appear steady to an observer in the boat. He would compare the water flow with an imaginary set of reference axes in the boat. To an observer on a bridge, however, the same flow would appear to change with time as the boat passes underneath him. He would be comparing the flow with reference axes fixed to the bridge. Since the examination of steady flow is usually much simpler than that of unsteady flow, reference axes are chosen, where possible, so that flow with respect to the reference frame becomes steady.

**Uniform and Non-uniform Flow** When velocity and other hydrodynamic parameters, at any instant of time do not change from point to point in a flow field, the flow is said to be uniform. If, however, changes do occur from one point to another, the flow is non-uniform. Hence, for a uniform flow, the velocity is a function of time only, which can be expressed in Eulerian description as

$$\vec{V} = V(t)$$

This implies that for a uniform flow, there will be no spatial distribution of hydrodynamic and other parameters. Any such parameter will have a unique value in the entire field, which of course, may change with time if the flow is unsteady.

For a non-uniform flow, the changes with position may be found either in the direction of flow or in directions perpendicular to it. The latter kind of non-uniformity is always encountered near solid boundaries past which the fluid flows. This is because all fluids possess viscosity which reduces the relative velocity to zero at a solid boundary (no-slip condition as described in Chapter-1).

For a steady and uniform flow, velocity is neither a function of time nor of space coordinates, and hence it assumes a constant value throughout the region of flow at all times. Steadiness of flow and uniformity of flow do not necessarily go together. Any of the four combinations as shown in Table 3.1 is possible:

Table 3.1

Type	Example
1. Steady uniform flow	Flow at constant rate through a duct of uniform cross-section. (The region close to the walls of the duct is however disregarded.)
2. Steady non-uniform flow	Flow at constant rate through a duct of non-uniform cross-section (tapering pipe.)
3. Unsteady uniform flow	Flow at varying rates through a long straight pipe of uniform cross-section. (Again the region close to the walls is ignored.)
4. Unsteady non-uniform flow	Flow at varying rates through a duct of non-uniform cross-section.

### 3.3.2 Material Derivative and Acceleration

Let the position of a particle at any instant  $t$  in a flow field be given by the space coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  with respect to a rectangular cartesian frame of reference. The velocity components  $u, v, w$  of the particle along  $x, y$  and  $z$  directions respectively can then be written in Eulerian form as

$$u = u(x, y, z, t)$$

$$v = v(x, y, z, t)$$

$$w = w(x, y, z, t)$$

At an infinitesimal time interval  $\Delta t$  later, let the particle move to a new position given by the coordinates  $(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z)$ , and its velocity components at this new position be  $u + \Delta u, v + \Delta v$  and  $w + \Delta w$ . Therefore, we can write

$$u + \Delta u = u(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z, t + \Delta t) \quad (3.6a)$$

$$v + \Delta v = v(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z, t + \Delta t) \quad (3.6b)$$

$$w + \Delta w = w(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z, t + \Delta t) \quad (3.6c)$$

The expansion of the right hand side of the Eqs (3.6a) to (3.6c) in the form of Taylor's series gives

$$\begin{aligned} u + \Delta u = & u(x, y, z, t) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \Delta z + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \Delta t \\ & + \text{higher order terms in } \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \text{ and } \Delta t \end{aligned} \quad (3.7a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v + \Delta v = & v(x, y, z, t) + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \Delta z + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \Delta t \\ & + \text{higher order terms in } \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \text{ and } \Delta t \end{aligned} \quad (3.7b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w + \Delta w = & w(x, y, z, t) + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \Delta z + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \Delta t \\ & + \text{higher order terms in } \Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \text{ and } \Delta t \end{aligned} \quad (3.7c)$$

The increment in space coordinates can be written as

$$\Delta x = u \Delta t, \quad \Delta y = v \Delta t, \quad \Delta z = w \Delta t$$

Substituting the values of  $\Delta x, \Delta y$  and  $\Delta z$  in Eqs (3.7a) to (3.7c), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t} = & u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \\ & + \text{terms containing } \Delta t \text{ and its higher orders} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$$

+ terms containing  $\Delta t$  and its higher orders

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta t} = u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$$

+ terms containing  $\Delta t$  and its higher orders

The limiting forms of the equations as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  become

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \quad (3.8a)$$

$$\frac{Dv}{Dt} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \quad (3.8b)$$

$$\frac{Dw}{Dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \quad (3.8c)$$

Since  $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t} = \frac{Du}{Dt}$ ,  $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{Dv}{Dt}$ ,  $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta t} = \frac{Dw}{Dt}$ ,

$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} (\text{terms containing } \Delta t \text{ and its higher orders}) = 0$

It is evident from the above equations that the operator for total differential with respect to time,  $D/Dt$  in a convective field is related to the partial differential  $\partial/\partial t$  as

$$\frac{D}{Dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (3.9)$$

The total differential  $D/Dt$  is known as the *material* or *substantial derivative* with respect to time. The first term  $\partial/\partial t$  in the right hand side of Eq. (3.9) is known as temporal or local derivative which expresses the rate of change with time, at a fixed position. The last three terms in the right hand side of Eq. (3.9) are together known as *convective derivative* which represents the time rate of change due to change in position in the field. Therefore the terms in the left hand sides of Eqs (3.8a) to (3.8c) are defined as  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  components of substantial or material acceleration. The first terms in the right hand sides of Eqs (3.8a) to (3.8c) represent the respective local or temporal accelerations, while the other terms are convective accelerations. Thus we can write,

$$a_x = \frac{Du}{Dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \quad (3.9a)$$

$$a_y = \frac{Dv}{Dt} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \quad (3.9b)$$

$$a_z = \frac{Dw}{Dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \quad (3.9c)$$

(Material or substantial acceleration) = (temporal or local acceleration) + (convective acceleration)

In a steady flow, the temporal acceleration is zero, since the velocity at any point is invariant with time. In a uniform flow, on the other hand, the convective acceleration is zero, since the velocity components are not the functions of space coordinates. In a steady and uniform flow, both the temporal and convective acceleration vanish and hence there exists no material acceleration. Existence of the components of acceleration for different types of flow, as described in Table 3.1, is shown in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2

Type of flow	Material Acceleration	
	Temporal	Convective
Steady and uniform	0	0
Steady and non-uniform	0	exists
Unsteady and uniform	exists	0
Unsteady and non-uniform	exists	exists

**Components of Acceleration in Other Coordinate Systems** In a cylindrical polar coordinate system (Fig. 3.1a), the components of acceleration in  $r$ ,  $\theta$  and  $z$  directions can be written as

$$a_r = \frac{DV_r}{Dt} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} = \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} \quad (3.10a)$$

$$a_\theta = \frac{DV_\theta}{Dt} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} = \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} \quad (3.10b)$$

$$a_z = \frac{DV_z}{Dt} = \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial t} + V_r \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} + V_z \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} \quad (3.10c)$$

The term  $-V_\theta^2/r$  in the Eq. (3.10a) appears due to an inward radial acceleration arising from a change in the direction of  $V_\theta$  (velocity component in the azimuthal direction  $\theta$ ) with  $\theta$  as shown in Fig. 3.1a. This is typically known as centripetal acceleration. In a similar fashion, the term  $V_r V_\theta/r$  represents a component of acceleration in azimuthal direction caused by a change in the direction of  $V_r$  with  $\theta$  (Fig. 3.1a).

The acceleration components in a spherical polar coordinate system (Fig. 3.1b) can be expressed as

$$a_R = \frac{\partial V_R}{\partial t} + V_R \frac{\partial V_R}{\partial R} + \frac{V_\phi}{R} \frac{\partial V_R}{\partial \phi} + \frac{V_\theta}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial V_R}{\partial \theta} - \frac{V_\phi^2 + V_\theta^2}{R} \quad (3.11a)$$

$$a_\phi = \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial t} + V_R \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial R} + \frac{V_\phi}{R} \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{V_\theta}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial \theta} - \frac{V_R V_\phi}{R} - \frac{V_\theta^2 \cot \phi}{R} \quad (3.11b)$$

$$a_\theta = \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial t} + V_R \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial R} + \frac{V_\phi}{R} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \phi} + \frac{V_\theta}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_\theta V_R}{R} + \frac{V_\theta V_\phi \cot \phi}{R} \quad (3.11c)$$

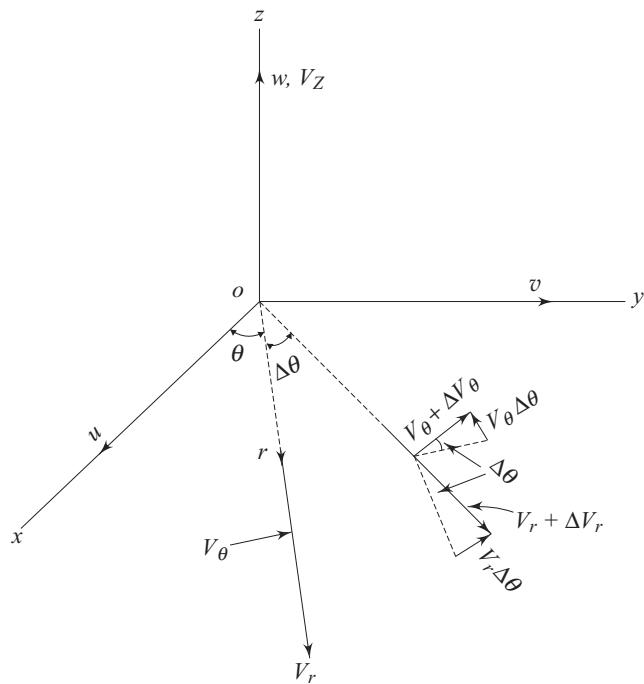


Fig. 3.1a Velocity components in a cylindrical polar coordinate system

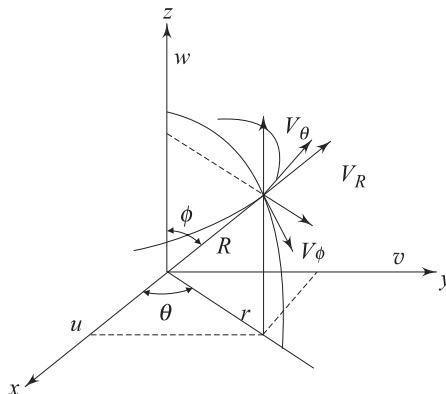


Fig. 3.1b Velocity components in a spherical polar coordinate system

### 3.3.3 Streamlines, Path Lines and Streak Lines

**Streamlines** The analytical description of flow velocities by the Eulerian approach is geometrically depicted through the concept of streamlines. In the Eulerian method, the velocity vector is defined as a function of time and space coordinates. If for a fixed instant of time, a space curve is drawn so that it is tangent everywhere to the velocity vector, then this curve is called a streamline.

Therefore, the Eulerian method gives a series of instantaneous streamlines of the state of motion (Fig. 3.2a). In other words, a streamline at any instant can be defined as an imaginary curve or line in the flow field so that the tangent to the curve at any point represents the direction of the instantaneous velocity at that point. In an unsteady flow where the velocity vector changes with time, the pattern of streamlines also changes from instant to instant. In a steady flow, the orientation or the pattern of streamlines will be fixed. From the above definition of streamline, it can be written

$$\vec{V} \times d\vec{S} = 0 \quad (3.12)$$

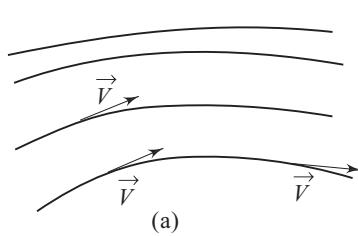


Fig. 3.2a Streamlines

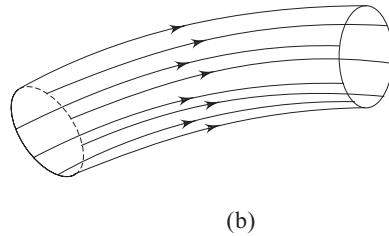


Fig. 3.2b Stream tube

$d\vec{S}$  is the length of an infinitesimal line segment along a streamline at a point where  $\vec{V}$  is the instantaneous velocity vector. The above expression therefore represents the differential equation of a streamline. In a cartesian coordinate system, the vectors  $\vec{V}$  and  $d\vec{S}$  can be written in terms of their components along the coordinate axes as  $\vec{V} = \vec{i}u + \vec{j}v + \vec{k}w$  and  $\vec{S} = \vec{i}dx + \vec{j}dy + \vec{k}dz$ . Then Eq. (3.12) gives

$$\frac{dx}{u} = \frac{dy}{v} = \frac{dz}{w} \quad (3.13)$$

and thus describes the differential equation of streamlines in a cartesian frame of reference.

A bundle of neighbouring streamlines may be imagined to form a passage through which the fluid flows (Fig. 3.2b). This passage (not necessarily circular in cross-section) is known as a stream-tube. A stream-tube with a cross-section small enough for the variation of velocity over it to be negligible is sometimes termed as a stream filament. Since the stream-tube is bounded on all sides by streamlines and, by definition, velocity does not exist across a streamline, no fluid may enter or leave a stream-tube except through its ends. The entire flow in a flow field may be imagined to be composed of flows through stream-tubes arranged in some arbitrary positions.

**Path Lines** Path lines are the outcome of the Lagrangian method in describing fluid flow and show the paths of different fluid particles as a function of time. In other words, a path line is the trajectory of a fluid particle of fixed identity as

defined by Eq. (3.1). Therefore a family of path lines represents the trajectories of different particles, say,  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$ , etc. (Fig. 3.3). It can be mentioned in this context that while stream lines are referred to a particular instant of time, the description of path lines inherently involves the variation of time, since a fluid particle takes time to move from one point to another. Two path lines can intersect with one another or a single path line itself can form a loop. This is quite possible in a sense that, under certain conditions of flow, different particles or even a same particle can arrive at same location at different instants of time. The two stream lines, on the other hand, can never intersect each other since the instantaneous velocity vector at a given location is always unique. It is evident that path lines are identical to streamlines in a steady flow as the Eulerian and Lagrangian versions become the same.

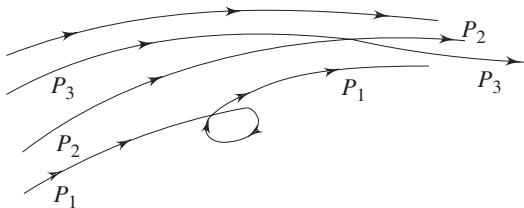


Fig. 3.3 Path lines

**Streak Lines** A streak line at any instant of time is the locus of the temporary locations of all particles that have passed through a fixed point in the flow field. While a path line refers to the identity of a fluid particle, a streak line is specified by a fixed point in the flow field. This line is of particular interest in experimental flow visualization. If dye is injected into a liquid at a fixed point in the flow field, then at a later time  $t$ , the dye will indicate the end points of the path lines of particles which have passed through the injection point. The equation of a streak line at time  $t$  can be derived by the Lagrangian method. If a fluid particle ( $\vec{S}_0$ ) passes through a fixed point ( $\vec{S}_1$ ) in a course of time  $t$ , then the Lagrangian method of description gives the equation

$$S(\vec{S}_0, t) = \vec{S}_1 \quad (3.14)$$

or solving for  $\vec{S}_0$ ,

$$\vec{S}_0 = F(\vec{S}_1, t) \quad (3.15)$$

If the positions ( $\vec{S}$ ) of the particles which have passed through the fixed point ( $\vec{S}_1$ ) are determined, then a streak line can be drawn through these points. The equation of the streak line at a time  $t$  is given by

$$\vec{S} = f(\vec{S}_0, t) \quad (3.16)$$

Upon substitution of Eq. (3.15) into Eq. (3.16) we obtain,

$$\vec{S} = f[F(\vec{S}_1, t), t] \quad (3.17)$$

This is the final form of the equation of a streak line referred to a fixed point  $S_1$ . Figure 3.4 describe the difference between streak lines and path lines. Let  $P$  be a fixed point in space through which particles of different identities pass at different times. In an unsteady flow, the velocity vector at  $P$  will change with time and hence the particles arriving at  $P$  at different times will traverse different paths like  $PAQ$ ,  $PBR$  and  $PCS$  which represent the path lines of the particles. Let at any instant  $t_1$ , these particles arrive at points  $Q$ ,  $R$  and  $S$ . Thus,  $Q$ ,  $R$  and  $S$  represent the end points of the trajectories of these three particles at the instant  $t_1$ . Therefore, the curve joining the points  $S$ ,  $R$ ,  $Q$  and the fixed point  $P$  will define the streak line at that instant  $t_1$ . The fixed point  $P$  will also lie on the line, since at any instant, there will be always a particle of some identity at that point. For a steady flow, the velocity vector at any point is invariant with time and hence the path lines of the particles with different identities passing through  $P$  at different times will not differ, rather would coincide with one another in a single curve which will indicate the streak line too. Therefore, in a steady flow, the path lines, streak lines and streamlines are identical.

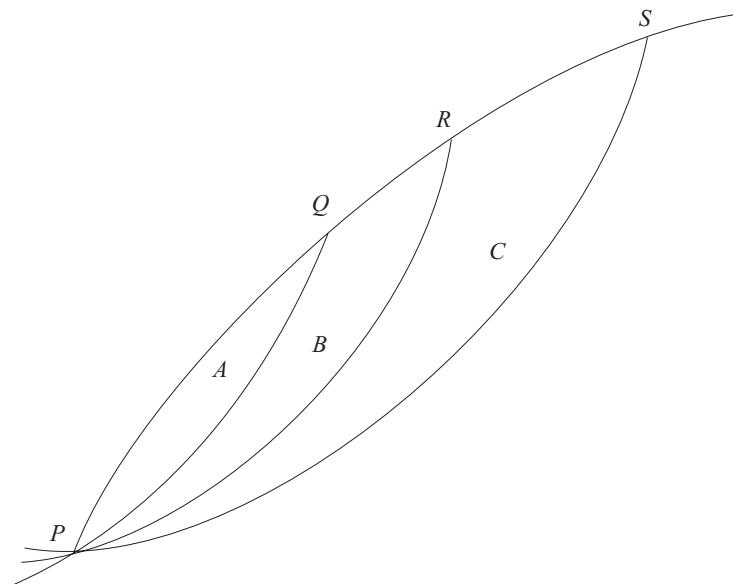


Fig. 3.4 Description of a streakline

### 3.3.4 One-, Two- and Three-Dimensional Flows

In general, fluid flow is three-dimensional. This means that the flow parameters like velocity, pressure and so on vary in all the three coordinate directions. Sometimes simplification is made in the analysis of different fluid flow problems by selecting the coordinate directions so that appreciable variation of the hydrodynamic parameters take place in only two directions or even in only one.

So *one-dimensional flow* is that in which all the flow parameters may be expressed as functions of time and one space coordinate only. This single space

coordinate is usually the distance measured along the centre-line (not necessarily straight) of some conduit in which the fluid is flowing. For instance, the flow in a pipe is considered one-dimensional when variations of pressure and velocity occur along the length of the pipe, but any variation over the cross-section is assumed negligible. In reality flow is never one-dimensional because viscosity causes the velocity to decrease to zero at the solid boundaries. If however, the non uniformity of the actual flow is not too great, valuable results may often be obtained from a “one dimensional analysis”. Under this situation, the average values of the flow parameters at any given section (perpendicular to the flow) are assumed to be applied to the entire flow at that section. In a two-dimensional flow, the flow parameters are functions of time and two space coordinates (say  $x$  and  $y$ ). There is no variation in  $z$  direction, and therefore the same streamline pattern could, at any instant, be found in all planes perpendicular to  $z$  direction. In a three dimensional flow, the hydrodynamic parameters are functions of three space coordinates and time.

### 3.3.5 Translation, Rate of Deformation and Rotation

The movement of a fluid element in space has three distinct features, namely: translation, rate of deformation and rotation. A fluid motion, in general, consists of these three features simultaneously. Translation and rotation without deformation represent rigid-body displacements which do not induce any strain in the body. Figure 3.5 shows the picture of a pure translation in absence of rotation and deformation of a fluid element in a two-dimensional flow described by a rectangular cartesian coordinate system. In absence of deformation and rotation,

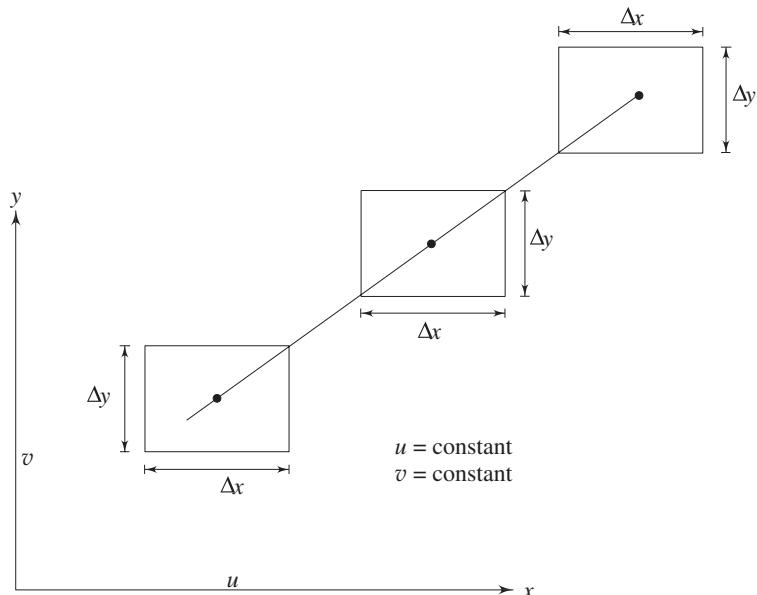


Fig. 3.5 Fluid element in pure translation

there will be no change in the length of the sides or in the included angles made by the sides of the fluid element. The sides are displaced parallelly. This is possible when the flow velocities  $u$  (the  $x$  component velocity) and  $v$  (the  $y$  component velocity) are neither a function of  $x$  nor of  $y$ , in other words, the flow field is totally uniform.

Now consider a situation where a component of flow velocity becomes the function of only one space coordinate along which that velocity component is defined. For example, if  $u = u(x)$  and  $v = v(y)$ , the fluid element  $ABCD$  in course of its translation suffers a change in its linear dimensions without any change in the included angle by the sides as shown in Fig. 3.6.

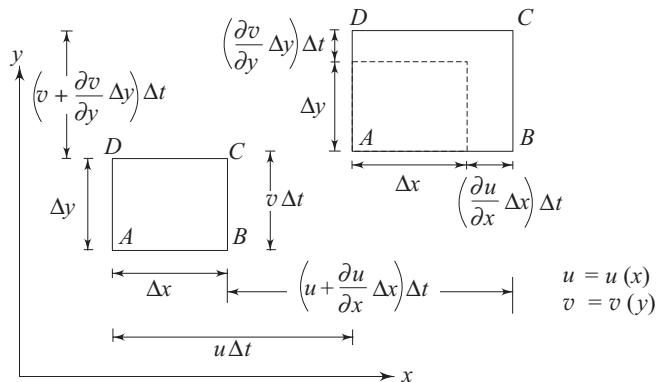


Fig. 3.6 Fluid element in translation with continuous linear deformation

The relative displacement of point  $B$  with respect to point  $A$  **per unit time** in  $x$  direction is  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Delta x$ . Similarly, the relative displacement of  $D$  with respect to  $A$  **per unit time** in  $y$  direction is  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Delta y$ . Since  $u$  is not a function of  $y$ , and  $v$  is not a function of  $x$ , all points on the linear element  $AD$  move with same velocity in the  $x$  direction and all points on the linear element  $AB$  move with the same velocity in  $y$  direction. Hence the sides move parallelly from their initial position without changing the included angle. This situation is referred to as translation with linear deformations. The changes in lengths along the coordinate axes per unit time per unit original lengths are defined as the components of linear deformation or strain rate in the respective directions. Therefore, linear strain rate component in the  $x$  direction

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (3.18a)$$

linear strain rate component in  $y$  direction

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{yy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad (3.18b)$$

Let us consider another situation, which is more general in nature and where both the velocities  $u$  and  $v$  become functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , i.e.

$$u = u(x, y)$$

$$v = v(x, y)$$

In this case (Fig. 3.7), the point  $B$  has a relative displacement in  $y$  direction with respect to the point  $A$  and similarly the point  $D$  has a relative displacement in  $x$  direction with respect to point  $A$ . Hence the included angle between  $AB$  and  $AD$  changes, and the fluid element suffers a continuous angular deformation along with the linear deformations in course of its motion. The rate of angular deformation  $\dot{\gamma}_{xy}$  is defined as the rate of change of angle between the linear segments  $AB$  and  $AD$  which were initially perpendicular to each other.

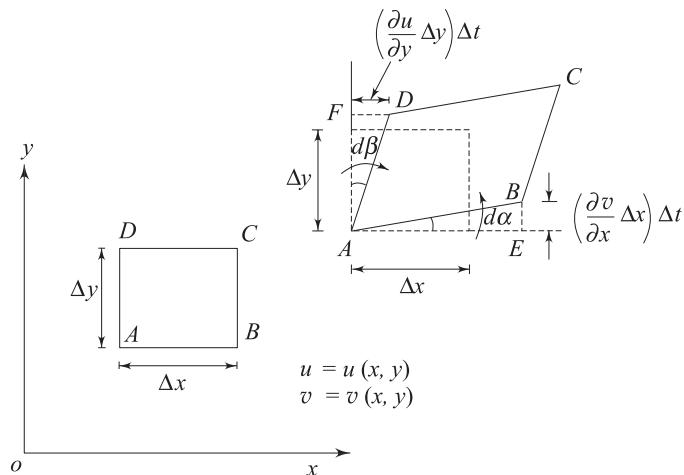


Fig. 3.7 Fluid element in translation with simultaneous linear and angular deformation rates

From Fig. 3.7,

$$\dot{\gamma}_{xy} = \left( \frac{d\alpha}{dt} + \frac{d\beta}{dt} \right)$$

Again from the geometry

$$\begin{aligned} d\alpha &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x \Delta t}{\Delta x \left( 1 + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Delta t \right)} \right) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dt \\ d\beta &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y \Delta t}{\Delta y \left( 1 + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Delta t \right)} \right) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{d\alpha}{dt} + \frac{d\beta}{dt} = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

Finally, we can write

$$\dot{\gamma}_{xy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (3.19)$$

The transverse displacement of *B* with respect to *A* and the lateral displacement of *D* with respect to *A* (Fig. 3.7) can be considered as the rotations of the linear segments *AB* and *AD* about *A* and brings the concept of rotation in a flow field. The rotation at a point is defined as the arithmetic mean of the angular velocities of two perpendicular linear segments meeting at that point. The angular velocities of *AB* and *AD* about *A* are  $\frac{d\alpha}{dt}$  and  $\frac{d\beta}{dt}$  respectively, but in the opposite sense.

Considering the anticlockwise direction as positive, the rotation at *A* can be written as,

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\alpha}{dt} - \frac{d\beta}{dt} \right)$$

or, 
$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad (3.20)$$

The suffix *z* in  $\omega$  represents the rotation about *z*-axis.

Therefore, it is observed that when  $u = u(x, y)$  and  $v = v(x, y)$  the rotation and angular deformation of a fluid element exist simultaneously.

In a special case, when

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y},$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_{xy} = 0 \quad (\text{from Eq. 3.19}) \quad (3.21a)$$

$$\text{and } \omega_z = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (\text{from Eq. (3.20)}) \quad (3.21b)$$

This implies that the linear segments *AB* and *AD* move with the same angular velocity (both in magnitude and direction) and hence the included angle between them remains the same and no angular deformation takes place. This situation is known as *pure rotation* (Fig. 3.8a). In another special case,

$$\text{when } \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_{xy} = 2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (\text{from Eq. (3.19)}) \quad (3.22a)$$

$$\text{and } \omega_z = 0 \quad (\text{from Eq. (3.20)}) \quad (3.22b)$$

This implies that the fluid element has an angular deformation rate but no rotation about the  $z$ -axis (Fig. 3.8b)

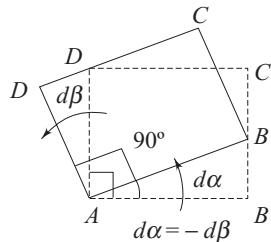


Fig. 3.8a Fluid element in pure rotation

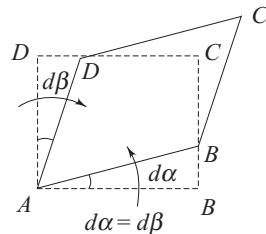


Fig. 3.8b Fluid element with angular deformation in absence of rotation

In a three dimensional flow, the components of rotation are defined as

$$\omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \quad (3.23a)$$

$$\omega_y = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) \quad (3.23b)$$

and

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad (3.23c)$$

Following Eqs (3.23a) to (3.23c), rotation in a flow field can be expressed in a vector form as

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \times \vec{V})$$

When the components of rotation at all points in a flow field become zero, the flow is said to be irrotational. Therefore, the necessary and sufficient condition for a flow field to be irrotational is

$$\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0 \quad (3.24)$$

### 3.3.6 Vorticity

The vorticity  $\Omega$  in its simplest form is defined as a vector which is equal to two times the rotation vector

$$\vec{\Omega} = 2\vec{\omega} = \nabla \times \vec{V} \quad (3.25a)$$

Therefore, for an irrotational flow, vorticity components are also zero. If an imaginary line is drawn in the fluid so that the tangent to it at each point is in the direction of the vorticity vector  $\vec{\Omega}$  at that point, the line is called a *vortex line*. Therefore, the general equation of the vortex line can be written as,

$$\vec{\Omega} \times d\vec{s} = 0 \quad (3.25b)$$

In a rectangular cartesian coordinate system, it becomes

$$\frac{dx}{\Omega_x} = \frac{dy}{\Omega_y} = \frac{dz}{\Omega_z} \quad (3.25c)$$

where,

$$\Omega_x = 2\omega_x \quad (3.26a)$$

$$\Omega_y = 2\omega_y \quad (3.26b)$$

$$\Omega_z = 2\omega_z \quad (3.26c)$$

The vorticity is actually an antisymmetric tensor and its three distinct elements transform like the components of a vector in cartesian coordinates. This is the reason for which the vorticity components can be treated as vectors.

**Vorticity in Polar Coordinates** In a two dimensional polar coordinate system (Fig. 3.9), the angular velocity of segment  $\Delta r$  can be written as

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{(V_\theta + (\partial V_\theta / \partial r) \Delta r - V_\theta) \Delta t}{\Delta r \Delta t} \right] = \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r}$$

Also, the angular velocity of segment  $r \Delta \theta$  becomes

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left[ - \frac{(V_r + (\partial V_r / \partial \theta) \Delta \theta - V_r) \Delta t}{r \Delta \theta \Delta t} \right] = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta}$$

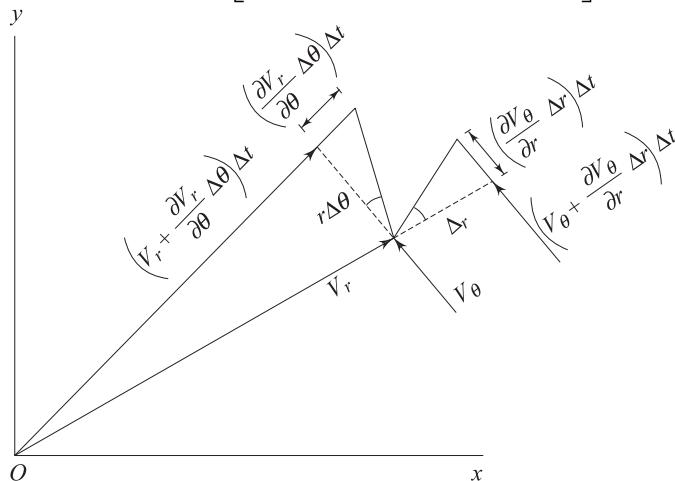


Fig. 3.9 Definition of rotation in a polar coordinate system

The additional term arising from the angular velocity about the centre  $O$  is  $V_\theta/r$ .

Hence, the vorticity component  $\Omega_z$  in polar coordinates is

$$\Omega_z = 2\omega_z = \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_\theta}{r}$$

Therefore, in a three dimensional cylindrical polar coordinate system, the vorticity components can be written as

$$\Omega_z = \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \quad (3.27a)$$

$$\Omega_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial z} \quad (3.27b)$$

$$\Omega_\theta = \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial r} \quad (3.27c)$$

In a spherical polar coordinate system (Fig. 3.1b), the vorticity components are defined as

$$\Omega_R = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_\theta}{R} \cot \phi \quad (3.28a)$$

$$\Omega_\phi = \frac{1}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial V_R}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial R} - \frac{V_\theta}{R} \quad (3.28b)$$

$$\Omega_\theta = \frac{\partial V_\phi}{\partial R} + \frac{V_\phi}{R} - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial V_R}{\partial \phi} \quad (3.28c)$$

### 3.3.7 Generalized Expression of the Movement of a Fluid Element

An analytical expression to represent the most general form of the movement of a fluid element consisting of translation, rotation and deformation can be developed as follows.

Consider the movement of a fluid element in a fluid continuum as shown in Fig. 3.10.

The velocity at a point  $P(x, y, z)$  is  $\vec{V}$  and at point  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ , a small distance  $d\vec{S}$  from  $P$ , is  $\vec{V}_1$ .

The velocity vector  $\vec{V}_1$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{V}_1 &= \vec{i} u_1 + \vec{j} v_1 + \vec{k} w_1 = \vec{V} + d\vec{V} \\ &= \vec{i} u + \vec{j} v + \vec{k} w + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial z} dz \\ &= \vec{i} \left[ u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz \right] \\ &\quad + \vec{j} \left[ v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} dz \right] \end{aligned}$$

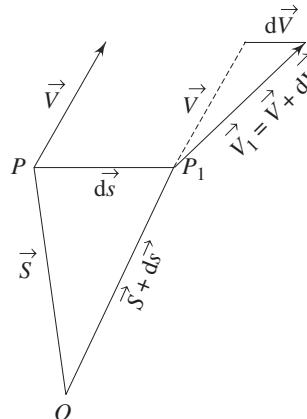


Fig. 3.10 General representation of fluid motion

$$+ \vec{k} \left[ w + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz \right] \quad (3.29)$$

where  $u_1, v_1, w_1$  are the respective  $x, y$  and  $z$  components of  $\vec{V}_1$  and  $u, v, w$  are those of  $\vec{V}$ .

Eq. (3.29) can be rearranged as

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{V}_1 = & \vec{i} \left[ u + \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dy + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dz \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dz - \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dy \right\} \right] \\ & + \vec{j} \left[ v + \left\{ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx - \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz \right\} \right] \\ & + \vec{k} \left[ w + \left\{ \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dy \right\} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dy - \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dx \right\} \right] \\ = & \vec{V} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{\Omega} \times d\vec{S} + \vec{D} \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

where,  $d\vec{S} = \vec{i} dx + \vec{j} dy + \vec{k} dz$ ,

$\vec{\Omega}$  is the vorticity vector as defined by Eq. (3.25a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \vec{D} = & \vec{i} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dy + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dz \right] \\ & + \vec{j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz \right] \\ & + \vec{k} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) dx + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dy + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.31)$$

Equation (3.31) represents the most general form of the movement of a fluid element. The first term represents the translational velocity which indicates linear motion without any change of shape of the fluid body. The second term represents a rigid body rotation of the fluid element, while the third term  $\vec{D}$  represents the rate of deformation.

### 3.4 EXISTENCE OF FLOW

A fluid being a material body, must obey the law of conservation of mass in course of its flow. In other words, if a velocity field,  $\vec{V} = \vec{i} u + \vec{j} v + \vec{k} w$  has to

exist in a fluid continuum, the velocity components must obey the mass conservation principle. Velocity components in accordance with the mass conservation principle are said to constitute a possible fluid flow, whereas in violation of this principle, are said to describe an impossible flow. Therefore, the existence of a physically possible flow field is verified from the principle of conservation of mass. The detailed discussion on this is deferred to the next chapter along with the discussion on principles of conservation of momentum and energy.

## Summary

- Kinematics of fluid deals with the geometry of fluid motion. It characterizes the different types of motion and associated deformation rates of fluid element.
- The fluid motion is described by two methods, namely, *Lagrangian method* and *Eulerian method*. In the Lagrangian view, the velocity and other hydrodynamic parameters are specified for particles or elements of given identities, while, in the Eulerian view, these parameters are expressed as functions of location and time. The Lagrangian version of a flow field can be obtained from the integration of the set of equations describing the flow in the Eulerian version.
- A flow is defined to be steady when the hydrodynamic parameters and fluid properties at any point do not change with time. Flow in which any of these parameters changes with time is termed as unsteady. A flow may appear steady or unsteady depending upon the choice of coordinate axes. A flow is said to be uniform when no hydrodynamic parameter changes from point to point at any instant of time, or else the flow is non-uniform.
- The total derivative of velocity with respect to time is known as material or substantial acceleration, while the partial derivative of velocity with respect to time for a fixed location is known as temporal acceleration. Material acceleration = temporal acceleration + convective acceleration.
- A streamline at any instant of time is an imaginary curve or line in the flow field so that the tangent to the curve at any point represents the direction of the instantaneous velocity at that point. A path line is the trajectory of a fluid particle of a given identity. A streak line at any instant of time is the locus of temporary locations of all particles that have passed through a fixed point in the flow. In a steady flow, the streamlines, path lines and streak lines are identical.
- Flow parameters, in general, become functions of time and space coordinates. A one dimensional flow is that in which the flow parameters are functions of time and one space coordinate only.
- A fluid motion consists of translation, rotation and continuous deformation. In an uniform flow, the fluid elements are simply translated without any deformation or rotation. The deformation and rotation of fluid

elements are caused by the variations in velocity components with the space coordinates. The linear deformation or strain rate is defined as the rate of change of length of a linear fluid element per unit original length. The rate of angular deformation at a point is defined as the rate of change of angle between two linear elements at that point which were initially perpendicular to each other. The rotation at a point is defined as the arithmetic mean of the angular velocities of two perpendicular linear segments meeting at that point. The rotation of a fluid element in absence of any deformation is known as pure or rigid body rotation. When the components of rotation at all points in a flow become zero, the flow is said to be irrotational.

- The vorticity is actually an antisymmetric tensor but it is defined as a vector that equals to two times the rotation vector. Vorticity is zero for an irrotational flow.
- The existence of a physically possible flow field is verified from the principle of conservation of mass.

## Solved Examples

**Example 3.1** In a 1-D flow field, the velocity at a point may be given in the Eulerian system by  $u = x + t$ . Determine the displacement of a fluid particle whose initial position is  $x_0$  at initial time  $t_0$  in the Lagrangian system.

**Solution**  $u = x + t$

or,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x + t$  (3.32)

Using  $D$  as the operator  $d/dt$ , the Eq. (3.32) can be written as

$$(D - 1)x = t \quad (3.33)$$

The solution of Eq. (3.33) is

$$x = Ae^t - t - 1 \quad (3.34)$$

The constant  $A$  is found from the initial condition as follows:

$$x_0 = Ae^{t_0} - t_0 - 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } A = \frac{x_0 + t_0 + 1}{e^{t_0}}$$

Substituting the value of  $A$  into Eq. (3.34), we get

$$x = (x_0 + t_0 + 1)e^{(t - t_0)} - t - 1$$

This equation is the required Lagrangian version of the fluid particle having the identity  $x = x_0$  at  $t = t_0$ .

**Example 3.2** A two dimensional flow is described in the Lagrangian system as

$$x = x_0 e^{-kt} + y_0 (1 - e^{-2kt})$$

$$\text{and } y = y_0 e^{kt}$$

Find (a) the equation of path line of the particle and (b) the velocity components in Eulerian system.

**Solution** (a) Path line of the particle is found by eliminating  $t$  from the equations describing its motion as follows:

$$e^{kt} = y/y_0$$

Hence,

$$x = x_0(y_0/y) + y_0(1 - y_0^2/y^2)$$

which finally gives after some rearrangement

$$(x - y_0)^2 - x_0 y_0 y + y_0^3 = 0$$

This is the required equation of path line.

(b)  $u$  (the  $x$  component of velocity)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{dx}{dt} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ x_0 e^{-kt} + y_0 (1 - e^{-2kt}) \right] \\ &= -k x_0 e^{-kt} + 2 k y_0 e^{-2kt} \\ &= -k [x - y_0 (1 - e^{-2kt})] + 2 k y_0 e^{-2kt} \\ &= -kx + ky_0 (1 + e^{-2kt}) \\ &= -kx + ky (e^{-kt} + e^{-3kt}) \end{aligned}$$

$v$  (the  $y$  component of velocity)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (y_0 e^{kt}) \\ &= y_0 k e^{kt} = ky \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.3** Given a velocity field  $\vec{V} = (4 + xy + 2t) \vec{i} + 6x^3 \vec{j} + (3xt^2 + z) \vec{k}$ . Find the acceleration of a fluid particle at  $(2, 4, -4)$  and time  $t = 3$ .

$$\text{Solution} \quad \vec{a} = \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} \quad (3.35a)$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} = 2\vec{i} + 6x\vec{t}\vec{k} \quad (3.35b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} &= \left( u \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) [(4 + xy + 2t)\vec{i} + 6x^3\vec{j} + (3xt^2 + z)\vec{k}] \\ &= u(\vec{i}y + 18x^2\vec{j} + 3t^2\vec{k}) + v(x\vec{i}) + w(\vec{k}) \\ &= (4 + xy + 2t)(\vec{i}y + 18x^2\vec{j} + 3t^2\vec{k}) + 6x^3(x\vec{i}) + (3xt^2 + z)\vec{k} \\ &= (4y + xy^2 + 2ty + 6x^4)\vec{i} + (72x^2 + 18x^3y + 36tx^2)\vec{j} + (12t^2 + 3xyt^2 + 6t^3 + 3xt^2 + z)\vec{k} \end{aligned} \quad (3.35c)$$

with the help of Eqs (3.35a) to (3.35c), the acceleration field can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &= (2 + 4y + xy^2 + 2ty + 6x^4)\vec{i} + (72x^2 + 18x^3y + 36tx^2)\vec{j} \\ &\quad + (6xt + 12t^2 + 3xyt^2 + 6t^3 + z + 3xt^2)\vec{k} \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

The acceleration vector at the point  $(2, 4, -4)$  and at time  $t = 3$  can be found out by substituting the values of  $x, y, z$  and  $t$  in the Eq. (3.36) as

$$\vec{a} = 170\vec{i} + 1296\vec{j} + 572\vec{k}$$

Hence,  $x$  component of acceleration  $a_x = 170$  units

$y$  component of acceleration  $a_y = 1296$  units

$z$  component of acceleration  $a_z = 572$  units

Magnitude of resultant acceleration

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a}| &= [(170)^2 + (1296)^2 + (572)^2]^{1/2} \\ &= 1375.39 \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.4** The velocity and density fields in a diffuser are given by

$$u = u_0 e^{-2x/L} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \rho_0 e^{-x/L}$$

Find the rate of change of density at  $x = L$ .

**Solution** The rate of change of density in this case can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{D\rho}{Dt} &= \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} \\ &= 0 + u_0 e^{-2x/L} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho_0 e^{-x/L}) \\ &= u_0 e^{-2x/L} \left( -\frac{\rho_0}{L} \right) e^{-x/L} \\ &= -\frac{\rho_0 u_0}{L} e^{-3x/L} \\ \text{at } x = L, \quad D\rho/Dt &= -\frac{\rho_0 u_0}{L} e^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.5** The velocity field in a fluid medium is given by

$$\vec{V} = 3xy^2 \vec{i} + 2xy \vec{j} + (2zy + 3t) \vec{k}$$

Find the magnitudes and directions of (i) translational velocity, (ii) rotational velocity and (iii) the vorticity of a fluid element at  $(1, 2, 1)$  and at time  $t = 3$ .

**Solution** (i) Translational velocity vector at  $(1, 2, 1)$  and at  $t = 3$  can be written as,

$$\vec{V} = 3(1)(4) \vec{i} + 2(1)(2) \vec{j} + (2.1.2 + 3.3) \vec{k} = 12 \vec{i} + 4 \vec{j} + 13 \vec{k}$$

Hence  $x$  component of translational velocity  $u = 12$  units

$y$  component of translational velocity  $v = 4$  units

$z$  component of translational velocity  $w = 13$  units

(ii) Rotational velocity vector is found as

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\omega} &= \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \times \vec{V}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \vec{i} \left\{ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right\} + \vec{j} \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right\} + \vec{k} \left\{ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\} \\ &= \vec{i} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (2zy + 3t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (2xy) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \vec{j} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (3xy^2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2zy + 3t) \right] \\
 & + \vec{k} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2xy) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (3xy^2) \right] \\
 & = z\vec{i} + (y - 3xy)\vec{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

at  $(1, 2, 1)$  and  $t = 3$ ,

$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{i} - 4\vec{k}$$

Therefore the rotational velocity about  $x$  axis  $\omega_x = 1$  unit  
 the rotational velocity about  $y$  axis  $\omega_y = 0$  unit  
 the rotational velocity about  $z$  axis  $\omega_z = -4$  units

(iii) The vorticity  $\vec{\Omega} = 2\vec{\omega}$

Hence  $\vec{\Omega} = 2\vec{i} - 8\vec{k}$

**Example 3.6** Find the acceleration and vorticity components at a point  $(1, 1, 1)$  for the following flow field:

$$u = 2x^2 + 3y, \quad v = -2xy + 3y^2 + 3zy, \quad w = -\frac{3}{2}z^2 + 2xz - 9y^2z$$

**Solution** Acceleration components:

$x$  component of acceleration

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_x &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \\
 &= 0 + (2x^2 + 3y) 4x + (-2xy + 3y^2 + 3zy) 3 + 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(a_x)_{\text{at } (1, 1, 1)} = 0 + 5 \times 4 + 4 \times 3 + 0 = 32$  units

$y$  component of acceleration

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_y &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \\
 &= 0 + (2x^2 + 3y) (-2y) + (-2xy + 3y^2 + 3zy) (-2x + 6y + 3z) \\
 &\quad + \left( -\frac{3}{2}z^2 + 2xz - 9y^2z \right) 3y
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(a_y)_{\text{at } (1, 1, 1)} = 5 \times (-2) + 4 \times 7 + (-8.5) \times 3 = -7.5$  units

$z$  component of acceleration

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_z &= \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \\
 &= 0 + (2x^2 + 3y) 2z + (-2xy + 3y^2 + 3zy) (-18yz) \\
 &\quad + \left( -\frac{3}{2}z^2 + 2xz - 9y^2z \right) (-3z + 2x - 9y^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a_z)_{\text{at } (1, 1, 1)} &= 0 + (2 + 3) \times 2 - (-2 + 3 + 3) 18 \\
 &\quad + \left( -\frac{3}{2} + 2 - 9 \right) (-3 + 2 - 9) \\
 &= 23 \text{ units}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega_x = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -18yz - 3y = -(18yz + 3y)$$

$$\Omega_y = \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0 - 2z = -2z$$

$$\Omega_z = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -2y - 3 = -(2y + 3)$$

at the point (1, 1, 1)

$$\Omega_x = -(18 + 3) = -21 \text{ units}$$

$$\Omega_y = -2 \text{ units}$$

$$\Omega_z = -(2 + 3) = -5 \text{ units}$$

**Example 3.7** Find the acceleration of a fluid particle at the point  $r = 2a$ ,  $\theta = \pi/2$  for a 2-dimensional flow given by

$$V_r = -u \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) \cos \theta, \quad V_\theta = u \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Solution} \quad \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} = u \sin \theta \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right), \quad \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} = u \cos \theta \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} = \frac{-2ua^2}{r^3} \cos \theta, \quad \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} = \frac{-2ua^2}{r^3} \sin \theta,$$

Acceleration in the radial direction

$$\begin{aligned} a_r &= V_r \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} \\ &= \frac{2u^2a^2}{r^3} \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) \cos^2 \theta + \frac{u^2}{r} \left(1 - \frac{a^4}{r^4}\right) \sin^2 \theta - \frac{u^2}{r} \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(a_r)$  at  $r = 2a$ ,  $\theta = \pi/2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0 + \frac{u^2}{2a} \left(1 - \frac{1}{16}\right) - \frac{u^2}{2a} \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \\ &= -\frac{5u^2}{16a} \end{aligned}$$

Acceleration in the azimuthal direction

$$\begin{aligned} a_\theta &= V_r \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} \\ &= \frac{2u^2a^2}{r^3} \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) \sin \theta \cos \theta + \frac{u^2}{r} \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2}\right)^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &\quad - \frac{u^2}{r} \left(1 - \frac{a^4}{r^4}\right) \sin \theta \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(a_\theta)_{(\text{at } r = 2a, \theta = \pi/2)} = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$

Therefore, at  $r = 2a, \theta = \pi/2$

$$a_r = -5u^2/16, \quad a_\theta = 0$$

**Example 3.8** A fluid is flowing at a constant volume flow rate of  $Q$  through a divergent pipe having inlet and outlet diameters of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  respectively and a length of  $L$ . Assuming the velocity to be axial and uniform at any section, show that the accelerations at the inlet and outlet of the pipe are given by  $-\frac{32Q^2(D_2 - D_1)}{\pi^2 L D_1^5}$  and  $-\frac{32Q^2(D_2 - D_1)}{\pi^2 L D_2^5}$  respectively.

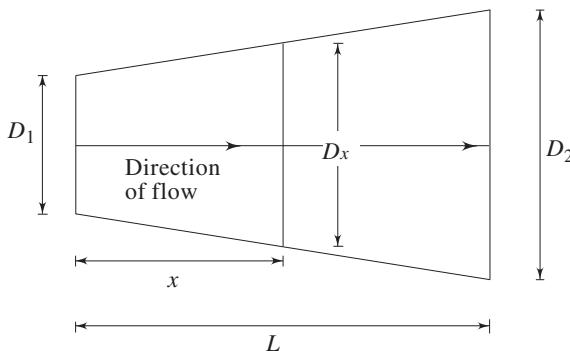


Fig. 3.11 Flow through a divergent duct

**Solution** The diameter of the duct at an axial distance  $x$  from the inlet plane (Fig. 3.11) is given by

$$D_x = D_1 + \frac{x}{L}(D_2 - D_1)$$

Therefore, the velocity at this section can be written as

$$u = \frac{4Q}{\pi \left[ D_1 + \frac{x}{L}(D_2 - D_1) \right]^2}$$

Acceleration at this section can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} a &= u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{4Q}{\pi \left[ D_1 + \frac{x}{L}(D_2 - D_1) \right]^2} \times \frac{-8Q}{\pi \left[ D_1 + \frac{x}{L}(D_2 - D_1) \right]^3} \frac{(D_2 - D_1)}{L} \\ &= \frac{-32Q^2(D_2 - D_1)}{\pi^2 L \left[ D_1 + \frac{x}{L}(D_2 - D_1) \right]^5} \end{aligned} \quad (3.37)$$

This is the general expression of acceleration at any section at a distance  $x$  from the inlet of the pipe. Substituting the values of  $x = 0$  (for inlet) and  $x = L$  (for outlet) in Eq. (3.37) we have,

$$\text{Acceleration at the inlet} = \frac{-32 Q^2 (D_2 - D_1)}{\pi^2 L D_1^5}$$

$$\text{and, acceleration at the outlet} = \frac{-32 Q^2 (D_2 - D_1)}{\pi^2 L D_2^5}$$

**Example 3.9** A two-dimensional flow field is defined as  $\vec{V} = \vec{i}x - \vec{j}y$ . Derive the equation of stream line passing through the point (1, 1).

**Solution** The equation of stream line is

$$\vec{V} \times d\vec{s} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } u dy - v dx = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } dy/dx = v/u = -y/x$$

$$\text{or, } dy/y + dx/x = 0 \quad (3.38)$$

Integration of Eq. (3.38) gives  $xy = C$ , where  $C$  is a constant.

For the stream line passing through (1,1), the value of the constant  $C$  is 1. Hence the required equation of stream line passing through (1,1) is  $xy - 1 = 0$ .

## Exercises

### 3.1 Choose the correct answer

- A flow is said to be steady when
  - conditions change steadily with time
  - conditions do not change with time at any point
  - conditions do not change steadily with time at any point
  - the velocity does not change at all with time at any point
  - only when the velocity vector at any point remains constant with space and time.
- A streamline is a line
  - drawn normal to the velocity vector at any point
  - such that the streamlines divide the passage into equal number of parts
  - which is along the path of a particle
  - tangent to which is in the direction of velocity vector at every point.
- Streamline, pathline and streakline are identical when
  - the flow is uniform
  - the flow is steady
  - the flow velocities do not change steadily with time
  - the flow is neither steady nor uniform.
- The material acceleration is zero for a
  - steady flow
  - steady and uniform flow
  - unsteady and uniform flow
  - unsteady and non-uniform flow.

### 3.2 Given the velocity field

$$\vec{V} = 10x^2y\vec{i} + 15xy\vec{j} + (25t - 3xy)\vec{k}$$

- Find the acceleration of a fluid particle at a point  $(1, 2, -1)$  at time,  $t = 0.5$ .  
*Ans.* (1531.90 units)
- 3.3 Given an unsteady temperature field  $T = (xy + z + 3t)\text{K}$  and unsteady velocity field  $\vec{V} = xy\vec{i} + z\vec{j} + 5t\vec{k}$ , what will be the rate of change of temperature of a particle at a point  $(2, -2, 1)$  at time  $t = 2\text{s}$ ?  
*Ans.* (23 K/s)
- 3.4 A two-dimensional pressure field  $p = 4x^3 - 2y^2$  is associated with a velocity field given by  $\vec{V} = (x^2 - y^2 + x)\vec{i} - (2xy + y)\vec{j}$ . Determine the rate of change of pressure at a point  $(2, 1)$ .  
*Ans.* (260 units)
- 3.5 The velocity field in a steady flow is given in a rectangular Cartesian coordinate system as  $\vec{V} = 6x\vec{i} + (4y + 10)\vec{j} + 2t\vec{k}$ . What is the path line of a particle which is at  $(2, 6, 4)$  at time  $t = 2\text{s}$ ?  
*Ans.*  $[\{\ln x + \ln(4y + 10) + 15.77\}^2 - 100z = 0]$
- 3.6 The velocity field in the neighbourhood of a stagnation point is given by  

$$u = U_0 x/L, v = -U_0 y/L, w = 0$$
 (a) show that the acceleration vector is purely radial  
 (b) if  $L = 0.5 \text{ m}$ , what is the magnitude of  $U_0$  if the total acceleration at  $(x, y) = (L, L)$  is  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$ .  
*Ans.* (1.88 m/s)
- 3.7 For a steady two-dimensional incompressible flow through a nozzle, the velocity field is given by  $\vec{V} = u_0(1 + 2x/L)\vec{i}$ , where  $x$  is the distance along the axis of the nozzle from its inlet plane and  $L$  is the length of the nozzle. Find  
 (i) an expression of the acceleration of a particle flowing through the nozzle and  
 (ii) the time required for a fluid particle to travel from the inlet to the exit of the nozzle.  
*Ans.*  $\left(\frac{L}{2u_0} \ln 3\right)$
- 3.8 For a steady flow through a conical nozzle the axial velocity is approximately given by  $u = U_0(1 - x/L)^{-2}$ , where  $U_0$  is the entry velocity and  $L$  is the distance from inlet plane to the apparent vertex of the cone. (i) derive a general expression for the axial acceleration and (ii) determine the acceleration at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1.0 \text{ m}$  if  $U_0 = 5 \text{ m/s}$  and  $L = 2\text{m}$ .  
*Ans.* (25 m/s $^2$ , 800 m/s $^2$ )
- 3.9 Two Large circular plates contain an incompressible fluid in between. The bottom plate is fixed and the top plate is moved downwards with a velocity  $V_0$  causing the fluid to flow out in radial direction and azimuthal symmetry. Derive an expression of radial velocity and acceleration at a radial location  $r$  when the height between the plates is  $h$ . Consider the radial velocity across the plates to be uniform.  
*Ans.*  $\left(\frac{V_0 r}{2h}, \frac{V_0^2 r}{4h^2}\right)$

- 3.10 A fluid flows through a horizontal conical pipe having an inlet diameter of 200 mm and an outlet diameter of 400 mm and a length of 2 m. The velocity over any cross-section may be considered to be uniform. Determine the convective and local acceleration at a section where the diameter is 300 mm for the following cases:

- (a) Constant inlet discharge of  $0.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$   
 (b) Inlet discharge varying linearly from  $0.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  to  $0.6 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  over two seconds. The time of interest is when  $t = 1$  second.

*Ans. ((a)  $0, -12.01 \text{ m/s}^2$ ; (b)  $2.12 \text{ m/s}^2, -27.02 \text{ m/s}^2$ )*

- 3.11 The velocity components in a two-dimensional flow field for an incompressible fluid are given by

$$u = e^x \cos h(y) \text{ and } v = -e^x \sin h(x)$$

Determine the equation of streamline for this flow.

*Ans. ( $\cos hx + \sin hy = \text{constant}$ )*

- 3.12 A three-dimensional velocity field is given by  $u = -x$ ,  $v = 2y$  and  $w = 5 - z$ . Find the equation of streamline through  $(2, 2, 1)$ .

*Ans. ( $x^2 y = 8, y(5 - z)^2 = 32$ )*

- 3.13 A three-dimensional velocity field is given by

$$u(x, y, z) = cx + 2w_0 y + u_0$$

$$v(x, y, z) = cy + v_0$$

$$w(x, y, z) = -2cz + w_0$$

where  $c$ ,  $w_0$ ,  $u_0$ , and  $v_0$  are constants. Find the components of (i) rotational velocity, (ii) vorticity and (iii) the strain rates for the above flow field.

$$\text{Ans. } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\omega}_x = \dot{\omega}_y = 0, \dot{\omega}_z = -w_0; \Omega_x = \Omega_y = 0, \Omega_z = -2w_0 \\ \dot{\epsilon}_{xx} = c, \dot{\epsilon}_{yy} = c, \dot{\epsilon}_{zz} = -2c; \dot{\gamma}_{xy} = 2w_0, \dot{\gamma}_{yz} = \dot{\gamma}_{xz} = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

- 3.14 Verify whether the following flow fields are rotational. If so, determine the component of rotation about various axes.

$$(i) \ u = xyz \quad (ii) \ u = xy \quad (iii) \ V_r = A/r \quad (iv) \ V_r = A/r$$

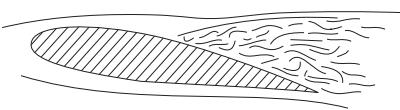
$$v = zx \quad v = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - y^2) \quad V_0 = Br \quad V_0 = B/r$$

$$w = yz - xy^2 \quad w = 0 \quad V_z = 0 \quad V_z = 0$$

$$\text{Ans. } \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) rotational, } \omega_x = \frac{1}{2}(z - 2xy - x), \omega_y = \frac{1}{2}y(x - y), \omega_z = \frac{1}{2}z(1 - x); \\ \text{(ii) irrotational, (iii) rotational, } \omega_r = \omega_\theta = 0, \omega_z = B, \text{ (iv) irrotational} \end{array} \right]$$

- 3.15 Show that the velocity field given by  $\vec{V} = (a + by - cz)\vec{i} + (d - bx + ez)\vec{j} + (f + cx - ey)\vec{k}$  of a fluid represents a rigid body motion.

## 4



# Conservation Equations and Analysis of Finite Control Volumes

## 4.1 SYSTEM

**System** A system is defined as a quantity of matter in space upon which attention is paid in the analysis of a problem. Everything external to the system is called the surroundings. The system is separated from the surroundings by the system boundary (Fig. 4.1) which may be a real solid boundary or an imaginary one, may be fixed or moving depending upon the investigator's choice based on the need of the problem concerned. There are three types of systems as follows:

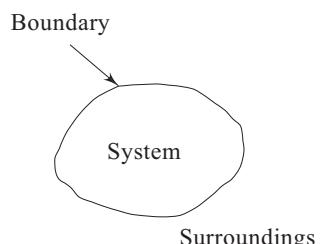
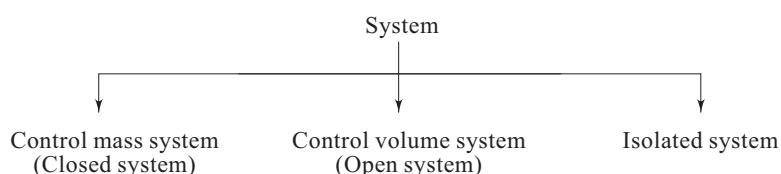


Fig. 4.1 System and surroundings



**Control mass system** This is a system (Fig. 4.2) of fixed mass with fixed identity. This means that there is no mass transfer across the system boundary. There may be energy transfer into or out of the system. The type of system is usually referred to as “closed system”.

**Control volume system** This is a system (Fig. 4.3) in which matter crosses the system boundary which remains fixed without any change in the volume of the system. The type of system is usually referred to as an “open system” or more popularly a “control volume”. In other words, a control volume may be defined as a fixed region in space upon which the attention is paid. Identification of the region depends much on the need of the problem. The boundary of a control volume is called the control surface across which the transfer of both mass and energy takes place. The mass of a control volume (open system) may or may not be fixed depending upon whether the net efflux (or influx) of mass across the control surface (the system boundary) equals to zero or not. However, the identity of mass in a control volume always changes unlike the case for a control mass system (closed system).

Most of the engineering devices, in general, represent an open system or control volume. A heat exchanger is an example of an open system where fluid enters and leaves the system continuously with the transfer of heat across the system boundary. Another example is a pump where a continuous flow of fluid takes place through the system with a transfer of mechanical energy from the surroundings to the system.

**Isolated system** An isolated system is one (Fig. 4.4) in which there is neither interaction of mass nor energy between the system and the surroundings. Therefore it is of fixed mass with same identity and fixed energy.

## 4.2 CONSERVATION OF MASS—THE CONTINUITY EQUATION

The law of conservation of mass states that mass can neither be created nor be destroyed. Conservation of mass is inherent to the definition of a closed system and can be written mathematically as

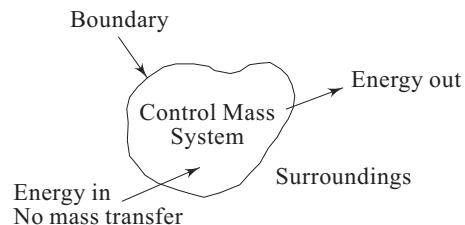


Fig. 4.2 A control mass system or closed system

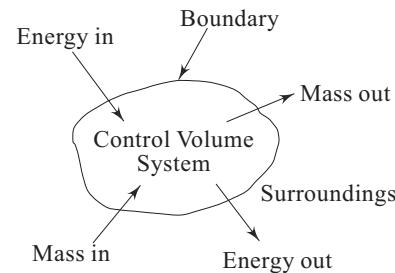


Fig. 4.3 A control volume system or open system

Most of the engineering devices, in general, represent an open system or control volume. A heat exchanger is an example of an open system where fluid enters and leaves the system continuously with the transfer of heat across the system boundary. Another example is a pump where a continuous flow of fluid takes place through the system with a transfer of mechanical energy from the surroundings to the system.

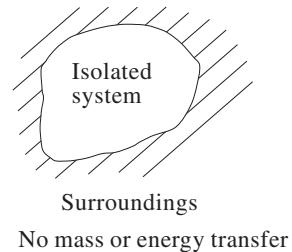


Fig. 4.4 An isolated system

$$\Delta m/\Delta t = 0$$

where  $m$  is the mass of the system.

For a control volume (Fig. 4.5), the principle of conservation of mass can be stated as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rate at which mass enters} &= \text{Rate at which mass leaves the region} + \\ \text{the region} &\quad \text{Rate of accumulation of mass in the region} \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Rate of accumulation of mass in the control volume} + \\ &\text{Net rate of mass efflux from the control volume} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

The above statement can be expressed analytically in terms of velocity and density field of a flow and the resulting expression is known as the *equation of continuity* or the *continuity equation*.

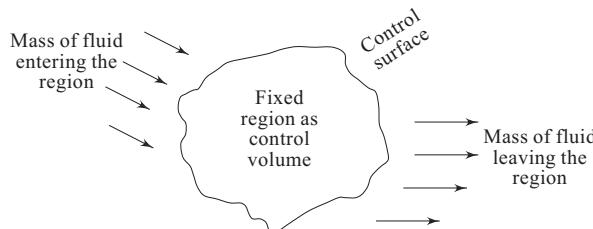


Fig. 4.5 A control volume in a flow field

#### 4.2.1 Continuity Equation-Differential Form

In order to derive the continuity equation at a point in a fluid, the point is enclosed by an elementary control volume appropriate to the coordinate frame of reference and the influx and efflux of mass across each surface as well as the rate of mass accumulation within the control volume is considered. A rectangular parallelepiped (Fig. 4.6) is considered as the control volume in a rectangular cartesian frame of coordinate axes. Net efflux of mass along  $x$ -axis must be the excess

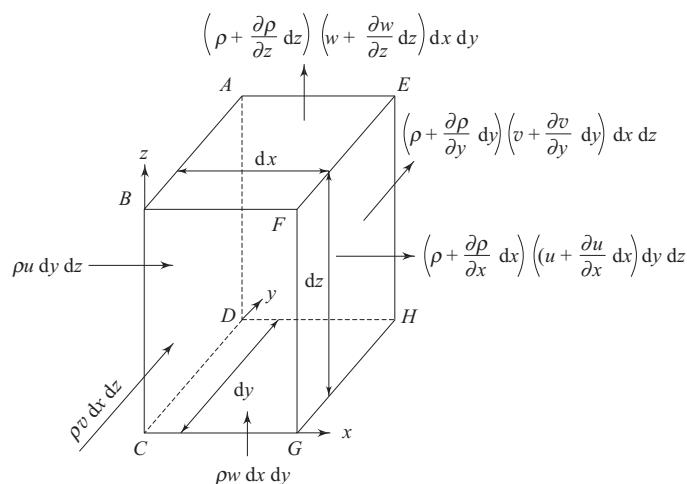


Fig. 4.6 A control volume appropriate to a rectangular cartesian coordinate system

outflow over inflow across faces normal to  $x$ -axis. Let the fluid enter across one of such faces  $ABCD$  with a velocity  $u$  and a density  $\rho$ . The velocity and density with which the fluid will leave the face  $EFGH$  will be  $u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx$  and  $\rho + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} dx$  respectively (neglecting the higher order terms in  $dx$ ).

Therefore, the rate of mass entering the control volume through face  $ABCD = \rho u dy dz$  and, the rate of mass leaving the control volume through face  $EFGH$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \rho + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} dx \right) \left( u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx \right) dy dz \\ &= \left[ \rho u + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u) dx \right] dy dz \\ &\quad (\text{neglecting the higher order terms in } dx) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the net rate of mass efflux from the control volume in the  $x$  direction

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[ \rho u + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u) dx \right] dy dz - \rho u dy dz \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u) dx dy dz \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u) dV \end{aligned}$$

where  $dV$  is the elemental volume  $dx dy dz$ .

In a similar fashion, the net rate of mass efflux in the  $y$  direction

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \rho + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} dy \right) \left( v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy \right) dx dz - \rho v dx dz \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho v) dV \end{aligned}$$

and, the net rate of mass efflux in the  $z$  direction

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \rho + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} dz \right) \left( w + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz \right) dx dy - \rho w dx dy \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho w) dV \end{aligned}$$

The rate of accumulation of mass within the control volume is  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho dV) = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} dV$  (by the definition of control volume,  $dV$  is invariant with time). Therefore, according to the statement of conservation of mass for a control volume (Eq. 4.1), it can be written that

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho w) \right\} dV = 0$$

Since the equation is valid irrespective of the size  $dV$  of the control volume, we can write

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho w) = 0 \quad (4.2)$$

This is the well known *equation of continuity of a compressible fluid* in a rectangular cartesian coordinate system. The equation can be written in a vector form as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0 \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\vec{V}$  represents the velocity vector.

In case of a steady flow,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$$

Hence Eq. (4.3) becomes

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0 \quad (4.4)$$

or in a rectangular cartesian coordinate system

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho w) = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

Equation (4.4) or (4.5) represents the continuity equation for a steady flow. In case of an incompressible flow,

$$\rho = \text{constant}$$

Hence  $\partial \rho / \partial t = 0$  and moreover  $\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = \rho \nabla \cdot (\vec{V})$

Therefore, the *continuity equation for an incompressible flow becomes*

$$\nabla \cdot (\vec{V}) = 0 \quad (4.6)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (4.7)$$

It can be recalled in this context that the first, second and third terms of Eq. (4.7) are the linear strain rates in  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions respectively of a fluid element in motion as discussed in Chapter 3. Therefore, Eq. (4.7) can also be written in terms of the strain rate components as

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{xx} + \dot{\epsilon}_{yy} + \dot{\epsilon}_{zz} = 0 \quad (4.8)$$

Considering a fluid element of original lengths  $dx$ ,  $dy$  and  $dz$  along the coordinate axes  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  respectively, the rate of volumetric dilatation per unit original volume of the element can be written as

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{dx dy dz [(1 + \dot{\epsilon}_{xx} \Delta t)(1 + \dot{\epsilon}_{yy} \Delta t)(1 + \dot{\epsilon}_{zz} \Delta t) - 1]}{dx dy dz \Delta t} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \Delta t \text{ is a} \\ \text{small interval} \\ \text{of time} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \dot{\varepsilon}_{xx} + \dot{\varepsilon}_{yy} + \dot{\varepsilon}_{zz}$$

Hence the left hand side of the Eq. (4.7) or (4.8) can be physically identified as the rate of volumetric dilatation per unit volume of a fluid element in motion which is obviously zero for an incompressible flow.

The continuity equation for both the steady and unsteady incompressible flows is described by the same equation (Eq. 4.6). This is because the temporal derivative of no other hydrodynamic parameter, except density, appears in the continuity equation (Eq. 4.3). Therefore, it is difficult to judge from the continuity equation (equation 4.6) only whether an incompressible flow is steady or unsteady.

### Continuity Equation in a Cylindrical Polar Coordinate System

The continuity equation in any coordinate system can be derived in two ways, (i) either by expanding the vectorial form of general Eq. (4.3) with respect to the particular coordinate system, or (ii) by considering an elemental control volume appropriate to the reference frame of coordinates and then by applying the fundamental principle of conservation of mass as given by the Eq. (4.1). The term  $\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V})$  in a cylindrical polar coordinate system (Fig. 4.7) can be written as

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho V_r) + \frac{\rho V_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho V_z) \quad (4.9)$$

Therefore, the equation of continuity in a cylindrical polar coordinate system can be written as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho V_r) + \frac{\rho V_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial(\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho V_z) = 0 \quad (4.10)$$

The above equation can also be derived by considering the mass fluxes in the control volume shown in Fig. 4.8.

Rate of mass entering the control volume through face *ABCD*

$$= \rho V_r r d\theta dz$$

Rate of mass leaving the control volume through the face *EFGH*

$$= \rho V_r r d\theta dz + \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho V_r r d\theta dz) dr$$

Hence, the net rate of mass efflux in the *r* direction =  $\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(\rho V_r r) dV$

where,  $dV = r dr d\theta dz$  (the elemental volume)

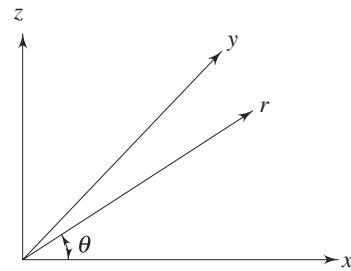


Fig. 4.7 A cylindrical polar coordinate system

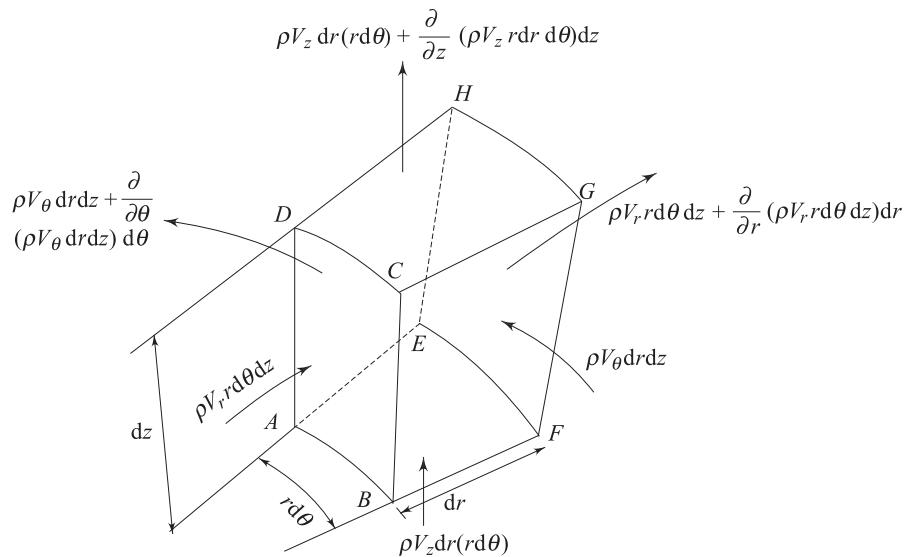


Fig. 4.8 A control volume appropriate to a cylindrical polar coordinate system

The net rate of mass efflux from the control volume, in  $\theta$  direction, is the difference of mass leaving through face  $ADHE$  and the mass entering through face  $BCGF$  and can be written as  $\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\rho V_\theta) dV$ .

The net rate of mass efflux in  $z$  direction can be written in a similar fashion as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho V_z) dV$$

The rate of increase of mass within the control volume becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho dV) = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} (dV)$$

Hence, following the Eq. (4.1), the final form of continuity equation in a cylindrical polar coordinate system becomes

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho V_r r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\rho V_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho V_z) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (\rho V_r) + \frac{\rho V_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\rho V_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho V_z) = 0$$

In case of an incompressible flow,

$$\frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

The equation of continuity in a spherical polar coordinate system (Fig. 3.1) can be written by expanding the term  $\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V})$  of Eq. (4.3) as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R^2 \rho V_R) + \frac{1}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial (\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial (\rho V_\phi \sin \phi)}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (4.12)$$

For an incompressible flow, Eq. (4.12) reduces to

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R^2 V_R) + \frac{1}{\sin \phi} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin \phi} \frac{\partial (V_\phi \sin \phi)}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (4.13)$$

The derivation of Eq. (4.12) by considering an elemental control volume appropriate to a spherical polar coordinate system is left as an exercise to the readers.

**Continuity Equation from a Closed System Approach** We know that the conservation of mass is inherent to the definition of a closed system as  $Dm/Dt = 0$ ,  $m$  being the mass of the closed system. However, the general form of continuity, as expressed by Eq. (4.3), can also be derived from the basic equation of mass conservation of a closed system as follows:

Let us consider an elemental closed system of volume  $\Delta V$  and density  $\rho$ . Therefore, we can write

$$\frac{D}{Dt}(\rho \Delta V) = 0$$

or,  $\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \frac{1}{\Delta V} \frac{D}{Dt}(\Delta V) = 0$

The first term of the equation is the material derivative of density with time which can be split up into its temporal and convective components, and hence we get,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \frac{1}{\Delta V} \frac{D}{Dt}(\Delta V) = 0$$

The term  $\frac{1}{\Delta V} \frac{D}{Dt}(\Delta V)$  is the rate of volumetric dilatation per unit volume of the elemental system and equals to the divergence of the velocity vector at the location enclosed by the system.

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \rho + \rho \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

or  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0$

This is the typical form of continuity equation as derived earlier from a control volume approach and expressed by Eq. (4.3). It should be made clear, in this context, that  $\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$ , which is the equation of continuity for an incompressible flow, physically signifies that the volume of a fluid element remains same in course of its flow.

#### 4.2.2 Stream Function

The concept of stream function is a direct consequence of the principle of continuity. Let us consider a two-dimensional incompressible flow parallel to the  $x-y$  plane in a rectangular cartesian coordinate system. The flow field in this case is defined by

$$u = u(x, y, t)$$

$$v = v(x, y, t)$$

$$w = 0$$

The equation of continuity is

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (4.14)$$

If a function  $\psi(x, y, t)$  is defined in the manner

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad (4.15a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \quad (4.15b)$$

so that it automatically satisfies the equation of continuity (Eq. (4.14)), then the function  $\psi$  is known as *stream function*. For a steady flow,  $\psi$  is a function of two variables  $x$  and  $y$  only. In case of a two-dimensional irrotational flow,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{or,} \quad \nabla^2 \psi = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (4.16)$$

Thus, for an irrotational flow, stream function satisfies the *Laplace's equation*.

**Constancy of  $\psi$  on a Streamline** Since  $\psi$  is a point function, it has a value at every point in the flow field. Hence, a change in the stream function  $\psi$  can be written as

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy = -v dx + u dy$$

Further, the equation of a streamline is given by

$$\frac{u}{dx} = \frac{v}{dy} \quad \text{or} \quad u dy - v dx = 0$$

It follows that  $d\psi = 0$  on a streamline, i.e. the value of  $\psi$  is constant along a streamline. Therefore, the equation of a streamline can be expressed in terms of stream function as

$$\psi(x, y) = \text{constant} \quad (4.17)$$

Once the function  $\psi$  is known, streamline can be drawn by joining the same values of  $\psi$  in the flow field.

**Physical Significance of Stream Function  $\psi$**  Figure 4.9a illustrates a two dimensional flow. Let  $A$  be a fixed point, but  $P$  be any point in the plane of the flow. The points  $A$  and  $P$  are joined by the arbitrary lines  $ABP$  and  $ACP$ . For an incompressible steady flow, the volume flow rate across  $ABP$  into the space  $ABPCA$  (considering a unit width in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the flow) must be equal to that across  $ACP$ . A number of different paths connecting  $A$  and  $P$  ( $ADP, AEP, \dots$ ) may be imagined but the volume flow rate across all the paths would be the same. This implies that the rate of flow across any curve between  $A$  and  $P$  depends only on the end points  $A$  and  $P$ .

Since  $A$  is fixed, the rate of flow across  $ABP, ACP, ADP, AEP$  (any path connecting  $A$  and  $P$ ) is a function only of the position  $P$ . This function is known as the *stream function*  $\psi$ . The value of  $\psi$  at  $P$  therefore represents the volume flow rate across any line joining  $P$  to  $A$ . The value of  $\psi$  at  $A$  is made arbitrarily zero. The fixed point  $A$  may be the origin of coordinates, but this is not necessary. If a point  $P'$  is considered (Fig. 4.9b),  $PP'$  being along a streamline, then the rate of flow across the curve joining  $A$  to  $P'$  must be the same as across  $AP$ , since, by the definition of a streamline, there is no flow across  $PP'$ . The value of  $\psi$  thus remains same at  $P'$  and  $P$ . Since  $P'$  was taken as any point on the streamline through  $P$ , it follows that  $\psi$  is constant along a streamline. Thus the flow may be represented by a series of streamlines at equal increments of  $\psi$ . If another point  $P''$  is considered (Fig. 4.9b) in the plane, such that  $PP''$  is a small distance  $\delta n$  perpendicular to the streamline through  $P$  with  $AP'' > AP$ , then the volume flow rate across the curve  $AP''$  is greater than that across  $AP$  by the increment  $\delta\psi$  of the stream function from point  $P$  to  $P''$ . Let the average velocity perpendicular to  $PP''$  (i.e. in the direction of streamline at  $P$ ) be  $V$ , then,

$$\delta\psi = V \cdot \delta n$$

$$\text{or,} \quad V = \delta\psi/\delta n$$

Therefore, the velocity at a point can be expressed in terms of the stream function  $\psi$  as

$$V = \lim_{\delta n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta\psi}{\delta n} = \frac{\partial\psi}{\partial n}$$

This gives the mathematical definition of the stream function at the point  $P$ . The above concept can be visualized more easily by considering the flow between two adjacent streamlines in a rectangular cartesian coordinate system (Fig. 4.9c). Let the values of the stream functions for the two streamlines be denoted by  $\psi$  and  $\psi + d\psi$ . The volume flow rate  $dQ$  for an incompressible flow across any line, say  $AB$ , of unit width, joining any two points  $A$  and  $B$  on two streamlines, can be written as

$$dQ = d\psi$$

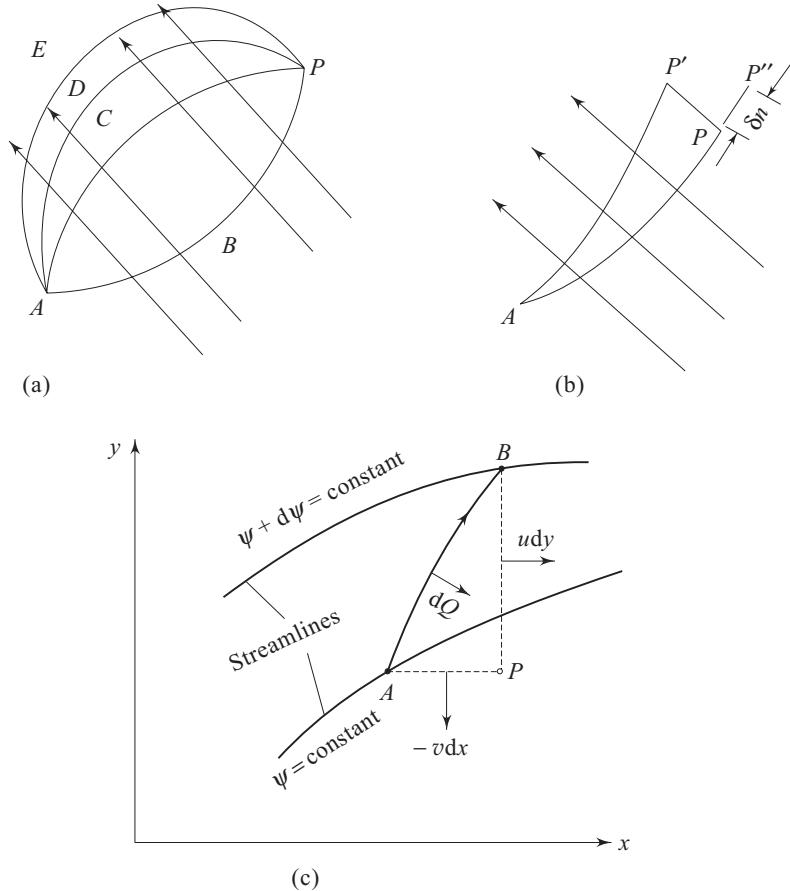


Fig. 4.9 Physical interpretation of stream function

As  $\psi$  is a function of space coordinates,  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy$$

Hence,  $dQ = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy$  (4.18)

Again, the volume of fluid crossing the surface  $AB$  must be flowing out from surfaces  $AP$  and  $BP$  of unit width. Hence,

$$dQ = u dy - v dx \quad (4.19)$$

Comparing the equation (4.18) and (4.19), we get

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$$

The stream function, in a polar coordinate system is defined as

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad V_\theta = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

The expressions for  $V_r$  and  $V_\theta$  in terms of the stream function automatically satisfy the equation of continuity given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(V_r r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(V_\theta) = 0$$

**Stream Function in Three-Dimensional Flow** It is not possible to draw a streamline with a single stream function in case of a three dimensional flow. An axially symmetric three dimensional flow is similar to the two-dimensional case in a sense that the flow field is the same in every plane containing the axis of symmetry. The equation of continuity in the cylindrical polar coordinate system for an incompressible flow is given by equation (4.11). For an axially symmetric flow (the axis  $r = 0$  being the axis of symmetry), the simplified form of the equation (4.11) without the term  $\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta}$  is satisfied by a function defined as

$$r V_r = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}, \quad r V_z = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \quad (4.20)$$

The function  $\psi$ , defined by the Eq. (4.20) in case of a three dimensional flow with an axial symmetry, is called the *stokes stream function*.

**Stream Function in Compressible Flow** Definition of the stream function  $\psi$  for a two-dimensional compressible flow offers no difficulty. Instead of relating it to the volume flow rate, one can relate it to the mass flow rate. The continuity equation for a steady two-dimensional compressible flow is given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v) = 0$$

Hence a stream function  $\psi$  can be defined which will satisfy the above equation of continuity as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho u &= \rho_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \\ \rho v &= - \rho_0 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

where  $\rho_0$  is a reference density and is used in the manner as shown in Eq. (4.21), to retain the unit of  $\psi$  same as that in the case of an incompressible flow. Therefore, from a physical point of view, the difference in stream function between any two streamlines multiplied by the reference density  $\rho_0$  will give the mass flow rate through the passage of unit width formed by the streamlines.

#### 4.2.3 Continuity Equation: Integral Form

The continuity equation can be expressed in an integral form by an application of the statement of conservation of mass (Eq. 4.1) to a finite control volume of any

shape and size. Let a control volume  $\mathcal{V}$ , as shown in Fig. 4.10, be bounded by the control surface  $S$ . The efflux of mass across the control surface  $S$  is given by

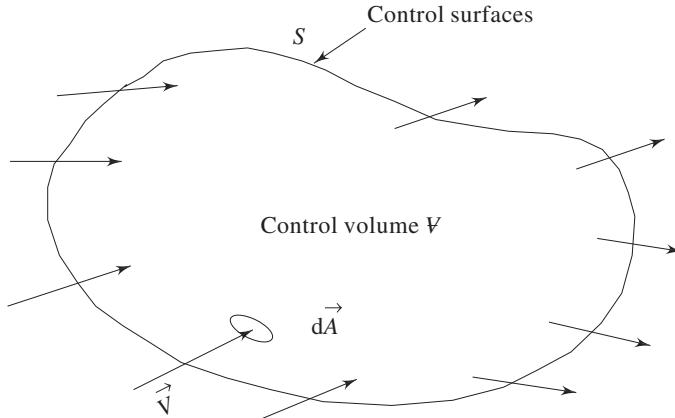


Fig. 4.10 A control volume for the derivation of continuity equation (integral form)

$$\iint_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

where  $\vec{V}$  is the velocity vector at an elemental area  $d\vec{A}$  which is treated as a vector by considering its positive direction along the normal drawn outward from the surface.

The rate of mass accumulation within the control volume becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \rho \cdot d\mathcal{V}$$

where  $d\mathcal{V}$  is an elemental volume,  $\rho$  is the density and  $\mathcal{V}$  is the total volume bounded by the control surface  $S$ . Hence, the continuity equation becomes (according to the statement given by Eq. (4.1))

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \rho \cdot d\mathcal{V} + \iint_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (4.22)$$

The integral form of the continuity equation (Eq. (4.22)) can be shown to be equivalent to the differential form as given by Eq. (4.3). The second term of the Eq. (4.22) can be converted into a volume integral by the use of the *Gauss divergence theorem* as

$$\iint_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = \iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) d\mathcal{V}$$

Since the volume  $\mathcal{V}$  does not change with time, the sequence of differentiation and integration in the first term of Eq. (4.22) can be interchanged.

Therefore Eq. (4.22) can be written as

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{V}} \left[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) \right] d\mathcal{V} = 0 \quad (4.23)$$

Equation (4.23) is valid for any arbitrary control volume irrespective of its shape and size. So we can write

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0.$$

### 4.3 CONSERVATION OF MOMENTUM: MOMENTUM THEOREM

In Newtonian mechanics, the conservation of momentum is defined by Newton's second law of motion as follows:

**Newton's Second Law of Motion** The rate of change of momentum of a body is proportional to the impressed action and takes place in the direction of the impressed action. The momentum implied may be linear or angular and the corresponding actions are force and moment respectively. In case of fluid flow, the word "body" in the above statement may be substituted by the word "particle" or "control mass system".

#### 4.3.1 Reynolds Transport Theorem

It is important to note that the laws of physics are basically stated for a particle or a control mass system. Therefore the classical statements for the conservation of mass, momentum and energy are all referred to a control mass or closed system. On the other hand, a study of fluid flow by the Eulerian approach requires a mathematical modeling for a control volume either in differential or in integral form. Therefore the physical statements of the principle of conservation of mass, momentum and energy with reference to a control volume become necessary. This is done by invoking a theorem known as the Reynolds transport theorem which relates the control volume concept with that of a control mass system in terms of a general property of the system. The derivation of the theorem is as follows:

**Derivation of Reynolds Transport Theorem** To formulate the relation between the equations applied to a control mass system and those applied to a control volume, a general flow situation is considered in Fig. 4.11 where the velocity of a fluid is given relative to coordinate axes  $ox$ ,  $oy$ ,  $oz$ . At any time  $t$ , a control mass system consisting of a certain mass of fluid is considered to have the dotted-line boundaries as indicated. A control volume (stationary relative to the coordinate axes) is considered that exactly coincides with the control mass system at time  $t$  (Fig. 4.11a). At time  $t + \delta t$ , the control mass system has moved somewhat, since each particle constituting the control mass system moves with the velocity associated with its location.

Let  $N$  be the total amount of some property (mass, momentum, energy) within the control mass system at time  $t$ , and let  $\eta$  be the amount of this property per unit mass throughout the fluid. The time rate of increase in  $N$  for the control mass system is now formulated in terms of the change in  $N$  for the control volume. Let the volume of the control mass system and that of the control volume be  $V_1$  at time

$t$  with both of them coinciding with each other (Fig. 4.11a). At time  $t + \delta t$ , the volume of the control mass system changes and comprises volumes  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{III}}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{IV}}$  (Fig. 4.11b). Volumes  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{II}}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{IV}}$  are the intercepted regions between the control mass system and control volume at time  $t + \delta t$ . The increase in property  $N$  of the control mass system in time  $\delta t$  is given by

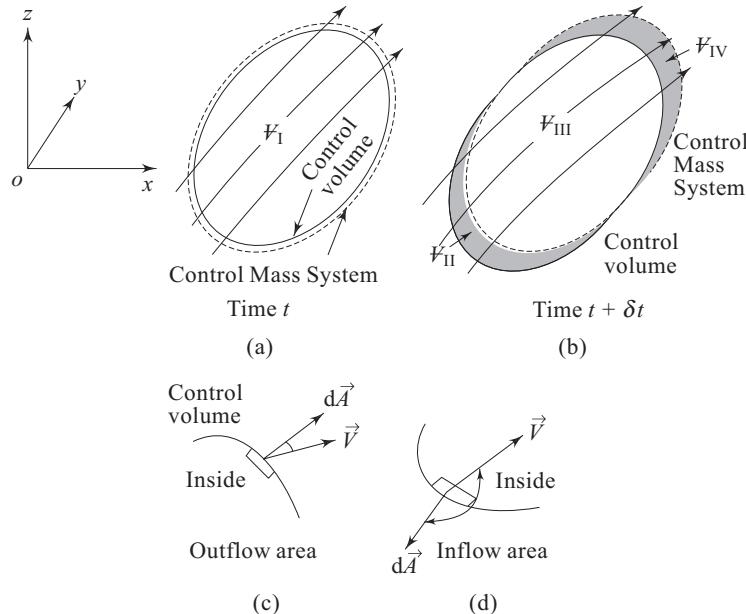


Fig. 4.11 Relationship between system and control volume concepts in the analysis of a flow field, after Streeter et al. [1].

$$(N_{t+\delta t} - N_t)_{\text{Control mass system}} = \left[ \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_{\text{III}}} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_{\text{IV}}} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \right]_{t+\delta t} - \left[ \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_I} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \right]_t$$

In which  $d\mathcal{V}$  represents an element of volume. After adding and subtracting

$\left[ \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_{\text{II}}} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \right]_{t+\delta t}$  to the right hand side of the equation and then dividing throughout by  $\delta t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(N_{t+\delta t} - N_t)_{\text{Control mass system}}}{\delta t} &= \frac{\left[ \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_{\text{III}}} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} + \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_{\text{II}}} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \right]_{t+\delta t} - \left[ \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_I} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \right]_t}{\delta t} \\ &+ \frac{\left[ \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_{\text{IV}}} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \right]_{t+\delta t} - \left[ \iiint_{\mathcal{V}_{\text{II}}} \eta \rho \, d\mathcal{V} \right]_{t+\delta t}}{\delta t} \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

The left hand side of Eq. (4.24) is the average time rate of increase in  $N$  within the control mass system during the time  $\delta t$ . In the limit as  $\delta t$  approaches zero, it becomes  $dN/dt$  (the rate of change of  $N$  within the control mass system at time  $t$ ). In the first term of the right hand side of Eq. (4.24), the first two integrals are the amount of  $N$  in the control volume at time  $t + \delta t$ , while the third integral is the amount  $N$  in the control volume at time  $t$ . In the limit, as  $\delta t$  approaches zero, this term represents the time rate of increase of the property  $N$  within the control

volume and can be written as  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \eta \rho dV$ . The next term, which is the time rate of flow of  $N$  out of the control volume may be written, in the limit  $\delta t \rightarrow 0$ , as

$$\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left[ \iiint_{V_{IV}} \eta \rho dV \right]_{t+\delta t} - \left[ \iiint_{V_{IV}} \eta \rho dV \right]_t}{\delta t} = \iint_{\text{outflow area}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

In which  $\vec{V}$  is the velocity vector and  $d\vec{A}$  is an elemental area vector on the control surface. The sign of vector  $d\vec{A}$  is positive if its direction is outward normal (Fig. 4.11c). Similarly, the last term of the Eq. (4.24) which is the rate of flow of  $N$  into the control volume is, in the limit  $\delta t \rightarrow 0$

$$\lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left[ \iiint_{V_{II}} \eta \rho dV \right]_{t+\delta t} - \left[ \iiint_{V_{II}} \eta \rho dV \right]_t}{\delta t} = - \iint_{\text{inflow area}} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

The minus sign is needed as  $\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$  is negative for inflow. The last two terms of Eq. (4.24) may be combined into a single one which is an integral over the entire surface of the control volume and is written as  $\iint_{CS} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}$ . This term indicates

the net rate of outflow  $N$  from the control volume. Hence, Eq. (4.24) can be written as

$$\left( \frac{dN}{dt} \right)_{CMS} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \eta \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \eta \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.25)$$

The Eq. (4.25) is known as *Reynolds Transport Theorem* which is stated as “the time rate of increase of property  $N$  within a control mass system is equal to the time rate of increase of property  $N$  within the control volume plus the net rate of efflux of the property  $N$  across the control surface. This theorem in its analytical form, given by the Eq. (4.25), is used in converting the statement of basic laws of physics as referred to a control mass system to a statement with reference to a control volume. The subscript CMS refers to control mass system.

It is important to mention in this context that in the derivation of Reynolds transport theorem (Eq. 4.25), the velocity field was described relative to a reference frame  $xyz$  (Fig. 4.11) in which the control volume was kept fixed, and no restriction was placed on the motion of the reference frame  $xyz$ . This makes it clear that the fluid velocity in Eq. (4.25) is measured relative to the control volume. To emphasize this point, the Eq. (4.25) can be written as

$$\left( \frac{dN}{dt} \right)_{CMS} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \eta \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \eta \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.26)$$

where the fluid velocity  $\vec{V}_r$  is defined relative to the control volume as

$$\vec{V}_r = \vec{V} - \vec{V}_c \quad (4.27)$$

$\vec{V}$  and  $\vec{V}_c$  are now the velocities of fluid and the control volume respectively as observed in a fixed frame of reference. The velocity  $\vec{V}_c$  of the control volume may be constant or any arbitrary function of time.

#### *Application of Reynolds Transport Theorem to Conservation of Mass and Momentum*

**Conservation of mass** The constancy of mass is inherent in the definition of a control mass system and therefore we can write

$$\left( \frac{dm}{dt} \right)_{CMS} = 0 \quad (4.28a)$$

To develop the analytical statement for the conservation of mass of a control volume, the Eq. (4.26) is used with  $N = m$  (mass) and  $\eta = 1$  along with the Eq. (4.28a).

This gives

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) = 0 \quad (4.28b)$$

The Eq. (4.28b) is identical to Eq. (4.22) which is the integral form of the continuity equation derived earlier in Sec. 4.2.3. At steady state, the first term on the left hand side of Eq. (4.28b) is zero. Hence, it becomes

$$\iint_{CS} \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) = 0 \quad (4.28c)$$

**Conservation of momentum or momentum theorem** The principle of conservation of momentum as applied to a control volume is usually referred to as the momentum theorem.

**Linear momentum** The first step in deriving the analytical statement of linear momentum theorem is to write the Eq. (4.26) for the property  $N$  as the linear momentum ( $m\vec{V}$ ) and accordingly  $\eta$  as the velocity ( $\vec{V}$ ). Then it becomes

$$\frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{V})_{CMS} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \vec{V} \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \vec{V} \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.29)$$

The velocity  $\vec{V}$  defining the linear momentum in Eq. (4.29) is described in an inertial frame of reference. Therefore we can substitute the left hand side of Eq. (4.29) by the external forces  $\Sigma\vec{F}$  on the control mass system or on the coinciding control volume by the direct application of Newton's law of motion. This gives

$$\Sigma\vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \vec{V} \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \vec{V} \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.30)$$

The Eq. (4.30) is the analytical statement of linear momentum theorem.

In the analysis of finite control volumes pertaining to practical problems, it is convenient to describe all fluid velocities in a frame of coordinates attached to the control volume. Therefore, an equivalent form of Eq. (4.29) can be obtained, under the situation, by substituting  $N$  as  $m\vec{V}_r$  and accordingly  $\eta$  as  $\vec{V}_r$  in Eq. (4.26) as

$$\frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{V}_r)_{CMS} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \vec{V}_r \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \vec{V}_r \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.31)$$

The left hand side of Eq. (4.31) can be written with the help of Eq. (4.27) as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{V}_r)_{CMS} &= m \left( \frac{d\vec{V}_r}{dt} \right)_{CMS} \\ &= m \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{V} - \vec{V}_c)_{CMS} \\ &= m \left( \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \right)_{CMS} - m\vec{a}_c \end{aligned}$$

where  $\vec{a}_c \left( = \frac{d\vec{V}_c}{dt} \right)$  is the rectilinear acceleration of the control volume (observed in a fixed coordinate system) which may or may not be a function of time. From Newton's law of motion

$$m \left( \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \right)_{CMS} = \Sigma\vec{F}$$

Therefore,

$$m \left( \frac{d\vec{V}_r}{dt} \right)_{CMS} = \Sigma\vec{F} - m\vec{a}_c \quad (4.32)$$

The Eq. (4.31) can be written in consideration of Eq. (4.32) as

$$\Sigma \vec{F} - m \vec{a}_c = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \vec{V}_r \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \vec{V}_r \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.33a)$$

At steady state, it becomes

$$\Sigma \vec{F} - m \vec{a}_c = \iint_{CS} \vec{V}_r \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.33b)$$

It can be mentioned, in this context, that Eq. (4.33a) is an equivalent form of Eq. (4.30) and can also be derived by substituting  $\vec{V}$  by  $(\vec{V}_r + \vec{V}_c)$  in Eq. (4.30).

In case of an inertial control volume (which is either fixed or moving with a constant rectilinear velocity),  $\vec{a}_c = 0$  and hence Eqs (4.33a) and (4.33b) becomes respectively

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \vec{V}_r \rho dV + \iint_{CS} \vec{V}_r \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.33c)$$

and

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = \iint_{CS} \vec{V}_r \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.33d)$$

The Eqs (4.33c) and (4.33d) are the useful forms of the linear momentum theorem as applied to an inertial control volume at unsteady and steady state respectively, while the Eqs (4.33a) and (4.33b) are the same for a non-inertial control volume having any arbitrary rectilinear acceleration.

The external forces  $\Sigma \vec{F}$  in Eqs (4.30, 4.33a to 4.33c) have, in general, two components,—the body force and the surface force. Therefore one can write

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = \iiint_{CV} \vec{F}_B dV + \vec{F}_S \quad (4.33e)$$

where  $\vec{F}_B$  is the body force per unit volume and  $\vec{F}_S$  is the area weighted surface force.

**Angular momentum** The angular momentum or moment of momentum theorem is also derived from Eq. (4.25) in consideration of the property  $N$  as the angular momentum and accordingly  $\eta$  as the angular momentum per unit mass. Thus one can write

$$\frac{d}{dt} (A_{CMS}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \rho (\vec{r} \times \vec{V}) dV + \iint_{CS} (\vec{r} \times \vec{V}) \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.34)$$

where  $A_{CMS}$  is the angular momentum of the control mass system. It has to be noted that the origin for the angular momentum is the origin of the position vector  $\vec{r}$ . The term on the left hand side of Eq. (4.34) is the time rate of change of angular momentum of a control mass system, while the first and second terms on the right hand side of the equation are the time rate of increase of angular

momentum within a control volume and rate of net efflux of angular momentum across the control surface.

The velocity  $\vec{V}$  defining the angular momentum in Eq. (4.34) is described in an inertial frame of reference. Therefore, the term  $\frac{d}{dt}(A_{\text{CMS}})$  can be substituted by the net moment  $\Sigma M$  applied to the system or to the coinciding control volume. Hence one can write Eq. (4.34) as

$$\Sigma M = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \rho (\vec{r} \times \vec{V}) dV + \iint_{CS} (\vec{r} \times \vec{V}) \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.35a)$$

At steady state,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \rho (\vec{r} \times \vec{V}) dV = 0$$

and then it becomes

$$\Sigma M = \iint_{CS} (\vec{r} \times \vec{V}) \rho (\vec{V}_r \cdot d\vec{A}) \quad (4.35b)$$

The Eqs (4.35a) and (4.35b) are the analytical statements of angular momentum theorem applied to a control volume at unsteady and steady state respectively.

## 4.4 ANALYSIS OF FINITE CONTROL VOLUMES

The momentum theorem for a control volume has been discussed in the previous section. In the present section we shall discuss the application of momentum theorem to some practical cases of inertial and non-inertial control volumes.

### 4.4.1 Inertial Control Volumes

Applications of momentum theorem for an inertial control volume are described with reference to three distinct types of practical problems, namely

- (i) Forces acting due to internal flows through expanding or reducing pipe bends.
- (ii) Forces on stationary and moving vanes due to impingement of fluid jets.
- (iii) Jet propulsion of ship and aircraft moving with uniform velocity.

### 4.4.2 Forces due to Flow Through Expanding or Reducing Pipe Bends

Let a fluid flow through an expander as shown in Fig. 4.12a. The expander is held in a vertical plane. The inlet and outlet velocities are given by  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  as shown in the figure. The inlet and outlet pressures are also prescribed as  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . The velocity and pressure at inlet and at outlet sections are assumed to be uniform.

The problem is usually posed for the estimation of the force required at the expander support to hold it in position.

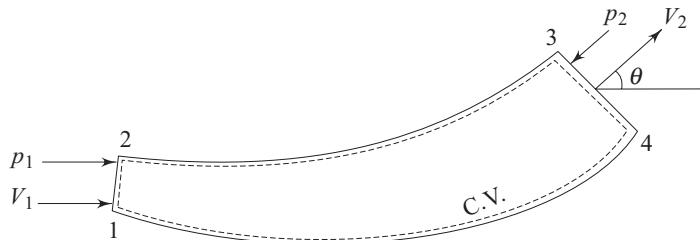


Fig. 4.12a Flow of a fluid through an expander

For the solution of this type of problem, a control volume is chosen to coincide with the interior of the expander as shown in Fig. 4.12a. The control volume being constituted by areas 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, and 4-1 is shown separately in Fig. 4.12b.

The external forces on the fluid over areas 2-3 and 1-4 arise due to net efflux of linear momentum through the interior surface of the expander. Let these forces be  $F_x$  and  $F_y$ . Since the control volume 12341 is stationary and at a steady state, we apply Eq. (4.33d) and have for  $x$  and  $y$  components

$$\dot{m} V_2 \cos \theta - \dot{m} V_1 = p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 \cos \theta + F_x \quad (4.36a)$$

$$\text{and, } \dot{m} V_2 \sin \theta - 0 = -p_2 A_2 \sin \theta + F_y - Mg \quad (4.36b)$$

$$\text{or, } F_x = \dot{m} (V_2 \cos \theta - V_1) + p_2 A_2 \cos \theta - p_1 A_1 \quad (4.37a)$$

$$\text{and } F_y = \dot{m} V_2 \sin \theta + p_2 A_2 \sin \theta + Mg \quad (4.37b)$$

$\dot{m}$  is the mass flow rate through the expander which can be written as

$$\dot{m} = \rho A_1 V_1 = \rho A_2 V_2 \quad (4.38)$$

where  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the cross-sectional areas at inlet and outlet of the expander and the flow is considered to be incompressible.

$M$  represents the mass of fluid contained in the expander at any instant and can be expressed as

$$M = \rho V$$

where  $V$  is the internal volume of the expander.

Thus, the forces  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  acting on the control volume (Fig. 4.12b) are exerted by the expander. Therefore, according to Newton's third law, the expander will experience the forces  $R_x$  ( $= -F_x$ ) and  $R_y$  ( $= -F_y$ ) in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions respectively as shown in the free body diagram of the expander in Fig. 4.12c.

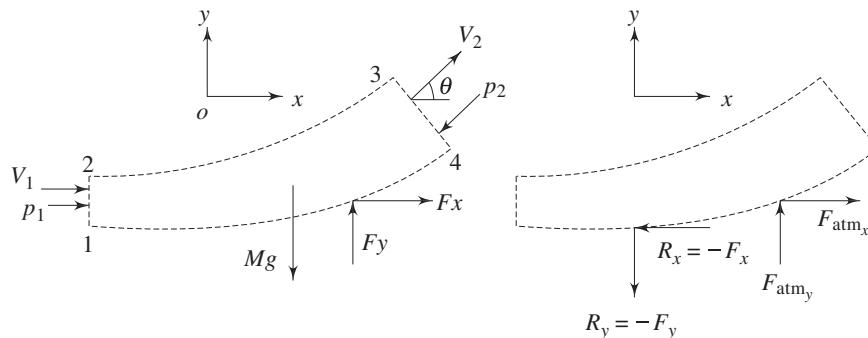


Fig. 4.12b Control volume comprising the fluid contained in the expander at any instant

Fig. 4.12c Free body diagram of the expander

The expander will also experience the atmospheric pressure force on its outer surface. This is shown separately in Fig. 4.13.

From Fig. 4.13 the net  $x$  and  $y$  components of the atmospheric pressure force on the expander can be written as

$$F_{\text{atm}_x} = p_{\text{atm}} \cdot A_2 \cos \theta - p_{\text{atm}} \cdot A_1$$

$$F_{\text{atm}_y} = p_{\text{atm}} \cdot A_2 \sin \theta$$

The net force on the expander is therefore,

$$E_x = R_x + F_{\text{atm}_x} = -F_x + F_{\text{atm}_x}$$

$$E_y = R_y + F_{\text{atm}_y} = -F_y + F_{\text{atm}_y}$$

or,

$$E_x = -\dot{m}(V_2 \cos \theta - V_1) - (p_2 - p_{\text{atm}})A_2 \cos \theta + (p_1 - p_{\text{atm}})A_1 \quad (4.39a)$$

$$E_y = -\dot{m}V_2 \sin \theta - (p_2 - p_{\text{atm}})A_2 \sin \theta - Mg \quad (4.39b)$$

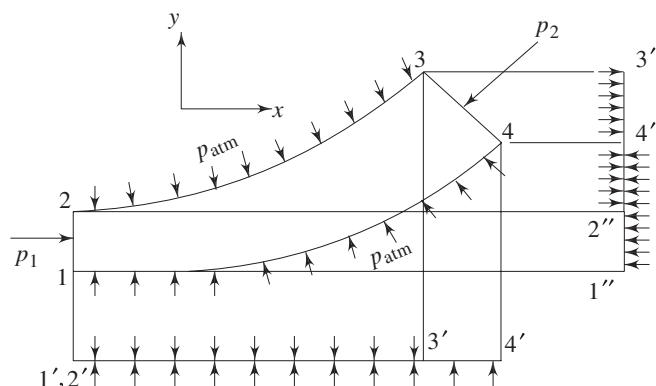


Fig. 4.13 Effect of atmospheric pressure on the expander

It is interesting to note at this stage that if  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  are calculated from the Eqs (4.37a) and (4.37b) with  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  as the gauge pressures instead of the absolute ones, the net forces on the expander  $E_x$  and  $E_y$  will respectively be equal to  $-F_x$  and  $-F_y$ .

### Dynamic Forces on Plane and Curved Surfaces due to the Impingement of Liquid Jets

**Force on a stationary surface** Consider a stationary flat plate and a liquid jet of cross sectional area ‘a’ striking with a velocity  $V$  at an angle  $\theta$  to the plate as shown in Fig. 4.14a.

To calculate the force required to keep the plate stationary, a control volume  $ABCDEF$  (Fig. 4.14a) is chosen so that the control surface  $DE$  coincides with the surface of the plate. The control volume is shown separately as a free body in Fig. 4.14b. Let the volume flow rate of the incoming jet be  $Q$  and be divided into  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  gliding along the surface (Fig. 4.14a) with the same velocity  $V$  since the pressure throughout is same as the atmospheric pressure, the plate is considered to be frictionless and the influence of a gravity is neglected (i.e. the elevation between sections  $CD$  and  $EF$  is negligible).

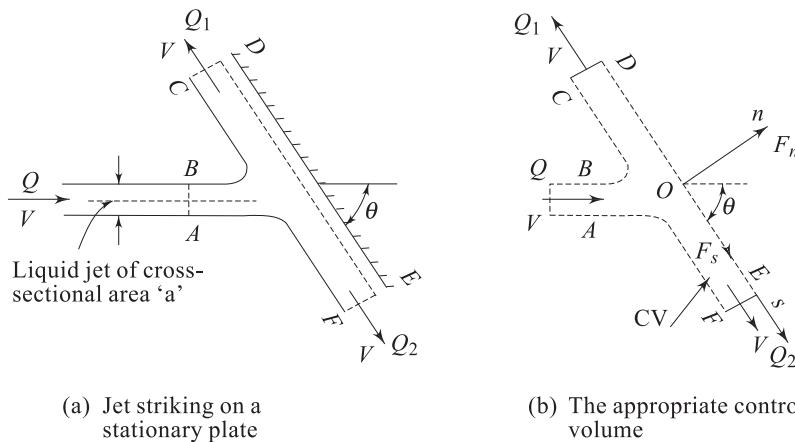


Fig. 4.14 Impingement of liquid jets on a stationary flat plate

Coordinate axes are chosen as  $Os$  and  $On$  along and perpendicular to the plate respectively. Neglecting the viscous forces, (the force along the plate to be zero), the momentum conservation of the control volume  $ABCDEF$  in terms of  $s$  and  $n$  components can be written from Eq. (4.33d) as

$$F_s = 0 = \rho Q_2 V + \rho Q_1 (-V) - \rho Q V \cos \theta \quad (4.40a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad F_n = 0 - \rho Q (V \sin \theta) \quad (4.40b)$$

where  $F_s$  and  $F_n$  are the forces acting on the control volume along  $Os$  and  $On$  respectively,

From continuity,

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2 \quad (4.41)$$

With the help of Eqs (4.40a) and (4.41), we can write

$$Q_1 = \frac{Q}{2} (1 - \cos \theta) \quad (4.42a)$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{Q}{2} (1 + \cos \theta) \quad (4.42b)$$

The net force acting on the control volume due to the change in momentum of the jet by the plate is  $F_n$  along the direction “*On*” and is given by the Eq. (4.40b) as

$$F_n = -\rho Q V \sin \theta$$

Hence, according to Newton’s third law, the force acting on the plate is

$$F_p = -F_n = \rho Q V \sin \theta \quad (4.43)$$

If the cross-sectional area of the jet is “*a*”, then the volume flow rate  $Q$  striking the plate can be written as

$$Q = aV$$

Equation (4.43) then becomes

$$F_p = \rho a V^2 \sin \theta \quad (4.44)$$

**Force on a moving surface** If the plate in the above problem moves with a uniform velocity  $u$  in the direction of jet velocity  $V$  (Fig. 4.15). The volume of the liquid striking the plate per unit time will be

$$Q = a(V - u) \quad (4.45)$$

Physically, when the plate recedes away from the jet it receives a less quantity of liquid per unit time than the actual mass flow rate of liquid delivered, say by any nozzle. When  $u = V$ ,  $Q = 0$  and when  $u > V$ ,  $Q$  becomes negative. This implies physically that when the plate moves away from the jet with a velocity being equal to or greater than that of the jet, the jet can never strike the plate.

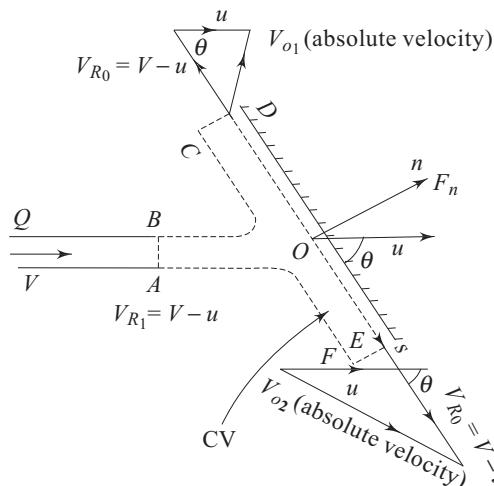


Fig. 4.15 Impingement of liquid jets on a moving flat plate

The control volume  $ABCDEF$  in the case has to move with the velocity  $u$  of the plate. Therefore we have to apply Eq. (4.33d) to calculate the forces acting on the control volume. Hence the velocities relative to the control volume will come into picture. The velocity of jet relative to the control volume at its inlet becomes

$$V_{R_1} = V - u$$

Since the pressure remains same throughout, the magnitudes of the relative velocities of liquid at outlets become equal to that at inlet, provided the friction between the plate and the liquid is neglected. Moreover, for a smooth shockless flow, the liquid has to glide along the plate and hence the direction of  $V_{R_0}$ , the relative velocity of the liquid at the outlets, will be along the plate. The absolute velocities of the liquid at the outlets can be found out by adding vectorially the plate velocity  $u$  and the relative velocity of the jet  $V - u$  with respect to the plate. This is shown by the velocity triangles at the outlets (Fig. 4.15). Coordinate axes fixed to the control volume  $ABCDEF$  are chosen as “ $Os$ ” and “ $On$ ” along and perpendicular to the plate respectively.

The force acting on the control volume along the direction “ $Os$ ” will be zero for a frictionless flow. The net force acting on the control volume will be along “ $On$ ” only. To calculate this force  $F_n$ , the momentum theorem with respect to the control volume  $ABCDEF$  can be written as

$$F_n = 0 - \rho Q [(V - u) \sin \theta]$$

Substituting  $Q$  from Eq. (4.45),

$$F_n = -\rho a (V - u)^2 \sin \theta$$

Hence the force acting on the plate becomes

$$F_p = -F_n = \rho a (V - u)^2 \sin \theta \quad (4.46)$$

If the plate moves with a velocity  $u$  in a direction opposite to that of  $V$  (plate moving towards the jet), the volume of liquid striking the plate per unit time will be

$$Q = a(V + u)$$

and, finally, the force acting on the plate would be

$$F_p = -F_n = \rho a (V + u)^2 \sin \theta \quad (4.47)$$

Therefore, it is found from the comparison of the Eq. (4.44) with Eqs (4.46) and (4.47), that for a given value of jet velocity  $V$ , the force exerted on a moving plate by the jet is either greater or lower than that exerted on a stationary plate depending upon whether the plate moves towards the jet or away from it respectively.

The power developed due to the motion of the plate can be written (in case of the plate moving in the same direction as that of the jet) as

$$P = F_p \sin \theta |u| = \rho a (V - u)^2 u \sin^2 \theta \quad (4.48)$$

**Curved Vanes** The principle of fluid machines is based on the utilization of useful work due to the force exerted by a fluid jet striking and moving over a series of curved vanes in the periphery of a wheel rotating about its axis. The force analysis on a moving curved vane is understood clearly from the study of

the inlet and outlet velocity triangles as shown in Fig. 4.16. The fluid jet with an absolute velocity  $V_1$  strikes the blade at the inlet. The relative velocity of the jet  $V_{r1}$  at the inlet is obtained by subtracting vectorially the velocity  $u$  of the vane from  $V_1$ . The jet strikes the blade without shock if  $\beta_1$  (Fig. 4.16) coincides with the inlet angle at the tip of the blade. If friction is neglected and pressure remains constant, then the relative velocity at the outlet is equal to that at the inlet ( $V_{r2} = V_{r1}$ ).

The control volume as shown in Fig. 4.16 is moving with a uniform velocity  $u$  of the vane. Therefore we have to use Eq. (4.33d) as the momentum theorem of the control volume at its steady state.

Let  $F_C$  be the force applied on the control volume by the vane. Therefore we can write

$$\begin{aligned} F_C &= -\dot{m} V_{r2} \cos \beta_2 - \dot{m} V_{r1} \cos (180^\circ - \beta_1) \\ &= -\dot{m} (V_{w2} + u + V_{w1} - u) \\ &= -\dot{m} (V_{w1} + V_{w2}) \end{aligned}$$

To keep the vane translating at uniform velocity,  $u$  in the direction as shown, the force  $F$  has to act opposite to  $F_C$ . Therefore,

$$F = -F_C = \dot{m} (V_{w1} + V_{w2}) \quad (4.49)$$

From the outlet velocity triangle, one can write

$$\begin{aligned} (V_{w2} + u)^2 &= V_{r2}^2 - V_{f2}^2 \\ \text{or, } V_{w2}^2 + u^2 + 2V_{w2}u &= V_{r2}^2 - V_{f2}^2 \\ \text{or, } V_{w2}^2 - V_{f2}^2 + u^2 + 2V_{w2}u &= V_{r2}^2 - V_{f2}^2 \\ \text{or, } V_{w2}u &= \frac{1}{2} [V_{r2}^2 - V_2^2 - u^2] \end{aligned} \quad (4.50a)$$

Similarly from the inlet velocity triangle, it is possible to write

$$V_{w1}u = \frac{1}{2} [-V_{r1}^2 + V_1^2 + u^2] \quad (4.50b)$$

Addition of Eqs (4.50a) and (4.50b) gives

$$(V_{w1} + V_{w2})u = \frac{1}{2} (V_1^2 - V_2^2)$$

Power developed is given by

$$P = \dot{m} (V_{w1} + V_{w2})u = \frac{\dot{m}}{2} (V_1^2 - V_2^2) \quad (4.51)$$

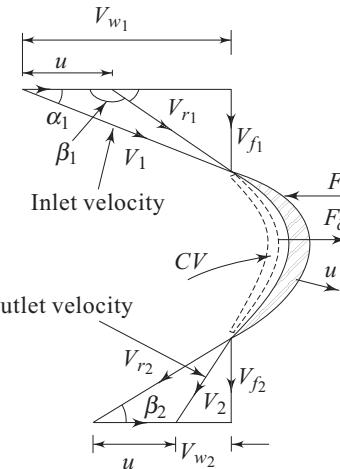


Fig. 4.16 Flow of fluid along a moving curved vane

The efficiency of the vane in developing power is given by

$$\eta = \frac{\dot{m}(V_{w1} + V_{w2})u}{\frac{\dot{m}}{2} V_1^2} = 1 - \frac{V_2^2}{V_1^2} \quad (4.52)$$

**Propulsion of a Ship** Jet propulsion of ship is found to be less efficient than propulsion by screw propeller due to the large amount of frictional losses in the pipeline and the pump, and therefore, it is used rarely. Jet propulsion may be of some advantage in propelling a ship in a very shallow water to avoid damage of a propeller.

Consider a jet propelled ship, moving with a velocity  $V$ , scoops water at the bow and discharges astern as a jet having a velocity  $V_r$  relative to the ship. The control volume is taken fixed to the ship as shown in Fig. 4.17. Following the momentum theorem (described by Eq. (4.33d)) as applied to the control volume shown, we can write

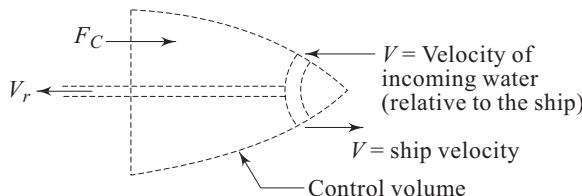


Fig. 4.17 A control volume for a moving ship

$$\begin{aligned} F_C &= \dot{m} [-V_r - (-V)] \\ &= \dot{m} (V - V_r) \end{aligned}$$

Where  $F_c$  is the external force on the control volume in the direction of the ship's motion. The forward propulsive thrust  $F$  on the ship is given by

$$F = -F_c = \dot{m} (V_r - V) \quad (4.53)$$

Propulsive power is given by  $P = \dot{m} (V_r - V)V$  (4.54)

**Jet Engine** A jet engine is a mechanism in which air is scooped from the front of the engine and is then compressed and used in burning of the fuel carried by the engine to produce a jet for propulsion. The usual types of jet engines are turbojet, ramjet and pulsejet.

A turbojet engine consists essentially (Fig. 4.18) of a compressor, a combustion chamber, a gas turbine and a nozzle. A portion of the thermal energy of the product of combustion is used to run the gas turbine to drive the compressor. The remaining part of thermal energy is converted into kinetic energy of the jet by a nozzle. At high speed flight, jet engines are advantageous since a propeller has to rotate at high speed to create a large thrust. This will result in excessive blade stress and a decrease in the efficiency for blade tip speeds near and above sonic level. In a jet propelled aircraft, the spent gases are ejected to the surroundings at high velocity usually equal to or greater than the velocity of sound in the fluid at that state. In many cases, depending upon the range of flight speeds, the jet is discharged with a velocity equal to sonic velocity in the medium and the pressure

at discharge does not fall immediately to the ambient pressure. In these cases, the discharge pressure  $p_2$  at the nozzle exit becomes higher than the ambient pressure  $p_{\text{atm}}$ . Under the situation of uniform velocity of the aircraft, we have to use Eq. (4.33d) as the momentum theorem for the control volume as shown in Fig. 4.19 and can write

$$(\dot{m}_a + \dot{m}_f)u - \dot{m}_a V = F_x - (p_2 - p_{\text{atm}}) A_2$$

or,

$$F_x = (p_2 - p_{\text{atm}}) A_2 + (\dot{m}_a + \dot{m}_f)u - \dot{m}_a V$$

where,  $F_x$  is the force acting on the control volume along the direction of the coordinate axis “ox” fixed to the control volume,  $V$  is the velocity of the aircraft and  $u$  the relative velocity of the exit jet with respect to the aircraft.  $\dot{m}_a$  and  $\dot{m}_f$  are the mass flow rate of air, and mass burning rate of fuel respectively. Usually  $\dot{m}_f$  is very less compared to  $\dot{m}_a$  ( $\dot{m}_f/\dot{m}_a$  usually varies from 0.01 to 0.02 in practice).

The propulsive thrust on the aircraft can be written as

$$F_T = -F_x = -[\dot{m}_a(u - V) + (p_2 - p_{\text{atm}}) A_2] \quad (4.55)$$

(since,  $\dot{m}_f \ll \dot{m}_a$ )

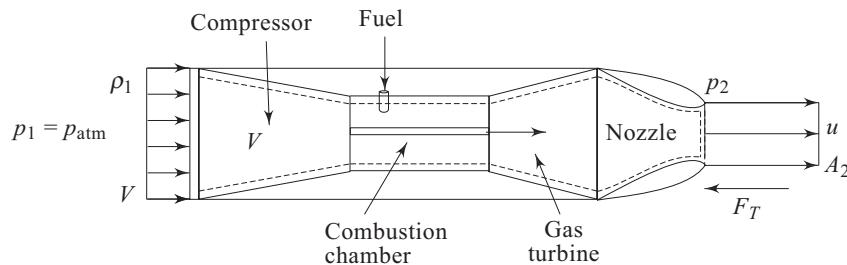


Fig. 4.18 A turbojet engine

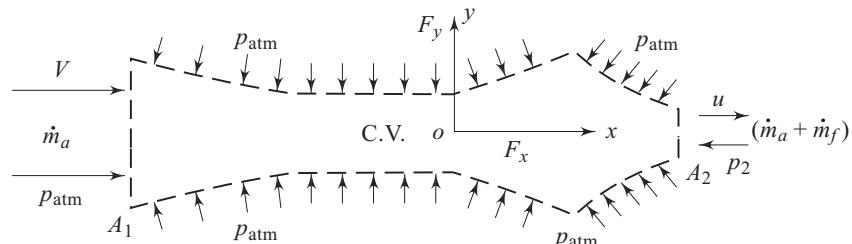


Fig. 4.19

An appropriate control volume comprising the stream of fluid flowing through the engine

The terms in the bracket are always positive. Hence, the negative sign in  $F_T$  represents that it acts in a direction opposite to  $ox$ , i.e. in the direction of the motion of the jet engine. The propulsive power is given by

$$P = [\dot{m}_a(u - V) + (p_2 - p_{\text{atm}})A_2]V \quad (4.56)$$

#### 4.4.2 Non-Inertial Control Volume

A good example of a non-inertial control volume is a rocket engine which also works on the principle of jet propulsion. The gases constituting the jet are produced by the combustion of a fuel and appropriate oxidant carried by the engine. Therefore, no air is required from outside and a rocket can operate satisfactorily in a vacuum. A large quantity of oxidant has to be carried by the rocket for its operation to be independent of the atmosphere. At the start of journey, the fuel and oxidant together form a large portion of the total load carried by the rocket. Work done in raising the fuel and oxidant to a great height before they are burnt is wasted. Therefore, to achieve the efficient use of the materials, the rocket is accelerated to a high velocity in a short distance at the start. This period of rocket acceleration is of practical interest.

Let  $\dot{m}$  be the rate at which spent gases are discharged from the rocket with a velocity  $u$  relative to the rocket (Fig. 4.20). Both  $\dot{m}$  and  $u$  are assumed to be constant.

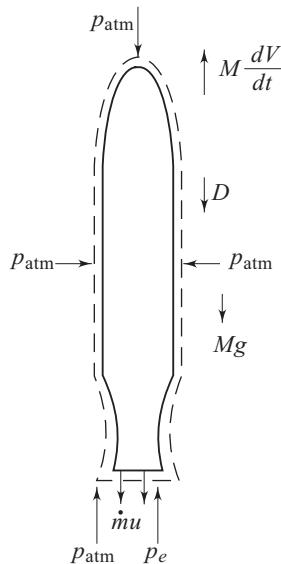


Fig. 4.20 A control volume for a rocket engine

Let  $M$  and  $V$  be the instantaneous mass and velocity (in the upward direction) of the rocket. The control volume as shown in Fig. 4.20 is an accelerating one. Therefore we have to apply Eq. (4.33b) as the momentum theorem of the control volume. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma F - M \frac{dV}{dt} &= \dot{m} [(-u) - 0] \\ \Sigma F &= M \frac{dV}{dt} - \dot{m}u \end{aligned} \quad (4.57)$$

where  $\Sigma F$  is the sum of the external forces on the control volume in a direction vertically upward. If  $p_e$  and  $p_a$  be the nozzle exhaust plane gas pressure and ambient pressure respectively and  $D$  is the drag force to the motion of the rocket, then one can write

$$\Sigma F = (p_e - p_a) A_e - Mg - D$$

Where,  $A_e$  is outlet area of the propelling nozzle.

Then Eq. (4.57) can be written as

$$M \frac{dV}{dt} = \dot{m}u + (p_e - p_a) A_e - Mg - D \quad (4.58)$$

In absence of gravity and drag, Eq. (4.58) becomes

$$M \frac{dV}{dt} = \dot{m}u + (p_e - p_a) A_e \quad (4.59)$$

#### 4.4.3 Application of Moment of Momentum Theorem

Let us take an example of a sprinkler like turbine as shown in Fig. 4.21. The turbine rotates in a horizontal plane with angular velocity  $\omega$ . The radius of the turbine is  $r$ . Water enters the turbine from a vertical pipe that is coaxial with the axis of rotation and exits through the nozzles of cross sectional area 'a' with a velocity  $V_e$  relative to the nozzle.

A control volume with its surface around the turbine is also shown in Fig. 4.21.

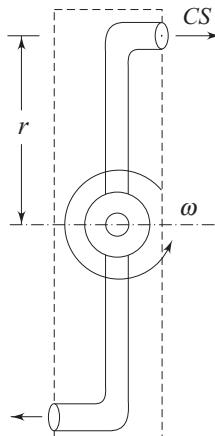


Fig. 4.21 A sprinkler like turbine

Application of Momentum of Momentum Theorem (Eq. 4.35b) gives

$$M_{zc} = \dot{m}(\vec{r} \times \vec{V})$$

Where  $M_{zc}$  is the moment applied to the control volume. The mass flow rate of water through the turbine is given by

$$\dot{m} = (2V_e a) \rho$$

The velocity  $\vec{V}$  must be referenced to an inertial frame so that

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{V} = -r\vec{i}_r \times (V_e - \omega r) \vec{i}_\theta = -r(V_e - \omega r)\vec{i}_z$$

$$M_{zc} = -\dot{m}r (V_e - \omega r)$$

The moment  $M_z$  acting on the turbine can be written as

$$M_z = -M_{zc} = \dot{m}r (V_e - \omega r) \quad (4.60)$$

The power produced by the turbine is given by

$$P = M_z \omega \quad (4.61)$$

## 4.5 EULER'S EQUATION: THE EQUATION OF MOTION FOR AN IDEAL FLOW

The relationship between the velocity and pressure field for a flow of an inviscid fluid is found out by making use of the Newton's second law of motion. The resulting equation, in its differential form, is known as *Euler's Equation* after the name of the scientist Euler who first derived it. To derive Euler's equation, let us consider an elementary parallelopiped of fluid element as a control mass system in a frame of rectangular cartesian coordinate axes as shown in Fig. 4.22. It has already been mentioned in Sec. 2.1 of Chapter 2, that the external forces acting on a fluid element are the body forces and the surface forces.

Let  $X_x, X_y, X_z$  be the components of body forces acting per unit mass of the fluid element along the coordinate axes  $x, y$  and  $z$  respectively. The body forces arise due to external force fields like gravity, electromagnetic field, etc., and therefore, the detailed descriptions of  $X_x, X_y$  and  $X_z$  are provided by the laws of physics describing the force fields. The surface forces for an inviscid fluid will be the pressure forces acting on different surfaces as shown in Fig. 4.22. Therefore, the net forces acting on the fluid element along  $x, y$  and  $z$  directions can be written as

$$F_x = \rho X_x dx dy dz + p \cdot dy dz - \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx \right) dy dz$$

$$= \left( \rho X_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) dx dy dz$$

$$F_y = \rho X_y dx dy dz + p \cdot dx dz - \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy \right) dx dz$$

$$= \left( \rho X_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) dx dy dz$$

$$F_z = \rho X_z dx dy dz + p \cdot dx dy - \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \right) dx dy$$

$$= \left( \rho X_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz$$

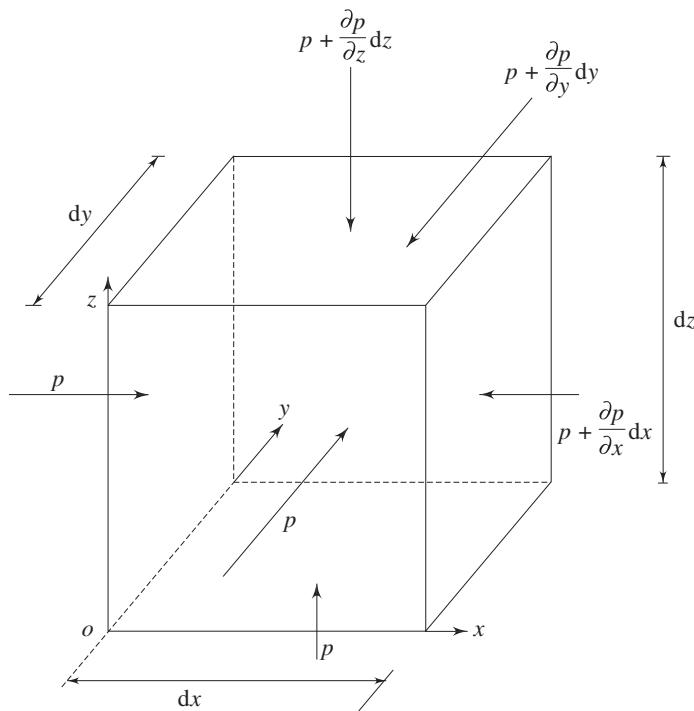


Fig. 4.22 A fluid element appropriate to a Cartesian coordinate system used for the derivation of Euler's equation

Equating these forces with the rate of change of momentum in the respective directions, we have

$$\frac{D}{Dt}(\rho dx dy dz u) = \left( \rho X_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) dx dy dz \quad (4.62a)$$

$$\frac{D}{Dt}(\rho dx dy dz v) = \left( \rho X_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \right) dx dy dz \quad (4.62b)$$

$$\frac{D}{Dt}(\rho dx dy dz w) = \left( \rho X_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz \quad (4.62c)$$

Since the fluid element is a control mass system, its mass ' $\rho dx dy dz$ ' is invariant with time. Therefore we can write Eqs (4.62a to 4.62c) as

$$\frac{Du}{Dt} = X_x - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (4.63a)$$

$$\frac{Dv}{Dt} = X_y - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad (4.63b)$$

$$\frac{Dw}{Dt} = X_z - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \quad (4.63c)$$

Expanding the material accelerations in Eqs (4.63a) to (4.63c) in terms of their respective temporal and convective components, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = X_x - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (4.64a)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = X_y - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad (4.64b)$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = X_z - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \quad (4.64c)$$

The Eqs (4.64a), (4.64b), (4.64c) are valid for both incompressible and compressible flow. By putting  $u = v = w = 0$ , as a special case, one can obtain the equation of hydrostatics derived in Sec. 2.2 of Chapter 2. Equations (4.64a), (4.64b), (4.64c) can be put into a single vector form as

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \vec{X} - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} \quad (4.64d)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = \vec{X} - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} \quad (4.64e)$$

where the velocity vector  $\vec{V}$  and the body force vector per unit volume  $\rho \vec{X}$  are defined as

$$\vec{V} = \vec{i} u + \vec{j} v + \vec{k} w$$

$$\rho \vec{X} = \vec{i} \rho X_x + \vec{j} \rho X_y + \vec{k} \rho X_z$$

Equation (4.64d) or (4.64e) is the well known Euler's equation in vector form, while Eqs (4.64a) to (4.64c) describe the Euler's equations in a rectangular Cartesian coordinate system.

#### 4.5.1 Euler's Equation along a Streamline

Euler's equation along a streamline is derived by applying Newton's second law of motion to a fluid element moving along a streamline. Considering gravity as the only body force component acting vertically downward (Fig. 4.23), the net external force acting on the fluid element along the direction  $s$  can be written as

$$F_s = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \Delta s \Delta A - \rho \Delta s \Delta A g \cos \alpha \quad (4.65)$$

where  $\Delta A$  is the cross-sectional area of the fluid element. By the application of Newton's second law of motion in  $s$  direction, we get

$$\rho \Delta s \Delta A \frac{DV}{Dt} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \Delta s \Delta A - \rho g \Delta s \Delta A \cos \alpha \quad (4.66)$$

again from geometry,

$$\cos \alpha = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta z}{\Delta s} = \frac{dz}{ds}$$

Hence, the final form of Eq. (4.66) becomes

$$\rho \frac{DV}{Dt} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \rho g \frac{dz}{ds}$$

or

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - g \frac{dz}{ds} \quad (4.67)$$

Equation (4.67) is the *Euler's equation along a streamline*.

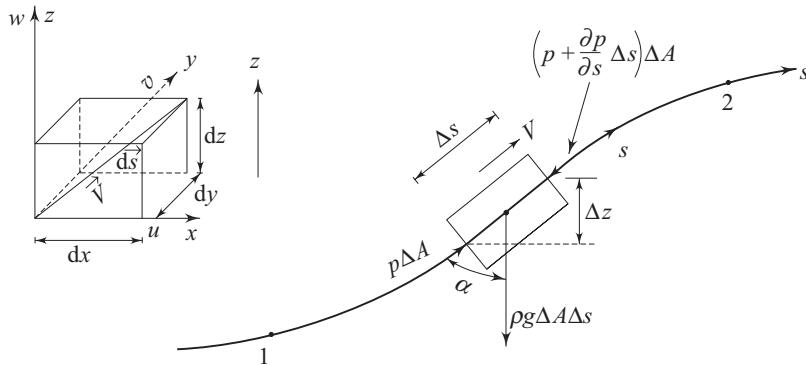


Fig. 4.23 Force balance on a moving element along a streamline

Equation (4.67) can also be derived by modification of Eqs (4.64a), (4.64b) and (4.64c) for the streamline coordinate  $\vec{s}$ . Let us consider  $d\vec{s}$  along the streamline so that

$$d\vec{s} = \vec{i} dx + \vec{j} dy + \vec{k} dz$$

Again, we can write (Fig. 4.23),

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = \frac{u}{V}, \frac{dy}{ds} = \frac{v}{V} \text{ and } \frac{dz}{ds} = \frac{w}{V}$$

We know that the equation of a streamline is given by

$$\vec{V} \times d\vec{s} = 0$$

or

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u & v & w \\ dx & dy & dz \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ which finally leads to}$$

$$u dy = v dx; \quad u dz = w dx; \quad \text{and} \quad v dz = w dy$$

Multiplying Eqs (4.64a), (4.64b) and (4.64c) by  $dx$ ,  $dy$  and  $dz$  respectively and then substituting the above mentioned equalities, we get

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{ds}{V} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} dz \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + X_x dx$$

$$\rho \left( v \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{ds}{V} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} dz \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy + X_y dy$$

$$\rho \left( w \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{ds}{V} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} dx + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} dy + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} dz \right) = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz + X_z dz$$

From addition of these three equations, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho \left[ \frac{ds}{V} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{w^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{w^2}{2} \right) dx \right. \\ & + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{w^2}{2} \right) dy + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{u^2}{2} + \frac{v^2}{2} + \frac{w^2}{2} \right) dz \left. \right] \\ & = - \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \right) - \rho g dz \end{aligned}$$

(It is assumed that gravity is the only body force field)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } & \rho \left[ \frac{ds}{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{V^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{V^2}{2} \right) dx + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{V^2}{2} \right) dy + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \frac{V^2}{2} \right) dz \right] \\ & = - \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \right) - \rho g dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } & \rho \left[ \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{ds} \right) \right] \\ & = - \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{ds} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{dz}{ds} \right) - \rho g \frac{dz}{ds} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \rho \left[ \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial s} \right] = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \rho g \frac{dz}{ds}$$

This form of Euler's equation is more popular because the velocity vector in a flow field is always directed along the streamline.

#### Euler's Equations in Different Conventional Coordinate Systems

Coordinate System	Euler's Equation (Equation of motion for an inviscid flow)	
Rectangular	$x$ direction	$\frac{Du}{Dt} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + X_x$
Cartesian coordinate (Fig. 4.22)	$y$ direction	$\frac{Dv}{Dt} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + X_y$
	$z$ direction	$\frac{Dw}{Dt} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + X_z$

(Contd.)

Cylindrical polar coordinate (Fig. 4.7)	$r$ direction	$\frac{DV_r}{Dt} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + X_r$
	$\theta$ direction	$\frac{DV_\theta}{Dt} + \frac{V_r V_\theta}{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho r} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + X_\theta$
	$z$ direction	$\frac{DV_z}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + X_z$
Spherical polar Coordinate (Fig. 3.1)	$R$ direction	$\frac{DV_R}{Dt} - \frac{V_\phi^2 + V_\theta^2}{R} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial R} + X_R$
	$\theta$ direction	$\frac{DV_\theta}{Dt} + \frac{V_R V_\theta}{R} + \frac{V_\phi V_\theta \cot \phi}{R} = -\frac{1}{R \sin \phi} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + X_\theta$
	$\phi$ direction	$\frac{DV_\phi}{Dt} + \frac{V_R V_\phi}{R} - \frac{V_\theta^2 \cot \phi}{R} = -\frac{1}{\rho R} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \phi} + X_\phi$

Euler's equation in different coordinate systems can be derived either by expanding the acceleration and pressure gradient terms of Eq. (4.64d), or by the application of Newton's second law to a fluid element appropriate to the coordinate system.

#### 4.5.2 A Control Volume Approach for the Derivation of Euler's Equation

It can be mentioned in this context that Euler's equations of motion (Eqs 4.64a to 4.64c) which were derived in Sec. 4.5 by the use of Newton's second law for a control mass system can also be derived by the use of the momentum theorem for a control volume as follows:

In a fixed  $x, y, z$  axes (the rectangular cartesian coordinate system), the parallelopiped which was taken earlier as a control mass system is now considered as a control volume (Fig. 4.24).

The velocity vector  $\vec{V}$  and the body force vector per unit volume  $\rho \vec{X}$  are defined as

$$\vec{V} = \vec{i} u + \vec{j} v + \vec{k} w$$

$$\rho \vec{X} = \vec{i} \rho X_x + \vec{j} \rho X_y + \vec{k} \rho X_z$$

The rate of  $x$  momentum influx to the control volume through the face  $ABCD$  is equal to  $\rho u^2 dy dz$ . The rate of  $x$  momentum efflux from the control volume through the face  $EFGH$  equals to

$$\rho u^2 dy dz + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u^2 dy dz) dx$$

Therefore the rate of net efflux of  $x$  momentum from the control volume due to the faces perpendicular to the  $x$  direction (faces  $ABCD$  and  $EFGH$ ) =  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho u^2) dV$ .

where,  $dV$ , the elemental volume =  $dx dy dz$ .

Similarly, the rate of net efflux of  $x$  momentum due to the faces perpendicular to the  $y$  direction (face  $BCGF$  and  $ADHE$ )

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\rho u v) dV$$

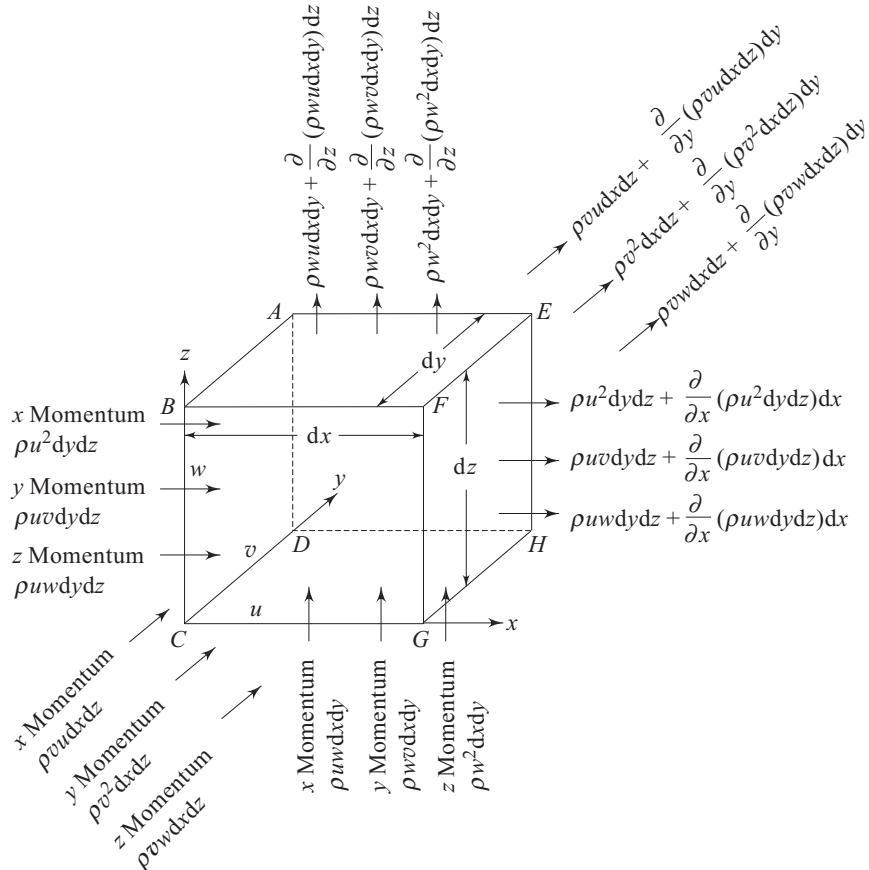


Fig. 4.24 A control volume used for the derivation of Euler's equation

and the rate of net efflux of  $x$  momentum due to the faces perpendicular to the  $z$  direction (faces  $DCGH$  and  $ABFE$ ) =  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\rho uw) dV$ .

Hence, the net rate of  $x$  momentum efflux from the control volume becomes,

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho u^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho u v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho u w) \right] dV$$

The time rate of increase in  $x$  momentum in the control volume can be written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u dV) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u) dV \quad (\text{since } dV, \text{ by the definition of control volume, is invariant with time})$$

Applying the principle of momentum conservation to a control volume we get

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho u) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho u v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho u w) = \rho X_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \quad (4.68a)$$

The equations in other directions  $y$  and  $z$  can be obtained in a similar way by considering the  $y$  momentum and  $z$  momentum fluxes through the control volume as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u v) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho v w) = \rho X_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \quad (4.68b)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho w) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho u w) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v w) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho w^2) = \rho X_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \quad (4.68c)$$

The typical form of Euler's equations given by Eqs (4.68a), (4.68b) and (4.68c) is known as the conservative form. It can be shown, with the help of the continuity equation (Eq. 4.2), that the Eqs (4.68a), (4.68b) and (4.68c) are identical to the Eqs (4.64a), (4.64b) and (4.64c) respectively.

## 4.6 CONSERVATION OF ENERGY

The principle of conservation of energy for a control mass system is described by the first law of thermodynamics which state that the heat  $Q$  added to a control mass system, minus the work done  $W$  by the control mass system, equals to the change in its internal energy ' $E$ ' that depends only upon the initial and final states of the system. The first law in the form of an equation is written as

$$Q - W = \Delta E = E_2 - E_1 \quad (4.69a)$$

Equation (4.69a) can be expressed on the time rate basis as

$$\frac{\delta Q}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta W}{\delta t} = \frac{dE}{dt} \quad (4.69b)$$

Where  $\delta Q$  and  $\delta W$  are the amount of heat added and work done respectively during a time interval of  $\delta t$ .

To develop the analytical statement for the conservation of energy of a control volume, the Eq. (4.25) is used with  $N = E$  (the internal energy) and  $\eta = e$  (the internal energy per unit mass) along with the Eq. (4.69b). This gives

$$\frac{\delta Q}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta W}{\delta t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{CV} \rho e dV + \iiint_{CS} \rho e \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.70)$$

The Eq. (4.70) is known as the general energy equation for a control volume. The first term on the right hand side of the equation is the time rate of increase in the internal energy within a control volume and the second term is the net rate of energy efflux from the control volume. Now we will describe the different forms of energy associated with moving fluid elements comprising a control volume.

**Potential energy** The concept of potential energy in a fluid is essentially the same as that of a solid mass. The potential energy of a fluid element arises from its existence in a conservative body force field. This field may be a magnetic, electrical, etc. In the absence of any of such external force field, the earth's gravitational effect is the only cause of potential energy. If a fluid mass  $m$  is stored in a reservoir and its C.G. is at a vertical distance  $z$  from an arbitrary horizontal datum plane, then the potential energy is  $mgz$  and the potential energy per unit mass is  $gz$ . The arbitrary datum does not play a vital role since the difference in potential energy, instead of its absolute value, is encountered in different practical purposes.

**Kinetic energy** If a quantity of a fluid of mass  $m$  flows with a velocity  $V$ , being the same throughout its mass, then the total kinetic energy is  $mV^2/2$  and the kinetic energy per unit mass is  $V^2/2$ . For a stream of real fluid, the velocities at different points will not be the same. If  $V$  is the local component of velocity along the direction of flow for a fluid flowing through an open channel or closed conduit of cross-sectional area  $A$ , the total kinetic energy at any section is evaluated by summing up the kinetic energy flowing through differential areas as

$$K.E. = \int_A \frac{\rho V^3}{2} dA$$

The average velocity at a cross-section in a flowing stream is defined on the basis of volumetric flow rate as,

$$V_{av} = \frac{\int V dA}{A}$$

The kinetic energy per unit mass of the fluid is usually expressed as  $\alpha(V_{av}^2/2)$  where  $\alpha$  is known as the *kinetic energy correction factor*. Therefore, we can write

$$\alpha \frac{V_{av}^2}{2} \rho V_{av} A = \int_A \frac{V^3 \rho}{2} dA$$

$$= A^2 \int V^3 \rho dA$$

Hence,

$$\alpha = \frac{A}{\rho \left[ \int_A V dA \right]^3} \quad (4.71a)$$

For an incompressible flow,

$$\alpha = \frac{A^2 \int V^3 dA}{\left[ \int V dA \right]^3} \quad (4.71b)$$

In case of a laminar fully developed incompressible flow through a pipe, the value of  $\alpha$  becomes 2. For a turbulent flow through a pipe, the value of  $\alpha$  usually varies from 1.01 to 1.15. In the absence of a prior knowledge about the velocity distribution, the value of  $\alpha$ , in most of the practical analyses, is taken as unity.

**Intermolecular energy** The intermolecular energy of a substance comprises the potential energy and kinetic energy of the molecules. The potential energy arises from intermolecular forces. For an ideal gas, the potential energy is zero and the intermolecular energy is, therefore, due to only the kinetic energy of molecules. The kinetic energy of the molecules of a substance depends on its temperature.

**Flow work** This is the work done by a fluid to move against pressure. For a flowing stream, a layer of fluid at any cross-section has to push the adjacent neighbouring layer at its downstream in the direction of flow to make its way through and thus does work on it. The amount of work done can be calculated by considering a small amount of fluid mass  $A_1 \rho_1 dx$  to cross the surface  $AB$  from left to right (Fig. 4.25). The work done by this mass of fluid then becomes equal to  $p_1 A_1 dx$  and thus the flow work per unit mass can be expressed as

$$p_1 A_1 dx / A_1 \rho_1 dx = p_1 / \rho_1$$

where  $p_1$  is the pressure at section  $AB$  (Fig. 4.25)

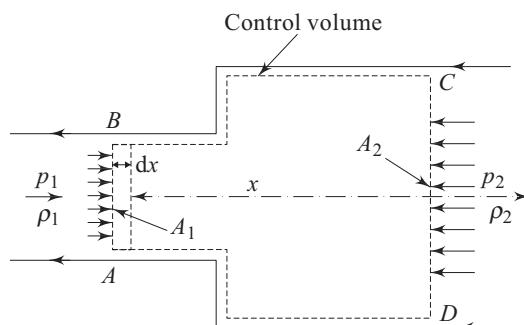


Fig. 4.25 Work done by a fluid to flow against a pressure

Therefore the flow work done per unit mass by a fluid element entering the control volume  $ABCDA$  (Fig. 4.25) is  $p_1 / \rho_1$ . Similarly, the flow work done per unit mass by a fluid element leaving the control volume across the surface  $CD$  is  $p_2 / \rho_2$ . In introducing an amount of fluid inside the control volume, the work done against the frictional force at the wall can be shown to be small as compared to the work done against the pressure force, and hence it is not included in the flow work.

Although ‘flow work’ is not an intrinsic form of energy, it is sometimes referred to as ‘pressure energy’ from a view point that by virtue of this energy a mass of fluid having a pressure  $p$  at any location is capable of doing work on its neighbouring fluid mass to push its way through.

**Steady flow energy equation** The energy equation for a control volume is given by Eq. (4.70). At steady state, the first term on the right hand side of the equation becomes zero and it becomes

$$\frac{\delta Q}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta w}{\delta t} = \iiint_{CS} \mathbf{r} \cdot e \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.72)$$

In consideration of all the energy components including the flow work (or pressure energy) associated with a moving fluid element, one can substitute ‘ $e$ ’ in Eq. (4.72) as

$$e = u + \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz$$

and finally we get

$$\frac{\delta Q}{\delta t} - \frac{\delta w}{\delta t} = \iiint_{CS} \left( u + \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz \right) \mathbf{r} \cdot \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad (4.73)$$

The Eq. (4.73) is known as steady flow energy equation.

#### 4.6.1 Bernoulli's Equation: Energy Equation of an Ideal Flow along a Streamline

Euler's equation (the equation of motion of an inviscid fluid) along a stream line for a steady flow with gravity as the only body force can be written according to Eq. (4.67) as

$$V \frac{dV}{ds} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{ds} - g \frac{dz}{ds} \quad (4.74)$$

Application of a force through a distance  $ds$  along the streamline would physically imply work interaction. Therefore an equation for conservation of energy along a streamline can be obtained by integrating the Eq. (4.74) with respect to  $ds$  as

$$\int V \frac{dV}{ds} ds = - \int \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{ds} ds - \int g \frac{dz}{ds} ds$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{V^2}{2} + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} + gz = C \quad (4.75)$$

Where  $C$  is a constant along a streamline. In case of an incompressible flow, Eq. (4.75) can be written as

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gz = C \quad (4.76)$$

The Eqs (4.75) and (4.76) are based on the assumption that no work or heat interaction between a fluid element and the surrounding takes place. The first term of the Eq. (4.76) represents the flow work per unit mass, the second term represents the kinetic energy per unit mass and the third term represents the potential energy per unit mass. Therefore the sum of three terms in the left hand side of Eq. (4.76) can be considered as the total mechanical energy per unit mass which remains constant along a streamline for a steady inviscid and incompressible flow of fluid. Hence the Eq. (4.76) is also known as *Mechanical energy equation*. This equation was developed first by Daniel Bernoulli in 1738 and is therefore referred to as *Bernoulli's equation*. Each term in the Eq. (4.76) has the dimension of energy per unit mass. The equation can also be expressed in terms of energy per unit weight as

$$\frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = C_1 \text{ (constant)} \quad (4.77)$$

In a fluid flow, the energy per unit weight is termed as head. Accordingly, the three terms in the left hand side of the Eq. (4.77), in their order from left to right, are interpreted as pressure head (pressure energy or flow work per unit weight), velocity head (kinetic energy per unit weight) and potential head (potential energy per unit weight). The sum of these three terms is known as total head (total energy per unit weight).

#### 4.6.2 Bernoulli's Equation with Head Loss

The derivation of mechanical energy equation for a real fluid depends much on the information about the frictional work done by a moving fluid element and is excluded from the scope of the book. However, in many practical situations, problems related to real fluids can be analysed with the help of a modified form of Bernoulli's equation as

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_f \quad (4.78)$$

where,  $h_f$  represents the frictional work done (the work done against the fluid friction) per unit weight of a fluid element while moving from a station 1 to 2 along a streamline in the direction of flow. The term  $h_f$  is usually referred to as head loss between 1 and 2, since it amounts to the loss in total mechanical energy per unit weight between points 1 and 2 on a streamline due to the effect of fluid friction or viscosity. It physically signifies that the difference in the total mechanical energy between stations 1 and 2 is dissipated into intermolecular or thermal energy and is expressed as loss of head  $h_f$  in Eq. (4.78). The term head loss, is conventionally symbolized as  $h_L$  instead of  $h_f$  in dealing with practical problems. For an inviscid flow  $h_L = 0$ , and the total mechanical energy is constant along a streamline.

## Summary

- A control mass or closed system is characterised by a fixed quantity of mass of a given identity, while in an open system or control volume mass may change continuously due to the flow of mass across the system boundary.
- Continuity equation is the equation of conservation of mass in a fluid flow. The general form of the continuity equation for an unsteady compressible flow is given by

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0$$

where,  $\vec{V}$  is the velocity vector.

- The concept of stream function is a consequence of continuity. In a two dimensional incompressible flow, the difference in stream functions between two points gives the volume flow rate (per unit width in a direction perpendicular to the plane of flow) across any line joining the points. The value of stream function is constant along a streamline.
- *Reynolds transport theorem* states the relation between equations applied to a system and those applied to a control volume. The statement of the law of conservation of momentum as applied to a control volume is known as *momentum theorem*. This theorem states that the resultant force (or torque) acting on a control volume is equal to the time rate of increase in linear momentum (or angular momentum) within the control volume plus the rate of net efflux of linear momentum (or angular momentum) from the control volume.
- The equation of motion (conservation of momentum) of an inviscid flow is known as *Euler's equation*. The general form of Euler's equation is given by  $\rho D\vec{V}/Dt = \rho \vec{X} - \nabla p$ , where  $\vec{X}$  is the body force vector per unit mass and  $\vec{V}$  is the velocity vector. Euler's equation along a streamline, with gravity as the only body force, can be written as

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial s} - \rho g \frac{dz}{ds}$$

where  $s$  represents the coordinate along the streamline.

- A fluid element in motion possesses intermolecular energy, kinetic energy and potential energy. The work required by a fluid element to move against pressure is known as flow work. It is loosely termed as pressure energy. The shaft work is the work interaction between the control volume and the surrounding that takes place by the action of shear force such as the torque exerted on a rotating shaft. The equation for conservation of energy of a steady, inviscid and incompressible flow in a conservative body force field is known as *Bernoulli's*

equation. Bernoulli's equation in the case of gravity as the only body force field is given by

$$\frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = C$$

The value of  $C$  remains constant along a streamline.

- The loss of mechanical energy due to friction in a real fluid is considered in Bernoulli's equation as

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_f$$

where,  $h_f$  is the frictional work done or loss of mechanical energy due to friction per unit weight of a fluid element while moving from station 1 to 2 along a streamline. The term  $h_f$  is usually referred to as *head loss*.

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## Solved Examples

**Example 4.1** Does a velocity field given by

$$\vec{V} = 5x^3 \vec{i} - 15x^2 y \vec{j} + t \vec{k}$$

represent a possible incompressible flow of fluid?

**Solution** In order to check for a physically possible incompressible fluid flow, one has to look for its compliance with the equation of continuity.

The continuity equation (in differential form) for a three dimensional incompressible flow can be written as

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

Here,  $u = 5x^3$ ,  $v = -15x^2 y$  and  $w = t$ ,

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 15x^2, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -15x^2 \text{ and } \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

which, on substitution in the continuity equation satisfies it for all  $x, y, z$  and  $t$  values. This shows that the above velocity field represents a physically possible incompressible flow.

**Example 4.2** Which of the following sets of equations represent possible two-dimensional incompressible flows?

- (a)  $u = x + y$ ;  $v = x - y$

- (b)  $u = x + 2y; v = x^2 - y^2$
- (c)  $u = 4x + y; v = x - y^2$
- (d)  $u = xt + 2y; v = x^2 - yt^2$
- (e)  $u = xt^2; v = xyt + y^2$

**Solution** The continuity equation (in differential form) for a two dimensional

incompressible flow is  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$

(a)  $u = x + y \quad v = x - y; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 1 + (-1) = 0$

two-dimensional incompressible flow is possible.

(b)  $u = x + 2y, \quad v = x^2 - y^2; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 1 - 2y$

not possible

(c)  $u = 4x + y, \quad v = x - y^2; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 4 - 2y$

not possible

(d)  $u = xt + 2y, \quad v = x^2 - yt^2; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = t - t^2$

not possible

(e)  $u = xt^2, \quad v = xyt + y^2; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = t^2 + xt + 2y$

not possible

**Example 4.3** For a flow in the  $xy$  plane, the  $y$  component of velocity is given by

$$v = y^2 - 2x + 2y$$

Determine a possible  $x$  component for a steady, incompressible flow. How many possible  $x$  components are there?

**Solution** The flow field is steady and incompressible. Therefore, from continuity

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

or,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$

now,  $-\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^2 - 2x + 2y) = -(2y + 2) = -2y - 2$

Hence,  $u = \int \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx = \int -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dx = \int -(2y + 2) dx$   
 $= -2yx - 2x + f(y)$

There are infinite number of possible  $x$  components, since  $f(y)$  is arbitrary. The simplest one would be found by setting  $f(y) = 0$ .

**Example 4.4** A stream function is given by

$$\Psi = 2x^2y + (3 + t)y^2$$

Find the flow rates across the faces of the triangular prism  $OAB$ , shown in Fig. 4.26, having a thickness of 1 unit in the  $z$  direction at time  $t = 1$ .

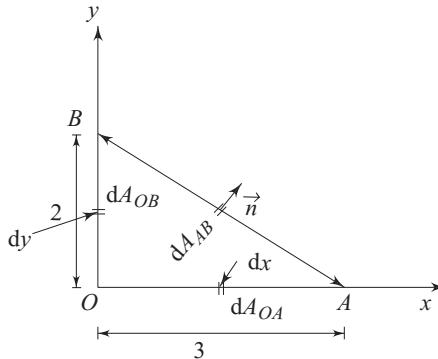


Fig. 4.26 The faces of a triangular prism

**Solution** The velocity field corresponding to the given stream function can be written according to Eqs (4.15a) and (4.15b) as

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = 2x^2 + 2(3+t)y$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -4xy$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are the velocity components along the  $x$  and  $y$  directions respectively.

At  $t = 1$

$$(u)_{t=1} = 2x^2 + 8y$$

$$(v)_{t=1} = -4xy$$

The volume flow rate across the face perpendicular to the  $x$  direction and with the edge  $OB$  as seen in the  $x$ - $y$  plane is found as

$$Q_{OB} = \int_{A_{OB}} (u)_{t=1} \, dA_{OB} = \int_0^2 8y \, dy = 16 \text{ units}$$

Similarly, the flow rate across the face with edge  $OA$  (as seen in  $x$ - $y$  plane) and perpendicular to the  $y$  direction becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{OA} &= \int_{A_{OA}} (v)_{t=1} \, dA_{OA} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the  $z$  component of velocity is zero, the volume flow rates across the faces perpendicular to the  $z$  direction (i.e. face  $OAB$  and the face parallel to it and separated by a unit distance) become zero.

Volume flow rate across the inclined face with  $AB$  as the edge seen on the  $x$ - $y$  plane can be written as

$$Q_{AB} = \int \vec{n} \, dA_{AB} \cdot \vec{V} \quad (4.79)$$

where  $\vec{n}$  is the unit vector along the normal to the element of surface  $dA_{AB}$ , taken positive when directed outwards as shown in Fig. 4.26. Hence, we can write Eq. (4.79) as

$$Q_{AB} = \int_{A_{AB}} [\vec{i} dy + \vec{j} dx] \cdot [\vec{i}(2x^2 + 8y) + \vec{j}(-4xy)]$$

(where,  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$  are the unit vectors along  $x$  and  $y$  direction respectively)

$$= \int_{A_{AB}} [2x^2 + 8y] dy + \int_{A_{AB}} (-4xy) dx \quad (4.80)$$

Again from the geometry,

$$\frac{y}{3-x} = \frac{2}{3}$$

along the surface  $AB$ .

Using the relation in Eq. (4.80), we get

$$Q_{AB} = \int_0^2 \left[ 2\left(3 - \frac{3}{2}y\right)^2 + 8y \right] dy - \int_0^3 4\left(2 - \frac{2}{3}x\right)x dx = 16 \text{ units}$$

**Example 4.5** An incompressible flow around a circular cylinder of radius  $a$ , is represented by the stream function

$$\psi = -Ur \sin \theta + \frac{Ua^2 \sin \theta}{r}$$

where  $U$  represents the free stream velocity. Show that  $V_r$  (the radial component of velocity) = 0 along the circle,  $r = a$ . Find the values of  $\theta$  at  $r = a$ , where  $|\vec{V}| = U$ .

**Solution** In a polar coordinate system,

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}, \quad V_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

$$\text{So, } V_r = \frac{1}{r} \left[ -Ur \cos \theta + \frac{Ua^2}{r} \cos \theta \right] = -U \cos \theta \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right)$$

$$\text{and } V_\theta = \left[ U \sin \theta + \frac{Ua^2}{r^2} \sin \theta \right] = U \sin \theta \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right)$$

at  $r = a$ ,  $V_r = 0$  for all values of  $\theta$  and  $V_\theta = 2U \sin \theta$

Therefore, along the circle  $r = a$ ,  $|\vec{V}| = |V_\theta| = |2U \sin \theta|$

Putting  $|\vec{V}| = U$ , we get  $\sin \theta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ , i.e., when  $\theta = +30^\circ, 150^\circ, 210^\circ$  and  $330^\circ$ .

**Example 4.6** The velocity potential function for a flow is given by  $\phi = x^2 - y^2$ . Verify that the flow is incompressible and then determine the stream function for the flow.

**Solution**  $\phi = x^2 - y^2$

From the definition of velocity potential (to be discussed later on in Ch. 7, Sec 7.1),

$$\vec{V} = \nabla \phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \vec{j}$$

Therefore  $\vec{V} = 2x\vec{i} - 2y\vec{j}$ ,  $u = 2x, v = -2y$

Check for incompressible flow:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 2 - 2 = 0$

From the definition of stream function  $\psi$ ,

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}, \quad \psi = \int u dy = 2xy + f(x) + C_1$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}, \quad \psi = -\int v dx = 2xy + g(y) + C_2$$

comparing the two expressions for  $\psi$ , we find

$$f(x) = g(y) = 0$$

Hence,  $\psi = 2xy + C$

where,  $C$  is a constant.

**Example 4.7** The two plates separated by a distance  $b$  form a channel (Fig. 4.27). One of the plates is porous and the other one is impermeable. A flow takes place within the channel so that the  $x$  component velocity  $u$  is a function of  $x$  only and its value at the inlet is  $u_0$ . There is a uniform inflow  $v_0$  through the porous wall to the channel so that the velocity component  $v$  in the  $y$  direction within the channel is a function of  $y$  only. Considering the flow to be incompressible, find the expression of  $u$  as a function of  $x$ , and  $v$  as a function of  $y$ .

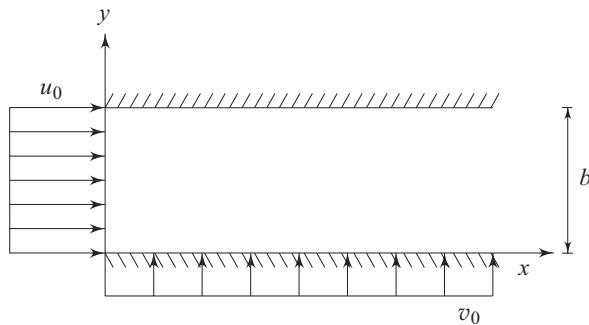


Fig. 4.27 Flow through a channel formed by two plates

**Solution** The equation of continuity at any point within the channel can be written as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad (4.81)$$

Since  $u$  is a function of  $x$  only and  $v$  is a function of  $y$  only, the equality of their derivatives, as expressed by the Eq. (4.81), would be valid provided both of them are equal to a constant. Hence, we can write

$$\frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{dv}{dy} = K \text{ (a constant)}$$

which give  $\frac{du}{dx} = K$  (4.82a)

$$\frac{dv}{dy} = -K \quad (4.82b)$$

Integration of Eqs (4.82a) and (4.82b) gives

$$u = Kx + C_1 \quad (4.83a)$$

$$v = -Ky + C_2 \quad (4.83b)$$

Using the boundary conditions

$$\text{at } x = 0 \quad u = u_0$$

$$\text{at } y = 0 \quad v = v_0$$

$$\text{and} \quad \text{at } y = b \quad v = 0$$

in Eqs (4.83a) and (4.83b), we have

$$C_1 = u_0, C_2 = v_0, K = v_0/b$$

Substituting the values of  $K$ ,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in Eqs (4.83a) and (4.83b), the final expressions for  $u$  and  $v$  are obtained as

$$u = u_0 + \frac{v_0}{b} x \quad \text{and} \quad v = v_0 - \frac{v_0}{b} y$$

**Example 4.8** What force components  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  are required to hold the black box of Fig. 4.28 stationary? Assume no mass to be accumulated inside the black box and all pressures are zero gauge.

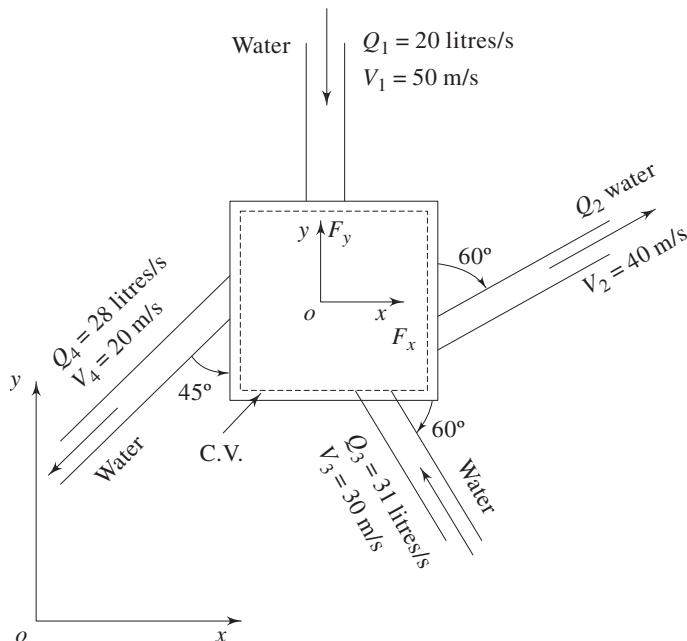


Fig. 4.28 A black box with inflows and outflows of water

**Solution** A control volume inscribing the black box is chosen for the analysis as shown in the figure. Since no mass is accumulated within the control volume, we can write

$$Q_2 + Q_4 - Q_1 - Q_3 = 0$$

or,  $Q_2 + (28 - 20 - 31) = 0$   
which gives  $Q_2 = 23 \text{ litres/s} = 23 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Applying momentum theorem for the control volume, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= \rho Q_2 (40 \cos 30^\circ) + \rho Q_4 (20 \cos 135^\circ) \\ &\quad - \rho Q_3 (30 \cos 120^\circ) - \rho Q_1 (0) \\ &= 10^3 \times 23 \times 10^{-3} \left( 40 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + 10^3 \times 28 \times 10^{-3} \left( -20 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &\quad - 10^3 \times 31 \times 10^{-3} \left( -30 \times \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= 865.76 \text{ N} \\ \text{and } F_y &= \rho Q_2 (40 \cos 60^\circ) + \rho Q_4 (20 \cos 135^\circ) - \rho Q_3 (30 \cos 30^\circ) \\ &\quad - \rho Q_1 (-50) \\ &= 10^3 \times 23 \times 10^{-3} \left( 40 \times \frac{1}{2} \right) + 10^3 \times 28 \times 10^{-3} \left( -20 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &\quad - 10^3 \times 31 \times 10^{-3} \left( 30 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) - 10^3 \times 20 \times 10^{-3} (-50) \\ &= 258.62 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  represent the force components along the positive directions of  $x$ - and  $y$ -axes (Fig. 4.28) acting on the fluid in the control volume. According to Newton's third law, the force components acting on the black box, as a reaction, will be  $-F_x$  and  $-F_y$ . Therefore, the forces components required to hold the box stationary will be  $F_x$  and  $F_y$ .

**Example 4.9** A tank and a trough are placed on a trolley as shown in Fig. 4.29. Water issues from the tank through a 50 mm diameter nozzle at 5 m/s and strikes the trough which turns it by  $45^\circ$  as shown. Determine the compression of the spring of stiffness 2 kN/m.

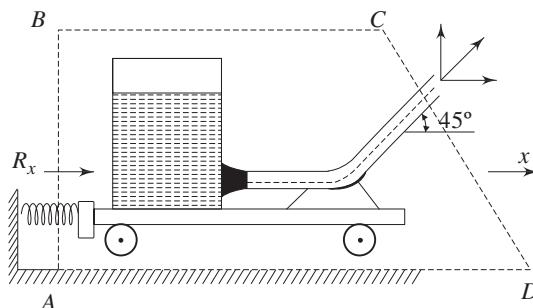


Fig. 4.29 A tank and a trough on a trolley with ejection of water jet from the tank

**Solution** Let the control volume be  $ABCD$  as shown in Fig. 4.29. The only external force acting on it is the spring reaction  $R_x$ . The control surface  $CD$  is chosen in a way that mass and momentum leave normal to  $CD$ .

$$\text{The mass flow rate } \dot{m} = 1000 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.05)^2 \times 5 = 9.82 \text{ kg/s}$$

Applying the momentum theorem to the control volume, we get

$$R_x = 9.82 \times 5 \cos 45^\circ - 0 = 34.72 \text{ N}$$

Hence the force acting on the spring  $= -R_x = -34.72 \text{ N}$  which tends to compress it. Therefore, the compression of the spring  $= 34.72/2000 = 0.01736 \text{ m} = 17.36 \text{ mm}$ .

**Example 4.10** Water flows in a circular pipe. At one section, the diameter is 0.3 m, the static pressure is 260 kPa gauge, the velocity is 3 m/s and the elevation is 10 m above ground level. The elevation at a section downstream is 0 m, and the pipe diameter is 0.15 m. Find the gauge pressure at the downstream section. Frictional effects may be neglected. Assume density of water to be 999 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Solution** From the continuity equation (integral form)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \rho dV + \int_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

For a steady flow,

$$\int_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

which gives for the present case,  $A_1 V_1 = A_2 V_2$ .

where,  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the cross-sectional areas at the upstream and downstream sections, and  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  are the corresponding velocities at those sections.

$$\text{Hence, } V_2 = \frac{A_1}{A_2} V_1 = \left( \frac{0.3}{0.15} \right)^2 \times 3 = 12 \text{ m/s}$$

Applying the Bernoulli's equation between upstream and downstream sections, we have

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2$$

$p_1$  (the pressure at upstream section) = 260 kN/m<sup>2</sup> gauge (given).

Therefore  $p_2$  (the pressure at the downstream section)

$$\begin{aligned} &= p_1 + \frac{\rho}{2} (V_1^2 - V_2^2) + \rho g(z_1 - z_2) \\ &= 260 \times 10^3 + \frac{999}{2} [(3)^2 - (12)^2] + 999 \times 9.81 \times 10 \\ &= 290.57 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa gauge} \\ &= 290.57 \text{ kPa gauge} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.11** Show that (i) the average velocity  $V$  in a circular pipe of radius  $r_0$

equals to  $2v_{\max} \left[ \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \right]$  and (ii) the kinetic energy correction factor  $\alpha =$

$$\frac{(k+1)^3 (k+2)^3}{4(3k+1)(3k+2)}, \text{ for a velocity distribution given by } v = v_{\max} (1 - r/r_0)^k.$$

**Solution** (i) Average velocity  $V$  is given by

$$V = \frac{\int_0^{r_0} v(2\pi r) dr}{\pi r_0^2} = \frac{2}{r_0^2} \int_0^{r_0} v_{\max} (1 - r/r_0)^k r dr$$

Let

$$1 - r/r_0 = z$$

hence,

$$r = r_0(1 - z) \quad \text{and} \quad dr = -r_0 dz$$

Substituting the variable  $r$  in terms of  $z$  in the above integral, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \frac{2v_{\max}}{r_0^2} \int_0^1 r_0^2 z^k (1 - z) dz = 2v_{\max} \left[ \frac{1}{(k+1)} - \frac{1}{(k+2)} \right] \\ &= 2v_{\max} \left[ \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Considering the flow to be incompressible, the kinetic energy correction factor can be written, following Eq. (4.71b), as

$$\alpha = \frac{(\pi r_0^2)^2 \int_0^{r_0} [v_{\max} (1 - r/r_0)^k]^3 (2\pi r) dr}{\left[ \int_0^{r_0} v_{\max} (1 - r/r_0)^k (2\pi r) dr \right]^3}$$

Substituting  $r$  in terms of  $z$  using the transformation  $(1 - r/r_0) = z$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{2r_0^4 v_{\max}^3 \int_0^1 r_0^2 z^{3k} (1 - z) dz}{8v_{\max}^3 \left[ \int_0^1 r_0^2 z^k (1 - z) dz \right]^3} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\left[ \frac{1}{(3k+1)} - \frac{1}{(3k+2)} \right]}{\left[ \frac{1}{(k+1)} - \frac{1}{(k+2)} \right]^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{(k+1)^3 (k+2)^3}{(3k+1)(3k+2)} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 4.12** A 45° reducing pipe-bend in a horizontal plane, (Fig. 4.30) tapers from 600 mm diameter at the inlet to 300 mm diameter at the outlet. The pressure at the inlet is 140 kPa gauge and the rate of flow of water through the bend is 0.425 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Neglecting friction, calculate the net resultant horizontal force exerted by the water on the bend. Assume uniform conditions with straight and parallel streamlines at inlet and outlet and the fluid to be frictionless.

**Solution** The inlet velocity  $V_1 = \frac{0.425 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{\frac{\pi}{4}(0.6 \text{ m})^2} = 1.503 \text{ m/s}$

The outlet velocity  $V_2 = \frac{0.425 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{\frac{\pi}{4}(0.3 \text{ m})^2} = 6.01 \text{ m/s}$

A control volume 12341 as shown is considered for the analysis.

From the Bernoulli's equation applied between sections 1 (inlet) and 2 (outlet)

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 &= p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_1^2 - V_2^2) \\ &= 1.4 \times 10^5 + \frac{1000}{2} [1.503]^2 - (6.01)^2 \\ &= 1.231 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 123 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

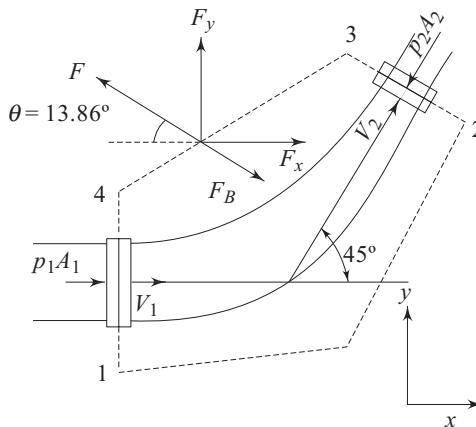


Fig. 4.30 A reducing pipe bend in a horizontal plane

Applying the momentum theorem to the control volume 12341 (Fig. 4.30), we have

$$p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 \cos 45^\circ + F_x = \rho Q (V_2 \cos 45^\circ - V_1)$$

$$\text{and } -p_2 A_2 \sin 45^\circ + F_y = \rho Q (V_2 \sin 45^\circ - 0)$$

where  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  are the forces in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions exerted by the bend on water in the control volume.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} 1.4 \times 10^5 \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) (0.6)^2 - 1.231 \times 10^5 \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) (0.3)^2 \cos 45^\circ + F_x \\ = 1000 (0.425) (6.01 \cos 45^\circ - 1.503) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} -1.231 \times 10^5 \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) (0.3)^2 \sin 45^\circ + F_y \\ = 1000 \times (0.425) (6.01 \sin 45^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

which give,

$$F_x = -32.26 \text{ kN}$$

$$F_y = 7.96 \text{ kN}$$

Therefore the resultant force on the water

$$F = [(32.26)^2 + (7.96)^2]^{1/2} = 33.23 \text{ kN}$$

The resultant force  $F$  acts in a direction, as shown in Fig. 4.30, making an angle of  $\tan^{-1} [7.96/32.26] = 13.86^\circ$  with the negative direction of  $x$ -axis. According to Newton's third law, the force  $F_B$  exerted on the bend is equal and opposite to the force  $F$  as shown in the figure.

**Example 4.13** An ejector pump shown in Fig. 4.31 uses a high speed water jet issuing from a pipe of area  $A_j$  to drag along the surrounding water such that the device works as a pump. If the velocity and pressure profiles are assumed uniform at any section, and the shear stress at the pipe wall is neglected, then show using the momentum theorem,

$$p_2 - p_1 = \rho (A_j/A_p) (1 - A_j/A_p) (V_1 - V_j)^2$$

where,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the uniform pressures at the inlet and outlet sections respectively as shown in the figure,  $V_j$  is the velocity of the jet,  $V_1$  is the velocity of water being dragged by the jet at the inlet and  $V_2$  is the velocity of flow at the outlet.

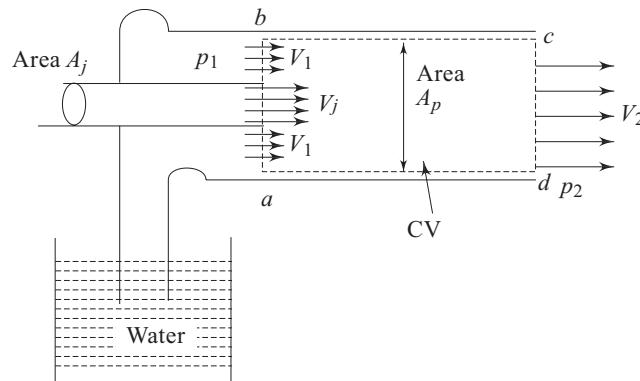


Fig. 4.31 An ejector pump

**Solution** A control volume  $abcd$  is chosen for the analysis as shown in Fig. 4.31. From the conservation of mass for the control volume at steady state, we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_j V_j + (A_p - A_j) V_1 &= A_p V_2 \\ \text{or,} \quad V_2 &= x V_j + (1 - x) V_1 \\ \text{where} \quad x &= A_j/A_p \end{aligned} \quad (4.84)$$

Applying momentum theorem to the control volume we have

$$\begin{aligned} (p_1 - p_2) A_p &= \rho A_p V_2 (V_2) - \rho A_j V_j (V_j) - \rho (A_p - A_j) V_1 (V_1) \\ \text{or,} \quad p_1 - p_2 &= \rho [V_2^2 - x V_j^2 - (1 - x) V_1^2] \end{aligned} \quad (4.85)$$

Substitution of the value of  $V_2$  from Eq. (4.84) in the Eq. (4.85) finally results in

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho} &= [x V_j + (1 - x) V_1]^2 - x V_j^2 - (1 - x) V_1^2 \\ &= -x(1 - x)V_1^2 + 2x(1 - x)V_1 V_j - x(1 - x)V_j^2 \\ &= -x(1 - x)(V_1 - V_j)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence,} \quad p_2 - p_1 = \rho \left( \frac{A_j}{A_p} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{A_j}{A_p} \right) (V_1 - V_j)^2$$

**Example 4.14** When it is raining and you have your new clothes on and no umbrella, some people say it is better to run and some say you should walk to keep drier. Suppose that it is raining straight down at a volume flux of  $10^{-5} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  per square metre of ground area, and you have to go 100 m in this rain. Assume an average droplet size of

1 mm<sup>3</sup> for which the velocity of rain fall equals to 5 m/s. If a human adult is approximately 2 m high by 1 m wide by 0.5 m deep, analyse the situation to decide whether you should walk at 1 m/s or run at 4 m/s to stay drier.

**Solution** A control volume enveloping the moving person is considered as shown in Fig. 4.32. The analysis is made with respect to a reference frame attached to the control volume. Therefore, rain appears to enter the control volume from both the top and the front side with velocities  $V_{\text{rain}}$  and  $V_0$  respectively as shown in Fig. 4.32, where  $V_{\text{rain}}$  and  $V_0$  are the velocities of the rain and the person respectively.

Hence the rate of flow received by the control volume becomes

$$Q = \zeta A_1 V_{\text{rain}} + \zeta A_2 V_0$$

where  $\zeta$  = area of concentration of the rain (square metre of rain per square metre of the total area).

Total rain water received is  $Q \Delta t$ .

where  $\Delta t = L/V_0$ ,  $L$  = distance to run.

Again,  $\zeta = q_{\text{rain}} / (V_{\text{rain}})$  (the volume flow rate of rain per unit area of the ground)/ $V_{\text{rain}}$ .

Therefore, the volume of rain water received is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V} &= Q \Delta t = L q_{\text{rain}} (A_1/V_0 + A_2/V_{\text{rain}}) \\ \text{at } V_0 = 1 \text{ m/s (walk)} \quad \mathcal{V} &= 100 (10^{-5}) (0.5/1 + 2.0/5) \\ &= 0.0009 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } V_0 = 4 \text{ m/s (run)} \quad \mathcal{V} &= 100 (10^{-5}) (0.5/4 + 2.0/5) \\ &= 0.000525 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

So you get about 40% less “wet” if you run.

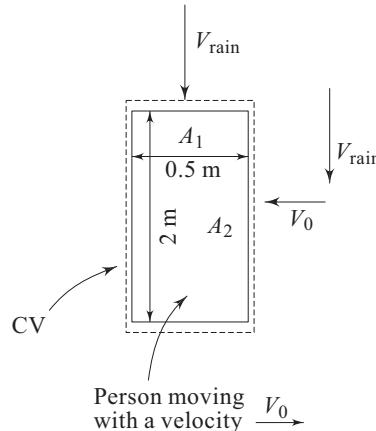


Fig. 4.32 A control volume enveloping the moving person as described in Example 4.14

**Example 4.15** A lawn sprinkler with two nozzles 5 mm in diameter each at 0.2 m and 0.15 m radii is connected across a tap capable of a discharge of 6 litres/minute. The nozzles discharge water upwards and outwards from the plane of rotation (Fig. 4.33). What torque will the sprinkler exert on the hand if held stationary, and at what angular velocity will it rotate free?

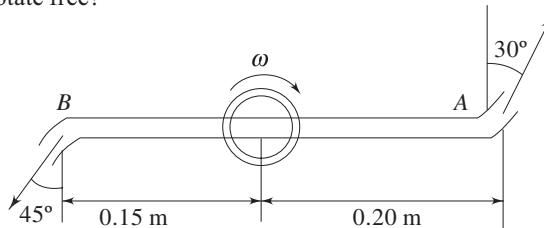


Fig. 4.33 A lawn sprinkler

**Solution** Assuming the discharge to be equally divided between the two nozzles,

$$Q_A = Q_B = 3 \times 10^{-3} / 60 = 50 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$V_A = V_B = 50 \times 10^{-6}/(\pi/4)(0.005)^2 = 2.54 \text{ m/s}$$

where,  $V_A$  and  $V_B$  are the flow velocities of water coming out from the nozzles.

Velocities in the circumferential directions (in the direction of rotation) are

$$V_{A\omega} = 2.54 \cos 30^\circ = 2.2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{B\omega} = 2.54 \cos 45^\circ = 1.8 \text{ m/s}$$

(a) When stationary, the torque due to the nozzle action can be found out from the principle of conservation of angular momentum as follows:

$$\text{for nozzle } A, \text{ the torque} = 1000 \times 50 \times 10^{-6} \times 2.2 \times 0.20 = 0.022 \text{ Nm}$$

$$\text{for nozzle } B, \text{ the torque} = 1000 \times 50 \times 10^{-6} \times 1.8 \times 0.15 = 0.013 \text{ Nm}$$

$$\text{Total torque due to nozzles } A \text{ and } B = 0.035 \text{ Nm}$$

(b) When rotating free, let the angular velocity be  $\omega$ . Now the absolute velocities of the nozzle discharge in the circumferential direction are

$$\text{for nozzle } A, \quad V_{OA} = (2.2 - 0.2\omega) \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{for nozzle } B, \quad V_{OB} = (1.8 - 0.15\omega) \text{ m/s}$$

There being no external moment, the angular momentum should be conserved, and hence,

$$\rho Q_A (2.2 - 0.2\omega) \times 0.20 - \rho Q_B (1.8 - 0.15\omega) \times 0.15 = 0$$

Cancelling  $\rho$  and using  $Q_A = Q_B$ ,  $\omega = 9.72 \text{ rad/s}$

**Example 4.16** A tank, shown in Fig. 4.34, has a nozzle of exit diameter  $D_1$  at a depth  $H_1$  below the free surface. At the side opposite to this nozzle, another nozzle of diameter  $D_2$  is attached to the tank at a depth of  $2H_1$  from the free surface. Find the diameter  $D_2$  in terms of  $D_1$  if the net horizontal force on the tank is zero. (Neglect the frictional effect.)

