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*Fluid Mechanics* is that section of applied mechanics, concerned with the statics and dynamics of liquids and gases.

A knowledge of fluid mechanics is essential for the chemical engineer, because the majority of chemical processing operations are conducted either partially or totally in the fluid phase.

The handling of liquids is much simpler, much cheaper, and much less troublesome than handling solids.

Even in many operations a solid is handled in a finely divided state so that it stays in suspension in a fluid.

*Fluid Statics*: Which treats fluids in the equilibrium state of no shear stress

*Fluid Mechanics*: Which treats when portions of fluid are in motion relative to other parts.

## **Fluids and their Properties**

### **Fluids**

In everyday life, we recognize three states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. Although different in many respects, liquids and gases have a common characteristic in which they differ from solids: they are fluids, lacking the ability of solids to offer a permanent resistance to a deforming force.

A *fluid* is a substance which deforms continuously under the action of shearing forces, however small they may be. Conversely, it follows that:

If a fluid is at rest, there can be no shearing forces acting and, therefore, all forces in the fluid must be perpendicular to the planes upon which they act.

### **Shear stress in a moving fluid**

Although there can be no shear stress in a fluid at rest, shear stresses are developed when the fluid is in motion, if the particles of the fluid move relative to each other so that they have different velocities, causing the original shape of the fluid to become distorted. If, on the other hand, the velocity of the fluid is same at every point, no shear stresses will be produced, since the fluid particles are at rest relative to each other.

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### Differences between fluid and solid :

The differences between the behaviours of solids and fluids under an applied force are as follows:

- i. For a solid, the strain is a function of the applied stress, providing that the elastic limit is not exceeded. For a fluid, the rate of strain is proportional to the applied stress.
- ii. The strain in a solid is independent of the time over which the force is applied and, if the elastic limit is not exceeded, the deformation disappears when the force is removed. A fluid continues to flow as long as the force is applied and will not recover its original form when the force is removed.

### Differences between gas and liquid:

Although liquids and gases both share the common characteristics of fluids, they have many distinctive characteristics of their own. A liquid is difficult to compress and, for many purposes, may be regarded as incompressible. A given mass of liquid occupies a fixed volume, irrespective of the size or shape of its container, and a free surface is formed if the volume of the container is greater than that of the liquid.

A gas is comparatively easy to compress. Changes of volume with pressure are large, cannot normally be neglected and are related to changes of temperature. A given mass of gas has no fixed volume and will expand continuously unless restrained by a containing vessel. It will completely fill any vessel in which it is placed and, therefore, does not form a free surface.

### **Types of fluids:**

#### Newtonian & non-Newtonian fluids:

#### **Newtonian fluids:**

Fluids which obey the Newton's law of viscosity are called as Newtonian fluids. Newton's law of viscosity is given by

$$\tau = \mu dv/dy$$

where  $\tau$  = shear stress

$\mu$  = viscosity of fluid

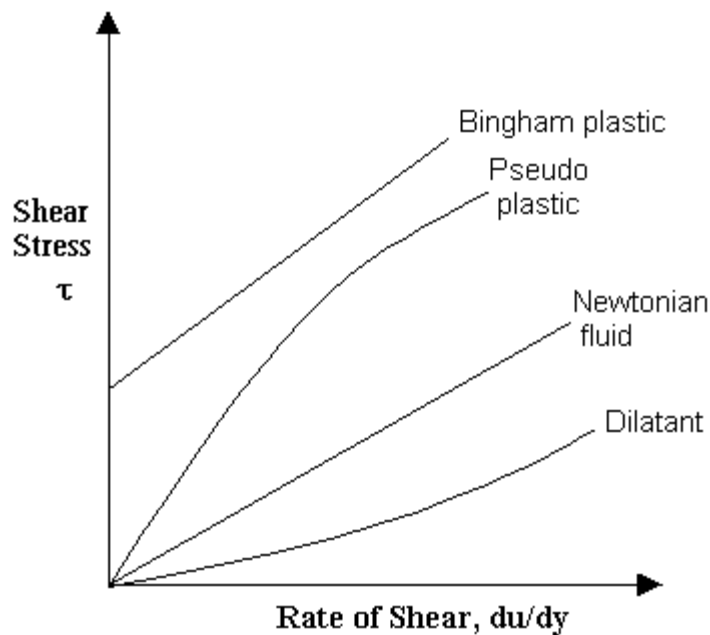
$dv/dy$  = shear rate, rate of strain or velocity gradient

All gases and most liquids which have simpler molecular formula and low molecular weight such as water, benzene, ethyl alcohol,  $\text{CCl}_4$ , hexane and most solutions of simple molecules are Newtonian fluids.

### Non-Newtonian fluids:

Fluids which do not obey the Newton's law of viscosity are called as non-Newtonian fluids.

Generally non-Newtonian fluids are complex mixtures: slurries, pastes, gels, polymer solutions etc.,



Various non-Newtonian Behaviors:

#### ***Time-Independent behaviors:***

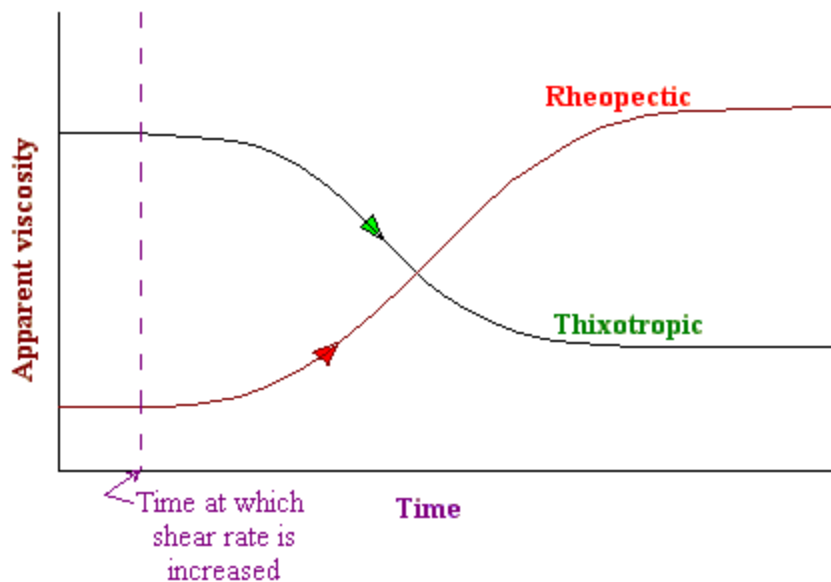
Properties are independent of time under shear.

*Bingham-plastic:* Resist a small shear stress but flow easily under larger shear stresses. e.g. tooth-paste, jellies, and some slurries.

**Pseudo-plastic:** Most non-Newtonian fluids fall into this group. Viscosity decreases with increasing velocity gradient. e.g. polymer solutions, blood. Pseudoplastic fluids are also called as Shear thinning fluids. At low shear rates ( $du/dy$ ) the shear thinning fluid is more viscous than the Newtonian fluid, and at high shear rates it is less viscous.

**Dilatant fluids:** Viscosity increases with increasing velocity gradient. They are uncommon, but suspensions of starch and sand behave in this way. Dilatant fluids are also called as shear thickening fluids.

### ***Time dependent behaviors:***



### **Effect of sudden change of shear rate on apparent viscosity of time-dependent fluids**

Those which are dependent upon duration of shear.

**Thixotropic fluids:** for which the dynamic viscosity decreases with the time for which shearing forces are applied. e.g. thixotropic jelly paints.

**Rheopectic fluids:** Dynamic viscosity increases with the time for which shearing forces are applied. e.g. gypsum suspension in water.

**Visco-elastic fluids:** Some fluids have elastic properties, which allow them to spring back when a shear force is released. e.g. egg white.



## Compressible & incompressible fluids

### Physical properties:

#### Viscosity:

The viscosity ( $\mu$ ) of a fluid measures its resistance to flow under an applied shear stress. Representative units for viscosity are kg/(m.sec), g/(cm.sec) (also known as poise designated by P). The centipoise (cP), one hundredth of a poise, is also a convenient unit, since the viscosity of water at room temperature is approximately 1 centipoise.

The *kinematic viscosity* ( $\nu$ ) is the ratio of the viscosity to the density:

$$\nu = \mu/\rho,$$

and will be found to be important in cases in which significant viscous and gravitational forces exist.

#### **Viscosity of liquids:**

Viscosity of liquids in general, decreases with increasing temperature.

The viscosities ( $\mu$ ) of liquids generally vary approximately with absolute temperature T according to:

$$\ln \mu = a - b \ln T$$

#### **Viscosity of gases:**

Viscosity of gases increases with increase in temperature.

The viscosity ( $\mu$ ) of many gases is approximated by the formula:

$$\mu = \mu_0(T/T_0)^n$$

in which T is the absolute temperature,  $\mu_0$  is the viscosity at an absolute reference temperature  $T_0$ , and n is an empirical exponent that best fits the experimental data.

The viscosity of an ideal gas is independent of pressure, but the viscosities of real gases and liquids usually increase with pressure.

Viscosity of liquids are generally two orders of magnitude greater than gases at atmospheric pressure. For example, at 25°C,  $\mu_{\text{water}} = 1$  centipoise and  $\mu_{\text{air}} = 1 \times 10^{-2}$  centipoise.

### Vapor pressure:

The pressure at which a liquid will boil is called its vapor pressure. This pressure is a function of temperature (vapor pressure increases with temperature). In this context we usually think about the temperature at which boiling occurs. For example, water boils at 100°C at sea-level atmospheric pressure (1 atm abs). However, in terms of vapor pressure, we can say that by increasing the temperature of water at sea level to 100 °C, we increase the vapor pressure to the point at which it is equal to the atmospheric pressure (1 atm abs), so that boiling occurs. It is easy to visualize that boiling can also occur in water at temperatures much below 100°C if the pressure in the water is reduced to its vapor pressure. For example, the vapor pressure of water at 10°C is 0.01 atm. Therefore, if the pressure within water at that temperature is reduced to that value, the water boils. Such boiling often occurs in flowing liquids, such as on the suction side of a pump. When such boiling does occur in the flowing liquids, vapor bubbles start growing in local regions of very low pressure and then collapse in regions of high downstream pressure. This phenomenon is called as *cavitation*.

### Compressibility and Bulkmodulus:

All materials, whether solids, liquids or gases, are compressible, i.e. the volume  $V$  of a given mass will be reduced to  $V - \delta V$  when a force is exerted uniformly all over its surface. If the force per unit area of surface increases from  $p$  to  $p + \delta p$ , the relationship between change of pressure and change of volume depends on the bulk modulus of the material.

Bulk modulus ( $K$ ) = (change in pressure) / (volumetric strain)

Volumetric strain is the change in volume divided by the original volume. Therefore,

(change in volume) / (original volume) = (change in pressure) / (bulk modulus)

i.e.,  $-\delta V/V = \delta p/K$

Negative sign for  $\delta V$  indicates the volume decreases as pressure increases.