**Solution** The velocity of discharge from the nozzles can be found out by the application of Bernoulli's equation between the free surface and the exit planes of the nozzles.

For the nozzle 1,

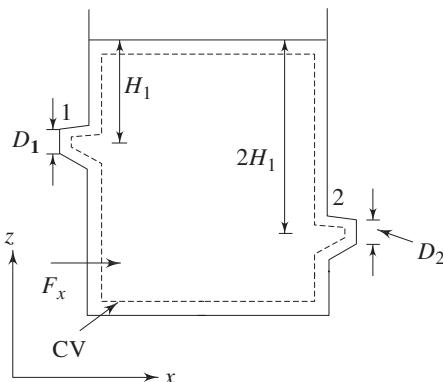


Fig. 4.34 A tank with exit nozzles on opposite sides

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho} + 0 + gH_1 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + 0 \quad [p_{\text{atm}} = \text{atmospheric pressure}]$$

$$\text{or,} \quad V_1 = (2gH_1)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{mass flow rate} \quad \dot{m}_1 = \rho V_1 \frac{\pi D_1^2}{4} = \frac{\rho \pi D_1^2}{4} (2gH_1)^{1/2}$$

Similarly for the nozzle 2,  $V_2 = [2g(2H_1)]^{1/2} = 2[gH_1]^{1/2}$

$$\text{and} \quad \dot{m}_2 = \frac{\rho \pi D_2^2}{4} 2(gH_1)^{1/2}$$

Let  $F_x$  be the horizontal force in the positive direction of  $x$  acting on the fluid mass in the control volume inscribing the tank as shown in Fig. 4.34. Applying the momentum theorem for the control volume

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= \dot{m}_1(-V_1) + \dot{m}_2 V_2 \\ &= -\left[ \frac{\rho \pi D_1^2}{4} (2gH_1)^{1/2} (2gH_1)^{1/2} \right] + \left[ \frac{\rho \pi D_2^2}{4} 2(gH_1)^{1/2} 2(gH_1)^{1/2} \right] \\ &= \frac{\rho \pi g H_1}{4} (-2D_1^2 + 4D_2^2) \end{aligned}$$

The net horizontal force acting on the tank, according to the problem, is zero, and therefore, we can write

$$\frac{\rho \pi g H_1}{4} (-2D_1^2 + 4D_2^2) = 0$$

from which we get

$$2D_1^2 - 4D_2^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or,} \quad D_1 = \sqrt{2} D_2$$

**Example 4.17** Find the net vertical force acting on the circular plate shown in Fig. 4.35a, if the water spreads radially on it. Neglect the weight of water on the plate. Assume the height of free water surface from the discharge plane to remain constant.

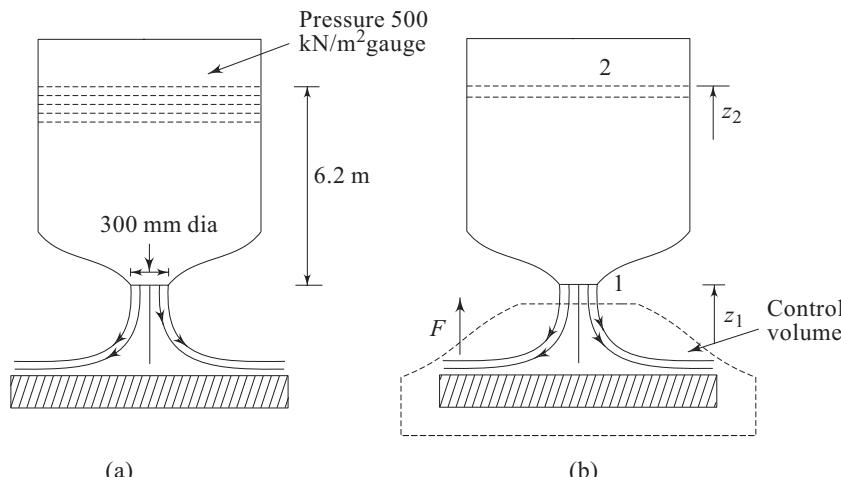


Fig. 4.35a Impingement of water jet and its radial spreading on a circular plate

Fig. 4.35b An appropriate control volume enveloping the incoming water jet and the plate

**Solution** The control volume for the analysis is shown in Fig. 4.35b. Applying Bernoulli's equation between Secs 1 and 2 (Fig. 4.35b), we get

$$p_2/\rho g + V_2^2/2g + z_2 = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + V_1^2/2g + z_1$$

Here,  $p_2 - p_{\text{atm}} = 5 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

$$V_2 \approx 0, \quad z_2 - z_1 = 6.2 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Hence, } V_1^2 = \frac{5 \times 10^5}{10^3} \times 2 + 6.2 \times 2 \times 9.81$$

$$\text{from which } V_1 = 33.49 \text{ m/s}$$

Applying the momentum equation in the control volume shown, we have

$$F = 0 - \dot{m}(-V_1) = \dot{m}V_1$$

Where  $F$  is the force acting on the control volume in a direction vertically upward.

Mass flow rate of water  $\dot{m} = \rho A_1 V_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } F &= \rho A_1 V_1^2 = 10^3 \times \frac{\pi(0.3)^2}{4} \times (33.49)^2 \\ &= 79.3 \times 10^3 \text{ N} = 79.3 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Newton's third law, a force of 79.3 kN will act on the plate in a direction vertically downward.

**Example 4.18** An impulse water turbine has a number of similar vanes one of which is shown in Fig. 4.36. Water strikes each vane as shown in the figure with a velocity of 31.4 m/s and at the rate of 0.05 m<sup>3</sup>/s. The mean vane speed is 10 m/s and the deflection angle by the vane for shockless discharge is 150° as shown. Calculate the output power for each vane. Consider atmospheric pressure throughout and the friction of vane reduces the relative velocity of water by 10%. (Take density of water  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ )

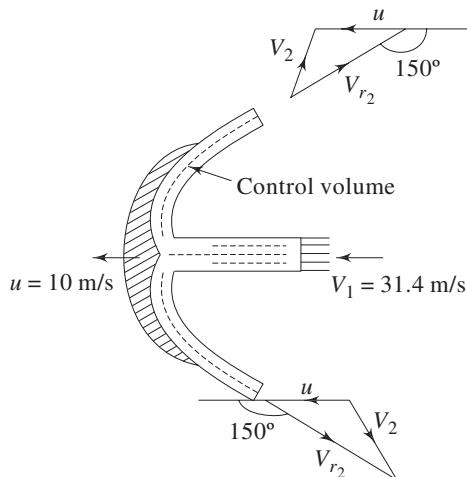


Fig. 4.36 Flow of water past a typical vane of an impulse water turbine

**Solution** Consider a control volume fixed to the vane as shown in the Fig. 4.36.

Velocity of water relative to the vane at its inlet is given by (Fig. 4.36)

$$V_{r1} = 31.4 - 10 = 21.4 \text{ m/s}$$

The velocity triangles at the outlets are also shown in Fig. 4.36.

Due to friction, as mentioned in the problem, the magnitude of the relative velocity at outlet is

$$|\bar{V}_{r2}| = 0.9 \times 21.4 = 19.26 \text{ m/s}$$

Applying the momentum theorem Eq. (4.33d) to the control volume as shown in Fig. 4.36.

$$\begin{aligned} F_x &= 2 \times \frac{1000 \times 0.05}{2} (-19.26 \cos 30^\circ) - 1000 \times 0.05 \times 21.4 \\ &= -1.904 \times 10^3 \text{ N} = -1.9 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_x$  is the force exerted on the control volume by the vane in its direction of motion. Minus sign indicates that the force  $F_x$  is in the opposite direction to that of vane's motion. Therefore, the force  $F_p$  exerted by the fluid on the vane is in the direction of motion and is equal in magnitude to that of  $F_x$

$$F_p = -F_x = 1.9 \text{ kN}$$

Hence, the output power  $P = 1.9 \text{ kN} \times 10 \text{ m/s} = 19 \text{ kW}$ .

**Example 4.19** A jet propelled boat with an absolute velocity of 8.7 m/s is moving upstream in a river. The stream is flowing with a velocity of 2.3 m/s. A jet of water is ejected astern at a relative velocity of 18 m/s. If the flow in jet is 1.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s, what thrust is developed on the boat? Find also the power to drive the boat and the efficiency of the propulsion device.

**Solution** The velocity of scooped water relative to the boat

$$v = (8.7 + 2.3) = 11 \text{ m/s}$$

Using Eq. (4.33d) we have, for the thrust on the boat,

$$F = 1.4 \times 10^3 (18 - 11) \text{ N} = 9.8 \text{ kN}$$

The power required to drive the boat is

$$P = 9.8 \times 8.7 = 85.26 \text{ kW}$$

The kinetic energy of the jet per second is

$$E = 0.5 \times 1.4 \times 10^3 (18 - 8.7)^2 \text{ W} = 60.54 \text{ kW}$$

Therefore the efficiency of propulsion is

$$\frac{P}{(P + E)} = \frac{85.26}{85.26 + 60.54} = 0.585 = 58.5\%$$

## Exercises

### 4.1 Choose the correct answer

- A flow field satisfying  $\nabla \cdot \bar{V} = 0$  as the continuity equation represents always a
  - steady and uniform flow
  - unsteady and non uniform flow

- (c) steady and incompressible flow
- (d) unsteady and incompressible flow
- (e) incompressible flow
- (ii) From the following statements, choose the correct one related to Bernoulli's equation

$$V^2/2 + p/\rho + gz = \text{constant}$$

- (a) The equation is valid for the steady flow of an incompressible ideal or real fluid along a stream tube.
- (b) The energy equation for the flow of a frictionless fluid of constant density along a streamline with gravity as the only body force.
- (c) The equation is derived from dynamic consideration involving gravity, viscous and inertia forces.
- (d) The constant in the equation varies across streamlines if the flow is irrotational.
- (iii) A control volume implies
  - (a) an isolated system
  - (b) a closed system
  - (c) a specific mass in a fluid flow
  - (d) a fixed region in space
- (iv) The Euler's equation of motion
  - (a) is a statement of energy balance
  - (b) is a preliminary step to derive the Bernoulli's equation
  - (c) statement of conservation of momentum for a real fluid
  - (d) statement of conservation of momentum for an incompressible flow
  - (e) statement of conservation of momentum for the flow of an inviscid fluid.

- 4.2 Do the flowing velocity components represent physically possible incompressible flow?

- (a)  $\vec{V} = 5x\vec{i} (3y + y^2)\vec{j}$
- (b)  $V_r = m/4\pi r, V_\theta = 0, V_z = 0$

[Ans. (a) No, (b) Yes]

- 4.3 For the flows represented by the following stream functions, determine the velocity components and check for the irrotationality,

- (a)  $\psi = xy,$
- (b)  $\psi = \ln(x^2 + y^2).$

[Ans. (a)  $u = x, v = -y$ ; irrotational flow

$$(b) u = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2}, v = \frac{-2x}{x^2 + y^2}; \text{ irrotational flow}$$

- 4.4 In a two-dimensional incompressible flow over a solid plate, the velocity component perpendicular to the plate is  $v = 2x^2 y^2 + 3y^3 x$ , where  $x$  is the coordinate along the plate and  $y$  is perpendicular to the plate. Hence find out
- (i) the velocity component along the plate
  - (ii) an expression for stream function and then verify whether the flow is irrotational or not.

$$\left[ \text{Ans. } u = -\frac{4}{3}x^3 y - \frac{9}{2}x^2 y^2, \psi = -\frac{2}{3}x^3 y^2 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 y^3; \text{ rotational} \right]$$

- 4.5 Water flows downward in a pipe of 600 mm diameter at the rate of  $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . It then enters a conical duct (Fig. 4.37) with porous walls such that there is a radial outflow with flow velocity varying linearly from zero at  $A$  to  $1.5 \text{ m/s}$  at  $B$ . What is the rate of flow at  $B$  coming out from the conical duct.

(Ans.  $0.587 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ )

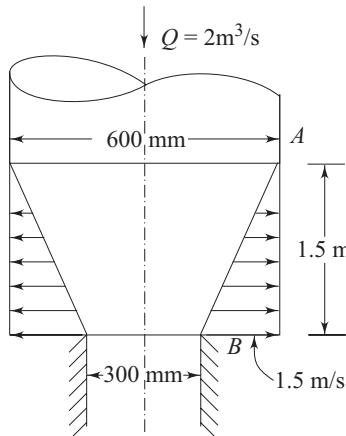


Fig. 4.37 Flow in a conical duct with porous wall

- 4.6 Consider a cube with 2 m edges parallel to the coordinate axes located in the first quadrant with one corner at the origin. By making use of the velocity distribution  $\vec{V} = 5x\vec{i} + 5y\vec{j} - 10z\vec{k}$ , find out the flow through each face and show that no mass is being accumulated within the cube if the fluid is of constant density.

[Ans.  $x$  faces (faces  $\perp$  to  $ox$ ):  $Q(\text{at } x = 0) = 0$ ,

$Q(\text{at } x = 2) = 40 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  outflow

$y$  faces (faces  $\perp$  to  $oy$ ):  $Q(\text{at } y = 0) = 0$

$Q(\text{at } y = 2) = 40 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  outflow

$z$  faces (faces  $\perp$  to  $oz$ ):  $Q(\text{at } z = 0) = 0$

$Q(\text{at } z = 2) = -80 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  inflow]

- 4.7 In a steady flow through a straight nozzle, the center line velocity changes from  $1 \text{ m/s}$  to  $10 \text{ m/s}$  in  $0.3 \text{ m}$  length. Determine the change in magnitude of convecting acceleration.

(Ans.  $270 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

- 4.8 A conical nozzle  $0.5 \text{ m}$  long converging from  $0.4 \text{ m}$  to  $0.2 \text{ m}$  diameter linearly is subjected to an outlet flow varying linearly from  $0$  to  $1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  in  $10$  seconds. Determine the total acceleration at the mid-length of the nozzle at the mid-time of variation. Assume uniform flow over each cross-section.

(Ans.  $135.20 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

- 4.9 A  $0.3 \text{ m}$  diameter pipe contains a short section in which the diameter is gradually reduced to  $0.15 \text{ m}$  and then enlarged again to  $0.3 \text{ m}$ . The  $0.15 \text{ m}$  section is  $0.6 \text{ m}$  below section A in the  $0.3 \text{ m}$  pipe where the pressure is  $517 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . If a differential manometer containing mercury is attached to the  $0.3 \text{ m}$  and  $0.15 \text{ m}$  section, what is the deflection of the manometer when the flow of water is  $0.12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  downward? Assume the flow to be inviscid.

(Ans.  $175 \text{ mm}$ )

- 4.10 At point A in a pipe line carrying water, the diameter is 1 m, the pressure is 98 kPa and the velocity is 1 m/s. At point B, 2 m higher than A, the diameter is 0.5 m and the pressure is 20 kPa. Determine the direction of flow.

(Ans. from A to B)

- 4.11 Prandtl has suggested that the velocity distribution for turbulent flow in conduits may be approximated by the equation  $v = v_{\max} (y/r_0)^{1/7}$ , where  $r_0$  is the pipe radius and  $y$  is the distance from the pipe wall. Determine (a) the expression of average velocity in terms of center line velocity in the conduits, and (b) the kinetic energy correction factor.

(Ans.  $V_{av} = 0.817 v_{\max}$ ,  $\alpha = 1.06$ )

- 4.12 A tornado may be modeled as a combination of vortices with  $v_r = v_z = 0$  and  $v_\theta = v_\theta(r)$  such that:  $v_\theta = \omega r$   $r \leq R$

$$v_\theta = \frac{\omega R^2}{r} \quad r \geq R$$

Determine whether the flow pattern is irrotational in either the inner or outer region. Using the  $r$ -momentum equation, determine the pressure distribution  $p(r)$  in the tornado. Assume  $p = p_\infty$  at  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . Find the location and magnitude of the lowest pressure.

[Ans. rotational for  $r \leq R$ , irrotational for  $r \geq R$

$$p = p_\infty - \rho \omega^2 R^2 \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{2R^2} \right) r \leq R$$

$$p = p_\infty - \frac{\rho \omega^2 R^2}{2} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^2 r \geq R$$

$p_{\min}$  is at  $r = 0$ ,  $p = p_\infty - \rho \omega^2 R^2$ ]

- 4.13 A tank with an inside cross sectional area  $0.1 \text{ m}^2$  has a mass of  $0.4 \text{ kg}$  when empty. The tank is placed on a scale and water flows in through an opening of  $0.01 \text{ m}^2$  area in the top with a velocity of  $2 \text{ m/s}$  and comes out horizontally through the two equal area openings in the sides as shown in Fig. 4.38. Under steady flow conditions, the height of water in the tank is  $0.6 \text{ m}$ . Determine the reading of the scale.

(Ans. 5.93 kN)

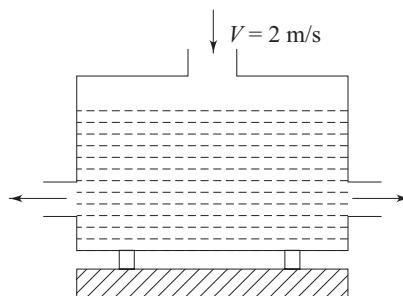


Fig. 4.38 Flow of water in a tank

- 4.14 An oil of specific gravity 0.85 flows through a vertical reducing bend (Fig. 4.39) at a rate of  $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and with a pressure of  $118 \text{ kN/m}^2$  while entering the bend at A. The diameter at A is  $0.4 \text{ m}$  and that at B is  $0.3 \text{ m}$ , and the volume between A and B is  $0.1 \text{ m}^3$ . Neglecting friction, find the force on the bend in magnitude and direction.

(Ans. 20.29 kN,  $12.47^\circ$  with vertical)

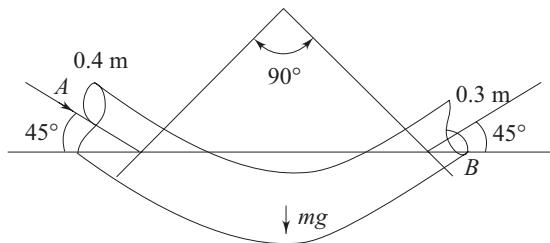


Fig. 4.39 A vertical reducing bend

- 4.15 An oil of specific gravity 0.8 flows through a  $90^\circ$  expanding pipe bend from 400 mm to 600 mm diameter. The pressure at the entrance to the bend is 130 kPa and the losses in the bend equals to  $0.6 V_1^2/2g$ , where  $V_1$  is the approach velocity. For a volumetric flow rate of oil of  $1.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , determine the force components (parallel and normal to the approach velocity) necessary to support the bend. Assume the plane of the bend to be horizontal.

(Ans. 9.96 kN, 41.03 kN)

- 4.16 Water is flowing through a tee in a horizontal plane, as shown in Fig. 4.40. Neglecting losses, determine the  $x$  and  $y$  components of force needed to hold the tee in place.

(Ans.  $F_x = -9.10 \text{ N}$ ,  $F_y = -5.48 \text{ N}$ )

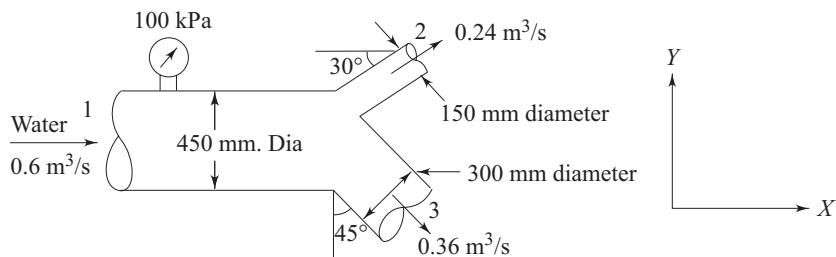


Fig. 4.40 A horizontal tee

- 4.17 Consider the flow of water past a  $(4 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m})$  plate as shown in Fig. 4.41. The velocity of water at the leading edge of the plate is uniform and has a value of 2 m/s. At the trailing edge of the plate, the velocity increases linearly from zero at the plate to 2 m/s at a distance of 80 mm from it and then becomes uniform as shown in the figure. Using the linear momentum theorem, calculate the drag force on the plate. Assume that the pressure is the same everywhere in the flow field.

(Ans. 106.66 N)

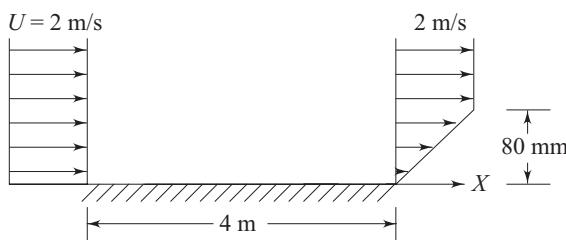


Fig. 4.41 Flow past a flat plate

- 4.18 Two different miscible liquids are mixed in a device as shown in Fig. 4.42. The device consists of a pipe of diameter 150 mm with a bend at one end. A smaller pipe of diameter 50 mm and negligible wall thickness is introduced into it as shown in the figure and a liquid of density  $800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  is pumped through it at a constant rate so that it comes out at Sec. 1 with a uniform velocity of 8 m/s. The other liquid of density  $900 \text{ kg/m}^3$  is pumped through the larger pipe and is having a uniform velocity of 4 m/s at Sec. 1. The pressure is the same in both the fluid streams at Sec. 1. At Sec. 2, the mixed stream has the same density, velocity and pressure at every location. The net resistive force acting along the pipe wall between the Secs 1 and 2 is estimated to be 50 N. Determine the pressure drop between the Secs 1 and 2. The density of mixed stream at Sec. 2 can be taken as the volume-average of the densities of two separate streams.

(Ans. 1.71 kPa)

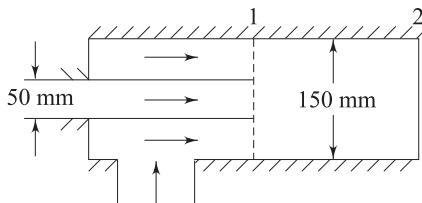


Fig. 4.42 A coaxial mixing device

- 4.19 What force  $F$  is required to hold the plate for a flow of oil of specific gravity 0.8 with a velocity  $V_0 = 30 \text{ m/s}$  (Fig. 4.43)

(Ans. 904.61 N)

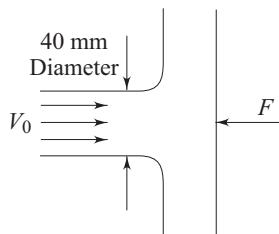


Fig. 4.43 Jet impingement on a flat plate

- 4.20 Water flowing at the rate of  $0.034 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  strikes a flat plate held normal to its path. If the force exerted on the plate in the direction of incoming water jet is 720 N, calculate the diameter of the stream of water.

(Ans. 45 mm)

- 4.21 A vertical jet is issuing upward from a nozzle with a velocity of 10 m/s. The fluid is an oil of density  $800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and the nozzle exit diameter is 60 mm. A flat horizontal plate bearing a total load of 200 N is supported only by the impact of the jet (Fig. 4.44). Determine the equilibrium height  $h$  of the plate above the nozzle exit. Neglect all losses.

(Ans. 1.12 m)

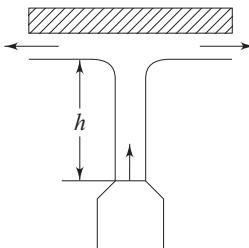


Fig. 4.44 A horizontal plate supported by a vertical jet

- 4.22 A square plate weighing 122 N, and of uniform thickness and 0.3 m edge, is hung such that it can swing freely about the upper horizontal edge. A 0.02 m diameter horizontal jet of water having a velocity of 15 m/s impinges on the plate. The centre line of the jet is 0.15 m below the upper edge of the plate, and, when the plate, is vertical, the jet strikes the plate normally at its centre. Find the force that must be applied at the lower edge of the plate in order to keep it vertical. Find also the inclination of the plate to the vertical when the plate is allowed to swing freely.

(Ans. 35.34 N, 35.4°)

- 4.23 A jet of water flows smoothly onto a stationary curved vane which turns it through 60°. The diameter of the jet at the entrance is 50 mm and the velocity is 36 m/s. The outlet velocity is reduced to 30 m/s due to the friction. Neglecting gravity effects, and considering that the jet is exposed fully to atmospheric pressure, estimate the magnitude and direction of the force exerted on the vane.

(Ans. 2361 N, 51° with the direction of the jet at inlet)

- 4.24 A jet of water with a velocity of 30 m/s impinges on a vane moving with a velocity of 12 m/s at 30° to the direction of motion. The vane angle at the outlet is 18°. Find (i) the vane angle at inlet so that the water enters without shock, and the (ii) efficiency of power transmission.

(Ans. 47°, 89.3%)

- 4.25 At what speed  $u$  should the cart of Fig. 4.45 move away from the jet in order to produce maximum power from the jet.

(Ans. 10 m/s)

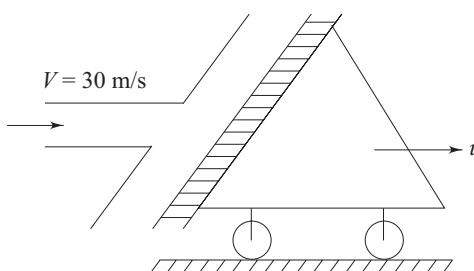


Fig. 4.45 A moving cart with impinging jet

- 4.26 It is intended to move a mass  $M$  on wheels by impinging a jet of water on a vane mounted on the mass as shown in Fig. 4.46. The total mass of  $M$  and the wheel is 350 kg, and the coefficient of rolling friction is 0.05. The vane angle at the top is horizontal, while at the bottom it is 30°. The jet velocity is 15 m/s and is discharged from a stationary nozzle of diameter 40 mm. Estimate the starting

acceleration of the mass in the horizontal direction when (a) the water jet enters the vane at the top and (b) the water jet enters through the bottom of the vane.

(Ans.  $1.037 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  $1.037 \text{ m/s}^2$ )

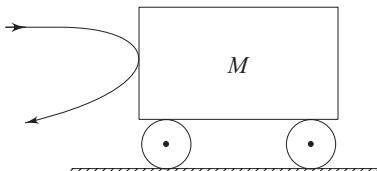


Fig. 4.46 A mass on a wheel with a vane mounted on it

- 4.27 In a river flowing at  $1.5 \text{ m/s}$ , a motor boat travels upstream at  $9 \text{ m/s}$  (relative to the land). The boat is powered by a jet propulsion unit which takes in water at the bow and discharges it (beneath the water surface) at the stern. The discharge velocity is  $18 \text{ m/s}$  relative to the boat. The flow through the unit is  $0.15 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and the engine produces  $21 \text{ kW}$ . Estimate the propulsive force and the overall propulsive efficiency.  
(Ans.  $1125 \text{ N}$ ,  $48.2\%$ )
- 4.28 A boat travelling at  $60 \text{ km/hr}$ . has a  $0.5 \text{ m}$  diameter propeller that discharges  $5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  through its blades. Determine the thrust on the boat, the theoretical efficiency of the propulsion system, and the power input to the propeller.  
(Ans.  $88 \text{ kN}$ ,  $65.45\%$ ,  $2.24 \text{ MW}$ )
- 4.29 A boat requires  $20 \text{ kN}$  thrust to keep it moving at  $30 \text{ km/hr}$ . The water for the propulsion system is taken from a tank inside the boat and is ejected from the stern through a pipe of  $500 \text{ mm}$  diameter. Find the required rate of discharge.  
(Ans.  $1.98 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ )
- 4.30 Air enters the intake duct of a jet engine at atmospheric pressure and at  $152 \text{ m/s}$ . Fuel air ratio of the engine is  $1/50$  by mass. The intake duct area is  $0.042 \text{ m}^2$  and the density of air is  $1.24 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . If the velocity of the exhaust gases relative to the aircraft is  $1525 \text{ m/s}$  and the exit pressure is atmospheric, what thrust is developed?  
(Ans.  $11.11 \text{ kN}$ )
- 4.31 A  $50 \text{ mm}$  diameter nozzle is attached to a tank and discharges a stream of oil of specific gravity  $0.80$  horizontal under a head of  $11 \text{ m}$ . What horizontal force is exerted on the tank?  
(Ans.  $338.97 \text{ N}$ )
- 4.32 A toy balloon of mass  $0.086 \text{ kg}$  is filled with air of density  $1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . The small filling tube of  $6 \text{ mm}$  bore is pointed vertically downwards and the balloon is released. Neglecting frictional effects, calculate the rate at which the air escapes if the initial acceleration of the balloon is  $15 \text{ m/s}^2$ .  
(Ans.  $0.009 \text{ kg/s}$ )
- 4.33 A jet propelled airplane travels at  $1000 \text{ km/hour}$ . It takes  $100 \text{ kg/s}$  of air, burns  $2 \text{ kg/s}$  of fuel and develops  $40 \text{ kN}$  of thrust. What is the velocity of the exhaust gas (relative to air plane)?  
(Ans.  $664.51 \text{ m/s}$ )
- 4.34 A fighter plane is climbing at an angle of  $\theta$  of  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal at constant speed of  $950 \text{ km/hour}$ . The plane takes in air at a rate of  $450 \text{ kg/s}$ . The fuel to air ratio by mass is  $1$  to  $40$ . The exit velocity of combustion products is  $1825 \text{ m/s}$

relative to the plane. If the plane changes to an inclination  $\theta$  of  $20^\circ$ , what will be the speed of the plane when it reaches again an uniform speed? The new engine settings are such that the same amount of air is taken in, the fuel air ratio is the same and the exhaust jet speed is the same relative to the plane. The plane weighs 130 kN. The drag force is proportional to the square of the speed of the plane, and the exhaust jet is at ambient pressure.

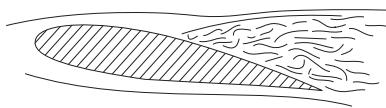
(Ans. 280.61 m/s)

4.35 Explain with reasons:

- (a) Can a jet engine travel faster than the velocity of the ejected gas relative to it?
- (b) Can a rocket do the same?

(Ans. a: No, b: Yes)

# 5



# Applications of Equations of Motion and Mechanical Energy

## 5.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapter 4, we have derived the conservation equations. While the continuity equation (equation of conservation of mass) has been discussed in general, the equation of motion has been derived only for an ideal fluid. However, in Chapter 8, the equation of motion for a viscous flow will be discussed. The mechanical energy equation of an ideal fluid has been derived in Chapter 4 by integrating the equation of motion along a streamline, and few applications of the conservation equations applied to a control volume have also been shown with reference to practical problems. In fact, design and analysis of a large number of practical problems are made through the application of conservation equations of ideal fluids. The frictional effects are usually considered by making use of certain empirical factors in the conservation equations of ideal fluids.

This chapter discusses the applications of conservation equations, namely, the equations of continuity, motion and mechanical energy to different classes of fluid flow problems of engineering interest. At the outset of this discussion, the Bernoulli's equation which has already been derived in Chapter 4, needs further description in relation to its implications in different situations of fluid flow.

## 5.2 BERNOUILLI'S EQUATION IN IRROTATIONAL FLOW

Bernoulli's equation (Eq. (4.76)) was obtained in Chapter 4 by integrating the Euler's equation (the equation of motion) with respect to a displacement  $ds$  along a streamline. Therefore, the value of  $C$  in Eq. (4.76) is constant only along a streamline and should essentially vary from streamline to streamline. Under some special condition, the constant  $C$  becomes invariant from streamline to streamline and the Bernoulli's equation is applicable with same value of  $C$  to the entire flow field. The typical condition is the irrotationality of flow field.

The proof will be made in a simple way by considering a steady two-dimensional flow of an ideal fluid in a rectangular cartesian coordinate system. The velocity field is given by

$$\vec{V} = \vec{i}u + \vec{j}v$$

and hence the condition of irrotationality is

$$\nabla \times \vec{V} = \left\{ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\} = 0$$

or  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  (5.1)

The steady state Euler's equation can be written as

$$\rho \left\{ u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (5.2a)$$

$$\rho \left\{ u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right\} = - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - \rho g (5.2b)$$

Here we consider the  $y$ -axis to be vertical and directed positive upward. From the condition of irrotationality given by the Eq. (5.1), we substitute  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  in place

of  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  in the Eq. (5.2a) and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  in place of  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  in the Eq. (5.2b). This results in

$$\left\{ u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right\} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (5.3a)$$

$$\text{and, } \left\{ u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right\} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} - g (5.3b)$$

Now multiplying Eq. (5.3a) by 'dx' and Eq. (5.3b) by 'dy' and then adding these two equations we have

$$u \left\{ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \right\} + v \left\{ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\rho} \left\{ \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy \right\} - g dy \quad (5.4)$$

The Eq. (5.4) can be physically interpreted as the equation of conservation of energy for an arbitrary displacement  $d\vec{r} = \vec{i} dx + \vec{j} dy$ . Since,  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $p$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , we can write

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy \quad (5.5a)$$

$$dv = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy \quad (5.5b)$$

and  $dp = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} dy \quad (5.5c)$

With the help of Eqs (5.5a), (5.5b), and (5.5c), the Eq. (5.4) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} u du + v dv &= -\frac{1}{\rho} dp - g dy \\ \text{or } d\left\{\frac{u^2}{2}\right\} + d\left\{\frac{v^2}{2}\right\} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} dp - g dy \\ \text{or } d\left\{\frac{u^2 + v^2}{2}\right\} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} dp - g dy \\ \text{or } d\left\{\frac{V^2}{2}\right\} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} dp - g dy \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

The integration of Eq. (5.6) results in

$$\int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gy = C \quad (5.7a)$$

For an incompressible flow,

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} + gy = C \quad (5.7b)$$

The constant  $C$  in Eqs (5.7a) and (5.7b) has the same value in the entire flow field, since no restriction was made in the choice of  $d\vec{r}$  which was considered as an arbitrary displacement in evaluating the work. Note that, in deriving Eq. (4.76), the displacement  $ds$  was considered along a streamline. Therefore, the total mechanical energy remains constant everywhere in an inviscid and irrotational flow, while it is constant only along a streamline for an inviscid but rotational flow. The derivation of the mechanical energy equation for a steady irrotational flow can also be done in an alternative way with vector representation as follows:

The equation of motion for the flow of an inviscid fluid can be written in a vector form as

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \vec{X} \quad (5.8)$$

where  $\vec{X}$  is the body force vector per unit mass.

The substantial derivative  $\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt}$  can be split in terms of its temporal and convective components as

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V}$$

For a steady flow,  $\frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} = 0$  and hence

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V}$$

Therefore, Eq. (5.8), for a steady flow, becomes

$$(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} = -\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \vec{X} \quad (5.9)$$

From elementary vector analysis, we know that

$$\nabla(\vec{V}_1 \cdot \vec{V}_2) = (\vec{V}_1 \cdot \nabla) \vec{V}_2 + (\vec{V}_2 \cdot \nabla) \vec{V}_1 + \vec{V}_1 \times (\nabla \times \vec{V}_2) + \vec{V}_2 \times (\nabla \times \vec{V}_1)$$

where  $\vec{V}_1$  and  $\vec{V}_2$  are any two vector quantities.

For  $\vec{V}_1 = \vec{V}_2 = \vec{V}$  (the velocity in our case), we have

$$\nabla(\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}) = 2(\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} + 2\vec{V} \times (\nabla \times \vec{V})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } (\vec{V} \cdot \nabla) \vec{V} &= \nabla \left\{ \frac{V^2}{2} \right\} - \vec{V} \times (\nabla \times \vec{V}) \\ &= \nabla \left\{ \frac{V^2}{2} \right\} - \vec{V} \times \vec{\Omega} \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

where, vorticity  $\vec{\Omega} = \nabla \times \vec{V}$

Using the relation (5.10), the Eq. (5.9) can be written as

$$\nabla \left( \frac{V^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \vec{X} = \vec{V} \times \vec{\Omega} \quad (5.11a)$$

If the body force field is conservative in nature, we can define a body force potential function  $\phi_f$  so that

$$\vec{X} = -\nabla \phi_f$$

Upon substitution of  $\vec{X}$  in terms of  $\phi_f$ , the Eq. (5.11a) becomes

$$\nabla \left( \frac{V^2}{2} \right) + \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \nabla \phi_f = \vec{V} \times \vec{\Omega} \quad (5.11b)$$

For an irrotational flow,  $\vec{\Omega} = 0$ , and for an incompressible flow  $\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} = \nabla \left( \frac{p}{\rho} \right)$ .

Hence the Eq. (5.11b) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \left( \frac{V^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\rho} + \phi_f \right) &= 0 \\ \text{or} \quad \frac{V^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\rho} + \phi_f &= C \end{aligned} \quad (5.12)$$

where  $C$  is a constant having the same value in the entire flow field. When gravity is the only body force field,  $\phi_f$  equals to  $gz$ , with  $z$  as the coordinate along a vertical axis directed upwards. Hence Eq. (5.12) becomes

$$\frac{V^2}{2} + \frac{p}{\rho} + gz = C \quad (5.13)$$

### 5.3 STEADY FLOW ALONG CURVED STREAMLINES

The equation of motion along a streamline was derived in Sec. 4.5.1 of Chapter 4. Here we shall derive the equation of motion of an ideal flow in a direction normal to a curved streamline. We consider a two-dimensional motion of an inviscid and incompressible fluid on a vertical plane (Fig. 5.1). The acceleration normal to the streamline at any point 1 is given by

$$a_n = \frac{dV_n}{dt}$$

where,  $dV_n$  represents the component of the change in velocity vector along the normal direction to the streamline. Since,

$$dV_n = V d\theta \quad (\text{Fig. 5.1}),$$

$$a_n = \frac{dV_n}{dt} = V \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{V^2}{r}$$

where,  $r$  is the radius of curvature at the point 1. Acceleration  $a_n$  acts inward along the normal and is usually known as *centripetal acceleration*. The equation of motion normal to the streamline can be written for a steady flow as

$$\frac{V^2}{r} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} + g \cos \theta \quad (5.14)$$

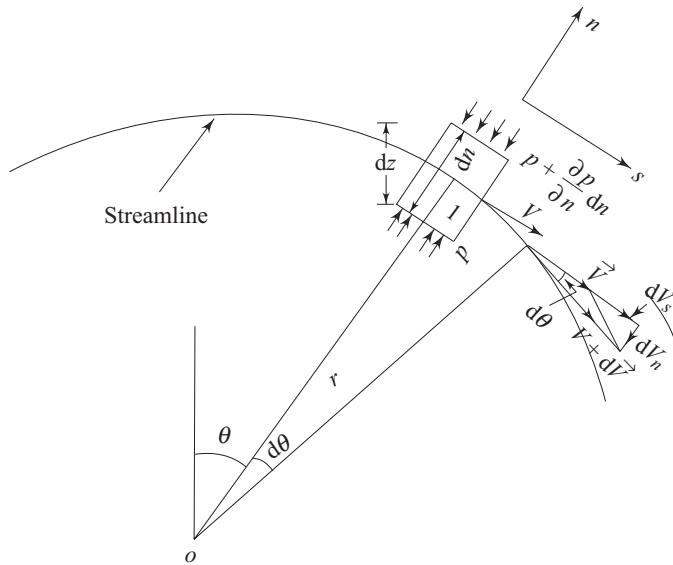


Fig. 5.1 Flow along a curved streamline

where  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial n}$  is the pressure gradient along the outer normal at a point on the streamline. If we denote  $H$  as the total head (total energy per unit weight), then,

$$H = \frac{V^2}{2g} + \frac{p}{\rho g} + z \quad (5.15)$$

where  $z$  is the vertical elevation of the point from any reference datum. According to Bernoulli's theorem,  $H$  remains constant along a streamline for an ideal flow whether irrotational or rotational. Hence,

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial s} = 0$$

Differentiating Eq. (5.15) with respect to  $n$  we have

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial n} = \frac{V}{g} \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} + \frac{1}{\rho g} \frac{\partial p}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial n} \quad (5.16)$$

Substituting  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial n}$  from Eq. (5.14) into Eq. (5.16) we have,

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial n} = \frac{V}{g} \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} + \frac{V^2}{gr} + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial n} - \cos \theta \right)$$

Since  $\cos \theta = \frac{\partial z}{\partial n}$

it becomes

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial n} = \frac{V}{g} \left( \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} + \frac{V}{r} \right) \quad (5.17)$$

The Eq. (5.17) physically implies the variation of total mechanical energy in a direction normal to the streamline for an inviscid fluid.

### 5.3.1 Plane Circular Vortex Flows

Plane circular vortex flows are defined as flows where streamlines are concentric circles. Therefore, with respect to a polar coordinate system with the centre of the circles as the origin or pole, the velocity field can be described as

$$V_\theta \neq 0 \quad V_r = 0$$

where  $V_\theta$  and  $V_r$  are the tangential and radial component of velocity respectively. The equation of continuity for a two dimensional incompressible flow in a polar coordinate system is

$$\frac{\partial V_r}{\partial r} + \frac{V_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

which for a plane circular vortex flow gives  $\frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0$ , i.e.  $V_\theta$  is not a function of  $\theta$ .

Hence,  $V_\theta$  is a function of  $r$  only.

Equation (5.17) can be written for the variation of total mechanical energy with radius as

$$\frac{dH}{dr} = \frac{V_\theta}{g} \left( \frac{dV_\theta}{dr} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \right) \quad (5.18)$$

**Free Vortex Flows** Free vortex flows are the plane circular vortex flows where the total mechanical energy remains constant in the entire flow field. There is neither any addition nor any destruction of mechanical energy in the flow field. Therefore, the total mechanical energy does not vary from streamline to streamline. Hence from Eq. (5.18), we have,

$$\frac{dH}{dr} = \frac{V_\theta}{g} \left( \frac{dV_\theta}{dr} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{d}{dr} (V_\theta r) \right] = 0 \quad (5.19)$$

Integration of Eq. (5.19) gives

$$V_\theta = \frac{C}{r} \quad (5.20)$$

The Eq. (5.20) describes the velocity field in a free vortex flow, where  $C$  is a constant in the entire flow field. The vorticity in a polar coordinate system is defined by Eq. (3.27a) as

$$\Omega = \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_\theta}{r}$$

In case of vortex flows, it can be written as

$$\Omega = \frac{dV_\theta}{dr} + \frac{V_\theta}{r}$$

For a free vortex flow, described by Eq. (5.20),  $\Omega$  becomes zero. Therefore we conclude that a free vortex flow is irrotational, and hence, it is also referred to as irrotational vortex. It has been shown in Sec. 5.2 that the total mechanical energy remains same throughout in an irrotational flow field. Therefore, irrotationality is a direct consequence of the constancy of total mechanical energy in the entire flow field and *vice versa*. The interesting feature in a free vortex flow is that as  $r \rightarrow 0$ ,  $V_\theta \rightarrow \infty$ , [Eq. (5.20)]. It mathematically signifies a point of singularity at  $r = 0$  which, in practice, is impossible. In fact, the definition of a free vortex flow cannot be extended as  $r = 0$  is approached. In a real fluid, friction becomes dominant as  $r \rightarrow 0$  and so a fluid in this central region tends to rotate as a solid body. Therefore, the singularity at  $r = 0$  does not render the theory of irrotational vortex useless, since, in practical problems, our concern is with conditions away from the central core.

**Pressure Distribution in a Free Vortex Flow** Pressure distribution in a vortex flow is usually found out by integrating the equation of motion in the  $r$  direction. The equation of motion in the radial direction for a vortex flow can be written with the help of Eq. (5.14) as

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} - g \cos \theta \quad (5.21)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} - g \frac{dz}{dr} \quad (5.22)$$

Integrating Eq. (5.22) with respect to  $dr$ , and considering the flow to be incompressible we have,

$$\frac{p}{\rho} = \int \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} dr - gz + A \quad (5.23)$$

where  $A$  is a constant to be found out from a suitable boundary condition.

For a free vortex flow,

$$V_\theta = \frac{C}{r}$$

Hence Eq. (5.23) becomes

$$\frac{p}{\rho} = -\frac{C^2}{2r^2} - gz + A \quad (5.24)$$

If the pressure at some radius  $r = r_a$ , is known to be the atmospheric pressure  $p_{atm}$ , then equation (5.24) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{p - p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho} &= \frac{C^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{r_a^2} - \frac{1}{r^2} \right) - g(z - z_a) \\ &= \frac{(V_\theta)_{r=r_a}^2}{2} - \frac{V_\theta^2}{2} - g(z - z_a) \quad (5.25)\end{aligned}$$

where  $z$  and  $z_a$  are the vertical elevations (measured from any arbitrary datum) at  $r$  and  $r_a$ . Equation (5.25) can also be derived by a straight forward application of Bernoulli's equation between any two points at  $r = r_a$  and  $r = r$ . In a free vortex flow, the total mechanical energy remains constant. There is neither any energy interaction between an outside source and the flow, nor is there any dissipation of mechanical energy within the flow. The fluid rotates by virtue of some rotation previously imparted to it or because of some internal action. Some examples are a whirlpool in a river, the rotatory flow that often arises in a shallow vessel when liquid flows out through a hole in the bottom (as is often seen when water flows out from a bathtub or a wash basin), and flow in a centrifugal pump case just outside the impeller.

**Cylindrical Free Vortex** A cylindrical free vortex motion is conceived in a cylindrical coordinate system with axis  $z$  directing vertically upwards (Fig. 5.2), where at each horizontal cross-section, there exists a planar free vortex motion with tangential velocity given by Eq. (5.20). The total energy at any point remains constant and can be written as

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{C^2}{2r^2} + gz = H \text{ (constant)} \quad (5.26)$$

The pressure distribution along the radius can be found from Eq. (5.26) by considering  $z$  as constant; again, for any constant pressure  $p$ , values of  $z$ , determining a surface of equal pressure, can also be found from Eq. (5.26). If  $p$  is measured in gauge pressure, then the value of  $z$ , where  $p = 0$  determines the free surface (Fig. 5.2), if one exists.

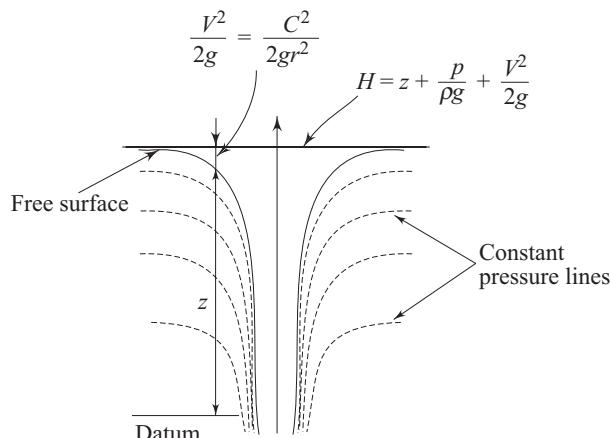


Fig. 5.2 Cylindrical free vortex

**Spiral Free Vortex** A plane spiral free vortex flow in a two-dimensional frame of reference is described in a sense so that the tangential and radial velocity components at any point with respect to a polar coordinate system is inversely proportional to the radial coordinate of the point. Therefore the flow field (Fig. 5.3) can be mathematically defined as

$$V_\theta = \frac{c_1}{r} \quad (5.27a)$$

and

$$V_r = \frac{c_2}{r} \quad (5.27b)$$

Therefore we can say that the superimposition of a radial flow described by Eq. (5.27b) with a free vortex flow gives rise to a spiral free vortex flow. If  $\alpha$  becomes the angle between the velocity vector  $\vec{V}$ , which is tangential to a streamline (Fig. 5.3), and the tangential component of velocity  $V_\theta$  at any point, then the equation of streamline can be expressed as

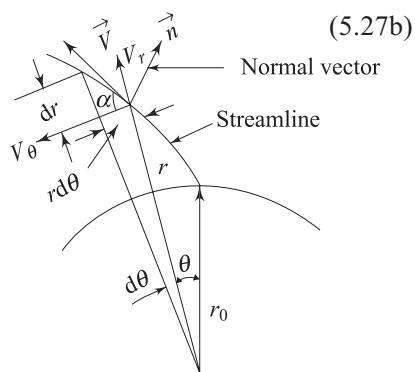


Fig. 5.3 Geometry of spiral flow

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{dr}{d\theta} = \tan \alpha \quad (5.28)$$

Again we can write

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{V_r}{V_\theta} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}$$

It follows therefore that the angle  $\alpha$  is constant, i.e., independent of radius  $r$ . Hence Eq. (5.28) can be integrated, treating  $\tan \alpha$  as constant, to obtain the equation of streamlines as

$$r = r_0 e^{\theta \tan \alpha} = r_0 e^{\left(\frac{c_2}{c_1}\right)\theta} \quad (5.29)$$

where  $r_0$  is the radius at  $\theta = 0$  (Fig. 5.3). Equation (5.29) shows that the pattern of streamlines are logarithmic spiral. Vorticity  $\bar{\Omega}$  as defined by Eq. (3.27a) becomes zero for the flow field described by Eqs (5.27a) and (5.27b). Therefore, the spiral free vortex flow is also irrotational like a circular free vortex flow and hence the total energy remains constant in the entire flow field. The outflow through a circular hole in the bottom of a shallow vessel resembles closely to a spiral free vortex flow.

**Forced Vortex Flows** Flows where streamlines are concentric circles and the tangential velocity is directly proportional to the radius of curvature are known as

plane circular forced vortex flows. The flow field is described in a polar coordinate system as,

$$V_\theta = \omega r \quad (5.30a)$$

and  $V_r = 0 \quad (5.30b)$

All fluid particles rotate with the same angular velocity  $\omega$  like a solid body. Hence a forced vortex flow is termed as a *solid body rotation*. The vorticity  $\Omega$  for the flow field can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \\ &= \omega - 0 + \omega = 2\omega \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, a forced vortex motion is not irrotational; rather it is a rotational flow with a constant vorticity  $2\omega$ . Equation (5.17) is used to determine the distribution of mechanical energy across the radius as

$$\frac{dH}{dr} = \frac{V_\theta}{g} \left( \frac{dV_\theta}{dr} + \frac{V_\theta}{r} \right) = \frac{2\omega^2 r}{g}$$

Integrating the equation between the two radii on the same horizontal plane, we have,

$$H_2 - H_1 = \frac{\omega^2}{g} (r_2^2 - r_1^2) \quad (5.31)$$

Thus, we see from Eq. (5.31) that the total head (total energy per unit weight) increases with an increase in radius. The total mechanical energy at any point is the sum of kinetic energy, flow work or pressure energy, and the potential energy. Therefore the difference in total head between any two points in the same horizontal plane can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} H_2 - H_1 &= \left[ \frac{p_2}{\rho g} - \frac{p_1}{\rho g} \right] + \left[ \frac{V_2^2}{2g} - \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{p_2}{\rho g} - \frac{p_1}{\rho g} \right] + \frac{\omega^2}{2g} [r_2^2 - r_1^2] \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this expression of  $H_2 - H_1$  in Eq. (5.31), we get

$$\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho} = \frac{\omega^2}{2} [r_2^2 - r_1^2] \quad (5.32)$$

The same equation can also be obtained by integrating the equation of motion in a radial direction as

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dr} dr = \int_1^2 \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} dr = \omega^2 \int_1^2 r dr$$

or  $\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho} = \frac{\omega^2}{2} [r_2^2 - r_1^2]$

To maintain a forced vortex flow, mechanical energy has to be spent from outside and thus an external torque is always necessary to be applied continuously. Forced vortex can be generated by rotating a vessel containing a fluid so that the angular velocity is the same at all points. A paddle rotating in a large mass of fluid creates a forced vortex flow near its diameter. Another common example is the motion of liquid within a centrifugal pump or of gas in a centrifugal compressor.

**Cylindrical Forced Vortex** A cylindrical forced vortex motion is realized in a three dimensional space. It can be generated by rotating a cylindrical vessel containing a fluid (Fig. 5.4a). At any horizontal plane, the tangential velocity satisfies the Eq. (5.30a). The pressure head  $p/\rho g$  at any point in the fluid is equal to  $z$ , the depth of the point below the free surface, if one exists (Fig. 5.4a). By writing the Eq. (5.32) between the points  $a$  and 'o' at the same horizontal plane (Fig. 5.4a) we have,

$$z - z_0 = \frac{\omega^2 r^2}{2g} \quad (5.33)$$

Equation (5.33) represents the equation of free surface which, if  $r$  is perpendicular to  $z$  (i.e., the axis of rotation is vertical), is a paraboloid of revolution. If the liquid is confined within a vessel (Fig. 5.4b), the free surface may not exist, but the pressure along any radius will vary in the same way as if there were a free surface. Hence the two are equivalent.

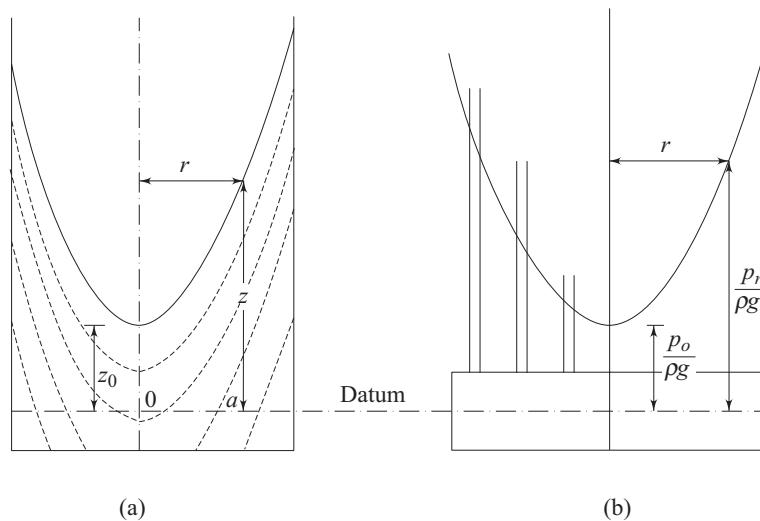


Fig. 5.4 Cylindrical forced vortex (a) open vessel (b) closed vessel

**Spiral Forced Vortex** Superimposition of purely radial flow (inwards or outwards) with a plane circular forced vortex results in a spiral forced vortex flow.

## 5.4 FLUIDS IN RELATIVE EQUILIBRIUM

In certain instances of fluid flow, the behaviour of fluids in motion can be found from the principles of hydrostatics. Fluids in such motions are said to be in *relative equilibrium* or in relative rest. These situations arise when a fluid flows with uniform velocity without any acceleration or with uniform acceleration.

### 5.4.1 Flow with Constant Acceleration

When fluid moves uniformly in a straight line without any acceleration, there is neither shear force nor inertia force acting on the fluid particle which maintains its motion simply due to inertia. The weight of a fluid particle is balanced by the pressure-force as it happens in case of a fluid mass at absolute rest, and therefore the hydrostatic equations can be applied without change. If all the fluid concerned now undergo a uniform acceleration in a straight line without any layer moving relative to another, there are still no shear forces, but an additional force acts to cause the acceleration. Nevertheless, provided that due allowance is made for the additional force, the system may be studied by the methods of hydrostatics.

Let us consider a rectangular fluid element in a three dimensional rectangular cartesian coordinate system as shown in Fig. 5.5. The pressure in the centre of the element is  $p$ . The fluid element is moving with a constant acceleration whose components along the coordinate axes  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are  $a_x$ ,  $a_y$  and  $a_z$  respectively. The force acting on the fluid element in the  $x$  direction is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \left( p - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{1}{2} dx \right) - \left( p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \frac{1}{2} dx \right) \right] dy dz \\ &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx dy dz \end{aligned}$$

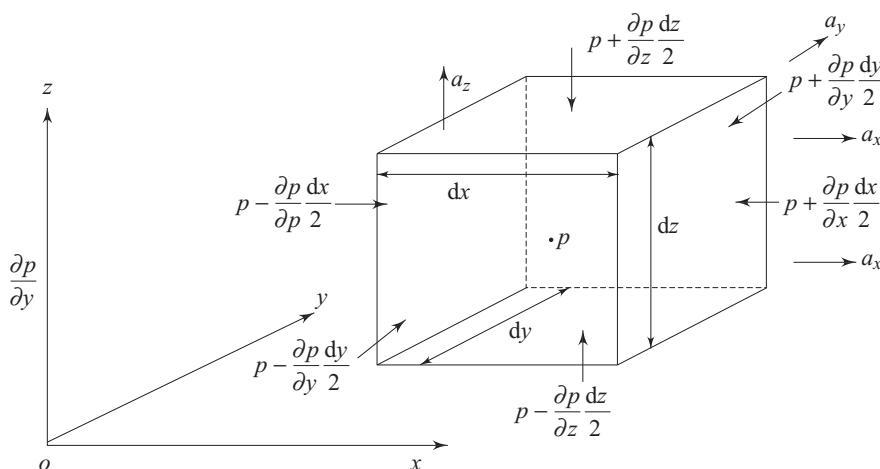


Fig. 5.5 Equilibrium of fluid element moving with constant acceleration

Therefore the equation of motion in the  $x$  direction can be written as

$$\rho dx dy dz a_x = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx dy dz$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -\rho a_x \quad (5.34a)$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the fluid. In a similar fashion, the equation of motion in the  $y$ -direction can be written as

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = -\rho a_y \quad (5.34b)$$

The net force on the fluid element in  $z$  direction is the difference of pressure force and the weight. Therefore the equation of motion in the  $z$  direction is written as

$$\left( -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - \rho g \right) dx dy dz = \rho a_z dx dy dz$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho (g + a_z) \quad (5.34c)$$

It is observed that the governing equations of pressure distribution [Eqs (5.34a), (5.34b) and (5.34c)] are similar to the pressure distribution equation of hydrostatics.

If we consider, for simplicity, a two dimensional case where the  $y$  component of the acceleration  $a_y$  is zero, then a surface of constant pressure in the fluid will be one along which

$$\begin{aligned} dp &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz = 0 \\ \text{or} \quad \frac{dz}{dx} &= -\frac{\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial p}{\partial z}} = -\frac{a_x}{g + a_z} \end{aligned} \quad (5.35)$$

Since  $a_x$  and  $a_z$  are constants, a surface of constant pressure has a constant slope. One such surface is a free surface, if exists, where  $p = p_{\text{atm}}$ ; other constant pressure planes are parallel to it. As a practical example, we consider an open tank containing a liquid that is subjected to a uniform acceleration  $a_x$  in horizontal direction (Fig. 5.6a). Here  $a_y = a_z = 0$ , and the slope of constant pressure surfaces is given by

$$\tan \theta = dz/dx = -a_x/g$$

If the tank is uniformly accelerated only in the vertical direction, then from the Eq. (5.35),  $dz/dx = 0$  and planes of constant pressure are horizontal. Therefore, when a container with a liquid in it is allowed to fall freely under gravity, then the free surface remains horizontal. Moreover, from the Eq. (5.34c),  $dp/dz = -\rho (g - g) = 0$ . This implies that a point in the liquid under this situation experiences

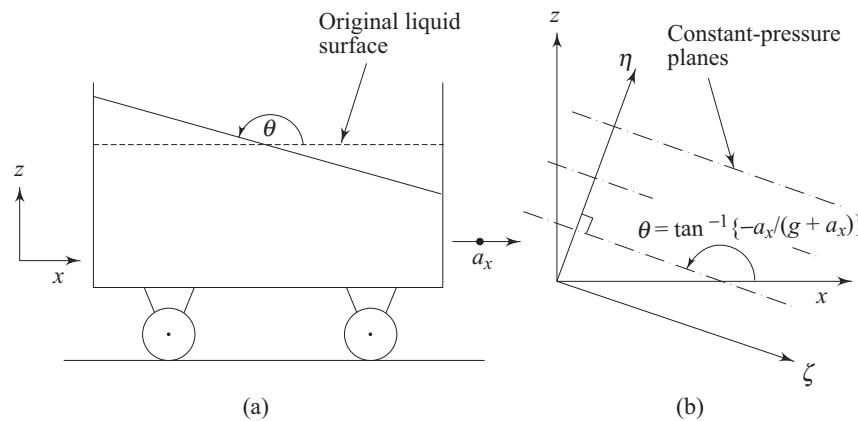


Fig. 5.6 (a) Liquid subjected to uniform acceleration (b) constant pressure planes

no hydrostatic pressure due to the column of liquid above it. Therefore pressure is throughout atmospheric, provided a free surface exists, for example, if the container is open. From the above discussion, an interesting fact can be concluded, that if there is a hole on the base of a container with an open top, liquid will not leak through it during the free fall of the container.

For a two dimensional system in a vertical plane, pressure at a point in the fluid may be determined from Eq. (5.34a) and (5.34c) as

$$p = \int dp = \int \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \int \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \\ = -\rho a_x x - \rho (g + a_z) z + \text{constant} \quad (5.36)$$

The flow is considered to be incompressible and the integration constant is determined by any given condition of the problem. An alternative expression for pressure distribution can be obtained with respect to a frame of coordinates with  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$  axes (Fig. 5.6b), parallel and perpendicular to the constant-pressure planes respectively. Then  $dp/d\zeta = 0$  and

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} / \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = \frac{-\rho a_x}{\sin \theta} \quad (5.37)$$

Again from Eq. (5.35),

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \tan \theta = \frac{-a_x}{g + a_z}$$

which gives  $\sin \theta = \frac{a_x}{(a_x^2 + (g + a_z)^2)^{1/2}}$  (5.38)

Since  $p$  is a function of  $\eta$  only,  $\partial p / \partial \eta$  can be written as  $dp/d\eta$ . Hence the Eq. (5.37) can be written with the help of the Eq. (5.38) as

$$\frac{dp}{d\eta} = -\rho (a_x^2 + (g + a_z)^2)^{1/2} \quad (5.39)$$

A comparison of the Eq. (5.39) with the pressure distribution equation in hydrostatics [Eq. (2.14)] shows that pressure in case of fluid motions with uniform acceleration may be calculated by the hydrostatic principle provided that  $\{a_x^2 + (g + a_z)^2\}^{1/2}$  takes the place of  $g$ , and  $\eta$  the place of vertical coordinate.

## 5.5 PRINCIPLES OF A HYDRAULIC SIPHON

Fluid flows always from a higher energy level to a lower energy level. Here, by energy, we mean the total mechanical energy. Consider a container  $T$  containing some liquid (Fig. 5.7). If one end of a pipe  $S$ , completely filled in with the same liquid, is dipped into the container as shown in Fig. 5.7 with other end being open and vertically below the free surface of the liquid in the container  $T$ , then liquid will continuously flow from the container  $T$  through the pipe  $S$  and will get discharged at the end  $B$ . This is known as siphonic action by which the tank  $T$  containing the liquid can be made empty. The pipe  $S$ , under the situation, is known as a hydraulic siphon or simply a siphon. The justification of flow through the pipe  $S$  can be made in the following way:

If we write the Bernoulli's equation, neglecting the frictional effects, at the two points  $A$  and  $B$  as shown in Fig. 5.7, we have

$$\frac{P_A}{\rho g} + 0 + z_A = \frac{P_B}{\rho g} + \frac{V_B^2}{2g} + z_B \quad (5.40a)$$

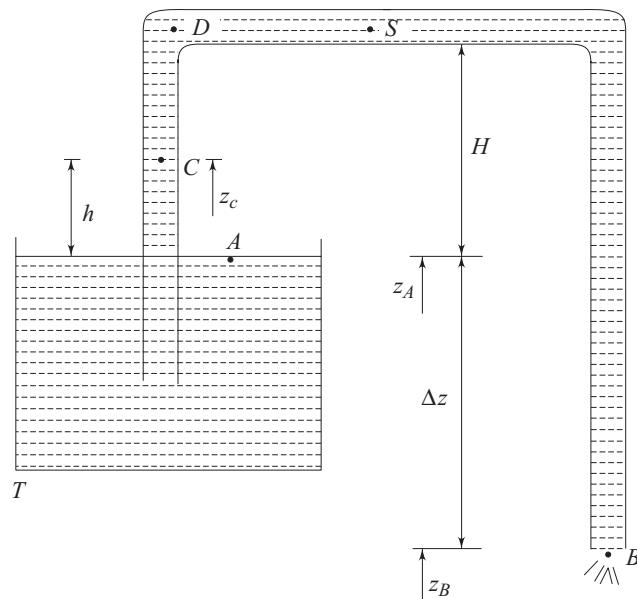


Fig. 5.7 Hydraulic siphon

The pressures at  $A$  and  $B$  are same and equal to the atmospheric pressure. Velocity at  $A$  is negligible compared to that at  $B$ , since the area of the tank  $T$  is very large compared to that of the tube  $S$ . Hence we get from Eq. (5.40a)

$$V_B = \sqrt{2g(z_A - z_B)} = \sqrt{2g\Delta z} \quad (5.40b)$$

Equation (5.40b) shows that a velocity head at  $B$  is created at the expense of the difference in potential head between  $A$  and  $B$  and thus justifies the flow from tank  $T$  through the pipe  $S$ .

The frictional effect due to viscosity of the fluid is taken care of by writing the Eq. (5.40a) in a modified form as

$$\frac{p_A}{\rho g} + 0 + z_A = \frac{p_B}{\rho g} + \frac{V_B^2}{2g} + z_B + h_L$$

which gives,

$$V_B = \sqrt{2g(\Delta z - h_L)} \quad (5.40c)$$

since,  $p_A = p_B = p_{\text{atm}}$  (atmospheric pressure)

Here  $h_L$  is the loss of total head due to fluid friction in the flow from  $A$  to  $B$ . Hence, the velocity  $V_B$  expressed by the Eq. (5.40c) becomes less than that predicted by the Eq. (5.40b) in the absence of friction. Let us consider a point  $C$  in the pipe (Fig. 5.7), and apply the Bernoulli's equation between  $A$  and  $C$ . Then we have, neglecting frictional losses,

$$\frac{p_A}{\rho g} + 0 + z_A = \frac{p_C}{\rho g} + \frac{V_C^2}{2g} + z_C \quad (5.41a)$$

Considering the cross-sectional area of the pipe to be uniform, we have, from continuity,  $V_B = V_C$ , and the Eq. (5.41a) can be written as

$$\frac{p_C}{\rho g} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \frac{V_B^2}{2g} - h \quad (5.41b)$$

(Since,  $p_A = p_{\text{atm}}$ , the atmospheric pressure and  $z_C - z_A = h$ )

With the consideration of frictional losses, Eq. (5.41b) becomes

$$\frac{p_C}{\rho g} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \frac{V_B^2}{2g} - h - h'_L \quad (5.41c)$$

where  $h'_L$  is the loss of head due to friction in the flow from  $A$  to  $C$ . Therefore, it is found that the pressure at  $C$  is below the atmospheric pressure by the amount  $(V_B^2/2g + h + h'_L)$ . This implies physically that a part of the pressure head at  $A$  is responsible for the gain in the velocity and potential head of the fluid at  $C$  plus the head which is utilized to overcome the friction in the path of flow. Usually the frictional loss  $h'_L$  is small due to the low velocity of flow and one can neglect it with respect to the change in potential head. Now it is obvious that the minimum pressure in the flow would be attained at the top most part of the siphon, for example, point  $D$  where the potential head is maximum. From the application of Bernoulli's equation between  $A$  and  $D$ , we have neglecting losses,

$$\frac{p_D}{\rho g} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \frac{V_B^2}{2g} - H$$

(Since the pipe is uniform, velocity at D equals to that at B)

From the Eq. (5.40b)  $\frac{V_B^2}{2g} = \Delta_z$

Therefore, it becomes,  $\frac{p_D}{\rho g} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - (\Delta z + H)$  (5.42)

The Eq. (5.42) can also be obtained by the application of Bernoulli's equation between D and B.

If the pressure of a liquid becomes equal to its vapour pressure at the existing temperature, then the liquid starts boiling and pockets of vapour are formed which create vapour locks to the flow and the flow is stopped. The vapour pockets are formed where the pressure is sufficiently low. These pockets are suddenly collapsed—either because they are carried along by the liquid until they arrive at a region of higher pressure or because the pressure increases again at the point in question. It results in cavities and surrounding liquid rushes in to fill it creating a very high pressure which can lead to a serious damage to the solid surface. This phenomenon is known as *cavitation*. In ordinary circumstances, liquids contain some dissolved air. This air is released as the pressure is reduced, and it too may form pockets in the liquid as air locks. Therefore to avoid this, the absolute pressure in a flow of liquid should never be allowed to fall to a pressure below which the air locking problem starts in practice. For water, this minimum pressure is about 20 kpa (2 m of water). Therefore, the phenomenon of cavitation puts a constraint in the design of any hydraulic circuit where there is a chance for the liquid to attain a pressure below that of the atmosphere. For a siphon, this condition has to be checked at point D, so that  $p_D > p_{\text{min}}$  where  $p_{\text{min}}$  is the pressure for air locking or vapour locking to start.

## 5.6 LOSSES DUE TO GEOMETRIC CHANGES

In case of flow of a real fluid, the major source for the loss of its total mechanical energy is the viscosity of fluid which causes friction between layers of fluid and between the solid surface and adjacent fluid layer. It is the role of friction, as an agent, to convert a part of the mechanical energy into intermolecular energy. This part of the mechanical energy converted into the intermolecular energy is termed as the *loss of energy*, since our attention is focussed only on the mechanical energy of the fluid.

Apart from the losses due to friction between solid surface and fluid layer past it, the loss of mechanical energy is also incurred when the path of the fluid is suddenly changed in course of its flow through a closed duct due to any abrupt change in the geometry of the duct. In long ducts, these losses are very small compared to the frictional loss, and hence they are often termed as minor losses.

But minor losses may, however, outweigh the frictional loss in short pipes or ducts. The source of these losses is usually confined to a very short length of the duct, but the turbulence produced may persist for a considerable distance downstream. A few such minor losses are discussed below.

### 5.6.1 Losses Due to Sudden Enlargement

If the cross-section of a pipe with fluid flowing through it, is abruptly enlarged (Fig. 5.8a) at certain place, fluid emerging from the smaller pipe is unable to follow the abrupt deviation of the boundary. The streamline takes a typical diverging pattern as shown in Fig. 5.8a. This creates pockets of turbulent eddies in the corners resulting in the dissipation of mechanical energy into intermolecular energy.

The basic mechanism of this type of loss is similar to that of losses due to separation, in case of flow of fluid against an adverse pressure gradient. Here the fluid flows against an adverse pressure gradient. The upstream pressure  $p_1$  at section  $a-b$  is lower than the downstream pressure  $p_2$  at section  $e-f$  since the upstream velocity  $V_1$  is higher than the downstream velocity  $V_2$  as a consequence of continuity. The fluid particles near the wall due to their low kinetic energy cannot overcome the adverse pressure hill in the direction of flow and hence follow up the reverse path under the favourable pressure gradient (from  $p_2$  to  $p_1$ ). This creates a zone of recirculating flow with turbulent eddies near the wall of the larger tube at the abrupt change of cross-section, as shown in Fig. 5.8a, resulting in a loss of total mechanical energy. For high values of Reynolds number, usually found in practice, the velocity in the smaller pipe may be assumed sensibly uniform over the cross-section. Due to the vigorous mixing caused by the turbulence, the velocity becomes again uniform at a far downstream section  $e-f$  from the enlargement (approximately 8 times the larger diameter). A control volume  $abcdefgha$  is considered (Fig. 5.8a) for which the momentum theorem can be written as

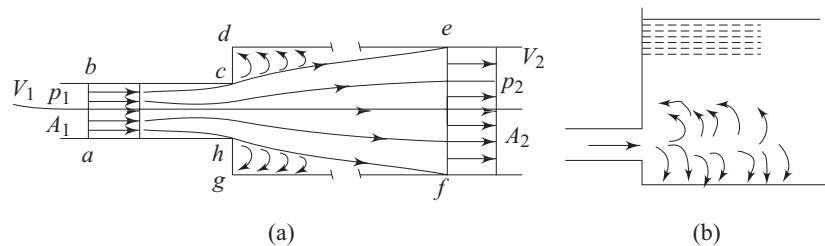


Fig. 5.8 (a) Flow through abrupt but finite enlargement  
(b) Flow at infinite enlargement (Exit Loss)

$$p_1 A_1 + p' (A_2 - A_1) - p_2 A_2 = \rho Q (V_2 - V_1) \quad (5.43)$$

where  $A_1, A_2$  are the cross-sectional areas of the smaller and larger parts of the pipe respectively,  $Q$  is the volumetric flow rate and  $p'$  is the mean pressure of the eddying fluid over the annular face,  $gd$ . It is known from experimental evidence, the  $p' = p_1$

Hence the Eq. (5.43) becomes

$$(p_2 - p_1)A_2 = \rho Q (V_1 - V_2) \quad (5.44)$$

From the equation of continuity,

$$Q = V_2 A_2 \quad (5.45)$$

With the help of Eq. (5.45), Eq. (5.44) becomes

$$p_2 - p_1 = \rho V_2 (V_1 - V_2) \quad (5.46)$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between sections *ab* and *ef* in consideration of the flow to be incompressible and the axis of the pipe to be horizontal, we can write

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gh_L$$

or

$$\frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho} = \frac{V_1^2 - V_2^2}{2} - gh_L \quad (5.47)$$

where  $h_L$  is the loss of head. Substituting  $(p_2 - p_1)$  from Eq. (5.46) into Eq. (5.47), we obtain

$$h_L = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2}{2g} = \frac{V_1^2}{2g} [1 - (A_1/A_2)]^2 \quad (5.48)$$

In view of the assumptions made, Eq. (5.48) is subjected to some inaccuracies, but experiments show that for coaxial pipes they are within only a few per cent of the actual values.

### 5.6.2 Exit Loss

If, in Eq. (5.48),  $A_2 \rightarrow \infty$ , then the head loss at an abrupt enlargement tends to  $V_1^2/2g$ . The physical resemblance of this situation is the submerged outlet of a pipe discharging into a large reservoir as shown in Fig. 5.8b. Since the fluid velocities are arrested in the large reservoir, the entire kinetic energy at the outlet of the pipe is dissipated into intermolecular energy of the reservoir through the creation of turbulent eddies. In such circumstances, the loss is usually termed as the exit loss for the pipe and equals to the velocity head at the discharge end of the pipe.

### 5.6.3 Losses Due to Sudden Contraction

An abrupt contraction is geometrically the reverse of an abrupt enlargement (Fig. 5.9). Here also the streamlines cannot follow the abrupt change of geometry and hence gradually converge from an upstream section of the larger tube. However, immediately downstream of the junction of area contraction, the cross-sectional area of the stream tube becomes the minimum and less than that of the smaller pipe. This section of the stream tube is known as *vena contracta*, after which the stream widens again to fill the pipe. The velocity of flow in the converging part of the stream tube from Sec. 1-1 to Sec. *c-c* (*vena contracta*) increases due to continuity and the pressure decreases in the direction of flow accordingly in compliance with the Bernoulli's theorem. In an accelerating flow,

under a favourable pressure gradient, losses due to separation cannot take place. But in the decelerating part of the flow from Sec.  $c-c$  to Sec. 2-2, where the stream tube expands to fill the pipe, losses take place in the similar fashion as occur in case of a sudden geometrical enlargement. Hence eddies are formed between the vena contracta  $c-c$  and the downstream Sec. 2-2. The flow pattern after the vena contracta is similar to that after an abrupt enlargement, and the loss of head is thus confined between Sec.  $c-c$  to Sec. 2-2. Therefore, we can say that the losses due to contraction is not for the contraction itself, but due to the expansion followed by the contraction. Following Eq. (5.48), the loss of head in this case can be written as

$$h_L = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} [(A_2/A_c) - 1]^2 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} [(1/C_c) - 1]^2 \quad (5.49)$$

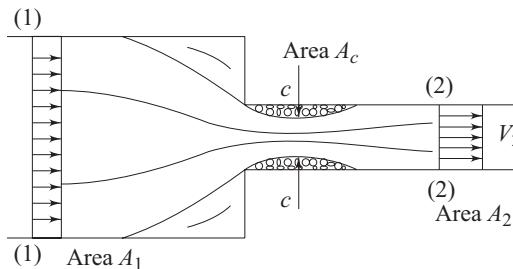


Fig. 5.9 Flow through a sudden contraction

where  $A_c$  represents the cross-sectional area of the vena contracta, and  $C_c$  is the coefficient of contraction defined by

$$C_c = A_c/A_2 \quad (5.50)$$

Equation (5.49) is usually expressed as

$$h_L = K(V_2^2/2g) \quad (5.51)$$

where  $K = [(1/C_c) - 1]^2 \quad (5.52)$

Although the area  $A_1$  is not explicitly involved in the Eq. (5.49), the value of  $C_c$  depends on the ratio  $A_2/A_1$ . For coaxial circular pipes and at fairly high Reynolds numbers, Table 5.1 gives representative values of the coefficient  $K$ .

Table 5.1

$A_2/A_1$	0	0.04	0.16	0.36	0.64	1.0
$K$	0.5	0.45	0.38	0.28	0.14	0

#### 5.6.4 Entry Loss

As  $A_1 \rightarrow \infty$ , the value of  $K$  in the Eq. (5.51) tends to 0.5 as shown in Table 5.1. This limiting situation corresponds to the flow from a large reservoir into a sharp-edged pipe, provided the end of the pipe does not protrude into the reservoir (Fig. 5.10a). The loss of head at the entrance to the pipe is therefore given by 0.5

$(V_2^2/2g)$  and is known as *entry loss*. A protruding pipe (Fig. 5.10b) causes a greater loss of head, while on the other hand, if the inlet of the pipe is well rounded (Fig. 5.10c), the fluid can follow the boundary without separating from it, and the entry loss is much reduced and even may be zero depending upon the rounded geometry of the pipe at its inlet. Losses due to other types of geometric changes like bends and fittings in pipes, have been discussed in Chapter 10.

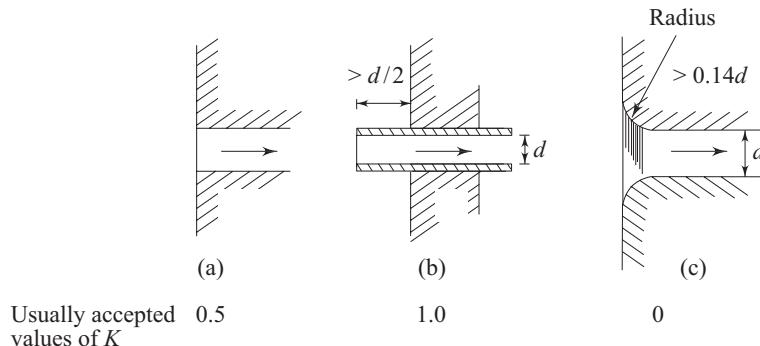


Fig. 5.10 Flow from a reservoir to a sharp edged pipe

## 5.7 MEASUREMENT OF FLOW RATE THROUGH PIPE

Flow rate through a pipe is usually measured by providing a coaxial area contraction within the pipe and by recording the pressure drop across the contraction. Therefore the determination of the flow rate from the measurement of pressure drop depends on the straight forward application of Bernoulli's equation. Three different flow meters operate on this principle. They are (i) Venturimeter, (ii) Orificemeter and (iii) Flow nozzle.

### 5.7.1 Venturimeter

A venturimeter is essentially a short pipe (Fig. 5.11) consisting of two conical parts with a short portion of uniform cross-section in between. This short portion has the minimum area and is known as the throat. The two conical portions have the same base diameter, but one is having a shorter length with a larger cone angle while the other is having a larger length with a smaller cone angle.

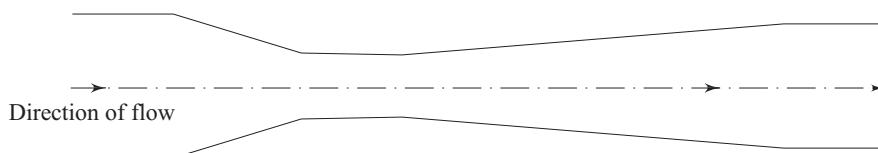


Fig. 5.11 A venturimeter

The venturimeter is always used in a way that the upstream part of the flow takes place through the short conical portion while the downstream part of the flow through the long one. This ensures a rapid converging passage and a gradual

diverging passage in the direction of flow to avoid the loss of energy due to separation. In course of a flow through the converging part, the velocity increases in the direction of flow according to the principle of continuity, while the pressure decreases according to Bernoulli's theorem. The velocity reaches its maximum value and pressure reaches its minimum value at the throat. Subsequently, a decrease in the velocity and an increase in the pressure take place in course of flow through the divergent part. This typical variation of fluid velocity and pressure by allowing it to flow through such a constricted convergent-divergent passage was first demonstrated by an Italian scientist Giovanni Battista Venturi in 1797.

Figure 5.12 shows that a venturimeter is inserted in an inclined pipe line to measure the flow rate through the pipe. Let us consider a steady, ideal and one dimensional (along the axis of the venturimeter) flow of fluid. Under this situation, the velocity and pressure at any section will be uniform. Let the velocity and pressure at the inlet (Sec. 1) are  $V_1$  and  $p_1$  respectively, while those at the throat (Sec. 2) are  $V_2$  and  $p_2$ . Now, applying Bernoulli's equation between Secs 1 and 2, we get

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 \quad (5.53)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho g} + z_1 - z_2 \quad (5.54)$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of fluid flowing through the venturimeter. From continuity,

$$V_2 A_2 = V_1 A_1 \quad (5.55)$$

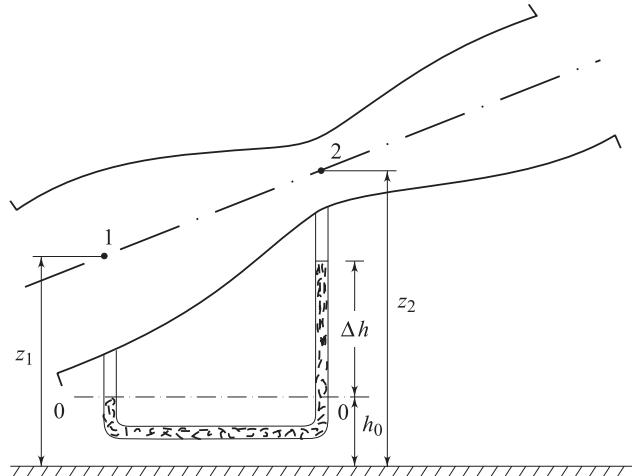


Fig. 5.12 Measurement of flow by a venturimeter

where  $A_2$  and  $A_1$  are the cross-sectional areas of the venturimeter at its throat and inlet respectively. With the help of Eq. (5.55), Eq. (5.54) can be written as

$$\frac{V_2^2}{2g} \left( 1 - \frac{A_2^2}{A_1^2} \right) = \left( \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 \right)$$

or

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{A_2^2}{A_1^2}}} \sqrt{2g(h_1^* - h_2^*)} \quad (5.56)$$

where  $h_1^*$  and  $h_2^*$  are the piezometric pressure heads at Sec. 1 and Sec. 2 respectively, and are defined as

$$h_1^* = \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 \quad (5.57a)$$

$$h_2^* = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 \quad (5.57b)$$

Hence, the volume flow rate through the pipe is given by

$$Q = A_2 V_2 = \frac{A_2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{A_2^2}{A_1^2}}} \sqrt{2g(h_1^* - h_2^*)} \quad (5.58)$$

If the pressure difference between Secs 1 and 2 is measured by a manometer as shown in Fig. 5.12, we can write

$$p_1 + \rho g (z_1 - h_0) = p_2 + \rho g (z_2 - h_0 - \Delta h) + \Delta h \rho_m g$$

$$\text{or } (p_1 + \rho g z_1) - (p_2 + \rho g z_2) = (\rho_m - \rho) g \Delta h$$

$$\text{or } \left( \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 \right) - \left( \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 \right) = \left( \frac{\rho_m}{\rho} - 1 \right) \Delta h$$

$$\text{or } h_1^* - h_2^* = \left( \frac{\rho_m}{\rho} - 1 \right) \Delta h \quad (5.59)$$

where  $\rho_m$  is the density of the manometric liquid. Equation (5.59) shows that a manometer always registers a direct reading of the difference in piezometric pressures. Now, substitution of  $h_1^* - h_2^*$  from Eq. (5.59) in Eq. (5.58) gives

$$Q = \frac{A_1 A_2}{\sqrt{A_1^2 - A_2^2}} \sqrt{2g(\rho_m/\rho - 1) \Delta h} \quad (5.60)$$

If the pipe along with the venturimeter is horizontal, then  $z_1 = z_2$ ; and hence

$h_1^* - h_2^*$  becomes  $h_1 - h_2$ , where  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are the static pressure heads  $\left( h_1 = \frac{p_1}{\rho g}, h_2 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} \right)$ . The manometric equation [Eq. (5.59)] then becomes

$$h_1 - h_2 = \left[ \frac{\rho_m}{\rho} - 1 \right] \Delta h$$

Therefore, it is interesting to note that the final expression of flow rate, given by Eq. (5.60), in terms of manometer deflection  $\Delta h$ , remains the same irrespective of whether the pipe-line along with the venturimeter connection is horizontal or

not. Measured values of  $\Delta h$ , the difference in piezometric pressures between Secs 1 and 2, for a real fluid will always be greater than that assumed in case of an ideal fluid because of frictional losses in addition to the change in momentum. Therefore, Eq. (5.60) always overestimates the actual flow rate. In order to take this into account, a multiplying factor  $C_d$ , called the coefficient of discharge, is incorporated in the Eq. (5.60) as

$$Q_{\text{actual}} = C_d \frac{A_1 A_2}{\sqrt{A_1^2 - A_2^2}} \sqrt{2g(\rho_m/\rho - 1)\Delta h} \quad (5.61)$$

The coefficient of discharge  $C_d$  is always less than unity and is defined as

$$C_d = \frac{\text{Actual rate of discharge}}{\text{Theoretical rate of discharge}}$$

where, the theoretical discharge rate is predicted by the Eq. (5.60) with the measured value of  $\Delta h$ , and the actual rate of discharge is the discharge rate measured in practice. Value of  $C_d$  for a venturimeter usually lies between 0.95 to 0.98.

### 5.7.2 Orificemeter

An orificemeter provides a simpler and cheaper arrangement for the measurement of flow through a pipe. An orificemeter is essentially a thin circular plate with a sharp edged concentric circular hole in it. The orifice plate, being fixed at a section of the pipe, (Fig. 5.13) creates an obstruction to the flow by providing an opening in the form of an orifice to the flow passage. The area  $A_0$  of the orifice is much smaller than the cross-sectional area of the pipe. The flow from an upstream section, where it is uniform, adjusts itself in such a way that it contracts until a section downstream the orifice plate is reached, where the vena contracta is formed, and then expands to fill the passage of the pipe. One of the pressure

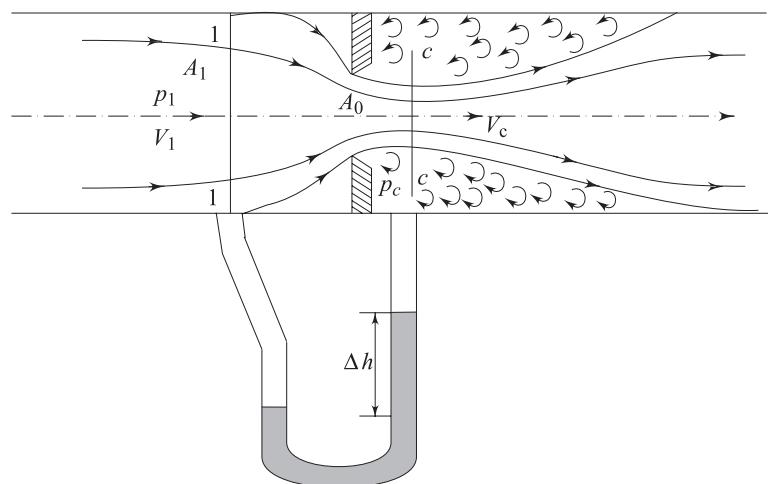


Fig. 5.13 Flow through an orificemeter

tappings is usually provided at a distance of one diameter upstream the orifice plate where the flow is almost uniform (Sec. 1–1) and the other at a distance of half a diameter downstream the orifice plate. Considering the fluid to be ideal and the downstream pressure taping to be at the vena contracta (Sec. *c–c*), we can write, by applying Bernoulli's theorem between Sec. 1–1 and Sec. *c–c*,

$$\frac{p_1^*}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_c^*}{\rho g} + \frac{V_c^2}{2g} \quad (5.62)$$

where  $p_1^*$  and  $p_c^*$  are the piezometric pressures at Sec. 1–1 and *c–c* respectively. From the equation of continuity,

$$V_1 A_1 = V_c A_c \quad (5.63)$$

where  $A_c$  is the area of the vena contracta. With the help of Eq. (5.63), Eq. (5.62) can be written as,

$$V_c = \sqrt{\frac{2(p_1^* - p_c^*)}{\rho(1 - A_c^2/A_1^2)}} \quad (5.64)$$

Recalling the fact that the measured value of the piezometric pressure drop for a real fluid is always more due to friction than that assumed in case of an inviscid flow, a coefficient of velocity  $C_v$  (always less than 1) has to be introduced to determine the actual velocity  $V_c$  when the pressure drop  $p_1^* - p_c^*$  in Eq. (5.64) is substituted by its measured value in terms of the manometer deflection  $\Delta h$

$$\text{Hence, } V_c = C_v \sqrt{\frac{2g(\rho_m/\rho - 1)\Delta h}{(1 - A_c^2/A_1^2)}} \quad (5.65)$$

where  $\Delta h$  is the difference in liquid levels in the manometer and  $\rho_m$  is the density of the manometric liquid.

$$\text{Volumetric flow rate } Q = A_c V_c \quad (5.66)$$

If a coefficient of contraction  $C_c$  is defined as,  $C_c = A_c/A_0$ , where  $A_0$  is the area of the orifice, then Eq.(5.66) can be written, with the help of Eq. (5.65), as,

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= C_c A_0 C_v \sqrt{\frac{2g(\rho_m/\rho - 1)}{(1 - C_c^2 A_0^2/A_1^2)} \Delta h} \\ &= C_v C_c A_0 \sqrt{\frac{2g}{(1 - C_c^2 A_0^2/A_1^2)}} \sqrt{(\rho_m/\rho - 1)\Delta h} \\ &= C \sqrt{(\rho_m/\rho - 1)\Delta h} \end{aligned} \quad (5.67)$$

$$\text{with, } C = C_d A_0 \sqrt{\frac{2g}{(1 - C_c^2 A_0^2/A_1^2)}}, \text{ where } (C_d = C_v C_c)$$

The value of  $C$  depends upon the ratio of orifice to duct area, and the Reynolds number of flow. The main job in measuring the flow rate with the help of an orificemeter, is to find out accurately the value of  $C$  at the operating condition. The downstream manometer connection should strictly be made to the section

where the vena contracta occurs, but this is not feasible as the vena contracta is somewhat variable in position and is difficult to realize. In practice, various positions are used for the manometer connections and  $C$  is thereby affected. Determination of accurate values of  $C$  of an orificemeter at different operating conditions is known as calibration of the orificemeter.

### 5.7.3 Flow Nozzle

The flow nozzle as shown in Fig. 5.14 is essentially a venturimeter with the divergent part omitted. Therefore the basic equations for calculation of flow rate are the same as those for a venturimeter. The dissipation of energy downstream of the throat due to flow separation is greater than that for a venturimeter. But this disadvantage is often offset by the lower cost of the nozzle. The downstream connection of the manometer may not necessarily be at the throat of the nozzle or at a point sufficiently far from the nozzle. The deviations however are taken care of in the values of  $C_d$ . The coefficient  $C_d$  depends on the shape of the nozzle, the ratio of pipe to nozzle diameter and the Reynolds number of flow.

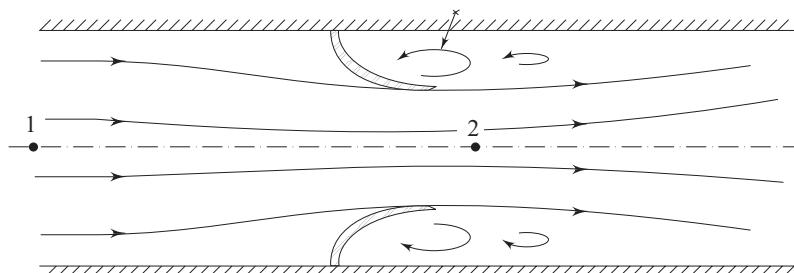


Fig. 5.14 A flow nozzle

A comparative picture of the typical values of  $C_d$ , accuracy, and the cost of three flowmeters (venturimeter, orificemeter and flow nozzle) is given below:

Type of Flowmeter	Accuracy	Cost	Loss of Total Head	Typical Values of $C_d$
Venturimeter	High	High	Low	0.95 to 0.98
Orificemeter	Low	Low	High	0.60 to 0.65
Flow nozzle	Intermediate between a venturimeter and an orificemeter			0.70 to 0.80

### 5.7.4 Concept of Static and Stagnation Pressures and Application of Pitot Tube in Flow Measurements

**Static Pressure** The thermodynamic or hydrostatic pressure caused by molecular collisions is known as *static pressure in a fluid flow* and is usually referred to as the pressure  $p$ . When the fluid is at rest, this pressure  $p$  is the same in all directions and is categorically known as the *hydrostatic pressure*. For the flow of a real and *Stokian fluid* (the fluid which obeys Stoke's law as explained

in Sec. 8.2) the static or thermodynamic pressure becomes equal to the arithmetic average of the normal stresses at a point. The static pressure is a parameter to describe the state of a flowing fluid. Let us consider the flow of a fluid through a closed passage as shown in Fig. 5.15a. If a hole is made at the wall and is connected to any pressure measuring device, it will then sense the static pressure at the wall. This type of hole at the wall is known as a *wall tap*. The fact that a wall tap actually senses the static pressure can be appreciated by noticing that there is no component of velocity along the axis of the hole. In most circumstances, for example, in case of parallel flows, the static pressure at a cross-section remains the same. The wall tap under this situation registers the static pressure at that cross-section. In practice, instead of a single wall tap, a number of taps along the periphery of the wall are made and are mutually connected by flexible tubes (Fig. 5.15b) in order to register the static pressure more accurately.

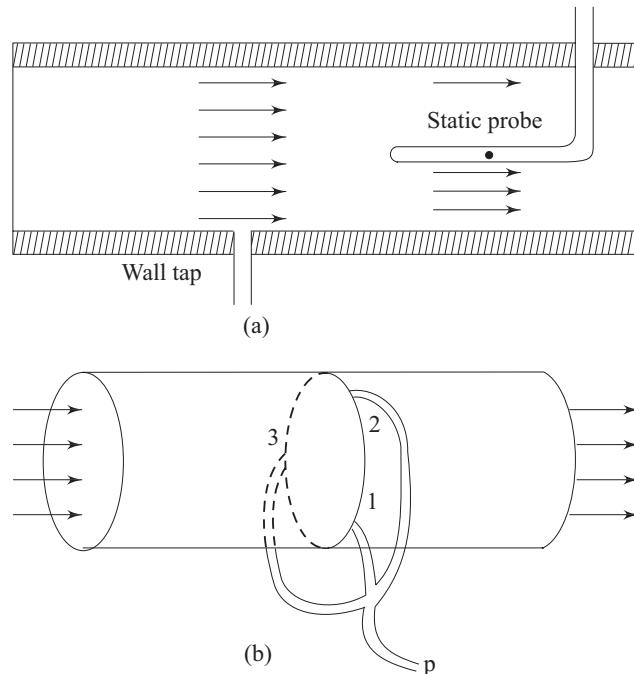


Fig. 5.15 Measurement of static pressure (a) single wall tap  
(b) multiple wall tap

**Stagnation Pressure** The stagnation pressure at a point in a fluid flow is the pressure which could result if the fluid were brought to rest isentropically. The word isentropically implies the sense that the entire kinetic energy of a fluid particle is utilized to increase its pressure only. This is possible only in a *reversible adiabatic process* known as *isentropic process*. Let us consider the flow of fluid through a closed passage (Fig. 5.16). At Sec. 1–1 let the velocity and

static pressure of the fluid be uniform. Consider a point  $A$  on that section just in front of which a right angled tube with one end facing the flow and the other end closed is placed. When equilibrium is attained, the fluid in the tube will be at rest, and the pressure at any point in the tube including the point  $B$  will be more than that at  $A$  where the flow velocity exists. By the application of Bernoulli's equation between the points  $B$  and  $A$ , in consideration of the flow to be inviscid and incompressible, we have,

$$p_0 = p + \frac{\rho V^2}{2} \quad (5.68)$$

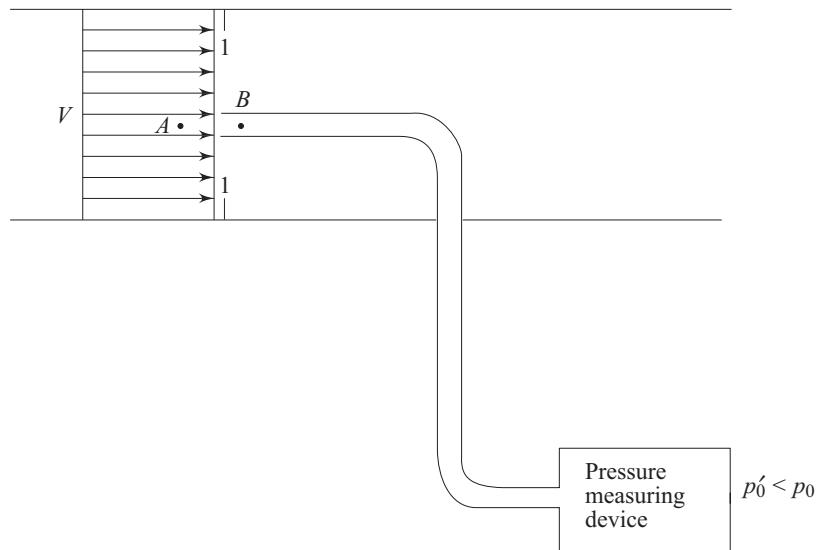


Fig. 5.16 Measurement of stagnation pressure

where  $p$  and  $V$  are the pressure and velocity respectively at the point  $A$  at Sec. 1-1, and  $p_0$  is the pressure at  $B$  which, according to the definition, refers to the stagnation pressure at point  $A$ . It is found from Eq. (5.68) that the stagnation pressure  $p_0$  consists of two terms, the static pressure  $p$  and the term  $\rho V^2/2$  which is known as *dynamic pressure*. Therefore Eq. (5.68) can be written for a better understanding as

$$\begin{array}{rcl} p_0 & = & p + \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \\ \text{Stagnation} & \text{Static} & \text{Dynamic} \\ \text{pressure} & \text{pressure} & \text{pressure} \end{array} \quad (5.69)$$

$$\text{or} \quad V = \sqrt{2(p_0 - p)/\rho} \quad (5.70)$$

Therefore, it appears from Eq. (5.70), that from a measurement of both static and stagnation pressure in a flowing fluid, the velocity of flow can be determined. But it is difficult to measure the stagnation pressure in practice for a real fluid due to friction. The pressure  $p_0'$  in the stagnation tube indicated by any pressure measuring device (Fig. 5.16) will always be less than  $p_0$ , since a part of the kinetic energy will be converted into intermolecular energy due to fluid friction. This is

taken care of by an empirical factor  $C$  in determining the velocity from Eq. (5.70) as

$$V = C \sqrt{2(p_0 - p)/\rho} \quad (5.71)$$

**Pitot Tube for Flow Measurement** The principle of flow measurement by Pitot tube was adopted first by a French Scientist Henri Pitot in 1732 for measuring velocities in the river. A right angled glass tube, large enough for capillary effects to be negligible, is used for the purpose. One end of the tube faces the flow while the other end is open to the atmosphere as shown in Fig. 5.17a. The liquid flows up the tube and when equilibrium is attained, the liquid reaches a height above the free surface of the water stream. Since the static pressure, under this situation, is equal to the hydrostatic pressure due to its depth below the free surface, the difference in level between the liquid in the glass tube and the free surface becomes the measure of dynamic pressure. Therefore, we can write, neglecting friction,

$$p_0 - p = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = h \rho g$$

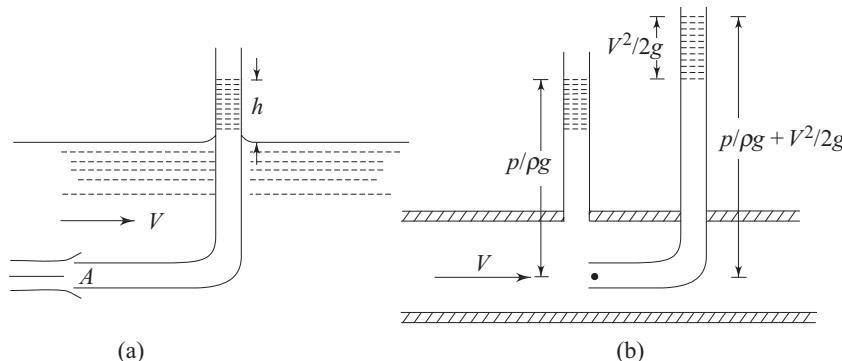


Fig. 5.17 Simple pitot tube (a) for measuring the stagnation pressure  
 (b) with static and stagnation tubes

where  $p_0$ ,  $p$  and  $V$  are the stagnation pressure, static pressure and velocity respectively at point  $A$  (Fig. 5.17a).

or 
$$V = \sqrt{2gh}$$

Such a tube is known as Pitot tube and provides one of the most accurate means of measuring the fluid velocity. For an open stream of liquid with a free surface, this single tube is sufficient to determine the velocity. But for a fluid flowing through a closed duct, the Pitot tube measures only the stagnation pressure and so the static pressure must be measured separately. Measurement of static pressure in this case is made at the boundary of the wall (Fig. 5.17b). The axis of the tube measuring the static pressure must be perpendicular to the boundary and free from burrs, so that the boundary is smooth and hence the streamlines adjacent to it are not curved. This is done to sense the static pressure only without any part of

the dynamic pressure. A Pitot tube is also inserted as shown (Fig. 5.17b) to sense the stagnation pressure. The ends of the Pitot tube, measuring the stagnation pressure, and the piezometric tube, measuring the static pressure, may be connected to a suitable differential manometer for the determination of flow velocity and hence the flow rate.

**Pitot Static Tube** The tubes recording static pressure and the stagnation pressure (Fig. 5.17b) are usually combined into one instrument known as *Pitot static tube* (Fig. 5.18). The tube for sensing the static pressure is known as static tube which surrounds the pitot tube that measures the stagnation pressure. Two or more holes are drilled radially through the outer wall of the static tube into annular space. The position of these static holes is important. Downstream of the nose  $N$ , the flow is accelerated somewhat with consequent reduction in static pressure. But in front of the supporting stem, there is a reduction in velocity and increase in pressure. The static holes should therefore be at the position where the two opposing effects are counterbalanced and the reading corresponds to the undisturbed static pressure. Finally the flow velocity is given by

$$V = C \sqrt{2\Delta p/\rho} \quad (5.72)$$

where  $\Delta p$  is the difference between stagnation and static pressures. The factor  $C$  takes care of the non-idealities, due to friction, in converting the dynamic head into pressure head and depends, to a large extent, on the geometry of the pitot tube. The value of  $C$  is usually determined from calibration test of the pitot tube.

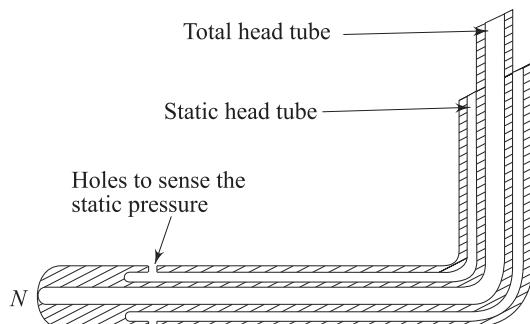


Fig. 5.18 Pitot static tube

## 5.8 FLOW THROUGH ORIFICES AND MOUTHPIECES

An orifice is a small aperture through which the fluid passes. The thickness of an orifice in the direction of flow is very small in comparison to its other dimensions. If a tank containing a liquid has a hole made on the side or base through which liquid flows, then such a hole may be termed as an orifice. The rate of flow of the liquid through such an orifice at a given time will depend partly on the shape, size and form of the orifice. An orifice usually has a sharp edge so that there is minimum contact with the fluid and consequently minimum frictional resistance at the sides of the orifice. If a sharp edge is not provided, the flow depends on the thickness of the orifice and the roughness of its boundary surface too.

### 5.8.1 Flow from an Orifice at the Side of a Tank under a Constant Head

Let us consider a tank containing a liquid and with an orifice at its side wall as shown in Fig. 5.19. The orifice has a sharp edge with the bevelled side facing downstream. Let the height of the free surface of liquid above the centre line of the orifice be kept fixed by some adjustable arrangements of inflow to the tank. The liquid issues from the orifice as a free jet under the influence of gravity only. The streamlines approaching the orifice converge towards it. Since an instantaneous change of direction is not possible, the streamlines continue to converge beyond the orifice until they become parallel at the Sec. *c-c* (Fig. 5.19). For an ideal fluid, streamlines will strictly be parallel at an infinite distance, but however fluid friction in practice produce parallel flow at only a short distance from the orifice. The area of the jet at the Sec. *c-c* is lower than the area of the orifice. The Sec. *c-c* is known as the vena contracta. The contraction of the jet can be attributed to the action of a lateral force on the jet due to a change in the direction of flow velocity when the fluid approaches the orifice. Since the streamlines become parallel at vena contracta, the pressure at this section is assumed to be uniform. If the pressure difference due to surface tension is neglected, the pressure in the jet at vena contracta becomes equal to that of the ambience surrounding the jet. Considering the flow to be steady and frictional effects to be negligible, we can write by the application of Bernoulli's equation between two points 1 and 2 on a particular streamline with point 2 being at vena contracta (Fig 5.19).

$$p_1/\rho g + V_1^2/2g + z_1 = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + V_2^2/2g + 0 \quad (5.73)$$

The horizontal plane through the centre of the orifice has been taken as datum level for determining the potential head. If the area of the tank is large enough as compared to that of the orifice, the velocity at point 1 becomes negligibly small and pressure  $p_1$  equals to the hydrostatic pressure at that point as  $p_1 = p_{\text{atm}} + \rho g (h - z_1)$ .

Therefore, Eq. (5.73) becomes

$$p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + (h - z_1) + 0 + z_1 = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + V_2^2/2g \quad (5.74)$$

$$\text{or} \quad V_2 = \sqrt{2gh} \quad (5.75)$$

If the orifice is small in comparison to  $h$ , the velocity of the jet is constant across the vena contracta. The Eq. (5.75) states that the velocity with which a jet of liquid escapes from a small orifice is proportional to the square root of the head

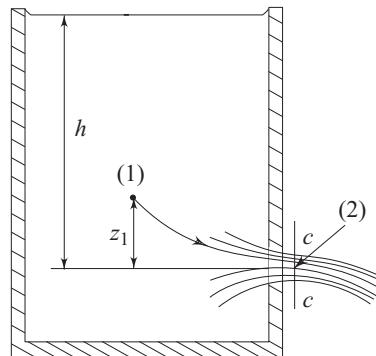


Fig. 5.19 Flow from a sharp edged orifice

above the orifice, and is known as *Torricelli's formula*. The velocity  $V_2$  in Eq. (5.75) represents the ideal velocity since the frictional effects were neglected in the derivation. Therefore, a multiplying factor  $C_v$ , known as *coefficient of velocity* is introduced to determine the actual velocity as

$$V_{2\text{ actual}} = C_v \sqrt{2gh}$$

Since the role of friction is to reduce the velocity,  $C_v$  is always less than unity. The rate of discharge through the orifice can then be written as,

$$Q = a_c C_v \sqrt{2gh} \quad (5.76)$$

where  $a_c$  is the cross-sectional area of the jet at vena contracta. Defining a *coefficient of contraction*  $C_c$  as the ratio of the area of vena contracta to the area of orifice, Eq. (5.76) can be written as

$$Q = C_c C_v a_0 \sqrt{2gh} \quad (5.77)$$

where,  $a_0$  is the cross-sectional area of the orifice. The product of  $C_c$  and  $C_v$  is written as  $C_d$  and is termed as *coefficient of discharge*. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= C_d a_0 \sqrt{2gh} \\ \text{or} \quad C_d &= \frac{Q}{a_0 \sqrt{2gh}} \\ &= \frac{\text{Actual discharge}}{\text{Ideal discharge}} \end{aligned}$$

### 5.8.2 Determination of Coefficient of Velocity $C_v$ , Coefficient of Contraction $C_c$ and Coefficient of Discharge $C_d$

All the coefficients  $C_v$ ,  $C_c$  and  $C_d$  of an orifice depend on the shape and size of the orifice. The values of  $C_v$ ,  $C_c$  and  $C_d$  are determined experimentally as described below:

Consider the tank in Fig. 5.20. Let  $H$  be the height of the liquid, maintained constant, above the centre line of the orifice. The Sec.  $c-c$  is at vena contracta. The jet of liquid coming out of the orifice is acted upon by gravity only with a downward acceleration of  $g$ . Therefore, the horizontal component of velocity  $u$  of the jet remains constant. Let  $P$  be a point on the jet such that  $x$  and  $z$  are the horizontal and vertical coordinates respectively of  $P$  from the vena contracta  $c-c$  as shown in Fig. 5.20. Considering the flow of a fluid particle from  $c-c$  to  $P$  along the jet, we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= ut \\ \text{and} \quad z &= gt^2/2 \end{aligned}$$

(where  $t$  is the time taken by the fluid particle to move from  $c-c$  to  $P$ ).

Eliminating  $t$  from the two equations, we have

$$\frac{x^2}{u^2} = \frac{2z}{g}$$

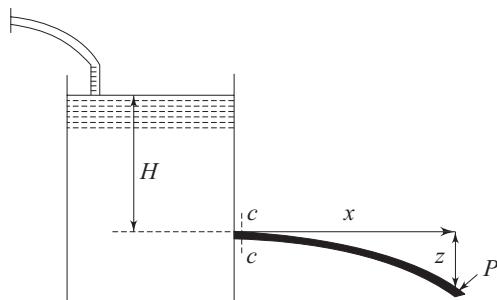


Fig. 5.20 Trajectory of a liquid jet discharged from a sharp edged orifice

$$\text{or } u^2 = \frac{gx^2}{2z} \quad (5.78)$$

$$\text{But } C_v = \frac{u}{\sqrt{2gH}}$$

Substituting for  $u$  from Eq. (5.78)

$$C_v = \frac{x}{\sqrt{4zH}} \quad (5.79)$$

Therefore, the coefficient of velocity  $C_v$  of an orifice under a given value of  $H$  can be found from Eq. (5.79) with the measured values of  $x$  and  $z$ . The coefficient of discharge is determined by measuring the actual quantity of liquid discharged through the orifice in a given time under a constant head, and then dividing this quantity by the theoretical discharge. The theoretical discharge rate is calculated from known values of liquid head  $H$  and orifice area  $a_0$ , as  $Q_{\text{theo}} = a_0 \sqrt{2gH}$ . The coefficient of contraction  $C_c$  is usually found out by dividing the value of  $C_d$  by the measured value of  $C_v$ . The coefficient of discharge varies with the head 'H' and the type of orifice. For a sharp edged orifice, typical values of  $C_d$  lie between 0.60 to 0.65, while the values of  $C_v$  vary between 0.97 to 0.99.

### 5.8.3 Large Vertical Orifices

If a vertical orifice is large so that its height is comparable to the height of the liquid in the tank, then the variation in liquid head at different heights of the orifice will be considerable. To take this into account in calculating the discharge rate, the geometrical shape of the orifice has to be known.

Consider a large orifice with a rectangular cross-section as shown in Fig. 5.21. Let the heights of the liquid

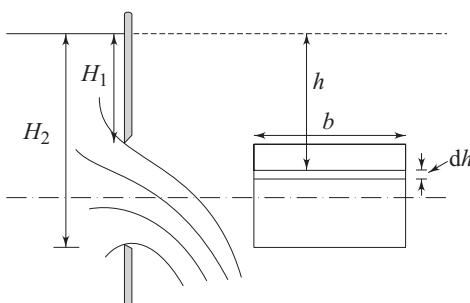


Fig. 5.21 Large vertical orifice

level be  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  above the top and the lower edges of the orifice respectively. Let  $b$  be the breadth of the orifice. Consider, at a depth  $h$  from the liquid level, a horizontal strip of the orifice of thickness  $dh$ . The velocity of liquid coming out from this strip will be equal to  $\sqrt{2gh}$ . Hence, the rate of discharge through the elemental strip

$$= C_d \times \text{area} \times \text{velocity} = C_d \times b \, dh \times \sqrt{2gh}$$

Therefore, the rate of discharge through the entire orifice

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{H_1}^{H_2} C_d \times b \, dh \times \sqrt{2gh} \\ &= C_d b \sqrt{2g} \int_{H_1}^{H_2} h^{1/2} \, dh \\ &= \frac{2}{3} C_d b \sqrt{2g} (H_2^{3/2} - H_1^{3/2}) \end{aligned}$$

Here  $C_d$  is assumed to be constant throughout the orifice.

#### 5.8.4 Drowned or Submerged Orifice

A drowned or submerged orifice is one which does not discharge into open atmosphere, but discharges into liquid of the same kind. The orifice illustrated in Fig. 5.22 is an example of a submerged orifice. It discharges liquid from one side of a tank to another side, where, the heights of the liquid are maintained constant on both the sides. The formation of vena contracta takes place but the pressure there corresponds to the head  $h_2$  (Fig. 5.22). Application of Bernoulli's equation between point 1 and 2 on a streamline (Fig. 5.22) gives,

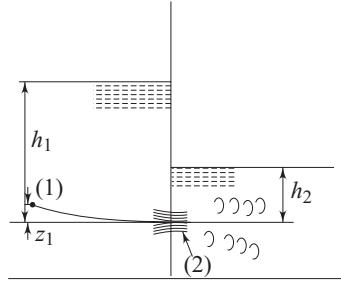


Fig. 5.22 Drowned orifice

$$\begin{aligned} p_1/\rho g + z_1 + V_1^2/2g &= p_2/\rho g + 0 + V_2^2/2g \\ \text{or } (h_1 - z_1) + z_1 + 0 &= h_2 + V_2^2/2g \\ (\text{since } V_1 \ll V_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } V_2 = \sqrt{2g(h_1 - h_2)} \quad (5.80)$$

In other words, *Torricelli's formula* as expressed by equation (5.75) is still applicable provided that  $h$  refers to the difference of head across the orifice. For a large submerged orifice, the head causing flow through it at any height remains same as  $(h_1 - h_2)$ , and hence the Eq. (5.80) is valid. This is because the variations in head with the orifice height from both the sides cancel each other.

### 5.8.5 Time of Emptying Tank

Let us consider a tank of uniform cross-sectional area  $A$  (Fig. 5.23) to contain a liquid of height  $H_1$  from the base. Let the liquid be discharged through an orifice of area  $a$  in the base of the tank and the height of the liquid in the tank fall accordingly. If at any instant,  $h$  is the height of the liquid level which falls by an amount  $dh$  during an infinitesimal time interval  $dt$ , then from continuity, (the volume displaced by liquid level in the tank equals to volumetric flow through the orifice), we can write,

$$-A \, dh = C_d a \sqrt{2gh} \, dt$$

The minus sign is introduced because the height  $h$  decreases with time.

Therefore,  $dt = \frac{-A \, dh}{C_d a \sqrt{2gh}}$  (5.81)

If  $T$  is the time taken for the liquid level to fall from a height  $H_1$  to a height  $H_2$ , then,

$$\int_0^T dt = \frac{-A}{C_d a \sqrt{2g}} \int_{H_1}^{H_2} h^{-1/2} \, dh$$

From which,

$$T = \frac{2A}{C_d a \sqrt{2g}} (H_1^{1/2} - H_2^{1/2}) \quad (5.82)$$

If the tank is completely emptied,  $H_2 = 0$ . Then,

$$T = \frac{2A}{C_d a \sqrt{2g}} H_1^{1/2} \quad (5.83)$$

**Time of Emptying Tank with Nonuniform Cross-section** In the foregoing problem, we have considered the cross-sectional area  $A$  of the tank to be uniform and therefore while integrating the right hand side of Eq. (5.81) with respect to  $h$ , the area  $A$  was considered to be constant. For a tank where  $A$  varies with height, a functional relationship between  $A$  and  $h$  has to be found out from the geometry of the tank so that the relationship can be introduced in the Eq. (5.81) for its integration to determine the time of emptying. An example to determine the time of emptying a hemispherical vessel is given below:

Let  $R$  be the radius of a hemispherical vessel as shown in Fig. 5.24, and let the liquid level fall from  $H_1$  to  $H_2$  in time  $T$  due to the discharge from an orifice at the

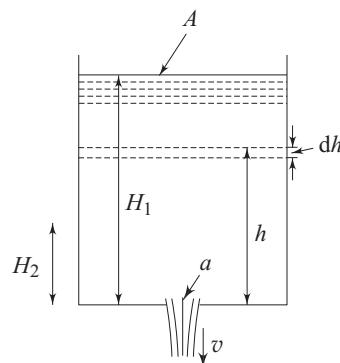


Fig. 5.23 Discharge from a tank of uniform area

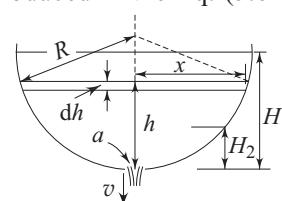


Fig. 5.24 Discharge from a hemispherical vessel

bottom of the vessel. Consider the instant when the liquid level is at a height  $h$  from the bottom of the vessel, and the radius of the vessel's cross-section at this level be  $x$ . If  $dh$  is the decrease in the liquid level in time  $dt$ , then from continuity,

$$-A_h dh = C_d a \sqrt{2gh} dt$$

or  $dt = \frac{-A_h dh}{C_d a \sqrt{2gh}}$  (5.84)

where,  $A_h$  is the cross-sectional area of the vessel at height  $h$

Here,  $A_h = \pi x^2$

From the geometry of the vessel,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= R^2 - (R - h)^2 \\ &= 2Rh - h^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Eq. (5.84) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} dt &= \frac{-\pi(2Rh - h^2)}{C_d a \sqrt{2gh}} dh \\ \text{or } \int_0^T dt &= \frac{-\pi}{C_d a \sqrt{2g}} \int_{H_1}^{H_2} (2Rh^{1/2} - h^{3/2}) dh \\ \text{or } T &= \frac{-2\pi}{C_d a \sqrt{2g}} \left[ \frac{2}{3} R (H_1^{3/2} - H_2^{3/2}) - 1/5 (H_1^{5/2} - H_2^{5/2}) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5.85)$$

If the vessel is initially full and is completely emptied afterwards, then,  $H_1 = R$  and  $H_2 = 0$ . Equation (5.85) then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{2\pi}{C_d a \sqrt{2g}} \left( \frac{2}{3} R^{5/2} - \frac{1}{5} R^{5/2} \right) \\ &= \frac{14\pi R^{5/2}}{15C_d a \sqrt{2g}} \end{aligned} \quad (5.86)$$

Here,  $T$  is the time of emptying the vessel.

### 5.8.6 Time of Flow from One Tank to Another

Let us consider a liquid flowing from a tank of area  $A_1$  to another tank of area  $A_2$  through an orifice between the tanks as shown in the Fig. 5.25. Under this situation, the liquid level falls in one tank while it rises in the other one. The orifice will be drowned. The head causing flow at any instant of time will be equal to the difference between the instantaneous liquid levels in the tanks. At a certain instant, let this difference in liquid levels between the tanks be  $h$ , and in time  $dt$ , the small quantity of fluid that passes through orifice causes the liquid level in tank  $A_1$  to fall by an amount  $dH$ . The liquid level in tank  $A_2$  will then rise by an amount  $dH (A_1/A_2)$ .

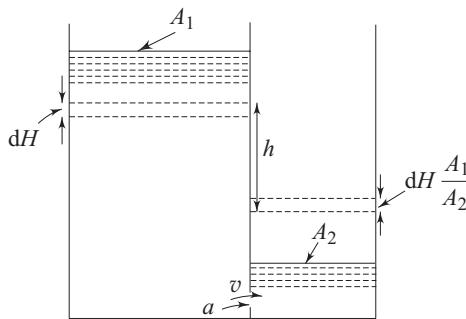


Fig. 5.25 Flow of liquid from one tank to another

Hence, the difference in levels after a time  $dt$  becomes

$$h - dh(1 + A_1/A_2)$$

Therefore, the change in head causing flow

$$\begin{aligned} dh &= h - [h - dh(1 + A_1/A_2)] \\ &= dh(1 + A_1/A_2) \end{aligned} \quad (5.87)$$

From principle of continuity in tank  $A_1$ , we can write

$$-A_1 dh = C_d a \sqrt{2gh} dt$$

$$\text{Therefore, } dt = \frac{-A_1 dh}{C_d a \sqrt{2gh}} \quad (5.88)$$

Substituting for  $dh$  from Eq. (5.87) in Eq. (5.88), we have

$$dt = \frac{-A_1 dh}{C_d a (1 + A_1/A_2) \sqrt{2gh}} \quad (5.89)$$

If  $T$  is the time taken to bring the difference in levels between the tanks from  $H_1$  to  $H_2$ , then,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T dt &= \frac{-A_1}{C_d a (1 + A_1/A_2) \sqrt{2g}} \int_{H_1}^{H_2} h^{-1/2} dh \\ \text{or } T &= \frac{2A_1 (H_1^{1/2} - H_2^{1/2})}{C_d a (1 + A_1/A_2) \sqrt{2g}} \end{aligned} \quad (5.90)$$

The flow of liquid from one tank to the other will stop automatically when the head causing the flow, i.e. the difference in liquid levels between the tanks will become zero. If  $T_1$  is the time taken to make this equalization of the liquid levels, then from Eq. (5.90),

$$T_1 = \frac{2A_1 H_1^{1/2}}{C_d a (1 + A_1/A_2) \sqrt{2g}} \quad (5.91)$$

where  $H_1$  represents the initial value of the difference in the liquid levels.

### 5.8.7 External Mouthpieces

The discharge through an orifice may be increased by fitting a short length of pipe to the outside. This is because, the vena contracta gets the opportunity to expand and fill the pipe. Therefore, the coefficient of contraction becomes unity. The increase in the value of  $C_c$  thus increases the discharge rate despite a little decrease in the value of  $C_v$  due to frictional losses in the pipe.

Consider the tank in Fig. 5.26. A cylindrical piece of pipe is attached to the orifice towards the outside of the tank. This pipe is known as cylindrical mouthpiece.

Let  $a$  = cross-sectional area of the mouthpiece

$a_c$  = cross-sectional area of flow at vena contracta

$V$  = velocity at outlet of pipe

$V_c$  = velocity at vena contracta

Applying Bernoulli's equation between the points 1 and 3 (point 3 being at the plane of discharge) on a streamline, we get

$$p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + (H - z_1) + 0 + z_1 = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + V^2/2g + 0 + h_L \quad (5.92)$$

(where  $p_{\text{atm}}$  is the atmospheric pressure. Velocity in the tank is considered to be negligible as compared to that in the pipe)  $h_L$  is the loss of head. If friction is neglected because of the short length of the pipe,  $h_L$  represents only the loss of head due to contraction. Hence,

$$h_L = \frac{(V_c - V)^2}{2\sigma}$$

Again from continuity,

$$a_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} = aV$$

or  $V \equiv C_1 V$

where,  $C$  (the coefficient of contraction) =  $a_1/a_0$

$$\text{Therefore, } h_L = \frac{V^2}{2\sigma} (1/C_c - 1)^2$$

Hence Eq. (5.92) becomes,

$$H = \frac{V^2}{2\sigma} [1 + (1/C_c - 1)^2] = K \frac{V^2}{2\sigma}$$

where  $K = [1 + (1/C_s - 1)^2]$

The coefficient of velocity  $C_v$  can be written as,

$$C_v = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2gH}} = \frac{\sqrt{2gH/K}}{\sqrt{2gH}}$$

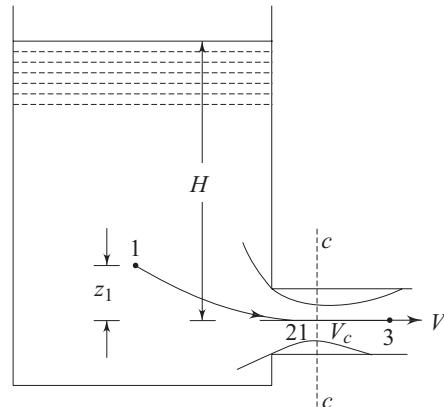


Fig. 5.26 Flow through an external mouthpiece

or  $C_v = \sqrt{1/K}$

Since there is no contraction of flow area at discharge, the coefficient of discharge  $C_d = C_v = 1/\sqrt{K}$ .

On the other hand, an orifice of area  $a$ , in absence of friction, will give  $C_d = C_c$ .

It can be proved that for all values of  $C_c$  less than unity,  $1/\sqrt{K}$  is always greater than  $C_c$ , and hence, the coefficient of discharge of an external mouthpiece is greater than that of an orifice. Assuming a typical value of  $C_c = 0.62$ .

$$K = [1 + (1/0.62 - 1)^2] = 1.375$$

$$\text{Hence } (C_d)_{\text{mouthpiece}} = 1/\sqrt{1.375} = 0.855$$

$$\text{while } (C_d)_{\text{orifice}} = C_c = 0.62$$

In order to find the pressure at vena contracta, we apply the Bernoulli's equation between points 1 and 2 (point 2 being at vena contracta, Fig. 5.26) on a streamline as,

$$p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + (H - z_1) + 0 + z_1 = p_c/\rho g + V_c^2/2g + 0 \quad (5.93)$$

$$\text{or } p_c/\rho g = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + H - V_c^2/2g$$

$$\text{but, } H = KV^2/2g$$

$$\text{and } V_c = V/C_c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } p_c/\rho g &= p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + KV^2/2g - (1/C_c^2)V^2/2g \\ &= p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g - (1/C_c^2 - K)V^2/2g \end{aligned}$$

It was stated earlier that  $1/C_c^2$  is always greater than  $K$  for all values of  $C_c < 1$ . Hence, the pressure at vena contracta is always lower than the atmospheric pressure. When  $C_c = 0.62$ ,

$$K = (1/0.62 - 1)^2 + 1 = 1.375$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } p_c/\rho g &= p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g - [1/(0.62)^2 - 1.375] V^2/2g \\ &= p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g - 1.225 V^2/2g \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the influence of the mouthpiece on the rate of discharge can also be looked at from an angle of decrease in pressure at the vena contracta in increasing the effective head causing flow.

#### Convergent Divergent Mouthpiece

The losses due to contraction in a mouthpiece may be considerably reduced if the mouthpiece is convergent up to the vena contracta and becomes divergent afterwards. In this case, the geometry of mouthpiece is made almost to the shape of the jet. If frictional losses are neglected, the coefficient of

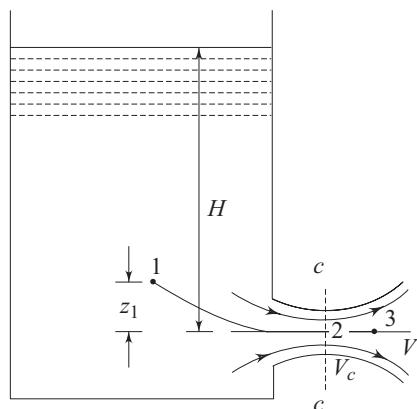


Fig. 5.27 Flow through a convergent-divergent mouthpiece

discharge for this type of mouthpiece becomes unity. Such a mouthpiece is shown in Fig. 5.27. Applying the Bernoulli's equation between points 1 and 2 (point 2 being at vena contracta  $cc$ , Fig. 5.27), we have,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + (H - z_1) + 0 + z_1 \\ = p_c/\rho g + V_c^2/2g + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $V_c^2/2g = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + H - p_c/\rho g$  (5.94)

Again, application of Bernoulli's equation between points 1 and 3 (point 3 being on the plane of discharge, Fig. 5.27) gives,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + (H - z_1) + 0 + z_1 = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g + V^2/2g + 0 \\ \text{or} \quad V^2/2g = H \end{aligned} \quad (5.95)$$

The loss of head due to contraction does not take place under this situation. From Eqs (5.94) and (5.95),

$$\frac{V_c}{V} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{H_a - H_c}{H}} \quad (5.96)$$

where,  $H_a = p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g$  (the atmospheric pressure head)

$H_c = p_c/\rho g$  (the pressure head at vena contracta  $cc$ )

From continuity,  $V_c a_c = V a$

Therefore, Eq. (5.96) becomes,

$$\frac{a}{a_c} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{H_a - H_c}{H}} \quad (5.97)$$

The maximum ratio of  $a$  and  $a_c$  to avoid separation is given by

$$(a/a_c)_{\text{max}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{H_a - H_{c \text{ minimum}}}{H}} \quad (5.98)$$

where,  $H_{c \text{ minimum}}$  is the minimum head at  $cc$  to avoid cavitation.

## Summary

- The total mechanical energy of a fluid element in an inviscid and irrotational flow remains the same everywhere in the flow field, while it does so only along a streamline in an inviscid but rotational flow.
- Flows having only tangential velocities with streamlines as concentric circles are known as plane circular vortex flows. A free vortex flow is an irrotational vortex flow where the total mechanical energy of the fluid elements remains same in the entire flow field and the tangential velocity is inversely proportional to the radius of curvature. A forced vortex flow is a rotational vortex flow where the tangential velocity is directly proportional to the radius of curvature. Pressure in vortex flows increases with an increase in the radius of curvature. Spiral vortex flows are

obtained as a result of superimposition of a plane circular vortex flow with a purely radial flow.

- Fluids moving with a uniform velocity or uniform acceleration develop no shear stress in the flow field. The weight of the fluid particle is balanced by the pressure force and a constant inertia force (zero in the case of uniform velocity). The pressure distribution equations under the situations are similar to those in hydrostatics in a sense that the pressure gradients in space coordinates are constants. The fluids in such motions are said to be in relative equilibrium.
- The flow through a siphon takes place because of a difference in potential head between the entrance and exit of the tube. The maximum height of a siphon tube above the liquid level at atmospheric pressure is limited by the minimum pressure inside the tube which is never allowed to fall below the vapour pressure of the working liquid at the existing temperature, to avoid vapour locking in the flow.
- Apart from losses due to friction, the loss of mechanical energy is incurred, in course of flow through a closed duct, when the path of the fluid stream is suddenly changed due to any abrupt change in the geometry of the duct. In long ducts, these losses are very small as compared to the friction loss and hence they are termed as minor losses. These include (i) losses due to an abrupt enlargement of the cross-section of a duct, (ii) losses due to an abrupt contraction of the cross-section of a duct, (iii) losses due to the exit from a small pipe or duct to a large reservoir, and (iv) losses due to the entrance from a large reservoir to a small pipe or duct.
- Venturimeter, Orificemeter and Flow nozzle are the typical flow meters which measure the rate of flow of a fluid through a pipe by providing a coaxial area contraction within the pipe and thus creating a pressure drop across the contraction. The flow rate is measured by determining the velocity of flow at the constricted section in terms of the pressure drop by the application of Bernoulli's equation. The pressure drop is recorded experimentally. A venturimeter is a short pipe consisting of two conical parts with a sort uniform cross-section, in between, known as throat. An orificemeter is a thin circular plate with a sharp edged concentric circular hole in it. A flow nozzle is a short conical tube providing only a convergent passage to the flow. In a comparison between the three flow meters, a venturimeter is the most accurate but the most expensive, while the orificemeter is the least expensive but the least accurate. Flow nozzle falls in between these two.
- The static pressure in a fluid is the thermodynamic pressure defining the state of fluid and becomes equal to the arithmetic average of the normal stresses at a point in case of a real and Stokian fluid. The stagnation pressure at a point in a fluid flow is the pressure which could result if the fluid were brought to rest isentropically. The difference between the stagnation and static, pressure is the pressure equivalence of the velocity head ( $\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2$ ) and is known as *dynamic pressure*. An instrument which

contains tubes to record the stagnation and static pressures in a flow to finally determine the flow velocity and flow rate is known as a *Pitot static tube*.

- An orifice is a small aperture through which the fluid passes. The liquid from a tank is usually discharged through a small orifice at its side. A drowned or submerged orifice is one which does not discharge into open atmosphere, but discharges into liquid of the same kind. The discharge through an orifice is increased by fitting a short length of pipe to the outside known as external mouthpiece. The discharge rate is increased due to a decrease in the pressure at vena contracta within the mouthpiece resulting in an increase in the effective head causing the flow.

### Solved Examples

**Example 5.1** Determine the equation of free surface of water in a tank 4 m long, moving with a constant acceleration of 0.5 g along the  $x$ -axis as shown in Fig. 5.28.

**Solution** Let us consider the pressure  $p$  at a point to be a function of  $x$  and  $z$ .

$$\text{Hence, } dp = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} dz \quad (5.99)$$

From Eqs (5.34a) and (5.34c),

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = -\rho a_x$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = -\rho (g + a_z)$$

where  $a_x$  and  $a_z$  are the accelerations in  $x$  and  $z$  directions respectively

$$\text{Here, } a_x = 0.5 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{and } a_z = 0$$

Therefore, Eq. (5.99) becomes,

$$dp = -\rho (0.5g dx + g dz)$$

Integrating the equation, we obtain

$$p = -\rho g (0.5x + z) + c \quad (5.100)$$

where,  $c$  is a constant. Considering the origin of the coordinate axes at free surface, we have

$$p = p_{\text{atm}} \text{ (atmospheric pressure), at } x = 0 \text{ and } z = 0$$

Therefore, Eq. (5.100) becomes

$$-\rho g (0.5x + z) = p - p_{\text{atm}} \quad (5.101)$$

The equation of free surface can be obtained by putting  $p = p_{\text{atm}}$  in Eq. (5.101) as,

$$-\rho g (0.5x + z) = 0$$

$$\text{or } z + 0.5x = 0$$

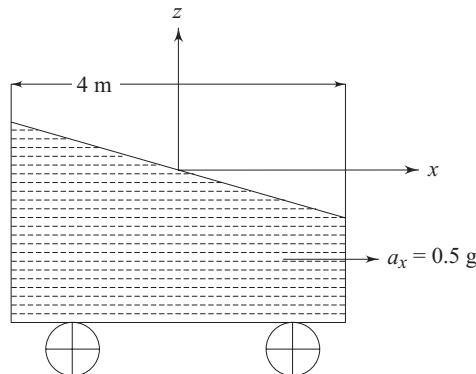


Fig. 5.28 Liquid in a tank under uniform acceleration

**Example 5.2** Water flows through a right-angled bend (Fig. 5.29) formed by two concentric circular arcs in a horizontal plane with the inner and outer radii of 0.15 m and 0.45 m, respectively. The centre-line velocity is 3 m/s. Assuming a two-dimensional free vortex flow, determine (a) the tangential and normal accelerations at the inner and outer walls of the bend (b) the pressure gradients normal to the streamline at the inner and outer walls of the bend, and (c) the pressure difference between the inner and outer walls of the bend.

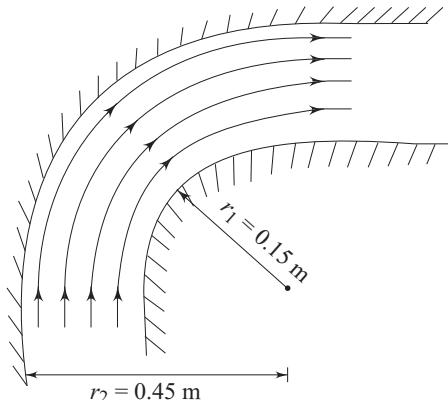


Fig. 5.29 Flow of water through a right-angled bend

**Solution** Here the streamlines are concentric circular arcs, and hence the velocity of fluid is in the tangential direction only. Moreover, the velocity field satisfies the equation of free vortex as

$$V_\theta = c/r$$

where,  $c$  is a constant.

$$\text{We have } V_\theta = 3 \text{ m/s at } r = \frac{0.15 + 0.45}{2} = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Hence, } c = 3 \times 0.3 = 0.9 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

Therefore, velocities at the inner and outer radii are

$$(V_\theta)_{\text{at } r = r_1} = \frac{0.9}{0.15} = 6 \text{ m/s}$$

$$(V_\theta)_{\text{at } r = r_2} = \frac{0.9}{0.45} = 2 \text{ m/s}$$

(a) The accelerations along the streamline and normal to it can be written as  $a_s$

$$(\text{acceleration along the streamline}) = V_\theta \frac{\partial V_\theta}{r \partial \theta} = 0$$

$$a_n (\text{acceleration normal to streamline}) = \frac{-V_\theta^2}{r}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } (a_n)_{r = r_1} = \frac{-6 \times 6}{0.15} = -240 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$(a_n)_{r = r_2} = \frac{-2 \times 2}{0.45} = -8.89 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Minus sign indicates that the accelerations are radially inwards. (b) The pressure gradient normal to the streamline is given by Eq. (5.22) as

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = \rho \frac{V_\theta^2}{r}$$

Therefore,  $\left(\frac{dp}{dr}\right)_{\text{at } r=r_1} = 1000 \times \frac{6 \times 6}{0.15} = 240 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2 = 240 \text{ kN/m}^2$

and  $\left(\frac{dp}{dr}\right)_{\text{at } r=r_2} = 1000 \times \frac{2 \times 2}{0.45} = 8.89 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2 = 8.89 \text{ kN/m}^2$

(c) At any radius  $r$ ,

$$\frac{dp}{dr} = \rho \frac{V_\theta^2}{r}$$

Hence,

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{dp}{dr} dr = \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \rho \frac{c^2}{r^3} dr$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 - p_1 &= \frac{\rho}{2} (c^2/r_1^2 - c^2/r_2^2) = \frac{\rho}{2} (V_{\theta_1}^2 - V_{\theta_2}^2) \\ &= \frac{1000}{2} \times (36 - 4) \text{ N/m}^2 = 16 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the pressures at inner and outer walls of the bend respectively.

### Example 5.3

A hollow cylinder of 0.6 m diameter, open at the top, contains some liquid and spins about its vertical axis, producing a forced vortex motion.

(a) Calculate the height of the vessel so that the liquid just reaches the top of the vessel and begins to uncover the base at 100 rpm.

(b) If the speed is now increased to 130 rpm, what area of the base will be uncovered?

**Solution** (a) The situation when the liquid just reaches the top of the vessel and begins to uncover the base is shown in Fig. 5.30a. Let  $H$  be the height of the cylinder. The difference in pressure between the point 1 (at the centre), and 2 (at the outer wall), at the bottom surface of the vessel can be found from Eq. (5.22) as,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \frac{dp}{dr} dr &= \int_1^R \rho \frac{V_\theta^2}{r} dr \\ &= \frac{\rho}{2} (\omega^2 r^2)_0^R \\ \text{or } p_2 - p_1 &= \rho \frac{\omega^2 R^2}{2} \end{aligned} \tag{5.102}$$

where  $R$  is the radius and  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the vessel.

Since point 1 is on the free surface (Fig. 5.30a) and point 2 is at a depth  $H$  below the free surface,

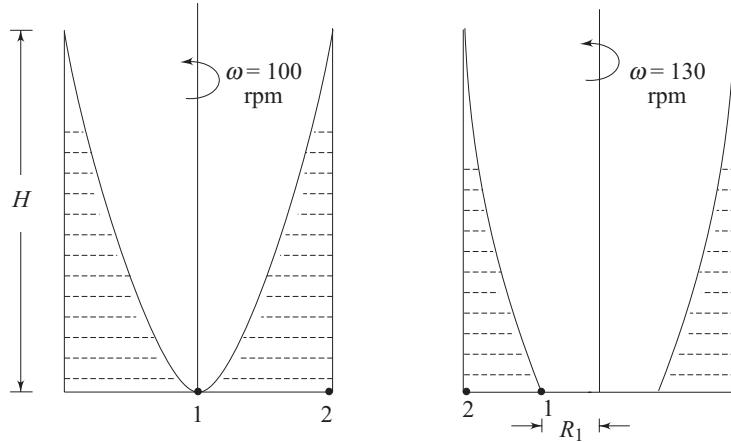
$$p_1 = p_{\text{atm}} \text{ (atmospheric pressure)}$$

$$p_2 = p_{\text{atm}} + \rho g H$$

Substituting the values of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  in Eq. (5.102), we get,

$$H = \frac{\omega^2 R^2}{2g}$$

$$= \left( \frac{2\pi \times 100}{60} \right)^2 \frac{(0.3)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.503 \text{ m}$$



(a) The situation when liquid begins to uncover the base

(b) The situation when liquid uncovers the base

Fig. 5.30 Liquid under uniform rotation in an open vessel

(b) When the speed is increased beyond 100 rpm, the maximum centrifugal head  $\omega^2 R^2 / 2g$  will be more than the maximum static pressure head  $\rho g H$ , and hence the liquid being detached from the centre will uncover the base as shown in Fig. 5.30b. Let  $R_1$  be the radius where the free surface meets the base; then the pressure difference between points 1 and 2 (Fig. 5.30b) can be written as

$$p_2 - p_1 = \frac{\rho \omega^2}{2} (R^2 - R_1^2)$$

but,  $p_2 - p_1 = \rho g H$

$$\text{Hence, } \rho g H = \frac{\rho \omega^2}{2} (R^2 - R_1^2)$$

$$\text{or } R_1^2 = R^2 - \frac{2gH}{\omega^2}$$

$$= (0.3)^2 - \frac{2 \times 9.81 \times 0.503}{(2\pi \times 130/60)^2} = 0.037 \text{ m}^2$$

Therefore, uncovered area at the base =  $\pi R_1^2 = \pi(0.037) = 0.116 \text{ m}^2$ .

**Example 5.4** A closed cylinder 0.4 m in diameter and 0.4 m in height is filled with oil of specific gravity 0.80. If the cylinder is rotated about its vertical axis at a speed of 200 rpm, calculate the thrust of oil on top and bottom covers of the cylinder.

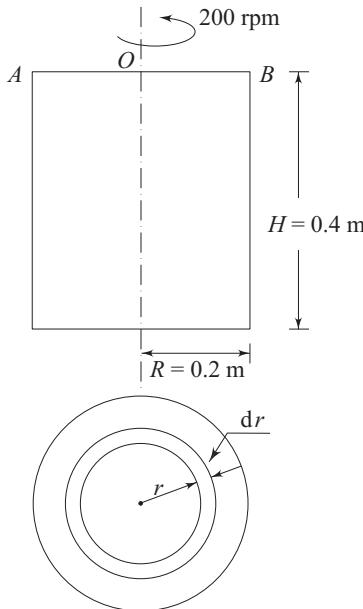


Fig. 5.31 A rotating closed cylinder filled with oil

**Solution** In the top plane  $AB$  of the cylinder (Fig. 5.31), pressure head at any radial distance  $r$  is given by

$$p/\rho g = \omega^2 r^2/2g$$

where,  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the cylinder.

Considering a thin annular ring of radius  $r$  and thickness  $dr$  (Fig. 5.31), and summing up the forces on all such elemental rings, we have

The thrust on top plane

$$\begin{aligned} F_T &= \int_0^R p 2\pi r \, dr \\ &= \pi \rho \omega^2 \int_0^R r^3 \, dr \\ &= \frac{\pi \rho \omega^2 R^4}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi \times 200}{60} = 20.94 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$R$  (the radius of the cylinder) = 0.2 m

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } F_T &= \frac{\pi \times 0.8 \times 10^3 \times (20.94)^2 (0.2)^4}{4} \\ &= 440.81 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

The radial distribution of pressure due to rotation will remain same for both the top and bottom covers. But the bottom cover experiences an additional hydrostatic thrust due to the weight of liquid above it.

Hence, the thrust at the bottom cover

$$\begin{aligned} F &= F_T + \rho g H \times \pi R^2 \\ &= 440.81 + 0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 0.4 \times \pi \times (0.2)^2 \\ &= 835.29 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.5** At a radial location  $r_1$  in a horizontal plane, the velocity of a free vortex becomes the same as that of a forced vortex. If the pressure difference between  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  ( $r_2$  being another radial location in the same horizontal plane with  $r_2 > r_1$ ) in the forced vortex becomes twice that in the free vortex, determine  $r_2$  in terms of  $r_1$ .

**Solution** At any radius  $r$ , the tangential velocities for the two vortices are defined as

$$V_{\theta \text{ free vortex}} = c/r \text{ (where } c \text{ is a constant throughout the flow)}$$

$$V_{\theta \text{ forced vortex}} = \omega r \text{ (where } \omega \text{ is the angular velocity)}$$

From the equality of two velocities at  $r = r_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} c/r_1 &= \omega r_1 \\ \text{or} \quad c/\omega &= r_1^2 \end{aligned} \tag{5.103}$$

Pressure difference between the points  $r = r_1$  and  $r = r_2$  for the two vortices can be written as

$$(p_2 - p_1)_{\text{free vortex}} = \rho \frac{c^2}{2} (1/r_1^2 - 1/r_2^2)$$

$$(p_2 - p_1)_{\text{forced vortex}} = \rho \frac{\omega^2}{2} (r_2^2 - r_1^2)$$

From the condition given in the problem,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{\omega^2}{2} (r_2^2 - r_1^2) &= 2 \rho \frac{c^2}{2} (1/r_1^2 - 1/r_2^2) \\ \text{or} \quad r_1^2 r_2^2 &= 2c^2/\omega^2 \end{aligned} \tag{5.104}$$

Finally, from Eq. (5.103) and (5.104), we have

$$r_2^2/r_1^2 = 2$$

$$\text{or} \quad r_2 = \sqrt{2} r_1$$

**Example 5.6** The velocity of air at the outer edge of a tornado, where the pressure is 750 mm of Hg and diameter 30 metres, is 12 m/s. Calculate the velocity and pressure of air at a radius of 2 metres from its axis. Consider the density of air to be constant and equals to 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (specific gravity of mercury = 13.6).

**Solution** The flow field in a tornado (except near the centre) is simulated by a free vortex motion. Therefore, the velocity at a radius of 2 m is given by

$$(V_{\theta})_{\text{at } r = 2\text{m}} = (V_{\theta})_{\text{at } r = 15\text{ m}} \times 15/2 = 12 \times 15/2 = 90 \text{ m/s}$$

Let  $p_0$  and  $p$  are the absolute pressures at the outer edge of the tornado and at a radius of 2 m from its axis respectively. Then, for a free vortex,

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho g} - \frac{p}{\rho g} = \frac{(90)^2 - (12)^2}{2g}$$

$$= 405.50 \text{ m of air}$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of air

It is given that

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho g} = \frac{750 \times 10^{-3} \times 13.6 \times 10^3}{1.2}$$

$$= 8500 \text{ m of air}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} p/\rho g &= 8500 - 405.50 \\ &= 8094.5 \text{ m of air} \\ &= 714.22 \text{ mm of Hg} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.7** A tube is used as a siphon to discharge an oil of specific gravity 0.8 from a large open vessel into a drain at atmospheric pressure as shown in Fig. 5.32. Calculate

- the velocity of oil through the siphon
- the pressure at points  $A$  and  $B$
- the pressure at the highest point  $C$
- the maximum height of  $C$  that can be accommodated above the level in the vessel
- the maximum vertical depth of the right limb of the siphon

(Take the vapour pressure of liquid at the working temperature to be 29.5 kPa and the atmospheric pressure as 101 kPa. Neglect friction)

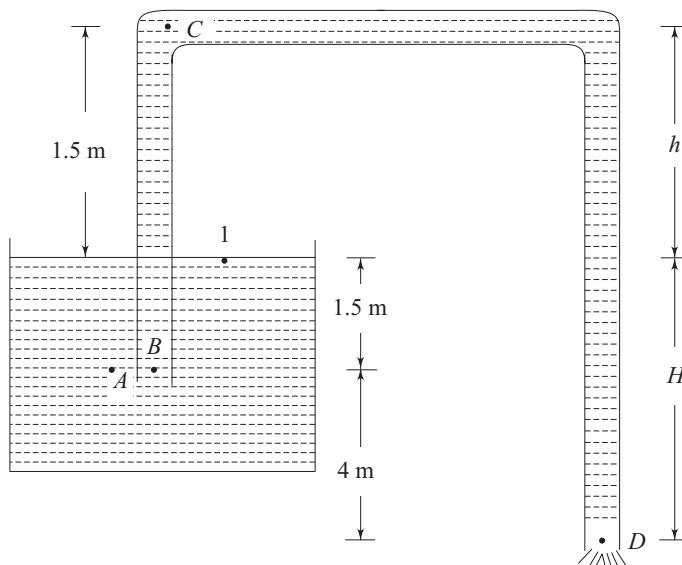


Fig. 5.32 A siphon discharging oil from a vessel to atmosphere

**Solution** (a) Applying the Bernoulli's equation between points 1 and  $D$  we get,

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + 5.5 = \frac{p_D}{\rho g} + \frac{V_D^2}{2g} + 0 \quad (5.105)$$

The horizontal plane through  $D$  is taken as datum. Since the siphon discharges into atmosphere, the pressure at the exit is atmospheric.

Hence,

$$p_D = p_{\text{atm}}$$

Again,  $V_1 \ll V_D$ , since the area of tank is much larger compared to that of the tube. Therefore, Eq. (5.105) can be written as,

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 0 + 5.5 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V_D^2}{2g}$$

or

$$V_D = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 5.5} = 10.39 \text{ m/s}$$

If the cross-sectional area of the siphon tube is uniform, the velocity of oil through the siphon will be uniform and equals to 10.39 m/s.

(b) The points  $A$  and  $B$  are on the same horizontal plane, while point  $A$  is outside the tube,  $B$  is inside it.

The pressure at  $A$  is  $p_A = p_{\text{atm}} + 1.5 \times 0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81 \text{ Pa}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (101 + 11.77) \times 10^3 \text{ Pa} \\ &= 112.77 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between  $A$  and  $B$

$$\frac{p_A}{\rho g} + 0 + 4.0 = \frac{p_B}{\rho g} + \frac{V_B^2}{2g} + 4.0$$

or

$$p_B = p_A - \rho \frac{V_B^2}{2}$$

We have,

$$V_B = V_D = 10.39 \text{ m/s} \quad \text{and} \quad p_A = 112.77 \text{ kPa}$$

Hence,

$$p_B = 112.77 - 0.8 \times 10^3 \times \frac{(10.39)^2}{2 \times 10^3} = 69.59 \text{ kPa}$$

(c) Applying Bernoulli's equation between 1 and  $C$ ,

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 0 + 5.5 = \frac{p_C}{\rho g} + \frac{(10.39)^2}{2g} + 7$$

or

$$\frac{p_C}{\rho g} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - 7$$

or

$$p_C = 101 - \frac{7 \times 0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81}{10^3} = 46.06 \text{ kPa}$$

(d) For a maximum height of  $c$  above the liquid level, the pressure at  $C$  will be the vapour pressure of the liquid at working temperature. Let  $h$  be this height. Then applying Bernoulli's equation between 1 and  $c$ .

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 0 + 5.5 = \frac{29.5 \times 10^3}{\rho g} + \frac{(10.39)^2}{2g} + 5.5 + h$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \frac{101 \times 10^3}{0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81} - \frac{29.5 \times 10^3}{0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81} - 5.5 \\ &= 3.61 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

(The velocity of oil in the siphon will remain same at 10.39 m/s so long the vertical height between the liquid level and the siphon exit remains same at 5.5 m.)

(e) More is the depth of the right limb of the siphon below the liquid level in the tank, more will be the velocity of flow in the siphon and less will be the pressure at  $C$ . Let  $H$  be

the maximum value of this depth which renders the pressure at  $C$  to be the vapour pressure. Then from Bernoulli's equation between 1 and  $D$ .

$$V_D = \sqrt{2gH}$$

Again from Bernoulli's equation between 1 and  $C$ .

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 0 + H = \frac{29.5 \times 10^3}{0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81} + \frac{V_D^2}{2g} + H + 1.5 \quad [\text{Since } V_C = V_D]$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \frac{29.5 \times 10^3}{0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81} - 1.5 \\ &= \frac{101 \times 10^3}{0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81} - \frac{29.5 \times 10^3}{0.8 \times 10^3 \times 9.81} - 1.5 \\ &= 7.61 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.8** Water flows through a 300 mm  $\times$  150 mm venturimeter at the rate of 0.037 m<sup>3</sup>/s and the differential gauge is deflected 1 m, as shown in Fig. 5.33. Specific gravity of the gauge liquid is 1.25. Determine the coefficient of discharge of the meter.

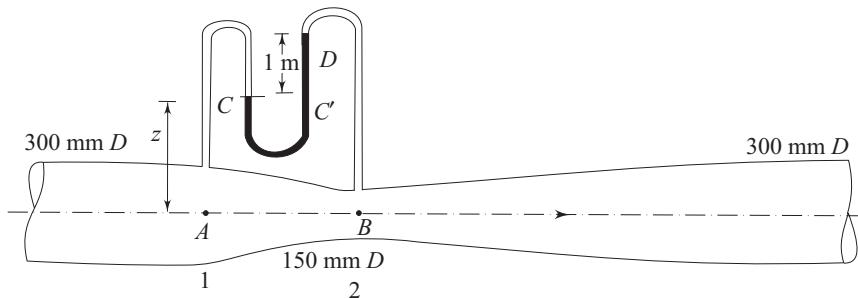


Fig. 5.33 A venturimeter measuring the flow of water through a pipe

**Solution** Applying Bernoulli's equation between  $A$  and  $B$ , and considering the fluid to be inviscid, we get

$$\frac{p_A}{\rho g} + \frac{V_A^2}{2g} + 0 = \frac{p_B}{\rho g} + \frac{V_B^2}{2g} + 0 \quad (5.106)$$

(the axis of the venturimeter is considered to be horizontal)

Again from continuity,

$$V_A^2 = (A_B/A_A)^2 V_B^2 \quad (5.107)$$

Solving for  $V_B$  from Eq. (5.106) with the help of Eq. (5.107), we have

$$V_B = \sqrt{\frac{2(p_A - p_B)/\rho}{1 - (A_B/A_A)^2}}$$

The actual rate of discharge  $Q$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= C_D A_B V_B \\ &= C_D A_B \sqrt{\frac{2(p_A - p_B)/\rho}{1 - (A_B/A_A)^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (5.108)$$

where  $C_D$  is the coefficient of discharge.

From the principle of hydrostatics applied to the differential gauge, we get

$$(p_A/\rho g - z) = p_B/\rho g - (z + 1) + 1.25 \times 1$$

$$\text{or } \frac{p_A - p_B}{\rho g} = 0.25 \text{ m}$$

Hence, from Eq. (5.108), we can write

$$0.037 = C_D \frac{\pi}{4} (0.15)^2 \sqrt{2 \times 9.81(0.25)/(1 - 1/16)}$$

which gives  $C_D = 0.976$

**Example 5.9** A necked-down, or venturi section of a pipe flow develops a low pressure which can be used to aspirate liquid upward from a reservoir as shown in Fig. 5.34. Derive an expression for the exit velocity  $V_2$  which is just sufficient to cause the reservoir liquid to rise in the tube up to section 1 (Fig. 5.34).

Consider the liquids originally flowing through the pipe and that to be pumped from the reservoir are same (neglect frictional losses).

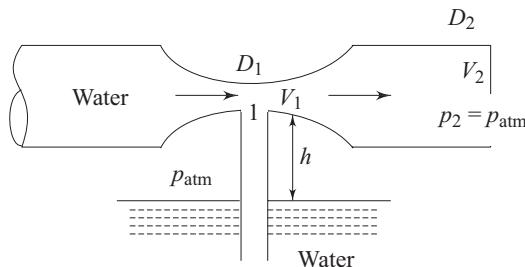


Fig. 5.34 A venturi section used for pumping water from a reservoir

**Solution** If  $p_1$  is the pressure at section 1 (throat of venturi tube), then for the liquid from the reservoir to rise through the tube,

$$p_{\text{atm}} - p_1 \geq \rho gh$$

where  $p_{\text{atm}}$  is the atmospheric pressure acting on the free surface of the liquid in the reservoir.

From continuity,  $V_1 = V_2 (D_2/D_1)^2$

Applying the Bernoulli's equation in consideration of the pipe axis to be horizontal, and without any loss of head in the flow, we have

$$p_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_1^2 = p_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_2^2$$

Here,  $p_2 = p_{\text{atm}}$  as given in the problem.

$$\text{Hence, } p_{\text{atm}} - p_1 = \frac{1}{2} \rho [V_1^2 - V_2^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \rho \left[ \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 - 1 \right] V_2^2$$

For the liquid to rise through the tube,

$$p_{\text{atm}} - p_1 \geq \rho gh$$

or  $(1/2) \rho \left[ \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 - 1 \right] V_2^2 \geq \rho gh$

Therefore,  $V_2 \geq \frac{\sqrt{2gh}}{\left[ \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^4 - 1 \right]^{1/2}}$

The exist velocity  $V_2$  which is just sufficient to cause the reservoir liquid to rise through the tube is given by the above expression with the equality sign.

**Example 5.10** Water flows at the rate of  $0.015 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  through a 100 mm diameter orifice used in a 200 mm pipe. What is the difference in pressure head between the upstream section and the vena contracta section? (Take coefficient of contraction  $C_c = 0.60$  and  $C_v = 1.0$ ).

**Solution** We know from Eq. (5.67)

$$Q = C \sqrt{\frac{\Delta p}{\rho g}}$$

where,  $C = C_v C_c A_0 \sqrt{\frac{2g}{(1 - C_c^2 A_0^2 / A_1^2)}}$

For the present problem,

$$C = 1.0 \times 0.60 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.1)^2 \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 9.81}{[(1 - (0.60)^2 (1/2)^4)]}} \\ = 0.0211$$

Hence,  $0.015 = 0.0211 \sqrt{\Delta p / \rho g}$

or  $\Delta p / \rho g = 0.505 \text{ m of water}$

**Example 5.11** Air flows through a duct, and the Pitot-static tube measuring the velocity is attached to a differential manometer containing water. If the deflection of the manometer is 100 mm, calculate the air velocity, assuming the density of air is constant and equals to  $1.22 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , and that the coefficient of the tube is 0.98.

**Solution** From the differential manometer,

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho g} = \frac{(0.1) \times (9.81) \times 10^3}{1.22 \times 9.81} \\ = 81.97 \text{ m of air}$$

where,  $\Delta p$  is the difference in stagnation and static pressures as measured by the differential manometer. Velocity of air is calculated using Eq. (5.72) as

$$V = 0.98 \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times (81.97)} \\ = 39.3 \text{ m/s}$$

**Example 5.12** Water flows at a velocity of 1.417 m/s. A differential gauge which contains a liquid of specific gravity 1.25 is attached to a Pitot-static tube. What is the deflection of the gauge fluid? (Assume the coefficient of the tube to be 1).

**Solution** We know from Eq. (5.72)

$$V = C \sqrt{2g(\Delta p/\rho g)}$$

Therefore, for the present case,

$$1.417 = 1.00 \sqrt{2 \times 9.81(\Delta p/\rho g)}$$

Hence,  $\Delta p/\rho g = 0.1023$  m of water

From the manometric equation of the differential gauge,

$$0.1023 = (1.25 - 1) h$$

which gives the deflection of the gauge  $h = 0.409$  m = 409 mm

**Example 5.13** For the configuration shown, (Fig. 5.35) calculate the minimum or just sufficient head  $H$  in the vessel and the corresponding discharge which can pass over the plate. (Take  $C_v = 1$ ,  $C_d = 0.8$ )

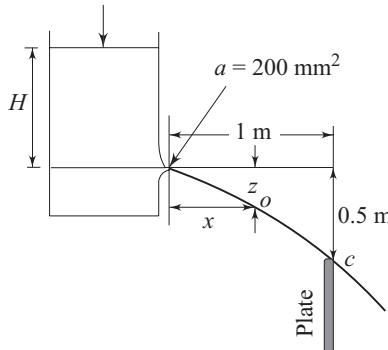


Fig. 5.35 Trajectory of a liquid jet discharged from a vessel and passing over a plate

**Solution** For a point 'O' on the trajectory,

$$x = u_1 t$$

$$\text{and} \quad z = \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

where  $t$  is the time taken for any liquid particle to reach the point 'O' after being ejected from the orifice with a velocity  $u_1$ . Eliminating  $t$  from the two equations, we get,

$$z = \frac{g}{2} \frac{x^2}{u_1^2}$$

which shows that the trajectory must be parabolic.

Again, for  $C_v = 1$ ,

$$u_1 = \sqrt{2gH}$$

$$\text{Therefore,} \quad z = \frac{x^2}{4H}$$

or

$$H = \frac{x^2}{4z}$$

Hence, the minimum head  $H$  to pass over  $c$   
 $= (1)^2/4 \times (0.5) = 0.5 \text{ m}$

The corresponding minimum discharge

$$Q = \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 0.5} \times (2 \times 10^{-4}) \times 0.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$= 0.0005 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

**Example 5.14** Two identical orifices are mounted on one side of a vertical tank (Fig. 5.36). The height of water above the upper orifice is 3 m. If the jets of water from the two orifices intersect at a horizontal distance of 8 m from the tank, estimate the vertical distance between the two orifices. Calculate the vertical distance of the point of intersection of the jets from the water level in the tank. Assume  $C_v = 1$  for the orifices.

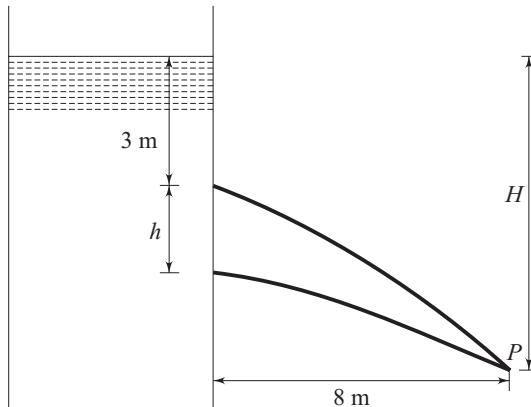


Fig. 5.36 Trajectory of water jets discharged from two orifices at the side of a tank

**Solution** Let,  $P$  be the point of intersection of two jets as shown in Fig. 5.36. If  $t$  is the time taken for any liquid particle flowing in the jet from the upper orifice to reach the point  $P$  from the plane of the orifice, then,

$$8 = u_1 t \quad (5.108a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad (H - 3) = \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \quad (5.108b)$$

where,  $u_1$  is the velocity of discharge at the plane of the upper orifice and  $H$  is the vertical distance of  $P$  from the water level in the tank. Eliminating  $t$  from Eqs (5.108a) and (5.108b),

$$(H - 3) = \frac{1}{2} g \frac{64}{u_1^2}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{u_1^2}{g} (H - 3) = 32 \quad (5.109)$$

again, applying the Bernoulli's equation between the top water level and the discharge plane of the upper orifice,

$$u_1^2 = 2g \times 3 = 6g$$

Substituting this value of  $u_1^2$  in Eq. (5.109), we have

$$3(H - 3) = 16$$

$$\text{or} \quad H = 8.33 \text{ m}$$

Similarly, for the jet from the lower orifice,

$$8 = u_2 t$$

$$\text{and,} \quad (H - 3 - h) = \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

Eliminating  $t$  from the above two,

$$\frac{u_2^2}{g} (H - 3 - h) = 32$$

again,

$$u_2^2 = 2g(3 + h)$$

Hence,

$$(3 + h)(H - 3 - h) = 16$$

$$\text{or} \quad 3(H - 3) - 3h + h(H - 3) - h^2 = 16$$

Substituting  $H = 8.33$  in the above expression we get

$$h^2 - 2.33h = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad h(h - 2.33) = 0$$

which gives  $h = 0$  and  $h = 2.33$  m.

Therefore the distance between the orifices is 2.33 m.

### Example 5.15

A fireman must reach a window 40 m above the ground (Fig. 5.37) with a water jet, from a nozzle of 30 mm diameter discharging 30 kg/s. Assuming the nozzle discharge to be at a height of 2 m from the ground, determine the greatest distance from the building where the fireman can stand so that the jet can reach the window.

**Solution** Let  $u_1$  be the velocity of discharge from the nozzle,

$$\text{then,} \quad u_1 = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho A} = \frac{30}{1000 \times (\pi/4) \times (0.03)^2} = 42.44 \text{ m/s}$$

(Note that  $u_1^2/2g$  should be more than the height of the window for the jet to reach at all. In this case  $u_1^2/2g = 91.80$  m which is greater than 40 m).

Let  $\alpha$  be the angle of the nozzle with horizontal. Considering the time taken by a fluid particle in the jet to reach the window at point 2 from the discharge point 1 as  $t$ , we can write

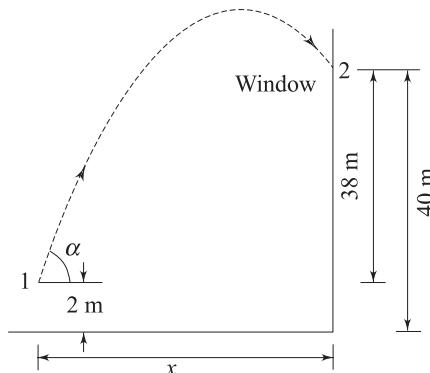


Fig. 5.37 Trajectory of a water jet issued from a nozzle to reach a window above the ground

$$x = 42.44 \cos \alpha t \quad (5.110a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad 38 = 42.44 \sin \alpha t - 1/2 gt^2 \quad (5.110b)$$

where,  $x$  is the horizontal distance between the nozzle and window. Eliminating  $t$  from Eqs (5.110a) and (5.110b), we have

$$38 = x \tan \alpha - \frac{9.81}{2 \times (42.44)^2} \frac{x^2}{\cos^2 \alpha} \quad (5.111)$$

The value of  $x$  depends upon the value of  $\alpha$ . For maximum value of  $x$  we require an optimization with  $\alpha$ .

Differentiating each term of Eq. (5.111) with respect to  $\alpha$ , we get

$$0 = x \sec^2 \alpha + \tan \alpha \frac{dx}{d\alpha} - 0.0027 x^2 (2 \sec^2 \alpha \tan \alpha) \\ - \frac{0.0027}{\cos^2 \alpha} \left( 2x \frac{dx}{d\alpha} \right)$$

For maximum  $x$ ,  $\frac{dx}{d\alpha} = 0$

Hence,  $x \sec^2 \alpha - 2 \times 0.0027 x^2 \sec^2 \alpha \tan \alpha = 0$

$$x \tan \alpha = \frac{1}{2 \times 0.0027} = 185.2 \text{ m} \quad (5.112)$$

Solving for  $x$  and  $\alpha$  from Eq. (5.111) and (5.112), we get,

$$38 = 185.2 - 0.0027 x^2 / \cos^2 \alpha$$

which gives  $x / \cos \alpha = 233.5 \text{ m}$

Again,  $x \tan \alpha = 185.2 \text{ m}$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{185.2}{233.5} = 0.793$$

or  $\alpha = 52.5^\circ$   
and  $x = 142 \text{ m}$

**Example 5.16** A tank has the form of a frustum of a cone, with a diameter of 2.44 m at the top and 1.22 m at the bottom as shown in Fig. 5.38. The bottom contains a circular orifice whose coefficient of discharge is 0.60. What diameter of the orifice will empty the tank in 6 minutes if the full depth is 3.05 m?

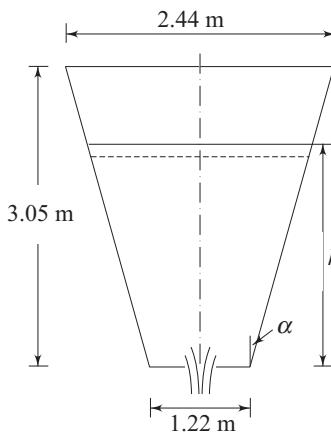


Fig. 5.38 A tank in the form of a frustum of a cone

**Solution** Let the diameter of orifice be  $d_0$ , and at any instant  $t$ , the height of the liquid level above the orifice be  $h$ . Then during an infinitesimal time  $dt$ , discharge through the orifice is

$$\begin{aligned} q &= C_d \frac{\pi d_0^2}{4} \sqrt{2gh} \ dt \\ &= 0.60 \times \frac{1}{4} \pi d_0^2 \sqrt{2gh} \ dt \end{aligned}$$

If the liquid level in the tank falls by an amount  $dh$  during this time, then from continuity,

$$-A_h dh = 0.60 \frac{\pi d_0^2}{4} \sqrt{2gh} \ dt \quad (5.113)$$

where  $A_h$  is the area of the tank at height  $h$ .

From the geometry of the tank (Fig. 5.38),

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{(2.44 - 1.22)}{2 \times 3.05} = 0.2$$

Therefore the diameter of the tank at height  $h = 1.22 + 2 \times 0.2 h$

$$\text{Hence, } A_h = (\pi/4) (1.22 + 0.4h)^2$$

Substituting the value of  $A_h$  in Eq. (5.113), we have

$$0.60 \times (1/4) \pi d_0^2 \sqrt{2 \times 9.81h} \ dt = -\pi/4 (1.22 + 0.4h)^2 dh$$

or

$$d_0^2 \int dt = \frac{1}{0.60 \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81}} \int_{3.05}^0 (1.22 + 0.4h)^2 h^{-1/2} dh$$

Since, the time of emptying  $\int dt = 360$  seconds

$$d_0^2 = \frac{1}{0.60 \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81} \times 360} \int_{3.05}^0 (1.22 + 0.4h^2) h^{-1/2} dh$$

Integrating and solving for  $d_0$ , we get

$$d_0^2 = 0.010 \text{ m}^2$$

or

$$d_0 = 0.1 \text{ m} = 100 \text{ mm}$$

**Example 5.17** A concrete tank is 10 m long and 6 m wide, and its sides are vertical.

Water enters the tank at the rate of  $0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and is discharged from an orifice of area  $0.05 \text{ m}^2$  at its bottom (Fig. 5.39). Initial level of water in the tank from the bottom is 5 m. Find whether the liquid level will start rising, or falling or will remain the same. If the liquid level changes (either rise or fall) then find the value of steady state level to which the liquid will reach. Find also the time taken for the change in the liquid level to be the 60% of its total change. (Take  $C_d = 0.60$ ).

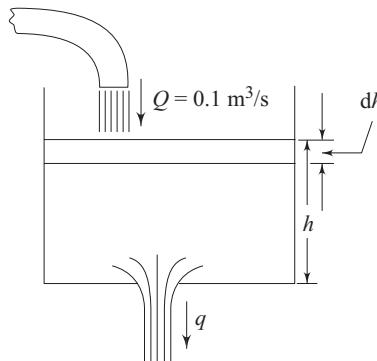


Fig. 5.39 A tank, with an inflow, discharging water from an orifice at the bottom

**Solution** The rise or fall of liquid level at any instant will depend upon the relative magnitudes of instantaneous rate of inflow to and outflow from, the tank. Here, the rate of inflow  $Q$  is constant and equals to  $0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Initially, the discharge rate from the orifice

$$q = 0.6 \times 0.05 \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 5} \\ = 0.297 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Since  $q > Q$ , the liquid level will start falling. As the liquid level falls, the discharge rate through the orifice decreases, and when it equals to the rate of inflow, the liquid level will neither rise nor fall further. Let  $H_s$  be this height of steady liquid level from the bottom of the tank.

Then  $0.6 \times 0.05 \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times H_s} = 0.1$

or  $H_s = \frac{(0.1)^2}{2 \times 9.81 \times (0.6)^2 \times (0.05)^2} = 0.57 \text{ m}$

Total change in the liquid level  $= (5 - 0.57) = 4.43 \text{ m}$ . The liquid will attain a level of  $2.34 \text{ m} (= 5 - 0.6 \times 4.43)$  when the change in the level will be 60% of its final value 4.43.

Consider at any instant  $t$ , the height of liquid level in the tank to be  $h$ , and let this height fall by  $dh$  in a small interval of time  $dt$

The amount of inflow during this time  $= Q dt = 0.1 dt$

and the amount of discharge  $= 0.6 \times 0.05 \sqrt{2gh} dt$   
 $= 0.133 \sqrt{h} dt$

From continuity,

$$-A dh = 0.133 \sqrt{h} dt - 0.1 dt$$

where  $A$  is the area of the tank  $= 6 \times 10 = 60 \text{ m}^2$

Hence,  $dt = \frac{60 dh}{(0.1 - 0.133 \sqrt{h})}$  (5.114)

Let  $H = 0.1 - 0.133 \sqrt{h}$

Then,  $h = \frac{(0.1 - H)^2}{0.0177}$   
 $dh = -\frac{2(0.1 - H)}{0.0177} dH$

Substituting the value of  $dh$  in Eq. (5.114) and writing  $H$  for the denominator, we get,

$$dt = \frac{-120(0.1 - H) dH}{0.0177 H} \\ = -6780 \left( \frac{0.1}{H} - 1 \right) dH$$

If  $T$  is the time taken for the liquid level to fall from  $5 \text{ m}$  to  $2.34 \text{ m}$ , then

$$\int_0^T dt = -6780 \left[ 0.1 \ln \left( \frac{0.1 - 0.133 \sqrt{2.34}}{0.1 - 0.133 \sqrt{5}} \right) + 0.133(\sqrt{2.34} - \sqrt{5}) \right]^{2.34} \\ = 5080 \text{ s} \\ = 1.41 \text{ hours}$$

**Example 5.18** For the 100 mm diameter short tube acting as a mouthpiece in a tanks as shown in Fig. 5.40, (a) what flow of water at 24 °C will occur under a head of 9.2 m? (b) What is the pressure head at vena contracta section c? (c) What maximum head can be used if the tube is to flow full at exit? (Take  $C_d = 0.82$  and  $C_v = 1.0$  Vapour pressure for water at 24 °C is 3 kPa absolute, atmospheric pressure is 101 kPa).

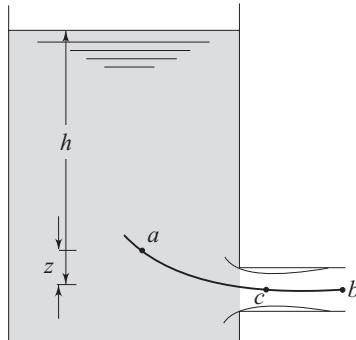


Fig. 5.40 A tank with a short tube as a mouthpiece

**Solution** Applying Bernoulli's equation between the points *a* and *b* (the point *b* being at the exit plane) on a streamline (Fig. 5.40), with the horizontal plane through *b* as datum, we can write

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + (h - z) + 0 + z = \frac{p_b}{\rho g} + \frac{V_b^2}{2g} + 0 + \frac{V_b^2}{2g} \left( \frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right)^2 \quad (5.115)$$

where  $C_c$  is the coefficient of contraction ( $= C_d/C_v = 0.82/1 = 0.82$ ). With the values given,

$$9.2 = \frac{V_b^2}{2g} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{1}{0.82} - 1 \right)^2 \right]$$

which gives

$$V_b = 13.12 \text{ m/s}$$

Then

$$Q = C_d \times A \times V_b = 0.82 \times (\pi/4) (0.1)^2 \times (13.12) = 0.084 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

(b) Applying Bernoulli's equation between the points *a* and *c* on a streamline (the point *c* being at the vena contracta section), we get

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + (h - z) + 0 + z = \frac{p_c}{\rho g} + \frac{V_c^2}{2g} + 0 \quad (5.116)$$

Again from continuity,

$$A_b \times V_b = A_c \times V_c$$

where  $A_b$  and  $A_c$  are the areas at exit and vena contracta respectively

$$\text{Hence, } V_c = \frac{V_b}{A_c/A_b} = \frac{V_b}{C_c} = \frac{13.12}{0.82} = 16 \text{ m/s}$$

Substituting  $V_c$  in Eq. (5.116), we have

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 9.2 = \frac{p_c}{\rho g} + \frac{(16)^2}{2g}$$

which gives  $P_c/\rho g = \left( \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - 3.85 \right)$  m of water

Therefore the pressure at vena contracta = 3.85 m of water vacuum.

(c) As the head causing flow through the short tube is increased, the velocity of flow at any section will increase and the pressure head at  $c$  will be reduced. For a steady flow with the tube full at exit, the pressure at  $c$  must not be less than the vapour pressure of the liquid at the working temperature. For any head  $h$  (the height of the liquid level in the tank above the centre line of the tube), we get from Eq. (5.116)

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + h = \frac{p_c}{\rho g} + \frac{V_c^2}{2g} \quad (5.117)$$

again  $V_c = A_b V_b / A_c = V_b / C_c$

Again, from Eq. (5.115),

$$V_b^2 = \frac{2gh}{\left( \frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right) + 1}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_c^2}{2g} &= \frac{h}{C_c^2 \left[ \left( \frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right)^2 + 1 \right]} \\ &= \frac{h}{(0.82)^2 \left[ \left( \frac{1}{0.82} - 1 \right)^2 + 1 \right]} = 1.42 h \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this value of  $V_c$  in Eq. (5.117), we get

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + h = \frac{p_c}{\rho g} + 1.42 h$$

$$\text{or} \quad 0.42 h = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \frac{p_c}{\rho g}$$

For the maximum head  $h$ ,  $p_c = p_v$ , the vapour pressure of water at the working temperature.

$$\text{For the present case, } \frac{p_v}{\rho g} = \frac{3 \times 10^3}{10^3 \times 9.81} = 0.306 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{while, } \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = \frac{101 \times 10^3}{10^3 \times 9.81} = 10.296 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Hence, } h_{\text{max}} = \frac{10.296 - 0.306}{0.42} = 23.78 \text{ m}$$

**Example 5.19** An external mouthpiece converges from the inlet up to the vena contracta to the shape of the jet and then it diverges gradually. The diameter at the vena contracta is 20 mm and the total head over the centre of the mouthpiece is 1.44 m of water above the atmospheric pressure. The head loss in flow through the converging passage and through the diverging passage may be taken as one per cent and five per cent respectively of the total head at the inlet to the mouthpiece. What is the maximum discharge that can be drawn through the outlet and what should be the corresponding

diameter at the outlet. Assume that the pressure in the system may be permitted to fall to 8 m of water below the atmospheric pressure head, and the liquid conveyed is water.

**Solution** In terms of meters of water, Total head available at the inlet to the mouthpiece  $h_1 = 1.44$  m above the atmospheric pressure

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Loss of head in the converging passage} &= 0.01 \times 1.44 \\ &= 0.0144 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Loss of head in the divergent part} &= 0.05 \times 1.44 \\ &= 0.0720 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total head available at the vena contracta} \\ &= 1.44 - 0.0144 = 1.4256 \text{ m above the atmospheric pressure}\end{aligned}$$

At vena contracta, we can write

$$\frac{p_c}{\rho g} + \frac{V_c^2}{2g} = 1.4256 + \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g}$$

For a maximum velocity  $V_c$ , the pressure  $p_c$  will attain its lower limit which is 8 m below the atmospheric pressure. Therefore,

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - 8 + \frac{V_c^2}{2g} = 1.4256 + \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g}$$

which gives  $V_c = 13.6$  m/s

Therefore, the maximum possible discharge becomes

$$Q_{\text{max}} = 13.6 \times \pi(0.02)^2/4 = 0.0043 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Pressure at the exit is atmospheric. Application of Bernoulli's equation between the vena contracta section and the exit section gives

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 1.4256 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + 0.0720$$

Hence,  $V_2$ , the exit velocity = 5.15 m/s

Therefore, the diameter  $d_2$  at the exit is given by

$$(\pi d_2^2/4) \times 5.15 = 0.0043$$

$$\text{or } d_2 = 0.0326 \text{ m} = 32.60 \text{ mm}$$

## Exercises

- 5.1 An open rectangular tank of  $5 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m}$  is 3 m high and contains water up to a height of 2 m. The tank is accelerated at  $3 \text{ m/s}^2$

- (a) horizontally along the longer side
- (b) vertically upwards
- (c) vertically downwards and
- (d) in a direction inclined at  $30^\circ$  upwards to the horizontal along the longer side.

Draw in each case, the shape of the free surface and calculate the total force on the base of the tank as well as on the vertical faces of the container. At what acceleration will the force on each face be zero?

- Ans.* [(a) base: 392.40 kN, leading face: 29.97 kN, trailing face: 149.89 kN, other two faces: 102.74 kN

- (b) base: 512.40 kN, faces with longer side: 128.10 kN, other two faces: 102.48 kN  
 (c) base: 272.40 kN, faces with longer side: 68.10 kN, other two faces: 54.48 kN  
 (d) base: 452.40 kN, leading face: 45.93 kN, trailing face: 149.98 kN, other two faces: 116.22 kN; downward acceleration of  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ].
- 5.2 An open-topped tank in the form of a cube of 900 mm side, has a mass of 340 kg. It contains  $0.405 \text{ m}^3$  of oil of specific gravity 0.85 and is accelerated uniformly up along a slope at  $\tan^{-1}(1/3)$  to the horizontal, the base of the tank remains parallel to the slope, and the side faces are parallel to the direction of motion. Neglecting the thickness of the walls of the tank, estimate the net force (parallel to the slope) accelerating the tank if the oil is just on the point of spilling.  
*Ans. (3538 N)*
- 5.3 An open rectangular tank of  $5 \text{ m} \times 4 \text{ m}$  is 3 m high. It contains water up to a height of 2 m and is accelerated horizontally along the longer side. Determine the maximum acceleration that can be given without spilling the water and also calculate the percentage of water spilt over, if this acceleration is increased by 20%.  
*Ans. (3.92 m/s $^2$ , 10%)*
- 5.4 A horizontal cylinder of internal diameter 100 mm is filled with water and rotated about its axis with an angular velocity of 3000 rpm. Calculate the pressure at the ends of the horizontal and vertical diameter.  
*Ans. (Ends of horizontal diameter: 124.1 kN/m $^2$ ; Vertical diameter: Top end: 123.6 kN/m $^2$ ; Bottom end: 124.6 kN/m $^2$ )*
- 5.5 A hollow cone filled with a liquid, with its apex downwards, has a base diameter  $d$  and a vertical height  $h$ . At what speed should it spin about its vertical axis so that the kinetic energy of the rotating liquid is maximum? What per cent of the total volume of the cone is then occupied by the liquid?  
*Ans. ( $\omega = \sqrt{12gh/5d^2}$ , 55%)*
- 5.6 A vessel with a fluid moves vertically upward with an acceleration of  $g/2$ , and simultaneously rotates about the vertical axis of symmetry with an angular velocity of  $\omega$ . Derive an equation for the free surface of the liquid in a cartesian coordinate system.  
*Ans. (( $z = \omega^2(x^2 + y^2)/3g$ ))*
- 5.7 A paddle wheel of 100 mm diameter rotates at 150 rpm inside a closed concentric vertical cylinder of 300 mm diameter completely filled with water. (a) Assuming a two-dimensional flow in a horizontal plane, find the difference in pressure between the cylinder surface and the centre of the wheel. (b) If provision is made for an outward radial flow which has a velocity of 1m/s at the periphery of the wheel, what is the resultant velocity at a radius of 100 mm and its inclination to the radial direction?  
*Ans. [(a) 0.582 kN/m $^2$  (b) 0.636 m/s,  $38.13^\circ$ ]*
- 5.8 The velocity of water at the outer edge of a whirlpool where the water level is horizontal and in the same plane as the bulk of the liquid, is 2 m/s and the diameter is 500 mm. Calculate the depth of free surface at a diameter of 100 mm from the eye of the whirlpool.  
*Ans. (4.89 m)*

- 5.9 In a flapper valve, air enters at the centre of the lower disk through a 10 mm pipe with a velocity of 10 m/s. It then moves radially to the outer circumference. The two disks forming the valve are of 150 mm diameter and 5 mm apart. The air pressure at inlet is 1.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup> gauge. Assuming the air density to be constant at 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, estimate the net force acting on the upper plate.

Ans. (27.443 N)

- 5.10 Water flows upward through a vertical 300 mm × 150 mm Venturimeter whose coefficient is 0.98. The deflection of a differential gauge is 1.18 m of liquid of specific gravity 1.25, as shown in Fig. 5.41. Determine the flow rate in m<sup>3</sup>/s.

Ans. (0.044 m<sup>3</sup>/s)

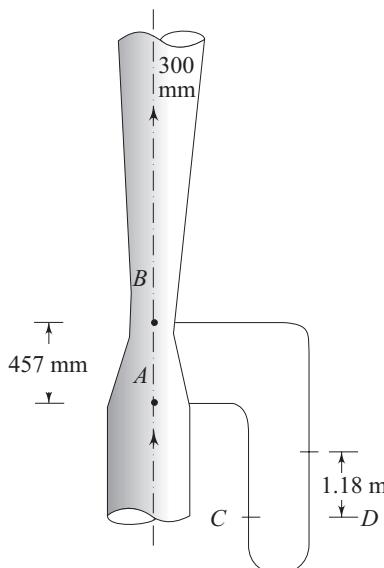


Fig. 5.41 A vertical venturimeter

- 5.11 A vertical venturimeter carries a liquid of specific gravity 0.8 and has inlet and throat diameter of 150 mm and 75 mm respectively. The pressure connection at the throat is 150 mm above that at the inlet. If the actual rate of flow is 40 liters/s and the coefficient of discharge is 0.96, calculate (a) the pressure difference between inlet and throat, and (b) the difference in levels of mercury in a vertical U-tube manometer connected between these points.

Ans. (34.53 kN/m<sup>2</sup>, 0.275 m)

- 5.12 The loss of head from the entrance to the throat of a 254 mm × 127 mm venturimeter is 1/6 times the throat velocity head. If the mercury in the differential gauge attached to the meter deflects 101.6 mm, what is the flow of water through the venturimeter?

Ans. (0.06 m<sup>3</sup>/s)

- 5.13 The air supply to an oil-engine is measured by inducting air directly from the atmosphere into a large reservoir through a sharp-edged orifice of 50 mm diameter. The pressure difference across the orifice is measured by an alcohol manometer set at a slope of  $\sin^{-1} 0.1$  to the horizontal. Calculate the volume flow

rate of air if the manometer reading is 271 mm. Specific gravity of alcohol is 0.80, the coefficient of discharge for the orifice is 0.62 and atmospheric pressure and temperature are 775 mm of Hg and 15.8 °C respectively. (Take  $C_c$ , the coefficient of contraction = 0.6).

*Ans.* (0.022 m<sup>3</sup>/s)

- 5.14 Flow of air at 49°C is measured by a pitot-static tube. If the velocity of air is 18.29 m/s and the coefficient of the tube is 0.95, what differential reading will be shown in a water manometer? Assume the density of air to be constant at 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

*Ans.* (22.70 mm)

- 5.15 What is the size of an orifice required to discharge 0.016 m<sup>3</sup>/s of water under a head of 8.69 m? (Consider the coefficient of discharge to be unity).

*Ans.* (area: 1225 mm<sup>2</sup>)

- 5.16 A sharp-edged orifice has a diameter of 25.4 mm and coefficients of velocity and contraction of 0.98 and 0.62 respectively. If the jet drops 939 mm in a horizontal distance of 2496 mm, determine the flow in m<sup>3</sup>/s and the head on the orifice.

*Ans.* (0.0018 m<sup>3</sup>/s, 1727 mm)

- 5.17 A vertical triangular orifice in the wall of a reservoir has a base 0.9 m long which is 0.6 m below its vertex and 1.2 m below the water surface. Determine the rate of theoretical discharge.

*Ans.* (1.19 m<sup>3</sup>/s)

- 5.18 An orifice in the side of a large tank is rectangular in shape, 1.2 m broad and 0.6 m deep. The water level on one side of the orifice is 1.2 m above the top edge; the water level on the other side of the orifice is 0.3 m below the top edge. Find the discharge per second if the coefficient of discharge of the orifice is 0.62.

*Ans.* (2.36 m<sup>3</sup>/s)

- 5.19 Two orifices in the side of a tank are one above the other and are vertically 1.829 m apart. The total depth of water in the tank is 4.267 m and the height of water surface from the upper orifice is 1.219 m. For the same values of  $C_v$ , show that the jets will strike the horizontal plane, on which the tank rests, at the same point.

- 5.20 Water issues out of a conical tank whose radius of cross-section varies linearly with height from 0.1 m at the bottom of the tank. The slope of the tank wall with the vertical is 30°. Calculate the time taken for the tank to be emptied from an initial water level of 0.7 m through a circular orifice of 20 mm diameter at the base. Take  $C_d$  of the orifice to be 0.6.

*Ans.* (437.97s)

- 5.21 A tank 3 m long and 1.5 m wide is divided into two parts by a partition so that the area of one part is three times the area of the other. The partition contains a square orifice of 75 mm sides through which the water may flow from one part to the other. If water level in the smaller division is 3 m above that of the larger, find the time taken to reduce the difference of water level to 0.6 m.  $C_d$  of the orifice is 0.6.

*Ans.* (108s)

- 5.22 A cylindrical tank is placed with its axis vertical and is provided with a circular orifice, 80 mm in diameter, at the bottom. Water flows into the tank at a uniform

rate, and is discharged through the orifice. It is found that it takes 107 s for the water height in the tank to rise from 0.6 m to 0.75 m and 120 s for it to rise from 1.2 m to 1.28 m. Find the rate of inflow and the cross-sectional area of the tank. Assume a coefficient of discharge of 0.62 for the orifice.

*Ans. (0.019 m<sup>3</sup>/s, 5.48 m<sup>2</sup>)*

- 5.23 Calculate the coefficient of discharge from a projecting mouthpiece in the side of a water tank assuming that the only loss is that due to the sudden enlargement of water stream in the mouthpiece. Take a coefficient of contraction 0.64.

*Ans. (0.871)*

- 5.24 The velocity of water in a flow field is given by

$$\vec{V} = Ay\hat{i} + Ax\hat{j}$$

where  $A = 4 \text{ sec}^{-1}$  and the coordinates are in meters. Is it possible to calculate the pressure change between the points (1, 1) and (2, 2)? Calculate, if it is possible.

*Ans. (48 kN/m<sup>2</sup>)*

- 5.25 The velocity of water in a flow field is given by

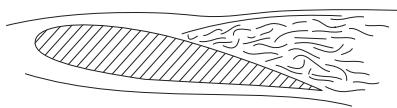
$$\vec{V} = Ax^2y^2\hat{i} - Bx y^3\hat{j}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants and having appropriate dimensions. The coordinates are in meters.

- Determine the stream function for this flow
- Determine the vorticity in the flow field
- Neglect the gravity. Is it possible to calculate the pressure difference between the points (1, 1) and (2, 2)? Calculate, if it is possible

*Ans. ((a)  $\psi = \frac{A}{3} x^2 y^3 + C$ , (b) Not possible)*

# 6



# Principles of Physical Similarity and Dimensional Analysis

## 6.1 INTRODUCTION

Solutions to engineering problems, due to their complex nature, are determined mostly from experiments. Due to economic advantages, saving of time and ease of investigations, it is not possible, in a number of instances, to perform experiments in the laboratory under identical conditions, in relation to the operating parameters, prevailing in practice. Therefore, laboratory tests are usually carried out under altered conditions of the operating variables from the actual ones in practice. These variables in case of problems relating to fluid flow, are pressure, velocity, geometrical dimensions of the working systems and the physical properties of the working fluid. The pertinent questions arising out of this situation are:

- (i) How can we apply the test results from laboratory experiments to the actual problems for another set of conditions in practice?
- (ii) When the performance of a system is governed by a large number of operating parameters as the input variables, a large number of experiments are required to be carried out accordingly to determine the influences of each and every operating parameter on the performance of the system. Is it possible, by any way, to reduce the large number of experiments, involving huge labour, time, and cost, to a lesser one in achieving the same objective?

A positive clue in answering the above two questions lies in the principle of physical similarity. This principle makes it possible and justifiable (i) to apply the results taken from tests under one set of conditions to another set of conditions and (ii) to predict the influences of a large number of independent operating variables on the performance of a system from an experiment with a limited number of operating variables. Therefore, a large part of the progress made in the study of mechanics of fluids and in the engineering applications of the subject has come from experiments conducted on scale models. No aircraft is now built before exhaustive tests are carried out on small models in a wind tunnel. The behaviour and power requirements of a ship are calculated in advance from the results of tests in which a small model of the ship is towed through water. Flood control of rivers, spillways of dams, harbour works, performances of fluid machines like turbines, pumps and propellers, and similar large scale projects are studied in details with models in the laboratory. In a number of situations, tests are conducted with one fluid and the results are applied to situations in which another fluid is used.

## 6.2 CONCEPT AND TYPES OF PHYSICAL SIMILARITY

The primary and fundamental requirement for the physical similarity between two problems is that the physics of the problems must be the same. For an example, a fully developed flow through a closed conduit can never be made, under any situation, physically similar with a flow in an open channel, since the flow in the earlier case is governed by viscous and pressure forces while the gravity force is dominant in latter case to maintain the flow. Therefore, the laws of similarity have to be sought between problems described by the same physics. We shall first define physical similarity as a general proposition. Two systems, described by the same physics, but operating under different sets of conditions are said to be physically similar in respect of certain specified physical quantities when the ratio of corresponding magnitudes of these quantities between the two systems is the same everywhere. If the specified physical quantities are geometrical dimensions, the similarity is called *geometric similarity*, if the quantities are related to motions, the similarity is called *kinematic similarity* and if the quantities refer to forces, then the similarity is termed as *dynamic similarity*. In the field of mechanics, these three similarities together constitute the complete similarity between problems of same kind.

**Geometric Similarity** Geometric similarity is the similarity of shape. This is probably the type of similarity most commonly encountered and, most easily understood. In geometrically similar systems, the ratio of any length in one system to the corresponding length in other system is the same everywhere. This ratio is usually known as scale factor. Therefore, geometrically similar objects are similar in their shapes, i.e., proportionate in their physical dimensions, but differ in size. In investigations of physical similarity, the full size or actual scale systems are

known as *prototypes* while the laboratory scale systems are referred to as *models*. As already indicated, use of the same fluid with both the prototype and the model is not necessary, nor is the model necessarily smaller than the prototype. The flow of fluid through an injection nozzle or a carburettor, for example, would be more easily studied by using a model much larger than the prototype. The model and prototype may be of identical size, although the two may then differ in regard to other factors such as velocity, and properties of the fluid. If  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are the two characteristic physical dimensions of any object, then the requirement of geometrical similarity is

$$\frac{l_{1m}}{l_{1p}} = \frac{l_{2m}}{l_{2p}} = l_r$$

(The second suffices *m* and *p* refer to model and prototype respectively) where  $l_r$  is the scale factor or sometimes known as the *model ratio*. Figure 6.1 shows three pairs of geometrically similar objects, namely, a right circular cylinder, a parallelopiped, and a triangular prism.

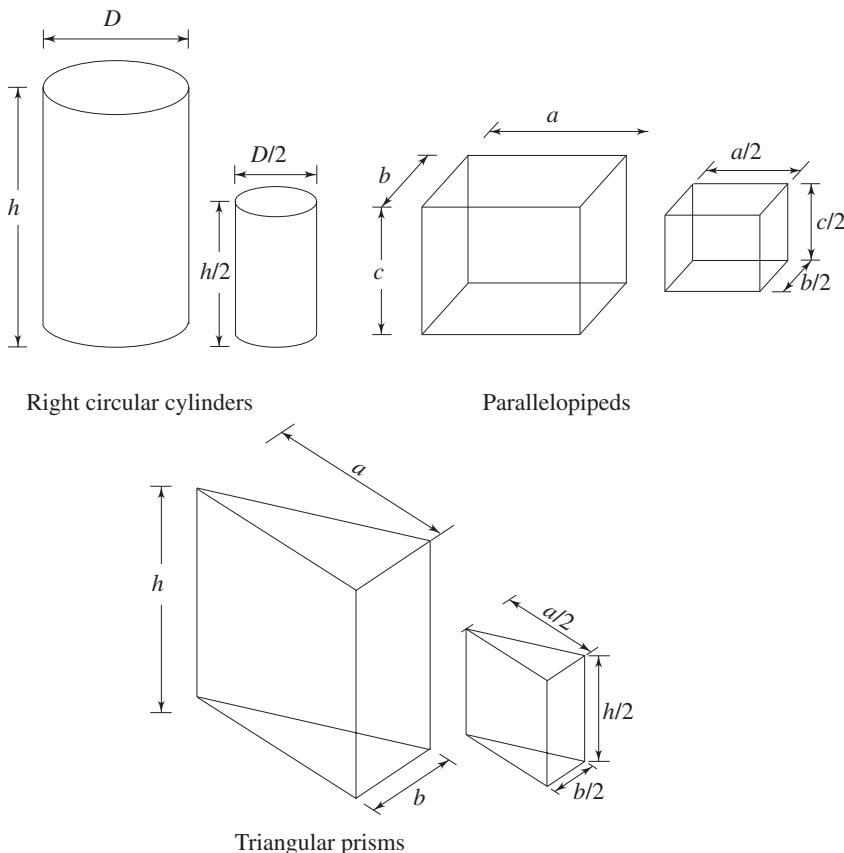


Fig. 6.1 Geometrically similar objects

It can be mentioned in this context that roughness of the surface should also be geometrically similar. Geometric similarity is perhaps the most obvious requirement in a model system designed to correspond to a given prototype system. A perfect geometric similarity is not always easy to attain. For a small model, the surface roughness might not be reduced according to the scale factor unless the model surfaces can be made very much smoother than those of the prototype. If for any reason the scale factor is not the same throughout, a distorted model results.

Sometimes it may so happen that to have a perfect geometric similarity within the available laboratory space, physics of the problem changes. For example, in case of large prototypes, such as rivers, the size of the model is limited by the available floor space of the laboratory; but if a very low scale factor is used in reducing both the horizontal and vertical lengths, this may result in a stream so shallow that surface tension has a considerable effect and, moreover, the flow may be laminar instead of turbulent. In this situation, a distorted model may be unavoidable (a lower scale factor for horizontal lengths while a relatively higher scale factor for vertical lengths). The extent to which perfect geometric similarity should be sought therefore depends on the problem being investigated, and the accuracy required from the solution.

**Kinematic Similarity** Kinematic similarity is similarity of motion. Since motions are described by distance and time, the kinematic similarity implies similarity of lengths (i.e., geometrical similarity) and, in addition, similarity of time intervals. If the corresponding lengths in the two systems are in a fixed ratio, the velocities of corresponding particles must be in a fixed ratio of magnitude of corresponding time intervals. If the ratio of corresponding lengths, known as the scale factor, is  $l_r$  and the ratio of corresponding time intervals is  $t_r$ , then the magnitudes of corresponding velocities are in the ratio  $l_r/t_r$ , and the magnitudes of corresponding accelerations are in the ratio  $l_r/t_r^2$ .

A well-known example of kinematic similarity is found in a planetarium. Here the galaxies of stars and planets in space are reproduced in accordance with a certain length scale and in simulating the motions of the planets, a fixed ratio of time intervals (and hence velocities and accelerations) is used.

When fluid motions are kinematically similar, the patterns formed by streamlines are geometrically similar at corresponding times. Since the impermeable boundaries also represent streamlines, kinematically similar flows are possible only past geometrically similar boundaries. Therefore, geometric similarity is a necessary condition for the kinematic similarity to be achieved, but not the sufficient one. For example, geometrically similar boundaries may ensure geometrically similar streamlines in the near vicinity of the boundary but not at a distance from the boundary.

**Dynamic Similarity** Dynamic similarity is the similarity of forces. In dynamically similar systems, the magnitudes of forces at similar points in each system are in a

fixed ratio. In other words, the ratio of magnitudes of any two forces in one system must be the same as the magnitude ratio of the corresponding forces in other systems. In a system involving flow of fluid, different forces due to different causes may act on a fluid element. These forces are as follows:

Viscous force (due to viscosity)	$\vec{F}_v$
Pressure force (due to difference in pressure)	$\vec{F}_p$
Gravity force (due to gravitational attraction)	$\vec{F}_g$
Capillary force (due to surface tension)	$\vec{F}_c$
Compressibility force (due to elasticity)	$\vec{F}_e$

According to Newton's law, the resultant  $\vec{F}_R$  of all these forces, will cause the acceleration of a fluid element. Hence,

$$\vec{F}_R = \vec{F}_v + \vec{F}_p + \vec{F}_g + \vec{F}_c + \vec{F}_e \quad (6.1)$$

Moreover, the inertia force  $\vec{F}_i$  is defined as equal and opposite to the resultant accelerating force  $\vec{F}_R$ . Therefore, Eq. (6.1) may also be expressed as

$$\vec{F}_v + \vec{F}_p + \vec{F}_g + \vec{F}_c + \vec{F}_e + \vec{F}_i = 0$$

For dynamic similarity, the magnitude ratios of these forces have to be same for both the prototype and the model. The inertia force  $\vec{F}_i$  is usually taken as the common one to describe the ratios as

$$\frac{|\vec{F}_v|}{|\vec{F}_i|}, \frac{|\vec{F}_p|}{|\vec{F}_i|}, \frac{|\vec{F}_g|}{|\vec{F}_i|}, \frac{|\vec{F}_c|}{|\vec{F}_i|}, \frac{|\vec{F}_e|}{|\vec{F}_i|}$$

A fluid motion, under all such forces is characterised by the (i) hydrodynamic parameters like pressure, velocity and acceleration due to gravity, (ii) rheological and other physical properties of the fluid involved, and (iii) geometrical dimensions of the system. Now it becomes important to express the magnitudes of different forces in terms of these parameters, so as to know the extent of their influences on the different forces acting on a fluid element in the course of its flow.

**Inertia Force  $\vec{F}_i$**  The inertia force acting on a fluid element is equal in magnitude to the mass of the element multiplied by its acceleration. The mass of a fluid element is proportional to  $\rho l^3$  where,  $\rho$  is the density of fluid and  $l$  is the characteristic geometrical dimension of the system. The acceleration of a fluid element in any direction is the rate at which its velocity in that direction changes with time and is therefore proportional in magnitude to some characteristic velocity  $V$  divided by some specified interval of time  $t$ . The time interval  $t$  is proportional to the characteristic length  $l$  divided by the characteristic velocity  $V$ , so that the acceleration becomes proportional to  $V^2/l$ . The magnitude of inertia force is thus proportional to  $\rho l^3 V^2/l = \rho l^2 V^2$ . This can be written as

$$|\vec{F}_i| \propto \rho l^2 V^2 \quad (6.2a)$$

**Viscous Force  $\vec{F}_v$**  The viscous force arises from shear stress in a flow of fluid. Therefore, we can write

Magnitude of viscous force  $|\vec{F}_v| = \text{shear stress} \times \text{surface area over which the shear stress acts}$

again, shear stress =  $\mu$  (viscosity)  $\times$  rate of shear strain

where, rate of shear strain  $\propto$  velocity gradient  $\propto \frac{V}{l}$  and surface area  $\propto l^2$

Hence

$$|\vec{F}_v| \propto \mu \frac{V}{l} l^2 \\ \propto \mu V l \quad (6.2b)$$

**Pressure Force  $\vec{F}_p$**  The pressure force arises due to the difference of pressure in a flow field. Hence it can be written as

$$|\vec{F}_p| \propto \Delta p \cdot l^2 \quad (6.2c)$$

where  $\Delta p$  is some characteristic pressure difference in the flow.

**Gravity Force  $\vec{F}_g$**  The gravity force on a fluid element is its weight.

Hence,

$$|\vec{F}_g| \propto \rho l^3 g \quad (6.2d)$$

where  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity or weight per unit mass.

**Capillary or Surface Tension Force  $\vec{F}_c$**  The capillary force arises due to the existence of an interface between two fluids. The surface tension force acts tangential to a surface and is equal to the coefficient of surface tension  $\sigma$  multiplied by the length of a linear element on the surface perpendicular to which the force acts. Therefore,

$$|\vec{F}_c| \propto \sigma l \quad (6.2e)$$

**Compressibility or Elastic Force  $\vec{F}_e$**  Elastic force comes into consideration due to the compressibility of the fluid in course of its flow. It has been shown in Eq. (1.3) that for a given compression (a decrease in volume), the increase in pressure is proportional to the bulk modulus of elasticity  $E$  and gives rise to a force known as the *elastic force*.

Hence,

$$|\vec{F}_e| \propto El^2 \quad (6.2f)$$

The flow of a fluid in practice does not involve all the forces simultaneously. Therefore, the pertinent dimensionless parameters for dynamic similarity are derived from the ratios of dominant forces causing the flow.

**Dynamic Similarity of Flows governed by Viscous, Pressure and Inertia Forces** The criteria of dynamic similarity for the flows controlled by viscous, pressure and inertia forces are derived from the ratios of the representative magnitudes of these forces with the help of Eq. (6.2a) to (6.2c) as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Viscous force}}{\text{Inertia force}} = \frac{|\vec{F}_v|}{|\vec{F}_i|} \propto \frac{\mu V l}{\rho V^2 l^2} = \frac{\mu}{\rho l V} \quad (6.3a)$$

$$\frac{\text{Pressure force}}{\text{Inertia force}} = \frac{|\vec{F}_p|}{|\vec{F}_i|} \propto \frac{\Delta p l^2}{\rho l^2 V^2} = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho V^2} \quad (6.3b)$$

The term  $\rho l V / \mu$  is known as *Reynolds number*,  $Re$  after the name of the scientist who first developed it and is thus proportional to the magnitude ratio of inertia force to viscous force. The term  $\Delta p / \rho V^2$  in the RHS of Eq. (6.3b) is known as *Euler number*,  $Eu$  after the name of the scientist who first derived it. Therefore, the dimensionless terms  $Re$  and  $Eu$  represent the criteria of dynamic similarity for the flows which are affected only by viscous, pressure and inertia forces. Such instances, for example, are (i) the full flow of fluid in a completely closed conduit, (ii) flow of air past a low-speed aircraft and (iii) the flow of water past a submarine deeply submerged to produce no waves on the surface. Hence, for a complete dynamic similarity to exist between the prototype and the model for this class of flows, the Reynolds number,  $Re$  and Euler number,  $Eu$  have to be same for the two (prototype and model). Thus

$$\frac{\rho_p l_p V_p}{\mu_p} = \frac{\rho_m l_m V_m}{\mu_m} \quad (6.3c)$$

$$\frac{\Delta p_p}{\rho_p V_p^2} = \frac{\Delta p_m}{\rho_m V_m^2} \quad (6.3d)$$

where, the suffix  $p$  and suffix  $m$  refer to the parameters for prototype and model respectively. In practice, the pressure drop is the dependent variable, and hence it is compared for the two systems with the help of Eq. (6.3d), while the equality of Reynolds number (Eq. (6.3c)) along with the equalities of other parameters in relation to kinematic and geometric similarities are maintained.

The characteristic geometrical dimension  $l$  and the reference velocity  $V$  in the expression of the Reynolds number may be any geometrical dimension and any velocity which are significant in determining the pattern of flow. For internal flows through a closed duct, the hydraulic diameter of the duct  $D_h$  and the average flow velocity at a section are invariably used for  $l$  and  $V$  respectively. The hydraulic diameter  $D_h$  is defined as  $D_h = 4A/P$  where  $A$  and  $P$  are the cross-sectional area and wetted perimeter respectively.

**Dynamic Similarity of Flows with Gravity, Pressure and Inertia Forces** A flow of the type, where significant forces are gravity force, pressure force and inertia force, is found when a free surface is present. One example is the flow of a liquid in an open channel; another is the wave motion caused by the passage of a ship through water. Other instances are the flows over weirs and spillways. The condition for dynamic similarity of such flows requires the equality of the Euler number  $Eu$  (the magnitude ratio of pressure to inertia force), and the equality in the magnitude ratio of gravity to inertia force at corresponding points in the systems being compared.

From Eqs (6.2a) and (6.2d)

$$\frac{\text{Gravity force}}{\text{Inertia force}} = \frac{|\vec{F}_g|}{|\vec{F}_i|} \propto \frac{\rho l^3 g}{\rho l^2 V^2} = \frac{lg}{V^2} \quad (6.3e)$$

In practice, it is often convenient to use the square root of this ratio to have the first power of the velocity. From a physical point of view, equality of  $(lg)^{1/2}/V$  implies equality of  $lg/V^2$  as regard to the concept of dynamic similarity. The reciprocal of the term  $(lg)^{1/2}/V$  is known as *Froude number* after William Froude who first suggested the use of this number in the study of naval architecture. Hence Froude number,  $Fr = V/(lg)^{1/2}$ . Therefore, the primary requirement for dynamic similarity between the prototype and the model involving flow of fluid with gravity as the dominant force, is the equality of Froude number,  $Fr$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{(l_p g_p)^{1/2}}{V_p} = \frac{(l_m g_m)^{1/2}}{V_m} \quad (6.3f)$$

**Dynamic Similarity of Flows with Surface Tension as the Dominant Force** Surface tension forces are important in certain classes of practical problems such as (i) flows in which capillary waves appear, (ii) flows of small jets and thin sheets of liquid injected by a nozzle in air (iii) flow of a thin sheet of liquid over a solid surface. Here the significant parameter for dynamic similarity is the magnitude ratio of the surface tension force to the inertia force, and can be written with the help of Eqs (6.2a) and (6.2e) as

$$\frac{|\vec{F}_c|}{|\vec{F}_i|} \propto \frac{\sigma l}{\rho l^2 V^2} = \frac{\sigma}{\rho V^2 l} \quad (6.3g)$$

The term  $\sigma/\rho V^2 l$  is usually known as *Weber number*,  $Wb$  after the German naval architect Moritz Weber who first suggested the use of this term as a relevant parameter.

**Dynamic Similarity of Flows with Elastic Force** When the compressibility of fluid in the course of its flow becomes important, the elastic force along with the pressure and inertia forces has to be considered. Therefore, the magnitude ratio of inertia to elastic force becomes a relevant parameter for dynamic similarity under this situation. With the help of Eqs (6.2a) and (6.2f)

$$\frac{\text{Inertia force}}{\text{Elastic force}} = \frac{|\vec{F}_i|}{|\vec{F}_e|} \propto \frac{\rho l^2 V^2}{El^2} = \frac{\rho V^2}{E} \quad (6.3h)$$

The parameter  $\rho V^2/E$  is known as *Cauchy number*, after the French mathematician A.L. Cauchy. If we consider the flow to be isentropic, then it can be written

$$\frac{|\vec{F}_i|}{|\vec{F}_e|} \propto \frac{\rho V^2}{E_s} \quad (6.3i)$$

where  $E_s$  is the *isentropic bulk modulus* of elasticity. It is shown in Chapter 14 that the velocity with which a sound wave propagates through a fluid medium equals to  $\sqrt{E_s/\rho}$ . Hence, the term  $\rho V^2/E_s$  can be written as  $V^2/a^2$  where  $a$  is the acoustic velocity in the fluid medium. The ratio  $V/a$  is known as *Mach number*, Ma after an Austrian physicist Ernst Mach. It has been shown in Chapter 1 [Eq. (1.12)] that the effects of compressibility become important when the Mach number exceeds 0.33. The situation arises in the flow of air past high-speed aircraft, missiles, propellers and rotory compressors. In these cases equality of Mach number is a condition for dynamic similarity.

Therefore,  $V_p/a_p = V_m/a_m$  (6.3j)

It is appropriate at this point to summarize the ratios of forces arising in the context of dynamic similarity for different situations of flow as discussed above. This is shown in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1

Pertinent dimensionless term as the criterion of dynamic similarity in different situations of fluid flow	Representative magnitude ratio of the forces	Name	Recommended symbol
$\rho l V / \mu$	$\frac{\text{Inertia force}}{\text{Viscous force}}$	Reynolds number	Re
$\Delta p / \rho V^2$	$\frac{\text{Pressure force}}{\text{Inertia force}}$	Euler number	Eu

(Contd.)

Pertinent dimensionless term as the criterion of dynamic similarity in different situations of fluid flow	Representative magnitude ratio of the forces	Name	Recommended symbol
$V/(lg)^{1/2}$	$\frac{\text{Inertia force}}{\text{Gravity force}}$	Froude number	Fr
$\sigma/\rho V^2 l$	$\frac{\text{Surface tension force}}{\text{Inertia force}}$	Weber number	Wb
$V/\sqrt{E_s/\rho}$	$\frac{\text{Inertia force}}{\text{Elastic force}}$	Mach number	Ma

### 6.3 THE APPLICATION OF DYNAMIC SIMILARITY—DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS

we have already seen that a number of dimensionless parameters, representing the magnitude ratios of certain physical variables, namely, geometrical dimension, velocity and force become the criteria of complete physical similarity between systems governed by the same physical phenomenon. Therefore, a physical problem may be characterised by a group of dimensionless similarity parameters or variables rather than by the original dimensional variables. This gives a clue to the reduction in the number of parameters requiring separate consideration in an experimental investigation. For an example, if the Reynolds number  $Re = \rho V D_h / \mu$  is considered as the independent variable, in case of a flow of fluid through a closed duct of hydraulic diameter  $D_h$ , then a change in  $Re$  may be caused through a change in flow velocity  $V$  only. Thus a range of  $Re$  can be covered simply by the variation in  $V$  without varying other independent dimensional variables  $\rho$ ,  $D_h$  and  $\mu$ . In fact, the variation in the Reynolds number physically implies the variation in any of the dimensional parameters defining it, though the change in  $Re$ , may be obtained through the variation in any one parameter, say the velocity  $V$ . A number of such dimensionless parameters in relation to dynamic similarity are shown in Table 6.1. Sometimes it becomes difficult to derive these parameters straight forward from an estimation of the representative order of magnitudes of the forces involved. An alternative method of determining these dimensionless parameters by a mathematical technique is known as *dimensional analysis*. The requirement of dimensional homogeneity imposes conditions on the quantities involved in a physical problem, and these restrictions, placed in the form of an algebraic function by the requirement of dimensional homogeneity, play the central role in dimensional analysis. There are two existing approaches; one due to *Buckingham* and the other due to *Rayleigh*. Before going to the description of these two methods, a few examples of the dimensions of physical quantities are given as follows.

### 6.3.1 Dimensions of Physical Quantities

All physical quantities are expressed by magnitudes and units. For example, the velocity and acceleration of a fluid particle are 8 m/s and 10 m/s<sup>2</sup> respectively. Here the dimensions of velocity and acceleration are ms<sup>-1</sup> and ms<sup>-2</sup> respectively. In SI (System International) units, the primary physical quantities which are assigned base dimensions are the mass, length, time, temperature, current and luminous intensity. Of these, the first four are used in fluid mechanics and they are symbolized as  $M$  (mass),  $L$  (length),  $T$  (time), and  $\theta$  (temperature).

Any physical quantity can be expressed in terms of these primary quantities by using the basic mathematical definition of the quantity. The resulting expression is known as the dimension of the quantity. For an example, shear stress  $\tau$  is defined as force/area. Again, force = mass  $\times$  acceleration

Dimensions of acceleration = Dimensions of velocity/Dimension of time.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\text{Dimension of distance}}{(\text{Dimension of time})^2} \\ &= \frac{L}{T^2} \end{aligned}$$

Dimension of area = (Length)<sup>2</sup> =  $L^2$

$$\text{Hence, dimensions of shear stress } \tau = ML/T^2L^2 = ML^{-1}T^{-2} \quad (6.4)$$

To find out the dimension of viscosity, as another example, one has to consider Newton's law (Eq. 1.1) for the definition of viscosity as

$$\tau = \mu du/dy$$

$$\text{or} \quad \mu = \frac{\tau}{(du/dy)}$$

The dimension of velocity gradient  $du/dy$  can be written as

$$\text{dimension of } du/dy = \text{dimension of } u/\text{dimension of } y = L/TL = T^{-1}$$

The dimension of shear stress  $\tau$  is given in Eq. (6.4).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence dimension of } \mu &= \frac{\text{dimension of } \tau}{\text{dimension of } du/dy} = \frac{ML^{-1}T^{-2}}{T^{-1}} \\ &= ML^{-1}T^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Dimensions of various physical quantities commonly encountered in problems on fluid flow are given in Table 6.2.

Table 6.2 Dimensions of Physical Quantities

Physical Quantity	Dimension
Mass	M
Length	L
Time	T
Temperature	$\theta$

(Contd.)

Physical Quantity	Dimension
Velocity	$LT^{-1}$
Angular velocity	$T^{-1}$
Acceleration	$LT^{-2}$
Angular acceleration	$T^{-2}$
Force, thrust, weight	$MLT^{-2}$
Stress, pressure	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$
Momentum	$MLT^{-1}$
Angular momentum	$ML^2T^{-1}$
Moment, torque	$ML^2T^{-2}$
Work, energy	$ML^2T^{-2}$
Power	$ML^2T^{-3}$
Stream function	$L^2T^{-1}$
Vorticity, shear rate	$T^{-1}$
Velocity potential	$L^2T^{-1}$
Density	$ML^{-3}$
Coefficient of dynamic viscosity	$ML^{-1}T^{-1}$
Coefficient of kinematic viscosity	$L^2T^{-1}$
Surface tension	$MT^{-2}$
Bulk modulus of elasticity	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$

### 6.3.2 Buckingham's Pi-Theorem

When a physical phenomenon is described by  $m$  number of independent variables like  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m$ , we may express the phenomenon analytically by an implicit functional relationship of the controlling variables as

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m) = 0 \quad (6.5)$$

Now if  $n$  be the number of fundamental dimensions like mass, length, time, temperature etc., involved in these  $m$  variables, then according to Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem, the phenomenon can be described in terms of  $(m - n)$  independent dimensionless groups like  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_{m-n}$ , where  $\pi$  terms, representing the dimensionless parameters consist of different combinations of a number of dimensional variables out of the  $m$  independent variables defining the problem. Therefore, the analytical version of the phenomenon given by Eq. (6.5) can be reduced to

$$F(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_{m-n}) = 0 \quad (6.6)$$

This physically implies that the phenomenon which is basically described by  $m$  independent dimensional variables, is ultimately controlled by  $(m-n)$  independent dimensionless parameters known as  $\pi$  terms.

**Alternative Mathematical Description of ( $\pi$ ) Pi Theorem** A physical problem described by  $m$  number of variables involving  $n$  number of fundamental dimensions ( $n < m$ ) leads to a system of  $n$  linear algebraic equations with  $m$  variables of the form

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1m}x_m &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2m}x_m &= b_2 \\ \dots & \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nm}x_m &= b_n \end{aligned} \quad (6.7)$$

or in a matrix form,

$$Ax = b \quad (6.8)$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2m} \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \cdot \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  is referred to as the coefficient matrix of order  $n \times m$ . The matrix  $A$  in Eq. (6.8) is rectangular and the largest determinant that can be formed will have the order  $n$  ( $n < m$ ). If any matrix  $C$  has at least one determinant of order  $r$  which is different from zero and no nonzero determinant of order greater than  $r$ , then the matrix  $C$  is said to be of rank  $r$  which is expressed as

$$R(C) = r$$

To seek the condition for the solution of the system of linear equations as described above, it is required to define the augmented matrix  $B$  as

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \cdots a_{1m} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \cdots a_{2m} & b_2 \\ \hline a_{n1} & a_{n2} \cdots a_{nm} & b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Three possible cases arise in relation to the solution of the system of linear Eq. (6.8)



From the above mathematical reasoning, Pi theorem can be stated in the following fashion: If a physical problem is defined by  $m$  variables involving  $n$  fundamental dimensions, then the Eq. (6.5) defining the relation amongst the variables is equivalent to

$$F(\pi_1 \ \pi_2 \ \dots \ \pi_{m-r}) = 0$$

where  $\pi_1, \pi_2 \dots \pi_{m-r}$  are the dimensionless numbers formed by the different combinations out of the variables  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$ , and  $r$  is the rank of the augmented matrix  $B$  as defined above. For a physical system,  $r$  usually becomes equal to  $n$ .

**Determination of  $\pi$  terms** The number of independent  $\pi$  terms is fixed by the Pi theorem. The next step is the determination of  $\pi$  terms as follows:

Any group of  $n$  ( $n$  = number of fundamental dimensions) variables out of  $m$  ( $m$  = total number of independent variables defining the problem) is first chosen. These  $n$  variables are referred to as repeating variables. Then the  $\pi$  terms are formed by the product of these repeating variables raised to arbitrary unknown integer exponents and any one of the excluded ( $m - n$ ) variables. For example,  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$  are taken as the repeating variables. Then,

$$\pi_1 = x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \dots x_n^{a_n} x_{n+1}$$

$$\pi_2 = x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \dots x_n^{a_n} x_{n+2}$$

$$\dots$$

$$\pi_{m-n} = x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \dots x_n^{a_n} x_m$$

The sets of integer exponents  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  are different for each  $\pi$  term. Since  $\pi$  terms are dimensionless, it requires that if all the variables in any  $\pi$  term are expressed in terms of their fundamental dimensions, the exponent of all the basic dimensions must be zero. This leads to a system of  $n$  linear equations in  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  which gives a unique solution for the exponents. Thus the values of  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  for each  $\pi$  term are known and hence the  $\pi$  terms are uniquely defined. In selecting the repeating variables, the following points have to be considered:

- (i) The repeating variables must include among them all the  $n$  fundamental dimensions, not necessarily in each one but collectively.
- (ii) The dependent variable or the output parameter of the physical phenomenon should not be included in the repeating variables.

It has already been recognised that when  $m < n$ , there is no solution which means no physical phenomenon is described under this situation. Moreover, when  $m = n$ , there is a unique solution of the variables involved and hence all the parameters have fixed values. This situation also does not represent a physical phenomenon or process. Therefore all feasible phenomena in practice are defined with  $m > n$ . When  $m = n + 1$ , then, according to the Pi theorem, the number of  $\pi$  term is one and the phenomenon can be expressed as

$$f(\pi_1) = 0$$

where, the non-dimensional term  $\pi_1$  is some specific combination of  $n+1$  variables involved in the problem.

When  $m > n+1$ , the number of  $\pi$  terms are more than one. The most important point to discuss is that a number of choices regarding the repeating variables arise in this case. Again, it is true that if one of the repeating variables is changed, it results in a different set of  $\pi$  terms. Therefore the interesting question is which set of repeating variables is to be chosen, to arrive at the correct set of  $\pi$  terms to describe the problem. The answer to this question lies in the fact that different sets of  $\pi$  terms resulting from the use of different sets of repeating variables are

not independent. Thus, any one of such interdependent sets is meaningful in describing the same physical phenomenon.

From any set of such  $\pi$  terms, one can obtain the other meaningful sets from some combination of the  $\pi$  terms of the existing set without altering their total numbers ( $m-n$ ) as fixed by the Pi theorem. The following two examples will make the understanding of Buckingham's Pi theorem clear.

**Example 1** The vertical displacement  $h$  of a freely falling body from its point of projection at any time  $t$  is determined by the acceleration due to gravity  $g$ . Find the relationship of  $h$  with  $t$  and  $g$  by the use of Buckingham's Pi theorem.

**Solution** The above phenomenon can be described by the functional relation as

$$F(h, t, g) = 0 \quad (6.9)$$

Here the number of variables  $m = 3$  ( $h$ ,  $t$ , and  $g$ ) and they can be expressed in terms of two fundamental dimensions  $L$  and  $T$ . Hence, the number of  $\pi$  terms  $= m - n = 3 - 2 = 1$ . In determining this  $\pi$  term, the number of repeating variables to be taken is 2. Since  $h$  is the dependent variable, the only choice left for the repeating variables is with  $t$  and  $g$ .

Therefore,

$$\pi_1 = t^a g^b h \quad (6.10)$$

By substituting the fundamental dimensions of the variables in the left and right hand sides of Eq. (6.10) we get

$$L^0 T^0 = T^a (L T^{-2})^b L$$

Equating the exponents of  $T$  and  $L$  on both the sides of the above equation we have

$$a - 2b = 0$$

$$\text{and} \quad b + 1 = 0$$

which give,

$$a = -2$$

$$b = -1$$

$$\text{Hence,} \quad \pi_1 = h/gt^2$$

Therefore the functional relationship (Eq. (6.9)) of the variables describing the phenomenon of free fall of a body under gravity can be written in terms of the dimensionless parameter ( $\pi_1$ ) as

$$f\left(\frac{h}{gt^2}\right) = 0 \quad (6.11)$$

From elementary classical mechanics we know that  $\frac{h}{gt^2} = \frac{1}{2}$ . One should know,

in this context, that the Pi theorem can only determine the pertinent dimensionless groups describing the problem but not the exact functional relationship between them.

**Example 2** For a steady, fully developed laminar flow through a duct, the pressure drop per unit length of the duct  $\Delta p/l$  is constant in the direction of flow and depends on the average flow velocity  $V$ , the hydraulic diameter of the duct  $D_h$ , the density  $\rho$  and the viscosity  $\mu$  of the fluid. Find out the pertinent dimensionless groups governing the problem by the use of Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem.

**Solution** The variables involved in the problem are

$$\frac{\Delta p}{l}, V, D_h, \rho, \mu$$

Hence,  $m = 5$ .

The fundamental dimensions in which these five variables can be expressed are  $M$ (mass),  $L$ (length) and  $T$ (Time). Therefore,  $n = 3$ . According to Pi theorem, the number of independent  $\pi$  terms is  $(5-3)=2$ , and the problem can be expressed as,

$$f(\pi_1 \pi_2) = 0 \quad (6.12)$$

In determining  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ , the number of repeating variables that can be taken is 3. The term  $\Delta p/l$  being the dependent variable should not be taken as the repeating one. Therefore, choices are left with  $V, D_h, \rho$  and  $\mu$ . Incidentally any combination of three out of these four quantities involves all the fundamental dimensions  $M$ ,  $L$  and  $T$ . Hence any one of the following four possible sets of repeating variables can be used:

$$\begin{aligned} & V, D_h, \rho \\ & V, D_h, \mu \\ & D_h, \rho, \mu \\ & V, \rho, \mu \end{aligned}$$

Let us first use the set  $V, D_h$  and  $\rho$ . Then the  $\pi$  terms can be written as

$$\pi_1 = V^a D_h^b \rho^c \Delta p/l \quad (6.13)$$

$$\pi_2 = V^a D_h^b \rho^c \mu \quad (6.14)$$

Expressing the Eqs. (6.13) and (6.14) in terms of the fundamental dimensions of the variables, we get

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-3})^c ML^{-2} T^{-2} \quad (6.15)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-3})^c ML^{-1} T^{-1} \quad (6.16)$$

Equating the exponents of  $M$ ,  $L$  and  $T$  on both sides of Eq. (6.15) we have,

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$a + b - 3c - 2 = 0$$

$$-a - 2 = 0$$

which give  $a = -2, b = 1$  and  $c = -1$

Therefore  $\pi_1 = \frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2}$

Similarly from Eq. (6.16)

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$a + b - 3c - 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 1 = 0$$

which give  $a = -1$ ,  $b = -1$ , and  $c = -1$

$$\text{Therefore } \pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{VD_h\rho}$$

Hence, Eq. (6.12) can be written as

$$F \left( \frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2}, \frac{\mu}{VD_h \rho} \right) = 0 \quad (6.17)$$

The term  $\pi_2$  is the reciprocal of Reynolds number,  $Re$  as defined earlier. Equation (6.17) can also be expressed as

$$f \left( \frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2}, \frac{VD_h \rho}{\mu} \right) = 0 \quad (6.18)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2} = \phi(Re) \quad (6.19)$$

The term  $\pi_1$ , i.e.  $\frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2}$  is known as the *friction factor* in relation to a fully developed flow through a closed duct.

Let us now choose  $V, D_h$  and  $\mu$  as the repeating variables.

Then

$$\pi_1 = V^a D_h^b \mu^c (\Delta p/l) \quad (6.20)$$

$$\pi_2 = V^a D_h^b \mu^c \rho \quad (6.21)$$

Expressing the right hand side of Eq. (6.20) in terms of fundamental dimensions, we have

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a L^b (ML^{-1}T^{-1})^c M L^{-2} T^{-2}$$

Equating the exponents of  $M$ ,  $L$  and  $T$  from above

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$a + b - c - 2 = 0$$

$$-a - c - 2 = 0$$

Finally,  $a = -1, b = 2, c = -1$

$$\text{Therefore, } \pi_1 = \frac{\Delta p}{l} \frac{D_h^2}{V\mu}$$

Similarly, equating the exponents of fundamental dimensions of the variables on both sides of Eq. (6.21) we get

$$a = 1, b = 1, c = -1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \pi_2 = \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu}$$

Hence the same problem which was defined by Eq. (6.17) can also be defined by the equation

$$f\left(\frac{\Delta p}{l} \frac{D_h^2}{V\mu}, \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu}\right) = 0 \quad (6.22)$$

Though the Eqs (6.17) and (6.22) are not identical, but they are interdependent. Now if we write the two sets of  $\pi$  terms obtained straight forward from the application of  $\pi$  theorem as

$$\begin{array}{ll} \pi_1 & \pi_2 \\ \text{Set 1} & \frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2}, \quad \frac{\mu}{\rho V D_h} \\ \text{Set 2} & \frac{\Delta p D_h^2}{l V \mu}, \quad \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu} \end{array}$$

We observe that

$$(1/\pi_2) \text{ of set 2} = (\pi_2) \text{ of set 1}$$

$$\text{and } (\pi_1/\pi_2) \text{ of set 2} = (\pi_1) \text{ of set 1}$$

Therefore, it can be concluded that, from one set of  $\pi$  terms, one can obtain the other set by some combination of the  $\pi$  terms of the existing set. It is justified both mathematically and physically that the functional relationship of  $\pi$  terms representing a problem in the form

$$f(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_r) = 0$$

is equivalent to any implicit functional relationship between other  $\pi$  terms obtained from any arbitrary mathematical combination of  $\pi$  terms of the existing set, provided the total number of independent  $\pi$  terms remains the same. For example, Eq. (6.22) and Eq. (6.17) can be defined in terms of  $\pi$  parameters of the set 2 as

$$f(\pi_1, \pi_2) = 0$$

$$\text{and } F(\pi_1/\pi_2, 1/\pi_2) = 0 \text{ respectively}$$

Table 6.3 shows different mutually interdependent sets of  $\pi$  terms obtained from all possible combinations of the repeating variables of Example 2. Though the different sets of  $\pi$  terms as shown in column 2 of Table 6.3 are mathematically meaningful, many of them lack physical significance. The physically meaningful parameters of the problem are  $\Delta p D_h/l \rho V^2$  and  $\rho V D_h/\mu$  and are known as *friction factor* and *Reynolds number* respectively. Therefore while selecting the repeating variables, for a fluid flow problem, it is desirable to choose one variable with geometric characteristics, another variable with flow characteristics and yet another variable with fluid properties. This ensures that the dimensionless parameters obtained will be the meaningful ones with respect to their physical interpretations.

Table 6.3 Different Sets of  $\pi$  Terms Resulting from Different Combinations of Repeating Variables of a Pipe Flow Problem

Repeating Variables	Set of $\pi$ Terms		Functional Relation
	$\pi_1$	$\pi_2$	
$V, D_h, \rho$	$\frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2}$	$\frac{\mu}{\rho V D_h}$	$F \left( \frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2}, \frac{\mu}{\rho V D_h} \right) = 0$
$V, D_h, \mu$	$\frac{\Delta p D_h^2}{l V \mu}$	$\frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu}$	$f \left( \frac{\Delta p D_h^2}{l V \mu}, \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu} \right) = 0$
$D_h, \rho, \mu$	$\frac{\Delta p D_h^3 \rho}{l \mu^2}$	$\frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu}$	$\phi \left( \frac{\Delta p D_h^3 \rho}{l \mu^2}, \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu} \right) = 0$
$V, \rho, \mu$	$\frac{\Delta p \mu}{l V^3 \rho^2}$	$\frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu}$	$\psi \left( \frac{\Delta p \mu}{l V^3 \rho^2}, \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu} \right) = 0$

The above discussion on Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem can be summarized as follows:

- (i) List the  $m$  physical quantities involved in a particular problem. Note the number  $n$ , of the fundamental dimensions to express the  $m$  quantities. There will be  $(m-n)$   $\pi$  terms.
- (ii) Select  $n$  of the  $m$  quantities, excluding any dependent variable, none dimensionless and no two having the same dimensions. All fundamental dimensions must be included collectively in the quantities chosen.
- (iii) The first  $\pi$  term can be expressed as the product of the chosen quantities each raised to an unknown exponent and one other quantity.
- (iv) Retain the quantities chosen in (ii) as repeating variables and then choose one of the remaining variables to establish the next  $\pi$  term in a similar manner as described in (iii). Repeat this procedure for the successive  $\pi$  terms.
- (v) For each  $\pi$  term, solve for the unknown exponents by dimensional analysis.
- (vi) If a quantity out of  $m$  physical variables is dimensionless, it is a  $\pi$  term.
- (vii) If any two physical quantities have the same dimensions, their ratio will be one of the  $\pi$  terms.
- (viii) Any  $\pi$  term may be replaced by the term, raised to an exponent. For example,  $\pi_3$  may be replaced by  $\pi_3^2$  or  $\pi_2$  by  $\sqrt{\pi_2}$ .
- (ix) Any  $\pi$  term may be replaced by multiplying it by a numerical constant. For example  $\pi_1$  may be replaced by  $3 \pi_1$ .

### 6.3.3 Rayleigh's Indicial Method

This alternative method is also based on the fundamental principle of dimensional homogeneity of physical variables involved in a problem. Here the dependent variable is expressed as a product of all the independent variables raised to an unknown integer exponent. Equating the indices of  $n$  fundamental dimensions of the variables involved,  $n$  independent equations are obtained which are solved for the purpose of obtaining the dimensionless groups. Let us illustrate this method by solving the pipe flow problem in Example 2. Here, the dependent variable  $\Delta p/l$  can be written as

$$\frac{\Delta p}{l} = A V^a D_h^b \rho^c \mu^d \quad (6.23)$$

where,  $A$  is a dimensionless constant.

Inserting the dimensions of each variable in the above equation, we obtain,

$$M L^{-2} T^{-2} = A (L T^{-1})^a (L)^b (M L^{-3})^c (M L^{-1} T^{-1})^d$$

Equating the indices of  $M$ ,  $L$ , and  $T$  on both sides, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} c + d &= 1 \\ a + b - 3c - d &= -2 \\ -a - d &= -2 \end{aligned} \quad (6.24)$$

There are three equations and four unknowns. Solving these equations in terms of the unknown  $d$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 2 - d \\ b &= -d - 1 \\ c &= 1 - d \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Eq. (6.23) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta p}{l} &= A V^{2-d} D_h^{-d-1} \rho^{1-d} \mu^d \\ \text{or} \quad \frac{\Delta p}{l} &= \frac{AV^2 \rho}{D_h} \left( \frac{\mu}{VD_h \rho} \right)^d \\ \text{or} \quad \frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2} &= A \left( \frac{\mu}{VD_h \rho} \right)^d \end{aligned} \quad (6.25)$$

Therefore we see that there are two independent dimensionless terms of the problem, namely,

$$\frac{\Delta p D_h}{l \rho V^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mu}{VD_h \rho}$$

It should be mentioned in this context that both Buckingham's method and Rayleigh's method of dimensional analysis determine only the relevant independent dimensionless parameters of a problem, but not the exact relationship between them. For example, the numerical values of  $A$  and  $d$  in the Eq. (6.25) can never be known from dimensional analysis. They are found out from experiments.

If the system of Eq. (6.24) is solved for the unknown  $c$ , it results,

$$\frac{\Delta p}{l} \frac{D_h^2}{V\mu} = A \left( \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu} \right)^c$$

Therefore different interdependent sets of dimensionless terms are obtained with the change of unknown indices in terms of which the set of indicial equations are solved. This is similar to the situations arising with different possible choices of repeating variables in Buckingham's Pi theorem.

## Summary

- Physical similarities are always sought between the problems of same physics. The complete physical similarity requires geometric similarity, kinematic similarity and dynamic similarity to exist simultaneously.
- In geometric similarity, the ratios of the corresponding geometrical dimensions between the systems remain the same. In kinematic similarity, the ratios of corresponding motions and in dynamic similarity, the ratios of corresponding forces between the systems remain the same.
- For prediction of the performance characteristics of actual systems in practice from the results of model scale experiments in laboratories, complete physical similarity has to be achieved between the prototype and the model.
- Dimensional homogeneity of physical quantities implies that the number of dimensionless independent variables are smaller as compared to the number of their dimensional counterparts to describe a physical phenomenon. The dimensionless variables represent the criteria of similarity. Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem states that if a physical problem is described by  $m$  dimensional variables which can be expressed by  $n$  fundamental dimensions, then the number of independent dimensionless variables defining the problem will be  $m - n$ . These dimensionless variables are known as  $\pi$  terms. The independent  $\pi$  terms of a physical problem are determined either by Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem or by Rayleigh's indicial method.

## Solved Examples

**Example 6.1** Drag force  $F$  on a high speed air craft depends on the velocity of flight  $V$ , the characteristic geometrical dimension of the air craft  $l$ , the density  $\rho$ , viscosity  $\mu$  and isentropic bulk modulus of elasticity  $E_s$  of ambient air. Using Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem, find out the independent dimensionless quantities which describe the phenomenon of drag on the aircraft.

**Solution** The physical variables involved in the problem are  $F$ ,  $V$ ,  $l$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$  and  $E_s$ . and they are 6 in number. The fundamental dimensions involved with these variables are 3 in number and they are, namely, M, L, T. Therefore, according to the  $\pi$  theorem, the number of independent  $\pi$  terms are  $(6 - 3) = 3$ .

Now to determine these  $\pi$  terms,  $V$ ,  $l$  and  $\rho$  are chosen as the repeating variables. Then the  $\pi$  terms can be written as

$$\pi_1 = V^a l^b \rho^c F$$

$$\pi_2 = V^a l^b \rho^c \mu$$

$$\pi_3 = V^a l^b \rho^c E_s$$

The variables of the above equations can be expressed in terms of their fundamental dimensions as

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a L^b (ML^{-3})^c ML T^{-2} \quad (6.26)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a L^b (ML^{-3})^c ML^{-1} T^{-1} \quad (6.27)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a L^b (ML^{-3})^c ML^{-1} T^{-2} \quad (6.28)$$

Equating the exponents of M, L and T on both sides of the equations we have, from Eq. (6.26),

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$a + b - 3c + 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 2 = 0$$

which, give,  $a = -2$ ,  $b = -2$ , and  $c = -1$

$$\text{Therefore, } \pi_1 = \frac{F}{\rho V^2 l^2}$$

From Eq. (6.27),  $c + 1 = 0$

$$a + b - 3c - 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 1 = 0$$

which give,  $a = -1$ ,  $b = -1$  and  $c = -1$

$$\text{Therefore, } \pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho V l}$$

From Eq. (6.28),  $c + 1 = 0$

$$a + b - 3c - 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 2 = 0$$

which give  $a = -2$ ,  $b = 0$  and  $c = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } \pi_3 &= \frac{E_s}{V^2 \rho} \\ &= \frac{E_s / \rho}{V^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the independent dimensionless parameters describing the problem are

$$\pi_1 = \frac{F}{\rho V^2 l^2} \quad \pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho V l} \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_3 = \frac{E_s / \rho}{V^2}$$

Now we see that  $\frac{1}{\pi_2} = \frac{\rho V l}{\mu} = \text{Re}$  (Reynolds number)

and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi_3}} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{E_s/\rho}} = \frac{V}{a} = \text{Ma}$  (Mach number)

where  $a$  is the local speed of sound.

Therefore the problem of drag on an aircraft can be expressed by an implicit functional relationship of the pertinent dimensionless parameters as

$$f\left(\frac{F}{\rho V^2 l^2}, \frac{\rho V l}{\mu}, \frac{V}{a}\right) = 0$$

or  $\frac{F}{\rho V^2 l^2} = \phi\left(\frac{\rho V l}{\mu}, \frac{V}{a}\right)$  (6.29)

The term  $F/\rho V^2 l^2$  is known as drag coefficient  $C_D$ . Hence Eq. (6.29) can be written as

$$C_D = f(\text{Re}, \text{Ma})$$

**Example 6.2** An aircraft is to fly at a height of 9 km (where the temperature and pressure are  $-45^\circ\text{C}$  and 30.2 kPa respectively) at 400 m/s. A 1/20th scale model is tested in a pressurized wind-tunnel in which the air is at  $15^\circ\text{C}$ . For complete dynamic similarity what pressure and velocity should be used in the wind-tunnel? (For air,  $\mu \propto T^{3/2}/(T + 117)$ ,  $E_s = \gamma p$ ,  $p = \rho RT$  where the temperature  $T$  is in kelvin,  $\gamma$  is the ratio of specific heats).

**Solution** We find from Eq. (6.29) that for complete dynamic similarity the Reynolds number, Re and Mach number, Ma for the model must be the same with those of the prototype.

From the equality of Mach number Ma,

$$\frac{V_m}{a_m} = \frac{V_p}{a_p}$$

or  $V_m = V_p \frac{a_m}{a_p}$

$$= V_p \sqrt{\frac{E_{s_m}/\rho_m}{E_{s_p}/\rho_p}}$$

(subscripts  $m$  and  $p$  refer to the model and prototype respectively.)

$$= V_p \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p_m}{\gamma p_p} \cdot \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_m}}$$

(since  $a = \sqrt{E_s/\rho}$ , and  $E = \gamma p$ )

again from the equation of state,

$$\frac{p_m}{\rho_m} \frac{\rho_p}{p_p} = \frac{T_m}{T_p}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} V_m &= V_p \sqrt{\frac{T_m}{T_p}} \\ &= 400 \text{ m/s} \sqrt{\frac{(273.15 + 15)}{(273.15 - 45)}} \\ &= 450 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

From the equality of Reynolds number,

$$\frac{\rho_m V_m l_m}{\mu_m} = \frac{\rho_p V_p l_p}{\mu_p}$$

or

$$\frac{\rho_m}{\rho_p} = \frac{V_p}{V_m} \cdot \frac{l_p}{l_m} \cdot \frac{\mu_m}{\mu_p}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_m}{p_p} &= \frac{V_p}{V_m} \cdot \frac{l_p}{l_m} \cdot \frac{T_m}{T_p} \cdot \frac{\mu_m}{\mu_p} \\ &= \frac{V_p}{V_m} \cdot \frac{l_p}{l_m} \left[ \frac{T_m}{T_p} \right]^{5/2} \left[ \frac{T_p + 117}{T_m + 117} \right] \end{aligned}$$

[since  $\mu \propto T^{3/2} / (T + 117)$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } p_m &= 30.2 \text{ kPa} \left( \frac{400}{450} \right) (20) \left( \frac{273.15 + 15}{273.15 - 45} \right)^{5/2} \left( \frac{273.15 - 45 + 117}{273.15 + 15 + 117} \right) \\ &= 821 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6.3** An agitator of diameter  $D$  requires power  $P$  to rotate at a constant speed  $N$  in a liquid of density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$  (i) show with the help of Pi theorem that

$$P = \rho N^3 D^5 F(\rho N D^2 / \mu)$$

(ii) An agitator of 225 mm diameter rotating at 23 rev/s in water requires a driving torque of 1.1 Nm. Calculate the corresponding speed and the torque required to drive a similar agitator of 675 mm diameter rotating in air (Viscosities: air  $1.86 \times 10^{-5}$  Pa s, water  $1.01 \times 10^{-3}$  Pa s. Densities: air  $1.20 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , water  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ).

**Solution** (i) The problem is described by 5 variables as

$$F(P, N, D, \rho, \mu) = 0$$

These variables are expressed by 3 fundamental dimensions M, L, and T. Therefore, the number of  $\pi$  terms  $= (5 - 3) = 2$ .  $N$ ,  $D$ , and  $\rho$  are taken as the repeating variables in determining the  $\pi$  terms.

Then,

$$\pi_1 = N^a D^b \rho^c P \quad (6.30)$$

$$\pi_2 = N^a D^b \rho^c \mu \quad (6.31)$$

Substituting the variables of Eq. (6.30) and (6.31) in terms of their fundamental dimensions M, L and T we get,

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (T^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-3})^c ML^2 T^{-3} \quad (6.32)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (T^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-3})^c ML^{-1} T^{-1} \quad (6.33)$$

Equating the exponents of M, L and T from Eq. (6.32), we get

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$b - 3c + 2 = 0$$

$$-a - 3 = 0$$

which give  $a = -3, b = -5, c = -1$

$$\text{and hence } \pi_1 = \frac{P}{\rho N^3 D^5}$$

Similarly from equation (6.33)

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$b - 3c - 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 1 = 0$$

which give  $a = -1, b = -2, c = -1$

$$\text{and hence } \pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho N D^2}$$

Therefore, the problem can be expressed in terms of independent dimensionless parameters as

$$f\left(\frac{P}{\rho N^3 D^5}, \frac{\mu}{\rho N D^2}\right) = 0$$

which is equivalent to

$$\psi\left(\frac{P}{\rho N^3 D^5}, \frac{\rho N D^2}{\mu}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{P}{\rho N^3 D^5} = F\left(\frac{\rho N D^2}{\mu}\right)$$

$$\text{or } P = \rho N^3 D^5 F\left(\frac{\rho N D^2}{\mu}\right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(ii)} & \begin{array}{ll} D_1 = 225 \text{ mm} & D_2 = 675 \text{ mm} \\ N_1 = 23 \text{ rev/s} & N_2 = ? \\ \rho_1 = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 & \rho_2 = 1.20 \text{ kg/m}^3 \\ \mu_1 = 1.01 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pas} & \mu_2 = 1.86 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pas} \\ P_1 = 2\pi \times 23 \times 1.1 \text{ W} & P_2 = ? \end{array} \end{array}$$

From the condition of similarity as established above,

$$\frac{\rho_2 N_2 D_2^2}{\mu_2} = \frac{\rho_1 N_1 D_1^2}{\mu_1}$$

$$N_2 = N_1 \left( \frac{D_1}{D_2} \right)^2 \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}$$

$$= 23 \text{ rev/s} \left( \frac{225}{675} \right)^2 \frac{1000}{1.20} \frac{1.86 \times 10^{-5}}{1.01 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$= 39.22 \text{ rev/s}$$

again, 
$$\frac{P_2}{\rho_2 N_2^3 D_2^5} = \frac{P_1}{\rho_1 N_1^3 D_1^5}$$

or 
$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1}\right)^5 \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^3 \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}$$

or 
$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1}\right)^5 \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2 \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}$$

where,  $T$  represents the torque and satisfies the relation  $P = 2 \pi N T$

Hence 
$$\begin{aligned} T_2 &= T_1 \left(\frac{D_2}{D_1}\right)^5 \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1}\right)^2 \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \\ &= 1.1 \text{ Nm} \left(\frac{675}{225}\right)^5 \left(\frac{39.22}{23}\right)^2 \frac{1.20}{1000} \\ &= 0.933 \text{ Nm} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6.4** A torpedo-shaped object 900 mm diameter is to move in air at 60 m/s and its drag is to be estimated from tests in water on a half scale model. Determine the necessary speed of the model and the drag of the full scale object if that of the model is 1140 N. (fluid properties are same as in Example 6.3 (ii)).

**Solution** The dimensionless parameters representing the criteria of similarity, have to be determined first.

The drag force  $F$  on the object depends upon its velocity  $V$ , diameter  $D$ , the density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$  of air. Now we use Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem to find the dimensionless parameters. The five variables  $F$ ,  $V$ ,  $D$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  are expressed by three fundamental dimensions M, L and T. Therefore the number of  $\pi$  terms is  $(5 - 3) = 2$

We choose  $V$ ,  $D$  and  $\rho$  as the repeating variables

Then, 
$$\pi_1 = V^a D^b \rho^c F$$

$$\pi_2 = V^a D^b \rho^c \mu$$

Expressing the variables in the equations above in terms of their fundamental dimensions, we have

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a L^b (ML^{-3})^c MLT^{-2} \quad (6.34)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a L^b (ML^{-3})^c ML^{-1} T^{-1} \quad (6.35)$$

Equating the exponents of M, L and T on both the sides of the above equations, we get  $a = -2$ ,  $b = -2$ ,  $c = -1$  from Eq. (6.34), and  $a = -1$ ,  $b = -1$ ,  $c = -1$  from Eq. (6.35)

Hence, 
$$\pi_1 = \frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_2 = \frac{\mu}{\rho V D}$$

The problem can now be expressed mathematically as

$$f \left( \frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2}, \frac{\mu}{\rho V D} \right) = 0$$

or

$$\frac{F}{\rho V^2 D^2} = \phi \left( \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} \right) \quad (6.36)$$

For dynamic similarity, the Reynolds numbers ( $\rho V D / \mu$ ) of both the model and prototype have to be same so that drag force  $F$  of the model and prototype can be compared from the  $\pi_1$  term which is known as the *drag coefficient*. Therefore, we can write

$$\frac{\rho_m V_m D_m}{\mu_m} = \frac{\rho_p V_p D_p}{\mu_p}$$

(subscripts  $m$  and  $p$  refer to the model and prototype respectively)

or

$$V_m = V_p \left( \frac{D_p}{D_m} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_m} \right) \left( \frac{\mu_m}{\mu_p} \right)$$

Here

$$\frac{D_m}{D_p} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence

$$V_m = 60 \times (2) \times \left( \frac{1.20}{1000} \right) \left( \frac{1.01 \times 10^{-3}}{1.86 \times 10^{-5}} \right) \\ = 7.82 \text{ m/s}$$

At the same value of  $Re$ , we can write from Eq. (6.36)

$$\frac{F_p}{\rho_p V_p^2 D_p^2} = \frac{F_m}{\rho_m V_m^2 D_m^2}$$

or

$$F_p = F_m \left( \frac{D_p}{D_m} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_m} \right) \left( \frac{V_p}{V_m} \right)^2 \\ = 1140 (4) \left( \frac{60}{7.82} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1.20}{1000} \right) \text{N} \\ = 322 \text{ N}$$

**Example 6.5** A fully developed laminar incompressible flow between two flat plates with one plate moving with a uniform velocity  $U$  with respect to other is known as *Couette flow*. In a Couette flow, the velocity  $u$  at a point depends on its location  $y$  (measured perpendicularly from one of the plates), the distance of separation  $h$  between the plates, the relative velocity  $U$  between the plates, the pressure gradient  $dp/dx$  imposed on the flow, and the viscosity  $\mu$  of the fluid. Find a relation in dimensionless form to express  $u$  in terms of the independent variables as described above.

**Solution** The Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem is used for this purpose. The variables describing a Couette flow are  $u$ ,  $U$ ,  $y$ ,  $h$ ,  $dp/dx$  and  $\mu$ . Therefore,  $m$  (the total no. of variables) = 6.

$n$  (the number of fundamental dimensions in which the six variables are expressed) = 3 (M, L and T)

Hence no. of independent  $\pi$  terms is  $6 - 3 = 3$

To determine these  $\pi$  terms,  $U$ ,  $h$  and  $\mu$  are taken as repeating variables. Then

$$\pi_1 = U^a h^b \mu^c u$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_2 &= U^a h^b \mu^c y \\ \pi_3 &= U^a h^b \mu^c \frac{dp}{dx}\end{aligned}$$

The above three equations can be expressed in terms of the fundamental dimensions of each variable as

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-1}T^{-1})^c LT^{-1} \quad (6.37)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-1}T^{-1})^c L \quad (6.38)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-1}T^{-1})^c ML^{-2}T^{-2} \quad (6.39)$$

Equating the exponents of M, L and T on both sides of the above equations we get the following:

From Eq. (6.37):  $c = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}a + b - c + 1 &= 0 \\ -a - c - 1 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

which give  $a = -1, b = 0$  and  $c = 0$

Therefore  $\pi_1 = \frac{u}{U}$

From equation (6.38):  $c = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}a + b - c + 1 &= 0 \\ -c - a &= 0\end{aligned}$$

which give  $a = 0, b = -1$  and  $c = 0$

Therefore  $\pi_2 = \frac{y}{h}$

It is known from one of the corolaries of the  $\pi$  theorem, as discussed earlier, that if any two physical quantities defining a problem have the same dimensions, the ratio of the quantities is a  $\pi$  term. Therefore, there is no need of evaluating the terms  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  through a routine application of  $\pi$  theorem as done here; instead they can be written straight forward as  $\pi_1 = u/U$  and  $\pi_2 = y/h$ .

From Eq. (6.39)

$$\begin{aligned}c + 1 &= 0 \\ a + b - c - 2 &= 0 \\ -a - c - 2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

which give  $a = -1, b = 2$  and  $c = -1$

Therefore  $\pi_3 = \frac{h^2}{\mu U} \frac{dp}{dx}$

Hence, the governing relation amongst the different variables of a couette flow in dimensionless form is

$$f\left(\frac{u}{U}, \frac{y}{h}, \frac{h^2}{\mu U} \frac{dp}{dx}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{u}{U} = F\left(\frac{y}{h}, \frac{h^2}{\mu U} \frac{dp}{dx}\right) \quad (6.40)$$

It is interesting to note, in this context, that from the exact solution of *Navier Stokes* equation, the expression of velocity profile in case of a couette flow has been derived in Chapter 8 (Sec. 8.4.2) and is given by Eq. (8.39) as

$$\frac{u}{U} = y/h - \left( \frac{h^2}{2\mu U} \frac{dp}{dx} \right) \frac{y}{h} \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h} \right)$$

However,  $\pi$  theorem can never determine this explicit functional form of the relation between the variables.

**Example 6.6** A 1/30 model of a ship with  $900 \text{ m}^2$  wetted area, towed in water at 2 m/s, experiences a resistance of 20 N. Calculate,

- the corresponding speed of the ship,
- the wave making drag on the ship,
- the skin-friction drag if the skin-drag coefficient for the model is 0.004 and for the prototype 0.015,
- the total drag on the ship, and
- the power to propel the ship.

**Solution** First of all we should identify the pertinent dimensionless parameters that describe the ship resistance problem. For this we have to physically define the problem as follows:

The total drag force  $F$  on a ship depends on ship velocity  $V$ , its characteristic geometrical length  $l$ , acceleration due to gravity  $g$ , and density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$  of the fluid. Therefore, the total number of variables which describe the problem = 6 and the number of fundamental dimensions involved with the variables = 3.

Hence, according to the  $\pi$  theorem, number of independent

$$\pi \text{ terms} = 6 - 3 = 3$$

$V$ ,  $l$  and  $\rho$  are chosen as the repeating variables.

Then

$$\pi_1 = V^a l^b \rho^c F$$

$$\pi_2 = V^a l^b \rho^c g$$

$$\pi_3 = V^a l^b \rho^c \mu$$

Expressing the  $\pi$  terms by the dimensional formula of the variables involved we can write

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-3})^c (MLT^{-2}) \quad (6.41)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-3})^c (LT^{-2}) \quad (6.42)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (LT^{-1})^a (L)^b (ML^{-3})^c (ML^{-1}T^{-1}) \quad (6.43)$$

Equating the exponents of the fundamental dimensions on both sides of the above equations we have

From Eq. (6.41):

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$a + b - 3c + 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 2 = 0$$

which give  $a = -2$ ,  $b = -2$  and  $c = -1$

Therefore  $\pi_1 = \frac{F}{\rho V^2 l^2}$

From Eq. (6.42)

$$c = 0$$

$$a + b - 3c + 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 2 = 0$$

which give  $a = -2, b = 1$  and  $c = 0$

Therefore

$$\pi_2 = \frac{lg}{V^2}$$

$\pi_2$  is the reciprocal of the square of the *Froude number*  $Fr$ .

From Eq. (6.43)

$$c + 1 = 0$$

$$a + b - 3c - 1 = 0$$

$$-a - 1 = 0$$

which give,  $a = -1, b = -1$  and  $c = -1$ .

Hence

$$\pi_3 = \frac{\mu}{Vl\rho}$$

which is the reciprocal of the *Reynolds number*  $Re$ . Hence the problem of ship resistance can be expressed as

$$f\left(\frac{F}{\rho V^2 l^2}, \frac{V^2}{lg}, \frac{Vl\rho}{\mu}\right) = 0$$

or

$$F = \rho V^2 l^2 \phi\left(\frac{V^2}{lg}, \frac{Vl\rho}{\mu}\right) \quad (6.44)$$

Therefore, it is found from Eq. (6.44) that the total resistance depends on both the Reynolds number and the Froude number. For complete similarity between a prototype and its model, the Reynolds number must be the same, that is

$$\frac{V_p l_p \rho_p}{\mu_p} = \frac{V_m l_m \rho_m}{\mu_m} \quad (6.45)$$

and also the Froude number must be the same, that is

$$\frac{V_p}{(l_p g_p)^{1/2}} = \frac{V_m}{(l_m g_m)^{1/2}} \quad (6.46)$$

Equation (6.45) gives  $V_m/V_p = (l_p/l_m)(v_m/v_p)$  where,  $v$  (kinematic viscosity) =  $\mu/\rho$ . On the other hand, Eq. (6.46) gives  $V_m/V_p = (l_m/l_p)^{1/2}$  since, in practice,  $g_m$  cannot be different from  $g_p$ . For testing small models these conditions are incompatible. The two conditions together require  $(l_m/l_p)^{3/2} = v_m/v_p$  and since both the model and prototype usually operate in water, this condition for the scale factor cannot be satisfied. There is, in fact, no practicable liquid which would enable  $v_m$  to be less than  $v_p$ . Therefore, it concludes that the similarity of viscous forces (represented by the Reynolds number) and similarity of gravity forces (represented by the Froude number) cannot be achieved simultaneously between the model and the prototype.

The way out of the difficulty was suggested by Froude. The assumption is made that the total resistance is the sum of three distinct parts: (a) the wave-making resistance; (b) skin friction; and (c) the eddy-making resistance. The part (a) is usually uninfluenced by viscosity but depends on gravity and is therefore independent of Reynolds number  $Re$ . Part (c), in most cases, is a small portion of the total resistance and varies little with Reynolds number. Part (b) depends only on the Reynolds number. Therefore it is usual to

lump (c) together with (a). These assumptions allow us to express the function of  $Re$  and  $Fr$  in Eq. (6.44) as the sum of two separate functions,  $\phi_1(Re) + \phi_2(Fr)$ . Now the skin friction part may be estimated by assuming that it has the same value as that for a flat plate, with the same length and wetted surface area, which moves end on through the water at same velocity. Hence, the function  $\phi_1(Re)$  is provided by the empirical information of drag resistance on such surfaces. Since the part of the resistance which depends on Reynolds number is separately determined, the test on the model is conducted at the corresponding velocity which gives equality of Froude number between the model and the prototype; thus dynamic similarity for the wave-making resistance is obtained. Therefore, the solution of present problem (Example 6.6) is made as follows:

From the equality of Froude number,

$$\frac{V_m}{\sqrt{l_m g}} = \frac{V_p}{\sqrt{l_p g}}$$

$$(a) \text{ The corresponding speed of the ship } V_p = \sqrt{\frac{l_p}{l_m}} \cdot V_m \\ = \sqrt{30} \times 2 \text{ m/s} \\ = 10.95 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Area ratio} \quad = \frac{A_m}{A_p} = \left(\frac{1}{30}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{900}$$

$$\text{Therefore } A_m \text{ (area of the model)} = \frac{900 \text{ m}^2}{900} = 1 \text{ m}^2$$

(b) If  $F_w$  and  $F_s$  represent the wave making resistance and skin friction resistance of the ship respectively, then from the definition of the drag coefficient  $C_D$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} F_{s_m} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho_m \times V_m^2 \times A_m \times C_D \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 1000 \times 2^2 \times .004 \\ &= 8 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now the total resistance on the model } F_m = F_{s_m} + F_{w_m}$$

$$\text{Hence } F_{w_m} = F_m - F_{s_m} = 20 - 8 = 12 \text{ N}$$

Now from dynamic similarity for wave making resistance

$$\frac{F_{w_p}}{\rho_p V_p^2 l_p^2} = \frac{F_{w_m}}{\rho_m V_m^2 l_m^2}$$

$$\text{or } F_{w_p} = F_{w_m} \frac{\rho_p}{\rho_m} \left(\frac{V_p}{V_m}\right)^2 \left(\frac{l_p}{l_m}\right)^2 \\ = 12 \times 1 \times 30 \times 900 \text{ N} = 324 \text{ kN}$$

(c)  $F_{s_p}$  (skin friction of the prototype)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 1000 \times (10.95)^2 \times 900 \times 0.015 \text{ N}$$

$$= 809.34 \text{ kN}$$

(d) Therefore  $F_p$  (total drag resistance of the prototype)

$$= 324 + 809.34 = 1133.34 \text{ kN}$$

(e) Propulsive power required =  $1133.34 \times 10.95 = 12410 \text{ kW}$

$$= 12.41 \text{ MW}$$

**Example 6.7** The time period  $\tau$  of a simple pendulum depends on its effective length  $l$  and the local acceleration due to gravity  $g$ . Using both Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem and Rayleigh's indicial method, find the functional relationship between the variables involved.

**Solution** Application of Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem:

The variables of the problem are  $\tau$ ,  $l$  and  $g$  and the fundamental dimensions involved in these variables are  $L$  (length) and  $T$  (time). Therefore the no. of independent  $\pi$  term =  $(3 - 2) = 1$ , since  $\tau$  is the dependent variable, the only choice left for the repeating variables to be  $l$  and  $g$ .

Hence,

$$\pi_1 = l^a g^b \tau$$

Expressing the equation in terms of the fundamental dimensions of the variables we get  $L^0 T^0 = L^a (LT^{-2})^b T$ . Equating the exponents of  $L$  and  $T$  on both sides of the equation we have,

$$a + b = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad -2b + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{which give} \quad a = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad b = \frac{1}{2}; \quad \text{and hence} \quad \pi_1 = \tau \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$$

Therefore the required functional relationship between the variables of the problem is

$$f\left(\tau \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}\right) = 0 \quad (6.47)$$

Application of Rayleigh's indicial method:

Since  $\tau$  is the dependent variable, it can be expressed as

$$\tau = A l^a g^b \quad (6.48)$$

where  $A$  is a non-dimensional constant. The Eq. (6.48) can be written in terms of the fundamental dimensions of the variables as

$$T = AL^a (LT^{-2})^b$$

Equating the exponent of  $L$  and  $T$  on both sides of the equation, we get,  $a + b = 0$  and

$$-2b = 1 \quad \text{which give} \quad a = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad b = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{Hence Eq. (6.48) becomes} \quad \tau = A \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \tau \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} = A$$

Therefore it is concluded that the dimensionless governing parameter of the problem

$$\text{is} \quad \tau \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}. \quad \text{From elementary physics, we know that} \quad A = 2\pi.$$

**Example 6.8** In the study of vortex shedding phenomenon due to the presence of a bluff body in a flow through a closed duct, the following parameters are found to be important: velocity of flow  $V$ , density of liquid  $\rho$ , coefficient of dynamic viscosity of liquid  $\mu$ , hydraulic diameter of the duct  $D_h$ , the width of the body  $B$  and the frequency of vortex shedding  $n$ . Obtain the dimensionless parameters governing the phenomenon.

**Solution** The problem is described by 6 variables  $V, \rho, \mu, D_h, B, n$ . The number of fundamental dimensions in which the variables can be expressed = 3. Therefore, the number of independent  $\pi$  terms is  $(6-3) = 3$ . We use the Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem to find the  $\pi$  terms and choose  $\rho, V, D_h$  as the repeating variables.

Hence,

$$\pi_1 = \rho^a V^b D_h^c \mu$$

$$\pi_2 = \rho^a V^b D_h^c B$$

$$\pi_3 = \rho^a V^b D_h^c n$$

Expressing the equations in terms of the fundamental dimensions of the variables we have

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (ML^{-3})^a (LT^{-1})^b (L)^c (ML^{-1}T^{-1}) \quad (6.49)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (ML^{-3})^a (LT^{-1})^b (L)^c L \quad (6.50)$$

$$M^0 L^0 T^0 = (ML^{-3})^a (LT^{-1})^b (L)^c T^{-1} \quad (6.51)$$

Equating the exponents of  $M, L$  and  $T$  in the above equations we get, From Eq. (6.49),

$$a + 1 = 0$$

$$-3a + b + c - 1 = 0, -b - 1 = 0$$

which give  $a = -1, b = -1$  and  $c = -1$

Hence,  $\pi_1 = \mu/\rho V D_h$

From Eq. (6.50),

$$a = 0$$

$$-3a + b + c + 1 = 0$$

$$-b = 0$$

which give  $a = b = 0, c = -1$

Hence,  $\pi_2 = B/D_h$

From Eq. (6.51),

$$a = 0$$

$$-3a + b + c = 0$$

$$-b - 1 = 0$$

which give  $a = 0, b = -1, c = 1$

Hence  $\pi_3 = (n D_h)/V$

Therefore the governing dimensionless parameters are

$$\left( \frac{\rho V D_h}{\mu} \right) (= 1/\pi_1) \text{ the Reynolds number}$$

$\frac{B}{D_h}$  (=  $\pi_2$ ) ratio of the width of the body to hydraulic diameter of the duct.

$$\frac{n D_h}{V} (= \pi_3) \text{ the Strouhal number}$$

**Example 6.9** The capillary rise  $h$  of a fluid of density  $\rho$  and surface tension  $\sigma$  in a tube of diameter  $D$  depends upon the contact angle  $\phi$  and acceleration due to gravity  $g$ .

Find an expression for  $h$  in terms of dimensionless variables by Rayleigh's indicial method.

**Solution** Capillary rise  $h$  is the dependent variable of the problem and can be expressed in terms of the independent variables as,

$$h = A \rho^a \sigma^b D^c g^d \phi \quad (6.52)$$

where  $A$  is a dimensionless constant.

( $\phi$  is not raised to any exponent, since it is a dimensionless variable and hence an independent  $\pi$  term).

Expressing the variables in terms of their fundamental dimensions in above equation we get,

$$L = A (ML^{-3})^a (MT^{-2})^b L^c (LT^{-2})^d$$

Equating the exponents of M, L and T in LHS and RHS of the equation, we have

$$a + b = 0$$

$$-3a + c + d = 1$$

$$-2b - 2d = 0$$

Solving these three equations in terms of  $a$ , we get

$$b = -a$$

$$c = 1 + 2a$$

$$d = a$$

Substituting these values in Eq. (6.52), we get

$$h = A D \left( \frac{\rho g D^2}{\sigma} \right)^a \phi$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{h}{D} = A \left( \frac{\rho g D^2}{\sigma} \right)^a \phi$$

This is the required expression.

## Exercises

### 6.1 Choose the correct answer

- The repeating variables in a dimensional analysis should
  - be equal in number to that of the fundamental dimensions involved in the problem variables
  - include the dependent variable
  - have at least one variable containing all the fundamental dimensions
  - collectively contain all the fundamental dimensions
- A dimensionless group formed with the variables  $\rho$  (density),  $\omega$  (angular velocity),  $\mu$  (dynamic viscosity), and  $D$  (Characteristic diameter) is
  - $\rho \omega \mu / D^2$
  - $\rho \omega D^2 / \mu$
  - $\mu D^2 \rho \omega$
  - $\rho \omega \mu D$

- (iii) In similitude with gravity force, where equality of Froude number exists, the acceleration ratio  $a_r$  becomes
- $L_r^2$
  - 1.0
  - $1/L_r$
  - $L_r^{5/2}$
- (where  $L_r$  is the geometrical scale factor)
- 6.2 Show that, for a flow governed by gravity, inertia and pressure forces, the ratio of volume flow rates in two dynamically similar systems equals to the  $5/2$  power of the length ratio.
- 6.3 Using the Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem, show that the velocity  $U$  through a circular orifice is given by

$$U = (2gH)^{0.5} \phi(D/H, \rho U H / \mu)$$

where  $H$  is the head causing flow,  $D$  is the diameter of the orifice,  $\mu$  is the coefficient of dynamic viscosity,  $\rho$  is the density of fluid flowing through the orifice and  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity.

- 6.4 For rotodynamic fluid machines of a given shape, and handling an incompressible fluid, the relevant variables involved are  $D$  (the rotor diameter),  $Q$  (the volume flow rate through the machine),  $N$  (the rotational speed of the machine),  $gH$  (the difference of head across the machine, i.e., energy per unit mass),  $\rho$  (the density of fluid),  $\mu$  (the dynamic viscosity of the fluid) and  $P$  (the power transferred between fluid and rotor). Show with the help of Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem that the relationship between the variables can be expressed by a functional form of the pertinent dimensionless parameters as

$$\phi(Q/N D^3, gH/N^2 D^2, \rho N D^2 / \mu, P / \rho N^3 D^5) = 0$$

- 6.5 In a two dimensional motion of a projectile, the range  $R$  depends upon the  $x$  component of velocity  $V_x$ , the  $y$  component of velocity  $V_y$  and the acceleration due to gravity  $g$ . Show with the help of Rayleigh's indicial method of dimensional analysis that

$$R = \frac{V_x^2}{g} f\left(\frac{V_y}{V_x}\right)$$

- 6.6 The boundary layer thickness  $\delta$  at any section for a flow past a flat plate depends upon the distance  $x$  measured along the plate from leading edge to the section, free stream velocity  $U$  and the kinematic viscosity  $\nu$  of the fluid. Show with the help of Rayleigh's indicial method of dimensional analysis that

$$\frac{\delta}{x} \propto (Ux/\nu)$$

- 6.7 A high speed liquid sheet in ambient air is disintegrated into drops of liquid due to hydrodynamic instability. The drop diameter  $d$  depends upon the velocity  $V$  of liquid sheet, the thickness  $h$  of the liquid sheet, the surface tension coefficient  $\sigma$  of the liquid and density  $\rho$  of ambient air. Show, with the help of both (i) Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem and (ii) Rayleigh's indicial method, that the functional relationship amongst the above variables can be expressed as  $d/h = \phi(\sigma/\rho V^2 h)$ .
- 6.8 A model of a reservoir is drained in 4 minutes by opening a sluice gate. The model scale is 1 : 225. How long should it take to empty the prototype?

Ans. (60 minutes)

- 6.9 Evaluate the model scale when both viscous and gravity forces are necessary to secure similitude. What should be the model scale if oil of kinematic viscosity  $92.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is used in the model tests and if the prototype liquid has a kinematic viscosity of  $743.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ?

$$Ans. (l_m/l_p = (v_m/v_p)^{2/3}; l_m = 0.25 l_p)$$

- 6.10 A sphere advancing at 1.5 m/s in a stationary mass of water experiences a drag of 4.5 N. Find the flow velocity required for dynamic similarity of another sphere twice the diameter, placed in a wind tunnel. Calculate the drag at this speed if the kinematic viscosity of air is 13 times that of water and its density is  $1.25 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

$$Ans. (9.75 \text{ m/s}, 0.951 \text{ N})$$

- 6.11 Calculate the thrust required to run a motor-boat 5 m long at 100 m/s in a lake if the force required to tow a 1 : 30 model in a reservoir is 5 N. Neglect the viscous resistance due to water in comparison to the wave making resistance.

$$Ans. (135 \text{ kN})$$

- 6.12 The flow rate over a spillway is  $120 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . What is the length scale for a dynamically similar model if a flow rate of  $0.75 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  is available in the laboratory? On part of such model, a force of 2.8 N is measured. What is the corresponding force on the prototype spillway? (viscosity and surface tension effects are negligible.)

$$Ans. (l_m = 0.13 l_p, 1.27 \text{ kN})$$

- 6.13 The flow through a closed, circular-sectioned pipe may be metered by measuring the speed of rotation of a propeller having its axis along the pipe centre line. Derive a relation between the volume flow rate and the rotational speed of the propeller, in terms of the diameters of the pipe and the propeller and the density and viscosity of the fluid. A propeller of 75 mm diameter, installed in a 150 mm pipe carrying water at 42.5 litres/s, was found to rotate at 20.7 rev/s. In a similar physical situation, a propeller rotates in air flow through a pipe of 750 mm diameter. Estimate the diameter and rotational speed of the propeller and the volume flow rate of air. The density of air is  $1.25 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and its viscosity  $1.93 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pas}$ . The viscosity of water is  $1.145 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Pas}$ .

$$Ans. (375 \text{ mm}, 11.16 \text{ rev/s}, 2.86 \text{ m}^3/\text{s})$$

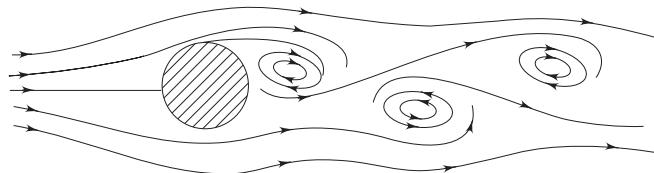
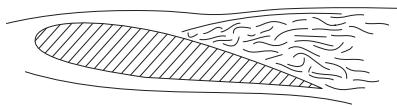


Fig. 6.2 Vortex shedding past a cylinder (after Feynman R.P. et al., Lectures on Physics, Volume II, Addison Wesley, USA, 1964)

- 6.14 The vortices are shed from the rear of a cylinder placed in a cross flow. The vortices alternately leave the top and bottom of the cylinder, as shown in Fig. 6.2. The vortex shedding frequency,  $f$ , is thought to depend on  $\rho$ ,  $V$ ,  $D$  and  $\mu$ .
- Use dimensional analysis to develop a functional relationship for  $f$ .
  - The vortex shedding occurs in standard air on two different cylinders with a diameter ratio of 2. Determine the velocity ratio for dynamic similarity, and ratio of the vortex shedding frequencies.

$$Ans. \left[ \frac{fD}{V} = \phi \left( \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} \right) \right]$$

## 7



# Flow of Ideal Fluids

## 7.1 INTRODUCTION

Flows at high Reynolds number reveal that the viscous effects are confined within the boundary layers. Far away from the solid surface, the flow is nearly inviscid and in many cases it is incompressible. We now aim at developing techniques for analyses of inviscid incompressible flows.

Incompressible flow is a constant density flow, and we assume  $\rho$  to be constant. We visualize a fluid element of defined mass moving along a streamline in an incompressible flow. Because the density is constant, we can write

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \quad (7.1)$$

Over and above, if the fluid element does not rotate as it moves along the streamline, or to be precise, if its motion is translational (and deformation with no rotation) only, the flow is termed as *irrotational flow*. It has already been shown in Sec. 3.3.5 that the motion of a fluid element can in general have translation, deformation and rotation. The rate of rotation of the fluid element can be measured by the average rate of rotation of two perpendicular line segments. The average rate of rotation  $\omega_z$  about  $z$ -axis is expressed in terms of the gradients of velocity components (refer to Chapter 3) as

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right]$$

Similarly, the other two components of rotation are

$$\omega_x = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_y = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right]$$

As such, they are components of  $\vec{\omega}$  which is given by

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \times \vec{V})$$

In a two-dimensional flow,  $\omega_z$  is the only non-trivial component of the rate of rotation. Imagine a pathline of a fluid particle shown in Fig. 7.1. Rate of spin of the particle is  $\omega_z$ . The flow in which this spin is zero throughout is known as irrotational flow. A generalized statement is more appropriate: For irrotational flows,  $\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0$  in the flow field.

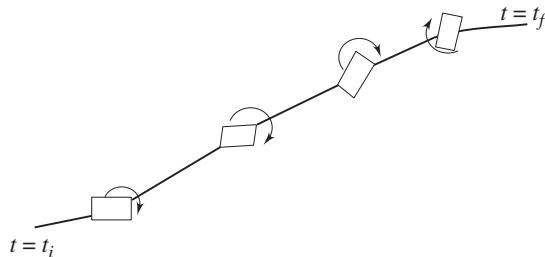


Fig. 7.1 Pathline of a fluid particle

Therefore for an irrotational flow, the velocity  $\vec{V}$  can be expressed as the gradient of a scalar function called the velocity potential, denoted by  $\phi$

$$\vec{V} = \nabla \phi \quad (7.2)$$

Combination of Eqs (7.1) and (7.2) yields

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0 \quad (7.3)$$

From Eq. (7.3) we see that an inviscid, incompressible, irrotational flow is governed by Laplace's equation.

Laplace's equation is linear, hence any number of particular solutions of Eq. (7.3) added together will yield another solution. This concept forms the building-block of the solution of inviscid, incompressible, irrotational flows. A complicated flow pattern for an inviscid, incompressible, irrotational flow can be synthesized by adding together a number of elementary flows which are also inviscid, incompressible and irrotational.

The analysis of Laplace's Eq. (7.3) and finding out the potential functions are known as *potential flow theory* and the inviscid, incompressible, irrotational flow is often called as potential flow. However, the following elementary flows can constitute several complex potential-flow problems

1. Uniform flow
2. Source or sink
3. Vortex

## 7.2 ELEMENTARY FLOWS IN A TWO-DIMENSIONAL PLANE

### 7.2.1 Uniform Flow

In this flow, velocity is uniform along  $y$ -axis and there exists only one component of velocity which is in the  $x$  direction. Magnitude of the velocity is  $U_0$ .

From Eq. (7.2) we can write

$$\hat{\mathbf{i}} U_0 + \hat{\mathbf{j}} 0 = \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

or  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = U_0 \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 0$

whence  $\phi = U_0 x + C_1 \quad (7.4)$

Recall from Sec. 4.2.2 that in a two dimensional flow field, flow can also be described by stream function  $\psi$ . In the case of uniform flow

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = U_0 \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0$$

so that  $\psi = U_0 y + K_1 \quad (7.5)$

The constants of integration  $C_1$  and  $K_1$  in Eqs (7.4) and (7.5) are arbitrary. The values of  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  for different streamlines and velocity potential lines may change but flow pattern is unaltered. The constants of integration may be omitted and it is possible to write

$$\psi = U_0 y, \quad \phi = U_0 x \quad (7.6)$$

These are plotted in Fig. 7.2(a) and consist of a rectangular mesh of straight streamlines and orthogonal straight potential-lines. It is conventional to put arrows on the streamlines showing the direction of flow.

In terms of polar  $(r - \theta)$  coordinate, Eq. (7.6) becomes

$$\psi = U_0 r \sin \theta, \quad \phi = U_0 r \cos \theta \quad (7.7)$$

If we consider a uniform stream at an angle  $\alpha$  to the  $x$ -axis as shown in Fig. 7.2b, we require that

$$u = U_0 \cos \alpha = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

and  $v = U_0 \sin \alpha = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \quad (7.8)$

Integrating, we obtain for a uniform velocity  $U_0$  at an angle  $\alpha$ , the stream function and velocity potential respectively as

$$\psi = U_0(y \cos \alpha - x \sin \alpha), \quad \phi = U_0(x \cos \alpha + y \sin \alpha) \quad (7.9)$$

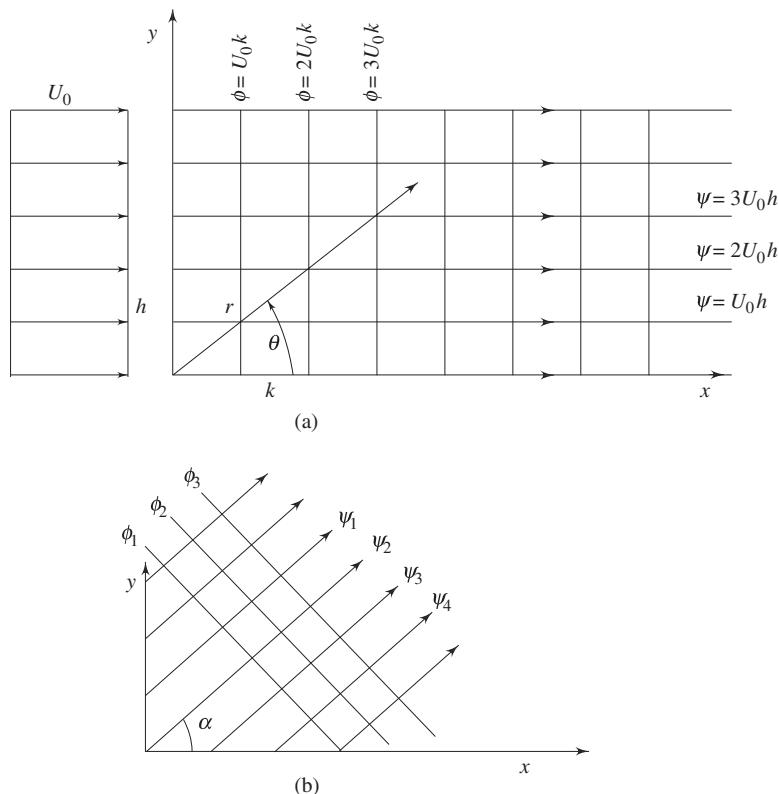


Fig. 7.2 (a) Flownet for a uniform stream  
 (b) Flownet for uniform stream with an angle  $\alpha$  with x-axis

### 7.2.2 Source or Sink

Consider a flow with straight streamlines emerging from a point, where the velocity along each streamline varies inversely with distance from the point, as shown in Fig. 7.3. Only the radial component of velocity is non-trivial ( $v_\theta = 0$ ,  $v_z = 0$ ).

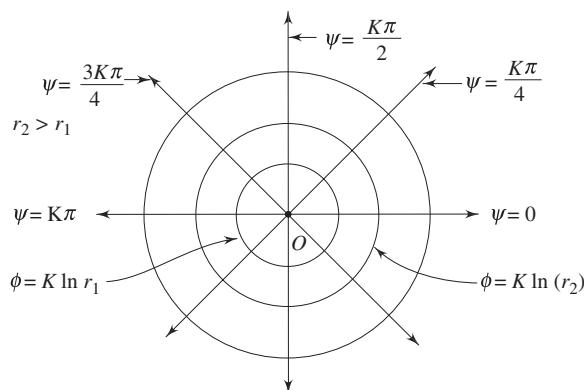


Fig. 7.3 Flownet for a source flow

Such a flow is called *source flow*. In a steady source flow the amount of fluid crossing any given cylindrical surface of radius  $r$  and unit length is constant ( $\dot{m}$ )

$$\dot{m} = 2\pi r v_r \rho$$

or  $v_r = \frac{\dot{m}}{2\pi\rho} \cdot \frac{1}{r} = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{r} = \frac{K}{r}$  (7.10a)

where,  $K$  is the source strength

$$K = \frac{\dot{m}}{2\pi\rho} = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \quad (7.10b)$$

and  $\Lambda$  is the volume flow rate

Again recall from Sec. 4.2.2 that the definition of stream function in cylindrical polar coordinate states that

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad v_\theta = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \quad (7.11)$$

Now for the source flow, it can be said that

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{K}{r} \quad (7.12)$$

and  $-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = 0$  (7.13)

Combining Eqs (7.12) and (7.13), we get

$$\psi = K\theta + C_1 \quad (7.14)$$

However, this flow is also irrotational and we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{i}} v_r + \hat{\mathbf{j}} v_\theta &= \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \\ \text{or} \quad v_r &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \quad \text{and} \quad v_\theta = 0 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \\ \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} &= v_r = \frac{K}{r} \quad \text{or} \quad \phi = K \ln r + C_2 \end{aligned} \quad (7.15)$$

Likewise in uniform flow, the integration constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in Eqs (7.14) and (7.15) have no effect on the basic structure of velocity and pressure in the flow. The equations for streamlines and velocity potential lines for source flow become

$$\psi = K\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = K \ln r \quad (7.16)$$

where  $K$  is defined as the source strength and is proportional to  $\Lambda$  which is the rate of volume flow from the source per unit depth perpendicular to the page as shown in Fig. 7.3. If  $\Lambda$  is negative, we have sink flow, where the flow is in the opposite direction of the source flow. In Fig. 7.3, the point  $O$  is the origin of the radial streamlines. We visualize that point  $O$  is a point source or sink that induces radial flow in the neighbourhood. The point source or sink is a point of singularity in the flow field (because  $v_r$  becomes infinite). It can also be visualized that point  $O$  in Fig. 7.3 is simply a point formed by the intersection of plane of the paper and a

line perpendicular to the paper. The line perpendicular to the paper is a line source, with volume flow rate ( $\Lambda$ ) per unit length. However, for sink, the stream function and velocity potential function are

$$\psi = -K\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = -K \ln r \quad (7.17)$$

### 7.2.3 Vortex Flow

In this flow all the streamlines are concentric circles about a given point where the velocity along each streamline is inversely proportional to the distance from the centre, as shown in Fig. 7.4. Such a flow is called *vortex (free vortex) flow*. This flow is necessarily irrotational.

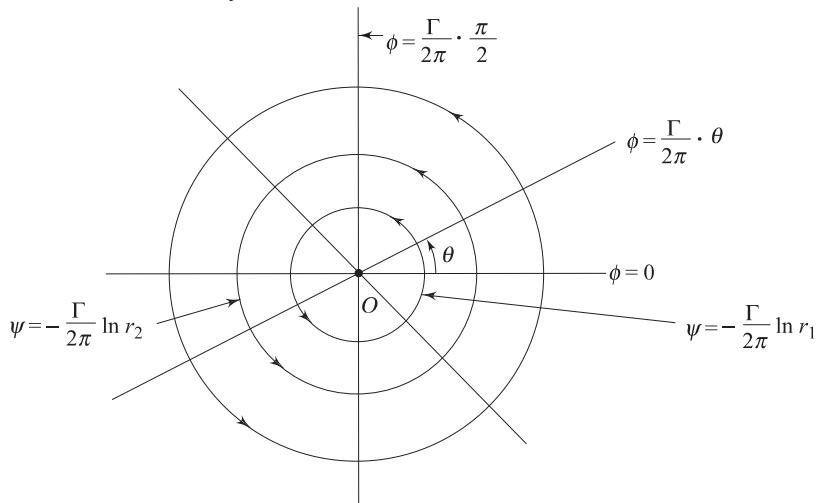


Fig. 7.4 Flownet for a vortex (free vortex)

In a *purely circulatory (free vortex flow) motion*, we can write the tangential velocity as

$$v_\theta = \frac{\text{Circulation constant}}{r}$$

$$v_\theta = \frac{\Gamma/2\pi}{r} \quad (7.18)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is circulation,

Also, for purely circulatory motion one can write

$$v_r = 0 \quad (7.19)$$

With the definition of stream function, it is evident that

$$v_\theta = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \quad \text{and} \quad v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta}$$

Combining Eqs (7.18) and (7.19) with the above said relations for stream function, it is possible to write

$$\psi = - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r + C_1 \quad (7.20)$$

Because of irrotationality, it should satisfy

$$\hat{\mathbf{i}} v_r + \hat{\mathbf{j}} v_\theta = \hat{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta}$$

Eqs (7.18) and (7.19) and the above solution of Laplace's equation yields

$$\phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta + C_2 \quad (7.21)$$

The integration constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have no effect whatsoever on the structure of velocities or pressures in the flow. Therefore like other elementary flows, we shall consistently ignore such constants. It is clear that the *streamlines* for vortex flow are *circles* while the *potential* lines are *radial*. These are given by

$$\psi = -\frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta \quad (7.22)$$

In Fig. 7.4, point  $O$  can be imagined as a point vortex that induces the circulatory flow around it. The point vortex is a singularity in the flow field ( $v_\theta$  becomes infinite). It is also discerned that the point  $O$  in Fig. 7.4 is simply a point formed by the intersection of the plane of a paper and a line perpendicular to the plane. This line is called *vortex filament* of strength  $\Gamma$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the circulation around the *vortex filament* and the circulation is defined as

$$\Gamma = \oint \bar{\mathbf{V}} \cdot d\bar{s} \quad (7.23)$$

In Eq. (7.23), the line integral of the velocity component tangent to a curve of elemental length  $ds$ , is taken around a closed curve. It may be stated that the circulation for a closed path in an irrotational flow field is zero. However, the circulation for a given path in an irrotational flow containing a finite number of singular points is constant. In general this circulation constant  $\Gamma$  denotes the algebraic strength of the vortex filament contained within the closed curve.

From Eq. (7.23) we can write

$$\Gamma = \oint \bar{\mathbf{V}} \cdot d\bar{s} = \oint (u dx + v dy + w dz)$$

For a two-dimensional flow

$$\Gamma = \oint (u dx + v dy) \quad \text{or} \quad \Gamma = \oint V \cos \alpha \, ds \quad (7.24)$$

Consider a fluid element as shown in Fig. 7.5. Circulation is positive in the anti-clockwise direction (not a mandatory but general convention).

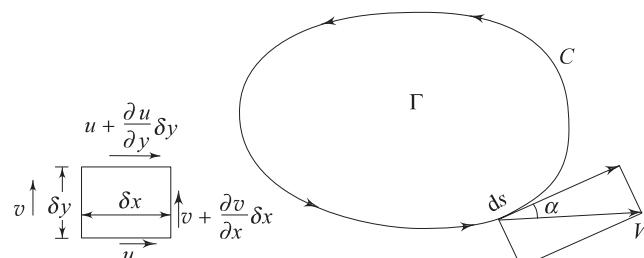


Fig. 7.5 Circulation in a flow field

$$\delta\Gamma = u \delta x + \left( v + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \delta x \right) \delta y - \left( u + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \delta y \right) \delta x - v \delta y$$

or  $\delta\Gamma = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \delta x \delta y$

or  $\delta\Gamma = 2 \omega_z \delta A$

or  $\delta\Gamma/\delta A = 2\omega_z = \Omega_z$  (7.25)

Physically, circulation per unit area is the vorticity of the flow.

Now, for a free vortex flow, the tangential velocity is given by Eq. (7.18) as

$$v_\theta = \frac{\Gamma/2\pi}{r} = \frac{C}{r}$$

For a circular path (refer Fig. 7.5)

$$\alpha = 0, \quad V = v_\theta = \frac{C}{r}$$

Thus,  $\Gamma = \oint \frac{C}{r} r d\theta = 2\pi C$  (7.26)

It may be noted that although free vortex is basically an irrotational motion, the circulation for a given path containing a singular point (including the origin) is constant ( $2\pi C$ ) and independent of the radius of a circular streamline. However, if the circulation is calculated in a free vortex flow along any closed contour excluding the singular point (the origin), it should be zero. Let us look at Fig. 7.6 (a) and take a closed contour  $ABCD$  in order to find out circulation about the point,  $P$  around  $ABCD$

$$\Gamma_{ABCD} = -v_{\theta_{AB}} r_1 d\theta - v_{r_{BC}} (r_2 - r_1) + v_{\theta_{CD}} r_2 d\theta + v_{r_{DA}} (r_2 - r_1)$$

There is no radial flow

$$v_{r_{BC}} = v_{r_{DA}} = 0, \quad v_{\theta_{AB}} = \frac{C}{r_1} \text{ and } v_{\theta_{CD}} = \frac{C}{r_2}$$

$$\Gamma_{ABCD} = \frac{-C}{r_1} \cdot r_1 d\theta + \frac{C}{r_2} \cdot r_2 d\theta = 0 \quad (7.27)$$

If there exists a solid body rotation at constant  $\omega$  induced by some external mechanism, the flow should be called a *forced vortex motion* (Fig. 7.6b) and we can write

$$v_\theta = \omega r \quad \text{and}$$

$$\Gamma = \oint v_\theta ds = \oint \omega r \cdot r d\theta = 2\pi r^2 \omega \quad (7.28)$$

Equation (7.28) predicts that the circulation is zero at the origin and it increases with increasing radius. The variation is parabolic.

It may be mentioned that the free vortex (irrotational) flow at the origin (Fig. 7.6a) is impossible because of mathematical singularity. However,

physically there should exist a rotational (forced vortex) core which is shown by the dotted line. Below are given two statements which are related to Kelvin's circulation theorem (stated in 1869) and Cauchy's theorem on irrotational motion (stated in 1815) respectively

- The circulation around any closed contour is invariant with time in an inviscid fluid.
- A body of inviscid fluid in irrotational motion continues to move irrotationally.

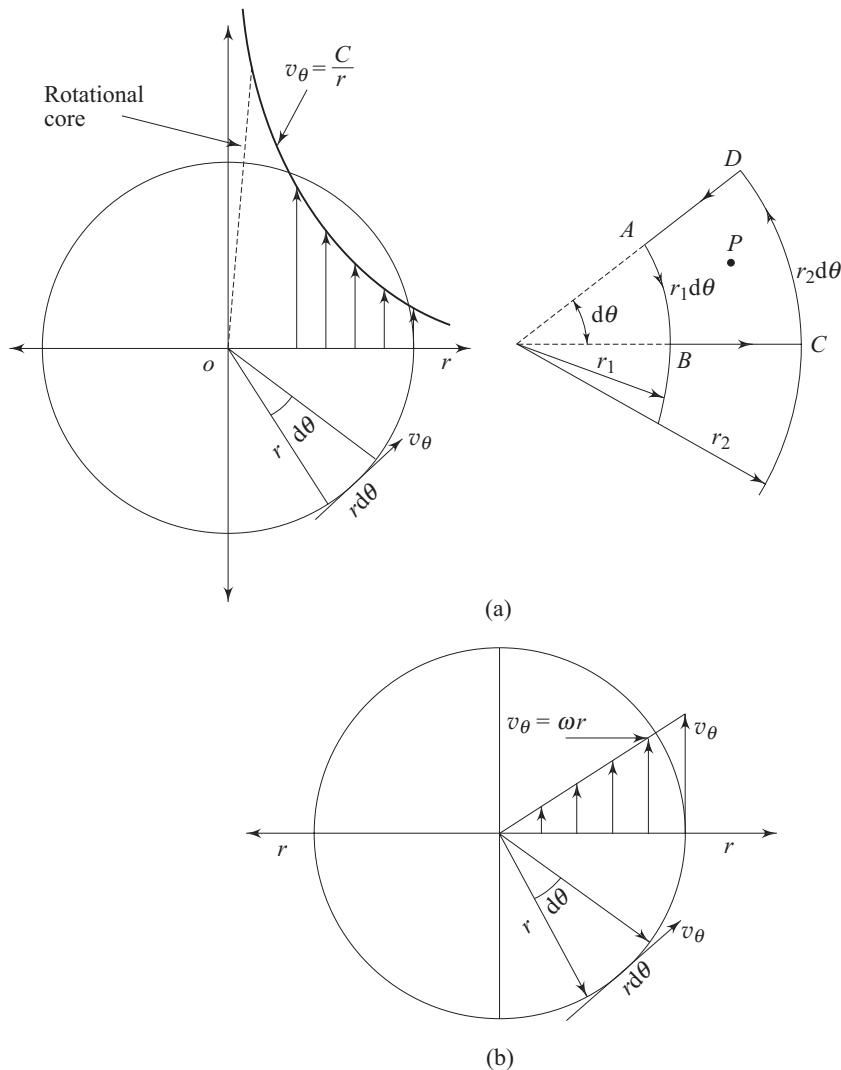


Fig. 7.6 (a) Free vortex flow (b) Forced vortex flow

### 7.3 SUPERPOSITION OF ELEMENTARY FLOWS

We can now form different flow patterns by superimposing the velocity potential and stream functions of the elementary flows stated above.

#### 7.3.1 Doublet

In order to develop a doublet, imagine a source and a sink of equal strength  $K$  at equal distance  $s$  from the origin along  $x$ -axis as shown in Fig. 7.7.

From any point  $P(x, y)$  in the field,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are drawn to the source and the sink. The polar coordinates of this point  $(r, \theta)$  have been shown.

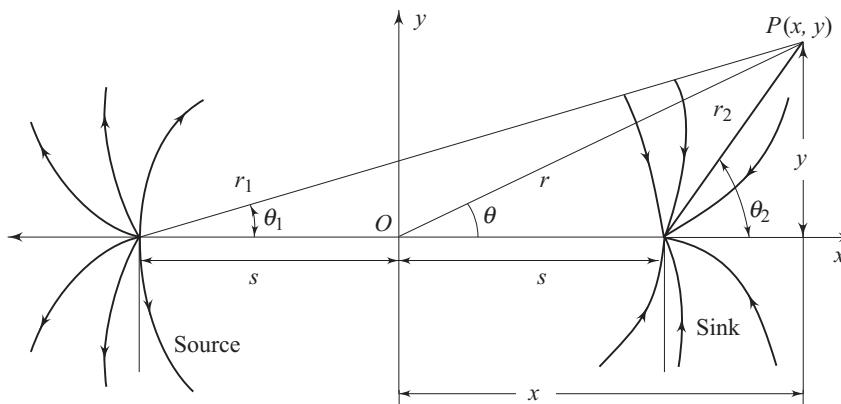


Fig. 7.7 Superposition of a source and a sink

The potential functions of the two flows may be superimposed to describe the potential for the combined flow at  $P$  as

$$\phi = K \ln r_1 - K \ln r_2 \quad (7.29)$$

Similarly

$$\psi = K(\theta_1 - \theta_2) = -K\alpha \quad (7.30)$$

where,

$$\alpha = (\theta_2 - \theta_1)$$

We can also write

$$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{y}{x+s} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \theta_2 = \frac{y}{x-s} \quad (7.31)$$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2 + 2rs \cos \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad r_2 = \sqrt{r^2 + s^2 - 2rs \cos \theta} \quad (7.32)$$

Now using the above mentioned relations we find

$$\tan(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = \frac{\tan \theta_2 - \tan \theta_1}{1 + \tan \theta_2 \tan \theta_1}$$

or 
$$\tan \alpha = \left[ \frac{yx + ys - yx + ys}{x^2 - s^2} \right] \left/ \left( 1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2 - s^2} \right) \right.$$

$$\text{or } \tan \alpha = \frac{2ys}{x^2 + y^2 - s^2} \quad (7.33)$$

Hence the stream function and the velocity potential function are formed by combining Eqs (7.30) and (7.33), as well as Eqs (7.29) and (7.32) respectively

$$\psi = -K \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2ys}{x^2 + y^2 - s^2} \right) \quad (7.34)$$

$$\phi = \frac{K}{2} \ln \left( \frac{r^2 + s^2 + 2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2 - 2rs \cos \theta} \right) \quad (7.35)$$

Doublet is a special case when a source as well as a sink are brought together in such a way that  $s \rightarrow 0$  and at the same time the strength  $K$  ( $\Lambda/2\pi$ ) is increased to an infinite value. These are assumed to be accomplished in a manner which makes the product of  $s$  and  $\frac{\Lambda}{\pi}$  (in limiting case) a finite value  $\chi$ . Under the aforesaid circumstances

$$\psi = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{2ys}{x^2 + y^2 - s^2}$$

[Since in the limiting case  $\tan^{-1} \alpha = \alpha$ ]

$$\psi = -\chi \cdot \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{-\chi \sin \theta}{r} \quad (7.36)$$

From Eq. (7.35), we get

$$\phi = \frac{\Lambda}{4\pi} [\ln (r^2 + s^2 + 2rs \cos \theta) - \ln (r^2 + s^2 - 2rs \cos \theta)]$$

$$\text{or } \phi = \frac{\Lambda}{4\pi} \left[ \ln \left\{ (r^2 + s^2) \left( 1 + \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} \right) \right\} - \ln \left\{ (r^2 + s^2) \left( 1 - \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} \right) \right\} \right]$$

$$\text{or } \phi = \frac{\Lambda}{4\pi} \left[ \left\{ \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} \right]^3 + \dots \right\} \right]$$

$$- \left\{ -\frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} \right]^3 + \dots \right\}$$

$$\text{or } \phi = \frac{\Lambda}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{4rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{2rs \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2} \right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

In the limiting condition the above expression can be written as

$$\phi \approx \frac{\chi r \cos \theta}{r^2 + s^2}$$

or 
$$\phi \approx \frac{\chi \cos \theta}{r} \quad (7.37)$$

We can see that the streamlines associated with the doublet are

$$-\frac{\chi \sin \theta}{r} = C_1$$

If we replace  $\sin \theta$  by  $y/r$ , and the minus sign be absorbed in  $C_1$ , we get

$$\chi \frac{y}{r^2} = C_1 \quad (7.38a)$$

In terms of cartesian coordinate, it is possible to write

$$x^2 + y^2 - \frac{\chi}{C_1} y = 0 \quad (7.38b)$$

Equation (7.38b) represents a family of circles. For  $x=0$ , there are two values of  $y$ , one of which is zero. The centres of the circles fall on the  $y$ -axis. On the circle, where  $y=0$ ,  $x$  has to be zero for all the values of the constant. It is obvious that the family of circles formed due to different values of  $C_1$  must be tangent to  $x$ -axis at the origin. These streamlines are illustrated in Fig. 7.8. Due to the initial positions of the source and the sink in the development of the doublet, it is certain that the flow will emerge in the negative  $x$  direction from the origin and it will converge via the positive  $x$  direction of the origin.

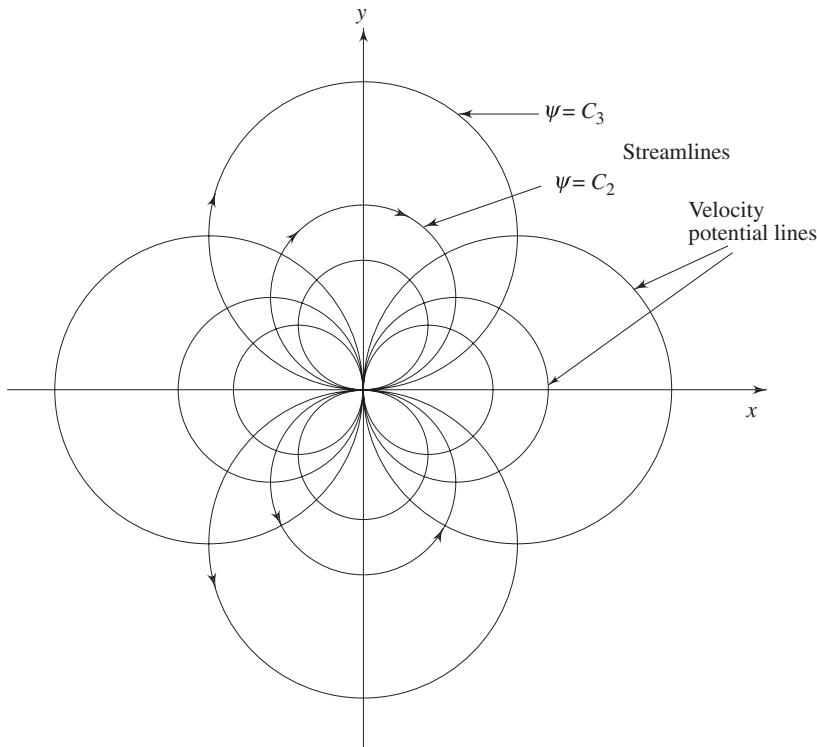


Fig. 7.8 Streamlines and velocity potential lines for a doublet

However, the velocity potential lines are

$$\frac{\chi \cos \theta}{r} = K_1$$

In cartesian coordinate this equation becomes

$$x^2 + y^2 - \frac{\chi}{K_1} x = 0 \quad (7.39)$$

Once again we shall obtain a family of circles. The centres will fall on  $x$ -axis. For  $y = 0$  there are two values of  $x$ , one of which is zero. When  $x = 0$ ,  $y$  has to be zero for all values of the constant. Therefore these circles are tangent to  $y$ -axis at the origin. The orthogonality of constant  $\psi$  and constant  $\phi$  lines are maintained as we iron out the procedure of drawing constant value lines (Fig. 7.8). In addition to the determination of the stream function and velocity potential, it is observed from Eq. (7.37) that for a doublet

$$v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{-\chi \cos \theta}{r^2} \quad (7.40)$$

As the centre of the doublet is approached, the radial velocity tends to be infinite. It shows that the doublet flow has a singularity. Since the circulation about a singular point of a source or a sink is zero for any strength, it is obvious that the circulation about the singular point in a doublet flow must be zero. It follows that for all paths in a doublet flow  $\Gamma = 0$

$$\Gamma = \oint \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0 \quad (7.41)$$

Applying Stokes Theorem between the line integral and the area-integral

$$\Gamma = \iint (\nabla \times \vec{V}) d\vec{A} = 0 \quad (7.42)$$

From Eq. (7.42), the obvious conclusion is  $\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0$ , i.e., doublet flow is an irrotational flow.

At large distances from a doublet, the flow approximates the disturbances of a two dimensional airfoil. The influence of an airfoil as felt at distant walls may be approximated mathematically by a combination of doublets with varying strengths. Thus the cruise conditions of a two dimensional airfoil can be simulated by the superposition of a uniform flow and a doublet sheet of varying strengths.

### 7.3.2 Flow About a Cylinder Without Circulation

Inviscid-incompressible flow about a cylinder in uniform flow is equivalent to the superposition of a uniform flow and a doublet. The doublet has its axis of development parallel to the direction of the uniform flow. The combined potential of this flow is given by

$$\phi = U_0 x + \frac{\chi \cos \theta}{r} \quad (7.43)$$

and consequently the stream function becomes

$$\psi = U_0 y - \frac{\chi \sin \theta}{r} \quad (7.44)$$

In our analysis, we shall draw streamlines in the flow field. In two-dimensional flow, a streamline may be interpreted as the edge of a surface on which the velocity vector should always be tangent and there is no flow in the direction normal to it. The latter is identically the characteristics of a solid impervious boundary. Hence, a streamline may also be considered as the contour of an *impervious two-dimensional body*. Figure 7.9 shows a set of streamlines. The streamline  $C-D$  may be considered as the edge of a two-dimensional body while the remaining streamlines form the flow about the boundary.

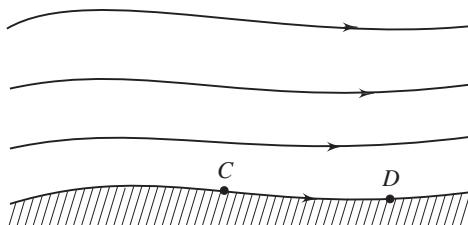


Fig. 7.9 Surface streamline

Now we follow the essential steps involving the superposition of elementary flows in order to form a flow about the body of interest. A streamline has to be determined which encloses an area whose shape is of practical importance in fluid flow. This streamline will describe the boundary of a two-dimensional solid body. The remaining streamlines outside this solid region will constitute the flow about this body.

Let us look for the streamline whose value is zero. Thus we obtain

$$U_0 y - \frac{\chi \sin \theta}{r} = 0 \quad (7.45)$$

replacing  $y$  by  $r \sin \theta$ , we have

$$\sin \theta \left( U_0 r - \frac{\chi}{r} \right) = 0 \quad (7.46)$$

If  $\theta = 0$  or  $\theta = \pi$ , the equation is satisfied. This indicates that the  $x$ -axis is a part of the streamline  $\psi = 0$ . When the quantity in the parentheses is zero, the equation is identically satisfied. Hence it follows that

$$r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \quad (7.47)$$

It can be said that there is a circle of radius  $\left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}$  which is an intrinsic part of the streamline  $\psi = 0$ . This is shown in Fig. 7.10. Let us look at the points of

intersection of the circle and  $x$ -axis, i.e. the points A and B. The polar coordinates of these points are

$$r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \theta = \pi, \text{ for point A}$$

$$r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \theta = 0, \text{ for point B}$$

The velocity at these points are found out by taking partial derivatives of the velocity potential in two orthogonal directions and then substituting the proper values of the coordinates. Thus

$$v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = U_0 \cos \theta - \frac{\chi \cos \theta}{r^2} \quad (7.48a)$$

$$v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -U_0 \sin \theta - \frac{\chi \sin \theta}{r^2} \quad (7.48b)$$

At point A  $\left[ \theta = \pi, r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \right]$

$$v_r = 0, v_\theta = 0$$

At point B  $\left[ \theta = 0, r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \right]$

$$v_r = 0, v_\theta = 0$$

The points A and B are clearly the stagnation points through which the flow divides and subsequently reunites forming a zone of circular bluff body.

The circular region, enclosed by part of the streamline  $\psi = 0$  could be imagined as a solid cylinder in an inviscid flow. At a large distance from the cylinder the flow is moving uniformly in a cross-flow configuration.

Figure 7.11 shows the streamlines of the flow. The streamlines outside the circle describe the flow pattern of the inviscid irrotational flow across a cylinder. However, the streamlines inside the circle may be disregarded since this region is considered as a solid obstacle.

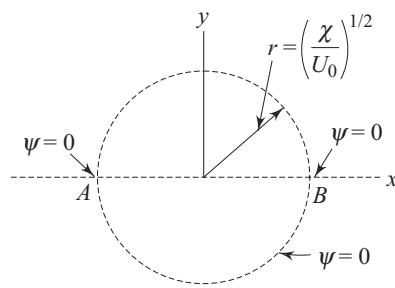


Fig. 7.10 Streamline  $\psi = 0$  in a superimposed flow of doublet and uniform stream

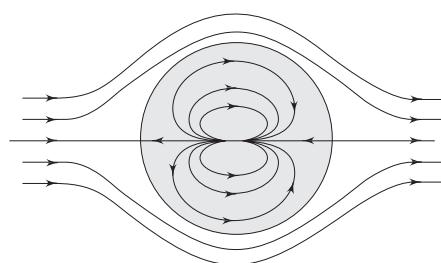


Fig. 7.11 Inviscid flow past a cylinder

### 7.3.3 Lift and Drag for Flow Past a Cylinder Without Circulation

Lift and drag are the forces per unit length on the cylinder in the directions normal and parallel respectively, to the direction of uniform flow.

Pressure for the combined doublet and uniform flow becomes uniform at large distances from the cylinder where the influence of doublet is indeed small. Let us imagine the pressure  $p_0$  is known as well as uniform velocity  $U_0$ . Now we can apply Bernoulli's equation between infinity and the points on the boundary of the cylinder. Neglecting the variation of potential energy-between the aforesaid point at infinity and any point on the surface of the cylinder, we can write

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho g} + \frac{U_0^2}{2g} = \frac{p_b}{\rho g} + \frac{U_b^2}{2g} \quad (7.49)$$

where, the subscript  $b$  indicates the surface on the cylinder. As we know, since fluid cannot penetrate the solid boundary, the velocity  $U_b$  should be only in the transverse direction, or in other words, only  $v_\theta$  component of velocity is present on the streamline  $\psi = 0$ .

$$\text{Thus at } r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$U_b = v_\theta \Big|_{\text{at } r = (\chi/U_0)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} \Big|_{\text{at } r = (\chi/U_0)^{1/2}} \quad (7.50)$$

$$= -2U_0 \sin \theta$$

From Eqs (7.49) and (7.50) we obtain

$$p_b = \rho g \left[ \frac{U_0^2}{2g} + \frac{p_0}{\rho g} - \frac{(2U_0 \sin \theta)^2}{2g} \right] \quad (7.51)$$

The drag is calculated by integrating the force components arising out of pressure, in the  $x$  direction on the boundary. Referring to Fig. 7.12, the drag force can be written as

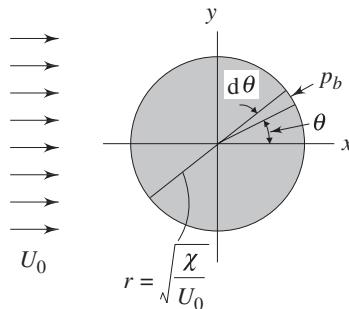


Fig 7.12 Calculation of drag on a cylinder

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= - \int_0^{2\pi} p_b \cos \theta \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} d\theta \\
 \text{or} \quad D &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \rho g \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{U_0^2}{2g} + \frac{p_0}{\rho g} - \frac{(2U_0 \sin \theta)^2}{2g} \right] \cos \theta d\theta \\
 D &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ p_0 + \frac{\rho U_0^2}{2} (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta) \right] \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \cos \theta d\theta \quad (7.52)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the lift force

$$L = - \int_0^{2\pi} p_b \sin \theta \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} d\theta \quad (7.53)$$

The Eqs (7.52) and (7.53) produce  $D = 0$  and  $L = 0$  after the integration is carried out.

However, in reality, the cylinder will always experience some drag force. This contradiction between the inviscid flow result and the experiment is usually known as *D'Almbert paradox*. The reason for the discrepancy lies in completely ignoring the viscous effects throughout the flow field. Effect of the thin region adjacent to the solid boundary is of paramount importance in determining drag force. However, the lift may often be predicted by the present technique. We shall appreciate this fact in a subsequent section.

#### 7.3.4 Flow About a Rotating Cylinder

In addition to superimposed uniform flow and a doublet, a vortex is thrown at the doublet centre. This will simulate a rotating cylinder in uniform stream. We shall see that the pressure distribution will result in a force, a component of which will culminate in lift force. The phenomenon of generation of lift by a rotating object placed in a stream is known as *Magnus effect*. The velocity potential and stream functions for the combination of doublet, vortex and uniform flow are

$$\phi = U_0 x + \frac{\chi \cos \theta}{r} - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \theta \quad (\text{clockwise rotation}) \quad (7.54)$$

$$\psi = U_0 y - \frac{\chi \sin \theta}{r} + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r \quad (\text{clockwise rotation}) \quad (7.55)$$

By making use of either the stream function or velocity potential function, the velocity components are

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \left( U_0 - \frac{\chi}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta \quad (7.56)$$

$$v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = - \left( U_0 + \frac{\chi}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} \quad (7.57)$$

Implicit in the above derivation are  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . At the stagnation points the velocity components must vanish. From Eq. (7.56), we get

$$\cos \theta \left( U_0 - \frac{\chi}{r^2} \right) = 0 \quad (7.58)$$

From Eq. (7.58) it is evident that a zero radial velocity component may occur at  $\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$  and along the circle,  $r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}$ . Eq. (7.57) depicts that a zero transverse velocity requires

$$\sin \theta = \frac{-\Gamma/2\pi r}{U_0 + (\chi/r^2)} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-\Gamma/2\pi r}{U_0 + \frac{\chi}{r^2}} \right] \quad (7.59)$$

However, at the stagnation point, both radial and transverse velocity components must be zero.

So, the location of stagnation point occurs at

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \\ \text{and} \quad \theta &= \sin^{-1} \frac{\left\{ -\Gamma / \left( 2\pi \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \right) \right\}}{\left[ U_0 + \chi / \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right) \right]} \\ \text{or} \quad \theta &= \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-\Gamma}{2\pi \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2U_0} \right] \\ \text{or} \quad \theta &= \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-\Gamma}{4\pi (\chi U_0)^{1/2}} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7.60)$$

There will be two stagnation points since there are two angles for a given sine except for  $\sin^{-1} (\pm 1)$ .

The streamline passing through these points may be determined by evaluating  $\psi$  at these points. Substitution of the stagnation coordinate  $(r, \theta)$  into the stream function (Eq. 7.55) yields

$$\psi = \left[ U_0 \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} - \frac{\chi}{\left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}} \right] \sin \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-\Gamma}{4\pi (\chi U_0)^{1/2}} \right] + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\psi = \left[ (U_0 \chi)^{1/2} - (U_0 \chi)^{1/2} \right] \left[ \frac{-\Gamma}{4\pi(\chi U_0)^{1/2}} \right] + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{or } \psi_{\text{stag}} = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \quad (7.61)$$

Equating the general expression for stream function to the above constant, we get

$$U_0 r \sin \theta - \frac{\chi \sin \theta}{r} + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln r = \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

By rearranging we can write

$$\sin \theta \left[ U_0 r - \frac{\chi}{r} \right] + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \left[ \ln r \pm \ln \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2} \right] = 0 \quad (7.62)$$

All points along the circle  $r = \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{1/2}$  satisfy Eq. (7.62), since for this value of  $r$ , each quantity within parentheses in the equation is zero. Considering the interior of the circle (on which  $\psi = 0$ ) to be a solid cylinder, the outer streamline pattern is shown in Fig. 7.13.

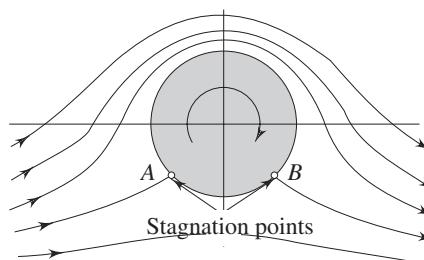


Fig. 7.13 Flow past a cylinder with circulation

A further look into Eq. (7.60) explains that at the stagnation point

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-(\Gamma/2\pi)}{2(\chi U_0)^{1/2}} \right]$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{-(\Gamma/2\pi)}{2U_0 r} \right] \quad (7.63)$$

The limiting case arises for  $\frac{(\Gamma/2\pi)}{U_0 r} = 2$ , where  $\theta = \sin^{-1} (-1) = -90^\circ$  and two stagnation points meet at the bottom as shown in Fig. 7.14.

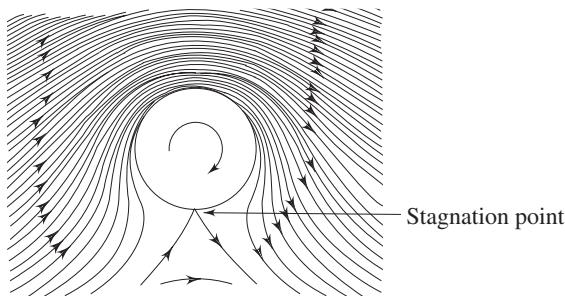


Fig. 7.14 Flow past a circular cylinder with circulation value  $\frac{\Gamma/2\pi}{U_0 r} = 2$

However, in all these cases the effects of the vortex and doublet become negligibly small as one moves a large distance from the cylinder. The flow is assumed to be uniform at infinity. We have already seen that the change in strength  $\Gamma$  of the vortex changes the flow pattern, particularly the position of the stagnation points but the radius of the cylinder remains unchanged.

### 7.3.5 Lift and Drag for Flow About a Rotating Cylinder

The pressure at large distances from the cylinder is uniform and given by  $p_0$ . Deploying Bernoulli's equation between the points at infinity and on the boundary of the cylinder,

$$p_b = \rho g \left[ \frac{U_0^2}{2g} + \frac{p_0}{\rho g} - \frac{U_b^2}{2g} \right] \quad (7.64)$$

The velocity  $U_b$  is as such  $v_\theta \Big|_{r=\left(\frac{\chi}{U_0}\right)^{1/2}}$

$$\text{Hence, } U_b = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = -2U_0 \sin \theta - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{U_0}{\chi} \right]^{1/2} \quad (7.65)$$

From Eqs (7.64) and (7.65) we can write

$$p_b = \rho g \left[ \frac{U_0^2}{2g} + \frac{p_0}{\rho g} - \frac{\left[ -2U_0 \sin \theta - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \left( \frac{U_0}{\chi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2}{2g} \right] \quad (7.66)$$

The lift may calculated as (refer Fig. 7.12)

$$L = - \int_0^{2\pi} p_b \sin \theta \left[ \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{or } L &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{\rho U_0^2}{2} + p_0 - \frac{\rho \left[ -2U_0 \sin \theta - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \left( \frac{U_0}{\chi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^2}{2} \right\} \\
 &\quad \left[ \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} (\sin \theta) d\theta \\
 \text{or } L &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\rho U_0^2}{2} \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta + p_0 \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta - \frac{\rho}{2} \left\{ 4 U_o^2 \sin^2 \theta \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{4 U_0 \Gamma \sin \theta}{2\pi} \left( \frac{U_0}{\chi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\Gamma^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ \frac{U_0}{\chi} \right] \right\} \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta \right] d\theta \\
 \text{or } L &= - \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\rho U_0^2}{2} \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta + p_0 \left( \frac{\chi}{U_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta - 2 \rho U_0^2 \sin^3 \theta \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left( \frac{\chi}{U_o} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{\rho U_0 \Gamma}{\pi} \sin^2 \theta - \frac{\rho \Gamma^2}{8\pi^2} \left( \frac{U_0}{\chi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin \theta \right] d\theta \\
 \text{or } L &= \rho U_0 \Gamma
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.67}$$

The drag force, which includes the multiplication by  $\cos \theta$  (and integration over  $2\pi$ ) is zero.

Thus the inviscid flow also demonstrates lift. It can be seen that the lift becomes a simple formula involving only the density of the medium, free stream velocity and circulation. In addition, it can also be shown that in two dimensional incompressible steady flow about a boundary of any shape, the lift is always a product of these three quantities.

The validity of Eq. (7.67) for any two-dimensional incompressible steady potential flow around a body of any shape, not necessarily a circular cylinder, is known as the *Kutta-Joukowski theorem* named after the German fluid dynamist Wilhelm Kutta (1867–1944) and Russian mathematician Nikolai J. Joukowski (1847–1921). A very popular example of the lift force acting on a rotating body is observed in the game of soccer. If a player imparts rotation on the ball while shooting it, instead of following the usual trajectory, the ball will swerve in the air and puzzle the goalkeeper. The swerve in the air can be controlled by varying the strength of circulation, i.e., the amount of rotation. In 1924, a man named Flettner had a ship built in Germany which possessed two rotating cylinders to generate thrust normal to wind blowing past the ship. The Flettner design did not gain any popularity but it is of considerable scientific interest (shown in Fig. 7.15).

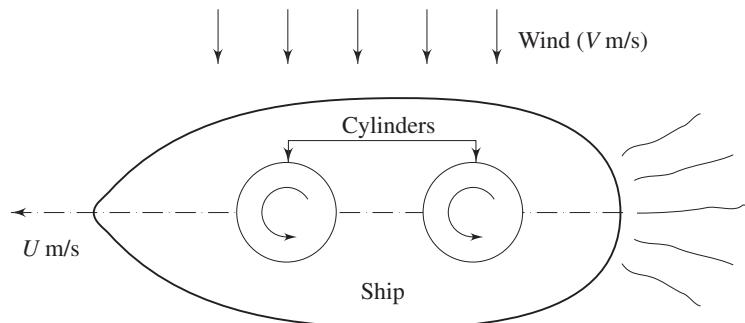


Fig. 7.15 Schematic diagram of the plan view of Flettner's ship

## 7.4 AEROFOIL THEORY

Aerofoils are streamline shaped wings which are used in airplanes and turbomachinery. These shapes are such that the drag force is a very small fraction of the lift. The following nomenclatures are used for defining an aerofoil (refer to Fig. 7.16).

The chord ( $c$ ) is the distance between the leading edge and trailing edge. The length of an aerofoil, normal to the cross-section (i.e., normal to the plane of a paper) is called the span of aerofoil. The camber line represents the mean profile of the aerofoil. Some important geometrical parameters for an aerofoil are the ratio of maximum thickness to chord ( $t/c$ ) and the ratio of maximum camber to chord ( $h/c$ ). When these ratios are small, an aerofoil can be considered to be thin. For the analysis of flow, a thin aerofoil is represented by its camber.

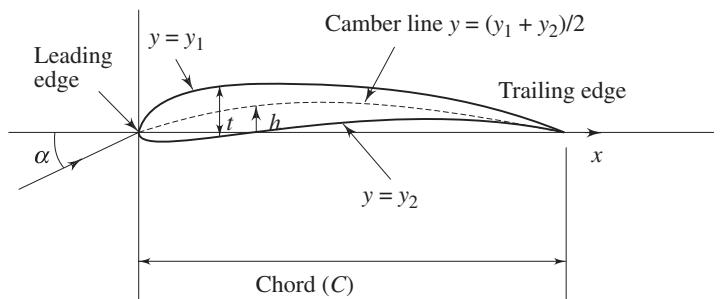


Fig. 7.16 Aerofoil section

The theory of thick cambered aerofoils is an advanced topic. Basically it uses a complex-variable mapping which transforms the inviscid flow across a rotating cylinder into the flow about an aerofoil shape with circulation.

### 7.4.1 Flow Around a Thin Aerofoil

Thin aerofoil theory is based upon the superposition of uniform flow at infinity and a continuous distribution of clockwise free vortex on the camber line having

circulation density  $\gamma(s)$  per unit length. The circulation density  $\gamma(s)$  should be such that the resultant flow is tangent to the camber line at every point.

Since the slope of the camber line is assumed to be small,  $\gamma(s)ds = \gamma(\eta)d\eta$  (refer Fig. 7.17). The total circulation around the profile is given by

$$\Gamma = \int_0^C \gamma(\eta) d\eta \quad (7.68)$$

A vortical motion of strength  $\gamma d\eta$  at  $x = \eta$  develops a velocity at the point  $P$  which may be expressed as

$$dv = \frac{\gamma(\eta) d\eta}{2\pi(\eta - x)} \text{ acting upwards}$$

The total induced velocity in the upward direction at  $P$  due to the entire vortex distribution along the camber line is

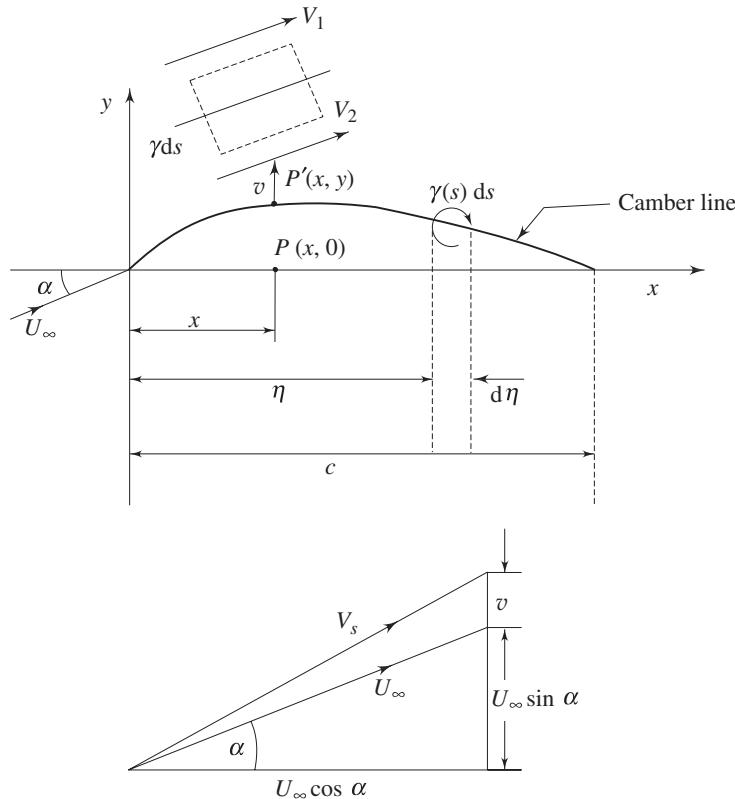


Fig. 7.17 Flow around thin aerofoil

$$v(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^C \frac{\gamma(\eta) d\eta}{(\eta - x)} \quad (7.69)$$

For a small camber (having small  $\alpha$ ), this expression is identically valid for the induced velocity at  $P'$  due to the vortex sheet of variable strength  $\gamma(s)$  on the camber line. The resultant velocity due to  $U_\infty$  and  $v(x)$  must be tangential to the camber line so that the slope of a camber line may be expressed as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{U_\infty \sin \alpha + v}{U_\infty \cos \alpha} = \tan \alpha + \frac{v}{U_\infty \cos \alpha}$$

or 
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \alpha + \frac{v}{U_\infty} \quad [\text{since } \alpha \text{ is very small}] \quad (7.70)$$

From Eqs (7.69) and (7.70) we can write

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \alpha + \frac{1}{2\pi U_\infty} \int_0^C \frac{\gamma(\eta) d\eta}{(\eta - x)} \quad (7.71)^*$$

Let us consider an element  $ds$  on the camber line. Consider a small rectangle (drawn with dotted line) around  $ds$ . The upper and lower sides of the rectangle are very close to each other and these are parallel to the camber line. The other two sides are normal to the camber line. The circulation along the rectangle is measured in clockwise direction as

$$V_1 ds - V_2 ds = \gamma ds \quad [\text{normal component of velocity at the camber line should be zero}]$$

or 
$$V_1 - V_2 = \gamma \quad (7.72)$$

If the mean velocity in the tangential direction at the camber line is given by  $V_s = (V_1 + V_2)/2$ , it can be rewritten as

$$V_1 = V_s + \frac{\gamma}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad V_2 = V_s - \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

In the event, it can be said that if  $v$  is very small [ $v \ll U_\infty$ ],  $V_s$  becomes equal to  $U_\infty$ . The difference in velocity across the camber line brought about by the vortex sheet of variable strength  $\gamma(s)$  causes pressure difference and generates lift force.

#### 7.4.2 Generation of Vortices Around a Wing

The lift around an aerofoil is generated following *Kutta-Joukowski theorem*. Lift is a product of  $\rho$ ,  $U_\infty$  and the circulation  $\Gamma$ . Mechanism of induction of circulation is to be understood clearly.

When the motion of a wing starts from rest, vortices are formed at the trailing edge (refer Fig. 7.18).

At the start, there is a velocity discontinuity at the trailing edge. This is eventual because near the trailing edge, the velocity at the bottom surface is

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\* For a given aerofoil, the left hand side term of the integral Eq. (7.71) is a known function. Finding out  $\gamma(\eta)$  from it is a formidable task. This exercise is not being discussed in this text. Interested readers may refer to the books by Glauert [1] and Batchelor [2]. If  $\gamma(\eta)$  is determined, the circulation  $\Gamma$  and consequently the lift  $L = \rho U_\infty \Gamma$  can easily be calculated.

higher than that at the top surface. This discrepancy in velocity culminates in the formation of vortices at the trailing edge. Figure 7.18 (a) depicts the formation of starting vortex by impulsively moving aerofoil. However, the starting vortices induce a counter circulation as shown in Figure 7.18 (b). The circulation around a path (ABCD) enclosing the wing and just shed (starting) vortex must be zero. Here we refer to Kelvin's theorem once again.

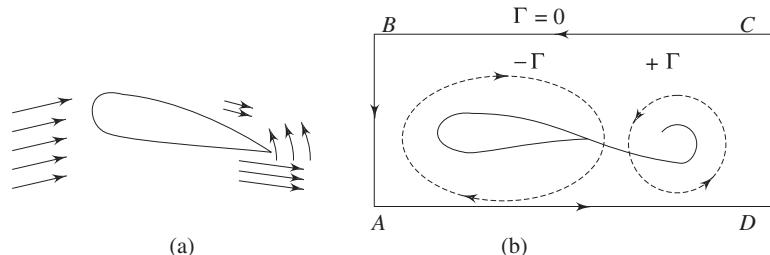


Fig 7.18 Vortices generated when an aerofoil just begins to move

Initially the flow starts with the zero circulation around the closed path. Thereafter, due to the change in angle of attack or flow velocity, if a fresh starting vortex is shed, the circulation around the wing will adjust itself so that a net zero vorticity is set around the closed path.

The discussions in the previous section were for two-dimensional, infinite span wings. But real wings have finite span or finite aspect ratio  $\lambda$ , defined as

$$\lambda = \frac{b^2}{A_s} \quad (7.73)$$

where  $b$  is the span length and  $A_s$  is the plan form area as seen from the top. For a wing of finite span, the end conditions affect both the lift and the drag. In the leading edge region, pressure at the bottom surface of a wing is higher than that at the top surface. The longitudinal vortices are generated at the edges of finite wing owing to pressure differences between the bottom surface directly facing the flow and the top surface (refer Fig. 7.19). This is very prominent for small aspect ratio delta wings which are used in high-performance aircrafts as shown in Fig. 7.20.

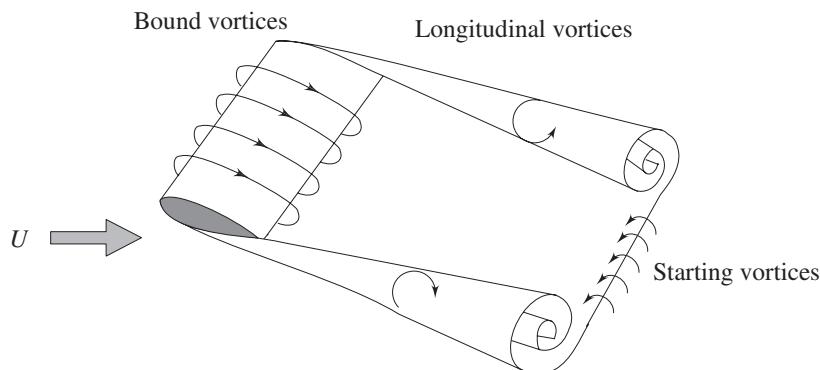


Fig. 7.19 Vortices around a finite wing

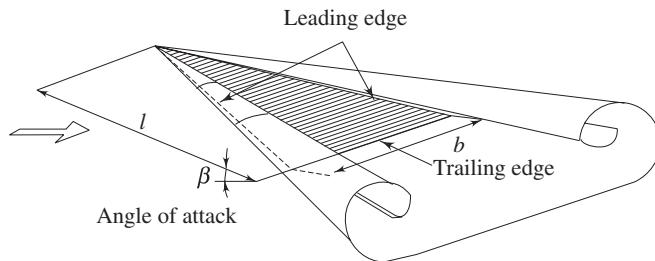


Fig. 7.20 Counter rotating leading edge vortices generated by a delta-wing

However, circulation around a wing gives rise to bound vortices that move along with the wing. In 1918, *Prandtl* successfully modelled such flows by replacing the wing with a lifting line. The bound vortices around this lifting line, the starting vortices and the longitudinal vortices formed at the edges, constitute a closed vortex ring as shown in Fig. 7.19.

### Summary

This chapter has given a brief description of inviscid, incompressible, irrotational flows.

- Irrotationality leads to the condition  $\nabla \times \vec{V} = 0$  which demands  $\vec{V} = \nabla \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is known as a potential function. For a potential flow  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ .
- The stream function  $\psi$  also obeys the Laplace's equation  $\nabla^2 \psi = 0$  for the potential flows. Laplace's equation is linear, hence any number of particular solutions of Laplace's equation added together will yield another solution. So a complicated flow for an inviscid, incompressible, irrotational condition can be synthesized by adding together a number of elementary flows which are also inviscid, incompressible and irrotational. This is called the method of superposition.
- Some inviscid flow configurations of practical importance are solved by using the method of superposition. The circulation in a flow field is defined as  $\Gamma = \int \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{s}$ . Subsequently, the vorticity may be defined as circulation per unit area. The circulation for a closed path in an irrotational flow field is zero. However, the circulation for a given closed path in an irrotational flow containing a finite number of singular points is a non-zero constant.
- The lift around an immersed body is generated when the flow field possesses circulation. The lift around a body of any shape is given by  $L = \rho U_0 \Gamma$ , where  $\rho$  is the density and  $U_0$  is the velocity in the streamwise direction.

### Solved Examples

**Example 7.1** The velocity components of two dimensional incompressible flow are  $u = 2xy$  and  $v = a^2 + x^2 - y^2$ . Show that a velocity potential function exists and find out the velocity potential.

**Solution** The velocity potential function exists only for irrotational flow. The condition to be satisfied is

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

Evaluating the derivatives mentioned above, we get

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2x$$

The flow is irrotational. From definition we can also write

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2xy \quad \text{or} \quad \phi = x^2y + f_1(y)$$

$$\text{also,} \quad v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = a^2 + x^2 - y^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \phi = a^2y + x^2y - \frac{y^3}{3} + f_2(x)$$

Since both the solutions are same, we can write

$$x^2y + f_1(y) = a^2y + x^2y - \frac{y^3}{3} + f_2(x)$$

$$\text{or} \quad f_1(y) = a^2y - \frac{y^3}{3} + f_2(x)$$

In order to keep the above expression valid for all the values of  $y$ ,  $f_2(x)$  has to be a constant.

$$\text{Thus} \quad \phi = a^2y + x^2y - \frac{y^3}{3} + \text{constant}$$

Since  $\phi = \text{constant}$  and represents a family of lines,  $\phi$  may be written without a constant as

$$\phi = a^2y + x^2y - \frac{y^3}{3}$$

**Example 7.2** The flow of an incompressible fluid is defined by  $u = 2$ ,  $v = 8x$ . Does a stream function exist? If so, find its expression.

**Solution** Compliance of continuity describes the existence of a stream function

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial(2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(8x)}{\partial y} = 0$$

So, the stream function exists.

Now we can write

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\text{or} \quad d\psi = -v dx + u dy$$

or  $d\psi = -8x dx + 2 dy$

or  $\psi = -4x^2 + 2y + C$

Dropping the constant  $C$ ,  $\psi = -4x^2 + 2y$ .

**Example 7.3** Does a velocity potential function  $\phi = 2(x^2 + 2y - y^2)$  describe the possible flow of an incompressible fluid? If so, find out the equation for the velocity vector  $\vec{V}$ . Also determine the equation for streamlines.

**Solution** For the given  $\phi$ , in order to describe an incompressible flow, we check with the Laplace's equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 2(2) + 2(-2) = 0$$

So, a flow field exists.

The velocity components are

$$u = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 2(2x) = 4x$$

$$v = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = 2(2 - 2y) = 4 - 4y$$

Velocity vector  $\vec{V} = 4x \hat{i} + (4 - 4y) \hat{j}$

Stream function  $\psi$  can be expressed as

$$d\psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dy$$

or  $d\psi = -v dx + u dy$

or  $d\psi = -(4 - 4y) dx + 4x dy$

$$\psi = - \int (4 - 4y) dx + \int 4x dy + C$$

$$\psi = -4x + 4xy + 4xy + C$$

Dropping the constant  $C$ , stream function becomes

$$\psi = 4(2xy - x)$$

**Example 7.4** The radial velocity of a flow is described by  $v_r = \frac{k}{\sqrt{r}} \cos \theta$ .

If  $v_\theta = 0$  at  $\theta = 0$ , find out  $v_\theta$  and the stream function for the flow.

**Solution**  $v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{k}{\sqrt{r}} \cos \theta$

or  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = k \sqrt{r} \cos \theta$

or  $\psi = k \sqrt{r} \sin \theta = f(r)$

Now  $v_\theta = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = \frac{k}{2\sqrt{r}} \sin \theta + f'(r)$

We know,  $v_\theta = 0$  at  $\theta = 0$ , which depicts

$$f'(r) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(r) = \text{constant}$$

Therefore  $v_\theta = \frac{k}{2\sqrt{r}} \sin \theta$  and

$$\psi = k \sqrt{r} \sin \theta$$

**Example 7.5** A two dimensional source of volume flow rate  $\Lambda = 2.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is located in a uniform flow ( $U_0$ ) of 2 m/s. Determine the stagnation point and the maximum thickness of resulting half body.

**Solution** We have already constructed different flow patterns by superimposing elementary flows. An interesting body shape appears if we superimpose a uniform flow over an isolated source or sink which is known as Rankine half body (refer Fig. 7.21). Let the source be located at the origin.

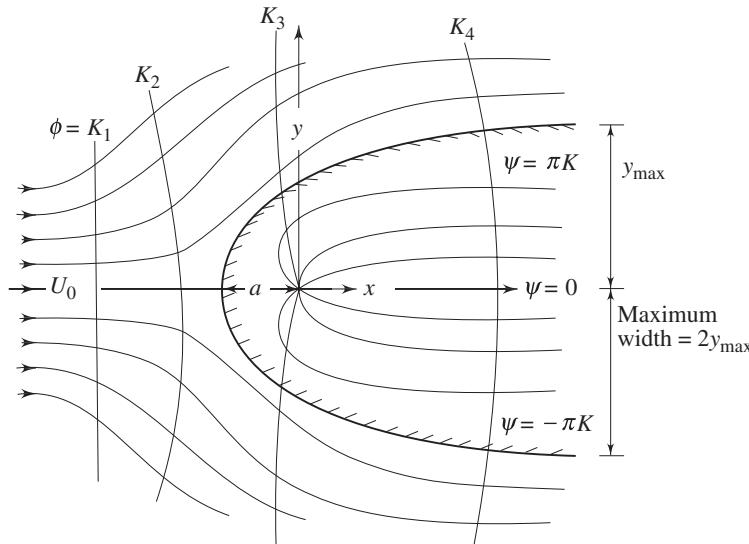


Fig. 7.21 Uniform flow plus source equals a half body

(i) Then the stream function of combination is

$$\psi = U_0 y + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$$

or  $\psi = U_0 y + K \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$

Velocity  $u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = U_0 + K \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$

Similarly  $v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = +K \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$

At the stagnation point  $u = 0, v = 0$ , demand from the above equation  $y = 0$  and

$$x = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi U_0} = -\frac{2.5}{2\pi \times 2} = -0.2 \text{ m}$$

The coordinates of stagnation points are  $(-a, 0)$  or  $(-0.2, 0)$

The value of stream function at the stagnation point is

$$\psi(-0.2, 0) = 0 + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} 0$$

or  $\psi_{\text{stag}} = 0 + \frac{2.5}{2\pi}\pi = 1.25 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$

The half-body is described by dividing streamline

$$\psi = \frac{\Lambda}{2} = \pi \cdot \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} = \pi K$$

or  $U_0 y + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} = \frac{\Lambda}{2}$

or  $U_0 y + \frac{\Lambda \theta}{2\pi} = \frac{\Lambda}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad y = \frac{\Lambda(1 - \frac{\theta}{\pi})}{2U_0}$

at  $\theta = 0 \quad y_{\text{max}} = \frac{\Lambda}{2U_0}$ , the maximum ordinate

at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad y = \frac{\Lambda}{4U_0}$ , the upper ordinate at the origin

at  $\theta = \pi, \quad y = 0$ , the stagnation point

at  $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}, \quad y = -\frac{\Lambda}{4U_0}$ , the lower ordinate at the origin

(ii) However, the equation of the half body becomes

$$U_0 y + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = \frac{\Lambda}{2}$$

The maximum thickness occurs as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$2y + \frac{1.25}{\pi} \tan^{-1} 0 = 1.25$$

$$y = \frac{1.25}{2} = 0.625 \text{ m}$$

The maximum thickness =  $2y_{\text{max}} = 1.25 \text{ m}$

**Example 7.6** A source at the origin and a uniform flow at 5m/s are superimposed.

The half-body which is formed has a maximum width of 2 m. Calculate (i) location of stagnation point (ii) width of the body at the origin and (iii) velocity at a point  $(0.7, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

**Solution** (i) We have seen in Example 7.5, that

at  $\theta = 0, \quad y_{\text{max}} = \frac{\Lambda}{2U_0} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \text{ m}$

or  $\Lambda = 2 \times 5 \times 1 = 10 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$   
for stagnation point,

$$x = -\frac{K}{U_0} = -\frac{\Lambda}{2\pi U_0} = \frac{-10}{2\pi \times 5} = -0.32 \text{ m}$$

and  $y = 0$

$$(ii) \text{ at } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad y = \frac{\Lambda}{4U_0} \text{ [from Example 7.5]}$$

$$\text{at } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad y = \frac{10}{4 \times 5} = 0.5 \text{ m}$$

The width of the body at the origin is  $2 \times 0.5 = 1 \text{ m}$

(iii) In polar coordinate

$$\psi = U_0 r \sin \theta + K\theta \quad \text{where} \quad K = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi}$$

$$v_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} = U_0 \cos \theta + \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r}$$

$$v_\theta = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} = - U_0 \sin \theta$$

at the point  $(0.7, \pi/2)$

$$v_r = \frac{\Lambda}{2\pi r} = \frac{10}{2\pi \times 0.7} = 2.27 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_\theta = - U_0 \sin \theta = -5 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = -5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{\text{resultant}} = \sqrt{(2.27)^2 + (5)^2} = 5.49 \text{ m/s}$$

**Example 7.7** A line source discharging a flow at  $0.6 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  per unit length is located at  $(-1,0)$  and a sink of volume flow rate  $1.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is located at  $(2,0)$ . For a dynamic pressure of  $10 \text{ N/m}^2$  at the origin, determine the velocity and dynamic pressure at  $(1,1)$ .

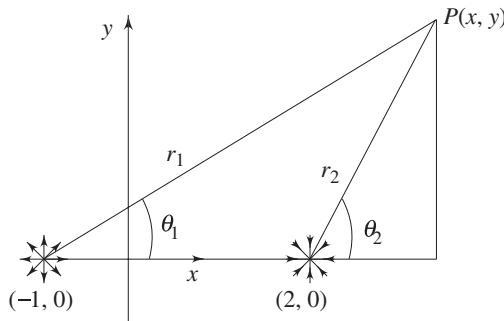


Fig. 7.22 Source and sink pair

**Solution**  $\psi$  at  $P$  may be expressed as

$$\psi = K_1 \theta_1 - K_2 \theta_2$$

$$\text{or} \quad \psi = \frac{\Lambda_1}{2\pi} \theta_1 - \frac{\Lambda_2}{2\pi} \theta_2$$

$$\text{or} \quad \psi = \frac{0.6}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x+1} \right) - \frac{1.2}{2\pi} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x-2} \right)$$

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \frac{0.6}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{(x+1)}{(x+1)^2 + y^2} \right] - \frac{1.2}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{(x-2)}{(x-2)^2 + y^2} \right]$$

$$v = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = \frac{0.6}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{y}{(x+1)^2 + y^2} \right] - \frac{1.2}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{y}{(x-2)^2 + y^2} \right]$$

at the origin (0,0)

$$u = \frac{0.6}{2\pi} - \frac{1.2}{2\pi} \left( \frac{-2}{4} \right) = \frac{0.6}{2\pi} + \frac{0.6}{2\pi} = \frac{0.6}{\pi} = 0.1909 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 0$$

$$\text{Dynamic pressure } \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 = 10 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$\text{or } \rho = \frac{20}{V^2} = 548.3 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

At point (1,1)

$$u = \frac{0.6}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1.2}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{0.6}{5\pi} + \frac{0.6}{2\pi} \\ = 0.0381 + 0.0954 = 0.1335 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \frac{0.6}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1.2}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{0.6}{10\pi} - \frac{0.6}{2\pi} \\ = 0.019 - 0.0954 = -0.0764 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{\text{resultant}} = 0.1538 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Dynamic pressure at (1,1)} = \frac{1}{2} \times 548.3 \times (0.1538)^2 \\ = 6.48 \text{ N/m}^2$$

**Example 7.8** The wind velocity at a location 5 km away from the centre of a tornado (consider inviscid, irrotational vortex motion) was measured as 30 km/hr and the barometric pressure was 750 mm of Hg. Calculate the wind velocity 1 km from the tornado centre and its barometric pressure. [Density of air = 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, density of mercury =  $13.6 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ].

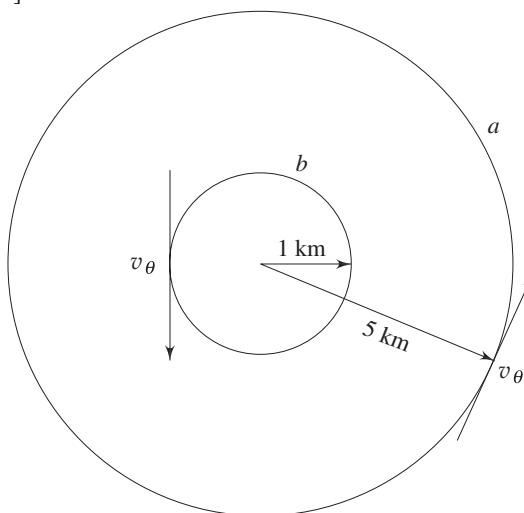


Fig. 7.23 Model of a tornado (irrotational vortex)

**Solution**  $p_a = 750 \text{ mm of Hg} = 0.75 \text{ m of Hg}$   
 $= 0.75 \times 13.6 \times 10^3 \times 9.81 = 100.062 \text{ kN/m}^2$

From free vortex consideration, we can write

$$r_a v_{\theta a} = r_b v_{\theta b} = C$$

$$r_a = 5000 \text{ m}, v_{\theta a} = \frac{30 \times 1000}{60 \times 60} = 8.33 \text{ m/s}$$

$$C = \text{circulation constant} = 41650 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

at

$$r_b = 1000 \text{ m},$$

$$v_{\theta b} = \frac{41650}{1000} = 41.65 \text{ m/s}$$

Bernoulli's equation between points *a* and *b*

$$\frac{p_a}{\rho g} + \frac{V_{\theta a}^2}{2g} = \frac{p_b}{\rho g} + \frac{V_{\theta b}^2}{2g}$$

$$\frac{100062}{1.2 \times 9.81} + \frac{(8.33)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = \frac{p_b}{\rho g} + \frac{(41.65)^2}{2 \times 9.81}$$

or  $\frac{p_b}{\rho g} = 8500 + 3.536 - 88.416$

or  $\frac{p_b}{\rho g} = 8415.12$

or  $p_b = 99062 \text{ N/m}^2 = 99.062 \text{ kN/m}^2$

**Example 7.9** A source with volume flow rate  $0.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and a vortex with strength  $1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  are located at the origin. Determine the equations for velocity potential and stream function. What should be the resultant velocity at  $x = 0.9 \text{ m}$  and  $y = 0.8 \text{ m}$ ?

**Solution**

For the source  $\psi = K_1 \theta, \quad \phi = K_1 \ln r$

For the vortex  $\psi = -K_2 \ln r, \quad \phi = K_2 \theta$

Combined  $\psi = \frac{0.2}{2\pi} \theta - \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln r = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ 0.1\theta - \frac{1}{2} \ln r \right]$

Combined  $\phi = \frac{0.2}{2\pi} \ln r + \frac{1}{2\pi} \theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ 0.1 \ln r + \frac{1}{2} \theta \right]$

Now  $v_r = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{10\pi r}$

$$v_\theta = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{2\pi r}$$

at  $x = 0.9 \text{ m} \quad \text{and} \quad y = 0.8 \text{ m}$

$$r = \sqrt{(0.9)^2 + (0.8)^2} = 1.204 \text{ m}$$

$$v_r(0.9, 0.8) = \frac{1}{10 \times \pi \times 1.204} = 0.026 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_\theta(0.9, 0.8) = \frac{1}{2\pi r} = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times 1.204}$$

$$= 0.132 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{\text{resultant}} = \sqrt{(0.026)^2 + (0.132)^2} = 0.134 \text{ m/s}$$

**Example 7.10** A 300 mm diameter circular cylinder is rotated about its axis in a stream of water having a uniform velocity of 5 m/s. Estimate the rotational speed when both the stagnation points coincide. Estimate the lift force experienced by the cylinder under such condition.  $\rho$  of water may be assumed to be 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Solution** Stagnation point is given by

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{-\Gamma}{4\pi r U_0} \right)$$

When both the stagnation points coincide, the two angles are equal and  $\theta = -90^\circ$ . Stagnation point is at the lower surface [Fig. 7.14].

$$\text{Thus } \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi r U_0} = 1$$

$$\text{or } \Gamma = 4\pi r U_0$$

If the cylinder is rotating at an angular speed  $\omega$ , the circulation due to the equivalent forced vortex is

$$\Gamma = \oint (\omega r) r d\theta = 2\pi r^2 \omega$$

$$2\pi \omega r^2 = 4\pi r U_0$$

$$\omega = \frac{2U_0}{r}$$

$$\text{or } \omega = \frac{2 \times 5}{0.15} = 66.67 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{and } \Gamma = 4\pi \times 0.15 \times 5$$

$$= 9.42 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Lift force } = L = \rho U \Gamma$$

$$\text{or } L = 1000 \times 5 \times 9.42 \left[ \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \cdot \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} \right]$$

$$\text{or } L = 47100 \text{ N/m}$$

As such, the lift is calculated per metre length of the cylinder

$$\text{So } \text{Lift} = 47.1 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

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## Exercises

- 7.1 Choose the correct answer for the following questions
- Stream function is defined for
    - all 3-D flow situations
    - flow of perfect fluid
    - irrotational flows only
    - 2-D incompressible flows.
  - Velocity potential exists for
    - all 3-D flow situations
    - flow of perfect fluid
    - all irrotational flows
    - steady irrotational flow
  - The continuity equation for a fluid states that
    - mass flow rate through a stream tube is constant.
    - the derivatives of velocity components exist at every point.
    - the velocity is tangential to stream lines.
    - the stream function exists for steady flows.
  - $\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$  implies that
    - dilatation rate for a fluid particle is zero.
    - net mass flux from a control volume in any flow situation is zero.
    - the fluid is compressible.
    - density is a function of time only.
  - Momentum theorem is valid only if the fluid is
    - incompressible
    - in irrotational motion
    - inviscid
    - irrespective of the above restrictions.
  - Circulation is defined as
    - line integral of velocity about any path
    - integral of tangential component of velocity about a path
    - line integral of velocity about a closed path
    - line integral of tangential component of velocity about a closed path.
  - In an irrotational flow, Stokes, theorem implies that circulation is zero
    - around two dimensional infinite bodies
    - in simply connected regions
    - in multiply connected regions
    - without any restriction.
  - The curl of a given velocity field indicates
    - the rate of increase or decrease of flow at a point
    - the rate of twisting of the lines of flow
    - the deformation rate
    - none of the above
- 7.2 Prove that the streamlines  $\psi(r, \theta)$  in a polar coordinate system are orthogonal to the velocity potential lines  $\phi(r, \theta)$ .
- 7.3 The  $x$  and  $y$  components of velocity in a two-dimensional incompressible flow are given by

$$u = 3x + 3y \quad \text{and} \quad v = 2x - 3y$$

Derive an expression for the stream function. Show that the flow is rotational. Calculate the vorticity in the flow field.

$$Ans. \quad (-x^2 + 3xy + (3/2)y^2, \nabla \times \vec{V} = -1)$$

- 7.4 A source of volume flow rate  $2 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is located at origin and another source of volume flow rate  $4 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is located at  $(3,0)$ . Find out the velocity components at  $(2, 2)$ .

*Ans.*  $u = -0.048 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $v = 0.334 \text{ m/s}$

- 7.5 A source of volume flow rate  $5 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  at the origin and a uniform flow of velocity  $4 \text{ m/s}$  combine to form a two-dimensional half body. Find out the maximum width of the half body.

*Ans.*  $(1.25 \text{ m})$

- 7.6 A source and a sink of equal volume flow rate  $10 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  are located  $2 \text{ m}$  apart. If a uniform flow of  $5 \text{ m/s}$  is superimposed, find out the location of the stagnation points.

*Ans.*  $(1.28, 0)$  and  $(-1.28, 0)$

- 7.7 The discharge of  $30 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  pollutants from a chemical plant into  $10 \text{ m}$  deep river, flowing at  $0.3 \text{ m/s}$ , can be modelled as a 2-D source across the river depth. It is found that the fishes in a certain zone die out whereas those outside the zone are unaffected. Find out the extent of this critical zone, if the point of discharge is in the midplane of a wide river.

*Ans.* (Rankine half body with stagnation point  $(15.91, 0)$  and  $2y_{\max} = 100 \text{ m}$ )

- 7.8 The Flettner rotor ship (Fig. 7.15) make use of two rotating vertical cylinders. Each has a diameter of  $3 \text{ m}$  and length of  $15 \text{ m}$ . If they rotate at a speed of  $720 \text{ rpm}$ , calculate the magnitude of Magnus force developed by the rotors in a breeze of  $10 \text{ m/s}$ . Assume air density as  $1.22 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

*Ans.*  $(390.083 \text{ kN})$

- 7.9 Find out the strength of a doublet which simulates a physical situation of  $2 \text{ m}$  diameter cylinder in a uniform flow of  $15 \text{ m/s}$ .

*Ans.*  $(\Lambda = 47.124 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  per metre)

- 7.10 Consider a forced vortex rotated at an angular speed  $\omega$ . Evaluate the circulation around any closed path in a forced vortex flow.

Derive the expression of hydrodynamic pressure as a function of radius for (i) a free vortex and (ii) a forced vortex.

*Ans.* (Forced vortex  $\Gamma = 2\pi r^2 \omega$ ; (i)  $p = -\rho C^2/r^2 + C_2$  (ii)  $p = \rho\omega^2 r^2/2 + C_1$ )

- 7.11 A tornado may be modelled as a circulating flow shown in Fig. 7.24 with  $v_r = v_z = 0$

$$v_\theta = \omega r \text{ for } r \leq R$$

$$= \frac{\omega R^2}{r} \text{ for } r \geq R$$

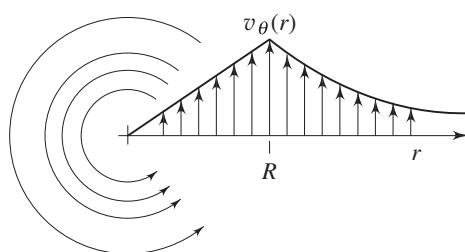


Fig. 7.24 Model of tornado (combination of free and forced vortex)

Determine whether the flow pattern is irrotational in either the inner ( $r < R$ ) or the outer ( $r > R$ ) region. Using  $r$  momentum equation, determine the pressure distribution  $p(r)$  in the tornado, assuming  $p = p_\infty$  at  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . Find out the location of the minimum pressure.

$$\text{Ans. } (p = p_\infty - \rho \omega^2 R^2 (1 - r^2/2R^2) \text{ for } r < R; \\ p = p_\infty - \rho \omega^2 R^4 / 2r^2 \text{ for } r > R)$$

- 7.12 A 2 m diameter cylinder is rotating at 1400 rpm in an air stream flowing at 20 m/s. Calculate the lift and drag forces per unit depth of the cylinder. Assume air density as 1.22 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. *Ans. (L = 22.476 kN, D = 0)*

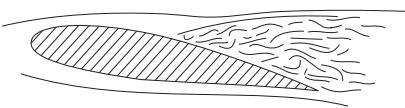
- 7.13 Flow past a rotating cylinder can be simulated by superposition of a doublet, a uniform flow and a vortex. The peripheral velocity of the rotating cylinder alone is given by  $v_\theta$  at  $r = R$  ( $R$  is the radius of the cylinder). Use the expression for the combined velocity potential for the superimposed uniform flow, doublet and vortex flow (clockwise rotation) and show that the resultant velocity at any point on the cylinder is given by  $-2U_o \sin \theta - v_\theta$  (at  $r = R$ ). The angle  $\theta$  is the angular position of the point of interest. A cylinder rotates at 360 rpm around its own axis which is perpendicular to the uniform air stream (density 1.24 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) having a velocity of 25 m/s. The cylinder is 2 m in diameter. Find out (a) circulation,  $\Gamma$  (b) lift per unit length and the (c) position of the stagnation points.

$$\text{Ans. } (236.87 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}, 7343 \text{ N/m}, -48.93^\circ \text{ and } 228.93^\circ)$$

- 7.14 Flow past a rotating cylinder can be simulated by superposition of a doublet, a uniform flow and a vortex. The peripheral velocity of the rotating cylinder alone is given by  $v_\theta$  at  $r = R$  ( $R$  is the radius of the cylinder). Use the expression for the combined velocity potential for the superimposed uniform flow, doublet and vortex flow (clockwise rotation) and show that the resultant velocity at any point on the cylinder is given by  $-2U_o \sin \theta - v_\theta$  (at  $r = R$ ). The angle  $\theta$  is the angular position of the point of interest. A cylinder rotates at 240 rpm around its own axis which is perpendicular to the uniform air stream (density 1.24 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) having a velocity of 20 m/s. The cylinder is 2 m in diameter. Find out (a) circulation,  $\Gamma$  (b) lift per unit length and the (c) speed of rotation of the cylinder, which yields only a single stagnation point.

$$\text{Ans. } (157.91 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}, 3916.25 \text{ N/m}, 382 \text{ rpm})$$

# 8



# Viscous Incompressible Flows

## 8.1 INTRODUCTION

In the analysis of motion of a real fluid, the effect of viscosity should be given consideration. Influence of viscosity is more pronounced near the boundary of a solid body immersed in a fluid in motion. The relationship between stress and rate of strain for the motion of real fluid flow was first put forward by Sir Isaac Newton and for this reason the viscosity law bears his name. Later on, G.G. Stokes, an English mathematician and C.L.M.H. Navier, a French engineer, derived the exact equations that govern the motion of real fluids. These equations are in general valid for compressible or incompressible laminar flows and known as Navier-Stokes equations. When a motion becomes turbulent, these equations are generally not able to provide with a complete solution. Usually, in order to obtain accurate results for such situations, the Navier-Stokes equations are modified and solved based on several semi-empirical theories. In the recent past, some researchers have proposed that, on a fine enough scale, all turbulent flows obey the Navier-Stokes equation and computationally, if a fine enough grid is used with appropriate discretization methods, may be both the fine scale and large scale aspects of turbulence can be captured. However, in this chapter we shall discuss the equation of motion for laminar flows and various other aspects of laminar incompressible flows.

## 8.2 GENERAL VISCOSITY LAW

The well-known Newton's viscosity law is

$$\tau = \mu \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} \quad (8.1)$$

where  $n$  is the coordinate direction normal to the solid-fluid interface,  $\mu$  is the coefficient of viscosity and  $V$  is velocity. This law is valid for parallel flows. There are more generalized relations which can relate stress field and velocity field for any kind of flow. Such relations are called *constitutive equations*. We shall consider here the Stokes' viscosity law.

According to Stokes' law of viscosity, shear stress is proportional to rate of shear strain so that

$$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx} = \mu \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right] \quad (8.2a)$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zy} = \mu \left[ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.2b)$$

$$\tau_{zx} = \tau_{xz} = \mu \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right] \quad (8.2c)$$

The first subscript of  $\tau$  denotes the direction of the normal to the plane on which the stress acts, while the second subscript denotes direction of the force which causes the stress.

The expressions of Stokes' law of viscosity for normal stresses are

$$\sigma_{xx} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \mu' \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.3a)$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \mu' \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.3b)$$

$$\sigma_{zz} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} + \mu' \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.3c)$$

where  $\mu'$  is related to the second coefficient of viscosity  $\mu_1$  by the relationship  $\mu' = -\frac{2}{3}(\mu - \mu_1)$ . We have already seen that thermodynamic pressure  $p = -\frac{(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})}{3}$ . Now, if we add the three Eqs (8.3a), (8.3b) and (8.3c), we obtain

$$\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz} = -3p + 2\mu \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] + 3\mu' \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\text{or } \sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz} = -3p + (2\mu + 3\mu') \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.4)$$

For incompressible fluid,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$

So,  $p = -\frac{(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})}{3}$  is satisfied in the same manner. For compressible fluids, Stokes' hypothesis is  $\mu' = -\frac{2}{3} \mu$ . Invoking this to Eq. (8.4), will finally conclude that  $p = -\frac{(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} + \sigma_{zz})}{3}$ . Generally, fluids obeying the ideal gas

equation follow this hypothesis and they are called Stokesian fluids. It may also be mentioned that the second coefficient of viscosity,  $\mu_1$ , has been verified to be negligibly small.

Now, we can write

$$\sigma_{xx} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{2}{3}\mu \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.5a)$$

$$\sigma_{yy} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{3}\mu \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.5b)$$

$$\sigma_{zz} = -p + 2\mu \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{2}{3}\mu \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right] \quad (8.5c)$$

In deriving the above stress-strain rate relationship, it was assumed that a fluid has the following properties

1. Fluid is homogeneous and isotropic, i.e. the relation between components of stress and those of rate of strain is the same in all directions.
2. Stress is a linear function of strain rate.
3. The stress-strain relationship will hold good irrespective of the orientation of the reference coordinate system.
4. The stress components must reduce to the hydrostatic pressure (typically thermodynamic pressure = hydrostatic pressure)  $p$  when all the gradients of velocities are zero.

### 8.3 NAVIER–STOKES EQUATIONS

Generalized equations of motion of a real flow are named after the inventors of them and they are known as Navier–Stokes equations. However, they are derived from the Newton's second law which states that the product of mass and acceleration is equal to sum of the external forces acting on a body. External forces are of two kinds—one acts throughout the mass of the body and another acts on the boundary.

The first one is known as body force (gravitational force, electromagnetic force) and the second one is surface force (pressure and frictional force).

Let the body force per unit mass be

$$\vec{f}_b = \hat{i} f_x + \hat{j} f_y + \hat{k} f_z \quad (8.6)$$

and surface force per unit volume be

$$\vec{F} = \hat{i} F_x + \hat{j} F_y + \hat{k} F_z \quad (8.7)$$

Consider a differential fluid element in the flow field (Fig. 8.1). We wish to evaluate the surface forces acting on the boundary of this rectangular parallelepiped.

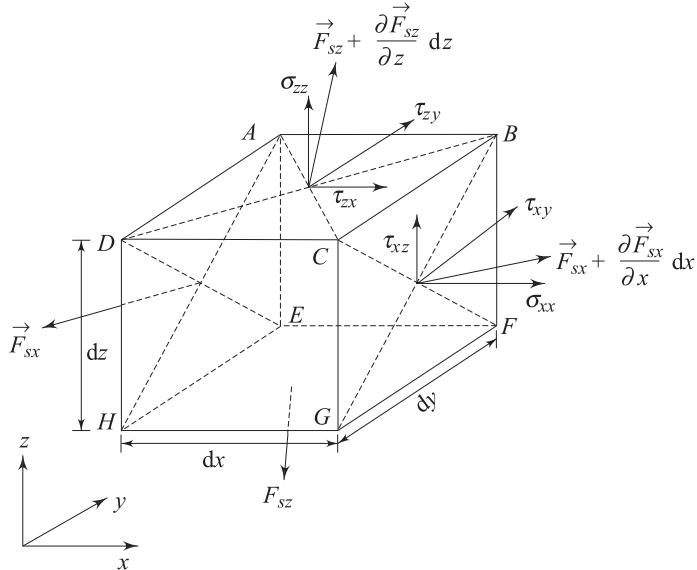


Fig. 8.1 Definition of the components of stress and their locations in a differential fluid element

To accomplish this, we shall consider surface force on the surface  $AEHD$ , per unit area,

$$\hat{i} \sigma_{xx} + \hat{j} \tau_{xy} + \hat{k} \tau_{xz} = \vec{F}_{sx}$$

Surface force on the surface  $BFGC$  per unit area is

$$\vec{F}_{sx} + \frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sx}}{\partial x} dx$$

Net force on the body due to imbalance of surface forces on the above two surfaces is

$$\frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sx}}{\partial x} dx dy dz \quad (8.8)$$

Total force on the body due to net surface forces on all six surfaces is

$$\left( \frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sz}}{\partial z} \right) dx dy dz \quad (8.9)$$

and the resultant surface force  $dF$  per unit volume, is

$$d\vec{F} = \frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \vec{F}_{sz}}{\partial z} \quad (8.10)$$

The quantities  $\vec{F}_{sx}$ ,  $\vec{F}_{sy}$  and  $\vec{F}_{sz}$  are vectors which can be resolved into normal stresses denoted by  $\sigma$  and shearing stresses denoted by  $\tau$  as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{sx} &= \hat{i} \sigma_{xx} + \hat{j} \tau_{xy} + \hat{k} \tau_{xz} \\ \vec{F}_{sy} &= \hat{i} \tau_{yx} + \hat{j} \sigma_{yy} + \hat{k} \tau_{yz} \\ \vec{F}_{sz} &= \hat{i} \tau_{zx} + \hat{j} \tau_{zy} + \hat{k} \sigma_{zz} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (8.11)$$

The stress system is having nine scalar quantities. These nine quantities form a stress tensor. The set of nine components of stress tensor can be described as

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} & \tau_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.12)$$

The above stress tensor is symmetric, which means that two shearing stresses with subscripts which differ only in their sequence are equal. Considering the equation of motion for instantaneous rotation of the fluid element (Fig. 8.1) about  $y$  axis, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\omega}_y \, dI_y &= (\tau_{xz} \, dy \, dz)dx - (\tau_{zx} \, dx \, dy)dz \\ &= (\tau_{xz} - \tau_{zx}) \, dV \end{aligned}$$

where  $dV$  is the volume of the element, and  $\dot{\omega}_y$  and  $dI_y$  are the angular acceleration and moment of inertia of the element about  $y$ -axis respectively. Since  $dI_y$  is proportional to fifth power of the linear dimensions and  $dV$  is proportional to the third power of the linear dimensions, the left hand side of the above equation vanishes faster than the right hand side on contracting the element to a point. Hence, the result is

$$\tau_{xz} = \tau_{zx}$$

From the similar considerations about other two remaining axes, we can write

$$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{yx}$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zy}$$

which has already been observed in Eqs (8.2a), (8.2b) and (8.2c) earlier.

Invoking these conditions into Eq. (8.12), the stress tensor becomes

$$\boldsymbol{\pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \tau_{xy} & \tau_{xz} \\ \tau_{xy} & \sigma_{yy} & \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{xz} & \tau_{yz} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.13)$$

Combining Eqs (8.10), (8.11) and (8.13), the resultant surface force per unit volume becomes

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{F} = & \hat{i} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} \right) \\ & + \hat{j} \left( \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} \right) \\ & + \hat{k} \left( \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.14)$$

As per the velocity field,

$$\frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \hat{i} \frac{Du}{Dt} + \hat{j} \frac{Dv}{Dt} + \hat{k} \frac{Dw}{Dt} \quad (8.15)$$

By Newton's law of motion applied to the differential element, we can write

$$\rho(dx dy dz) \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = (d\vec{F}) (dx dy dz) + \rho \vec{f}_b (dx dy dz)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = d\vec{F} + \rho \vec{f}_b$$

Substituting Eqs (8.15), (8.14) and (8.6) into the above expression, we obtain

$$\rho \frac{Du}{Dt} = \rho f_x + \left( \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} \right) \quad (8.16a)$$

$$\rho \frac{Dv}{Dt} = \rho f_y + \left( \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} \right) \quad (8.16b)$$

$$\rho \frac{Dw}{Dt} = \rho f_z + \left( \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} \right) \quad (8.16c)$$

In order to express  $\frac{Du}{Dt}$ ,  $\frac{Dv}{Dt}$  and  $\frac{Dw}{Dt}$  in terms of field derivatives, Eqs (8.2) and (8.5) are introduced into Eq. (8.16) and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \frac{Du}{Dt} = & \rho f_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \right) \right] \\ & + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (8.17a)$$

$$\rho \frac{Dv}{Dt} = \rho f_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right] \quad (8.17b)$$

$$\text{and } \rho \frac{Dw}{Dt} = \rho f_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \mu \left( 2 \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} - \frac{2}{3} \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \mu \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) \right] \quad (8.17c)$$

These differential equations are known as Navier–Stokes equations. At this juncture, it is necessary to discuss the equation of continuity as well, which is having a general form

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (8.18)$$

The general form of continuity equation is simplified in case of incompressible flow where  $\rho = \text{constant}$ . Equation of continuity for incompressible flow becomes

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (8.19)$$

Invoking Eq. (8.19) into Eqs (8.17a), (8.17b) and (8.17c), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \\ = \rho f_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.20a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \\ = \rho f_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.20b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) \\ = \rho f_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.20c)$$

In short, vector notation may be used to write Navier-Stokes and continuity equations for incompressible flow as

$$\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \rho \vec{f}_b - \nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{V} \quad (8.21)$$

$$\text{and } \nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0 \quad (8.22)$$

We observe that we have four unknown quantities,  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$  and  $p$ , and four equations,—equations of motion in three directions and the continuity equation. In principle, these equations are solvable but to date generalized solution is not available due to the complex nature of the set of these equations. The highest order terms, which come from the viscous forces, are linear and of second order. The first order convective terms are non-linear and hence, the set is termed as quasi-linear.

Navier-Stokes equations in cylindrical coordinate (Fig. 8.2) are useful in solving many problems. If  $v_r$ ,  $v_\theta$  and  $v_z$  denote the velocity components along the radial, cross-radial and axial directions respectively, then for the case of incompressible flow, Eqs (8.21) and (8.22) lead to the following system of equations:

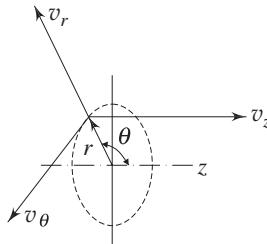


Fig. 8.2 Cylindrical polar coordinate and the velocity components

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} + v_z \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \right) = \rho f_r - \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} - \frac{v_r}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2}{r^2} \cdot \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_r}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (8.23a)$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} + \frac{v_r v_\theta}{r} \right) = \rho f_\theta - \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{v_\theta}{r^2} + \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{2}{r^2} \cdot \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 v_\theta}{\partial z^2} \right) \quad (8.23b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \left( \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) \\ = \rho f_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.23c)$$

$$\frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{v_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (8.24)$$

Let us quickly look at a little more general way of deriving the Navier-Stokes equations from the basic laws of physics. Consider a general flow field as represented in Fig. 8.3. Let us imagine a closed control volume  $\mathbb{V}_0$  within the

flow field. A control surface,  $A_0$ , is defined as the surface which bounds the volume  $V_0$ . The control volume is fixed in space and the fluid is moving through it. The control volume occupies reasonably large finite region of the flow field.

According to Reynolds transport theorem, we know that the laws of physics which are basically stated for a system, can be re-stated for a control volume through some integral relationship. However, for momentum conservation, the Reynolds transport theorem states, "The rate of change of momentum for a system equals the sum of the rate of change of momentum inside the control volume and the rate of efflux of momentum across the control surface."

Again, the rate of change of momentum for a system (in our case the control volume is the system) is equal to the net external force acting on it. Now, we shall transform these statements into equation by accounting for each term.

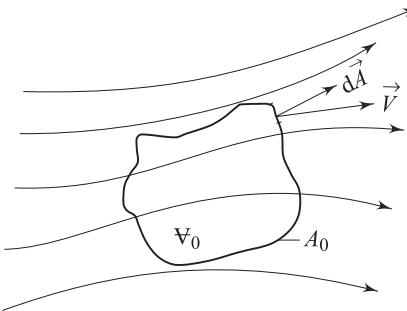


Fig. 8.3 Finite control volume fixed in space with the fluid moving through it

Rate of change of momentum inside the control volume

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_{V_0} \rho \vec{V} dV \\
 &= \iiint_{V_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \vec{V}) dV \quad (\text{since } t \text{ is independent of space variable}) \tag{8.25}
 \end{aligned}$$

Rate of efflux of momentum through control surface

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \iint_{A_0} \rho \vec{V} (\vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A}) = \iint_{A_0} \rho \vec{V} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} dA \\
 &= \iiint_{V_0} \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V} \vec{V}) dV \\
 &= \iiint_{V_0} (\vec{V} (\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V}) + \rho \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \vec{V}) dV \tag{8.26}
 \end{aligned}$$

Surface force acting on the control volume

$$= \iint_{A_0} d\vec{A} \cdot \sigma$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \iint_{A_0} \sigma \cdot d\vec{A} \quad [\sigma \text{ is symmetric stress tensor}] \\
 &= \iiint_{V_0} (\nabla \cdot \sigma) dV
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.27}$$

and, the body force acting on the control volume

$$= \iiint_{V_0} \rho \vec{f} dV \tag{8.28}$$

$\vec{f}$  in Eq. (8.28) is the body force per unit mass.