In the limit, as  $\delta p$  tends to 0,

$$K = -V dp/dV \rightarrow 1$$

Considering unit mass of substance,  $V = 1/\rho \rightarrow 2$

Differentiating,

$$Vdp + \rho dV = 0$$

$$dV = - (V/\rho)dp \rightarrow 3$$

putting the value of  $dV$  from equn.3 to equn.1,

$$K = - V dp / (-(V/\rho)dp)$$

i.e.  $K = \rho dp/d\rho$

The concept of the bulk modulus is mainly applied to liquids, since for gases the compressibility is so great that the value of  $K$  is not a constant.

The relationship between pressure and mass density is more conveniently found from the characteristic equation of gas.

For liquids, the changes in pressure occurring in many fluid mechanics problems are not sufficiently great to cause appreciable changes in density. It is therefore usual to ignore such changes and consider liquids as incompressible.

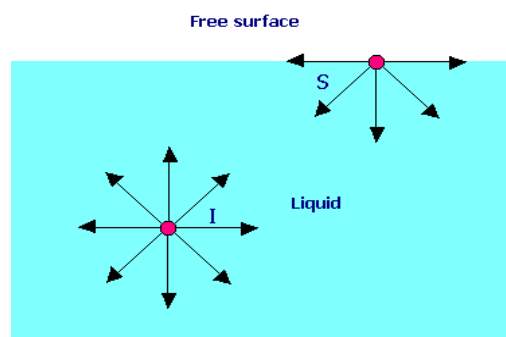
Gases may also be treated as incompressible if the pressure changes are very small, but usually compressibility cannot be ignored. In general, compressibility becomes important when the velocity of the fluid exceeds about one-fifth of the velocity of a pressure wave (velocity of sound) in the fluid.

Typical values of Bulk Modulus:

$$K = 2.05 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2 \text{ for water}$$

$$K = 1.62 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2 \text{ for oil.}$$

### Surface tension:



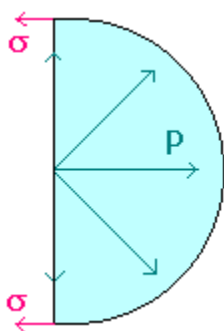
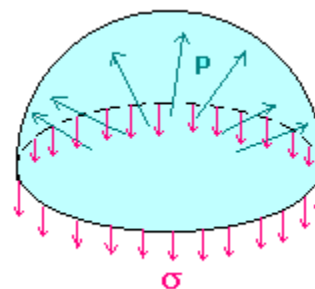
A molecule  $I$  in the interior of a liquid is under attractive forces in all directions and the vector sum of these forces is zero. But a molecule  $S$  at the surface of a liquid is acted by a net inward cohesive force that is perpendicular to the surface. Hence it requires work to move molecules to the surface against this opposing force, and surface molecules have more energy than interior ones.

The surface tension ( $\sigma$  sigma) of a liquid is the work that must be done to bring enough molecules from inside the liquid to the surface to form one new unit area of that surface ( $\text{J/m}^2 = \text{N/m}$ ). Historically surface tensions have been reported in handbooks in dynes per centimeter ( $1 \text{ dyn/cm} = 0.001 \text{ N/m}$ ).

Surface tension is the tendency of the surface of a liquid to behave like a stretched elastic membrane. There is a natural tendency for liquids to minimize their surface area. For this reason, drops of liquid tend to take a spherical shape in order to minimize surface area. For such a small droplet, surface tension will cause an increase of internal pressure  $p$  in order to balance the surface force.

We will find the amount  $\Delta$  ( $\Delta p = p - p_{\text{outside}}$ ) by which the pressure inside a liquid droplet of radius  $r$ , exceeds the pressure of the surrounding vapor/air by making force balances on a hemispherical drop. Observe that the internal pressure  $p$  is trying to blow apart the two hemispheres, whereas the surface tension  $\sigma$  is trying to pull them together. Therefore,  $\Delta p \pi r^2 = 2\pi r\sigma$

i.e.  $\Delta p = 2\sigma/r$



Similar force balances can be made for cylindrical liquid jet.

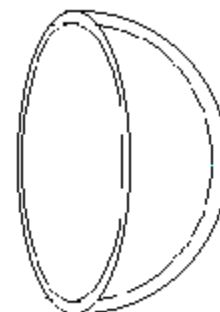
$$\Delta p 2r = 2\sigma$$

i.e.  $\Delta p = \sigma/r$

Similar treatment can be made for a soap bubble which is having two free surfaces.

$$\Delta p \pi r^2 = 2 \times 2\pi r\sigma$$

i.e.  $\Delta p = 4\sigma/r$



Surface tension generally appears only in situations involving either free surfaces (liquid/gas or liquid/solid boundaries) or interfaces (liquid/liquid boundaries); in the latter case, it is usually called the *interfacial tension*.

Representative values for the surface tensions of liquids at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , in contact either with air or their vapor (there is usually little difference between the two), are given in Table.

<i>Liquid</i>	<i>Surface Tension <math>\sigma</math> dyne/cm</i>
<i>Benzene</i>	23.70
<i>Benzene</i>	28.85

<i>Ethanol</i>	22.75
<i>Glycerol</i>	63.40
<i>Mercury</i>	435.50
<i>Methanol</i>	22.61
<i>n-Octane</i>	21.78
<i>Water</i>	72.75

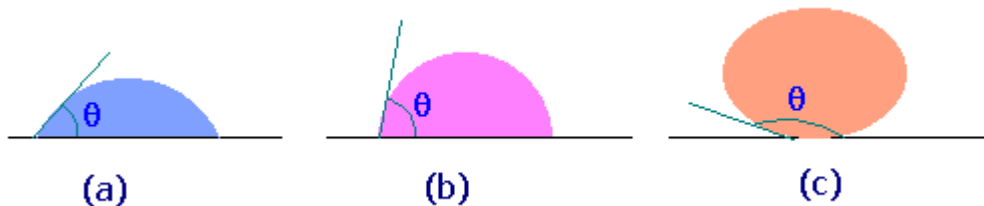
### Capillarity:

Rise or fall of a liquid in a capillary tube is caused by surface tension and depends on the relative magnitude of cohesion of the liquid and the adhesion of the liquid to the walls of the containing vessel.

Liquids rise in tubes if they wet (adhesion > cohesion) and fall in tubes that do not wet (cohesion > adhesion).

### **Wetting and contact angle**

Fluids wet some solids and do not others.



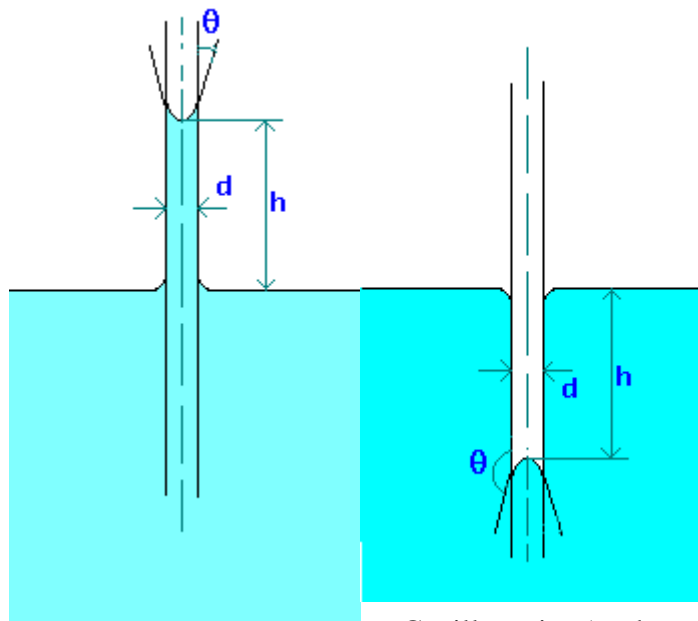
The figure shows some of the possible wetting behaviors of a drop of liquid placed on a horizontal, solid surface (the remainder of the surface is covered with air, so two fluids are present).

Fig.(a) represents the case of a liquid which wets a solid surface well, e.g. water on a very clean copper. The angle  $\theta$  shown is the angle between the edge of the liquid surface and the solid surface, measured inside the liquid. This angle is called the *contact angle* and is a measure of the quality of wetting. For perfectly wetting, in which the liquid spreads as a thin film over the surface of the solid,  $\theta$  is zero.

Fig.(c) represents the case of no wetting. If there were exactly zero wetting,  $\theta$  would be  $180^\circ$ . However, the gravity force on the drop flattens the drop, so that  $180^\circ$  angle is never observed. This might represent water on teflon or mercury on clean glass.

We normally say that a liquid wets a surface if  $\theta$  is less than  $90^\circ$  and does not wet if  $\theta$  is more than  $90^\circ$ . Values of  $\theta$  less than  $20^\circ$  are considered strong wetting, and values of  $\theta$  greater than  $140^\circ$  are strong nonwetting.

**Capillarity** is important (in fluid measurements) when using tubes smaller than about 10 mm in diameter.



Capillary rise (or depression) in a tube can be calculated by making force balances. The forces acting are force due to surface tension and gravity.

The force due to surface tension,

$F_s = \pi d \sigma \cos(\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is the wetting angle or contact angle. If tube (made of glass) is clean  $\theta$  is zero for water and about  $140^\circ$  for Mercury.

This is opposed by the gravity force on the column of fluid, which is equal to the height of the liquid which is above (or below) the free surface and which equals  $F_g = (\pi/4)d^2 h g \rho$ , where  $\rho$  is the density of liquid.

Equating these forces and solving for

Capillary rise (or depression), we find

$$h = 4\sigma \cos(\theta) / (\rho g d)$$

### Problems - SurfaceTension:

Air is introduced through a nozzle into a tank of water to form a stream of bubbles. If the bubbles are intended to have a diameter of 2 mm, calculate how much the pressure of the air at the tip of the nozzle must exceed that of the surrounding water. Assume that the value of surface tension between air and water as  $72.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/m}$ .