Finally, we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\iiint_{V_0} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \vec{V}) + \{\vec{V}(\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V}) + \rho \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \vec{V}\} \right) dV \\
 &= \iiint_{V_0} (\nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{f}) dV \\
 \text{or} \quad &\rho \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \vec{V} + \vec{V}(\nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V}) = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{f} \\
 \text{or} \quad &\rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \vec{V} \right) + \vec{V} \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} \right) = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{f}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.29}$$

We know that  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \rho \vec{V} = 0$  is the general form of mass conservation equation, valid for both compressible and incompressible flows. Invoking this relationship in Eq. (8.29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho \left( \frac{\partial \vec{V}}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla \vec{V} \right) &= \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{f} \\
 \text{or} \quad &\rho \frac{D\vec{V}}{Dt} = \nabla \cdot \sigma + \rho \vec{f}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8.30}$$

Equation (8.30) is often referred to as Cauchy's equation of motion. In this equation,  $\sigma$ , the stress tensor, is given by

$$\sigma = -p I^* + \mu' (\nabla \cdot \vec{V}) + 2\mu (\text{Def } \vec{V})^{**} \tag{8.31}$$

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$$*I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$**(\text{Def } \vec{V}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial V_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

From Eq. (8.31), we get

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma = -\nabla p + (\mu' + \mu) \nabla \cdot (\nabla \cdot \vec{V}) + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{V} \quad (8.32)$$

$$\text{and also from Stokes's hypothesis, } \mu' + \frac{2}{3}\mu = 0 \quad (8.33)$$

Invoking Eq. (8.32) in Eq. (8.30) and introducing Eq. (8.33) will yield

$$\rho \frac{D \vec{V}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \vec{V} + \frac{1}{3}\mu \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{V}) + \rho \vec{f} \quad (8.34)$$

This is the most general form of Navier-Stokes equation. The specific forms for different coordinate systems can easily be obtained from Eq. (8.34).

In a cartesian coordinate system,

$$(\text{Def } \vec{V}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right) & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) & \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

This is known as deformation tensor. It can be readily seen that  $(\text{Def } \vec{V})$  is a symmetric tensor.

## 8.4 EXACT SOLUTIONS OF NAVIER-STOKES EQUATIONS

The basic difficulty in solving Navier-Stokes equations arises due to the presence of nonlinear (quadratic) inertia terms on the left hand side. However, there are some nontrivial solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations in which the nonlinear inertia terms are identically zero. One such class of flows is termed as parallel flows in which only one velocity term is nontrivial and all the fluid particles move in one direction only.

Let us choose  $x$  to be the direction along which all fluid particles travel, i.e.  $u \neq 0, v = w = 0$ . Invoking this in continuity equation, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{which means } u = u(y, z, t)$$

Now, Navier-Stokes equations for incompressible flow become

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + v \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial v^0}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial v^0}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v^0}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v^0}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + v \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v^0}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^0}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v^0}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial w^0}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w^0}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w^0}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w^0}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + v \left[ \frac{\partial^2 w^0}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w^0}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w^0}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

So, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = 0, \text{ which means } p = p(x) \text{ alone,}$$

and 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + v \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right] \quad (8.35)$$

For a steady two dimensional flow through parallel plates, Eq. (8.35) is further simplified and analytical solution can be obtained. An insightful description of many such analytical solutions in different geometrical configurations has been well documented in White [1] and Faber [2]. However, we shall discuss some of the important exact solutions in the following sections.

#### 8.4.1 Parallel Flow in a Straight Channel

Consider steady flow between two infinitely broad parallel plates as shown in Fig. 8.4. Flow is independent of any variation in  $z$  direction, hence,  $z$  dependence is gotten rid of and Eq. (8.35) becomes

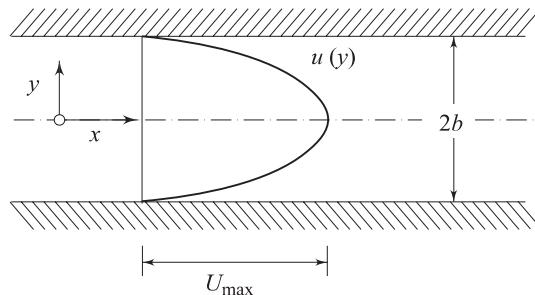


Fig. 8.4 Parallel flow in a straight channel

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \mu \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} \quad (8.36)$$

The boundary conditions are at  $y = b$ ,  $u = 0$ ; and  $y = -b$ ,  $u = 0$ .

From Eq. (8.36), we can write

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} y + C_1$$

or 
$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} y^2 + C_1 y + C_2$$

Applying the boundary conditions, the constants are evaluated as:

$$C_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad C_2 = -\frac{1}{\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} \cdot \frac{b^2}{2}$$

So, the solution is

$$u = -\frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} (b^2 - y^2) \quad (8.37)$$

which implies that the velocity profile is parabolic. We can extend our analysis little further in order to establish the relationship between the maximum velocity and average velocity in the channel.

At  $y = 0$ ,  $u = U_{\max}$ ; this yields

$$U_{\max} = -\frac{b^2}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} \quad (8.38a)$$

On the other hand, the average velocity,

$$U_{\text{av}} = \frac{Q}{2b} = \frac{\text{flow rate}}{\text{flow area}} = \frac{1}{2b} \int_{-b}^b u \, dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or} \quad U_{\text{av}} &= \frac{2}{2b} \int_0^b u \, dy = \frac{1}{b} \int_0^b -\frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} (b^2 - y^2) \, dy \\ &= -\frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} \cdot \frac{1}{b} \left\{ \left[ b^2 y \right]_0^b - \left( \frac{y^3}{3} \right)_0^b \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Finally, } U_{\text{av}} = -\frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \frac{2}{3} b^2 \quad (8.38b)$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{U_{\text{av}}}{U_{\max}} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad U_{\max} = \frac{3}{2} U_{\text{av}} \quad (8.38c)$$

The shearing stress at the wall for the parallel flow in a channel can be determined from the velocity gradient as

$$\tau_{yx}|_b = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_b = b \frac{dp}{dx} = -2\mu \frac{U_{\max}}{b}$$

Since the upper plate is a “minus  $y$  surface”, a negative stress acts in the positive  $x$  direction, i.e. to the right.

The local friction coefficient,  $C_f$ , is defined by

$$C_f = \frac{\left| (\tau_{yx})_b \right|}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_{\text{av}}^2} = \frac{3\mu U_{\text{av}}/b}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_{\text{av}}^2}$$

$$\text{or} \quad C_f = \frac{\frac{12}{\rho U_{\text{av}} (2b)}}{\mu} = \frac{12}{\text{Re}} \quad (8.38d)$$

where  $Re = U_{av}(2b)/v$  is the Reynolds number of flow based on average velocity and the channel height ( $2b$ ). Experiments show that Eq. (8.38d) is valid in the laminar regime of the channel flow. The maximum Reynolds number value corresponding to fully developed laminar flow, for which a stable motion will persist, is 2300. In a reasonably careful experiment, laminar flow can be observed up to even  $Re = 10,000$ . But the value below which the flow will always remain laminar, i.e. the critical value of  $Re$  is 2300.

### 8.4.2 Couette Flow

Another simple solution for Eq. (8.35) is obtained for Couette flow between two parallel plates (Fig. 8.5). Here, one plate is at rest and the other is moving with a velocity  $U$ . Let us assume the plates are infinitely large in  $z$  direction, so the  $z$  dependence is not there and the governing equation is  $\frac{dp}{dx} = \mu \frac{d^2u}{dy^2}$  subjected to the boundary conditions at  $y = 0$ ,  $u = 0$  and  $y = h$ ,  $u = U$ .

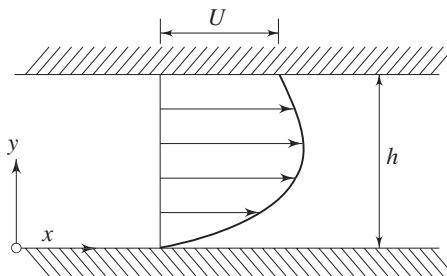


Fig. 8.5 Couette flow between two parallel flat plates

We get,

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} y^2 + C_1 y + C_2$$

Invoking the condition (at  $y = 0$ ,  $u = 0$ ),  $C_2$  becomes equal to zero.

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} y^2 + C_1 y$$

Invoking the other condition (at  $y = h$ ,  $u = U$ ),

$$C_1 = \frac{U}{h} - \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} h$$

So, 
$$u = \frac{y}{h} U - \frac{h^2}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} \cdot \frac{y}{h} \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right) \quad (8.39)$$

Equation (8.39) can also be expressed in the form

$$\frac{u}{U} = \frac{y}{h} - \frac{h^2}{2\mu U} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} \cdot \frac{y}{h} \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right)$$

or

$$\frac{u}{U} = \frac{y}{h} + P \frac{y}{h} \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right) \quad (8.40a)$$

where

$$P = -\frac{h^2}{2\mu U} \left(\frac{dp}{dx}\right)$$

Equation (8.40a) describes the velocity distribution in non-dimensional form across the channel with  $P$  as a parameter known as the non-dimensional pressure gradient. When  $P = 0$ , the velocity distribution across the channel is reduced to

$$\frac{u}{U} = \frac{y}{h}$$

This particular case is known as simple Couette flow. When  $P > 0$ , i.e. for a *negative* or *favourable* pressure gradient ( $-dp/dx$ ) in the direction of motion, the velocity is positive over the whole gap between the channel walls. For negative value of  $P$  ( $P < 0$ ), there is a *positive* or *adverse* pressure gradient in the direction of motion and the velocity over a portion of channel width can become negative and back flow may occur near the wall which is at rest. Figure 8.6a shows the effect of dragging action of the upper plate exerted on the fluid particles in the channel for different values of pressure gradient.

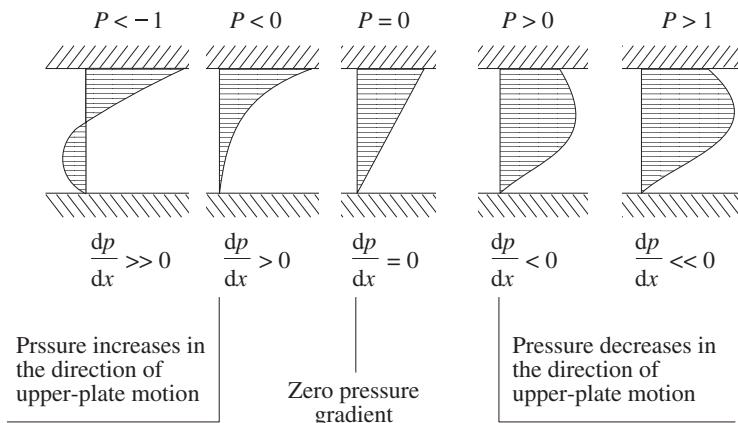


Fig. 8.6a Velocity profile for the Couette flow for various values of pressure gradient

**Maximum and Minimum Velocities** The quantitative description of non-dimensional velocity distribution across the channel, depicted by Eq. (8.40a), is shown in Fig. 8.6b. The location of maximum or minimum velocity in the channel is found out by setting the derivative  $du/dy$  equal to zero. From Eq. (8.40a), we can write

$$\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{U}{h} + \frac{PU}{h} \left(1 - 2\frac{y}{h}\right)$$

For maximum or minimum velocity,

$$\frac{du}{dy} = 0$$

which gives  $\frac{y}{h} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2P}$  (8.40b)

It is interesting to note that maximum velocity for  $P = 1$  occurs at  $y/h = 1$  and equals to  $U$ . For  $P > 1$ , the maximum velocity occurs at a location  $\frac{y}{h} < 1$ . This means that with  $P > 1$ , the fluid particles attain a velocity higher than that of the moving plate at a location somewhere below the moving plate. On the other hand, when  $P = -1$ , the minimum velocity occurs, according to Eq. (8.40b), at  $\frac{y}{h} = 0$ . For  $P < -1$ , the minimum velocity occurs at a location  $\frac{y}{h} > 0$ . This means that there occurs a back flow near the fixed plate. The values of maximum and minimum velocities can be determined by substituting the value of  $y$  from Eq. (8.40b) into Eq. (8.40a) as

$$u_{\max} = \frac{U(1+P)^2}{4P} \quad \text{for } P \geq 1$$

$$u_{\min} = \frac{U(1+P)^2}{4P} \quad \text{for } P \leq 1 \quad (8.40c)$$

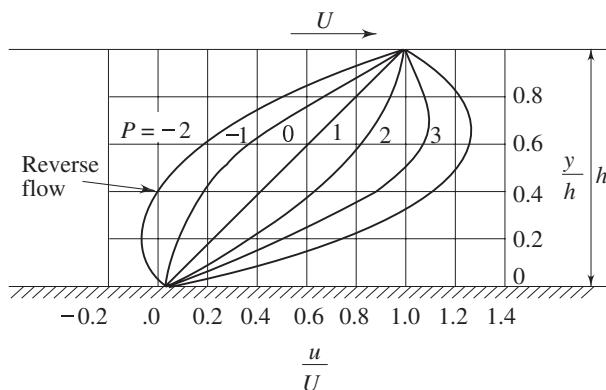


Fig. 8.6b Velocity distribution of the Couette flow

### 8.4.3 Hagen Poiseuille Flow

Consider *fully developed* laminar flow through a straight tube of circular cross-section as in Fig. 8.7. Rotational symmetry is considered to make the flow two-dimensional axisymmetric. Let us take  $z$ -axis as the axis of the tube along which all the fluid particles travel, i.e.

$$v_z \neq 0, v_r = 0, v_\theta = 0$$

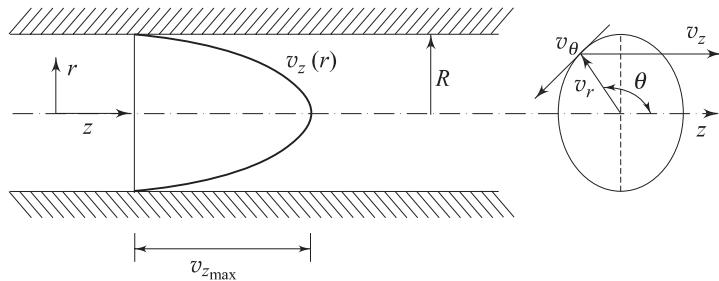


Fig. 8.7 Hagen-Poiseuille flow through a pipe

Now, from continuity equation, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial v_r^0}{\partial r} + \frac{v_r^0}{r} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0 \quad \left[ \text{For rotational symmetry, } \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0 \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0 \text{ which means } v_z = v_z(r, t)$$

Invoking  $\left[ v_r = 0, v_\theta = 0, \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0, \text{ and } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\text{any quantity}) = 0 \right]$  in the

Navier-Stokes equations, we finally obtain

$$\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \nu \left( \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) \quad (8.41)$$

For steady flow, the governing equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dz} \quad (8.42)$$

The boundary conditions are

at  $r = 0$ ,  $v_z$  is finite and

at  $r = R$ ,  $v_z = 0$ .

Equation (8.42) can be written as

$$r \frac{d^2 v_z}{dr^2} + \frac{dv_z}{dr} = \frac{1}{\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dz} r$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dv_z}{dr} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dz} r$$

$$\text{or} \quad r \frac{dv_z}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dz} r^2 + A$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{dv_z}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dz} r + \frac{A}{r}$$

$$\text{or} \quad v_z = \frac{1}{4\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dz} r^2 + A \ln r + B$$

at  $r = 0$ ,  $v_z$  is finite which means  $A$  should be equal to zero and at  $r = R$ ,  $v_z = 0$  yields

$$B = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dz} \cdot R^2$$

$$v_z = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) \quad (8.43)$$

This shows that the axial velocity profile in a fully developed laminar pipe flow is having parabolic variation along  $r$ .

At  $r = 0$ , as such,  $v_z = v_{z_{\max}}$

$$v_{z_{\max}} = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \quad (8.44a)$$

The average velocity in the channel,

$$v_{z_{\text{av}}} = \frac{Q}{\pi R^2} = \frac{\frac{R}{2} \int_0^R 2\pi r v_z(r) dr}{\pi R^2}$$

$$\text{or} \quad v_{z_{\text{av}}} = \frac{2\pi R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left[ \frac{R^2}{2} - \frac{R^4}{4R^2} \right]$$

$$v_{z_{\text{av}}} = \frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) = \frac{1}{2} v_{z_{\max}} \quad (8.44b)$$

$$\text{or} \quad v_{z_{\max}} = 2 v_{z_{\text{av}}} \quad (8.44c)$$

Now, the discharge through a pipe is given by

$$Q = \pi R^2 v_{z_{\text{av}}} \quad (8.45)$$

$$\text{or} \quad Q = \pi R^2 \frac{R^2}{8\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \quad [\text{From Eq. 8.44b}]$$

$$\text{or} \quad Q = -\frac{\pi D^4}{128\mu} \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right) \quad (8.46)$$

Equation (8.46) is commonly used in the measurement of viscosity with the help of capillary tube viscometers. Such a viscometer consists of a constant head tank to supply liquid to a capillary tube (Fig. 8.8).

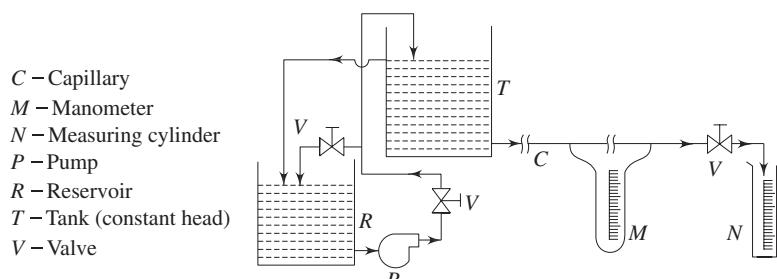


Fig. 8.8 Schematic diagram of the experimental facility for determination of viscosity

Pressure drop readings across a specified length in the developed region of the flow are taken with the help of a manometer. The developed flow region is ensured by providing the necessary and sufficient entry length. From Eq. (8.46), the expression for viscosity can be written as

$$\mu = -\frac{\pi D^4}{128Q} \cdot \frac{dp}{dl} = \frac{\pi D^4}{128Q} \frac{(p_1 - p_2)}{l}$$

The volumetric flow rates ( $Q$ ) are measured by collecting the liquid in a measuring cylinder. The diameter ( $D$ ) of the capillary tube is known beforehand. Now the viscosity of a flowing fluid can easily be evaluated.

Shear stress profile across the cross-section can also be determined from this information. Shear stress at any point of the pipe flow given by

$$\tau|_r = \mu \frac{dv_z}{dr}$$

$$\text{From Eq. (8.43), } \frac{dv_z}{dr} = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right) \frac{2r}{R^2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dv_z}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right) \cdot r \quad (8.47a)$$

$$\text{which means } \tau|_r = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right) \cdot r \quad (8.47b)$$

This also indicates that  $\tau$  varies linearly with the radial distance from the axis. At the wall,  $\tau$  assumes the maximum value.

$$\text{At } r = R, \quad \tau = \tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right) R$$

Again, over a pipe length of  $l$ , the total shear force is

$$F_s = \tau_{\max} 2\pi R \cdot l$$

$$\text{or } F_s = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p_2 - p_1}{l} \right) \cdot 2\pi R^2 \cdot l$$

$$\text{or } F_s = -\pi R^2 \times [\text{Pressure drop between the specified length}]$$

as it should be. Negative sign indicates that the force is acting in opposite to the flow direction.

However, from Eq. (8.44b), we can write

$$(v_z)_{\text{av}} = -\frac{1}{8\mu} \left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right) R^2 \quad (8.47c)$$

$$\text{or } -\left( \frac{dp}{dz} \right) = \frac{8\mu(v_z)_{\text{av}}}{R^2} \quad (8.48)$$

$$\text{Over a finite length } l, \text{ the head loss } h_f = \frac{\text{pressure drop}}{\rho g} \quad (8.49)$$

Combining Eqs (8.48) and (8.49), we get

$$h_f = \frac{32\mu(v_z)_{av}^2}{D^2} \cdot l \cdot \frac{1}{\rho g}$$

or

$$h_f = \frac{32\mu(v_z)_{av}^2 l}{D^2 \cdot \rho g} \cdot \frac{1}{(v_z)_{av}} \quad (8.50)$$

On the other hand, the head loss in a pipe flow is given by Darcy-Weisbach formula as

$$h_f = \frac{f l (v_z)_{av}^2}{2 g D} \quad (8.51)$$

where “ $f$ ” is Darcy friction factor. Equations (8.50) and (8.51) will yield

$$\frac{32\mu(v_z)_{av}^2 l}{D^2 \cdot \rho g} \cdot \frac{1}{(v_z)_{av}} = \frac{f l (v_z)_{av}^2}{2 g D}$$

which finally gives  $f = \frac{64}{Re}$ , where  $Re = \frac{\rho(v_z)_{av} D}{\mu}$  is the Reynolds number.

So, for a fully developed laminar flow, the Darcy (or Moody) friction factor is given by

$$f = \frac{64}{Re} \quad (8.52a)$$

Alternatively, the skin friction coefficient for Hagen-Poiseuille flow can be expressed by

$$C_f = \frac{|\tau_{at\ r=R}|}{\frac{1}{2} \rho (v_z)_{av}^2}$$

With the help of Eqs (8.47b) and (8.47c), it can be written

$$C_f = \frac{16}{Re} \quad (8.52b)$$

The skin friction coefficient  $C_f$  is called as Fanning's friction factor. From comparison of Eqs (8.52a) and (8.52b), it appears

$$f = 4 C_f$$

For fully developed turbulent flow, the analysis is much more complicated, and we generally depend on experimental results. Friction factor for a wide range of Reynolds number ( $10^4$  to  $10^8$ ) can be obtained from a look-up chart which we shall discuss later. Friction factor, for high Reynolds number flows, is also a function of tube surface condition. However, in circular tube, flow is laminar for  $Re \leq 2300$  and turbulent regime starts with  $Re \geq 4000$ . In between, transition from laminar to turbulent is induced.

As it has been pointed out, the surface condition of the tube is another responsible parameter in determination of friction factor. Friction factor in the

turbulent regime is determined for different degree of surface-roughness  $\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{D_h}\right)$

of the pipe, where  $\varepsilon$  is the dimensional roughness and  $D_h$  is usually the hydraulic diameter of the pipe. Friction factors for different Reynolds number and surface-roughness have been determined experimentally by various investigators and the comprehensive results are expressed through a graphical presentation which is known as Moody Chart after L.F. Moody who compiled it. This will be presented in detail in Chapter 11.

The hydraulic diameter which is used as the characteristic length in determination of friction factor, instead of ordinary geometrical diameter, is defined as

$$D_h = \frac{4 A_w}{P_w} \quad (8.53)$$

where  $A_w$  is the flow area and  $P_w$  is the wetted perimeter.

Now, let us quickly look at the so called kinetic energy correction factor ( $\alpha$ ) and momentum correction factor ( $\beta$ ) associated with fully developed laminar flow.

**Kinetic energy correction factor,  $\alpha$**  The kinetic energy associated with the fluid

flowing with its profile through elemental area  $dA = \left[\frac{1}{2} \rho v_z dA\right] v_z^2$  and the total

kinetic energy passing through per unit time =  $\frac{\rho}{2} \int v_z^3 dA$ . This can be related to the kinetic energy due to average velocity  $(v_z)_{av}$ , through a correction factor,  $\alpha$ , as

$$\left[\frac{\rho}{2} (v_z)_{av}^3 A\right] \alpha = \frac{\rho}{2} \int v_z^3 dA$$

$$\text{or} \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{A} \int \left[ \frac{v_z}{(v_z)_{av}} \right]^3 dA$$

Here, for Hagen-Poiseuille flow,

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{A} \int_0^R \left[ \frac{(v_z)_{max} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right)^3}{(v_z)_{max} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} \right] 2\pi r dr = 2 \quad (8.54a)$$

**Momentum correction factor,  $\beta$**  The momentum associated with fluid flowing with its profile through elemental area  $dA = \rho v_z^2 dA$ ; and the total momentum passing through any particular section per unit time =  $\rho \int v_z^2 dA$ . This can be

related to the momentum rate due to average flow velocity  $(v_z)_{av}$  through a correction factor  $\beta$ , as

$$[\rho (v_z)_{av}^2 A] \beta = \rho \int v_z^2 dA \quad \text{or} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{A} \int \left[ \frac{v_z}{(v_z)_{av}} \right]^2 dA$$

Here, for Hagen-Poiseuille flow,

$$\beta = \frac{1}{A} \int_0^R \left[ \frac{(v_z)_{max} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right)}{(v_z)_{max} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} \right]^2 2\pi r dr = \frac{4}{3} \quad (8.54b)$$

#### 8.4.4 Flow between Two Concentric Rotating Cylinders

Another example which leads to an exact solution of Navier-Stokes equation is the flow between two concentric rotating cylinders. Consider flow in the annulus of two cylinders (Fig. 8.9), where  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are the radii of inner and outer cylinders, respectively, and the cylinders move with different rotational speeds  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , respectively.

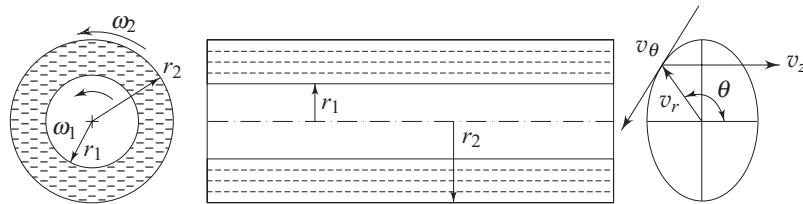


Fig. 8.9 Flow between two concentric rotating cylinders

From the physics of the problem we know,  $v_z = 0$ ,  $v_r = 0$ . From the continuity Eq. (8.24) and these two conditions, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

which means  $v_\theta$  is not a function of  $\theta$ . We assume  $z$  dimension to be large enough so that end effects can be neglected and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$  (any property) = 0. Now, we can say  $v_\theta = v_\theta(r)$ . With these simplifications and assuming that “ $\theta$  symmetry” holds good, (8.23) reduces to

$$\rho \frac{v_\theta^2}{r} = \frac{dp}{dr} \quad (8.55)$$

and 
$$\frac{d^2 v_\theta}{dr^2} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{dv_\theta}{dr} - \frac{v_\theta}{r^2} = 0 \quad (8.56)$$

Equation (8.55) signifies that the centrifugal force is supplied by the radial pressure, exerted by the wall of the enclosure on the fluid. In other words, it describes the radial pressure distribution.

From Eq. (8.56), we get

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{d}{dr} (rv_\theta) \right] = 0$$

or  $\frac{d}{dr} (rv_\theta) = Ar \quad \text{or} \quad v_\theta = \frac{Ar}{2} + \frac{B}{r}$  (8.57)

For the azimuthal component of velocity,  $v_\theta$ , the boundary conditions are: at  $r = r_1$ ,  $v_\theta = r_1 \omega_1$  at  $r = r_2$ ,  $v_\theta = r_2 \omega_2$ . Application of these boundary conditions on Eq. (8.57) will produce

$$A = 2 \left[ \omega_1 - \frac{r_2^2}{(r_2^2 - r_1^2)} (\omega_1 - \omega_2) \right]$$

and  $B = \frac{r_1^2 r_2^2}{(r_2^2 - r_1^2)} (\omega_1 - \omega_2)$

Finally, the velocity distribution is given by

$$v_\theta = \frac{1}{(r_2^2 - r_1^2)} \left[ (\omega_2 r_2^2 - \omega_1 r_1^2) r + \frac{r_1^2 r_2^2 (\omega_1 - \omega_2)}{r} \right] \quad (8.58)$$

Now,  $\tau_{r\theta} = \mu \dot{\gamma}_{r\theta}$  is the general stress-strain relation.

or  $\tau_{r\theta} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right)$

In our case,  $\tau_{r\theta} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right)$

or  $\tau_{r\theta} = \mu r \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{v_\theta}{r} \right)$  (8.59)

Equations (8.58) and (8.59) yields

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{2\mu}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} (\omega_2 - \omega_1) r_1^2 r_2^2 \frac{1}{r^2} \quad (8.60)$$

Now,  $\tau_{r\theta}|_{r=r_1} = \frac{2\mu r_2^2 (\omega_2 - \omega_1)}{r_2^2 - r_1^2}$

and  $\tau_{r\theta}|_{r=r_2} = \frac{2\mu r_1^2 (\omega_2 - \omega_1)}{r_2^2 - r_1^2}$

For the case, when the inner cylinder is at rest and the outer cylinder rotates, the torque transmitted by the outer cylinder to the fluid is

$$T_2 = \frac{2\mu r_1^2 \omega_2}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \cdot 2\pi r_2 l r_2$$

or  $T_2 = 4\pi \mu l \frac{r_1^2 r_2^2}{r_2^2 - r_1^2} \omega_2$  (8.61)

where  $l$  is the length of the cylinder. The moment  $T_1$ , with which the fluid acts on the inner cylinder has the same magnitude. If the angular velocity of the external cylinder and the moment acting on the inner cylinder are measured, the coefficient of viscosity can be evaluated by making use of the Eq. (8.61).

## 8.5 LOW REYNOLDS NUMBER FLOW

We have seen in Chapter 6 that Reynolds number is the ratio of inertia force to viscous force. For flow at low Reynolds number, the inertia terms in the Navier–Stokes equations become small as compared to viscous terms. As such, when the inertia terms are omitted from the equations of motion, the analyses are valid for only  $Re \ll 1$ . Consequently, this approximation, linearizes the Navier–Stokes equations and for some problems, makes it amenable to analytical solutions. We shall discuss such flows in this section. Motions at very low Reynolds number are sometimes referred to as creeping motion.

### 8.5.1 Theory of Hydrodynamic Lubrication

Thin film of oil, confined between the interspace of moving parts, may acquire high pressures up to 100 MPa which is capable of supporting load and reducing friction. The salient features of this type of motion can be understood from a study of slipper bearing (Fig. 8.10). The slipper moves with a constant velocity  $U$  past the bearing plate. This slipper face and the bearing plate are not parallel but slightly inclined at an angle of  $\alpha$ . A typical bearing has a gap width of 0.025 mm or less, and the convergence between the walls may be of the order of 1/5000. It is assumed that the sliding surfaces are very large in transverse direction so that the problem can be considered two-dimensional.

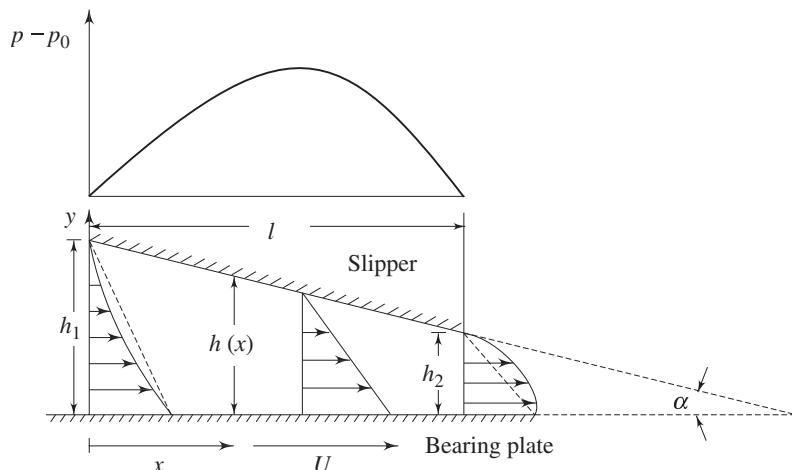


Fig. 8.10 Flow in a slipper bearing

For the analysis, we may assume that the slipper is at rest and the plate is forced to move with a constant velocity  $U$ . The height  $h(x)$  of the wedge between

the block and the guide is assumed to be very small as compared with the length  $l$  of the block. This motion is different from that we have considered while discussing Couette flow. The essential difference lies in the fact that here the two walls are inclined at an angle to each other. Due to the gradual reduction of narrowing passage, the convective acceleration  $u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  is distinctly not zero. However, a relative estimation of inertia term with respect to viscous term suggests that, for all practical purposes, inertia terms can be neglected. The estimate is done in the following way

$$\frac{\text{Inertia force}}{\text{Viscous force}} = \frac{\rho u (\partial u / \partial x)}{\mu (\partial^2 u / \partial y^2)} = \frac{\rho U^2 / l}{\mu U / h^2} = \frac{\rho U l}{\mu} \left( \frac{h}{l} \right)^2$$

The inertia force can be neglected with respect to viscous force if the modified Reynolds number,

$$R^* = \frac{U l}{\nu} \left( \frac{h}{l} \right)^2 \ll 1$$

The equation for motion in  $y$  direction can be omitted since the  $v$  component of velocity is very small with respect to  $u$ . Besides, in the  $x$ -momentum equation,  $\partial^2 u / \partial x^2$  can be neglected as compared with  $\partial^2 u / \partial y^2$  because the former is smaller than the latter by a factor of the order of  $(h/l)^2$ . With these simplifications the equations of motion reduce to

$$\mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{dp}{dx} \quad (8.62)$$

The equation of continuity can be written as

$$Q = \int_0^{h(x)} u \, dy \quad (8.63)$$

The boundary conditions are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } y = 0, u = U & \text{ at } x = 0, p = p_0 \\ \text{at } y = h, u = 0 & \text{ and at } x = l, p = p_0 \end{aligned} \quad (8.64)$$

Integrating Eq. (8.62) with respect to  $y$ , we obtain

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} y^2 + C_1 y + C_2$$

Application of the kinematic boundary conditions (at  $y = 0, u = U$  and at  $y = h, u = 0$ ), yields

$$u = U \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h} \right) - \frac{h^2}{2\mu} \cdot \frac{dp}{dx} \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h} \right) \frac{y}{h} \quad (8.65)$$

It is to be noticed that  $\left( \frac{dp}{dx} \right)$  is constant as far as integration along  $y$  is concerned, but  $p$  and  $\frac{dp}{dx}$  vary along  $x$ -axis. At the point of maximum pressure,  $\frac{dp}{dx} = 0$ , hence

$$u = U \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h} \right) \quad (8.66)$$

Equation (8.66) depicts that the velocity profile along  $y$  is linear at the location of maximum pressure. The gap at this location may be denoted as  $h^*$ .

Now, substituting Eq. (8.65) into Eq. (8.63) and integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \frac{Uh}{2} - \frac{p'h^3}{12\mu} \\ \text{or} \quad p' &= 12\mu \left( \frac{U}{2h^2} - \frac{Q}{h^3} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8.67)$$

where  $p' = dp/dx$ .

Integrating Eq. (8.67) with respect to  $x$ , we obtain

$$\int \frac{dp}{dx} dx = 6\mu U \int \frac{dx}{(h_1 - \alpha x)^2} - 12\mu Q \int \frac{dx}{(h_1 - \alpha x)^3} + C_3 \quad (8.68a)$$

$$\text{or} \quad p = \frac{6\mu U}{\alpha(h_1 - \alpha x)} - \frac{6\mu Q}{\alpha(h_1 - \alpha x)^2} + C_3 \quad (8.68b)$$

where  $\alpha = (h_1 - h_2)/l$  and  $C_3$  is a constant.

Since the pressure must be the same ( $p = p_0$ ), at the ends of the bearing, namely,  $p = p_0$  at  $x = 0$  and  $p = p_0$  at  $x = l$ , the unknowns in the above equations can be determined by applying the pressure boundary conditions. We obtain

$$Q = \frac{Uh_1 h_2}{h_1 + h_2} \quad \text{and} \quad C_3 = p_0 - \frac{6\mu U}{\alpha(h_1 + h_2)}$$

With these values inserted, the equation for pressure distribution (8.68) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} p &= p_0 + \frac{6\mu U x (h - h_2)}{h^2 (h_1 + h_2)} \\ \text{or} \quad p - p_0 &= \frac{6\mu U x (h - h_2)}{h^2 (h_1 + h_2)} \end{aligned} \quad (8.69)$$

It may be seen from Eq. (8.69) that, if the gap is uniform, i.e.  $h = h_1 = h_2$ , the gauge pressure will be zero. Furthermore, it can be said that very high pressure can be developed by keeping the film thickness very small. Figure 8.10 shows the distribution of pressure throughout the bearing.

The total load bearing capacity per unit width is

$$P = \int_0^l (p - p_0) dx = \frac{6\mu U}{h_1 + h_2} \int_0^l \frac{x(h - h_2)}{h^2} dx$$

After substituting  $h = h_1 - \alpha x$  with  $\alpha = (h_1 - h_2)/l$  in the above equation and performing the integration,

$$P = \frac{6\mu U l^2}{(h_1 - h_2)^2} \left[ \ln \frac{h_1}{h_2} - 2 \left\{ \frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_1 + h_2} \right\} \right] \quad (8.70)$$

The shear stress at the bearing plate is

$$\tau_0 = -\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \bigg|_{y=0} = \left( p' \frac{h}{2} + \mu \frac{U}{h} \right) \quad (8.71)$$

Substituting the value of  $p'$  from Eq. (8.67) and then invoking the value of  $Q$  in Eq. (8.71), the final expression for shear stress becomes

$$\tau_0 = 4\mu \frac{U}{h} - \frac{6\mu U h_1 h_2}{h^2 (h_1 + h_2)}$$

The drag force required to move the lower surface at speed  $U$  is expressed by

$$D = \int_0^l \tau_0 \, dx = \frac{\mu U l}{h_1 - h_2} \left[ 4 \ln \frac{h_1}{h_2} - 6 \frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_1 + h_2} \right] \quad (8.72)$$

Michell thrust bearing, named after A.G.M. Michell, works on the principles based on the theory of hydrodynamic lubrication. The journal bearing (Fig. 8.11) develops its force by the same action, except that the surfaces are curved.

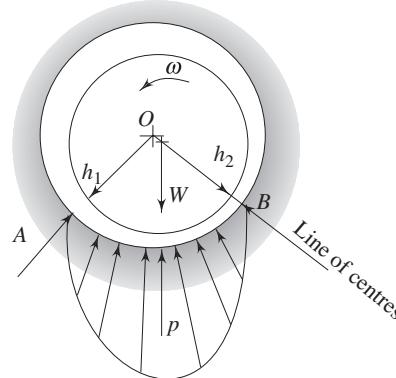


Fig. 8.11 Hydrodynamic action of a journal bearing

### 8.5.2 Low Reynolds Number Flow Around a Sphere

Stokes obtained the solution for the pressure and velocity field for the slow motion of a viscous fluid past a sphere. In his analysis, Stokes neglected the inertia terms of Navier-Stokes equations. Details of the solutions are beyond the scope of this text. However, integrating the pressure distribution and the shearing stress over the surface of a sphere of radius  $R$ , Stokes found that the drag  $D$  of the sphere, which is placed in a parallel stream of uniform velocity  $U_\infty$ , is given by

$$D = 6 \pi \mu R U_\infty \quad (8.73)$$

This is the well-known Stokes' equation for the drag of a sphere. It can be shown that one third of the total drag is due to pressure distribution and the remaining two third arises from frictional forces. If the drag coefficient is defined according to the relation

$$C_D = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_\infty^2 A} \quad (8.74)$$

where  $\left( A = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \right)$  is the frontal area of the sphere, then

$$C_D = \frac{6\pi\mu R U_\infty}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_\infty^2 \frac{\pi}{4} d^2}$$

or  $C_D = \frac{24}{Re}; Re = \frac{U_\infty d}{\nu}$  (8.75)

A comparison between Stokes' drag coefficient in Eq. (8.75) and experiments is shown in Fig. 8.12. The approximate solution due to Stokes' is valid for  $Re < 1$ .

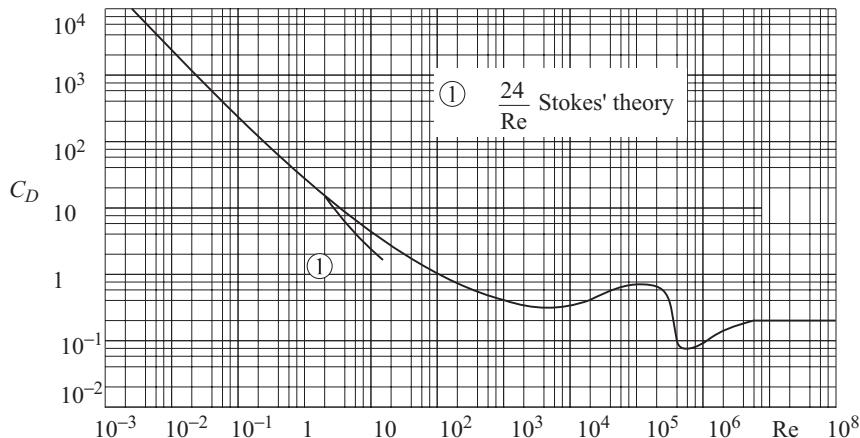


Fig. 8.12 Comparison between Stokes' drag coefficient and experimental drag coefficient

An important application of Stokes' law is the determination of viscosity of a viscous fluid by measuring the terminal velocity of a falling sphere. In this device, a sphere is dropped in a transparent cylinder containing the fluid under test. If the specific weight of the sphere is close to that of the liquid, the sphere will approach a small constant speed after being released in the fluid. Now we can apply Stokes' law for steady creeping flow around a sphere where the drag force on the sphere is given by Eq. (8.73).

With the sphere, falling at a constant speed, the acceleration is zero. This signifies that the falling body has attained terminal velocity and we can say that the sum of the buoyant force and drag force is equal to weight of the body.

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho_s g = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \rho_l g + 6 \pi \mu V_T R \quad (8.76)$$

where  $\rho_s$  is the density of the sphere,  $\rho_l$  is density of the liquid and  $V_T$  is the terminal velocity.

Solving for  $\mu$ , we get

$$\mu = \frac{2}{9} \frac{g R^2}{V_T} (\rho_s - \rho_l) \quad (8.77)$$

The terminal velocity  $V_T$  can be measured by observing the time for the sphere to cross a known distance between two points after its acceleration has ceased.

## Summary

- The Navier–Stokes equations, based on the conservation of momentum have been derived for a viscous incompressible fluid.
- The Navier–Stokes equations are not amenable to an analytical solution due to the presence of nonlinear inertia terms in it. However, there are some special situations where the nonlinear inertia terms are reduced to zero. In such situations, exact solutions of the Navier–Stokes equations are obtainable. This includes the plane Poiseuille flow, the Couette flow, the flow through a straight pipe and the flow between two concentric rotating cylinders. All these flows are known as parallel flow where only one component of the velocity is non-trivial.
- Knowledge of the velocity field obtained through analytical methods permits calculation of shear stress, pressure drop and flow rate. Applications of the parallel flow theory to the measurement of viscosity and hydrodynamics of bearing-lubrication are explained.

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## Solved Examples

**Example 8.1** Two infinite plates are at  $h$  distance apart as in Fig. 8.13. There is a fluid of viscosity  $\mu$  between the plates and the pressure is constant. The upper plate is moving at speed  $U = 4$  m/s. The height of the channel  $h = 1.8$  cm. Calculate the shear stress at the upper and lower walls if  $\mu = 0.44$  kg/m.s and  $\rho = 888$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

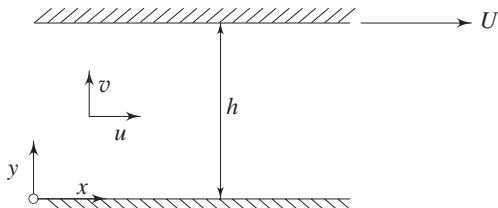


Fig. 8.13 Parallel flow between two plates with upper plate moving

**Solution**  $Re = \rho h U / \mu = (888)(1.8/100)(4)/0.44 = 145$ . So, the flow is laminar and  $\tau =$

$$\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, u \text{ at any } y \text{ is given by } \frac{U}{h} y.$$

Shear stresses at the two walls are of equal magnitude, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \mu \frac{(U - 0)}{h} (0.44)(4)/(1.8/100) \\ &= 97.8 \text{ Pa}\end{aligned}$$

**Example 8.2** Water at  $60^\circ$  flows between two large flat plates. The lower plate moves to the left at a speed of 0.3 m/s. The plate spacing is 3 mm and the flow is laminar. Determine the pressure gradient required to produce zero net flow at a cross-section. ( $\mu = 4.7 \times 10^{-4}$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup> at  $60^\circ \text{C}$ )

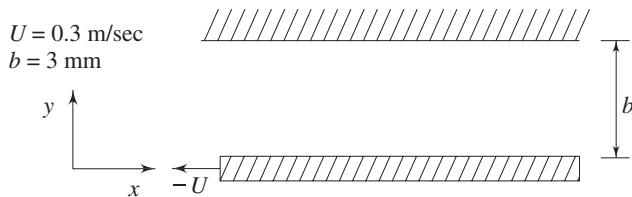


Fig. 8.14

**Solution** Governing equation:  $\mu \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = \frac{dp}{dx}$

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} y^2 + C_1 y + C_2$$

at  $y = 0, u = -U, C_2 = -U$

at  $y = b, u = 0$ , which yields

$$0 = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} b^2 + C_1 b - U,$$

$$\text{or } C_1 = \frac{U}{b} - \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} b$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} (y^2 - by) + U \left( \frac{y}{b} - 1 \right)$$

Now,

$$Q = \int_0^b u dy = \int_0^b \left[ \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} (y^2 - by) + U \left( \frac{y}{b} - 1 \right) \right] dy$$

or

$$Q = -\frac{1}{12\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} b^3 - \frac{Ub}{2}$$

For,

$$Q = 0, \text{ with } \mu = 4.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{6U\mu}{b^2} = \frac{-6 \times 0.3 \times 4.7 \times 10^{-4}}{(0.003)^2} = -94.0 \text{ N/m}^2 \cdot \text{m}$$

**Example 8.3** A continuous belt (Fig. 8.15) passing upward through a chemical bath at velocity  $U_0$ , picks up a liquid film of thickness,  $h$ , density  $\rho$ , and viscosity  $\mu$ . Gravity tends to make the liquid drain down, but the movement of the belt keep the fluid from running off completely. Assume that the flow is fully developed and that the

atmosphere produces no shear at the outer surface of the film. State clearly the boundary conditions to be satisfied by velocity at  $y = 0$  and  $y = h$ . Obtain an expression for the velocity profile.

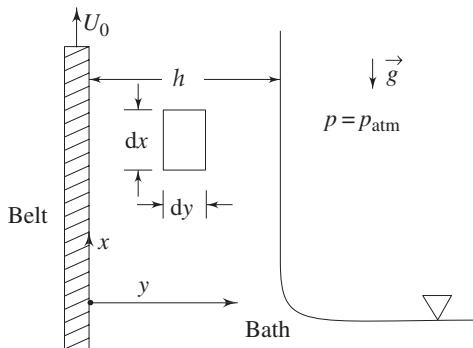


Fig. 8.15

**Solution** The governing equation is

$$\mu \frac{d^2 u}{dy^2} = \rho g$$

or  $\mu \frac{du}{dy} = \rho gy + C_1$

or  $\frac{du}{dy} = \frac{\rho gy}{\mu} + \frac{C_1}{\mu}$

$$u = \frac{\rho gy^2}{2\mu} + \frac{C_1}{\mu}y + C_2$$

at  $y = 0$ ,  $u = U_0$ , so  $C_2 = U_0$

at  $y = h$ ,  $\tau = 0$ , so  $\frac{du}{dy} = 0$  and  $C_1 = -\rho gh$

$$u = \frac{\rho gy^2}{2\mu} - \frac{\rho ghy}{\mu} + U_0 = \frac{\rho g}{\mu} \left( \frac{y^2}{2} - hy \right) + U_0$$

**Example 8.4** Water enters a rectangular duct at a rate of  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  as shown below.

Two of the faces of the duct are porous. On the upper face, water is added at a rate shown by the parabolic curve, while on the front face water leaves at a rate determined linearly by the distance from the end. The maximum values of both rates are as given in Fig. 8.16. What is the average velocity leaving the duct if it is  $1\text{m}$  long and has a cross-section of  $0.1 \text{ m}^2$ ?

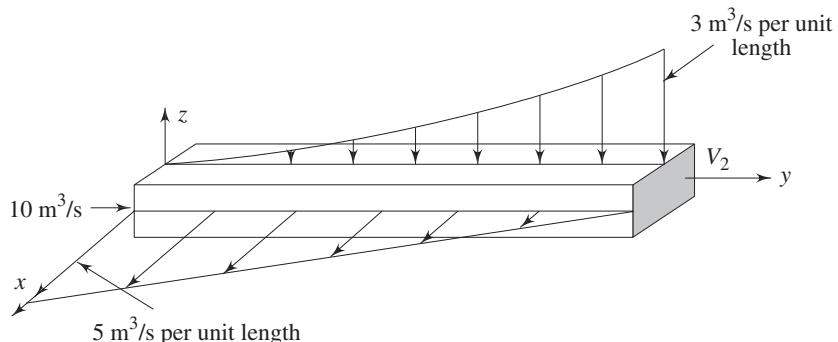


Fig. 8.16

**Solution** Consider the top surface. The water enters the top surface in a parabolic manner. Let us first find this parabolic curve.

Let  $w = ay^2 + by + c$ , where  $w$  is the flow rate per unit length at top face. Following are the boundary conditions:

$$\text{at } y = 0, w = 0$$

$$\text{at } y = 1, w = 3$$

$$\text{at } y = 0, \frac{dw}{dy} = 0$$

$$\text{So, } c = b = 0, a = 3$$

$$\text{Thus, } w = 3y^2$$

Similarly, consider the front surface.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } u &= my + d \\ \text{when } y = 1, u &= 0 \\ y = 0, u &= 5 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} u &= my + d \\ y = 1, u &= 0 \\ y = 0, u &= 5 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \begin{aligned} \text{we get: } d &= 5 \\ m &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } u = -5y + 5$$

For steady incompressible flow, the continuity equation gives

$$\int_{cs} \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Choose the interior of the duct as a control volume.

$$\text{Thus, } -10 - \int_0^1 3y^2 dy + \int_0^1 (5 - 5y) dy + V_2(0.1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } -10 - 1 + \left( 5 - \frac{5}{2} \right) = -0.1 V_2$$

$$\text{Finally, } V_2 = 85 \text{ m/s}$$

**Example 8.5** Water at 20 °C is flowing between a two dimensional channel in which the top and bottom walls are 1.5 mm apart. If the average velocity is 2 m/s, find out

(a) the maximum velocity, (b) the pressure drop, (c) the wall shearing stress, and (d) the friction coefficient [ $\mu = 0.00101 \text{ kg/m} \cdot \text{s}$ ].

**Solution** (a) The maximum velocity is given by

$$U_{\max} = \frac{3}{2} U_{\text{av}} = \frac{3}{2}[2] = 3 \text{ m/s}$$

(b) The pressure drop in a two dimensional straight channel is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dp}{dx} &= \frac{-2\mu U_{\max}}{b^2}, \text{ where } b = \text{half the channel height} \\ &= \frac{-2(0.00101)3}{[1.5/(2 \times 1000)]^2} \\ &= -10773.33 \text{ N/m}^3 \\ \text{or} \quad & -10773.33 \text{ N/m}^2 \text{ per metre} \end{aligned}$$

(c) The wall shearing stress in a channel flow is given by

$$\tau_{yx} = -\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -b \frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{-1.5}{2 \times 1000} (-10773.33)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \tau_{yx} = 8.080 \text{ N/m}^2$$

(d) Re (based on channel height and average velocity)

$$= \frac{\rho U_{\text{av}}(2b)}{\mu} = \frac{1000 \times 2 \times (1.5/1000)}{0.00101} \approx 2970$$

which is more than 2300 but the flow is not turbulent as well. Laminar approximation is

$$\text{quite logical. However, } C_f = \frac{12}{\text{Re}} = 0.004.$$

**Example 8.6** The analysis of a fully developed laminar flow through a pipe can alternatively be derived from control volume approach. Derive the expression

$$v_z = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right) \text{ starting from the control volume approach.}$$

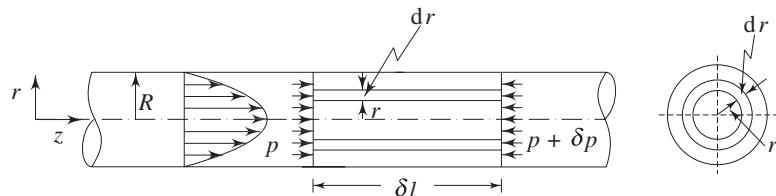


Fig. 8.17 Fully developed laminar flow through a pipe

**Solution** Let us have a look at Fig. 8.17. The fluid moves due to the pressure gradient which acts in the direction of the axis and in the sections perpendicular to it the pressure may be regarded as constant. Due to viscous friction, individual layers act on each other

producing a shearing stress which is proportional to  $\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r}$ .

In order to establish the condition of equilibrium, we consider a fluid cylinder of length  $\delta l$  and radius  $r$ . Now we can write

$$[p - (p + \delta p)] \pi r^2 = -\tau 2 \pi r \delta l$$

or  $-\delta p \pi r^2 = -\mu \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} 2 \pi r \delta l$

or  $\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dl} r = \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} r$

upon integration,

$$v_z = \frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dz} r^2 + K$$

at  $r = R$ ,  $v_z = 0$ , hence  $K = -\left(\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{dp}{dz}\right) R^2$

$$\text{So, } v_z = \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \left( -\frac{dp}{dz} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)$$

**Example 8.7** In the laminar flow of a fluid in a circular pipe, the velocity profile is exactly a parabola. The rate of discharge is then represented by volume of a paraboloid. Prove that for this case the ratio of the maximum velocity to mean velocity is 2.

**Solution** See Fig. 8.17. For a paraboloid,

$$\begin{aligned} v_z &= v_{z_{\max}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \\ Q &= \int v_z \, dA = \int_0^R v_{z_{\max}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] (2\pi r \, dr) \\ &= 2\pi v_{z_{\max}} \left[ \frac{r^2}{2} - \frac{r^4}{4R^2} \right]_0^R = 2\pi v_{z_{\max}} \left[ \frac{R^2}{2} - \frac{R^2}{4} \right] \\ &= v_{z_{\max}} \left( \frac{\pi R^2}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$v_{z_{\text{mean}}} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{v_{z_{\max}} (\pi R^2 / 2)}{(\pi R^2)} = \frac{v_{z_{\max}}}{2}$$

Thus,  $\frac{v_{z_{\max}}}{v_{z_{\text{mean}}}} = 2$

**Example 8.8** The velocity distribution for a fully-developed laminar flow in a pipe is given by

$$u = -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} [1 - (r/R)^2]$$

Determine the radial distance from the pipe axis at which the velocity equals the average velocity.

**Solution** For a fully-developed laminar flow in a pipe, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} u &= -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \\ V_{av} &= \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R \left\{ -\frac{R^2}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] \right\} 2\pi r dr \\ &= -\frac{R^2}{8\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

Now, for  $u = V_{av}$  we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R^2}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right] &= -\frac{R^2}{8\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} \\ \text{or} \quad 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{or} \quad \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad r = \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707 R \end{aligned}$$

**Example 8.9** SAE 10 oil is flowing through a pipe line at a velocity of 1.0 m/s. The pipe is 45 m long and has a diameter of 150 mm. Find the head loss due to friction. [ $\rho = 869 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\mu = 0.0814 \text{ kg/m} \cdot \text{s}$ ]

$$\text{Solution} \quad h_f = \frac{f l V^2}{2gD}$$

In order to know  $f$ , first we have to calculate  $Re$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Re &= \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} \\ &= \frac{(869)(1)(150/1000)}{0.0814} = 1601.35 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Re < 2000$ , the flow can be assumed to be laminar and

$$f = 64/Re = 64/1601 = 0.04$$

$$\text{So,} \quad h_f = \frac{(0.04)(45)(1.0)^2}{(2)(9.81)(150/1000)} = 0.612 \text{ m}$$

**Example 8.10** Heavy fuel oil flows from *A* to *B* through a 100 m horizontal steel pipe of 150 mm diameter. The pressure at *A* is 1.08 MPa and at *B* is 0.95 MPa. The kinematic viscosity is  $412.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , and the relative density of the oil is 0.918. What is the flow rate in  $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ ?

**Solution** The Bernoulli's equation between *A* and *B*

$$\frac{1.08 \times 10^6}{918 \times 9.81} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + 0 = \frac{0.95 \times 10^6}{918 \times 9.81} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + 0 + f \frac{100 V^2}{2g \times 0.150}$$

$$\text{or } 119.925 - 105.49 = \frac{666.67 f V^2}{2g}$$

Both  $V$  and  $f$  are unknown so we have to follow another approach. If laminar flow exists, then from Eq. (8.48),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_1 - p_2}{l} &= \frac{8 \mu V_{av}}{R^2} \\ \text{or } V_{av} &= \frac{(p_1 - p_2) D^2}{32 \mu l} = \frac{(1080 - 950) 1000 (1.50)^2}{32 (412.5 \times 10^{-6} \times 918) (100)} \\ &= \frac{130 \times 1000 \times 0.0225}{32 \times 412.5 \times 918 \times 100} \times 10^6 = 2.41 \text{ m/s} \\ \text{Re} &= \frac{2.41 \times (150/1000)}{412.5 \times 10^{-6}} = 876.36 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, laminar flow assumption is valid.

$$Q = A V_{av} = \frac{\pi}{4} (0.15)^2 \times 2.41 = 0.0425 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

**Example 8.11** A wind tunnel has a wooden ( $\epsilon = 0.0001 \text{ m}$ ) rectangular section 40 cm by 1 m by 50 m long. The average velocity is 45 m/s for air at sea-level standard conditions. Find the power required if the fan has 65 percent efficiency. For air,  $\rho = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $\mu = 1.81 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m}\cdot\text{s}$ .

**Solution** The wetted perimeter of the duct is

$$P_w = \left[ \frac{40}{100} + \frac{40}{100} + 1 + 1 \right] = 2.8 \text{ m}$$

and the flow area is  $A_w = \frac{40}{100} \times 1 = 0.4 \text{ m}^2$ .

Hence, hydraulic diameter  $D_h = \frac{4 \times 0.4}{2.8} = 0.5714 \text{ m}$

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho D_h V_{av}}{\mu} = \frac{(1.20)(0.5714)(45)}{(1.81 \times 10^{-5})} = 1.7 \times 10^6$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\epsilon}{D_h} = \frac{0.0001}{0.5714} = 0.000175$$

From Moody's chart for  $\text{Re} = 1.7 \times 10^6$  and  $\varepsilon/D_h = 0.000175$

$$f = 0.0140$$

$$h_f = f \left( \frac{L}{D_h} \right) \frac{V^2}{2g} = (0.0140) \left( \frac{50}{0.5714} \right) \left[ \frac{(45)^2}{2 \times 9.8} \right] \\ = 126.5 \text{ m}$$

and pressure drop,  $\Delta p = \rho g h_f = (1.20)(9.8)(126.5) = 1489 \text{ Pa}$

$$Q = AV = \left( \frac{40}{100} \right) (1)(45) = 18.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Pumping power, } P = \frac{\rho g Q h_f}{\eta} = \frac{(1.20)(9.8)(18.0)(126.5)}{0.65} \\ = 41200 \text{ W}$$

**Example 8.12** A circular pipe of radius  $a$  and length  $L$  is attached to a smoothly rounded outlet of a liquid reservoir by means of flanges and bolts as shown in Fig. 8.18. At the flange section the velocity is uniform over the cross-section with magnitude  $V_0$ . At the outlet, which discharges into the atmosphere, the velocity profile is parabolic because of the friction in the pipe. What force must be supplied by the bolts to hold the pipe in place?

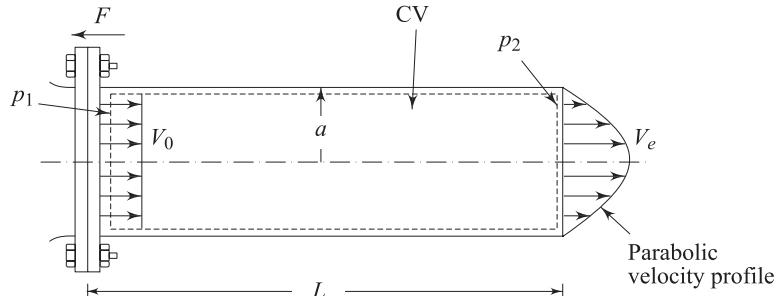


Fig. 8.18

**Solution** For the control volume as shown, continuity equation gives (for steady flow)

$$\int_{CS} \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0 \quad \text{or,} \quad -V_0 \pi a^2 + \int_0^a 2V_e \pi r dr = 0, \text{ So,} \quad \int_0^a V_e r dr = \frac{V_0 a^2}{2}$$

since  $V_e$  is parabolic, let  $V_e = a_0 + a_1 r + a_2 r^2$

at  $r = a, V_e = 0 \rightarrow a_1 a + a_2 a^2 + a_0 = 0$

$$\text{at } r = 0, \quad \frac{dV_e}{dr} = 0 \rightarrow a_1 = 0$$

This will give

$$\int_0^a (a_0 + a_2 r^2) r dr = \frac{V_0 a^2}{2}$$

$$\text{or } a_0 \cdot \frac{a^2}{2} + a_2 \cdot \frac{a^4}{4} = V_0 \cdot \frac{a^2}{2} \quad \therefore a_0 + \frac{a^2}{2} a_2 = V_0$$

Again, we know  $a_0 + a^2 a_2 = 0$

Combining the above two expressions, we get,

$$\frac{a^2}{2} a_2 = -V_0 \quad \therefore a_2 = -\frac{2V_0}{a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad a_0 = +2V_0$$

$$\therefore V_e = 2V_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right]$$

Now, applying momentum equation to the control volume in the flow direction (let  $F$  be the force as shown on the control volume; same force must be supplied by bolts):

$$\begin{aligned} F + (p_1 - p_2) \pi a^2 &= -\rho V_0 \pi a^2 \cdot V_0 + \rho \int_0^a 2\pi r dr V_e^2 \\ &= -\pi \rho V_0^2 a^2 + \pi \rho V_0^2 \int_0^a 8r \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right)^2 dr \\ &= \pi \rho V_0^2 a^2 \left[ -1 + \int_0^1 8 \frac{r}{a} \left( 1 + \frac{r^4}{a^4} - 2 \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right) d\left(\frac{r}{a}\right) \right] \\ &= \pi \rho V_0^2 a^2 \left[ -1 + \left( 4 + \frac{4}{3} - 4 \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \pi \rho a^2 V_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore F = \frac{1}{3} \pi \rho a^2 V_0^2 - (p_1 - p_2) \pi a^2$  in horizontal direction only (gravity is in vertical direction).

**Example 8.13** A slider (slipper) and plate (guide), both 0.5 m wide constitutes a bearing as shown in Fig. 8.19. Density of the fluid,  $\rho = 9.00 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and viscosity,  $\mu = 0.1 \text{ Ns/m}^2$ .

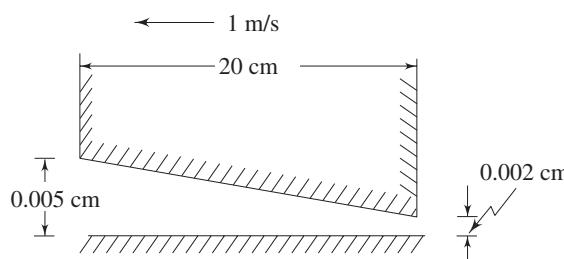


Fig. 8.19 Slider and plate both 0.5 m wide

Find out the (a) load carrying capacity of the bearing, (b) drag, and (c) power lost in the bearing.

**Solution** (a) Considering the width as  $b$  and using Eq. (8.70) for the load carrying capacity,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \frac{6\pi Ul^2 b}{(h_1 - h_2)^2} \left[ \ln \frac{h_1}{h_2} - 2 \frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_1 + h_2} \right] \\
 &= \left[ \frac{6 \times 0.1 \times 1 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.5}{(0.005 - 0.002)^2} \right] \times \\
 &\quad \left[ \ln \frac{0.005}{0.002} - 2 \frac{0.005 - 0.002}{0.005 + 0.002} \right] \\
 &= \frac{0.012}{9.0 \times 10^{-6}} (0.9163 - 0.8571) = 78.93 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Making use of Eq. (8.72) for width  $b$ , the drag force may be written as

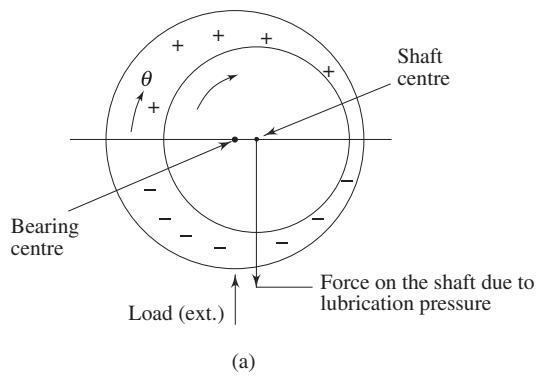
$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= \frac{\mu Ul b}{h_1 - h_2} \left[ 4 \ln \frac{h_1}{h_2} - 6 \frac{h_1 - h_2}{h_1 + h_2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{0.1 \times 1 \times 0.2 \times 0.5}{(0.005 - 0.002)} \left[ 4 \ln \frac{0.005}{0.002} - 6 \frac{0.005 - 0.002}{0.005 + 0.002} \right] \\
 &= \frac{0.01}{0.003} (3.6651 - 2.5714) = 3.645 \text{ N}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Power lost = drag  $\times$  velocity

$$= 3.645 \times 1 = 3.645 \text{ W}$$

**Example 8.14** A cylindrical journal bearing supports a load directed vertically upwards, with the shaft rotating clockwise. Sketch the position of the shaft centre with respect to that of the bearing (hole), if no cavitation is present. Give explanation. No equations are required.

**Solution** In this case, the pressure distribution is symmetric as shown (Fig. 8.20) where  $\theta$  is measured in the direction of the rotation of shaft, from the position of maximum clearance. Thus, as shown, the shaft centre is to the *right* of bearing centre, and the line of centres is *horizontal*.



(a)

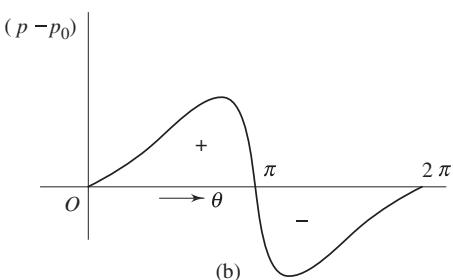


Fig. 8.20

**Example 8.15** For the following thrust bearing (Fig. 8.21), show that the force on the straight slider in the  $x$ -direction is the same as that on the guide.

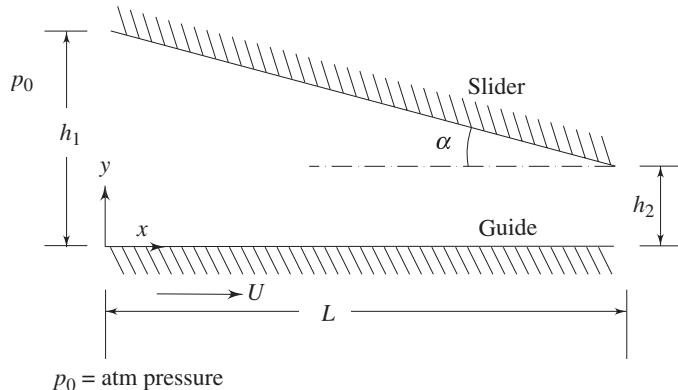


Fig. 8.21

**Solution** It is given that the velocity profile is

$$\frac{u}{U} = \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right) \left[ 1 - 3 \frac{y}{h} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+1} \frac{h_1}{h}\right) \right]$$

and load

$$P = \frac{6\mu U L^2}{h_2^2 (n-1)^2} \left[ \ln n - \frac{2(n-1)}{n+1} \right]$$

where

$$n = h_1/h_2$$

Force on the slider in the  $x$ -direction is

$$\begin{aligned} F_s &= \int_0^L \tau_s \, dx (1) \frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + \int_0^L (p - p_0) \frac{dx}{\cos \alpha} (1) \sin \alpha \\ &= \int_0^L \tau_s \, dx + \tan \alpha \int_0^L (p - p_0) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\tau_s = -\mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{y=h}$$

and

$$u = U \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right) \left[ 1 - 3 \frac{y}{h} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h}\right) \right], \text{ so we get}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = U \left[ -\frac{1}{h} - 3 \left( \frac{1}{h} - \frac{2y}{h^2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h}\right) \right]$$

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$$\tau_s = -\mu U \left[ -\frac{1}{h} + \frac{3}{h} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h}\right) \right]$$

$$= \mu U \left[ -\frac{2}{h} + \frac{6}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h^2} \right]$$

Also,

$$h = h_1 - (h_1 - h_2) \frac{x}{L}$$

∴

$$dh = - \frac{h_1 - h_2}{L} dx$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L \tau_s dx &= \frac{L}{h_1 - h_2} \int_{h_2}^{h_1} \tau_s dh \\ &= \frac{\mu L U}{h_1 - h_2} \int_{h_2}^{h_1} \left( -\frac{2}{h} + \frac{6}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h^2} \right) dh \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\mu U L}{h_1 - h_2} \left( -2 \ln h - \frac{6}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h} \right)_{h_2}^{h_1}$$

$$= \frac{\mu U L}{h_2(n-1)} \left[ -2 \ln n - \frac{6h_1}{n+1} \left( \frac{1}{h_1} - \frac{1}{h_2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\mu U L}{h_2(n-1)} \left[ -2 \ln n + \frac{6(n-1)}{n+1} \right]$$

Also, load

$$P = \int_0^L (p - p_0) \frac{dx \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \quad (\text{neglecting contribution of } \tau_s \text{ to load; } \alpha \text{ is small})$$

∴

$$F_s = \int_0^L \tau_s dx + \tan \alpha (P)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} F_s &= \frac{\mu U L}{h_2(n-1)} \left( -2 \ln n + \frac{6(n-1)}{n+1} \right) + \left[ \frac{h_1 - h_2}{L} \right] \times \\ &\quad \frac{6\mu U L^2}{h_2^2(n-1)^2} \left( \ln n - \frac{2(n-1)}{n+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{\mu U L}{h_2(n-1)} \left( 4 \ln n - \frac{6(n-1)}{n+1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now the force on the guide is

$$F_G = \int_0^L \tau_G dx$$

But

$$\tau_G = -\mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0}$$

$$= \mu U \left[ \frac{1}{h} + \frac{3}{h} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h} \right) \right]$$

The expression is  $\tau_G = \mu U \left[ \frac{4}{h} - \frac{6}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h^2} \right]$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F_G &= \int_0^L \tau_G \, dx \\ &= \frac{L}{h_1 - h_2} \int_{h_2}^{h_1} \tau_G \, dh \quad (\text{as before}) \\ &= \frac{\mu U L}{h_2 (n-1)} \int_{h_2}^{h_1} \left( \frac{4}{h} - \frac{6}{n+1} \cdot \frac{h_1}{h^2} \right) dh \\ &= \frac{\mu U L}{h_2 (n-1)} \left[ 4 \ln n + \frac{6h_1}{n+1} \left( \frac{1}{h_1} - \frac{1}{h_2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\mu U L}{h_2 (n-1)} \left[ 4 \ln n - \frac{6(n-1)}{n+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

which is the same as  $F_s$ .

## Exercises

### 8.1 Choose the correct answer.

- Bulk stress is equal to thermodynamic pressure
  - if second coefficient of viscosity is zero
  - for incompressible flows
  - for a compressible fluid with negligible second coefficient of viscosity
  - if bulk coefficient of viscosity is non-zero.
- Assumptions made in derivation of Navier-Stokes equations are:
  - continuum, incompressible flow Newtonian fluid and  $\mu = \text{constant}$
  - steady flow, incompressible flow, irrotational flow
  - continuum, non-Newtonian fluid, incompressible flow
  - continuum, Newtonian fluid, Stokes' hypothesis and isotropy.
- In a fully developed pipe flow
  - pressure gradient is greater than the wall shear stress
  - inertia force balances the wall shear stress
  - pressure gradient balances the wall shear stress only and has a constant value
  - none of the above
- In the case of fully developed flow through tubes,
  - Darcy's friction factor is four times the skin friction coefficient
  - Darcy's friction factor and skin friction coefficients are same
  - Darcy's friction factor is double the skin friction coefficient

- (d) the skin friction coefficient is greater than the Darcy's friction factor.
- (v) Based on hydrodynamic theory of lubrication, state which of the following are correct.
- The load bearing capacity remains unchanged so long either the slider or the bearing moves in the same direction while the other is held fixed.
  - Reversing the direction of the movement of the slider, bearing remaining fixed, does not cause any change in load bearing capacity.
- (c)  $u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \gg \mu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$
- (d) For a large film thickness,  $h(x)$ , the maximum pressure location shifts from the middle.
- (vi) Observation on a spherical object falling in a liquid pool is the method of measuring viscosity by making use of Stokes' viscosity law. The falling body attains terminal velocity if
- the weight of the falling body is more than the sum of the buoyancy force and the drag force
  - the drag force is equal to the buoyancy force
  - the buoyancy force is more than the drag force
  - the sum of the buoyancy force and the drag force is equal to the weight of the body.
- 8.2 (a) What is the basic difference between the Euler's equations of motion and the Navier-Stokes equations?
- (b) In case of flow through a straight tube of circular cross-section with rotational symmetry, the axial component of velocity is the only non-trivial component and all the fluid particles move in the same direction only. Find out the average velocity and the maximum velocity within the tube. If Darcy-Weisbach equation for pressure drop over a finite length is given by  $h_f = f(L/D)(V^2/2g)$ , prove that  $f = 64/Re$ , where  $L$  is the length and  $D$  is the diameter of the tube.
- 8.3 What is the relationship between the average velocity and maximum velocity in case of parallel flow between two fixed parallel plates? What do you understand by inlet region and developed region?

*Ans.* ( $U_{\max} = 1.5 U_{\text{av}}$ )

- 8.4 Show that in case of a Couette flow, the shear stress at the horizontal mid-plane of the channel is independent of the pressure gradient imposed on the flow.
- 8.5 (a) Find out the total load and the frictional resistance on a block moving with a velocity  $U$  over a horizontal plate separated by a thin layer of lubricating oil, the thickness of layer being  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  at the edges of the block which has a straight bottom.
- (b) Also show that the volume flow rate of lubricant is given by

$$Q = U \frac{h_1 h_2}{h_1 + h_2}$$

- 8.6 Oil flows between two parallel plates, one of which is at rest and the other moves with a velocity  $U$ , (a) If the pressure is decreasing in the direction of flow at the rate of 5 Pa/m, the dynamic viscosity is 0.05 kg/ms, the spacing of the horizontal plate is 0.04 m and the volumetric flow  $Q$  per unit width is 0.02 m<sup>2</sup>/s, what is the

velocity  $U$ ? (b) Calculate  $U$  if the pressure is increasing at a rate of 5 Pa/m in the direction of flow.

*Ans.* (a) 0.97 m/s (b) = 1.027 m/s

- 8.7 Water flows between two very large, horizontal, parallel flat plates 20 mm apart. If the average velocity of water is 0.15 m/s, what is the shear stress (a) at the lower plate, and (b) 5 mm and 10 mm above the lower plate? Assume  $\mu = 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup>.

*Ans.* (a) 0.0495 N/m<sup>2</sup> (b) 0.0248 N/m<sup>2</sup>

- 8.8 A Newtonian liquid flows slowly under gravity along an inclined flat surface that makes an angle  $\theta$  with the horizontal plane. The film thickness is  $T$  and it is constant. The flow is two-dimensional. (a) Show that the fluid velocity  $u$  along  $x$  (flow) direction is given by

$$u = \frac{g \sin \theta}{v} y \left( T - \frac{y}{2} \right)$$

- (b) Calculate the average velocity  $u_{av}$ , and the volumetric flow rate  $Q$  per unit width of the surface. The pressure within the fluid is a function of  $y$  alone, where  $y$  is the normal to the flow direction. The  $v$ -component of velocity is trivial.

*Ans.* ( $U_{av} = g \sin \theta T^2/3v$ ,  $Q = g \sin \theta T^3/3v$ )

- 8.9 A horizontal circular pipe of outer radius  $R_1$  is placed concentrically inside another circular pipe of inner radius  $R_2$ . Considering fully developed laminar flow in the annular space between pipes show that the maximum velocity occurs at a radius  $R_0$  given by

$$R_0 = \left[ \frac{R_2^2 - R_1^2}{2 \ln (R_2/R_1)} \right]^{1/2}$$

- 8.10 The Reynolds number for flow of oil through a 5 cm diameter pipe is 1700. The kinematic viscosity,  $v = 1.02 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s. What is the velocity at a point 0.625 cm away from the wall.

*Ans.* (0.03 m/s)

- 8.11 The velocity along the centre line of the Hagen-Poiseuille flow in a 0.1 m diameter pipe is 2 m/s. If the viscosity of the fluid is 0.07 kg/ms and its specific gravity is 0.92, calculate (a) the volumetric flow rate, (b) shear stress of the fluid at the pipe wall, (c) local skin friction coefficient, and (d) the Darcy friction coefficient.

*Ans.* (a)  $7.854 \times 10^{-3}$  m<sup>3</sup>/s (b) 5.6 N/m<sup>2</sup>, (c) 0.012 (d) 0.048

- 8.12 Kerosene at 10 °C flows steadily at 20 l/min through a 150 m long horizontal length of 5.5 cm diameter cast iron pipe. Compare the pressure drop of the kerosene flow with that of the same flow rate of benzene at 10 °C through the same pipe. For kerosene at 10 °C,  $\rho = 820$  kg/m<sup>3</sup> and  $\mu = 0.0025$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup> and for benzene  $\rho = 899$  kg/m<sup>3</sup> and  $\mu = 0.0008$  Ns/m<sup>2</sup>. Why do you obtain greater pressure drop for benzene?

- 8.13 A viscous oil flows steadily between parallel plates. The fully developed velocity profile is given by

$$u = - \frac{h^2}{8\mu} \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{2y}{h} \right)^2 \right]$$

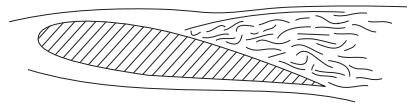
where the total gap between the plates is  $h = 3$  mm and  $y$  is the distance from the centre line. The viscosity of the oil is  $0.5 \text{ Ns/m}^2$  and the pressure gradient is  $-1200 \text{ N/m}^2/\text{m}$ . Find the magnitude and direction of the shear stress on the upper plate, and the volumetric flow rate per metre width of the channel.

*Ans.* (a)  $-1.80 \text{ N/m}^2$ , (b)  $5.40 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s m}$

- 8.14 A fully developed laminar flow is taking place in the annulus between two concentric pipes. The inner pipe is stationary, and the outer pipe is moving in the axial direction with a velocity  $V_0$ . Assume the axial pressure gradient to be zero ( $dp/dz = 0$ ). Find out a general expression for the shear stress as a function of radial coordinate. Also find out a general expression for the velocity profile  $V_z(r)$ .

$$\text{Ans. (a)} \tau = A/r, \text{ (b)} V_z = V_0 \frac{\ln(r/r_i)}{\ln(r_o/r_i)}$$

## 9



# Laminar Boundary Layers

## 9.1 INTRODUCTION

The boundary layer of a flowing fluid is the thin layer close to the wall. In a flow field, viscous stresses are very prominent within this layer. Although the layer is thin, it is very important to know the details of flow within it. The main-flow velocity within this layer tends to zero while approaching the wall. Also the gradient of this velocity component in a direction normal to the surface is large as compared to the gradient of this component in the streamwise direction.

## 9.2 BOUNDARY LAYER EQUATIONS

In 1904, Ludwig Prandtl, the well known German scientist, introduced the concept of boundary layer [1] and derived the equations for boundary layer flow by correct reduction of Navier-Stokes equations. He hypothesized that for fluids having relatively small viscosity, the effect of internal friction in the fluid is significant only in a narrow region surrounding solid boundaries or bodies over which the fluid flows. Thus, close to the body is the boundary layer where shear stresses exert an increasingly larger effect on the fluid as one moves from free stream towards the solid boundary. However, outside the boundary layer where the effect of the shear stresses on the flow is small compared to values inside the boundary layer (since the velocity gradient  $\partial u / \partial y$  is negligible), the fluid particles experience no vorticity, and therefore, the flow is similar to a potential flow. Hence, the *surface* at the boundary layer interface is a rather fictitious one dividing rotational and irrotational flow. Prandtl's model regarding the boundary layer flow is shown in Fig. 9.1. Hence with the exception of the immediate vicinity of the surface, the flow is frictionless (inviscid) and the velocity is  $U$ . In the region, very near to the surface (in the thin layer), there is friction in the flow

which signifies that the fluid is retarded until it adheres to the surface. The transition of the mainstream velocity from zero at the surface to full magnitude takes place across the boundary layer. Its thickness is  $\delta$  which is a function of the coordinate direction  $x$ . The thickness is considered to be very small compared to the characteristic length  $L$  of the domain. In the normal direction, within the thin layer, the gradient  $\partial u / \partial y$  is very large compared to the gradient in the flow direction  $\partial u / \partial x$ . Next step is to simplify the Navier–Stokes equations for steady two dimensional laminar incompressible flows. Considering the Navier–Stokes equations together with the equation of continuity, the following dimensional form is obtained.

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right] \quad (9.1)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\mu}{\rho} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right] \quad (9.2)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (9.3)$$

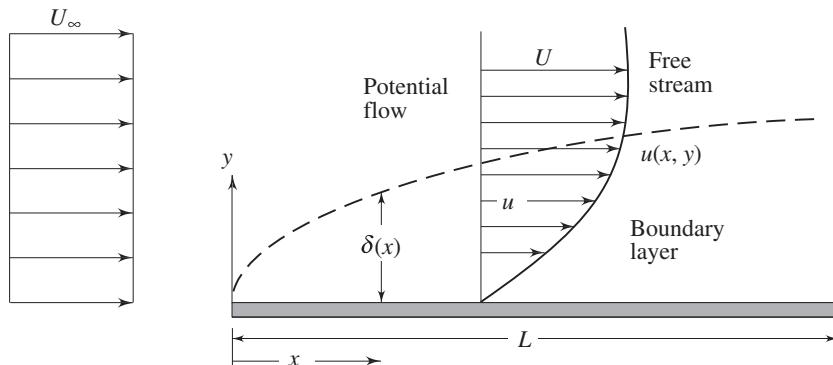


Fig. 9.1 Boundary layer on a flat plate

Here the velocity components  $u$  and  $v$  are acting along the streamwise  $x$  and normal  $y$  directions respectively. The static pressure is  $p$ , while  $\rho$  is the density and  $\mu$  is the dynamic viscosity of the fluid.

The equations are now non-dimensionalised. The length and the velocity scales are chosen as  $L$  and  $U_\infty$  respectively. The non-dimensional variables are:

$$u^* = \frac{u}{U_\infty}, v^* = \frac{v}{U_\infty}, p^* = \frac{p}{\rho U_\infty^2}$$

$$x^* = \frac{x}{L}, y^* = \frac{y}{L}$$

where  $U_\infty$  is the dimensional free stream velocity and the pressure is non-dimensionalised by twice the dynamic pressure  $p_d = (1/2) \rho U_\infty^2$ . Using these nondimensional variables, the Eqs (9.1) to (9.3) become

$$u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} = - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right] \quad (9.4)$$

$$u^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right] \quad (9.5)$$

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = 0 \quad (9.6)$$

where the Reynolds number,

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho U_\infty L}{\mu}$$

Let us examine what happens to the  $u$  velocity as we go across the boundary layer. At the wall the  $u$  velocity is zero. The value of  $u$  on the inviscid side, that is on the free stream side beyond the boundary layer is  $U$ . For the case of external flow over a flat plate, this  $U$  is equal to  $U_\infty$ .

Based on the above, we can identify the following scales for the boundary layer variables:

Variable	Dimensional scale	Nondimensional scale
$u$	$U_\infty$	1
$x$	$L$	1
$y$	$\delta$	$\varepsilon (= \delta/L)$

The symbol  $\varepsilon$  describes a value much smaller than 1. Now, let us look at the order of magnitude of each individual terms involved in Eqs (9.4), (9.5) and (9.6). We start with the continuity Eq. (9.6). One general rule of incompressible fluid mechanics is that we are not allowed to drop any term from the continuity equation. From the scales of boundary layer variables, the derivative  $\partial u^* / \partial x^*$  is of the order 1. The second term in the continuity equation  $\partial v^* / \partial y^*$  should also be of the order 1. Now, what makes  $\partial v^* / \partial y^*$  to have the order 1? Admittedly  $v^*$  has to be of the order  $\varepsilon$  because  $y^*$  becomes  $\varepsilon$  ( $= \delta/L$ ) at its maximum. Next, consider Eq. (9.4). Inertia terms are of the order 1. Among the second order derivatives,  $\partial^2 u^* / \partial x^{*2}$  is of the order 1 and  $\partial^2 u^* / \partial y^{*2}$  contains a large estimate of  $(1/\varepsilon^2)$ . However after multiplication with  $1/\text{Re}$ , the sum of these two second order derivatives should produce at least one term which is of the same order of magnitude as the inertia terms. This is possible only if the Reynolds number ( $\text{Re}$ ) is of the order of  $1/\varepsilon^2$ . It follows from the Eq. (9.4) that  $-\partial p^* / \partial x^*$  will not exceed the order of 1 so as to be in balance with the remaining terms. Finally, Eqs (9.4), (9.5) and (9.6) can be rewritten as

$$u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} = - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right] \quad (9.4)$$

$$(1) \frac{(1)}{(1)} + (\varepsilon) \frac{(1)}{(\varepsilon)} = (1) \quad (\varepsilon^2) \left[ \frac{(1)}{(1)} + \frac{1}{(\varepsilon^2)} \right]$$

$$u^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial x^{*2}} + \frac{\partial^2 v^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \right] \quad (9.5)$$

$$(1) \frac{(\varepsilon)}{(1)} \quad (\varepsilon) \frac{(\varepsilon)}{(\varepsilon)} = (?) \quad (\varepsilon^2) \left[ \frac{(\varepsilon)}{(1)} + \frac{\varepsilon}{(\varepsilon^2)} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = 0 \quad (9.6)$$

$$(1) \quad (\varepsilon)$$

As a consequence of the order of magnitude analysis,  $\frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial x^{*2}}$  can be dropped

from the  $x$  direction momentum equation, because on multiplication with  $1/Re$  it assumes the smallest order of magnitude. Now, consider the  $y$  direction momentum Eq. (9.5). All the terms of this equation are of a smaller magnitude than those of Eq. (9.4). This equation can only be balanced if  $\partial p^* / \partial y^*$  is of the same order of magnitude as other terms. Thus the  $y$  momentum equation reduces to

$$\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} = O(\varepsilon) \quad (9.7)$$

This means that the pressure across the boundary layer does not change. The pressure is impressed on the boundary layer, and its value is determined by hydrodynamic considerations. This also implies that the pressure  $p$  is only a function of  $x$ . The pressure forces on a body are solely determined by the inviscid flow outside the boundary layer. The application of Eq. (9.4) at the outer edge of boundary layer gives

$$u^* \frac{du^*}{dx^*} = - \frac{dp^*}{dx^*} \quad (9.8a)$$

In dimensional form, this can be written as

$$U \frac{dU}{dx} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} \quad (9.8b)$$

On integrating Eq. (9.8b), the well known Bernoulli's equation is obtained,

$$p + \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 = \text{a constant} \quad (9.9)$$

Finally, it can be said that by the order of magnitude analysis, the Navier-Stokes equations are simplified into equations given below.

$$u^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + v^* \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial y^*} = - \frac{\partial p^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\partial^2 u^*}{\partial y^{*2}} \quad (9.10)$$

$$\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial y^*} = 0 \quad (9.11)$$

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{\partial v^*}{\partial y^*} = 0 \quad (9.12)$$

These are known as Prandtl's boundary-layer equations. The available boundary conditions are:

*Solid surface*

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{at } y^* = 0, \quad u^* = 0 = v^* \\ \text{or} \quad \text{at } y = 0, \quad u = 0 = v \end{array} \right\} \quad (9.13)$$

*Outer edge of boundary-layer*

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{at } y^* = (\varepsilon) = \frac{\delta}{L}, \quad u^* = 1 \\ \text{or} \quad \text{at } y = \delta, \quad u = U(x) \end{array} \right\} \quad (9.14)$$

The unknown pressure  $p$  in the  $x$ -momentum equation can be determined from Bernoulli's Eq. (9.9), if the inviscid velocity distribution  $U(x)$  is also known. The preceding derivations are related to a flat surface, but these can be easily extended to curved surfaces. While doing so, it is seen that Eqs (9.10) to (9.14) continue to be applicable only if the curvature does not change abruptly. However, the boundary layer equations are relatively easier to solve as compared to the Navier-Stokes equations and have been solved by various analytical and numerical techniques.

We solve the Prandtl boundary layer equations for  $u^*(x, y)$  and  $v^*(x, y)$  with  $U$  obtained from the outer inviscid flow analysis. The equations are solved by commencing at the leading edge of the body and moving downstream to the desired location. Note that the reduced momentum Eq. (9.10) is still nonlinear. However, it does allow the no-slip boundary condition to be satisfied which constitutes a significant improvement over the potential flow analysis while solving real fluid flow problems. The *Prandtl boundary layer equations* are thus a simplification of the Navier-Stokes equations.

### 9.3 BLASIUS FLOW OVER A FLAT PLATE

The classical problem considered by H. Blasius was a two-dimensional, steady, incompressible flow over a flat plate at zero angle of incidence with respect to the uniform stream of velocity  $U_\infty$ . The fluid extends to infinity in all directions from the plate. The physical problem is already illustrated in Fig. 9.1.

Blasius wanted to determine (a) the velocity field solely within the boundary layer, (b) the boundary layer thickness ( $\delta$ ), (c) the shear stress distribution on the plate, and (d) the drag force on the plate.

The Prandtl boundary layer equations in the case under consideration are

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \quad (9.15)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (9.3)$$

The boundary conditions are

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{at } y = 0, & u = v = 0 \\ \text{at } y = \infty & u = U_\infty \end{array} \quad (9.16)$$

It may be mentioned that the substitution of the term  $\left[ -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} \right]$  in the original boundary layer momentum equation in terms of the free stream velocity produces  $\left[ U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \right]$  which is equal to zero. Hence the governing Eq. (9.15) does not contain any pressure-gradient term. However, the characteristic parameters of this problem are  $U_\infty$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$ , that is,

$$u = u(U_\infty, \nu, x, y)$$

Before we write down this relationship in terms of two non-dimensional parameters, we have to be acquainted with the *law of similarity* in boundary layer flows. It states that the  $u$  component of velocity with two velocity profiles of  $u(x, y)$  at different  $x$  locations differ only by scale factors in  $u$  and  $y$ . Therefore, the velocity profiles  $u(x, y)$  at all values of  $x$  can be made congruent if they are plotted in coordinates which have been made dimensionless with reference to the scale factors. The local free stream velocity  $U(x)$  at section  $x$  is an obvious scale factor for  $u$ , because the dimensionless  $u(x)$  varies between zero and unity with  $y$  at all sections. The scale factor for  $y$ , denoted by  $g(x)$ , is proportional to the local boundary layer thickness so that  $y$  itself varies between zero and unity. The principle of similarity demands that the velocity at two arbitrary  $x$  locations, namely,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  should satisfy the equation

$$\frac{u[x_1, \{y/g(x_1)\}]}{U(x_1)} = \frac{u[x_2, \{y/g(x_2)\}]}{U(x_2)} \quad (9.17)$$

Now, for Blasius flow, it is possible to write

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = F\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{U_\infty}}}\right) = F(\eta) \quad (9.18)$$

$$\text{where } \eta \sim \frac{y}{\delta} \text{ and } \delta \sim \sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{U_\infty}}$$

$$\text{or more precisely, } \eta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{U_\infty}}} \quad (9.19)$$

The stream function can now be obtained in terms of the velocity components as

$$\psi = \int u \, dy = \int U_\infty F(\eta) \sqrt{\frac{\nu x}{U_\infty}} \, d\eta = \sqrt{U_\infty \nu x} \int F(\eta) \, d\eta$$

$$\text{or } \psi = \sqrt{U_\infty \nu x} f(\eta) + \text{constant} \quad (9.20)$$

where  $\int F(\eta) \, d\eta = f(\eta)$  and the constant of integration is zero if the stream function at the solid surface is set equal to zero.

Now, the velocity components and their derivatives are:

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \cdot \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} = U_{\infty} f'(\eta) \quad (9.21a)$$

$$v = -\left( \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \cdot \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \right) = -\sqrt{U_{\infty} v} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} f(\eta) + \sqrt{x} f'(\eta) \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{y}{\sqrt{\frac{v x}{U_{\infty}}}} \frac{1}{x} \right\} \right]$$

$$\text{or} \quad v = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{v U_{\infty}}{x}} [ \eta f'(\eta) - f(\eta) ] \quad (9.21b)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = U_{\infty} f''(\eta) \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = U_{\infty} f''(\eta) \cdot \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{y}{\sqrt{\frac{v x}{U_{\infty}}}} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right]$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{U_{\infty}}{2} \cdot \frac{\eta}{x} \cdot f''(\eta) \quad (9.21c)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = U_{\infty} f''(\eta) \cdot \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} = U_{\infty} f''(\eta) \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{v x}{U_{\infty}}}} \right]$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = U_{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{v x}} f''(\eta) \quad (9.21d)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = U_{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{U_{\infty}}{v x}} f'''(\eta) \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{v x}{U_{\infty}}}} \right\}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{U_{\infty}^2}{v x} f'''(\eta) \quad (9.21e)$$

Substituting (9.21) into (9.15), we have

$$-\frac{U_{\infty}^2}{2} \frac{\eta}{x} \cdot f'(\eta) f''(\eta) + \frac{U_{\infty}^2}{2x} [\eta f'(\eta) - f(\eta)] f''(\eta) = \frac{U_{\infty}^2}{x} f'''(\eta)$$

$$\text{or} \quad -\frac{1}{2} \frac{U_{\infty}^2}{x} f(\eta) f''(\eta) = \frac{U_{\infty}^2}{x} f'''(\eta)$$

$$\text{or} \quad 2f''(\eta) + f(\eta) f''(\eta) = 0 \quad (9.22)$$

This is known as Blasius Equation. The boundary conditions as in Eq. (9.16), in combination with Eq. (9.21a) and (9.21b) become

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{at } \eta = 0 : f(\eta) = 0, \quad f'(\eta) = 0 \\ \text{at } \eta = \infty : f'(\eta) = 1 \end{array} \right\} \quad (9.23)$$

Equation (9.22) is a third order nonlinear differential equation. Blasius obtained the solution of this equation in the form of series expansion through analytical techniques which is beyond the scope of this text. However, we shall discuss a numerical technique to solve the aforesaid equation which can be understood rather easily.

It is to be observed that the equation for  $f$  does not contain  $x$ . Further boundary conditions at  $x = 0$  and  $y = \infty$  merge into the condition  $\eta \rightarrow \infty, u/U_\infty = f' = 1$ . This is the key feature of similarity solution.

We can rewrite Eq. (9.22) as three first order differential equations in the following way

$$f' = G \quad (9.24a)$$

$$G' = H \quad (9.24b)$$

$$H' = -\frac{1}{2} fH \quad (9.24c)$$

Let us next consider the boundary conditions. The condition  $f(0) = 0$  remains valid. Next the condition  $f'(0) = 0$  means that  $G(0) = 0$ . Finally  $f'(\infty) = 1$  gives us  $G(\infty) = 1$ . Note that the equations for  $f$  and  $G$  have initial values. However, the value for  $H(0)$  is not known. Hence, we do not have a usual initial-value problem. Nevertheless, we handle this problem as an initial-value problem by choosing values of  $H(0)$  and solving by numerical methods  $f(\eta)$ ,  $G(\eta)$ , and  $H(\eta)$ . In general, the condition  $G(\infty) = 1$  will not be satisfied for the function  $G$  arising from the numerical solution. We then choose other initial values of  $H$  so that eventually we find an  $H(0)$  which results in  $G(\infty) = 1$ . This method is called the *shooting technique*.

In Eq. (9.24), the primes refer to differentiation wrt the similarity variable  $\eta$ . The integration steps following Runge-Kutta method are given below

$$f_{n+1} = f_n + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \quad (9.25a)$$

$$G_{n+1} = G_n + \frac{1}{6} (l_1 + 2l_2 + 2l_3 + l_4) \quad (9.25b)$$

$$H_{n+1} = H_n + \frac{1}{6} (m_1 + 2m_2 + 2m_3 + m_4) \quad (9.25c)$$

One moves from  $\eta_n$  to  $\eta_{n+1} = \eta_n + h$ . A fourth order accuracy is preserved if  $h$  is constant along the integration path, that is,  $\eta_{n+1} - \eta_n = h$  for all values of  $n$ . The values of  $k$ ,  $l$  and  $m$  are as follows.

For generality let the system of governing equations be

$$f' = F_1(f, G, H, \eta), \quad G' = F_2(f, G, H, \eta) \quad \text{and} \quad H' = F_3(f, G, H, \eta).$$

Then,

$$k_1 = h F_1(f_n, G_n, H_n, \eta_n)$$

$$l_1 = h F_2(f_n, G_n, H_n, \eta_n)$$

$$m_1 = h F_3(f_n, G_n, H_n, \eta_n)$$

$$k_2 = h F_1 \left\{ \left( f_n + \frac{1}{2} k_1 \right), \left( G_n + \frac{1}{2} l_1 \right), \left( H_n + \frac{1}{2} m_1 \right), \left( \eta_n + \frac{h}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$l_2 = h F_2 \left\{ \left( f_n + \frac{1}{2} k_1 \right), \left( G_n + \frac{1}{2} l_1 \right), \left( H_n + \frac{1}{2} m_1 \right), \left( \eta_n + \frac{h}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$m_2 = h F_3 \left\{ \left( f_n + \frac{1}{2} k_1 \right), \left( G_n + \frac{1}{2} l_1 \right), \left( H_n + \frac{1}{2} m_1 \right), \left( \eta_n + \frac{h}{2} \right) \right\}$$

In a similar way  $k_3, l_3, m_3$  and  $k_4, l_4, m_4$  are calculated following standard formulae for the Runge Kutta integration. For example,  $k_3$  is given by

$$k_3 = h F_1 \left\{ \left( f_n + \frac{1}{2} k_2 \right), \left( G_n + \frac{1}{2} l_2 \right), \left( H_n + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \right), \left( \eta_n + \frac{h}{2} \right) \right\}$$

The functions  $F_1, F_2$  and  $F_3$  are  $G, H, -fH/2$  respectively. Then at a distance  $\Delta\eta$  from the wall, we have

$$f(\Delta\eta) = f(0) + G(0) \Delta\eta \quad (9.26a)$$

$$G(\Delta\eta) = G(0) + H(0) \Delta\eta \quad (9.26b)$$

$$H(\Delta\eta) = H(0) + H'(0) \Delta\eta \quad (9.26c)$$

$$H'(\Delta\eta) = -\frac{1}{2} f(\Delta\eta) H(\Delta\eta) \quad (9.26d)$$

As it has been mentioned earlier  $f''(0) = H(0) = \lambda$  is unknown. It must be determined such that the condition  $f'(\infty) = G(\infty) = 1$  is satisfied. The condition at infinity is usually approximated at a finite value of  $\eta$  (around  $\eta = 10$ ). The process of obtaining  $\lambda$  accurately involves iteration and may be calculated using the procedure described below.

For this purpose, consider Fig. 9.2(a) where the solutions of  $G$  versus  $\eta$  for two different values of  $H(0)$  are plotted. The values of  $G(\infty)$  are estimated from the  $G$  curves and are plotted in Fig. 9.2(b). The value of  $H(0)$  now can be calculated by finding the value  $\tilde{H}(0)$  at which the line 1–2 crosses the line  $G(\infty) = 1$ . By using similar triangles, it can be said that

$$\frac{\tilde{H}(0) - H(0)_1}{1 - G(\infty)_1} = \frac{H(0)_2 - H(0)_1}{G(\infty)_2 - G(\infty)_1}$$

By solving this, we get  $\tilde{H}(0)$ . Next we repeat the same calculation as above by using  $\tilde{H}(0)$  and the better of the two initial values of  $H(0)$ . Thus we get another improved value  $\tilde{\tilde{H}}(0)$ . This process may continue, that is, we use  $\tilde{H}(0)$  and  $\tilde{\tilde{H}}(0)$  as a pair of values to find more improved values for  $H(0)$ , and so forth. It should be always kept in mind that for each value of  $H(0)$ , the curve  $G(\eta)$  versus  $\eta$  is to be examined to get the proper value of  $G(\infty)$ .

The functions  $f(\eta), f'(\eta) = G$  and  $f''(\eta) = H$  are plotted in Fig. 9.3. The velocity components,  $u$  and  $v$  inside the boundary layer can be computed from

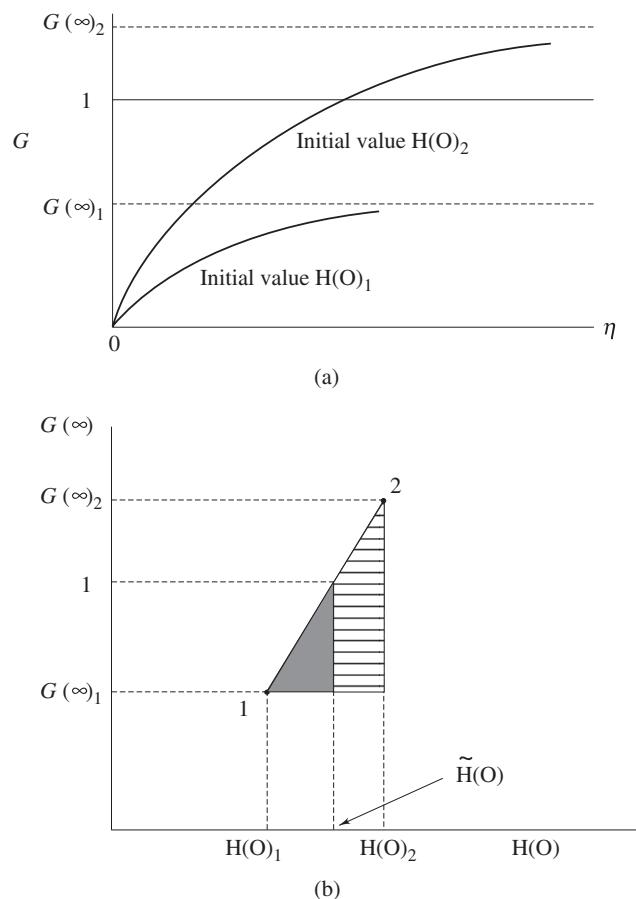


Fig. 9.2 Correcting the initial guess for  $H(O)$

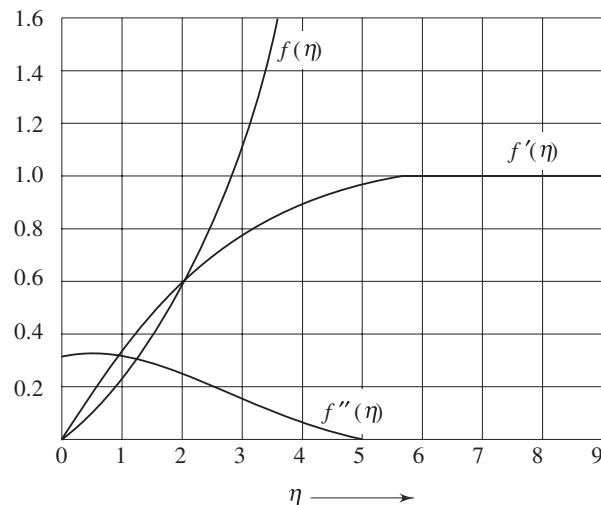


Fig. 9.3  $f$ ,  $G$ , and  $H$  distribution in the boundary layer

Eqs (9.21a) and (9.21b) respectively. Measurements to test the accuracy of theoretical results were carried out by many scientists. In his experiments, J. Nikuradse, found excellent agreement with the theoretical results with respect to velocity distribution ( $u/U_\infty$ ) within the boundary layer of a stream of air on a flat plate. However, some values of the velocity profile shape  $f'(\eta) = u/U_\infty = G$  and  $f''(\eta) = H$  are given in Table 9.1.

Table 9.1 Blasius Velocity Profile  $G = u/U_\infty$ ,  $f$  and  $H$  after Schlichting [2]

$\eta$	$f$	$G$	$H$
0	0	0	0.33206
0.2	0.00664	0.06641	0.33199
0.4	0.02656	0.13277	0.33147
0.8	0.10611	0.26471	0.32739
1.2	0.23795	0.39378	0.31659
1.6	0.42032	0.51676	0.29667
2.0	0.65003	0.62977	0.26675
2.4	0.92230	0.72899	0.22809
2.8	1.23099	0.81152	0.18401
3.2	1.56911	0.87609	0.13913
3.6	1.92954	0.92333	0.09809
4.0	2.30576	0.95552	0.06424
4.4	2.69238	0.97587	0.03897
4.8	3.08534	0.98779	0.02187
5.0	3.28329	0.99155	0.01591
8.8	7.07923	1.00000	0.00000

## 9.4 WALL SHEAR AND BOUNDARY LAYER THICKNESS

With the profile known, wall shear can be evaluated as

$$\tau_w = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

or

$$\tau_w = \mu U_\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} f'(\eta) \cdot \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \Big|_{\eta=0}$$

or

$$\tau_w = \mu U_\infty \times 0.33206 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{(v x)/U_\infty}}$$

[ $f''(0) = 0.33206$  from Table 9.1]

or

$$\tau_w = \frac{0.332 \rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_x}} \quad (9.27a)$$

and the local skin friction coefficient is

$$C_{fx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_\infty^2}$$

Substituting from (9.27a) we get

$$C_{fx} = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_x}} \quad (9.27b)$$

In 1951, Liepmann and Dhawan [3], measured the shearing stress on a flat plate directly. Their results showed a striking confirmation of Eq. (9.27).

Total frictional force per unit width for the plate of length  $L$  is

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \int_0^L \tau_w \, dx \\ \text{or} \quad F &= \int_0^L \frac{0.332 \rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu}}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} \\ \text{or} \quad F &= \left[ \frac{0.332 \rho U_\infty^2}{\sqrt{U_\infty/\nu}} \times \frac{x^{1/2}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right]_0^L \\ \text{or} \quad F &= 0.664 \times \rho U_\infty^2 \sqrt{\frac{\nu L}{U_\infty}} \end{aligned} \quad (9.28)$$

and the average skin friction coefficient is

$$\bar{C}_f = \frac{F}{\frac{1}{2} (\rho U_\infty^2 L)} = \frac{1.328}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_L}} \quad (9.29)$$

where,  $\text{Re}_L = U_\infty L / \nu$ .

Since  $u/U_\infty$  approaches 1.0 as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ , it is customary to select the boundary layer thickness  $\delta$  as that point where  $u/U_\infty$  approaches 0.99. From Table 9.1,  $u/U_\infty$  reaches 0.99 at  $\eta = 5.0$  and we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \delta / \sqrt{\left(\frac{\nu x}{U_\infty}\right)} &\approx 5.0 \\ \text{or} \quad \delta &\approx 5.0 \sqrt{\left(\frac{\nu x}{U_\infty}\right)} = \frac{5.0 x}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_x}} \end{aligned} \quad (9.30)$$

However, the aforesaid definition of boundary layer thickness is somewhat arbitrary, a physically more meaningful measure of boundary layer estimation is expressed through displacement thickness.

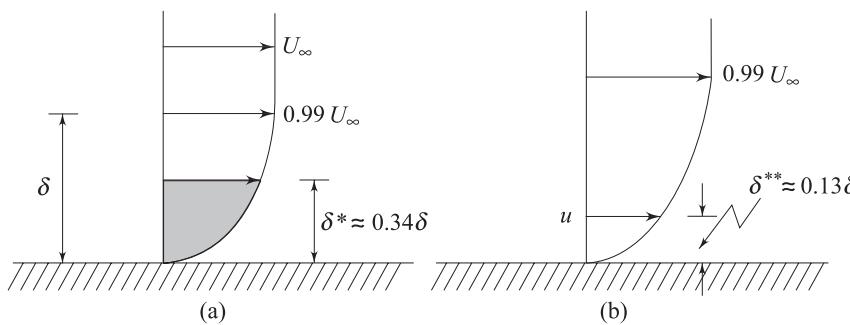


Fig. 9.4 (a) Displacement thickness (b) Momentum thickness

*Displacement thickness* ( $\delta^*$ ) is defined as the distance by which the external potential flow is displaced outwards due to the decrease in velocity in the boundary layer.

$$U_\infty \delta^* = \int_0^\infty (U_\infty - u) dy$$

Therefore,  $\delta^* = \int_0^\infty \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) dy \quad (9.31)$

Substituting the values of  $(u/U_\infty)$  and  $\eta$  from Eqs (9.21a) and (9.19) into Eq. (9.31), we obtain

$$\delta^* = \sqrt{\frac{vx}{U_\infty}} \int_0^\infty (1 - f') d\eta = \sqrt{\frac{vx}{U_\infty}} \lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} [\eta - f(\eta)]$$

or  $\delta^* = 1.7208 \sqrt{\frac{vx}{U_\infty}} = \frac{1.7208 x}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \quad (9.32)$

Following the analogy of the displacement thickness, a momentum thickness may be defined. *Momentum thickness* ( $\delta^{**}$ ) is defined as the loss of momentum in the boundary layer as compared with that of potential flow. Thus

$$\rho U_\infty^2 \delta^{**} = \int_0^\infty \rho u (U_\infty - u) dy$$

or  $\delta^{**} = \int_0^\infty \frac{u}{U_\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) dy \quad (9.33)$

With the substitution of  $(u/U_\infty)$  and  $\eta$  from Eq. (9.21a) and (9.19), we can evaluate numerically the value of  $\delta^{**}$  for a flat plate as

$$\delta^{**} = \sqrt{\frac{vx}{U_\infty}} \int_0^\infty f'(1 - f') d\eta$$

or  $\delta^{**} = 0.664 \sqrt{\frac{vx}{U_\infty}} = \frac{0.664 x}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \quad (9.34)$

The relationships between  $\delta$ ,  $\delta^*$  and  $\delta^{**}$  have been shown in Fig. 9.4.

## 9.5 MOMENTUM-INTEGRAL EQUATIONS FOR BOUNDARY LAYER

If we are to employ boundary layer concepts in real engineering designs, we need to devise approximate methods that would quickly lead to an answer even if the accuracy is somewhat less. Karman and Pohlhausen devised a simplified method by satisfying only the boundary conditions of the boundary layer flow rather than satisfying Prandtl's differential equations for each and every particle within the boundary layer. We shall discuss this method herein.

Consider the case of steady, two-dimensional and incompressible flow, i.e. we shall refer to Eqs (9.10) to (9.14). Upon integrating the dimensional form of Eq. (9.10) with respect to  $y = 0$  (wall) to  $y = \delta$  (where  $\delta$  signifies the interface of the free stream and the boundary layer), we obtain

$$\int_0^\delta \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dy = \int_0^\delta \left( -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) dy$$

or

$$\int_0^\delta u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy + \int_0^\delta v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy = \int_0^\delta -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} dy + \int_0^\delta v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} dy \quad (9.35)$$

The second term of the left hand side can be expanded as

$$\int_0^\delta v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy = [vu]_0^\delta - \int_0^\delta u \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy$$

or

$$\int_0^\delta v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy = U_\infty v_\delta + \int_0^\delta u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy \left( \text{since } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)$$

or

$$\int_0^\delta v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy = -U_\infty \int_0^\delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy + \int_0^\delta u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy \quad (9.36)$$

Substituting Eq. (9.36) in Eq. (9.35) we obtain

$$\int_0^\delta 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy - U_\infty \int_0^\delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy = - \int_0^\delta \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} dy - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} \quad (9.37)$$

Substituting the relation between  $\frac{dp}{dx}$  and the free stream velocity  $U_\infty$  for the inviscid zone in Eq. (9.37) we get

$$\int_0^\delta 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy - U_\infty \int_0^\delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy - \int_0^\delta U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} dy = - \left( \frac{\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}}{\rho} \right)$$

or

$$\int_0^\delta \left( 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - U_\infty \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \right) dy = - \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$$

which is reduced to

$$\int_0^\delta \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \{[u(U_\infty - u)] dy\} + \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \int_0^\delta (U_\infty - u) dy = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$$

Since the integrals vanish outside the boundary layer, we are allowed to put  $\delta = \infty$ .

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [u(U_\infty - u)] dy + \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \int_0^\infty (U_\infty - u) dy = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$$

or  $\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^\infty [u(U_\infty - u)] dy + \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \int_0^\infty (U_\infty - u) dy = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$  (9.38)

Substituting Eq. (9.31) and (9.33) in Eq. (9.38) we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ U_\infty^2 \delta^{**} \right] + \delta^* U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} \quad (9.39)$$

Equation (9.39) is known as momentum integral equation for two dimensional incompressible laminar boundary layer. The same remains valid for turbulent boundary layers as well. Needless to say, the wall shear stress ( $\tau_w$ ) will be different for laminar and turbulent flows. The term  $\left( U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \right)$  signifies

spacewise acceleration of the free stream. Existence of this term means the presence of free stream pressure gradient in the flow direction. For example, we get finite value of  $\left( U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \right)$  outside the boundary layer in the entrance region of a pipe or a channel. For external flows, the existence of  $\left( U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \right)$  depends on the shape of the body. During the flow over a flat plate,  $\left( U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} \right) = 0$  and the momentum integral equation is reduced to

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ U_\infty^2 \delta^{**} \right] = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} \quad (9.40)$$

## 9.6 SEPARATION OF BOUNDARY LAYER

It has been observed that the flow is reversed at the vicinity of the wall under certain conditions. The phenomenon is termed as separation of boundary layer. Separation takes place due to excessive momentum loss near the wall in a boundary layer trying to move downstream against increasing pressure, i.e.,  $dp/dx > 0$ , which is called *adverse pressure gradient*. Figure 9.5 shows the flow past a circular cylinder, in an infinite medium. Up to  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , the flow area is like a constricted passage and the flow behaviour is like that of a nozzle. Beyond  $\theta = 90^\circ$  the flow area is diverged, therefore, the flow behaviour is much similar to

a diffuser. This dictates the inviscid pressure distribution on the cylinder which is shown by a firm line in Fig. 9.5. Here  $p_\infty$  and  $U_\infty$  are the pressure and velocity in the free stream and  $p$  is the local pressure on the cylinder.

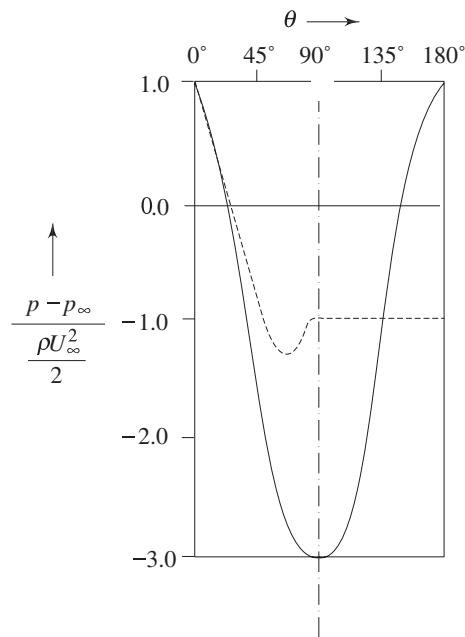
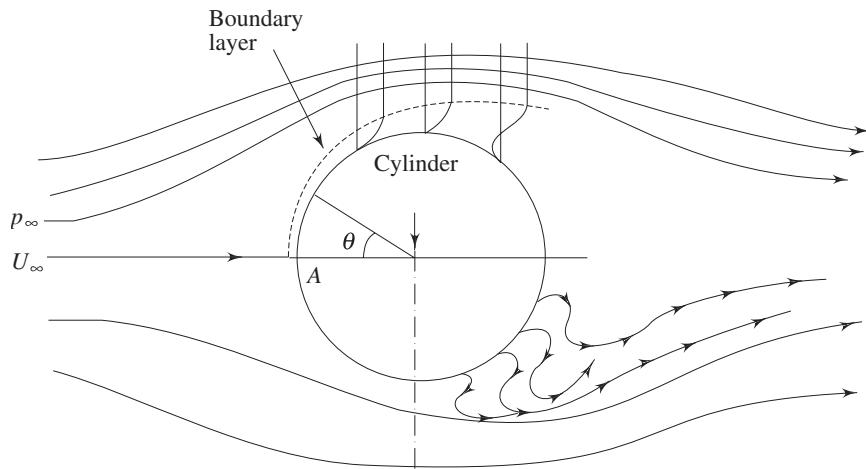


Fig. 9.5 Flow separation and formation of wake behind a circular cylinder

Consider the forces in the flow field. It is evident that in the inviscid region, the pressure force and the force due to streamwise acceleration are acting in the same direction (pressure gradient being negative/favourable) until  $\theta = 90^\circ$ . Beyond  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , the pressure gradient is positive or adverse. Due to the adverse pressure

gradient the pressure force and the force due to acceleration will be opposing each other in the inviscid zone of this part. So long as no viscous effect is considered, the situation does not cause any sensation. However, in the viscous region (near the solid boundary), up to  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , the viscous force opposes the combined pressure force and the force due to acceleration. Fluid particles overcome this viscous resistance. Beyond  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , within the viscous zone, the flow structure becomes different. It is seen that the force due to acceleration is opposed by both the viscous force and pressure force. Depending upon the magnitude of adverse pressure gradient, somewhere around  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , the fluid particles, in the boundary layer are separated from the wall and driven in the upstream direction. However, the far field external stream pushes back these separated layers together with it and develops a broad pulsating wake behind the cylinder. Now let us look at the mathematical explanation of flow-separation. Following the foregoing observation, the point of separation may be defined as the limit between forward and reverse flow in the layer very close to the wall, i.e., at the point of separation

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)_{y=0} = 0 \quad (9.41)$$

This means that the shear stress at the wall,  $\tau_w = 0$ . But at this point, the adverse pressure continues to exist and at the downstream of this point the flow acts in a reverse direction resulting in a back flow. We can also explain flow separation using the argument about the second derivative of velocity  $u$  at the wall. From the dimensional form of the momentum Eq. (9.10) at the wall, where  $u = v = 0$ , we can write

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)_{y=0} = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{dp}{dx} \quad (9.42)$$

Consider the situation due to a favourable pressure gradient were  $\frac{dp}{dx} < 0$ .

From Eq. (9.42) we have,  $(\partial^2 u / \partial y^2)_{\text{wall}} < 0$ . As we proceed towards the free stream, the velocity  $u$  approaches  $U_\infty$  asymptotically, so  $\partial u / \partial y$  decreases at a continuously lesser rate in  $y$  direction. This means that  $(\partial^2 u / \partial y^2)$  remains less than zero near the edge of the boundary layer. Finally it can be said that for a decreasing pressure gradient, the curvature of a velocity profile  $(\partial^2 u / \partial y^2)$  is always negative as shown in (Fig. 9.6a). Next consider the case of adverse pressure gradient,  $\partial p / \partial x > 0$ . From Eq. (9.42), we observe that at the boundary, the curvature of the profile must be positive (since  $\partial p / \partial x > 0$ ).

However, near the interface of boundary layer and free stream the previous argument regarding  $\partial u / \partial y$  and  $\partial^2 u / \partial y^2$  still holds good and the curvature is negative. Thus we observe that for an adverse pressure gradient, there must exist a point for which  $\partial^2 u / \partial y^2 = 0$ . This point is known as *point of inflection* of the velocity profile in the boundary layer as shown in Fig. 9.6b. However, point of separation means  $\partial u / \partial y = 0$  at the wall. In addition, Eq. (9.42) depict  $\partial^2 u / \partial y^2 > 0$  at the wall since separation can only occur due to adverse pressure gradient. But

we have already seen that at the edge of the boundary layer,  $\partial^2 u / \partial y^2 < 0$ . It is therefore, clear that if there is a point of separation, there must exist a point of inflection in the velocity profile.

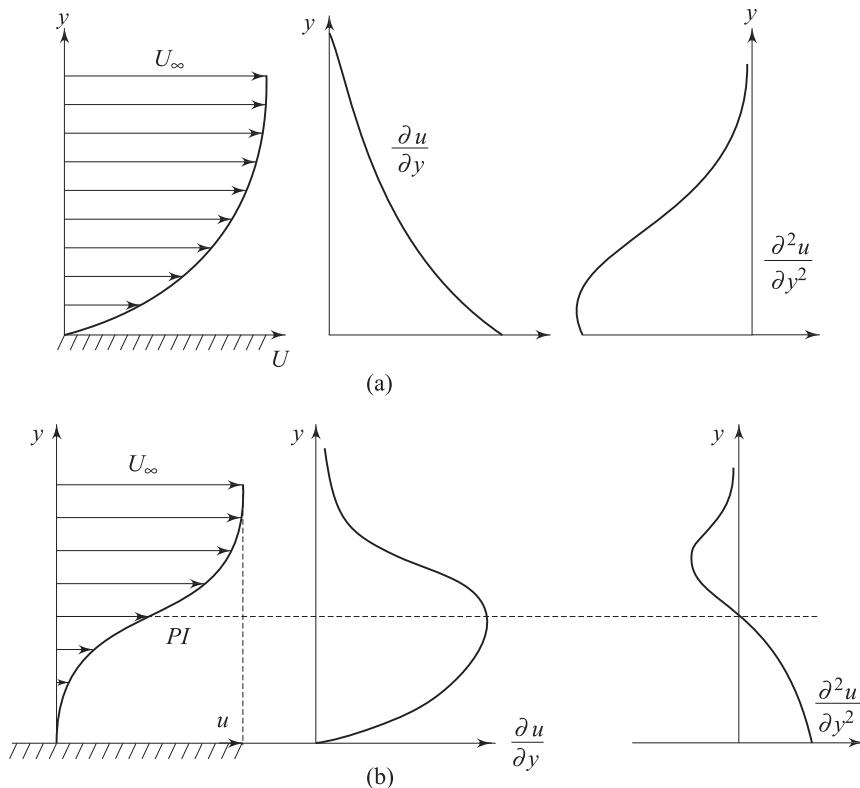


Fig. 9.6 Velocity distribution within a boundary layer

(a) Favourable pressure gradient,  $\frac{dp}{dx} < 0$

(b) adverse pressure gradient,  $\frac{dp}{dx} > 0$

Let us reconsider the flow past a circular cylinder and continue our discussion on the wake behind a cylinder. The pressure distribution which was shown by the firm line in Fig. 9.5 is obtained from the potential flow theory. However, somewhere near  $\theta = 90^\circ$  (in experiments it has been observed to be at  $\theta = 81^\circ$ ), the boundary layer detaches itself from the wall. Meanwhile, pressure in the wake remains close to separation-point-pressure since the eddies (formed as a consequence of the retarded layers being carried together with the upper layer through the action of shear) cannot convert rotational kinetic energy into pressure head. The actual pressure distribution is shown by the dotted line in Fig. 9.5. Since the wake zone pressure is less than that of the forward stagnation point (pressure at point A in Fig. 9.5), the cylinder experiences a drag force which is

basically attributed to the pressure difference. The drag force, brought about by the pressure difference is known as *form drag* whereas the shear stress at the wall gives rise to *skin friction drag*. Generally, these two drag forces together are responsible for resultant drag on a body.

### 9.7 KARMAN-POHLHAUSEN APPROXIMATE METHOD FOR SOLUTION OF MOMENTUM INTEGRAL EQUATION OVER A FLAT PLATE

The basic equation for this method is obtained by integrating the  $x$  direction momentum equation (boundary layer momentum equation) with respect to  $y$  from the wall (at  $y = 0$ ) to a distance  $\delta(x)$  which is assumed to be outside the boundary layer. With this notation, we can rewrite the Karman momentum integral equation (9.39) as

$$U_\infty^2 \frac{d\delta^{**}}{dx} + (2\delta^{**} + \delta^*) U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} \quad (9.43)$$

The effect of pressure gradient is described by the second term on the left hand side. For pressure gradient surfaces in external flow or for the developing sections in internal flow, this term will be retained and will contribute to the pressure gradient. However, we assume a velocity profile which is a polynomial of  $\eta = y/\delta$ . As it has been seen earlier,  $\eta$  is a form of similarity variable. This implies that with the growth of boundary layer as distance  $x$  varies from the leading edge, the velocity profile ( $u/U_\infty$ ) remains geometrically similar. We choose a velocity profile in the form

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = a_0 + a_1 \eta + a_2 \eta^2 + a_3 \eta^3 \quad (9.44)$$

In order to determine the constants  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  we shall prescribe the following boundary conditions

$$\text{at } y = 0, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{at } \eta = 0, \quad \frac{u}{U_\infty} = 0 \quad (9.45a)$$

$$\text{at } y = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{at } \eta = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \eta^2} (u/U_\infty) = 0 \quad (9.45b)$$

$$\text{at } y = \delta, \quad u = U_\infty \quad \text{or} \quad \text{at } \eta = 1, \quad \frac{u}{U_\infty} = 1 \quad (9.45c)$$

$$\text{at } y = \delta, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{at } \eta = 1, \quad \frac{\partial (u/U_\infty)}{\partial \eta} = 0 \quad (9.45d)$$

These requirements will yield

$$a_0 = 0, \quad a_2 = 0, \quad a_1 + 3a_3 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a_1 + a_3 = 1$$

Finally, we obtain the following values for the coefficients in Eq. (9.44),

$$a_0 = 0, \quad a_1 = \frac{3}{2}, \quad a_2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

and the velocity profile becomes

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = \frac{3}{2}\eta - \frac{1}{2}\eta^3 \quad (9.46)$$

For flow over a flat plate,  $\frac{dp}{dx} = 0$ , hence  $U_\infty \frac{dU_\infty}{dx} = 0$  and the governing Eq. (9.43) reduces to

$$\frac{d\delta^{**}}{dx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho U_\infty^2} \quad (9.47)$$

Again from Eq. (9.33), the momentum thickness is

$$\delta^{**} = \int_0^\infty \frac{u}{U_\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) dy$$

or 
$$\delta^{**} = \int_0^\delta \frac{u}{U_\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) dy$$

or 
$$\delta^{**} = \delta \int_0^1 \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\eta + \frac{1}{2}\eta^3\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\eta - \frac{1}{2}\eta^3\right) d\eta$$

or 
$$\delta^{**} = \frac{39}{280} \delta$$

The wall shear stress is given by

$$\tau_w = \mu \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right|_{y=0}$$

or 
$$\tau_w = \mu \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left\{ U_\infty \left( \frac{3}{2}\eta - \frac{1}{2}\eta^3 \right) \right\} \right]_{\eta=0}$$

or 
$$\tau_w = \frac{3\mu U_\infty}{2\delta}$$

Substituting the values of  $\delta^{**}$  and  $\tau_w$  in Eq. (9.47) we get,

$$\frac{39}{280} \frac{d\delta}{dx} = \frac{3\mu U_\infty}{2\delta \rho U_\infty^2}$$

or 
$$\int \delta d\delta = \int \frac{140}{13} \frac{\mu}{\rho U_\infty} dx + C_1$$

or 
$$\frac{\delta^2}{2} = \frac{140}{13} \frac{\mu x}{U_\infty} + C_1 \quad (9.48)$$

where  $C_1$  is any arbitrary unknown constant.

The condition at the leading edge (at  $x = 0, \delta = 0$ ) yields

$$C_1 = 0$$

Finally we obtain,

$$\delta^2 = \frac{280}{13} \frac{vx}{U_\infty} \quad (9.49)$$

or 
$$\delta = 4.64 \sqrt{\frac{vx}{U_\infty}}$$

or 
$$\delta = \frac{4.64x}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \quad (9.50)$$

This is the value of boundary layer thickness on a flat plate. Although, the method is an approximate one, the result is found to be reasonably accurate. The value is slightly lower than the exact solution of laminar flow over a flat plate given by Eq. (9.30). As such, the accuracy depends on the order of the velocity profile. It may be mentioned that instead of Eq. (9.44), we can as well use a fourth order polynomial as

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = a_0 + a_1\eta + a_2\eta^2 + a_3\eta^3 + a_4\eta^4 \quad (9.51)$$

In addition to the boundary conditions in Eq. (9.45), we shall require another boundary condition

at  $y = \delta, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$  or at  $\eta = 1, \frac{\partial^2 (u/U_\infty)}{\partial \eta^2} = 0$

To determine the constants as  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 0, a_3 = -2$  and  $a_4 = 1$ . Finally the velocity profile will be

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = 2\eta - 2\eta^3 + \eta^4$$

Subsequently, for a fourth order profile the growth of boundary layer is given by

$$\delta = \frac{5.83x}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \quad (9.52)$$

This is also very close to the value of the exact solution.

## 9.8 INTEGRAL METHOD FOR NON-ZERO PRESSURE GRADIENT FLOWS

A wide variety of “integral methods” in this category have been discussed by Rosenhead [4]. The Thwaites method [5] is found to be a very elegant method, which is an extension of the method due to Holstein and Bohlen [6]. We shall discuss the Holstein-Bohlen method in this section.

This is an approximate method for solving boundary layer equations for two-dimensional generalized flow. The integrated Eq. (9.39) for laminar flow with pressure gradient can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dx} [U^2 \delta^{**}] + \delta^{**} U \frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$$

or

$$U^2 \frac{d\delta^{**}}{dx} + (2\delta^{**} + \delta^*) U \frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} \quad (9.53)$$

The velocity profile the boundary layer is considered to be a fourth-order polynomial in terms of the dimensionless distance  $\eta = y/\delta$ , and is expressed as

$$u/U = a\eta + b\eta^2 + c\eta^3 + d\eta^4$$

The boundary conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} \eta = 0: u = 0, v = 0 \quad & \frac{v}{\delta^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} = -U \frac{dU}{dx} \\ \eta = 1: u = U, \quad & \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = 0, \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

A dimensionless quantity, known as shape factor is introduced as

$$\lambda = \frac{\delta^2}{v} \frac{dU}{dx} \quad (9.54)$$

The following relations are obtained

$$a = 2 + \frac{\lambda}{6}, \quad b = -\frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad c = -2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad d = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{6}$$

Now, the velocity profile can be expressed as

$$u/U = F(\eta) + \lambda G(\eta), \quad (9.55)$$

where

$$F(\eta) = 2\eta - 2\eta^3 + \eta^4, \quad G(\eta) = \frac{1}{6} \eta(1 - \eta)^3$$

The shear stress  $\tau_w = \mu(\partial u / \partial y)_{y=0}$  is given by

$$\frac{\tau_w \delta}{\mu U} = 2 + \frac{\lambda}{6} \quad (9.56)$$

We use the following dimensionless parameters,

$$L = \frac{\tau_w \delta^{**}}{\mu U} \quad (9.57)$$

$$K = \frac{(\delta^{**})^2}{v} \frac{dU}{dx} \quad (9.58)$$

$$H = \delta^* / \delta^{**} \quad (9.59)$$

The integrated momentum Eq. (9.53) reduces to

$$U \frac{d\delta^{**}}{dx} + \delta^{**} (2 + H) \frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{vL}{\delta^{**}}$$

or

$$U \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{(\delta^{**})^2}{v} \right] = 2[L - K(H + 2)] \quad (9.60)$$

The parameter  $L$  is related to the skin friction and  $K$  is linked to the pressure gradient. If we take  $K$  as the independent variable,  $L$  and  $H$  can be shown to be the functions of  $K$  since

$$\frac{\delta^*}{\delta} = \int_0^1 [1 - F(\eta) - \lambda G(\eta)] d\eta = \frac{3}{10} - \frac{\lambda}{120} \quad (9.61)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta^{**}}{\delta} &= \int_0^1 (F(\eta) + \lambda G(\eta)) (1 - F(\eta) - \lambda G(\eta)) d\eta \\ &= \frac{37}{315} - \frac{\lambda}{945} - \frac{\lambda^2}{9072} \end{aligned} \quad (9.62)$$

$$K = \frac{[\delta^{**}]^2}{\delta^2} \lambda = \lambda \left( \frac{37}{315} - \frac{\lambda}{945} - \frac{\lambda^2}{9072} \right)^2 \quad (9.63)$$

Therefore,

$$L = \left( 2 + \frac{\lambda}{6} \right) \frac{\delta^{**}}{\delta} = \left( 2 + \frac{\lambda}{6} \right) \left( \frac{37}{315} - \frac{\lambda}{945} - \frac{\lambda^2}{9072} \right) = f_1(K)$$

$$H = \frac{\delta^*}{\delta^{**}} = \frac{(3/10) - (\lambda/120)}{(37/315) - (\lambda/945) - (\lambda^2/9072)} = f_2(K)$$

The right-hand side of Eq. (9.60) is thus a function of  $K$  alone. Walz [7] pointed out that this function can be approximated with a good degree of accuracy by a linear function of  $K$  so that

$$2[L - K(H + 2)] = a - bK$$

Equation (9.60) can now be written as

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{U[\delta^{**}]^2}{v} \right) = a - (b - 1) \frac{U[\delta^{**}]^2}{v} \frac{1}{U} \frac{dU}{dx}$$

Solution of this differential equation for the dependent variable  $(U[\delta^{**}]^2/v)$  subject to the boundary condition  $U = 0$  when  $x = 0$ , gives

$$\frac{U[\delta^{**}]^2}{v} = \frac{a}{U^{b-1}} \int_0^x U^{b-1} dx$$

With  $a = 0.47$  and  $b = 6$ , the approximation is particularly close between the stagnation point and the point of maximum velocity. Finally the value of the dependent variable is

$$[\delta^{**}]^2 = \frac{0.47v}{U^6} \int_0^x U^5 dx \quad (9.64)$$

By taking the limit of Eq. (9.64), according to L'Hospital's rule, it can be shown that

$$[\delta^{**}]^2|_{x=0} = 0.47v/6U'(0)$$

This corresponds to  $K = 0.0783$ . It may be mentioned that  $[\delta^{**}]$  is not equal to zero at the stagnation point. If  $([\delta^{**}]^2/v)$  is determined from Eq. (9.64),  $K(x)$  can be obtained from Eq. (9.58). Table 9.2 gives the necessary parameters for obtaining results, such as velocity profile and shear stress  $\tau_w$ . The approximate method can be applied successfully to a wide range of problems.

Table 9.2 Auxiliary functions after Holstein and Bohlen [6]

$\lambda$	$K$	$f_1(K)$	$f_2(K)$
12	0.0948	2.250	0.356
10	0.0919	2.260	0.351
8	0.0831	2.289	0.340
7.6	0.0807	2.297	0.337
7.2	0.0781	2.305	0.333
7.0	0.0767	2.309	0.331
6.6	0.0737	2.318	0.328
6.2	0.0706	2.328	0.324
5.0	0.0599	2.361	0.310
3.0	0.0385	2.427	0.283
1.0	0.0135	2.508	0.252
0	0	2.554	0.235
-1	-0.0140	2.604	0.217
-3	-0.0429	2.716	0.179
-5	-0.0720	2.847	0.140
-7	-0.0999	2.999	0.100
-9	-0.1254	3.176	0.059
-11	-0.1474	3.383	0.019
-12	-0.1567	3.500	0

As mentioned earlier,  $K$  and  $\lambda$  are related to the pressure gradient and the shape factor. Introduction of  $K$  and  $\lambda$  in the integral analysis enables extension of Karman-Pohlhausen method for solving flows over curved geometry. However, the analysis is not valid for the geometries, where  $\lambda < -12$  and  $\lambda > +12$ .

## 9.9 ENTRY FLOW IN A DUCT

Growth of boundary layer has a remarkable influence on flow through a constant area duct or pipe. Let us consider a flow entering a pipe with uniform velocity.

The boundary layer starts growing on the wall at the entrance of the pipe. Gradually it becomes thicker in the downstream and the flow becomes fully developed when the boundary layers from the wall meet at the axis of the pipe (Fig. 9.7). The velocity profile is nearly rectangular at the entrance and it gradually changes to a parabolic profile at the fully developed region. Before the boundary layers from the periphery meet at the axis, there prevails a core region which is uninfluenced by viscosity. Since the volume-flow must be same for every section and the boundary-layer thickness increases in the flow direction, the inviscid core accelerates, and there is a corresponding fall in pressure. It can be shown that for laminar incompressible flows, the velocity profile approaches the parabolic profile through a distance  $Le$  from the entry of the pipe, which is given by

$$\frac{Le}{D} \approx 0.05 \text{ Re}, \quad \text{where } \text{Re} = \frac{U_{av} D}{\nu}$$

For a Reynolds number of 2000, this distance, which is often referred to as the entrance length is about 100 pipe-diameters. For turbulent flows, the entrance region is shorter, since the turbulent boundary layer grows faster.

At the entrance region, the velocity gradient is steeper at the wall, causing a higher value of shear stress as compared to a developed flow. In addition, momentum flux across any section in the entrance region is higher than that typically at the inlet due to the change in shape of the velocity profile. Arising out of these, an additional pressure drop is brought about at the entrance region as compared to the pressure drop in the fully developed region.

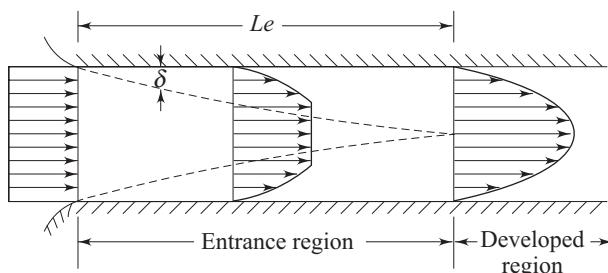


Fig. 9.7 Development of boundary layer in the entrance region of a duct

## 9.10 CONTROL OF BOUNDARY LAYER SEPARATION

It has already been seen that the total drag on a body is attributed to form drag and skin friction drag. In some flow configurations, the contribution of form drag becomes significant. In order to reduce the form drag, the boundary layer separation should be prevented or delayed so that somewhat better pressure recovery takes place and the form drag is reduced considerably. There are some popular methods for this purpose which are stated as follows.

- (i) By giving the profile of the body a streamlined shape as shown in Fig. 9.8. This has an elongated shape in the rear part to reduce the magnitude of the pressure gradient. The optimum contour for a streamlined body is the one for which the wake zone is very narrow and the form drag is minimum.

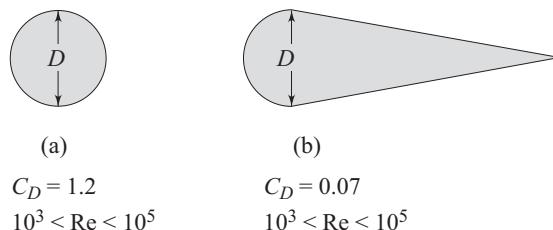


Fig. 9.8 Reduction of drag coefficient ( $C_D$ ) by giving the profile a streamlined shape

- (ii) The injection of fluid through porous wall can also control the boundary layer separation. This is generally accomplished by blowing high energy fluid particles tangentially from the location where separation would have taken place otherwise. This is shown in Fig. 9.9. The injection of fluid promotes turbulence and thereby increases skin friction. But the form drag is reduced considerably due to suppression of flow separation and this reduction can be of significant magnitude so as to ignore the enhanced skin friction drag.

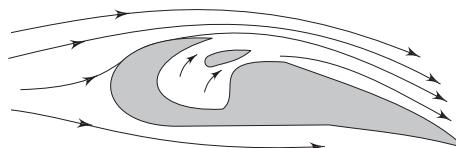


Fig. 9.9 Boundary layer control by blowing

## 9.11 MECHANICS OF BOUNDARY LAYER TRANSITION

One of the interesting problems in fluid mechanics is the physical mechanism of transition from laminar to turbulent flow. The problem evolves about the generation of both steady and unsteady vorticity near a body, its subsequent molecular diffusion, its kinematic and dynamic convection and redistribution downstream, and the resulting feedback on the velocity and pressure fields near the body. We can perhaps realise the complexity of the transition problem by examining the behaviour of a real flow past a cylinder.

Figure 9.10 (a) shows the flow past a cylinder for a very low Reynolds number ( $\sim 1$ ). The flow smoothly divides and reunites around the cylinder. At a Reynolds number of about 4, the flow separates in the downstream and the wake is formed

by two symmetric eddies. The eddies remain steady and symmetrical but grow in size up to a Reynolds number of about 40 as shown in Fig. 9.10(b).

When the Reynolds number crosses 40, oscillation in the wake induces asymmetry and finally the wake starts shedding vortices into the stream. This situation is termed as onset of periodicity as shown in Fig. 9.10(c) and the wake keeps on undulating up to a Reynolds number of 90. As the Reynolds number further increases, the eddies are shed alternately from a top and bottom of the cylinder and the regular pattern of alternately shed clockwise and counter-clockwise vortices form *Von Karman vortex street* as in Fig. 9.10(d). However, periodicity is eventually induced in the flow field with the vortex-shedding phenomenon. The periodicity is characterised by the frequency of vortex shedding  $f$ . In non-dimensional form, the vortex shedding frequency is expressed as  $fD/U_{\text{ref}}$ , known as the *Strouhal number* named after V. Strouhal, a German physicist who experimented with wires singing in the wind. The Strouhal number shows a slight but continuous variation with Reynolds number around a value of 0.21. At about  $Re = 500$ , multiple frequencies start showing up and the wake tends to become turbulent.

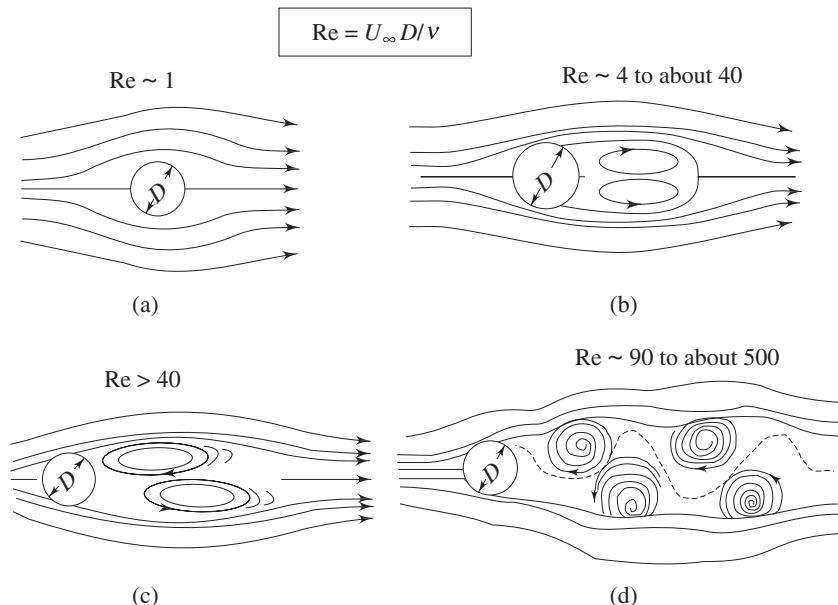


Fig. 9.10 Influence of Reynolds number on wake-zone aerodynamics

An understanding of the transitional flow processes will help in practical problems either by improving procedures for predicting positions or for determining methods of advancing or retarding the transition position.

The critical value at which the transition occurs in pipe flow is  $Re_{cr} = 2300$ . The actual value depends upon the disturbance in flow. Some experiments have shown the critical Reynolds number to reach as high as 40,000. The precise upper bound is not known, but the lower bound appears to be  $Re_{cr} = 2300$ . Below this value, the flow remains laminar even when subjected to strong disturbances.

For  $2300 \leq Re_{cr} \leq 2600$ , the flow alternates randomly between laminar and partially turbulent. Near the centerline, the flow is more laminar than turbulent, whereas near the wall, the flow is more turbulent than laminar. For flow over a flat plate, turbulent regime is observed between Reynolds numbers ( $U_\infty x/v$ ) of  $3.5 \times 10^5$  and  $10^6$ .

## 9.12 SEVERAL EVENTS OF TRANSITION

Transitional flow consists of several events as shown in Fig. 9.11. Let us consider the events one after another.

**1. Region of instability of small wavy disturbances** Consider a laminar flow over a flat plate aligned with the flow direction (Fig. 9.11). It has been seen that in the presence of an adverse pressure gradient, at a high Reynolds number (water velocity approximately 9-cm/sec), two-dimensional waves appear. These waves can be made visible by a method known as tellurium method. In 1929, Tollmien and Schlichting predicted that the waves would form and grow in the boundary layer. These waves are called *Tollmien-Schlichting* wave.

**2. Three-dimensional waves and vortex formation** Disturbances in the free stream or oscillations in the upstream boundary layer can generate wave growth, which has a variation in the spanwise direction. This leads an initially two-dimensional wave to a three-dimensional form. In many such transitional flows, periodicity is observed in the spanwise direction. This is accompanied by the appearance of vortices whose axes lie in the direction of flow.

**3. Peak-Valley development with streamwise vortices** As the three-dimensional wave propagates downstream, the boundary layer flow develops into a complex streamwise vortex system. However, within this vortex system, at some spanwise location, the velocities fluctuate violently. These locations are called peaks and the neighbouring locations of the peaks are valleys (Fig. 9.12).

**4. Vorticity concentration and shear layer development** At the spanwise locations corresponding to the peak, the instantaneous streamwise velocity profiles demonstrate the following. Often, an inflection is observed on the velocity profile. The inflectional profile appears and disappears once after each cycle of the basic wave.

**5. Breakdown** The instantaneous velocity profiles produce high shear in the outer region of the boundary layer. The velocity fluctuations develop from the shear layer at a higher frequency than that of the basic wave. However, these velocity fluctuations have a strong ability to amplify any slight three-dimensionality, which is already present in the flow field. As a result, a staggered vortex pattern evolves with the streamwise wavelength twice the wavelength of *Tollmien-Schlichting wavelength*. The spanwise wavelength of these structures is about one-half of the streamwise value. This is known as breakdown. Klebanoff et al. [8] refer to the high frequency fluctuations as hairpin eddies.

**6. Turbulent-spot development** The hairpin-eddies travel at a speed greater than that of the basic (primary) waves. As they travel downstream, eddies spread in the spanwise direction and towards the wall. The vortices begin a cascading breakdown into smaller vortices. In such a fluctuating state, intense local changes occur at random locations in the shear layer near the wall in the form of turbulent spots. Each spot grows almost linearly with the downstream distance. The creation of spots is considered as the main event of transition.

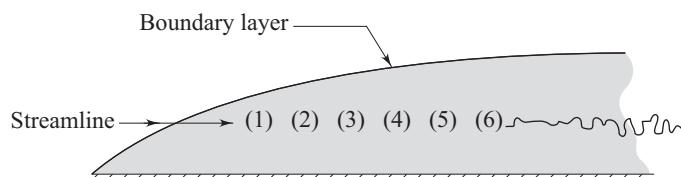


Fig. 9.11 Sequence of events involved in transition

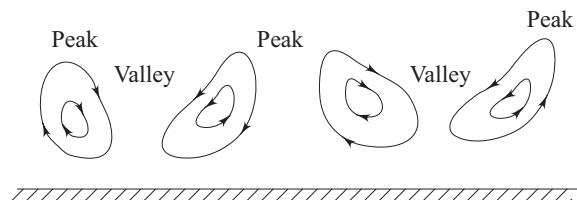


Fig. 9.12 Cross-stream view of the streamwise vortex system

## Summary

- The boundary layer is the thin layer of fluid adjacent to the solid surface. Phenomenologically, the effect of viscosity is very prominent within this layer.
- The main-stream velocity undergoes a change from zero at the solid-surface to the full magnitude through the boundary layer.
- Effectively, the boundary layer theory is a complement to the inviscid flow theory.
- The governing equation for the boundary layer can be obtained through correct reduction of the *Navier-Stokes equations* within the thin layer referred above. There is no variation in pressure in  $y$  direction within the boundary layer.
- The pressure is impressed on the boundary layer by the outer inviscid flow which can be calculated using *Bernoulli's equation*.
- The boundary layer equation is a second order non-linear partial differential equation. The exact solution of this equation is known as *similarity solution*. For the flow over a flat plate, the similarity solution is often referred to as *Blasius solution*. Complete analytical treatment of this solution is beyond the scope of this text. However, the momentum integral equation can be derived from the boundary layer equation which is amenable to analytical treatment.

- The solutions of the momentum integral equation are called approximate solutions of the boundary layer equation.
- The boundary layer equations are valid up to the point of separation. At the point of separation, the flow gets detached from the solid surface due to excessive adverse pressure gradient.
- Beyond the point of separation, the flow reversal produces eddies. During flow past bluff-bodies, the desired pressure recovery does not take place in a separated flow and the situation gives rise to *pressure drag* or *form drag*.

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## Solved Examples

**Example 9.1** Water flows over a flat plate at a free stream velocity of 0.15 m/s. There is no pressure gradient and laminar boundary layer is 6 mm thick. Assume a sinusoidal velocity profile

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)$$

For the flow conditions stated above, calculate the local wall shear stress and skin friction coefficient.

$$[\mu = 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/ms}, \rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3]$$

**Solution**

$$\tau = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \cdot \frac{\partial (u/U_\infty)}{\partial (y/\delta)}$$

$$= \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \frac{\pi}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{y}{\delta}\right) = \frac{1.57 \mu U_\infty}{\delta} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{y}{\delta}\right)$$

$$\tau_w = \tau|_{y=0} = \frac{1.57 \mu U_\infty}{\delta}$$

or

$$\tau_w = \frac{1.57 \times 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.15}{6 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.04 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_\infty^2} = \frac{2 \times 0.04}{1000 \times (0.15)^2} = 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

**Example 9.2** Air at standard conditions flows over a flat plate. The freestream speed is 3 m/sec. Find  $\delta$  and  $\tau_w$  at  $x = 1$  m from the leading edge (assume a cubic velocity profile). For air,  $\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$  and  $\rho = 1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

**Solution** Applying the results developed in section 9.7 for cubic velocity profile and the growth of boundary layer, we can write

$$\frac{U}{U_\infty} = \frac{3}{2} \eta - \frac{1}{2} \eta^3, \text{ where } \eta = \frac{y}{\delta} \text{ at any } x$$

and

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{4.64}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$$

For air with  $\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , the local Reynolds number at  $x$  is

$$Re_x = \frac{U_\infty x}{\nu} = \frac{3 \times 1}{1.5 \times 10^{-5}} = 2 \times 10^5$$

$$\delta = \frac{4.64 x}{\sqrt{Re_x}} = \frac{4.64 \times 1}{\sqrt{2 \times 10^5}} \text{ m} = 0.0103 \text{ m} = 10.3 \text{ mm}$$

$$\tau_w = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \cdot \frac{d}{d\eta} \left[ \frac{3}{2} \eta - \frac{1}{2} \eta^3 \right]_{\eta=0}$$

$$\tau_w = \frac{3 \mu U_\infty}{2 \delta} = \frac{3 \rho \nu U_\infty}{2 \delta}$$

or

$$\tau_w = \frac{3 \times 1.23 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \times 3}{2 \times 0.0103}$$

$$\tau_w = 8.06 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/m}^2$$

**Example 9.3** Air moves over a flat plate with a uniform free stream velocity of 10 m/s. At a position 15 cm away from the front edge of the plate, what is the boundary layer thickness? Use a parabolic profile in the boundary layer. For air,  $\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and  $\rho = 1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

**Solution** For a parabolic profile let us take

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = a + by + cy^2$$

The boundary conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } y = 0, \quad u &= 0 \\ \text{at } y = \delta, \quad u &= U_\infty \\ \text{at } y = \delta, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the constants we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u}{U_\infty} &= 2\left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) - \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^2 = 2\eta - \eta^2 \\ \text{Now } \tau_w &= \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \cdot \frac{\partial(u/U_\infty)}{\partial(y/\delta)} \Big|_{\eta=0} \\ &= \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \cdot \frac{d(2\eta - \eta^2)}{d\eta} \Big|_{\eta=0} = \frac{2\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Applying momentum integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_w &= \rho U_\infty^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 \frac{u}{U_\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_\infty}\right) d\eta \\ \frac{2\mu U_\infty}{\delta} &= \rho U_\infty^2 \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 (2\eta - \eta^2)(1 - 2\eta + \eta^2) d\eta \\ \frac{2\mu U_\infty}{\delta \rho U_\infty^2} &= \frac{d\delta}{dx} \int_0^1 (2\eta - 5\eta^2 + 4\eta^3 - \eta^4) d\eta \\ \text{or } \frac{2\mu}{\delta \rho U_\infty} &= \frac{2}{15} \frac{d\delta}{dx} \\ \text{or } \delta d\delta &= \frac{15\mu}{\rho U_\infty} dx \\ \frac{\delta^2}{2} &= \frac{15\mu}{\rho U_\infty} x + C \end{aligned}$$

It is assumed that at  $x = 0$ ,  $\delta = 0$  which yields  $C = 0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= \sqrt{\frac{30\mu}{\rho U_\infty} x} \\ \text{or } \frac{\delta}{x} &= \sqrt{\frac{30\mu}{\rho U_\infty x}} = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In this problem, } Re_x = \frac{10 \times 15 \times 10^{-2}}{1.5 \times 10^{-5}} = 1 \times 10^5$$

$$\delta = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \times 15 \text{ cm} = 0.259 \text{ cm}$$

or

$$\delta = 2.59 \text{ mm}$$

**Example 9.4** Air moves over a 10 m long flat plate. The transition from laminar to turbulent flow takes place between Reynolds numbers of  $2.5 \times 10^6$  and  $3.6 \times 10^6$ . What are the minimum and maximum distance from the front edge of the plate along which one expect laminar flow in the boundary layer? The free stream velocity is 30 m/s and  $\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ .

**Solution** We can see that the range of Reynolds numbers for laminar flow is  $2.5 \times 10^6$  to  $3.6 \times 10^6$

For the lower limit,

$$2.15 \times 10^6 = \frac{30x}{1.5 \times 10^{-5}}$$

or

$$x_{\min} = 1.075 \text{ m}$$

for the upper limit,

$$3.6 \times 10^6 = \frac{30x}{1.5 \times 10^{-5}}$$

or

$$x_{\max} = 1.8 \text{ m}$$

**Example 9.5** Water at  $15^\circ\text{C}$  flows over a flat plate at a speed of 1.2 m/s. The plate is 0.3 m long and 2 m wide. The boundary layer on each surface of the plane is laminar.

Assume the velocity profile is approximated by a linear expression for which  $\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{3.46}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$ .

Determine the drag force on the plate. For water  $\nu = 1.1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ,  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

**Solution** On a flat plate, the drag is due to skin friction acting on each side of the plate

$$F_D = 2 \int_0^L \tau_{wx} b \, dx$$

For linear profile  $\frac{u}{U_\infty} = \frac{y}{\delta}$  and  $\tau_w = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$

or

$$\tau_w = \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \cdot \frac{\partial (U/U_\infty)}{\partial (y/\delta)} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta}$$

$$F_D = 2 \int_0^L \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} b \, dx = 2 \int_2^L \frac{\mu U_\infty}{3.46} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu x}} \cdot b \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2 \mu U_\infty}{3.46} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu}} b \int_2^L \frac{1}{x^{(1/2)}} \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2\mu U_\infty b}{3.46} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty}{\nu}} \left[ 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^L \\
 &= \frac{4\mu U_\infty b}{3.46} \sqrt{\frac{U_\infty L}{\nu}} = \frac{\mu U_\infty b}{3.46} \sqrt{\text{Re}_L} \\
 \text{Re}_L &= \frac{U_\infty L}{\nu} = \frac{1.2 \times 0.3}{1.1 \times 10^{-6}} = 3.27 \times 10^5
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(\text{Re}_L)^{1/2} = 572$

Thus,  $F_D = \frac{4 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.2 \times 2 \times 572}{3.46} = 1.745 \text{ N}$

**Example 9.6** Air is flowing over a thin flat plate which is 1 m long and 0.3 m wide.

At the leading edge, the flow is assumed to be uniform and  $U_\infty = 30 \text{ m/s}$ . The flow condition is independent of  $z$  (see Fig. 9.13). Using the control volume  $abcd$ , calculate the mass flow rate across the surface  $ab$ . Determine the magnitude and direction of the  $x$  component of force required to hold the plate stationary. The velocity profile at  $bc$  is given by

$$\frac{U}{U_\infty} = 2\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^2$$

and  $\delta = 4 \text{ mm}$ . Density of air =  $1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$ .

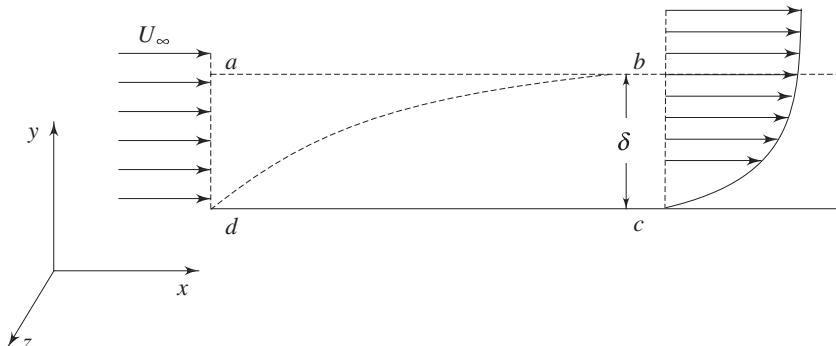


Fig. 9.13 Control volume of interest on flat plate

**Solution** At  $bc$ ,  $\frac{U}{U_\infty} = 2\eta - \eta^2$ ;  $\eta = y/\delta$

Steady state continuity equation is given by

$$\int_S \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

or  $-\rho U_\infty b \delta + \int_0^\delta \rho u b dy + \dot{m}_{ab} = 0$

$$\text{but } \int_0^\delta \rho u b \, dy = \rho U_\infty b \delta \int_0^1 (2\eta - \eta^2) d\eta = \rho U_\infty b \delta \left[ \eta^2 - \frac{\eta^3}{3} \right]_0^1 = \frac{2}{3} \rho U_\infty b \delta$$

$$m_{ab} = \rho U_\infty b \delta - \frac{2}{3} \rho U_\infty b \delta = \frac{1}{3} \rho U_\infty b \delta$$

$$\text{or } \dot{m}_{ab} = \frac{1}{3} \times 1.23 \times 30 \times 0.3 \times 0.004 = 0.0147 \text{ kg/s}$$

Steady state momentum equation is given by

$$\int_{CS} u \rho \vec{V} \cdot d\vec{A} = F_{sx}$$

$$\text{or } R_x = u_{da} \{-\rho U_\infty b \delta\} + u_{ab} m_{ab} + \int_0^\delta u \rho u b \, dy$$

But,  $u_{da} = u_{ab} = U_\infty$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\delta u \rho u b \, dy &= \rho U_\infty^2 b \delta \int_0^1 (2\eta - \eta^2)^2 d\eta \\ &= \rho U_\infty^2 b \delta \left[ \frac{4}{3} \eta^2 - \eta^4 + \frac{\eta^5}{3} \right]_0^1 = \frac{8}{15} \rho U_\infty^2 b \delta \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } R_x = -\rho U_\infty^2 b \delta + \frac{1}{3} \rho U_\infty^2 b \delta + \frac{8}{15} \rho U_\infty^2 b \delta = -\frac{2}{15} \rho U_\infty^2 b \delta$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_x &= -\frac{2}{15} \{1.23 \times (3)^2 \times 0.3 \times 0.004\} \\ &= -0.177 \text{ N (the force must be applied to the CV by the plate)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $F_x = R_x = 0.177 \text{ N (to the left)}$

## Exercises

### 9.1 Choose the correct answer

- The laminar boundary layer thickness on a flat plate varies as
  - $x^{(-1/2)}$
  - $x^{(4/5)}$
  - $x^{(1/2)}$
  - $x^2$
- The turbulent boundary layer thickness on a flat plate varies as
  - $x^{(+1/2)}$
  - $x^{(4/5)}$
  - $x^{(1/7)}$
  - $x^{(6/7)}$
- The injection of air through a porous wall can control the boundary layer separation on the upper curved surface of an aerofoil wing. The injection of fluid also promotes turbulence. The final result is
  - increase in the skin friction and decrease in the form drag
  - increase in the form drag and decrease in the skin friction
  - decrease in both the skin friction and form drag
  - increase in both the skin friction and form drag

- (iv) In the entrance region of a pipe, the boundary layer grows and the inviscid core accelerates. This is accompanied by a  
 (a) rise in pressure  
 (b) constant pressure gradient  
 (c) fall in pressure in the flow direction  
 (d) pressure pulse
- (v) Flow separation is caused by  
 (a) reduction of pressure to vapour pressure  
 (b) a negative pressure gradient  
 (c) a positive pressure gradient  
 (d) the boundary layer thickness reducing to zero.
- (vi) At the point of separation  
 (a) shear stress is zero  
 (b) velocity is negative  
 (c) pressure gradient is negative  
 (d) shear stress is maximum
- (vii) Choose the expression for the momentum thickness of an incompressible boundary layer  
 (a)  $\frac{5.0 x}{\sqrt{Re_x}}$   
 (b)  $\int_0^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) dy$   
 (c)  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{u}{U_{\infty}} \left(1 - \frac{u}{U_{\infty}}\right) dy$   
 (d)  $\int_0^{\infty} (u/U_{\infty}) dy$

- (viii) For cross flow over a circular cylinder at a Reynolds number  $\left[ Re = \frac{U_{\infty} D}{v} \right]$  greater than 200, the wake is  
 (a) at a pressure equal to the forward stagnation point  
 (b) at a pressure lower than the forward stagnation point  
 (c) the principal cause of skin friction  
 (d) at a pressure higher than the forward stagnation point

- 9.2 Nikuradse, a well known student of Prandtl, obtained experimental data for laminar flow over a flat plate placed at zero angle of attack. His measurements suggest

$$\frac{u}{U} = a \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right) + b \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^3$$

where,  $y$  is the perpendicular distance from the plate. The local velocity is  $u$ . Evaluate  $a$  and  $b$  from physical boundary conditions. Obtain the expressions for the boundary layer thickness  $\delta$ , displacement thickness  $\delta^*$ , momentum thickness  $\delta^{**}$  and the shear stress  $\tau_w$  on the surface of the plate.

$$Ans. (a = 3/2, b = -1/2, \delta/x = 4.64 / (Re_x)^{0.5}, \\ (\delta^*/x = 1.73 (Re_x)^{0.5}, \tau_w = 0.323 \mu (Re_x)^{0.5} U/x)$$

- 9.3 Given the choice between  $\cos Ay$  and  $\sin Ay$  as velocity profiles, which one would you prefer? To determine choice of the profile, find the displacement thickness, momentum thickness, wall shear stress and boundary layer thickness, from the momentum integral equation for flow over a flat plate.

$$Ans. (\sin Ay, \delta^* = 0.363 \delta, \delta^{**} = 0.137 \delta, \tau_w = \pi \mu U_{\infty} / 2 \delta, \delta/x = 4.8 / (Re_x)^{0.5})$$

- 9.4 For the laminar flow over a flat plate, the experiments confirm the velocity profile

$$\frac{u}{U} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^3. \quad \text{For the turbulent flow over a flat plate, the}$$

experimental observations over a range of Reynolds number suggest

$$\frac{u}{U} = \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^{1/7}. \quad \text{Find the ratio of } (\delta^*/\delta) \text{ for laminar and turbulent cases.}$$

$$Ans. (\delta^*/\delta)_{\text{laminar}} = 3/8, (\delta^*/\delta)_{\text{turbulent}} = 1/8$$

- 9.5 Assuming the velocity profile  $\frac{u}{U_\infty} = \tanh \frac{y}{a(x)}$  for the boundary layer over a flat plate at zero incidence, find the relations for  $\delta$ ,  $\delta^*$ ,  $\delta^{**}$  and  $\tau_w$ . Check whether the profile satisfies all the boundary conditions.

Note:  $a(x) \neq \delta(x)$  where  $\delta$  is such that at  $y = \delta$ ,  $u = 0.99 U_\infty$

$$Ans. (\delta/x = 6.76/(\text{Re}_x)^{0.5}, \delta^*/x = 1.77/(\text{Re}_x)^{0.5}, \delta^{**}/x = 0.783/(\text{Re}_x)^{0.5}, \tau_w = \mu U_\infty (\text{Re}_x)^{0.5}/2.553 x)$$

- 9.6 An approximate expression for the velocity profile in a steady, 2-D, incompressible boundary layer is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u}{U_\infty} &= 1 - e^{-\eta} + k \left( 1 - e^{-\eta} - \sin \frac{\pi \eta}{6} \right), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \eta \leq 3 \\ &= 1 - e^{-\eta} - k e^{-\eta}, \quad \text{for } \eta \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta = y/\delta(x)$ . Show that the profile satisfies the following boundary conditions

$$\text{at } y = 0, u = 0$$

$$\text{at } y = \infty, u = U_\infty, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Also find out  $k$  from an appropriate boundary condition.

$$Ans. (k = (\delta^2/v) (dU_\infty/dx) - 1)$$

- 9.7 Water of kinematic viscosity  $v = 1.02 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is flowing steadily over a smooth flat plate at zero angle of attack with a velocity  $1.6 \text{ m/s}$ . The length of the plate is  $0.3 \text{ m}$ . Calculate (a) the thickness of boundary layer at  $15 \text{ cm}$  from the leading edge (b) the rate-of-growth of boundary layer at  $15 \text{ cm}$  from the leading edge, and (c) the total drag coefficient on one side of the plate. Assume a parabolic velocity profile.

$$Ans. (\delta = 1.7 \text{ mm}, d\delta/dx = 5.625 \times 10^{-3}, C_f = 1.935 \times 10^{-3})$$

- 9.8 Water flows between two parallel walls as shown in Fig. 9.14. The velocity is uniform at the entrance and core region. Beyond a distance  $Le$  downstream from the entrance, the flow becomes fully developed so that the velocity varies over the entire width  $2h$  of the channel. In the boundary layer region, velocity varies as

$$u = U(x) \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^2 \quad \text{where } \delta = \alpha \sqrt{x}; \alpha \text{ being a constant. Determine the acceleration on the axis of symmetry for } 0 \leq x \leq Le.$$

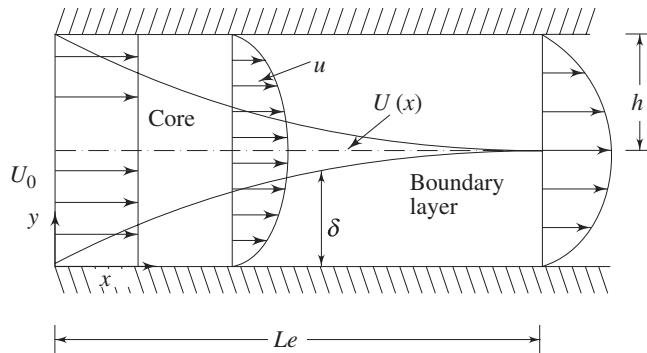


Fig. 9.14 Development of boundary layers in a channel

$$Ans. a = (U_0^2 / 3Le) (x/Le)^{-1/2} / (1 - (2/3)(x/Le)^{0.5})^3$$

- 9.9 Consider the laminar boundary layer on a flat plate with uniform suction velocity  $V_0$  as shown in Fig. 9.15:

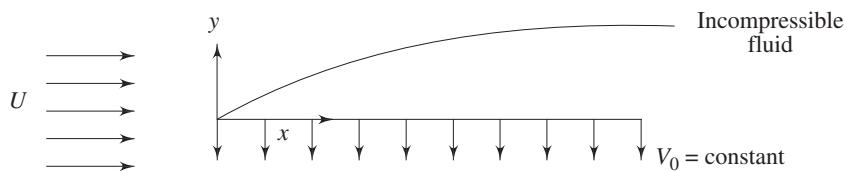


Fig. 9.15 Flow on a flat plate with uniform suction velocity

Far down the plate (large  $x$ ), a fully-developed situation may be shown to exist in which the velocity distribution does not vary with  $x$ . Find the velocity distribution in this region, as well as the wall shear. The governing equations are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} + v \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

The boundary conditions are at  $y = 0$ ,  $u = 0$ ,  $v = V_0$  and  $u(\infty) = U$

$$Ans. u = U \{1 - \exp(-V_0 y/v)\}, \tau_w = \rho U V_0$$

- 9.10 Consider a laminar boundary layer on flat plate with a velocity profile given by

$$\frac{u}{U} = \frac{3}{2} \eta - \frac{1}{2} \eta^3, \quad \text{where, } \eta = y/\delta$$

$$\text{For this profile } \frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{4.64}{\text{Re}_x}.$$

Determine an expression for the local skin friction coefficient in terms of distance and flow properties.

$$Ans. (C_f = 0.647 (\text{Re}_x)^{0.5})$$

- 9.11 A low-speed wind-tunnel is provided with air supply upto a speed of 50 m/s at 20 °C. One needs to study the behaviour of boundary-layer over a flat plate kept

inside the wind-tunnel, up to a Reynolds number of  $Re_x = 10^8$ . What is the minimum plate length that should be used? At what distance from the leading edge would the transition occur if the critical Reynolds number is  $Re_{x,c} = 3.5 \times 10^5$ ? At  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\nu$  of air is  $15.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ .

*Ans. ( $x_{\min} = 31.4 \text{ m}$ ,  $x_{\text{cr}} = 0.109 \text{ m}$ )*

- 9.12 Perform a numerical solution (develop a FORTRAN code) using Eq. (9.24) and a Runge-Kutta method (as outlined in the text) which will iterate the Blasius equation from an initial guess  $H(0) = 0.2$  and converge to the exact value of  $H(0) = 0.4696$ .
- 9.13 A liquid film of uniform thickness flows down the inner wall of vertical pipe, the thickness of the film being very small compared to the pipe radius. Show that, in the absence of any appreciable shear force on the free surface of the film, the volume flow of liquid per unit time,  $Q_1$ , is given by

$$Q_1 = \frac{2\pi r g t^3}{3\nu}$$

where,  $r$  is the pipe radius,  $g$  the gravitational acceleration,  $t$  is the thickness of the film and  $\nu$  is the kinematic viscosity of the liquid.

Show further that, if air flows up the pipe at such a rate that the free surface of the film remains at rest, then the volume flow of liquid per unit time,  $Q$ , is given by

$$Q \approx \frac{Q_1}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\rho g} \frac{dp}{dx} \right).$$

where  $\frac{dp}{dx}$  is the pressure drop along the pipe,  $\rho$  is the density of the liquid

and other symbols are as defined above.

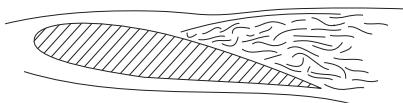
- 9.14 The velocity distribution in the laminar boundary layer is of the form

$$\frac{u}{U_e} = F(\eta) + \lambda G(\eta)$$

where,  $F(\eta) = \frac{3}{2}\eta - \frac{\eta^3}{2}$ ;  $G(\eta) = \frac{\eta}{4} - \frac{\eta^2}{2} + \frac{\eta^3}{4}$ ;  $\eta = \frac{y}{\delta}$  and  $\lambda = \frac{\delta^2}{\nu} \frac{dU_e}{dx}$

Find the value of  $\lambda$  when the flow is on the point of separating and show that then the displacement thickness will be half the boundary layer thickness.

# 10



# Turbulent Flow

## 10.1 INTRODUCTION

The turbulent motion is an irregular motion. The irregularity associated with turbulence is such that it can be described by the laws of probability and turbulent fluid motion can be considered as an irregular condition of flow in which various quantities (such as velocity components and pressure) show a random variation with time and space in such a way that the statistical average of those quantities can be quantitatively expressed.

An irregular motion is associated with random fluctuations. It is postulated that the fluctuations inherently come from disturbances (such as roughness of a solid surface) and they may be either damped out due to viscous damping or may grow by drawing energy from the free stream. At a Reynolds number less than the critical, the kinetic energy of flow is not enough to sustain the random fluctuation against the viscous damping and in such cases laminar flow continues to exist. At somewhat higher Reynolds number than the critical Reynolds number, the kinetic energy of flow supports the growth of fluctuations and transition to turbulence takes place.

## 10.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF TURBULENT FLOW

In view of the preceding discussion, the most important characteristic of turbulent motion is the fact that velocity and pressure at a point fluctuate with time in a random manner (Fig. 10.1).

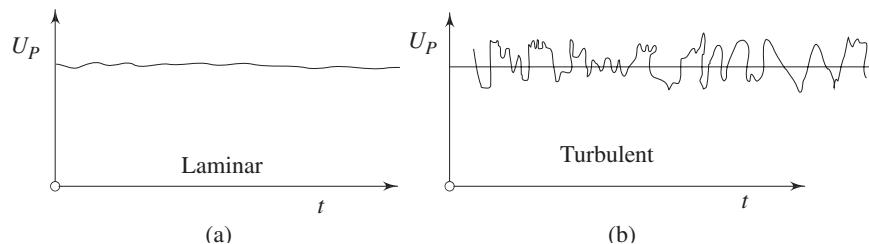


Fig. 10.1 Variation of  $u$  components of velocity for laminar and turbulent flows at a point  $P$

The mixing in turbulent flow is more due to these fluctuations. As a result we can see more uniform velocity distributions in turbulent pipe flows as compared to laminar flows (see Fig. 10.2).

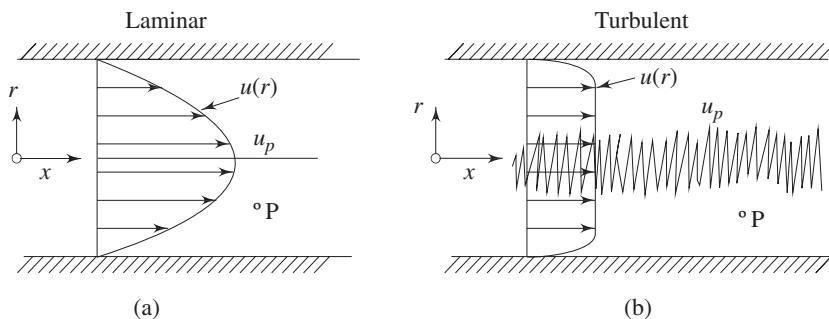


Fig. 10.2 Comparison of velocity profiles in a pipe for (a) laminar and (b) turbulent flows

Turbulence can be generated by frictional forces at the confining solid walls or by the flow of layers of fluids with different velocities over one another. The turbulence generated in these two ways are considered to be different. Turbulence generated and continuously affected by fixed walls is designated as *wall turbulence*, and turbulence generated by two adjacent layers of fluid in absence of walls is termed as *free turbulence*.

One of the effects of viscosity on turbulence is to make the flow more homogeneous and less dependent on direction. If the turbulence has the same structure quantitatively in all parts of the flow field, the turbulence is said to be *homogeneous*. Turbulence is called *isotropic* if its statistical features have no directional preference and perfect disorder persists. Its velocity fluctuations are independent of the axis of reference, i.e. invariant to axis rotation and reflection. Isotropic turbulence is by its definition always homogeneous. In such a situation, the gradient of the mean velocity does not exist. The mean velocity is either zero or constant throughout. However, when the mean velocity has a gradient, the turbulence is called *anisotropic*.

A little more discussion on homogeneous and isotropic turbulence is needed at this stage. The term homogeneous turbulence implies that the velocity fluctuations in the system are random. The average turbulent characteristics are independent of the position in the fluid, i.e., invariant to axis translation.

Consider the root mean square velocity fluctuations

$$u' = \sqrt{\bar{u}^2}, v' = \sqrt{\bar{v}^2}, w' = \sqrt{\bar{w}^2}$$

In homogeneous turbulence, the rms values of  $u'$ ,  $v'$  and  $w'$  can all be different, but each value must be constant over the entire turbulent field. It is also to be understood that even if the rms fluctuation of any component, say  $u'$ 's are constant over the entire field, the instantaneous values of  $u$  may differ from point to point at any instant.

In addition to its homogeneous nature, if the velocity fluctuations are independent of the axis of reference, i.e., invariant to axis rotation and reflection, the situation leads to isotropic turbulence, which by definition as mentioned earlier, is always homogeneous.

In isotropic turbulence fluctuations are independent of the direction of reference and

$$\sqrt{\bar{u}^2} = \sqrt{\bar{v}^2} = \sqrt{\bar{w}^2}$$

or  $u' = v' = w'$

Again it is of relevance to say that even if the rms fluctuations at any point are same, their instantaneous values may differ from each other at any instant.

Turbulent flow is also diffusive. In general, turbulence brings about better mixing of a fluid and produces an additional diffusive effect. The term “eddy-diffusion” is often used to distinguish this effect from molecular diffusion. The effects caused by mixing are as if the viscosity is increased by a factor of 100 or more. At a large Reynolds number there exists a continuous transport of energy from the free stream to the large eddies. Then, from the large eddies smaller eddies are continuously formed. Near the wall smallest eddies dissipate energy and destroy themselves.

### 10.3 LAMINAR–TURBULENT TRANSITION

For turbulent flow over a flat plate, the boundary layer starts out as laminar flow at the leading edge and subsequently, the flow turns into transition flow and very shortly thereafter turns into turbulent flow. The turbulent boundary layer continues to grow in thickness, with a small region below it called a viscous sublayer. In this sublayer, the flow is well behaved, just as the laminar boundary layer (Fig. 10.3).

A careful observation further suggests that at a certain axial location, the laminar boundary layer tends to become unstable. Physically this means that the disturbances in the flow grow in amplitude at this location.

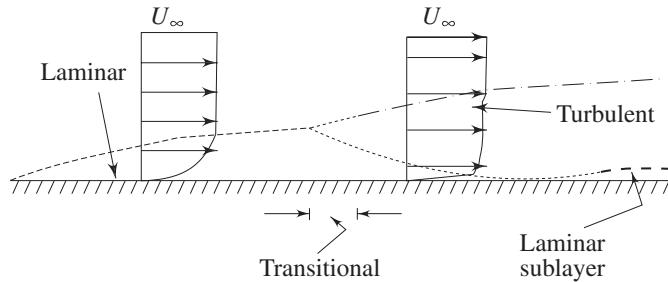


Fig. 10.3 Laminar-turbulent transition

Free stream turbulence, wall roughness and acoustic signals may be among the sources of such disturbances. Transition to turbulent flow is thus initiated with the instability in laminar flow. The possibility of instability in boundary layer was felt by Prandtl as early as 1912. The theoretical analysis of Tollmien and Schlichting showed that unstable waves could exist if the Reynolds number was 575. The Reynolds number was defined as

$$Re = U_\infty \delta^* / v$$

where  $U_\infty$  is the free stream velocity and  $\delta^*$  is the displacement thickness. Taylor developed an alternate theory, which assumed that the transition is caused by a momentary separation at the boundary layer associated with the free stream turbulence. In a pipe flow the initiation of turbulence is usually observed at Reynolds numbers ( $U_\infty D / v$ ) in the range of 2000 to 2700. The development starts with a laminar profile, undergoes a transition, changes over to turbulent profile and then stays turbulent thereafter (Fig. 10.4). The length of development is of the order of 25 to 40 diameters of the pipe. The mechanisms related to the growth and the decay of turbulence in a flow field are indeed an advanced topic and beyond the scope of this text. However, the interested readers may like to refer to Tennekes and Lumley [1] and Hinze [2] for advanced knowledge.

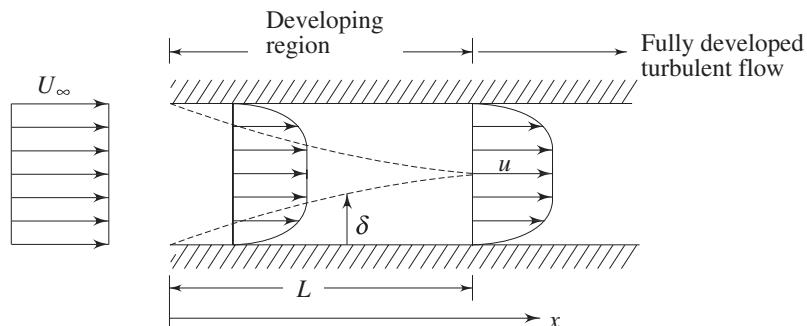


Fig. 10.4 Development of turbulent flow in a circular duct

## 10.4 CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

A statistical correlation can be applied to fluctuating velocity terms in turbulence. Turbulent motion is by definition eddying motion. Notwithstanding the circulation strength of the individual eddies, a high degree of correlation exists between the velocities at two points in space, if the distance between the points is smaller than the diameter of the eddy.

Consider a statistical property of a random variable (velocity) at two points separated by a distance  $r$ . An Eulerian correlation tensor (nine terms) at the two points can be defined by

$$\mathbf{Q} = \overline{\mathbf{u}(x)\mathbf{u}(x+r)}$$

In other words, the dependence between the two velocities at two points is measured by the correlations, i.e. the time averages of the products of the quantities measured at two points. The correlation of the  $u'$  components of the turbulent velocity of these two points is defined as

$$\overline{u'(x)u'(x+r)}$$

It is conventional to work with the non-dimensional form of the correlation, such as

$$R(r) = \frac{\overline{u'(x)u'(x+r)}}{\left(\overline{u'^2}(x)\overline{u'^2}(x+r)\right)^{1/2}}$$

A value of  $R(r)$  of unity signifies a perfect correlation of the two quantities involved and their motion is in phase. Negative value of the correlation function implies that the time averages of the velocities in the two correlated points have different signs. Figure 10.5 shows typical variations of the correlation  $R$  with increasing separation  $r$ .

To describe the evolution of a fluctuating function  $u'(t)$ , we need to know the manner in which the value of  $u'$  at different times are related. For this purpose a correlation function

$$R(\tau) = \overline{u'(t)u'(t+\tau)}/u'^2$$

between the values of  $u'$  at different times has been chosen. This is called autocorrelation function.

The correlation studies reveal that the turbulent motion is composed of eddies which are convected by the mean motion. The eddies have a wide range variation in their size. The size of the large eddies is comparable with the dimensions of the neighbouring objects or the dimensions of the flow passage. The size of the smallest eddies can be of the order of 1 mm or less. However, the smallest eddies are much larger than the molecular mean free paths and the turbulent motion obeys the principles of continuum mechanics.

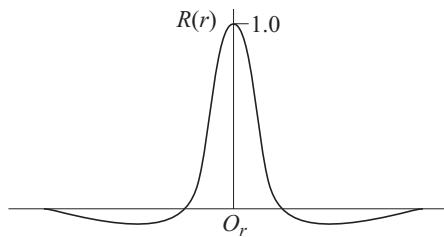


Fig. 10.5 Variation of  $R$  with the distance of separation  $r$

## 10.5 MEAN MOTION AND FLUCTUATIONS

In 1883, O. Reynolds conducted experiments with pipe flow by feeding into the stream a thin thread of liquid dye. For low Reynolds numbers, the dye traced a straight line and did not disperse. With increasing velocity, the dye thread got mixed in all directions and the flowing fluid appeared to be uniformly coloured in the downstream. It was conjectured that on the main motion in the direction of the axis, there existed a superimposed motion all along the main motion at right angles to it. The superimposed motion causes exchange of momentum in transverse direction and the velocity distribution over the cross-section is more uniform than in laminar flow. This description of turbulent flow which consists of superimposed streaming and fluctuating (eddying) motion is referred to as Reynolds decomposition of turbulent flow.

Here, we shall discuss different descriptions of mean motion. Generally, for Eulerian velocity  $u$ , the following two methods of averaging could be obtained.

(i) Time average for a stationary turbulence

$$\bar{u}^t(x_0) = \lim_{t_1 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t_1} \int_{-t_1}^{t_1} u(x_0, t) dt$$

(ii) Space average for a homogeneous turbulence

$$\bar{u}^s(t_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x} \int_{-x}^x u(x, t_0) dx$$

For a stationary and homogeneous turbulence, it is assumed that the two averages lead to the same result:  $\bar{u}^t = \bar{u}^s$  and the assumption is known as the *ergodic hypothesis*.

In our analysis, average of any quantity will be evaluated as a *time average*. We take  $t_1$  a finite interval. This interval must be larger than the time scale of turbulence. Needless to say that it must be small compared with the period  $t_2$  of any slow variation (such as periodicity of the mean flow) in the flow field that we do not consider to be *chaotic* or *turbulent*.

Thus, for a parallel flow, it can be written that the axial velocity component is

$$u(y, t) = \bar{u}(y) + u'(\Gamma, t) \quad (10.1)$$

As such, the time mean component  $\bar{u}(y)$  determines whether the turbulent motion is steady or not. Let us look at two different turbulent motions described in Fig. 10.6 (a) and (b). The symbol  $\Gamma$  signifies any of the space variables.

While the motion described by Fig. 10.6 (a) is for a turbulent flow with steady mean velocity the Fig. 10.6 (b) shows an example of turbulent flow with unsteady mean velocity. The time period of the high frequency fluctuating component is  $t_1$  whereas the time period for the unsteady mean motion is  $t_2$  and for obvious reason  $t_2 \gg t_1$ . Even if the bulk motion is parallel, the fluctuation  $u'$  being random varies in all directions. Now let us look at the continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

Invoking Eq. (10.1) in the above expression, we get

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (10.2)$$

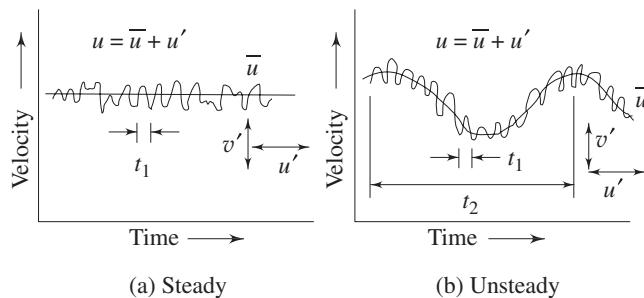


Fig. 10.6 Steady and unsteady mean motions in a turbulent flow

Since  $\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} \neq 0$ , Eq. (10.2) depicts that  $y$  and  $z$  components of velocity exist even

for the parallel flow if the flow is turbulent. We can write

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u(y, t) &= \bar{u}(y) + u'(\Gamma, t) \\ v &= 0 + v'(\Gamma, t) \\ w &= 0 + w'(\Gamma, t) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10.3)$$

However, the fluctuating components do not bring about the bulk displacement of a fluid element. The instantaneous displacement is  $u' dt$ , and that is not responsible for the bulk motion. We can conclude from the above

$$\int_{-T}^T u' dt = 0, \quad (t_1 < T \leq t_2)$$

Due to the interaction of fluctuating components, macroscopic momentum transport takes place. Therefore, interaction effect between two fluctuating components over a long period is non-zero and this can be expressed as

$$\int_{-T}^T u' v' dt \neq 0$$

We take time average of these two integrals and write

$$\bar{u}' = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T u' dt = 0 \quad (10.4a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \overline{u' v'} = \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^T u' v' dt \neq 0 \quad (10.4b)$$

Now, we can make a general statement with any two fluctuating parameters, say, with  $f'$  and  $g'$  as

$$\bar{f}' = \bar{g}' = 0 \quad (10.5a)$$

$$\overline{f' g'} \neq 0 \quad (10.5b)$$

The time averages of the spatial gradients of the fluctuating components also follow the same laws, and they can be written as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \bar{f}'}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial^2 f'}{\partial s^2} = 0 \\ \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial (\bar{f}' g')}{\partial s} &\neq 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10.6)$$

The *intensity of turbulence* or *degree of turbulence* in a flow is described by the relative magnitude of the root mean square value of the fluctuating components with respect to the time averaged main velocity. The mathematical expression is given by

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} (\overline{u'^2} + \overline{v'^2} + \overline{w'^2})} / U_\infty \quad (10.7a)$$

The degree of turbulence in a wind tunnel can be brought down by introducing screens of fine mesh at the bell mouth entry. In general, at a certain distance from the screens, the turbulence in a wind tunnel becomes isotropic, i.e. the mean oscillation in the three components are equal,

$$\overline{u'^2} = \overline{v'^2} = \overline{w'^2}$$

In this case, it is sufficient to consider the oscillation  $u'$  in the direction of flow and to put

$$I = \sqrt{\overline{u'^2}} / U_\infty \quad (10.7b)$$

This simpler definition of turbulence intensity is often used in practice even in cases when turbulence is not isotropic.

Following Reynolds decomposition, it is suggested to separate the motion into a mean motion and a fluctuating or eddying motion. Denoting the time average of

the  $u$  component of velocity by  $\bar{u}$  and fluctuating component as  $u'$ , we can write down the following,

$$u = \bar{u} + u', \quad v = \bar{v} + v', \quad w = \bar{w} + w', \quad p = \bar{p} + p' \quad (10.8)$$

By definition, the time averages of all quantities describing fluctuations are equal to zero.

$$\bar{u}' = 0, \quad \bar{v}' = 0, \quad \bar{w}' = 0, \quad \bar{p}' = 0 \quad (10.9)$$

The fluctuations  $u'$ ,  $v'$ , and  $w'$  influence the mean motion  $\bar{u}$ ,  $\bar{v}$  and  $\bar{w}$  in such a way that the mean motion exhibits an apparent increase in the resistance to deformation. In other words, the effect of fluctuations is an apparent increase in viscosity or macroscopic momentum diffusivity.

We shall state some rules of mean time-averages here. If  $f$  and  $g$  are two dependent variables and if  $s$  denotes any one of the independent variables  $x, y, z$ ,  $t$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f} &= \bar{f}; \quad \bar{f+g} = \bar{f} + \bar{g}; \quad \bar{f \cdot g} = \bar{f} \cdot \bar{g}; \\ \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial s} &= \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial s}; \quad \int \bar{f} ds = \int \bar{f} ds \end{aligned} \quad (10.10)$$

## 10.6 DERIVATION OF GOVERNING EQUATIONS FOR TURBULENT FLOW

For incompressible flows, the Navier–Stokes equations can be rearranged in the form

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(u^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(uv)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(uw)}{\partial z} \right] = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \nabla^2 u \quad (10.11a)$$

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(uv)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(v^2)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(vw)}{\partial z} \right] = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \nabla^2 v \quad (10.11b)$$

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(uw)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(vw)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(w^2)}{\partial z} \right] = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \nabla^2 w \quad (10.11c)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (10.12)$$

Let us express the velocity components and pressure in terms of time-mean values and corresponding fluctuations. In continuity equation, this substitution and subsequent time averaging will lead to

$$\frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\bar{v} + v')}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\bar{w} + w')}{\partial z} = 0$$

or 
$$\left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial z} \right) + \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{w}'}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

Since  $\frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \bar{v}'}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \bar{w}'}{\partial z} = 0$  [From Eq. (10.6)]

We can write

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (10.13a)$$

From Eqs (10.13a) and (10.12), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w'}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (10.13b)$$

It is evident that the time-averaged velocity components and the fluctuating velocity components, each satisfy the continuity equation for incompressible flow. Let us imagine a two-dimensional flow in which the turbulent components are independent of the  $z$ -direction. Eventually, Eq. (10.13b) tends to

$$\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} = - \frac{\partial v'}{\partial y} \quad (10.14)$$

On the basis of condition (10.14), it is postulated that if at an instant there is an increase in  $u'$  in the  $x$ -direction, it will be followed by an increase in  $v'$  in the negative  $y$ -direction. In other words,  $\bar{u}'\bar{v}'$  is non-zero and negative. This is another important consideration within the framework of mean-motion description of turbulent flows.

Invoking the concepts of (10.8) into the equations of motion (10.11a, b, c), we obtain expressions in terms of mean and fluctuating components. Now, forming time averages and considering the rules of (10.10) we discern the following. The terms which are linear, such as  $\frac{\partial u'}{\partial t}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 u'}{\partial x^2}$  vanish when they are averaged [from (10.6)]. The same is true for the mixed terms like  $\bar{u} \cdot u'$ , or  $\bar{u} \cdot v'$ , but the quadratic terms in the fluctuating components remain in the equations. After averaging, they form  $\bar{u}'^2$ ,  $\bar{u}'\bar{v}'$  etc.

For example, if we perform the aforesaid exercise on the  $x$  momentum equation, we shall obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho \left[ \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')(\bar{v} + v')}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} + u')(\bar{w} + w')}{\partial z} \right] \\ &= - \frac{\partial(\bar{p} + p')}{\partial x} + \mu \left[ \frac{\partial^2(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2(\bar{u} + u')}{\partial z^2} \right] \\ \text{or } & \rho \left\{ \frac{\partial \bar{u}^0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}^0}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u}^2 + \bar{u}'^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} + \bar{u}'\bar{v}')}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{w} + \bar{u}'\bar{w}')}{\partial z} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \bar{p}'}{\partial x} + \mu \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial z^2} + \left( \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}'}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}'}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}'}{\partial z^2} \right) \right] \\
 \text{or} \quad &\rho \left\{ \frac{\partial(\bar{u}^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v})}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\bar{u} \cdot \bar{w})}{\partial z} \right\} = -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{u} \\
 &\quad - \rho \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial z} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Introducing simplifications arising out of continuity Eq. (10.13a), we shall obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho \left[ \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} \right] &= -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{u} \\
 -\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial z} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Performing a similar treatment on  $y$  and  $z$  momentum equations, finally we obtain the momentum equations in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho \left[ \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} \right] &= -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{u} \\
 -\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}'}{\partial z} \right] \quad (10.15a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho \left[ \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial z} \right] &= -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial y} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{v} \\
 -\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{v}'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}'}{\partial z} \right] \quad (10.15b)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho \left[ \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial z} \right] &= -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial z} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{w} \\
 -\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{w}'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{w}'}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{w}'}{\partial z} \right] \quad (10.15c)
 \end{aligned}$$

The left hand side of Eqs (10.15a)–(10.15c) are essentially similar to the steady-state Navier–Stokes equations if the velocity components  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  are replaced by  $\bar{u}$ ,  $\bar{v}$  and  $\bar{w}$ . The same argument holds good for the first two terms on the right hand side of Eqs (10.15a)–(10.15c). However, the equations contain some additional terms which depend on turbulent fluctuations of the stream. These additional terms can be interpreted as components of a stress tensor. Now, the resultant surface force per unit area due to these terms may be considered as

$$\rho \left[ \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} \right] = -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{u}$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sigma'_{xx} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \tau'_{yx} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tau'_{zx} \right] \quad (10.16a)$$

$$\rho \left[ \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{\omega}}{\partial x} + \bar{\omega} \frac{\partial \bar{\omega}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{\omega}}{\partial z} \right] = - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial y} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{\omega} \\ + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \tau'_{xy} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sigma'_{yy} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tau'_{zy} \right] \quad (10.16b)$$

$$\rho \left[ \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial y} + \bar{w} \frac{\partial \bar{w}}{\partial z} \right] = - \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial z} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{w} \\ + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \tau'_{xz} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \tau'_{yz} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sigma'_{zz} \right] \quad (10.16c)$$

Comparing Eqs (10.15) and (10.16), we can write

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma'_{xx} & \tau'_{xy} & \tau'_{xz} \\ \tau'_{xy} & \sigma'_{yy} & \tau'_{yz} \\ \tau'_{xz} & \tau'_{yz} & \sigma'_{zz} \end{bmatrix} = -\rho \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}'^2 & \bar{u}'\bar{v}' & \bar{u}'\bar{w}' \\ \bar{u}'\bar{v}' & \bar{v}'^2 & \bar{v}'\bar{w}' \\ \bar{u}'\bar{w}' & \bar{v}'\bar{w}' & \bar{w}'^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10.17)$$

It can be said that the mean velocity components of turbulent flow satisfy the same Navier–Stokes equations of laminar flow. However, for the turbulent flow, the laminar stresses must be increased by additional stresses which are given by the stress tensor (10.17). These additional stresses are known as apparent stresses of turbulent flow or *Reynolds stresses*. Since turbulence is considered as eddying motion and the aforesaid additional stresses are added to the viscous stresses due to mean motion in order to explain the complete stress field, it is often said that the apparent stresses are caused by eddy viscosity. The total stresses are now

$$\sigma_{xx} = -\bar{p} + 2\mu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} - \rho \bar{u}'^2 \\ \tau_{xy} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial x} \right) - \rho \bar{u}'\bar{v}' \quad (10.18)$$

and so on. The apparent stresses are much larger than the viscous components, and the viscous stresses can even be dropped in many actual calculations.

## 10.7 TURBULENT BOUNDARY LAYER EQUATIONS

For a two-dimensional flow ( $w = 0$ ) over a flat plate, the thickness of turbulent boundary layer is assumed to be much smaller than the axial length and the order of magnitude analysis (refer to Chapter-9) may be applied. As a consequence, the following inferences are drawn:

$$(a) \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (b) \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} = \frac{d\bar{p}}{dx}$$

(c)  $\frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2} \ll \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2}$ , and

(d)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\overline{\rho u'^2} \right) \ll \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -\overline{\rho u'v'} \right)$

The turbulent boundary layer equation together with the equation of continuity becomes

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (10.19)$$

$$\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \nu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} - \overline{u'v'} \right] \quad (10.20)$$

A comparison of Eq. (10.20) with laminar boundary layer Eq. (9.10) depicts that:  $u, v$  and  $p$  are replaced by the time average values  $\bar{u}, \bar{v}$  and  $\bar{p}$ , and laminar viscous force per unit volume  $\frac{\partial(\tau_l)}{\partial y}$  is replaced by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\tau_l + \tau_t)$ , where  $\tau_l = \mu \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}$  is the laminar shear stress and  $\tau_t = -\rho u' v'$  is the turbulent stress.

## 10.8 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

All the components of apparent stresses vanish at the solid walls and only stresses which act near the wall are the viscous stresses of laminar flow. The boundary conditions, to be satisfied by the mean velocity components, are similar to laminar flow. A very thin layer next to the wall behaves like a near wall region of the laminar flow. This layer is known as *laminar sublayer* and its velocities are such that the viscous forces dominate over the inertia forces. No turbulence exists in it (see Fig. 10.7). For a developed turbulent flow over a flat plate, in the near wall region, inertial effects are insignificant, and we can write from Eq. (10.20),

$$\nu \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial(\overline{u'v'})}{\partial y} = 0$$

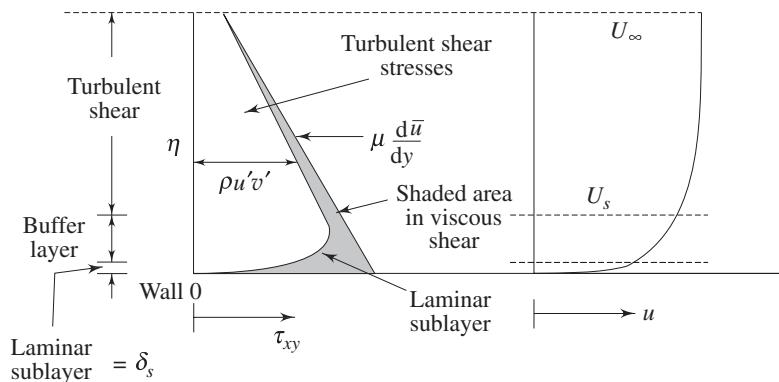


Fig. 10.7 Different zones of a turbulent flow past a wall

which can be integrated as,  $\frac{v \partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} - \bar{u}' v' = \text{constant}$

Again, as we know that the fluctuating components, do not exist near the wall, the shear stress on the wall is purely viscous and it follows

$$v \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$$

However, the wall shear stress in the vicinity of the laminar sublayer is estimated as

$$\tau_w = \mu \left[ \frac{U_s - 0}{\delta_s - 0} \right] = \mu \frac{U_s}{\delta_s} \quad (10.21a)$$

where  $U_s$  is the fluid velocity at the edge of the sublayer. The flow in the sublayer is specified by a velocity scale (characteristic of this region). We define the friction velocity,

$$u_\tau = \left[ \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} \right]^{1/2} \quad (10.21b)$$

as our velocity scale. Once  $u_\tau$  is specified, the structure of the sublayer is specified. It has been confirmed experimentally that the turbulent intensity distributions are scaled with  $u_\tau$ . For example, maximum value of the  $u'^2$  is always about  $8u_\tau^2$ . The relationship between  $u_\tau$  and the  $U_s$  can be determined from Eqs (10.21a) and (10.21b) as

$$u_\tau^2 = \nu \frac{U_s}{\delta_s}$$

Let us assume  $U_s = \bar{C} U_\infty$ . Now we can write

$$u_\tau^2 = \bar{C} \nu \frac{U_\infty}{\delta_s} \text{ where } \bar{C} \text{ is a proportionality constant} \quad (10.22a)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\delta_s u_\tau}{\nu} = \bar{C} \left[ \frac{U_\infty}{u_\tau} \right] \quad (10.22b)$$

Hence, a non-dimensional coordinate may be defined as,  $\eta = \frac{y u_\tau}{\nu}$  which will

help us estimating different zones in a turbulent flow. The thickness of laminar sublayer or viscous sublayer is considered to be  $\eta \approx 5$ . Turbulent effect starts in the zone of  $\eta > 5$  and in a zone of  $5 < \eta < 70$ , laminar and turbulent motions coexist. This domain is termed as buffer zone. Turbulent effects far outweigh the laminar effect in the zone beyond  $\eta = 70$  and this regime is termed as turbulent core.

For flow over a flat plate, the turbulent shear stress ( $-\rho \bar{u}' \bar{v}'$ ) is constant throughout in the  $y$  direction and this becomes equal to  $\tau_w$  at the wall. In the event

of flow through a channel, the turbulent shear stress ( $-\rho \bar{u}' \bar{v}'$ ) varies with  $y$  and it is possible to write

$$\frac{\tau_t}{\tau_w} = \frac{\zeta}{h} \quad (10.22c)$$

where the channel is assumed to have a height  $2h$  and  $\zeta$  is the distance measured from the centreline of the channel ( $= h - y$ ). Figure 10.7 explains such variation of turbulent stress.

## 10.9 SHEAR STRESS MODELS

In analogy with the coefficient of viscosity for laminar flow, J. Boussinesq introduced a mixing coefficient  $\mu_t$  for the Reynolds stress term by invoking

$$\tau_t = -\overline{\rho u' v'} = \mu_t \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}$$

Now the expressions for shearing stresses are written as

$$\tau_l = \rho v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \tau_t = \mu_t \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \rho v_t \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}$$

such that the equation

$$\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\{ v \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} - \overline{u' v'} \right\}$$

may be written as

$$\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\{ (v + v_t) \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right\} \quad (10.23)$$

The term  $v_t$  is known as *eddy viscosity* and the model is known as *eddy viscosity* model. The difficulty in using Eq. (10.23) can be discussed herein. The value of  $v_t$  is not known. The term  $v$  is a property of the fluid whereas  $v_t$  is attributed to random fluctuations and is not a property of the fluid. However, it is necessary to find out empirical relations between  $v_t$  and the mean velocity. We shall discuss one such well known relation between the aforesaid apparent or eddy viscosity and the mean velocity components in the following subsection.

### 10.9.1 Prandtl's Mixing Length Hypothesis

Let us consider a fully developed turbulent boundary layer (Fig. 10.3). The streamwise mean velocity varies only from streamline to streamline. The main flow direction is assumed parallel to the  $x$ -axis (Fig. 10.8).

The time average components of velocity are given by  $\bar{u} = \bar{u} (y)$ ,  $\bar{v} = 0$ ,  $\bar{w} = 0$ . The fluctuating component of transverse velocity  $v'$  transports mass and momentum across a plane at  $y_1$  from the wall. The shear stress due to the fluctuation is

given by  $\tau_t = -\rho \overline{u'v'} = \mu_t \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}$  (10.24)

A lump of fluid, which comes to the layer  $y_1$  from a layer  $(y_1 - l)$  has a positive value of  $v'$ . If the lump of fluid retains its original momentum then its velocity at its current location  $y_1$  is smaller than the velocity prevailing there. The difference in velocities is then

$$\Delta u_1 = \bar{u}(y_1) - \bar{u}(y_1 - l) \approx l \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)_{y_1} \quad (10.25)$$

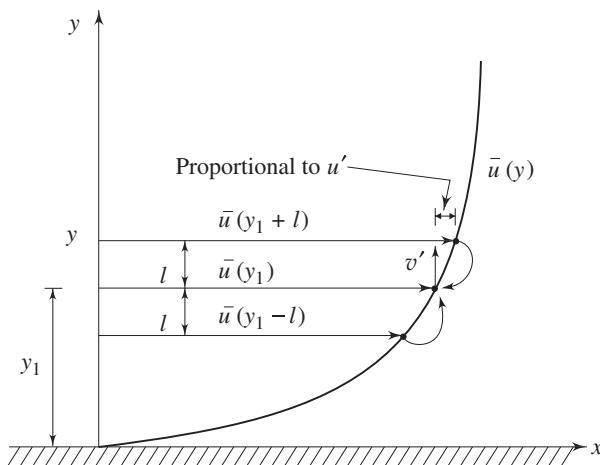


Fig. 10.8 One-dimensional parallel flow and Prandtl's mixing length hypothesis

The above expression is obtained by expanding the function  $\bar{u}(y_1 - l)$  in a Taylor series and neglecting all higher order terms and higher order derivatives. As it is said,  $l$  is a small length scale known as Prandtl's mixing length. Prandtl proposed that the transverse displacement of any fluid particle is, on an average, ' $l$ '. Let us consider another lump of fluid with a negative value of  $v'$ . This is arriving at  $y_1$  from  $(y_1 + l)$ . If this lump retains its original momentum, its mean velocity at the current lamina  $y_1$  will be somewhat more than the original mean velocity of  $y_1$ . This difference is given by

$$\Delta u_2 = \bar{u}(y_1 + l) - \bar{u}(y_1) \approx l \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)_{y_1} \quad (10.26)$$

The velocity differences caused by the transverse motion can be regarded as the turbulent velocity components at  $y_1$ . We calculate the time average of the absolute value of this fluctuation as

$$|\overline{u'}| = \frac{1}{2} (|\Delta u_1| + |\Delta u_2|) = l \left( \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right| \right)_{y_1} \quad (10.27)$$

Suppose these two lumps of fluid meet at a layer  $y_1$ . The lumps will collide with a velocity  $2u'$  and diverge. This proposes the possible existence of transverse velocity component in both directions with respect to the layer at  $y_1$ . Now, suppose that the two lumps move away in a reverse order from the layer  $y_1$  with a velocity  $2u'$ . The empty space will be filled from the surrounding fluid creating transverse velocity components which will again collide at  $y_1$ . Keeping in mind this argument and the physical explanation accompanying Eqs (10.14), we may state that

$$|\bar{v}'| \sim |\bar{u}'|$$

$$\text{or} \quad |\bar{v}'| = \text{const} \quad |\bar{u}'| = (\text{const}) \quad l \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right|$$

along with the condition that the moment at which  $u'$  is positive,  $v'$  is more likely to be negative and conversely when  $u'$  is negative. Possibly, we can write at this stage

$$\text{or} \quad \bar{u}' \bar{v}' = - C_1 |\bar{u}'| |\bar{v}'| \quad \bar{u}' \bar{v}' = - C_2 l^2 \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (10.28)$$

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are different proportionality constants. However, the constant  $C_2$  can now be included in still unknown mixing length and Eq. (10.28) may be rewritten as

$$\bar{u}' \bar{v}' = - l^2 \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

For the expression of turbulent shearing stress  $\tau_t$ , we may write

$$\tau_t = - \rho \bar{u}' \bar{v}' = \rho l^2 \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (10.29)$$

After comparing this expression with the eddy viscosity concept and Eq. (10.24), we may arrive at a more precise definition,

$$\tau_t = \rho l^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right| \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right) = \mu_t \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \quad (10.30a)$$

where the apparent viscosity may be expressed as

$$\mu_t = \rho l^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right| \quad (10.30b)$$

and the apparent kinematic viscosity is given by

$$\nu_t = l^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right| \quad (10.30c)$$

The decision of expressing one of the velocity gradients of Eq. (10.29) in terms of its modulus as  $\left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right|$  was made in order to assign a sign to  $\tau_t$  according to the sign of  $\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}$ . It may be mentioned that the apparent viscosity and consequently, the mixing length are not properties of fluid. They are dependent on turbulent fluctuation. However, our problem is still not resolved. How to determine the value of "l" the mixing length? Several correlations, using experimental results for  $\tau_t$  have been proposed to determine  $l$ .

However, so far the most widely used value of mixing length in the regime of isotropic turbulence is given by

$$l = \chi y \quad (10.31)$$

where  $y$  is the distance from the wall and  $\chi$  is known as von Karman constant ( $\approx 0.4$ ).

### 10.10 UNIVERSAL VELOCITY DISTRIBUTION LAW AND FRICTION FACTOR IN DUCT FLOWS FOR VERY LARGE REYNOLDS NUMBERS

For flows in a rectangular channel at very large Reynolds numbers the laminar sublayer can practically be ignored. The channel may be assumed to have a width  $2h$  and the  $x$  axis will be placed along the bottom wall of the channel. We shall consider a turbulent stream along a smooth flat wall in such a duct and denote the distance from the bottom wall by  $y$ , while  $u(y)$  will signify the velocity. In the neighbourhood of the wall, we shall apply

$$l = \chi y$$

According to Prandtl's assumption, the turbulent shearing stress will be

$$\tau_t = \rho \chi^2 y^2 \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (10.32)$$

At this point, Prandtl introduced an additional assumption which like a plane Couette flow takes a constant shearing stress throughout, i.e

$$\tau_t = \tau_w \quad (10.33)$$

where  $\tau_w$  denotes the shearing stress at the wall. Invoking once more the friction

velocity  $u_\tau = \left[ \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} \right]^{1/2}$ , we obtain

$$u_\tau^2 = \chi^2 y^2 \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \quad (10.34)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{u_\tau}{\chi y} \quad (10.35)$$

On integrating we find

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u_\tau}{\chi} \ln y + C \quad (10.36)$$

Despite the fact that Eq. (10.36) is derived on the basis of the friction velocity in the neighbourhood of the wall because of the assumption that  $\tau_w = \tau_t = \text{constant}$ , we shall use it for the entire region. At  $y = h$  (at the horizontal mid plane of the channel), we have  $\bar{u} = U_{\max}$ . The constant of integration is eliminated by considering

$$U_{\max} = \frac{u_\tau}{\chi} \ln h + C$$

or

$$C = U_{\max} - \frac{u_\tau}{\chi} \ln h$$

Substituting  $C$  in Eq. (10.36), we get

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{U_{\max} - \bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \ln \left( \frac{h}{y} \right) \quad (10.37)$$

Equation (10.37) is known as universal velocity defect law of Prandtl and its distribution has been shown in Fig. 10.9.

Here, we have seen that the friction velocity  $u_\tau$  is a reference parameter for velocity. We shall now discuss the problem with  $(\bar{u}/u_\tau)$  and  $\eta$  ( $= y u_\tau/v$ ) as parameters. Equation (10.36) can be rewritten once again for this purpose as

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \ln y + C$$

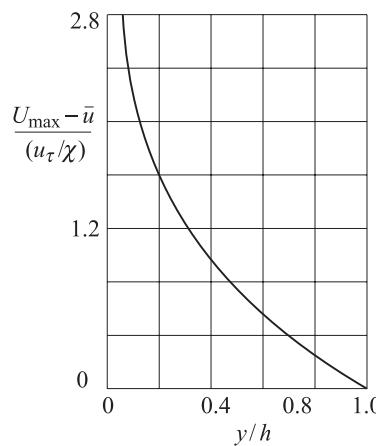


Fig. 10.9 Distribution of universal velocity defect law of Prandtl in a turbulent channel flow

The no-slip condition at the wall cannot be satisfied with a finite constant of integration. This is expected that the appropriate condition for the present problem

should be that  $\bar{u} = 0$  at a very small distance  $y = y_0$  from the wall. Hence, Eq. (10.36) becomes

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} (\ln y - \ln y_0) \quad (10.38)$$

The distance  $y_0$  is of the order of magnitude of the thickness of the viscous layer. Now we can write Eq. (10.38) as

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \left[ \ln y \frac{u_\tau}{v} - \ln \beta \right]$$

or 
$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = A_1 \ln \eta + D_1 \quad (10.39)$$

where  $A_1 = (1/\chi)$ , the unknown  $\beta$  is included in  $D_1$ .

Equation (10.39) is generally known as the *universal velocity* profile because of the fact that it is applicable from moderate to a very large Reynolds number. However, the constants  $A_1$  and  $D_1$  have to be found out from experiments. The aforesaid profile is not only valid for channel (rectangular) flows, it retains the same functional relationship for circular pipes as well. It may be mentioned that even without the assumption of having a constant shear stress throughout, the universal velocity profile can be derived. Interested readers are referred to Example 10.3.

Experiments, performed by J. Nikuradse, showed that Eq. (10.39) is in good agreement with experimental results. Based on Nikuradse's and Reichardt's experimental data, the empirical constants of Eq. (10.39) can be determined *for a smooth pipe as*

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = 2.5 \ln \eta + 5.5 \quad (10.40)$$

This velocity distribution has been shown through curve (b) in Fig. 10.10.

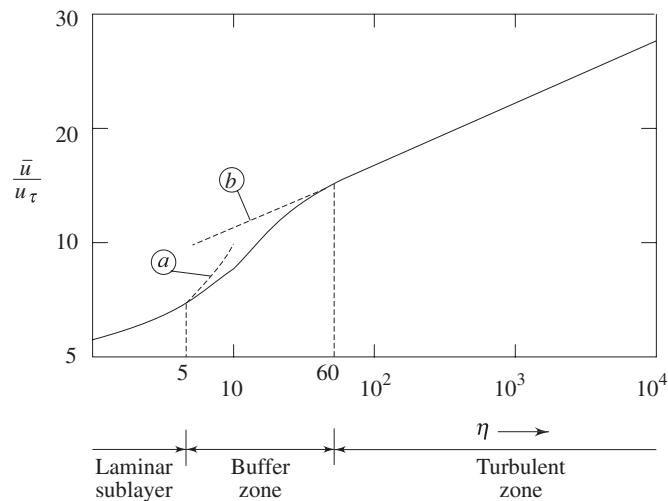


Fig. 10.10 The universal velocity distribution law for smooth pipes

However, the corresponding friction factor concerning Eq. (10.40) is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = 2.0 \log_{10} (\text{Re} \sqrt{f}) - 0.8 \quad (10.41)$$

As mentioned earlier, the universal velocity profile does not match very close to the wall where the viscous shear predominates the flow. However, von Karman suggested a modification for the *laminar sublayer* and the *buffer zone* which are

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \eta = \frac{u_\tau y}{v} \quad \text{for } \eta < 5.0 \quad (10.42)$$

and

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = 11.5 \log_{10} \frac{u_\tau y}{v} - 3.0 \quad \text{for } 5 < \eta < 60 \quad (10.43)$$

Equation (10.42) has been shown through curve (a) in Fig. 10.10.

It may be worthwhile to mention here that a surface is said to be hydraulically smooth so long

$$0 \leq \frac{\varepsilon_p u_\tau}{v} \leq 5 \quad (10.44)$$

where  $\varepsilon_p$  is the average height of the protrusions inside the pipe.

Physically, the above expression means that for smooth pipes protrusions will not be extended outside the laminar sublayer. If protrusions exceed the thickness of laminar sublayer, it is conjectured (also justified through experimental verification) that some additional frictional resistance will contribute to pipe friction due to the form drag experienced by the protrusions in the boundary layer. In rough pipes experiments indicate that the velocity profile may be expressed as:

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = 2.5 \ln \frac{y}{\varepsilon_p} + 8.5 \quad (10.45)$$

At the centre-line, the maximum velocity is expressed as

$$\frac{U_{\max}}{u_\tau} = 2.5 \ln \frac{R}{\varepsilon_p} + 8.5 \quad (10.46)$$

Note that  $v$  no longer appears with  $R$  and  $\varepsilon_p$ . This means that for completely rough zone of turbulent flow, *the profile is independent of Reynolds number and a strong function of pipe roughness*. However, for pipe roughness of varying degrees, the recommendation due to Colebrook and White works well. Their formula is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = 1.74 - 2.0 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_p}{R} + \frac{18.7}{\text{Re} \sqrt{f}} \right] \quad (10.47)$$

where  $R$  is the pipe radius.

For  $\varepsilon_p \rightarrow 0$ , this equation produces the result of the smooth pipes (Eq. (10.41)). For  $\text{Re} \rightarrow \infty$ , it gives the expression for friction factor for a completely rough pipe at a very high Reynolds number which is given by

$$f = \frac{1}{\left( 2 \log \frac{R}{\epsilon_p} + 1.74 \right)^2} \quad (10.48)$$

Turbulent flow through pipes has been investigated by many researchers because of its enormous practical importance.

In the next section, we shall discuss, in detail the velocity distribution and other important aspects of turbulent pipe flows.

### 10.11 FULLY DEVELOPED TURBULENT FLOW IN A PIPE FOR MODERATE REYNOLDS NUMBERS

The entry length of a turbulent flow is much shorter than that of a laminar flow, J. Nikuradse determined that a fully developed profile for turbulent flow can be observed after an entry length of 25 to 40 diameters. We shall focus herein our attention to fully developed turbulent flow. Considering a fully developed turbulent pipe flow (Fig. 10.11) we can write

$$2 \pi R \tau_w = - \left( \frac{dp}{dx} \right) \pi R^2 \quad (10.49)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \left( - \frac{dp}{dx} \right) = \frac{2\tau_w}{R} \quad (10.50)$$

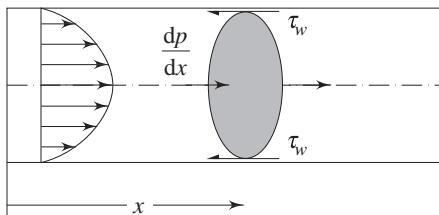


Fig. 10.11 Fully developed turbulent pipe flow

It can be said that in a fully developed flow, the pressure gradient balances the wall shear stress only and has a constant value at any  $x$ . However, the friction factor (Darcy friction factor) is defined in a fully developed flow as

$$- \left( \frac{dp}{dx} \right) = \frac{\rho f U_{av}^2}{2D} \quad (10.51)$$

Comparing Eq. (10.50) with Eq. (10.51), we can write

$$\tau_w = \frac{f}{8} \rho U_{av}^2 \quad (10.52)$$

H. Blasius conducted a critical survey of available experimental results and established the empirical correlation for the above equation as

$$f = 0.3164 \text{ Re}^{-0.25}, \text{ where } \text{Re} = \rho U_{av} D / \mu \quad (10.53)$$

It is found that the Blasius's formula is valid in the range of Reynolds number of  $Re \leq 10^5$ . At the time when Blasius compiled the experimental data, results for higher Reynolds numbers were not available. However, later on, J. Nikuradse carried out experiments with the laws of friction in a very wide range of Reynolds numbers,  $4 \times 10^3 \leq Re \leq 3.2 \times 10^6$ . The velocity profile in this range follows:

$$\frac{u}{\bar{u}} = \left[ \frac{y}{R} \right]^{1/n} \quad (10.54)$$

where  $\bar{u}$  is the time mean velocity at the pipe centre and  $y$  is the *distance from the wall*. The exponent  $n$  varies slightly with Reynolds number. In the range of  $Re \sim 10^5$ ,  $n$  is 7.

The ratio of  $\bar{u}$  and  $U_{av}$  for the aforesaid profile is found out by considering the volume flow rate  $Q$  as

$$Q = \pi R^2 U_{av} = \int_0^R 2\pi r u \, dr$$

or 
$$\pi R^2 U_{av} = 2\pi \bar{u} \int_R^0 (R - y) (y/R)^{1/n} (-dy)$$

or 
$$\pi R^2 U_{av} = 2\pi \bar{u} \left[ \frac{n}{n+1} \left( R^{\frac{n-1}{n}} y^{\frac{n+1}{n}} \right) - \frac{n}{2n+1} \left( y^{\frac{2n+1}{n}} R^{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \right]_0^R$$

or 
$$\pi R^2 U_{av} = 2\pi \bar{u} \left[ R^2 \frac{n}{n+1} - \frac{n}{2n+1} R^2 \right]$$

or 
$$\pi R^2 U_{av} = 2\pi R^2 \bar{u} \left[ \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(2n+1)} \right]$$

or 
$$\frac{U_{av}}{\bar{u}} = \frac{2 n^2}{(n+1)(2n+1)} \quad (10.55a)$$

Now, for different values of  $n$  (for different Reynolds numbers) we shall obtain different values of  $U_{av}/\bar{u}$  from Eq. (10.55a). On substitution of Blasius resistance formula (10.53) in Eq. (10.52), the following expression for the shear stress at the wall can be obtained.

$$\tau_w = \frac{0.3164}{8} Re^{-0.25} \rho U_{av}^2$$

or 
$$\tau_w = 0.03955 \rho U_{av}^2 \left( \frac{v}{2R U_{av}} \right)^{1/4}$$

or 
$$\tau_w = 0.03325 \rho U_{av}^{7/4} \left( \frac{v}{R} \right)^{1/4}$$

or 
$$\tau_w = 0.03325 \rho \left( \frac{U_{av}}{\bar{u}} \right)^{7/4} (\bar{u})^{7/4} \left( \frac{v}{R} \right)^{1/4}$$

For  $n = 7$ ,  $U_{av}/\bar{u}$  becomes equal to 0.8. Substituting  $U_{av}/\bar{u} = 0.8$  in the above equation, we get

$$\tau_w = 0.03325 \rho (0.8)^{1/4} (\bar{u})^{7/4} (v/R)^{1/4}$$

Finally it produces  $\tau_w = 0.0225 \rho (\bar{u})^{7/4} (v/R)^{1/4}$  (10.55b)

or  $u_\tau^2 = 0.0225 (\bar{u})^{7/4} \left(\frac{v}{R}\right)^{1/4}$

where  $u_\tau$  is friction velocity. However,  $u_\tau^2$  may be splitted into  $u_\tau^{7/4}$  and  $u_\tau^{1/4}$  and we obtain

$$\left(\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau}\right)^{7/4} = 44.44 \left(\frac{u_\tau R}{v}\right)^{1/4}$$

or  $\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = 8.74 \left(\frac{u_\tau R}{v}\right)^{1/7}$  (10.56a)

Now we can assume that the above equation is not only valid at the pipe axis ( $y = R$ ) but also at any distance from the wall and a general form is proposed as

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = 8.74 \left(\frac{yu_\tau}{v}\right)^{1/7}$$
 (10.56b)

In conclusion, it can be said that (1/7)th power velocity distribution law (10.56b) can be derived from Blasius's resistance formula (10.53). Equation (10.55b) gives the shear stress relationship in pipe flow at a moderate Reynolds number, i.e  $Re \leq 10^5$ . Unlike very high Reynolds number flow, here laminar effect cannot be neglected and the laminar sublayer brings about remarkable influence on the outer zones.

It is worth mentioning that the friction factor for pipe flows,  $f$ , defined by Eq. (10.53) is valid for a specific range of Reynolds number and for a particular surface condition. The experimental results for a wide range of Reynolds numbers and variety of pipe roughness can be summarized through *Moody diagram* which has been shown in Chapter 11.

## 10.12 SKIN FRICTION COEFFICIENT FOR BOUNDARY LAYERS ON A FLAT PLATE

Calculations of skin friction drag on lifting surface and on aerodynamic bodies are somewhat similar to the analyses of skin friction on a flat plate. Because of zero pressure gradient, the flat plate at zero incidence is easy to consider. In some of the applications cited above, the pressure gradient will differ from zero but the skin friction will not be dramatically different so long there is no separation.

We begin with the momentum integral equation for flat plate boundary layer which is valid for both laminar and turbulent flow.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( U_\infty^2 \delta^{**} \right) = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho} \quad (10.57a)$$

Invoking the definition of  $C_{fx}$   $\left( C_{fx} = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_\infty^2} \right)$ , Eq. (10.57a) can be rewritten as

$$C_{fx} = 2 \frac{d\delta^{**}}{dx} \quad (10.57b)$$

Due to the similarity in the laws of wall, correlations of previous section may be applied to the flat plate by substituting  $\delta$  for  $R$  and  $U_\infty$  for the time mean velocity at the pipe centre. The rationale for using the turbulent pipe flow results in the situation of a turbulent flow over a flat plate is to consider that the time mean velocity, at the centre of the pipe is analogous to the free stream velocity, both the velocities being defined at the edge of boundary layer thickness.

Finally, the velocity profile will be [following Eq. (10.54)]

$$\frac{u}{U_\infty} = \left[ \frac{y}{\delta} \right]^{1/7} \quad \text{for } Re \leq 10^5 \quad (10.58)$$

If we evaluate momentum thickness with this profile, we shall obtain

$$\delta^{**} = \int_0^{\delta} \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^{1/7} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^{1/7} \right] dy = \frac{7}{72} \delta \quad (10.59)$$

Consequently, the law of shear stress (in range of  $Re \leq 10^5$ ) for the flat plate is found out by making use of the pipe flow expression of Eq. (10.55b) as

$$\tau_w = 0.0225 \rho (\bar{u})^{7/4} \left( \frac{v}{R} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\tau_w}{\rho (\bar{u})^2} = 0.0225 \left[ \frac{v}{R \bar{u}} \right]^{1/4}$$

Substituting  $U_\infty$  for  $\bar{u}$  and  $\delta$  for  $R$  in the above expression, we get

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\tau_w}{\rho U_\infty^2} = 0.0225 \left[ \frac{v}{\delta U_\infty} \right]^{1/4} \quad (10.60)$$

Once again substituting Eqs (10.59) and (10.60) in Eq. (10.57), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or} \quad & \frac{7}{72} \cdot \frac{d\delta}{dx} = 0.0225 \left[ \frac{v}{\delta U_\infty} \right]^{1/4} \\ & \delta^{1/4} \frac{d\delta}{dx} = 0.2314 \left[ \frac{v}{U_\infty} \right]^{1/4} \\ & \text{or} \quad \delta^{5/4} = 0.2892 x \left( \frac{v}{U_\infty} \right)^{1/4} + C \end{aligned} \quad (10.61)$$

For simplicity, if we assume that the turbulent boundary layer grows from the leading edge of the plate we shall be able to apply the boundary conditions  $x = 0$ ,  $\delta = 0$  which will yield  $C = 0$ , and Eq. (10.61) will become

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta/x)^{5/4} &= 0.2892 \left[ \frac{v}{xU_\infty} \right]^{1/4} \\ \text{or } \frac{\delta}{x} &= 0.37 \left[ \frac{v}{xU_\infty} \right]^{1/5} \\ \text{or } \frac{\delta}{x} &= 0.37 (\text{Re}_x)^{-1/5} \quad (10.62) \\ \text{where } \text{Re}_x &= (U_\infty x)/v \end{aligned}$$

From Eqs (10.57b), (10.59) and (10.62), it is possible to calculate the average skin friction coefficient on a flat plate as

$$\bar{C}_f = 0.072 (\text{Re}_L)^{-1/5} \quad (10.63)$$

It can be shown that Eq. (10.63) predicts the average skin friction coefficient correctly in the regime of Reynolds number below  $2 \times 10^6$ .

This result is found to be in good agreement with the experimental results in the range of Reynolds number between  $5 \times 10^5$  and  $10^7$  which is given by

$$\bar{C}_f = 0.074 (\text{Re}_L)^{-1/5} \quad (10.64)$$

Equation (10.64) is a widely accepted correlation for the average value of turbulent skin friction coefficient on a flat plate.

With the help of Nikuradse's experiments, Schlichting obtained the semi-empirical equation for the average skin friction coefficient as

$$\bar{C}_f = \frac{0.455}{(\log \text{Re})^{2.58}} \quad (10.65)$$

Equation (10.65) was derived assuming the flat plate to be completely turbulent over its entire length. In reality, a portion of it is laminar from the leading edge to some downstream position. For this purpose, it was suggested to use

$$\bar{C}_f = \frac{0.455}{(\log \text{Re})^{2.58}} - \frac{A}{\text{Re}} \quad (10.66a)$$

where  $A$  has various values depending on the value of Reynolds number at which the transition takes place. If the transition is assumed to take place around a Reynolds number of  $5 \times 10^5$ , the average skin friction correlation of Schlichting can be written as

$$\bar{C}_f = \frac{0.455}{(\log \text{Re})^{2.58}} - \frac{1700}{\text{Re}} \quad (10.66b)$$

All that we have presented so far, are valid for a smooth plate. Schlichting used a logarithmic expression for turbulent flow over a rough surface and derived

$$\bar{C}_f = \left( 1.89 + 1.62 \log \frac{L}{\varepsilon_p} \right)^{-2.5} \quad (10.67)$$

## Summary

- Turbulent motion is an irregular motion of fluid particles in a flow field. However, for homogeneous and isotropic turbulence, the flow field can be described by time-mean motions and fluctuating components. This is called Reynolds decomposition of turbulent flow.
- In a three dimensional flow field, the velocity components and the pressure can be expressed in terms of the time-averages and the corresponding fluctuations. Substitution of these dependent variables in the Navier–Stokes equations for incompressible flow and subsequent time averaging yield the governing equations for the turbulent flow. The mean velocity components of turbulent flow satisfy the same Navier–Stokes equations for laminar flow. However, for the turbulent flow, the laminar stresses are increased by additional stresses arising out of the fluctuating velocity components. These additional stresses are known as apparent stresses of turbulent flow or Reynolds stresses.
- In analogy with the laminar shear stresses, the turbulent shear stresses can be expressed in terms of mean velocity gradients and a mixing coefficient known as eddy viscosity. The eddy viscosity ( $\nu_t$ ) can be expressed as  $\nu_t = l^2 \left| \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right|$ , where  $l$  is known as Prandtl's mixing length.
- For a homogeneous and isotropic turbulence, most widely used value of mixing length is given by  $l = \chi y$ . In this expression,  $y$  is the distance from the wall and  $\chi$  is known as von Karman constant ( $\approx 0.4$ ). For high Reynolds number, fully developed turbulent duct flows, the velocity profile is given by

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = A_1 \ln \eta + D_1$$

where  $\bar{u}$  is the time-mean velocity at any  $\eta$  ( $= y u_\tau / v$ ) and  $u_\tau$  is the friction velocity given by  $\sqrt{\tau_w / \rho}$ . The constants  $A_1$  and  $D_1$  are determined from experiments which are 2.5 and 5.5, respectively, for smooth pipes. The corresponding friction factor ( $f$ ) is given by

$$\text{the expression } \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = 2.0 \log_{10} (\text{Re} \sqrt{f}) - 0.8.$$

- However, for pipe roughness of varying degree, the following recommendation of Colebrook and White works well

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = 1.74 - 2.0 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_p}{R} + \frac{18.7}{\text{Re} \sqrt{f}} \right]$$

where  $\varepsilon_p/R$  is pipe roughness.

- In the range of  $\text{Re} \leq 10^5$ , the velocity distribution in a smooth pipe is given by

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = 8.74 \left( \frac{yu_\tau}{V} \right)^{1/7}$$

- The friction factor in this regime is given by Blasius as

$$f = 0.3164 (\text{Re})^{-0.25}$$

- The growth of boundary layer for turbulent flow over a flat plate is given by

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = 0.37 (\text{Re}_x)^{-1/5}$$

- The expression for the average skin friction coefficient on the entire plate of length  $L$  has been determined as

$$\bar{C}_f = 0.072 (\text{Re}_L)^{-1/5}$$

- This result is found to be in good agreement with the experimental results in the range of  $5 \times 10^5 < \text{Re} < 10^7$  which is given by

$$\bar{C}_f = 0.074 (\text{Re}_L)^{-1/5}$$

- For turbulent flow over a rough plate, the average skin friction coefficient is given by

$$\bar{C}_f = \left( 1.89 + 1.62 \log \frac{L}{\epsilon_p} \right)^{-2.5}$$

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## Solved Examples

### Example 10.1

Prove that

$$\overline{\int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \phi d\xi} = \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \bar{\phi} d\xi$$

where  $\phi$  is a continuous function of  $\xi$

*Solution*

$$\overline{\int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \phi d\xi} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \left[ \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \phi d\xi \right] dt$$

Changing the order of integration, we can write

$$\text{or} \quad \overline{\int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \phi d\xi} = \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \frac{1}{T} \left[ \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \phi dt \right] d\xi$$

$$\text{or} \quad \overline{\int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \phi d\xi} = \int_{t-T/2}^{t+T/2} \overline{\phi} d\xi$$

**Example 10.2** The well known scientist *Theodore von Karman* suggested the mixing length to be  $l = \chi \left| \frac{d\bar{u}/dy}{d^2\bar{u}/dy^2} \right|$ . Using this relation drive the velocity profile near the wall of a flat-plate boundary layer flow.

**Solution** We know

$$\tau_t = \mu_t \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}, \text{ where } \mu_t = \rho l^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right|$$

$$\text{So,} \quad \tau_t = \rho l^2 \left| \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right|^2$$

Substituting *von Karman's* suggestion, we get

$$\tau_t = \frac{\rho \chi^2 (d\bar{u}/dy)^2 (d\bar{u}/dy)^2}{(d^2\bar{u}/dy^2)^2} = \frac{\rho \chi^2 (d\bar{u}/dy)^4}{(d^2\bar{u}/dy^2)^2}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \left( \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right)^4 = \frac{\tau_t}{\rho} \frac{1}{\chi^2} \left( \frac{d^2\bar{u}}{dy^2} \right)^2$$

Assuming  $\tau_t = \tau_w$  and considering  $u_\tau = \sqrt{\tau_w/\rho}$

$$\left( \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right)^4 = \frac{u_\tau^2}{\chi^2} \left( \frac{d^2\bar{u}}{dy^2} \right)^2$$

Taking the square root, and applying physical argument that  $(d\bar{u}/dy)$  cannot be imaginary, we obtain

$$\left( \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \right)^2 = \pm \frac{u_\tau}{\chi} \left( \frac{d^2\bar{u}}{dy^2} \right)$$

Let

$$m = d\bar{u}/dy$$

then

$$dm/dy = \pm \frac{\chi}{u_\tau} m^2$$

Integration yields,

$$-\frac{1}{m} = \pm \frac{\chi}{u_\tau} y + C_1$$

Using  $m \Rightarrow \infty$  as  $y \Rightarrow 0$ , we get  $C_1 = 0$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} = \frac{u_\tau}{\chi y}, \quad \text{since } \frac{d\bar{u}}{dy} \geq 0$$

Integrating, we obtain,

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u_\tau}{\chi} \ln y + C_2$$

$$\text{At some value } y = y_0, \bar{u} = 0$$

$$\text{Invoking this, } C_2 = -\frac{u_\tau}{\chi} \ln y_0$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \cdot \ln(y - y_0)$$

Let us substitute  $y_0 = \beta \frac{v}{u_\tau}$  order of which is same as viscous sublayer and  $\beta$  is an arbitrary constant.

We shall get, thus,

$$\frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \left( \ln \frac{u_\tau y}{v} - \ln \beta \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\bar{u}}{u_\tau} = A_1 \ln \eta + D_1$$

This is the universal velocity profile.

**Example 10.3** Using Karman's relation  $l = \chi \left| \frac{d\bar{u}/dy}{d^2\bar{u}/dy^2} \right|$ , show that the universal

velocity distribution in a fully developed channel flow (Fig. 10.11) is given by

\frac{U\_{\max} - \bar{u}}{u\_\tau} = - \frac{1}{\chi} \left[ \ln \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{y}{h}} \right) + \sqrt{\frac{y}{h}} \right]

where,  $2h$  is the height of the channel,  $y$  is the distance measured from the centre line of the channel and  $\chi$  is an empirical constant. The pressure gradient in flow direction is  $-(dp/dx)$ .

**Solution** From Reynolds equation, we get

$$\frac{\partial(\tau_t)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{or } \tau_t = \left( \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} \right) y + C_1$$

At  $y = 0$ ,  $\tau_t = 0$ , that makes  $C_1 = 0$

$$\text{Thus, } \tau_t = \left( \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} \right) y$$

and

$$\tau_w = \left( \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x} \right) h$$

we get

$$\frac{\tau_t}{\tau_w} = \frac{y}{h}$$

From Karman's relation, we can write

$$\tau_t = \frac{\rho \chi^2 (\partial \bar{u} / \partial y)^4}{(\partial^2 \bar{u} / \partial y^2)^2}$$

Then

$$\tau_w = \frac{h \rho \chi^2 (\partial \bar{u} / \partial y)^4}{y (\partial^2 \bar{u} / \partial y^2)^2}$$

$$u_\tau^2 = \frac{h \chi^2 (\partial \bar{u} / \partial y)^4}{y (\partial^2 \bar{u} / \partial y^2)^2}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2} = \pm \frac{\chi}{u_\tau} \sqrt{\frac{h}{y}} \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2$$

Substituting for  $m = \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}$  and integrating,

$$-\frac{1}{m} = \pm 2 \frac{\chi}{u_\tau} \sqrt{hy} + C_2$$

at  $y = h$ ,  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and  $C_2 = \pm 2 \frac{\chi}{u_\tau} h$

Now, we know that  $\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} \leq 0$  for  $y > 0$  and we write

$$d\bar{u} = -\frac{u_\tau}{2\chi h} \int \frac{dy}{1 - \sqrt{y/h}}$$

Substituting for  $\xi = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{y}{h}}$  and integrating,

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u_\tau}{\chi} [\ln \xi - \xi] + C_3$$

or

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u_\tau}{\chi} \left[ \ln \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{y}{h}} \right) - \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{y}{h}} \right) \right] + C_3$$

at  $y = 0$ ,  $\bar{u} = U_{\max}$

$$C_3 = U_{\max} + \frac{u_\tau}{\chi}$$

Finally,

$$\frac{U_{\max} - \bar{u}}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \left[ \ln \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{y}{h}} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{y}{h}} \right]$$

**Example 10.4** During flow over a flat plate the laminar boundary layer undergoes a transition to turbulent boundary layer as the flow proceeds in the downstream. It is observed that a parabolic laminar profile is finally changed into a 1/7th power law velocity profile in the turbulent regime. Find out the ratio of turbulent and laminar boundary layers if the momentum flux within the boundary layer remains constant.

**Solution** Assume width of the boundary layers be  $a$ . Then momentum flux is

$$A = \int u \rho u a dy = \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta \int \left( \frac{u}{U_\infty} \right)^2 d\eta$$

where  $\eta = y/\delta$

$$\text{For laminar flow, } \frac{u}{U_\infty} = 2 \eta - \eta^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{lam}} &= \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta_{\text{lam}} \int_0^1 (4\eta^2 - 4\eta^3 + \eta^4) d\eta \\ &= \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta_{\text{lam}} \left[ \frac{4}{3}\eta^3 - \eta^4 + \frac{\eta^5}{5} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{8}{15} \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta_{\text{lam}} \end{aligned}$$

For 1/7th power law turbulent profile,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{u}}{U_\infty} &= \eta^{1/7} \\ A_{\text{turb}} &= \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta_{\text{turb}} \int_0^1 (\eta^{1/7})^2 d\eta \\ &= \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta_{\text{turb}} \int_0^1 \eta^{2/7} d\eta \\ &= \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta_{\text{turb}} \left[ \frac{7}{9} \eta^{9/7} \right]_0^1 = \frac{7}{9} \rho U_\infty^2 a \delta_{\text{turb}} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the momentum fluxes,

$$\frac{\delta_{\text{turb}}}{\delta_{\text{lam}}} = \frac{72}{105}$$

It is to be noted that generally turbulent boundary layer grows faster than the laminar boundary layer when a completely turbulent flow is considered from the leading edge. However the present result is valid at transition for a constant momentum flow.

**Example 10.5** Air ( $\rho = 1.23 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\nu = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ) is flowing over a flat plate. The free stream speed is 15 m/s. At a distance of 1 m from the leading edge, calculate  $\delta$  and  $\tau_w$  for (a) completely laminar flow, and (b) completely turbulent flow for a 1/7th power law velocity profile.

**Solution** Applying the results developed in Chapters 9 and 10, we can write for parabolic velocity profile (laminar flow)

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{Re_x}} \text{ and } \tau_w = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0}$$

$$Re_x = \frac{Ux}{v} = \frac{15 \times 1}{1.5 \times 10^{-5}} = 1.0 \times 10^6$$

$$\delta = \frac{5.48}{\sqrt{1.0 \times 10^6}} \times 1 \text{ m} = 5.48 \text{ mm}$$

$$\tau_w = \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\mu U_\infty}{\delta} \cdot \frac{d}{d\eta} [2\eta - \eta^2]_{\eta=0}$$

$$\tau_w = \frac{2 \times 1.23 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \times 15}{0.00548} = 0.101 \text{ N/m}^2$$

For turbulent flow,

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{0.37}{(Re_x)^{1/5}} \text{ (from Eq. 10.62)}$$

or  $\delta = \frac{0.370}{(1.0 \times 10^6)^{1/5}} \times 1 \text{ m} = 23.34 \text{ mm}$

or  $\delta/x = 0.0233$

$$\tau_w = 0.0225 \rho U_\infty^2 \left( \frac{v}{U_\infty \delta} \right)^{1/4} \text{ (from Eq. 10.60)}$$

$$\tau_w = 0.0225 \times 1.23 \times (15)^2 \left( \frac{v}{U_\infty x} \cdot \frac{x}{\delta} \right)^{1/4}$$

or  $\tau_w = 0.0225 \times 1.23 \times (15)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{1.0 \times 10^6} \times \frac{1}{0.0233} \right]^{1/4}$   
 $= 0.502 \text{ N/m}^2$

Turbulent boundary layer has a larger shear stress than the laminar boundary layer.

## Exercises

- 10.1 Only write down the option (true/false) or the choice (a, b, c or d) or the appropriate conditions.
- For flow through pipes, due to the same pressure gradient, the turbulent velocity profile will be more uniform than the laminar velocity profile.  
(True/False)
  - If the mean velocity has a gradient, the turbulence is called isotropic.  
(True/False)
  - $\frac{\partial u'}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v'}{\partial y} = 0$  for a turbulent flow signifies

$$\frac{U_{\max} - \bar{u}}{u_{\tau}} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{R}{R-r} \right)$$

where  $r$  is the radius of the pipe and  $\kappa$  is a constant.

- 10.3 Calculate power required to move a flat plate, 8 m long and 3 m wide in water ( $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $\mu = 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/ms}$ ) at 8 m/s for the following cases:

  - the boundary layer is turbulent over the entire surface of the plate
  - the transition takes place at  $\text{Re} = 5 \times 10^5$ .

*Ans.* (a)  $12.536 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$  (b)  $12.518 \times 10^3 \text{ W}$

10.4 The transition Reynolds number in a pipe flow based on  $U_{av}$  is approximately 2300. How does this value can be extrapolated for the flow over a flat-plate if  $U_\infty$  in the flat-plate case is analogous to  $U_{max}$  in the pipe and  $\delta$  is analogous to pipe radius  $R$ ?

Ans. (a)  $12.536 \times 10^3$  W (b)  $12.518 \times 10^3$  W

- 10.4 The transition Reynolds number in a pipe flow based on  $U_{av}$  is approximately 2300. How does this value can be extrapolated for the flow over a flat-plate if  $U_\infty$  in the flat-plate case is analogous to  $U_{max}$  in the pipe and  $\delta$  is analogous to pipe radius  $R$ ?

Ans. ( $\text{Re}_c = 2,116 \times 10^5$ )

- 10.5 A plate 50 cm long and 2.5 m wide moves in water at a speed of 15 m/s. Estimate its drag if the transition takes place at  $Re = 5 \times 10^5$  for (a) a smooth wall, and (b) a rough wall,  $\epsilon_p = 0.1$  mm. For water,  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\mu = 1.02 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/ms}$ .  
*Ans. (a) 411,405 W (b) 806,168 W*

Ans. ((a) 411.405 W (b) 806.168 W)

- 10.6 In turbulent flat-plate flow, the wall shear stress is given by the formula

$$\tau_w = 0.0225 \rho U_\infty^2 \left[ \frac{v}{\delta U_\infty} \right]^{1/4}$$

Two important equations concerning 1/7th power law velocity profiles are

$$C_{fx} = 2 \frac{d\delta^{**}}{dx} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta^{**} = \frac{7}{72} \delta$$

From the above three equations, find the final expression for skin friction coefficient ( $C_f$ ).

$$Ans. (C_{fx} = 0.0576 (Re_x)^{-1/5})$$

- 10.7 Water flows at a rate of  $0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  in a 20 cm diameter cast iron pipe ( $\varepsilon_p/D = 0.0007$ ). What is the head (pressure) loss per kilometer of pipe? For water,  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $v = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . Use Moody's Chart.

Ans. (12.2 m)

- 10.8 Air ( $\rho = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $v = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ) flows at a rate of  $2.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  in a 30 cm  $\times$  60 cm rectangular duct ( $\varepsilon_p = 4.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$ ). What is the pressure drop per 50 m of the duct? Use Moody's chart.

Ans. (217 pa)

- 10.9 Water is being transported through a rough pipe line ( $u_t \varepsilon_p/v = 100$ ), 1 km long with maximum velocity of 4 m/s. If the Reynolds number is  $1.5 \times 10^6$ , find out the diameter of the pipe and power required to maintain the flow. For water,  $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $v = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ .

Ans. ( $D = 0.454 \text{ m}$ ,  $P = 134.113 \text{ kW}$ )

- 10.10 Modify the friction drag coefficient given by Eq. (10.64) as  $\bar{C}_f = 0.074 (\text{Re}_L)^{-1/5} - A/\text{Re}_L$ . Let the flow be laminar up to a distance  $X_{\text{cr}}$  from the leading edge and turbulent for  $X_{\text{cr}} \leq x \leq L$ . Consider the transition to occurs at  $\text{Re}_x = 5 \times 10^5$ .

Ans. ( $A = 1700$ )

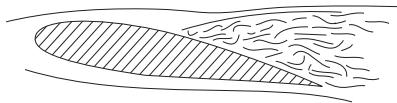
- 10.11 Air flows over a smooth flat plate at a velocity of 4.4 m/s. The density of air is  $1.029 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and the kinematic viscosity is  $1.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . The length of the plate is 12 m in the direction of flow. Calculate (a) the boundary layer thickness at 16 cm and 12 m respectively, from the leading edge and (b) the drag coefficient for the entire plate surface (one side) considering turbulent flow.

Ans. ((a)  $3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ , and 0.0207 m (b)  $\bar{C}_f = 3.554 \times 10^{-3}$ )

- 10.12 The velocity distribution for a laminar boundary layer flow is given by  $\frac{u}{u_e} = \sin$

$\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{y}{\delta}\right)$ . The velocity at  $y = k$  is given by  $u_k$ . It is assumed that the small roughness of height  $k$  will not generate eddies to disturb the boundary layer if  $\frac{u_k k}{v}$  is less than about 5.0. Show that at a distance  $x$  from the leading edge, the maximum permissible roughness height for the boundary layer to remain undistributed is given by  $\frac{k}{c} = \frac{A}{(\text{Re})^{3/4}} \left(\frac{x}{c}\right)^{1/4}$  where,  $\text{Re} = \frac{u_e c}{v}$ ,  $c$  is the total length of the plate and  $A$  is a constant.

# 11



# Applications of Viscous Flows Through Pipes

## 11.1 INTRODUCTION

Fully developed laminar and turbulent flows through pipes of uniform cross-section have already been discussed in sections 8.4.3 and 10.11 respectively. While a complete analytical solution for the equation of motion in case of a laminar flow is available, even the advanced theories in the analyses of turbulent flow depend at some point on experimentally derived information. Flow through pipes is usually turbulent in practice. One of the most important items of information that an hydraulic engineer needs is the power required to force fluid at a certain steady rate through a pipe or pipe network system. This information is furnished in practice through some routine solution of pipe flow problems with the help of available empirical and theoretical information. This chapter deals with the typical approaches to the solution of pipe flow problems in practice.

## 11.2 CONCEPT OF FRICTION FACTOR IN A PIPE FLOW

The friction factor in the case of a pipe flow was already mentioned in Sec. 8.4.3. A little elaborate discussion on the friction factor or friction coefficient is still needed for the sake of its use in different practical problems. Skin friction coefficient for a fully developed flow through a closed duct is defined as

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{(1/2)\rho V^2} \quad (11.1)$$

where,  $V$  is the average velocity of flow given by  $V = Q/A$ ,  $Q$  and  $A$  are the volume flow rate through the duct and the cross-sectional area of the duct respectively. From a force balance of a typical fluid element (Fig. 11.1) in course of its flow through a duct of constant cross-sectional area, we can write

$$\tau_w = \frac{\Delta p^* A}{SL} \quad (11.2)$$

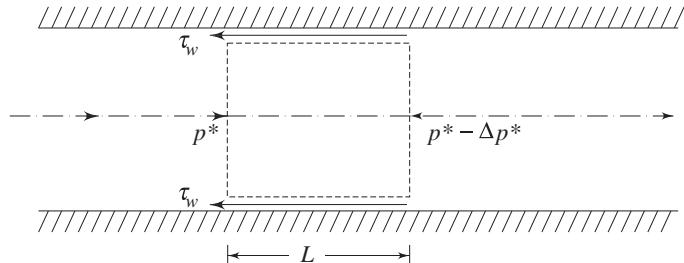


Fig. 11.1 Force balance of a fluid element in the course of flow through a duct

where,  $\tau_w$  is the shear stress at the wall and  $\Delta p^*$  is the piezometric pressure drop over a length of  $L$ .  $A$  and  $S$  are respectively the cross-sectional area and wetted perimeter of the duct. Substituting the expression (11.2) in Eq. (11.1), we have,

$$\begin{aligned} C_f &= \frac{\Delta p^* A}{SL(1/2)\rho V^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{D_h}{L} \frac{\Delta p^*}{(1/2)\rho V^2} \end{aligned} \quad (11.3)$$

where,  $D_h = 4A/S$  and is known as the *hydraulic diameter*. In case of a circular pipe,  $D_h = D$ , the diameter of the pipe. The coefficient  $C_f$  defined by Eqs (11.1) or (11.3) is known as *Fanning's friction factor*. To do away with the factor 1/4 in the Eq. (11.3), Darcy defined a friction factor  $f$  as

$$f = \frac{D_h}{L} \frac{\Delta p^*}{(1/2)\rho V^2} \quad (11.4)$$

Comparison of Eqs (11.3) and (11.4) gives  $f = 4C_f$ . Equation (11.4) can be written for a pipe flow as

$$f = \frac{D}{L} \frac{\Delta p^*}{(1/2)\rho V^2} \quad (11.5)$$

Equation (11.5) is written in a different fashion for its use in the solution of pipe flow problems in practice as

$$\Delta p^* = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 \quad (11.6a)$$

or in terms of head loss (energy loss per unit weight)

$$h_f = \frac{\Delta p^*}{\rho g} = f \frac{L}{D} (V^2/2g) \quad (11.6b)$$

where,  $h_f$  represents the loss of head due to friction over the length  $L$  of the pipe. Equation (11.6b) is frequently used in practice to determine  $h_f$  by making use of theoretical or empirical information on  $f$  beforehand.

### 11.3 VARIATION OF FRICTION FACTOR

In case of a laminar fully developed flow through pipes, the friction factor  $f$  is found from the exact solution of the Navier-Stokes equation as discussed in Sec. 8.4.3. It is given by

$$f = \frac{64}{Re} \quad (11.7)$$

It has also been discussed in Secs 10.10 and 10.11 that in case of a turbulent flow, friction factor depends on both the Reynolds number and the roughness of pipe surface. Sir Thomas E. Stanton (1865–1931) first started conducting experiments on a number of pipes of various diameters and materials and with various fluids. Afterwards, a German engineer Nikuradse carried out experiments on flows through pipes in a very wide range of Reynolds number. A comprehensive documentation of the experimental and theoretical investigations on the laws of friction in pipe flows has been made in the form of a diagram, as shown in Fig. 11.2, by L.F. Moody to show the variation of friction factor  $f$  with the pertinent governing parameters, namely, the Reynolds number of flow and the relative roughness  $\epsilon/D$  of the pipe. This diagram is known as Moody's diagram which is employed till today as the best means for predicting the values of  $f$ .

Roughness in commercial pipes is due to the protrusions at the surface which are random both in size and spacing. However the commercial pipes are specified by the average roughness which is the measure of some average height of the protrusions. This equivalent average roughness is determined from the experimental comparisons of flow rate and pressure drop in a commercial pipe with that of a pipe with artificial roughness created by gluing grains of sand of uniform size to the wall. Friction factor  $f$  in laminar flow, as given by Eq. (11.7), is independent of the roughness of pipe wall, unless the roughness is so great that the irregularities make an appreciable change in diameter of the pipe. Beyond a Reynolds number of 2000, i.e. in turbulent region, the flow depends on the roughness of the pipe. Figure 11.2 depicts that the friction factor  $f$  at a given Reynolds number, in the turbulent region, depends on the relative roughness, defined as the ratio of average roughness to the diameter of the pipe, rather than the absolute roughness. For moderate degree of roughness, a pipe acts as a smooth pipe up to a value of  $Re$  where the curve of  $f$  vs  $Re$  for the pipe coincides with that of a smooth pipe. This zone is known as the *smooth zone of flow*. The region where  $f$  vs  $Re$  curves (Fig. 11.2) become horizontal showing that  $f$  is independent

of  $Re$ , is known as the rough zone and the intermediate region between the smooth and rough zone is known as the transition zone. The position and extent of all these zones depend on the relative roughness of the pipe. In the smooth zone of flow, the laminar sublayer becomes thick, and hence, it covers appreciably the irregular surface protrusions. Therefore all the curves for smooth flow coincide. With increasing Reynolds number, the thickness of sublayer decreases and hence the surface bumps protrude through it. The higher is the roughness of the pipe, the lower is the value of  $Re$  at which the curve of  $f$  vs  $Re$  branches off from smooth pipe curve (Fig. 11.2). In the rough zone of flow, the flow resistance is mainly due to the form drag of those protrusions. The pressure drop in this region is approximately proportional to the square of the average velocity of flow. Thus  $f$  becomes independent of  $Re$  in this region.

In practice, there are three distinct classes of problems relating to flow through a single pipe line as follows:

- (i) The flow rate and pipe diameter are given. One has to determine the loss of head over a given length of pipe and the corresponding power required to maintain the flow over that length.
- (ii) The loss of head over a given length of a pipe of known diameter is given. One has to find out the flow rate and the transmission of power accordingly.
- (iii) The flow rate through a pipe and the corresponding loss of head over a part of its length are given. One has to find out the diameter of the pipe.

In the first category of problems, the friction factor  $f$  is found out explicitly from the given values of flow rate and pipe diameter. Therefore, the loss of head  $h_f$  and the power required  $P$  can be calculated by the straightforward application of Eq. (11.6b). A typical example of this category of problems is given below:

**Example 1** Determine the loss of head in friction when water at 15 °C flows through a 300 m long galvanized steel pipe of 150 mm diameter at 0.05 m<sup>3</sup>/s. (kinematic viscosity of water at 15 °C =  $1.14 \times 10^{-6}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s. Average surface roughness for galvanized steel = 0.15 mm). Also calculate the pumping power required to maintain the above flow.

**Solution** Average velocity of flow  $V = \frac{0.05}{(\pi/4)(0.15)^2} = 2.83$  m/s

$$\text{Therefore, Reynolds number } Re = \frac{VD}{\nu} = \frac{2.83 \times 0.15}{1.14 \times 10^{-6}} = 3.72 \times 10^5$$

$$\text{Relative roughness } \epsilon/D = 0.15/150 = 0.001$$

$$\text{From Fig. 11.2, } f = 0.02$$

Hence, using Eq. (11.6b)

$$h_f = 0.02 \frac{300}{0.15} \frac{(2.83)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 16.33 \text{ m}$$

Power required to maintain a flow at the rate of  $Q$  under a loss of head of  $h_f$  is given by

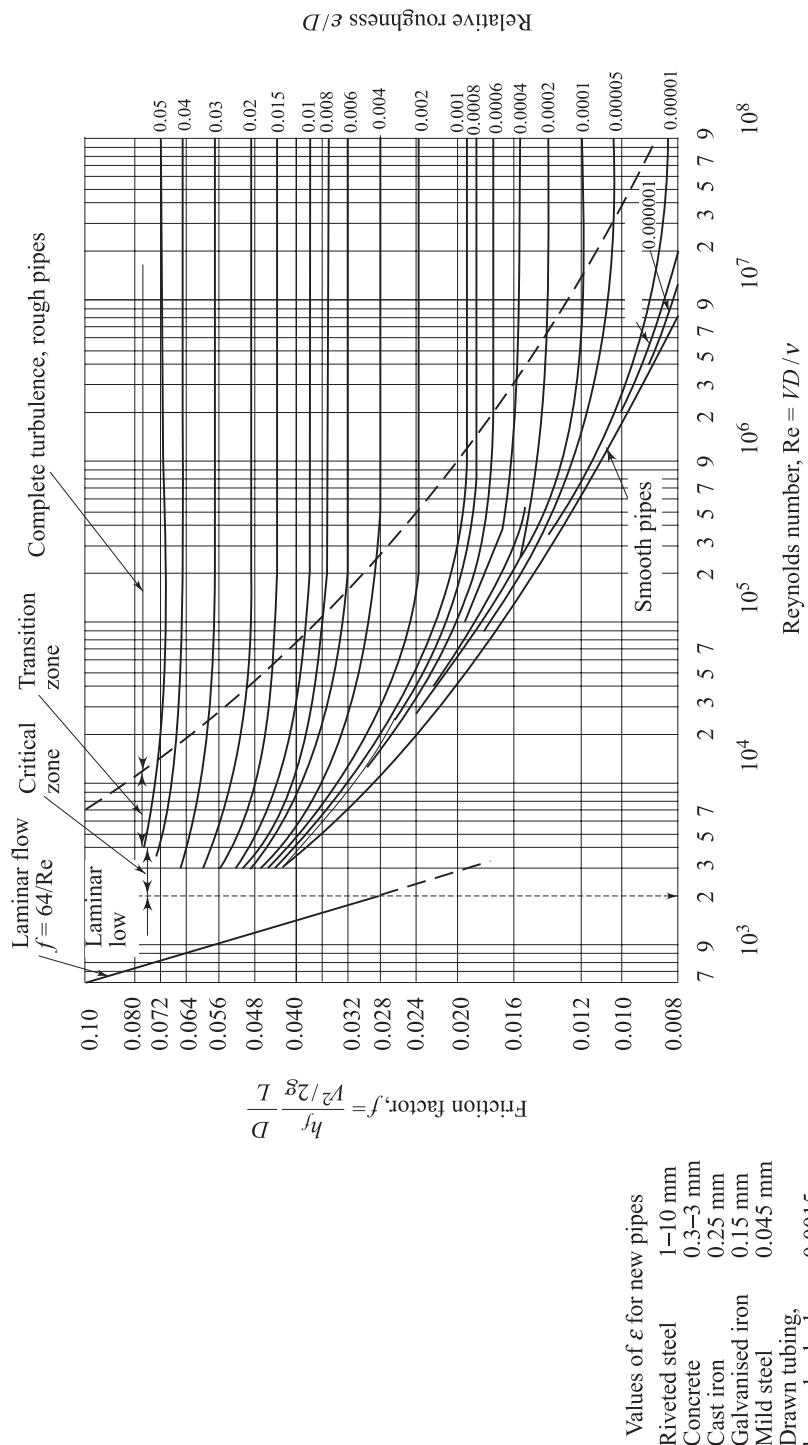


Fig. 11.2 Friction factors for pipes (adapted from Trans. ASME, 66, 672, 1944)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \rho g h_f Q \\
 &= 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 16.33 \times 0.05 \text{ W} \\
 &= 8 \text{ kW}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the second and third categories of problems, both the flow rate and the pipe diameter are not known before hand to determine the friction factor. Therefore the problems in these categories cannot be solved by the straightforward application of Eq. (11.6b), as shown in Example 1 above. A method of iteration is suggested in this case where a guess is first made regarding the value of  $f$ . With the guess value of  $f$  the flow rate or the pipe diameter, whichever is unknown in the problem, is found out as a first approximation using the Eq. (11.6b). Then the guess value of  $f$  is updated with the new value of Reynolds number found from the approximate value of flow rate or pipe diameter as calculated. The problem is repeated till a legitimate convergence in  $f$  is achieved. Examples of this typical method dealing with the problems belonging to categories (ii) and (iii), as mentioned above, are given below:

**Example 2** Oil of kinematic viscosity  $10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  flows at a steady rate through a cast iron pipe of 100 mm diameter and of 0.25 mm average surface roughness. If the loss of head over a pipe length of 120 m is 5 m of the oil, what is the flow rate through the pipe?

**Solution** Since the velocity is unknown,  $Re$  is unknown. Relative roughness  $\epsilon/D = 0.25/100 = 0.0025$ .

A guess of the friction factor at this relative roughness is made from Fig. 11.2 as  $f = 0.026$

Then Eq. (11.6b) gives a first trial

$$5 = 0.026 \frac{120}{0.10} \frac{V^2}{2 \times 9.81}$$

when,

$$V = 1.773 \text{ m/s}$$

Then,

$$Re = \frac{1.773 \times 0.10}{10^{-5}} = 1.773 \times 10^4$$

The value of  $Re$ , with  $\epsilon/D$  as 0.0025, gives  $f = 0.0316$  (Fig. 11.2). The second step of iteration involves a recalculuation of  $V$  with  $f = 0.0316$ , as

$$5 = 0.0316 \times \frac{120}{0.1} \frac{V^2}{2 \times 9.81}$$

which gives

$$V = 1.608 \text{ m/s}$$

and

$$Re = \frac{1.608 \times 0.10}{10^{-5}} = 1.608 \times 10^4$$

The value of  $f$  at this  $Re$  (Fig. 11.2) becomes 0.0318. The relative change between the two successive values of  $f$  is 0.63% which is insignificant. Hence the value of  $V = 1.608 \text{ m/s}$  is accepted as the final value.

Therefore, the flow rate  $Q = 1.608 \times (\pi/4) \times (0.10)^2 = 0.013 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

**Example 3** Determine the size of a galvanized iron pipe needed to transmit water a distance of 180 m at  $0.085 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  with a loss of head of 9 m. (Take kinematic viscosity of water  $\nu = 1.14 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ , and the average surface roughness for galvanized iron = 0.15 mm).

**Solution** From (11.6b),

$$9 = f \frac{180}{D} \left( \frac{0.085}{\pi D^2/4} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2 \times 9.81}$$

which gives

$$D^5 = 0.012 f \quad (11.8)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} &= \frac{0.085 D}{(\pi D^2/4) \times 1.14 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 9.49 \times 10^4 \frac{1}{D} \end{aligned} \quad (11.9)$$

First, a guess in  $f$  is made as 0.024.

Then from Eq. (11.8)  $D = 0.196 \text{ m}$

and from Eq. (11.9)  $\text{Re} = 4.84 \times 10^5$

$$\text{The relative roughness } \epsilon/D = \frac{0.15}{0.196} \times 10^{-3} = 0.00076$$

With the values of  $\text{Re}$  and  $\epsilon/D$ , the updated value of  $f$  is found from Fig. 11.2 as 0.019. With this value of  $f$  as 0.019, a recalculation of  $D$  and  $\text{Re}$  from Eqs (11.8) and (11.9) gives  $D = 0.187 \text{ m}$ ,  $\text{Re} = 5.07 \times 10^5$ .  $\epsilon/D$  becomes  $(0.15/0.187) \times 10^{-3} = 0.0008$ . The new values of  $\text{Re}$  and  $\epsilon/D$  predict  $f = 0.0192$  from Fig. 11.2. This value of  $f$  differs negligibly (by 1%) from the previous value of 0.019. Therefore the calculated diameter  $D = 0.187 \text{ m}$  is accepted as the final value.

## 11.4 CONCEPT OF FLOW POTENTIAL AND FLOW RESISTANCE

Consider the flow of water from one reservoir to another as shown in Fig. 11.3. The two reservoirs  $A$  and  $B$  are maintained with constant levels of water. The difference between these two levels is  $\Delta H$  as shown in the figure. Therefore water flows from reservoir  $A$  to reservoir  $B$ . Application of Bernoulli's equation between two points  $A$  and  $B$  at the free surfaces in the two reservoirs gives

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + H_A + Z_A = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + H_B + Z_B + h_f$$

or

$$\Delta H = (Z_A + H_A) - (Z_B + H_B) = h_f \quad (11.10)$$

where  $h_f$  is the loss of head in the course of flow from  $A$  to  $B$ . Therefore, Eq. (11.10) states that under steady state, the head causing flow  $\Delta H$  becomes equal to the total loss of head due to the flow. Considering the possible hydrodynamic losses, the total loss of head  $h_f$  can be written in terms of its different components as

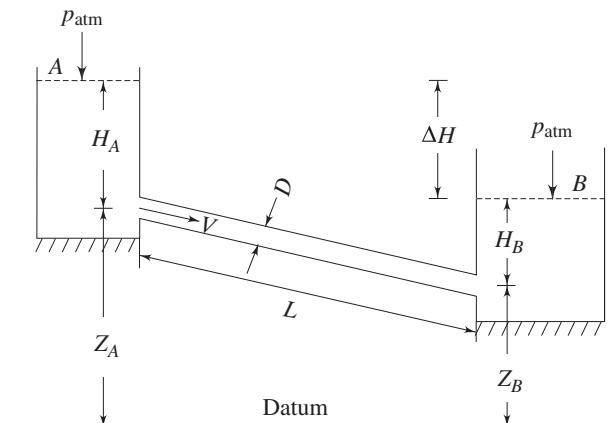


Fig. 11.3 Flow of liquid from one reservoir to another

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_f &= \frac{0.5 V^2}{2g} + f \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} \\
 &\text{Loss of head at} \quad \text{Friction loss in} \quad \text{Exit loss to the} \\
 &\text{entry to the pipe} \quad \text{pipe over its} \quad \text{reservoir } B \\
 &\text{from reservoir } A \quad \text{length } L \\
 &= \left( 1.5 + f \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad (11.11)
 \end{aligned}$$

where,  $V$  is the average velocity of flow in the pipe. The velocity  $V$  in the above equation is usually substituted in terms of flow rate  $Q$ , since, under steady state, the flow rate remains constant throughout the pipe even if its diameter changes. Therefore, we replace  $V$  in Eq. (11.11) as  $V = 4Q/\pi D^2$  and finally get

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_f &= \left[ 8 \left( 1.5 + f \frac{L}{D} \right) \frac{1}{\pi^2 D^4 g} \right] Q^2 \\
 \text{or} \quad h_f &= R Q^2 \quad (11.12)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where,} \quad R = \left[ \frac{8}{\pi^2 D^4 g} \left( 1.5 + f \frac{L}{D} \right) \right] \quad (11.13)$$

The term  $R$  is defined as the *flow resistance*. In a situation where  $f$  becomes independent of  $Re$ , the flow resistance expressed by Eq. (11.13) becomes simply a function of the pipe geometry. With the help of Eq. (11.10), Eq. (11.12) can be written as

$$\Delta H = R Q^2 \quad (11.14)$$

$\Delta H$  in Eq. (11.14) is the head causing the flow and is defined as the difference in flow potentials between  $A$  and  $B$ .

This equation is comparable to the voltage-current relationship in a purely resistive electrical circuit. In a purely resistive electrical circuit,  $\Delta V = r i$ , where  $\Delta V$  is the voltage or electrical potential difference across a resistor whose resistance is  $r$  and the electrical current flowing through it is  $i$ . The difference however is that while the voltage drop in an electrical circuit is linearly proportional to current, the difference in the flow potential in a fluid circuit is proportional to the square of the flow rate. Therefore, the fluid flow system as shown in Fig. 11.3 and described by Eq. (11.14) can be expressed by an equivalent electrical network system as shown in Fig. 11.4.

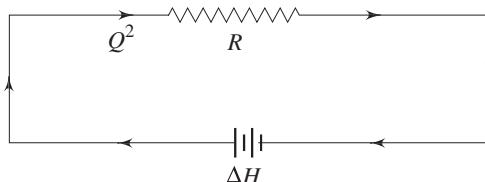


Fig. 11.4 Equivalent electrical network system for a simple pipe flow problem shown in Fig. 11.3

## 11.5 FLOW THROUGH BRANCHED PIPES

In several practical situations, flow takes place under a given head through different pipes jointed together either in series or in parallel or in a combination of both of them.

### 11.5.1 Pipes in Series

If a pipeline is joined to one or more pipelines in continuation, these are said to constitute pipes in series. A typical example of pipes in series is shown in Fig. 11.5. Here three pipes  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are joined in series.

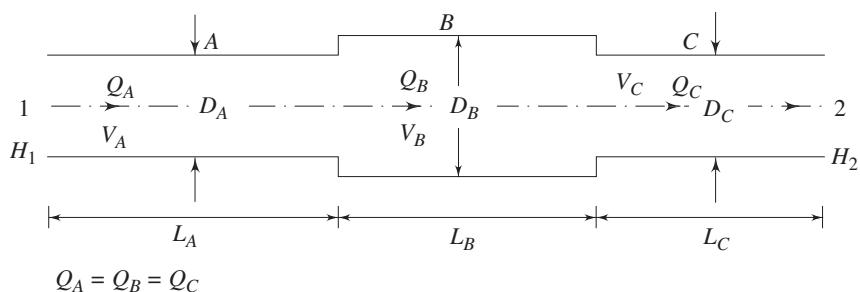


Fig. 11.5 Pipes in series

In this case, rate of flow  $Q$  remains same in each pipe. Hence,

$$Q_A = Q_B = Q_C = Q$$

If the total head available at Sec. 1 (at the inlet to pipe  $A$ ) is  $H_1$  which is greater than  $H_2$ , the total head at Sec. 2 (at the exit of pipe  $C$ ), then the flow takes place

from 1 to 2 through the system of pipelines in series. Application of Bernoulli's equation between Secs 1 and 2 gives

$$H_1 - H_2 = h_f$$

where,  $h_f$  is the loss of head due to the flow from 1 to 2. Recognizing the minor and major losses associated with the flow,  $h_f$  can be written as

$$h_f = f_A \frac{L_A}{D_A} \frac{V_A^2}{2g} + \frac{(V_A - V_B)^2}{2g} + f_B \frac{L_B}{D_B} \frac{V_B^2}{2g} + \left( \frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right)^2 \frac{V_C^2}{2g} + f_C \frac{L_C}{D_C} \frac{V_c^2}{2g} \quad (11.15)$$

Friction loss in pipe A      Loss due to enlargement at entry to pipe B      Friction loss in pipe B      Loss due to abrupt contraction at entry to pipe C

Friction loss in Pipe C

The subscripts  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  refer to the quantities in pipe  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  respectively.  $C_c$  is the coefficient of contraction.

The flow rate  $Q$  satisfies the equation

$$Q = \frac{\pi D_A^2}{4} V_A = \frac{\pi D_B^2}{4} V_B = \frac{\pi D_C^2}{4} V_C \quad (11.16)$$

Velocities  $V_A$ ,  $V_B$  and  $V_C$  in Eq. (11.15) are substituted from Eq. (11.16), and we get

$$h_f = \left[ \frac{8}{g\pi^2} f_A \frac{L_A}{D_A^5} + \frac{8}{g\pi^2} \left( 1 - \frac{D_A^2}{D_B^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{D_A^4} + \frac{8}{g\pi^2} f_B \frac{L_B}{D_B^5} + \frac{8}{g\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right)^2 \frac{1}{D_C^4} + \frac{8}{g\pi^2} f_C \frac{L_C}{D_C^5} \right] Q^2 \quad (11.17)$$

$R_1$        $R_2$        $R_3$   
 $R_4$        $R_5$

or       $h_f = R Q^2$

where,       $R = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5 \quad (11.18)$

Equation (11.18) states that the total flow resistance is equal to the sum of the different resistance components. Therefore, the above problem can be described by an equivalent electrical network system as shown in Fig. 11.6.

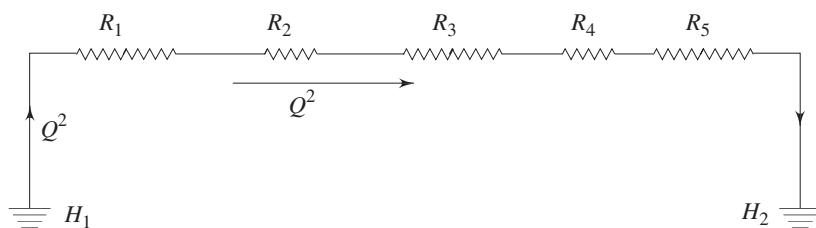


Fig. 11.6 Equivalent electrical network system for flow through pipes in series

### 11.5.2 Pipes in Parallel

When two or more pipes are connected, as shown in Fig. 11.7, so that the flow divides and subsequently comes together again, the pipes are said to be in parallel. In this case (Fig. 11.7), equation of continuity gives

$$Q = Q_A + Q_B \quad (11.19)$$

where,  $Q$  is the total flow rate and  $Q_A$  and  $Q_B$  are the flow rates through pipes  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Loss of head between the locations 1 and 2 can be expressed by applying Bernoulli's equation either through the path 1-A-2 or 1-B-2. Therefore, we can write

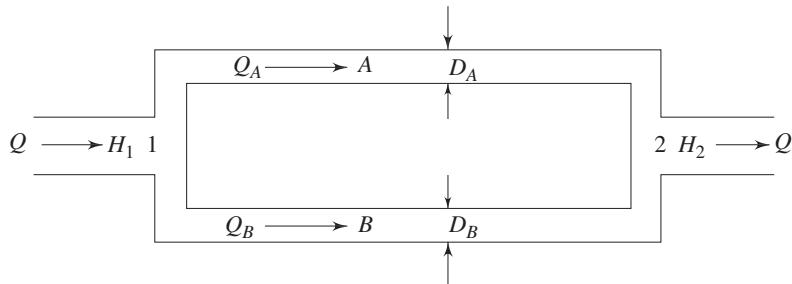


Fig. 11.7 Pipes in parallel

$$H_1 - H_2 = f_A \frac{L_A}{D_A} \frac{V_A^2}{2g} = \frac{8L_A}{\pi^2 D_A^5 g} f_A Q_A^2$$

$$\text{and} \quad H_1 - H_2 = f_B \frac{L_B}{D_B} \frac{V_B^2}{2g} = \frac{8L_B}{\pi^2 D_B^5 g} f_B Q_B^2$$

Equating the above two expressions, we get

$$Q_A^2 = \frac{R_B}{R_A} Q_B^2 \quad (11.20)$$

$$\text{where,} \quad R_A = \frac{8L_A}{\pi^2 D_A^5 g} f_A$$

$$R_B = \frac{8L_B}{\pi^2 D_B^5 g} f_B$$

Equations (11.19) and (11.20) give

$$Q_A = \frac{K}{1+K} Q, Q_B = \frac{1}{1+K} Q \quad (11.21)$$

$$\text{where,} \quad K = \sqrt{R_B/R_A} \quad (11.22)$$

The flow system can be described by an equivalent electrical circuit as shown in Fig. 11.8.

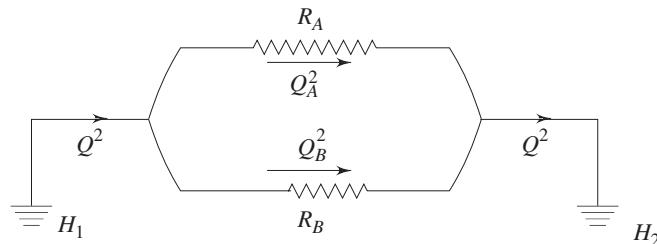


Fig. 11.8 Equivalent electrical network system for flow through pipes in parallel

From the above discussion on flow through branched pipes (pipes in series or in parallel, or in combination of both), the following principles can be summarized:

- The friction equation (Eq. 11.4) must be satisfied for each pipe.
- There can be only one value of head at any point.
- Algebraic sum of the flow rates at any junction must be zero, i.e. the total mass flow rate towards the junction must be equal to the total mass flow rate away from it.
- Algebraic sum of the products of the flux ( $Q^2$ ) and the flow resistance (the sense being determined by the direction of flow) must be zero in any closed hydraulic circuit.

The principles (iii) and (iv) can be written analytically as

$$\sum Q = 0 \text{ at a node (Junction)} \quad (11.23)$$

$$\sum R|Q|Q = 0 \text{ in a loop} \quad (11.24)$$

While Eq. (11.23) implies the principle of continuity in a hydraulic circuit, Eq. (11.24) is referred to as pressure equation of the circuit.

### 11.5.3 Pipe Network: Solution by Hardy Cross Method

The distribution of water supply in practice is often made through a pipe network comprising a combination of pipes in series and parallel. The flow distribution in a pipe network is determined from Eqs (11.23) and (11.24). The solution of Eqs (11.23) and (11.24) for the purpose is based on an iterative technique with an initial guess in  $Q$ . The method was proposed by Hardy-Cross and is described below:

- The flow rates in each pipe are assumed so that the continuity (Eq. 11.23) at each node is satisfied. Usually the flow rate is assumed more for smaller values of resistance  $R$  and vice versa.
- If the assumed values of flow rates are not correct, the pressure equation (Eq. (11.24)) will not be satisfied. The flow rate is then altered based on the error in satisfying the Eq. (11.24).

Let  $Q_0$  be the correct flow in a path whereas the assumed flow be  $Q$ . The error  $dQ$  in flow is then defined as

$$Q = Q_0 + dQ \quad (11.25)$$

Let  $h = R|Q|Q$  (11.26a)

and  $h' = R|Q_0|Q_0$  (11.26b)

Then according to Eq. (11.24)

$$\sum h' = 0 \quad \text{in a loop} \quad (11.27a)$$

and  $\sum h = e \quad \text{in a loop} \quad (11.27b)$

Where  $e$  is defined to be the error in pressure equation for a loop with the assumed values of flow rate in each path.

From Eqs (11.27a) and (11.27b) we have

$$\sum (h - h') = e$$

or,  $\sum dh = e \quad (11.28)$

Where  $dh$  ( $= h - h'$ ) is the error in pressure equation for a path. Again from Eq. (11.26a), we can write

$$\frac{dh}{dQ} = 2R|Q|$$

or,  $dh = 2R|Q|dQ \quad (11.29)$

Substituting the value of  $dh$  from Eq. (11.29) in Eq. (11.28) we have

$$\sum 2R|Q|dQ = e$$

Considering the error  $dQ$  to be the same for all hydraulic paths in a loop, we can write

$$dQ = \frac{e}{\sum 2R|Q|} \quad (11.30)$$

The Eq. (11.30) can be written with the help of Eqs (11.26a) and (11.27b) as

$$dQ = \frac{\sum R|Q|Q}{\sum 2R|Q|} \quad (11.31)$$

The error in flow rate  $dQ$  is determined from Eq. (11.31) and the flow rate in each path of a loop is then altered according to Eq. (11.25). The procedure is repeated unless a reasonable convergence is achieved to get the correct flow rates.

The Hardy-Cross method can also be applied to a hydraulic circuit containing a pump or a turbine. The pressure equation (Eq. (11.24)) is only modified in consideration of a head source (pump) or a head sink (turbine) as

$$-\Delta H + \sum R|Q|Q = 0 \quad (11.32)$$

where  $\Delta H$  is the head delivered by a source in the circuit. Therefore, the value of  $\Delta H$  to be substituted in Eq. (11.32) will be positive for a pump and negative for a turbine.

The application of Hardy-Cross method in a pipe network is illustrated in the following example.

**Example 4** A pipe network with two loops is shown in Fig. 11.9. Determine the flow in each pipe for an inflow of 5 units at the junction  $A$  and outflows of 2.0

units and 3.0 units at junctions *D* and *C* respectively. The resistance *R* for different pipes are shown in the figure.

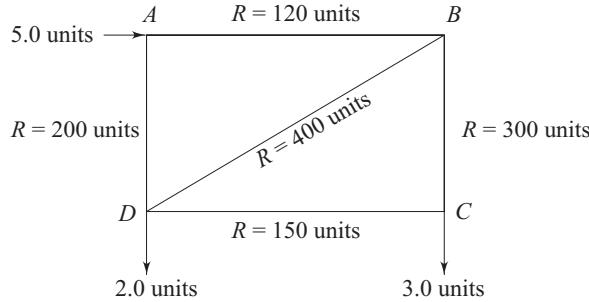


Fig. 11.9 A pipe network

**Solution** Flow direction is assumed positive clockwise for both the loops *ABD* and *BCD*. The iterative solutions based on Hardy-Cross method has been made. The five trials have been made and the results of each trial is shown in Fig. 11.10; for each trial,  $dQ$  is calculated from Eq. (11.31). After fifth trial, the error  $dQ$  is so small that it changes the flow only in the third place of decimal. Hence the calculation has not been continued beyond the fifth trial.

First trial

Loop ABD		Loop BCD	
$R Q Q$	$2R Q $	$R Q Q$	$2R Q $
$120 \times 2^2 = 480$	$2 \times 120 \times 2 = 480$	$300 \times (1.2)^2 = 432$	$2 \times 300 \times 1.2 = 720$
$400 \times (0.8)^2 = 256$	$2 \times 400 \times 0.8 = 640$	$-150 \times (1.8)^2 = -486$	$2 \times 150 \times 1.8 = 540$
$-200 \times 3^2 = -1800$	$2 \times 200 \times 3 = 1200$	$-400 \times (0.8)^2 = -256$	$2 \times 400 \times 0.8 = 640$
$\Sigma R Q Q = -1064$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2320$	$\Sigma R Q Q = -310$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 1900$
$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$		$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$	
$= \frac{-1064}{2320}$		$= \frac{-300}{1900}$	
$= -0.46$		$= -0.16$	

Second trial:

Loop ABD		Loop BCD	
$R Q Q$	$2R Q $	$R Q Q$	$2R Q $
$120 \times (2.46)^2 = 726.19$	$2 \times 120 \times 2.46 = 590.40$	$300 \times (1.36)^2 = 554.88$	$2 \times 300 \times 1.36 = 816$
$400 \times (1.10)^2 = 484.00$	$2 \times 400 \times 1.10 = 880.00$	$-150 \times (1.64)^2 = -403.44$	$2 \times 150 \times 1.64 = 492$
$-1200 \times (2.54)^2 = -1290.32$	$2 \times 200 \times 2.54 = 1016.00$	$-400 \times (1.10)^2 = -484.00$	$2 \times 400 \times 1.10 = 880$
$\Sigma R Q Q = -50.13$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2486.40$	$\Sigma R Q Q = -332.56$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2188$
$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$		$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$	
$= \frac{-50.13}{2486.40}$		$= \frac{-332.56}{2188}$	
$= -0.02$		$= -0.15$	

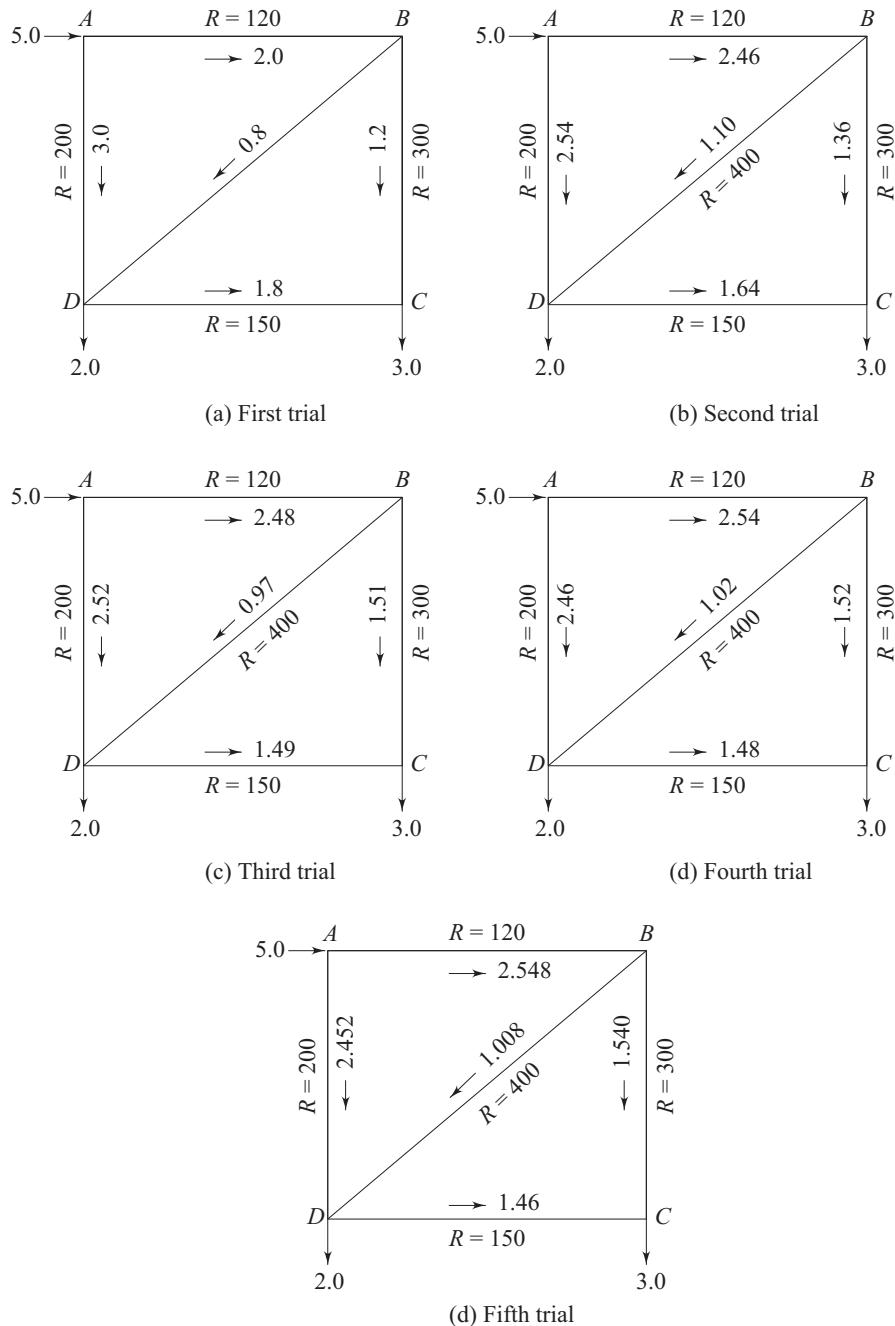


Fig. 11.10 Flow distribution in a pipe network after different trials for the Example 4

Third trial:

Loop ABD		Loop BCD	
$R Q Q$	$2R Q $	$R Q Q$	$2R Q $
$120 \times (2.48)^2 = 738.05$	$2 \times 120 \times 2.48 = 595.20$	$300 \times (1.51)^2 = 684.03$	$2 \times 300 \times 1.51 = 906.00$
$400 \times (0.97)^2 = 376.36$	$2 \times 400 \times 0.97 = 776.00$	$-150 \times (1.49)^2 = -333.01$	$2 \times 150 \times 1.49 = 447.00$
$-200 \times (2.52)^2 = -1270.08$	$2 \times 200 \times 2.52 = 1008.00$	$-400 \times (0.97)^2 = -376.36$	$2 \times 400 \times 0.97 = 776.00$
$\Sigma R Q Q = -155.67$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2379.20$	$\Sigma R Q Q = -25.34$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2129$
$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$		$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$	
$= \frac{-155.67}{2379.20}$		$= \frac{-25.34}{2129}$	
$= -0.06$		$= -0.01$	

Fourth trial:

Loop ABD		Loop BCD	
$R Q Q$	$2R Q $	$R Q Q$	$2R Q $
$120 \times (2.54)^2 = 774.20$	$2 \times 120 \times 2.54 = 609.60$	$300 \times (1.52)^2 = 693.12$	$2 \times 300 \times 1.52 = 912.00$
$400 \times (1.02)^2 = 416.16$	$2 \times 400 \times 1.02 = 816.00$	$-150 \times (1.48)^2 = -328.56$	$2 \times 150 \times 1.48 = 444.00$
$-200 \times (2.46)^2 = -1210.32$	$2 \times 200 \times 2.46 = 984.00$	$-400 \times (1.02)^2 = -416.16$	$2 \times 400 \times 1.02 = 816.00$
$\Sigma R Q Q = -19.96$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2409.60$	$\Sigma R Q Q = -51.6$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2172$
$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$		$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$	
$= \frac{-19.96}{2409.60}$		$= \frac{-51.6}{2172}$	
$= -0.008$		$= -0.02$	

Fifth trial:

Loop ABD		Loop BCD	
$R Q Q$	$2R Q $	$R Q Q$	$2R Q $
$120 \times (2.58)^2 = 779.08$	$2 \times 120 \times 2.58 = 619.20$	$300 \times (1.54)^2 = 711.48$	$2 \times 300 \times 1.54 = 924.00$
$400 \times (1.008)^2 = 406.42$	$2 \times 400 \times 1.008 = 806.40$	$-150 \times (1.46)^2 = -319.74$	$2 \times 150 \times 1.46 = 438.00$
$-200 \times (2.452)^2 = -1202.46$	$2 \times 200 \times 2.452 = 980.80$	$-400 \times (1.08)^2 = -406.42$	$2 \times 400 \times 1.008 = 806.40$
$\Sigma R Q Q = -16.96$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2406.40$	$\Sigma R Q Q = -14.68$	$2\Sigma R Q  = 2168.40$
$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$		$dQ = \frac{\Sigma R Q Q}{\Sigma 2R Q }$	
$= \frac{-16.96}{2406.40}$		$= \frac{-14.68}{2168.40}$	
$= -0.007$		$= -0.007$	

## 11.6 FLOW THROUGH PIPES WITH SIDE TAPPINGS

In course of flow through a pipe, a fluid may be withdrawn from the side tappings along the length of the pipe as shown in Fig. 11.11. If the side tappings are very

closely spaced, the loss of head over a given length of pipe can be obtained as shown below.

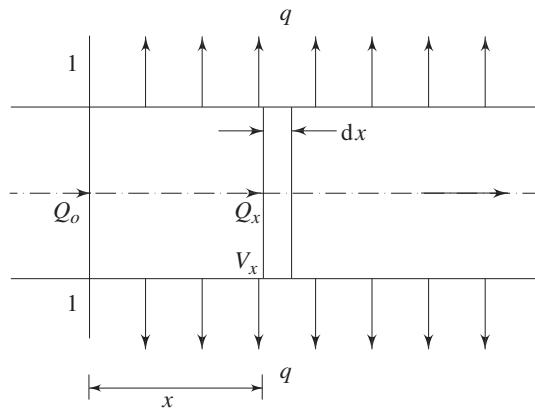


Fig. 11.11 Flow through pipes with side tappings

The rate of flow through the pipe, under this situation, decreases in the direction of flow due to side tappings. Therefore, the average flow velocity at any section of the pipe is not constant. The frictional head loss  $dh_f$  over a small length  $dx$  of the pipe at any section can be written as

$$dh_f = f \frac{dx}{D} \frac{V_x^2}{2g} \quad (11.33)$$

where,  $V_x$  is the average flow velocity at that section. If the side tappings are very close together, Eq. (11.33) can be integrated to determine the loss of head due to friction over a given length  $L$  of the pipe, provided,  $V_x$  can be replaced in terms of the length of the pipe. Let us consider, for this purpose, a Section 1–1 at the upstream just after which the side tappings are provided. If the tappings are uniformly and closely spaced, so that the fluid is removed at a uniform rate  $q$  per unit length of the pipe, then the volume flow rate  $Q_x$  at a distance  $x$  from the inlet Section 1–1 can be written as

$$Q_x = Q_0 - qx$$

where,  $Q_0$  is the volume flow rate at Sec. 1–1. Hence,

$$V_x = \frac{4Q_x}{\pi D^2} = \frac{4Q_0}{\pi D^2} \left( 1 - \frac{q}{Q_0} x \right) \quad (11.34)$$

Substituting  $V_x$  from Eq. (11.34) into Eq. (11.33), we have,

$$dh_f = \frac{16Q_0^2 f}{2\pi^2 D^5 g} \left( 1 - \frac{q}{Q_0} x \right)^2 dx \quad (11.35)$$

Therefore, the loss of head due to friction over a length  $L$  is given by

$$h_f = \int_0^L dh_f = \frac{8Q_0^2 f L}{\pi^2 D^5 g} \left( 1 - \frac{q}{Q_0} L + \frac{1}{3} \frac{q^2}{Q_0^2} L^2 \right) \quad (11.36a)$$

Here, the friction factor  $f$  has been assumed to be constant over the length  $L$  of the pipe. If the entire flow at Sec. 1-1 is drained off over the length  $L$ , then,

$$Q_0 - qL = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{q}{Q_0} = \frac{1}{L}$$

Equation (11.36(a)), under this situation, becomes

$$h_f = \frac{8}{3} \frac{Q_0^2 f L}{\pi^2 D^5 g} = \frac{1}{3} f \frac{L}{D} \left( \frac{4Q_0}{\pi D^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2g} = \frac{1}{3} f \frac{L}{D} V_0^2 \frac{1}{2g} \quad (11.36b)$$

where,  $V_0$  is the average velocity of flow at the inlet Section 1-1.

Equation (11.36b) indicates that the loss of head due to friction over a length  $L$  of a pipe, where the entire flow is drained off uniformly from the side tappings, becomes one third of that in a pipe of same length and diameter, but without side tappings.

## 11.7 LOSSES IN PIPE BENDS

Bends are provided in pipes to change the direction of flow through it. An additional loss of head, apart from that due to fluid friction, takes place in the course of flow through pipe bend. The fluid takes a curved path while flowing through a pipe bend as shown in Fig. 11.12. Whenever a fluid flows in a curved path, there must be a force acting radially inwards on the fluid to provide the inward acceleration, known as *centripetal acceleration*. This

results in an increase in pressure near the outer wall of the bend, starting at some point  $A$  (Fig. 11.12) and rising to a maximum at some point  $B$ . There is also a reduction of pressure near the inner wall giving a minimum pressure at  $C$  and a subsequent rise from  $C$  to  $D$ . Therefore between  $A$  and  $B$  and between  $C$  and  $D$  the fluid experiences an adverse pressure gradient (the pressure increases in the direction of flow). Fluid particles in this region, because of their close proximity to the wall, have low velocities and cannot overcome the adverse pressure gradient and this leads to a separation of flow from the boundary and consequent losses of energy in generating local eddies. Losses also take place due to a secondary flow in the radial plane of the pipe because of a change in pressure in the radial depth of the pipe. This flow, in conjunction with the main flow, produces a typical spiral motion of the fluid which persists even for a downstream distance of fifty times the pipe diameter from the central plane of the bend. This spiral motion of the fluid increases the local flow velocity and the velocity gradient at the pipe wall, and therefore results in a greater frictional loss of head than that

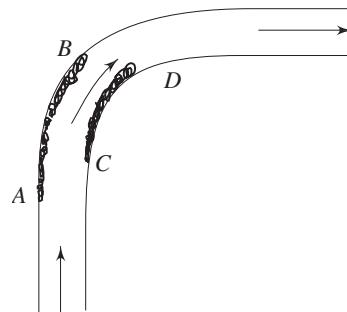


Fig. 11.12 Flow through pipe bend

which occurs for the same rate of flow in a straight pipe of the same length and diameter.

The additional loss of head (apart from that due to usual friction) in flow through pipe bends is known as bend loss and is usually expressed as a fraction of the velocity head as  $KV^2/2g$ , where  $V$  is the average velocity of flow through the pipe. The value of  $K$  depends on the total length of the bend and the ratio of radius of curvature of the bend and pipe diameter  $R/D$ . The radius of curvature  $R$  is usually taken as the radius of curvature of the centre line of the bend. The factor  $K$  varies slightly with Reynolds number  $Re$  in the typical range of  $Re$  encountered in practice, but increases with surface roughness.

## 11.8 LOSSES IN PIPE FITTINGS

An additional loss of head takes place in the course of flow through pipe fittings like valves, couplings and so on. In general, more restricted the passage is, greater is the loss of head. For turbulent flow, the losses are proportional to the square of the average flow velocity and are usually expressed by  $KV^2/2g$ , where  $V$  is the average velocity of flow. The value of  $K$  depends on the exact shape of the flow passages. Typical values of  $K$  are given in Table 11.1. Since the eddies generated by fittings persist for some distance downstream, the total loss of head caused by two fittings close together is not necessarily the same as the sum of the losses which each alone would cause.

These losses are sometimes expressed in terms of an equivalent length of an unobstructed straight pipe in which an equal loss would occur for the same average flow velocity. That is

$$K \frac{V^2}{2g} = f \frac{L_e}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{L_e}{D} = \frac{K}{f} \quad (11.37)$$

where  $L_e$  represents the equivalent length which is usually expressed in terms of the pipe diameter as given by Eq. (11.37). Thus  $L_e/D$  depends upon the friction factor  $f$ , and therefore on the Reynolds number and roughness of the pipe.

Table 11.1 Approximate Loss Coefficients  $K$  for Commercial Pipe Fittings

Type and position of fittings	Values of $K$
Globe valve, wide open	10
Gate valve, wide open	0.2
three-quarters open	1.15
half open	5.6
quarter open	24
Pump foot valve	1.5
90° elbow (threaded)	0.9
45° elbow (threaded)	0.4
Side outlet of $T$ junction	1.8

## 11.9 POWER TRANSMISSION BY A PIPELINE

In certain occasions, hydraulic power is transmitted by conveying fluid through a pipeline. For an example, water from a reservoir at a high altitude is often conveyed by a pipeline to an impulse hydraulic turbine in an hydroelectric power station. The hydrostatic head of water is thus transmitted by a pipeline. Let us analyse the efficiency of power transmission under the situation.

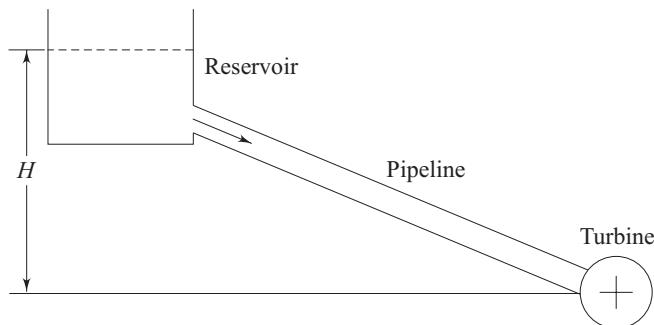


Fig. 11.13 Transmission of hydraulic power by a pipeline to a turbine

The potential head of water in the reservoir =  $H$  (the difference in the water level in the reservoir and the turbine center) (Fig. 11.13)

The head available at the pipe exit (or at the turbine entry) =  $H_E = H - h_f$

Where  $h_f$  is the loss of head in the pipeline due to friction.

Assuming that the friction coefficient and other loss coefficients are constant, we can write

$$h_f = RQ^2$$

Where  $Q$  is the volume flow rate and  $R$  is the hydraulic resistance of the pipeline. Therefore, the power available  $P$  at the exit of the pipeline becomes

$$P = \rho g Q H_E = \rho g Q (H - RQ^2)$$

For  $P$  to be maximum, for a given head  $H$ ,  $dP/dQ$  should be zero. This gives

$$H - 3RQ^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } RQ^2 = h_f = \frac{H}{3} \quad (11.33)$$

$[d^2P/dQ^2]$  is always negative which shows that  $P$  has only a maximum value (not a minimum) with  $Q$ .

From Eq. (11.33), we can say that maximum power is obtained when one third of the head available at the source (reservoir) is lost due to friction in the flow.

The efficiency of power transmission  $\eta_p$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_p &= \frac{\rho g Q (H - RQ^2)}{\rho g Q H} \\ &= 1 - \frac{RQ^2}{H}\end{aligned}\quad (11.34)$$

The efficiency  $\eta_p$  equals to unity for the trivial case of  $Q = 0$ . For flow to commence  $RQ^2 \leq H$  and hence  $\eta_p$  is a monotonically decreasing function of  $Q$  from a maximum value of unity to zero. The zero value of  $\eta_p$  corresponds to the situation given by  $RQ^2 = H$  (or,  $Q = \sqrt{H/R}$ ) when the head  $H$  available at the reservoir is totally lost to overcome friction in the flow through the pipe. The efficiency of transmission at the condition of maximum power delivered is obtained by substituting  $RQ^2$  from Eq. (11.33) in Eq. (11.34) as

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{\text{at } P = P_{\max}} &= 1 - \frac{H/3}{H} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the maximum power transmission efficiency through a pipeline is 67%.

## Summary

- The Fanning's friction coefficient  $C_f$  for a flow through a closed duct is defined in terms of shear stress at the wall as  $C_f = \tau_w/(1/2) \rho V^2$ , and in terms of piezometric pressure drop  $\Delta p^*$  over a length  $L$ , as  $C_f = \frac{1}{4} (D_h/L) \Delta P^*/(1/2) \rho V^2$ . Darcy's friction factor  $f$  is defined as  $f = 4 C_f$ .
- Loss of head in a pipe flow is expressed in terms of Darcy's friction factor  $f$  as  $h_f = f (L/D) (V^2/2g)$ .
- Friction factor in case of a laminar fully developed flow through pipes is found from the exact solution of Navier–Stokes equation and is given by  $f = 64/Re$ . Friction factor in a turbulent flow depends on both the Reynolds number of flow and the roughness at pipe surface.
- The head causing the flow is known as flow potential. Flows, in practice, takes place through several pipes joined together either in series or in parallel or in a combination of both of them. The flow through a pipe network system has to overcome the pipe friction and other flow resistances due to minor losses. The relationship between the head causing the flow  $\Delta H$  and the flow rate  $Q$  can be expressed as  $\Delta H = RQ^2$ , where  $R$  is the flow resistance in the hydraulic path. This equation is analogous to the voltage-current relationship in a purely resistive electrical circuit. Therefore, the pipe flow system can be described by an equivalent electrical network system.

- The loss of head due to friction over a length  $L$  of a pipe, where the entire flow is drained off uniformly from the side tappings, becomes one third of that in a pipe of same length and diameter, but without side tappings.
- An additional head loss over that due to pipe friction takes place in a flow through pipe bends and pipe fittings like valves, couplings and so on.

The hydraulic power can be transmitted by a pipeline. For a maximum power transmission, the head lost due to friction in the flow equals to one third of the head at source to be transmitted. The maximum power transmission efficiency is  $2/3$  (67%).

### Solved Examples

**Example 11.1** In a fully developed flow through a pipe of 300 mm diameter, the shear stress at the wall is 50 Pa. The Darcy's friction factor  $f$  is 0.05. What is the rate of flow in case of (i) water flowing through the pipe and (ii) oil of specific gravity 0.70 flowing through the pipe.

**Solution** Darcy's friction factor  $f$  is defined (see Eq. 11.1 to 11.4) as

$$f = 4 \times \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2} \rho V^2}$$

where,  $\tau_w$  is the wall shear stress and  $V$  is the average flow velocity.

Therefore, 
$$V = \sqrt{\frac{8 \tau_w}{\rho f}}$$

and, flow rate 
$$Q = V \times \pi R^2$$
 (where  $R$  is the pipe radius)

(i) For water flowing through the pipe

$$Q = \pi \times (0.3)^2 \sqrt{\frac{8 \times 50}{10^3 \times 0.05}} \\ = 0.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

(ii) For oil flowing through the pipe

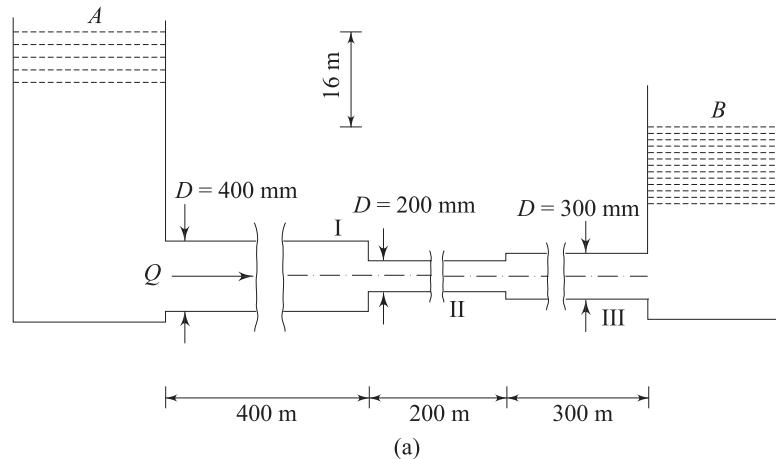
$$Q = \pi \times (0.3)^2 \sqrt{\frac{8 \times 50}{0.70 \times 10^3 \times 0.05}} \\ = 0.96 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

**Example 11.2** Three pipes of 400 mm, 200 mm and 300 mm diameters and having lengths of 400 m, 200 m and 300 m respectively are connected in series to make a compound pipe. The ends of this compound pipe are connected with two tanks whose difference in water levels is 16 m as shown in Fig. 11.14a. If the friction factor  $f$  for all the pipes is same and equal to 0.02, determine the discharge through the compound pipe neglecting first the minor losses and then including them. Draw the equivalent electrical network system. (Take coefficient of contraction = 0.6.)

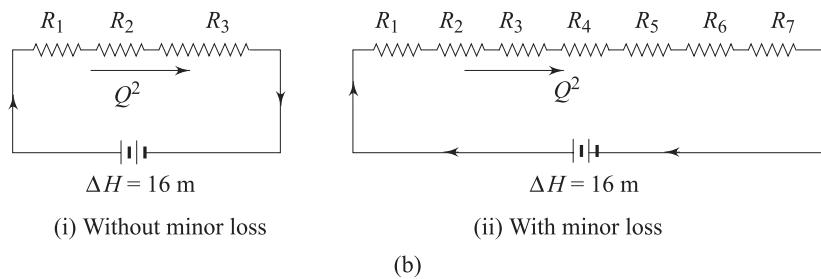
**Solution** Application of Bernoulli's equation between points *A* and *B* (Fig. 11.14a) gives

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 0 + 16 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 0 + 0 + h_f$$

or  $h_f = 16 \text{ m}$  (11.35)



(a)



**Fig. 11.14** (a) Flow of water through pipes in series  
(b) Equivalent electrical network system for flow through pipes in series

Let  $Q$  be the volumetric rate of discharge through the pipelines. Then,

the velocity of flow in pipe I (Fig. 11.14a)  $= \frac{4Q}{\pi(0.4)^2} = 7.96 Q$

the velocity of flow in pipe II (Fig. 11.14a)  $= \frac{4Q}{\pi(0.2)^2} = 31.83 Q$

the velocity of flow in pipe III (Fig. 11.14a)  $= \frac{4Q}{\pi(0.3)^2} = 14.15 Q$

When minor losses are not considered, the loss of head  $h_f$  in the course of flow from *A* to *B* constitutes of the friction losses in three pipes only, and can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_f &= \left[ 0.02 \times \frac{400}{0.4} \times \frac{(7.96)^2}{2g} + 0.02 \times \frac{200}{0.2} \times \frac{(31.83)^2}{2g} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 0.02 \times \frac{300}{0.3} \times \frac{(14.15)^2}{2g} \right] Q^2 \\
 &= 1301.46 Q^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{11.36}$$

Equating Eq. (11.35) with Eq. (11.36) we have,

$$16 = 1301.46 Q^2$$

which gives

$$Q = 0.111 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

The equivalent electrical network system in this case is shown in Fig. 11.14b. The resistances  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  represent the flow resistances due to friction in pipes I, II and III respectively, and are accordingly the first, second and third terms in R.H.S. of Eq. (11.36).

When minor losses are considered,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_f &= 16 = 0.5 \times \frac{(7.96Q)^2}{2g} + 0.02 \times \frac{400}{0.4} \times \frac{(7.96Q)^2}{2g} \\
 &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{0.6} - 1 \right)^2 \times \frac{(31.83Q)^2}{2g} + 0.2 \times \frac{200}{0.2} \times \frac{(31.83Q)^2}{2g} \\
 &\quad + \frac{(31.83Q - 14.15Q)^2}{2g} + 0.2 \times \frac{300}{0.3} \times \frac{(14.15Q)^2}{2g} + \frac{(14.15Q)^2}{2g} \\
 &= 1352 Q^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{11.37}$$

which gives

$$Q = 0.109 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

The equivalent electrical network system, under this situation, is shown in Fig. 11.11b. The resistances  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  represent the flow resistances corresponding to losses of head due to entry at pipe I, friction in pipe I, contraction at entrance to pipe II, friction in pipe II, expansion at entrance to pipe III, friction in pipe III, exit from pipe III respectively.

**Example 11.3** Two reservoirs 5.2 km apart are connected by a pipeline which consists of a 225 mm diameter pipe for the first 1.6 km, sloping at 5.7 m per km. For the remaining distance, the pipe diameter is 150 mm laid at a slope of 1.9 m per km. The levels of water above the pipe openings are 6 m in the upper reservoir and 3.7 m in the lower reservoir. Taking  $f = 0.024$  for both the pipes and  $C_c = 0.6$ , calculate the rate of discharge through the pipeline.

**Solution** The connections of pipelines are shown in Fig. 11.15. From the given conditions of pipe slopings,

$$h_1 = 5.7 \times 1.6 = 9.12 \text{ m}$$

$$h_2 = 1.9 \times 3.6 = 6.84 \text{ m}$$

Therefore, the length of the first pipe  $L_1 = \sqrt{(1.6 \times 10^3)^2 + (9.12)^2} \text{ m}$

$$= 1.6 \text{ km}$$

and, the length of the second pipe

$$L_2 = \sqrt{(3.6 \times 10^3)^2 + (6.84)^2} \text{ m}$$

$$= 3.6 \text{ km}$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between the points *A* and *B* taking the horizontal plane through the pipe connection in the lower reservoir as datum (Fig. 11.15), we can write

$$\frac{P_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 6 + 9.12 + 6.84 = \frac{P_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 3.7 + h_f \quad \text{or} \quad h_f = 18.26 \text{ m}$$

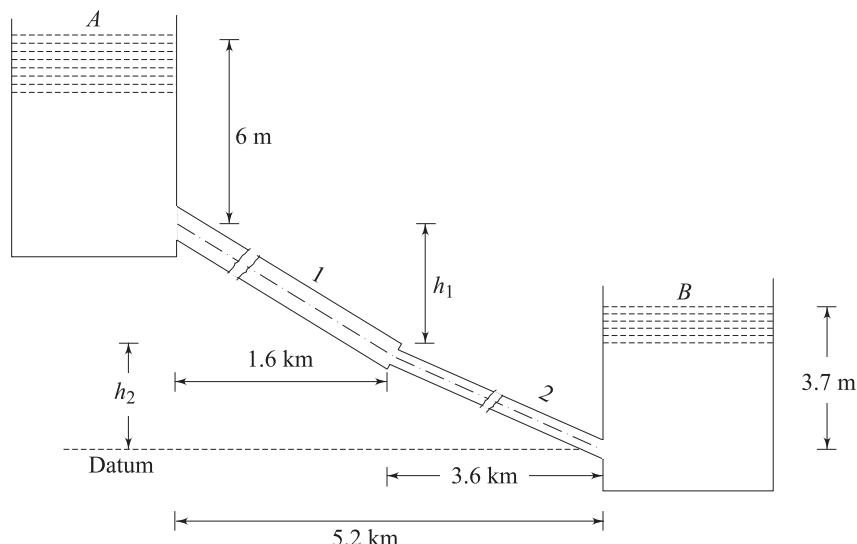


Fig. 11.15 Flow of water from a upper reservoir to a lower one through pipes in series

where,  $h_f$  is the total loss of head in the flow. Considering all the losses in the path of flow, we can write

$$h_f = \frac{0.5 V_1^2}{2g} + 0.024 \times \frac{1.6 \times 10^3}{0.225} \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + \left( \frac{1}{0.6} - 1 \right)^2 \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$$

Entrance loss to pipe 1      Friction loss in pipe 1      Loss due to contraction at the entrance to pipe 2

$$+ 0.024 \times \frac{3.6 \times 10^3}{0.150} \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$$

Friction loss in pipe 2      Exit loss from pipe 2 to lower reservoir

$$\text{or} \quad 18.26 = 171.17 \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + 577.44 \frac{V_2^2}{2g} \quad (11.38)$$

where,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are the average flow velocities in pipe I and II respectively. If  $Q$  is the rate of discharge, then

$$V_1 = \frac{4Q}{\pi(0.225)^2} = 25.15Q$$

$$V_2 = \frac{4Q}{\pi(0.15)^2} = 56.59Q$$

Inserting the expressions for  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  in Eq. (11.38), we have

$$18.26 = \left[ \frac{171.17 \times (25.15)^2}{2 \times 9.81} + \frac{577.44 \times (56.59)^2}{2 \times 9.81} \right] Q^2$$

which gives

$$Q = 0.0135 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

**Example 11.4** A pipeline of 0.6 m in diameter is 1.5 km long. In order to augment the discharge, another parallel line of the same diameter is introduced in the second half of the length. Neglecting minor losses, find the increase in discharge if  $f = 0.04$ . The head at inlet is 30 m over that at the outlet.

**Solution** Initially, for the single pipe, the discharge is calculated from the relationship

$$\Delta H = h_f = f \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

The average flow velocity  $V = \frac{4Q}{\pi D^2}$

$$\text{Hence, } \Delta H = \frac{16}{\pi^2 \times 2 \times g} \frac{f L}{D^5} Q^2$$

(where  $\Delta H$  is the difference in head between the inlet and outlet at the pipe and  $h_f$  is the frictional head loss).

$$\text{or } Q^2 = \frac{30 \times \pi^2 \times 2 \times 9.81 \times (0.6)^5}{16 \times 0.04 \times 1500}$$

$$\text{or } Q = 0.686 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

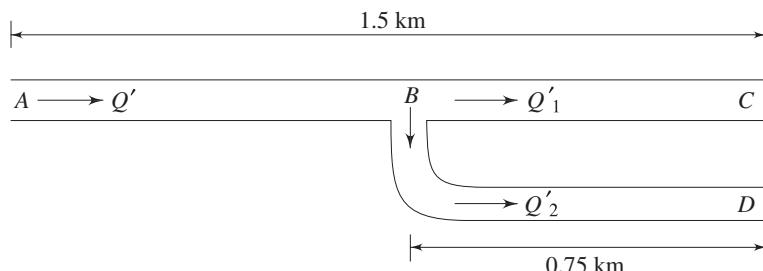


Fig. 11.16 Flow through a compound pipe

Let  $Q'$  be the discharge through the first half of the pipe when another parallel line of same diameter is introduced to the second half of the length as shown in Fig. 11.16. If  $Q'_1$  and  $Q'_2$  are the flow rates through the two branched pipes in parallel, then from continuity,

$$Q' = Q'_1 + Q'_2$$

We can write for the two parallel paths  $BC$  and  $BD$

$$H_B - H_C = \frac{0.04 \times 0.75}{0.6 \times 2 \times 9.81} \left[ \frac{4}{\pi(0.6)^2} \right]^2 Q'_1^2$$

$$H_B - H_D = \frac{0.04 \times 0.75}{0.6 \times 2 \times 9.81} \left[ \frac{4}{\pi(0.6)^2} \right]^2 Q'_2^2$$

At outlet,  $H_C = H_D$

Therefore, we get from the above two equations along with the equation of continuity

$$Q'_1 = Q'_2 = Q'/2$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between  $A$  and  $C$  through the hydraulic path  $ABC$ , we have

$$30 = \frac{0.04 \times 0.75 \times 10^3}{0.6 \times 2 \times 9.81} \left[ \frac{4}{\pi(0.6)^2} \right]^2 Q'^2$$

$$+ \frac{0.04 \times 0.75 \times 10^3}{0.6 \times 2 \times 9.81} \left[ \frac{4}{\pi(0.6)^2} \right]^2 \left( \frac{Q'}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= 39.85 Q'^2$$

which gives  $Q' = 0.868 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Therefore, the increase in the rate of discharge by the new arrangement becomes

$$Q' - Q = 0.868 - 0.686 = 0.182 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

which is  $0.182 \times 100 / 0.686 = 26.4\%$  of the initial rate of discharge.

**Example 11.5** A pipeline conveys 8.33 litre per second of water from an overhead tank to a building. The pipe is 2 km long and 0.15 m in diameter. It is desired to increase the discharge by 30% by installing another pipeline in parallel with this over half the length. Suggest a suitable diameter of the pipe to be installed. Is there any upper limit on discharge augmentation by this arrangement? (Take friction factor  $f = 0.03$ .)

**Solution** The height  $H$  of the overhead tank above the building can be determined from the conditions with a single pipe.

$$H = h_f = 0.03 \frac{2000}{0.15} \left[ \frac{(4 \times 0.00833)}{\pi(0.15)^2} \right]^2 \frac{1}{2 \times 9.81} = 4.53 \text{ m}$$

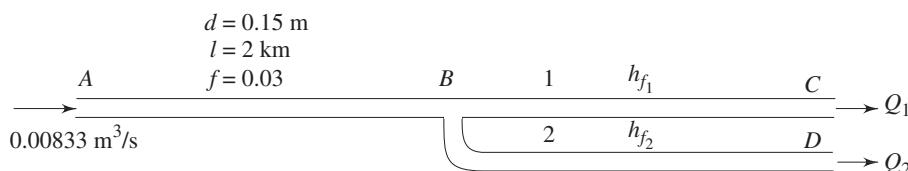


Fig. 11.17 Flow through a compound pipe

In the new plan as shown in Fig. 11.17

$$h_f = 4.53 = h_{f_{AB}} + h_{f_{BC}} \quad (11.39)$$

again,

$$h_{f_{BC}} = h_{f_{BD}} = \frac{fL_1}{2gd_1} \left[ \frac{4Q_1}{\pi(d_1)^2} \right]^2 = \frac{fL_2}{2gd_2} \left[ \frac{4Q_2}{\pi(d_2)^2} \right]^2$$

Here,

$$L_1 = L_2 = 1000 \text{ m}$$

Therefore,

$$(Q_1/Q_2)^2 = (d_1/d_2)^5 \quad (11.40)$$

$$h_{f_{AB}} = \frac{0.03 \times 1000}{2g(0.15)} \left[ \frac{4Q}{\pi(0.15)^2} \right]^2$$

Therefore, Eq. (11.39) can be written as

$$\frac{0.03 \times 1000 \times 8Q^2}{9.81 \times \pi^2 \times (0.15)^5} + \frac{0.03 \times 1000 \times 8 \times Q_1^2}{9.81 \times \pi^2 \times (0.15)^5} = 4.53 \quad (11.41)$$

In this case,

$$Q = 1.3 \times 0.00833 = 0.0108 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Then, from Eq. (11.41), we get

$$Q_1^2 = 0.00014 - (0.0108)^2$$

which gives

$$Q_1 = 0.0048 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

From continuity,

$$Q_2 = 0.0108 - 0.0048 = 0.006 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{From Eq. (11.40), we have } d_2 = \left( \frac{0.006}{0.0048} \right)^{2/5} \times 0.15 \\ = 0.164 \text{ m}$$

It can be observed from Eq. (11.41) that

$$Q_1^2 = 0.00014 - Q^2$$

$$\text{or } Q^2 = 0.00014 - Q_1^2$$

Now  $Q$  will be maximum when  $\dot{Q}_1$  will be minimum. For a physically possible situation, the minimum value of  $\dot{Q}_1$  will be zero. Therefore, the maximum value of  $Q$  will be

$$Q_{\max} = \sqrt{0.00014} = 0.0118 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

which is 41.6% more than the initial value. The case ( $Q_1 = 0$ ,  $Q = 0.0118 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ) corresponds to a situation of an infinitely large branched pipe, i.e.  $d_2 \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Example 11.6** Two points  $A$  and  $B$  at the ground level were supplied equal quantity of water through branched pipes each 200 mm in diameter and 10 m long. Water supply is made from an overhead tank whose water level above the ground is 12 m, and the length and diameter of the pipe up to the junction point  $O$  are 14 m and 500 mm. The point  $O$  is also on the ground level as shown in Fig. 11.18. The connection of a new pipe of 200 mm diameter and 20 m length is to be made from  $O$  to  $C$ . The friction factor  $f$  for all the pipes is 0.016. Valves in the pipelines  $A$  and  $B$  are provided for controlling the flow rates.

Calculate, (i) the flow rates at  $A$  and  $B$  when the valves are fully open, before  $C$  was connected, (ii) the flow rates at  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  with valves fully open, (iii) the valve resistance

coefficients on pipelines  $A$  and  $B$  so as to obtain equal flow rates at  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , and the value of such flow rates (Neglect entry and bend losses).

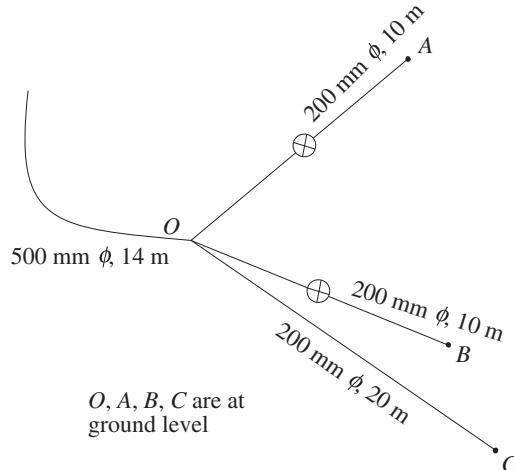


Fig. 11.18 Supply of water from an overhead tank through branched pipes

**Solution** (i) Let the flow rate through the main pipe from the overhead tank to the junction  $O$  be  $Q$  and those through the pipes  $OA$  and  $OB$  are  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ . From continuity,

$$Q_1 + Q_2 = Q$$

Since length, diameter and friction factor for the pipes  $OA$  and  $OB$  are equal,

$$Q_1 = Q_2 = Q/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Velocity in the main pipe from the tank to the point } O &= \frac{4Q}{\pi(0.5)^2} \\ &= 5.09 Q \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Velocity in the pipe } OA = \frac{2Q}{\pi(0.2)^2} = 15.92 Q$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between a point at the water level in the overhead tank and the point  $A$  through the path connecting the main pipe and the pipe  $OA$ , we can write

$$12 = 0.016 \frac{14}{0.5} \frac{1}{2g} (5.09Q)^2 + 0.016 \frac{10}{0.2} \frac{1}{2g} (15.92Q)^2$$

or  $12 = 10.92 Q^2$

which gives  $Q = 1.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Hence flow rates at  $A$  and  $B$  are

$$Q_1 = Q_2 = \frac{1.05}{2} = 0.525 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

(ii) Let  $Q$  be the flow rate in the main pipe and  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$  be the flow rates through the pipes  $OA$ ,  $OB$  and  $OC$  respectively.

From continuity,  $Q = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$  (11.42)

If the discharge pressures at *A*, *B* and *C* are equal, then the sum of the frictional loss and the velocity head (or the exit loss) through each pipe *OA*, *OB* and *OC* must be equal. Hence we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + 0.016 \frac{10}{0.2}\right) \frac{16}{\pi^2(0.2)^4} Q_1^2 &= \left(1 + 0.016 \frac{10}{0.2}\right) \frac{16}{\pi^2(0.2)^4} Q_2^2 \\ &= \left(1 + 0.016 \frac{20}{0.2}\right) \frac{16}{\pi^2(0.2)^4} Q_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$Q_2 = Q_1 \quad (11.43)$$

and

$$Q_3 = 0.832 Q_1 \quad (11.44)$$

Therefore, from Eqs (11.42), (11.43) and (11.44) we get

$$Q = 2.832 Q_1$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between a point at the water level in the overhead tank and the point *A* through the hydraulic path connecting the main pipe and the pipe *OA*, we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} 12 &= 0.016 \frac{14}{0.5} \frac{1}{2g} \left( \frac{4 \times 2.832 Q_1}{\pi(0.5)^2} \right)^2 + 0.016 \frac{10}{0.2} \frac{1}{2g} \left[ \frac{4 Q_1}{\pi(0.2)^2} \right]^2 \\ &= 46.06 Q_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $Q_1 = 0.51 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

and from (11.43)  $Q_2 = 0.51 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

from (11.44)  $Q_3 = 0.42 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

from (11.42)  $Q = 1.44 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

(iii) Let  $Q_1$  be the flow rate through *OA*, *OB* and *OC*. Then the flow rate through the main pipe  $Q = 3 Q_1$ .

Since the diameter of the pipes *OA*, *OB* and *OC* are same, the average velocity of flow through these pipes will also be the same. Let this velocity be  $V_1$ .

$$\text{Then, } V_1 = \frac{4 Q_1}{\pi(0.2)^2} = 31.83 Q_1$$

$$\text{Velocity through the main pipe } V = \frac{4 \times 3 Q_1}{\pi(0.5)^2} = 15.28 Q_1$$

Let  $K$  be the valve resistance coefficient in pipe *OA* or *OB*.

Equating the total losses through two parallel hydraulic paths *OC* and any one of *OA* and *OB*, we have

$$\left(0.016 \times \frac{10}{0.2} + K + 1\right) \frac{(31.83)^2}{28} Q_1^2 = \left(0.016 \times \frac{20}{0.2} + 1\right) \frac{(31.83)^2}{2g} Q_1^2$$

$$\text{or } 1.8 + K = 2.6$$

$$\text{Hence } K = 0.8$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between a point at the water level in the overhead tank and the point *A* through the path connecting the main pipe and *OA*, we have

$$12 = 0.016 \frac{14}{0.5} \frac{(15.28)^2}{2g} Q_1^2 + \left[ 0.016 \frac{10}{0.2} + 0.8 + 1 \right] \frac{(31.83)^2}{2g} Q_1^2$$

$$= 139.76 Q_1^2$$

which gives  $Q_1 = 0.293 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

and hence,  $Q = 3 \times 0.293 = 0.879 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

**Example 11.7** Two reservoirs are connected through a 300 mm diameter pipe line, 1000 m long as shown in Fig. 11.19. At a point *B*, 300 m from the reservoir *A*, a valve is inserted on a short branch line which discharges to atmosphere. The valve may be regarded as a rounded orifice 75 mm diameter,  $C_d = 0.65$ . If friction factor  $f$  for all the pipes is 0.013, calculate the rate of discharge to the reservoir *C* when the valve at *B* is fully opened. Estimate the leakage through the short pipe line at *B*.

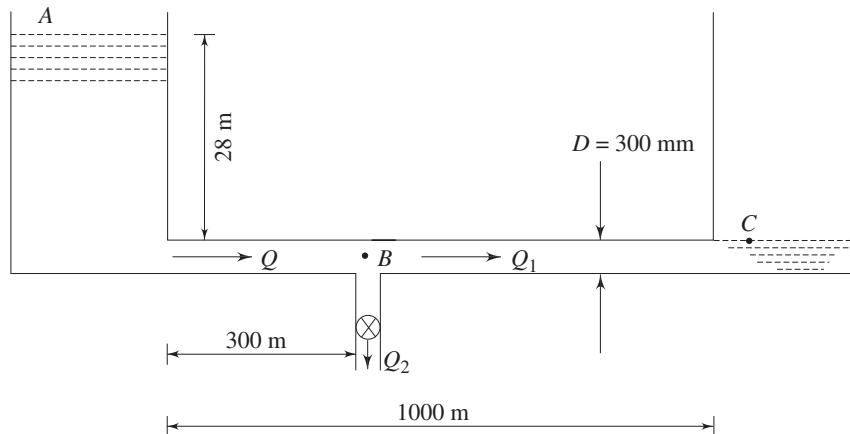


Fig. 11.19 Flow of water between two reservoirs through a pipe with a bypass discharge to atmosphere

**Solution** Let the flow rate through the first 300 m of the pipe be  $Q$  and the flow rates through the next 700 m of the pipe and the short branch line containing the valve be  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  respectively.

From continuity,  $Q = Q_1 + Q_2$

$$\text{Velocity in the pipe } BC = \frac{4Q_1}{\pi(0.3)^2} = 14.15 Q_1$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between points *B* and *C*,

$$\frac{p_B}{\rho g} + \frac{(14.15)^2}{2g} Q_1^2 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + 0.013 \frac{700}{0.3} \frac{(14.15)^2}{2g} Q_1^2 + \frac{(14.15)^2}{2g} Q_1^2$$

$$\text{or } \frac{p_B - p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = 309.55 Q_1^2 \quad (11.45)$$

The discharge through the valve acting as an orifice can be written as

$$Q_2 = 0.65 \times \pi \left( \frac{0.075}{4} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{2(p_B - p_{atm})}{\rho}} \quad (11.46)$$

Using Eqs (11.45) and (11.46), we have

$$Q_2 = 0.65 \times \pi \left( \frac{0.075}{4} \right)^2 \sqrt{2 \times 309.55 \times 9.81} \ Q_1$$

$$= 0.224 Q_1$$

Hence,

$$Q = 1.224 Q_1$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between *A* and *C* through the path *ABC*, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} 28 &= \left( 0.5 + 0.013 \frac{300}{0.3} \right) \frac{(14.15 \times 1.224)^2}{2g} Q_1^2 \\ &\quad + \left( 1 + 0.013 \frac{700}{0.3} \right) \frac{(14.15)^2}{2g} Q_1^2 \\ &= 526.16 Q_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$Q_1 = 0.231 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$Q_2 = 0.224 \times 0.231 = 0.052 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

**Example 11.8** Two reservoirs open to atmosphere are connected by a pipe 800 metres long. The pipe goes over a hill whose height is 6 m above the level of water in the upper reservoir. The pipe diameter is 300 mm and friction factor  $f=0.032$ . The difference in water levels in the two reservoirs is 12.5 m. If the absolute pressure of water anywhere in the pipe is not allowed to fall below 1.2 m of water in order to prevent vapour formation, calculate the length of pipe in the portion between the upper reservoir and the hill sumit, and also the discharge through the pipe. Neglect bend losses. Draw the equivalent electrical network system.

**Solution** Let the length of pipe upstream of *C* be  $L_1$  and that of the downstream be  $L_2$  (Fig. 11.20a).

It is given  $L_1 + L_2 = 800 \text{ m}$

Considering the entry, friction and exit losses,

$$\text{the total loss from } A \text{ to } C = h_f = \left( 0.5 + \frac{0.032 L_1}{0.3} \right) \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad (11.47)$$

$$\text{the total loss from } C \text{ to } B = h_f = \left( 1 + \frac{0.032 L_2}{0.3} \right) \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{the total loss from } A \text{ to } B = h_f = \left( 0.5 + \frac{0.032 \times 800}{0.3} + 1 \right) \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

$$= 86.83 \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between *A* and *B*, we have

$$\Delta H = h_f$$

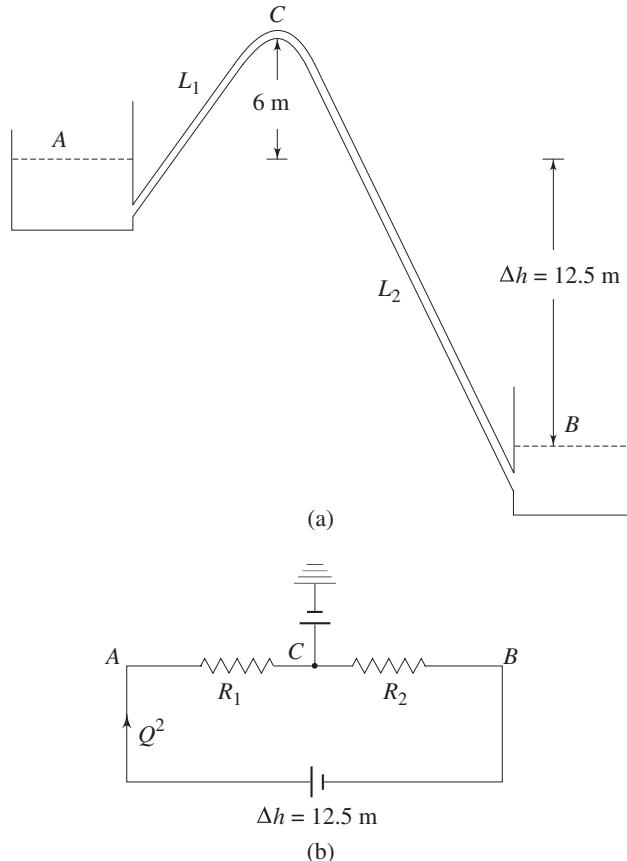


Fig. 11.20 (a) Flow of water between two reservoirs through a pipe which goes over a height more than the water level in the upper reservoir (b) Equivalent electrical network of pipe flow problem of Example 11.8

or

$$12.5 = 86.83 \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

which gives

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{12.5 \times 2 \times 9.81}{86.83}} = 1.68 \text{ m/s}$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between *A* and *C*, we have

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = \frac{p_c}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + 6 + h_{f1} \quad (11.48)$$

With the atmospheric pressure

$$p_{\text{atm}} = 760 \text{ mm of Hg}$$

$$= \frac{760 \times 13.6}{1000} = 10.34 \text{ m of water,}$$

Equation (11.47) becomes

$$10.34 = 1.2 + 6 + \frac{(1.68)^2}{2 \times 9.81} + h_{f1}$$

which gives  $h_{f1} = 2.99 \text{ m}$

Using the value of  $h_{f1} = 2.99 \text{ m}$ , and  $V = 1.68 \text{ m/s}$  in Eq. (11.47) we get

$$(0.5 + 0.107 L_1) \frac{(1.68)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 2.99$$

or  $0.5 + 0.107 L_1 = 20.78$

which gives  $L_1 = 189.53 \text{ m}$

Rate of discharge through the pipe

$$Q = \frac{\pi}{4} (0.3)^2 \times 1.68 = 0.119 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

The equivalent electrical network of the system is shown in Fig. 11.20b.

**Example 11.9** A pump requires 50 kW to supply water at a rate of  $0.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  to an overhead tank. The pipe connecting the delivery end of the pump to the overhead tank is 120 m long and 300 mm in diameter and has a friction factor  $f = 0.02$ . A valve is inserted in the delivery pipe to control the flow rate. The loss coefficient of the valve under wide open condition is 5.0. Water is supplied from a reservoir 2 m below the horizontal level of the pump through a suction pipe 6 m long and 400 mm in diameter having  $f = 0.03$ . Determine the maximum height from the plane of the pump at which the overhead tank can be placed under this situation. (Take the efficiency of the pump  $\eta = 80\%$ ).

**Solution** Let  $H$  be the height of the overhead tank from the pump

$p_d$  be the pressure at the delivery side of the pump

$p_s$  be the pressure at the suction side of the pump.

The average velocity of flow in the delivery pipe

$$V_d = \frac{4 \times 0.2}{\pi \times (0.3)^2} = 2.83 \text{ m/s}$$

The average velocity of flow in the suction pipe

$$V_s = \frac{4 \times 0.2}{\pi \times (0.4)^2} = 1.59 \text{ m/s}$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between a point at the inlet to the delivery pipe and a point at the water surface in the overhead tank where the pressure is atmospheric, we have,

$$\frac{p_d}{\rho g} + \frac{(2.83)^2}{2g} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + H + \left( 0.02 \times \frac{120}{0.3} + 5.0 + 1.0 \right) \times \frac{(2.83)^2}{2g}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{p_d - p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = H + 5.31 \quad (11.49)$$

Applying Bernoulli's equation between a point on the water surface in the supply reservoir and a point at the end of the suction pipe connecting the pump, we can write,

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} = \frac{p_s}{\rho g} + 2 + \left(1 + 0.5 + 0.03 \times \frac{6.0}{0.4}\right) \times \frac{(1.59)^2}{2g}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{p_{\text{atm}} - p_s}{\rho g} = 2.25 \quad (11.50)$$

From Eqs (11.49) and (11.50), we get

$$\frac{p_d - p_s}{\rho g} = H + 7.56$$

Power delivered by the pump to water =  $50 \times 0.8 = 40 \text{ kW}$

Therefore, we can write,

$$0.2 \times (p_d - p_s) = 40 \times 10^3$$

$$\text{or } 0.2 \times 10^3 \times 9.81 (H + 7.56) = 40 \times 10^3$$

which gives,  $H = 12.83 \text{ m}$

**Example 11.10** Water flows through a pipe line of 300 mm in diameter and 20 km long in a horizontal plane. At a point  $B$ , the pipe is branched off into two parallel pipes each of 150 mm diameter and 3.5 km long as shown in Fig. 11.21. In one of these pipes, water is completely drained off from side tappings at a constant rate of 0.01 litre/s per metre length of the pipe. Determine the flow rate and loss of head in the main pipe. (Take friction factor for all the pipes as 0.012.)

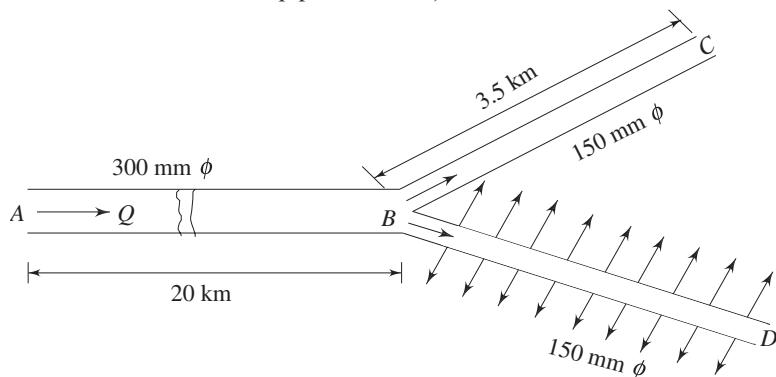


Fig. 11.21 Flow through a branched pipe with side tappings

**Solution** Let  $Q$  be the flow rate through the pipe  $AB$  and be divided at  $B$  into  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  for the pipes  $BC$  and  $BD$  respectively. Then from continuity,

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

Since the entire flow at inlet to the pipe  $BD$  is drained off through side tappings at a constant rate of 0.01 litre per metre length,

$$Q_2 = 0.01 \times 3500 = 35 \text{ litre/s} = 0.035 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Hence, average velocity at inlet to pipe *BD*

$$= \frac{4 \times 0.035}{\pi(0.15)^2} = 1.98 \text{ m/s}$$

The loss of head in *BD* can be written with the help of Eq. (11.36b) as

$$h_{fBD} = \frac{1}{3} \times 0.012 \times \frac{3500}{0.15} \times \frac{(1.98)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 18.65 \text{ m}$$

Since *B* is a common point and *C* and *D* are at the same horizontal level and have the same pressure which is equal to that of the atmosphere, the loss of head in the parallel pipes *BC* and *BD* are equal.

Therefore,  $h_{fBC} = h_{fBD} = 18.65 \text{ m}$

$$\text{Average flow velocity in pipe } BC = \frac{4Q_1}{\pi(0.15)^2} = 56.59 Q_1$$

Equating  $h_{fBC}$  given by Eq. (11.51) with the different losses taking place in pipe *BC*, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} h_{fBC} &= 18.65 = 0.012 \times \frac{3500}{0.15} \times \frac{(56.59)^2}{2g} Q_1^2 + \frac{(56.59)^2}{2g} Q_1^2 \\ &= 45865.6 Q_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $Q_1 = 0.02 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Hence,  $Q = 0.035 + 0.02 + 0.055 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

$$\text{Velocity in the main pipe } AB = \frac{4 \times 0.055}{\pi(0.3)^2} = 0.78 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{The loss of head in the main pipe } AB = 0.012 \times \frac{20000}{0.30} \frac{(0.78)^2}{2g} = 24.81 \text{ m}$$

## Exercises

- 11.1 Under what circumstances is the friction factor for the flow through a pipe of constant diameter
  - (a) inversely proportional to Reynolds number
  - (b) dependent on relative roughness only
  - (c) independent of relative roughness?
- 11.2 Choose the correct answer
  - (i) Friction loss through a pipe flow implies
    - (a) loss of energy due to the coefficient of friction between the material of the pipe and the fluid
    - (b) loss due to dynamic coefficient of friction
    - (c) loss of flow rate in a pipe due to surface roughness
    - (d) loss of energy due to surface roughness
    - (e) loss of momentum due to surface roughness

- (ii) For pipes arranged in series
- the flow may be different in different pipes
  - the head loss per unit length must be more in a smaller pipe
  - the velocity must be the same in all pipes
  - the head loss must be the same in all pipes
  - The flow rate must be the same in all pipes
- (iii) In parallel pipe system
- the pipes must be placed geometrically parallel to each other
  - the flow must be the same in all pipes
  - the head loss per unit length must be the same for all pipes
  - the head loss across each of the parallel pipes must be the same
  - none of the above is true
- 11.3 A 200 mm diameter pipe 200 m long discharges oil from a tank into atmosphere. At the midpoint of the pipe length, the pressure is one and a half times the atmospheric pressure. The specific gravity of the oil is 0.9. The friction factor  $f=0.03$ . Calculate
- the discharge rate of oil
  - the pressure in the tank at the inlet of the pipe
- (Ans.  $0.086 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $206.64 \text{ kN/m}^2$ )
- 11.4 Calculate the power required to pump sulphuric acid (viscosity  $0.04 \text{ Ns/m}^2$  and specific gravity 1.83) at 45 litre/s from a supply tank through a glass-lined 150 mm diameter pipe, 18 m long, into a storage tank. The liquid level in the storage tank is 6 m above from that in the supply tank. For laminar flow  $f=64/\text{Re}$  and for turbulent flow  $f=0.0056 (1+100\text{Re}^{-1/3})$ . Take all losses into account
- (Ans.  $6.12 \text{ kW}$ )
- 11.5 The total head at inlet to a pipe network system is 20 m of water more than that at its outlet: Compare the rate of discharge of water, if the network system consists of (a) three pipes each 700 m long but of diameters 450 mm, 300 mm and 600 mm respectively in the order from inlet to outlet, (b) the same three pipes in parallel. Assume friction factor for all the pipes to be 0.01, and the coefficient of contraction  $C_c = 0.6$ .
- (Ans. (a)  $0.263 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , (b)  $2.73 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ )
- 11.6 Water flows from a tank  $A$  to a tank  $B$ . The difference in water level between the two tanks is 7 m. The tanks are connected by 30.5 m of 300 mm diameter pipe ( $f=0.02$ ) followed by 30.5 m of 150 mm diameter pipe ( $f=0.015$ ). There are two  $90^\circ$  bends in each pipe ( $k=0.50$  each), the coefficient of contraction  $C_c = 0.75$ . If the junction of the two pipes is 5 m below the top water level, find the pressure heads (in gauge) in 300 mm and 150 mm pipe at the junction.
- (Ans.  $4.76 \text{ m}$ ,  $3.56 \text{ m}$ )
- 11.7 There is a sudden increase in the diameter of a pipe from  $d_1$  to  $d_2$ . What would be the ratio  $d_2/d_1$  if the minor loss is independent of the direction of flow? Assume coefficient of contraction  $C_c = 0.6$ .
- Ans.  $(\sqrt{3})$
- 11.8 Show that the loss of head  $\Delta h$  due to friction for a laminar flow in a diffuser of round cross-section and with a small taper angle  $\alpha$  is given by
- $$\Delta h = 64 \mu Q (d_2^3 - d_1^3) / [3 \pi \rho g d_1^3 d_2^3 \tan(\alpha/2)]$$

where,  $Q$  is the rate of volumetric discharge,  $\mu$  and  $\rho$  are the viscosity and density of the fluid respectively,  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are the diameters of the diffuser at its inlet and outlet respectively. Assume that Poiseuille's law is valid for each element of the diffuser length.

- 11.9 A single pipe 400 mm in diameter and 400 m long conveys water at the rate of  $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Find the increase in discharge if another pipe of 200 m long and 200 mm in diameter is joined parallel with the existing pipe over half of its length. Friction factor for all the pipes is same.

(Ans.  $0.04 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ )

- 11.10 Three piping systems (I), (II) and (III) are studied (Fig. 11.22). Take  $f = 0.012$  for all the pipes. Indicate which one has the greatest and which one has the lowest capacity under a given head.

(Greatest - II, lowest - III)

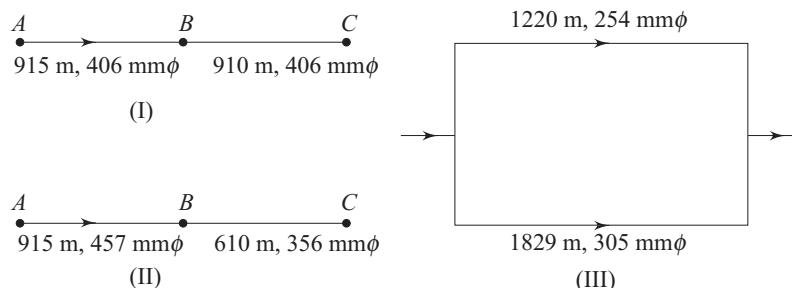


Fig. 11.22 Different piping systems

- 11.11 A pump delivers water through two pipes laid in parallel. One pipe is 100 mm in diameter and 45 m long and discharges to atmosphere at a level of 6 m above the pump outlet. The other pipe, 150 mm in diameter and 60 m long, discharges to atmosphere at a level of 8 m above the pump outlet. The two pipes are connected to a junction immediately after the pump. The inlet to the pump is 600 mm below the level of its outlet. Taking the datum level as that of the pump inlet, determine the total head at the pump outlet if the flow rate through it is  $0.037 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Take friction factor for the pipes  $f = 0.032$ , and neglect losses at the pipe junction.

(Ans. 9.64 m)

- 11.12 Water flows out of a reservoir through a horizontal pipe 500 mm in diameter and 400 m long. The level of water in the reservoir is 10 m. Due to partial closure of the pipe at the discharge end by an obstruction, the flow velocity through the pipe is 3 m/s, and the pressure loss per unit length is  $135 \text{ N/m}^3$ . Calculate the pipe friction factor and the loss coefficient of the obstruction. Estimate the flow velocity when the resistance is withdrawn completely. Neglect entry loss, but account for the exit velocity head.

(Ans.  $f = 0.015$ ,  $k = 8.8$ ,  $3.88 \text{ m/s}$ )

- 11.13 A pipe system consists of three pipes connected in series (i) 300 m long, 150 mm in diameter (ii) 150 m long, 100 mm in diameter (iii) 250 m long, 200 mm in diameter. Determine the equivalent length of a 125 mm diameter pipe. (Take friction factor  $f = 0.02$ , coefficient of contraction  $C_c = 0.6$ ).

(Ans. 620.4 m)

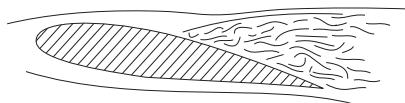
- 11.14 Two reservoirs are connected by three cast iron pipes in series. The length and diameter of the pipes are  $L_1 = 600$  m,  $D_1 = 0.3$  m,  $L_2 = 900$  m,  $D_2 = 0.4$  m,  $L_3 = 1500$  m and  $D_3 = 0.45$  m respectively. Find out Reynolds number in each of the pipes. The density and viscosity at water are  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Ns/m}^2$ . The friction factor in each pipe may be approximated as 0.02. The loss due to expansion at the junctions between pipe-1 and pipe-2 as well as between pipe-2 and pipe-3 may be neglected. The discharge is  $0.11 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Determine the difference in elevation between the top surfaces of the reservoirs. Include the entry loss to pipe-1 and exit loss between pipe-3 and the adjacent reservoir.

(Ans. 8.426 m)

- 11.15 A ring main consists of a quadrilateral network  $ABCD$  and a triangular network  $ADE$ , the pipe  $AD$  being common to both networks. The resistances of the pipelines are  $AB = 4$ ,  $BC = 2$ ,  $CD = 5$ ,  $DA = 4$ ,  $AE = 2$ , and  $DE = 3$  units. Let a flow of 10 units enter at  $E$  and flows of 3, 4, 3 units leave at  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively. Determine the magnitudes of the pipe flows to an accuracy of 0.1 flow unit and indicate their directions on a sketch.

(Ans.  $EA = 5.32$ ;  $ED = 4.68$ ;  $AB = 3.82$ ;  $BC = 0.82$ ;  $DC = 3.18$ ;  $AD = 1.50$ )

# 12



## Flows with a Free Surface

### 12.1 INTRODUCTION

The flow of a fluid is not always required to be bounded on all sides by solid surfaces as discussed in the previous chapters. The flow of liquids, under certain circumstances, may take place when the uppermost boundary is the free surface of the liquid itself. Then the cross-section of flow is not determined entirely by the solid boundaries. The controlling parameters of flow in this case are different from those in the case of flow through closed ducts.

Flow with a free surface takes place in open channels. The free surface is subjected only to atmospheric pressure which is constant. Therefore the flow is caused by the weight of the fluid. It has been discussed earlier, in several occasions, that a uniform flow through a closed duct takes place due to a drop in the *Piezometric pressure*  $p^*$  ( $= p + \rho g z$ ). But for an open channel, a uniform flow is caused by the second term  $\rho g z$  since, the static pressure remains constant in the direction of flow. Natural streams, rivers, artificial canals, irrigation ditches and flumes are the examples of open channels in practice. Pipe lines or tunnels which are not completely full of liquid also have the essential features of open channels.

### 12.2 FLOW IN OPEN CHANNELS

#### 12.2.1 Geometrical Terminologies

**Depth of Flow  $h$**  The depth of flow  $h$  at any Sec. (Fig. 12.1) is the vertical distance of the bed of the channel from the free surface at that section.

**Top Breadth  $B$**  It is the breadth of the channel section at the free surface (Fig. 12.1).

**The Water Area  $A$**  The water area is the flow cross-sectional area perpendicular to the direction of flow.

**The Wetted Perimeter  $P$**  The wetted perimeter  $P$  is the perimeter of the solid boundary in contact with the liquid.

**Hydraulic Radius  $R_h$**  The hydraulic radius  $R_h$  is defined as  $R_h = A/P$ .

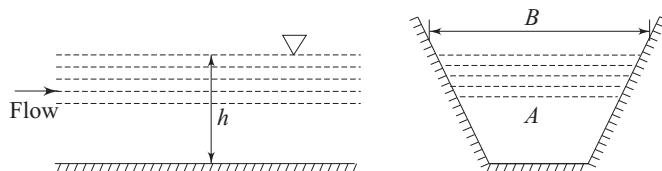


Fig. 12.1 Geometry of a straight channel

### 12.2.2 Types of Flow in Open Channels

The flow in an open channel may be uniform or non-uniform, steady or unsteady, laminar or turbulent.

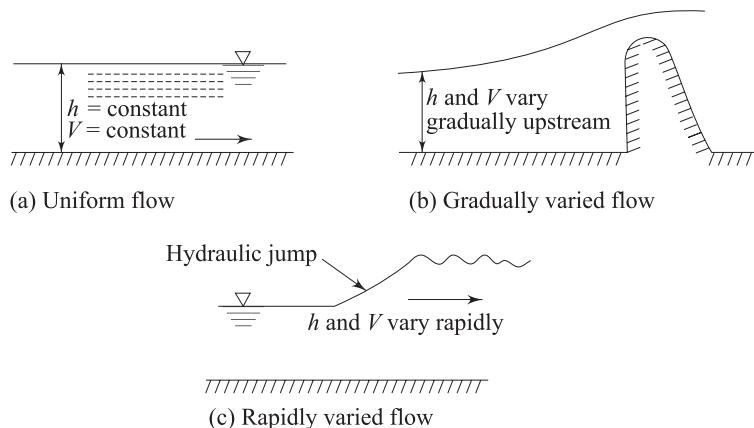


Fig. 12.2 Uniform and non-uniform flows in open channel

**Uniform Flow** Uniform flow occurs in a channel when the cross-section and depth of flow do not change along the length of the channel. This is characterised by the liquid surface being parallel to the base of the channel (Fig. 12.2a). Under this circumstance, the velocity of liquid does not change either in magnitude or direction from one section to another in the part of the channel under consideration.

**Non-uniform Flow** Flow in which the liquid surface is not parallel to the base of the channel (Fig. 12.2b) is said to be non-uniform or varied, since the depth of flow continuously varies from one section to another. This flow occurs in a

channel which is shaped irregularly and also in a prismatic channel when depth and velocity vary. The change in depth may be gradual or rapid according to which a non-uniform flow is termed as a gradually varied flow (Fig. 12.2b) or a rapidly varied flow (Fig. 12.2c). In a gradually varied flow, the degree of non-uniformity is small and gradual. This may extend upstream to a considerable distance due to some control structure, e.g., spillway of a dam, as shown in Fig. 12.2b. In a rapidly varied flow, the change in depth and velocity is rather abrupt or takes place within a short distance. Boundary frictional losses are small and the head loss arises mainly from eddy formation. Such a flow is observed in a hydraulic jump (Fig. 12.2c), which will be discussed later in Sec. 12.4 of this chapter.

**Steady or Unsteady Flow** Flow is termed steady or unsteady according to whether the velocity at a point in the channel is invariant with time or not. Unsteady non-uniform flow is more common in practice. It occurs when a sluice gate is operated in a dam or during a tidal bore. Non-uniform flow always occurs in short channels because a certain length of channel is required for the establishment of uniform flow. Analysis of unsteady non-uniform flows is more complicated and difficult as compared to that of a steady uniform flow.

The flow in an open channel may be either laminar or turbulent depending upon the relative magnitudes of viscous and inertia forces. Reynolds number  $Re$ , as the criterion of transition from laminar to turbulent flow, is defined in this case as  $Re = V_{av} l / v$  where  $V_{av}$  is the average flow velocity at any cross-section,  $l$ , the characteristic length, is usually the hydraulic radius  $R_h$  ( $= A/P$ ) and  $v$  is the kinematic viscosity of the liquid. The lower critical value of Reynolds number below which the flow is always laminar is 600. Flows in open channels are usually turbulent in practice. Laminar flow may be observed in small grooves in domestic draining boards set at a small slope.

Another important classification of an open channel flow is made on the basis of whether a small disturbance in the flow can travel upstream or not. This depends on flow velocity and is characterised by the magnitude of Froude number  $Fr$ . When Froude number is less than 1.0, any small disturbance can travel against the flow and affects the upstream condition and the flow is described as tranquil. When Froude number is greater than 1, a small disturbance cannot propagate upstream but is washed downstream, and the flow is said to be rapid. When Froude number is exactly equal to 1.0, the flow is said to be critical. Further discussion on tranquil and rapid flow has been made in Sec. 12.2.7. Therefore, a complete description of flow consists of four characteristics. The flow may be:

- (a) Either uniform or non-uniform
- (b) Either steady or unsteady
- (c) Either laminar or turbulent
- (d) Either tranquil or rapid

### 12.2.3 Application of Bernoulli's Equation in Open Channels

Bernoulli's equation can be well applied to flow through an open channel, since no restriction to flow between boundaries of a particular kind was made in the derivation of this equation. Bernoulli's equation can be written for a steady incompressible and inviscid flow as

$$\frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + z = \text{constant along a streamline}$$

In case of a flow through a channel where the streamlines are sensible straight and parallel or of a little curved in nature (for a gradually varied flow), there is only a hydrostatic variation of pressure over the cross-section. This implies that the pressure at any point in the stream is governed only by its depth below the free surface. Consider the flow through a straight channel as shown in Fig. 12.3. Pressure head ( $p/\rho g$ ) at any point in the channel is therefore the vertical height of the free surface from the point. Hence, the sum of pressure head ( $p/\rho g$ ) and potential head ( $z$ ) at any point becomes equal to the height of the free surface, at the cross-section containing the point, above a horizontal datum of reference. (Fig. 12.3). Bernoulli's equation is thus simplified to the following form:

$$\text{The height of liquid surface above datum} + (V^2/2g) = \text{constant} \quad (12.1)$$

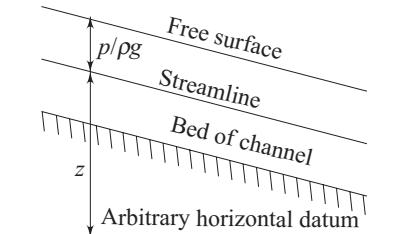


Fig. 12.3 Representation of pressure head and potential head in flow through a straight channel

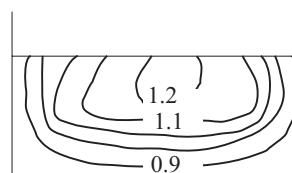


Fig. 12.4 Contours of constant velocity in a rectangular channel

provided that friction is negligible. If it is assumed that, at the section considered, the velocity is same at all streamlines, then Eq. (12.1) is valid for the entire stream. In practice, however, a uniform distribution of velocity over a section is never achieved. The actual velocity distribution in an open channel is influenced both by the solid boundaries and by the free surface. The irregularities in the boundaries of an open channel are usually very large and greatly influence the velocity distribution. A typical velocity distribution for a channel of rectangular section is shown in Fig. 12.4. The maximum velocity usually occurs at a point slightly below the free surface. The numeric in Fig. 12.4 represents the ratio of actual velocity to the velocity at free surface. In practice, when liquid flows from one section to another, friction converts a part of mechanical energy into intermolecular energy and this part of energy is regarded to be lost. If this loss of mechanical energy per unit weight between Secs 1 and 2 (Fig. 12.5) is  $h_f$ , then for

steady flow, Bernoulli's equation (Eq. 12.1) between the two sections can be written as

$$\left( \text{Height of liquid surface} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \right) = \left( \text{Height of liquid surface above a horizontal datum of reference} \right) + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_f$$

$$\text{or } h_1 + z_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = h_2 + z_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_f \quad (12.2a)$$

where  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are the average flow velocities over the cross-sections at 1 and 2 respectively.

To take account of non-uniformity of velocity over the cross-section Eq. (12.2a) may be written as

$$h_1 + z_1 + \alpha_1 \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = h_2 + z_2 + \alpha_2 \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_f \quad (12.2b)$$

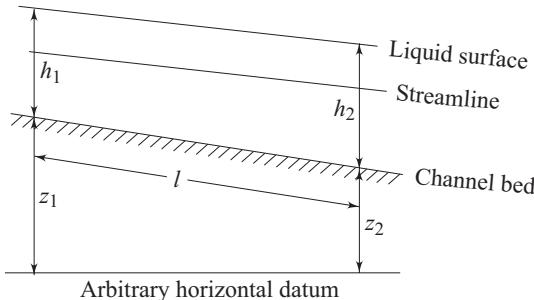


Fig. 12.5 Representation of total head at two sections in a channel flow

#### 12.2.4 Energy Gradient and Hydraulic Gradient Lines

The concept of energy and hydraulic gradient lines is not restricted to channel flows, rather it is referred, in general, to all kinds of flows through closed or open ducts. The energy gradient line is the contour of the total mechanical energy per unit weight or the total head ( $z + p/\rho g + V^2/2g$ ) at a cross-section, as ordinate against the distance along the flow. The hydraulic gradient line is obtained by plotting the sum of potential and pressure heads ( $z + p/\rho g$ ) as ordinate against the same abscissa (the distance along the flow). Thus, the hydraulic gradient line is the contour of the free surface in an open channel. The hydraulic gradient line is any kind of flow can be constructed by subtracting the velocity head  $V^2/2g$  from the energy gradient line at every section. The energy and hydraulic gradient lines are illustrated in case of a pipe flow and flow through a straight channel in Figs 12.6 and 12.7 respectively.

Figure 12.6 shows a flow of fluid through a pipe one end of which is attached to a reservoir maintained with a constant height of water, and the other end to a converging nozzle that increases the velocity at the expense of pressure. The energy gradient line, as shown, fall gradually and continuously due to the frictional head loss in the pipeline and the nozzle. The hydraulic gradient line

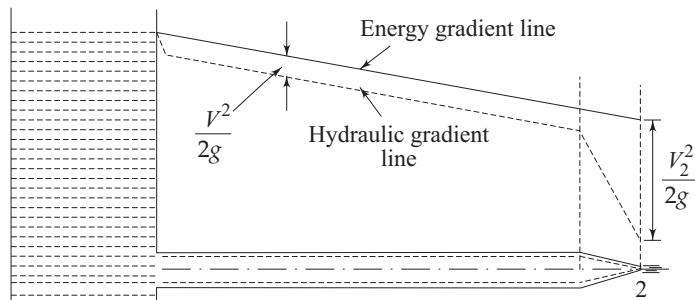


Fig. 12.6 Energy gradient and hydraulic gradient lines in case of a pipe flow

always runs below the energy gradient line, difference being the velocity head at the corresponding section. Since the velocity increases in the nozzle, the hydraulic gradient line falls sharply in that region. Both the energy gradient and hydraulic gradient lines meet on the reservoir surface where the velocity is negligible. If a pump or a turbine is fitted in the system, the energy gradient line would show an abrupt rise across the pump by an amount equal to the head developed, or an abrupt fall across the turbine by an amount equal to the head extracted. The hydraulic gradient line on the other hand, may show an abrupt rise or fall in a pipeline, if there occurs a sudden enlargement or contraction of the pipe at any section.

The energy gradient and hydraulic gradient lines in case of a channel flow are shown in Fig. 12.7. The hydraulic gradient line in this situation is the liquid surface itself. In case of an uniform flow, the depth of the bed  $h$ , and accordingly the average velocity and kinetic energy correction factor remain the same along the direction of flow in the channel ( $h_1 = h_2$ ,  $V_1 = V_2$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ ). As a consequence, the energy gradient line, the hydraulic gradient line or the liquid surface and the channel bed run parallel to each other. The loss of mechanical energy due to friction per unit length of the bed becomes  $h_f/l$ , where  $h_f$  is the total loss of head over the length of the channel  $l$ . The quantity  $h_f/l$  is termed as the *energy gradient* since it corresponds to the slope of the energy gradient line. For a uniform flow through a channel, the energy gradient becomes equal to the geometrical gradient of the channel bed and of the liquid surface.

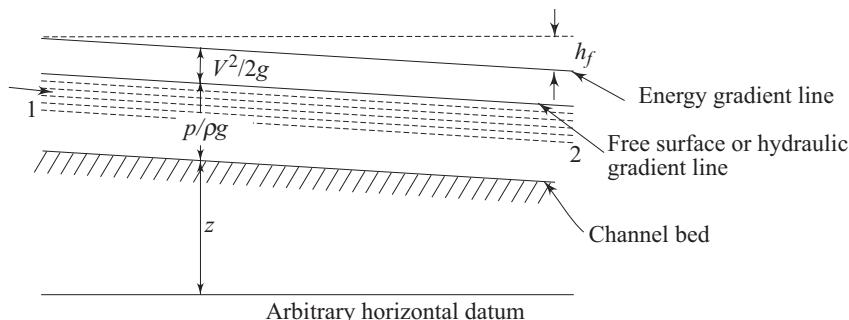


Fig. 12.7 Energy gradient and hydraulic gradient lines in case of a channel flow

### 12.2.5 Steady Uniform Flow—the Chezy Equation

A relationship between the average flow velocity and pressure drop in a steady uniform flow through a straight channel will now be developed. Let us consider a control volume *abcd* in a straight channel as shown in Fig. 12.8. The hydrostatic pressure forces at the surfaces *ab* and *cd* balance each other. The other forces acting on the control volume are the component of weight along the flow direction and the shear force at the solid boundary. Since the flow is steady and uniform, the rate of momentum influx to the control volume at *ab* is equal to the rate of momentum efflux from it at *cd*. Therefore, the net rate of momentum efflux from the control volume is zero. Hence, applying the momentum theorem to the control volume for a steady and uniform flow, we can write, as follows:

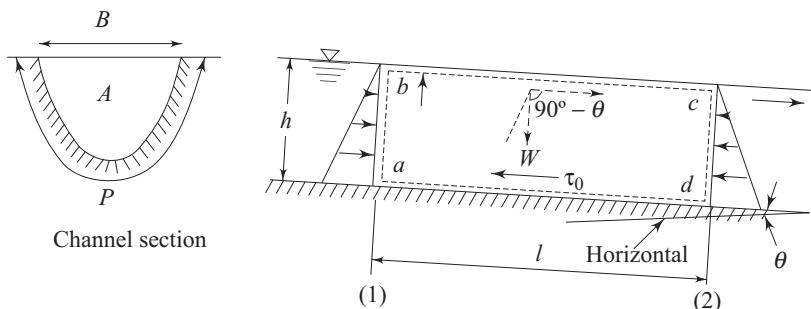


Fig. 12.8 Application of momentum theorem on a control volume in a uniform flow through a straight channel

The net force acting on the control volume in the direction of flow = Net rate of momentum efflux from the control volume = 0

$$\text{or } W \sin \theta - \tau_0 Pl = 0$$

$$\text{or } \rho g Al \sin \theta = \tau_0 Pl$$

$$\text{or } \tau_0 = \rho g (A/P) \sin \theta = \rho g R_h S \quad (12.3)$$

where,  $\tau_0$  is the average shear stress at the solid boundary and  $S$  ( $= \sin \theta$ ) is the slope of the bed of the channel. The hydraulic radius  $R_h = A/P$  as defined in Sec. 12.2.1.

An expression to substitute  $\tau_0$  in terms of the average flow velocity  $V$  is needed. This is done by expressing  $\tau_0$  in terms of Fanning's friction factor  $f$  as,

$$\tau_0 = \frac{1}{2} \rho V^2 f \quad (12.4)$$

Moreover, in almost all cases of practical interest, the Reynolds number of flow in an open channel is sufficiently high where the shear stress at the boundary is proportional to the square of the average velocity and hence  $f$  remains constant. Combining Eq. (12.3) with (12.4), we have

$$V = (2g/f)^{1/2} (R_h S)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{or } V = c (R_h S)^{1/2} \quad (12.5)$$

This is the well known *Chezy equation*. The parameter  $c = (2g/f)^{1/2}$  is called the *Chezy's coefficient* and has the dimension  $L^{1/2} T^{-1}$ . Although the validity of Eq. (12.5) has been experimentally verified for uniform flow only, it can also be used with reasonable accuracy for gradually varied flows. An expression similar to Eq. (12.3) can be derived for a non-uniform flow also.

**Variation of Chezy Coefficient** To determine the velocity 'V' from Chezy equation (Eq. 12.5), one has to know the value of  $c$ , the Chezy coefficient. In case of flow through pipes, as described in Chapter 11, the friction factor  $f$  depends on both the Reynolds number  $Re$  and on the relative roughness  $\epsilon/d$  of the solid surface. Thus, Chezy's coefficient may be expected to depend on both  $Re$  and  $\epsilon/R_h$  ( $R_h$  is the hydraulic radius), and also on the shape and size of the channel. The flow in open channels are fully turbulent in practice and hence the dependence of  $c$  on  $Re$  is negligible, while  $\epsilon/R_h$  becomes the only influencing parameter for  $c$ . The differences in the shape of the channel cross-section are taken care of by the use of hydraulic radius  $R_h$ . It is found from experience that the shape of the cross-section has little effect on the flow, if the shear stress  $\tau_0$  does not vary much around the wetted perimeter. Therefore, the hydraulic radius  $R_h$ , itself represents the characteristic parameter for the influence of both the shape and size of the channel on flow through it.

Experiments were made by several workers to correlate the value of  $c$  with the pertinent governing parameters. We shall mention here a few such important empirical relation as follows:

$$c = \frac{23 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{0.00155}{S}}{1 + \left( 23 + \frac{0.00155}{S} \right) \frac{n}{R_h}} \quad (12.6)$$

[the Ganguillet-Kulter (G.K.) formula]

$$c = (1/n) R_h^y \quad [\text{the Pavlovskii formula}] \quad (12.7)$$

where

$$y = 2.5 n - 0.13 - 0.75 R_h(n - 0.1)$$

$$c = (1/n) R_h^{1/6} \quad [\text{Manning's formula}] \quad (12.8)$$

The parameter  $n$  in all these formulae is the *roughness coefficient*. The hydraulic radius  $R_h$  has to be substituted in metre to get the value of  $c$  in  $m^{1/2} s$  from the above relations. The simplest expression amongst all is the Eq. (12.8) due to Manning. The values of roughness coefficient  $n$  for a straight channel are shown in Table 12.1. It is interesting to note that all the formulae (Eq. 12.6, 12.7 and 12.8) give the same value for the Chezys coefficient  $c = 1/n$  at the unit hydraulic radius  $R_h = 1$ . Inserting the value of  $c$  from Eq. (12.8) into Eq. (12.5), the expression for velocity can be written as

$$V = (1/n) R_h^{2/3} S^{1/2} \quad (12.9)$$

This equation is widely used in calculating the flow velocity in an open channel because of its simplest form and yet good agreement with experiments.

Table 12.1 Values of Manning's Roughness Coefficient  $n$  for Straight Uniform Channels

Type of surface	$n$
Smooth cement, planed timber	0.010
Rough timber, canvas	0.012
Cast iron, good ashlar masonry, brick work	0.013
Verified clay, asphalt, good concrete	0.015
Rubble masonry	0.018
Firm gravel	0.020
Canals and rivers in good condition	0.025
Canals and rivers in bad condition	0.035

### 12.2.6 Optimum Hydraulic Cross-Section

With the help of Manning's equation [Eq. (12.9)] for the velocity of flow, we can write the expression for volumetric discharge rate through an open channel as

$$Q = \frac{A}{n} R_h^{2/3} S^{1/2} = \frac{A^{5/3} S^{1/2}}{n P^{2/3}} \quad (12.10)$$

A typical application of the above equation in the design of artificial canal for uniform flow is the economical proportioning of its cross-section. It may be observed from Eq. (12.10) that the discharge rate  $Q$  is maximum when the wetted perimeter is minimum for a given flow area. The most efficient cross-section, from the hydraulic point of view, is semi-circular as it has the least wetted perimeter among all sections with the same flow area. It is desirable to use such a section not only for the sake of obtaining the maximum discharge for a given cross-sectional area, but for the sake of economy due to the fact that a minimum wetted perimeter requires a minimum of lining material. The cross-sectional area of a channel under this condition is known as *the optimum hydraulic cross-section*. The condition is characterised by the maximum value of the hydraulic radius  $R_h = A/P$ . Although a semi-circular channel has the maximum hydraulic mean radius and it is built from prefabricated sections, the semi-circular shape is impractical for other forms of construction. Trapezoidal sections on the other hand, are very popular. We should therefore find out the condition for maximum hydraulic mean radius for a trapezoidal section as follows:

Let us consider a trapezoidal section, as shown in Fig. 12.9.

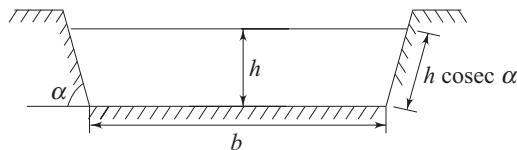


Fig. 12.9 Section of a trapezoidal channel

Cross-sectional area of flow  $A = bh + h^2 \cos \alpha$

Wetted perimeter  $P = b + 2h \operatorname{cosec} \alpha$   
 Since  $b = (A/h) - h \cot \alpha$ ,

$$R_h = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{A}{(A/h) - h \cot \alpha + 2h \operatorname{cosec} \alpha} \quad (12.11)$$

For a given value of  $A$ , the expression is a maximum when its denominator is a minimum. This is found from the consideration

$$\frac{d}{dh} [(A/h) - h \cot \alpha + 2h \operatorname{cosec} \alpha] = 0$$

or  $-(A/h^2) - \cot \alpha + 2 \operatorname{cosec} \alpha = 0$   
 or  $A = h^2 (2 \operatorname{cosec} \alpha - \cot \alpha) \quad (12.12)$

The second derivative,  $2A/h^3$ , is clearly positive and so the condition is indeed for a minimum of the denominator of Eq. (12.11), and hence for a maximum of  $R_h$ . Substituting the value of  $A$  from Eq. (12.12) in the expression for  $R_h$ , i.e. into Eq. (12.11), we have

$$R_h = \frac{h^2 (2 \operatorname{cosec} \alpha - \cot \alpha)}{h (2 \operatorname{cosec} \alpha - \cot \alpha) - h \cot \alpha + 2h \operatorname{cosec} \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{h^2 (2 \operatorname{cosec} \alpha - \cot \alpha)}{2h(2 \operatorname{cosec} \alpha - \cot \alpha)} = \frac{h}{2} \quad (12.13)$$

In other words, for maximum efficiency, a trapezoidal channel should be so proportioned that its hydraulic mean radius is half the central depth of flow. Since a rectangle is a special case of a trapezium (with  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ), the optimum proportions for a rectangular section is given by  $R_h = h/2$ , and from Eq. (12.12),  $A = 2h^2$  which finally gives that the width of the rectangle  $B = 2h^2/h = 2h$ .

If, instead of depth of flow, the side slope is varied to give the optimum cross-section, i.e. maximum  $R_h$ , then we can find the required condition as

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} [(A/h) - h \cot \alpha + 2h \operatorname{cosec} \alpha] = 0$$

or  $h \operatorname{cosec} \alpha (\operatorname{cosec} \alpha - 2 \cot \alpha) = 0$   
 Since  $h \neq 0$ ,  
 $\operatorname{cosec} \alpha - 2 \cot \alpha = 0$   
 or  $\cos \alpha = 1/2$   
 which gives  $\alpha = 60^\circ \quad (12.14)$

This concludes that, for a given depth of flow the optimum trapezoidal section, given by maximum  $R_h$ , is half of a regular hexagon.

### 12.2.7 Propagation of Waves by Small Disturbances in Open Channels

Any temporary disturbance of a free surface produces waves; for examples, a stone dropped into a pond, removal or insertion of an obstruction like sudden

opening or closing of a sluice gate in a river causes waves which are propagated upstream and downstream of the source of disturbances. The depth of water in a channel is considered to be shallow when it is small as compared to the length of a wave on its surface. Again, a wave is termed as a positive wave when it results in an increase in the depth of stream, and is termed as a negative one if it causes a decrease in the depth.

We consider an open channel with a rectangular cross-section and a horizontal base. The slope of the bed is assumed to be nearly zero so that the weight of the liquid has a negligible component in the direction of flow. Let the uniform flow in the channel, represented by velocity  $V_1$  and depth  $h_1$ , (Fig. 12.10a) be disturbed by a small disturbance, for example, the closing of a gate downstream, so that a positive wave travels upstream with a constant velocity  $C$  (relative to the bed of the channel). Due to the disturbance, the changes in downstream conditions of the flow are considered in a sense that a short distance downstream of the wave the flow has again become uniform with altered values of velocity and depth as  $V_2$  and  $h_2$  respectively (Fig. 12.10a).

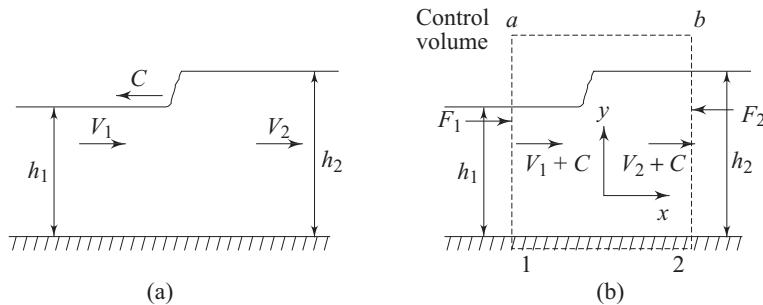


Fig. 12.10 (a) Propagation of a wave in an open channel (b) A typical control volume in the analysis of propagation velocity of a surface wave in a channel flow

The change in velocity from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  caused by the passage of the wave is the result of a net force acting on the fluid. The magnitude of this force can be found out by applying the momentum theorem to a control volume enclosing the wave. Such a control volume  $1ab21$  shown in Fig. 12.10b is taken for our analysis. In order of make the flow steady, the frame of reference is chosen where the surge wave is stationary while the fluid upstream and downstream the wave move moves with velocity  $V_1 + C$  and  $V_2 + C$  respectively. In other words, we can say, that the coordinate axes for the analysis, are considered to be fixed with the moving wave. The net force acting on the control volume in the  $x$  direction is due to the forces acting on the surfaces  $1a$  and  $2b$ . The forces acting on these surfaces (Fig. 12.10b) are the hydrostatic pressure forces and can be written as

$$F_1 = \frac{\rho g h_1^2}{2} \text{ and } F_2 = \frac{\rho g h_2^2}{2}$$

Here the width of the channel has been considered to be unity.