**Data:**

Surface tension ( $\sigma$ ) =  $72.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/m}$

Radius of bubble (r) = 1

**Formula:**

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

**Calculations:**

$$\Delta p = 2 \times 72.7 \times 10^{-3} / 1 = 145.4 \text{ N/m}^2$$

That is, the pressure of the air at the tip of nozzle must exceed the pressure of surrounding water by **145.4 N/m<sup>2</sup>**

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**A soap bubble 50 mm in diameter contains a pressure (in excess of atmospheric) of 2 bar. Find the surface tension in the soap film.**

**Data:**

Radius of soap bubble (r) = 25 mm = 0.025 m

$$\Delta p = 2 \text{ Bar} = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$$

**Formula:**

Pressure inside a soap bubble and surface tension ( $\sigma$ ) are related by,  
 $\Delta p = 4\sigma/r$

**Calculations:**

$$\sigma = \Delta p r / 4 = 2 \times 10^5 \times 0.025 / 4 = \textbf{1250 N/m}$$

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**Water has a surface tension of 0.4 N/m. In a 3 mm diameter vertical tube if the liquid rises 6 mm above the liquid outside the tube, calculate the contact angle.**

**Data:**

Surface tension ( $\sigma$ ) = 0.4 N/m

Dia of tube (d) = 3 mm = 0.003 m

Capillary rise (h) = 6 mm = 0.006 m

**Formula:**

Capillary rise due to surface tension is given by

$$h = 4\sigma \cos(\theta) / (\rho g d), \text{ where } \theta \text{ is the contact angle.}$$

### Calculations:

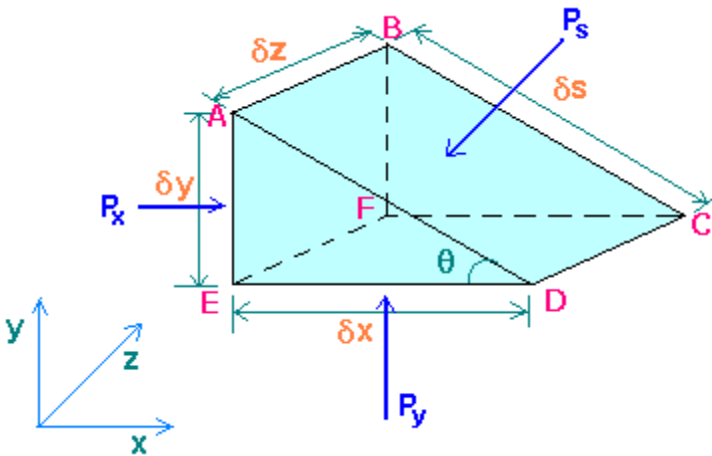
$$\cos(\theta) = h\rho g d / (4\sigma) = 0.006 \times 1000 \times 9.812 \times 0.003 / (4 \times 0.4) = 0.11$$

Therefore, contact angle  $\theta = 83.7^\circ$

### Fluid statics:

#### Pascal's law for pressure at a point in a fluid:

The basic property of a static fluid is pressure. Pressure is familiar as a surface force exerted by a fluid against the walls of its container. Pressure also exists at every point within a volume of fluid. For a static fluid, as shown by the following analysis, pressure turns to be independent direction.



By considering the equilibrium of a small fluid element in the form of a triangular prism ABCDEF surrounding a point in the fluid, a relationship can be established between the pressures  $P_x$  in the x direction,  $P_y$  in the y direction, and  $P_s$  normal to any plane inclined at any angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal at this point.

$P_x$  is acting at right angle to ABEF, and  $P_y$  at right angle to CDEF, similarly  $P_s$  at right angle to ABCD.

Since there can be no shearing forces for a fluid at rest, and there will be no accelerating forces, the sum of the forces in any direction must therefore, be zero. The forces acting are due to the pressures on the surrounding and the gravity force.

$$\text{Force due to } P_x = P_x \times \text{Area ABEF} = P_x \delta y \delta z$$

$$\text{Horizontal component of force due to } P_s = - (P_s \times \text{Area ABCD}) \sin(\theta) = - P_s \delta s \delta z \delta y / \delta s = -P_s \delta y \delta z$$



As  $P_y$  has no component in the x direction, the element will be in equilibrium, if

$$P_x \delta y \delta z + (-P_s \delta y \delta z) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } P_x = P_s$$

Similarly in the y direction, force due to  $P_y = P_y \delta x \delta z$

$$\text{Component of force due to } P_s = -(P_s \times \text{Area ABCD}) \cos(\theta) = -P_s \delta s \delta z \delta x / \delta s = -P_s \delta x \delta z$$

$$\text{Force due to weight of element} = -mg = -\rho Vg = -\rho (\delta x \delta y \delta z / 2) g$$

Since  $\delta x$ ,  $\delta y$ , and  $\delta z$  are very small quantities,  $\delta x \delta y \delta z$  is negligible in comparison with other two vertical force terms, and the equation reduces to,

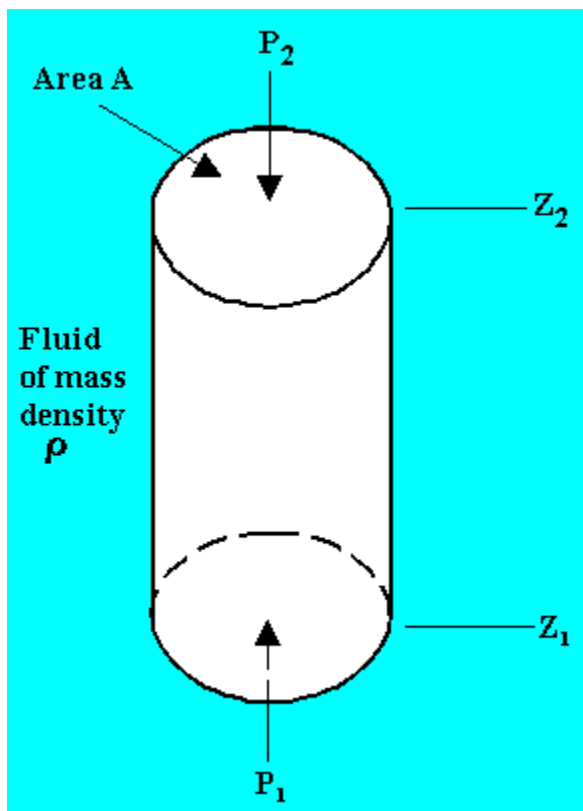
$$P_y = P_s$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P_x = P_y = P_s$$

i.e. pressure at a point is same in all directions. This is **Pascal's law**. This applies to fluid at rest.

Fine powdery solids resemble fluids in many respects but differs considerably in others. For one thing, a static mass of particulate solids, can support shear stresses of considerable magnitude and the pressure is not the same in all directions.

#### Variation of pressure in a Static fluid:



Consider a hypothetical differential cylindrical element of fluid of cross sectional area  $A$  and height  $(z_2 - z_1)$ .

Upward force due to pressure  $P_1$  on the element  $= P_1 A$

Downward force due to pressure  $P_2$  on the element  $= P_2 A$

Force due to weight of the element  $= mg = \rho A (z_2 - z_1) g$

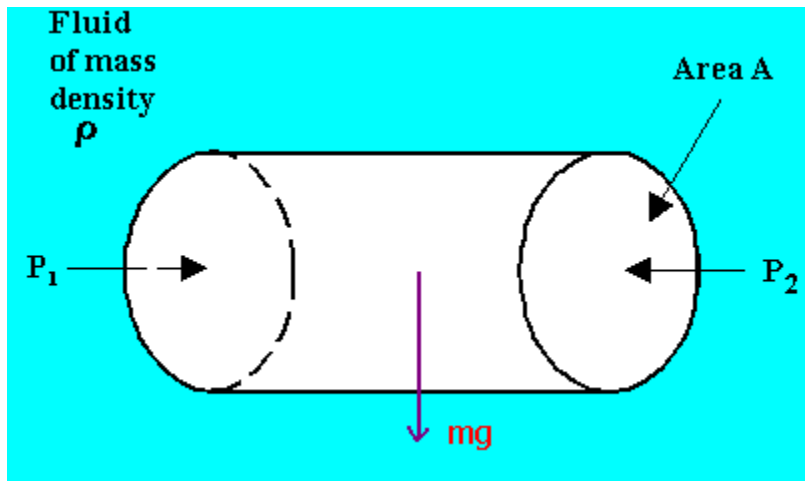
Equating the upward and downward forces,

$$P_1 A = P_2 A + \rho A(z_2 - z_1)g$$

$$P_2 - P_1 = -\rho g(z_2 - z_1)$$

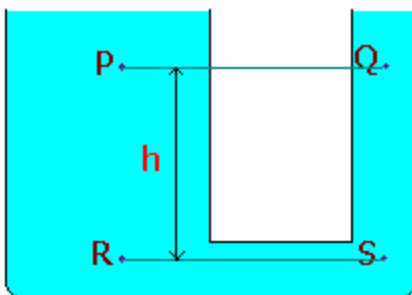
Thus in any fluid under gravitational acceleration, pressure decreases, with increasing height  $z$  in the upward direction.

**Equality of pressure at the same level in a static fluid:**



Equating the horizontal forces,  $P_1 A = P_2 A$  (i.e. some of the horizontal forces must be zero)

**Equality of pressure at the same level in a continuous body of fluid:**



Pressures at the same level will be equal in a continuous body of fluid, even though there is no direct horizontal path between P and Q provided that P and Q are in the same continuous body of fluid.

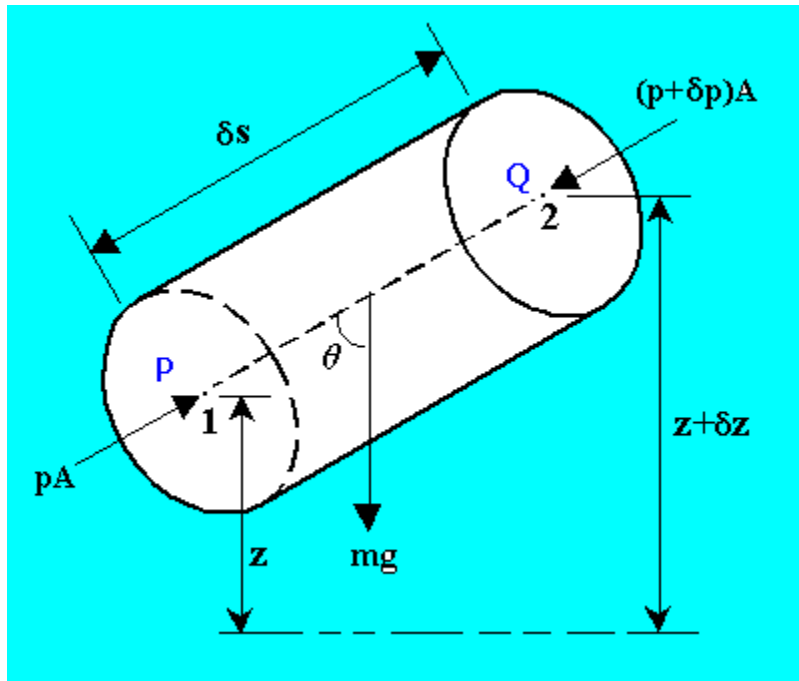
We know that,  $P_R = P_S$

$$P_R = P_P + \rho gh \rightarrow 1$$

$$P_S = P_Q + \rho gh \rightarrow 2$$

From equn.1 and 2,  $P_P = P_Q$

**General equation for the variation of pressure due to gravity from point to point in a static fluid:**



Resolving the forces along the axis PQ,

$$pA - (p + \delta p)A - \rho g A \delta s \cos(\theta) = 0$$

$$\delta p = - \rho g \delta s \cos(\theta)$$

or in differential form,

$$dp/ds = - \rho g \cos(\theta)$$

In the vertical  $z$  direction,  $\theta = 0$ .

Therefore,

$$dp/dz = -\rho g$$

This equation predicts a pressure decrease in the vertically upwards direction at a rate proportional to the local density.

### Absolute and gauge pressure, vacuum:

In a region such as outer space, which is virtually void of gases, the pressure is essentially zero. Such a condition can be approached very nearly in a laboratory when a vacuum pump is used to evacuate a bottle. The pressure in a vacuum is called *absolute zero*, and all pressures referenced with respect to this zero pressure are termed absolute pressures.

Many pressure-measuring devices measure not absolute pressure but only difference in pressure. For example, a Bourdon-tube gage indicates only the difference between the pressure in the fluid to which it is tapped and the pressure in the atmosphere. In this case, then, the reference pressure is actually the atmospheric pressure. This type of pressure reading is called *gage pressure*. For example, if a pressure of 50 kPa is measured with a gage referenced to the atmosphere and the atmospheric pressure is 100 kPa, then the pressure can be expressed as either  $p = 50 \text{ kPa gage}$  or  $p = 150 \text{ kPa absolute}$ .