Therefore, the net force in the  $x$  direction on the control volume

$$= \frac{\rho g h_1^2 - \rho g h_2^2}{2} \quad (12.15)$$

The net rate of  $x$ -momentum efflux from the control volume

$$= \rho Q (V_2 - V_1) \quad (12.16)$$

where  $Q$  is the rate of volumetric discharge

From continuity,

$$Q = (V_1 + C)h_1 = (V_2 + C)h_2 \quad (12.17a)$$

$$\text{which gives } V_2 = (V_1 + C) \frac{h_1}{h_2} - C \quad (12.17b)$$

For a steady flow, the momentum theorem as applied to the control volume 1ab2 gives

$$\frac{\rho g}{2} (h_1^2 - h_2^2) = \rho Q (V_2 - V_1) \quad (12.18)$$

Substituting for  $Q$  and  $V_2$  from Eqs (12.17a) and (12.17b) respectively into Eq. (12.18) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\rho g}{2} (h_1^2 - h_2^2) &= \rho (V_1 + C)h_1 \left[ (V_1 + C) \frac{h_1}{h_2} - C - V_1 \right] \\ &= \rho (V_1 + C)^2 \frac{h_1}{h_2} (h_1 - h_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{which gives, } V_1 + C = (gh_2)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1 + h_2/h_1}{2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (12.19)$$

If the height of the wave is considered to be small, which is usually true for waves created by small disturbances, then,  $h_2 = h_1 = h$ , and Eq. (12.19) can be written as

$$V_1 + C = (gh)^{1/2} \quad (12.20)$$

This equation implies that the velocity of the wave relative to the undisturbed liquid is  $(gh)^{1/2}$ . Though this derivation applies only to waves propagated in rectangular channels, it can be shown that, for channels with different types of cross-section, the velocity of propagation of a small wave is  $(g\bar{h})^{1/2}$  relative to the undisturbed liquid, where  $\bar{h}$  is the mean depth given by

$$\bar{h} = \frac{\text{Area of cross-section}}{\text{Width of the liquid surface}} = \frac{A}{B} \quad (12.21)$$

Equation (12.20) gives the velocity of a wave whose height is small. A larger wave will be propagated with a higher velocity than that given by the Eq. (12.20). Moreover, the height of the wave does not remain constant over an appreciable distance due to frictional effects. In the derivation of Eq. (12.20), the effect of friction has been assumed to be negligible for the control volume 1ab2

(Fig. 12.10b), since the distance between the sections 1a and 2b are considered to be very small. The present analysis is, however, valid for a shallow depth.

### 12.2.8 Specific Energy and Alternative Depth of Flow

**Definition of Specific Energy** In the definition of total energy of a flowing fluid, a reference horizontal datum is chosen arbitrarily so that the potential energy of a fluid element is prescribed from the datum. In a channel flow, the sum of the pressure head,  $p/\rho g$  and the potential head,  $z$ , (measured from any horizontal datum) is equivalent to the height of free surface above the datum, and the total energy is therefore equivalent to this height plus the height corresponding to velocity head  $V^2/2g$  as already explained in Fig. 12.7 in Sec. 12.2.4. Specific energy of a fluid element at any point in a channel flow is defined as its total energy per unit weight where the component potential energy is measured from the base or bed of the channel as the datum. Therefore, specific energy  $E_s$  at any section of the channel is given by

$$E_s = h + \frac{V_{av}^2}{2g} \quad (12.22)$$

where  $V_{av}$  represents the average flow velocity. If  $A$  and  $Q$  are the cross-sectional area and rate of volumetric flow respectively at the section considered, then

$$V_{av} = Q/A \quad (12.23a)$$

Again, if the width of the channel at that section is  $b$ , then

$$A = b h \quad (12.23b)$$

With the help of Eqs (12.23a) and (12.23b), Eq. (12.22) can be written as

$$E_s = h + \left( \frac{q^2}{2g} \right) \frac{1}{h^2} \quad (12.24)$$

where

$$q = Q/b$$

Equation (12.24) relates the *specific energy* with the depth of flow and the discharge per unit width. Out of the three variables  $E_s$ ,  $q$  and  $h$ , any two can vary independently and the third one becomes dependent by Eq. (12.24). Our particular interest centres around the instances in which  $q$  is constant while  $h$  and  $E_s$  vary, i.e. how the specific energy varies with depth of flow for a given rate of discharge. If  $E_s$  is plotted against  $h$  for a constant value of  $q$ , we get a curve, as shown in Fig. 12.11, which is known as the *specific energy diagram*. At small values of  $h$ , the second term in the right hand side of Eq. (12.24) becomes predominant over the first one and then  $E_s$  becomes an inverse function of  $h$  with  $E_s \rightarrow \infty$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, this part of the specific energy curve becomes asymptotic to the  $E_s$  axis. Conversely, as  $h$  increases, the velocity becomes smaller and the second

term  $(q^2/2g) \frac{1}{h^2}$  becomes insignificant compared to the first term  $h$  and therefore

$E_s$  varies directly with  $h$  in this region and finally becomes asymptotic to the line  $E_s = h$ . Between these two extremes, there is clearly a minimum value of  $E_s$ . The

depth of flow at which the minimum value of  $E_s$  occurs is known as *critical depth*  $h_c$ . The value of  $E_{s\min}$  and  $h_c$  can be found out as follows:

For  $E_s$  to be minimum, we can write from Eq. (12.24)

$$\frac{\partial E_s}{\partial h} = 1 + \frac{q^2}{2g} (-2/h^3) = 0$$

which gives  $h = (q^2/g)^{1/3}$

This value of  $h$  is the critical depth  $h_c$  and hence we can write

$$h_c = (q^2/g)^{1/3} \quad (12.25)$$

The corresponding minimum value of  $E_s$  is obtained by substituting  $q$  in terms of  $h_c$  from Eq. (12.25) into Eq. (12.24) as

$$E_{s\min} = h_c + (h_c^3/2h_c^2) = \frac{3}{2} h_c \quad (12.26)$$

We now examine another interesting case where  $h$  and  $q$  vary while specific energy  $E_s$  is kept constant. Again, with the help of Eq. (12.24), the curve of  $h$  against  $q$  for constant  $E_s$  is drawn as shown in Fig. 12.12. Here we observe that  $q$  reaches a maximum at a given value of  $h$  which indicates a maximum discharge for a given specific energy. To obtain this condition, we first write the Eq. (12.24) in a form

$$q^2 = 2gh^2 (E_s - h)$$

For maximum discharge,

$$2q \frac{\partial q}{\partial h} = 2g(2E_s h - 3h^2) = 0$$

which gives  $h = \frac{2}{3} E_s$  (12.27)

From Eqs (12.26) and (12.27) we conclude that, at the critical depth, either the discharge is maximum for a given specific energy or the specific energy is minimum for a given discharge.

**Critical Velocity** The velocity of flow at the critical depth is known as *critical velocity* in case of a channel flow. Since the velocity of flow  $V = Q/bh = q/h$ , the critical velocity  $V_c$  may be determined from Eq. (12.25) as

$$V_c = q/h_c = \frac{(gh_c^3)^{1/2}}{h_c} = (gh_c)^{1/2} \quad (12.28)$$

Though the expressions for critical depth and critical velocity have been derived here for a rectangular channel, the same results can be obtained for a channel with any shape of section provided the mean depth  $\bar{h}$  as defined by Eq. (12.21) is used in place of depth of flow  $h$  for a rectangular cross-section.

**Physical Implication of Critical Velocity and Definition of Tranquil and Rapid Flow** The most important outcome of critical velocity is that it separates two distinct types of flow—one in which the velocity is less than the critical value,

and the other in which the velocity exceeds the critical value. We find that for each value of  $E_s$  other than the minimum (Fig. 12.11), and for each value of  $q$  other than the maximum (Fig. 12.12), there are two possible values of  $h$ , one greater and one less than  $h_c$  (although 12.24) is a cubic in  $h$ , the third root is always negative and is therefore physically meaningless). These two values of  $h$  are known as *alternative depths*. When  $h < h_c$ , the flow velocity  $V$  is greater than  $V_c$  and when  $h > h_c$ ,  $V$  is less than  $V_c$ . Before examining the physical significance of these two regimes of flow given by  $V > V_c$  and  $V < V_c$ , we first find the physical implication of the critical velocity. We have shown in Sec. 12.2.7 that the velocity of propagation (relative to the undisturbed liquid) of a small surface

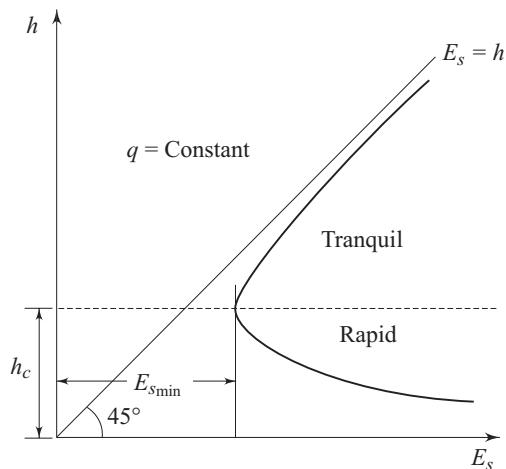


Fig. 12.11 Variation of specific energy with the depth of flow for a given discharge

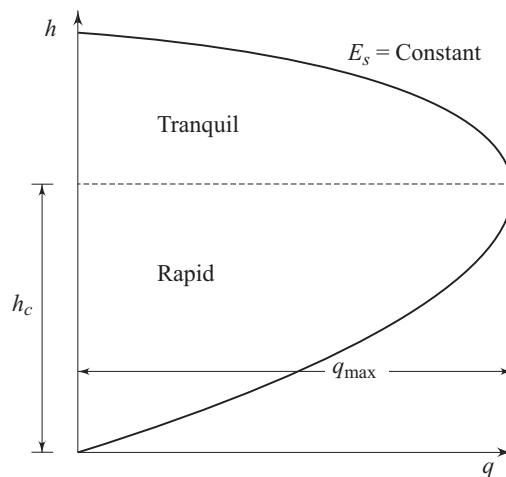


Fig. 12.12 Variation of discharge with depth of flow for a given specific energy

wave in a shallow liquid equals to  $(gh)^{1/2}$ , where  $h$  is the mean depth of flow in case of varying cross-section, or simply the depth of flow, in case of a rectangular cross-section throughout the channel. A surface wave can be caused by any small disturbance to the flow. Hence the surface wave can be considered as a messenger, propagated against the flow, for the liquid upstream to be informed about the disturbances downstream so that it can change its behaviour accordingly. The absolute velocity of surface wave propagating upstream will be  $(gh^{1/2} - V)$ , which is positive when  $V < gh^{1/2}$  and negative when  $V > gh^{1/2}$ . This implies physically that when the flow velocity is less than the critical velocity, the surface wave will have the opportunity to reach the upstream and to influence the upstream liquid by the disturbances downstream. On the other hand, when the flow velocity is greater than the critical velocity, surface wave cannot propagate upstream and hence the information about events downstream is never conveyed to upstream. When the flow velocity is equal to the critical velocity, a small wave which tries to travel upstream cannot progress, since  $(gh^{1/2} - V)$  becomes zero. The wave under this situation is known as standing wave.

These three regimes of flow can be characterised by a dimensionless parameter defined as the ratio of flow velocity to the critical velocity  $V/(gh)^{1/2}$ . We have already seen in Section 6.2 that this dimensionless term is known as Froude number  $Fr$ , where  $Fr = V/(gh)^{1/2}$ .

Flow in which the velocity  $V$  is less than the critical velocity  $(gh)^{1/2}$ , i.e. when Froude number  $Fr < 1$ , is referred to as tranquil flow. Flow in which the velocity  $V$  is greater than the critical velocity, i.e. when  $Fr > 1$ , is termed as rapid or shooting flow. The flow in which the velocity is equal to the critical velocity, i.e. when  $Fr = 1$  is known as critical flow.

### 12.3 FLOW IN CLOSED CIRCULAR CONDUITS ONLY PARTLY FULL

Flows in closed conduits partly full are usually encountered in practice, namely, in drains and sewers. Since the liquid has a free surface inside the conduits, the flow is governed by the principles of channel flow. There are however some special characteristic features of the flow which result from the convergence of the boundary to the top.

Let us consider a circular conduit of diameter  $d$  partly full of liquid flowing through it. Let the angle subtended by the free surface at the centre of the conduit be  $2\theta$  as shown in Fig. 12.13a.

The area of cross-section of the liquid

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{d^2\theta}{4} - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{2}\sin\theta\frac{d}{2}\cos\theta\right) \\ &= \frac{d^2}{4}\left(\theta - \frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta\right) \end{aligned} \quad (12.29)$$

The wetted perimeter  $P = d\theta$

Therefore, the hydraulic radius  $R_h = A/P = \frac{d}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\theta}\right)$

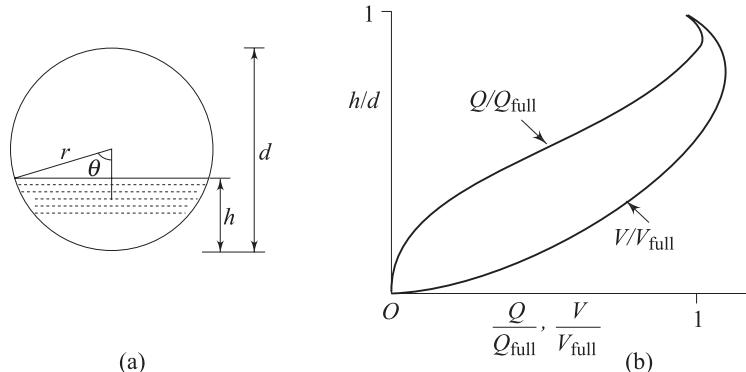


Fig. 12.13 (a) Flow through a closed conduit partly full (b) Variation of discharge and velocity with depth of flow for a closed conduit partly full

The rate of discharge may be calculated from *Manning's equation* (Eq. 12.9) as

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \frac{d^2}{4} \left( \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) S^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{d}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin 2\theta}{\theta} \right) \right\}^{2/3} \\ &= K \left( \theta - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} \right)^{2/3} \end{aligned} \quad (12.30)$$

$$\text{where the constant } K = \frac{d^{8/3}}{4^{5/3}} \frac{S^{1/2}}{n} \quad (12.31)$$

The rate of discharge for the conduit flowing full can be obtained by putting  $\theta = \pi$  in Eq. (12.30) as

$$Q_{\text{full}} = K\pi$$

The rate of discharge  $Q$  is usually expressed in a dimensionless form as

$$\frac{Q}{Q_{\text{full}}} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \theta - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} \right)^{2/3} \quad (12.32)$$

In a similar fashion we can also write,

$$\frac{V}{V_{\text{full}}} = \left( 1 - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2\theta} \right)^{2/3} \quad (12.33)$$

The depth of flow  $h$  (Fig. (12.13a)) can be expressed in a dimensionless form  $h/d$  as

$$\frac{h}{d} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta \quad (12.34)$$

The variations of  $Q/Q_{\text{full}}$ , and  $V/V_{\text{full}}$  with  $h/d$  are shown in Fig. 12.13b. The maximum value of  $Q/Q_{\text{full}}$  is found to be (from Eq. (12.32)) 1.08, at  $h/d = 0.94$ . This indicates that the rate of discharge through a conduit is more in case of conduit partly full with  $h/d = 0.94$  than that in the case of the conduit flowing full. Similarly, it is found from Eq. (12.33) that the maximum value of  $V/V_{\text{full}} = 1.14$  at  $h/d = 0.81$ . The physical explanation for this can be attributed to the typical variation of Chezy's coefficient with the hydraulic radius  $R_h$  in Manning's formula. However, the values are based on the assumption that Manning's roughness coefficient  $n$  is independent of the depth of flow. In practice,  $n$  tends to decrease with increasing flow depth. For this reason, the experimental results differ slightly from the theoretical values with constant  $n$  and show the maximum discharge and velocity at  $h/d = 0.97$  and 0.83 respectively. Under fluctuating condition of discharge, in practice, low velocity may cause deposition of solids in the conduit whereas high velocity at large depths of flow may cause excessive scour. This is rectified to some extent by changing the shape of the conduit from circular to oval or egg-shaped sections as shown in Fig. 12.14.

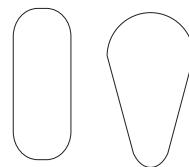


Fig. 12.14 Commonly used sections for fluctuating flows through conduits partly full

## 12.4 HYDRAULIC JUMP

A sudden transition from a rapid flow to a tranquil flow is known as *hydraulic jump*. A rapid flow, in practice may occur due to the release of liquid in a channel at high velocity under a sluice gate or at the foot of a steep spillway. If this flow has to be decelerated to a uniform tranquil flow due to some obstruction downstream or by the roughness of the boundary of a long channel with a mild slope, then the only possible way is a sudden change from rapid to tranquil flow at some location rather than a gradual transition via the critical condition. This can be explained in the following way:

A deceleration of flow is accompanied by an increase in the depth of flow which, in the regime of rapid flow decreases the specific energy (Fig. 12.11). If this increase in depth continues beyond the critical value then the specific energy has to increase (Fig. 12.11) which is not possible under the circumstances without any addition of energy from outside. Hence the specific energy may only decrease. Therefore a demand from a rapid flow to a uniform tranquil flow due to some resistance downstream in a channel is met only through a sudden transition before the critical condition is reached. This is known as hydraulic jump. It represents a typical discontinuity in the flow (Fig. 12.15a) during which the usual specific energy-depth of flow relation is invalid. The process of hydraulic jump is highly irreversible and is shown by the path 1-2 in Fig. 12.15b. The hydraulic jump results in the formation of eddies and turbulences which are responsible for the

loss of mechanical energy  $h_j$  (Fig. 12.15b). The most important task in this context is to determine the relationship between the depths of flow before and after the hydraulic jump.

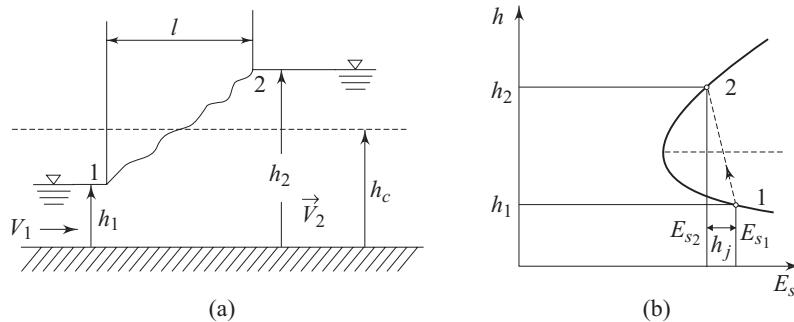


Fig. 12.15 (a) Hydraulic jump in a channel flow (b) Representation of hydraulic jump in the specific energy diagram

Let us consider for the purpose of simplicity a rectangular channel where a hydraulic jump has taken place to increase the depth of flow from  $h_1$  to  $h_2$ . The jump may be considered as a standing wave through which the change has occurred. The from Eq. (12.19), we can write, putting  $C = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= (gh_2)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1 + h_2/h_1}{2} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= (gh_1)^{1/2} (h_2/h_1)^{1/2} \left( \frac{1 + h_2/h_1}{2} \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{V_1}{(gh_1)^{1/2}} = \text{Fr}_1 = \left[ \frac{h_2}{h_1} \frac{(1 + h_2/h_1)}{2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (12.35)$$

Since  $h_2 > h_1$  the right hand side of this equation is greater than unity. This concludes that a hydraulic jump, *Froude number* before the jump is greater than unity and hence the flow is rapid. We can also calculate the Froude number after the jump as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fr}_2 &= \frac{V_2}{(gh_2)^{1/2}} = \left[ \frac{1 + h_2/h_1}{2} \right]^{1/2} \left( \frac{h_1}{h_2} \right) \\ &= \left[ \frac{h_1}{h_2} \frac{(1 + h_1/h_2)}{2} \right]^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (12.36)$$

For  $h_1/h_2 < 1$ , the right hand side of this equation is less than unity which concludes that the Froude number after the jump is less than unity and the flow becomes tranquil.

A rearrangement of Eq. (12.35) gives

$$h_2^2 + h_1 h_2 - \frac{2 V_1^2 h_1}{g} = 0$$

If we put  $V_1 = q/h_1$ , where  $q$  is the discharge per unit width, we get

$$h_1 h_2^2 + h_1^2 h_2 - 2q^2/g = 0 \quad (12.37)$$

which gives

$$h_2 = -\frac{h_1}{2} (\pm) \left[ \left( \frac{h_1^2}{4} + \frac{2q^2}{gh_1} \right) \right]^{1/2} \quad (12.38)$$

The negative sign for the radical is rejected because  $h_2$  cannot be negative. Hence,

$$h_2 = \frac{h_1}{2} \left[ -1 + \left\{ 1 + \frac{8q^2}{gh_1^3} \right\}^{1/2} \right]$$

or  $\frac{h_2}{h_1} = \frac{1}{2} [(1 + 8 \text{Fr}_1^2)^{1/2} - 1] \quad (12.39)$

(Since,  $8q^2/gh_1^3 = 8V_1^2/gh_1 = 8\text{Fr}_1^2$ )

Equation (12.37) is symmetrical in respect of  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  and hence a similar solution for  $h_1$  in terms of  $h_2$  may be obtained by interchanging the subscripts. The depths of flow on both sides of a hydraulic jump are termed as the *conjugate depths* for the jump.

**Loss of Mechanical Energy in Hydraulic Jump** The loss of mechanical energy that takes place in a hydraulic jump is calculated by the application of energy equation (Bernoulli's equation). If the loss of total head in the jump is  $h_j$  as shown in Fig. 12.15b, then we can write by the application of Bernoulli's equation between Secs 1 and 2 (Fig. 12.15a) neglecting the slope of the channel,

$$h_1 + (V_1^2/2g) = h_2 + (V_2^2/2g) + h_j$$

or 
$$h_j = h_1 - h_2 + \frac{V_1^2 - V_2^2}{2g}$$

$$= h_1 - h_2 + \frac{q^2}{2g} \left( \frac{1}{h_1^2} - \frac{1}{h_2^2} \right) \quad (12.40)$$

(Since from continuity,  $q = V_1 h_1 = V_2 h_2$ )

From Eq. (12.37), we can write

$$\frac{q^2}{2g} = \frac{h_1 h_2^2 + h_1^2 h_2}{4}$$

Invoking this relation into Eq. (12.40), we get

$$h_j = h_1 - h_2 + \left( \frac{h_1 h_2^2 + h_1^2 h_2}{4} \right) \left( \frac{1}{h_1^2} - \frac{1}{h_2^2} \right)$$

which finally gives,

$$h_j = \frac{(h_2 - h_1)^3}{4 h_1 h_2} \quad (12.41)$$

The loss of head  $h_j$  amounts to be the part of mechanical energy that is being dissipated into intermolecular energy as a result of the creation of eddies and turbulences in the wave. Friction at the boundaries make a negligible contribution to it. This dissipation of energy results in a little rise in the liquid temperature. The hydraulic jump is a very effective means of reducing unwanted energy in a stream which is usually generated by the rapid discharge from a steep spillway to the channel.

## 12.5 OCCURRENCE OF CRITICAL CONDITIONS

We have discussed so far the nature of tranquil, rapid and critical flows. We have also seen that the transition from rapid to tranquil flow occurs through a hydraulic jump. Now it is important to know that under what conditions the critical flow occurs. The location where the critical flow occurs is called the *control section*. The following situations show the occurrence of critical conditions.

**Change of Slope of Channel Bed** Critical flow occurs when a tranquil flow changes to a rapid one. One of such situations is illustrated in Fig. 12.16 which shows a long prismatic channel of mild slope connected to another long channel of steep slope with identical cross-section. At large distance from the junction, there will be uniform tranquil flow in the mild channel and uniform rapid flow in the steep channel. The depths in the channels will be the normal depths corresponding to the respective slope and rate of flow. The transition from tranquil to rapid flow will be non-uniform and must pass through the critical condition that occurs at the junction. If the change of the slope is abrupt, an appreciable curvature of the streamlines takes place near the junction. This will not justify the assumption of a hydrostatic variation of pressure at the section. This may result in the occurrence of critical condition given by the flow velocity  $(gh)^{1/2}$  not exactly at the junction of the two slopes, but slightly upstream of it.

The discharge of liquid from a long channel of steep slope to a long channel of mild slope requires the flow to change from rapid to tranquil. This transition takes place abruptly through a hydraulic jump near the junction point.

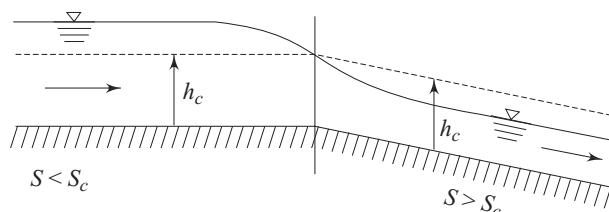


Fig. 12.16 Transition from tranquil to rapid flow

**Flow over a Spillway and in a Channel with a Rise in its Bed** The critical flow may occur even in a channel with a constant slope. A rise in the channel floor or bed may bring about a critical flow. Flow over a spillway (Fig. 12.17a) and flow in a

channel with a rise in its bed caused by some obstruction (Fig. 12.17b) will pass through a critical condition.

In the case of a flow through a rectangular channel of constant width, the total mechanical energy per unit weight at any cross-section is usually written as

$$H = h + \frac{q^2}{2gh^2} + z$$

where  $h$  is the depth of flow and  $z$  is the elevation of the bed from any reference horizontal datum.

Neglecting the effect of friction, we can write

$$\frac{dH}{dx} = \frac{dh}{dx} - \frac{q^2}{gh^3} \frac{dh}{dx} + \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \quad (12.42)$$

where,  $x$  is the distance measured along the direction of flow.

Since  $q = Q/b = Vbh/b = Vh$ ,

$$\frac{dh}{dx} - \frac{V^2}{gh} \frac{dh}{dx} + \frac{dz}{dx} = 0$$

Recalling that  $Fr = V/(gh)^{1/2}$ , we have

$$\frac{dh}{dx} (1 - Fr^2) + \frac{dz}{dx} = 0 \quad (12.43)$$

In case of flow over a spillway, (Fig. 12.17a),  $dz/dx = 0$  at the crest, and since  $dh/dx \neq 0$ ,  $(1 - Fr^2) = 0$ . This gives  $Fr = 1$ , i.e. the *critical condition* at the crest.

As another example for the occurrence of critical flow, we consider a rise in channel bed caused by some obstruction or gradual transition as shown in Fig. 12.17b.

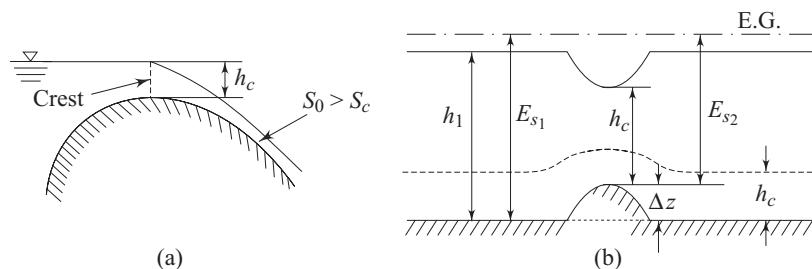


Fig. 12.17 (a) Flow over a spillway (b) Flow over an obstruction

We consider a tranquil flow upstream of the hump or the obstruction. Therefore, the approach velocity to the obstruction is below the critical one and let the uniform depth upstream be  $h_1$  and the corresponding specific energy be  $E_{s1}$ . If  $E_{s2}$  is the specific energy at the crest of the hump, then for a steady flow and a constant width of channel (i.e.,  $q$  is constant),  $E_{s1}$  and  $E_{s2}$  satisfy the relation

$$E_{s2} = E_{s1} - \Delta z$$

At any value of  $E_{s_2} > E_{s_c}$  there are two possible depths corresponding to  $E_{s_2}$ . To have the state at the crest with the lower depth out of the two, the specific energy of the flow upstream the hump should pass through a minimum and then increase. This is possible only if the bed could rise above the level of the hump and then drop. Therefore, under the present situation, the possible state is with the higher depth corresponding to  $E_{s_2}$  and the flow remains tranquil over the hump and the surface of water falls under this situation, since, from Eq. 12.43,  $dh/dx < 0$  when  $dz/dx > 0$  for  $Fr < 1$ . At the crest of the hump,  $dz/dx = 0$  and  $dh/dx = 0$ , and hence according to Eq. (12.43),  $Fr$  may or may not be equal to unity. Therefore we can say that the critical condition may or may not exist at the crest in general. As the height of the step is raised, i.e.  $\Delta z$  is increased  $E_{s_1} - E_{s_2}$  increases until  $E_{s_2}$  corresponds to the critical specific energy  $E_{s_c}$ . Any further rise in  $\Delta z$  will maintain critical flow over the step.

## Summary

- Flow with a free surface is caused by the weight of the fluid flowing. Flow in open channels is an example of such a flow. A uniform flow through an open channel is characterised by the liquid surface being parallel to the base of the channel whose cross-section is same along the length of the channel. In a non-uniform flow, the liquid surface is not parallel to the base of the channel.
- Energy gradient line is the contour of total head (total mechanical energy per unit weight) at a cross-section as ordinate against the distance along the flow as abscissa. The hydraulic gradient line is the contour of the sum of potential and pressure heads as ordinate against the distance along the flow as abscissa.
- The relationship between the average flow velocity and pressure drop in a steady uniform flow through a straight channel is given by the well known Chezy equation as  $V = c (R_h S_b)^{1/2}$ . The Chezy coefficient  $c$  includes the friction factor  $f$  and depends on surface roughness and the hydraulic radius of the channel. The simplest and widely used empirical relation, in this regard, is given by  $c = (1/n) R_h^{1/6}$  and is known as *Manning's formula*, where  $n$  is the roughness coefficient.
- The optimum hydraulic cross-section of a channel is characterised by the maximum value of the hydraulic radius. For a trapezoidal section, this condition is satisfied when the hydraulic radius becomes equal to half the central depth of flow.
- Specific energy of a fluid element at any point in a channel flow is defined as its total energy per unit weight where the component potential energy is measured from the base of the channel. At critical depth given by  $h_c = (q^2/g)^{1/3}$ , the specific energy of flow is a minimum for a given discharge, or the discharge is a maximum for a given specific energy.

- The velocity of flow at the critical depth is known as critical velocity and is given by  $V_c = (gh_c)^{1/2}$ . Flow in which the velocity is less than the critical velocity is known as tranquil flow, while the flow with a velocity greater than the critical velocity is referred to as rapid flow. A small disturbance in open channels propagates upstream as a surface wave with a velocity (relative to the undisturbed fluid) equal to  $(gh)^{1/2}$ . Therefore, a surface wave caused by any disturbance downstream can propagate upstream in a tranquil flow, while it cannot do so in a rapid flow.
- A sudden transition from rapid flow to a tranquil one is known as hydraulic jump and takes place through an abrupt discontinuity in the flow. The loss of head in a hydraulic jump is given by  $(h_2 - h_1)^3/4h_1$  where  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are the depths of flow before and after the jump respectively.

### Solved Examples

**Example 12.1** The depth of a uniform steady flow of water in a 1.22 m wide rectangular cement lined channel laid on a slope of 4 m in 10000 m, is 610 mm. Find the rate of discharge using Manning's value for  $c$  (Chezy coefficient).

**Solution** We have to use Eq. (12.9) for the present purpose.

$$\text{Here, } R_h = \frac{1.22 \times (0.61)}{1.22 + 2 \times 0.61} = 0.305 \text{ m} = 305 \text{ mm}$$

$$S(\text{slope}) = \frac{4}{10000} = 0.0004$$

$n$  (from the Table 12.1) = 0.01

Therefore, from Eq. (12.9)

$$V = \frac{1}{0.01} (0.305)^{2/3} (0.0004)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{or } Q = V \cdot A = \frac{1.22 \times 0.61}{0.01} (0.305)^{2/3} (0.0004)^{1/2} \\ = 0.674 \text{ m}^3$$

**Example 12.2** A trapezoidal channel, having a bottom width of 6.096 m and side slopes 1 to 1, flows 1.219 m deep on a slope of 0.0009. Find the rate of uniform discharge. Take  $n$  (roughness coefficient) = 0.025.

**Solution** Here  $A$ , the cross-sectional area of flow (Fig. 12.18)

$$= \frac{1}{2} [6.096 + 6.096 + 2 \times 1.219] \times 1.219 \\ = (6.096 + 1.219) \times 1.219 = 8.917 \text{ m}^2$$

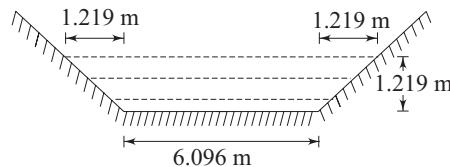


Fig. 12.18 A trapezoidal channel

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Wetted perimeter } P &= 6.096 + 2(1.219/\cos 45^\circ) \\ &= 6.096 + 2 \times 1.219 \times (2)^{1/2} \\ &= 9.544 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } R_h = 8.917/9.544 = 0.934 \text{ m}$$

Now we apply Eq. (12.9) to get the discharge as

$$Q = \frac{8.917 \times (0.934)^{2/3} (0.0009)^{1/2}}{0.025} = 10.22 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

**Example 12.3** How deep will water flow at the rate of  $6.79 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  in a rectangular channel  $6.1 \text{ m}$  wide, laid on a slope of  $0.0001$ ? Use  $n = 0.0149$ .

**Solution** Let the depth be  $h$

Then  $A$  (cross-sectional areas of flow)  $= 6.1 \times h$

$$P \text{ (wetted perimeter)} = 6.1 + 2h$$

$$\text{Therefore } R_h \text{ (Hydraulic radius)} = \frac{6.1 \times h}{6.1 + 2h}$$

By making use of Eq. (12.9),

$$\begin{aligned}6.79 &= \frac{6.1h}{0.0149} \left( \frac{6.1 \times h}{6.1 + 2h} \right)^{2/3} (0.0001)^{1/2} \\ \text{or } 1.66 &= h \left( \frac{6.1h}{6.1 + 2h} \right)^{2/3} \quad (12.44)\end{aligned}$$

The value of  $h$  is found out from this equation by the method of successive trials. Equations (12.44) is therefore written, for this purpose, as

$$h = 1.66 \left( \frac{6.1 + 2h}{6.1h} \right)^{2/3} \quad (12.45)$$

For a first trial, let us put  $h = 1.50$  in the R.H.S. of Eq. (12.45) and get

$$h^1 = 1.65$$

Superscript on  $h$  indicates the number of trials.

Now we put  $h^1$  in the R.H.S. of Eq. (12.45) for the second trial to get a new value of  $h$  as

$$h^2 = 1.59$$

Putting this value of  $h$  in Eq. (12.45) we obtain

$$h^3 = 1.61$$

Putting the new value of  $h$  again in Eq. (12.45) we obtain

$$h^4 = 1.60$$

The difference between the two successive values of  $h$  now becomes 0.62%. Therefore, we can write the final value of the depth  $h$  as 1.60 m.

**Example 12.4** Show that the vertical distribution of velocity is parabolic for a uniform laminar flow in a wide open channel with constant slope and depth of flow.

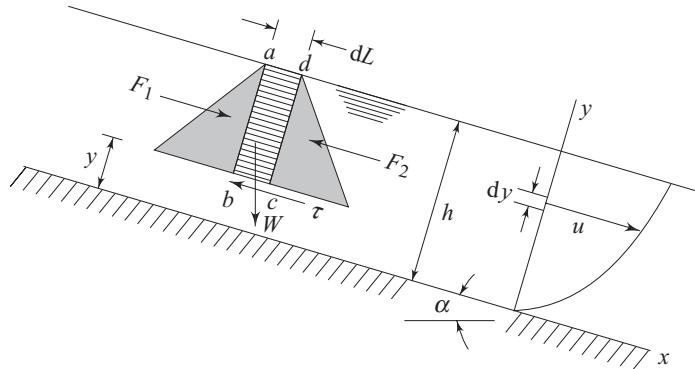


Fig. 12.19 A uniform laminar flow in an open channel with constant slope and depth of flow

**Solution** Let the depth of flow be  $h$  (Fig. 12.19). A control volume  $abcd$  of length  $dL$  and of width  $B$  (the width of the channel) is taken as shown in the figure. Now we have to apply the momentum theorem to this control volume.

The forces acting on the surfaces  $ab$  and  $cd$  are the hydrostatic pressure forces as shown in the figure.

Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be the hydrostatic pressure forces on these two surfaces  $ab$  and  $cd$  respectively.

Therefore the net force acting on the control volume in the direction of flow can be written as

$$F_x = F_1 - F_2 + \rho g(h - y) dL B \sin \alpha - \tau dL B$$

Since

$$F_1 = F_2$$

$$F_x = \rho g(h - y) dL B \sin \alpha - \tau dL B$$

For a steady uniform flow, the momentum coming into the control volume across the face  $ab$  is equal to that leaving from the control volume across the face  $cd$ . Therefore the net rate of momentum efflux from the control volume is zero.

Hence, we can write, from the momentum theorem applied to the control volume  $abcd$ ,

$$F_x = \rho g(h - y) dL B \sin \alpha - \tau dL B = 0$$

which gives,

$$\tau = \rho g(h - y) \sin \alpha \quad (12.46)$$

For a laminar flow,

$$\tau = \mu \frac{du}{dy}$$

Substituting the expression of  $\tau$  in the Eq. (12.46) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} du &= \frac{\rho g}{\mu} (h - y) \sin \alpha \, dy \\ \text{or} \quad u &= \frac{\rho g \sin \alpha}{\mu} \left( hy - \frac{y^2}{2} \right) + C_1 \end{aligned} \quad (12.47)$$

For small values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sin \alpha = \tan \alpha = S$  (slope of the channel). The constant of integration  $C_1$  in Eq. (12.47) can be obtained from the boundary condition that at  $y = 0$ ,  $u = 0$ , which gives  $C_1 = 0$ . Hence, Eq. (12.47) becomes

$$u = \frac{\rho g \sin \alpha}{\mu} \left[ (y/h) - \frac{1}{2} (y/h)^2 \right] \quad (12.48)$$

Equation (12.48) is the required velocity distribution which is parabolic in nature.

**Example 12.5** In a hydraulics laboratory, a flow of  $0.412 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  was measured from a rectangular channel flowing  $1.22 \text{ m}$  wide and  $0.61 \text{ m}$  deep. If the slope of the channel was  $0.0004$ , find its roughness factor using Manning's formula.

**Solution** Here,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= 1.22 \times (0.61) \\ &= 0.7442 \text{ m}^2 \\ P &= 1.22 + 2 \times 0.61 = 2.44 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$R_h = A/P = 0.305 \text{ m}$$

Using Eq. (12.9)

$$Q = 0.412 = \frac{1.22 \times 0.610}{n} (0.305)^{2/3} (0.0004)^{1/2}$$

which gives

$$n = 0.0163$$

**Example 12.6** (a) Determine the most efficient section of trapezoidal channel,  $n = 0.025$ , to carry  $12.74 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . To prevent scouring, the maximum velocity is to be  $0.92 \text{ m/s}$  and the side slopes of the trapezoidal channel are 1 vertical to 2 horizontal. (b) What slope  $S$  of the channel is required?

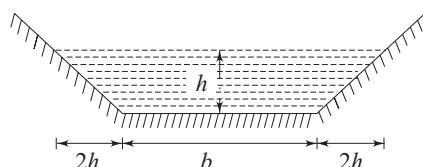


Fig. 12.20 A trapezoidal channel

**Solution** (a) It is known from Eq. (12.13) that for the most efficient section (the minimum wetted perimeter for a given discharge) of a trapezoidal channel

$$R_h = h/2$$

where  $R_h$  is the hydraulic radius and  $h$  is the depth of flow (Fig. 12.20). Hence we can write,

$$R_h = h/2 = A/P = \frac{bh + 2(h/2)(2h)}{b + 2h(5)^{1/2}}$$

or  $b = 2h(5)^{1/2} - 4h = 0.472 h$  (12.49)

where  $b$  is the width at the base (Fig. 12.20). Again, from continuity, the cross-sectional area to accommodate the maximum velocity is given by

$$A = 12.74/0.92 = bh + 2h^2$$

or  $b = (13.85 - 2h^2)/h$  (12.50)

Equating (12.49) and (12.50) we get

$$h = 2.37 \text{ m} \quad \text{and} \quad b = 1.12 \text{ m}$$

(b) Using Manning's equation, i.e. Eq. (12.9), for this trapezoidal channel with  $b = 1.12 \text{ m}$ ,  $h = 2.37 \text{ m}$  and  $n = 0.025$ , we can write

$$0.92 = \frac{(2.37/2)^{2/3} S^{1/2}}{0.025}$$

or  $S = 0.00042$

**Example 12.7** A circular culvert has a capacity of  $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  when flowing full. Velocity should not be less than  $0.7 \text{ m/s}$  if the depth is one-fourth of the diameter. Assuming uniform flow, find the diameter and the slope, taking Manning's roughness coefficient  $n = 0.012$ .

**Solution** Putting  $h/d = 1/4$  in Eq. (12.34), we get

$$\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta$$

or  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

which gives  $\theta = \pi/3$  radians.

From Eq. (12.33), we get

$$\frac{V}{V_{\text{full}}} = \left[ 1 - \frac{\sin 2\pi/3}{2\pi/3} \right]^{2/3} = 0.70$$

Hence,  $V_{\text{full}} = \frac{V}{0.70} = \frac{0.70}{0.70} = 1 \text{ m/s}$

From continuity  $Q_{\text{full}} = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 V_{\text{full}}$

or  $0.5 = \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \times 1$

which gives  $d$ , the diameter for the culvert =  $0.798 \text{ m}$ . When flowing full, the hydraulic radius

$$R_h = A/P = d/4 = 0.798/4 = 0.1995 \text{ m}$$

From Eq. (12.9)

$$1 = \frac{(0.1995)^{2/3}}{0.012} S^{1/2}$$

or  $S = \frac{(0.012)(0.012)}{(0.1995)^{4/3}} = 0.0012$

**Example 12.8** A rectangular channel carries  $5.66 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Find the critical depth  $h_c$  and critical velocity  $V_c$  for (a) a width of  $3.66 \text{ m}$  and (b) a width of  $2.74 \text{ m}$ , (c) what slope will produce the critical velocity in (a) if  $n = 0.020$ ?

**Solution** (a) Critical depth is defined as the depth at which the flow velocity is given by its critical value as

$$V_c = (gh_c)^{1/2}$$

again,  $V_c = Q/bh_c = 5.66/3.66 h_c$

Therefore,  $5.66/3.66 h_c = (gh_c)^{1/2}$

or  $h_c = \left[ \frac{5.66 \times 5.66}{3.66 \times 3.66 \times 9.81} \right]^{1/3} = 0.625 \text{ m}$

Now,  $V_c = (9.81 \times 0.625)^{1/2} = 2.48 \text{ m/s}$

(b) When the width is  $2.74 \text{ m}$

$$h_c = \left[ \frac{5.66 \times 5.66}{2.74 \times 2.74 \times 9.81} \right]^{1/3} = 0.758 \text{ m}$$

and,  $V_c = (9.81 \times 0.758)^{1/2} = 2.73 \text{ m/s}$

(c) Applying Eq. (12.9), we can write

$$V_c = \frac{R_c^{2/3} S^{1/2}}{n}$$

where  $R_c$  is the hydraulic radius at the critical flow and is given by

$$R_c = \frac{3.66 \times 0.625}{(3.66 + 2 \times 0.625)} = 0.466$$

Hence,  $2.48 = \frac{(0.466)^{2/3}}{0.02} S^{1/2}$

which gives  $S = 0.0068$

**Example 12.9** A rectangular channel,  $9.14 \text{ m}$  wide, carries  $7.64 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  when flowing  $914 \text{ mm}$  deep. (a) What is the specific energy? (b) Is the flow tranquil or rapid?

**Solution** (a) We know from Eq. (12.24) that

$$E_s = h + \left( \frac{q^2}{2g} \right) \frac{1}{h^2}$$

or  $E_s = 0.914 + \frac{1}{2 \times 9.81 \times (0.914)^2} \left( \frac{7.64}{0.914} \right)^2$

$$= 0.957 \text{ m}$$

(b) From Eq. (12.25),

$$h_c = \left[ \left( \frac{7.64}{9.14} \right)^2 \frac{1}{9.81} \right]^{1/3} = 0.415 \text{ m} = 415 \text{ mm}$$

Therefore the flow is tranquil since the depth of flow is greater than the critical depth.

**Example 12.10** A trapezoidal channel has a bottom width of 6.1 m and side slope of 2 horizontal to 1 vertical. When the depth of water is 1.07 m, the flow is  $10.47 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . (a) What is the specific energy of flow? (b) Is the flow tranquil or rapid?

**Solution** The cross-sectional area of flow

$$A = 6.1(1.07) + 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) (1.07) (2.14) = 8.82 \text{ m}^2$$

From Eq. (12.24), we can write

$$E_s = h + \frac{1}{2g} (Q/A)^2$$

where  $Q$  is the volumetric flow rate

$$\text{Hence, } E_s = 1.07 + \frac{1}{2 \times 9.81} \left( \frac{10.47}{8.82} \right)^2 = 1.14 \text{ m}$$

To determine the critical depth, we have to first find out a similar relation as given in Eq. (12.25) for a channel whose width varies with the depth. For this purpose, we start with Eq. (12.24) as,

$$E_s = h + \frac{1}{2g} (Q/A)^2$$

where  $Q$  is the flow rate and  $A$  is the cross-sectional area. At critical condition, i.e. for minimum specific energy,

$$\frac{dE_s}{dh} = 1 + \frac{Q^2}{2g} \left( -\frac{2}{A^3} \frac{dA}{dh} \right) = 0$$

substituting  $dA = B' dh$  ( $B'$  is the width at the water surface), we get

$$(Q^2 B') / (g A_c^3) = 1$$

$$\text{or } Q^2/g = A_c^3/B'$$

From the geometry of the channel  $A_c = 6.1 h_c + 2 h_c^2$

$$\text{and } B' = 6.1 + 4 h_c$$

(where  $h_c$  is the critical depth and  $A_c$  is the corresponding cross-sectional area of flow)  
Therefore,

$$(10.47)^2/9.81 = (6.1 h_c + 2 h_c^2)^3 / (6.1 + 4 h_c)$$

$$\text{Solving by trial, } h_c = 0.625 \text{ m}$$

Since the actual depth exceeds the critical one, the flow is tranquil.

**Example 12.11** A rectangular channel, 6.1 m wide, carries  $11.32 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and discharges onto a 6.1 m wide apron having no slope with a mean velocity of 6.1 m/s. (a) What is the height of the hydraulic jump? (b) What energy is absorbed (lost) in the jump?

**Solution** (a)  $V_1 = 6.1 \text{ m/s}$

$$q_1 \text{ (the rate of discharge per unit width)} = 11.32/6.1$$

$$= 1.86 \text{ m}^3/\text{sm width}$$

Therefore,

$$h_1 = q_1/V_1 = 1.86/6.1 = 0.305 \text{ m}$$

and

$$Fr_1 = V_1/(gh_1)^{1/2} = 6.1/(9.81 \times 0.305)^{1/2} = 3.53$$

using Eq. (12.39),

$$h_2/h_1 = \frac{1}{2} [\{1 + 8(3.53)^2\}^{1/2} - 1]$$

from which

$$h_2 = 1.38 \text{ m}$$

Hence, the height of the hydraulic jump =  $1.38 - 0.305 = 1.075 \text{ m}$

using Eq. (12.41)

$$\text{Loss of head in the hydraulic jump} \quad h_j = \frac{(1.07)^3}{4 \times 0.305 \times 1.38} \\ = 0.73 \text{ m}$$

Therefore the loss of total energy per second =  $\rho g Q h_j$

$$= \frac{9.81 \times 10^3 \times (11.32) \times (0.73)}{10^3} = 81.06 \text{ kW}$$

**Example 12.12** A control sluice spanning the entry to a 3.5 m wide rectangular channel, admits  $5.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water with a uniform velocity of 4.14 m/s. Explain under what conditions a hydraulic jump will be formed and, assuming that these conditions exist, calculate (a) the height of the jump, and (b) power dissipated in the jump.

**Solution** The upstream depth of flow is

$$h_1 = \frac{5.5}{3.5 \times 4.14} = 0.379 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{The upstream Froude number} \quad Fr_1 = \frac{4.14}{(9.81 \times 0.379)^{1/2}} = 2.15$$

For the hydraulic jump to occur, the downstream flow must be tranquil and the depth of flow at downstream must satisfy the Eq. (12.39).

Therefore,

$$h_2 = \frac{0.379}{2} [\{1 + 8(2.15)^2\}^{1/2} - 1] = 0.978 \text{ m}$$

(a) Therefore, the height of the jump

$$\Delta h = (h_2 - h_1) = (0.978 - 0.379) = 0.6 \text{ m}$$

(b) The loss of head in the jump is found out from Eq. (12.41) as

$$h_j = \frac{(0.6)^3}{4 \times 0.978 \times 0.379} = 0.146 \text{ m}$$

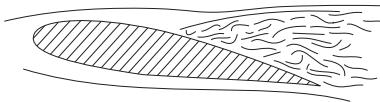
The rate of dissipation of energy =  $\rho g Qh_j$   
 $= 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 5.5 \times 0.146 \text{ W} = 7.66 \text{ kW}$

## Exercises

- 12.1 Choose the correct answer:
- In an open-channel flow, the free surface, the hydraulic gradient, and energy gradient lines are such that
    - the three of them coincide
    - the first two coincide
    - the last two must remain parallel
    - the first and the last must remain parallel
    - the three of them are different but parallel.
  - A small disturbance in a rapid flow in an open channel
    - can propagate both upstream and downstream
    - can propagate neither upstream nor downstream
    - cannot propagate upstream
  - For a critical flow in an open channel
    - specific energy is maximum for a given flow
    - shear stress is maximum at the bed surface
    - the flow is minimum for a given specific energy
    - the specific energy is minimum for a given flow
  - A hydraulic jump must occur when
    - the flow is rapid
    - the depth is less than the critical depth
    - the slope is mild or level
    - the flow is increased in a given channel
    - the bed slope changes from steep to mild
- 12.2 The breadth of a rectangular channel is twice its depth. Assuming the chezy coefficient  $c$  to be  $55 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\text{s}$ , find the cross-sectional dimensions of the channel and the slope to satisfy the conditions that the discharge when flowing full should be  $0.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , and the velocity when flowing half full should be  $0.6 \text{ m/s}$ .  
 $(Ans. h = 0.74 \text{ m}, B = 1.48 \text{ m}, s = 0.00048)$
- 12.3 A channel of symmetrical trapezoidal section, 900 mm deep and with top and bottom widths 1.8 m and 600 mm respectively carries water at a depth of 600 mm. If the channel slopes uniformly at 1 in 2600 and Chezy's coefficient is  $60 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\text{s}$ , calculate the steady rate of flow in the channel.  
 $(Ans. 0.38 \text{ m}^3/\text{s})$
- 12.4 An open channel of trapezoidal section with 5 m width at the base and with side slope of 2 horizontal: 1 vertical has a bed slope of 1 in 3000. It is found that when the flow is  $8.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , the depth of water in the channel is 1.5 m. Calculate the flow rate when the depth is 1 m assuming the validity of Manning's formula.  
 $(Ans. 4.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s})$
- 12.5 A long channel of trapezoidal section is constructed from rubble masonry at a bed slope of 1 in 7000. The sides slope at  $\tan^{-1} 1.5$  to the horizontal and the required flow rate is  $2.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Determine the base width of the channel if the maximum depth is 1 m (use Table 12.1 for roughness coefficient of the channel).  
 $(Ans. 4.46 \text{ m})$

- 12.6 A trapezoidal channel with a bottom width of 1.5 m and side slopes of 2 horizontal: 1 vertical has a bed slope of 1 in 3000. If the depth of water flowing through the channel is 2.5 m, what is the average shear stress at the boundary?  
(Ans.  $4.19 \text{ N/m}^2$ )
- 12.7 A trapezoidal canal with side slopes of 1 horizontal: 1 vertical and bed slopes of 0.00035 discharges water at the rate of  $24 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Determine the base width and depth of flow if the shear stress at the boundary is not to exceed  $6 \text{ N/m}^2$ . Take Manning's roughness factor  $n = 0.028$ .  
(Ans. 6.64 m, 2.66 m)
- 12.8 A sewer pipe is to be laid at a slope of 1 in 8100 to carry a maximum discharge of 600 litres/s when the depth of water is 75% of the vertical diameter. Find the diameter of this pipe if the value of Manning's roughness factor  $n = 0.025$ .  
(Ans. 1.79 m)
- 12.9 A circular conduit is to satisfy the following conditions: Capacity when flowing full,  $0.13 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , velocity when the depth is one quarter the diameter, not less than 600 mm/s. Assuming uniform flow, determine the diameter and the slope if Chezy's coefficient  $c = 58 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\text{s}$ .  
(Ans. 442 mm, 0.0016)
- 12.10 Determine the dimensions of the most economical trapezoidal concrete channel with a bed slope of 1 in 4000 and a side slope of 1 vertical to 2 horizontal to carry water at the rate of  $0.15 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Take Manning's  $n = 0.015$ .  
(Ans.  $b = 0.19 \text{ m}$ ,  $h = 0.41 \text{ m}$ )
- 12.11 In a long rectangular channel 3 m wide, the specific energy is 1.8 m and the rate of flow is  $12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Calculate two possible depths of flow and the corresponding Froude numbers. If Manning's roughness factor  $n = 0.014$ , what is the critical slope for this discharge?  
(Ans. 1.03 m, 1.36 m, 1.22, 0.80, 0.0039)
- 12.12 For a constant specific energy of 2 m. What maximum flow may occur in a rectangular channel of 3 m wide?  
(Ans.  $14.48 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ )
- 12.13 A horizontal rectangular channel of constant width has a sluice gate installed in it. At a position of 1 m opening, the velocity of water is 10 m/s. Determine whether a jump can occur, and if so,  
(a) the height downstream  
(b) the loss of the head in the jump  
(c) the ratio of Froude numbers across it.  
[Ans. (a) 4.04 m, (b) 1.74 m, (c) 8.12]
- 12.14 In a rectangular channel of 0.6 m wide, a jump occurs where the Froude number is 3. The depth after the jump is 0.6 m. Estimate the loss of head and the power dissipated due to the jump.  
(Ans. 0.22 m, 0.78 kW)

# 13



## Applications of Unsteady Flows

### 13.1 INTRODUCTION

Although most of the engineering problems are steady or quasi-steady in nature, there are certain classes of problems in practice where the phenomenon of unsteady flow becomes significant. In an unsteady flow, velocity, pressure, density etc. at a particular point change with time. Such variations pose considerable difficulties in solving unsteady flow problems. Problems of unsteady flow may be put into three broad categories according to the rate at which the changes in hydrodynamic parameters occur:

(i) *Slow changes* of flow where the velocity changes slowly so that the temporal acceleration can be neglected. An example of this category of problems is the continuous filling or emptying of a reservoir as discussed in Sec. 5.8 of Chapter 5.

(ii) *Rapid changes* of flow causing the temporal acceleration to be important. Examples of this category of problems are oscillations of liquids in U tubes and between reservoirs, flows in positive displacement pumps and in hydraulic and pneumatic servo-mechanisms.

(iii) *Very fast* changes of flow, arising from sudden opening or closing of a valve, so that density changes considerably and elastic force becomes significant.

The present chapter discusses a few unsteady flow problems of engineering importance.

## 13.2 INERTIA PRESSURE AND ACCELERATIVE HEAD

Whenever any fluid element undergoes acceleration, either positive or negative, it must be acted upon by a net external force. This force corresponds to a difference in piezometric pressure across the fluid element. This pressure difference is known as the *inertia pressure*.

Let us consider, for a simple case, a stream tube of length  $L$  and uniform cross-sectional area  $A$ . The velocity of fluid flowing through it is considered to be uniform both across a section and along the flow. Let the velocity of flow at any instant be  $V$ . Therefore, the mass of the fluid concerned is  $\rho AL$  and the force causing the acceleration, according to Newton's second law, is the product of mass and acceleration. The acceleration here is the temporal acceleration. Hence, the force causing acceleration equals to  $\rho AL (\partial V / \partial t)$ . If this force arises because of a difference in the piezometric pressure  $\Delta p_i$  between the upstream and downstream ends of the tube, then

$$\Delta p_i A = \rho AL \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}$$

or

$$\Delta p_i = \rho L \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \quad (13.1)$$

$\Delta p_i$ , as defined by Eq. (13.1), is known as the inertia pressure (difference in piezometric pressure responsible for fluid acceleration). The corresponding head can be written as

$$h_i = \frac{\Delta p_i}{\rho g} = \frac{L}{g} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} \quad (13.2)$$

where  $h_i$  is known as *inertia head* or *accelerative head*.

**Energy Equation with Accelerative Head** While deriving Bernoulli's equation in Sec. 4.6.1 of Chapter 4, we considered the flow to be steady. If the unsteady term of the Euler's equation, i.e. the temporal derivative of the velocity is taken care of in the derivation of Bernoulli's equation, then we can arrive at a modified form of the Bernoulli's equation for an unsteady but incompressible flow as

$$\frac{1}{g} \int \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} dS + \frac{V^2}{2g} + \frac{p}{\rho g} + z = C \quad (13.3)$$

where  $C$  is a constant along a streamline. The first term in Eq. (13.3) represents the accelerative head. Therefore, Bernoulli's equation between two points 1 and 2 along a streamline can be written, for an unsteady flow, along with the consideration of friction loss as,

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_f + h_i$$

where  $h_f$  is the head loss due to friction, and

$$h_i = \frac{1}{g} \int_1^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} dS$$

We shall now describe a few applications of unsteady flow problems in practice.

### 13.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOW

The initiation of flow in a pipeline is governed by inertia pressure. Let us consider a pipe of uniform cross-section and of length  $L$  to convey liquid from a reservoir as shown in Fig. 13.1. The reservoir maintains a constant height of liquid above the pipe connection to the reservoir. The pipe has a valve at its downstream end which is initially closed, and the pressure downstream the valve is constant. When the valve is opened, the difference in piezometric pressure between the ends of the pipeline is applied to the static liquid column in it. Since at this moment, viscous and other resistive forces are zero because of no movement of the liquid, this inertia pressure force, being the net external force, tries to accelerate the liquid column to a maximum. As soon as the flow initiates, the viscous and other types of resistive forces, if any, arise and gradually become prominent with the increase in velocity and eventually balance the pressure force to establish a steady state. Therefore we see that the flow within the pipe increases from zero to a steady value determined by the frictional and other losses in the pipe. Even if the valve could be opened instantaneously, the fluid would not reach its steady state velocity instantaneously. The attainment of a steady flow in the pipeline after the instantaneous opening of a valve at its downstream is known as *the establishment of flow*. An analytical expression for the response characteristic of the liquid column to the steady state can be derived as follows:

Let the loss of head in the pipeline be represented by  $KV^2/2g$ , where  $V$  is the instantaneous average velocity at any section which remains same in the direction of flow. The term  $KV^2/2g$  includes both the frictional head loss and the minor losses (entry loss, valve loss, etc.). We can write the Bernoulli's equation in consideration of accelerative head between points 1 and 2 (Fig. 13.1) as

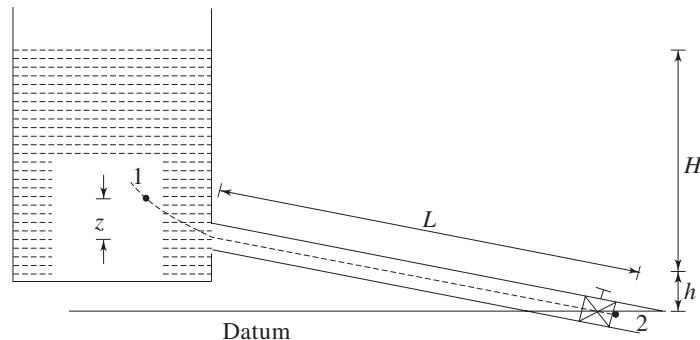


Fig. 13.1 Establishment of flow in a pipeline

$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + (z+h) = \frac{V^2}{2g} + \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + h_f + \frac{1}{g} \int_1^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} dS \quad (13.4)$$

$V_1 \ll V$  for much larger cross-sectional area of the reservoir as compared to that of the pipeline, and

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= p_{\text{atm}} + \rho g(H - z) \\ p_2 &= p_{\text{atm}} \text{ (atmospheric pressure)} \\ h_f &= KV^2/2g \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have from Eq. (13.4)

$$(H + h) - \frac{V^2}{2g} = \frac{L}{g} \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{KV^2}{2g} \quad (13.5)$$

Since the velocity is a function of time only, the partial derivative of  $V$  in Eq. (13.5) is changed to a total derivative and we get an ordinary differential equation as

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1}{L} \left[ g(H+h) - (1+K) \frac{V^2}{2} \right] \quad (13.6)$$

Let  $V_0$  be the steady state velocity. Then, applying Bernoulli's equation between 1 and 2, at steady state, we have,

$$(H + h) = (1 + K) \frac{V_0^2}{2g}$$

substituting the value of  $(H + h)$  into Eq. (13.6), we get

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{1+K}{2L} (V_0^2 - V^2)$$

On integrating the equation we have

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \frac{2L}{1+K} \int_0^V \frac{dV}{(V_0^2 - V^2)} \\ &= \frac{L}{V_0(1+K)} \ln \frac{V_0 + V}{V_0 - V} \\ \text{or} \quad t &= \frac{LV_0}{2g(H+h)} \ln \frac{V_0 + V}{V_0 - V} \end{aligned} \quad (13.7)$$

Here we have assumed that the value of  $K$  remains same for all values of  $V$ . Equation (13.7) shows that  $V \rightarrow V_0$  when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , which implies that it takes infinite time for the flow to be established. However, the velocity reaches any fraction of  $V_0$ , say 99% of  $V_0$ , within a finite period of time which depends upon  $V_0, L, H$  and  $h$ . Usually, the time of establishment is defined as the time required for  $V$  to reach 0.99  $V_0$ . Therefore, we get from Eq. (13.7),

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{\text{establishment}} &= \frac{LV_0}{2g(H+h)} \ln \left( \frac{1.99}{0.01} \right) \\
 &= 0.27 \frac{LV_0}{(H+h)} \quad (13.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

### 13.4 OSCILLATION IN A U-TUBE

**(A) Frictionless Liquid Column** Let us consider the oscillation of an inviscid liquid in a U-tube of internal diameter  $d$  as shown in Fig. 13.2a. Let  $l$  be the length of the liquid column.

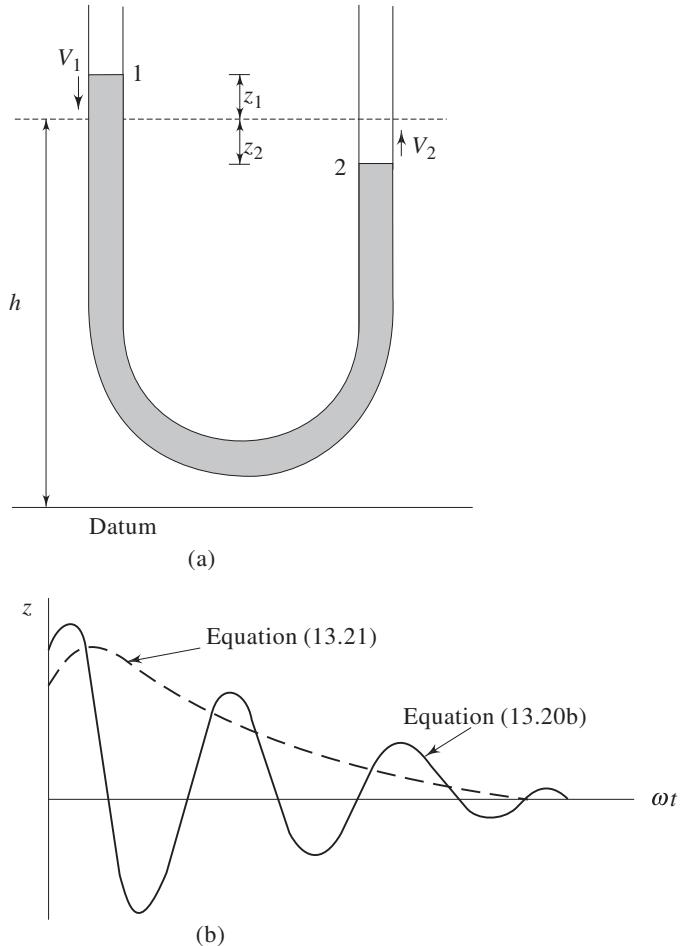


Fig. 13.2 (a) Oscillation of liquid column in a U-tube  
(b) Response characteristics with laminar resistance

When the liquid is in equilibrium, the height of liquid column in both the limbs from a datum line is denoted by  $h$ . Let us consider, after the equilibrium of the

liquid column being somehow disturbed, an instant when the meniscus in the left limb is coming down with a velocity  $V_1$ , while that in right limb is going up with a velocity  $V_2$  as shown in Fig. 13.2a. Since, the tube is uniform in cross-section,

$$V_1 = V_2 = V \quad (13.9a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad z_1 = z_2 = z \quad (13.9b)$$

where  $V$  and  $z$  represent the velocity of liquid column in the  $u$ -tube and the displacement of liquid level from its equilibrium position in either limb respectively.

The Bernoulli's equation for unsteady flow between the points 1 and 2 (Fig. 13.2a) can be written in the present case as

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + (h + z) = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + (h - z) + \frac{1}{g} \int_1^2 \frac{dV}{dt} dS \quad (13.10)$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{dV}{dt} - \frac{2g}{l} z = 0 \quad (13.11)$$

Since  $z$  is diminishing with time at the instant considered, we can write

$$V = - \frac{dz}{dt}$$

$$\text{Hence,} \quad \frac{dV}{dt} = - \frac{d^2z}{dt^2}$$

Therefore, we have from Eq. (13.11)

$$\frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + \frac{2g}{l} z = 0 \quad (13.12)$$

The solution of Eq. (13.12) is

$$z = A \cos (2g/l)^{1/2} t + B \sin (2g/l)^{1/2} t \quad (13.13)$$

To determine the constants  $A$  and  $B$ , initial conditions are taken as

at  $t = 0$ ;  $z = z_0$  (the maximum displacement from the equilibrium position)

and,  $dz/dt = 0$

which gives  $A = z_0$  and  $B = 0$

Therefore, Eq. (13.13) becomes

$$z = z_0 \cos \left( \frac{2g}{l} \right)^{1/2} t \quad (13.14)$$

This equation implies that the liquid column executes an undamped periodic oscillation with an amplitude  $z_0$  and a time period of  $2\pi(l/2g)^{1/2}$ .

**(B) Viscous Fluid** If we consider the viscous effects in the oscillation of liquid columns, the Bernoulli's equation between 1 and 2 can be written as

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + (h + z) = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g} + (h - z) + h_f + \frac{1}{g} \int_1^2 \frac{dV}{dt} dS \quad (13.15)$$

where  $h_f$  is the frictional head loss in the tube due to the motion of the liquid column, and can be expressed in terms of velocity head as

$$h_f = \frac{f l V^2}{2 g d}$$

If we consider the flow to be laminar, friction factor  $f$  can be written as

$$f = \frac{64}{\text{Re}} = \frac{64 \nu}{V d}$$

Hence, 
$$h_f = \frac{32 \nu l}{g d^2} V$$

Invoking this value into Eq. (13.15), we get

$$\frac{dV}{dt} + \frac{32 \nu}{d^2} V - \frac{2g}{l} z = 0$$

Substituting  $V = -\frac{dz}{dt}$

and  $\frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2}$

we have,

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + \frac{32 \nu}{d^2} \frac{dz}{dt} + \frac{2g}{l} z = 0 \quad (13.16)$$

The differential equation corresponds to a damped oscillatory system. The general solution of the equation can be written as

$$z = A e^{C_1 t} + B e^{C_2 t} \quad (13.17)$$

The values of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are the roots of the equation

$$m^2 + \frac{32 \nu}{d^2} m + \frac{2g}{l} = 0$$

where  $m$  is a general variable.

Hence,

$$C_1 = -\frac{16 \nu}{d^2} + \left[ \left( \frac{16 \nu}{d^2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{2g}{l} \right) \right]^{1/2} \quad (13.18a)$$

and 
$$C_2 = -\frac{16 \nu}{d^2} - \left[ \left( \frac{16 \nu}{d^2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{2g}{l} \right) \right]^{1/2} \quad (13.18b)$$

putting 
$$a = \frac{16 \nu}{d^2} \quad (13.19a)$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{2g}{l} \quad (13.19b)$$

and 
$$\zeta = a/\omega = \frac{16 \nu}{d^2} (l/2g)^{1/2} \quad (13.19c)$$

we can write

$$C_1 = [-\zeta + (\zeta^2 - 1)^{1/2}] \omega$$

and

$$C_2 = [-\zeta - (\zeta^2 - 1)^{1/2}] \omega$$

The nature of the solution of Eq. (13.16) depends on three conditions: whether the damping factor (a)  $\zeta < 1$ , (b)  $\zeta > 1$  and (c)  $\zeta = 1$ .

(a) When  $\zeta < 1$  (light damping), the general solution of Eq. (13.16) is written as a special form of Eq. (13.17) as

$$z = A e^{-\zeta \omega t} \sin [(1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2} \omega t + \phi] \quad (13.20a)$$

The amplitude  $A$  and the phase difference  $\phi$  are found from the initial conditions. If we assume the initial conditions as

at  $t = 0, z = z_0$  and  $dz/dt = 0$

we get from Eq. (13.20a)

$$A = \frac{z_0}{(1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2}}$$

and

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{(1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2}}{\zeta} \right]$$

Equation (13.20a) can then be written as

$$z = \frac{z_0}{(1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2}} e^{-\zeta \omega t} \sin \left[ (1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2} \omega t + \tan^{-1} \frac{(1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2}}{\zeta} \right] \quad (13.20b)$$

The time period of oscillation is

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega(1 - \zeta^2)^{1/2}} \quad (13.20c)$$

The flow under this situation oscillates with diminishing amplitudes (Fig. 13.2b), because of the exponential damping term, and eventually comes to rest.

(b) When  $\zeta > 1$  (large damping) the Eq. (13.17) can be written as

$$z = A \exp [ -\zeta + (\zeta^2 - 1)^{1/2} \omega t ] + B \exp [ -\zeta - (\zeta^2 - 1)^{1/2} \omega t ] \quad (13.21)$$

with the initial conditions as  $z = 0, \frac{dz}{dt} = 0$  at  $t = 0$  we have

$$A = \frac{z_0}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\zeta}{(\zeta^2 - 1)^{1/2}} \right]$$

and

$$B = \frac{z_0}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\zeta}{(\zeta^2 - 1)^{1/2}} \right]$$

The flow under this situation does not oscillate, rather asymptotically reaches the equilibrium position as shown in Fig. 13.2b.

(c) When  $\zeta = 1$  (critical damping), the solution of Eq. (13.16) becomes

$$z = (A + Bt) e^{-\zeta \omega t} \quad (13.22a)$$

with the same initial conditions as described above in (a) and in (b), we get

$$A = z_0, B = \zeta \omega z_0$$

Hence Eq. (13.22a) becomes

$$z = z_0 (1 + \zeta \omega t) e^{-\zeta \omega t} \quad (13.22b)$$

The motion, under this situation is in transition, i.e. it changes from oscillatory to non-oscillatory types.

### 13.5 DAMPED OSCILLATION BETWEEN TWO RESERVOIRS

We now consider the oscillation of a viscous liquid column between two prismatic reservoirs connected by a long pipeline as shown in Fig. 13.3. The flow in the pipeline is assumed to be turbulent so that the head loss becomes proportional to the square of the velocity. Let us assume that the reservoirs are of uniform cross-sectional area  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . The pipeline is of uniform circular cross-section of diameter  $d_p$  and area  $a_p$ .

The total length of the pipeline is  $l$  as shown in Fig. 13.3. Let the height of the liquid levels, under equilibrium position, from a reference datum be  $h$ .

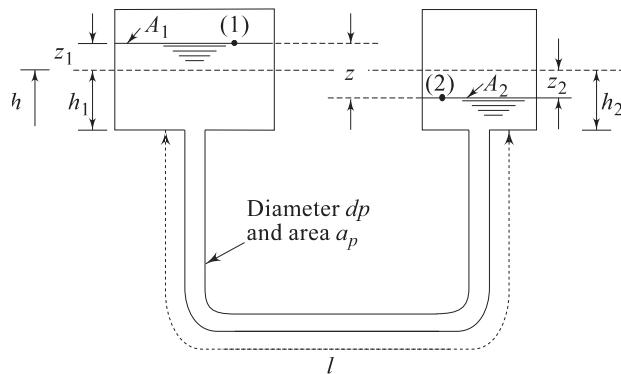


Fig. 13.3 Oscillation of liquid column between two reservoirs connected with a pipeline

Applying Bernoulli's equation between the liquid levels (1) and (2); [Fig. 13.3] when the liquid column is in motion, we have,

$$\frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + h + z_1 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h - z_2 + h_f + \frac{1}{g} \int_1^2 \frac{dV}{dt} dS \quad (13.23)$$

Let  $V$  be the velocity at a distance  $S$  from the surface 1 along a streamline, where the cross-sectional area is  $A$  which may be  $a_p$ ,  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  depending upon the distance  $S$ , and the liquid level in reservoir  $A_1$  be moving down with a velocity  $V_1$ , while that in reservoir  $A_2$  be moving up with a velocity  $V_2$ .

From continuity,

$$V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2 = V A \quad (13.24)$$

Again, from Kinematic condition

$$V_1 = - \frac{dz_1}{dt} \quad (13.25a)$$

$$V_2 = - \frac{dz_2}{dt} \quad (13.25b)$$

and from geometrical condition  $z = z_1 + z_2$  (13.25c)

Equations (13.24), (13.25a), (13.25b) and (13.25c) give

$$\frac{dz_1}{dt} = \frac{A_2}{A_1 + A_2} \frac{dz}{dt} \quad (13.26a)$$

$$\text{and, } \frac{dz_2}{dt} = \frac{A_1}{A_1 + A_2} \frac{dz}{dt} \quad (13.26b)$$

again,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= V_1 \frac{A_1}{A} = - \frac{A_1}{A} \frac{dz_1}{dt} \\ &= - \frac{A_1 A_2}{(A_1 + A_2) A} \frac{dz}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = - \frac{A_1 A_2}{(A_1 + A_2) A} \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} \quad (13.27)$$

With the help of Eqs (13.25), (13.26) and (13.27), Eq. (13.23) can be written as

$$\frac{A_1 A_2}{g(A_1 + A_2)} \left( \int_1^2 \frac{dS}{A} \right) \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} - h_f + \frac{(A_2 - A_1)}{2g(A_2 + A_1)} \left( \frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 + z = 0 \quad (13.28)$$

If  $l_e$  is the equivalent length of the connecting pipe incorporating the minor losses, then the total head loss  $h_f$  can be written as

$$h_f = \frac{f l_e}{2 g d_p} V^2 = \frac{f l_e}{2 g d_p} \frac{A_1^2 A_2^2}{(A_1 + A_2)^2 a_p^2} \left( \frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 \quad (13.29a)$$

again,

$$\int_1^2 \frac{dS}{A} = \frac{h_1 + z_1}{A_1} + \frac{l}{a_p} + \frac{h_2 - z_2}{A_2} \cong \frac{l}{a_p} \quad (13.29b)$$

(Since  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are much larger than  $a_p$ )

With the help of Eqs (13.29a) and (13.29b), Eq. (13.28) can be written as

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} - M \left( \frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 + Nz = 0 \quad (13.30)$$

where,

$$M = \frac{f l_e}{2 d_p l a_p} \frac{A_1 A_2}{(A_1 + A_2)} - \frac{a_p}{2 l} \frac{(A_2 - A_1)}{A_1 / A_2}$$

and

$$N = \frac{g a_p}{l} \frac{(A_2 - A_1)}{A_1 A_2}$$

The Eq. (13.30) is a nonlinear ordinary differential equation in  $z$ . The non-linearity arises due to the term  $\left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2$ . This equation can be solved numerically for  $z$  with suitable initial conditions. Fourth order Runge Kutta method is best adopted for this purpose. However, an analytical solution for the first derivative of  $z$ , i.e.  $\frac{dz}{dt}$  can be obtained. By substituting  $y = \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2$ , in Eq. (13.30) we get

$$\frac{dy}{dz} - 2 My + 2 Nz = 0$$

the solution of which is

$$y = \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{N}{2M^2} (2Mz + 1) + C e^{2Mz} \quad (13.31)$$

If we put the initial condition

$$z = z_0, \frac{dz}{dt} = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad t = 0$$

We get,

$$C = \frac{-N}{2M^2} (2Mz_0 + 1) \exp(-2Mz_0)$$

Therefore, Eq. (13.31) becomes,

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \pm \left[ \frac{N}{2M^2} [(2Mz + 1) - (2Mz_0 + 1) \exp\{2M(z - z_0)\}] \right]^{1/2} \quad (13.32)$$

To find the time-displacement ( $z$  vs  $t$ ) relationship, Eq. (13.32) has to be solved numerically with the initial condition as  $z = z_0$  at  $t = t_0$ .

## 13.6 WATER HAMMER

In the preceding sections, we considered unsteady problems where though the changes in velocity were high to make the acceleration head as significant as the velocity head, but at the same time were too low to cause the compressibility effect on the liquid. We now consider the category of unsteady flow phenomena where the change in velocity is so rapid that the compressibility effect of the liquid becomes prominent and hence the elastic forces are important. As a result, a change in pressure does not take place instantaneously throughout the fluid. This means that if a change in pressure is caused by a change in velocity at any location, this change is not sensed immediately by the entire fluid—rather this is sensed by the propagation of a pressure wave with a finite velocity. The problem assumes importance in fields like hydroelectric plants where the flow of water in

a pipeline is required to be decreased suddenly by manipulating a valve downstream. This causes a phenomenon like knocking of the pipe system due to repeated up and down motion of a pressure wave within the pipe. It is also our common experience that when a domestic water tap is turned off very quickly, a heavy knocking sound is heard and the entire pipe vibrates. This typical phenomenon is known as water hammer. The name is perhaps a little unfortunate because, not only water, but any liquid in a pipe under such situation will cause the phenomenon of water hammer.

**Instantaneous Closure of a Valve** For a detailed physical explanation of the above phenomenon of water hammer, let us consider a simple situation where a long pipeline discharging water from a reservoir is fitted with a valve at its end as shown in Fig. 13.4a. The uniform flow velocity in the pipe is considered to be  $V_0$ .

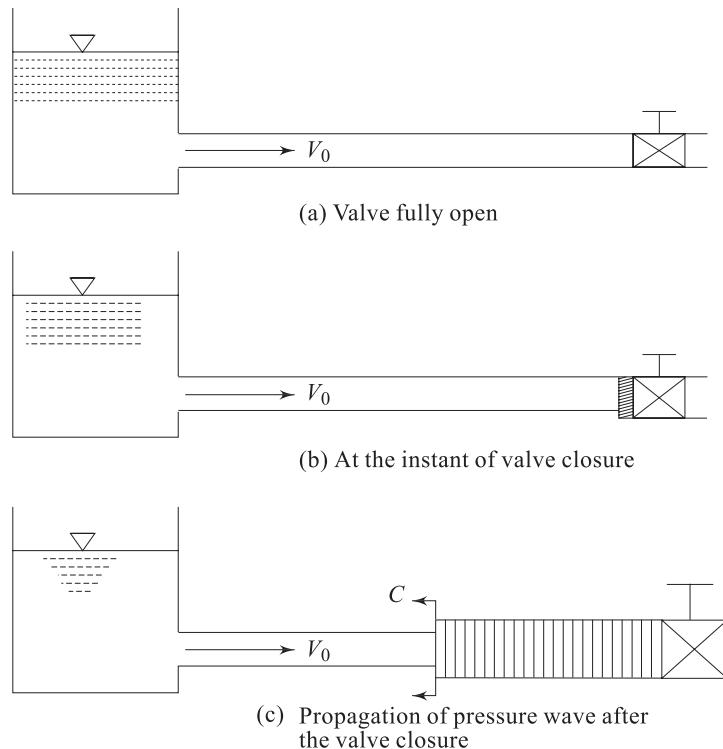


Fig. 13.4 Effect of instantaneous valve closure

We assume that the valve is closed instantaneously to stop the discharge from the pipeline. An instantaneous closure of a valve is not possible in practice; an extremely rapid closure may be made at the best. However, the concept of instantaneous valve closure makes the explanation simple for a basic physical understanding of the problem. If the liquid is fully incompressible, then the instantaneous closure of the valve will cause the entire liquid in the pipe to come to rest instantaneously. But any liquid, in fact, is compressible to some extent and

so its constituent particles do not decelerate instantaneously. Therefore even an instantaneous closure of the valve cannot make the entire column of fluid stationary at once.

Only the fluid particles adjacent to the valve will be stopped instantaneously, and the other would come to rest later (Fig. 13.4b). While the flow near the valve is stopped completely, the fluid far away from the valve still moves with a velocity  $V_0$  and compresses the fluid adjacent to the valve increasing its pressure and density. This way, fluid column comes to rest layer by layer from valve end to the reservoir (Fig. 13.4c). The kinetic energy of the liquid coming to rest is transformed partly into elastic energy of liquid by compression and partly into elastic energy of pipe due to its expansion. The process of deceleration and subsequent pressure rise of the liquid column due to the valve closure is conceived by the propagation of a pressure wave upstream as a message that is generated at the valve end. As the pressure wave moves upstream, the fluid downstream, though which it has moved, comes to rest and the portion of the pipe downstream expands, depending upon its rigidity, due to rise in pressure of the fluid. The fluid upstream, where the pressure wave is yet to reach, is still in motion with the velocity  $V_0$ . The velocity with which the pressure wave moves upstream is very high compared to the velocity of the liquid. The increase in pressure head of the liquid, and the velocity of propagation of pressure wave are the two important parameters to be determined in analysing any water hammer problem.

**Velocity of Pressure Wave** Figure 13.5a shows a pipe in which liquid flowing from left to right with a velocity  $V_0$  is brought to rest by a pressure wave  $XX$  moving from right to left.

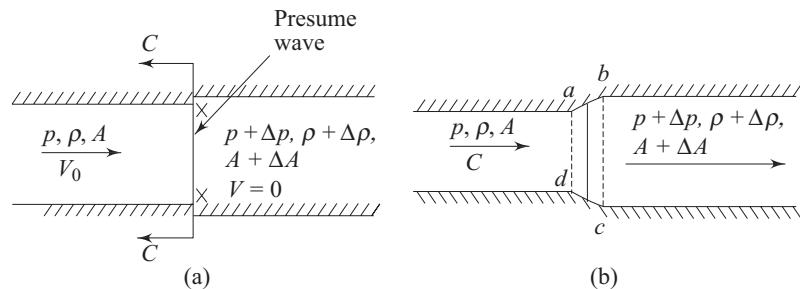


Fig. 13.5 (a) Propagation of a pressure wave in a pipe flow (b) Model of a control volume analysis in determining the wave velocity

Let the pressure and density of the undisturbed liquid left of the wave be  $p$  and  $\rho$  respectively, and the cross-sectional area of the pipe be  $A$ . After the wave has passed, these quantities become  $p + \Delta p$ ,  $\rho + \Delta \rho$  and  $A + \Delta A$  respectively as shown in Fig. 13.5a. Let the velocity of propagation of the pressure wave be  $C$  relative to the flowing liquid, and hence,  $C - V_0$  with respect to the stationary pipe. The conditions will appear steady if we refer to coordinate axes moving with the wave, which, in other word, means to consider a system where a velocity  $C - V_0$  in an opposite direction to that of the wave is superimposed on the flow to bring the

wave front stationary as illustrated in Fig. 13.5b. Here the wave will appear to be stationary while the fluid from left approaches with a velocity  $C$  and moves away with a velocity  $C - V_o$  after crossing the wave. Now we apply the continuity and momentum equations for a steady flow to an elemental control volume  $abcd$  across the wave front as shown in Fig. 13.5b.

### Continuity Equation

$$A\rho C = (A + \Delta A)(\rho + \Delta\rho)(C - V_o)$$

or  $A\rho C = (A\rho + \rho\Delta A + A\Delta\rho)(C - V_o)$

(neglecting the higher order term  $\Delta A \Delta\rho$ )

$$\text{or } A\rho V_o = (C - V_o)(\rho\Delta A + A\Delta\rho)$$

Dividing both the sides by  $A\rho(C - V_o)$  we get

$$\frac{V_o}{C - V_o} = \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \quad (13.33)$$

**Momentum Equation** Neglecting the wall shear force, we can apply the momentum theorem to the control volume  $abcd$  as

$$A\rho C [(C - V_o) - C] = p(A + \Delta A) - (p + \Delta p)(A + \Delta A)$$

$$\text{or } A\rho CV_o = \Delta p A \text{ (the higher order term } \Delta p\Delta A \text{ is neglected)}$$

$$\text{or } V_o/C = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho C^2} \quad (13.34)$$

The velocity  $C$  is, in fact, very high compared to  $V_o$ . Hence, the Eq. (13.33) can be written as

$$\frac{V_o}{C} = \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \quad (13.35)$$

Comparing Eqs (13.34) and (13.35), we can write

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho C^2} = \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \quad (13.36)$$

The change in density of a fluid is related to its change in pressure through the bulk modulus of elasticity  $E$  [Eq. (1.5) in Chapter 1] as

$$\Delta p = E \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \quad (13.37)$$

Substituting the value of  $\Delta\rho/\rho$  from Eq. (13.37) into Eq. (13.36) we have

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho C^2} = \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta p}{E}$$

$$\text{or } C^2 = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho \left( \frac{\Delta A}{A} + \frac{\Delta p}{E} \right)} = \frac{E/\rho}{1 + \frac{E}{\Delta p} \left( \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right)}$$

Hence,

$$C = \left[ \frac{E/\rho}{1 + \frac{E}{\Delta p} \left( \frac{\Delta A}{A} \right)} \right]^{1/2} \quad (13.38)$$

The quantity  $\Delta A/A$  in Eq. (13.38) is found out in consideration of the elasticity of the pipe. It is assumed that the pipe is subjected to circumferential hoop stress  $\sigma_t$  but negligible longitudinal stress. Then we can write

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} = \frac{2\Delta d}{d} = \frac{2\sigma_t}{E_p} \quad (13.39)$$

where  $\sigma_t$  is the hoop stress and  $E_p$  is the elasticity of the pipe material. For a circular pipe in which the thickness  $t$  of the wall is small compared to the diameter  $d$ , the hoop stress is given by

$$\sigma_t = \frac{\Delta pd}{2t}$$

Therefore from Eq. (13.39)

$$\frac{\Delta A}{A} = \frac{\Delta pd}{t E_p} \quad (13.40)$$

Inserting the expression of  $\Delta A/A$  from Eq. (13.40) into Eq. (13.38), we have,

$$C = \left[ \frac{E/\rho}{1 + \frac{Ed}{E_p t}} \right]^{1/2} \quad (13.41)$$

For a rigid pipe, the quantity  $Ed/E_p t$  is small compared to unity, and hence the Eq. (13.41) can be written as

$$C = [E/\rho]^{1/2} \quad (13.42)$$

The quantity  $(E/\rho)^{1/2}$  corresponds to the speed of sound through an elastic medium. Therefore, Eq. (13.42) implies that the speed of pressure wave relative to the flowing liquid is equal to the local acoustic speed through the liquid. Taking the value of  $E$  for water at 20 °C as  $2.2 \times 10^9$  kN/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\rho = 10^3$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, the value of  $C$  from Eq. (13.42) is found to be 1482 m/s. Other liquids give figures of the same order. Let us calculate the value of  $C$  from Eq. (13.41) in consideration of pipe elasticity. For a steel pipe,  $E_p = 2 \times 10^8$  kN/m<sup>2</sup>. Considering the diameter and thickness of the pipe to be 75 mm and 6 mm respectively, we have

$$C = \left[ \frac{2.2 \times 10^9 / 10^3}{1 + \frac{2.2 \times 10^9 \times 0.075}{2 \times 10^{11} \times 0.006}} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= 1390.7 \text{ m/s}$$

Hence we see that the variation in the value of  $C$  calculated from Eqs (13.41) and (13.42) is marginal as compared to their absolute values. In fact, the values

of  $C$  are much in excess of any liquid flow velocity encountered in practice. Therefore, the Eq. (13.42) is used to determine the value of  $C$  for all practical purposes.

**Reflection of Waves and Pressure Fluctuation** We have so long discussed how a pressure wave is generated at the valve end due its instantaneous closure and is transmitted upstream by decelerating and pressurising the liquid column in the pipe. If the pipe is not of infinite length, the reflection of pressure wave at the reservoir and valve ends causes a periodic fluctuation of pressure at any location in the pipe. This is illustrated in Fig. 13.6.

Let us assume, for the sake of simplicity, that the flow is inviscid. When the valve is closed instantaneously, a pressure wave moves upstream with a velocity  $C$  relative to the liquid as discussed earlier. The wave, as it progresses, brings the liquid to rest increasing its pressure (Fig. 13.6b). Let us consider the initial pressure to be  $p_0$  and the corresponding pressure head to be  $h_0$  ( $= p_0/\rho g$ ). The increase in pressure head of the liquid due to the propagation of pressure wave upstream can be found from Eq. (13.34) as  $\Delta h = \Delta p/\rho g = CV_0/g$ . Therefore, after a time  $t = l/C$  (Fig. 13.6c), where  $l$  is the length of the pipe, the whole pipe is filled with high pressure liquid (the pressure head being more than the original one by an amount  $CV_0/g$ ) at rest.

The situation illustrated in Fig. 13.6c is unstable since there occurs a discontinuity of pressure at the reservoir end, because the liquid is at original pressure in the reservoir unlike in the pipe where it is at increased pressure. What happens, in this situation, is that the liquid begins to flow from the pipe back into the reservoir so as to equalize the liquid pressure in the pipe to the original value existing in the reservoir. This is conceived by the propagation of a reflected pressure wave from reservoir end towards the valve end. The action of this reflected wave from the reservoir end is to superimpose a negative pressure head,  $-\Delta h$  of same magnitude of  $CV_0/g$  on the existing positive pressure head  $\Delta h$  and to set a velocity of the liquid towards the reservoir. When the pressure wave reaches the valve end at  $t = 2l/C$ , the entire liquid in the pipe is at original pressure and is moving with a velocity  $V_0$  towards the reservoir. The pipe diameter is also back to its original value. This condition, as depicted in Fig. 13.6e, is similar to that at  $t = 0$  (Fig. 13.6a) except that the liquid velocity  $V_0$  is in the opposite direction.

As liquid tries to maintain its inertia of motion, i.e. its velocity  $V_0$  towards the reservoir end (Fig. 13.6e), the decompression of the liquid column in the pipe takes place. Therefore, the pressure of the liquid in the pipe falls below its original value. This decrease in pressure in the liquid column again starts from the valve end and progresses gradually towards the reservoir end. The fall in pressure in the entire liquid column is thus conceived by the propagation of a negative pressure wave as a reflected wave from the valve end. The magnitude of the reflected wave is same as that of the incident wave, and the sign remains unchanged.

At time  $t = 3l/C$ , when the negative pressure wave reaches the reservoir end, the entire fluid in the pipe is at rest and at a pressure head lower than the original one by an amount of  $\Delta h$  (Fig. 13.6g). This is again an unstable situation due to

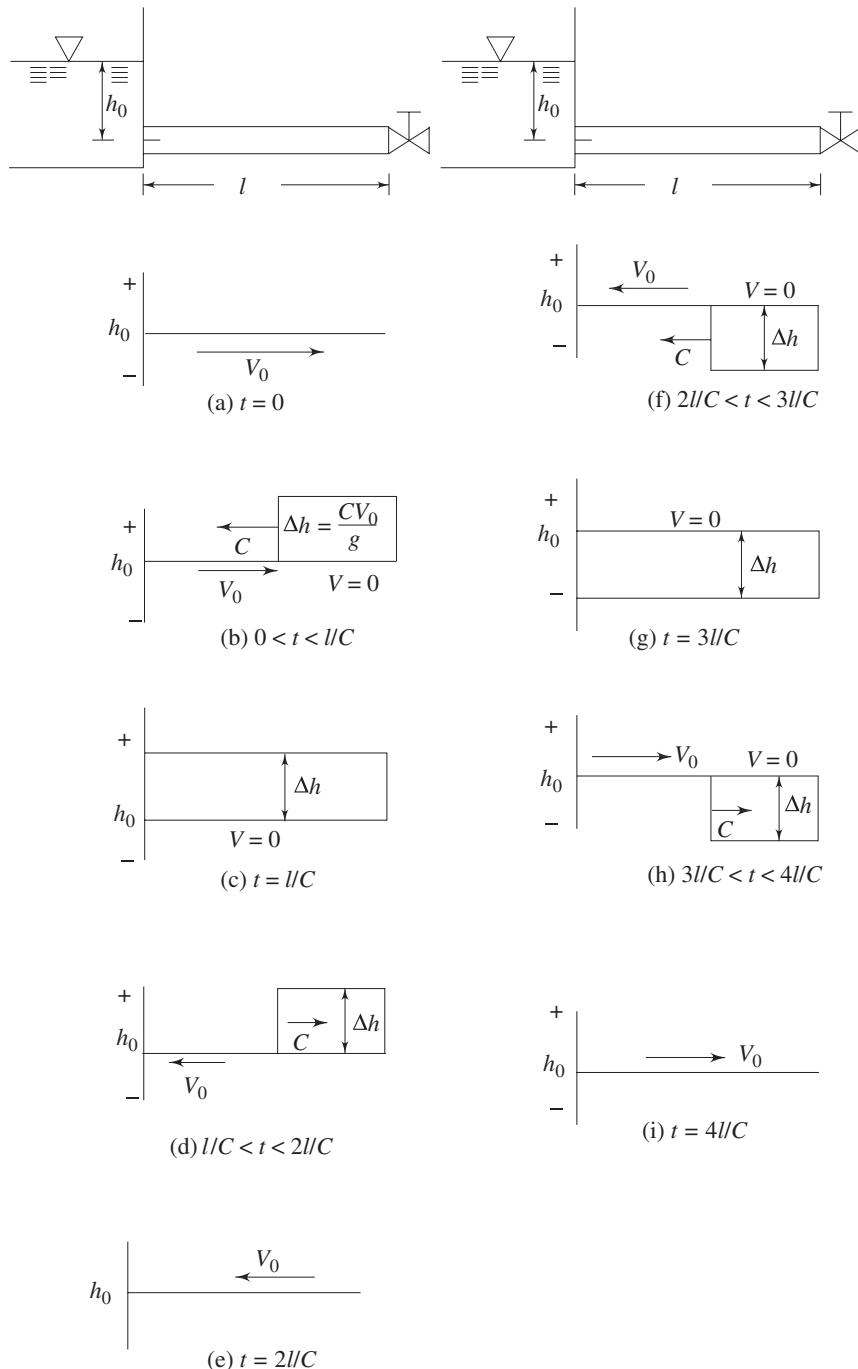


Fig. 13.6 Temporal histories of pressure head along a pipe length after an instantaneous closure of valve (inviscid fluid)

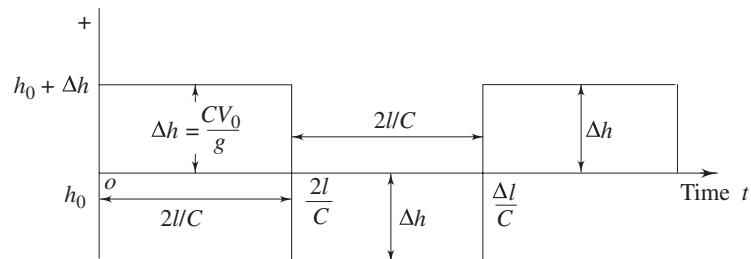
pressure discontinuity at the reservoir end and causes a flow of liquid from the reservoir end to the valve end to equalize the pressure in the liquid, i.e. to destroy the negative pressure head of the liquid in the pipe. This process is again depicted by the propagation of a positive pressure wave  $\Delta h$ , from the reservoir end towards the valve, and at time  $t = 4l/C$  this pressure wave will reach the valve end when the pressure of the entire liquid column in the pipe is again at its original value and the velocity is  $V_0$  towards the valve.

Therefore, we observe that after a time period of  $t = 4l/C$ , the initial condition of the liquid in the pipe, i.e. the condition at the instant when the valve was closed (at  $t = 0$ ), is reached (Fig. 13.6i). This complete cycle of events is repeated and, in the absence of friction, would be repeated indefinitely, with the same period of time  $4l/C$  and with undiminishing intensity of pressure waves.

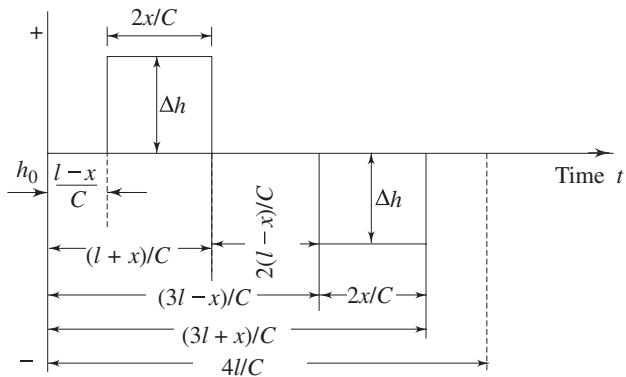
The periodic fluctuation of the pressure head at two points, one adjacent to the valve and the other at a distance  $x$  from the reservoir end are shown in Fig. 13.7a and 13.7b respectively. It is observed from the foregoing discussion that the time taken for a round trip of the positive pressure wave over any point, say  $A$ , at a distance  $x$  from the pipe inlet (reservoir end) is  $2x/C$ . Thus, for an instantaneous closing of the valve, the excess pressure created at the point  $A$  at a distance  $x$  from the pipe inlet due to the passing over of a pressure wave remains constant for a time interval of  $2x/C$  and this duration equals to  $2l/C$  at the valve end. Therefore, the pressure head of the liquid at the valve end remains  $h_0 + \Delta h$  ( $h_0$  is the original pressure head) over a time of  $2l/C$  from the instant when the valve is closed.

At the time  $t = 2l/C$ , the reflected negative pressure wave from the reservoir end reaches the valve end and diminishing the excess pressure head  $\Delta h$  there, is again reflected back instantaneously as a negative pressure wave and moves towards the reservoir end. Therefore, the pressure head adjacent to the valve at this instant,  $t = 2l/C$ , drops from  $h_0 + \Delta h$  to  $h_0 - \Delta h$ , and then remains constant over a period of  $2l/C$ , i.e. from  $t = 2l/C$  to  $t = 4l/C$ . During this interval, the negative pressure wave originated from the valve end reaches the reservoir end and again comes back to the valve end as a reflected positive pressure wave. As soon as this wave strikes the valve end, it first diminishes the existing negative pressure wave  $-\Delta h$  at the valve end and is reflected back immediately as a positive pressure wave of  $\Delta h$  that starts proceeding towards the reservoir end. Therefore, at  $t = 4l/C$  the pressure head adjacent to the valve increases from  $h_0 - \Delta h$  to  $h_0 + \Delta h$  and assumes the initial value at the start when the valve was just closed. This cyclic variation of pressure with time goes on repeating again and again.

Figure 13.7b shows the pressure time diagram for a point at a distance  $x$  from the reservoir. In this case, the pressure at the point remains at its original value from the instant the valve is closed ( $t = 0$ ) until the positive pressure wave, originating from the valve end, reaches there after a time  $t = (l - x)/C$ . Therefore, at  $t = (l - x)/C$ , the pressure head changes to  $h_0 + \Delta h$  and remains the same for a period of  $2x/C$  which is the time required for the round trip of the pressure wave to the reservoir and back to that point. At time  $t = (l + x)/C$  (Fig. 13.7b), the pressure head changes from  $h_0 + \Delta h$  to  $h_0$ , the original pressure, and remains at this value for a period of  $2(l - x)/C$  during which the negative pressure wave



(a) At the valve end



(b) At a distance  $x$  from the reservoir

Fig. 13.7 Pressure-time diagram for instantaneous valve closure

reaching the valve end is again reflected back to the point. At this instant, given by  $t = (3l - x)/C$ , the pressure head at the point falls from  $h_o$  to  $h_o - \Delta h$  and remains at this value for a period of  $2x/C$  until the negative pressure wave, after reaching the reservoir end, is reflected back as a positive pressure wave to that point. Therefore, at  $t = (3l + x)/C$ , the pressure head increases instantaneously from  $h_o - \Delta h$  to  $h_o$ . After a time of  $l - x/C$  from then the positive wave reaches the valve end, when the situation in the entire pipe is identical to that of the initial one when the valve was just closed.

The effect of friction on the pressure time diagram for a point at the valve end is shown in Fig. 13.8. Due to the viscous dissipation of energy, the amplitude of pressure wave is reduced in each reflection and hence the oscillations of the pressure wave is damped. The interesting feature is that while the excess pressure over the time period  $2l/C$  remains constant in the case without friction, it changes when frictional effect is considered. When the velocity of fluid is reduced, so is the head lost to friction. Therefore, the head available at the downstream end of the pipe consequently rises somewhat as layer after layer of the fluid is slowed down. This effect is transmitted back from each layer in turn with a velocity  $C$ , and so the full effect is not felt at the valve until a time  $2l/C$  after its closure. In Fig. 13.8, this effect is indicated by the upward slope of the line  $ab$ . During the

second time interval of  $2l/C$ , velocity and pressure amplitudes have reversed their signs, and thus the line slopes downwards. The frictional effect is usually neglected since the friction head is small compared to the head produced by the water hammer. However, it is always safer to design a pipeline assuming the initial head at the valve to be the same as in the reservoir, and thus neglecting subsequent frictional effects.

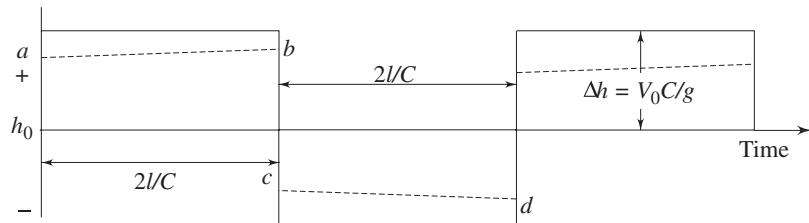


Fig. 13.8 Effect of friction on pressure-time diagram at valve end for instantaneous valve closure

**Rapid and Slow Closure of the Valve** Our discussion has so far been based on the instantaneous closure of the valve which means that the time taken for the valve to be fully closed is zero. But this is practically impossible, and therefore, some time must elapse for the complete closure of the valve. If this time interval of valve closure is equal to or less than  $2l/C$ , then results are not essentially different from that discussed from an instantaneous valve closure. Therefore, when the time for the valve to be fully closed is less than or equal to  $2l/C$ , the closing of valve is known as *rapid closure*. In rapid closure, though the pressure head at the valve is gradually built up as the valve is closed, the maximum pressure head reached for an inviscid fluid, however is the same and equals to  $CV_o/g$  as with the instantaneous closure. This is because the conversion of entire kinetic energy of fluid to its strain energy (or pressure energy) is completed before any reflected wave reaches the valve end. If on the other hand, the time for complete closure of the valve is greater than  $2l/C$ , then before the entire kinetic energy being converted into strain energy to raise the pressure head to its maximum value of  $CV_o/g$ , a reflected wave of negative pressure arrives to reduce the pressure head at the valve end. This situation is termed as *slow closure* of valve. Therefore, we see that the maximum pressure rise depends on whether the time during which the valve is closed is greater or less than  $2l/C$ . When the time of valve closure is much longer than  $2l/C$ , the effect of compressibility may be neglected. Thus we can summarize the above discussion as follows:

- $t_c$  (time taken for valve closure) = 0 (instantaneous closure)
- $\leq 2l/C$  (rapid closure)
- $> 2l/C$  (slow closure)
- $\gg 2l/C$  (slow closure where compressibility effect and subsequent phenomenon of water hammer can be neglected)

When a valve is rapidly closed ( $t_c < 2l/C$ ), the whole length of the pipe is not subjected to peak pressure. Let, the length  $x_o$  of the pipe from the reservoir end be subjected to reduced pressure while the remaining portion,  $(l - x_o)$  upto the valve end be subjected to peak pressure head  $CV_o/g$ . The value of  $x_o$  depends upon the value of  $t_c$ , the time of valve closure, and can be obtained by equating the time for the peak pressure to be generated up to the length  $(l - x_o)$  with the time for the first reflected negative pressure wave to reach there as,

$$t_c + \frac{l - x_o}{C} = \frac{l}{C} + \frac{x_o}{C}$$

or  $x_o = Ct_c/2$

When  $t_c = 0$ , i.e. for instantaneous closure,  $x_o = 0$  which means that the entire pipe is subjected to maximum pressure. The essential feature in the analysis of water hammer problems due to a rapid or slow closure of the valve is to assume that the movement of the valve does not take place continuously, rather in series of discrete steps of instantaneous partial closure occurring at equal intervals of  $2l/C$  or a sub-multiple of  $2l/C$ . Between these discrete steps, the valve is assumed stationary. Each of these steps generates its own particular wave which is similar in form to those depicted in Fig. 13.7a and 13.7b. We can calculate the increase in pressure head due to the first step of instantaneous closure by assuming that the velocity is reduced from  $V_0$  to  $V_1$  in this step. The momentum equation for a control volume circumscribing the pressure wave in a steady state, under this situation, can be written as

$$\rho C [(C - V_0 + V_1) - C] = -\Delta p$$

or  $\rho C(V_0 - V_1) = \Delta p$

Hence,  $\Delta h = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho g} = \frac{C(V_0 - V_1)}{g}$  (13.43)

For a rapid closure, the total pressure head at the valve end at the instant of its complete closure is given by

$$\Sigma \Delta h = \frac{CV_0}{g}$$

This is because no reflected wave returns back to the valve before it is completely closed. Determination of  $V_1$  and the pressure head developed for the first step is made as follows:

Let the initial pressure head and the pressure head after the first step of partial valve closure be  $h_0$  and  $h_1$  respectively. Then Eq. (13.43) can be written as

$$h_1 - h_0 = \frac{C(V_0 - V_1)}{g} \quad (13.44)$$

Another relation between  $h_1$  and  $V_1$  is required if either is to be calculated. Let us consider that the valve discharges into atmosphere, and it is regarded as similar to an orifice with a constant coefficient of discharge  $C_d$ . Therefore, we can write from continuity

$$AV_1 = Q = C_d A_v (2gh_1)^{1/2} \quad (13.45a)$$

where  $A_v$  is the area of valve opening after the first step of closure and  $A$  is the cross-sectional area of pipe where the fluid velocity is  $V_1$ . Equation (13.45a) can be written as

$$V_1 = B (h_1)^{1/2} \quad (13.45b)$$

where,  $B = C_d (A_v/A)(2g)^{1/2}$

The factor  $B$  is usually known as the *valve opening factor* or *area coefficient*. It should be noted that  $C_d$  is not necessarily constant, and therefore the variation of  $B$  with the valve setting has to be determined by experiment for each design of valve. Simultaneous solution of Eq. (13.44) and (13.45b) gives the values of  $V_1$  and  $h_1$ . Calculations are usually carried out step by step for each discrete step of partial closure of the valve.

**Surge Tanks** In many practical situations, problems associated with water hammer may be overcome by the use of a surge tank. One such situation occurs in hydroelectric power stations. In hydroelectric installations, the turbine is supplied with water via a long pipeline or a tunnel cut through rock known as *penstock*. If the electric power taken from the generator which is mechanically coupled to the turbine, is suddenly altered, the turbine tends to change its speed. However this speed is kept constant, to maintain the constancy in cycle frequency in the power line, by altering the water flow rate to the turbine through the operation of a valve at its inlet. This is known as *governing of turbines* and the mechanism, through which it is automatically done, is known as *governor*. Therefore, it is the consequent acceleration or deceleration of water in the pipeline which may give rise to water hammer.

The minimization of water hammer is of utmost importance because the large pressure fluctuations not only produce a harmful effect on the pipeline but also impede the governing. By using a surge tank in the pipeline at a convenient place near the turbine, the adverse effect of water hammer can be restricted to a shorter length of the penstock. Such an arrangement is shown in Fig. 13.9. The simplest type of surge tank is an open vertical cylinder  $S$  (Fig. 13.9) of large diameter. It may be constructed of steel, or tunnelled in rock, and should be as close to the turbine as possible. The upstream pipeline  $AB$  is of small slope, and the top of the surge tank  $S$  is higher than the water level in the reservoir  $A$ . When there is a sudden reduction in load on the turbines, the rate of flow of water to the turbines is decreased through the governing mechanism. But the rate of flow in the line  $AB$  cannot fall at once to the required new value. What happens, under this situation, is that the temporary surplus of water goes into the surge tank  $S$  and the rise in water level in the surge tank then creates a hydrostatic head which decelerates the water in pipe  $AB$ . In case the required deceleration is very high, water is allowed to overflow from the top of the surge tank so that the head in the surge tank does not increase indefinitely. Thus a gradual deceleration of water in pipe  $AB$  takes place. Therefore, a much shorter length of pipe  $BC$  is now subjected to water hammer effects due to partial closure of the valve  $C$ . Therefore the pipe  $BC$  must be constructed strong enough to withstand the increased pressure.

Another important feature of a surge tank is that it provides a reverse supply of water to make up a temporary deficiency of flow down the pipe  $AB$  when the demand at the turbines is increased. If the load on the turbines is suddenly increased, a sudden acceleration of the water column in the supply pipe is required. The excessive drop in pressure at the turbines, under this situation, is controlled by supplying water from the surge tank and thus meeting up the demand. As the water level in the surge tank is drawn down, the difference in head along  $AB$  is increased, and so the water there is gradually accelerated until the rate of flow in  $AB$  equals to that required by the turbine.

We present here an analysis for the reduction of flow rate in a hydroelectric installation with a simple cylindrical surge tank as shown in Fig. 13.10. The part  $AB$  of the pipe is free from water hammer effects since it has two open reservoirs at its ends. Therefore, the flow in this part is treated as a simple inertia problem similar to that discussed in Sec. 13.2. The flow in pipe  $BC$  is subjected to water hammer.

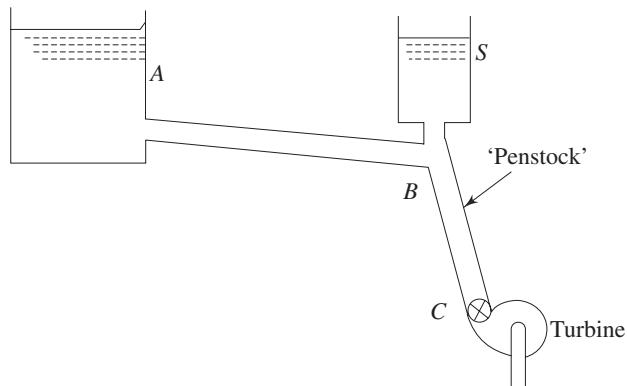


Fig. 13.9 A simple surge tank

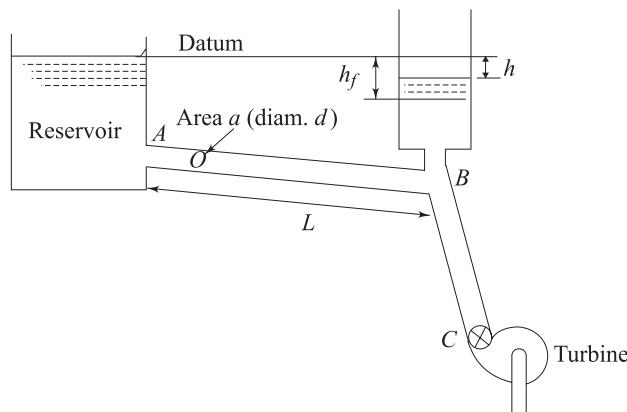


Fig 13.10 Working principle of a cylindrical surge tank

At any instant, we can write from continuity,

$$aV = A \left[ -\frac{dh}{dt} \right] + Q \quad (13.46)$$

where,

$A$  = cross-sectional area of surge tank,

$a$  = cross-sectional area of upstream pipeline  $AB$ ,

$V$  = average velocity (over a cross-section) in pipe  $AB$ ,

$h$  = depth of water level in surge tank below that of the reservoir, which is taken as datum,

$Q$  = rate of volume flow through the pipe  $BC$  to the turbine.

Under steady condition, the level in the surge tank  $h$  would be constant and would equal to the frictional head loss  $h_f$  due to flow from the reservoir to the surge tank through pipe  $AB$ . But at any instant while the surge is taking place, the level in the surge tank goes up from its steady state level, and thus an additional head of  $(h_f - h)$  is available to decelerate the liquid in pipe  $AB$ . If the area of the surge tank is considered to be large compared to  $a$ , the area of pipe  $AB$ , then the frictional head and the head required to decelerate the liquid in the surge tank can be neglected compared to that required for decelerating the liquid in pipe  $AB$ . Therefore, we can write, according to Eq. (13.2),

$$h_f - h = \frac{L}{g} \left( -\frac{dV}{dt} \right) \quad (13.47)$$

Instantaneous values of  $h$  and  $V$  can be found out from simultaneous solution of Eqs (13.46) and (13.47). It is difficult to have a closed form solution if friction factor  $f$  in determining  $h_f$  is not constant. However numerical integrations of Eqs (13.46) and (13.47) are possible, with a known initial steady condition, to determine the value of  $h$  and  $V$  at every instant while the surge is taking place.

For a special case when  $Q = 0$ , and assuming a constant value of  $f$ , we have a solution for  $V$  as

$$V^2 = \frac{2gd}{4fL} \left( h + \frac{ad}{4fA} \right) + C \exp \left( \frac{4fAh}{ad} \right)$$

where  $d$  is the diameter of pipe  $AB$  and  $C$  is a constant.

Under steady condition, head  $(h_f - h)$  should become zero and so the level in the tank should fall immediately after the maximum height has been reached. The level then oscillates about the steady position where  $h = h_f$ . However, the movements are damped out by friction.

We can conclude from the above discussion that a surge tank has two distinct functions:

- (i) *Minimization of water hammer effect* in the pipelines leading from penstock to the turbines.
- (ii) *Taking up the surplus water* when the load is reduced and meeting up with the extra water when the load is increased.

A simple cylindrical surge tank has the disadvantage in a sense that these two effects are in no way separated, and hence it becomes a little sluggish in operation. Tanks of different designs with varying cross-section along the height and with overflow devices or damping arrangements such as a restriction in the entrance are incorporated in practice.

## Summary

- The temporal acceleration in an unsteady flow becomes important when the change in velocity is rapid. In a very fast change of flow, arising from sudden opening or closing of valve, the density of fluid changes considerably and the elastic force becomes significant.
- The difference in the piezometric pressure, causing a uniform temporal acceleration of a liquid column, is known as *inertia pressure* and the corresponding head is known as inertia head which is given by  $(L/g)$   $(\partial V/\partial t)$ , where  $L$  is the length of the liquid column being accelerated.
- Oscillation of an inviscid liquid column in a u-tube shows an undamped periodic motion with a time period of  $2\pi(l/2g)^{1/2}$ , where  $l$  is the length of the liquid column. The nature of oscillation of a viscous liquid column in a u-tube depends upon the kind of flow and damping factor. For a laminar flow, the oscillation is of damped periodic in nature with diminishing amplitude when the damping factor is less than unity. The flow is a non-oscillatory type reaching the equilibrium position asymptotically or a transitory one changing from oscillatory to non-oscillatory types depending upon whether the damping factor is greater than unity or equals to unity respectively.
- When the flow in a pipe line is suddenly reduced by closing a valve downstream, a phenomenon like knocking of the pipe system takes place due to repeated up and down motion of a pressure wave within the pipe. This phenomenon is known as water hammer. The disturbance created at the valve end, due to its closure, propagates upstream as a messenger in the form of a pressure wave with a velocity  $C$  (relative to the liquid medium) which equals to  $[(E/\rho) / (1 + Ed/E_p t)]^{1/2}$ . The rise in pressure head due to deceleration of the liquid to rest by the instantaneous closure of a valve is given by  $CV_o/g$ . The valve closure is said to be rapid when the time of closing the valve is less than or equal to  $2l/C$  ( $l$  being the length of the pipe), so that the maximum rise in pressure head at the valve end becomes equal to  $C V_0/g$ . The valve closure is considered to be slow when the time of closing the valve is greater than  $2l/C$  and under this situation the maximum rise in pressure head at the valve end becomes less than  $C V_o/g$  due to the arrival of a reflected wave of negative pressure head from the reservoir end.
- The problem of water hammer in the penstock in a hydroelectric power station is circumvented by the use of a surge tank.

## Solved Examples

**Example 13.1** A straight pipe 600 m in length, and 1m in diameter, with a constant friction factor  $f=0.025$ , and a sharp inlet, leads from a reservoir where a constant level is maintained at 25 m above the pipe outlet which is initially closed by a globe valve ( $K = 10$ ). If the valve is suddenly opened, find the time required to attain 90% of steady-state discharge.

**Solution** This problem is an example of the straight forward application of Eq. (13.7) which gives the time for establishment of steady flow in a pipe. By making use of this equation for the present problem, we have

$$t = \frac{600 \times V_0}{(2 \times 9.81 \times 25)} \ln \frac{1.9}{0.1} \quad (13.48)$$

Steady state velocity  $V_0$  is found out by the application of Bernoulli's equation, at steady state, between a point on the free surface of water in the reservoir and a point on the discharge plane after the valve, as

$$25 = \frac{V_0^2}{2g} \left( 0.5 + \frac{0.025 \times 600}{1} + 10 + 1 \right)$$

or

$$V_0 = \left[ \frac{2 \times 9.81 \times 25}{26.5} \right]^{1/2}$$

Putting this value of  $V_0$  in Eq. (13.48), we have

$$t = \frac{600}{(2 \times 9.81 \times 25 \times 26.5)^{1/2}} \ln \frac{1.9}{0.1}$$

$$= 15.5 \text{ s}$$

**Example 13.2** A valve at the outlet end of a pipe 1m in diameter and 600 m long is rapidly opened. The pipe discharges to atmosphere and the piezometric head at the inlet end of the pipe is 23 m (relative to the outlet level). The head loss through the open valve is 10 times the velocity head in the pipe, other minor losses amount to twice the velocity head, and  $f$ , the friction factor is assumed constant at 0.020. What is the velocity after 12 sec?

**Solution** We first determine the steady-state velocity  $V_0$  by the application of Bernoulli's equation, at steady state, between a point at the inlet end of the pipe and a point at its outlet end as

$$23 = \frac{V_0^2}{2g} \left[ \frac{0.020 \times 600}{1} + 10 + 2 \right]$$

Therefore,

$$V_0 = \left[ \frac{2 \times 9.81 \times 23}{24} \right]^{1/2} = 4.34 \text{ m/s}$$

Let the velocity after 12 sec be  $V$ . Then, from Eq. (13.7) we can write

$$12 = \frac{600 \times 4.34}{2 \times 9.81 \times 23} \ln \left[ \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)} \right]$$

(where  $x = V/V_0$ )

$$\text{Hence, } \ln \left[ \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)} \right] = 2.08$$

$$\text{or } \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)} = 8$$

$$\text{which gives } x = 7/9$$

$$\text{Therefore, } V = \frac{7 \times 4.34}{9} = 3.37 \text{ m/s}$$

**Example 13.3** A 20 mm diameter U-tube contains liquid column of length 4 m. The kinematic viscosity of the liquid is  $8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . If the liquid column oscillates, find the time period of oscillation assuming the flow to be laminar. Find also the ratio of two successive amplitudes.

**Solution** The differential equation for oscillation of a liquid column in a U-tube (in consideration of flow to be laminar) is given by Eq. (13.16), and the nature of its solution depends upon the value of damping factor given by

$$\zeta = \left( \frac{16v}{d^2} \sqrt{\frac{l}{2g}} \right)$$

$$\text{Here, } \zeta = \frac{16 \times 8 \times 10^{-6}}{(20)^2 \times 10^{-6}} \sqrt{\frac{4}{2 \times 9.81}} = 0.14$$

Since  $\zeta < 1$ , the oscillatory flow in the present case is represented by the Eq. (13.20a), and hence the time period is given by the Eq. (13.20c) as

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\{1 - (0.14)^2\}^{1/2}} \sqrt{\frac{4}{2 \times 9.81}} = 2.86 \text{ s}$$

The ratio of two successive amplitudes can be written with the help of Eq. (13.20a) as

$$\frac{z_{(t)}}{z_{(t+T)}} = e^{\zeta \omega T} = \exp \left( 0.14 \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 / 4} \times 2.86 \right) = 2.43$$

**Example 13.4** Determine the maximum time for rapid valve closure on a pipeline 600 mm in diameter, 450 m long, made of steel ( $E = 207 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ) with a wall thickness of 12.5 mm. The pipe contains benzene of specific gravity 0.88,  $E = 1.035 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2$  flowing at  $0.85 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The pipe is not restricted longitudinally.

**Solution** The maximum time for a rapid valve closure is given by

$$t_{\max} = \frac{2l}{C}$$

where  $l$  is the length of the pipe and  $C$  is the velocity (relative to flow of liquid) of pressure wave created by the valve closure.

$C$  is given according to Eq. (13.41) as

$$C = \left[ \frac{E/\rho}{1 + (Ed/E_p t)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1.035 \times 10^9 / 0.88 \times 10^3}{1 + \left( \frac{1.035 \times 600}{207 \times 12.5} \right)} \right]^{1/2}$$

or

$$C = 974 \text{ m/s}$$

Hence,

$$t_{\max} = \frac{2 \times 450}{974} = 0.924 \text{ s}$$

**Example 13.5** Water has to flow uniformly at the rate of  $0.20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  through a pipe of  $200 \text{ mm}$  diameter. Calculate the minimum thickness of the pipe that has to be provided if, for a sudden stoppage of flow, the pipe should not be stressed more than  $5 \times 10^4 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . (Take  $E$  for water =  $2 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2$  and  $E$  for the pipe material =  $120 \times 10^6 \text{ kN/m}^2$ )

**Solution** The velocity of flow  $V$  through the pipe is given by

$$V = \frac{4 \times (0.20)}{\pi (0.2)^2}$$

$$= 6.37 \text{ m/s}$$

The velocity of pressure wave created due to valve closure is determined using Eq. (13.41) as

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{(2 \times 10^9 / 10^3)}{1 + (2 \times 0.2 / 120 t)}}$$

(where  $t$  is the thickness of the pipe)

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 10^6}{1 + 0.0033/t}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2t}{t + 0.0033}} \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

Now,

$$\Delta p = \rho C V = 6.37 \sqrt{\frac{2t}{t + 0.0033}} \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$$

Again, from the consideration of stress in the pipe wall

$$t = \frac{\Delta p d}{2\sigma} = \frac{6.37 \times 0.2}{2 \times 5 \times 10^7} \sqrt{\frac{2t}{t + 0.0033}} \times 10^6$$

$$= 0.01274 \sqrt{\frac{2t}{t+0.0033}}$$

$$\text{or } 6161t^2 + 20.33t - 2 = 0$$

This equation of  $t$  gives one positive root of  $t = 0.016$  as the feasible solution. Therefore,  $t = 0.016$  m = 16 mm.

**Example 13.6** A uniform U-tube has two vertical limbs open to atmosphere and connected by a horizontal middle part. The left and right limbs are filled with liquids of length  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$  and density  $\rho_1$ ,  $\rho_2$  respectively. The liquid columns meet in the horizontal part of the tube. Calculate the frequency of oscillation under gravity, neglecting viscous effect.

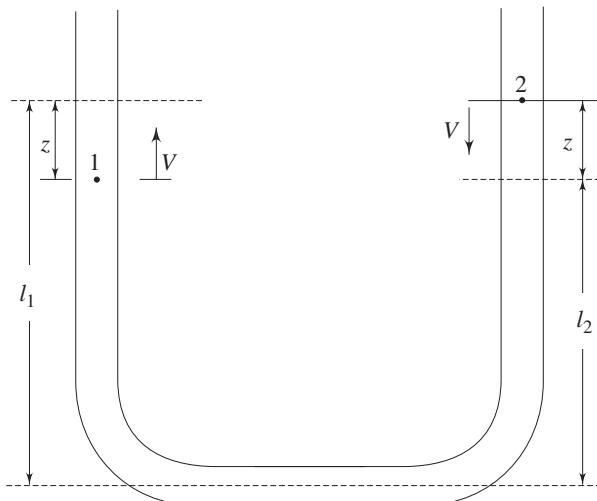


Fig. 13.11 Oscillations of two liquid columns in a U-tube

**Solution** At equilibrium position, the heights of liquid columns in left and right limbs from the horizontal base of the manometer are  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  respectively (Fig. 13.11). Let us consider an instant of oscillation when the liquid column in the left limb moves upward while that in the right limb moves downward as shown in Fig. 13.11. By the application of Bernoulli's equation for unsteady flow between points 1 and 2 (Fig. 13.11) we get,

$$\rho_1 \frac{V^2}{2} + p_{\text{atm}} + \rho_1 g(l_1 - z) = \rho_2 \frac{V^2}{2} + p_{\text{atm}} + \rho_2 g(l_2 + z) + \int_1^2 \rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} ds$$

[Displacement of the liquid columns and hence their velocities are equal since the cross-sectional area of two limbs are considered to be the same]

$$\text{or } (\rho_2 - \rho_1) \frac{V^2}{2} + (\rho_2 l_2 - \rho_1 l_1)g + (\rho_2 + \rho_1)gz + (\rho_1 l_1 + \rho_2 l_2) \frac{dV}{dt} = 0 \quad (13.49)$$

Equating the hydrostatic pressures at the base of the manometer in the equilibrium position of the liquids, we have

$$\rho_2 l_2 g = \rho_1 l_1 g \quad (13.50)$$

With the help of Eq. (13.50) and writing

$$V = \frac{dz}{dt} \text{ and } \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2}$$

We have from Eq. (13.49)

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + \frac{(\rho_2 - \rho_1)}{2(\rho_2 l_2 + \rho_1 l_1)} \left( \frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{g(\rho_1 + \rho_2)}{2(\rho_2 l_2 + \rho_1 l_1)} z = 0$$

For small values of  $(dz/dt)^2$  (when amplitudes of oscillation are small compared to the lengths of the liquid columns), this equation becomes,

$$\frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} + \frac{g(\rho_1 + \rho_2)}{(\rho_2 l_2 + \rho_1 l_1)} z = 0$$

Hence the frequency of oscillation becomes

$$\omega = \left[ \frac{g(\rho_1 + \rho_2)}{(\rho_2 l_2 + \rho_1 l_1)} \right]^{1/2}$$

**Example 13.7** A cast iron pipe of 300 mm diameter and 8 mm thick is 1500 m long. The pipe is to convey 200 liter/s of water.

- Estimate the maximum time of closure of a valve at the downstream end that would be recognised as a rapid closure.
- What is the peak water hammer pressure produced by rapid closure?
- What is the length of the pipe subjected to peak water hammer pressure if the time of closure is 2.0 s?

[For water  $E = 2200 \text{ MPa}$ ; for cast iron  $E = 80 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ ]

**Solution** (a) The velocity of the pressure wave due to valve closure is determined according to Eq. (13.41) as

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{2.2 \times 10^9}{10^3 \left( 1 + \frac{2.2 \times 0.3}{80 \times 8 \times 10^{-3}} \right)}} = 1041 \text{ m/s}$$

The maximum time of valve closure to be recognised as a rapid one is given by

$$t_{\max} = \frac{2l}{C} = \frac{2 \times 1500}{1041} = 2.88 \text{ s}$$

(b) The velocity of flow through the pipe

$$V_0 = \frac{0.2 \times 4}{\pi \times (0.3)^2} = 2.83 \text{ m/s}$$

Therefore, the peak pressure due to rapid closure

$$p_{\max} = \rho C V_0 = 10^3 \times 1041 \times 2.83 \text{ Pa} \\ = 2.95 \text{ MPa}$$

(c) Let the length of the pipe from the valve end which will be subjected to peak pressure be  $x$ . Then equating the time for the peak pressure to be generated upto the length  $x$  from the valve end with the time for the first reflected negative pressure wave to reach there, we have,

$$\frac{x}{C} + 2 = \frac{l}{C} + \frac{l-x}{C}$$

or  $\frac{x}{1041} + 2 = \frac{1500}{1041} + \frac{1500-x}{1041}$

which gives  $x = 459 \text{ m}$

**Example 13.8** A 400 mm steel pipe is 2000 m long and conveys 100 litre/s of water with a static head of 200 m at the downstream end of the pipe. If a valve at the downstream end is closed in 6 s, estimate the stress in the pipe wall at the valve. The pipe thickness is 5 mm.

[For water  $E = 2.2 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ ; for steel  $E = 2.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ Pa}$ ]

Use an approximate expression to calculate the maximum rise in pressure head for a slow closure as  $\Delta p_s = \frac{2l}{TC} \cdot \Delta p_r$ , where  $\Delta p_s$  and  $\Delta p_r$  are the peak rises in pressure due to slow and rapid closure respectively.  $l$ ,  $C$  and  $T$  are the length of the pipe, the wave velocity and the time of valve closure respectively]

**Solution** The wave velocity  $C$  is given by

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{2.2 \times 10^9}{10^3 \left( 1 + \frac{2.2 \times 0.4}{2.2 \times 10^2 \times 5 \times 10^{-3}} \right)}}$$

$$= 1105 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Velocity of flow } V_o = \frac{0.1 \times 4}{\pi \times (0.4)^2} = 0.796 \text{ m/s}$$

The peak rise in water hammer pressure due to rapid closure

$$\Delta p_r = \rho C V_o = 10^3 \times 1105 \times 0.796 = 879 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{The maximum time of rapid closure } T_{\max} = \frac{2 \times 2000}{1105} = 3.62 \text{ s}$$

Since the time of closure is 6 s which is greater than 3.62 s, the present situation corresponds to a slow closure.

The rise in pressure head at the valve end due to the slow closure is given by  $\Delta p_s = 879 \times \frac{3.62}{6} = 530 \text{ kPa}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, the rise in total pressure } \Delta p &= \Delta p_s + \Delta p_{\text{static}} \\ &= 530 \times 10^3 + 200 \times 10^3 \times 9.81 \text{ Pa} \\ &= 2.5 \text{ MPa} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the stress  $\sigma$  is determined as

$$\sigma = \frac{\Delta pd}{2t} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^6 \times (0.4)}{2 \times 5 \times 10^{-3}} = 1 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2 = 100 \text{ MN/m}^2$$

## Exercises

13.1 Choose the correct answer:

- A long pipe connected to a water tank, providing a constant head, has a valve at its downstream end which is suddenly opened. If  $t_1$  is the time to reach 90% of the steady state flow determined by neglecting friction and other losses, and  $t_2$  is the corresponding time obtained by including friction and other losses, then
    - $t_2 > t_1$
    - $t_2 = t_1$
    - $t_2 < t_1$
    - $t_2 \geq t_1$
    - $t_2 \leq t_1$
  - The propagation velocity of a pressure wave in a rigid pipe carrying a fluid of density  $\rho$  and viscosity  $\mu$  varies as
    - $\rho$
    - $\sqrt{1/\rho}$
    - $\rho/\mu$
    - $\sqrt{\rho}$
  - The downstream valve of a pipe conveying a liquid at steady rate is closed during a time interval of  $l/C$ , where  $l$  is the length of the pipe and  $C$  is the wave velocity relative to liquid in the pipe. Under this situation, the peak water hammer pressure would be experienced
    - only at the valve end
    - by one fourth length of the pipe from the valve end
    - by half of the pipe length
    - by the full pipe length
  - In a pipe of 4000 m long carrying oil, the velocity of propagation of a pressure wave is 500 m/s. A valve at the downstream end is closed suddenly. At the mid point of the pipeline, the peak water hammer pressure will exist for a duration of
    - 1.0s
    - 2.0s
    - 4.0s
    - 8.0s
  - A surge tank is provided in a hydroelectric power station to
    - reduce frictional losses in the system
    - reduce water hammer problem in the penstock
    - increase the net head across the turbine
- 13.2 A 200 mm diameter and 2000 m long pipe leads from a large reservoir to an outlet which is 30 m below the water level in the reservoir. If a valve at the pipe outlet is suddenly opened, find the time required to reach (i) 50% and (ii) 90% of steady state discharge. Assume the friction factor  $f = 0.02$  and minor losses (excluding the exit loss) as 10 ( $V^2/2g$ ).
- (Ans. 6.23s, 16.71s)
- 13.3 Two reservoirs with a constant difference of 15 m in their free water surface are connected by a 200 mm diameter pipe of length 500 m and  $f = 0.020$ . The minor losses in the pipe (including the exit loss) can be taken as 10 times the velocity head in the pipe. If a valve controlling the flow is suddenly opened, (i) find the time for 95% of the steady flow to be established, and (ii) find the flow at the end of 10s from the opening of the valve.
- (Ans. 13.78s, 0.06 m<sup>3</sup>/s)

- 13.4 Determine the error in calculating the excess pressure of water hammer in a steel pipe carrying water with an inner diameter  $d = 15$  mm and a wall thickness  $t = 2$  mm if the elasticity of the material of the pipe wall is disregarded. Take  $E = 2.07 \times 10^5$  MN/m $^2$  for steel and  $E = 2.2 \times 10^3$  MN/m $^2$  for water.

[Ans. 3.92%]

- 13.5 A steel pipe 300 mm in diameter and 1500 m long conveys crude oil having a specific gravity of 0.8 and a bulk modulus of elasticity 1520 MPa. The rate of discharge of oil is  $0.08 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . A valve at the downstream end of the pipe is completely closed in 2s. If the thickness of the pipe is 20 mm, calculate the additional stress in the pipe due to the valve operation. (For steel pipe, modulus of elasticity =  $2.07 \times 10^5$  MPa).

(Ans. 8.88 MPa)

- 13.6 A steel pipeline of 1200 m long, 500 mm in diameter has a wall thickness of 5 mm. The pipe discharges water at the rate of  $0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The static head at the outlet is 200 m of water. If the working stress of steel is  $0.1 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ , calculate the minimum time of closure of a downstream valve. For water:  $E = 2.2 \times 10^3$  MPa and for steel:  $E = 2.07 \times 10^5$  MPa.

(Ans. 32.17s)

- 13.7 A valve at the end of a pipe 600 m long is closed in five equal steps each of  $2 l/C$ , where  $C = 1200 \text{ m/s}$  (the wave velocity relative to liquid in the pipe). The initial head at the valve which discharges to atmosphere, is 100 m and the initial velocity in the pipe is 1 m/s. Neglecting the frictional effects, determine the head at the valve after 1, 2 and 3 s.

[Ans. 116.64 m, 111.5 m, 87.14 m)

- 13.8 Show that, if the friction loss in a pipe-line is proportional to the square of the velocity, the oscillatory motion of the level in a simple, open, cylindrical surge tank following complete shut-down of the turbines in a hydroelectric plant is given by an equation of the form

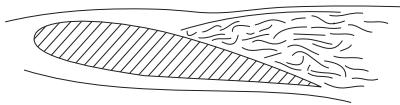
$$\frac{d^2 H'}{dt'^2} + \alpha \left( \frac{dH'}{dt'} \right)^2 + \beta H' = 0$$

where  $H' = H/l$ ,  $t' = t \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$ , with  $H$  being the instantaneous depth of water level

in surge tank below that of the reservoir,  $l$  the length of the pipeline from reservoir to surge tank and  $t$  the time,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the dimensionless constants. Find the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for surge tank whose diameter is 10 times more than that of the pipeline and the length to diameter ratio of the pipeline is 200. (Take friction factor  $f = 0.02$ )

(Ans.  $\alpha = -200$ ,  $\beta = 0.01$ )

## 14



## Compressible Flow

### 14.1 INTRODUCTION

Compressible flow is often called as variable density flow. For the flow of all liquids and for the flow of gases under certain conditions, the density changes are so small that assumption of constant density remains valid (see Chapter 1).

Consider a small element of fluid of volume  $\vartheta$ . The pressure exerted on the element by the neighbouring fluid is  $p$ . If the pressure is now increased by an amount  $dp$ , the volume of the element will correspondingly be reduced by the amount  $d\vartheta$ . The compressibility of the fluid,  $K$ , is thus defined as

$$K = -\frac{1}{\vartheta} \frac{d\vartheta}{dp} \quad (14.1)$$

However, when a gas is compressed, its temperature increases. Therefore, the above mentioned definition of compressibility is not complete unless temperature condition is specified. If the temperature is maintained at a constant level, the isothermal compressibility is defined as

$$K_T = -\frac{1}{\vartheta} \left( \frac{d\vartheta}{dp} \right)_T \quad (14.2)$$

Compressibility is a property of fluids. Liquids have very low value of compressibility (for example, compressibility of water is  $5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{N}$  at 1 atm under isothermal condition), while gases have very high compressibility (for example, compressibility of air is  $10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{N}$  at 1 atm under isothermal condition). If the fluid element is considered to have unit mass,  $\vartheta$  is the specific volume

(volume per unit mass) and the density is  $\rho = 1/v$ . In terms of density, Eq. (14.1) becomes

$$K = \frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \frac{dp}{dp} \quad (14.3)$$

We can also say that for a change in pressure,  $dp$ , the change in density is

$$d\rho = \rho K dp \quad (14.4)$$

So far we have thought about a fluid and its property—compressibility. If we also consider the fluid motion, we shall appreciate that the flows are initiated and maintained by changes in pressure on the fluid. It is also known that high pressure gradient is responsible for high speed flow. However, for a given pressure gradient ( $dp$ ), the change in density of a liquid will be smaller than the change in density of a gas (as seen in Eq. (14.4)). So, for flow of gases, moderate to high pressure gradients lead to substantial changes in the density. Due to such pressure gradients, gases flow with high velocity. Such flows, where  $\rho$  is a variable, are known as compressible flows.

If we recapitulate Chapter 1, we can say that the proper criterion for a nearly incompressible flow is a small Mach number,

$$Ma = \frac{V}{a} \ll 1 \quad (14.5)$$

where  $V$  is the flow velocity and  $a$  is the speed of sound in the fluid. For small Mach number, changes in fluid density are small everywhere in the flow field. In this chapter we shall treat compressible flows which have Mach numbers greater than 0.3 and exhibit appreciable density changes.

The Mach number is the most important parameter in compressible flow analysis. Aerodynamicists make a distinction between different regions of Mach number in the following way:

- $Ma < 0.3$ : incompressible flow; change in density is negligible.
- $0.3 < Ma < 0.8$ : subsonic flow; density changes are significant but shock waves do not appear.
- $0.8 < Ma < 1.2$ : transonic flow; shock waves appear and divide the subsonic and supersonic regions of the flow. Transonic flow is characterized by mixed regions of locally subsonic and supersonic flow.
- $1.2 < Ma < 3.0$ : supersonic flow; flow field everywhere is above acoustic speed. Shock waves appear and across the shock wave, the streamline changes direction discontinuously.
- $3.0 < Ma$ : hypersonic flow; where the temperature, pressure and density of the flow increase almost explosively across the shock wave.

The above five categories of flow are appropriate to external aerodynamics. For internal flow, it is to be studied whether the flow is subsonic ( $Ma < 1$ ) or supersonic ( $Ma > 1$ ). The effect of change in area on velocity changes in subsonic and supersonic regime is of considerable interest. By and large, in this chapter we shall mostly focus our attention to internal flows. The material in this chapter is

inspired by the two-volume classical book on compressible flows by A.H. Shapiro [1].

## 14.2 THERMODYNAMIC RELATIONS OF PERFECT GASES

### 14.2.1 Perfect Gas

Compressible flow calculations can be made by assuming the fluid to be a perfect gas. A perfect gas is one in which intermolecular forces are neglected. The equation of state for a perfect gas can be derived from kinetic theory. It was synthesized from laboratory experiments by Robert Boyle, Jacques Charles, Joseph Gay-Lussac and John Dalton. However, for a perfect gas, it can be written

$$pV = MRT \quad (14.6)$$

where  $p$  is pressure ( $\text{N/m}^2$ ),  $V$  is the volume of the system ( $\text{m}^3$ ),  $M$  is the mass of the system ( $\text{kg}$ ),  $R$  is the specific gas constant ( $\text{J/kg K}$ ) and  $T$  is the temperature ( $\text{K}$ ). This equation of state can be written as

$$p\vartheta = RT \quad (14.7)$$

where  $\vartheta$  is the specific volume ( $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$ ). We can also write

$$p = \rho RT \quad (14.8)$$

where  $\rho$  is the density ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ).

In another approach, which is particularly useful in chemically reacting systems, the equation of state is written as

$$pV = N\mathcal{R}T \quad (14.9)$$

where  $N$  is the number of moles in the system, and  $\mathcal{R}$  is the universal gas constant which is same for all gases. It may be recalled that a mole of a substance is that amount which contains a mass equal to the molecular weight of the gas and which is identified with the particular system of units being used. For example, in case of oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ), 1 kilogram-mole (or  $\text{kg} \cdot \text{mol}$ ) has a mass of 32 kg. Because the masses of different molecules are in the same ratio as their molecular weights, 1 mol of different gases always contains the same number of molecules, i.e. 1 kg-mol always contains  $6.02 \times 10^{26}$  molecules, independent of the species of the gas. Dividing Eq. (14.9) by the number of moles of the system yields

$$pV^1 = \mathcal{R}T \quad (14.10)$$

If, Eq. (14.9) is divided by the mass of the system, we can write

$$p\vartheta = \eta\mathcal{R}T \quad (14.11)$$

where  $\vartheta$  is the specific volume as before and  $\eta$  is the mole-mass ratio ( $\text{kg-mol/kg}$ ). Also, Eq. (14.9) can be divided by system volume, which results in

$$p = C\mathcal{R}T \quad (14.12)$$

where  $C$  is the concentration ( $\text{kg-mol/m}^3$ ).

The equation of state can also be expressed in terms of particles. If  $N_A$  is the number of particles in a mole (Avogadro constant, which for a kilogram-mole is  $6.02 \times 10^{26}$  particles), from Eq. (14.12) we obtain

$$p = (N_A C) \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}}{N_A} \right) T \quad (14.13)$$

In the above equation,  $(N_A C)$  is the number density, i.e. number of particles per unit volume and  $(\mathcal{R}/N_A)$  is the gas constant per particle, which is nothing but Boltzmann constant.

Finally, Eq. (14.13) can be written as

$$p = nkT \quad (14.14)$$

where  $n$  is the number density and  $k$  is Boltzmann constant.

So far, we have come across different forms of equation of state for perfect gas. They are necessarily same. A closer look depicts that there are variety of gas constants. They are categorized as

1. *Universal gas constant*: When the equation deals with moles, it is in use. It is same for all the gases.

$$\mathcal{R} = 8314 \text{ J/ (kg-mol-K)}$$

2. *Characteristic gas constant*: When the equation deals with mass, the characteristic gas constant ( $R$ ) is used. It is a gas constant per unit mass and it is different for different gases. As such  $R = \mathcal{R}/M$ , where  $M$  is the molecular weight. For air at standard conditions,

$$R = 287 \text{ J/(kg-K)}$$

3. *Boltzmann constant*: When the equation deals with particles, Boltzmann constant is used. It is a gas constant per particle.

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

However, the question is how accurately one can apply the perfect gas theory? It has been experimentally determined that at low pressures (1 atm or less) and at high temperature (273 K and above), the value of  $(p\mathfrak{v}/RT)$  for most pure gases differs with unity by a quantity less than one per cent. It is also understood that at very cold temperatures and high pressures the molecules are densely packed. Under such circumstances, the gas is defined as real gas and the perfect gas equation of state is replaced by vander Waals equation which is

$$\left( p + \frac{a}{\mathfrak{v}^2} \right) (\mathfrak{v} - b) = RT \quad (14.15)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants and depend on the type of the gas. In conclusion, it can be said that for wide range of applications related to compressible flows, the temperatures and pressures are such that the equation of state for the perfect gas can be applied with a high degree of confidence.

### 14.2.2 Internal Energy and Enthalpy

Microscopic view of a gas is a collection of particles in random motion. Energy of a particle can consist of translational energy, rotational energy, vibrational energy and electronic energy. All these energies summed over all the particles of the gas, form the internal energy,  $e$ , of the gas.

Let us imagine a gas is in equilibrium. Equilibrium signifies gradients in velocity, pressure, temperature and chemical concentrations do not exist. Let  $e$  be the internal energy per unit mass. Then the enthalpy,  $h$ , is defined per unit mass, as  $h = e + p\vartheta$ , and we know that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e = e(T, \vartheta) \\ h = h(T, p) \end{array} \right\} \quad (14.16)$$

If the gas is not chemically reacting and the intermolecular forces are neglected, the system can be called as a thermally perfect gas, where internal energy and enthalpy are functions of temperature only. One can write

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e = e(T) \\ h = h(T) \\ de = c_v dT \\ dh = c_p dT \end{array} \right\} \quad (14.17)$$

If the specific heats are constant it can be called as a calorically perfect gas where

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e = c_v T \\ h = c_p T \end{array} \right\} \quad (14.18)$$

In most of the compressible flow applications, the pressure and temperatures are such that the gas can be considered as calorically perfect. However, for calorically perfect gases, we can accept constant specific heats and write

$$c_p - c_v = R \quad (14.19)$$

and the specific heats at constant pressure and constant volume are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} c_p &= \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial T} \right)_p \\ c_v &= \left( \frac{\partial e}{\partial T} \right)_v \end{aligned} \quad (14.20)$$

From Eq. (14.19), one can write

$$1 - \frac{c_v}{c_p} = \frac{R}{c_p} \quad (14.21)$$

We also know that  $c_p/c_v = \gamma$ . We can rewrite Eq. (14.21) as

$$1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{R}{c_p}$$

or

$$c_p = \frac{\gamma R}{\gamma - 1} \quad (14.22)$$

In a similar way, from Eq. (14.19) we can write

$$c_v = \frac{R}{\gamma - 1} \quad (14.23)$$

### 14.2.3 First Law of Thermodynamics

Let us imagine a system with a fixed mass of gas. If  $\delta q$  amount of heat is added to the system across the system-boundary and if  $\delta w$  is the work done on the system by the surroundings, then there will be an eventual change in internal energy of the system which is denoted by  $de$  and we can write

$$de = \delta q + \delta w \quad (14.24)$$

This is first law of thermodynamics. Here,  $de$  is an exact differential and its value depends only on *initial and final states of the system*. However,  $\delta q$  and  $\delta w$  are dependent on the process. A process signifies the way by which heat can be added and the work is done on the system. Here, we shall be interested in isentropic process which is a combination of adiabatic (no heat is added to or taken away from the system) and reversible process (occurs through successive stages, each stage consists of an infinitesimal small gradient). In an isentropic process, entropy of a system remains same.

### 14.2.4 Entropy and Second Law of Thermodynamics

Equation (14.24) does not tell us about the direction (i.e., a hot body with respect to its surrounding will gain temperature or cool down) of the process. To determine the proper direction of a process, we define a new state variable, the entropy, which is

$$ds = \frac{\delta q_{rev}}{T} \quad (14.25)$$

where  $s$  is the entropy of the system,  $\delta q_{rev}$  is the heat added reversibly to the system and  $T$  is the temperature of the system. Entropy is a state variable and it can be connected with any type of process, reversible or irreversible. An effective value of  $\delta q_{rev}$  can always be assigned to relate initial and end points of an irreversible process, where the actual amount of heat added is  $\delta q$ . One can write

$$ds = \frac{\delta q}{T} + ds_{irrev} \quad (14.26)$$

It states that the change in entropy during a process is equal to actual heat added divided by the temperature plus a contribution from the irreversible dissipative phenomena. The dissipative phenomena always increase the entropy,

$$ds_{irrev} \geq 0 \quad (14.27)$$

Significance of greater than sign is understood. The equal sign represents a reversible process. A combination of Eqs (14.26) and (14.27) yields,

$$ds \geq \frac{\delta q}{T} \quad (14.28)$$

If the process is adiabatic,  $\delta q = 0$ , Eq. (14.28) yields,

$$ds \geq 0 \quad (14.29)$$

Equations (14.28) and (14.29) are the expressions for the second law of thermodynamics. The second law tells us in what direction the process will take

place. The direction of a process is such that the change in entropy of the system plus surrounding is always positive or zero (for a reversible adiabatic process). In conclusion, it can be said that the second law governs the direction of a natural process.

For a reversible process, it can be said (see Nag [2]) that  $\delta w = -pdv$ , where  $dv$  is change in volume and from the first law of thermodynamics it can be written as

$$\delta q - pdv = de \quad (14.30)$$

If the process is reversible, we use the definition of entropy in the form  $\delta q_{rev} = T ds$ , then Eq. (14.30) becomes

$$T ds - pdv = de$$

$$\text{or} \quad Tds = de + pdv \quad (14.31)$$

Another form can be obtained in terms of enthalpy. For example, by definition

$$h = e + pv$$

Differentiating, we obtain

$$dh = de + pdv + vdp \quad (14.32)$$

Combining Eqs (14.31) and (14.32), we have

$$Tds = dh - vdp \quad (14.33)$$

Equations (14.31) and (14.33) are termed as first  $Tds$  equation and second  $Tds$  equation, respectively.

For a thermally perfect gas, we have  $dh = c_p dT$  (from Eq. 14.20) and we can substitute this in Eq. (14.33) to obtain

$$ds = c_p \frac{dT}{T} - \frac{vdp}{T} \quad (14.34)$$

Further substitution of  $pv = RT$  into Eq. (14.34) yields

$$ds = c_p \frac{dT}{T} - R \frac{dp}{p} \quad (14.35)$$

Integrating Eq. (14.35) between states 1 and 2,

$$s_2 - s_1 = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} c_p \frac{dT}{T} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (14.36)$$

If  $c_p$  is a variable, we shall require gas tables; but for constant  $c_p$ , we obtain the analytic expression

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (14.37)$$

In a similar way, starting with Eq. (14.31) and making use of the relation  $de = c_v dT$ , the change in entropy can also be obtained as

$$s_2 - s_1 = c_v \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{v_2}{v_1} \quad (14.38)$$

### 14.2.5 Isentropic Relation

An isentropic process has already been described as reversible-adiabatic. For an adiabatic process  $\delta q = 0$ , and for a reversible process,  $ds_{\text{irrev}} = 0$ . From Eq. (14.26), we can see that for an isentropic process,  $ds = 0$ . However, in Eq. (14.37), substitution of isentropic condition yields

$$\begin{aligned} c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} &= R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \\ \text{or} \quad \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} &= \frac{c_p}{R} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} \\ \text{or} \quad \frac{p_2}{p_1} &= \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{c_p/R} \end{aligned} \quad (14.39)$$

Substituting Eq. (14.22) in Eq. (14.39), we get

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.40)$$

In a similar way, from Eq. (14.38)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= c_v \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{\vartheta_2}{\vartheta_1} \\ \ln \frac{\vartheta_2}{\vartheta_1} &= - \frac{c_v}{R} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} \\ \text{or} \quad \frac{\vartheta_2}{\vartheta_1} &= \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{-c_v/R} \end{aligned} \quad (14.41)$$

Substituting Eq. (14.23) in Eq. (14.41), we get

$$\frac{\vartheta_2}{\vartheta_1} = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{-1}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.42)$$

From our known relationship of  $\rho_2/\rho_1 = v_1/v_2$ , we can write

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.43)$$

Combining Eq. (14.40) with Eq. (14.43), we find,

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \right)^\gamma = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.44)$$

### 14.3 SPEED OF SOUND

A pressure pulse in an incompressible flow behaves like that in a rigid body. A displaced particle displaces all the particles in the medium. In a compressible fluid, on the other hand, displaced mass compresses and increases the density of neighbouring mass which in turn increases density of the adjoining mass and so on. Thus, a disturbance in the form of an elastic wave or a pressure wave travels through the medium. If the amplitude of the elastic wave is infinitesimal, it is termed as acoustic wave or sound wave.

Figure 14.1(a) shows an infinitesimal pressure pulse propagating at a speed “ $a$ ” towards still fluid ( $V = 0$ ) at the left. The fluid properties ahead of the wave are  $p$ ,  $T$  and  $\rho$ , while the properties behind the wave are  $p + dp$ ,  $T + dT$  and  $\rho + d\rho$ . The fluid velocity  $dV$  is directed toward the left following wave but much slower.

In order to make the analysis steady, we superimpose a velocity “ $\mathbf{a}$ ” directed towards right, on the entire system (Fig. 14.1(b)). The wave is now stationary and the fluid appears to have velocity “ $\mathbf{a}$ ” on the left and  $(\mathbf{a} - dV)$  on the right. The flow in Fig. 14.1 (b) is now steady and one dimensional across the wave. Consider an area  $A$  on the wave front. A mass balance gives

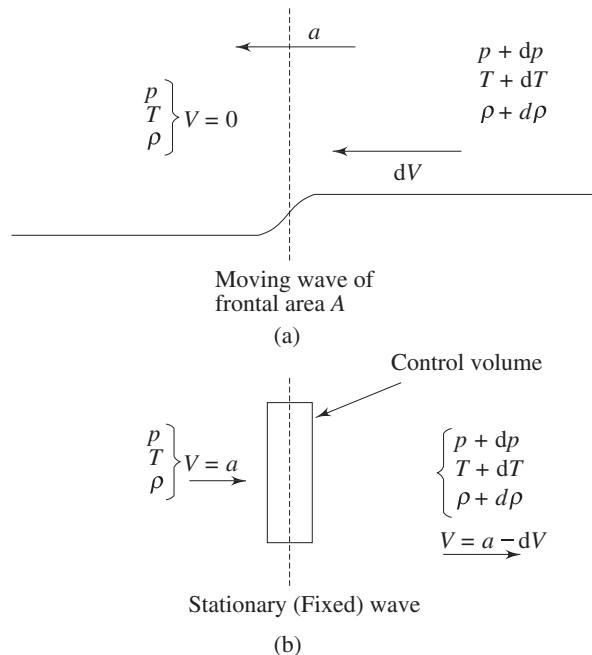


Fig. 14.1 Propagation of a sound wave (a) wave propagating into still fluid  
(b) stationary wave

$$\rho A a = (\rho + d\rho) A (\mathbf{a} - dV)$$

or 
$$dV = \mathbf{a} \left[ \frac{d\rho}{\rho + d\rho} \right] \quad (14.45)$$

This shows that  $dV > 0$  if  $d\rho$  is positive. A compression wave leaves behind a fluid moving in the direction of the wave (Fig. 14.1(a)). Equation (14.45) also signifies that the fluid velocity on the right is much smaller than the wave speed “ $a$ ”. Within the framework of infinitesimal strength of the wave (sound wave), this “ $a$ ” itself is very small.

Now, let us apply the momentum balance on the same control volume in Fig. 14.1 (b). It says that the net force in the  $x$  direction on the control volume equals the rate of outflow of  $x$  momentum minus the rate of inflow of  $x$  momentum. In symbolic form, this yields

$$pA - (p + dp)A = A\rho a (a - dV) - (A\rho a)a$$

In the above expression,  $A\rho a$  is the mass flow rate. The first term on the right hand side represents the rate of outflow of  $x$  momentum and the second term represents the rate of inflow of  $x$  momentum. Simplifying the momentum equation, we get

$$dp = \rho a dV \quad (14.46)$$

Combining Eqs (14.45) and (14.46), we get

$$a^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho} \left( 1 + \frac{dp}{\rho} \right) \quad (14.47a)$$

In the limit of infinitesimally small strength,  $d\rho \rightarrow 0$ , we can write

$$a^2 = \frac{dp}{d\rho} \quad (14.47b)$$

Notice that in the limit of infinitesimally strength of sound wave, there are no velocity gradients on either side of the wave. Therefore, the frictional effects (irreversible) are confined to the interior of the wave. Moreover, we can appreciate that the entire process of sound wave propagation is adiabatic because there is no temperature gradient except inside the wave itself. So, for sound waves, we can see that the process is reversible adiabatic or isentropic. This brings up the correct expression for the sound speed

$$a = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s} \quad (14.48)$$

For a perfect gas, by using of  $p/\rho^\gamma = \text{constant}$ , and  $p = \rho RT$ , we deduce the speed of sound as

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\gamma RT} \quad (14.49)$$

For air at sea-level and at a temperature of 15 °C, it gives  $a = 340$  m/s.

#### 14.4 PRESSURE FIELD DUE TO A MOVING SOURCE

Consider a point source emanating infinitesimal pressure disturbances in a still fluid, in which the speed of sound is “ $a$ ”. If the point disturbance, is stationary

then the wave fronts are concentric spheres. This is shown in Fig. 14.2(a), where the wave fronts at intervals of  $\Delta t$  are shown.

Now suppose that source moves to the left at speed  $U < a$ . Figure 14.2(b) shows four locations of the source, 1 to 4, at equal intervals of time  $\Delta t$ , with point 4 being the current location of the source. At point 1, the source emanated a wave which has spherically expanded to a radius  $3a\Delta t$  in an interval of time  $3\Delta t$ . During this time the source has moved to the location 4 at a distance of  $3U\Delta t$  from point 1. The figure also shows the locations of the wave fronts emitted while the source was at points 2 and 3, respectively.

When the source speed is supersonic ( $U > a$ ) as shown in Fig. 14.2(c), the point source is ahead of the disturbance and an observer in the downstream location is unaware of the approaching source. The disturbance emitted at

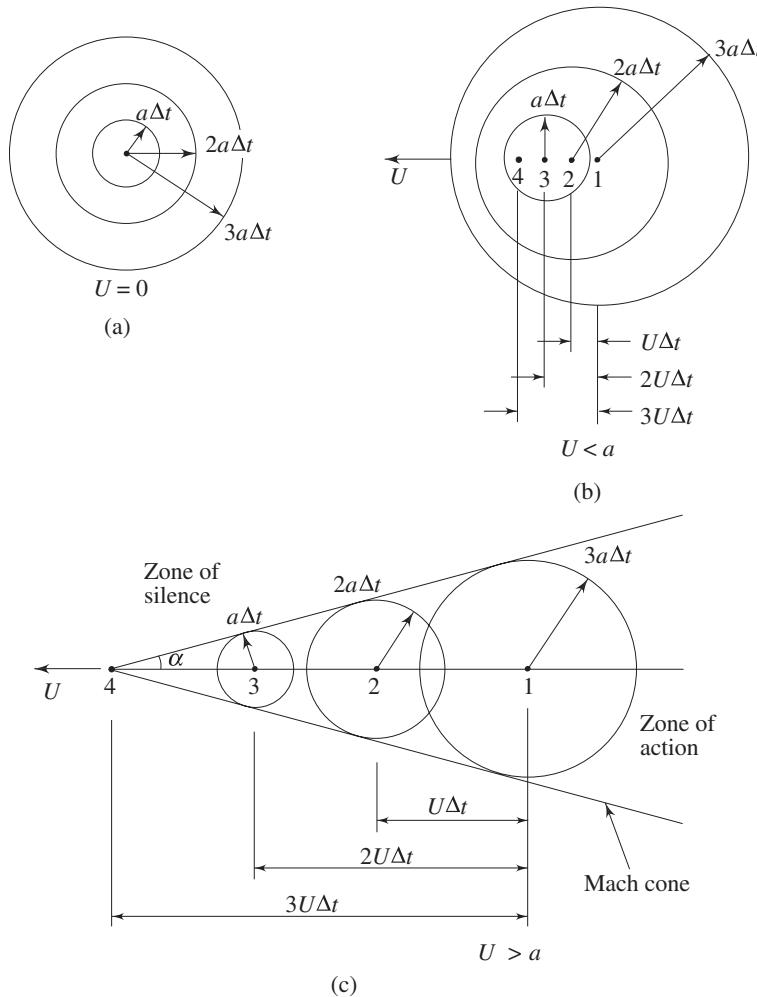


Fig. 14.2 Wave fronts emitted from a point source in a still fluid when the source speed  $U$  is (a)  $U = 0$ , (b)  $U < a$ , and (c)  $U > a$

different points of time are enveloped by an imaginary conical surface known as “*Mach Cone*”. The half angle of the cone,  $\alpha$ , is known as Mach angle and given by

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{a \Delta t}{U \Delta t} = \frac{1}{Ma}$$

or  $\alpha = \sin^{-1} (1/Ma)$

Since the disturbances are confined to the cone, the area within the cone is known as *zone of action* and the area outside the cone is *zone of silence*. An observer does not feel the effects of the moving source till the *Mach Cone* covers his position.

#### 14.5 BASIC EQUATIONS FOR ONE-DIMENSIONAL FLOW

Having had an exposure to the speed of sound, we begin our study of a class of compressible flows that can be treated as one dimensional flow. Such a simplification is meaningful for flow through ducts where the centreline of the ducts does not have a large curvature and the cross-section of the ducts does not vary abruptly. For one dimensional assumption, the flow can be studied by ignoring the variation of velocity and other properties across the cross-normal direction of the flow. However, these distributions are taken care of by assigning an average value over the cross-section (Fig. 14.3). The area of the duct is taken as  $A(x)$  and the flow properties are taken as  $p(x)$ ,  $\rho(x)$ ,  $V(x)$  etc. The forms of the basic equations in a one-dimensional compressible flow are discussed next.

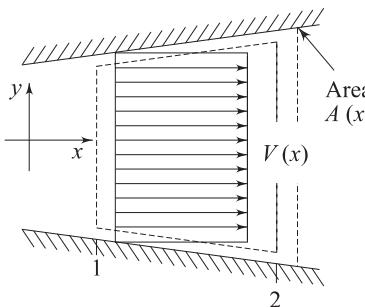


Fig. 14.3 One-dimensional approximation

**Continuity Equation** For steady one-dimensional flow, the equation of continuity is

$$\rho(x) V(x) A(x) = \dot{m} = \text{constant}$$

Differentiating, we get

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} + \frac{dV}{V} + \frac{dA}{A} = 0 \quad (14.50)$$

**Energy Equation** Let us consider a control volume within the duct shown by dotted lines in Fig. 14.3. The first law of thermodynamics for a control volume fixed in space is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \iiint \rho \left( e + \frac{V^2}{2} \right) dV + \iint \left( e + \frac{V^2}{2} \right) \rho V \cdot dA \\ = \iint V \cdot (\tau \cdot dA) - \iint q \cdot dA \end{aligned} \quad (14.51)$$

where  $\frac{V^2}{2}$  is the kinetic energy per unit mass. The first term on the left hand side

signifies the rate of change of energy (internal + kinetic) within the control volume, and the second term depicts the flux of energy out of control surface. The first term on the right hand side represents the work done on the control surface, and the second term on the right means the heat transferred through the control surface. It may be mentioned that  $dA$  is directed along the outward normal.

We shall assume steady state so that the first term on the left hand side of Eq. (14.51) is zero. Writing  $m = \rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2$  (where the subscripts are for Sections 1 and 2), the second term on the left of Eq. (14.51) yields

$$\iint \left( e + \frac{V^2}{2} \right) \rho V \cdot dA = \dot{m} \left[ \left( e_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} \right) - \left( e_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} \right) \right]$$

The work done on the control surfaces is

$$\iint V \cdot (\tau \cdot dA) = V_1 p_1 A_1 - V_2 p_2 A_2$$

The rate of heat transfer to the control volume is

$$- \iint q \cdot dA = Q \dot{m}$$

where  $Q$  is the heat added per unit mass (in J/kg).

Invoking all the aforesaid relations in Eq. (14.51) and dividing by  $\dot{m}$ , we get

$$e_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} - e_1 - \frac{V_1^2}{2} = \frac{1}{\dot{m}} [V_1 p_1 A_1 - V_2 p_2 A_2] + Q \quad (14.52)$$

We know that the density  $\rho$  is given by  $\dot{m}/VA$ , hence the first term on the right may be expressed in terms of  $\vartheta$  (specific volume;  $\frac{1}{\rho}$ ). Equation (14.52) can be rewritten as

$$e_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} - e_1 - \frac{V_1^2}{2} = p_1 \vartheta_1 - p_2 \vartheta_2 + Q \quad (14.53)$$

It is understood that  $p_1 \vartheta_1$  is the work done (per unit mass) by the surrounding in pushing fluid into the control volume. Following a similar argument,  $p_2 \vartheta_2$  is the work done by the fluid inside the control volume on the surroundings in pushing fluid out of the control volume. Equation (14.53) may be reduced to a simpler form. Noting that  $h = e + p\vartheta$ , we obtain

$$h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + Q \quad (14.54)$$

This is energy equation, which is valid even in the presence of friction or non-equilibrium conditions between Secs 1 and 2. It is evident that the sum of enthalpy and kinetic energy remains constant in an adiabatic flow. Enthalpy performs a similar role that internal energy performs in a nonflowing system. The difference between the two types of systems is the flow work  $p\bar{v}$  required to push the fluid through a section.

**Bernoulli and Euler Equations** For inviscid flows, the steady form of the momentum equation is the Euler equation,

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + V dV = 0 \quad (14.55)$$

Integrating along a streamline, we get the Bernoulli's equation for a compressible flow as

$$\int \frac{dp}{\rho} + \frac{V^2}{2} = \text{constant} \quad (14.56)$$

For adiabatic frictionless flows the Bernoulli's equation is identical to the energy equation. To appreciate this, we have to remember that this is an isentropic flow, so that the  $Tds$  equation is given by

$$Tds = dh - \bar{v}dp$$

$$\text{which yields} \quad dh = \frac{dp}{\rho}$$

Then the Euler equation (14.55) can also be written as

$$VdV + dh = 0$$

Needless to say that this is identical to the adiabatic form of the energy Eq. (14.54). The merger of the momentum and energy equation is attributed to the elimination of one of the flow variables due to constant entropy.

**Momentum Principle for a Control Volume** For a finite control volume between Sections 1 and 2 (Fig. 14.3), the momentum principle is

$$\begin{aligned} p_1A_1 - p_2A_2 + F &= \dot{m}V_2 - \dot{m}V_1 \\ \text{or} \quad p_1A_1 - p_2A_2 + F &= \rho_2V_2^2A_2 - \rho_1V_1^2A_1 \end{aligned} \quad (14.57)$$

where  $F$  is the  $x$  component of resultant force exerted on the fluid by the walls. The momentum principle, Eq. (14.57), is applicable even when there are frictional dissipative processes within the control volume.

## 14.6 STAGNATION AND SONIC PROPERTIES

The stagnation values are useful reference conditions in a compressible flow. Suppose the properties of a flow (such as  $T$ ,  $p$ ,  $\rho$ , etc.) are known at a point. The stagnation properties at a point are defined as those which are to be obtained if the

local flow were imagined to cease to zero velocity isentropically. The stagnation values are denoted by a subscript zero. Thus, the stagnation enthalpy is defined as

$$h_0 = h + \frac{1}{2} V^2$$

For a perfect gas, this yields,

$$c_p T_0 = c_p T + \frac{1}{2} V^2 \quad (14.58)$$

which defines the stagnation temperature. It is meaningful to express the ratio of  $(T_0/T)$  in the form

$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{V^2}{2 c_p T} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \cdot \frac{V^2}{\gamma RT}$$

or 
$$\frac{T_0}{T} = 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \text{Ma}^2 \quad (14.59)$$

If we know the local temperature ( $T$ ) and Mach number (Ma), we can find out the stagnation temperature  $T_0$ . Consequently, isentropic relations can be used to obtain stagnation pressure and stagnation density as

$$\frac{p_0}{p} = \left( \frac{T_0}{T} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \text{Ma}^2 \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.60)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \left( \frac{T_0}{T} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \text{Ma}^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.61)$$

In general, the stagnation properties can vary throughout the flow field.

However, if the flow is adiabatic, then  $h + \frac{V^2}{2}$  is constant throughout the flow (Eq. 14.54). It follows that the  $h_0$ ,  $T_0$ , and  $a_0$  are constant throughout an adiabatic flow, even in the presence of friction. It is understood that all stagnation properties are constant along an isentropic flow. If such a flow starts from a large reservoir where the fluid is practically at rest, then the properties in the reservoir are equal to the stagnation properties everywhere in the flow (Fig. 14.4).

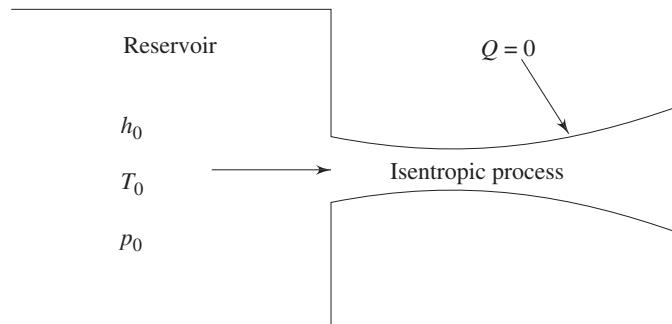


Fig. 14.4 An isentropic process starting from a reservoir

There is another set of conditions of comparable usefulness where the flow is sonic,  $\text{Ma} = 1.0$ . These sonic, or critical properties are denoted by asterisks:  $p^*$ ,  $\rho^*$ ,  $a^*$ , and  $T^*$ . These properties are attained if the local fluid is imagined to expand or compress isentropically until it reaches  $\text{Ma} = 1$ .

We have already discussed that the total enthalpy, hence  $T_0$ , is conserved so long the process is adiabatic, irrespective of frictional effects. In contrast, the stagnation pressure  $p_0$  and density  $\rho_0$  decrease if there is friction.

From Eq. (14.58), we note that

$$V^2 = 2 c_p (T_0 - T) \quad \text{or} \quad V = \left[ \frac{2\gamma R}{\gamma-1} (T_0 - T) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (14.62a)$$

is the relationship between the fluid velocity and local temperature ( $T$ ), in an adiabatic flow. The flow can attain a maximum velocity of

$$V_{\max} = \left[ \frac{2\gamma R T_0}{\gamma-1} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (14.62b)$$

As it has already been stated, the unity Mach number,  $\text{Ma} = 1$ , condition is of special significance in compressible flow, and we can now write from Eq. (14.59), (14.60) and (14.61),

$$\frac{T_0}{T^*} = \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \quad (14.63a)$$

$$\frac{p_0}{p^*} = \left( \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.63b)$$

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho^*} = \left( \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} \quad (14.63c)$$

For diatomic gases, like air  $\gamma = 1.4$ , the numerical values are

$$\frac{T^*}{T_0} = 0.8333, \quad \frac{p^*}{p_0} = 0.5282, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\rho^*}{\rho_0} = 0.6339$$

The fluid velocity and acoustic speed are equal at sonic condition and is

$$V^* = a^* = [\gamma R T^*]^{1/2} \quad (14.64a)$$

$$\text{or} \quad V^* = \left[ \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1} R T_0 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (14.64b)$$

We shall employ both stagnation conditions and critical conditions as reference conditions in a variety of one dimensional compressible flows.

#### 14.6.1 Effect of Area Variation on Flow Properties in Isentropic Flow

In considering the effect of area variation on flow properties in isentropic flow, we shall concern ourselves primarily with the velocity and pressure. We shall determine the effect of change in area,  $A$ , on the velocity  $V$ , and the pressure  $p$ .

From Eq. (14.55), we can write

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + d\left(\frac{V^2}{2}\right) = 0$$

or  $dp = -\rho V dV$

Dividing by  $\rho V^2$ , we obtain

$$\frac{dp}{\rho V^2} = -\frac{dV}{V} \quad (14.65)$$

A convenient differential form of the continuity equation can be obtained from Eq. (14.50) as

$$\frac{dA}{A} = -\frac{dV}{V} - \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

Substituting from Eq. (14.65),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA}{A} &= \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} - \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \\ \text{or } \frac{dA}{A} &= \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{V^2}{dp/d\rho} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (14.66)$$

Invoking the relation (14.47b) for isentropic process in Eq. (14.66), we get

$$\frac{dA}{A} = \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{V^2}{a^2} \right] = \frac{dp}{\rho V^2} [1 - Ma^2] \quad (14.67)$$

From Eq. (14.67), we see that for  $Ma < 1$  an area change causes a pressure change of the same sign, i.e. positive  $dA$  means positive  $dp$  for  $Ma < 1$ . For  $Ma > 1$ , an area change causes a pressure change of opposite sign.

Again, substituting from Eq. (14.65) into Eq. (14.67), we obtain

$$\frac{dA}{A} = -\frac{dV}{V} [1 - Ma^2] \quad (14.68)$$

From Eq. (14.68), we see that  $Ma < 1$  an area change causes a velocity change of opposite sign, i.e. positive  $dA$  means negative  $dV$  for  $Ma < 1$ . For  $Ma > 1$ , an area change causes a velocity change of same sign.

These results are summarized in Fig. 14.5, and the relations (14.67) and (14.68) lead to the following important conclusions about compressible flows:

(i) At subsonic speeds ( $Ma < 1$ ) a decrease in area increases the speed of flow. A subsonic nozzle should have a convergent profile and a subsonic diffuser should possess a divergent profile. The flow behaviour in the regime of  $Ma < 1$  is therefore qualitatively the same as in incompressible flows.

(ii) In supersonic flows ( $Ma > 1$ ), the effect of area changes are different. According to Eq. (14.68), a supersonic nozzle must be built with an increasing area in the flow direction. A supersonic diffuser must be a converging channel. Divergent nozzles are used to produce supersonic flow in missiles and launch vehicles.

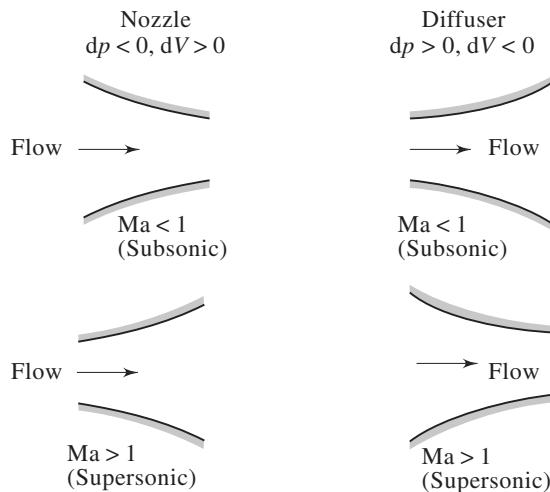


Fig. 14.5 Shapes of nozzles and diffusers in subsonic and supersonic regimes

Suppose a nozzle is used to obtain a supersonic stream starting from low speeds at the inlet (Fig. 14.6). Then the Mach number should increase from  $Ma = 0$  near the inlet to  $Ma > 1$  at the exit. It is clear that the nozzle must converge in the subsonic portion and diverge in the supersonic portion. Such a nozzle is called a *convergent-divergent nozzle*. A convergent-divergent nozzle is also called a *de Laval nozzle*, after Carl G.P. de Laval who first used such a configuration in his steam turbines in late nineteenth century. From Fig. 14.6 it is clear that the Mach number must be unity at the throat, where the area is neither increasing nor decreasing. *This is consistent with Eq. (14.68) which shows that  $dV$  can be non-zero at the throat only if  $Ma = 1$ .* It also follows that the sonic velocity can be achieved only at the throat of a nozzle or a diffuser.

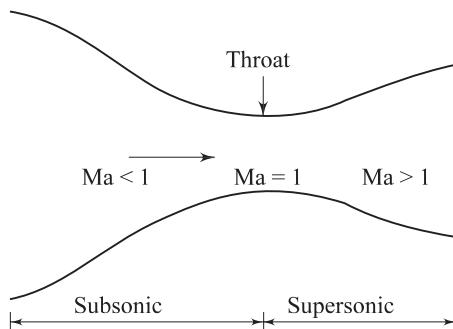


Fig. 14.6 A convergent-divergent nozzle

The condition, however, does not restrict that  $Ma$  must necessarily be unity at the throat. According to Eq. (14.68), a situation is possible where  $Ma \neq 1$  at the throat if  $dV = 0$  there. For an example, the flow in a convergent-divergent duct may be subsonic everywhere with  $Ma$  increasing in the convergent portion and

decreasing in the divergent portion with  $Ma \neq 1$  at the throat (see Fig. 14.7). The first part of the duct is acting as a nozzle, whereas the second part is acting as a diffuser. Alternatively, we may have a convergent-divergent duct in which the flow is supersonic everywhere with  $Ma$  decreasing in the convergent part and increasing in the divergent part and again  $Ma \neq 1$  at the throat (see Fig. 14.8).

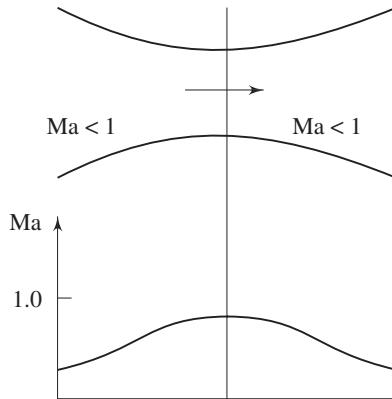


Fig. 14.7 Convergent-divergent duct with  $Ma \neq 1$  at throat

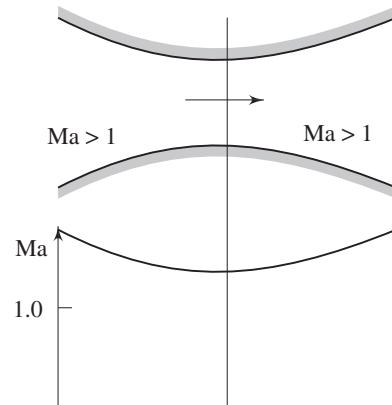


Fig. 14.8 Convergent-divergent duct with  $Ma \neq 1$  at throat

#### 14.6.2 Isentropic Flow in a Converging Nozzle

Let us consider the mass flow rate of an ideal gas through a converging nozzle. If the flow is isentropic, we can write

$$\dot{m} = \rho A V$$

or 
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \frac{p}{RT} \cdot a \cdot Ma \quad [\text{invoking Eqs (14.5) and (14.8)}]$$

or 
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \frac{p}{RT} \cdot \sqrt{\gamma RT} \cdot Ma$$

or 
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \frac{p}{\sqrt{T}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot Ma$$

or 
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \frac{p}{p_0} \cdot p_0 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{T_0}{T}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{T_0}} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot \text{Ma}$$

or 
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{\frac{-\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \cdot \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot \text{Ma}$$

[invoking Eq. (14.44)]

or 
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot \frac{p_0 \text{Ma}}{\sqrt{T_0}} \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{-\frac{(\gamma+1)}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$

or 
$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot \frac{p_0 \text{Ma}}{\sqrt{T_0}} \cdot \frac{1}{\left[1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2\right]^{\frac{(\gamma+1)}{2(\gamma-1)}}} \quad (14.69)$$

In the expression (14.69),  $p_0$ ,  $T_0$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $R$  are constant. The discharge per unit area  $\frac{\dot{m}}{A}$  is a function of  $\text{Ma}$  only. There exists a particular value of  $\text{Ma}$  for which  $(\dot{m}/A)$  is maximum. Differentiating with respect to  $\text{Ma}$  and equating it to zero, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(\dot{m}/A)}{d\text{Ma}} &= \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot \frac{p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \cdot \frac{1}{\left[1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2\right]^{\frac{(\gamma+1)}{2(\gamma-1)}}} + \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot \frac{p_0 \text{Ma}}{\sqrt{T_0}} \\ &\left[ -\frac{(\gamma+1)}{2(\gamma-1)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2 \right\}^{\frac{-(\gamma+1)}{2(\gamma-1)}-1} \left\{ \frac{\gamma-1}{2} 2\text{Ma} \right\} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

or 
$$1 - \frac{\text{Ma}^2 (\gamma+1)}{2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2 \right\}} = 0$$

or 
$$\text{Ma}^2 (\gamma+1) = 2 + (\gamma-1) \text{Ma}^2$$

or 
$$\text{Ma} = 1$$

So, discharge is maximum when  $\text{Ma} = 1$ .

We know that  $V = a\text{Ma} = \sqrt{\gamma RT} \text{Ma}$ . By logarithmic differentiation, we get

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{d\text{Ma}}{\text{Ma}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dT}{T} \quad (14.70)$$

We also know that

$$\frac{T}{T_0} = \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}^2 \right]^{-1} \quad (14.59 \text{ repeated})$$

By logarithmic differentiation, we get

$$\frac{dT}{T} = - \frac{(\gamma-1) \text{Ma}^2}{1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} \text{Ma}^2} \cdot \frac{d\text{Ma}}{\text{Ma}} \quad (14.71)$$

From Eqs (14.70) and (14.71), we get

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{dMa}{Ma} \left[ 1 - \frac{\{(\gamma-1)/2\} Ma^2}{1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} Ma^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{dV}{V} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} Ma^2} \cdot \frac{dMa}{Ma} \quad (14.72)$$

From Eqs (14.68) and (14.72) we get

$$\frac{dA}{A} \frac{1}{(Ma^2 - 1)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma^2} \cdot \frac{dMa}{Ma}$$

$$\frac{dA}{A} = \frac{(Ma^2 - 1)}{1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2}} \cdot \frac{dMa}{Ma} \quad (14.73)$$

By substituting  $Ma = 1$  in Eq. (14.73), we get  $dA = 0$  or  $A = \text{constant}$ . Some  $Ma = 1$  can occur only at the throat and nowhere else, and this happens only when the discharge is maximum. When  $Ma = 1$ , the discharge is maximum and the nozzle is said to be choked. The properties at the throat are termed as critical properties which are already expressed through Eq. (14.63a), (14.63b) and (14.63c). By substituting  $Ma = 1$  in Eq. (14.69), we get

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A^*} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{R}} \cdot \frac{p_0}{\sqrt{T_0}} \cdot \frac{1}{\left[ \frac{(\gamma+1)}{2} \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}} \quad (14.74)$$

(as we have earlier designated critical or sonic conditions by a superscript asterisk). Dividing Eq. (14.74) by Eq. (14.69) we obtain

$$\frac{A}{A^*} = \frac{1}{Ma} \left[ \left\{ \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right\} \left\{ 1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} Ma^2 \right\} \right]^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}} \quad (14.75)$$

From Eq. (14.75) we see that a choice of  $Ma$  gives a unique value of  $A/A^*$ . The variation of  $A/A^*$  with  $Ma$  is shown in Fig. 14.9. Note that the curve is double valued; that is, for a given value of  $A/A^*$  (other than unity), there are two possible values of Mach number. This signifies the fact that the supersonic nozzle is diverging.

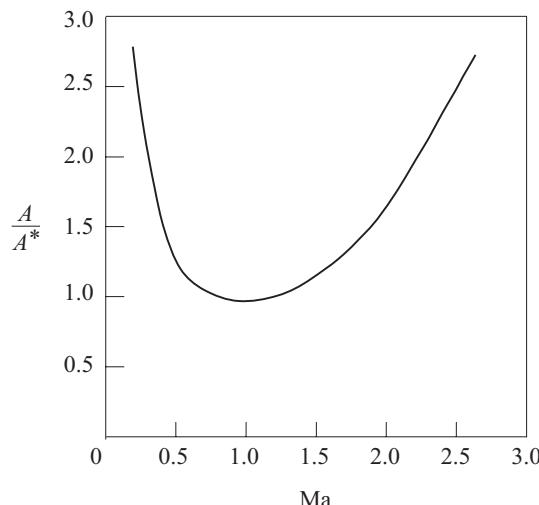


Fig. 14.9 Variation of  $A/A^*$  with  $Ma$  in isentropic flow for  $Yg = 1.4$

#### 14.6.3 Pressure Distribution and Choking in a Converging Nozzle

Let us first consider a convergent nozzle as shown in Fig. 14.10(a). Figure 14.10(b) shows the pressure ratio  $p/p_0$  along the length of the nozzle. The inlet conditions of the gas are at the stagnation state  $(p_0, T_0)$  which are constants. The pressure at the exit plane of the nozzle is denoted by  $p_E$  and the back pressure is  $p_B$  which can be varied by the adjustment of the valve. At the condition  $p_0 = p_E = p_B$ , there shall be no flow through the nozzle. The pressure is  $p_0$  throughout, as shown by condition (i) in Fig. 14.10(b). As  $p_B$  is gradually reduced, the flow rate shall increase. The pressure will decrease in the direction of flow as shown by condition (ii) in Fig. 14.10(b). The exit plane pressure  $p_E$  shall remain equal to  $p_B$  so long as the maximum discharge condition is not reached. Condition (iii) in Fig. 14.10(b) illustrates the pressure distribution in the maximum discharge situation. When  $(\dot{m}/A)$  attains its maximum value, given by substituting  $Ma = 1$  in Eq. (14.69),  $p_E$  is equal to  $p^*$ . Since the nozzle does not have a diverging section, further reduction in back pressure  $p_B$  will not accelerate the flow to supersonic condition. As a result, the exit pressure  $p_E$  shall continue to remain at  $p^*$  even though  $p_B$  is lowered further. The convergent-nozzle discharge against the variation of back pressure is shown in Fig. 14.11. As it has been pointed out earlier, the maximum value of  $(\dot{m}/A)$  at  $Ma = 1$  is stated as the choked flow. With a given nozzle, the flow rate cannot be increased further, thus neither the nozzle exit pressure, nor the mass flow rate are affected by lowering  $p_B$  below  $p^*$ .