Whenever atmospheric pressure is used as a reference, the possibility exists that the pressure thus measured can be either positive or negative. Negative gage pressure are also termed as *vacuum*

*pressures*. Hence, if a gage tapped into a tank indicates a vacuum pressure of 31 kPa, this can also be stated as 70 kPa absolute, or -31 kPa gage, assuming that the atmospheric pressure is 101 kPa absolute.

- **Pressure Measurement**

#### Fluid Pressure :

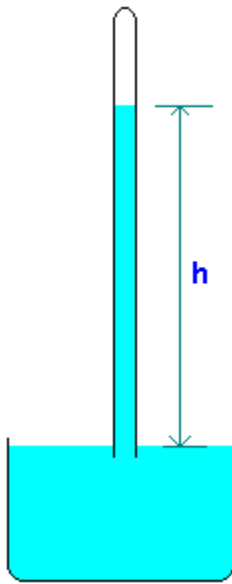
In a stationary fluid the pressure is exerted equally in all directions and is referred to as the *static pressure*. In a moving fluid, the static pressure is exerted on any plane parallel to the direction of motion. The fluid pressure exerted on a plane right angles to the direction of flow is greater than the static pressure because the surface has, in addition, to exert sufficient force to bring the fluid to rest. The additional pressure is proportional to the kinetic energy of fluid; it cannot be measured independently of the static pressure.

When the static pressure in a moving fluid is to be determined, the measuring surface must be parallel to the direction of flow so that no kinetic energy is converted into pressure energy at the surface. If the fluid is flowing in a circular pipe the measuring surface must be perpendicular to the radial direction at any point. The pressure connection, which is known as a *piezometer tube*, should flush with the wall of the pipe so that the flow is not disturbed: the pressure is then measured near the walls where the velocity is a minimum and the reading would be subject only to a small error if the surface were not quite parallel to the direction of flow.

The static pressure should always be measured at a distance of not less than 50 diameters from bends or other obstructions, so that the flow lines are almost parallel to the walls of the tube. If there are likely to be large cross-currents or eddies, a *piezometer ring* should be used. This consists of 4 pressure tappings equally spaced at 90° intervals round the circumference of the tube; they are joined by a circular tube which is connected to the pressure measuring device. By this means, false readings due to irregular flow are avoided. If the pressure on one side of the tube is relatively high, the pressure on the opposite side is generally correspondingly low; with the piezometer ring a mean value is obtained.

#### Barometers

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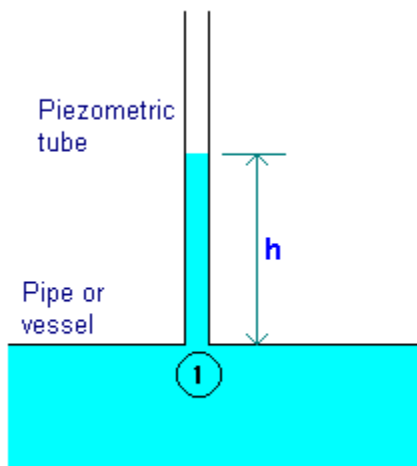
A *barometer* is a device for measuring atmospheric pressure. A simple barometer consists of a tube more than 30 inch (760 mm) long inserted in an open container of mercury with a closed and evacuated end at the top and open tube end at the bottom and with mercury extending from the container up into the tube. Strictly, the space above the liquid cannot be a true vacuum. It contains mercury vapor at its saturated vapor pressure, but this is extremely small at room temperatures (e.g. 0.173 Pa at 20°C).

The atmospheric pressure is calculated from the relation  $P_{\text{atm}} = \rho gh$  where  $\rho$  is the density of fluid in the barometer.

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#### Piezo meters:

For measuring pressure inside a vessel or pipe in which liquid is there, a tube may be attached to the walls of the container (or pipe) in which the liquid resides so liquid can rise in the tube. By determining the height to which liquid rises and using the relation  $P_1 = \rho gh$ , gauge pressure of the liquid can be determined. Such a device is known as *piezometer*. To avoid capillary effects, a piezometer's tube should be about 1/2 inch or greater.



## Manometers:

### Introduction:

A somewhat more complicated device for measuring fluid pressure consists of a bent tube containing one or more liquid of different specific gravities. Such a device is known as *manometer*.

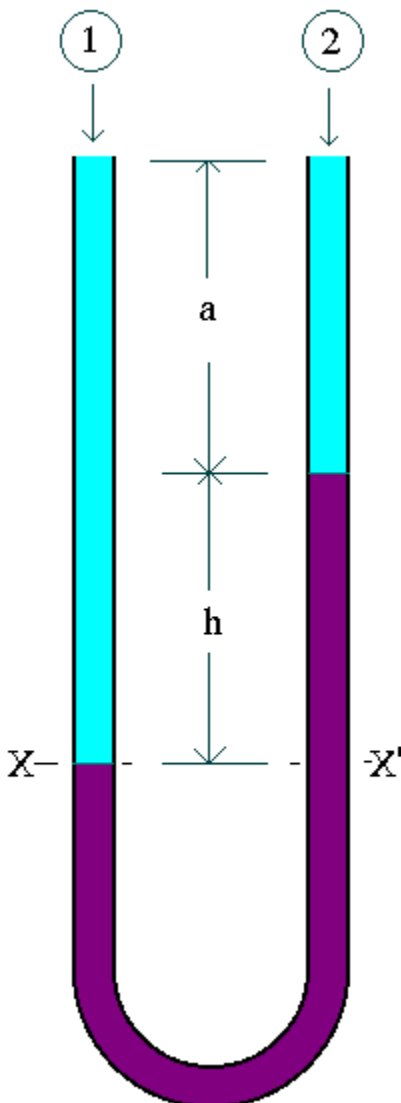
In using a manometer, generally a known pressure (which may be atmospheric) is applied to one end of the manometer tube and the unknown pressure to be determined is applied to the other end.

In some cases, however, the difference between pressure at ends of the manometer tube is desired rather than the actual pressure at the either end. A manometer to determine this differential pressure is known as *differential pressure manometer*.

### Manometers - Various forms

#### 1. Simple U - tube Manometer

2. Inverted U - tube Manometer
3. U - tube with one leg enlarged
4. Two fluid U - tube Manometer
5. Inclined U - tube Manometer



#### Simple U-tube manometer:

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Equating the pressure at the level XX' (pressure at the same level in a continuous body of fluid is equal),

For the left hand side:

$$P_x = P_1 + \rho g(a+h)$$

For the right hand side:

$$P_{x'} = P_2 + \rho g a + \rho_m g h$$

Since  $P_x = P_{x'}$

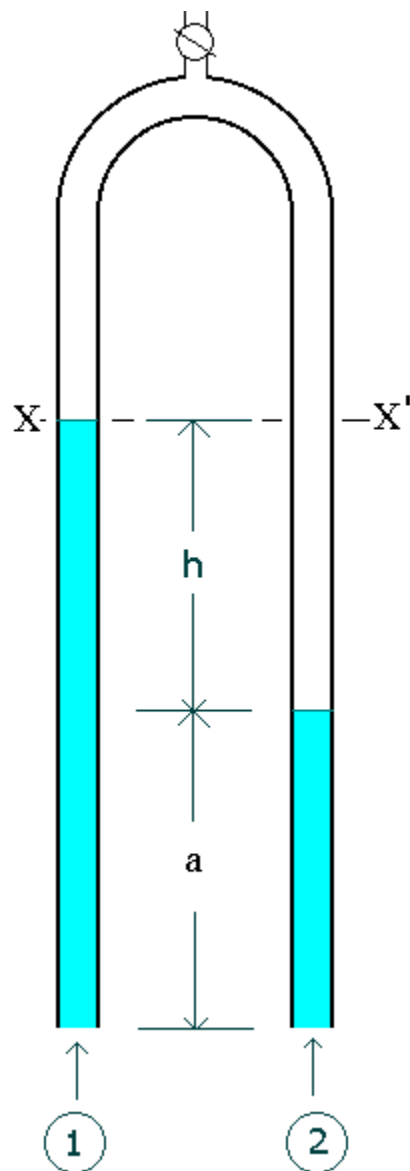
$$P_1 + \rho g(a+h) = P_2 + \rho g a + \rho_m g h$$

$$P_1 - P_2 = \rho_m g h - \rho g h$$

i.e.  $P_1 - P_2 = (\rho_m - \rho)gh$ .

The maximum value of  $P_1 - P_2$  is limited by the height of the manometer. To measure larger pressure differences we can choose a manometer with higher density, and to measure smaller pressure differences with accuracy we can choose a manometer fluid which is having a density closer to the fluid density.

### Inverted U-tube manometer:



Inverted U-tube manometer is used for measuring pressure differences in liquids. The space above the liquid in the manometer is filled with air which can be admitted or expelled through the tap on the top, in order to adjust the level of the liquid in the manometer.

Equating the pressure at the level XX' (pressure at the same level in a continuous body of static fluid is equal),

For the left hand side:

$$P_x = P_1 - \rho g(h+a)$$

For the right hand side:

$$P_x' = P_2 - (\rho g a + \rho_m g h)$$

Since  $P_x = P_x'$

$$P_1 - \rho g(h+a) = P_2 - (\rho g a + \rho_m g h)$$

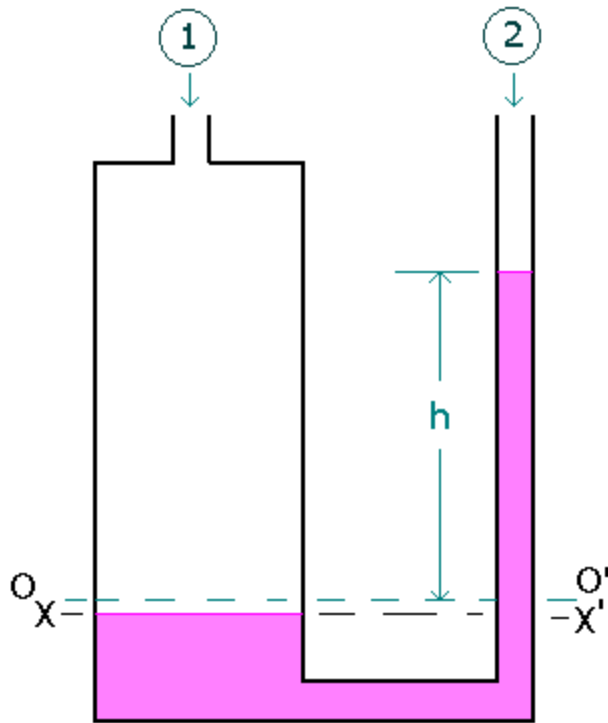
$$P_1 - P_2 = (\rho - \rho_m)gh$$

If the manometric fluid is chosen in such a way that  $\rho_m \ll \rho$  then,

$$P_1 - P_2 = \rho g h.$$

For inverted U - tube manometer the manometric fluid is usually air.

### Manometer with one leg enlarged:



Industrially, the simple U - tube manometer has the disadvantage that the movement of the liquid in both the limbs must be read. By making the diameter of one leg large as compared with the other, it is possible to make the movement the large leg very small, so that it is only necessary to read the movement of the liquid in the narrow leg.

In figure,  $OO'$  represents the level of liquid surface when the pressure difference  $P_1 - P_2$  is zero. Then when pressure is applied, the level in the right hand limb will rise a distance  $h$  vertically.

Volume of liquid transferred from left-hand leg to right-hand leg

$$= h(\pi/4)d^2$$

where  $d$  is the diameter of smaller diameter leg. If  $D$  is the diameter of larger diameter leg, then, fall in level of left-hand leg

= Volume transferred/Area of left-hand leg

$$= (h(\pi/4)d^2) / ((\pi/4)D^2)$$

$$= h(d/D)^2$$

For the left-hand leg, pressure at  $X$ , i.e.  $P_x = P_1 + \rho g(h+a) + \rho g h(d/D)^2$

For the right-hand leg, pressure at  $X'$ , i.e.  $P_{x'} = P_2 + \rho g a + \rho g(h + h(d/D)^2)$

For the equality of pressure at  $XX'$ ,

$$P_1 + \rho g(h+a) + \rho g h(d/D)^2 = P_2 + \rho g a + \rho_m g(h + h(d/D)^2)$$

$$P_1 - P_2 = \rho_m g(h + h(d/D)^2) - \rho g h - \rho g h(d/D)^2$$

If  $D \gg d$  then, the term  $h(d/D)^2$  will be negligible( i.e approximately about zero)

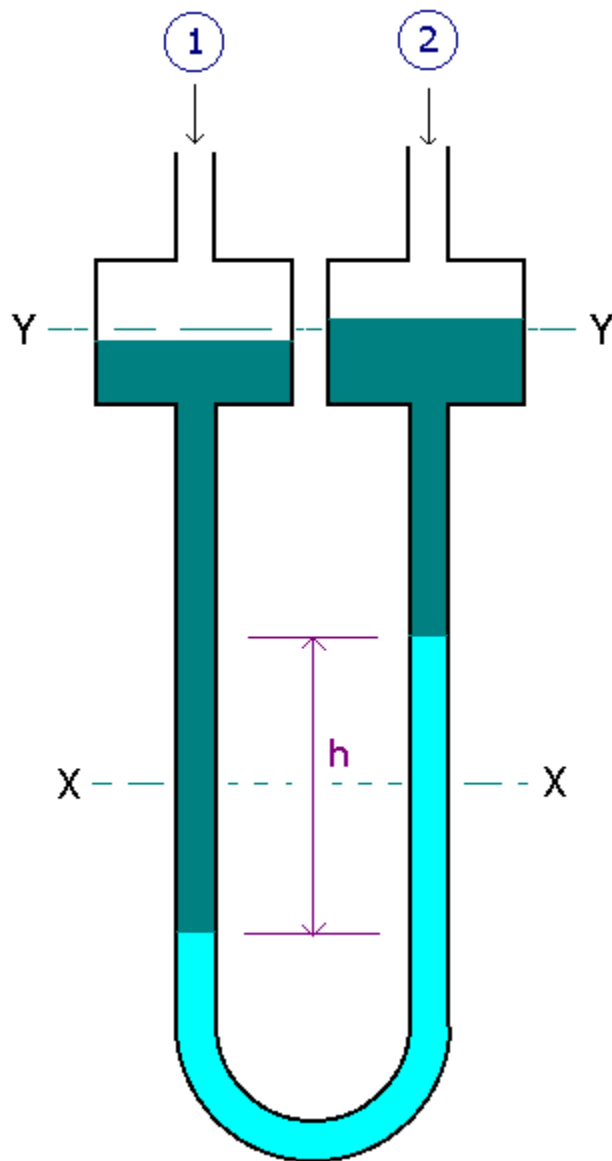


Then  $P_1 - P_2 = (\rho_m - \rho)gh$ .

Where  $h$  is the manometer liquid rise in the right-hand leg.

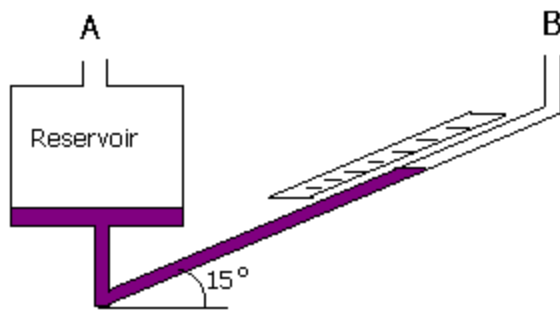
If the fluid density is negligible compared with the manometric fluid density ( eg. the case for air as the fluid and water as manometric fluid ), then  $P_1 - P_2 = \rho_m gh$ .

Two fluid U-tube manometer:



Small differences in pressure in gases are often measured with a manometer of the form shown in the figure.

### Inclined U-tube manometer :



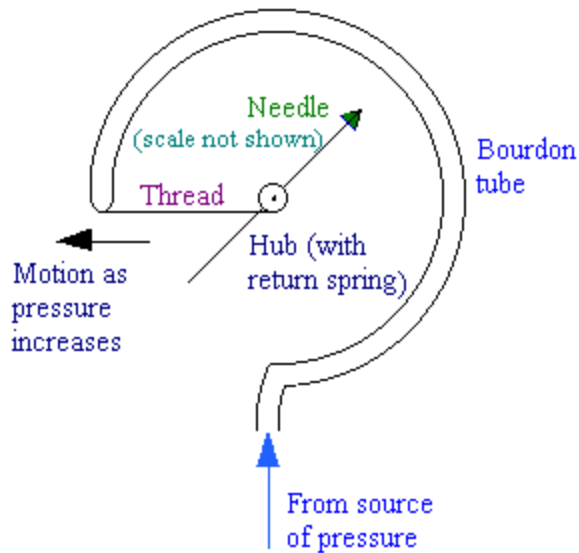
### Manometer - limitations

The manometer in its various forms is an extremely useful type of pressure measuring instrument, but suffers from a number of limitations.

- While it can be adapted to measure very small pressure differences, it can not be used conveniently for large pressure differences - although it is possible to connect a number of manometers in series and to use mercury as the manometric fluid to improve the range. (limitation)
- A manometer does not have to be calibrated against any standard; the pressure difference can be calculated from first principles. ( Advantage)
- Some liquids are unsuitable for use because they do not form well-defined menisci. Surface tension can also cause errors due to capillary rise; this can be avoided if the diameters of the tubes are sufficiently large - preferably not less than 15 mm diameter. (limitation)
- A major disadvantage of the manometer is its slow response, which makes it unsuitable for measuring fluctuating pressures.(limitation)
- It is essential that the pipes connecting the manometer to the pipe or vessel containing the liquid under pressure should be filled with this liquid and there should be no air bubbles in the liquid.(important point to be kept in mind)

### Pressure gauges - Bourdon gauge:

Bourdon Gauge:

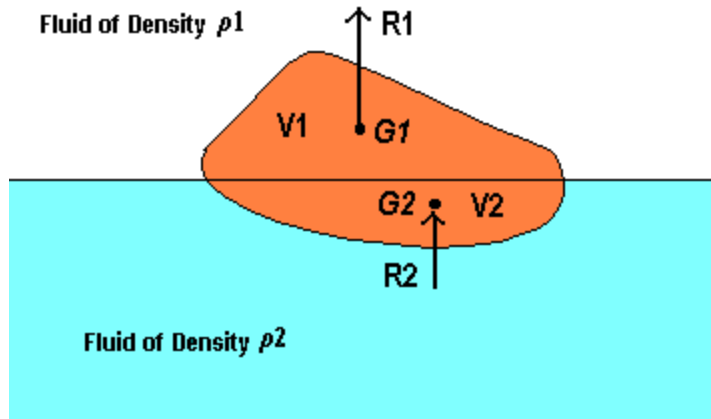


The pressure to be measured is applied to a curved tube, oval in cross section. Pressure applied to the tube tends to cause the tube to straighten out, and the deflection of the end of the tube is communicated through a system of levers to a recording needle. This gauge is widely used for steam and compressed gases. The pressure indicated is the difference between that communicated by the system to the external (ambient) pressure, and is usually referred to as the gauge pressure.



### Buoyancy - principles:

Upthrust on body = weight of fluid displaced by the body  
This is known as *Archimedes principle*.



If the body is immersed so that part of its volume  $V_1$  is immersed in a fluid of density  $\rho_1$  and the rest of its volume  $V_2$  in another immiscible fluid of mass density  $\rho_2$ ,

Upthrust on upper part,  $R_1 = \rho_1 g V_1$  acting through  $G_1$ , the centroid of  $V_1$ ,  
Upthrust on lower part,  $R_2 = \rho_2 g V_2$  acting through  $G_2$ , the centroid of  $V_2$ ,

Total upthrust =  $\rho_1 g V_1 + \rho_2 g V_2$ .

The positions of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are not

necessarily on the same vertical line, and the centre of buoyancy of the whole body is, therefore, not bound to pass through the centroid of the whole body.

#### Units and Dimensions:

#### **Systems of Units:**

The official international system of units (System International d'Units). Strong efforts are underway for its universal adoption as the exclusive system for all engineering and science, but older systems, particularly the cgs and fps engineering gravitational systems are still in use and probably will be around for some time. The chemical engineer finds many physiochemical data given in cgs units; that many calculations are most conveniently made in fps units; and that SI units are increasingly encountered in science and engineering. Thus it becomes necessary to be expert in the use of all three systems.

#### **SI system:**

Primary quantities:

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>
Mass in Kilogram	kg
Length in Meter	m
Time in Second	s or as sec
Temperature in Kelvin	K

Mole                                      gmol or simply as mol

Derived quantities:

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>
Force in Newton ( $1 \text{ N} = 1 \text{ kg.m/s}^2$ )	N
Pressure in Pascal ( $1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$ )	$\text{N/m}^2$
Work, energy in Joule ( $1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ N.m}$ )	J
Power in Watt ( $1 \text{ W} = 1 \text{ J/s}$ )	W

**cgs Units:**

The older centimeter-gram-second (cgs) system has the following units for derived quantities:

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>
Force in dyne ( $1 \text{ dyn} = 1 \text{ g.cm/s}^2$ )	dyn
Work, energy in erg ( $1 \text{ erg} = 1 \text{ dyn.cm} = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$ )	erg
Heat Energy in calorie ( $1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J}$ )	cal

**fps Units:**

The foot-pound-second (fps) system has long been used in commerce and engineering in English-speaking countries.