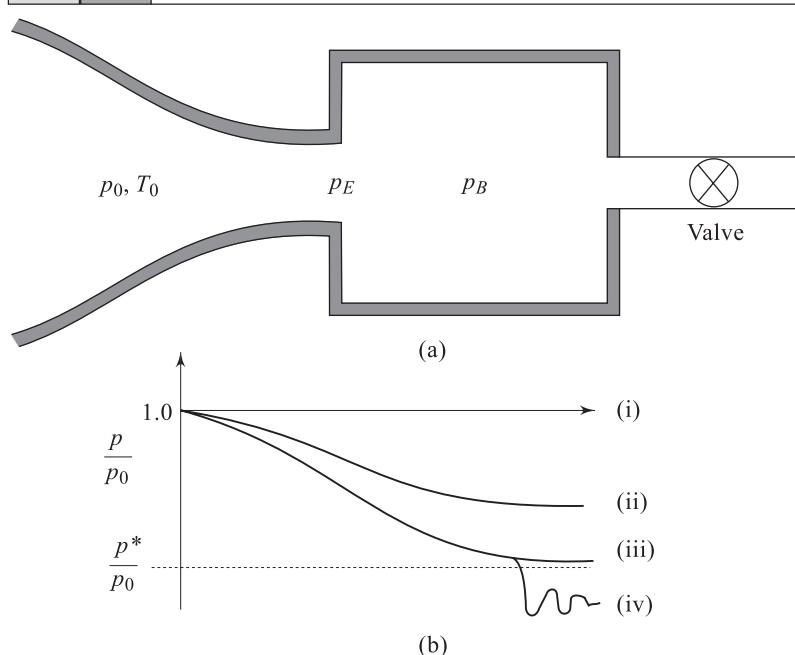


Fig. 14.10 (a) Compressible flow through a converging nozzle (b) Pressure distribution along a converging nozzle for different values of back pressure

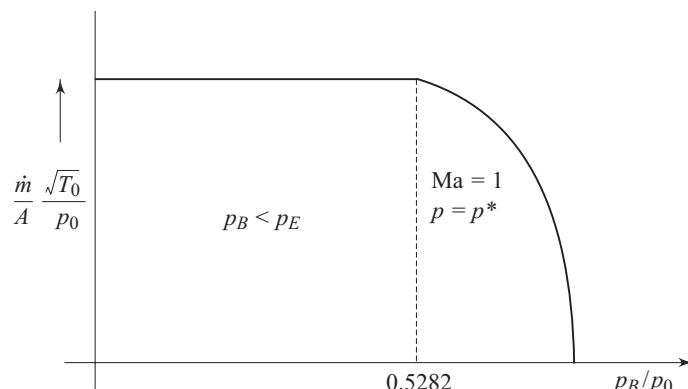


Fig. 14.11 Mass flow rate and the variation of back pressure in a converging nozzle

However for  $p_B$  less than  $p^*$ , the flow leaving the nozzle has to expand to match the lower back pressure as shown by condition (iv) in Fig. 14.10(b). This expansion process is three-dimensional and the pressure distribution cannot be predicted by one-dimensional theory. Experiments reveal that a series of shocks form in the exit stream, resulting in an increase in entropy.

#### 14.6.4 Isentropic Flow in a Converging-Diverging Nozzle

Now consider the flow in a convergent-divergent nozzle (Fig. 14.12). The upstream stagnation conditions are assumed constant; the pressure in the exit plane of the nozzle is denoted by  $p_E$ ; the nozzle discharges to the back pressure,  $p_B$ . With the valve initially closed, there is no flow through the nozzle; the pressure is constant at  $p_0$ . Opening the valve slightly produces the pressure distribution shown by curve (i). Completely subsonic flow is discerned. Then  $p_B$  is lowered in such a way that sonic condition is reached at the throat (ii). The flow rate becomes maximum for a given nozzle and the stagnation conditions. On further reduction of the back pressure, the flow upstream of the throat does not respond. However, if the back pressure is reduced further (cases (iii) and (iv)), the flow initially becomes supersonic in the diverging section, but then adjusts to the back pressure by means of a normal shock standing inside the nozzle. In such cases, the position of the shock moves downstream as  $p_B$  is decreased, and for curve (iv) the normal shock stands right at the exit plane. The flow in the entire divergent portion up to the exit plane is now supersonic. When the back pressure is reduced even further (v), there is no normal shock anywhere within the nozzle, and the jet pressure adjusts to  $p_B$  by means of oblique shock waves outside the exit plane. A converging-diverging nozzle is generally intended to produce supersonic flow near the exit plane. If the back pressure is set at (vi), the flow will be isentropic throughout the nozzle, and supersonic at nozzle exit. Nozzles operating at  $p_B = p_{VI}$  (corresponding to curve (vi) in Fig. 14.12) are said to be at design conditions. Rocket-propelled vehicles use converging-diverging nozzles to accelerate the exhaust gases to the maximum possible velocity to produce high thrust.

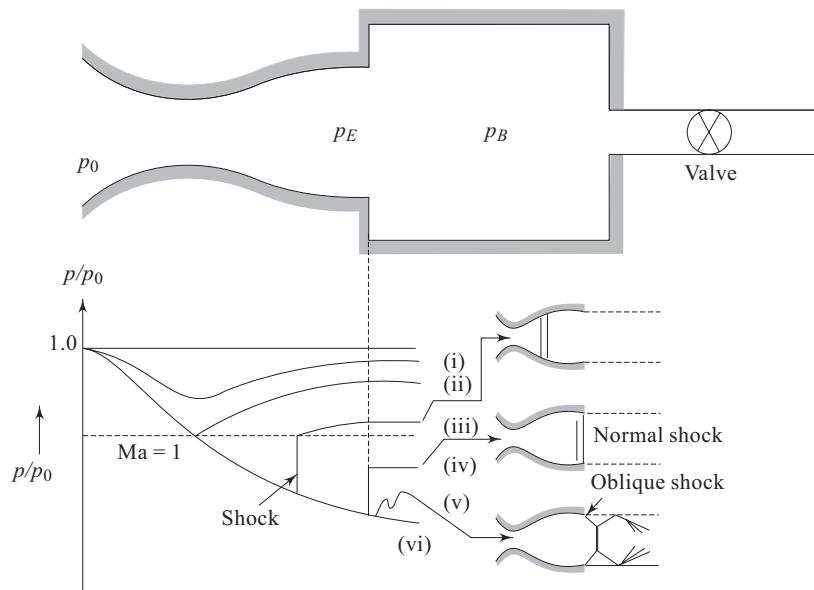


Fig. 14.12 Pressure distribution along a converging-diverging nozzle for different values of back pressure  $p_B$

## 14.7 NORMAL SHOCKS

Shock waves are highly localized irreversibilities in the flow. Within the distance of a mean free path, the flow passes from a supersonic to a subsonic state, the velocity decreases suddenly and the pressure rises sharply. To be more specific, a shock is said to have occurred if there is an abrupt reduction of velocity in the downstream in course of a supersonic flow in a passage or around a body. Normal shocks are substantially perpendicular to the flow and oblique shocks are inclined at other angles. Shock formation is possible for confined flows as well as for external flows. Normal shock and oblique shock may mutually interact to make another shock pattern. Different type of shocks are presented in Fig. 14.13.

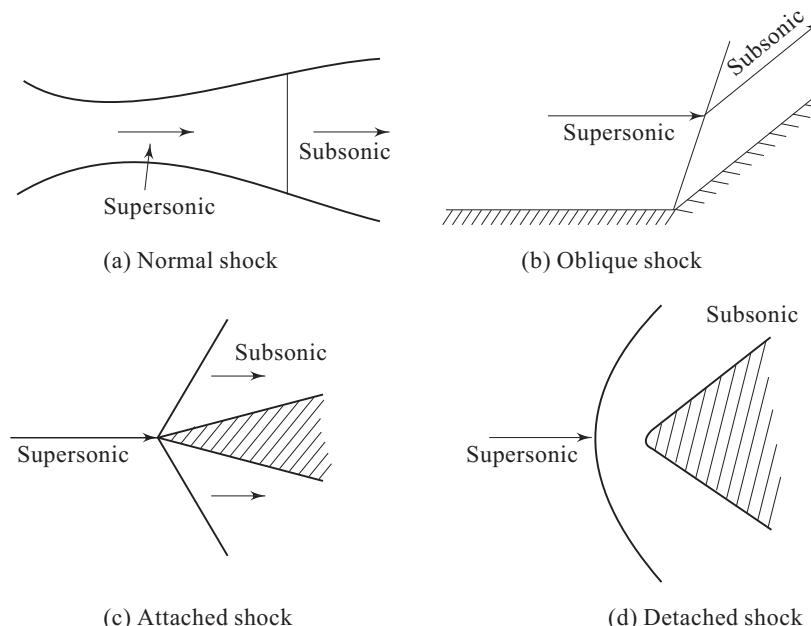


Fig. 14.13 Different type of shocks

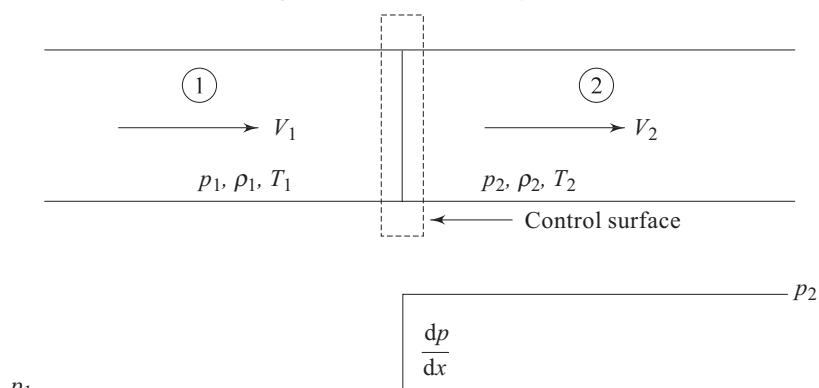


Fig. 14.14 One dimensional normal shock

Figure 14.14 shows a control surface that includes a normal shock. The fluid is assumed to be in thermodynamic equilibrium upstream and downstream of the shock, the properties of which are designated by the subscripts 1 and 2, respectively.

Continuity equation can be written as

$$\frac{\dot{m}}{A} = \rho_1 V_1 = \rho_2 V_2 = G \quad (14.76)$$

where  $G$  is the mass velocity  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2\text{s}$ .

From momentum equation, one can write

$$p_1 - p_2 = \frac{\dot{m}}{A} (V_2 - V_1) = \rho_2 V_2^2 - \rho_1 V_1^2 \quad (14.77a)$$

$$\text{or} \quad p_1 + \rho_1 V_1^2 = p_2 + \rho_2 V_2^2 \quad (14.77a)$$

$$\text{or} \quad F_1 = F_2 \quad (14.77b)$$

where  $F = p + \rho V^2$  can be termed as *impulse function*.

The energy equation may be written as

$$h_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = h_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2} = h_{01} = h_{02} = h_0 \quad (14.78)$$

where  $h_0$  is stagnation enthalpy.

From the second law of thermodynamics, it may be written as

$$s_2 - s_1 \geq 0 \quad (14.79)$$

But Eq. (14.79) is of little help in calculating actual entropy change across the shock. To calculate the entropy change, we have

$$Td\mathbf{s} = dh - vdp \quad (14.33 \text{ repeated})$$

For an ideal gas we can write

$$d\mathbf{s} = c_p \frac{dT}{T} - R \frac{dp}{p}$$

For constant specific heat, this equation can be integrated to give

$$s_2 - s_1 = cp \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1} \quad (14.80)$$

For an ideal gas the equation of state can be written as

$$p = \rho RT \quad (14.8 \text{ repeated})$$

Equations (14.76), (14.77a), (14.78), (14.80) and (14.8) are the governing equations for the flow of an ideal gas through normal shock. If all the properties at state "1" (upstream of the shock) are known, then we have six unknowns ( $T_2, p_2, \rho_2, V_2, h_2, s_2$ ) in these five equations. However, we have known relationship between  $h$  and  $T$  [Eq. (14.17)] for an ideal gas which is given by  $dh = c_p dT$ . For an ideal gas with constant specific heats,

$$\Delta h = h_2 - h_1 = c_p (T_2 - T_1) \quad (14.81)$$

Thus, we have the situation of six equations and six unknowns.

If all the conditions at state “1” (immediately upstream of the shock) are known, how many possible states “2” (immediate downstream of the shock) are there? The mathematical answer indicates that there is a unique state “2” for a given state “1”. Before describing the physical picture and precise location of these two states let us introduce Fanno line and Rayleigh line flows.

#### 14.7.1 Fanno Line Flows

If we consider a problem of frictional adiabatic flow through a duct, the governing Eqs (14.76), (14.78), (14.80) (14.8) and (14.81) are valid between any two points “1” and “2”. Equation (14.77a) requires to be modified in order to take into account the frictional force,  $R_x$ , of the duct wall on the flow and we obtain

$$R_x + p_1 A - p_2 A = \dot{m} V_2 - \dot{m} V_1 \quad (14.82)$$

So, for a frictional flow, we thus have the situation of six equations and seven unknowns. If all the conditions of “1” are known, how many possible states “2” are there? Mathematically, we get number of possible states “2”. With an infinite number of possible states “2” for a given state “1”, what do we observe if all possible states “2” are plotted on a  $T$ - $s$  diagram? The locus of all possible states “2” reachable from state “1” is a continuous curve passing through state “1”. However, the question is how to determine this curve? Perhaps the simplest way is to assume different values of  $T_2$ . For an assumed value of  $T_2$ , the corresponding values of all other properties at “2” and  $R_x$  can be determined.

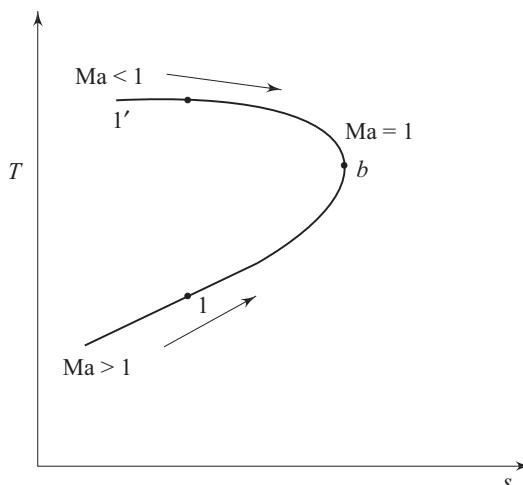


Fig. 14.15 Fanno line representation of constant area adiabatic flow

The locus of all possible downstream states is called Fanno line and is shown in Fig. 14.15. Point “b” corresponds to maximum entropy where the flow is sonic. This point splits the Fanno line into subsonic (upper) and supersonic (lower)

portions. If the inlet flow is supersonic and corresponds to point 1 in Fig. 14.15, then friction causes the downstream flow to move closer to point "b" with a consequent decrease of Mach number towards unity. Each point on the curve between point 1 and "b" corresponds to a certain duct length  $L$ . As  $L$  is made larger, the conditions at the exit move closer to point "b". Finally, for a certain value of  $L$ , the flow becomes sonic. Any further increase in  $L$  is not possible without a drastic revision of the inlet conditions. Consider the alternative case where the inlet flow is subsonic, say, given the point 1' in Fig. 14.15. As  $L$  increases, the exit conditions move closer to point "b". If  $L$  is increased to a sufficiently large value, then point "b" is reached and the flow at the exit becomes sonic. The flow is again choked and any further increase in  $L$  is not possible without an adjustment of the inlet conditions.

### 14.7.2 Rayleigh Line Flows

If we consider the effects of heat transfer on a frictionless compressible flow through a duct, the governing Eq. (14.76), (14.77a), (14.80), (14.8) and (14.81) are valid between any two points "1" and "2". Equation (14.78) requires to be modified in order to account for the heat transferred to the flowing fluid per unit mass,  $dQ$ , and we obtain

$$dQ = h_{02} - h_{01} \quad (14.83)$$

So, for frictionless flow of an ideal gas in a constant area duct with heat transfer, we have again a situation of six equations and seven unknowns. If all conditions at state "1" are known, how many possible states "2" are there? Mathematically, there exists infinite number of possible states "2". With an infinite number of possible states "2" for a given state "1", what do we observe if all possible states "2" are plotted on a  $T$ - $s$  diagram? The locus of all possible states "2" reachable from state "1" is a continuous curve passing through state "1". Again, the question arises as to how to determine this curve? The simplest way to go about this problem is to assume different values of  $T_2$ . For an assumed value of  $T_2$ , the corresponding values of all other properties at "2" and  $\delta Q$  can be determined. The results of these calculations are shown on the  $T$ - $s$  plane in Fig. 14.16. The curve in Fig. 14.16 is called the Rayleigh line.

At the point of maximum temperature (point "c" in Fig. 14.16), the value of Mach number for an ideal gas is  $1/\sqrt{\gamma}$ . At the point of maximum entropy, the Mach number is unity. On the upper branch of the curve, the flow is always subsonic and it increases monotonically as we proceed to the right along the curve. At every point on the lower branch of the curve, the flow is supersonic, and it decreases monotonically as we move to the right along the curve. Irrespective of the initial Mach number, with heat addition, the flow state proceeds to the right and with heat rejection, the flow state proceeds to the left along the Rayleigh line. For example, let us consider a flow which is at an initial state given by 1 on the Rayleigh line in fig. 14.16. If heat is added to the flow, the conditions in the downstream region 2 will move close to point "b". The velocity reduces due to increase in pressure and density, and Ma approaches unity. If  $\delta Q$  is increased to a

sufficiently high value, then point "b" will be reached and flow in region 2 will be sonic. The flow is again choked, and any further increase in  $\delta Q$  is not possible without an adjustment of the initial condition. The flow cannot become subsonic by any further increase in  $\delta Q$ .

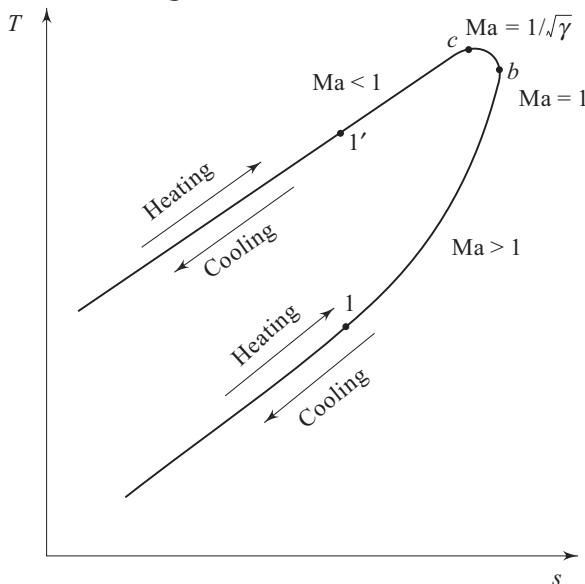


Fig. 14.16 Rayleigh line representation of frictionless flow in a constant area duct with heat transfer

#### 14.7.3 The Physical Picture of the Flow through a Normal Shock

It is possible to obtain physical picture of the flow through a normal shock by employing some of the ideas of Fanno line and Rayleigh line Flows. Flow through a normal shock must satisfy Eqs (14.76), (14.77a), (14.78), (14.80), (14.8) and 14.81). Since all the condition of state "1" are known, there is no difficulty in locating state "1" on  $T$ - $s$  diagram. In order to draw a Fanno line curve through state "1", we require a locus of mathematical states that satisfy Eqs (14.76), (14.78), (14.80), (14.8) and (14.81). The Fanno line curve does not satisfy Eq. (14.77a). A Rayleigh line curve through state "1" gives a locus of mathematical states that satisfy Eqs (14.76), (14.77a), (14.80), (14.8) and (14.81). The Rayleigh line does not satisfy Eq. (14.78). Both the curves on a same  $T$ - $s$  diagram are shown in Fig. 14.17. As we have already pointed out, the normal shock should satisfy all the six equations stated above. At the same time, for a given state "1", the end state "2" of the normal shock must lie on both the Fanno line and Rayleigh line passing through state "1." Hence, the intersection of the two lines at state "2" represents the conditions downstream from the shock. In Fig. 14.17, the flow through the shock is indicated as transition from state "1" to state "2". This is also consistent with directional principle indicated by the second law of thermodynamics, i.e.  $s_2 > s_1$ . From Fig. 14.17, it is also evident that the

flow through a normal shock signifies a change of speed from supersonic to subsonic. Normal shock is possible only in a flow which is initially supersonic.

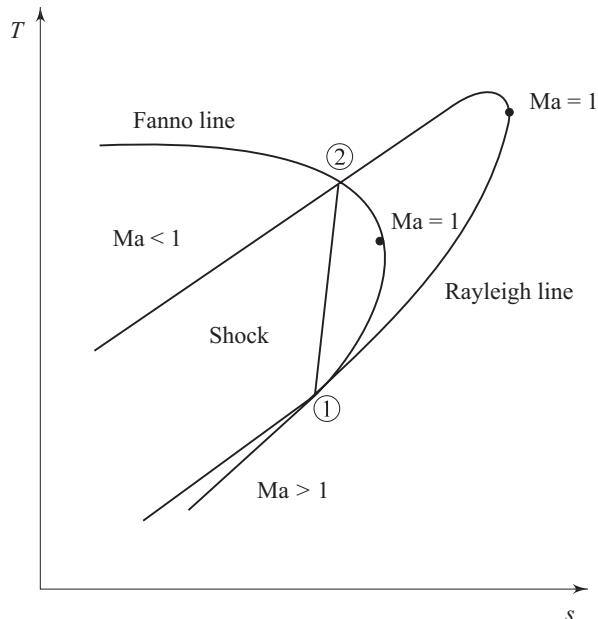


Fig. 14.17 Intersection of Fanno line and Rayleigh line and the solution for normal shock condition

#### 14.7.4 Calculation of Flow Properties Across a Normal Shock

The most easy way to analyze a normal shock is to consider a control surface around the wave as shown in Fig. 14.14. The continuity equation (14.76), the momentum equation (14.77) and the energy equation (14.78) have already been discussed earlier. The energy equation can be simplified for an ideal gas as

$$T_{01} = T_{02} \quad (14.84)$$

By making use of the equation for the speed of sound (14.49) and the equation of state for ideal gas (14.8), the continuity equation can be rewritten to include the influence of Mach number as:

$$\frac{p_1}{RT_1} Ma_1 \sqrt{\gamma RT_1} = \frac{p_2}{RT_2} Ma_2 \sqrt{\gamma RT_2} \quad (14.85)$$

The Mach number can be introduced in momentum equation in the following way:

$$\rho_2 V_2^2 - \rho_1 V_1^2 = p_1 - p_2$$

$$p_1 + \frac{p_1}{RT_1} V_1^2 = p_2 + \frac{p_2}{RT_2} V_2^2$$

$$p_1 (1 + \gamma Ma_1^2) = p_2 (1 + \gamma Ma_2^2) \quad (14.86)$$

Rearranging this equation for the static pressure ratio across the shock wave, we get

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{(1 + \gamma Ma_1^2)}{(1 + \gamma Ma_2^2)} \quad (14.87)$$

As we have already seen that the Mach number of a normal shock wave is always greater than unity in the upstream and less than unity in the downstream, the static pressure always increases across the shock wave.

The energy equation can be written in terms of the temperature and Mach number using the stagnation temperature relationship (14.84) as

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{\{1 + [\gamma - 1]/2\} Ma_1^2}{\{1 + [\gamma - 1]/2\} Ma_2^2} \quad (14.88)$$

Substituting Eqs (14.87) and (14.88) into Eq. (14.85) yields the following relationship for the Mach numbers upstream and downstream of a normal shock wave:

$$\frac{Ma_1}{1 + \gamma Ma_1^2} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} Ma_1^2\right)^{1/2} = \frac{Ma_2}{1 + \gamma Ma_2^2} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} Ma_2^2\right)^{1/2} \quad (14.89)$$

Then, solving this equation for  $Ma_2$  as a function of  $Ma_1$ , we obtain two solutions. One solution is trivial,  $Ma_1 = Ma_2$ , which signifies no shock across the control volume. The other solution is

$$Ma_2^2 = \frac{(\gamma - 1) Ma_1^2 + 2}{2\gamma Ma_1^2 - (\gamma - 1)} \quad (14.90)$$

$Ma_1 = 1$  in Eq. (14.90) results in  $Ma_2 = 1$ . Equations (14.87) and (14.88) also show that there would be no pressure or temperature increase across the shock. In fact, the shock wave corresponding to  $Ma_1 = 1$  is the sound wave across which, by definition, pressure and temperature changes are infinitesimal. Therefore, it can be said that the sound wave represents a degenerated normal shock wave.

#### 14.7.5 Oblique Shock

The discontinuities in supersonic flows do not always exist as normal to the flow direction. There are oblique shocks which are inclined with respect to the flow direction. Let us refer to the shock structure on an obstacle, as depicted qualitatively in Fig. 14.18. The segment of the shock immediately in front of the body behaves like a normal shock. Oblique shock is formed as a consequence of the bending of the shock in the free-stream direction. Sometimes in a supersonic flow through a duct, viscous effects cause the shock to be oblique near the walls, the shock being normal only in the core region. The shock is also oblique when a supersonic flow is made to change direction near a sharp corner.

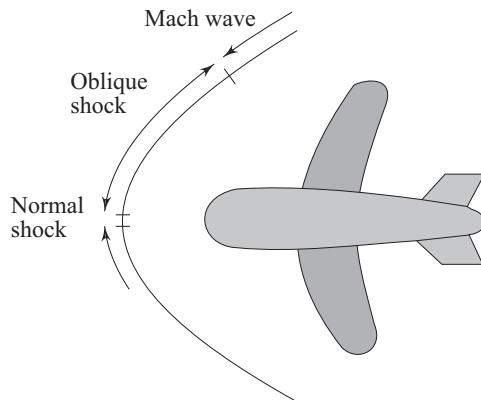


Fig. 14.18 Normal and oblique shock in front of an obstacle

The same relationships derived earlier for the normal shock are valid for the velocity components normal to the oblique shock. The oblique shock continues to bend in the downstream direction until the Mach number of the velocity component normal to the wave is unity. At that instant, the oblique shock degenerates into a so called Mach wave across which changes in flow properties are infinitesimal.

Let us consider a two-dimensional oblique shock as shown in Fig. 14.19.

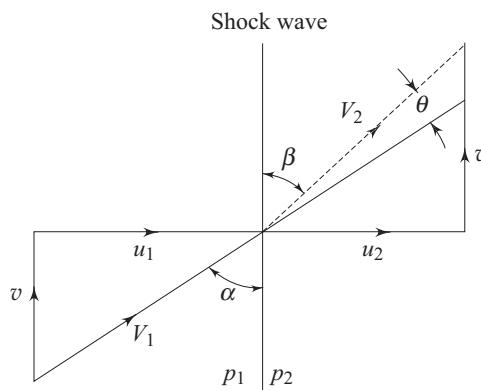


Fig. 14.19 Two dimensional oblique shock

In analyzing flow through such a shock, it may be considered as a normal shock on which a velocity  $v$  (parallel to the shock) is superimposed. The change across shock front is determined in the same way as for the normal shock. The equations for mass, momentum and energy conservation are, respectively,

$$\rho_1 u_1 = \rho_2 u_2 \quad (14.91)$$

$$\rho_1 u_1 (u_1 - u_2) = p_2 - p_1 \quad (14.92)$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \cdot \frac{p_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \cdot \frac{p_2}{\rho_2} + \frac{V_2^2}{2}$$

or  $\frac{u_1^2}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \cdot \frac{p_1}{\rho_1} = \frac{u_2^2}{2} + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \cdot \frac{p_2}{\rho_2}$  (14.93)

These equations are analogous to corresponding equations for normal shock. In addition to these, we have

$$\frac{u_1}{a_1} = \text{Ma}_1 \sin \alpha \text{ and } \frac{u_2}{a_2} = \text{Ma}_2 \sin \beta$$

Then modifying normal shock relations by writing  $\text{Ma}_1 \sin \alpha$  and  $\text{Ma}_2 \sin \beta$  in place of  $\text{Ma}_1$  and  $\text{Ma}_2$ , we obtain

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{2\gamma \text{Ma}_1^2 \sin^2 \alpha - \gamma + 1}{\gamma + 1} \quad (14.94)$$

$$\frac{u_2}{u_1} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = \frac{\tan \beta}{\tan \alpha} = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma + 1} + \frac{2}{(\gamma + 1) \text{Ma}_1^2 \sin^2 \alpha} \quad (14.95)$$

$$\text{Ma}_2^2 \sin^2 \beta = \frac{2 + (\gamma - 1) \text{Ma}_1^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{1 + \tan^2 \alpha (\tan \beta / \tan \alpha)} \quad (14.96)$$

Note that although  $\text{Ma}_2 \sin \beta < 1$ ,  $\text{Ma}_2$  may be greater than 1. So the flow behind an oblique shock may be supersonic although the normal component of velocity is subsonic. In order to obtain the angle of deflection of flow passing through an oblique shock, we use the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \tan (\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta} \\ &= \frac{\tan \alpha - (\tan \beta / \tan \alpha) \tan \alpha}{1 + \tan^2 \alpha (\tan \beta / \tan \alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

Having substituted  $(\tan \beta / \tan \alpha)$  from Eq. (14.95), finally we get the relation

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{Ma}_1^2 \sin 2\alpha - 2 \cot \alpha}{\text{Ma}_1^2 (\gamma + \cos 2\alpha) + 2} \quad (14.97)$$

Sometimes, a design is done in such a way that an oblique shock is allowed instead of a normal shock. The losses for the case of oblique shock are much less than those of normal shock. This is the reason for making the nose angle of the fuselage of a supersonic aircraft small.

## Summary

- Fluid density varies significantly due to a large Mach number ( $\text{Ma} = V/a$ ) flow. This leads to a situation where continuity and momentum

equations must be coupled to the energy equation and the equation of state to solve for the four unknowns, namely,  $p$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $T$  and  $V$ .

- The stagnation enthalpy and hence,  $T_0$  are conserved in isentropic flows. The effect of area variation on flow properties in an isentropic flow is of great significance. This reveals the phenomenon of choking (maximum mass flow) at the sonic velocity in the throat of a nozzle. At choked condition, the ratio of the throat pressure to the stagnation pressure is constant and it is equal to 0.528 for  $\gamma = 1.4$ . A nozzle is basically a converging or converging-diverging duct where the kinetic energy keeps increasing at the expense of static pressure. A diffuser has a reversed geometry where pressure recovery takes place at the expense of kinetic energy. At supersonic velocities, the normal-shock wave appears across which the gas discontinuously reverts to the subsonic conditions.
- In order to understand the effect of non-isentropic flow conditions, an understanding of constant area duct flow with friction and heat transfer is necessary. These are known as Fanno line flows and Rayleigh line flows, both of which entail choking of the exit flow. The conditions before and after a normal shock are defined by the points of intersection of Fanno and Rayleigh lines on a  $T$ - $s$  diagram.
- If a supersonic flow is made to change its direction, the oblique shock is evolved. The oblique shock continues to bend in the downstream direction until the Mach number of the velocity component normal to the wave is unity.

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## Solved Examples

**Example 14.1** An airplane travels at 800 km/h at sea level where the temperature is 15°C. How fast would the airplane be flying at the same Mach number at an altitude where the temperature is – 40 °C?

**Solution** The sonic velocity  $a$  at the sea level is

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma RT} = \sqrt{1.4(287)(288)} = 340.2 \text{ m/s}$$

Velocity of the airplane,  $V = 800 \text{ km/h} = 222.2 \text{ m/s}$

So, the Mach number,  $Ma$  of airplane =  $222.2/340.2 = 0.653$

The sonic velocity at an altitude where the temperature is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$a = \sqrt{\gamma RT} = \sqrt{1.4(287)(233)} = 306.0 \text{ m/s}$$

Velocity of the airplane for the same Mach number

$$V = 0.653 \times 306 = 199.8 \text{ m/s}$$

or velocity of the airplane,  $V = 199.8 \times 3600/1000 = 719.3 \text{ km/h.}$

**Example 14.2** An object is immersed in an air flow with a static pressure of 200 kPa (abs), a static temperature of  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and a velocity of 200 m/s. What is the pressure and temperature at the stagnation point?

**Solution** Velocity of sound at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  =  $\sqrt{\gamma RT} = \sqrt{1.4(287)293} = 343 \text{ m/s}$

Corresponding Mach number,

$$Ma = 200/343 = 0.583$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stagnation temperature, } T_0 &= (293) [1 + 0.2 \times (0.583)^2] \\ &= 293 \times 1.068 = 312.9 \text{ K} = 39.9^{\circ}\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Stagnation pressure, } p_0 = (200) (1.068)^{3.5} = 251.8 \text{ kPa}$$

**Example 14.3** A nozzle is designed to expand air isentropically to atmospheric pressure from a large tank in which properties are held constant at  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 304 kPa (abs). The desired flow rate is 1 kg/s. Determine the exit area of the nozzle.

**Solution** We know that

$$\frac{p_0}{p_e} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_e^2\right)^{\gamma/\gamma-1}$$

Mach number at the exit is given by

$$Ma_e = \left[ \frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{p_0}{p_e} \right)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} - 1 \right\} \right]^{0.5}$$

$$Ma_e = 1.36$$

Since  $Ma_e > 1.0$ , the nozzle is converging-diverging. Again, we know

$$\frac{T_0}{T_e} = 1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} Ma_e^2$$

$$T_e = \frac{T_0}{1 + \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2} Ma_e^2} = \frac{278}{1 + 0.2(1.36)^2} = 203 \text{ K}$$

$$\rho_e = \frac{P_e}{RT_e} = \frac{101 \times 10^3}{287 \times 203} = 1.73 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$V_e = Ma_e a_e = Ma_e (\gamma RT_e)^{0.5} = 1.36 (1.4 \times 287 \times 203)^{0.5} \\ = 388 \text{ m/s}$$

We also know that  $\dot{m} = \rho_e V_e A_e$ ; so the exit area  $A_e$  is

$$A_e = \dot{m} / \rho_e V_e = 1.0 / 1.73 \times 388 = 1.49 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2.$$

**Example 14.4** Air at an absolute pressure 60.0 kPa and 27 °C enters a passage at 486 m/s. The cross-sectional area at the entrance is 0.02 m<sup>2</sup>. At Sec. 2, further downstream, the pressure is 78.8 kPa (abs). Assuming isentropic flow, calculate the Mach number at Sec. 2. Also, identify the type of the nozzle.

**Solution** For isentropic flow,  $p_{01} = p_{02} = p_0 = \text{constant}$

At section 1,  $Ma_1 = V_1/a_1$ ;

$$\text{the sonic velocity, } a_1 = (\gamma RT)^{0.5} = (1.4 \times 287 \times 300)^{0.5} \\ = 347 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{So, } Ma_1 = 486/347 = 1.40$$

$$\text{Now, } P_{01} = p_1 \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_1^2\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \\ = 60(1 + 0.2(1.40)^2)^{3.5} = 191 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{Again, we can write } \frac{p_{02}}{p_2} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_2^2\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)}$$

and

$$p_{02} = p_{01}$$

$$\text{So, } Ma_2 = \left\{ \frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left[ \left( \frac{p_{01}}{p_2} \right)^{(\gamma/(\gamma-1))} - 1 \right] \right\}^{0.5}$$

$$Ma_2 = 1.2$$

Since  $Ma_2 < Ma_1$  and  $Ma_2 > 1.0$ , the flow passage from 1 to 2 is a supersonic diffuser.

**Example 14.5** A supersonic diffuser decelerates air isentropically from a Mach number of 3 to a Mach number of 1.4. If the static pressure at the diffuser inlet is 30.0 kPa (abs), calculate the static pressure rise in the diffuser and the ratio of inlet to outlet area of the diffuser.

**Solution** For isentropic flow,  $p_{01} = p_{02} = p_{03}$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{p_0}{p_1} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_1^2\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)}$$

so,

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{p_2}{p_0} \times \frac{p_0}{p_1} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_1^2\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)}}{\left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_2^2\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)}}$$

$$= \frac{[1 + 0.2(3.0)^2]^{3.5}}{[1 + 0.2(1.4)^2]^{3.5}} = 11.5$$

Now,  $p_2 - p_1 = 11.5$ ,  $p_1 - p_1 = 10.5 \times 30.0 \text{ kPa} = 315 \text{ kPa}$  is the static pressure rise in the diffuser.

Again, from continuity,  $\rho_1 V_1 A_1 = \rho_2 V_2 A_2$

or  $\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \rho_2 V_2 / \rho_1 V_1$

We also know that  $p/\rho^\gamma = \text{constant}$  and  $\rho_2/\rho_1 = (p_2/p_1)^{1/\gamma}$

From the definition of Mach number, we can write  $Ma = V/a$  and  $a = \sqrt{\gamma RT}$

Now,  $V_2/V_1 = Ma_2 a_2 / Ma_1 a_1 = \frac{Ma_2}{Ma_1} \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)^{0.5}$

Since  $T_0$  is constant,  $\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{T_2}{T_0} \times \frac{T_0}{T_1} = \frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_1^2}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_2^2}$

Finally, we get

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{1/\gamma} \times \left( \frac{Ma_2}{Ma_1} \right) \times \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_1^2}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_2^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= (11.5)^{0.714} \times \frac{1.4}{3.0} \times \left[ \frac{1 + 0.2(3.0)^2}{1 + 0.2(1.4)^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

or  $A_1/A_2 = 3.79$

So, the area ratio is 3.79.

**Example 14.6** Air flows isentropically through a converging nozzle attached to a large tank where the absolute pressure is 171 kPa and the temperature is 27 °C. At the inlet section, the Mach number is 0.2. The nozzle discharges into the atmosphere through an area 0.015 m<sup>2</sup>. Determine the magnitude and direction of the force that must be applied to hold the nozzle in place.

**Solution** Refer to Fig. 14.20.

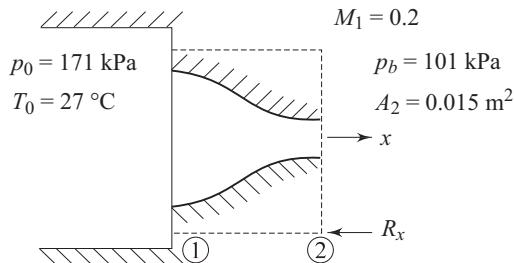


Fig. 14.20 Magnitude and direction of force required to keep the nozzle in place

$$\text{Ma}_2 = \left[ \frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{p_0}{p_{\text{th}}} \right)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} - 1 \right]^{0.5} = \left[ \frac{2}{0.4} \left( \frac{171}{101} \right)^{0.286} - 1 \right]^{0.5} = 0.901$$

So, the flow is not choked

$$T_2 = T_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}_2^2 \right] = 300 / [1 + 0.2(0.901)^2] = 258 \text{ K}$$

$$V_2 = \text{Ma}_2 a_2 = \text{Ma}_2 (\gamma R T_2)^{0.5} = 0.901 (1.4 \times 287 \times 258)^{0.5} = 290 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{p_2}{R T_2} = \frac{101 \times 10^3}{287 \times 258} = 1.36 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho_2 V_2 A_2 = 1.36 \times 290 \times 0.016 = 5.92 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$T_1 = T_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}_1^2 \right] = 300 / [1 + 0.2 (0.2)^2] = 298 \text{ K}$$

$$V_1 = \text{Ma}_1 a_1 = \text{Ma}_1 (\gamma R T_1)^{0.5} = 0.2 (1.4 \times 287 \times 298)^{0.5} = 69.2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\rho_1 = p_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}_1^2 \right]^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} = 171 / [1 + 0.2 (0.2)^2]^{3.5} = 166 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\rho_1 = p_1 / (R T_1) = 166 \times 10^3 / (287 \times 298) = 1.94 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$A_1 = \dot{m} / \rho_1 V_1 = 5.92 / (1.94 \times 69.2) = 0.044 \text{ m}^2$$

$$R_x = p_1 A_1 - p_2 A_2 - p_{\text{atm}} (A_1 - A_2) - \dot{m} (V_2 - V_1)$$

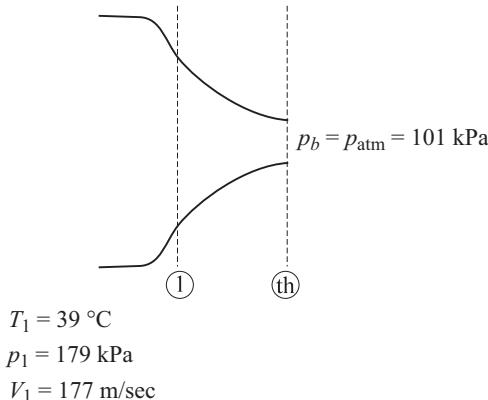
$$= p_{1g} A_1 - p_{2g} A_2 - \dot{m} (V_2 - V_1)$$

$$= (166 - 101) \times 10^3 \times 0.044 - 5.92 (290 - 69.2)$$

$$R_x = 1560 \text{ N (to the left)}$$

**Example 14.7** Air flowing isentropically through a converging nozzle discharges to the atmosphere. At any section where the absolute pressure is 179 kPa, the temperature is given by 39 °C and the air velocity is 177 m/s. Determine the nozzle throat pressure.

**Solution** Refer to Fig. 14.21.



**Fig. 14.21** Pressure, temperature and velocity are specified at any section of a converging nozzle

The nozzle will be choked ( $\text{Ma}_{\text{th}} = 1.0$ ) if  $p_b/p_0 = 0.528$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Ma}_1 &= V_1/a_1; a_1 = \sqrt{\gamma RT_1} = (1.4 \times 287 \times 312)^{0.5} \\ &= 354 \text{ m/s}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ma}_1 = V_1/a_1 = 177/354 = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{p_0}{p_1} &= \left(1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}_1^2\right)^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \\ p_0 &= 179 (1 + 0.2 (0.5)^2)^{3.5}\end{aligned}$$

or  $p_0 = 212 \text{ kPa}$

So,  $p_b/p_0 = 101/212 = 0.476$  which is less than 0.528

For  $\text{Ma}_{\text{th}} = 1.0, p_{\text{th}}/p_0 = 0.528$

$$P_{\text{th}} = 0.528 \times p_0 = 0.528 \times 212 = 112 \text{ kPa}$$

**Example 14.8** Air flows steadily and isentropically in a converging-diverging nozzle. At the throat, the air is at 140 kPa (abs), and at 60 °C. The throat cross-sectional area is 0.05 m<sup>2</sup>. At a certain section in the diverging part of the nozzle, the pressure is 70.0 kPa (abs). Calculate the velocity and area of this section.

**Solution** Refer Fig. 14.22.

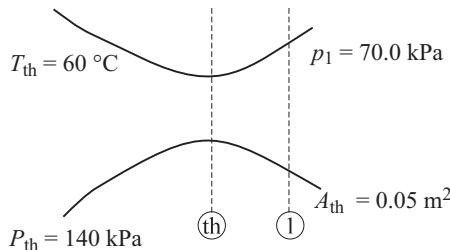


Fig. 14.22 Flow in a converging-diverging nozzle and conditions at a diverging section

Since  $p_1 < p_{th}$ , flow downstream of throat is supersonic and  $Ma_{th} = 1.0$

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= p_{th} \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_{th}^2 \right]^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)} \\ &= 140 [1 + 0.2(1.0)^2]^{3.5} \\ &= 265 \text{ kPa} \end{aligned}$$

$$T_0 = T_{th} \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_{th}^2 \right] = 333 [1 + 0.2 (1.0)] = 400 \text{ K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{th} &= Ma_{th} a_{th} = Ma_{th} (\rho RT)^{0.5} \\ &= 1.0 (1.4 \times 287 \times 333)^{0.5} = 366 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ma_1 &= \left[ \frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{p_0}{p_1} \right)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} - 1 \right]^{0.5} \\ &= \left[ \frac{2}{0.4} \left( \frac{265}{70} \right)^{0.286} - 1 \right]^{0.5} = 1.52 \end{aligned}$$

$$T_1 = \frac{T_0}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} Ma_1^2} = \frac{400}{1 + 0.2(1.52)^2} = 274 \text{ K}$$

$$V_1 = Ma_1 a_1 = 1.52 (91.4 \times 287 \times 274)^{0.5} = 504 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho_{th} V_{th} A_{th} = \rho_1 V_1 A_1$$

$$A_1 = \frac{\rho_{th}}{\rho_1} \cdot \frac{V_{th}}{V_1} \cdot A_{th} = \left( \frac{p_{th}}{p_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \cdot \frac{V_{th}}{V_1} \cdot A_{th}$$

$$A_1 = \left( \frac{140}{70} \right)^{0.714} \times \frac{366}{504} \times 0.05 = 0.0596 \text{ m}^2$$

**Example 14.9** Air flows steadily and adiabatically from a large tank through a converging nozzle connected to a constant area duct. The nozzle itself may be considered frictionless. Air in the tank is at  $p = 1.00 \text{ Mpa (abs)}$ ,  $T = 125 \text{ °C}$ . The absolute pressure at

the nozzle exit (duct inlet) is 784 kPa. Determine the pressure at the end of the duct length  $L$ , if the temperature there is 65 °C, and the entropy increases.

**Solution** Refer to Fig. 14.23.

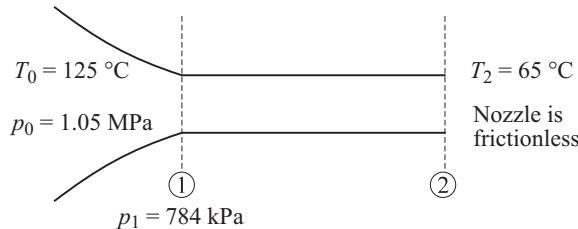


Fig. 14.23 Flow from a tank through a nozzle connected to a duct

$$\text{Ma}_1 = \left[ \frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{p_0}{p_1} \right)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} - 1 \right\} \right]^{0.5} = \left[ \frac{2}{0.4} \left( \frac{398}{784} - 1 \right) \right]^{0.5} = 0.60$$

$$T_1 = \frac{T_0}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \text{Ma}_1^2} = \frac{398}{1 + 0.2(0.60)^2} = 317 \text{ K}, T_2 = 338 \text{ K}$$

Again,

$$T_0 = \text{constant and } \text{Ma}_2 = \left[ \frac{2}{\gamma-1} \left( \frac{T_0}{T_2} \right) - 1 \right]^{0.5} = 0.942$$

$$V_2 = \text{Ma}_2 a_2 = 0.942 (1.4 \times 287 \times 338)^{0.5} = 347 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_1 = \text{Ma}_1 a_1 = 0.60 (1.4 \times 287 \times 371)^{0.5} = 232 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\rho_1 = p_1 / (RT_1) = 784 \times 10^3 / (287 \times 371) = 7.36 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{V_1}{V_2} \rho_1 = 4.92 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$p_2 = \rho_2 RT_2 = 4.92 \times 287 \times 338 = 477 \text{ kPa}$$

$$Tds = dh - v dp = c_p dT - \frac{1}{\rho} dp$$

$$s_2 - s_1 = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} ds = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} - R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

$$= 10 \ln (338/371) - 287 \ln(477/784) = 49.5 \text{ J/kg K}$$

**Example 14.10** A normal shock wave takes place during the flow of air at a Mach number of 1.8. The static pressure and temperature of the air upstream of the shock wave are 100 kPa (abs) and 15 °C. Determine the Mach number, pressure and temperature downstream of the shock.

Making use of Eq. (14.90), the Mach number downstream of the shock can be calculated as

$$\text{Ma}_2^2 = \frac{(0.4)(1.8)^2 + 2}{(2.8)(1.8)^2 - 0.4} = 0.38; \text{ or } \text{Ma}_2 = 0.616$$

Equations (14.87) and (14.88) provide the downstream pressure and temperature.

$$p_2 = p_1 \left( \frac{1 + \gamma \text{Ma}_1^2}{1 + \gamma \text{Ma}_2^2} \right) = 100 \left( \frac{1 + (1.4)(1.8)^2}{1 + (1.4)(0.616)^2} \right) = 361 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T_2 = T_1 \left( \frac{1 + [(\gamma - 1)/2] \text{Ma}_1^2}{1 + [\gamma - 1]/2 \text{Ma}_2^2} \right) = 288 \left( \frac{1 + (0.2)(3.24)}{1 + (0.2)(0.38)} \right) = 288 \\ = 441 \text{ K}$$

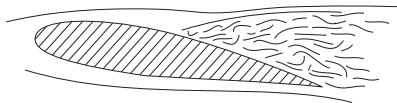
## Exercises

14.1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C for D) for the following:

- (i) Select the expression that does not give the speed of a sound wave ( $\gamma = c_p/c_v$ )
    - (a)  $\sqrt{\gamma p/\rho}$
    - (b)  $\sqrt{\gamma \rho/p}$
    - (c)  $\sqrt{\partial p/\partial \rho}$
    - (d)  $\sqrt{\gamma RT}$
  - (ii) Shock waves are highly localized irreversibilities in the flow. Within the distance of a mean free path, the flow passes from a
    - (a) supersonic to subsonic state
    - (b) subsonic to supersonic state
    - (c) subsonic state to sonic state
    - (d) supersonic to hypersonic state
  - (iii) The compressible flow upstream of a shock is always
    - (a) supersonic
    - (b) subsonic
    - (c) sonic
    - (d) none of these
  - (iv) Fluid is flowing through a duct with a Mach number equal to 1.2. An increase in cross-sectional area in the downstream will cause an
    - (a) decrease in velocity
    - (b) increase in velocity
    - (c) increase in static pressure
    - (d) choked flow situation
  - (v) In a steady, adiabatic flow (it is not known whether reversible or not) of a compressible fluid
    - (a) the stagnation temperature may vary throughout the flow field
    - (b) the stagnation pressure and stagnation density may change
    - (c) the stagnation temperature and stagnation density remain constant.
- 14.2 An airplane is capable of flying with a Mach number of 0.8. What can be the maximum speed of the airplane (a) at the sea level where temperature is 15 °C, and (b) at the high altitude where the temperature is – 55 °C?  
 (Ans. (a) 272.13 m/s (b) 236.76 m/s)
- 14.3 Air is at rest ( $p = 101 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $T = 288 \text{ K}$ ) in a chamber. It is expanded isentropically. What is the Mach number when the velocity becomes 200 m/s? What is the velocity when the speed becomes sonic? Also find out the maximum attainable speed.  
 (Ans. 0.587, 340 m/s, 760 m/s)

- 14.4 Oxygen flow from a reservoir in which the temperature is at 200 °C and the pressure is at 300 kPa (abs). Assuming isentropic flow, calculate the velocity, pressure and temperature where the Mach number is 0.8. For oxygen,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $R = 260 \text{ J/kg K}$ . *(Ans. 312.5 m/s, 196.8 kPa, 419.3 K)*
- 14.5 One problem in creating high Mach number flows is condensation of the oxygen component in air when the temperature reaches 50 K. If the temperature of a reservoir is 300 K and the flow is isentropic, at what Mach number will condensation of oxygen take place? *(Ans. Ma = 5.0)*
- 14.6 A venturimeter with throat diameter 20 mm is installed in a pipe line of 60 mm to measure air flow rate. The inlet side pressure and temperature are 400 kPa (abs) and 298 K. The throat pressure is 300 kPa (abs). The flow in the venturimeter is considered frictionless and without heat transfer. Estimate the mass flow rate of air.
- 14.7 Air flows steadily and isentropically into an aircraft inlet at a rate of 100 kg/s. At a section where the area is  $0.464 \text{ m}^2$ , the Mach number, temperature and absolute pressure are found to be 3,  $-60^\circ\text{C}$  and 15.0 kPa. Determine the velocity and cross-sectional area downstream where  $T = 138^\circ\text{C}$ . Sketch the flow passage. *(Ans.  $V_2 = 610 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $A_2 = 0.129 \text{ m}^2$ )*
- 14.8 Air flows steadily and isentropically through a passage. At Section 1 where the cross-sectional area is  $0.02 \text{ m}^2$ , the air is at 40.0 kPa (abs),  $60^\circ\text{C}$ , and the Mach number is 2.0. At a section 2 downstream, the velocity is 519 m/s. Calculate the Mach number at Sec. 2. Sketch the shape of the passage between Secs 1 and 2. *(Ans. Ma<sub>2</sub> = 1.2)*
- 14.9 Air flows from a large tank ( $p = 650 \text{ kPa}$  (abs),  $T = 550^\circ\text{C}$ ) through a converging nozzle, with a throat area of  $600 \text{ mm}^2$ , and discharges to the atmosphere. Determine the rate of mass flow under isentropic condition in the nozzle. *(Ans. 0.548 kg/s)*
- 14.10 Air enters a converging-diverging nozzle with negligible velocity at an absolute pressure of 1.0 MPa and a temperature of  $60^\circ\text{C}$ . If the flow is isentropic and the exit temperature is  $-11^\circ\text{C}$ , what is the Mach number at the exit? *(Ans. 1.16)*
- 14.11 Air is to be expanded through a converging-diverging nozzle by a frictionless adiabatic process from a pressure of 1.10 MPa (abs) and a temperature of  $115^\circ\text{C}$  to a pressure of 141 kPa (abs). Determine the throat and exit areas for a well-designed shockless nozzle if the mass flow rate is 2 kg/sec. *(Ans.  $8.86 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ ,  $1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$ )*
- 14.12 Air, at a stagnation pressure of 7.2 MPa (abs) and a stagnation temperature of 1100 K, flows isentropically through a converging-diverging nozzle having a throat area of  $0.01 \text{ m}^2$ . Determine the velocity at the downstream section where the Mach number is 4.0. Also find out the mass flow rate. *(Ans. 1300 m/s, 87.4 kg/s)*
- 14.13 A normal shock wave exists in a 500 m/s stream of nitrogen with a static temperature of  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  and static pressure of 70 kPa. Calculate the Mach number, pressure, and temperature downstream of the wave and entropy increase across the wave. For nitrogen,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $R = 297 \text{ J/kg K}$ . *(Ans. Ma<sub>2</sub> = 0.665,  $p_2 = 200 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $T_2 = 325 \text{ K}$ ,  $\Delta s = 34.1 \text{ J/kg K}$ )*

# 15



# Principles of Fluid Machines

## 15.1 INTRODUCTION

A fluid machine is a device which converts the energy stored by a fluid into mechanical energy or vice versa. The energy stored by a fluid mass appears in the form of potential, kinetic and intermolecular energy. The mechanical energy, on the other hand, is usually transmitted by a rotating shaft. Machines using liquid (mainly water, for almost all practical purposes) are termed as hydraulic machines. In this chapter we shall discuss, in general, the basic fluid mechanical principle governing the energy transfer in a fluid machine and also a brief description of different kinds of hydraulic machines along with their performances. Discussion on machines using air or other gases is beyond the scope of the chapter.

## 15.2 CLASSIFICATIONS OF FLUID MACHINES

The fluid machines may be classified under different categories as follows:

### 15.2.1 Classification Based on Direction of Energy Conversion

The device in which the kinetic, potential or intermolecular energy held by the fluid is converted in the form of mechanical energy of a rotating member is known as a *turbine*. The machines, on the other hand, where the mechanical energy from moving parts is transferred to a fluid to increase its stored energy by increasing either its pressure or velocity are known as *pumps, compressors, fans* or *blowers*.

### 15.2.2 Classification Based on Principle of Operation

The machines whose functioning depend essentially on the change of volume of a certain amount of fluid within the machine are known as *positive displacement machines*. The word positive displacement comes from the fact that there is a physical displacement of the boundary of a certain fluid mass as a closed system. This principle is utilized in practice by the reciprocating motion of a piston within a cylinder while entrapping a certain amount of fluid in it. Therefore, the word reciprocating is commonly used with the name of the machines of this kind. The machine producing mechanical energy is known as reciprocating engine while the machine developing energy of the fluid from the mechanical energy is known as reciprocating pump or reciprocating compressor.

The machines, functioning of which depend basically on the principle of fluid dynamics, are known as *rotodynamic machines*. They are distinguished from positive displacement machines in requiring relative motion between the fluid and the moving part of the machine. The rotating element of the machine usually consisting of a number of vanes or blades, is known as rotor or impeller while the fixed part is known as stator.

For turbines, the work is done by the fluid on the rotor, while, in case of pump, compressor, fan or blower, the work is done by the rotor on the fluid element. Depending upon the main direction of fluid path in the rotor, the machine is termed as *radial flow* or *axial flow machine*. In radial flow machine, the main direction of flow in the rotor is radial while in axial flow machine, it is axial. For radial flow turbines, the flow is towards the centre of the rotor, while, for pumps and compressors, the flow is away from the centre. Therefore, radial flow turbines are sometimes referred to as radially *inward flow machines* and radial flow pumps as radially *outward flow machines*. Examples of such machines are the Francis turbines and the centrifugal pump or compressors. The examples of axial flow machines are Kaplan turbines and axial flow compressors. If the flow is partly radial and partly axial, the term *mixed-flow machine* is used.

### 15.2.3 Classification Based on Fluid Used

The fluid machines use either liquid or gas as the working fluid depending upon the purpose. The machine transferring mechanical energy of rotor to the energy of fluid is termed as a pump when it uses liquid, and is termed as a compressor or a fan or a blower, when it uses gas. The compressor is a machine where the main objective is to increase the static pressure of a gas. Therefore, the mechanical energy held by the fluid is mainly in the form of pressure energy. Fans or blowers, on the other hand, mainly cause a high flow of gas, and hence utilize the mechanical energy of the rotor to increase mostly the kinetic energy of the fluid. In these machines, the change in static pressure is quite small.

For all practical purposes, liquid used by the turbines producing power is water, and therefore, they are termed as *water turbines* or *hydraulic turbines*. Turbines handling gases in practical fields are usually referred to as *steam turbine*, *gas turbine*, and *air turbine* depending upon whether they use steam, gas (the mixture of air and products of burnt fuel in air) or air.

### 15.3 ROTODYNAMIC MACHINES

In this section, we shall discuss the basic principle of rotodynamic machines and the performance of different kinds of those machines. The important element of a rotodynamic machine, in general, is a rotor consisting of a number of vanes or blades. There always exists a relative motion between the rotor vanes and the fluid. The fluid has a component of velocity and hence of momentum in a direction tangential to the rotor. While flowing through the rotor, tangential velocity and hence the momentum changes.

The rate at which this tangential momentum changes corresponds to a tangential force on the rotor. In a turbine, the tangential momentum of the fluid is reduced and therefore work is done by the fluid to the moving rotor. But in case of pumps and compressors there is an increase in the tangential momentum of the fluid and therefore work is absorbed by the fluid from the moving rotor.

#### 15.3.1 Basic Equation of Energy Transfer in Rotodynamic Machines

The basic equation of fluid dynamics relating to energy transfer is same for all rotodynamic machines and is a simple form of “Newton’s Laws of Motion” applied to a fluid element traversing a rotor. Here we shall make use of the momentum theorem as applicable to a fluid element while flowing through fixed and moving vanes. Figure 15.1 represents diagrammatically a rotor of a generalised fluid machine, with 0–0 the axis of rotation and  $\omega$  the angular velocity. Fluid enters the rotor at 1, passes through the rotor by any path and is discharged at 2. The points 1 and 2 are at radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  from the centre of the rotor, and the directions of fluid velocities at 1 and 2 may be at any arbitrary angles. For the analysis of energy transfer due to fluid flow in this situation, we assume the following:

- The flow is steady, that is, the mass flow rate is constant across any section (no storage or depletion of fluid mass in the rotor).
- The heat and work interactions between the rotor and its surroundings take place at a constant rate.
- Velocity is uniform over any area normal to the flow. This means that the velocity vector at any point is representative of the total flow over a finite area. This condition also implies that there is no leakage loss, and the entire fluid is undergoing the same process.

The velocity at any point may be resolved into three mutually perpendicular components as shown in Fig. 15.1. The axial component of velocity  $V_a$  is directed parallel to the axis of rotation, the radial component  $V_f$  is directed radially through the axis of rotation, while the tangential component  $V_w$  is directed at right angles to the radial direction and along the tangent to the rotor at that part.

The change in magnitude of the axial velocity components through the rotor causes a change in the axial momentum. This change gives rise to an axial force, which must be taken by a thrust bearing to the stationary rotor casing. The change in magnitude of radial velocity causes a change in momentum in radial direction.

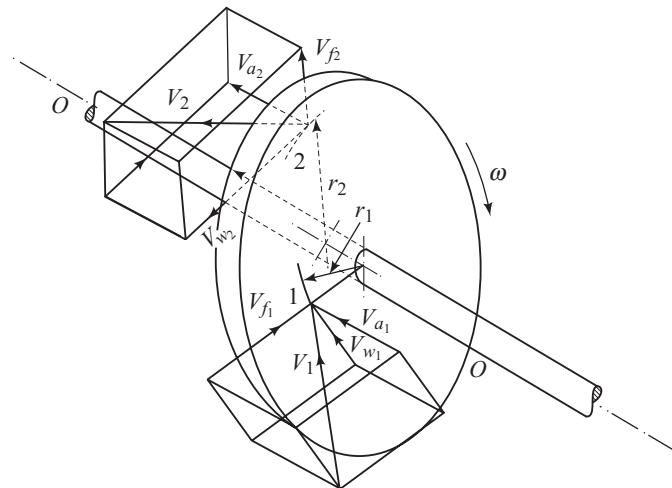


Fig. 15.1 Components of flow velocity in a generalised fluid machine

However, for an axisymmetric flow, this does not result in any net radial force on the rotor. In case of a non uniform flow distribution over the periphery of the rotor in practice, a change in momentum in radial direction may result in a net radial force which is carried as a journal load. The tangential component  $V_w$  only has an effect on the angular motion of the rotor. In consideration of the entire fluid body within the rotor as a control volume, we can write from the moment of momentum theorem (Eq. 4.35b))

$$T = m (V_{w_2} r_2 - V_{w_1} r_1) \quad (15.1)$$

Where  $T$  is the torque exerted by the rotor on the moving fluid,  $m$  is the mass flow rate of fluid through the rotor. The subscripts 1 and 2 denote values at inlet and outlet of the rotor respectively. The rate of energy transfer to the fluid is then given by

$$E = T\omega = m(V_{w_2} r_2 \omega - V_{w_1} r_1 \omega) = m(V_{w_2} U_2 - V_{w_1} U_1) \quad (15.2)$$

Where  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the rotor and  $U = \omega r$  which represents the linear velocity of the rotor. Therefore  $U_2$  and  $U_1$  are the linear velocities of the rotor at points 2 (outlet) and 1 (inlet) respectively (Fig. 15.1). The Eq. (15.2) is known as Euler's equation in relation to fluid machines. The Eq. (15.2) can be written in terms of head gained ' $H$ ' by the fluid as

$$H = \frac{V_{w_2} U_2 - V_{w_1} U_1}{g} \quad (15.3)$$

In usual convention relating to fluid machines, the head delivered by the fluid to the rotor is considered to be positive and vice-versa. Therefore, Eq. (15.3) is written with a change in the sign of the right hand side in accordance with the sign convention as

$$H = \frac{V_{w_1} U_1 - V_{w_2} U_2}{g} \quad (15.4)$$

**Components of Energy Transfer** It is worth mentioning in this context that either of the Eqs (15.2) and (15.4) is applicable regardless of changes in density or components of velocity in other directions. Moreover, the shape of the path taken by the fluid in moving from inlet to outlet is of no consequence. The expression involves only the inlet and outlet conditions. A rotor, the moving part of a fluid machine, usually consists of a number of vanes or blades mounted on a circular disc. Figure 15.2a shows the velocity triangles at the inlet and outlet of a rotor. The inlet and outlet portions of a rotor vane are only shown as a representative of the whole rotor.

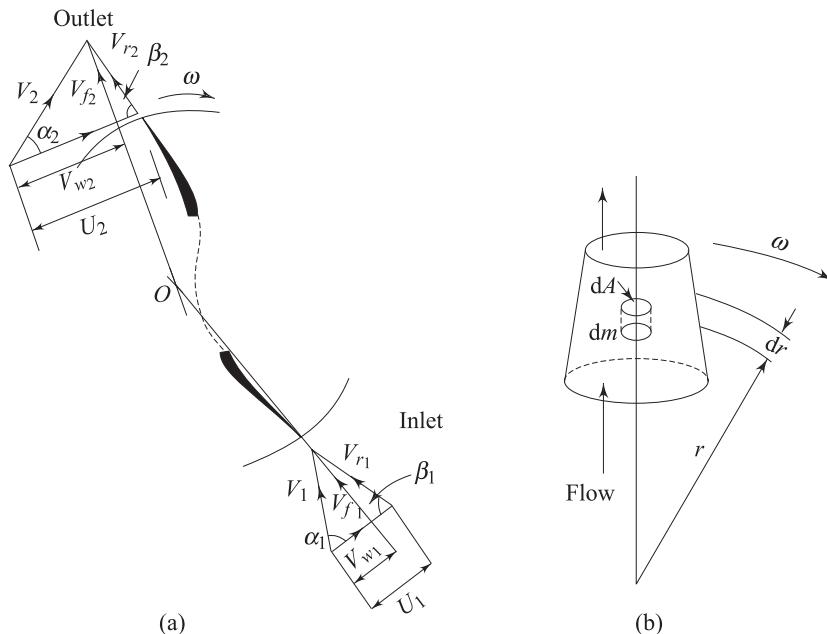


Fig. 15.2 (a) Velocity triangles for a generalised rotor vane (b) Centrifugal effect in a flow of fluid with rotation

Vector diagrams of velocities at inlet and outlet correspond to two velocity triangles, where  $V_r$  is the velocity of fluid relative to the rotor and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are the angles made by the directions of the absolute velocities at the inlet and outlet respectively with the tangential direction, while  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are the angles made by the relative velocities with the tangential direction. The angles  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  should match with vane or blade angles at inlet and outlet respectively for a smooth, shockless entry and exit of the fluid to avoid undesirable losses. Now we shall apply a simple geometrical relation as follows:

From the inlet velocity triangle,

$$V_{r1}^2 = V_1^2 + U_1^2 - 2 U_1 V_1 \cos \alpha_1 = V_1^2 + U_1^2 - 2 U_1 V_{w1}$$

or

$$U_1 V_{w1} = \frac{1}{2} (V_1^2 + U_1^2 - V_{r1}^2) \quad (15.5)$$

Similarly from the outlet velocity triangle,

$$V_{r_2}^2 = V_2^2 + U_2^2 - 2 U_2 V_2 \cos \alpha_2 = V_2^2 + U_2^2 - 2 U_2 V_{w_2}$$

or  $U_2 V_{w_2} = \frac{1}{2} (V_2^2 + U_2^2 - V_{r_2}^2)$  (15.6)

Invoking the expressions of  $U_1 V_{w_1}$  and  $U_2 V_{w_2}$  in Eq. (15.4), we get  $H$  (Work head, i.e., energy per unit weight of fluid, transferred between the fluid and the rotor) as

$$H = \frac{1}{2g} [(V_1^2 - V_2^2) + (U_1^2 - U_2^2) + (V_{r_2}^2 - V_{r_1}^2)] \quad (15.7)$$

The Eq. (15.7) is an important form of the Euler's equation relating to fluid machines since it gives the three distinct components of energy transfer as shown by the pair of terms in the round brackets. These components throw light on the nature of the energy transfer. The first term of Eq. (15.7) is readily seen to be the change in absolute kinetic energy or dynamic head of the fluid while flowing through the rotor. The second term of Eq. (15.7) represents a change in fluid energy due to the movement of the rotating fluid from one radius of rotation to another. This can be better explained by demonstrating a steady flow through a container having uniform angular velocity  $\omega$  as shown in Fig. 15.2b. The centrifugal force on an infinitesimal body of a fluid of mass  $dm$  at radius  $r$  gives rise to a pressure difference  $dp$  across the thickness  $dr$  of the body in a manner that a differential force of  $dp dA$  acts on the body radially inward. This force, in fact, is the centripetal force responsible for the rotation of the fluid element and thus becomes equal to the centrifugal force under equilibrium conditions in the radial direction. Therefore, we can write

$$dp \cdot dA = dm \omega^2 r$$

with  $dm = dA dr \rho$ , where  $\rho$  is the density of the fluid, it becomes

$$dp/\rho = \omega^2 r dr$$

For a reversible flow (flow without friction) between two points, say, 1 and 2, the work done per unit mass of the fluid (i.e., the flow work) can be written as

$$\int_1^2 \frac{dp}{\rho} = \int_1^2 \omega^2 r dr = \frac{\omega^2 r_2^2 - \omega^2 r_1^2}{2} = \frac{U_2^2 - U_1^2}{2}$$

This work is, therefore, done on or by the fluid element due to its displacement from radius  $r_1$  to radius  $r_2$  and hence becomes equal to the energy held or lost by it. Since the centrifugal force field is responsible for this energy transfer, the corresponding head (energy per unit weight)  $U^2/2g$  is termed as centrifugal head. The transfer of energy due to a change in centrifugal head  $[(U_2^2 - U_1^2)/2g]$  causes a change in the static head of the fluid.

The third term represents a change in the static head due to a change in fluid velocity relative to the rotor. This is similar to what happens in case of a flow through a fixed duct of variable cross-sectional area. Regarding the effect of flow area on fluid velocity  $V_r$  relative to the rotor, a converging passage in the direction

of flow through the rotor increases the relative velocity ( $V_{r2} > V_{r1}$ ) and hence decreases the static pressure. This usually happens in case of turbines. Similarly, a diverging passage in the direction of flow through the rotor decreases the relative velocity ( $V_{r2} < V_{r1}$ ) and increases the static pressure as occurs in case of pumps and compressors.

The fact that the second and third terms of Eq. (15.7) correspond to a change in static head can be demonstrated analytically by deriving Bernoulli's equation in the frame of the rotor.

In a rotating frame, the momentum equation for the flow of a fluid, assumed "inviscid" can be written as

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} + 2\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v} + \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) \right] = -\nabla p$$

where  $\vec{v}$  is the fluid velocity relative to the coordinate frame rotating with an angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$ .

We assume that the flow is steady in the rotating frame so that  $\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} = 0$ . We

choose a cylindrical coordinate system ( $r, \theta, z$ ) with  $z$ - axis along the axis of rotation. Then the momentum equation reduces to

$$\vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} + 2\omega \vec{i}_z \times \vec{v} - \omega^2 r \vec{i}_r = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p$$

where,  $\vec{i}_z$  and  $\vec{i}_r$  are the unit vectors along  $z$  and  $r$  directions respectively. Let  $\vec{i}_s$  be a unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{v}$  and  $s$  be a coordinate along the stream line. Then we can write

$$v \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} \vec{i}_s + v^2 \frac{\partial \vec{i}_s}{\partial s} + 2\omega v \vec{i}_z \times \vec{i}_s - \omega^2 r \vec{i}_r = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p$$

Taking scalar product with  $\vec{i}_s$  it becomes

$$v \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} - \omega^2 r \frac{\partial r}{\partial s} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s}$$

We have used  $\vec{i}_s \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{i}_s}{\partial s} = 0$ . With a little rearrangement, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 r^2 + \frac{p}{\rho} \right) = 0$$

Since  $v$  is the velocity relative to the rotating frame we can replace it by  $V_r$ . Further  $\omega r = U$  is the linear velocity of the rotor. Integrating the momentum equation from inlet to outlet along a streamline we have

$$\frac{1}{2} (V_{r2}^2 - V_{r1}^2) - \frac{1}{2} (U_2^2 - U_1^2) + \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1}{2} (U_1^2 - U_2^2) + \frac{1}{2} (V_{r_2}^2 - V_{r_1}^2) = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho} \quad (15.8)$$

Therefore, we can say, with the help of Eq. (15.8), that the last two terms of Eq. (15.7) represent a change in the static head of fluid.

**Energy Transfer in Axial Flow Machines** For an axial flow machine, the main direction of flow is parallel to the axis of the rotor, and hence the inlet and outlet points of the flow do not vary in their radial locations from the axis of rotation. Therefore,  $U_1 = U_2$  and the equation of energy transfer [Eq. (15.7)] can be written, under this situation, as

$$H = \frac{1}{2g} [(V_1^2 - V_2^2) + (V_{r_2}^2 - V_{r_1}^2)] \quad (15.9)$$

Hence, change in the static head in the rotor of an axial flow machine is only due to the flow of fluid through the variable area passage in the rotor.

**Radially Outward and Inward Flow Machines** For radially outward flow machines,  $U_2 > U_1$ , and hence the fluid gains in static head, while, for a radially inward flow machine,  $U_2 < U_1$  and the fluid losses its static head. Therefore, in radial flow pumps or compressors the flow is always directed radially outward, and in a radial flow turbine it is directed radially inward.

**Impulse and Reaction Machines** The relative proportion of energy transfer obtained by the change in static head and by the change in dynamic head is one of the important factors for classifying fluid machines. The machine for which the change in static head in the rotor is zero is known as *impulse machine*. In these machines, the energy transfer in the rotor takes place only by the change in dynamic head of the fluid. The parameter characterising the proportions of changes in the dynamic and static head in the rotor of a fluid machine is known as degree of reaction and is defined as the ratio of energy transfer by the change in static head to the total energy transfer in the rotor.

Therefore, the degree of reaction,

$$R = \frac{\frac{1}{2g} [(U_1^2 - U_2^2) + (V_{r_2}^2 - V_{r_1}^2)]}{H} \quad (15.10)$$

For an impulse machine  $R = 0$ , because there is no change in static pressure in the rotor. It is difficult to obtain a radial flow impulse machine, since the change in centrifugal head is obvious there. Nevertheless, an impulse machine of radial flow type can be conceived by having a change in static head in one direction contributed by the centrifugal effect and an equal change in the other direction contributed by the change in relative velocity. However, this has not been established in practice. Thus for an axial flow impulse machine  $U_1 = U_2$ ,  $V_{r_1} = V_{r_2}$ . For an impulse machine, the rotor can be made open, that is, the velocity  $V_1$  can represent an open jet of fluid flowing through the rotor, which needs no

casing. A very simple example of an impulse machine is a paddle wheel rotated by the impingement of water from a stationary nozzle as shown in Fig. 15.3a.

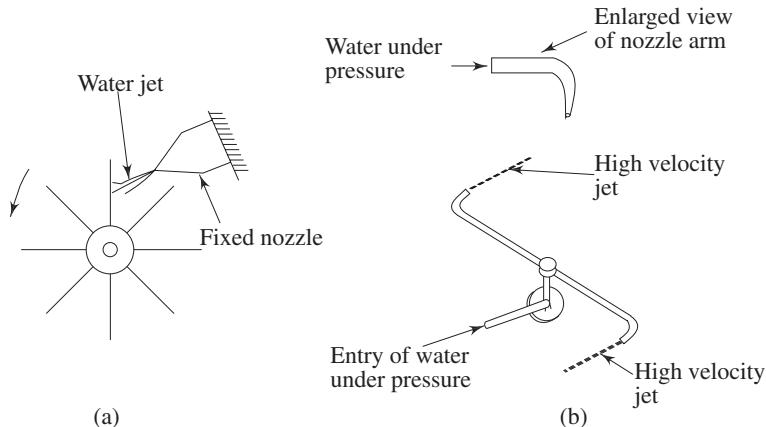


Fig. 15.3 (a) Paddle wheel as an example of impulse turbine  
 (b) Lawn sprinkler as an example of reaction turbine

A machine with any degree of reaction must have an enclosed rotor so that the fluid cannot expand freely in all directions. A simple example of a reaction machine can be shown by the familiar lawn sprinkler, in which water comes out (Fig. 15.3b) at a high velocity from the rotor in a tangential direction. The essential feature of the rotor is that water enters at high pressure and this pressure energy is transformed into kinetic energy by a nozzle which is a part of the rotor itself.

In the earlier example of impulse machine (Fig. 15.3a), the nozzle is stationary and its function is only to transform pressure energy to kinetic energy and finally this kinetic energy is transferred to the rotor by pure impulse action. The change in momentum of the fluid in the nozzle gives rise to a reaction force but as the nozzle is held stationary, no energy is transferred by it. In the case of lawn sprinkler (Fig. 15.3b), the nozzle, being a part of the rotor, is free to move and, in fact, rotates due to the reaction force caused by the change in momentum of the fluid and hence the word *reaction machine* follows.

**Efficiencies** The concept of efficiency of any machine comes from the consideration of energy transfer and is defined, in general, as the ratio of useful energy delivered to the energy supplied. Two efficiencies are usually considered for fluid machines—the hydraulic efficiency concerning the energy transfer between the fluid and the rotor, and the overall efficiency concerning the energy transfer between the fluid and the shaft. The difference between the two represents the energy absorbed by bearings, glands, couplings, etc. or, in general, by pure mechanical effects which occur between the rotor itself and the point of actual power input or output.

Therefore, for a pump or compressor,

$$\eta_{\text{hydraulic}} = \eta_h = \frac{\text{useful energy gained by the fluid at final discharge}}{\text{mechanical energy supplied to rotor}} \quad (15.11\text{a})$$

$$\eta_{\text{overall}} = \frac{\text{useful energy gained by the fluid at final discharge}}{\text{mechanical energy supplied to shaft at coupling}} \quad (15.11\text{b})$$

For a turbine,

$$\eta_h = \frac{\text{mechanical energy delivered by the rotor}}{\text{energy available from the fluid}} \quad (15.12\text{a})$$

$$\eta_{\text{overall}} = \frac{\text{mechanical energy in output shaft at coupling}}{\text{energy available from the fluid}} \quad (15.12\text{b})$$

The ratio of rotor and shaft energy is represented by the mechanical efficiency  $\eta_m$ .

$$\text{Hence, } \eta_m = \frac{\eta_{\text{overall}}}{\eta_h} \quad (15.13)$$

### 15.3.2 Principle of Similarity and Dimensional Analysis in Rotodynamic Machines

The principle of similarity is a consequence of nature for any physical phenomenon. The concept of similarity and dimensional analysis related to the problems of fluid flow, in general, has been discussed in Chapter 6. By making use of this principle, it becomes possible to predict the performance of one machine from the results of tests on a geometrically similar machine, and also to predict the performance of the same machine under conditions different from the test conditions. For fluid machines, geometrical similarity must apply to all significant parts of the system viz., the rotor, the entrance and discharge passages and so on. Machines which are geometrically similar form a homologous series. Therefore, the members of such a series, having a common shape are simply enlargements or reductions of each other. If two machines are kinematically similar, the velocity vector diagrams at inlet and outlet of the rotor of one machine must be similar to those of the other. Geometrical similarity of the inlet and outlet velocity diagrams is, therefore, a necessary condition for dynamic similarity.

Let us now apply dimensional analysis to determine the dimensionless parameters, i.e., the  $\pi$  terms as the criteria of similarity. For a machine of a given shape, and handling compressible fluid, the relevant variables are given in Table 15.1.

Table 15.1 Variable Physical Parameters of Fluid Machine

Variable physical parameters	Dimensional formula
$D$ = any physical dimension of the machine as a measure of the machine's size, usually the rotor diameter	$L$
$Q$ = volume flow rate through the machine	$L^3 T^{-1}$
$N$ = rotational speed (rev./min.)	$T^{-1}$
$H$ = difference in head (energy per unit weight) across the machine. This may be either gained or given by the fluid depending upon whether the machine is a pump or a turbine respectively	$L$
$\rho$ = density of fluid	$ML^{-3}$
$\mu$ = viscosity of fluid	$ML^{-1}T^{-1}$
$E$ = coefficient of elasticity of fluid	$ML^{-1}T^{-2}$
$g$ = acceleration due to gravity	$LT^{-2}$
$P$ = power transferred between fluid and rotor (the difference between $P$ and $H$ is taken care of by the hydraulic efficiency $\eta_h$ )	$ML^2 T^{-3}$

In almost all fluid machines flow with a free surface does not occur, and the effect of gravitational force is negligible. Therefore, it is more logical to consider the energy per unit mass  $gH$  as the variable rather than  $H$  alone so that acceleration due to gravity  $g$  does not appear as a separate variable. Therefore, the number of separate variables becomes eight:  $D, Q, N, gH, \rho, \mu, E$  and  $P$ . Since the number of fundamental dimensions required to express these variables are three, the number of independent  $\pi$  terms (dimensionless terms), becomes five. Using Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem with  $D, N$  and  $\rho$  as the repeating variables, the expressions for the  $\pi$  terms are obtained as,

$$\pi_1 = \frac{Q}{ND^3}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{gH}{N^2 D^2}, \quad \pi_3 = \frac{\rho ND^2}{\mu}, \quad \pi_4 = \frac{P}{\rho N^3 D^5}, \quad \pi_5 = \frac{E/\rho}{N^2 D^2}$$

We shall now discuss the physical significance and usual terminologies of the different  $\pi$  terms.

All lengths of the machine are proportional to  $D$ , and all areas to  $D^2$ . Therefore, the average flow velocity at any section in the machine is proportional to  $Q/D^2$ . Again, the peripheral velocity of the rotor is proportional to the product  $ND$ . The first  $\pi$  term can be expressed as

$$\pi_1 = \frac{Q}{ND^3} = \frac{Q/D^2}{ND} \propto \frac{\text{fluid velocity } V}{\text{rotor velocity } U}$$

Thus,  $\pi_1$  represents the condition for kinematic similarity, and is known as *capacity coefficient* or *discharge coefficient*. The second  $\pi$  term  $\pi_2$  is known as the *head coefficient* since it expresses the head  $H$  in dimensionless form.

Considering the fact that  $ND \propto$  rotor velocity, the term  $\pi_2$  becomes  $gH/U^2$ , and can be interpreted as the ratio of fluid head to kinetic energy of the rotor. Dividing  $\pi_2$  by the square of  $\pi_1$  we get

$$\frac{\pi_2}{\pi_1^2} = \frac{gH}{(Q/D^2)^2} \propto \frac{\text{total fluid energy per unit mass}}{\text{kinetic energy of the fluid per unit mass}}$$

The term  $\pi_3$  can be expressed as  $\rho(ND)D/\mu$  and thus represents the Reynolds number with rotor velocity as the characteristic velocity. Again, if we make the product of  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_3$ , it becomes  $\rho(Q/D^2)D/\mu$  which represents the Reynold's number based on fluid velocity. Therefore, if  $\pi_1$  is kept same to obtain kinematic similarity,  $\pi_3$  becomes proportional to the Reynolds number based on fluid velocity.

The term  $\pi_4$  expresses the power  $P$  in dimensionless form and is therefore known as *power coefficient*. Combination of  $\pi_4$ ,  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  in the form of  $\pi_4/\pi_1\pi_2$  gives  $P/\rho QgH$ . The term  $\rho QgH$  represents the rate of total energy given up by the fluid, in case of turbine, and gained by the fluid in case of pump or compressor. Since  $P$  is the power transferred to or from the rotor. Therefore  $\pi_4/\pi_1\pi_2$  becomes the hydraulic efficiency  $\eta_h$  for a turbine and  $1/\eta_h$  for a pump or a compressor. From the fifth  $\pi$  term, we get

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi_5}} = \frac{ND}{\sqrt{E/\rho}}$$

Multiplying  $\pi_1$  on both sides, we get

$$\frac{\pi_1}{\sqrt{\pi_5}} = \frac{Q/D^2}{\sqrt{E/\rho}} \propto \frac{\text{fluid velocity}}{\text{local acoustic velocity}}$$

Therefore, we find that  $\pi_1/\sqrt{\pi_5}$  represents the well known *Mach number*.

For a fluid machine, handling incompressible fluid, the term  $\pi_5$  can be dropped. Moreover, if the effect of liquid viscosity on the performance of fluid machines is neglected or regarded as secondary, (which is often sufficiently true for certain cases or over a limited range) the term  $\pi_3$  can also be dropped. Then the relationship between the different dimensionless variables ( $\pi$  terms) can be expressed as

$$f\left[\frac{Q}{ND^3}, \frac{gH}{N^2D^2}, \frac{P}{\rho N^3D^5}\right] = 0 \quad (15.14)$$

or, with another arrangement of the  $\pi$  terms,

$$\phi\left[\eta_h, \frac{gH}{N^2D^2}, \frac{P}{\rho N^3D^5}\right] = 0 \quad (15.15)$$

If data obtained from tests on a model machine, are plotted so as to show the variation of dimensionless parameters  $\frac{Q}{ND^3}, \frac{gH}{N^2D^2}, \frac{P}{\rho N^3D^5}$  with one another, then the graphs are applicable to any machine in the same homologous series. The curves for other homologous series would naturally be different.

Therefore one set of relationship or curves of the  $\pi$  terms would be sufficient to describe the performance of all the members of one series.

The performance or operating conditions for a turbine handling a particular fluid are usually expressed by the values of  $N$ ,  $P$  and  $H$ , and for a pump by  $N$ ,  $Q$  and  $H$ . It is important to know the range of these operating parameters covered by a machine of a particular shape (homologous series). Such information enables us to select the type of machine best suited to a particular application, and thus serves as a starting point in its design. Therefore a parameter independent of the size of the machine  $D$  is required which will be the characteristic of all the machines of a homologous series. A parameter involving  $N$ ,  $P$  and  $H$  but not  $D$  is obtained by dividing  $(\pi_4)^{1/2}$  by  $(\pi_2)^{5/4}$ . Let this parameter be designated by  $K_{s_T}$  as

$$K_{s_T} = \frac{(P/\rho N^3 D^5)^{1/2}}{(gH/N^2 D^2)^{5/4}} = \frac{NP^{1/2}}{\rho^{1/2} (gH)^{5/4}} \quad (15.16)$$

Similarly, a parameter involving  $N$ ,  $Q$  and  $H$  but not  $D$  is obtained by dividing  $(\pi_1)^{1/2}$  by  $(\pi_2)^{3/4}$  and is represented by  $K_{s_P}$  as

$$K_{s_P} = \frac{(Q/ND^3)^{1/2}}{(gH/N^2 D^2)^{3/4}} = \frac{NQ^{1/2}}{(gH)^{3/4}} \quad (15.17)$$

Since the dimensionless parameters  $K_{s_T}$  and  $K_{s_P}$  are found as a combination of basic  $\pi$  terms, they must remain same for complete similarity of flow in machines of a homologous series. Therefore, a particular value of  $K_{s_T}$  or  $K_{s_P}$  relates all the combinations of  $N$ ,  $P$  and  $H$  or  $N$ ,  $Q$  and  $H$  for which the flow conditions are similar in the machines of that homologous series. Interest naturally centres on the conditions for which the efficiency is a maximum. For turbines, the values of  $N$ ,  $P$  and  $H$ , and for pumps and compressors, the values of  $N$ ,  $Q$  and  $H$  are usually quoted for which the machines run at maximum efficiency.

The machines of a particular homologous series, that is, of a particular shape, correspond to a particular value of  $K_s$  for their maximum efficient operation. Machines of different shapes have, in general, different values of  $K_s$ . Thus the parameter  $K_s$  ( $K_{s_T}$  or  $K_{s_P}$ ) is referred to as the *shape factor* of the machines. Considering the fluids used by the machines to be incompressible, (for hydraulic turbines and pumps), and since the acceleration due to gravity does not vary under this situation, the terms  $g$  and  $\rho$  are taken out from the expressions of  $K_{s_T}$  and  $K_{s_P}$ . The portions left as  $NP^{1/2}/H^{5/4}$  and  $NQ^{1/2}/H^{3/4}$  are termed, for the practical purposes, as the *specific speed*  $N_s$  for turbines or pumps. Therefore, we can write,

$$N_{s_T} \text{ (specific speed for turbines)} = NP^{1/2}/H^{5/4} \quad (15.18)$$

$$N_{s_P} \text{ (specific speed for pumps)} = NQ^{1/2}/H^{3/4} \quad (15.19)$$

The name specific speed for these expressions has a little justification. However a meaning can be attributed from the concept of a hypothetical machine. For a turbine,  $N_{s_T}$  is the speed of a member of the same homologous series as the actual turbine, so reduced in size as to generate unit power under a unit head of the fluid. Similarly, for a pump,  $N_{s_P}$  is the speed of a hypothetical pump with reduced size but representing a homologous series so that it delivers unit flow rate at a unit head. The specific speed  $N_s$  is, therefore, not a dimensionless quantity.

The dimension of  $N_s$  can be found from their expressions given by Eqs (15.18) and (15.19). The dimensional formula and the unit of specific speed are given as follows:

Specific speed	Dimensional formula	Unit (SI)
$N_{s_T}$ (turbine)	$M^{1/2} T^{-5/2} L^{-1/4}$	$kg^{1/2}/s^{5/2}m^{1/4}$
$N_{s_P}$ (pump)	$L^{3/4} T^{-3/2}$	$m^{3/4}/s^{3/2}$

The dimensionless parameter  $K_s$  is often known as the dimensionless specific speed to distinguish it from  $N_s$ . The values of specific speed  $N_s$  (for maximum efficiencies) for different types of turbines and pumps will be discussed later.

## 15.4 DIFFERENT TYPES OF ROTODYNAMIC MACHINES

In this section we shall discuss the hydraulic machines which use water as the fluid in practice.

### 15.4.1 Impulse Hydraulic Turbine: The Pelton Wheel

The only hydraulic turbine of the impulse type in common use, is named after an American engineer Lester-A Pelton, who contributed much to its development in about 1880. Therefore this machine is known as Pelton turbine or Pelton wheel. It is an efficient machine particularly suited to high heads. The rotor consists of a large circular disc or wheel on which a number (seldom less than 15) of spoon shaped buckets are spaced uniformly round its periphery as shown in Fig. 15.4.

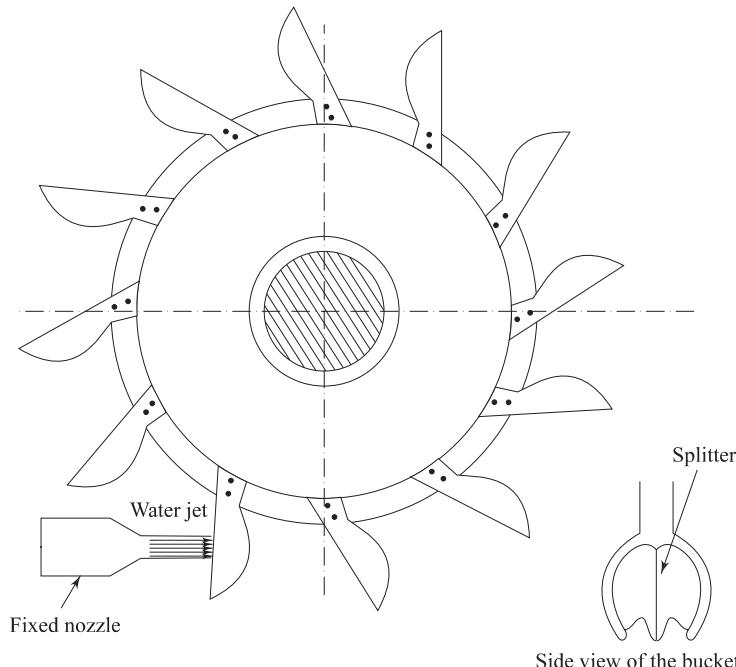


Fig. 15.4 A Pelton wheel

The wheel is driven by jets of water being discharged at atmospheric pressure from pressure nozzles. The nozzles are mounted so that each directs a jet along a tangent to the circle through the centres of the buckets. Down the centre of each bucket, there is a splitter ridge which divides the jet into two equal streams which flow round the smooth inner surface of the bucket and leaves the bucket with a relative velocity almost opposite in direction to the original jet.

For maximum change in momentum of the fluid and hence for the maximum driving force on the wheel, the deflection of the water jet should be  $180^\circ$ . In practice, however, the deflection is limited to about  $165^\circ$  so that the water leaving a bucket may not hit the back of the following bucket. Therefore, the camber angle of the buckets is made as  $165^\circ$  ( $\theta = 165^\circ$ , Fig. 15.5a).

The number of jets is not more than two for horizontal shaft turbines and is limited to six for vertical shaft turbines. The flow partly fills the buckets and the fluid remains in contact with the atmosphere. Therefore, once the jet is produced by the nozzle, the static pressure of the fluid remains atmospheric throughout the machine. Because of the symmetry of the buckets, the side thrusts produced by the fluid in each half should balance each other.

**Analysis of force on the bucket and power generation** Figure 15.5a shows a section through a bucket which is being acted on by a jet. The plane of section is parallel to the axis of the wheel and contains the axis of the jet. The absolute velocity of the jet  $V_1$  with which it strikes the bucket is given by

$$V_1 = C_v [2gH]^{1/2}$$

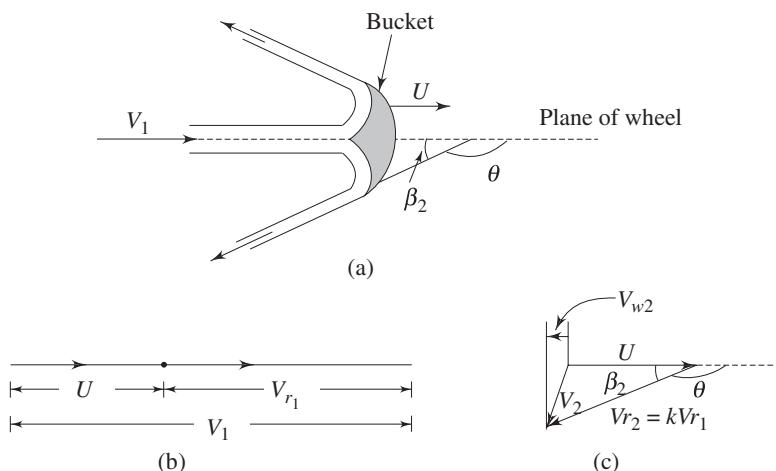


Fig. 15.5 (a) Flow along the bucket of a pelton wheel  
 (b) Inlet velocity triangle  
 (c) Outlet velocity triangle

where,  $C_v$  is the coefficient of velocity which takes care of the friction in the nozzle.  $H$  is the head at the entrance to the nozzle which is equal to the total or gross head of water stored at high altitudes minus the head lost due to friction in the long pipeline leading to the nozzle. Let the velocity of the bucket (due to the

rotation of the wheel) at its centre where the jet strikes be  $U$ . Since the jet velocity  $V_1$  is tangential, i.e.  $V_1$  and  $U$  are colinear, the diagram of velocity vector at inlet (Fig. 15.5b) becomes simply a straight line and the relative velocity  $V_{r_1}$  is given by

$$V_{r_1} = V_1 - U$$

It is assumed that the flow of fluid is uniform and it glides the blade all along including the entrance and exit sections to avoid the unnecessary losses due to shock. Therefore the direction of relative velocity at entrance and exit should match the inlet and outlet angles of the buckets respectively. The velocity triangle at the outlet is shown in Fig. 15.5c. The bucket velocity  $U$  remains the same both at the inlet and outlet. With the direction of  $U$  being taken as positive, we can write. The tangential component of inlet velocity (Fig. 15.5b)

$$V_{w_1} = V_1 = V_{r_1} + U$$

and the tangential component of outlet velocity (Fig. 15.5c)

$$V_{w_2} = -(V_{r_2} \cos \beta_2 - U)$$

where,  $V_{r_1}$  and  $V_{r_2}$  are the velocities of the jet relative to the bucket at its inlet and outlet and  $\beta_2$  is the outlet angle of the bucket.

From the Eq. (15.2) (the Euler's equation for hydraulic machines), the energy delivered by the fluid per unit mass to the rotor can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} E/m &= [V_{w_1} - V_{w_2}]U \\ &= [V_{r_1} + V_{r_2} \cos \beta_2] U \end{aligned} \quad (15.20)$$

(since, in the present situation,  $U_1 = U_2 = U$ )

The relative velocity  $V_{r_2}$  becomes slightly less than  $V_{r_1}$  mainly because of the friction in the bucket. Some additional loss is also inevitable as the fluid strikes the splitter ridge, because the ridge cannot have zero thickness. These losses are however kept to a minimum by making the inner surface of the bucket polished and reducing the thickness of the splitter ridge. The relative velocity at outlet  $V_{r_2}$  is usually expressed as  $V_{r_2} = KV_{r_1}$  where,  $K$  is a factor with a value less than 1. Therefore, we can write Eq. (15.20) as

$$E/m = V_{r_1} [1 + K \cos \beta_2] U \quad (15.21)$$

If  $Q$  is the volume flow rate of the jet, then the power transmitted by the fluid to the wheel can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \rho Q V_{r_1} [1 + K \cos \beta_2] U \\ &= \rho Q [1 + K \cos \beta_2] (V_1 - U) U \end{aligned} \quad (15.22)$$

The power input to the wheel is found from the kinetic energy of the jet arriving at the wheel and is given by  $\frac{1}{2} \rho Q V_1^2$ . Therefore the wheel efficiency of a pelton turbine can be written as

$$\eta_w = \frac{2 \rho Q [1 + K \cos \beta_2] (V_1 - U) U}{\rho Q V_1^2}$$

$$= 2[1 + K \cos \beta_2] \left[ 1 - \frac{U}{V_1} \right] \frac{U}{V_1} \quad (15.23)$$

It is found from Eq. (15.23) that the efficiency  $\eta_w$  depends on  $K$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $U/V_1$ . For a given design of the bucket, i.e. for constant values of  $\beta_2$  and  $K$ , the efficiency  $\eta_w$  becomes a function of  $U/V_1$  only, and we can determine the condition given by  $U/V_1$  at which  $\eta_w$  becomes maximum.

For  $\eta_w$  to be maximum,

$$\frac{d\eta_w}{d(U/V_1)} = 2[1 + K \cos \beta_2] \left[ 1 - 2 \frac{U}{V_1} \right] = 0$$

or

$$U/V_1 = \frac{1}{2} \quad (15.24)$$

$d^2\eta_w/d(U/V_1)^2$  is always negative indicating that the Eq. (15.23) has only a maximum (not a minimum) value.

The condition given by Eq. (15.24) states that the efficiency of the wheel in converting the kinetic energy of the jet into mechanical energy of rotation becomes maximum when the wheel speed at the centre of the bucket becomes one half of the incoming velocity of the jet. The overall efficiency  $\eta_0$  will be less than  $\eta_w$  because of friction in bearing and windage, i.e. friction between the wheel and the atmosphere in which it rotates. Moreover, as the losses due to bearing friction and windage increase rapidly with speed, the overall efficiency reaches its peak when the ratio  $U/V_1$  is slightly less than the theoretical value of 0.5. The value usually obtained in practice is about 0.46 (Fig. 15.6). An overall efficiency of 85–90 per cent may usually be obtained in large machines. To obtain high values of wheel efficiency, the buckets should have smooth surface and be properly designed. The length, width, and depth of the buckets are chosen about 2.5, 4 and 0.8 times the jet diameter. The buckets are notched for smooth entry of the jet.

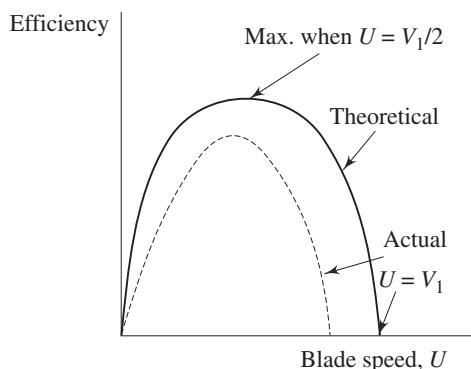


Fig. 15.6 Variation of wheel efficiency with blade speed

**Specific speed and wheel geometry** The specific speed of a Pelton wheel depends on the ratio of jet diameter  $d$  and the wheel pitch diameter  $D$  (the diameter at the centre of the bucket). If the hydraulic efficiency of a Pelton wheel is defined

as the ratio of the power delivered  $P$  to the wheel to the head available  $H$  at the nozzle entrance, then we can write

$$P = \rho Q g H \eta_h = \frac{\pi \rho d^2 V_1^3 \eta_h}{4 \times 2 C_v^2}$$

$$[\text{since } Q = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} V_1 \quad \text{and} \quad V_1 = C_v (2gH)^{1/2}]$$

$$\text{The specific speed } N_{s_T} [\text{Eq. (15.18)}] = \frac{NP^{1/2}}{H^{5/4}}$$

The rotational speed  $N$  can be written as

$$N = U/\pi D$$

Therefore, it becomes

$$\begin{aligned} N_{s_T} &= \left( \frac{U}{\pi D} \right) \frac{(\pi)^{1/2} d V_1^{3/2} \eta_h^{1/2}}{(8)^{1/2} C_v} \left[ \frac{2g C_v^2}{V_1^2} \right]^{5/4} \rho^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{g^{5/4}}{(\pi)^{1/2} 2^{1/4}} C_v^{3/2} \frac{U}{V_1} \frac{d}{D} \eta_h^{1/2} \rho^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (15.25a)$$

It may be concluded from Eq. (15.25a) that the specific speed  $N_{s_T}$  depends primarily on the ratio  $d/D$  as the quantities  $U/V_1$ ,  $C_v$  and  $\eta_h$  vary only slightly. Using the typical values of  $U/V_1 = 0.46$ ,  $C_v = 0.97$  and  $\eta_h = 0.85$ , the approximate relation between the specific speed and diameter ratio is obtained as

$$N_{s_T} \cong 105 (d/D) \text{ kg}^{1/2} \text{s}^{-5/2} \text{m}^{-1/4} \quad (15.25b)$$

The optimum value of the overall efficiency of a Pelton turbine depends both on the values of the specific speed and the speed ratio. The Pelton wheels with a single jet operate in the specific speed range of 4–16, and therefore the ratio  $D/d$  lies between 6 to 26 as given by the Eq. (15.25b). A larger value of  $D/d$  reduces the rpm as well as the mechanical efficiency of the wheel. It is possible to increase the specific speed by choosing a lower value of  $D/d$ , but the efficiency will decrease because of the close spacing of buckets. The value of  $D/d$  is normally kept between 14 and 16 to maintain high efficiency. The number of buckets required to maintain optimum efficiency is usually fixed by the empirical relation

$$n(\text{number of buckets}) = 15 + \frac{53}{N_{s_T}}$$

**Governing of Pelton Turbine** First let us discuss what is meant by governing of turbines in general. When a turbine drives an electrical generator or alternator, the primary requirement is that the rotational speed of the shaft and hence that of the turbine rotor has to be kept fixed. Otherwise the frequency of the electrical output will be altered. But when the electrical load changes depending upon the demand, the speed of the turbine changes automatically. This is because the external resisting torque on the shaft is altered while the driving torque due to change of

momentum in the flow of fluid through the turbine remains the same. For example, when the load is increased, the speed of the turbine decreases and *vice versa*. A constancy in speed is therefore maintained by adjusting the rate of energy input to the turbine accordingly. This is usually accomplished by changing the rate of fluid flow through the turbine—the flow is increased when the load is increased and the flow is decreased when the load is decreased. This adjustment of flow with the load is known as the governing of turbines.

In case of a Pelton turbine, an additional requirement for its operation at the condition of maximum efficiency is that the ratio of bucket to initial jet velocity  $U/V_1$  has to be kept at its optimum value of about 0.46. Hence, when  $U$  is fixed,  $V_1$  has to be fixed. Therefore the control must be made by a variation of the cross-sectional area,  $A$ , of the jet so that the flow rate changes in proportion to the change in the flow area keeping the jet velocity  $V_1$  same. This is usually achieved by a spear valve in the nozzle (Fig. 15.7a). Movement of the spear along the axis of the nozzle changes the annular area between the spear and the housing. The shape of the spear is such, that the fluid coalesces into a circular jet and then the effect of the spear movement is to vary the diameter of the jet. Deflectors are often used (Fig. 15.7b) along with the spear valve to prevent the serious water hammer problem due to a sudden reduction in the rate of flow. These plates temporarily deflect the jet so that the entire flow does not reach the bucket; the spear valve may then be moved slowly to its new position to reduce the rate of flow in the pipe-line gradually. If the bucket width is too small in relation to the jet diameter, the fluid is not smoothly deflected by the buckets and, in consequence, much energy is dissipated in turbulence and the efficiency drops considerably. On the other hand, if the buckets are unduly large, the effect of friction on the surfaces is unnecessarily high. The optimum value of the ratio of bucket width to jet diameter has been found to vary between 4 to 5.

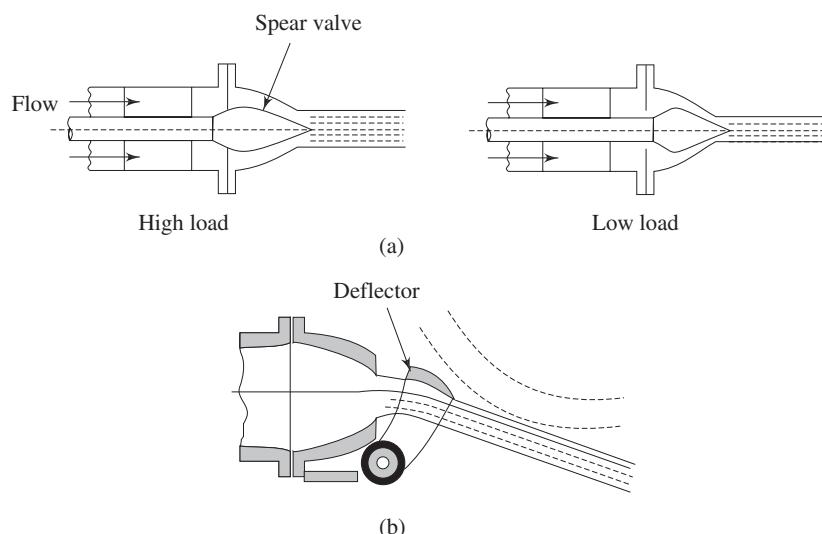


Fig. 15.7 (a) Spear valve to alter jet area in a Pelton wheel  
 (b) Jet deflected from bucket

**Limitation of a Pelton Turbine** The Pelton wheel is efficient and reliable when operating under large heads. To generate a given output power under a smaller head, the rate of flow through the turbine has to be higher which requires an increase in the jet diameter. The number of jets are usually limited to 4 or 6 per wheel. The increase in jet diameter in turn increases the wheel diameter. Therefore the machine becomes unduly large, bulky and slow-running. In practice, turbines of the reaction type are more suitable for lower heads.

### 15.4.2 Reaction Turbine

The principal feature of a reaction turbine that distinguishes it from an impulse turbine is that only a part of the total head available at the inlet to the turbine is converted to velocity head, before the runner is reached. Also in the reaction turbines the working fluid, instead of engaging only one or two blades, completely fills the passages in the runner. The pressure or static head of the fluid changes gradually as it passes through the runner along with the change in its kinetic energy based on absolute velocity due to the impulse action between the fluid and the runner. Therefore the cross-sectional area of flow through the passages of the runner changes gradually to accommodate the variation in static pressure of the fluid. A reaction turbine is usually well suited for low heads. A radial flow hydraulic turbine of reaction type was first developed by an American Engineer, James B. Francis (1815–92) and is named after him as the Francis turbine. The schematic diagram of a Francis turbine is shown in Fig. 15.8.

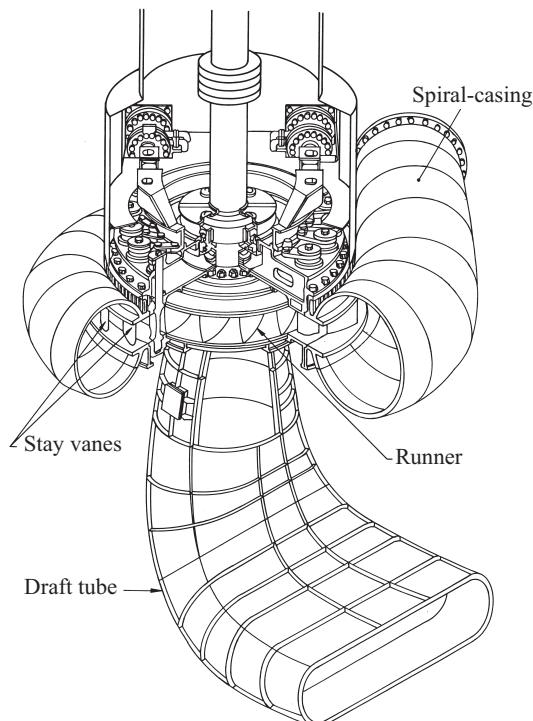


Fig. 15.8 A Francis turbine

Most of these machines have vertical shafts although some smaller machines of this type have horizontal shaft. The fluid enters from the penstock (pipeline leading to the turbine from the reservoir at high altitude) to a spiral casing which completely surrounds the runner. This casing is known as scroll casing or volute. The cross-sectional area of this casing decreases uniformly along the circumference to keep the fluid velocity constant in magnitude along its path towards the guide vane. This is so because the rate of flow along the fluid path in the volute decreases due to continuous entry of the fluid to the runner through the openings of the guide vanes or stay vanes. The basic purpose of the guide vanes (stay vanes) is to convert a part of pressure energy of the fluid at its entrance to the kinetic energy and then to direct the fluid on to the runner blades at the angle appropriate to the design. Moreover, the guide vanes are pivoted and can be turned by a suitable governing mechanism to regulate the flow while the load changes. The guide vanes are also known as wicket gates. The guide vanes impart a tangential velocity and hence an angular momentum to the water before its entry to the runner. The flow in the runner of a Francis turbine is not purely radial but a combination of radial and tangential. The flow is inward, i.e. from the periphery towards the centre. The height of the runner depends upon the specific speed. The height increases with the increase in the specific speed. The main direction of flow changes as water passes through the runner and is finally turned into the axial direction while entering the draft tube.

The draft tube is a conduit which connects the runner exit to the tail race where the water is being finally discharged from the turbine. The primary function of the draft tube is to reduce the velocity of the discharged water to minimize the loss of kinetic energy at the outlet. This permits the turbine to be set above the tail water without any appreciable drop of available head. A clear understanding of the function of the draft tube in any reaction turbine, in fact, is very important for the purpose of its design. The purpose of providing a draft tube will be better understood if we carefully study the net available head across a reaction turbine.

**Net head across a reaction turbine and the purpose of providing a draft tube** The effective head across any turbine is the difference between the head at inlet to the machine and the head at outlet from it. A reaction turbine always runs completely filled with the working fluid. The tube that connects the end of the runner to the tail race is known as a draft tube and should completely be filled with the working fluid flowing through it. The kinetic energy of the fluid finally discharged into the tail race is wasted. A draft tube is made divergent so as to reduce the velocity at outlet to a minimum. Therefore a draft tube is basically a diffuser and should be designed properly with the angle between the walls of the tube to be limited to about 8 degree so as to prevent the flow separation from the wall and to reduce accordingly the loss of energy in the tube. Figure 15.9 shows a flow diagram from the reservoir via a reaction turbine to the tail race.

The total head  $H_1$  at the entrance to the turbine can be found out by applying the Bernoulli's equation between the free surface of the reservoir and the inlet to the turbine as

$$H_0 = \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2 g} + z + h_f$$

$$\text{or } H_1 = H_0 - h_f = \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z$$

where  $h_f$  is the head lost due to friction in the pipeline connecting the reservoir and the turbine. Since the draft tube is a part of the turbine, the net head across the turbine, for the conversion of mechanical work, is the difference of total head at inlet to the machine and the total head at discharge from the draft tube at tail race and is shown as  $H$  in Fig. 15.9.

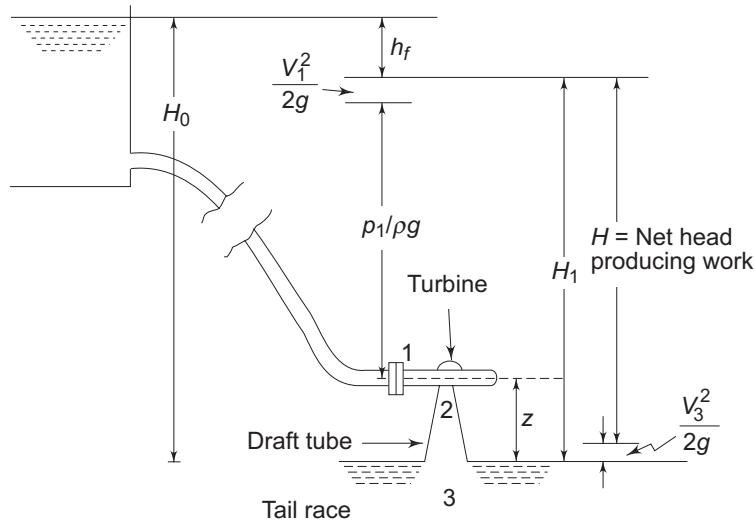


Fig. 15.9 Head across a reaction turbine

Therefore,  $H = \text{total head at inlet to machine (1)} - \text{total head at discharge (3)}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z - \frac{V_3^2}{2g} = H_1 - \frac{V_3^2}{2g} \\ &= (H_0 - h_f) - \frac{V_3^2}{2g} \end{aligned}$$

The pressures are defined in terms of their values above the atmospheric pressure. Sections 2 and 3 in Fig. 15.9 represent the exits from the runner and the draft tube respectively. If the losses in the draft tube are neglected, then the total head at 2 becomes equal to that at 3. Therefore, the net head across the machine is either  $(H_1 - H_3)$  or  $(H_1 - H_2)$ . Applying the Bernoulli's equation between 2 and 3 in consideration of flow, without losses, through the draft tube, we can write,

$$\frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z = 0 + \frac{V_3^2}{2g} + 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{p_2}{\rho g} = - \left[ z + \frac{V_2^2 - V_3^2}{2g} \right] \quad (15.26)$$

Since  $V_3 < V_2$ , both the terms in the bracket are positive and hence  $p_2/\rho g$  is always negative, which implies that the static pressure at the outlet of the runner

is always below the atmospheric pressure. Equation (15.26) also shows that the value of the suction pressure at runner outlet depends on  $z$ , the height of the runner above the tail race and  $(V_2^2 - V_3^2)/2g$ , the decrease in kinetic energy of the fluid in the draft tube. The value of this minimum pressure  $p_2$  should never fall below the vapour pressure of the liquid at its operating temperature to avoid the problem of cavitation. Therefore, we find that the incorporation of a draft tube allows the turbine runner to be set above the tail race without any drop of available head by maintaining a vacuum pressure at the outlet of the runner.

**Runner of Francis Turbine** The shape of the blades of a Francis runner is complex. The exact shape depends on its specific speed. It is obvious from the equation of specific speed (Eq. 15.18) that higher specific speed means lower head. This requires that the runner should admit a comparatively large quantity of water for a given power output and at the same time the velocity of discharge at runner outlet should be small to avoid cavitation. In a purely radial flow runner, as developed by James B. Francis, the bulk flow is in the radial direction. To be more clear, the flow is tangential and radial at the inlet but is entirely radial with a negligible tangential component at the outlet. The flow, under the situation, has to make a  $90^\circ$  turn after passing through the rotor for its inlet to the draft tube. Since the flow area (area perpendicular to the radial direction) is small, there is a limit to the capacity of this type of runner in keeping a low exit velocity. This leads to the design of a mixed flow runner where water is turned from a radial to an axial direction in the rotor itself. At the outlet of this type of runner, the flow is mostly axial with negligible radial and tangential components. Because of a large discharge area (area perpendicular to the axial direction), this type of runner can pass a large amount of water with a low exit velocity from the runner. The blades for a reaction turbine are always so shaped that the tangential or whirling component of velocity at the outlet becomes zero ( $V_{w2} = 0$ ). This is made to keep the kinetic energy at outlet a minimum.

Figure 15.10 shows the velocity triangles at inlet and outlet of a typical blade of a Francis turbine. Usually the flow velocity (velocity perpendicular to the tangential direction) remains constant throughout, i.e.  $V_{f1} = V_{f2}$  and is equal to that at the inlet to the draft tube.

The Euler's equation for turbine [Eq. (15.2)] in this case reduces to

$$E/m = e = V_{w1} U_1 \quad (15.27)$$

where,  $e$  is the energy transfer to the rotor per unit mass of the fluid.

From the inlet velocity triangle shown in Fig. 15.10.

$$V_{w1} = V_{f1} \cot \alpha_1 \quad (15.28a)$$

$$\text{and} \quad U_1 = V_{f1} (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1) \quad (15.28b)$$

substituting the values of  $V_{w1}$  and  $U_1$  from Eqs (15.28a) and (15.28b) respectively into Eq. (15.27), we have

$$e = V_{f1}^2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1) \quad (15.29)$$

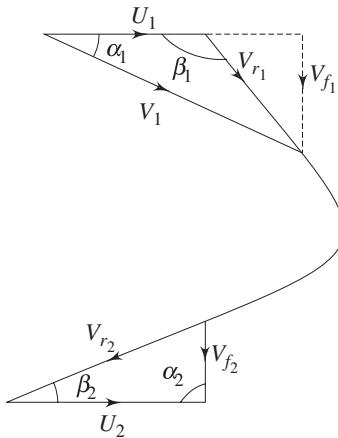


Fig. 15.10 Velocity triangle for a Francis runner

The loss of kinetic energy per unit mass becomes equal to  $V_{f_2}^2/2$ . Therefore, neglecting friction, the blade efficiency becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_b &= \frac{e}{e + (V_{f_2}^2/2)} \\ &= \frac{2V_{f_1}^2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)}{V_{f_2}^2 + 2V_{f_1}^2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)}\end{aligned}$$

since

$V_{f_1} = V_{f_2}$ ,  $\eta_b$  can be written as

$$\eta_b = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + 2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)}$$

The change in pressure energy of the fluid in the rotor can be found out by subtracting the change in its kinetic energy from the total energy released. Therefore, we can write for the degree of reaction

$$R = \frac{e - \frac{1}{2} (V_1^2 - V_{f_2}^2)}{e} = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{2} V_{f_1}^2 \cot^2 \alpha_1}{e}$$

$$[\text{since } V_1^2 - V_{f_2}^2 = V_1^2 - V_{f_1}^2 = V_{f_1}^2 \cot^2 \alpha_1]$$

using the expression of  $e$  from Eq. (15.29), we have

$$R = 1 - \frac{\cot \alpha_1}{2(\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)} \quad (15.30)$$

The inlet blade angle  $\beta_1$  of a Francis runner varies from  $45\text{--}120^\circ$  and the guide vane angle  $\alpha_1$  from  $10\text{--}40^\circ$ . The ratio of blade width to the diameter of runner  $B/D$ , at blade inlet, depends upon the required specific speed and varies from  $1/20$  to  $2/3$ .

**Expression for specific speed** The dimensional specific speed of a turbine, as given by Eq. (15.18), can be written as

$$N_{s_T} = \frac{NP^{1/2}}{H^{5/4}}$$

Power generated  $P$  for a turbine can be expressed in terms of available head  $H$  and hydraulic efficiency  $\eta_h$  as

$$P = \rho Q g H \eta_h$$

Hence, it becomes

$$N_{s_T} = N (\rho Q g \eta_h)^{1/2} H^{-3/4} \quad (15.31)$$

Again,

$$N = U_1 / \pi D_1,$$

Substituting  $U_1$  from Eq. (15.28b),

$$N = \frac{V_{f_1} (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)}{\pi D_1} \quad (15.32)$$

Available head  $H$  equals the head delivered by the turbine plus the head lost at the exit. Thus,

$$gH = e + (V_{f_2}^2/2)$$

Since

$$V_{f_1} = V_{f_2}$$

$$gH = e + (V_{f_1}^2/2)$$

with the help of Eq. (15.29), it becomes

$$gH = V_{f_1}^2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1) + \frac{V_{f_1}^2}{2}$$

or

$$H = \frac{V_{f_1}^2}{2g} [1 + 2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)] \quad (15.33)$$

Substituting the values of  $H$  and  $N$  from Eqs (15.33) and (15.32) respectively into the expression of  $N_{s_T}$  given by Eq. (15.31), we get,

$$N_{s_T} = 2^{3/4} g^{5/4} (\rho \eta_h Q)^{1/2} \frac{V_{f_1}^{-1/2}}{\pi D_1} (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1) [1 + 2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)]^{-3/4}$$

Flow velocity at inlet  $V_{f_1}$  can be substituted from the equation of continuity as

$$V_{f_1} = \frac{Q}{\pi D_1 B}$$

where  $B$  is the width of the runner at its inlet

Finally, the expression for  $N_{s_T}$  becomes,

$$N_{s_T} = 2^{3/4} g^{5/4} (\rho \eta_h)^{1/2} \left( \frac{B}{\pi D_1} \right)^{1/2} (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1) [1 + 2 \cot \alpha_1 (\cot \alpha_1 + \cot \beta_1)]^{-3/4} \quad (15.34)$$

For a Francis turbine, the variations of geometrical parameters like  $\alpha_1, \beta_1, B/D$  have been described earlier. These variations cover a range of specific speed between 50 and 400. Higher specific speed corresponds to a lower head. This requires that runner should admit a comparatively large quantity of water. For a runner of given diameter, the maximum flow rate is achieved when the flow is parallel to the axis. Such a machine is known as axial flow reaction turbine. Such a turbine was first designed by an Austrian Engineer, Viktor Kaplan and is therefore named after him as Kaplan turbine.

#### 15.4.3 Development of Kaplan Runner from the Change in the Shape of Francis Runner with Specific Speed

Figure 15.11 shows in stages the change in the shape of a Francis runner with the variation of specific speed. The first three types [Fig. 15.11 (a), (b) and (c)] have, in order, the Francis runner (radial flow runner) at low, normal and high specific speeds. As the specific speed increases, discharge becomes more and more axial. The fourth type, as shown in Fig. 15.11 (d), is a mixed flow runner (radial flow at inlet but axial flow at outlet) and is known as Dubs runner which is mainly suited for high specific speeds. Figure 15.11 (e) shows a propeller type runner with a less number of blades where the flow is entirely axial (both at inlet and outlet). This type of runner is the most suitable one for very high specific speeds and is known as Kaplan runner or axial flow runner.

From the inlet velocity triangle for each of the five runners, as shown in Figs (15.11a to 15.11e), it is found that an increase in specific speed (or a decreased in head) is accompanied by a reduction in inlet velocity  $V_1$ . But the flow velocity  $V_{f1}$  at inlet increases allowing a large amount of fluid to enter the turbine. The most important point to be noted in this context is that the flow at inlet to all the runners, except the Kaplan one, is in radial and tangential directions. Therefore, the inlet velocity triangles of those turbines (Figs 15.11a to 15.11d) are shown in a plane containing the radial and tangential directions, and hence the flow velocity  $V_{f1}$  represents the radial component of velocity.

In case of a Kaplan runner, the flow at inlet is in axial and tangential directions. Therefore, the inlet velocity triangle in this case (Fig. 15.11e) is shown in a plane containing the axial and tangential directions, and hence the flow velocity  $V_{f1}$  represents the axial component of velocity  $V_a$ . The tangential component of velocity is almost nil at outlet of all runners. Therefore, the outlet velocity triangle (Fig. 15.11f) is identical in shape for all the runners. However, the exit velocity  $V_2$  is axial in Kaplan and Dubs runner, while it is the radial one in all other runners.

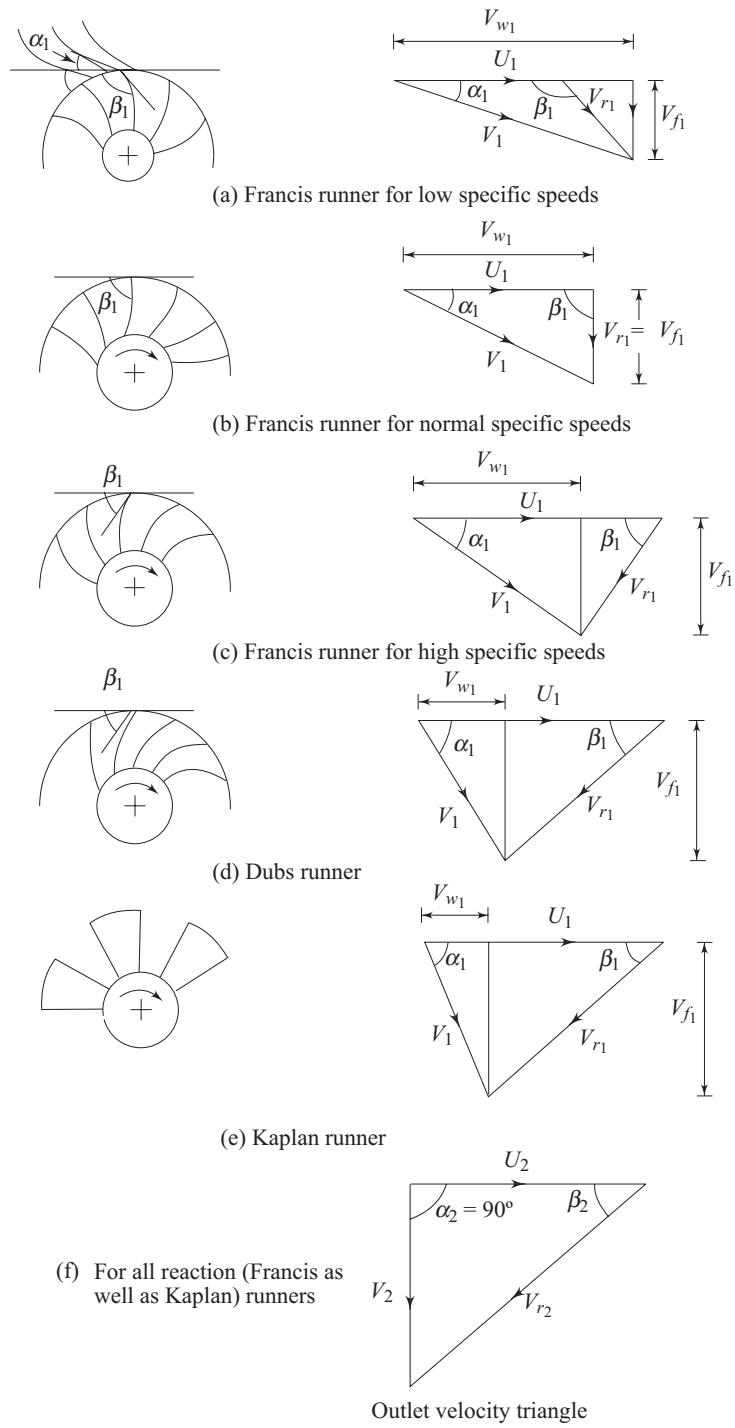


Fig. 15.11 Evolution of Kaplan runner from Francis one

Figure 15.12 shows a schematic diagram of a propeller or Kaplan turbine. The function of the guide vane is same as in case of a Francis turbine. Between the guide vanes and the runner, the fluid in a propeller turbine turns through a right-angle into the axial direction and then passes through the runner. The runner usually has four or six blades and closely resembles a ship's propeller. Neglecting the frictional effects, the flow approaching the runner blades can be considered to be a free vortex with whirl velocity being inversely proportional to radius, while on the other hand, the blade velocity is directly proportional to the radius. To take care of this different relationship of the fluid velocity and the blade velocity with the change in radius, the blades are twisted. The angle with the axis is greater at the tip than at the root.

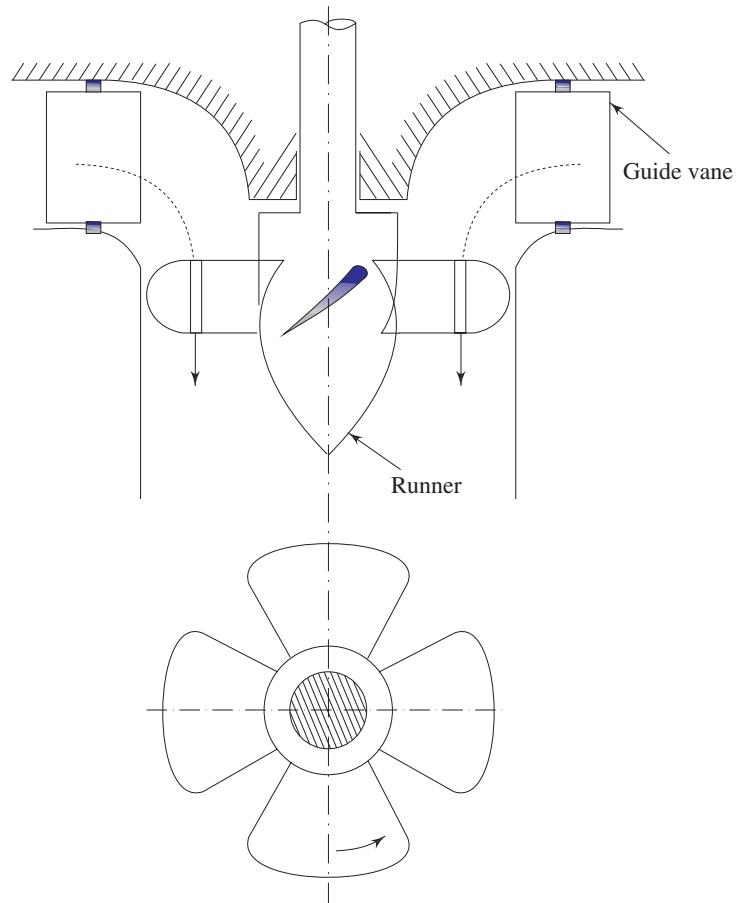


Fig. 15.12 A propeller or Kaplan turbine

**Different types of draft tubes incorporated in reaction turbines** The draft tube is an integral part of a reaction turbine. Its principle has been explained earlier. The shape of draft tube plays an important role especially for high specific speed turbines, since the efficient recovery of kinetic energy at runner outlet depends mainly on it. Typical draft tubes, employed in practice, are discussed as follows.

**Straight divergent tube [Fig. 15.13(a)]** The shape of this tube is that of a frustum of a cone. It is usually employed for low specific speed, vertical shaft Francis turbine. The cone angle is restricted to  $8^\circ$  to avoid the losses due to separation. The tube must discharge sufficiently low under tail water level. The maximum efficiency of this type of draft tube is 90%. This type of draft tube improves speed regulation on falling load.

**Simple elbow type (Fig. 15.13b)** The vertical length of the draft tube should be made small in order to keep down the cost of excavation, particularly in rock. The exit diameter of draft tube should be as large as possible to recover kinetic energy at runner's outlet. The cone angle of the tube is again fixed from the consideration of losses due to flow separation. Therefore, the draft tube must be bent to keep its definite length. Simple elbow type draft tube will serve such a purpose. Its efficiency is, however, low (about 60%). This type of draft tube turns the water from the vertical to the horizontal direction with a minimum depth of excavation. Sometimes, the transition from a circular section in the vertical portion to a rectangular section in the horizontal part (Fig. 15.13c) is incorporated in the design to have a higher efficiency of the draft tube. The horizontal portion of the draft tube is generally inclined upwards to lead the water gradually to the level of the tail race and to prevent entry of air from the exit end.

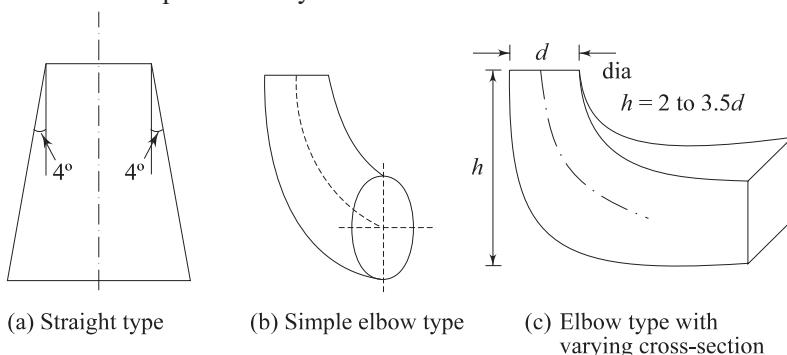


Fig. 15.13 Different types of draft tubes

**Cavitation in reaction turbines** The phenomenon of cavitation has already been discussed in Sec. 5.5 of Chapter 5. To avoid cavitation, the minimum pressure in the passage of a liquid flow, should always be more than the vapour pressure of the liquid at the working temperature. In a reaction turbine, the point of minimum pressure is usually at the outlet end of the runner blades, i.e. at the inlet to the draft tube. For the flow between such a point and the final discharge into the tail race (where the pressure is atmospheric), the Bernoulli's equation can be written, in consideration of the velocity at the discharge from draft tube to be negligibly small, as

$$\frac{p_e}{\rho g} + \frac{V_e^2}{2g} + z = \frac{p_{atm}}{\rho g} + hf \quad (15.35)$$

Where,  $p_e$  and  $V_e$  represent the static pressure and velocity of the liquid at the outlet of the runner (or at the inlet to the draft tube). The larger the value of  $V_e$ , the smaller is the value of  $p_e$  and the cavitation is more likely to occur. The term  $h_f$  in Eq. (15.35) represents the loss of head due to friction in the draft tube and  $z$  is the height of the turbine runner above the tail water surface. For cavitation not to occur  $p_e > p_v$ , where  $p_v$  is the vapour pressure of the liquid at the working temperature.

An important parameter in the context of cavitation is the available suction head (inclusive of both static and dynamic heads) at exit from the turbine and is usually referred to as the net positive suction head 'NPSH' which is defined as

$$\text{NPSH} = \frac{p_e}{\rho g} + \frac{V_e^2}{2g} - \frac{p_v}{\rho g} \quad (15.36)$$

With the help of Eq. (15.35) and in consideration of negligible frictional losses in the draft tube ( $h_f = 0$ ), Eq. (15.36) can be written as

$$\text{NPSH} = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \frac{p_v}{\rho g} - z \quad (15.37)$$

A useful design parameter  $\sigma$ , known as Thoma's Cavitation Parameter (after the German Engineer Dietrich Thoma, who first introduced the concept) is defined as

$$\sigma = \frac{\text{NPSH}}{H} = \frac{(p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g) - (p_v/\rho g) - z}{H} \quad (15.38)$$

For a given machine, operating at its design condition, another useful parameter  $\sigma_c$ , known as critical cavitation parameter is defined as

$$\sigma_c = \frac{(p_{\text{atm}}/\rho g) - (p_e/\rho g) - z}{H} \quad (15.39)$$

Therefore, for cavitation not to occur,  $\sigma > \sigma_c$  (since,  $p_e > p_v$ ).

If either  $z$  or  $H$  is increased,  $\sigma$  is reduced. To determine whether cavitation is likely to occur in a particular installation, the value of  $\sigma$  may be calculated. When the value of  $\sigma$  is greater than the value of  $\sigma_c$  for a particular design of turbine, cavitation is not expected to occur.

In practice, the value of  $\sigma_c$  is used to determine the maximum elevation of the turbine above tail water surface for cavitation to be avoided. The parameter  $\sigma_c$  increases with an increase in the specific speed of the turbine. Hence, turbines having higher specific speed must be installed closer to the tail water level.

#### 15.4.4 Performance Characteristics of Reaction Turbines

It is not always possible in practice, although desirable, to run a machine at its maximum efficiency due to changes in operating parameters. Therefore, it becomes important to know the performance of the machine under conditions for which the efficiency is less than the maximum. It is more useful to plot the basic dimensionless performance parameters (Fig. 15.14) as derived earlier from the similarity principles of fluid machines. Thus one set of curves, as shown in Fig. 15.14, is applicable not just to the conditions of the test, but to any machine in the same homologous series, under any altered conditions.

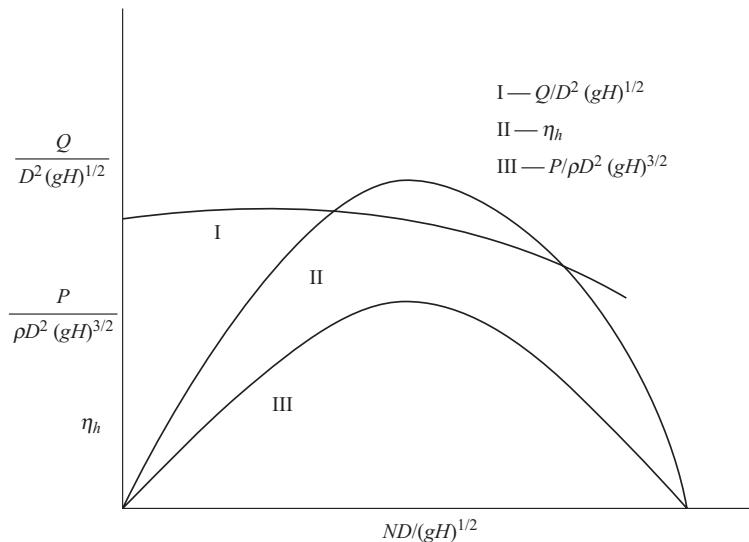


Fig. 15.14 Performance characteristics of a reaction turbine (in dimensionless parameters)

Figure 15.15 is one of the typical plots where variation in efficiency of different reaction turbines with the rated power is shown.

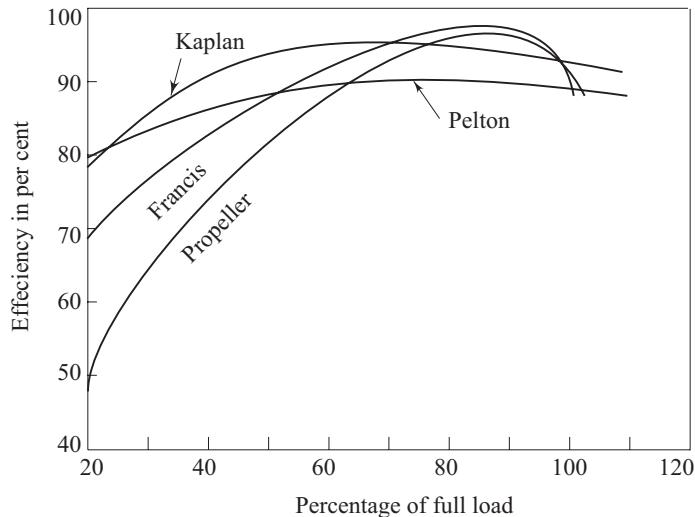


Fig. 15.15 Variation of efficiency with load

**Comparison of Specific Speeds of Hydraulic Turbines** Specific speeds and their ranges of variation for different types of hydraulic turbines have already been discussed earlier. Figure 15.16 shows the variation of efficiencies with the dimensionless specific speed of different hydraulic turbines. The choice of a hydraulic turbine for a given purpose depends upon the matching of its specific speed corresponding to maximum efficiency with the required specific speed

determined from the operating parameters, namely,  $N$  (rotational speed),  $P$  (power) and  $H$  (available head).

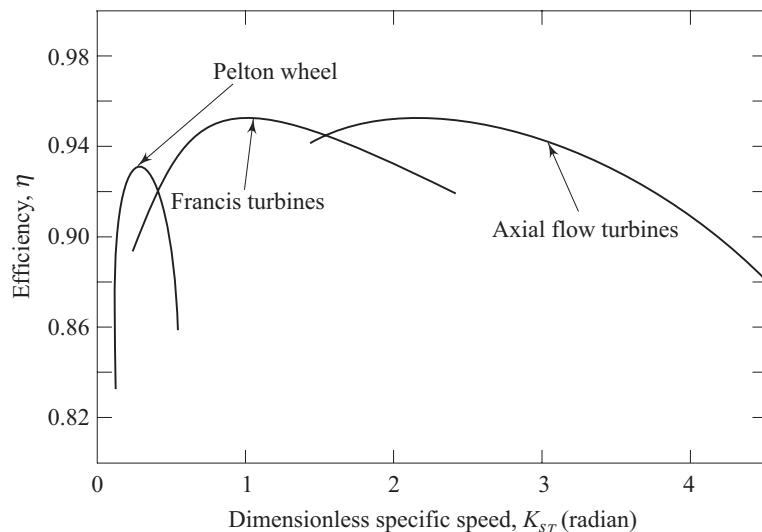


Fig. 15.16 Variation of efficiency with specific speed for hydraulic turbines

**Governing of Reaction Turbines** Governing of reaction turbines is usually done by altering the position of the guide vanes and thus controlling the flow rate by changing the gate openings to the runner. The guide blades of a reaction turbine (Fig. 15.17) are pivoted and connected by levers and links to the regulating ring. Two long regulating rods, being attached to the regulating ring at their one ends, are connected to a regulating lever at their other ends. The regulating lever is keyed to a regulating shaft which is turned by a servomotor piston of the oil

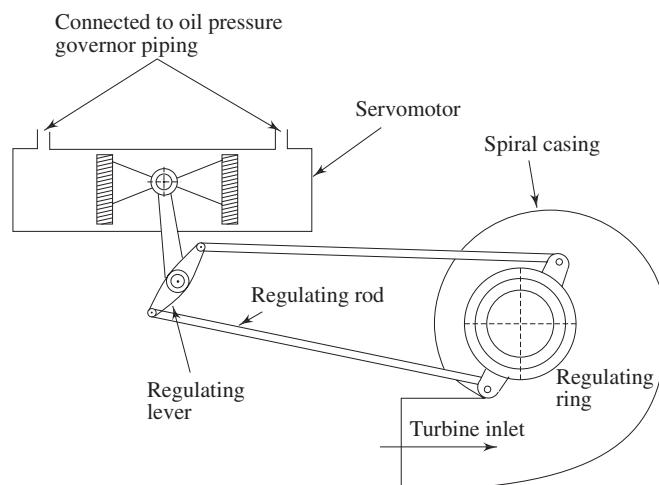


Fig. 15.17 Governing of reaction turbine

pressure governor. The penstock feeding the turbine inlet has a relief valve better known as "Pressure Regulator".

When the guide vanes have to be suddenly closed, the relief valve opens and diverts the water to the tail race. Its function is, therefore, similar to that of the deflector in Pelton turbines. Thus the double regulation, which is the simultaneous operation of two elements is accomplished by moving the guide vanes and relief valve in Francis turbine by the governor. Double regulation system for Kaplan turbines comprises the movement of guide vanes as well as of runner vanes.

#### 15.4.5 Rotodynamic Pumps

A rotodynamic pump is a device where mechanical energy is transferred from the rotor to the fluid by the principle of fluid motion through it. Therefore, it is essentially a turbine in reverse. Like turbines, pumps are classified according to the main direction of fluid path through them like (i) radial flow or centrifugal, (ii) axial flow and (iii) mixed flow types.

**Centrifugal Pumps** The centrifugal pump, by its principle, is converse of the Francis turbine. The flow is radially outward, and hence the fluid gains in centrifugal head while flowing through it. However, before considering the operation of a pump in detail, a general pumping system is discussed as follows.

**General Pumping System and the Net Head Developed by a Pump** The word pumping, referred to a hydraulic system commonly implies to convey liquid from a low to a high reservoir. Such a pumping system, in general, is shown in Fig. 15.18. At any point in the system, the elevation or potential head is measured from a fixed reference datum line. The total head at any point comprises pressure head, velocity head and elevation head. For the lower reservoir, the total head at the free surface is  $H_A$  and is equal to the elevation of the free surface above the datum line since the velocity and static gauge pressure at  $A$  are zero. Similarly the total head at the free surface in the higher reservoir is  $(H_A + H_S)$  and is equal to the elevation of the free surface of the reservoir above the reference datum.

The variation of total head as the liquid flows through the system is shown in Fig. 15.19. The liquid enters the intake pipe causing a head loss  $h_{in}$  for which the total energy line drops to point  $B$  corresponding to a location just after the entrance to intake pipe. The total head at  $B$  can be written as

$$H_B = H_A - h_{in}$$

As the fluid flows from the intake to the inlet flange of the pump at elevation  $z_1$  the total head drops further to the point  $C$  (Fig. 15.19) due to pipe friction and other losses equivalent to  $h_{f1}$ . The fluid then enters the pump and gains energy imparted by the moving rotor of the pump. This raises the total head of the fluid to a point  $D$  (Fig. 15.19) at the pump outlet (Fig. 15.18).

In course of flow from the pump outlet to the upper reservoir, friction and other losses account for a total head loss of  $h_{f2}$  down to a point  $E$ . At  $E$  an exit loss  $h_e$  occurs when the liquid enters the upper reservoir, bringing the total head at point  $F$  (Fig. 15.19) to that at the free surface of the upper reservoir. If the total heads are measured at the inlet and outlet flanges respectively, as done in a standard pump test, then

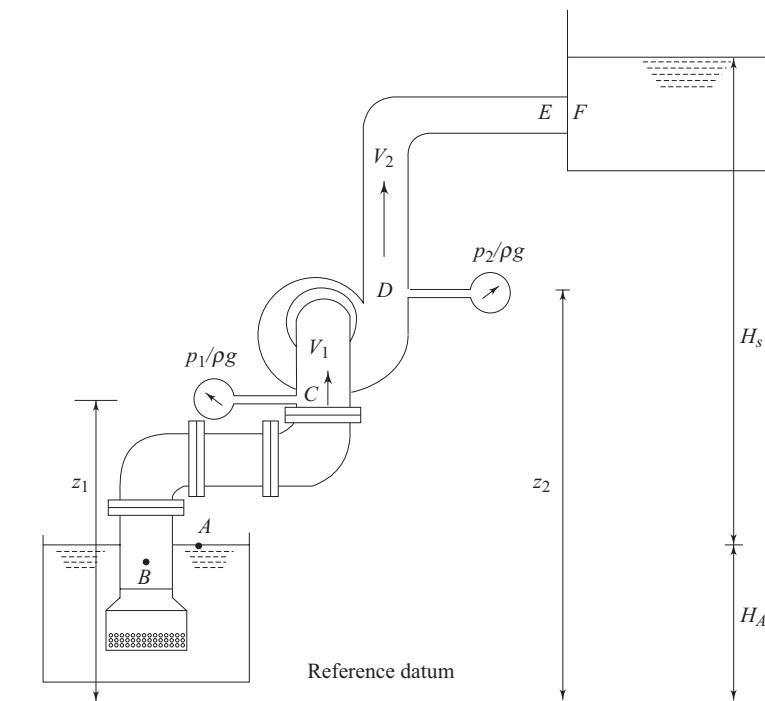


Fig. 15.18 A general pumping system

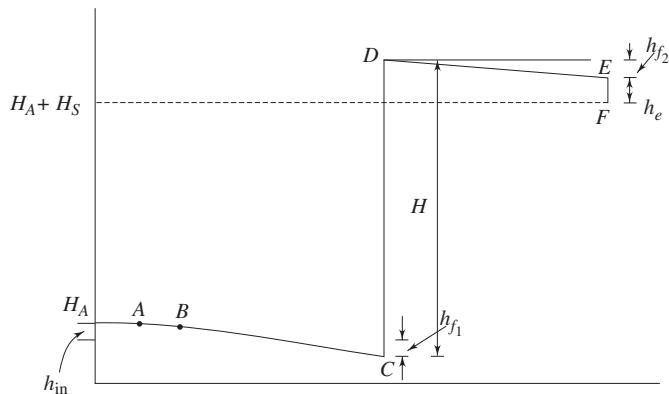


Fig. 15.19 Change of head in a pumping system

$$\text{Total inlet head to the pump} = (p_1/\rho g) + (V_1^2/2g) + z_1$$

$$\text{Total outlet head of the pump} = (p_2/\rho g) + (V_2^2/2g) + z_2$$

where  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are the velocities in suction and delivery pipes respectively.

Therefore, the total head developed by the pump,

$$H = [(p_2 - p_1)/\rho g] + [(V_2^2 - V_1^2)/2g] + [z_2 - z_1] \quad (15.40)$$

The head developed  $H$  is termed as *manometric head*. If the pipes connected to inlet and outlet of the pump are of same diameter,  $V_2 = V_1$ , and therefore the head

developed or manometric head  $H$  is simply the gain in piezometric pressure head across the pump which could have been recorded by a manometer connected between the inlet and outlet flanges of the pump. In practice,  $(z_2 - z_1)$  is so small in comparison to  $(p_2 - p_1)/\rho g$  that it is ignored. It is therefore not surprising to find that the static pressure head across the pump is often used to describe the total head developed by the pump. The vertical distance between the two levels in the reservoirs  $H_s$  is known as static head or static lift. Relationship between  $H_s$ , the static head and  $H$ , the head developed can be found out by applying Bernoulli's equation between  $A$  and  $C$  and between  $D$  and  $F$  (Fig. 15.18) as follows:

Between  $A$  and  $C$ ,

$$0 + 0 + H_A = \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 + h_{in} + h_{f_1} \quad (15.41)$$

Between  $D$  and  $F$ ,

$$\frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 = 0 + 0 + H_s + H_A + h_{f_2} + h_e \quad (15.42)$$

substituting  $H_A$  from Eq. (15.41) into Eq. (15.42), and then with the help of Eq. (15.40), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} H &= H_s + h_{in} + h_{f_1} + h_{f_2} + h_e \\ &= H_s + \Sigma \text{ losses} \end{aligned} \quad (15.43)$$

Therefore, we have, the total head developed by the pump = static head + sum of all the losses.

The simplest form of a centrifugal pump is shown in Fig. 15.20. It consists of three important parts: (i) the rotor, usually called as impeller, (ii) the volute casing and (iii) the diffuser ring. The impeller is a rotating solid disc with curved blades standing out vertically from the face of the disc. The tips of the blades

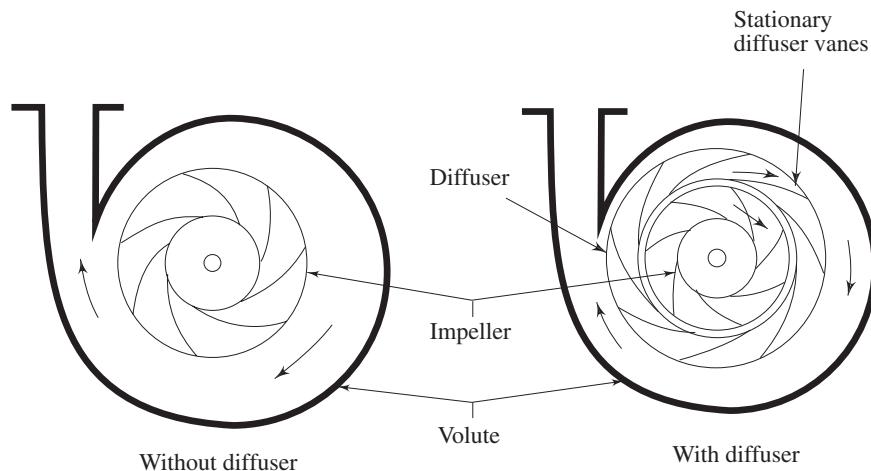


Fig. 15.20 A centrifugal pump

are sometimes covered by another flat disc to give shrouded blades, otherwise the blade tips are left open and the casing of the pump itself forms the solid outer wall of the blade passages. The advantage of the shrouded blade is that flow is prevented from leaking across the blade tips from one passage to another.

As the impeller rotates, the fluid is drawn into the blade passage at the impeller eye, the centre of the impeller. The inlet pipe is axial and therefore fluid enters the impeller with very little whirl or tangential component of velocity and flows outwards in the direction of the blades. The fluid receives energy from the impeller while flowing through it and is discharged with increased pressure and velocity into the casing. To convert the kinetic energy of fluid at the impeller outlet gradually into pressure energy, diffuser blades mounted on a diffuser ring are used.

The stationary blade passages so formed have an increasing cross-sectional area which reduces the flow velocity and hence increases the static pressure of the fluid. Finally, the fluid moves from the diffuser blades into the volute casing which is a passage of gradually increasing cross-section and also serves to reduce the velocity of fluid and to convert some of the velocity head into static head. Sometimes pumps have only volute casing without any diffuser.

Figure 15.21 shows an impeller of a centrifugal pump with the velocity triangles drawn at inlet and outlet. The blades are curved between the inlet and outlet radius. A particle of fluid moves along the broken curve shown in Fig. 15.21.

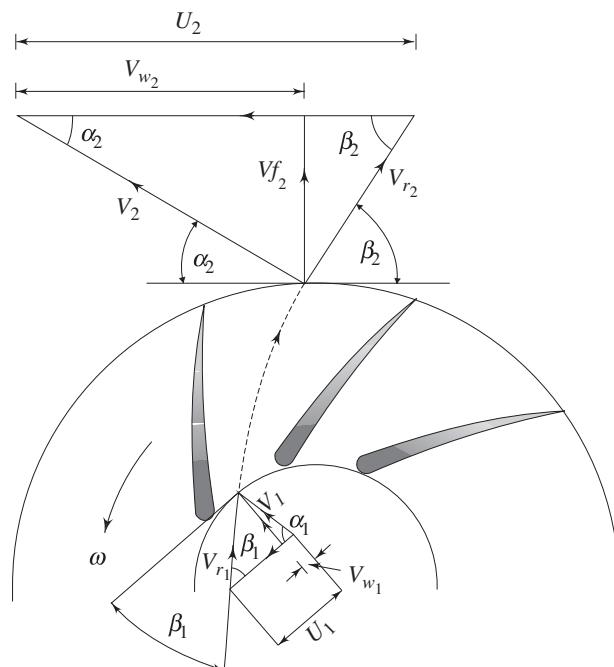


Fig. 15.21 Velocity triangles for centrifugal pump impeller

Let  $\beta_1$  be the angle made by the blade at inlet, with the tangent to the inlet radius, while  $\beta_2$  is the blade angle with the tangent at outlet.  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are the absolute velocities of fluid at inlet and outlet respectively, while  $V_{r1}$  and  $V_{r2}$  are the relative velocities (with respect to blade velocity) at inlet and outlet respectively. Therefore, according to Eq. (15.3),

$$\text{Work done on the fluid per unit weight} = (V_{w2} U_2 - V_{w1} U_1)/g \quad (15.44)$$

A centrifugal pump rarely has any sort of guide vanes at inlet. The fluid therefore approaches the impeller without appreciable whirl and so the inlet angle of the blades is designed to produce a right-angled velocity triangle at inlet (as shown in Fig. 15.21). At conditions other than those for which the impeller was designed, the direction of relative velocity  $V_r$  does not coincide with that of a blade. Consequently, the fluid changes direction abruptly on entering the impeller. In addition, the eddies give rise to some back flow into the inlet pipe, thus causing fluid to have some whirl before entering the impeller. However, considering the operation under design conditions, the inlet whirl velocity  $V_{w1}$  and accordingly the inlet angular momentum of the fluid entering the impeller is set to zero. Therefore, Eq. (15.44) can be written as

$$\text{Work done on the fluid per unit weight} = V_{w2} U_2/g \quad (15.45)$$

We see from this equation that the work done is independent of the inlet radius. The difference in total head across the pump [given by Eq. (15.40)], known as manometric head, is always less than the quantity  $V_{w2} U_2/g$  because of the energy dissipated in eddies due to friction.

The ratio of manometric head  $H$  and the work head imparted by the rotor on the fluid  $V_{w2} U_2/g$  (usually known as Euler head) is termed as manometric efficiency  $\eta_m$ . It represents the effectiveness of the pump in increasing the total energy of the fluid from the energy given to it by the impeller. Therefore, we can write

$$\eta_m = \frac{gH}{V_{w2} U_2} \quad (15.46)$$

The overall efficiency  $\eta_0$  of a pump is defined as

$$\eta_0 = \frac{\rho Q g H}{P} \quad (15.47)$$

where,  $Q$  is the volume flow rate of the fluid through the pump, and  $P$  is the shaft power, i.e. the input power to the shaft. The energy required at the shaft exceeds  $V_{w2} U_2/g$  because of friction in the bearings and other mechanical parts. Thus a mechanical efficiency is defined as

$$\eta_{\text{mech}} = \frac{\rho Q V_{w2} U_2}{P} \quad (15.48)$$

so that,  $\eta_0 = \eta_m \times \eta_{\text{mech}}$  (15.49)

**Slip Factor** Under certain circumstances, the angle at which the fluid leaves the impeller may not be the same as the actual blade angle. This is due a phenomenon

known as fluid slip, which finally results in a reduction in  $V_{w2}$  the tangential component of fluid velocity at impeller outlet. One possible explanation for slip is given as follows.

In course of flow through the impeller passage, there occurs a difference in pressure and velocity between the leading and trailing faces of the impeller blades. On the leading face of a blade there is relatively a high pressure and low velocity, while on the trailing face, the pressure is lower and hence the velocity is higher. This results in a circulation around the blade and a non-uniform velocity distribution at any radius. The mean direction of flow at outlet, under this situation, changes from the blade angle at outlet  $\beta_2$  to a different angle  $\beta'_2$  as shown in Fig. 15.22. Therefore the tangential velocity component at outlet  $V_{w2}$  is reduced to  $V'_{w2}$ , as shown by the velocity triangles in Fig. 15.22, and the difference  $\Delta V_w$  is defined as the slip. The slip factor  $\sigma_s$  is defined as

$$\sigma_s = V'_{w2}/V_{w2}$$

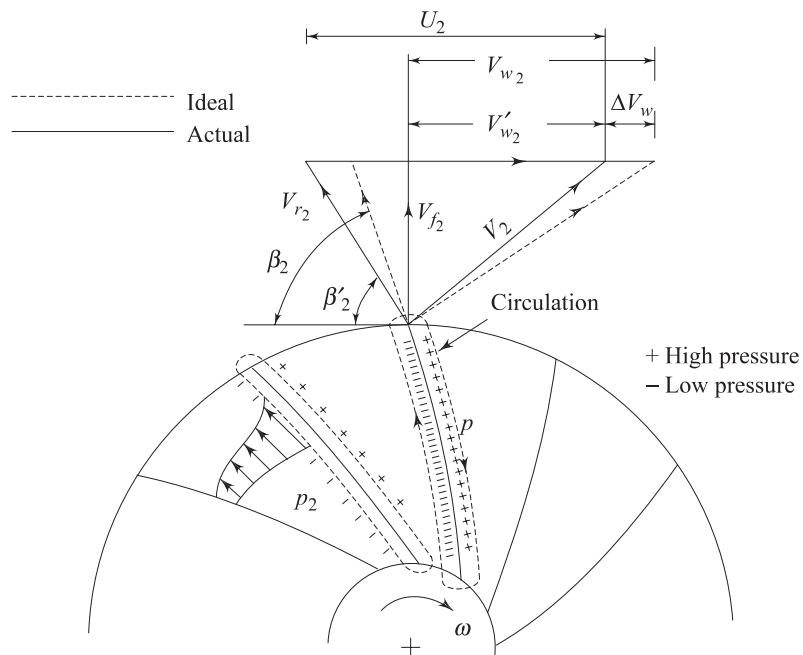


Fig. 15.22 Slip and velocity distribution in the impeller blade passage of a centrifugal pump

With the application of slip factor  $\sigma_s$ , the work head imparted to the fluid (Euler head) becomes  $\sigma_s V_{w2} U_2/g$ . The typical values of slip factor lie in the region of 0.9.

**Losses in a centrifugal pump** It has been mentioned earlier that the shaft power  $P$  or energy that is supplied to the pump by the prime mover is not the same as the energy received by the liquid. Some energy is dissipated as the liquid passes through the machine. The losses can be divided into different categories as follows:

- (a) Mechanical friction power loss due to friction between the fixed and rotating parts in the bearing and stuffing boxes.
- (b) Disc friction power loss due to friction between the rotating faces of the impeller (or disc) and the liquid.
- (c) Leakage and recirculation power loss. This is due to loss of liquid from the pump and recirculation of the liquid in the impeller. The pressure difference between impeller tip and eye can cause a recirculation of a small volume of liquid, thus reducing the flow rate at outlet of the impeller as shown in Fig. 15.23.

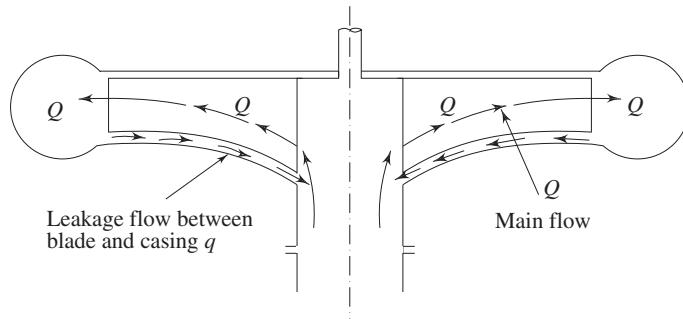


Fig. 15.23 Leakage and recirculation in a centrifugal pump

**Characteristics of a Centrifugal Pump** With the assumption of no whirl component of velocity at entry to the impeller of a pump, the work done on the fluid per unit weight by the impeller is given by Eq. (15.45). Considering the fluid to be frictionless, the head developed by the pump will be the same and can be considered as the theoretical head developed. Therefore we can write for theoretical head developed  $H_{\text{theo}}$  as

$$H_{\text{theo}} = \frac{V_{w2} U_2}{g} \quad (15.50)$$

From the outlet velocity triangle (Fig. 15.21).

$$V_{w2} = U_2 - V_{f2} \cot \beta_2 = U_2 - (Q/A) \cot \beta_2 \quad (15.51)$$

where  $Q$  is rate of flow at impeller outlet and  $A$  is the flow area at the periphery of the impeller. The blade speed at outlet  $U_2$  can be expressed in terms of rotational speed of the impeller  $N$  as

$$U_2 = \pi D N$$

Using this relation and the relation given by Eq. (15.51), the expression of theoretical head developed can be written from Eq. (15.50) as

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{theo}} &= \pi^2 D^2 N^2 - \left[ \frac{\pi D N}{A} \cot \beta_2 \right] Q \\ &= K_1 - K_2 Q \end{aligned} \quad (15.52)$$

$$\text{where, } K_1 = \frac{\pi^2 D^2 N^2}{g} \quad \text{and} \quad K_2 = (\pi D N / g A) \cot \beta_2$$

For a given impeller running at a constant rotational speed,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are constants, and therefore head and discharge bears a linear relationship as shown

by Eq. (15.52). This linear variation of  $H_{\text{theo}}$  with  $Q$  is plotted as curve I in Fig. 15.24.

If slip is taken into account, the theoretical head will be reduced to  $\sigma_s V_{w2} U_2/g$ . Moreover the slip will increase with the increase in flow rate  $Q$ . The effect of slip in head-discharge relationship is shown by the curve II in Fig. 15.24. The loss due to slip can occur in both a real and an ideal fluid, but in a real fluid the shock losses at entry to the blades, and the friction losses in the flow passages have to be considered. At the design point the shock losses are zero since the fluid moves tangentially onto the blade, but on either side of the design point the head loss due to shock increases according to the relation

$$h_{\text{shock}} = K_3 (Q_f - Q)^2 \quad (15.53)$$

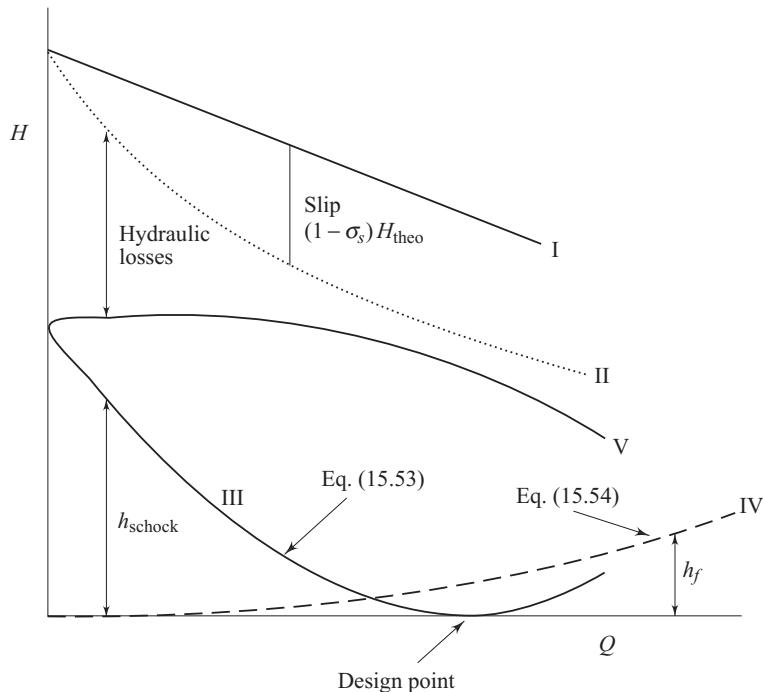


Fig. 15.24 Head-discharge characteristics of a centrifugal pump

where  $Q_f$  is the off design flow rate and  $K_3$  is a constant. The losses due to friction can usually be expressed as

$$h_f = K_4 Q^2 \quad (15.54)$$

where,  $K_4$  is a constant.

Equations (15.53) and (15.54) are also shown in Fig. 15.24 (curves III and IV) as the characteristics of losses in a centrifugal pump. By subtracting the sum of the losses from the head in consideration of the slip, at any flow rate (by subtracting the sum of ordinates of the curves III and IV from the ordinate of the curve II at all values of the abscissa), we get the curve V which represents the relationship of the actual head with the flow rate, and is known as head-discharge characteristic curve of the pump.

**Effect of blade outlet angle** The head-discharge characteristic of a centrifugal pump depends (among other things) on the outlet angle of the impeller blades which in turn depends on blade settings. Three types of blade settings are possible (i) the forward facing for which the blade curvature is in the direction of rotation and, therefore,  $\beta_2 > 90^\circ$  (Fig. 15.25a), (ii) radial, when  $\beta_2 = 90^\circ$  (Fig. 15.25b), and (iii) backward facing for which the blade curvature is in a direction opposite to that of the impeller rotation and therefore  $\beta_2 < 90^\circ$  (Fig. 15.25c). The outlet velocity triangles for all the cases are also shown in Figs 15.25a, 15.25b, 15.25c. From the geometry of any triangle, the relationship between  $V_w$ ,  $U_2$  and  $\beta_2$  can be written as.

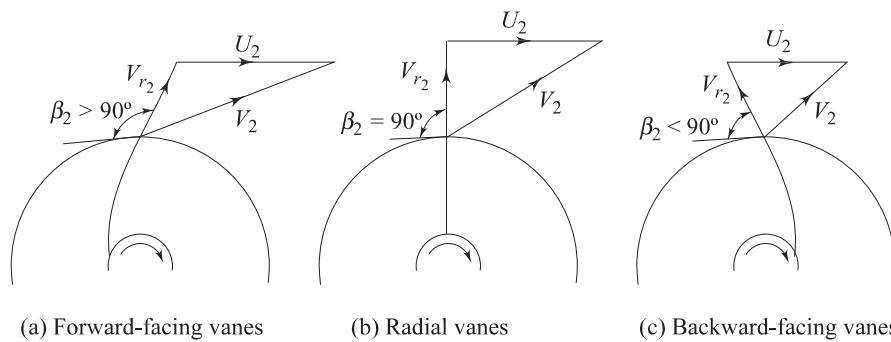


Fig. 15.25 Outlet velocity triangles for different blade settings in a centrifugal pump

$$V_{w2} = U_2 - V_{f2} \cot \beta_2$$

which was expressed earlier by Eq. (15.51).

In case of forward facing blade,  $\beta_2 > 90^\circ$  and hence  $\cot \beta_2$  is negative and therefore  $V_{w2}$  is more than  $U_2$ . In case of radial blade,  $\beta_2 = 90^\circ$  and  $V_{w2} = U_2$ . In case of backward facing blade,  $\beta_2 < 90^\circ$  and  $V_{w2} < U_2$ . Therefore the sign of  $K_2$ , the constant in the theoretical head-discharge relationship given by the Eq. (15.52), depends accordingly on the type of blade setting as follows:

For forward curved blades  $K_2 < 0$

For radial blades  $K_2 = 0$

For backward curved blades  $K_2 > 0$

With the incorporation of above conditions, the relationship of head and discharge for three cases are shown in Fig. 15.26. These curves ultimately revert to their more recognised shapes as the actual head-discharge characteristics respectively after consideration of all the losses as explained earlier (Fig. 15.27).

For both radial and forward facing blades, the power is rising monotonically as the flow rate is increased. In the case of backward facing blades, the maximum efficiency occurs in the region of maximum power. If, for some reasons,  $Q$  increases beyond  $Q_D$  there occurs a decrease in power. Therefore the motor used to drive the pump at part load, but rated at the design point, may be safely used at the maximum power. This is known as self-limiting characteristic. In case of

radial and forward-facing blades, if the pump motor is rated for maximum power, then it will be under utilized most of the time, resulting in an increased cost for the extra rating. Whereas, if a smaller motor is employed, rated at the design point, then if  $Q$  increases above  $Q_D$  the motor will be overloaded and may fail. It, therefore, becomes more difficult to decide on a choice of motor in these later cases (radial and forward-facing blades).

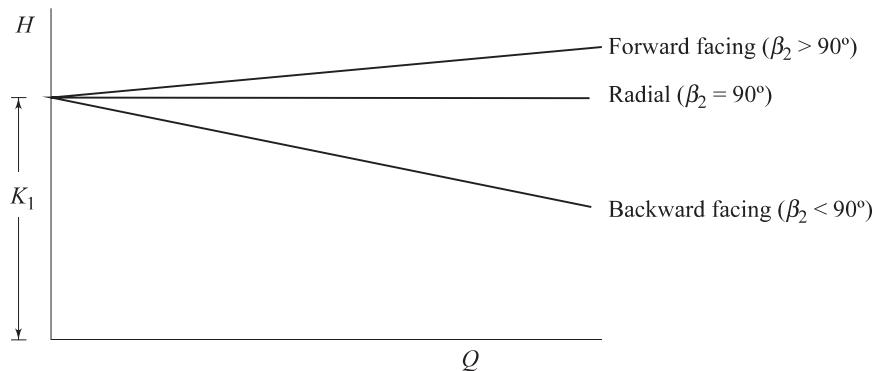


Fig. 15.26 Theoretical head-discharge characteristic curves of a centrifugal pump for different blade settings

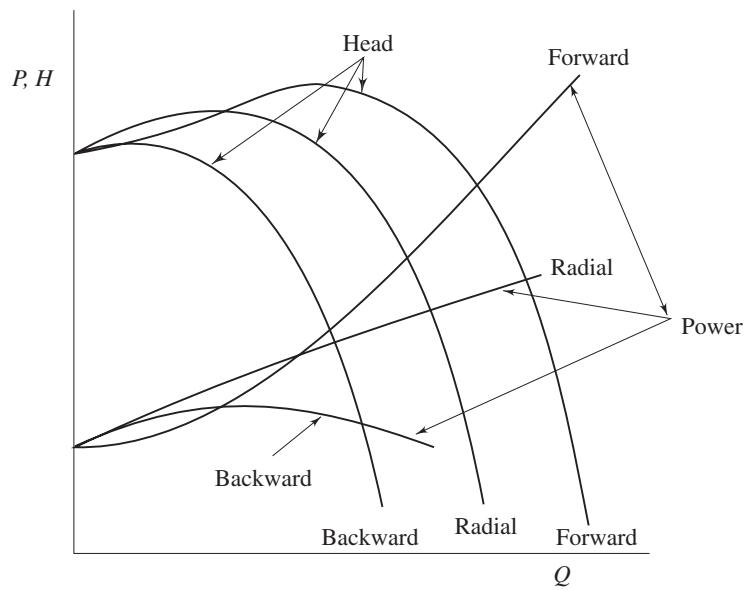


Fig. 15.27 Actual head-discharge and power-discharge characteristic curves of a centrifugal pump

**Flow through Volute Chambers** Apart from frictional effects, no torque is applied to a fluid particle once it has left the impeller. The angular momentum of

fluid is therefore constant if friction is neglected. Thus the fluid particles follow the path of a free vortex. In an ideal case, the radial velocity at the impeller outlet remains constant round the circumference. The combination of uniform radial velocity with the free vortex ( $V_w \cdot r = \text{constant}$ ) gives a pattern of spiral streamlines which should be matched by the shape of the volute. This is the most important feature of the design of a pump. At maximum efficiency, about 10 per cent of the head generated by the impeller is usually lost in the volute.

**Vanned diffuser** A vanned diffuser, as shown in Fig. 15.28, converts the outlet kinetic energy from impeller to pressure energy of the fluid in a shorter length and with a higher efficiency. This is very advantageous where the size of the pump is important. A ring of diffuser vanes surrounds the impeller at the outlet. The fluid leaving the impeller first flows through a vaneless space before entering the diffuser vanes. The divergence angle of the diffuser passage is of the order of 8–10° which ensures no boundary layer separation. The optimum number of vanes are fixed by a compromise between the diffusion and the frictional loss. The greater the number of vanes, the better is the diffusion (rise in static pressure by the reduction in flow velocity) but greater is the frictional loss. The number of diffuser vanes should have no common factor with the number of impeller vanes to prevent resonant vibration.

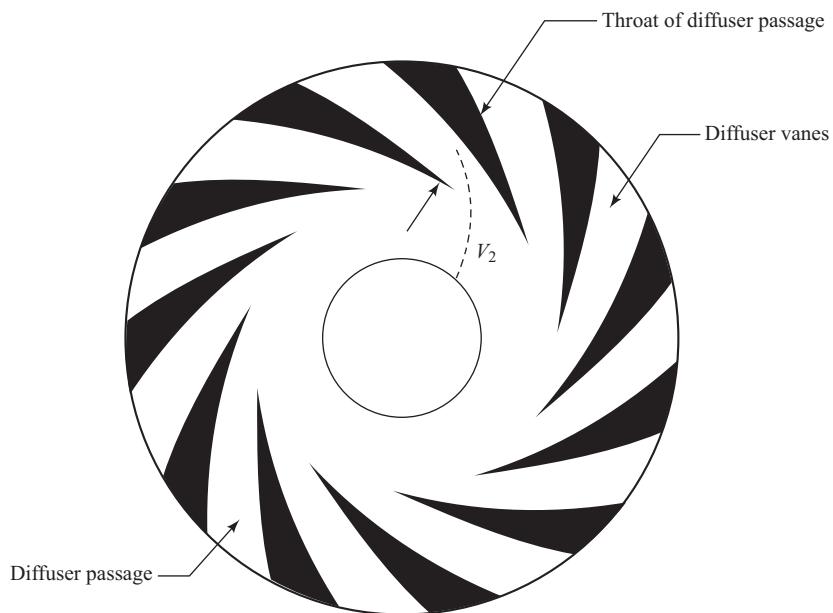


Fig. 15.28 A vanned diffuser of a centrifugal pump

**Cavitation in centrifugal pumps** Cavitation is likely to occur at the inlet to the pump, since the pressure there is the minimum and is lower than the atmospheric pressure by an amount that equals the vertical height above which the pump is

situated from the supply reservoir (known as sump) plus the velocity head and frictional losses in the suction pipe. Applying the Bernoulli's equation between the surface of the liquid in the sump and the entry to the impeller, we have

$$\frac{p_i}{\rho g} + \frac{V_i^2}{2g} + z = \frac{p_A}{\rho g} - h_f \quad (15.55)$$

where,  $p_i$  is the pressure at the impeller inlet and  $p_A$  is the pressure at the liquid surface in the sump which is usually the atmospheric pressure,  $Z$  is the vertical height of the impeller inlet from the liquid surface in the sump,  $h_f$  is the loss of head in the suction pipe. Strainers and non-return valves are commonly fitted to intake pipes. The term  $h_f$  must therefore include the losses occurring past these devices, in addition to losses caused by pipe friction and by bends in the pipe.

In the similar way as described in case of a reaction turbine, the net positive suction head 'NPSH' in case of a pump is defined as the available suction head (inclusive of both static and dynamic heads) at pump inlet above the head corresponding to vapour pressure.

Therefore,

$$NPSH = \frac{p_i}{\rho g} + \frac{V_i^2}{2g} - \frac{p_v}{\rho g} \quad (15.56)$$

Again, with the help of Eq. (15.55), we can write

$$NPSH = \frac{p_A}{\rho g} - \frac{p_v}{\rho g} - z - h_f$$

The Thomas cavitation parameter  $\sigma$  and critical cavitation parameter  $\sigma_c$  are defined accordingly (as done in case of reaction turbine) as

$$\sigma = \frac{NPSH}{H} = \frac{(p_A/\rho g) - (p_v/\rho g) - z - h_f}{H} \quad (15.57)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \sigma_c = \frac{(p_A/\rho g) - (p_i/\rho g) - z - h_f}{H} \quad (15.58)$$

We can say that for cavitation not to occur,

$$\sigma > \sigma_c \text{ (i.e. } p_i > p_v\text{)}$$

In order that  $\sigma$  should be as large as possible,  $z$  must be as small as possible. In some installations, it may even be necessary to set the pump below the liquid level at the sump (i.e. with a negative value of  $z$ ) to avoid cavitation.

**Axial Flow or Propeller Pump** The axial flow or propeller pump is the converse of axial flow turbine and is very similar to it in appearance. The impeller consists of a central boss with a number of blades mounted on it. The impeller rotates within a cylindrical casing with fine clearance between the blade tips and the casing walls. Fluid particles, in course of their flow through the pump, do not change their radial locations. The inlet guide vanes are provided to properly direct the fluid to the rotor. The outlet guide vanes are provided to eliminate the whirling component of velocity at discharge. The usual number of impeller blades lies between 2 and 8, with a hub diameter to impeller diameter ratio of 0.3 to 0.6.

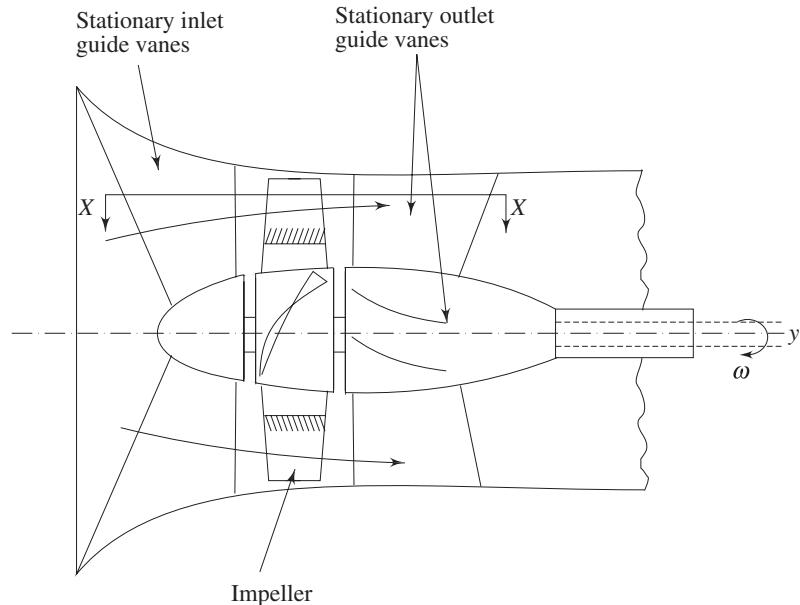


Fig. 15.29 A propeller of an axial flow pump

**Matching of pump and system characteristics** The design point of a hydraulic pump corresponds to a situation where the overall efficiency of operation is maximum. However the exact operating point of a pump, in practice, is determined from the matching of pump characteristic with the headloss-flow, characteristic of the external system (i.e. pipe network, valve and so on) to which the pump is connected.

Let us consider the pump and the piping system as shown in Fig. 15.18. Since the flow is highly turbulent, the losses in pipe system are proportional to the square of flow velocities and can, therefore, be expressed in terms of constant loss coefficients. Therefore, the losses in both the suction and delivery sides can be written as

$$h_1 = f l_1 V_1^2 / 2g d_1 + K_1 V_1^2 / 2g \quad (15.59a)$$

$$h_2 = f l_2 V_2^2 / 2g d_2 + K_2 V_2^2 / 2g \quad (15.59b)$$

where,  $h_1$  is the loss of head in suction side and  $h_2$  is the loss of head in delivery side and  $f$  is the Darcy's friction factor,  $l_1$ ,  $d_1$  and  $l_2$ ,  $d_2$  are the lengths and diameters of the suction and delivery pipes respectively, while  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are accordingly the average flow velocities. The first terms in Eqs (15.59a) and (15.59b) represent the ordinary friction loss (loss due to friction between fluid and the pipe wall), while the second terms represent the sum of all the minor losses through the loss coefficients  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  which include losses due to valves and pipe bends, entry and exit losses, etc. Therefore the total head the pump has to develop in order to supply the fluid from the lower to upper reservoir is

$$H = H_s + h_1 + h_2 \quad (15.60)$$

Now flow rate through the system is proportional to flow velocity. Therefore resistance to flow in the form of losses is proportional to the square of the flow rate and is usually written as

$$h_1 + h_2 = \text{system resistance} = K Q^2 \quad (15.61)$$

where  $K$  is a constant which includes, the lengths and diameters of the pipes and the various loss coefficients. System resistance as expressed by Eq. (15.61), is a measure of the loss of head at any particular flow rate through the system. If any parameter in the system is changed, such as adjusting a valve opening, or inserting a new bend, etc., then  $K$  will change. Therefore, total head of Eq. (15.60) becomes,

$$H = H_s + KQ^2 \quad (15.62)$$

The head  $H$  can be considered as the total opposing head of the pumping system that must be overcome for the fluid to be pumped from the lower to the upper reservoir.

The Eq. (15.62) is the equation for system characteristic, and while plotted on  $H-Q$  plane (Fig. 15.30), represents the system characteristic curve. The point of intersection between the system characteristic and the pump characteristic on  $H-Q$  plane is the operating point which may or may not lie at the design point that corresponds to maximum efficiency of the pump. The closeness of the operating and design points depends on how good an estimate of the expected system losses has been made. It should be noted that if there is no rise in static head of the liquid (for example pumping in a horizontal pipeline between two reservoirs at the same elevation),  $H_s$  is zero and the system curve passes through the origin.

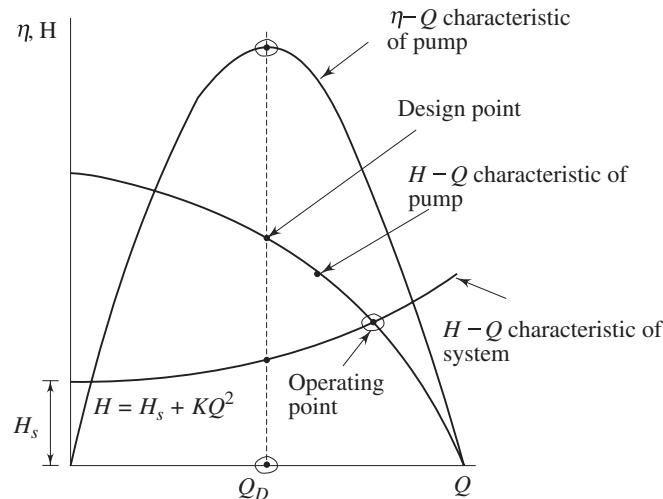


Fig. 15.30 H-Q Characteristics of pump and system

**Effect of Speed Variation** Head-Discharge characteristic of a given pump is always referred to a constant speed. If such characteristic at one speed is known,

it is possible to predict the characteristic at other speeds by using the principle of similarity. Let  $A, B, C$  are three points on the characteristic curve (Fig. 15.31) at speed  $N_1$ .

For points  $A, B$  and  $C$ , the corresponding heads and flows at a new speed  $N_2$  are found as follows:

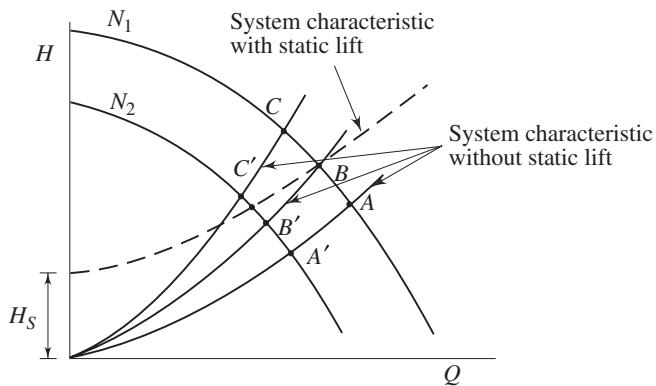


Fig. 15.31 Effect of speed variation on operating point of a centrifugal pump

From the equality of  $\pi_1$  terms [Eq. (15.14)] gives

$$Q_1/N_1 = Q_2/N_2 \text{ (since for a given pump } D \text{ is constant)} \quad (15.63)$$

and similarly, equality of  $\pi_2$  terms [Eq. (15.14)] gives

$$H_1/N_1^2 = H_2/N_2^2 \quad (15.64)$$

Applying Eqs (15.63) and (15.64) to points  $A, B$  and  $C$  the corresponding points  $A', B'$  and  $C'$  are found and then the characteristic curve can be drawn at the new speed  $N_2$

Thus,

$$Q_2 = Q_1 N_2 / N_1 \quad \text{and} \quad H_2 = H_1 (N_2)^2 / (N_1)^2$$

$$\text{which gives} \quad \frac{H_2}{H_1} = \frac{Q_2^2}{Q_1^2}$$

$$\text{or} \quad H \propto Q^2 \quad (15.65)$$

Equation (15.65) implies that all corresponding or similar points on Head - Discharge characteristic curves at different speeds lie on a parabola passing through the origin. If the static lift  $H_s$  becomes zero, then the curve for system characteristic and the locus of similar operating points will be the same parabola passing through the origin. This means that, in case of zero static lift, for an operating point at speed  $N_1$ , it is only necessary to apply the similarity laws directly to find the corresponding operating point at the new speed since it will lie on the system curve itself (Fig. 15.31).

**Variation of Pump Diameter** A variation in pump diameter may also be examined through the similarity laws. For a constant speed,

$$Q_1/D_1^3 = Q_2/D_2^3$$

and

$$H_1/D_1^2 = H_2/D_2^2$$

or

$$H \propto Q^{2/3} \quad (15.66)$$

**Pumps in Series and Parallel** When the head or flow rate of a single pump is not sufficient for an application, pumps are combined in series or in parallel to meet the desired requirement. Pumps are combined in series to obtain an increase in head or in parallel for an increase in flow rate. The combined pumps need not be of the same design.

Figures 15.32 and 15.33 show the combined  $H$ - $Q$  characteristic for the cases of identical pumps connected in series and parallel respectively. It is found that the operating point changes in both cases. Fig. 15.34 shows the combined characteristic of two different pumps connected in series and parallel.

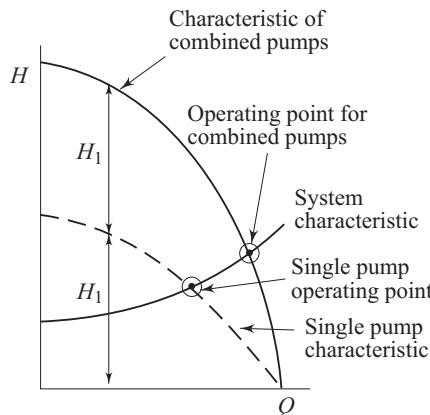


Fig. 15.32 Two similar pumps connected in series

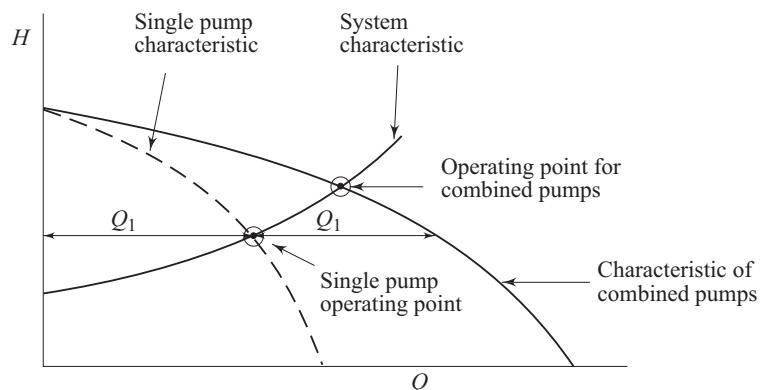


Fig. 15.33 Two similar pumps connected in parallel

**Specific Speed of Centrifugal Pumps** The concept of specific speed for a pump is same as that for a turbine. However, the quantities of interest are  $N$ ,  $H$  and  $Q$  rather than  $N$ ,  $H$  and  $P$  like in case of a turbine.