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>
Mass in pound ( $1 \text{ lb} = 0.454 \text{ kg}$ )	lb
Length in foot ( $1 \text{ ft} = 0.3048 \text{ m}$ )	ft
Temperature in Rankine	$^{\circ}\text{R}$
Force in $\text{lb}_f$ ( $1 \text{ lb}_f = 32.2 \text{ lb.ft/s}^2$ )	$\text{lb}_f$

**Conversion factors:**

*Mass:*

$$1 \text{ lb} = 0.454 \text{ kg}$$

*Length:*

$$1 \text{ inch} = 2.54 \text{ cm} = 0.0254 \text{ m}$$

$$1 \text{ ft} = 12 \text{ inch} = 0.3048 \text{ m}$$

*Energy:*

$$1 \text{ BTU} = 1055 \text{ J}$$

$$1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J}$$

*Force:*

$$1 \text{ kg}_f = 9.812 \text{ N}$$

$$1 \text{ lb}_f = 4.448 \text{ N}$$

$$1 \text{ dyn} = 1 \text{ g.cm/s}^2$$

*Power:*

$$1 \text{ HP} = 736 \text{ W}$$

*Pressure:*

$$1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$1 \text{ psi} = 1 \text{ lb}_f/\text{inch}^2$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 = 14.7 \text{ psi}$$

$$1 \text{ Bar} = 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$$

*Viscosity:*

$$1 \text{ poise} = 1 \text{ g/(cm.s)}$$

$$1 \text{ cP} = (1/100) \text{ poise} = 0.001 \text{ kg/(m.s)}$$

*Kinematic viscosity:*

$$1 \text{ Stoke} = 1 \text{ St} = 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

*Volume:*

$$1 \text{ ft}^3 = 7.481 \text{ U.S. gal}$$

$$1 \text{ U.S. gal} = 3.785 \text{ litre}$$

*Temperature:*

$$T^{\circ}\text{F} = 32 + 1.8^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T^{\circ}\text{R} = 1.8\text{K}$$

*Gas Constant:*

$$R = 8314 \text{ J / (kmol.K)}$$

### **Dimensions:**

Dimensions of the primary quantities:

<i><b>Fundamental dimension</b></i>	<i><b>Symbol</b></i>
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Length	L
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Mass	M
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Time	t
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Temperature	T
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Dimensions of derived quantities, can be expressed in terms of the fundamental dimensions.

<i><b>Quantity</b></i>	<i><b>Representative symbol</b></i>	<i><b>Dimensions</b></i>
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Angular velocity	$\omega$	$t^{-1}$
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Area	A	$L^2$
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Density	$\rho$	$M/L^3$
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Force	F	$ML/t^2$
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Kinematic viscosity	$\nu$	$L^2/t$
Linear velocity	$v$	$L/t$
Linear acceleration	$a$	$L/t^2$
Mass flow rate	$\dot{m}$	$M/t$
Power	$P$	$ML^2/t^3$
Pressure	$p$	$M/Lt^2$
Sonic velocity	$c$	$L/t$
Shear stress	$\tau$	$M/Lt^2$
Surface tension	$\sigma$	$M/t^2$
Viscosity	$\mu$	$M/Lt$
Volume	$V$	$L^3$

- **Similitude and model studies**

#### Kinematic and dynamic similarities:

Whenever it is necessary to perform tests on a model to obtain information that cannot be obtained by analytical means alone, the rules of similitude must be applied. *Similitude* is the theory and art of predicting prototype performance from model observations.

**Model Study:** Present engineering practice makes use of model tests more frequently than most people realize. For example, whenever a new airplane is designed, tests are made not only on the general scale model but also on various components of the plane. Numerous tests are made on individual wing sections as well as on the engine pods and tail sections.

Models of automobiles and high-speed trains are also tested in wind tunnels to predict the drag and flow patterns for the prototype. Information derived from these model studies often indicates



potential problems that can be corrected before prototype is built, thereby saving considerable time and expense in development of the prototype.

Marine engineers make extensive tests on model ship hulls to predict the drag of the ships.

**Geometric similarity** refers to linear dimensions. Two vessels of different sizes are geometrically similar if the ratios of the corresponding dimensions on the two scales are the same. If photographs of two vessels are completely super-imposable, they are geometrically similar.

**Kinematic similarity** refers to motion and requires geometric similarity and the same ratio of velocities for the corresponding positions in the vessels.

**Dynamic similarity** concerns forces and requires all force ratios for corresponding positions to be equal in kinematically similar vessels.

*The requirement for similitude of flow between model and prototype is that the significant dimensionless parameters must be equal for model and prototype*

#### Dimensional Analysis:

Many important engineering problems cannot be solved completely by theoretical or mathematical methods. Problems of this type are especially common in fluid-flow, heat-flow, and diffusional operations. One method of attacking a problem for which no mathematical equation can be derived is that of empirical experimentations. For example, the pressure loss from friction in a long, round, straight, smooth pipe depends on all these variables: the length and diameter of the pipe, the flow rate of the liquid, and the density and viscosity of the liquid. If any one of these variables is changed, the pressure drop also changes. The empirical method of obtaining an equation relating these factors to pressure drop requires that the effect of each separate variable be determined in turn by systematically varying that variable while keep all others constant. The procedure is laborious, and is difficult to organize or correlate the results so obtained into a useful relationship for calculations.

There exists a method intermediate between formal mathematical development and a completely empirical study. It is based on the fact that if a theoretical equation does exist among the variables affecting a physical process, that equation must be dimensionally homogeneous. Because of this requirement it is possible to group many factors into a smaller number of dimensionless groups of variables. The groups themselves rather than the separate factors appear in the final equation.

Dimensional analysis does not yield a numerical equation, and experiment is required to complete the solution of the problem. The result of a dimensional analysis is valuable in pointing a way to correlations of experimental data suitable for engineering use.

Dimensional analysis drastically simplifies the task of fitting experimental data to design equations where a completely mathematical treatment is not possible; it is also useful in checking the consistency of the units in equations, in converting units, and in the scale-up of data obtained in physical models to predict the performance of full-scale model. The method is based on the concept of dimension and the use of *dimensional formulas*.

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#### [Important Dimensionless Numbers](#)

<b><i>Dimensionless Number</i></b>	<b><i>Symbol</i></b>	<b><i>Formula</i></b>	<b><i>Numerator</i></b>	<b><i>Denominator</i></b>	<b><i>Importance</i></b>
<b><i>Reynolds number</i></b>	N <sub>Re</sub>	$Dv\rho/\mu$	Inertial force	Viscous force	Fluid flow involving viscous and inertial forces
<b><i>Froude number</i></b>	N <sub>Fr</sub>	$u^2/gD$	Inertial force	Gravitational force	Fluid flow with free surface
<b><i>Weber number</i></b>	N <sub>We</sub>	$u^2\rho D/\sigma$	Inertial force	Surface force	Fluid flow with interfacial forces
<b><i>Mach number</i></b>	N <sub>Ma</sub>	$u/c$	Local velocity	Sonic velocity	Gas flow at high velocity
<b><i>Drag coefficient</i></b>	C <sub>D</sub>	$F_D/(\rho u^2/2)$	Total drag force	Inertial force	Flow around solid bodies
<b><i>Friction factor</i></b>	f	$\tau_w/(\rho u^2/2)$	Shear force	Inertial force	Flow through closed conduits
<b><i>Pressure coefficient</i></b>	C <sub>P</sub>	$\Delta p/(\rho u^2/2)$	Pressure force	Inertial force	Flow through closed conduits. Pressure drop estimation

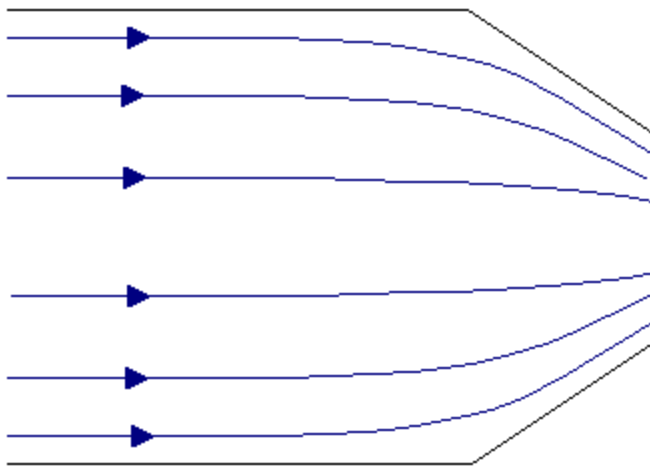
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Fluid flow:

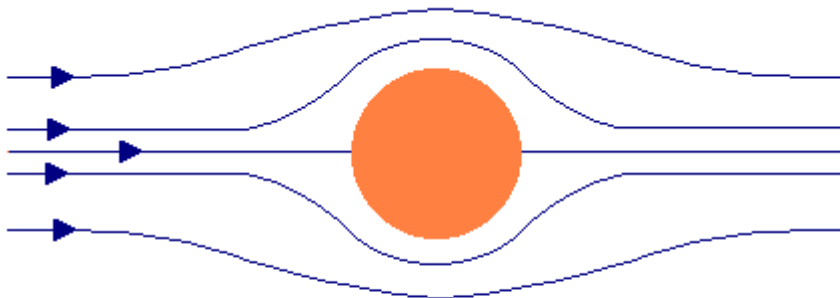
Stream line



Streamlines in a straight tube



Streamlines in a constriction



Streamlines for flow past an immersed object

When streamlines are not essentially straight and parallel, variations of pressure, velocity, and density are to be expected.

### Steady & Uniform flows:

#### **Steady flow:**

When the velocity at each location is constant, the velocity field is invariant with time and the flow is said to be steady.

#### **Uniform flow:**

Uniform flow occurs when the magnitude and direction of velocity do not change from point to point in the fluid.

Flow of liquids through long pipelines of constant diameter is uniform whether flow is steady or unsteady.

Non-uniform flow occurs when velocity, pressure etc., change from point to point in the fluid.

#### **Steady, uniform flow:**

Conditions do not change with position or time.

e.g., Flow of liquid through a pipe of uniform bore running completely full at constant velocity.

#### **Steady, non-uniform flow:**

Conditions change from point to point but do not with time.

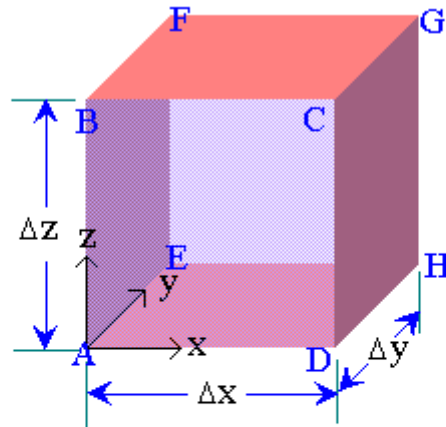
e.g., Flow of a liquid at constant flow rate through a tapering pipe running completely full.

**Unsteady, uniform Flow:** e.g. When a pump starts-up.

**Unsteady, non-uniform Flow:** e.g. Conditions of liquid during pipetting out of liquid.

## Equation of continuity

Let us make the mass balance for a fluid element as shown below: (an open-faced cube)



Let us denote the sides by with the following corresponding numbers:

x -direction	y -direction	z -direction
ABFE    1	ABCD    3	AEHD    5
DCGH    2	EFGH    4	BFGC    6

Mass balance:

Accumulation rate of mass in the system = all mass flow rates in - all mass flow rates out    --> 1

The mass in the system at any instant is  $\rho \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$ . The flow into the system through face 1 is

$$\dot{m}_1 = \rho_1 v_{x_1} \Delta y \Delta z$$

and the flow out of the system through face 2 is

$$\dot{m}_2 = \rho_2 v_{x_2} \Delta y \Delta z$$

Similarly for the faces 3, 4, 5, and 6 are written as follows:

$$\dot{m}_3 = \rho_3 v_{y_3} \Delta x \Delta z$$

$$\dot{m}_4 = \rho_4 v_{y_4} \Delta x \Delta z$$

$$\dot{m}_5 = \rho_5 v_{z_5} \Delta x \Delta y$$

$$\dot{m}_6 = \rho_6 v_{z_6} \Delta x \Delta y$$

Substituting these quantities in equn.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} &= \Delta y \Delta z (\rho_1 v_{x_1} - \rho_2 v_{x_2}) \\ &\quad + \Delta x \Delta z (\rho_3 v_{y_3} - \rho_4 v_{y_4}) + \Delta x \Delta y (\rho_5 v_{z_5} - \rho_6 v_{z_6}) \end{aligned}$$

Dividing the above equation by  $\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$ :

$$-\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_2 v_{x_2} - \rho_1 v_{x_1}}{\Delta x} + \frac{\rho_4 v_{y_4} - \rho_3 v_{y_3}}{\Delta y} + \frac{\rho_6 v_{z_6} - \rho_5 v_{z_5}}{\Delta z}$$

Now we let  $\Delta x$ ,  $\Delta y$ , and  $\Delta z$  each approach zero simultaneously, so that the cube shrinks to a point. Taking the limit of the three ratios on the right-hand side of this equation, we get the partial derivatives.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\rho v_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\rho v_y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho v_z) = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$

This is the continuity equation for every point in a fluid flow whether steady or unsteady, compressible or incompressible.

For steady, incompressible flow, the density  $\rho$  is constant and the equation simplifies to

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

For two dimensional incompressible flow this will simplify still further to

$$\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} = 0$$

### Energy equation - Bernoulli's equation

$$\frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g} + z = \text{constant} \quad \rightarrow 1$$

This is the basic form of *Bernoulli equation* for steady incompressible inviscid flows. It may be written for any two points 1 and 2 on the same streamline as

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho_1 g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + z_2 \quad \rightarrow 2$$

The constant of Bernoulli equation, can be named as *total head* ( $h_o$ ) has different values on different streamlines.

$$h_o = \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g} + z \quad \rightarrow 3$$

The total head may be regarded as the sum of the *piezometric head*  $h^* = p/\rho g + z$  and the *kinetic head*  $v^2/2g$ .

### **Bernoulli equation is arrived from the following assumptions:**

1. Steady flow - common assumption applicable to many flows.
2. Incompressible flow - acceptable if the flow Mach number is less than 0.3.
3. Frictionless flow - very restrictive; solid walls introduce friction effects.
4. Valid for flow along a single streamline; i.e., different streamlines may have different  $h_o$ .
5. No shaft work - no pump or turbines on the streamline.
6. No transfer of heat - either added or removed.

### **Range of validity of the Bernoulli Equation:**

Bernoulli equation is valid along any streamline in any steady, inviscid, incompressible flow. There are no restrictions on the shape of the streamline or on the geometry of the overall flow. The equation is valid for flow in one, two or three dimensions.

### **Modifications on Bernoulli equation:**

Bernoulli equation can be corrected and used in the following form for real cases.

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho_1 g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h + w - q$$

where 'q' is the work done by pump and 'w' is the work done by the fluid, and h is the head loss by friction.

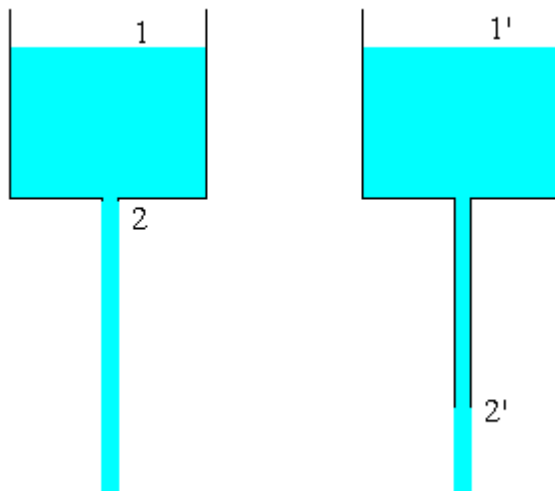
### Tank training problem

Efflux time - It is the time required for draining out the vessel contents. It is obtained by the application of Bernoulli equation by solving unsteady state mass balance equation.

The problem is to find the the **efflux time** (time needed to empty the vessel contents), for the given experimental setup consisting of Circular tank

(i) with Orifice opening at the bottom

(ii) with an exit pipe extending from the bottom of the tank



Time needed to empty the vessel ( $t_{\text{efflux}}$ ) can be found theoretically by unsteady state mass balance and steady state energy balance.

Mass Balance:

Rate of mass in - Rate of mass out = rate of change of mass accumulation

If there is no input, then

- rate of mass out = rate of change of mass accumulation

-  $m_{\text{out}} = dm/dt$

$m_{\text{out}} = \text{volumetric flow rate} \times \text{density} = A_o v_2 \rho$



Rate of change of mass accumulation = rate of change of volume x density

$$= \rho \, dV/dt$$

where  $dV$  is the change in volume of water for a time interval of  $dt$

Since  $V = \text{area of tank} \times \text{height of water} = A_T h$ ,

$$\text{and, } dV = A_T dh$$

Therefore,

$$A_o v_2 \rho = A_T \rho \, dh/dt \rightarrow 1$$

$v_2$  is obtained by making energy balance between the section 1 and 2:

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho_1 g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho_2 g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + z_2$$

$$p_1 = 0 \text{ atm (g)}$$

$$p_2 = 0 \text{ atm (g)}$$

$$v_1 = 0 \text{ (negligible velocity compared to position 2)}$$

Taking reference as position 2, (position 1 and 2 are in a continuous column of fluid)

$$z_2 = 0$$

Therefore, Bernoulli equation reduces to

$$v_2^2 = 2gz_1$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{2gz_1}$$

The height  $z_2 - z_1$  can be taken as  $h$ . (water level with respect to position at any time  $t$ )

Therefore,

$$v_2 = \sqrt{2gh} \rightarrow 2$$

Substituting from Equn.2 for  $v_2$  in Equn.1,

$$\sqrt{2gh} = (A_T/A_o) dh/dt$$

Separating the variables,

$$(A_T/A_o) dh/\sqrt{2gh} = dt$$

Integrating between the limits  $z_1$  to  $z_2$  for a time of 0 to  $t_{\text{efflux}}$

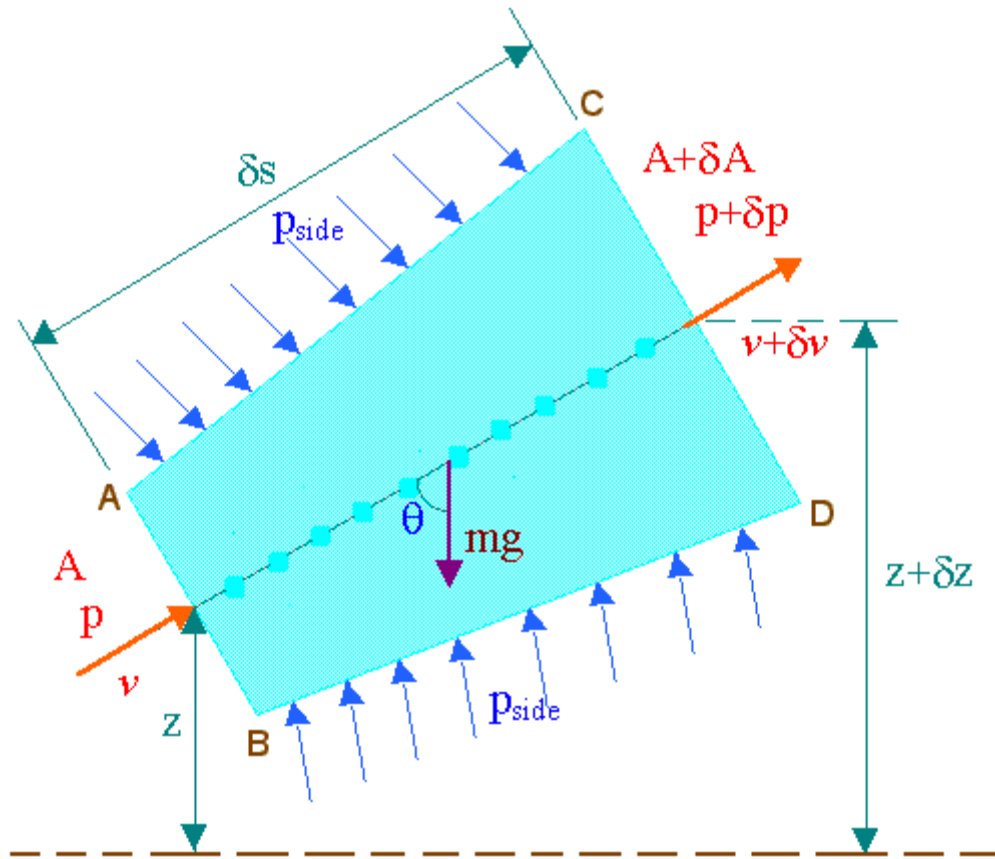
$$t_{\text{efflux}} = 2 A_T [\sqrt{z_1} - \sqrt{z_2}] / [A_o \sqrt{2g}]$$

To account for the effect of contraction,  $C_o$  is introduced; and the is modified as,

$$t_{\text{efflux}} = 2 A_T [\sqrt{z_1} - \sqrt{z_2}] / [C_o A_o \sqrt{2g}]$$

Similar Equation can be derived for the tank with an exit pipe extending from the bottom.

[Momentum equation](#)



Mass in per unit time =  $\rho A v = \dot{m}$

For steady flow, mass out per unit time =  $\dot{m}$

Rate of momentum in =  $\dot{m} v$

Rate of momentum out =  $\dot{m}(v + \delta v)$

Rate of increase of momentum from AB to CD =  $\dot{m}(v + \delta v) - \dot{m}v = \rho A v \delta v \rightarrow 1$

Force due to  $p$  in the direction of motion =  $pA$

Force due to  $p + \delta p$  opposing the direction of motion =  $(p + \delta p)(A + \delta A)$

Force due to  $p_{side}$  producing a component in the direction of motion =  $p_{side} \delta A$

Force due to  $mg$  producing a component opposing the direction of motion =  $mg \cos(\theta)$

$$\text{Resultant force in the direction of motion} = pA - (p + \delta p)(A + \delta A) + p_{\text{side}}\delta A - mg\cos(\theta) \rightarrow 2$$

The value of  $p_{\text{side}}$  will vary from  $p$  at AB to  $p + \delta p$  at CD, and can be taken as  $p + k\delta p$  where  $k$  is fraction.

$$\text{Mass of fluid element ABCD} = m = \rho g(A + 1/2 \delta A) \delta s$$

$$\text{And } \delta s = \delta z / \cos(\theta); \text{ since } \cos(\theta) = \delta z / \delta s$$

Substituting in equn.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Resultant force in the direction of motion} &= pA - (p + \delta p)(A + \delta A) + p + k\delta p - \rho g(A + 1/2 \delta A) \delta z \\ &= -A\delta p - \delta p\delta A + k\delta p\delta A - \rho gA\delta z - 1/2 \delta A\delta z \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting products of small quantities,

$$\text{Resultant force in the direction of motion} = -A\delta p - \rho gA\delta z \rightarrow 3$$

Applying Newton's second law, (i.e., equating equns.1 & 3)

$$\rho A v dv = -A\delta p - \rho gA\delta z$$

dividing by  $\rho A \delta s$ ,

$$\frac{v \delta s}{\delta s} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\delta p}{\delta s} - g \frac{\delta z}{\delta s}$$

$$\frac{v dv}{ds} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{ds} + g \frac{dz}{ds} = 0$$

or, in the limit as  $\delta s \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{ds} + \frac{v dv}{ds} + g \frac{dz}{ds} = 0$$

This is known as Euler's equation, giving, in differential form

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} + v dv + g dz = 0$$

the relationship between  $p$ ,  $v$ ,  $\rho$  and elevation  $z$ , along a streamline for steady flow.