For pumps,

$$N_{sp} = N Q^{1/2} / H^{3/4} \quad (15.67)$$

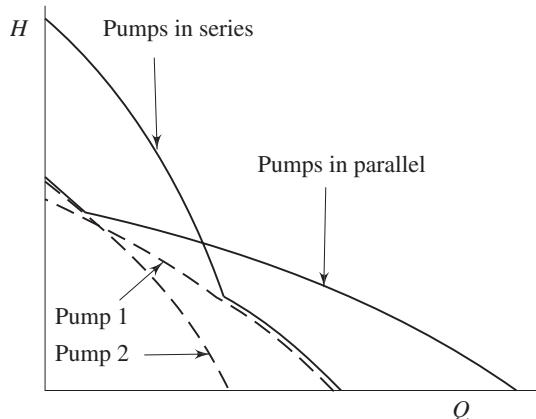


Fig. 15.34 Two different pumps connected in series and parallel

The effect of the shape of rotor on specific speed is also similar to that for turbines. That is, radial flow (centrifugal) impellers have the lower values of  $N_{sp}$  compared to those of axial-flow designs. The impeller, however, is not the entire pump and, in particular, the shape of volute may appreciably affect the specific speed. Nevertheless, in general, centrifugal pumps are best suited for providing high heads at moderate rates of flow as compared to axial flow pumps which are suitable for large rates of flow at low heads. Similar to turbines, the higher is the specific speed, the more compact is the machine for given requirements. For multistage pumps, the specific speed refers to a single stage.

## 15.5 RECIPROCATING PUMP

We have described at the beginning of this chapter that the fluid machines can be divided into two categories depending upon their principle of operation: the rotodynamic type and the positive displacement type. While the functioning of a rotodynamic machine depends on the hydrodynamic principles of continuous flow of a fluid through it, the working principle of a positive displacement machine is based on the change of volume occupied by a certain amount of fluid within the machine. The reciprocating pump is a positive displacement type of pump.

A reciprocating pump consists primarily of a piston or a plunger executing reciprocating motion inside a close fitting cylinder (Fig. 15.35). The motion of the piston outwards (i.e., towards the right in Fig. 15.35) causes a reduction of pressure in the cylinder, and therefore liquid flows into the cylinder through the inlet valve. The reverse movement of the piston (i.e. the motion of piston inside the cylinder) pushes the liquid and increases its pressure. Then the inlet valve closes and the outlet valve opens so that the high pressure liquid is discharged into the delivery pipe. Usually, the operation of the valve is controlled automatically by the pressure in the cylinder. In some designs, ports on the wall

of the cylinder are provided instead of valve. These ports are covered and uncovered by the movement of the piston.

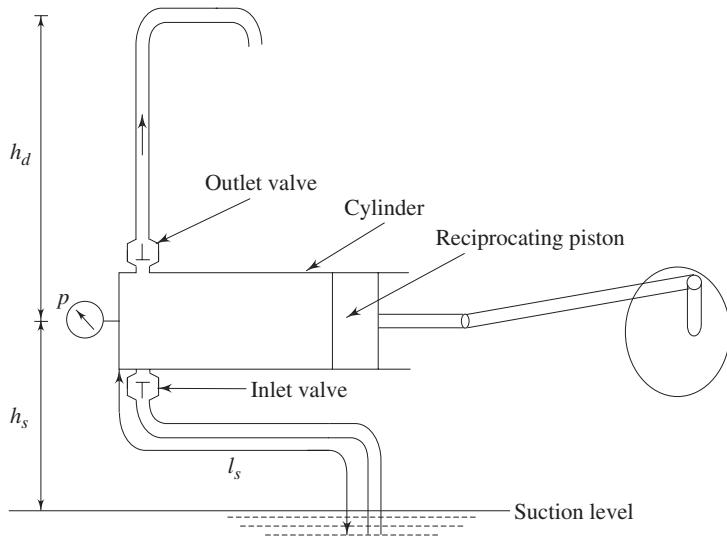


Fig. 15.35 A reciprocating pump

The axial force exerted by the piston on the fluid at any instant is  $pA$ , where  $p$  is the instantaneous pressure of the liquid in the cylinder and  $A$  is the cross-sectional area of the piston. Due to a motion of the piston through a small distance  $dx$  along the axis, the work done on the liquid becomes  $pA dx = pdV$  where  $dV$  represents the volume swept by the piston due to its movement through a distance  $dx$ . Therefore the net work done by the pump is given by  $\int p dV$ , calculated round the complete cycle. This can be represented by the area enclosed by a curve of pressure against volume. For an incompressible fluid, the ideal form of the diagram would be a simple rectangle  $ABCD$  as shown in Fig. 15.36, since the rise or fall in pressure will not be associated with any change in volume. In practice, however, the acceleration and deceleration of the piston give rise to corresponding acceleration and deceleration of the liquid in the associated pipelines. At the beginning of the suction stroke, the liquid is accelerated, and hence an additional pressure difference is required. This makes the suction pressure at  $A$  to assume a lower value at  $E$  (Fig. 15.36).

Similarly, due to deceleration of liquid at the end of the suction stroke, a rise of pressure in the cylinder is needed and therefore the end point  $B$  in the suction stroke gets shifted to  $F$ . Neglecting the frictional effect and considering the motion of the piston to be a simple harmonic one, the suction stroke is represented by a straight line  $EF$ . A further modification of the diagram results from the effect of friction and other losses in the suction pipe. The losses are zero at the ends of the stroke when the velocity is zero, and a maximum at mid-stroke (again for simple harmonic motion of the piston) when the velocity is at its maximum. The base of the diagram (Fig. 15.36) therefore becomes  $ELF$ . Inertia and friction in the delivery pipe cause similar modification of the ideal delivery stroke  $DC$  to

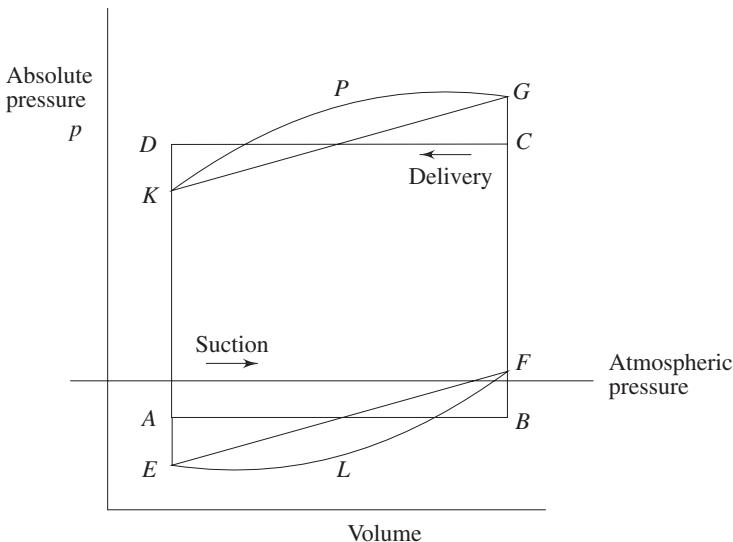


Fig. 15.36 Pressure-displacement diagram for a reciprocating pump

KPG. Finally, the actual shape of the pressure volume diagram becomes  $ELFGPK$ . The effects of inertia and friction in the cylinder are normally negligible as compared to those in the suction and delivery pipes. The speed of such a pump is usually restricted by the pressure corresponding to the point  $E$  of the diagram which is the minimum pressure point in a cycle. This pressure must not be allowed to fall below a pressure where the air cavitation (liberation of dissolved gases from the liquid) starts.

**Analytical expressions of accelerating heads during suction and delivery strokes** It has already been mentioned that the liquid mass in suction and delivery pipes gets accelerated and decelerated due to the typical accelerating and decelerating motion undergone by the piston during suction and delivery strokes. This causes a non-uniform additional head, known as acceleration head which the pump has to develop during the suction and delivery strokes along with the constant theoretical suction and delivery head respectively. To obtain an expression of the acceleration head in each stroke, it is essential to determine first the velocity of the piston. This can be obtained from the consideration of crank revolution. The motion of the piston is usually considered to be a simple harmonic one with zero velocities at ends and maximum at the centre. However, this assumption is only true when the ratio of the length of connecting rod to that of crank is very large.

Let us consider the displacement of the piston, after a time  $t$  from its inner dead centre position (IDC) be  $x$  (Fig. 15.37). Then we can write

$$x = r - r \cos \theta$$

where  $r$  is the radius of the crank and  $\theta$  is the angular displacement of the crank during the time interval  $t$ . If  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the crank, then we have  $\theta = \omega t$ .

and

$$x = r - r \cos \omega t$$

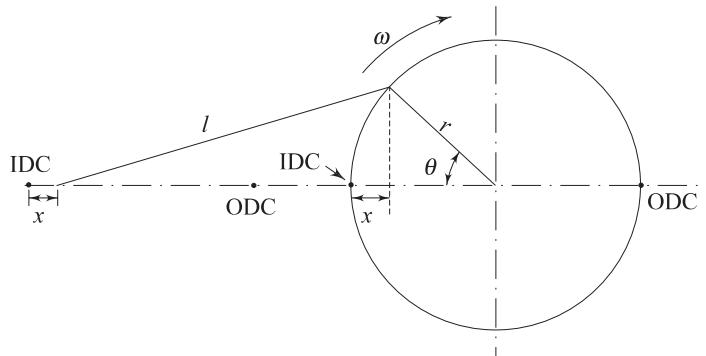


Fig. 15.37 Piston displacement diagram of a reciprocating machine

Hence, the instantaneous velocity of the piston  $\frac{dx}{dt} = r\omega \sin \omega t$ . Considering the liquid in the piston to be moving with the velocity of the piston, the velocity  $V$  of liquid in the pipeline can be written from the principle of continuity as

$$V = \frac{A}{a} r \omega \sin \omega t$$

where,  $A$  and  $a$  are the cross-sectional areas of the cylinder and pipeline respectively.

The acceleration of liquid in pipeline can be written as

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{A}{a} r \omega \sin \omega t \right) = \frac{A}{a} r \omega^2 \cos \omega t$$

Therefore, the force  $F$  required to accelerate the liquid mass is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \rho a l \frac{A}{a} r \omega^2 \cos \omega t \\ &= \rho l A r \omega^2 \cos \theta \quad (\text{since } \theta = \omega t) \\ &\quad (l \text{ is the length of the pipeline}) \end{aligned}$$

The pressure head caused by the force  $F$  is given by

$$\frac{F}{a \rho g} = \frac{l}{g} \frac{A}{a} r \omega^2 \cos \theta$$

This is known as acceleration head  $h_a$ . Using subscripts  $s$  and  $d$  to represent the quantities for suction and delivery sides, we can write

$$h_{a_s} = \frac{l_s}{g} \frac{A}{a_s} r \omega^2 \cos \theta$$

$$h_{a_d} = \frac{l_d}{g} \frac{A}{a_d} r \omega^2 \cos \theta$$

It is evident from these expressions and Fig. 15.37 that the maximum and minimum acceleration heads take place at the beginning and at the end of each

stroke respectively with zero at the middle of the stroke. Magnitude of maximum acceleration head =  $\frac{l}{g} \frac{A}{a} r \omega^2$ . The pump is, therefore, required to develop an additional head of  $\frac{l_s}{g} \frac{A}{a} r \omega^2$ , at the beginning of the suction stroke, over the constant suction head determined by the height of the pump above the supply level. Similarly, an additional head of  $\frac{l_d}{g} \frac{A}{a_d} r \omega^2$  is required to be developed by the pump, at the beginning of the delivery stroke, over the constant delivery head determined by the static lift of the pump. This has already been shown in Fig. 15.36.

#### Rate of Delivery

**Single acting piston or plunger pump** In a single acting piston pump the entrance and discharge of liquid takes place from one side of the piston only. Therefore one stroke is meant only for suction and the other stroke is meant only for discharge. Rate of delivery against crank angle for such type of pump is shown in Fig. 15.38. During the first half revolution of crank there is only suction and therefore rate of delivery is zero. During the second half (corresponding to crank angles between  $180^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$ ) of the crank revolution, discharge takes place. Since the motion of the piston is approximately simple harmonic, rate of delivery versus crank angle curve will be a sine curve. Velocity of discharge of water at any instant is proportional to the velocity of the piston at that instant. Therefore the sine-curve, shown in Fig. 15.38 also represents the velocity of discharge to some scale.

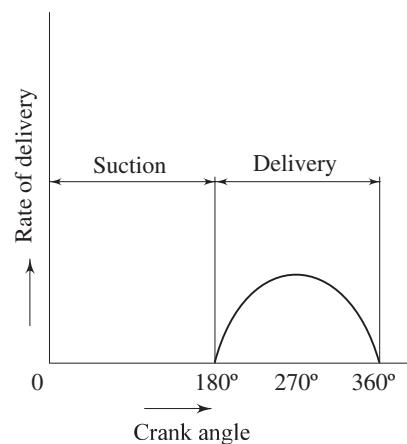


Fig. 15.38 Rate of delivery versus crank angle for a single acting reciprocating pump

**Double acting piston or plunger pump** In this type of pump the provisions are made for the entrance and discharge of liquid from both the sides of the piston. Therefore each stroke is a suction cum delivery stroke. Curve of rate of delivery

against angle of rotation of crank is therefore the two sine curves drawn at a phase difference of  $180^\circ$ .

**Multi-Cylinder Pumps** We observe that the rate of delivery from a single cylinder, whether single acting or double acting, is non-uniform. Multi-cylinder pumps are used to obtain a somewhat uniform discharge. In multi-cylinder pumps a number of cylinders are connected in parallel, their cranks being equally spaced over  $360^\circ$ . The fluctuating discharge from the individual cylinders are thus added together resulting in an almost uniform total discharge. This is illustrated in Fig. 15.39 for a three cylinder pump with the cranks at  $120^\circ$  to each other.

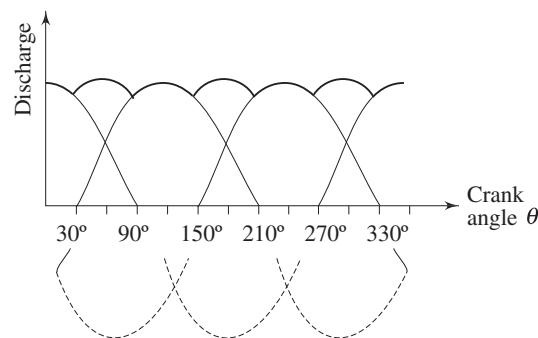


Fig. 15.39 Rate of delivery versus crank angle for a three cylinder reciprocating pump

**Air Vessel** The pulsation of pressure due to inertia or acceleration heads in suction and delivery pipe and the non-uniformity of discharge during the delivery stroke may largely be eliminated by connecting a large and closed chamber to both suction and delivery pipe at points close to the pump cylinder as shown in Fig. 15.40. These vessels are known as air vessels.

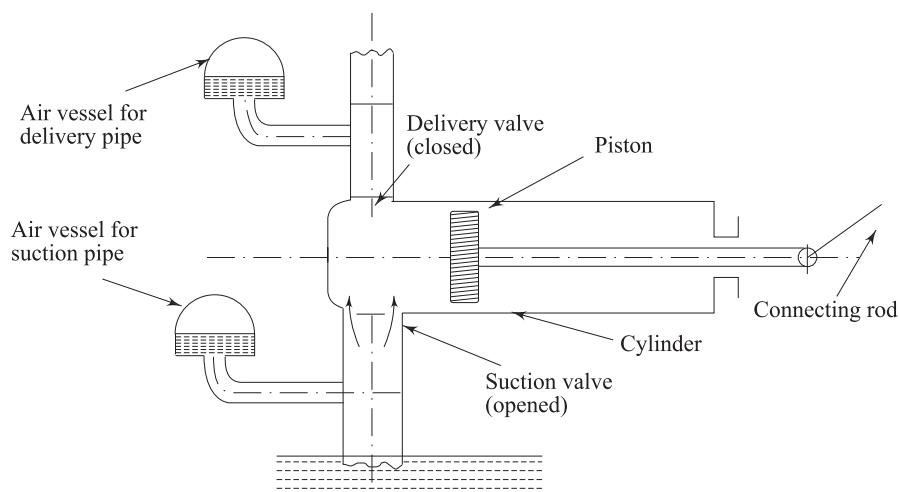


Fig. 15.40 Reciprocating pump connected with air vessels

**Working principle** An air vessel in a reciprocating pump acts like a fly-wheel of an engine. The top of the vessel contains compressed air which can contract or expand to absorb most of the pressure fluctuations. Whenever the pressure rises, water in excess of the mean discharge is forced into the air vessel, thereby compressing the air within the vessel. When the water pressure in pipe falls, the compressed air again ejects the excess water out. Thus the air vessel acts like an intermediate reservoir. On suction side, the water first accumulates here and is then transferred to the cylinder of the pump. On delivery side, the water first goes to the vessel and then flows with a uniform velocity in the delivery pipe. The column of water which is now fluctuating, is only between the pump cylinder and the air vessels which is very small due to the vessels being fitted as near to the pump cylinder as possible. From the working principle, the advantages of air vessel attached to a reciprocating pump can be written as follows:

- (a) Suction side:
  - (i) Reduces the possibility of cavitation.
  - (ii) Pump can be run at a higher speed.
  - (iii) Length of suction pipe below the air vessel can be increased.
- (b) Delivery side:
  - (i) A large amount of power consumed in supplying accelerating head can be saved.
  - (ii) Maintains almost a constant rate of discharge.

## 15.6 HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

A hydraulic system is a circuit in which the forces and power are transmitted through a liquid. The system may be divided into two groups, the hydrostatic and hydrodynamic system.

**Hydrostatic system** The primary function of this system is the transmission of force and power by the hydrostatic pressure of the fluid without causing its continuous bulk motion and any fluid dynamical effect on the principle of operation. Hydraulic press, hydraulic lift, hydraulic crane, pressure accumulator, rotary type positive displacement pumps are the examples of such a system. However, the description of such systems is beyond the scope of this book.

**Hydrodynamic system** The main purpose of this system is to transmit power by a change in velocity of flow of the working fluid medium. The change in pressure of the working fluid is avoided as far as possible. The system primarily consists of a centrifugal pump and a turbine, as a driver and driven respectively, built into a single unit with a closed hydraulic circuit. Since the driver and the driven is not mechanically connected, impulsive shocks and periodic vibrations are prevented by the fluid coupling them.

The hydrodynamic transmission systems are of two types—hydraulic coupling and hydraulic torque convertor.

**Hydraulic or Fluid Coupling** The essential features of a fluid coupling are shown in Fig. 15.41. The primary function of the coupling is to transmit power with the same torque on driving and driven shaft. It mainly consists of a radial pump

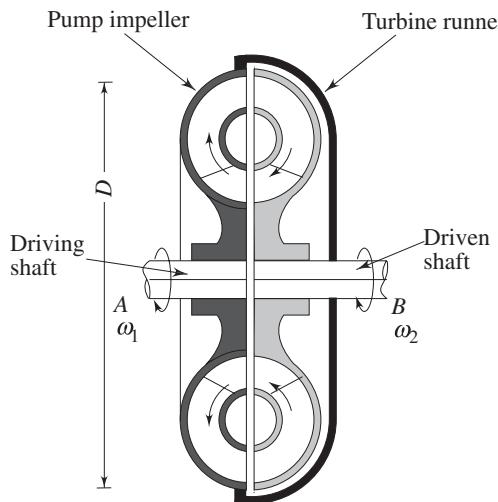


Fig. 15.41 Fluid or hydraulic coupling

impeller keyed to a driving shaft  $A$ , and a radial reaction turbine keyed to a driven shaft  $B$ . The blades of both the pump impeller and turbine runner are of straight radial type. There is no mechanical connection between the driving and the driven shaft. The two shafts together form a casing completely filled in with the working fluid which is usually the ordinary mineral lubricating oil. If the shaft  $A$  is allowed to rotate, the oil will pass through the impeller blades and will flow radially outwards with higher energy. The fluid will then strike the turbine runners and, while flowing radially inwards, transfer power to the turbine blades. With the increase in the speed of shaft  $A$ , sufficient head is developed in fluid at the outlet of pump impeller so that the power transferred to the turbine rotor becomes high enough to set the driven shaft  $B$  in motion. Due to slip, the two shafts rotate at different speeds. If the driver and follower rotate at the same speed, the circulation of oil cannot take place. This is because of the fact that the head produced by the pump should be greater than the centrifugal head resisting flow through the turbine. At equal speed of the shaft  $A$  and  $B$ , the heads would balance each other and then no flow would occur and no torque would be transmitted. If  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are the angular velocities of driving and driven shaft respectively, then the slip is expressed as  $(\omega_1 - \omega_2)/\omega_1$ . Under usual operating conditions, the slip is about 2 to 3 per cent. From the dimensional analysis, the torque  $T$  can be expressed in terms of the pertinent controlling dimensionless variables as

$$\frac{T}{\rho \omega_1^2 D^5} = F \left( \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}, \frac{\rho \omega_1 D^2}{\mu}, \frac{V}{D^3} \right)$$

The term  $T/\rho \omega_1^2 D^5$  is known as torque coefficient, and  $\rho \omega_1 D^2/\mu$  corresponds to the Reynolds number of fluid flow.  $V$  is the volume of the fluid in the coupling and  $D$  is the diameter of the impeller or the runner.

**Fluid Torque Converter** The main difference in the principle of operation between a fluid coupling and fluid torque converter is that while the coupling transmits

power with the same torque on driving and driven shaft, the converter provides for torque multiplication with same power (neglecting the losses) on driving and driven shaft. A torque converter essentially differs from the coupling in that a third stationary member usually known as reactionary member (Fig. 15.42) is incorporated between the turbine runner and the pump impeller. In fact, the function of the reactionary member is to augment the torque produced by the driving shaft and then to transmit the increased torque to the driven shaft. The reactionary member consists of a series of fixed guide vanes through which the fluid flows. For a greater torque on the driven shaft, the change in angular momentum in the turbine runner should be greater than that in the pump. The stationary reaction blades are so shaped as to increase the angular momentum of the fluid which is further increased in course of flow through the pump impeller. Thus the stationary members contribute to an additional torque over that of the driving shaft. The amplification of torque depends on the design of stationary blades and the speed ratio (ratio of angular velocities of driven and driving shaft).

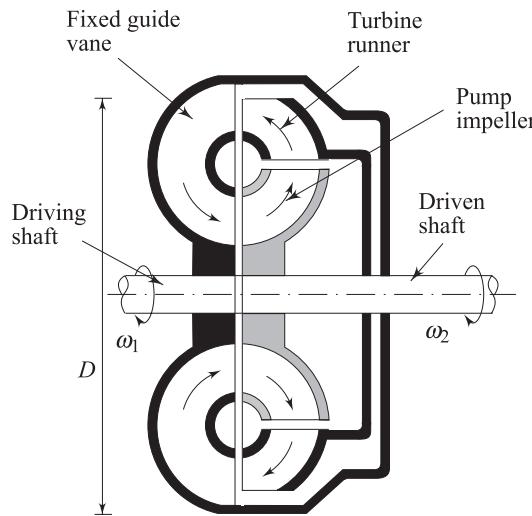


Fig. 15.42 Fluid or hydraulic torque converter

### Summary

- A fluid machine is termed as a turbine when the stored energy of a fluid is transferred to mechanical energy of the rotating member of the machine, and is termed as a pump or compressor when the mechanical energy of the moving parts of the machine is transferred to increase the energy stored by the fluid. The machines for which the principle of operation depends on the theory of fluid dynamics are known as rotodynamic machines, while the machines which function on the principle of a change in volume of certain amount of fluid trapped in the machines are known as positive displacement machines.

- In a rotodynamic fluid machine, the head (energy per unit weight of the fluid) transferred by the fluid to the machine is given by  $(V_{w_1} U_1 - V_{w_2} U_2)/g$ . A negative sign of the expression implies the head transferred by the machine to the fluid. The above expression can be split up into three terms to show the three distinct components of energy transfer as

$$\frac{V_{w_1} U_1 - V_{w_2} U_2}{g} = \frac{1}{2g} [(V_1^2 - V_2^2) + (U_1^2 - U_2^2) - (V_{r_2}^2 - V_{r_1}^2)]$$

The first term on RHS represents the change in absolute dynamic head of the fluid, the second and the third term pertain to the change in pressure head. For an axial flow machine,  $U_1 = U_2$ . The second term becomes positive for a radially inward flow machine like turbines while it becomes negative for a radially outward flow machine like centrifugal pump.

- The hydraulic efficiency of a turbine is defined as the ratio of mechanical energy delivered by the rotor to the energy available from fluid, while for a pump, it is defined as the ratio of useful energy gained by the fluid at final discharge and the mechanical energy supplied to rotor. The pertinent dimensionless parameters governing the principle of operation of fluid machines are

$$\frac{Q}{ND^3}, \frac{gH}{N^2 D^2}, \frac{\rho ND^2}{\mu}, \frac{P}{\rho N^3 D^5}, \frac{E/\rho}{N^2 D^2}$$

The dimensionless specific speed of a turbine is given by  $NP^{1/2}/\rho^{1/2}$   $(gH)^{5/4}$  and the corresponding dimensional version is  $Np^{1/2}/H^{5/4}$ . The dimensionless specific speed of a pump is given by  $NQ^{1/2}/(gH)^{3/4}$ , and the dimensionl version is  $NQ^{1/2}/H^{3/4}$ . The values of specific speed are quoted for maximum efficiency of the machine.

- The only hydraulic turbine of impulse type is the Pelton wheel. The buckets of the wheel in a Pelton turbine is exposed to atmosphere, and the high pressure water expands to atmospheric pressure in a nozzle and strikes the bucket as a water jet. Pelton wheel runs at its maximum bucket efficiency (defined as the ratio of work developed by the buckets to the kinetic energy of water available at the rotor inlet) when the ratio of blade speed to jet speed becomes 0.46. The governing of Pelton turbine is made by changing the cross-sectional area of water jet by a spear valve in the nozzle. The Pelton wheel is efficient under large heads, but unsuitable to smaller heads.
- The reaction turbines are efficient under smaller head. In a reaction machine, there is a change in the pressure head of the fluid while flowing through the rotor. Francis turbine is a radial flow reaction turbine. To keep the kinetic energy at outlet a minimum, the tangential component of velocity at outlet becomes zero. Therefore, the head

developed is given by  $V_{w1} U_1/g$ . With the increase in specific speed and decrease in head, the shape of radial flow Francis runner changes to that of an axial flow machine known as Kaplan runner. The draft tube is a conduit which connects the runner exit to the tail race. The primary function of a draft tube is to reduce the discharge velocity of water to minimize the loss of kinetic energy at the outlet and to permit the turbine to be set above the tail race without any appreciable drop in available head. A draft tube has to be properly designed to avoid the phenomenon of cavitation which is likely to occur at the tube inlet. Governing of reaction turbines is usually done by altering the position of the guide vanes and thus controlling the flow rate by changing the gate openings to the runner.

- A centrifugal pump, by its principle, is converse of the Francis turbine. The flow is radially outward. The fluid enters the impeller eye with zero tangential velocity. Therefore, the head developed by the fluid is given by  $\sigma V_{w2} U_2/g$ . The term  $\sigma$  is known as the slip factor which takes care of the deviation of actual tangential velocity component at outlet from the theoretical one due to the secondary flow within the blade passages resulting in a non-uniform velocity distribution at any radius. The actual operating point of a centrifugal pump is determined by the matching or intersection of head-discharge characteristic curve of the pump and the head loss-flow rate characteristic curve of the pipeline to which the pump is connected.
- A reciprocating pump is a positive displacement type of pump and works on the principle of forcing a definite amount of liquid in a cylinder by the reciprocating motion of a piston within it. The rate of discharge from a single cylinder pump is non-uniform. The delivery is made uniform by using multi-cylinder pumps in parallel with their cranks being equally spaced over  $360^\circ$ . Incorporation of air vessel at the suction side reduces the possibility of cavitation at higher speed keeping a higher length of suction pipe below the air vessel. The introduction of an air vessel at the delivery side maintains almost a constant discharge with the saving of a large amount of power consumed in supplying accelerating head.
- The primary function of a fluid coupling is to transmit power through the dynamic action of the fluid with the same torque on driving and driven shaft, while a fluid torque converter transmits torque with amplification keeping the power on driving and driven shaft the same.

### Solved Examples

**Example 15.1** A radial flow hydraulic turbine is required to be designed to produce 20 MW under a head of 16 m at a speed of 90 rpm. A geometrically similar model with an output of 30 kW and a head of 4 m is to be tested under dynamically similar conditions.

At what speed must the model be run? What is the required impeller diameter ratio between the model and prototype and what is the volume flow rate through the model if its efficiency can be assumed to be 90 per cent?

**Solution** Equating the power coefficients ( $\pi$  term containing the power  $P$ ) for the model and prototype, we can write

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho_1 N_1^3 D_1^5} = \frac{P_2}{\rho_2 N_2^3 D_2^5}$$

(where subscript 1 refers to the prototype and subscript 2 to the model)

Considering the fluids to be incompressible, and same for both the prototype and model, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_2/D_1 &= [P_2/P_1]^{1/5} (N_1/N_2)^{3/5} \\ &= [0.03/20]^{1/5} [N_1/N_2]^{3/5} \\ &= 0.272 [N_1/N_2]^{3/5} \end{aligned} \quad (15.68)$$

Equating the head coefficients ( $\pi$  term containing the head  $H$ )

$$\frac{g H_1}{(N_1 D_1)^2} = \frac{g H_2}{(N_2 D_2)^2}$$

Then,

$$D_2/D_1 = [H_2/H_1]^{1/2} [N_1/N_2] = [4/16]^{1/2} [N_1/N_2] \quad (15.69)$$

Therefore, equating the diameter ratios from Eqs (15.68) and (15.69), we have

$$0.272 [N_1/N_2]^{3/5} = [4/16]^{1/2} [N_1/N_2]$$

$$\text{or} \quad [N_2/N_1]^{2/5} = 1.84$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence,} \quad N_2 &= N_1 (1.84)^{5/2} = 90 \times (1.84)^{5/2} \\ &= 413.32 \text{ rpm} \end{aligned}$$

From Eq. (15.68)

$$D_2/D_1 = 0.272 [90/413.32]^{3/5} = 0.11$$

$$\text{Model efficiency} = \frac{\text{Power output}}{\text{Water power input}}$$

$$\text{Hence,} \quad 0.9 = \frac{30 \times 10^3}{\rho Q g H}$$

$$\text{or} \quad Q = \frac{30 \times 10^3}{0.9 \times 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 4} = 0.85 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Therefore, model volume flow rate = 0.85 m<sup>3</sup>/s

**Example 15.2** A reservoir has a head of 40 m and a channel leading from the reservoir permits a flow rate of 34 m<sup>3</sup>/s. If the rotational speed of the rotor is 150 rpm, what is the most suitable type of turbine to use?

**Solution** We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Turbine power} &= \rho g Q H = 1000 \times 9.81 \times 34 \times 40 \\ &= 13.34 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

Dimensionless specific speed of a turbine is given according to Eq. (15.16) by

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_{s_T} &= \frac{NP^{1/2}}{\rho^{1/2}(gH)^{5/4}} \\
 &= \frac{150 \times (13.34 \times 10^6)^{1/2}}{60 \times (1000)^{1/2} \times (9.81 \times 40)^{5/4}} \\
 &= 0.165 \text{ rev} \\
 &= 1.037 \text{ rad}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is found from Fig. 15.16, that at this specific speed, the Francis turbine is the most efficient among other turbines. Therefore, Francis turbine would be the most suitable choice for this application.

**Example 15.3** A centrifugal pump handles liquid whose kinematic viscosity is three times that of water. The dimensionless specific speed of the pump is 0.183 rev and it has to discharge 2 m<sup>3</sup>/s of liquid against a total head of 15 m. Determine the speed, test head and flow rate for a one-quarter scale model investigation of the full size pump if the model uses water.

**Solution** Since the viscosity of the liquid in the model and prototype vary significantly, equality of Reynolds number must apply for dynamic similarity. Let subscripts 1 and 2 refer to prototype and model respectively.

Equating Reynolds number

$$N_1 D_1^2 / \nu_1 = N_2 D_2^2 / \nu_2$$

$$\text{or } N_2 / N_1 = (4)^2 / 3 = 5.333$$

Equating the flow coefficients

$$Q_1 / N_1 D_1^3 = Q_2 / N_2 D_2^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{or } Q_2 / Q_1 &= (N_2 / N_1) (D_2 / D_1)^3 \\
 &= 5.333 / (4)^3 = 0.0833
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating head coefficients

$$H_1 / (N_1 D_1)^2 = H_2 / (N_2 D_2)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{or } H_2 / H_1 &= (N_2 / N_1)^2 (D_2 / D_1)^2 \\
 &= (5.33 / 4)^2 = 1.776
 \end{aligned}$$

Dimensionless specific speed of the pump can be written according to Eq. (15.17) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_{s_p} &= \frac{N_1 Q_1^{1/2}}{(gH_1)^{3/4}} \\
 \text{or } N_1 &= \frac{K_{s_p} (gH_1)^{3/4}}{Q_1^{1/2}} \\
 &= \frac{0.183 (9.81 \times 15)^{3/4}}{2^{1/2}} \\
 &= 5.47 \text{ rev/s}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, model speed  $N_2 = 5.47 \times 5.33 = 29.15 \text{ rev/s}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and model flow rate} &= 0.0833 \times 2 = 0.166 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \\ \text{and model head} &= 15 \times 1.776 = 26.64 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 15.4** Specifications for an axial flow coolant pump for one loop of a pressurized water nuclear reactor are as follows.

Head	85 m
Flow rate	10,000 m <sup>3</sup> /hour
Speed	1490 rpm
Diameter	1200 mm
Water density	714 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Power	2 MW (electrical)

The manufacturer plans to build a model. Test conditions limit the available electric power to 250 kW and flow to 0.25 m<sup>3</sup>/s of cold water. If the model and prototype efficiencies are assumed equal, find the head, speed and scale ratio of the model. Calculate the dimensionless specific speed of the prototype and confirm that it is identical with the model.

**Solution** Let subscripts 1 and 2 represent prototype and model respectively. Equating the flow power and head coefficients for the model and prototype, we have

$$Q_1/Q_2 = (N_1/N_2) (D_1/D_2)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } N_1/N_2 &= \left( \frac{10000}{0.25 \times 3600} \right) (D_2/D_1)^3 \\ &= 11.11 (D_2/D_1)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also } P_1/P_2 = (N_1/N_2)^3 (D_1/D_2)^5 (\rho_1/\rho_2)$$

Substituting for  $(N_1/N_2)$ , we have

$$2/0.25 = (11.11)^3 (D_2/D_1)^9 (D_1/D_2)^5 (714/1000)$$

$$\text{or } (D_2/D_1)^4 = \frac{8}{(11.11)^3 \times 0.714}$$

which gives the scale ratio  $D_2/D_1 = 0.3$

$$\text{Then } N_1/N_2 = 11.11 \times (0.3)^3 = 0.3$$

$$\text{or } N_2/N_1 = 1/0.3 = 3.33$$

$$H_2/H_1 = (N_2/N_1)^2 (D_2/D_1)^2$$

$$= \left\{ \left( \frac{N_2}{N_1} \right) \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right) \right\}^2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{0.3} \times 0.3 \right\}^2 = 1.0$$

The dimensionless specific speed is given by

$$K_{s_p} = \frac{NQ^{1/2}}{(gH)^{3/4}}$$

For the prototype

$$K_{s_{p1}} = \frac{2\pi \times 1490}{60} (10000/3600)^{1/2} (1/9.81)^{3/4} (1/85)^{3/4}$$

$$= 1.67 \text{ rad}$$

For the model

$$K_{s_{p2}} = 2\pi \times \frac{1490}{60} \times 3.33 \times \frac{(0.25)^{1/2}}{(9.81 \times 85)^{3/4}} \\ = 1.67 \text{ rad}$$

Therefore we see that the dimensionless specific speeds of both model and prototype are the same.

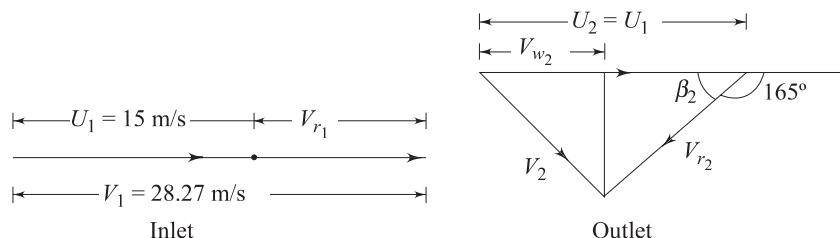
**Example 15.5** The mean bucket speed of a Pelton turbine is 15 m/s. The rate of flow of water supplied by the jet under a head of 42 m is 1 m<sup>3</sup>/s. If the jet is deflected by the buckets at an angle of 165°, find the power and efficiency of the turbine. (Take coefficient of velocity  $C_v = 0.985$ ).

**Solution** Bucket speed is same at both inlet and outlet of the water jet.

$$\text{Therefore, } U_1 = U_2 = 15 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Velocity of jet at inlet } V_1 = 0.985 (2 \times 9.81 \times 42)^{1/2} \\ = 28.27 \text{ m/s}$$

Now the inlet and outlet velocity triangles are drawn as shown below:



From inlet velocity triangle,

$$V_{r1} = V_1 - U_1 = 28.27 - 15 = 13.27 \text{ m/s} \\ V_{w1} = V_1 = 28.27 \text{ m/s}$$

The blade outlet angle is given by

$$\beta_2 = 180^\circ - 165^\circ = 15^\circ$$

Neglecting the frictional losses in the bucket

$$V_{r1} = V_{r2} = 13.27 \text{ m/s}$$

From outlet velocity triangle

$$V_{w2} = U_2 - V_{r2} \cos \beta_2 \text{ [here } U_2 > V_{r2} \cos \beta_2] \\ = 15 - 13.27 \cos 15^\circ \\ = 2.18 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Power developed } P = \rho Q (V_{w1} - V_{w2}) U_1 \\ = 10^3 \times 1 \times (28.27 - 2.18) \times 15 \\ = 391.35 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Turbine efficiency, } \eta = \frac{\text{Power developed}}{\text{Available power}}$$

$$= \frac{391.35 \times 10^3}{10^3 \times 9.81 \times 1 \times 42} \\ = 0.95 = 95\%$$

**Example 15.6** A single jet pelton turbine is required to drive a generator to develop 10 MW. The available head at the nozzle is 762 m. Assuming electric generator efficiency 95%, Pelton wheel efficiency 87%, coefficient of velocity for nozzle 0.97, mean bucket velocity 0.46 of jet velocity, outlet angle of the buckets 15° and the friction of the bucket reduces the relative velocity by 15 per cent, find the following

- (a) the diameter of the jet, and
- (b) the rate of flow of water through the turbine
- (c) the force exerted by the jet on the buckets.

If the ratio of mean bucket circle diameter to the jet diameter is not to be less than 10, find the best synchronous speed for generation at 50 cycles per second and the corresponding mean diameter of the runner.

**Solution** Mechanical power output of the turbine =  $\frac{\text{Electrical power output}}{\text{Generator efficiency}}$

$$= \frac{10}{0.95} \\ = 10.53 \text{ MW}$$

$$\text{Pelton wheel efficiency} \quad \eta = \frac{P}{\rho g Q H}$$

where  $Q$  is the flow rate through the turbine.

$$\text{Then,} \quad Q = \frac{P}{\eta \times \rho g H} \\ = \frac{10.53 \times 10^6}{0.87 \times 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 762} = 1.62 \text{ m}^3$$

If  $d_1$  is the diameter of the jet, we can write

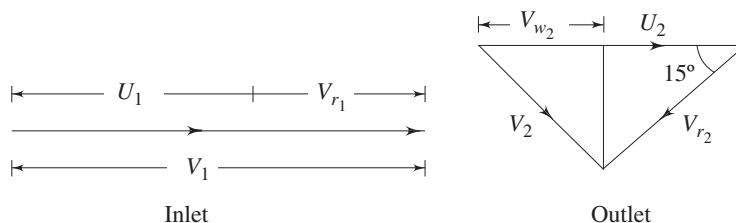
$$Q_1 = (\pi/4) \times d_1^2 C_V (2gH)^{1/2}$$

where,  $C_V$  is the coefficient of velocity.

$$\text{Then} \quad 1.62 = (\pi/4) \times d_1^2 \times 0.97 \times (2 \times 9.81 \times 762)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{which gives} \quad d_1 = 0.132 \text{ m} = 132 \text{ mm}$$

The inlet and outlet velocity triangles are shown below:



Jet velocity  $V_1 = C_v [2gH]^{1/2} = 0.97 [2 \times 9.81 \times 762]^{1/2}$   
 $= 118.6 \text{ m/s}$

Mean bucket velocity  $U_1 = U_2 = 0.46 \times 118.6 = 54.56 \text{ m/s}$

From the inlet velocity triangle,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{w1} &= V_1 = 118.6 \text{ m/s} \\ V_{r1} &= V_1 - U_1 = 118.50 - 54.56 = 63.94 \text{ m/s} \\ V_{r2} &= 0.85 \times 63.94 = 54.35 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

From the outlet velocity triangle,

$$\begin{aligned} V_{w2} &= U_2 - V_{r2} \cos \beta_2 = 54.56 - 54.35 \times \cos 15^\circ \\ &= 2.06 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the force exerted by the jet on the bucket is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \rho Q (V_{w1} - V_{w2}) = 10^3 \times 1.62 [118.5 - 2.06] \text{ N} \\ &= 188.63 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

Considering the ratio of mean bucket circle diameter  $D$  to the jet diameter  $d$  as 10,

$$D = 10 \times 0.132 = 1.32 \text{ m}$$

Again,

$$U_1 = [\pi DN]/60$$

Hence,

$$N = [54.56 \times 60]/(\pi \times 1.32) = 789.51 \text{ rpm}$$

Frequency of generator  $f = p \cdot N/60$

where  $p = \text{number of pair of poles}$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 4 \text{ gives } N_{\text{syn}} = [60 \times 50]/4 \\ &= 750 \text{ rpm which is nearest to 789 rpm} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we choose  $N_{\text{syn}} = 750 \text{ rpm}$

Now  $D \text{ (revised)} = [1.32 \times 789.51]/750 = 1.39 \text{ m}$

**Example 15.7** In a hydroelectric scheme a number of Pelton wheels are to be used under the following conditions: total output required 30 MW; gross head 245 m; speed 6.25 rev/s; 2 jets per wheel;  $C_v$  of nozzles 0.97; maximum overall efficiency (based on conditions immediately before the nozzles) 81.5%; dimensionless specific speed not to exceed 0.022 rev. per jet; head lost to friction in pipeline is 12 m. Ratio of blade to jet speed is 0.46.

Calculate (a) the number of wheels required, (b) the diameters of the jets and wheels, (c) the hydraulic efficiency, if the blade deflects the water jet through  $165^\circ$  and reduces its relative velocity by 15%, (d) the percentage of the input power which remains as kinetic energy of the water at discharge.

**Solution** Dimensionless specific speed for turbine  $K_{sT} = \frac{NP^{1/2}}{\rho^{1/2}(gH)^{5/4}}$

Here  $K_{sT} = 0.022 \text{ rev per jet.}$

The available head to the turbine (i.e., at the inlet to the nozzle)

$$H = 245 - 12 = 233 \text{ m}$$

Hence, power per jet

$$P = [0.022 \times (10^3)^{1/2} \times (9.81 \times 233)^{5/4} / 6.25]^2 \\ = 3.09 \times 10^6 \text{ W} = 3.09 \text{ MW}$$

(a) Therefore no. of wheels =  $30 / [3.09 \times 2]$

= 5 (no. of wheels would be an integer)

(b) If  $Q$  is the flow rate in  $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  per jet, then,

$$10^3 \times Q \times 9.81 \times 233 \times 0.815 = 3.09 \times 10^6$$

which gives

$$Q = 1.66 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

velocity of the jet  $V_1 = 0.97 \times [2 \times 9.81 \times 233]^{1/2}$

$$= 65.58 \text{ m}$$

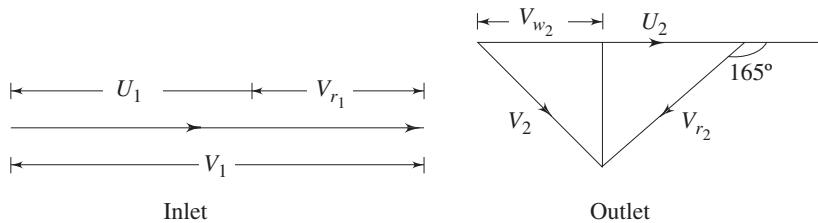
Hence,  $1.66 = \frac{\pi}{4} \times d^2 \times 65.58$  (where  $d$  is the diameter of the jet)

or  $d = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times 1.66}{\pi \times 65.58}} = 0.179 \text{ m} = 179 \text{ mm}$

Blade or wheel speed  $U = 0.46 \times 65.58 = 30.17 \text{ m/s}$

Therefore wheel diameter  $D = \frac{30.17}{\pi \times 6.25} = 1.54 \text{ m}$

(c) The inlet and outlet velocity triangles are drawn as shown



$$U_1 = U_2 = 30.17 \text{ m/s} \\ V_1 = V_{w1} = 65.58 \text{ m/s} \\ V_{r1} = V_1 - U_1 = 65.58 - 30.17 = 35.41 \text{ m/s}$$

The relative velocity at outlet  $V_{r2} = 0.85 \times 35.41$   
 $= 30.1 \text{ m/s}$

From outlet velocity triangle  $V_{w2} = 30.17 - 30.1 (\cos 15^\circ)$   
 $= 1.1 \text{ m/s}$

Hydraulic efficiency

$$\eta_h = \frac{(V_{w1} - V_{w2})U_1}{gH} \\ = \frac{(65.58 - 1.1) \times 30.17}{9.81 \times 233} = 0.851 \\ = 85.1\%$$

The kinetic energy at the outlet/unit mass =  $V_2^2/2$

Input power / unit mass =  $gH$

where  $H$  is the net head to the turbine (at nozzle inlet).

Let  $x$  be the percentage of input power remaining as kinetic energy of water at discharge.

Then 
$$x = \frac{V_2^2}{2gH} \times 100$$

From outlet velocity triangle 
$$V_2^2 = [(30.1 \times \sin 15^\circ)^2 + (1.1)^2]$$
  

$$= 61.90 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

Therefore, 
$$x = \frac{61.90}{2 \times 9.81 \times 233} \times 100 = 1.35\%$$

**Example 15.8** The blading of a single jet Pelton wheel runs at its optimum speed which is 0.46 times the jet speed. The overall efficiency of the machine is 0.85. Show that the dimensionless specific speed is  $0.192 d/D$  rev, where  $d$  represents the jet diameter and  $D$  the wheel diameter. For the nozzle, the velocity coefficient  $C_v = 0.97$ .

**Solution** Dimensionless specific speed  $K_{sT}$  is given by the expression

$$K_{sT} = \frac{NP^{1/2}}{\rho^{1/2}(gH)^{5/4}} \quad (15.70)$$

The power developed  $P = \eta_{\text{overall}} \times \rho g QH$

again, 
$$Q = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \times V_1 = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \times 0.97[2gH]^{1/2}$$
  

$$= 1.08 d^2 (gH)^{1/2}$$

Hence, 
$$P = 0.85 \times \rho \times [1.08 d^2 (gH)^{1/2}] gH$$
  

$$= 0.92 \rho d^2 (gH)^{3/2} \quad (15.71)$$

The rotational speed  $N = U/\pi d$

again the wheel speed 
$$U = 0.46 \times V_1 = 0.46 \times 0.97 (2gH)^{1/2}$$
  

$$= 0.63 (gH)^{1/2}$$

Hence, 
$$N = \frac{0.63(gH)^{1/2}}{\pi D} = 0.2 \frac{(gH)^{1/2}}{D} \quad (15.72)$$

Substituting the values of  $P$  and  $N$  from Eqs (15.71) and (15.72) respectively into Eq. (15.70), we have

$$K_{sT} = \left[ 0.2 \frac{(gH)^{1/2}}{D} \right] \left[ 0.92 \rho d^2 (gH)^{3/2} \right]^{1/2} \frac{1}{\rho^{1/2}(gH)^{5/4}}$$

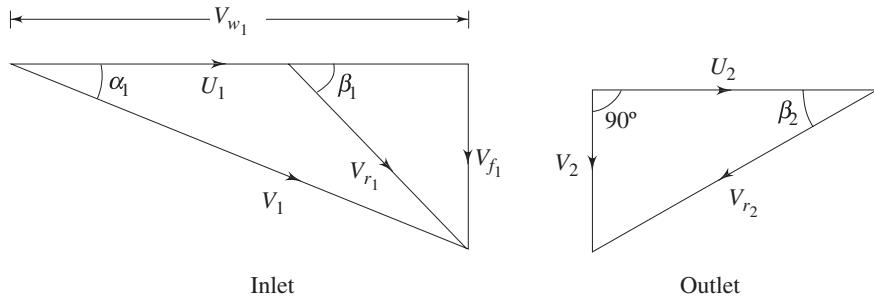
$$= 0.192 \frac{d}{D}$$

**Example 15.9** A Francis turbine has a diameter of 1.4 m and rotates at 430 rpm. Water enters the runner without shock with a flow velocity of 9.5 m/s and leaves the runner without whirl with an absolute velocity of 7 m/s. The difference between the sum of the static and potential heads at entrance to the runner and at the exit from the runner is 62 m. The turbine develops 12.25 MW. The flow rate through the turbine is 12 m<sup>3</sup>/s for a net head of 115 m.

Find the following:

- (a) the absolute velocity of water at entry to the runner and the angle of the inlet guide vanes,
  - (b) the entry angle of the runner blades and
  - (c) the loss of head in the runner.

**Solution** The inlet and outlet velocity triangles are drawn as shown below:



$$(a) \text{ Runner tip speed } U_1 = \frac{\pi ND}{60} = \frac{\pi \times 430 \times 1.4}{60} = 31.52 \text{ m/s}$$

Since

$$V_{w_2} = 0,$$

power given to the runner by water =  $\rho Q V_{w_1} U_1$

$$\text{Hence, } 12.25 \times 10^6 = 10^3 \times 12 \times V_w, \times 31.52$$

which gives  $V_{w_1} = 32.39 \text{ m/s}$

Inlet guide vane angle  $\alpha_1$  is given by

$$\tan \alpha_1 = [9.5 / 32.29]$$

$$\text{or } \alpha_1 = \tan^{-1} [9.5/32.39] = 16.35^\circ$$

From the inlet velocity diagram, the absolute velocity at runner inlet

$$V_1 = [V_f^2 + V_w^2]^{1/2} = [(9.5)^2 + (32.39)^2]^{1/2} = 33.75 \text{ m/s}$$

(b) Runner blade entry angle  $\beta_1$  is given by

$$\tan \beta_1 = \frac{9.5}{32.30 - 31.52}$$

which gives  $\beta_1 = 84.77^\circ$

(c) Total head across the runner

= Head transferred to the runner  
 + Head lost in the runner

At inlet

$$H_1 = (p_1/\rho g) + (V_1^2/2g) + z_1$$

At outlet

$$H_2 = (p_2/\rho g) + (V_2^2/2g) + z_2$$

where  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the elevations of runner inlet and outlet from a reference datum

For zero whirl at outlet, the work done per unit weight of the fluid  $= [V_2 - U_2]/g$

Hence loss of head in the runner becomes

$$h_L \equiv H_1 - H_2 = [V_{\phi\phi} - U_1/g]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho g} \right] + \left[ \frac{V_1^2 - V_2^2}{2g} \right] + [z_1 - z_2] - [V_{w1} U_1 / g]$$

It is given that

$$\left[ \frac{p_1 - p_2}{\rho g} \right] + [z_1 - z_2] = 62 \text{ m}$$

Therefore,

$$h_L = 62 + \left[ \frac{(33.75)^2 - (7)^2}{2 \times 9.81} \right] - \left[ \frac{31.52 \times 32.39}{9.81} \right] \\ = 13.49 \text{ m}$$

**Example 15.10** An inward flow vertical shaft reaction turbine runs at a speed of 375 rpm under an available total head of 62 m above the atmospheric pressure. The external diameter of the runner is 1.5 m and the dimensionless specific speed based on the power transferred to the runner is 0.14 rev. Water enters the turbine without shock with a flow velocity of 9 m/s and leaves the runner without whirl with an absolute velocity of 7 m/s. The discharge velocity of water at tailrace is 2.0 m/s. The mean height of the runner entry plane is 2 m above the tailrace level while the entrance to the draft tube is 1.7 m above the tailrace level. At entrance to the runner, the static pressure head is 35 m above the atmospheric pressure, while at exit from the runner, the static pressure head is 2.2 m below the atmospheric pressure.

Assuming a hydraulic efficiency of 90 per cent, find (a) the runner blade entry angle, (b) the head loss in the guide vanes, in the runner and in the draft tube.

**Solution** (a) Runner speed at inlet  $U_1 = \frac{\pi ND}{60} = \frac{\pi \times 375 \times 1.5}{60}$   
 $= 29.45 \text{ m/s}$

Since  $V_{w2} = 0$ ,

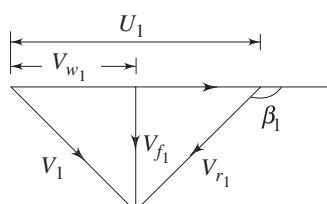
the power transferred to the runner per unit mass flow of water  $= V_{w1} U_1$

Hydraulic efficiency  $\eta_h = \frac{V_{w1} U_1}{g H}$

Therefore,  $0.9 = \frac{V_{w1} \times 29.45}{9.81 \times 62}$

or  $V_{w1} = \frac{0.9 \times 9.81 \times 62}{29.45} = 18.59 \text{ m/s}$

The inlet velocity triangle is shown below:



From the velocity triangle,

$$\tan(180^\circ - \beta_1) = \frac{V_f}{U_1 - V_{w_1}} = \frac{9}{(29.45 - 18.59)} = 0.83$$

Hence  $\beta_1 = 140.35^\circ$

(b) Let the loss of head in the guide vanes be  $h_{l_g}$ . Then applying the Bernoulli's equation between the inlet to guide vanes and exit from the guide vanes (i.e. inlet to the runner), we have

$$\frac{p_0}{\rho g} + \frac{V_0^2}{2g} + z_0 = \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 + h_{l_g}$$

(0 and 1 apply to inlet and exit of guide vanes respectively)

From the velocity triangle at runner inlet

$$V_1^2 = (18.59)^2 + (9)^2 = 426.59 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{p_0}{\rho g} + \frac{V_0^2}{2g} + z_0 = 62 \text{ m (total head to the turbine)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 62 = \left( 35 + \frac{426.59}{2 \times 9.81} + 2 \right) + h_{l_g}$$

$$\text{hence, } h_{l_g} = 62 - 58.74 = 3.26 \text{ m}$$

For the loss of head in the runner  $h_{l_r}$ , the application of Bernoulli's equation between points at runner entry and runner exit gives

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_{l_r} + W$$

where  $W$  is the work head delivered by the fluid to the runner and is given by

$$W = \frac{V_{w_1} U_1}{g} = \frac{18.59 \times 29.45}{9.81} = 55.81 \text{ m}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} h_{l_r} &= \left[ 35 + \frac{426.59}{2 \times 9.81} + 2 \right] - \left[ -2.2 + \frac{7^2}{2 \times 9.81} + 1.7 \right] - 55.81 \\ &= 58.74 - 2.0 - 55.81 = 0.93 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

For the losses of head  $h_{l_d}$  in the draft tube, the Bernoulli's equation between the points at entry and exit of the draft tube gives

$$\frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 = \frac{p_3}{\rho g} + \frac{V_3^2}{2g} + z_3 + h_{l_d}$$

where subscript 2 represents the runner outlet, i.e. the inlet of draft tube, and subscript 3 represents the exit from draft tube.  $p_3$  is atmospheric pressure (zero gauge) and  $z_3$  is the datum level.

Therefore,

$$\left[ -2.2 + \frac{49}{2 \times 9.81} + 1.7 \right] = \left[ 0 + \frac{4}{2 \times 9.81} + 0 \right] + h_{l_d}$$

which gives,  $h_{l_d} = 1.8 \text{ m}$

**Example 15.11** The diameter of the runner of a vertical-shaft turbine is 450 mm at the inlet. The width of the runner at the inlet is 50 mm. The diameter and the width at the outlet are 300 mm and 75 mm respectively. The blades occupy 8% of the circumference. The guide vane angle is  $24^\circ$ , the inlet angle of the runner blade is  $95^\circ$  and the outlet angle is  $30^\circ$ . The fluid leaves the runner without any whirl. The pressure head at inlet is 55 mm above that at exit from the runner. The fluid friction losses account for 18% of the pressure head at inlet. Calculate the speed of the runner and the output power (use mechanical efficiency as 95%).

**Solution** Applying the Bernoulli's equation between the inlet and outlet of the runner, we have

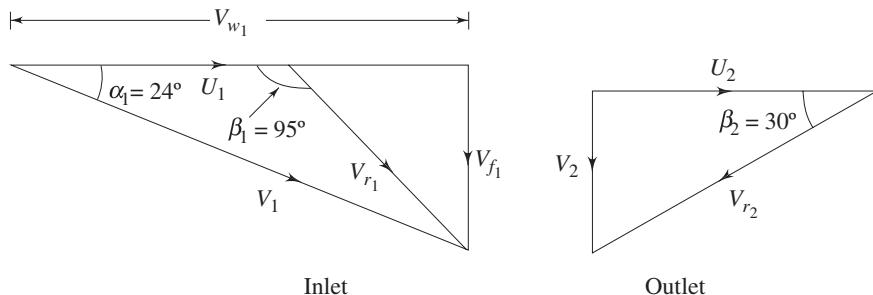
$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + W + h_{l_r} \quad (15.73)$$

where  $W$  is the work head given by the fluid to runner and  $h_{l_r}$  is the head loss in the runner, subscript 1 represents the runner inlet while 2 represents the runner outlet.

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} - \frac{p_2}{\rho g} = 55 \text{ m} \text{ (given in the problem)}$$

and  $h_{l_r} = 0.18 \times 55 = 9.9 \text{ m}$  (given in the problem)

The inlet and outlet velocity triangles are shown below:



$$W = [V_{w1} \ U_1]/g$$

From inlet velocity triangle

$$V_{w1} = V_1 \cos 24^\circ = 0.913 V_1$$

From continuity,

$$V_{f1} D_1 B_1 = V_2 D_2 B_2$$

or  $V_{f1} \times 450 \times 50 = V_2 \times 300 \times 75$

which gives

$$V_2 = V_{f1}$$

Therefore,  $V_2 = V_{f1} = V_1 \sin 24^\circ = 0.406 V_1$

From the consideration of rotational speed,

$$U_1/D_1 = U_2/D_2$$

or  $U_1 = \frac{D_1}{D_2} U_2 = \frac{450}{300} U_2 = 1.5 U_2$

Again, from the outlet velocity triangle,

$$U_2 = \frac{V_2}{\tan 30^\circ} = \frac{0.406 V_1}{\tan 30^\circ} = 0.703 V_1$$

Hence,

$$U_1 = 1.5 \times 0.703 V_1 = 1.05 V_1$$

Therefore,

$$W = [V_{w1} U_1]/g = \frac{0.913 \times 1.05}{g} V_1^2 = \frac{0.96 V_1^2}{g}$$

Now Eq. (15.73) can be written as

$$55 - 9.9 = \frac{-V_1^2}{2g} + \frac{(0.406 V_1)^2}{2g} + \frac{0.96 V_1^2}{g}$$

or

$$45.1 = \frac{V_1^2}{2g} [-1 + (0.406)^2 + 2 \times 0.96] = 1.08 \frac{V_1^2}{2g}$$

Hence

$$V_1 = [45.1 \times 2 \times 9.81 / 1.08]^{1/2} = 28.62 \text{ m/s}$$

$$U_1 = 1.05 \times 28.62 = 30.05 \text{ m/s}$$

Therefore,

$$N = 30.05 / [\pi \times 0.45] = 21.26 \text{ rev./s}$$

Rate of flow

$$Q = 0.92 \pi D_1 B_1 \times V_{f1}$$

$$V_{f1} = 0.406 \times 28.62 = 11.62 \text{ m/s}$$

Hence

$$Q = 0.92 \times \pi \times 0.45 \times (0.05) \times 11.62 = 0.755 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore power developed } P &= \rho Q V_{w1} U_1 \\ &= 10^3 \times 0.755 \times (0.96) \times (28.62)^2 = 593.60 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 15.12** An axial flow hydraulic turbine has a net head of 23 m across it, and, when running at a speed of 150 rpm, develops 23 MW. The blade tip and hub diameters are 4.75 and 2.0 m respectively. If the hydraulic efficiency is 93 % and the overall efficiency 85 %, calculate the inlet and outlet blade angles at the mean radius, assuming axial flow at outlet.

**Solution** Mean diameter  $d_m = (4.75 + 2)/2 = 3.375 \text{ m}$

Power available from the fluid = (Power developed)/(overall efficiency)

$$\text{Hence, } 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 23 \times Q = \frac{23 \times 10^6}{0.85}$$

which gives the flow rate  $Q = 119.92 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Rotor speed at mean diameter

$$U_m = \frac{\pi N d_m}{60} = \frac{\pi \times 150 \times 3.375}{60} = 26.51 \text{ m/s}$$

Power developed by the runner = Power available from the fluid  $\times \eta_h$

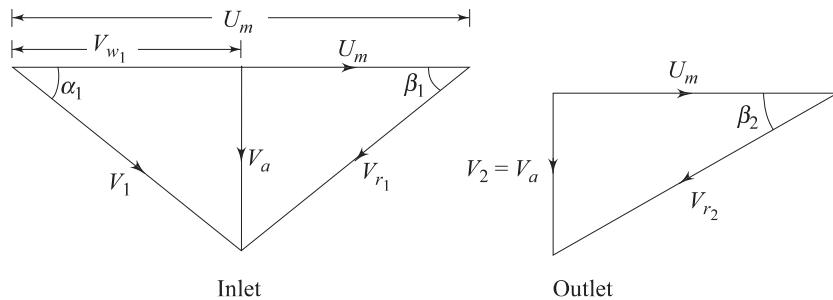
$$\begin{aligned} &= (23/0.85) \times 10^6 \times 0.93 \text{ W} \\ &= 25.16 \text{ MW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 10^3 \times 119.92 \times V_{w1} \times 26.51 = 25.16 \times 10^6$$

$$\text{which gives } V_{w1} = 7.92 \text{ m/s}$$

Axial velocity, 
$$V_a = \frac{119.92}{\pi[(4.75)^2 - (2)^2]/4} = 8.22 \text{ m/s}$$

Inlet and outlet velocity triangles are shown below:



For the inlet velocity triangle,

$$\tan \beta_1 = \frac{V_a}{U_m - V_{w1}} = \frac{8.22}{26.51 - 7.92}$$

which gives  $\beta_1 = 23.85^\circ$

At outlet,  $\tan \beta_2 = V_a/U_m = 8.22/26.51$

which gives  $\beta_2 = 17.23^\circ$

**Example 15.13** A centrifugal pump 1.3 m in diameter delivers  $3.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$  of water at a tip speed of  $10 \text{ m/s}$  and a flow velocity of  $1.6 \text{ m/s}$ . The outlet blade angle is  $30^\circ$  to the tangent at the impeller periphery. Assuming zero whirl at inlet, and zero slip, calculate the torque delivered by the impeller.

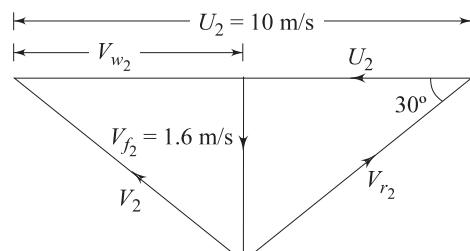
**Solution** With zero slip and zero whirl at inlet, the work done on the liquid per unit weight by the impeller can be written as

$$W = V_{w2} U_2/g$$

Therefore power supplied  $P = \rho Q V_{w2} U_2$

(Subscript 2 represents the outlet)

From the outlet velocity triangle shown below;



$$V_{w2} = 10 - \frac{16}{\tan 30^\circ} = 7.23 \text{ m}$$

Hence  $P = 10^3 \times \frac{3.5}{60} \times 7.23 \times 10 = 4217.5 \text{ W}$

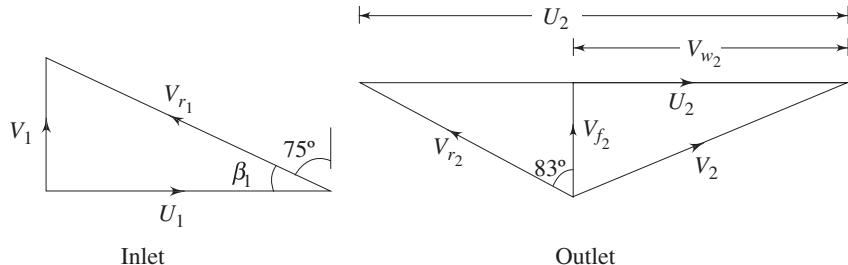
$$\text{Torque delivered} = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Angular velocity}} = \frac{4217.5 \times 0.65}{10} = 274.14 \text{ Nm}$$

**Example 15.14** An impeller with an eye radius of 51 mm and an outside diameter of 406 mm rotates at 900 rpm. The inlet and outlet blade angles measured from the radial flow direction are  $75^\circ$  and  $83^\circ$  respectively, while the depth of blade is 64 mm.

Assuming zero inlet whirl, zero slip and an hydraulic efficiency of 89%, calculate

- the volume flow rate through the impeller,
- the stagnation and static pressure rise across the impeller,
- the power transferred to the fluid and
- the input power to the impeller.

**Solution** The inlet and outlet velocity triangles are shown below:



(a) At inlet, the impeller blade velocity is

$$U_1 = \left( \frac{900 \times 2\pi}{60} \right) \times 0.051 = 4.81 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\tan \beta_1 = V_1/U_1$$

$$V_1 = 4.81 \times \tan (90^\circ - 75^\circ) = 4.81 \times \tan 15^\circ = 1.29 \text{ m/s}$$

volume flow rate through the pump is given by

$$Q = 2\pi \times 0.051 \times 0.064 \times 1.29 = 0.026 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

(b) From continuity,

$$V_{f2} = \frac{0.051 \times 1.29}{0.203} = 0.324 \text{ m/s}$$

At outlet, the velocity of impeller blades is given by

$$U_2 = \left( \frac{900 \times 2\pi}{60} \right) \times 0.203 = 19.13 \text{ m/s}$$

Power transferred to the fluid per unit weight by the impeller can be written as

$$E = \frac{V_{w2} U_2}{g} = \frac{\left( U_2 - \frac{V_{f2}}{\tan 7^\circ} \right) U_2}{g}$$

$$= \left( 19.13 - \frac{0.324}{\tan 7^\circ} \right) \frac{19.13}{9.81} = 32.16 \text{ m}$$

Therefore total head developed by the pump  $= H = 0.89 \times 32.16 = 28.62 \text{ m}$

If the changes in potential head across the pump is neglected, the total head developed by the pump can be written as

$$H = \left[ \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho g} \right] + \left[ \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2g} \right]$$

Therefore, the rise in stagnation or total pressure becomes

$$\frac{p_{02} - p_{01}}{\rho g} = \left[ \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} \right] - \left[ \frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \right] = H$$

Hence,  $p_{02} - p_{01} = 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 28.62 \text{ Pa} = 280.76 \text{ kPa}$ .

At impeller exit

$$V_{w2} = 19.13 - \frac{0.324}{\tan 7^\circ} = 16.49 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } V_2 &= [V_{f2}^2 + V_{w2}^2]^{1/2} \\ &= [(0.324)^2 + (16.49)^2]^{1/2} = 16.49 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

Solving for the static pressure head

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_2 - p_1}{\rho g} &= H - \left[ \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2g} \right] \\ &= 28.62 - \left[ \frac{(16.49)^2 - (1.29)^2}{2 \times 9.81} \right] = 14.84 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$p_2 - p_1 = 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 14.84 \text{ Pa} = 145.58 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) Power given to fluid} &= \rho g Q H \\ &= 10^3 \times 9.81 \times 0.026 \times 28.62 \text{ W} = 7.30 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(d) Input power to impeller} = 7.30 / 0.89 = 8.20 \text{ kW.}$$

**Example 15.15** The basic design of a centrifugal pump has a dimensionless specific speed of 0.075 rev. The blades are forward facing on the impeller and the outlet angle is  $120^\circ$  to the tangent, with an impeller passage width at outlet being equal to one-tenth of the diameter. The pump is to be used to raise water through a vertical distance of 35 m at a flow rate of  $0.04 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The suction and delivery pipes are each of 150 mm diameter and have a combined length of 40 m with a friction factor of 0.005. Other losses at pipe entry, exit, bends, etc. are three times the velocity head in the pipes. If the blades occupy 6 % of the circumferential area and the hydraulic efficiency (neglecting slip) is 76 %, what must be the diameter of the pump impeller.

**Solution** Velocity in the pipes  $v = \frac{0.04 \times 4}{\pi \times (0.15)^2} = 2.26 \text{ m/s}$

Total losses in the pipe

$$h_1 = \frac{4f l}{2gd} v^2 + \frac{3v^2}{2g} = \left[ \frac{4 \times 0.005 \times 40}{0.15} + 3 \right] \times \frac{(2.26)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 2.17 \text{ m}$$

Therefore total head required to be developed =  $35 + 2.17$   
 $= 37.17 \text{ m}$

The speed of the pump is determined from the consideration of specific speed as

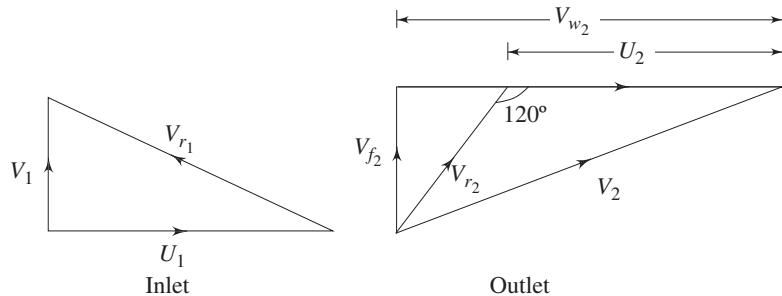
$$0.075 = \frac{N(0.04)^{1/2}}{(9.81 \times 37.17)^{3/4}}$$

or  $N = \frac{0.075 (9.81 \times 37.17)^{3/4}}{(0.04)^{1/2}} = 31.29 \text{ rev/s}$

Let the impeller diameter be  $D$ .

Flow area perpendicular to impeller outlet periphery  
 $= \pi D \times D / 10 \times 0.94 = 0.295 D^2$

The inlet and outlet velocity triangles are drawn below:



$$V_{f2} = \frac{Q}{0.295 D^2} = \frac{0.04}{0.295 D^2} = \frac{0.135}{D^2} \text{ m/s}$$

$$U_2 = \pi N D = 31.29 \times \pi \times D = 98.3 D \text{ m/s}$$

$$\eta_h \text{ (Hydraulic efficiency)} = gH / (V_{w2} U_2)$$

or  $0.76 = \frac{9.81 \times 37.17}{98.3 D \times V_{w2}}$

which gives,  $V_{w2} = \frac{4.88}{D} \text{ m/s}$

From outlet velocity triangle

$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{V_{f2}}{V_{w2} - U_2} = \frac{0.135}{D^2 [4.88/D - 98.3 D]}$$

or  $D^3 = 0.0496 D - 0.0008$

which gives  $D = 0.214 \text{ m}$

**Example 15.16** When a laboratory test was carried out on a pump, it was found that, for a pump total head of 36 m at a discharge of  $0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , cavitation began when the sum of the static pressure and the velocity head at inlet was reduced to 3.5 m. The atmospheric pressure was 750 mm of Hg and the vapour pressure of water was 1.8 kPa. If the pump is to operate at a location where atmospheric pressure was reduced to 620 mm of Hg and the temperature is so reduced that the vapour pressure of water is 830 Pa, what is the value of the cavitation parameter when the pump develops the same total head and discharge? Is it necessary to reduce the height of the pump and if so by how much?

**Solution** Cavitation began, when,  $\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = 3.5 \text{ m}$

(where subscript 1 refers to the condition at inlet to the pump)

and at this condition  $p_1 = p_{\text{vap}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \frac{V_1^2}{2g} &= 3.5 - \frac{1.8 \times 10^3}{9.81 \times 10^3} \\ &= 3.32 \text{ m (net positive suction head)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, the cavitation parameter } \sigma &= \frac{V_1^2}{2gH} \\ &= 3.32/36 = 0.092 \end{aligned}$$

This dimensionless parameter will remain same for both the cases.

Applying Bernoulli's equation, between the liquid level at sump and the inlet to the pump (taking the sump level as datum), we can write for the first case,

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - h_{f_1} \text{ (sum of head losses)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } (z_1 + h_{f_1}) &= \frac{p_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \sigma \cdot H - \frac{p_1}{\rho g} \\ &= (0.75 \times 13.6) - 3.32 - \frac{1.8}{9.81} \\ &= 6.7 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

for the second case,

$$\frac{p'_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V'_1^2}{2g} + z'_1 = \frac{p'_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - h'_{f_1}$$

(Superscript' refer to the second case)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } (z'_1 + h'_{f_1}) &= \frac{p'_{\text{atm}}}{\rho g} - \sigma \cdot H - \frac{p'_{\text{vap}}}{\rho g} \\ &= (0.62 \times 13.6) - 3.32 - \frac{830}{9.81 \times 10^3} \\ &= 5.03 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

since the flow rate is same,  $h_{f_1} = h'_{f_1}$

Therefore, the pump must be lowered a distance

$$(z_1 - z'_1) = 6.7 - 5.03 = 1.67 \text{ m}$$

at the new location.

## Exercises

- 15.1 A quarter scale turbine model is tested under a head of 10.8 m. The full-scale turbine is required to work under a head of 30 m and to run at 7.14 rev/s. At what speed must the model be run? If it develops 100 kW and uses 1.085 m<sup>3</sup> of water per second at this speed, what power will be obtained from the full-scale turbine? The efficiency of the full-scale turbine being 3% greater than that of the model? What is the dimensionless specific speed of the full-scale turbine?  
*(Ans. 17.14 rev/s, 7.66 MW, 0.513 rev/s)*
- 15.2 A Pelton wheel operates with a jet of 150 mm diameter under the head of 500 m. Its mean runner diameter is 2.25 m and it rotates with a speed of 375 rpm. The angle of bucket tip at outlet as 15°, coefficient of velocity is 0.98, mechanical losses equal to 3% of power supplied and the reduction in relative velocity of water while passing through bucket is 15%. Find (a) the force of jet on the bucket, (b) the power developed (c) bucket efficiency and (d) the overall efficiency.  
*(Ans. 165.15 kN, 7.3 MW, 90.3%, 87.6%)*
- 15.3 A Pelton wheel works at the foot of a dam because of which the head available at the nozzle is 400 m. The nozzle diameter is 160 mm and the coefficient of velocity is 0.98. The diameter of the wheel bucket circle is 1.75 m and the buckets deflect the jet by 150°. The wheel to jet speed ratio is 0.46. Neglecting friction, calculate (a) the power developed by the turbine, (b) its speed and (c) hydraulic efficiency.  
*[Ans. (a) 6.08 MW, (b) 435.9 rpm, (c) 89.05%]*
- 15.4 A powerhouse is equipped with impulse turbines of Pelton type. Each turbine delivers a power of 14 MW when working under a head of 900 m and running at 600 rpm. Find the diameter of the jet and mean diameter of the wheel. Assume that the overall efficiency is 89%, velocity coefficient of jet 0.98, and speed ratio 0.46.  
*(Ans. 132 mm, 1.91 m)*
- 15.5 A Francis turbine has a wheel diameter of 1.2 m at the entrance and 0.6 m at the exit. The blade angle at the entrance is 90° and the guide vane angle is 15°. The water at the exit leaves the blades without any tangential velocity. The available head is 30 m and the radial component of flow velocity is constant. What would be the speed of wheel in rpm and blade angle at exit? Neglect friction.  
*(Ans. 268 rpm, 28.2°)*
- 15.6 In a vertical shaft inward-flow reaction turbine, the sum of the pressure and kinetic head at entrance to the spiral casing is 120 m and the vertical distance between this section and the tail race level is 3 m. The peripheral velocity of the runner at entry is 30 m/s, the radial velocity of water is constant at 9 m/s and discharge from the runner is without swirl. The estimated hydraulic losses are (a) between turbine entrance and exit from the guide vanes 4.8 m (b) in the runner 8.8 m (c) in the draft tube 0.79 m (d) kinetic head rejected to the tail race

0.46 m. Calculate the guide vane angle and the runner blade angle at inlet and the pressure heads at entry to and exit from the runner.

(Ans.  $14.28^\circ$ ,  $120.78^\circ$ ,  $47.34\text{ m}$ ,  $-5.88\text{ m}$ )

- 15.7 A Kaplan turbine operating under a net head of 20 m develops 16 MW with an overall efficiency of 80 %. The diameter of the runner is 4.2 m, while the hub diameter is 2 m and the dimensionless specific speed is 3 rad. If the hydraulic efficiency is 90%, calculate the inlet and exit angles of the runner blades at the mean blade radius if the flow leaving the runner is purely axial.

(Ans.  $25^\circ$ ,  $19.4^\circ$ )

- 15.8 The following data refer to an elbow type draft tube:

Area of circular inlet =  $25\text{ m}^2$

Area of rectangular outlet =  $116\text{ m}^2$

Velocity of water at inlet to draft tube =  $10\text{ m/s}$

The frictional head loss in the draft tube equals to 10% of the inlet velocity head.

Elevation of inlet plane above tail race level =  $0.6\text{ m}$

Determine:

- Vacuum or negative head at inlet
- Power thrown away in tail race

(Ans.  $4.95\text{ m vac}$ ,  $578\text{ kW}$ )

- 15.9 Show that when runner blade angle at inlet of a Francis turbine is  $90^\circ$  and the velocity of flow is constant, the hydraulic efficiency is given by  $2/(2 + \tan^2 \alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the vane angle.

- 15.10 A Kaplan turbine develops 10 MW under a head of 4.3 m. Taking a speed ratio of 1.8, flow ratio of 0.5, boss diameter 0.35 times the outer diameter and overall efficiency of 90%, find the diameter and speed of the runner.

(Ans.  $9.12\text{ m}$ ,  $34.6\text{ rpm}$ )

- 15.11 A conical type draft tube attached to a Francis turbine has an inlet diameter of 3 m and its area at outlet is  $20\text{ m}^2$ . The velocity of water at inlet, which is 5 m above tail race level, is  $5\text{ m/s}$ . Assuming the loss in draft tube equals to 50% of velocity head at outlet, find (a) the pressure head at the top of the draft tube (b) the total head at the top of the draft tube taking tail race level as datum (c) power lost in draft tube.

(Ans.  $6.03\text{ m vac}$ ,  $0.24\text{ m}$ ,  $0.08\text{ m}$ )

- 15.12 Calculate the least diameter of impeller of a centrifugal pump to just start delivering water to a height of 30 m, if the inside diameter of impeller is half of the outside diameter and the manometric efficiency is 0.8. The pump runs at 1000 rpm.

(Ans.  $0.6\text{ m}$ )

- 15.13 The impeller of a centrifugal pump is  $0.5\text{ m}$  in diameter and rotates at 1200 rpm. Blades are curved back to an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the tangent at outlet tip. If the measured velocity of flow at the outlet is  $5\text{ m/s}$ , find the work input per kg of water per second. Find the theoretical maximum lift to which the water can be raised if the pump is provided with whirlpool chamber which reduces the velocity of water by 50%.

(Ans.  $72.78\text{ m}$ ,  $65.87\text{ m}$ )

- 15.14 The impeller of a centrifugal pump is  $0.3\text{ m}$  in diameter and runs at 1450 rpm. The pressure gauges on suction and delivery sides show the difference of 25 m. The

blades are curved back to an angle of  $30^\circ$ . The velocity of flow through impeller, being constant, equals to 2.5 m/s, find the manometric efficiency of the pump. If the frictional losses in impeller amounts to 2 m, find the fraction of total energy which is converted into pressure energy by impeller. Also find the pressure rise in pump casing.

(Ans. 58.35%, 54.1%, 1.83 m of water)

- 15.15 A centrifugal pump is required to work against a head of 20 m while rotating at the speed of 700 rpm. If the blades are curved back to an angle of  $30^\circ$  to tangent at outlet tip and velocity of flow through impeller is 2 m/s, calculate the impeller diameter when (a) all the kinetic energy at impeller outlet is wasted and (b) when 50% of this energy is converted into pressure energy in pump casing.

(Ans. 0.55 m, 0.48 m)

- 15.16 During a laboratory test on a pump, appreciable cavitation began when the pressure plus the velocity head at inlet was reduced to 3.26 m while the change in total head across the pump was 36.5 m and the discharge was 48 litres/s. Barometric pressure was 750 mm of Hg and the vapour pressure of water 1.8 kPa. What is the value of  $\sigma_c$ ? If the pump is to give the same total head and discharge in a location where the normal atmospheric pressure is 622 mm of Hg and the vapour pressure of water is 830 Pa, by how much must the height of the pump above the supply level be reduced?

(Ans. 0.084, 1.65 m)

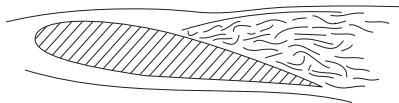
- 15.17 A single acting reciprocating pump having a cylinder diameter of 150 mm and stroke of 300 mm. is used to raise the water through a height of 20 m. Its crank rotates at 60 rpm. Find the theoretical power required to run the pump and the theoretical discharge. If actual discharge is 5 litres/s, find the percentage slip. If delivery pipe is 100 mm in diameter and is 15 m long, find the acceleration head at the beginning of the stroke.

(Ans. 1.04 kW, 0.0053 m<sup>3</sup>/s. 5.66, 20.37 m)

- 15.18 A reciprocating pump has a suction head of 6 m and delivery head of 15 m. It has a bore of 150 mm and stroke of 250 mm and piston makes 60 double strokes in a minute. Calculate the force required to move the piston during (a) suction stroke, (b) during the delivery stroke. Find also the power to drive the pump.

(Ans. 1.04 kN, 2.60 kN, 1.81 kW)

# 16



## Compressors, Fans and Blowers

In Chapter 15, we discussed the basic fluid mechanical principles governing the energy transfer in a fluid machine. A brief description of different types of fluid machines using water as the working fluid was also given in Chapter 15. However, there exist a large number of fluid machines in practice, that use air, steam and gas (the mixture of air and products of burnt fuel) as the working fluids. The density of the fluids change with a change in pressure as well as in temperature as they pass through the machines. These machines are called 'compressible flow machines' and more popularly 'turbomachines'. Apart from the change in density with pressure, other features of compressible flow, depending upon the flow regimes, are also observed in course of flow of fluids through turbomachines. Therefore, the basic equation of energy transfer (Euler's equation, as discussed in Chapter 15) along with the equation of state relating the pressure, density and temperature of the working fluid and other necessary equations of compressible flow, (as discussed in Chapter 14) are needed to describe the performance of a turbomachine. However, a detailed discussion on all types of turbomachines is beyond the scope of this book. We shall present a very brief description of a few compressible flow machines, namely, compressors, fans and blowers in this chapter.

### 16.1 CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSORS

A centrifugal compressor is a radial flow rotodynamic fluid machine that uses mostly air as the working fluid and utilizes the mechanical energy imparted to the

machine from outside to increase the total internal energy of the fluid mainly in the form of increased static pressure head.

During the second world war most of the gas turbine units used centrifugal compressors. Attention was focused on the simple turbojet units where low power-plant weight was of great importance. Since the war, however, the axial compressors have been developed to the point where it has an appreciably higher isentropic efficiency. Though centrifugal compressors are not that popular today, there is renewed interest in the centrifugal stage, used in conjunction with one or more axial stages, for small turbofan and turboprop aircraft engines.

A centrifugal compressor essentially consists of three components.

1. **A stationary casing**
2. **A rotating impeller** as shown in Fig. 16.1 (a) which imparts a high velocity to the air. The impeller may be single or double sided as shown in Fig. 16.1 (b) and (c) but the fundamental theory is same for both.
3. **A diffuser** consisting of a number of fixed diverging passages in which the air is decelerated with a consequent rise in static pressure.

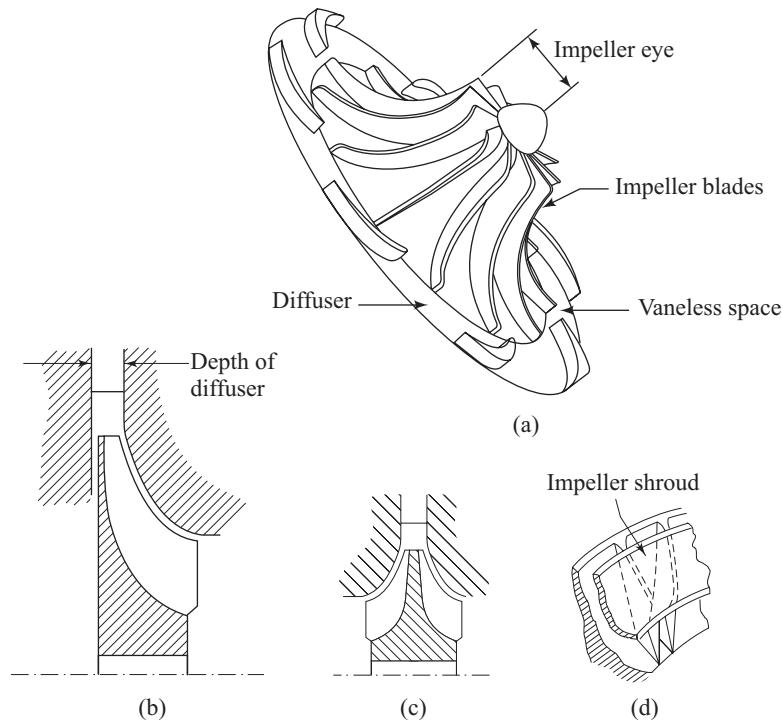


Fig. 16.1 Schematic views of a centrifugal compressor

**Principle of operation** Air is sucked into the impeller eye and whirled outwards at high speed by the impeller disk. At any point in the flow of air through the impeller, the centripetal acceleration is obtained by a pressure head so that the static pressure of the air increases from the eye to the tip of the impeller. The remainder of the static pressure rise is obtained in the diffuser, where the very high velocity of

air leaving the impeller tip is reduced to almost the velocity with which the air enters the impeller eye.

Usually, about half of the total pressure rise occurs in the impeller and the other half in the diffuser. Owing to the action of the vanes in carrying the air around with the impeller, there is a slightly higher static pressure on the forward side of the vane than on the trailing face. The air will thus tend to flow around the edge of the vanes in the clearing space between the impeller and casing. This results in a loss of efficiency and the clearance must be kept as small as possible. Sometimes, a shroud attached to the blades as shown in Fig. 16.1 (d) may eliminate such a loss, but it is avoided because of increased disc friction loss and of manufacturing difficulties.

The straight and radial blades are usually employed to avoid any undesirable bending stress to be set up in the blades. The choice of radial blades also determines that the total pressure rise is divided equally between impeller and diffuser.

**Work done and pressure rise** Since no work is done on the air in the diffuser, the energy absorbed by the compressor will be determined by the conditions of the air at the inlet and outlet of the impeller. At the first instance, it is assumed that the air enters the impeller eye in the axial direction, so that the initial angular momentum of the air is zero. The axial portion of the vanes must be curved so that the air can pass smoothly into the eye. The angle which the leading edge of a vane makes with the tangential direction,  $\alpha$ , will be given by the direction of the relative velocity of the air at inlet,  $V_{r1}$ , as shown in Fig. 16.2. The air leaves the impeller tip with an absolute velocity of  $V_2$  that will have a tangential or whirl component  $V_{w2}$ . Under ideal conditions,  $V_2$ , would be such that the whirl component is equal to the impeller speed  $U_2$  at the tip. Since air enters the impeller in axial direction,  $V_{w1} = 0$ . Under

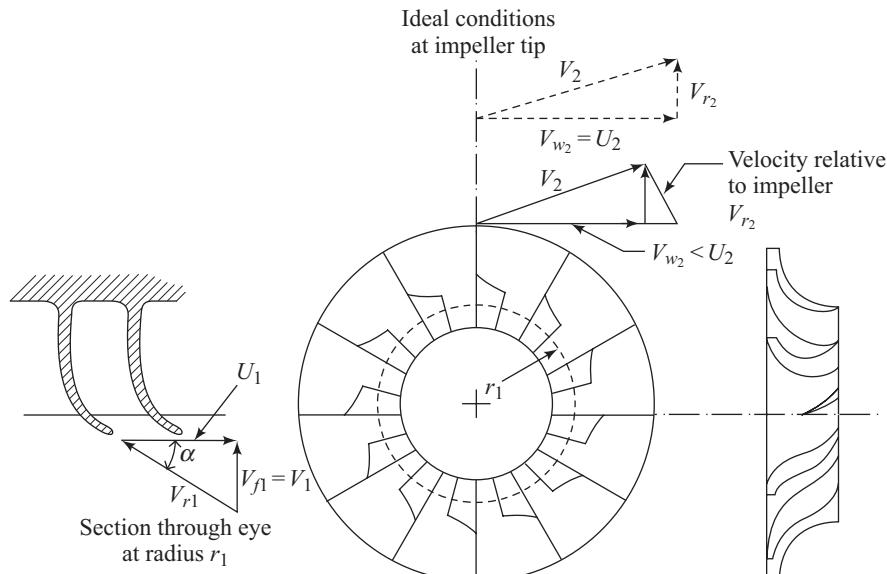


Fig. 16.2 Velocity triangles at inlet and outlet of impeller blades

the situation of  $V_{w1} = 0$  and  $V_{w2} = U_2$ , we can derive from Eq. (15.2), the energy transfer per unit mass of air as

$$\frac{E}{m} = U_2^2 \quad (16.2)$$

Due to its inertia the air trapped between the impeller vanes is reluctant to move round with the impeller and we have already noted that this results in a higher static pressure on the leading face of a vane than on the trailing face. It also prevents the air from acquiring a whirl velocity equal to impeller speed. This effect is known as slip. Because of slip, we obtain  $V_{w2} < U_2$ . The slip factor  $\sigma$  is defined in the similar way as done in the case of a centrifugal pump as

$$\sigma = \frac{V_{w2}}{U_2}$$

The value of  $\sigma$  lies between 0.9 to 0.92. The energy transfer per unit mass in case of slip becomes

$$\frac{E}{m} = V_{w2} U_2 = \sigma U_2^2 \quad (16.2)$$

One of the widely used expressions for  $\sigma$  was suggested by Stanitz from the solution of potential flow through impeller passages. It is given by

$$\sigma = 1 - \frac{0.63\pi}{n}, \text{ where } n \text{ is the number of vanes.}$$

**Power input factor** The power input factor takes into account of the effect of disk friction, windage, etc. for which a little more power has to be supplied than required by the theoretical expression. Considering all these losses, the actual work done (or energy input) on the air per unit mass becomes

$$w = \Psi \sigma U_2^2 \quad (16.3)$$

where  $\Psi$  is the power input factor.

From steady flow energy equation and in consideration of air as an ideal gas, one can write for adiabatic work  $w$  per unit mass of air flow as

$$w = c_p (T_{2t} - T_{1t}) \quad (16.4)$$

Where  $T_{1t}$  and  $T_{2t}$  are the stagnation temperatures at inlet and outlet of the impeller, and  $c_p$  is the mean specific heat over the entire temperature range. With the help of Eq. (16.3), we can write

$$w = \Psi \sigma U_2^2 = c_p (T_{2t} - T_{1t}) \quad (16.5)$$

The stagnation temperature represents the total energy held by a fluid. Since no energy is added in the diffuser, the stagnation temperature rise across the impeller must be equal to that across the whole compressor. If the stagnation temperature at the outlet of the diffuser is designated by  $T_{3t}$ , then  $T_{3t} = T_{2t}$ . One can write from Eq. (16.5)

$$\frac{T_{2t}}{T_{1t}} = \frac{T_{3t}}{T_{1t}} = 1 + \frac{\Psi \sigma U_2^2}{c_p T_{1t}} \quad (16.6)$$

The overall stagnation pressure ratio can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_{3t}}{p_{1t}} &= \left( \frac{T'_{3t}}{T_{1t}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \\ &= \left[ 1 + \frac{\eta_c (T_{3t} - T_{1t})}{T_{1t}} \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \end{aligned} \quad (16.7)$$

where,  $T'_{3t}$  and  $T_{3t}$  are the stagnation temperatures at the end of an ideal (isentropic) and actual process of compression respectively (Fig. 16.3), and  $\eta_c$  is the isentropic efficiency defined as

$$\eta_c = \frac{T'_{3t} - T_{1t}}{T_{3t} - T_{1t}} \quad (16.8)$$

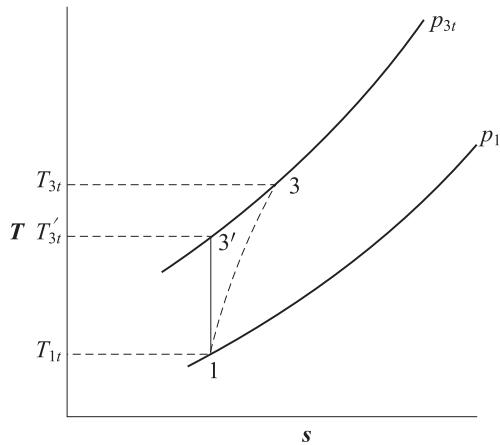


Fig. 16.3 Ideal and actual processes of compression on T-s plane

Since the stagnation temperature at the outlet of impeller is same as that at the outlet of the diffuser, one can also write  $T_{2t}$  in place of  $T_{3t}$  in Eq. (16.8). Typical values of the power input factor lie in the region of 1.035 to 1.04. If we know  $\eta_c$ , we will be able to calculate the stagnation pressure rise for a given impeller speed. The variation in stagnation pressure ratio across the impeller with the impeller speed is shown in Fig. 16.4. For common materials,  $U_2$  is limited to 450 m/s.

Figure 16.5 shows the inducing section of a compressor. The relative velocity  $V_{r1}$  at the eye tip has to be held low otherwise the Mach number (based on  $V_{r1}$ )

given by  $M_{r1} = \frac{V_{r1}}{\sqrt{\gamma R T_1}}$  will be too high causing shock losses. Mach number  $M_{r1}$

should be in the range of 0.7–0.9. The typical inlet velocity triangles for large and medium or small eye tip diameter are shown in Fig. 16.6 (a) and (b) respectively.

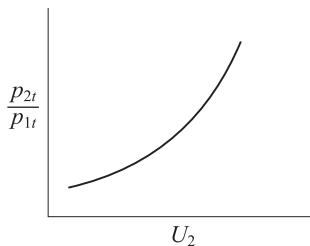


Fig. 16.4 Variation in stagnation pressure ratio with impeller tip speed

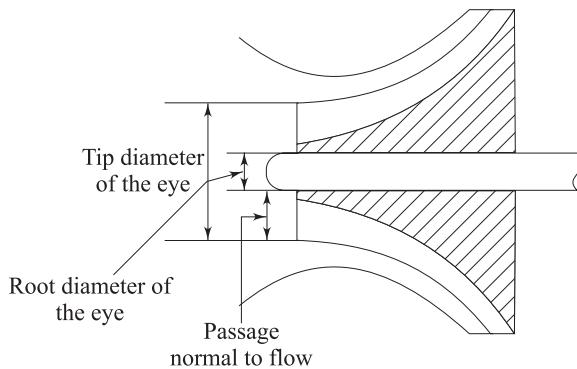


Fig. 16.5 Inducing section of a centrifugal compressor

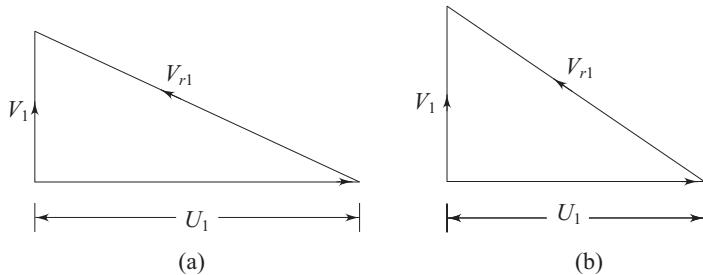


Fig. 16.6 Velocity triangles at the tip of eye

### 16.1.1 Diffuser

The basic purpose of a compressor is to deliver air at high pressure required for burning fuel in a combustion chamber so that the burnt products of combustion at high pressure and temperature are used in turbines or propelling nozzles (in case of an aircraft engine) to develop mechanical power. The problem of designing an efficient combustion chamber is eased if velocity of the air entering the combustion chamber is as low as possible. It is necessary, therefore to design the diffuser so that only a small part of the stagnation temperature at the compressor outlet corresponds to kinetic energy.

It is much more difficult to arrange for an efficient deceleration of flow than it is to obtain efficient acceleration. There is a natural tendency in a diffusing process for the air to break away from the walls of the diverging passage and reverse its direction. This is typically due to the phenomenon of boundary layer separation as

explained in Section 9.6. This is shown in Fig. 16.7. Experiments have shown that the maximum permissible included angle of divergence is  $11^\circ$  to avoid considerable losses due to flow separation.

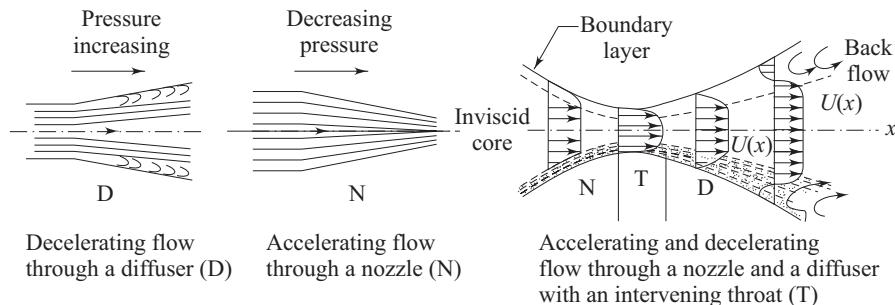


Fig. 16.7 Accelerating and decelerating flows

In order to control the flow of air effectively and carry-out the diffusion process in as short a length as possible, the air leaving the impeller is divided into a number of separate streams by fixed diffuser vanes. Usually the passages formed by the vanes are of constant depth, the width diverging in accordance with the shape of the vanes. The angle of the diffuser vanes at the leading edge must be designed to suit the direction of the absolute velocity of the air at the radius of the leading edges, so that the air will flow smoothly over vanes. As there is a radial gap between the impeller tip and the leading edge of the vanes (Fig. 16.8), this direction will not be that with which the air leaves the impeller tip.

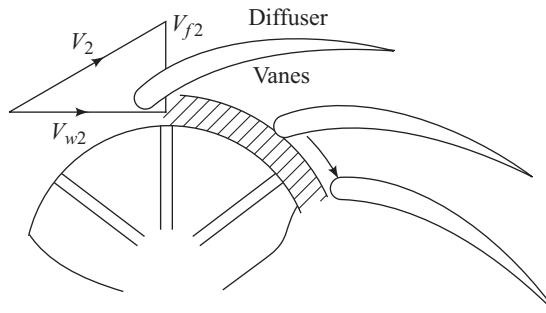


Fig. 16.8 Diffuser vanes

To find the correct angle for diffuser vanes, the flow in the vaneless space should be considered. No further energy is supplied to the air after it leaves the impeller. If we neglect the frictional losses, the angular momentum  $V_w r$  remains constant. Hence  $V_w$  decreases from impeller tip to diffuser vane, in inverse proportion to the radius. For a channel of constant depth, the area of flow in the radial direction is directly proportional to the radius. The radial velocity  $V_f$  will therefore also decrease from impeller tip to diffuser vane, in accordance with the equation of continuity. If both  $V_f$  and  $V_w$  decrease from the impeller tip then the resultant velocity  $V$  decreases from the impeller tip and some diffusion takes place in the vaneless space. The consequent increase in density means that  $V_f$  will not

decrease in inverse proportion to the radius as done by  $V_w$ , and the way  $V_f$  varies must be found from the equation of continuity.

### 16.1.2 Losses in a Centrifugal Compressor

The losses in a centrifugal compressor are almost of the same types as those in a centrifugal pump described in Section 15.3.3 of Chapter 15. However, the following features are to be noted.

**Frictional losses** A major portion of the losses is due to fluid friction in stationary and rotating blade passages. The flow in impeller and diffuser is decelerating in nature. Therefore the frictional losses are due to both skin friction and boundary layer separation. The losses depend on the friction factor, length of the flow passage and square of the fluid velocity. The variation of frictional losses with mass flow is shown in Fig. 16.9.

**Incidence losses** During the off-design conditions, the direction of relative velocity of fluid at inlet does not match with the inlet blade angle and therefore fluid cannot enter the blade passage smoothly by gliding along the blade surface. The loss in energy that takes place because of this is known as incidence loss. This is sometimes referred to as shock losses. However, the word shock in this context should not be confused with the aerodynamic sense of shock which is a sudden discontinuity in fluid properties and flow parameters that arises when a supersonic flow decelerates to a subsonic one as described in Chapter 14.

**Clearance and leakage losses** Certain minimum clearances are necessary between the impeller shaft and the casing and between the outer periphery of the impeller eye and the casing. The leakage of gas through the shaft clearance is minimized by employing glands. The clearance losses depend upon the impeller diameter and the static pressure at the impeller tip. A larger diameter of impeller is necessary for a higher peripheral speed ( $U_2$ ) and it is very difficult in the situation to provide sealing between the casing and the impeller eye tip.

The variations of frictional losses, incidence losses and the total losses with mass flow rate are shown in Fig. 16.9. The leakage losses comprise a small

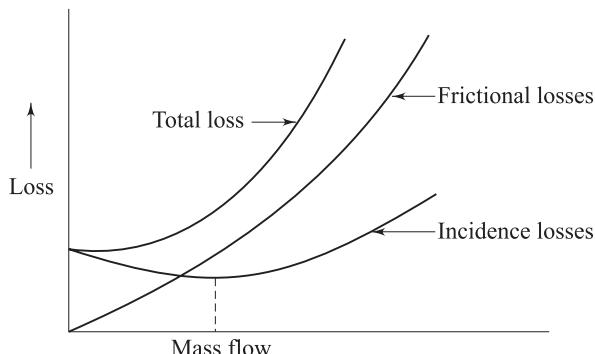


Fig. 16.9 Dependence of various losses with mass flow in a centrifugal compressor

fraction of the total loss. The incidence losses attain the minimum value at the designed mass flow rate. The shock losses are, in fact zero at the designed flow rate. However, the incidence losses, as shown in Fig. 16.9, comprises both shock losses and impeller entry loss due to a change in the direction of fluid flow from axial to radial direction in the vaneless space before entering the impeller blades. The impeller entry loss is similar to that in a pipe bend and is very small compared to other losses. This is why the incidence losses show a non zero minimum value (Fig. 16.9) at the designed flow rate.

### 16.1.3 Compressor Characteristics

The theoretical and actual head-discharge relationships of a centrifugal compressor are same as those of a centrifugal pump as described in Chapter 15. Therefore the curves of  $H-Q$  are similar to those of Figs 15.26 and 15.27. However, the performance of a compressor is usually specified by curves of delivery pressure and temperature against mass flow rate for various fixed values of rotational speed at given values of inlet pressure and temperature. It is always advisable to plot such performance characteristic curves with dimensionless variables. To find these dimensionless variables, we start with an implicit functional relationship of all the variables as

$$F(D, N, m, p_{1t}, p_{2t}, RT_{1t}, RT_{2t}) = 0 \quad (16.9)$$

where  $D$  = characteristic linear dimension of the machine,  $N$  = rotational speed,  $m$  = mass flow rate,  $p_{1t}$  = stagnation pressure at compressor inlet,  $p_{2t}$  = stagnation pressure at compressor outlet,  $T_{1t}$  = stagnation temperature at compressor inlet,  $T_{2t}$  = stagnation temperature at compressor outlet, and  $R$  = characteristic gas constant.

By making use of Buckingham's  $\pi$  theorem, we obtain the non-dimensional groups ( $\pi$  terms) as

$$\frac{p_{2t}}{p_{1t}}, \frac{T_{2t}}{T_{1t}}, \frac{m\sqrt{RT_{1t}}}{D^2 p_{1t}}, \frac{ND}{\sqrt{RT_{1t}}}$$

The third and fourth non-dimensional groups are defined as 'non-dimensional mass flow' and non-dimensional rotational speed' respectively. The physical interpretation of these two non-dimensional groups can be ascertained as follows.

$$\frac{m\sqrt{RT}}{D^2 p} = \frac{\rho A V \sqrt{RT}}{D^2 p} = \frac{\rho}{RT} \frac{A V \sqrt{RT}}{D^2 p} \propto \frac{V}{\sqrt{RT}} \propto M_F$$

$$\frac{ND}{\sqrt{RT}} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{RT}} \propto M_R$$

Therefore, the ‘non-dimensional mass flow’ and ‘non-dimensional rotational speed’ can be regarded as flow Mach number,  $M_F$  and rotational speed Mach number,  $M_R$ .

When we are concerned with the performance of a machine of fixed size compressing a specified gas,  $R$  and  $D$  may be omitted from the groups and we can write

$$\text{Function} \left( \frac{p_{2t}}{p_{1t}}, \frac{T_{2t}}{T_{1t}}, \frac{m\sqrt{T_{1t}}}{p_{1t}}, \frac{N}{\sqrt{T_{1t}}} \right) = 0 \quad (16.10)$$

Though the terms  $m\sqrt{T_{1t}}/p_{1t}$  and  $N/\sqrt{T_{1t}}$  are truly not dimensionless, they are referred to as ‘non-dimensional mass flow’ and ‘non-dimensional rotational speed’ for practical purposes. The stagnation pressure and temperature ratios  $p_{2t}/p_{1t}$  and  $T_{2t}/T_{1t}$  are plotted against  $m\sqrt{T_{1t}}/p_{1t}$  in the form of two families of curves, each curve of a family being drawn for fixed values of  $N/\sqrt{T_{1t}}$ . The two families of curves represent the compressor characteristics. From these curves, it is possible to draw the curves of isentropic efficiency  $\eta_c$  vs  $m\sqrt{T_{1t}}/p_{1t}$  for fixed values of  $N/\sqrt{T_{1t}}$ . We can recall, in this context, the definition of the isentropic efficiency as

$$\eta_c = \frac{T'_{2t} - T_{1t}}{T_{2t} - T_{1t}} = \frac{(p_{2t}/p_{1t})^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1}{(T_{2t}/T_{1t}) - 1} \quad (16.11)$$

Before describing a typical set of characteristics, it is desirable to consider what might be expected to occur when a valve placed in the delivery line of the compressor running at a constant speed, is slowly opened. When the valve is shut and the mass flow rate is zero, the pressure ratio will have some value  $A$  (Fig. 16.10), corresponding to the centrifugal pressure head produced by

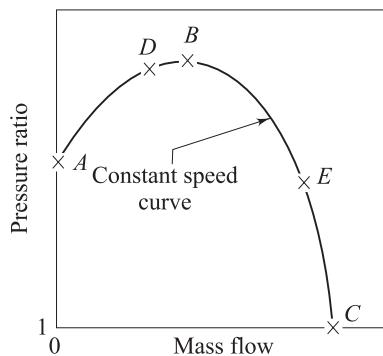


Fig. 16.10 The theoretical characteristic curve, after Cohen et al. [1]

the action of the impeller on the air trapped between the vanes. As the valve is opened, flow commences and diffuser begins to influence the pressure rise, for which the pressure ratio increases. At some point *B*, efficiency approaches its maximum and the pressure ratio also reaches its maximum. Further increase of mass flow will result in a fall of pressure ratio. For mass flows greatly in excess of that corresponding to the design mass flow, the air angles will be widely different from the vane angles and breakaway of the air will occur. In this hypothetical case, the pressure ratio drops to unity at *C*, when the valve is fully open and all the power is absorbed in overcoming internal frictional resistances.

In practice, the operating point *A* could be obtained if desired but a part of the curve between *A* and *B* could not be obtained due to surging. It may be explained in the following way. If we suppose that the compressor is operating at a point *D* on the part of characteristic curve (Fig. 16.10) having a positive slope, then a decrease in mass flow will be accompanied by a fall in delivery pressure. If the pressure of the air downstream of the compressor does not fall quickly enough, the air will tend to reverse its direction and will flow back in the direction of the resulting pressure gradient. When this occurs, the pressure ratio drops rapidly causing a further drop in mass flow until the point *A* is reached, where the mass flow is zero. When the pressure downstream of the compressor has reduced sufficiently due to reduced mass flow rate, the positive flow becomes established again and the compressor picks up repeat the cycle of events which occurs at high frequency.

This surging of air may not happen immediately the operating point moves to the left of *B* because the pressure downstream of the compressor may at first fall at a greater rate than the delivery pressure. As the mass flow is reduced, the reverse will apply and the conditions are unstable between *A* and *B*. As long as the operating point is on the part of the characteristic having a negative slope, however, decrease in mass flow is accompanied by a rise in delivery pressure and the operation is stable.

Let us consider the constant speed curve ABC (Fig. 16.10). There is an additional limitation to the operating range, between *B* and *C*. As the mass flow increases and the pressure decreases, the density is reduced and the radial component of velocity must increase. At constant rotational speed this means an increase in resultant velocity and hence in angle of incidence at the diffuser vane leading edge. At some point say *E*, the position is reached where no further increase in mass flow can be obtained no matter how wide open the control valve is. This point represents the maximum delivery obtainable at the particular rotational speed for which the curve is drawn. This indicates that at some point within the compressor sonic conditions have been reached, causing the limiting maximum mass flow rate to be set as in the case of compressible flow through a converging diverging nozzle. Choking is said to have taken place. Other curves may be obtained for different speeds, so that the actual variation of pressure ratio over the complete range of mass flow and rotational speed will be shown by curves such as those in Fig. 16.11. The left hand extremities of the constant speed curves may be joined up to form surge line, the right hand extremities indicate choking (Fig. 16.11).

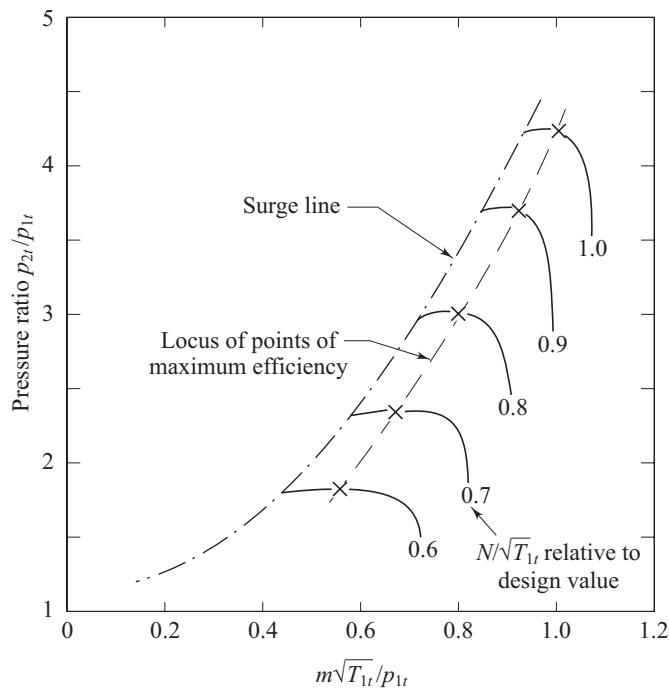


Fig. 16.11 Variations of pressure ratio over the complete range of mass flow for different rotational speeds, after Cohen et al. [1]

## 16.2 AXIAL FLOW COMPRESSORS

The basic components of an axial flow compressor are a rotor and a stator, the former carrying the moving blades and the latter the stationary rows of blades. The stationary blades convert the kinetic energy of the fluid into pressure energy, and also redirect the flow into an angle suitable for entry to the next row of moving blades. Each stage will consist of one rotor row followed by a stator row but it is usual to provide a row of so-called inlet guide vanes. This is an additional stator row upstream of the first stage in the compressor and serves to direct the axially approaching flow correctly into the first row of rotating blades. Two forms of rotor have been taken up, namely drum type and disk type. A disk type rotor illustrated in Fig. 16.12. The disk type is used where consideration of low weight is most important. There is a contraction of the flow annulus from the low to the high-pressure end of the compressor. This is necessary to maintain the axial velocity at a reasonably constant level throughout the length of the compressor despite the increase in density of air. Figure 16.13 illustrates flow through compressor stages.

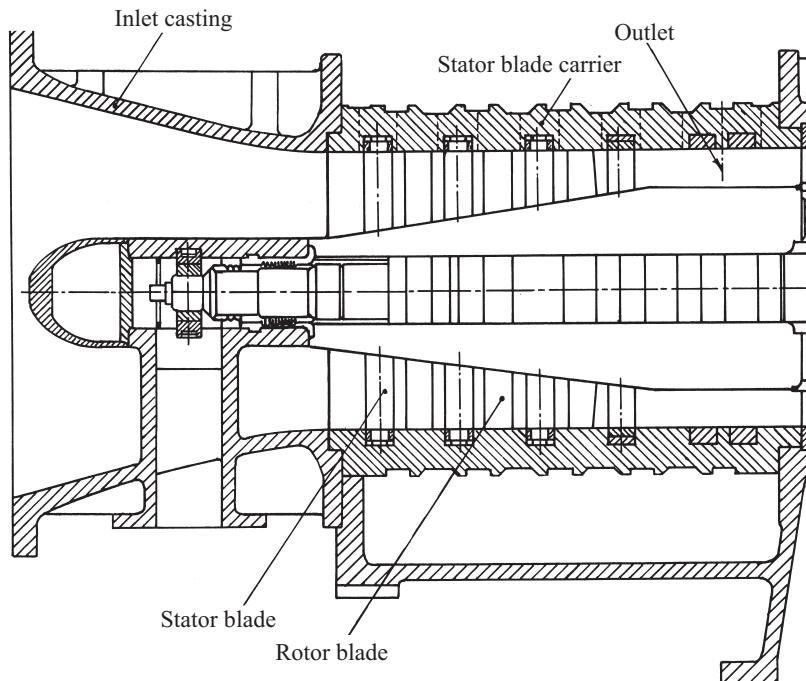


Fig. 16.12 Disk type axial flow compressor

The basic principle of acceleration of the working fluid, followed by diffusion to convert acquired kinetic energy into a pressure rise, is applied in the axial compressor. The flow is considered as occurring in a tangential plane at the mean blade height where the blade peripheral velocity is  $U$ . This two dimensional approach means that in general the flow velocity will have two components, one axial and one peripheral denoted by subscript  $w$ , implying a whirl velocity. It is first assumed that the air approaches the rotor blades with an absolute velocity  $V_1$ , at an angle  $\alpha_1$  to the axial direction. In combination with the peripheral velocity  $U$  of the blades, its relative velocity will be  $V_{r1}$  at an angle  $\beta_1$  as shown in the upper velocity triangle (Fig. 16.14). After passing through the diverging passages formed between the rotor blades which do work on the air and increase its absolute velocity, the air will emerge with the relative velocity of  $V_{r2}$  at angle  $\beta_2$  which is less than  $\beta_1$ . This turning of air towards the axial direction is, as previously mentioned, necessary to provide an increase in the effective flow area and is brought about by the camber of the blades. Since  $V_{r2}$  is less than  $V_{r1}$  due to diffusion, some pressure rise has been accomplished in the rotor. The velocity  $V_{r2}$  in combination with  $U$  gives the absolute velocity  $V_2$  at the exit from the rotor at an angle  $\alpha_2$  to the axial direction. The air then passes through the passages formed by the stator blades where it is further diffused to velocity  $V_3$  at an angle  $\alpha_3$  which in most designs equals to  $\alpha_1$  so that it is prepared for entry to next stage. Here again, the turning of the air towards the axial direction is brought about by the camber of the blades.

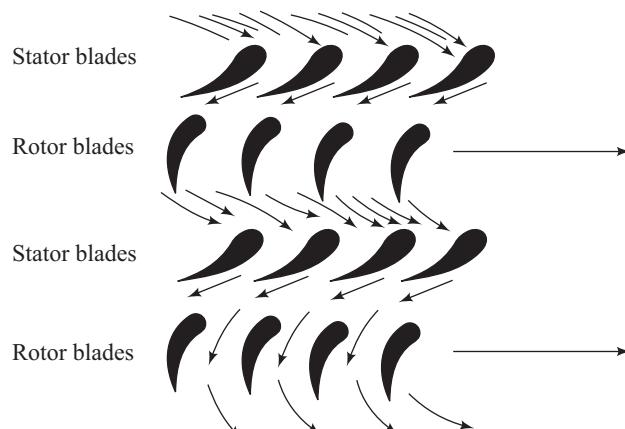


Fig. 16.13 Flow through stages

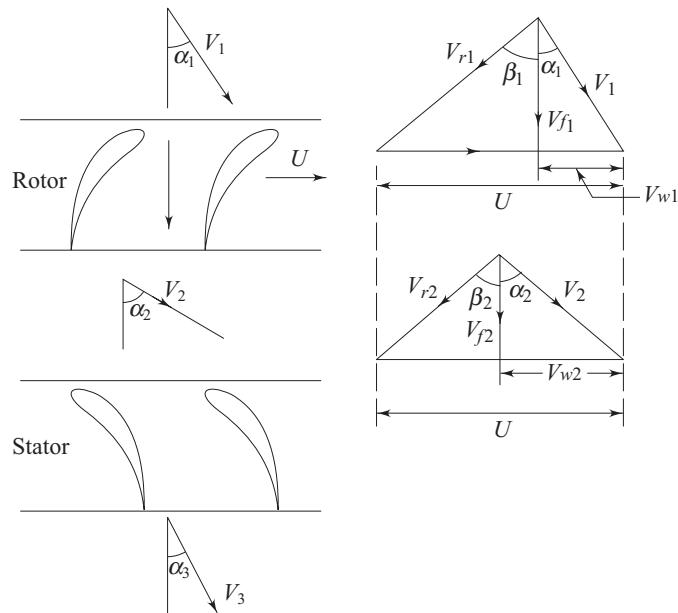


Fig. 16.14 Velocity triangles of a stage of an axial flow compressor

Two basic equations follow immediately from the geometry of the velocity triangles. These are:

$$\frac{U}{V_f} = \tan \alpha_1 + \tan \beta_1 \quad (16.12)$$

$$\frac{U}{V_f} = \tan \alpha_2 + \tan \beta_2 \quad (16.13)$$

in which  $V_f = V_{f1} = V_{f2}$  is the axial velocity, assumed constant through the stage. The work done per unit mass or specific work input,  $w$  being given by

$$w = U(V_{w2} - V_{w1}) \quad (16.14)$$

This expression can be put in terms of the axial velocity and air angles to give

$$w = UV_f(\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1) \quad (16.15)$$

or by using Eqs. (16.12) and (16.13)

$$w = UV_f(\tan \beta_1 - \tan \beta_2) \quad (16.16)$$

This input energy will be absorbed usefully in raising the pressure and velocity of the air. A part of it will be spent in overcoming various frictional losses. Regardless of the losses, the input will reveal itself as a rise in the stagnation temperature of the air  $\Delta T_{st}$ . If the absolute velocity of the air leaving the stage  $V_3$  is made equal to that at the entry  $V_1$ , the stagnation temperature rise  $\Delta T_{st}$  will also be the static temperature rise of the stage,  $\Delta T_s$ , so that

$$\Delta T_{st} = \Delta T_s = \frac{UV_f}{c_p} (\tan \beta_1 - \tan \beta_2) \quad (16.17)$$

In fact, the stage temperature rise will be less than that given in Eq. (16.17) owing to three dimensional effects in the compressor annulus. Experiments show that it is necessary to multiply the right hand side of Eq. (16.17) by a work-done factor  $\lambda$  which is a number less than unity. This is a measure of the ratio of actual work-absorbing capacity of the stage to its ideal value.

The radial distribution of axial velocity is not constant across the annulus but becomes increasingly peaky (Fig. 16.15) as the flow proceeds, setting down to a fixed profile at about the fourth stage. Equation (16.16) can be written with the help of Eq. (16.12) as

$$\begin{aligned} w &= U[(U - V_f \tan \alpha_1) - V_f \tan \beta_2] \\ &= U(U - V_f(\tan \alpha_1 + \tan \beta_2)) \end{aligned} \quad (16.18)$$

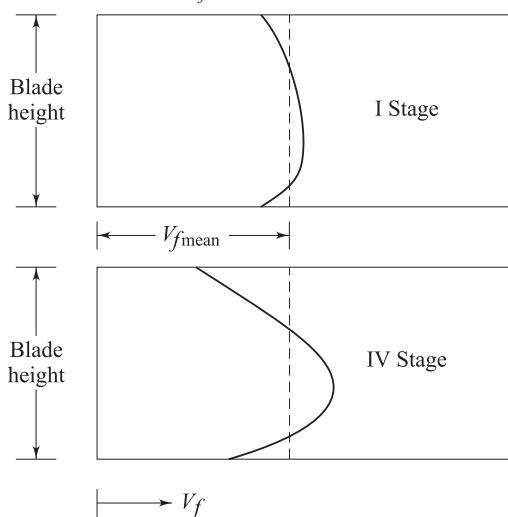


Fig. 16.15 Axial velocity distributions

Since the outlet angles of the stator and the rotor blades fix the value of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\beta_2$  and hence the value of  $(\tan \alpha_1 + \tan \beta_2)$ . Any increase in  $V_f$  will result in a decrease in  $w$  and vice-versa. If the compressor is designed for constant radial distribution of  $V_f$  as shown by the dotted line in Fig. (16.14), the effect of an increase in  $V_f$  in the central region of the annulus will be to reduce the work capacity of blading in that area. However this reduction is somewhat compensated by an increase in  $w$  in the regions of the root and tip of the blading because of the reduction of  $V_f$  at these parts of the annulus. However, the net result is a loss in total work capacity because of the adverse effects of blade tip clearance and boundary layers on the annulus walls. This effect becomes more pronounced as the number of stages is increased and the way in which the mean value varies with the number of stages. The variation of  $\lambda$  with the number of stages is shown in Fig. 16.16. Care should be taken to avoid confusion of this factor with the idea of an efficiency. If  $w$  is the expression for the specific work input (Eq. 16.14), then  $\lambda w$  is the actual amount of work which can be supplied to the stage. The application of an isentropic efficiency to the resulting temperature rise will yield the equivalent isentropic temperature rise from which the stage pressure ratio may be calculated. Thus the actual stage temperature rise is given by

$$\Delta T_{st} = \frac{\lambda U V_f}{c_p} (\tan \beta_1 - \tan \beta_2) \quad (16.19)$$

and the pressure ratio  $R_s$  by

$$R_s = \left[ 1 + \frac{\eta_s \Delta T_{st}}{T_{1t}} \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \quad (16.20)$$

where  $T_{1t}$  is the inlet stagnation temperature and  $\eta_s$  is the stage isentropic efficiency.

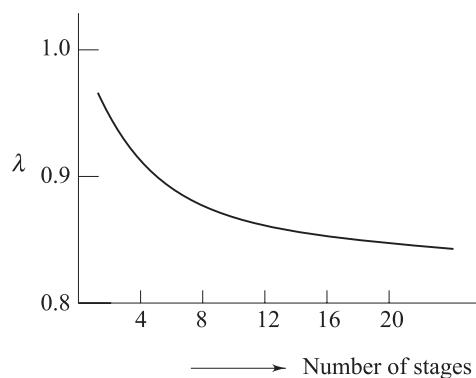


Fig. 16.16 Variation of work-done factor with number of stages

**Example:** At the mean diameter,  $U = 200$  m/s,  $V_f = 180$  m/s,  $\beta_1 = 43.9^\circ$  and  $\beta_2 = 13.5^\circ$ . The factor  $\lambda = 0.86$  and  $\eta_s = 0.85$  and inlet temperature  $T_{1t}$  is 288 K. Calculate the pressure ratio.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T_{st} &= \frac{0.86 \times 200 \times 180}{1.005 \times 10^3} (\tan 43.9^\circ - \tan 13.5^\circ) \\ &= 22.24 \text{ K}\end{aligned}$$

and  $R_s = \left[ 1 + \frac{0.85 \times 22.24}{288} \right]^{3.5} = 1.25$

[ $c_p$  of air has been taken as 1005 J/kg K]

### 16.2.1 Degree of Reaction

A certain amount of diffusion (a rise in static pressure) takes place as the air passes through the rotor as well as the stator; the rise in pressure through the stage is in general, attributed to both blade rows. The term degree of reaction is a measure of the extent to which the rotor itself contributes to the increase in the static head of fluid. It is defined as the ratio of the static enthalpy rise in the rotor to that in the whole stage. Variation of  $c_p$  over the relevant temperature range will be negligibly small and hence this ratio of enthalpy rise will be equal to the corresponding temperature rise.

It is useful to obtain a formula for the degree of reaction in terms of the various velocities and air angles associated with the stage. This will be done for the most common case in which it is assumed that the air leaves the stage with the same velocity (absolute) with which it enters ( $V_1 = V_3$ ).

This leads to  $\Delta T_s = \Delta T_{st}$ . If  $\Delta T_A$  and  $\Delta T_B$  are the static temperature rises in the rotor and the stator respectively, then from Eqs (16.15), (16.16) and (16.17)

$$\begin{aligned}w &= c_p (\Delta T_A + \Delta T_B) = c_p \Delta T_s \\ &= UV_f (\tan \beta_1 - \tan \beta_2) \\ &= UV_f (\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1) \quad (16.21)\end{aligned}$$

Since all the work input to the stage is transferred to air by means of the rotor, the steady flow energy equation yields

$$w = c_p \Delta T_A + \frac{1}{2} (V_2^2 - V_1^2)$$

With the help of Eq. (16.21), it becomes

$$c_p \Delta T_A = UV_f (\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1) - \frac{1}{2} (V_2^2 - V_1^2)$$

But  $V_2 = V_f \sec \alpha_2$  and  $V_1 = V_f \sec \alpha_1$ , and hence

$$\begin{aligned}c_p \Delta T_A &= UV_f (\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1) - \frac{1}{2} V_f^2 (\sec^2 \alpha_2 - \sec^2 \alpha_1) \\ &= UV_f (\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1) - \frac{1}{2} V_f^2 (\tan^2 \alpha_2 - \tan^2 \alpha_1) \quad (16.22)\end{aligned}$$

The degree of reaction

$$\Lambda = \frac{\Delta T_A}{\Delta T_A + \Delta T_B} \quad (16.23)$$

With the help of Eq. (16.22), it becomes

$$\Lambda = \frac{UV_f(\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1) - \frac{1}{2}V_f^2(\tan^2 \alpha_2 - \tan^2 \alpha_1)}{UV_f(\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1)}$$

By adding up Eq. (16.12) and Eq. (16.13) we get

$$\frac{2U}{V_f} = \tan \alpha_1 + \tan \beta_1 + \tan \alpha_2 + \tan \beta_2$$

Hence,

$$\Lambda = 1 - \frac{V_f}{2U} (\tan \alpha_2 + \tan \alpha_1)$$

$$\text{or } \Lambda = \frac{V_f}{2U} \left( \frac{2U}{V_f} - \frac{2U}{V_f} + \tan \beta_1 + \tan \beta_2 \right)$$

$$\text{or } \Lambda = \frac{V_f}{2U} (\tan \beta_1 + \tan \beta_2) \quad (16.24)$$

As the case of 50% reaction blading is important in design, it is of interest to see the result for  $\Lambda = 0.5$

$$\tan \beta_1 + \tan \beta_2 = \frac{U}{V_f}$$

and it follows from Eqs (16.12) and (16.13) that

$$\tan \alpha_1 = \tan \beta_2, \text{ i.e. } \alpha_1 = \beta_2 \quad (16.25a)$$

$$\tan \beta_1 = \tan \alpha_2, \text{ i.e. } \beta_1 = \alpha_2 \quad (16.25b)$$

Furthermore since  $V_f$  is constant through the stage.

$$V_f = V_1 \cos \alpha_1 = V_3 \cos \alpha_3$$

And since we have initially assumed that  $V_3 = V_1$ , it follows that  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3$ . Because of this equality of angles, namely,  $\alpha_1 = \beta_2 = \alpha_3$  and  $\beta_1 = \alpha_2$ , blading designed on this basis is sometimes referred to as *symmetrical blading*.

It is to be remembered that in deriving Eq. (16.24) for  $\Lambda$  we have implicitly assumed a work done factor  $\lambda$  of unity in making use of Eq. (16.22). A stage designed with symmetrical blading is referred to as 50% reaction stage although  $\Lambda$  will differ slightly for  $\lambda$ .

### 16.3 FANS AND BLOWERS

Fans and blowers (Fig. 16.17) are turbomachines which deliver air at a desired high velocity (and accordingly at a high mass flow rate) but at a relatively low static pressure. The total pressure rise across a fan is extremely low and is of the order of a few millimeters of water gauge. The rise in static pressure across a blower is relatively higher and is more than 1000 mm of water gauge that is

required to overcome the pressure losses of the gas during its flow through various passages.

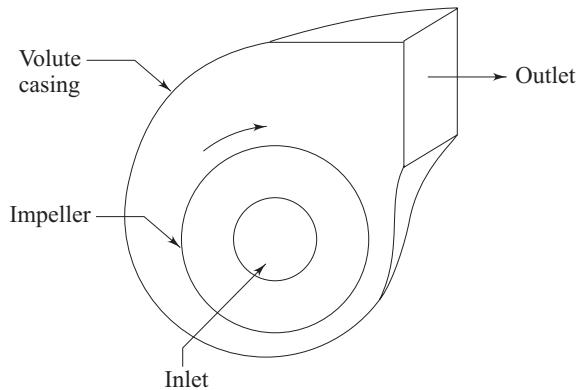


Fig. 16.17 A centrifugal fan or blower

A large number of fans and blowers for relatively high pressure applications are of centrifugal type. The main components of a centrifugal blower are shown in Fig. 16.18. It consists of an impeller which has blades fixed between the inner and outer diameters. The impeller can be mounted either directly on the shaft extension of the prime mover or separately on a shaft supported between two additional bearings. Air or gas enters the impeller axially through the inlet nozzle which provides slight acceleration to the air before its entry to the impeller. The action of the impeller swings the gas from a smaller to a larger radius and delivers the gas at a high pressure and velocity to the casing. The flow from the impeller blades is collected by a spiral-shaped casing known as *volute casing* or *spiral casing*. The casing can further increase the static pressure of the air and it finally delivers the air to the exit of the blower.

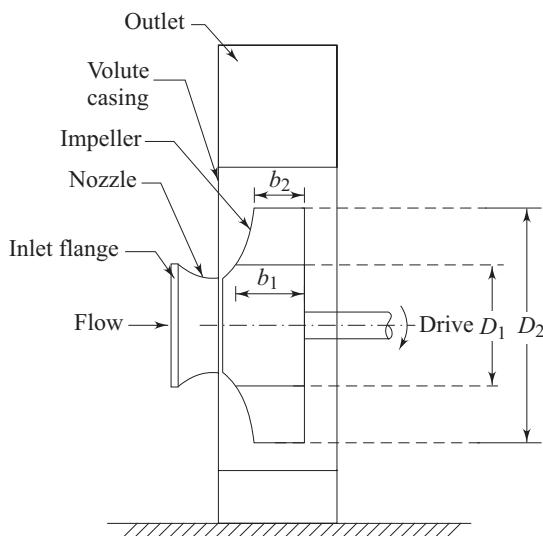


Fig. 16.18 Main components of a centrifugal blower

The centrifugal fan impeller can be fabricated by welding curved or almost straight metal blades to the two side walls (shrouds) of the rotor. The casings are made of sheet metal of different thickness and steel reinforcing ribs on the outside. Suitable sealing devices are used between the shaft and the casing.

A centrifugal fan impeller may have backward swept blades, radial tipped blades or forward swept blades as shown in Fig. 16.19. The inlet and outlet velocity triangles are also shown accordingly in the figure. Under ideal conditions, the directions of the relative velocity vectors  $V_{r1}$  and  $V_{r2}$  are same as the blade angles at the entry and the exit. A zero whirl at the inlet is assumed which results in a zero angular momentum at the inlet. The backward swept blades are employed for lower pressure and lower flow rates. The radial tipped blades are employed for handling dust-laden air or gas because they are less prone to blockage, dust erosion and failure. The radial-tipped blades in practice are of forward swept type at the inlet as shown in Fig. 16.19. The forward-swept blades are widely used in practice. On account of the forward-swept blade tips at the exit, the whirl component of exit velocity ( $V_{w2}$ ) is large which results in a higher stage pressure rise.

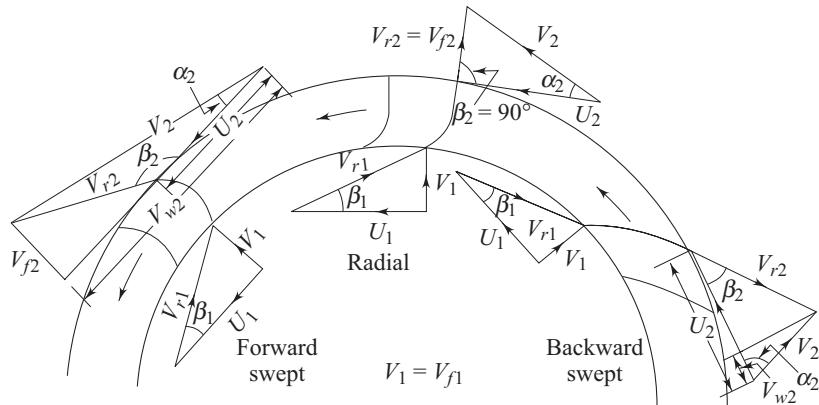


Fig. 16.19 Velocity triangles at inlet and outlet of different types of blades of an impeller of a centrifugal blower

### 16.3.1 Parametric Calculations

The mass flow rate through the impeller is given by

$$\dot{m} = \rho_1 Q_1 = \rho_2 Q_2 \quad (16.26)$$

The areas of cross sections normal to the radial velocity components  $V_{f1}$  and  $V_{f2}$  are  $A_1 = \pi D_1 b_1$  and  $A_2 = \pi D_2 b_2$

$$m = \rho_1 V_{f1} (\pi D_1 b_1) = \rho_2 V_{f2} (\pi D_2 b_2) \quad (16.27)$$

The radial component of velocities at the impeller entry and exit depend on its width at these sections. For small pressure rise through the impeller stage, the density change in the flow is negligible and the flow can be assumed to be almost incompressible. For constant radial velocity

$$V_{f1} = V_{f2} = V_f \quad (16.28)$$

Eqs (16.27) and (16.28) give

$$b_1/b_2 = D_2/D_1 \quad (16.29)$$

### 16.3.2 Work

The work done is given by Euler's Equation (Eq. 15.2) as

$$w = U_2 V_{w2} - U_1 V_{w1} \quad (16.30)$$

It is reasonable to assume zero whirl at the entry. This condition gives

$$\alpha_1 = 90^\circ, V_{w1} = 0 \text{ and hence, } U_1 V_{w1} = 0$$

Therefore we can write,

$$V_1 = V_{f1} = V_{f2} = U_1 \tan \beta_1 \quad (16.31)$$

Equation (16.30) gives

$$w = U_2 V_{w2} = U_2^2 \left( \frac{V_{w2}}{U_2} \right) \quad (16.32)$$

For any of the exit velocity triangles (Fig. 16.19)

$$U_2 - V_{w2} = V_{f2} \cot \beta_2$$

$$\frac{V_{w2}}{U_2} = \left[ 1 - \frac{V_{f2} \cot \beta_2}{U_2} \right] \quad (16.33)$$

Eq. (16.32) and (16.33) yield

$$w = U_2^2 [1 - \varphi \cot \beta_2] \quad (16.34)$$

where  $\varphi (= V_{f2}/U_2)$  is known as flow coefficient

$$\text{Head developed in meters of air} = H_a = \frac{U_2 V_{w2}}{g} \quad (16.35)$$

$$\text{Equivalent head in meters of water} = H_w = \frac{\rho_a H_a}{\rho_w} \quad (16.36)$$

where  $\rho_a$  and  $\rho_w$  are the densities of air and water respectively.

Assuming that the flow fully obeys the geometry of the impeller blades, the specific work done in an isentropic process is given by

$$(\Delta h_0) = U_2 (1 - \varphi \cot \beta_2) \quad (16.37)$$

The power required to drive the fan is

$$P = m (\Delta h_0) = m U_2 V_{w2} = m U_2^2 (1 - \varphi \cot \beta_2)$$

$$= mc_p (\Delta T_0) \quad (16.38)$$

The static pressure rise through the impeller is due to the change in centrifugal energy and the diffusion of relative velocity component. Therefore, it can be written as

$$p_2 - p_1 = (\Delta p) = \frac{1}{2} \rho (U_2^2 - U_1^2) + \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_{r1}^2 - V_{r2}^2) \quad (16.39)$$

The stagnation pressure rise through the stage can also be obtained as:

$$(\Delta p_0) = \frac{1}{2} \rho (U_2^2 - U_1^2) + \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_{r1}^2 - V_{r2}^2) + \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_2^2 - V_1^2) \quad (16.40)$$

From (16.39) and (16.40) we get

$$(\Delta p_0) = (\Delta p) + \frac{1}{2} \rho (V_2^2 - V_1^2) \quad (16.41)$$

From any of the outlet velocity triangles (Fig. 16.19),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_2}{\sin \beta_2} &= \frac{U_2}{\sin \{\pi - (\alpha_2 + \beta_2)\}} \\ \text{or, } \frac{V_2}{\sin \beta_2} &= \frac{U_2}{\sin(\alpha_2 + \beta_2)} \quad (16.42) \\ \text{or, } V_{w2} &= V_2 \cos \alpha_2 = \frac{U_2 \sin \beta_2 \cos \alpha_2}{\sin(\alpha_2 + \beta_2)} \\ \text{or, } \frac{V_{w2}}{U_2} &= \frac{\sin \beta_2 \cos \alpha_2}{\sin \alpha_2 \cos \beta_2 + \cos \alpha_2 \sin \beta_2} \\ \text{or, } \frac{V_{w2}}{U_2} &= \frac{\tan \beta_2}{\tan \alpha_2 + \tan \beta_2} \quad (16.43) \end{aligned}$$

work done per unit mass is also given by (from (16.32) and (16.43)):

$$w = U_2^2 \left( \frac{\tan \beta_2}{\tan \alpha_2 + \tan \beta_2} \right) \quad (16.44)$$

### 16.3.3 Efficiency

On account of losses, the isentropic work  $\frac{1}{\rho} (\Delta p_0)$  is less than the actual work.

Therefore the stage efficiency is defined by

$$\eta_s = \frac{(\Delta p_0)}{\rho U_2 V_{w2}} \quad (16.45)$$

### 16.3.4 Number of Blades

Too few blades are unable to fully impose their geometry on the flow, whereas too many of them restrict the flow passage and lead to higher losses. Most of the efforts to determine the optimum number of blades have resulted in only empirical relations given below

$$(i) \quad n = \frac{8.5 \sin \beta_2}{1 - D_1/D_2} \quad (16.46)$$

$$(ii) \quad n = 6.5 \left( \frac{D_2 + D_1}{D_2 - D_1} \right) \sin \frac{1}{2} (\beta_1 + \beta_2) \quad (16.47)$$

$$(iii) \quad n = \frac{1}{3} \beta_2 \quad (16.48)$$

For a detailed procedure on design, please refer to Stepanoff [2].

### 16.3.5 Impeller Size

The diameter ratio ( $D_1/D_2$ ) of the impeller determines the length of the blade passages. The smaller the ratio the longer is the blade passage. The following value for the diameter ratio is often used by the designers

$$\frac{D_1}{D_2} = 1.2(\varphi)^{1/3} \quad (16.49)$$

where

$$\varphi = V_{f2}/U_2$$

The following relation for the blade width to diameter ratio is recommended:

$$b_1/D_1 \approx 0.2 \quad (16.50)$$

If the rate of diffusion in a parallel wall impeller is too high, the tapered shape towards the outer periphery, is preferable.

The typical performance curves describing the variations of head, power and efficiency with discharge of a centrifugal blower or fan are shown in Fig. 16.20.

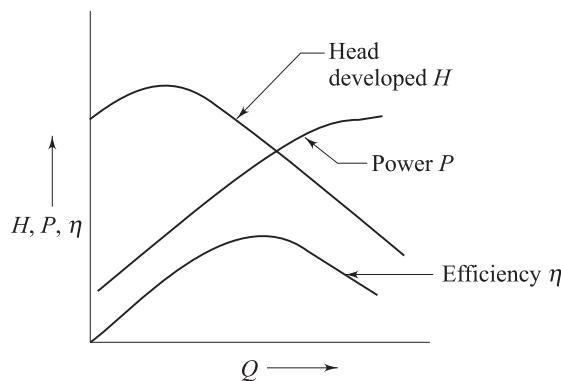


Fig. 16.20 Performance characteristic curves of a centrifugal blower or fan

### 16.3.6 Fan Laws

The relationships of discharge  $Q$ , head  $H$  and Power  $P$  with the diameter  $D$  and rotational speed  $N$  of a centrifugal fan can easily be expressed from the dimensionless performance parameters determined from the principle of similarity of rotodynamic machines as described in Section 15.3.2. These relationships are known as Fan Laws described as follows

$$Q = K_q D^3 N \quad (16.51)$$

$$H = \frac{K_h D^2 N^2 \rho}{g} \quad (16.52)$$

$$P = \frac{K_p D^5 N^3 \rho}{g}$$

where  $K_q$ ,  $K_h$ , and  $K_p$  are constants.

For the same fan, the dimensions get fixed and the laws are

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

$$\frac{H_1}{H_2} = \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 \text{ and } \frac{P_1}{P_2} = \left( \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^3$$

For the Different size and other conditions remaining same, the laws are

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \left( \frac{D_1}{D_2} \right)^3, \frac{H_1}{H_2} = \left( \frac{D_1}{D_2} \right)^2 \text{ and } \frac{P_1}{P_2} = \left( \frac{D_1}{D_2} \right)^5$$

## Summary

- A centrifugal compressor is a radial flow machine which utilizes the mechanical energy imparted to the machine from outside to increase the internal energy of the fluid mainly in the form of increased static pressure.
- A centrifugal compressor mainly consists of a rotating impeller which imparts energy to the fluid flowing past the impeller blades and a diffuser comprising a number of fixed diverging passages in which the fluid is decelerated with a consequent rise in static pressure. Usually, about half of the total pressure rise occurs in the impeller and the other half in the diffuser.
- The losses in a centrifugal compressor are due to (i) fluid friction in stationary and rotating blade passages, (ii) leakage through the clearances between the impeller shaft and casing and between the outer periphery of the impeller eye and the casing, (iii) incidence of fluid with shock during off design conditions.
- The performance characteristics of a compressor are usually specified by curves of stagnation pressure ratio ( $p_{2t}/p_{1t}$ ) and stagnation temperature ratio ( $T_{2t}/T_{1t}$ ) against non-dimensional mass flow ( $m\sqrt{RT_{1t}} / D^2 p_{1t}$ ) and non-dimensional rotational speed ( $ND / \sqrt{RT_{1t}}$ ).
- Most of the positive slope part of the characteristic curve ( $p_{2t} / p_{1t}$  vs  $m\sqrt{RT_{1t}} / D^2 p_{1t}$ ) of a centrifugal compressor cannot be obtained in practice because of the phenomenon of **Surging** which is an

unstable operation of the compressor manifested by a cyclic reversal of pressure gradient and flow in the delivery pipe.

- An axial flow compressor consists of several stages. Each stage has a rotor carrying the moving blades and a stator comprising the stationary blades. While the rotor of a stage imparts energy to the fluid, the stator serves the process of diffusion to increase the static pressure. The bulk flow is in the axial direction and brought about by the camber of the blades in the stator.
- An important parameter in the design of an axial flow compressor is the degree of reaction which is defined as the ratio of the static enthalpy rise in the rotor to that in the whole stage. A 50% degree of reaction results in a symmetrical blading which means the inlet and outlet angles of a rotor blade are equal to those of a stator blade.
- Fans and blowers are turbomachines which deliver air at a desired high velocity but at a relatively low static pressure. A large number of fans and blowers for relatively high pressure applications are of centrifugal type. A centrifugal blower consists of an impeller which has blades fixed between inner and outer diameters and a spiral shaped volute casing.
- The relationships of discharge ( $Q$ ), head ( $H$ ) and power ( $P$ ) with the diameter ( $D$ ) and rotational speed ( $N$ ) of a fan are known as **Fan Laws**. For the same fan,  $Q \propto N$ ,  $H \propto N^2$  and  $P \propto N^3$ . For fans of different sizes,  $Q \propto D^3$ ,  $H \propto D^2$  and  $P \propto D^5$ .

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## Solved Examples

**Example 16.1** Air at a stagnation temperature of  $27^\circ\text{C}$  enters the impeller of a centrifugal compressor in the axial direction. The rotor which has 15 radial vanes, rotates at 20000 rpm. The stagnation pressure ratio between diffuser outlet and impeller inlet is 4 and the isentropic efficiency is 85%. Determine (a) the impeller tip radius and (b) power input to the compressor when the mass flow rate is 2 kg/s. Assume a power input factor of 1.05 and a slip factor  $\sigma = 1 - 2/n$ , where  $n$  is the number of vanes. For air, take  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $R = 287 \text{ J/kg K}$ .

**Solution** (a) From Eq (16.7), we can write

$$T_{3t} - T_{1t} = \frac{T_{1t} \left[ \left( p_{3t} / p_{1t} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]}{\eta_c}$$

again with the help of Eq (16.5) and  $T_{2t} = T_{3t}$  it becomes

$$U_2^2 = \frac{c_p T_{1t} \left[ \left( p_{3t} / p_{1t} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]}{\eta_c \sigma \psi}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} p_{3t}/p_{1t} &= 4 \\ T_{1t} &= 300 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_p &= \frac{\gamma R}{\gamma - 1} \\ &= \frac{1.4 \times 287}{0.4} \\ &= 1005 \text{ J/kg K.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= 1 - \frac{2}{15} \\ &= 0.867 \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi = 1.05$$

$$\text{Therefore, } U_2^2 = \frac{1005 \times 300 \times \left( \frac{0.4}{4^{1.4}} - 1 \right)}{0.85 \times 0.867 \times 1.05}$$

which gives  $U_2 = 435 \text{ m/s}$

Thus the impeller tip radius is

$$\begin{aligned} r_2 &= \frac{435 \times 60}{2\pi \times 20000} \\ &= 0.21 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) Power input to the air} &= \frac{2 \times 1.05 \times 0.867 \times (435)^2}{1000} \text{ kW} \\ &= 344.52 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 16.2** Determine the pressure ratio developed and the specific work input to drive a centrifugal air compressor of an impeller diameter of 0.5 m and running at 7000 rpm. Assume zero whirl at the entry and  $T_{1t} = 290 \text{ K}$ . The slip factor and power input factor to be unity, the process of compression is isentropic and for air  $c_p = 1005 \text{ J/kg K}$ ,  $\gamma = 1.4$ .

**Solution** The impeller tip speed

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 &= \frac{\pi \times 0.5 \times 7000}{60} \\ &= 183.26 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

With the help of Eqs (16.6) and (16.7), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Pressure ratio} &= \left[ 1 + \frac{U_2^2}{c_p T_{lt}} \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \\ &= \left[ 1 + \frac{(183.26)^2}{1005 \times 290} \right]^{\frac{1.4}{0.4}} \\ &= 1.46\end{aligned}$$

From Eq (16.3), specific work input =  $U_2^2 = \frac{(183.26)^2}{1000} = 33.58 \text{ kJ/kg}$

**Example 16.3** A centrifugal compressor has an impeller tip speed of 360 m/s. Determine (a) the absolute Mach number of flow leaving the radial vanes of the impeller and (b) the mass flow rate. The following data are given

Impeller Tip speed	360 m/s
Radial component of flow velocity at impeller exit	30 m/s
Slip factor	0.9
Flow area at impeller exit	0.1 m <sup>2</sup>
Power input factor	1.0
Isentropic efficiency	0.9
Inlet stagnation temperature	300 K
Inlet stagnation pressure	100 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
$R$ (for air)	287 J/kg K
$\gamma$ (for air)	1.4

**Solution** The absolute Mach number is the Mach number based on absolute velocity.

$$\text{Therefore, } M_2 = \frac{V_2}{\sqrt{\gamma RT_2}}$$

Now  $V_2$  and  $T_2$  have to be determined.

From the velocity triangle at impeller exit

$$V_2 = \sqrt{V_{w2}^2 + V_{f2}^2}$$

$$\text{In case of slip, } V_{w2} = \sigma U_2$$

$$\text{Hence, } V_2 = \sqrt{(\sigma U_2)^2 + V_{f2}^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(0.9 \times 360)^2 + (30)^2}$$

$$= 325.38 \text{ m/s}$$

From Eq. (16.5)

$$T_{2t} = T_{lt} + \frac{\psi \sigma U_2^2}{c_p}$$

$$\left[ c_p = \frac{\gamma R}{\gamma - 1} = \frac{1.4 \times 287}{0.4} = 1005 \text{ J/kg K} \right]$$

$$T_{2t} = 300 + \frac{0.9 \times (360)^2}{1005}$$

$$= 416 \text{ K.}$$

$$T_2 = T_{2t} - \frac{V_2^2}{2c_p}$$

$$= 416 - \frac{(325.38)^2}{2 \times 1005}$$

$$= 363.33 \text{ K.}$$

Therefore,

$$M_2 = \frac{325.28}{\sqrt{1.4 \times 287 \times 363.33}}$$

$$= 0.85$$

Mass flow rate  $\dot{m} = \rho_2 A_2 V_{f2}$

We have to find out  $\rho_2$

With the help of Eq (16.7), we can write

$$\frac{p_{2t}}{p_{lt}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{0.9 \times (416 - 300)}{300} \right]^{\frac{1.4}{0.4}}$$

$$= 2.84$$

again,

$$\frac{p_2}{p_{2t}} = \left( \frac{T_2}{T_{2t}} \right)^{\frac{1.4}{0.4}} = \left( \frac{363.33}{416} \right)^{\frac{1.4}{0.4}} = 0.623$$

Hence

$$p_2 = 0.623 p_{2t}$$

$$= 0.623 \times 2.84 p_{lt}$$

$$= 0.623 \times 2.84 \times 100 \text{ kPa}$$

$$= 176.93 \text{ kPa}$$

Therefore,

$$\dot{m} = \left( \frac{p_2}{RT_2} \right) \cdot A_2 V_{f2}$$

$$= \frac{176.93 \times 10^3}{287 \times 363.33} \times 0.1 \times 30 \\ = 5.09 \text{ kg/s}$$

**Example 16.4** The conditions of air at the entry of an axial flow compressor stage are  $p_1 = 100 \text{ kN/m}^2$  and  $T_1 = 300 \text{ K}$ . The air angles are  $\beta_1 = 51^\circ$ ,  $\beta_2 = 10^\circ$ ,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3 = 8^\circ$ . The mean diameter and peripheral speed are 0.5 m and 150 m/s respectively. Mass flow rate through the stage is 30 kg/s; the work done factor is 0.95 and mechanical efficiency is 90%. Assuming an isentropic stage efficiency of 85%, determine

- (a) blade height at entry
- (b) stage pressure ratio, and
- (c) the power required to drive the stage  
(for air,  $R = 287 \text{ J/kg K}$ ,  $\gamma = 1.4$ )

**Solution** (a)  $\rho_1 = \frac{p_1}{RT_1} = \frac{100 \times 10^3}{287 \times 300} = 1.16 \text{ kg/m}^3$

From Eq. (16.12),

$$\frac{U}{V_f} = \tan \alpha_1 + \tan \beta_1$$

Hence,

$$V_f = \frac{150}{\tan 8^\circ + \tan 51^\circ} \\ = 109.06 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\dot{m} = V_f \rho_1 (\pi d h_l) \\ 30 = 109.06 \times 1.16 \times \pi \times 0.5 h_l$$

which gives  $h_l = 0.15 \text{ m}$

(b) From Eq. (16.19)

$$\Delta T_{st} = \frac{\lambda U V_f}{c_p} (\tan \beta_1 - \tan \beta_2)$$

again,

$$c_p = \frac{1.4}{(1.4-1)} \times 287 = 1005 \text{ J/kg K}$$

Hence,

$$\Delta T_{st} = \frac{0.95 \times 150 \times 109.06}{1005} (\tan 51^\circ - \tan 10^\circ) \\ = 16.37^\circ \text{ C}$$

With the help of Eq. (16.20) we can write

$$\text{pressure ratio } R_s = \left[ 1 + \frac{0.85 \times 16.37}{300} \right]^{1.4} \\ = 1.17$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad P &= \frac{\dot{m}w}{\eta_m} = \frac{\dot{m}c_p \Delta T_{st}}{\eta_m} \\
 &= \frac{30 \times 1005 \times 16.37}{0.9 \times 1000} \text{ kW} = 548.39 \text{ kW}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 16.5** The preliminary design of an axial flow compressor is to be based upon a simplified consideration of the mean diameter conditions. Suppose that the characteristics of a repeating stage of such a design are as follows:

Stagnation temperature rise ( $\Delta T_{st}$ )	30 K
Degree of reaction ( $\Lambda$ )	0.6
Flow coefficient ( $V_f/U$ )	0.5
Blade speed ( $U$ )	300 m/s

Assuming constant axial velocity across the stage and equal absolute velocities at inlet and outlet, determine the blade angles of the rotor for a shock free flow. ( $c_p$  for air = 1005 J/kg K).

**Solution**

$$\text{Specific work input} \quad w = 1005 \times 30 \text{ J/kg}$$

From Eq. (16.17)

$$\begin{aligned}
 1005 \times 30 &= (300)^2 \times (0.5) (\tan \beta_1 - \tan \beta_2) \\
 \text{or,} \quad \tan \beta_1 - \tan \beta_2 &= 0.67 \quad (16.53)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again from Eq. (16.24),

$$\begin{aligned}
 0.6 &= \frac{0.5}{2} (\tan \beta_1 + \tan \beta_2) \\
 \tan \beta_1 + \tan \beta_2 &= 2.4 \quad (16.54)
 \end{aligned}$$

Eqs (16.53) and (16.54) give

$$\beta_1 = 56.92^\circ, \quad \beta_2 = 40.86^\circ$$

**Example 16.6** Air at a temperature of 27°C flows into a centrifugal compressor running at 20,000 rpm. The following data are given

Slip factor	0.80
Power input factor	1
Isentropic efficiency	80%
Outer diameter of blade tip	0.5 m

Assuming the absolute velocities of air entering and leaving the compressor are same, find

- static temperature rise of air passing through the compressor
- the static pressure ratio.

**Solution** Velocity of the blade tip

$$U_2 = \frac{\pi \times 0.5 \times 20,000}{60} \\ = 523.6 \text{ m/s}$$

From Eq. (16.5),

$$\text{Stagnation temperature rise } (T_{2t} - T_{1t}) = \frac{\psi \sigma U_2^2}{c_p} \\ = \frac{0.80 \times (523.6)^2}{1005} = 218.23^\circ \text{ C}$$

( $c_p$  of air has been taken as 1005 J/kg K)

Since the absolute velocities at inlet and outlet of the stage are the same, the rise in stagnation temperature equals to that in static temperature.

Static pressure ratio can be written as

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = \left( \frac{T'_2}{T'_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \\ = \left[ 1 + \frac{\eta_c (T_2 - T_1)}{T_1} \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} \\ = \left[ 1 + \frac{0.8 \times 218.23}{300} \right]^{\frac{1.4}{0.4}} \\ = 4.98$$

**Example 16.7** A centrifugal fan running at 1500 rpm has inner and outer diameter of the impeller as 0.2 m and 0.24 m. The absolute and relative velocities of air at entry are 21 m/s and 20 m/s respectively and those at exit are 25 m/s and 18 m/s respectively. The flow rate is 0.6 kg/s and the motor efficiency is 80%. Determine (a) the stage pressure rise, (b) degree of reaction and (c) the power required to drive the fan. Assuming the flow to be incompressible with the density of air as 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Solution** (a)  $U_1 = \frac{\pi \times 0.20 \times 1500}{60}$

$$= 15.71 \text{ m/s}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{\pi \times 0.24 \times 1500}{60}$$

$$= 18.85 \text{ m/s}$$

From Eq. (16.40), the total pressure rise across the stage is

$$\begin{aligned}(\Delta p_t)_{\text{stage}} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho [(V_2^2 - V_1^2) + (U_2^2 - U_1^2) + (V_{r1}^2 - V_{r1}^2)] \\&= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.2 [(25^2 - 21^2) + (18.85^2 - 15.71^2) + (20^2 - 18^2)] \\&= 221.11 \text{ N/m}^2\end{aligned}$$

(b) The static pressure rise across the stage is

$$\begin{aligned}(\Delta p_s)_{\text{stage}} &= \frac{1}{2} \rho [(U_2^2 - U_1^2) + (V_{r1}^2 - V_{r2}^2)] \\&= \frac{1}{2} \times 1.2 [(18.85^2 - 15.71^2) + (20^2 - 18^2)] \\&= 110.71 \text{ N/m}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The degree of reaction} &= \frac{110.71}{221.11} \\&= 0.5\end{aligned}$$

(c) The specific power input to the stage is

$$\begin{aligned}w &= \frac{(\Delta p_0)_{\text{stage}}}{\rho} \\&= \frac{221.11}{1.2} \\&= 184.26 \text{ J/kg}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the power required to drive the fan is

$$\begin{aligned}P &= \frac{\dot{m} w}{\eta_m} \\&= \frac{0.6 \times 184.26}{0.8} \\&= 138.19 \text{ W}\end{aligned}$$

## Exercises

[For the Problems, assume  $R = 287 \text{ J/kg K}$  and  $\gamma = 1.4$  and  $C_p = 1005 \text{ J/kg K}$  for air]

16.1 Determine the pressure ratio developed and the specific work input to drive a centrifugal air compressor having an impeller diameter of 0.5 m and running at 7000 rpm. Assume zero whirl at the entry and  $T_{1t} = 288 \text{ K}$ .  $(1.47, 33.58 \text{ kJ/kg})$

16.2 A centrifugal compressor develops a pressure ratio of 4 : 1. The inlet eye of the compressor impeller is 0.3 m in diameter. The axial velocity at inlet is 120 m/s and the mass flow rate is 10 kg/s. The velocity in the delivery duct is 110 m/s.

The tip speed of the impeller is 450 m/s and runs at 16,000 rpm with a total head isentropic efficiency of 80%. The inlet stagnation pressure and temperature are 101 kN/m<sup>2</sup> and 300 K. Calculate (a) the static temperatures and pressures at inlet and outlet of the compressor, (b) the static pressure ratio, (c) the power required to drive the compressor.

$$\text{Ans. } (T_1 = 292.8 \text{ K}, T_2 = 476.45 \text{ K}, p_1 = 93 \text{ kN/m}^2, p_2 = 386.9 \text{ kN/m}^2, p_2/p_1 = 4.16, P = 1.83 \text{ MW})$$

- 16.3 The following results were obtained from a test on a small single-sided centrifugals compressor

Compressor delivery stagnation pressure	2.97 bar
Compressor delivery stagnation temperature	429 K
Static pressure at impeller tip	1.92 bar
Mass flow	0.60 kg/s
Rotational speed	766 rev/s
Ambient conditions	0.99 bar 288 K

Determine the isentropic efficiency of the compressor.

The diameter of the impeller is 0.165 m, the axial depth of the vaneless diffuser is 0.01 m and the number of impeller vanes is 17. Making use of the Stanitz equation for slip factor, calculate the stagnation pressure at the impeller tip.

$$\text{Ans. } (0.75, 3.13 \text{ bar})$$

- 16.4 A single sided centrifugal compressor is to deliver 14 kg/s of air when operating at a pressure ratio of 4 : 1 and a speed of 200 rev/s. The inlet stagnation conditions are 288 K and 1.0 bar. The slip factor and power input factor may be taken as 0.9 and 1.04 respectively. The overall isentropic efficiency is 0.80. Determine the overall diameter of the impeller.

$$\text{Ans. } (0.69 \text{ m})$$

- 16.5 Each stage of an axial flow compressor is of 50% degree of reaction and has the same mean blade speed and the same value of outlet relative velocity angle  $\beta_2 = 30^\circ$ . The mean flow coefficient ( $V_f/U$ ) is constant for all stages at 0.5. At the entry to the first stage, the stagnation temperature is 290 K, the stagnation pressure is 101 kPa. The static pressure is 87 kPa and the flow area is 0.38 m<sup>2</sup>. Determine the axial velocity, the mass flow rate and the shaft power needed to drive the compressor when there are 6 stages and the mechanical efficiency is 0.98.

$$\text{Ans. } (135.51 \text{ m/s}, 56.20 \text{ kg/s}, 10.68 \text{ MW})$$

- 16.6 An axial flow compressor stage has blade root, mean and tip velocities of 150, 200 and 250 m/s. The stage is to be designed for a stagnation temperature rise of 20 K and an axial velocity of 150 m/s, both constant from root to tip. The work done factor is 0.93. Assuming degree of reaction 0.5 at the mean radius, determine the stage air angles at root mean and tip for a free vortex design where the whirl component of velocity varies inversely with the radius

$$\text{Ans. } (\alpha_1 = 17.04^\circ \text{ } (= \beta_2), \beta_1 = 45.75^\circ \text{ } (= \alpha_2) \text{ at mean radius; } \alpha_1 = 13.77^\circ,$$

$$\beta_1 = 54.88^\circ, \beta_2 = 40.36^\circ, \alpha_2 = 39.34^\circ \text{ at tip; } \alpha_1 = 22.10^\circ,$$

$$\beta_1 = 30.71^\circ, \beta_2 = -19.95^\circ, \alpha_2 = 53.74^\circ \text{ at root)}$$

- 16.7 An axial compressor has the following data:

Temperature and pressure at entry	300 K, 1.0 bar
Degree of reaction	50%
Mean blade diameter	0.4 m
Rotational speed	15,000 rpm
Blade height at entry	0.08 m
Air angles at rotor and stator exit	25°
Axial velocity	150 m/s
Work done factor	0.90
Isentropic stage efficiency	85%
Mechanical efficiency	97%

Determine (a) air angles at the rotor and stator entry (b) the mass flow rate of air (c) the power required to drive the compressor, (d) the pressure ratio developed by the stage (e) Mach number (based on relative velocities) at the rotor entry.

*Ans. [(a) 25°, 58.44° (b) 17.51 kg/s, (c) 0.89 MW, (d) 1.58, (e) 0.83]*

- 16.8 An axial flow compressor stage has a mean diameter of 0.6 m and runs at 15,000 rpm. If the actual temperature rise and pressure ratio developed are 30° C and 1.36 respectively, determine (a) the power required to drive the compressor while delivering 57 kg/s of air. Assume mechanical efficiency of 86% and an initial temperature of 35° C (b) the isentropic efficiency of the stage and (c) the degree of reaction if the temperature at the rotor exit is 55° C.

*Ans. [(a) 2 MW, (b) 94.2%, (c) 66.6%]*

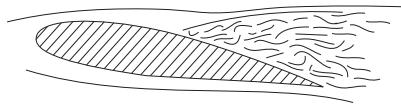
- 16.9 A centrifugal blower takes in 200 m<sup>3</sup>/min of air at a pressure and the temperature of 101 kN/m<sup>2</sup> and 45° C and delivers it at a pressure of 750 mm of water gauge. Assuming the efficiencies of the blower and drive as 80% and 82% respectively, determine (a) the power required to drive the blower and (b) the pressure and temperature of air at blower exit.

*Ans. (37.38 kW, 108.36 kN/m<sup>2</sup>, 326.06 K)*

- 16.10 A backward-swept centrifugal fan develops a pressure of 80 mm of water guage. It has an impeller diameter of 0.89 m and runs at 720 rpm. The blade angle at tip is 39° and the width of the impeller is 0.1 m. Assuming a constant radial velocity of 9.15 m/s and density of air as 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, determine the fan efficiency, discharge and power required.

*Ans. (87.61%, 2.56 m<sup>3</sup>/s, 2.29 kW)*

# Appendix A



## Physical Properties of Fluids

Table A.1 Physical Properties of Some Common Liquids  
at 20 °C and 101.325 kN/m<sup>2</sup>

Liquid	Density, $\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Isentropic bulk modulus of elasticity, $E_s$ (GN/m <sup>2</sup> )	Surface tension in contact with air, $\sigma \times 10^2$ (N/m)
Benzene	879	1.48	2.89
Carbon tetrachloride	1595	1.36	2.70
Castor oil	969	2.11	—
Glycerine	1260	4.59	6.30
Kerosene	820	1.43	2.68
Lubricating oil	880	1.44	—
Mercury	13550	28.50	48.40
Sea water	1025	2.42	7.00
Water	998	2.24	7.28

Table A.2 International Standard Atmosphere

Altitude above sea level (m)	Temperature (K)	Absolute pressure (kN/m <sup>2</sup> )	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
0*	288.15*	101.325*	1.2250*
1000	281.7	89.88	1.1117
2000	275.2	79.50	1.0066
4000	262.2	61.66	0.8194
6000	249.2	47.22	0.6602
8000	236.2	35.65	0.5258
10000	223.3	26.50	0.4134
11500	216.7	20.98	0.3375
14000	216.7	14.17	0.2279
16000	216.7	10.35	0.1665
18000	216.7	7.565	0.1216
20000	216.7	5.529	0.08892
22000	218.6	4.097	0.06451
24000	220.6	2.972	0.04694
26000	222.5	2.188	0.03426
28000	224.5	1.616	0.02508
30000	226.5	1.197	0.01848
32000	228.5	0.889	0.01356

\* STP conditions

Dynamic viscosity of common fluids has been shown in Figure 1.7 of Chapter 1. Figure A.1 shows the kinematic viscosity of common fluids.

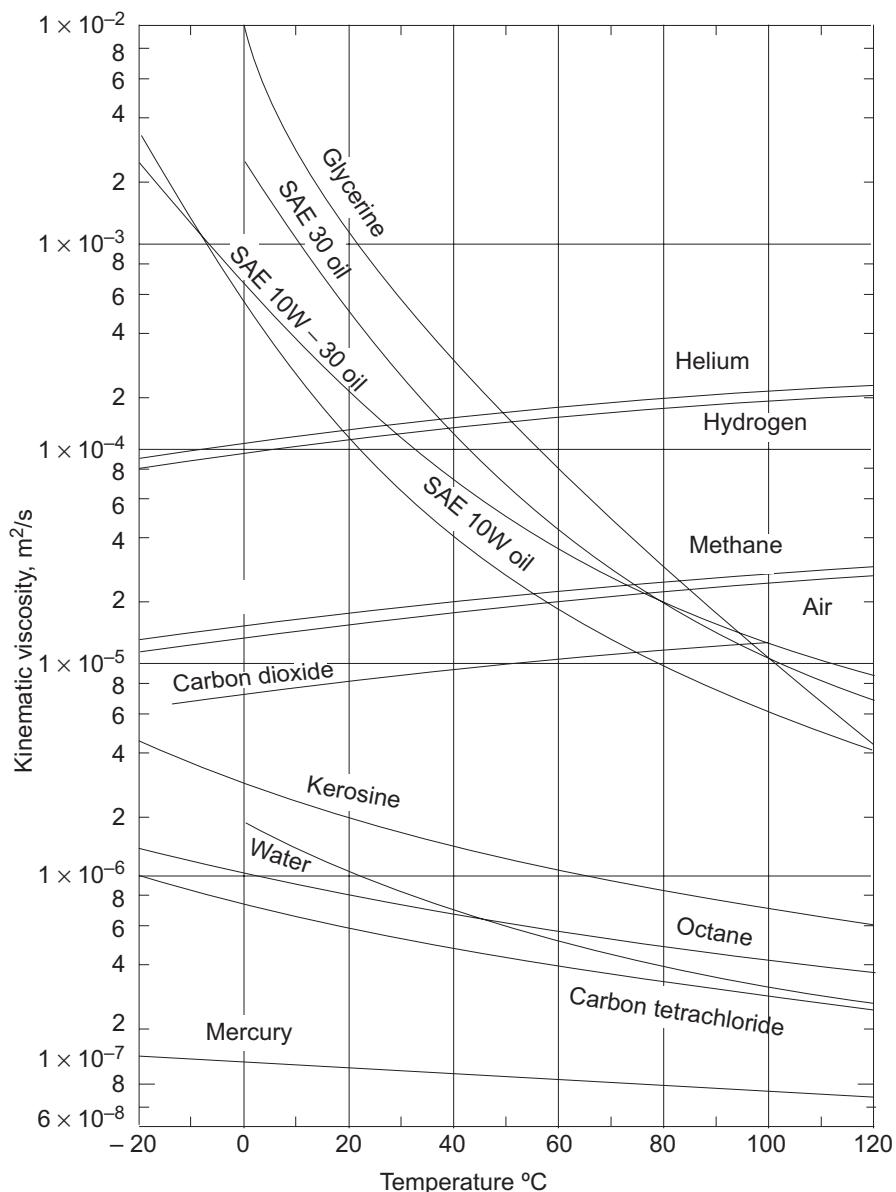
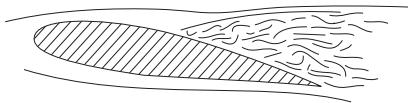


Fig. A.1 Kinematic viscosity of common fluids (at  $101.325 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ) as a function of temperature

Appendix **B**

# Review of Preliminary Concepts in Vectors and Their Operations

## B.1 DEFINITION OF VECTOR

Definition of scalar and vector quantities has been provided in Sec. 3.2. Vector quantities are denoted by symbols either with an arrow or a cap at the top, like  $\vec{A}\vec{B}\vec{C}$ , etc. or  $\hat{A}\hat{B}\hat{C}$ , etc. A vector quantity  $\vec{A}$  is written in terms of its components in a rectangular cartesian coordinates system (Fig. B.1) as

$$\vec{A} = \vec{i} A_x + \vec{j} A_y + \vec{k} A_z$$

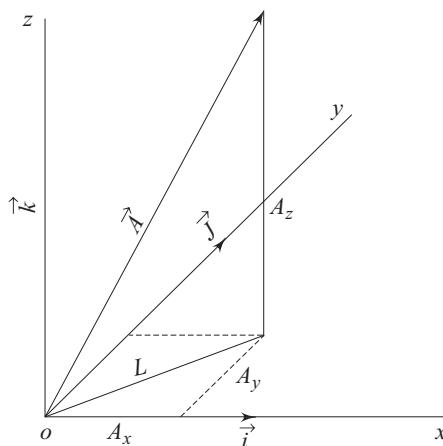


Fig. B.1 Magnitude and components of a vector

where  $\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$  and  $\vec{k}$  are the unit vectors and  $A_x$ ,  $A_y$  and  $A_z$  are the components of  $\vec{A}$  in  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  directions respectively.  $|\vec{A}|$  is the magnitude of  $\vec{A}$ . From Fig. B.1.

$$[|\vec{A}|]^2 = L^2 + A_z^2 = A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2$$

Therefore,  $|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$

## B.2 ADDITION OF VECTORS

Vector quantities are added in consideration of both magnitude and direction. Thus, for addition of two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  we have from the rule of parallelogram (Fig. B.2).

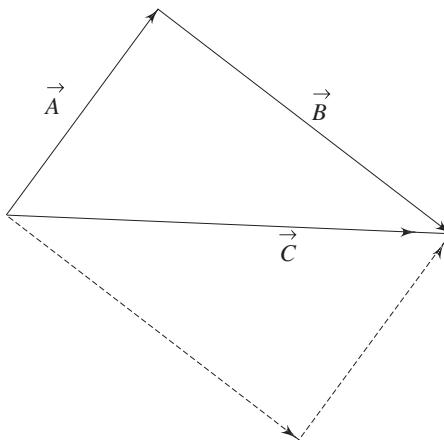


Fig. B.2 Addition of vectors by the rule of parallelogram

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{C} &= \vec{A} + \vec{B} \text{ and } \vec{C} = \vec{i} C_x + \vec{j} C_y + \vec{k} C_z \\ &= \vec{i} A_x + \vec{j} A_y + \vec{k} A_z + \vec{i} B_x + \vec{j} B_y + \vec{k} B_z \\ &= \vec{i} (A_x + B_x) + \vec{j} (A_y + B_y) + \vec{k} (A_z + B_z)\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $C_x = A_x + B_x$ ,  $C_y = A_y + B_y$  and  $C_z = A_z + B_z$

If a vector  $\vec{D}$  equals to zero, then all its components are identically zero, i.e.,  $D_x = D_y = D_z = 0$ .

## B.3 PRODUCT OF VECTORS

### B.3.1 The Dot Product (or Scalar Product)

The dot product of two vector quantities  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is defined as

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta_{AB}$$

where  $\theta_{AB}$  is the angle between the vectors. The dot product is a scalar quantity which physically represents the product of  $|\vec{A}|$  with the component of  $|\vec{B}|$  in the

direction of  $\vec{A}$ . If  $\theta_{AB} < \pi/2$ , its magnitude is positive, while for  $\theta_{AB} > \pi/2$ , it is negative. If  $\theta_{AB} = \pi/2$ ,  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ . The dot products of unit vectors in a cartesian coordinate system are :

$$\begin{array}{lll} \vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = 1 & \vec{j} \cdot \vec{i} = 0 & \vec{k} \cdot \vec{i} = 0 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 & \vec{j} \cdot \vec{j} = 1 & \vec{k} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{k} = 0 & \vec{j} \cdot \vec{k} = 0 & \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= (\vec{i} A_x + \vec{j} A_y + \vec{k} A_z) \cdot (\vec{i} B_x + \vec{j} B_y + \vec{k} B_z) \\ &= A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z \end{aligned}$$

The following rules apply for the dot product of vectors:

- (i) The dot product is commutative, i.e.  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$
- (ii) The dot product is distributive, i.e.  $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}$
- (iii) The dot product is not associative, i.e.,  $\vec{A}(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{C}) \neq (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})\vec{C}$ .

### B.3.2 Cross Product of Vectors

The cross product of two vector quantities  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is written as  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ . It is a vector quantity whose magnitude is given by  $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta_{AB}$  and is perpendicular to both  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$ . The sense of  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$  is given by the right-hand rule, that is, as  $\vec{A}$  is rotated into  $\vec{B}$ , then  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$  points in the direction of the right thumb. This is shown in Fig. B.3.

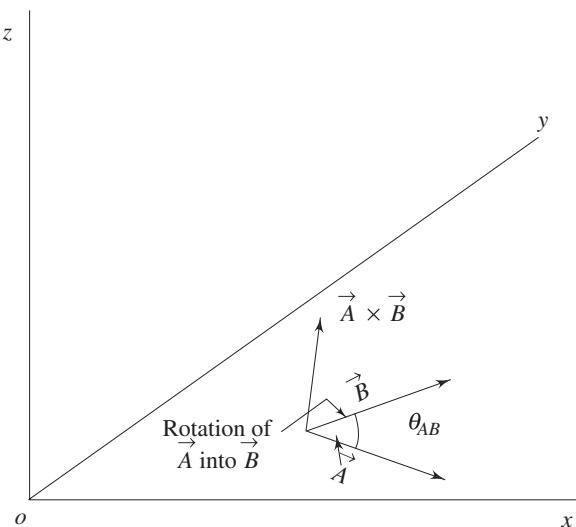


Fig. B.3 Cross product of vectors

If  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are parallel, then  $\sin \theta_{AB} = 0$  and  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 0$ . The cross products among unit vectors in a cartesian coordinate system are

$$\vec{i} \times \vec{i} = 0 \quad \vec{j} \times \vec{i} = -\vec{k} \quad \vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{i} \times \vec{j} &= \vec{k} & \vec{j} \times \vec{i} &= 0 & \vec{k} \times \vec{j} &= -\vec{i} \\ \vec{i} \times \vec{k} &= -\vec{j} & \vec{j} \times \vec{k} &= \vec{i} & \vec{k} \times \vec{k} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The cross product  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$  is usually written in a determinant form as

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

By expanding the determinant we have

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{i}(A_y B_z - A_z B_y) + \vec{j}(A_z B_x - A_x B_z) + \vec{k}(A_x B_y - A_y B_x)$$

The following properties apply for the cross product of vectors:

- (i) The cross product is not commutative, i.e.  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} \neq \vec{B} \times \vec{A}$  since the interchange of two rows changes the sign of a determinant,  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$ .
- (ii) The cross product is distributive, i.e.,  $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} + \vec{A} \times \vec{C}$
- (iii) The cross product is not associative, i.e.,  $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) \neq (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C}$

## B.4 DIFFERENTIATION OF VECTORS

The derivative of a vector quantity is defined in the same way as it is done for a scalar quantity. Let there be a vector  $\vec{A} = \vec{A}(t)$  then in rectangular coordinates  $A_x = A_x(t)$ ,  $A_y = A_y(t)$ ,  $A_z = A_z(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{A}(t + \Delta t) - \vec{A}(t)}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{i}[A_x(t + \Delta t) - A_x(t)] + \vec{j}[A_y(t + \Delta t) - A_y(t)] + \vec{k}[A_z(t + \Delta t) - A_z(t)]}{\Delta t}\end{aligned}$$

The limiting process applies to each term, and hence

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{A_x(t + \Delta t) - A_x(t)}{\Delta t} \vec{i} + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{A_y(t + \Delta t) - A_y(t)}{\Delta t} \vec{j} \\ &\quad + \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{A_z(t + \Delta t) - A_z(t)}{\Delta t} \vec{k} \\ &= \frac{dA_x}{dt} \vec{i} + \frac{dA_y}{dt} \vec{j} + \frac{dA_z}{dt} \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if  $\vec{A} = \vec{A}(x, y, z)$  that is,  $A_x = A_x(x, y, z)$ , etc. then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial x} &= \vec{i} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial y} &= \vec{i} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial z} = \vec{i} \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

## B.5 VECTOR OPERATOR $\nabla$

### B.5.1 Definition of $\nabla$

The vector operator del,  $\nabla$ , is defined as

$$\nabla = \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (\text{Cartesian coordinates})$$

$$\nabla = \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad (\text{cylindrical coordinates})$$

where,  $\vec{i}_r$ ,  $\vec{i}_\theta$  and  $\vec{i}_z$  are the unit vectors in  $r$ ,  $\theta$  and  $z$  directions respectively in a cylindrical coordinate system. Three possible products and other functions can be formed with the operator  $\nabla$  as follows:

### B.5.2 Gradient

When  $\nabla$  operates on a differentiable scalar function, the resulting term is known as the gradient of the scalar function. Let  $\psi(x, y, z)$  be a scalar function,

Then,  $\nabla \psi = \text{gradient } \psi = \text{grad } \psi = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$

It has to be noted that though  $\psi$  is a scalar function,  $\nabla \psi$  is a vector function (or field). The pressure gradient,  $\nabla p$ , i.e., the gradient of a pressure field  $p = p(x, y, z)$ , was used in Equation (4.26d) in Sec. 4.3.1 and in Eq. (8.21) in Sec. 8.3 while describing the equation of motion for the ideal and real fluids respectively.

### B.5.3 Divergence

The dot product of  $\nabla$  and a vector function (or field) results in a scalar function (or field) known as divergence. For a vector field  $\vec{A}(x, y, z)$  in a rectangular Cartesian coordinate system,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} &= \text{divergence } \vec{A} \text{ (or div } \vec{A}) \\ &= \left( \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\vec{i} A_x + \vec{j} A_y + \vec{k} A_z) \\ &= \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ &\left( \text{Since, } \frac{\partial \vec{i}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \vec{j}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \vec{k}}{\partial z} = 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

In cylindrical coordinates, if  $\vec{A} = \vec{A}(r, \theta, z)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \cdot \vec{A} &= \left( \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (\vec{i}_r A_r + \vec{i}_\theta A_\theta + \vec{i}_z A_z) \\
 &= \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{A_r}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\
 &\left( \text{Since, } \frac{\partial \vec{i}_r}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial \vec{i}_z}{\partial z} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial \vec{i}_r}{\partial \theta} = \vec{i}_\theta, \frac{\partial \vec{i}_\theta}{\partial r} = 0, \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\partial \vec{i}_\theta}{\partial \theta} = -\vec{i}_r, \vec{i}_r \cdot \vec{i}_r = \vec{i}_\theta \cdot \vec{i}_\theta = \vec{i}_z \cdot \vec{i}_z = 1 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The divergence of velocity vector  $\vec{V}$ , i.e.,  $\nabla \cdot \vec{V}$  was used to describe the continuity equation [Eq. (4.3)] in Sec. 4.2.

#### B.5.4 Curl

The cross product between  $\nabla$  and a vector function (or field) results in a vector function (or field) known as curl. For a vector field  $\vec{A} = \vec{A}(x, y, z)$  in Cartesian coordinates,

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \text{Curl } \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

or,

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \vec{i} \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) + \vec{j} \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \vec{k} \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

In cylindrical coordinates,  $\vec{A} = \vec{A}(r, \theta, z)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \times \vec{A} &= \left( \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (\vec{i}_r A_r + \vec{i}_\theta A_\theta + \vec{i}_z A_z) \\
 &= \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \times (\vec{i}_r A_r) + \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \times (\vec{i}_\theta A_\theta) + \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \times (\vec{i}_z A_z) \\
 &\quad + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \times (\vec{i}_r A_r) + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \times (\vec{i}_\theta A_\theta) + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \times (\vec{i}_z A_z) \\
 &\quad + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \times (\vec{i}_r A_r) + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \times (\vec{i}_\theta A_\theta) + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \times (\vec{i}_z A_z) \\
 &= \vec{i}_r \times \vec{i}_r \cancel{\frac{\partial A_r^0}{\partial r}} + \vec{i}_r \times \left( A_r \cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{i}_r^0}{\partial r}} \right) + \vec{i}_r \times \vec{i}_\theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_r \times \left( A_\theta \cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{i}_\theta}{\partial r}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \vec{i}_r \times \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_r \times \left( A_z \cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{i}_z}{\partial r}} \right) + \vec{i}_\theta \times \vec{i}_r \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \vec{i}_\theta \times \left( A_r \cancel{\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \vec{i}_r}{\partial \theta}}^{=i_\theta} \right) + \vec{i}_\theta \cancel{\times \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r}}^{=0} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} \\
 & + \vec{i}_\theta \times \left( A_\theta \cancel{\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \vec{i}_\theta}{\partial \theta}}^{=i_r} \right) + \vec{i}_\theta \times \vec{i}_z \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} + \vec{i}_\theta \times \left( A_z \cancel{\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \vec{i}_z}{\partial \theta}}^{=0} \right) \\
 & + \vec{i}_z \times \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} + \vec{i}_z \times \left( A_r \cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{i}_r}{\partial z}}^{=0} \right) + \vec{i}_z \times i_\theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} + \vec{i}_z \times \left( A_\theta \cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{i}_\theta}{\partial z}}^{=0} \right) \\
 & + \vec{i}_z \times \vec{i}_z \cancel{\times \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}}^{=0} + \vec{i}_z \times \left( A_z \cancel{\frac{\partial \vec{i}_z}{\partial z}}^{=0} \right) \\
 \text{or, } \nabla \times \vec{A} = & \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} - \vec{i}_\theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} - \vec{i}_z \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} + \vec{i}_z \frac{A_\theta}{r} + \vec{i}_r \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \\
 & + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z}
 \end{aligned}$$

and finally,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \times \vec{A} = \text{curl } \vec{A} = & \vec{i}_r \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \right) + \vec{i}_\theta \left( \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \\
 & + \vec{i}_z \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The curl of velocity vector  $\vec{V}$ , i.e.,  $\nabla \times \vec{V}$  was used in describing the rotation of a fluid element in Sec. 3.2.5.

### B.5.5 Laplacian

The scalar function obtained by the dot product  $\nabla \cdot \nabla$  is known as the Laplacian and is given by the symbol  $\nabla^2$ .

Therefore, in cartesian coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla = & \left( \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left( \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \\
 = & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla^2 = \nabla \cdot \nabla = & \left( \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot \left( \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{\partial}{r \partial \theta} + \vec{i}_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \\
 = & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\partial \vec{i}_r}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{i}_r \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial r} + \frac{\partial \vec{i}_\theta}{\partial \theta} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \vec{i}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \right) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

## B.6 VECTOR IDENTITIES

### B.6.1 $\nabla \times \nabla \theta = 0$ , where $\theta$ is Any Scalar Function

This relation may be verified by expanding it into components. Therefore, in cartesian coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \times \nabla \theta &= \nabla \times \left( \vec{i} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \right) \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \vec{i} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial z \partial y} \right) + \vec{j} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial z \partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x \partial z} \right) + \vec{k} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y \partial x} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\theta = \theta(x, y, z)$  is a continuous, differentiable function, then

$$\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y \partial x}; \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x \partial z} = \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial z \partial x} \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial y \partial z} = \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial z \partial y}$$

consequently,  $\nabla \times \nabla \theta = 0$

The proof of the identity in cylindrical coordinates is a more lengthy process and is left as an exercise for the readers.

### B.6.2 For Two Vector Functions $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$ ,

$$\nabla(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A} + \vec{A} \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) + \vec{B} \times (\nabla \times \vec{A})$$

In cartesian coordinates, we can write

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and so, } \nabla(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) &= \nabla(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{i} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_x B_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_y B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_z B_z) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \vec{j} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_x B_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_y B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_z B_z) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \vec{k} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_x B_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_y B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_z B_z) \right\} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$\text{Again, } \vec{A} \cdot \nabla = A_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and so, } (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} = & \vec{i} \left( A_x \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} \right) \\ & + \vec{j} \left( A_x \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} \right) \\ & + \vec{k} \left( A_x \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

In a similar way, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A} = & \vec{i} \left( B_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + B_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} + B_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) \\ & + \vec{j} \left( B_x \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} + B_y \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + B_z \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \\ & + \vec{k} \left( B_x \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} + B_y \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} + B_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \vec{A} \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = & \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ \left( \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} \right) & \left( \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} \right) & \left( \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} \right) \end{vmatrix} \\ = & \vec{i} \left( A_y \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} + A_z \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - A_y \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} - A_z \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} \right) \\ & - \vec{j} \left( A_x \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial x} + A_z \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} - A_x \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial y} - A_z \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right) \\ & + \vec{k} \left( A_x \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial z} + A_y \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial z} - A_x \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial x} - A_y \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Similarly, } \vec{B} \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) &= \vec{i} \left( B_y \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} + B_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - B_y \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} - B_z \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) \\
 &\quad - \vec{j} \left( B_x \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} + B_z \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} - B_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} - B_z \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} \right) \\
 &\quad + \vec{k} \left( B_x \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} + B_y \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} - B_x \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - B_y \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} \right) \quad (B.5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Adding Eqs (B.2), (B.3), (B.4) and (B.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A} + \vec{A} \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) + \vec{B} \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \\
 &= \vec{i} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_x B_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_y B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (A_z B_z) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \vec{j} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_x B_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_y B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (A_z B_z) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \vec{k} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_x B_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_y B_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_z B_z) \right\} \quad (B.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

comparison of Eqs (B.1) and (B.6) proves that

$$\nabla(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{A} + \vec{A} \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) + \vec{B} \times (\nabla \times \vec{A})$$

The relation was used in deriving the Bernoulli's equation for irrotational flow in Sec. 5.2.

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