It can not be integrated until the relationship density and pressure is known.

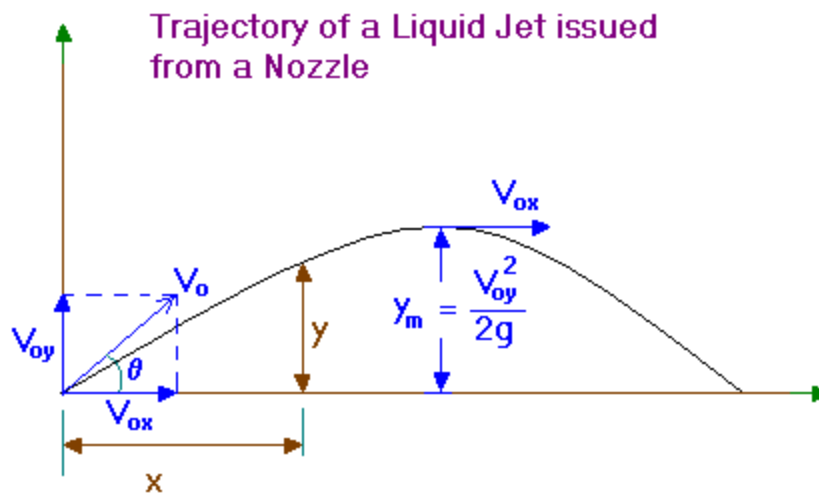
For incompressible fluid,  $\rho$  is constant; therefore the Euler's equation is integrated to give the following:

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{v^2}{2} + gz = \text{constant}$$

which is nothing but the Bernoulli equation.

### Trajectory of a liquid-jet issued upwards in the atmosphere

In a free jet the pressure is atmospheric throughout the trajectory.



$$V_{ox} = V_o \cos\theta = \text{constant} = V_x$$

$$V_{oy} = V_o \sin\theta$$

$$x = V_{ox} t$$

$$y = V_{oy} t - gt^2/2$$

eliminating  $t$  gives,

$$y = x V_{oy}/V_{ox} - gx^2/(2V_{ox}^2)$$

i.e.,

$$y = x \tan\theta - \frac{gx^2}{2V_o^2 \cos^2\theta}$$

This is the equation of the trajectory.

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At the point of maximum elevation,  $V_y = 0$  and application of Bernoulli's law between the issue point of jet and the maximum elevation level,

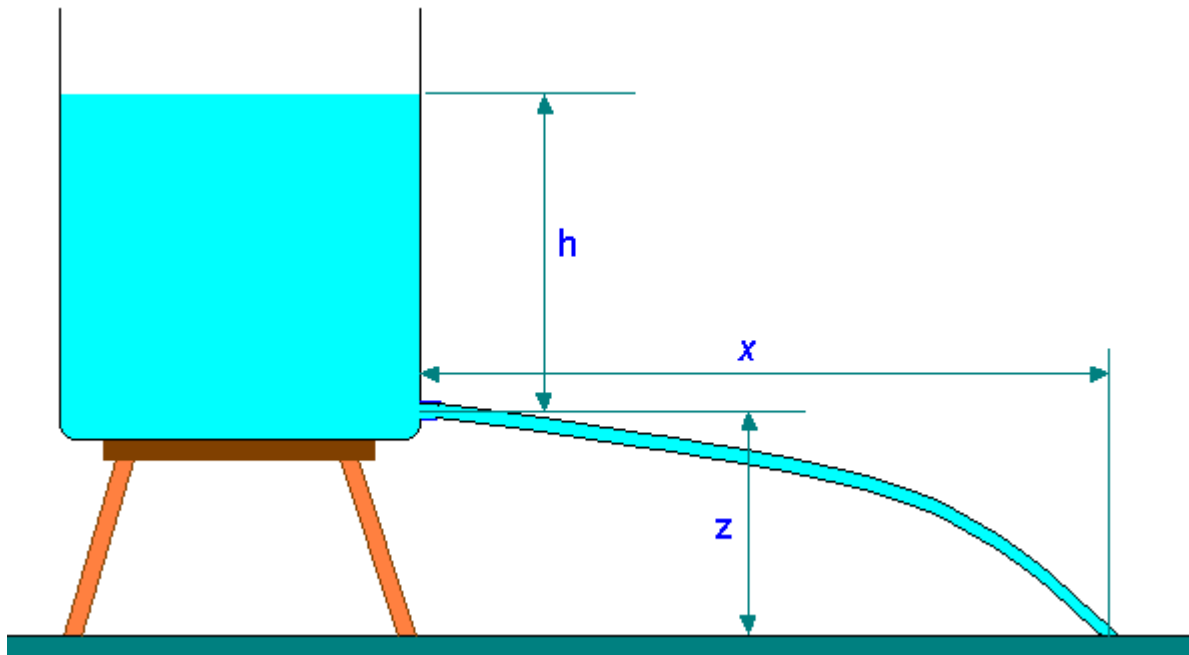
$$V_o^2/(2g) = V_{ox}^2/(2g) + y_m$$

$$\text{Since, } V_o^2/(2g) = V_{ox}^2/(2g) + V_{oy}^2/(2g)$$

we get,

$$y_m = V_{oy}^2/(2g)$$

[Trajectory of a jet issued from an orifice at the side of a tank](#)



At the tip of the opening:

The horizontal component of jet velocity  $V_x = (2gh)^{0.5} = dx/dt$

And the vertical component  $V_z = 0$

Once the jet is left the orifice, it is acted upon by gravitational forces. This makes the vertical component of velocity to equal  $'-gt'$ .

i.e.,  $V_z = -gt = dz/dt$

The horizontal and vertical distances covered in time  $'t'$  are, obtained from integrating the above equations.

$$x = (2gh)^{0.5} t$$

$$\text{and } z = -gt^2/2$$

And elimination of  $'t'$  can be done as,

$$z = -g [x^2/(2gh)] / 2$$

i.e.,

$$z = -x^2/(4h)$$

Let us take downward direction as positive  $z$ . Then

$$x = 2(hz)^{0.5}$$

- [Water Hammer](#)

Whenever a valve is closed in a pipe, a positive pressure wave is created upstream of the valve and travels up the pipe at the speed of sound. In this context a positive pressure wave is defined as one for which the pressure is greater than the steady state pressure. This pressure wave may be great enough to cause pipe failure. This phenomena is called as *Water Hammer*

Critical time ( $t_c$ ) of closure of a valve is equal to  $2L/c$ , where  $L$  is the length of the pipe in the upstream of the valve up to the reservoir, and  $c$  is the velocity of sound in fluid.

If the closure time of a valve is less than  $t_c$  the maximum pressure difference developed in the downstream end is given by  $\rho v c$ . Where  $v$  is the velocity in the pipeline.

Water hammer pressures are quite large. Therefore, engineers must design piping systems to keep the pressure within acceptable limits. This is done by installing an accumulator near the valve and/or operating the valve in such a way that rapid closure is prevented. Accumulators may

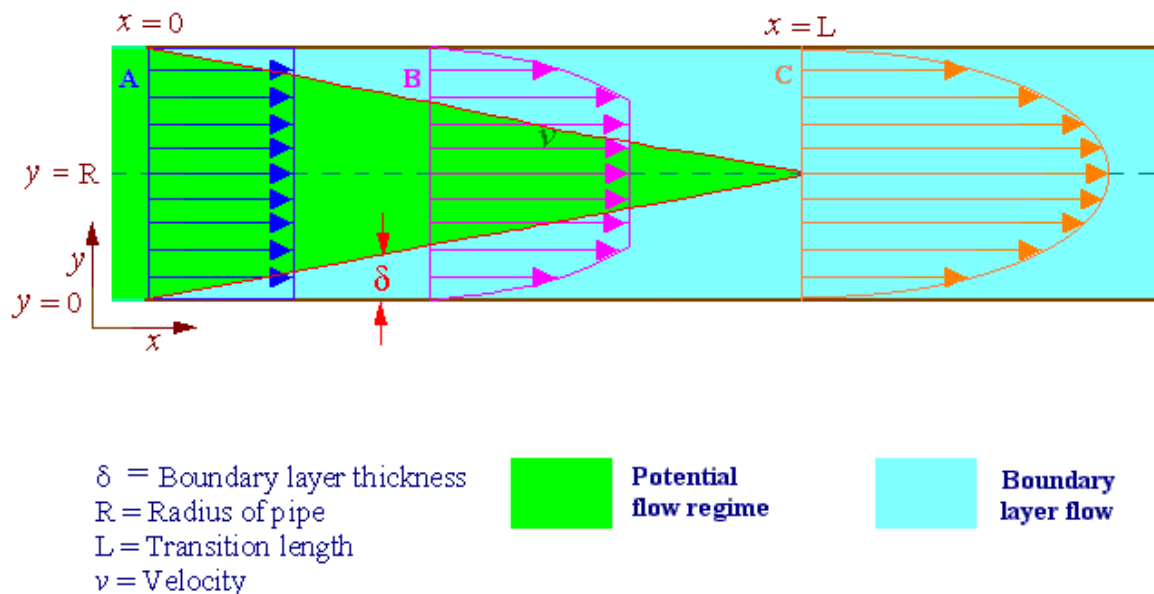
be in the form of air chambers for relatively small systems, or surge tanks. Another way to eliminate excessive water hammer pressures is to install pressure-relief valves at critical points in the pipe system.

- **Boundary layer concepts:**

- [Introduction](#)

Boundary layer is the region near a solid where the fluid motion is affected by the solid boundary. In the bulk of the fluid the flow is usually governed by the theory of ideal fluids. By contrast, viscosity is important in the boundary layer. The division of the problem of flow past an solid object into these two parts, as suggested by Prandtl in 1904 has proved to be of fundamental importance in fluid mechanics.

[Development of boundary layer for flow through circular pipe](#)



**Development of boundary-layer flow in pipe**



### Entry length

There is an entrance region where a nearly inviscid upstream flow converges and enters the tube. Viscous boundary layers grow downstream, retarding the axial flow  $v(x, r)$  at the wall and thereby accelerating the center-core flow to maintain the incompressible continuity requirement

$$Q = \int v \, dA = \text{constant}$$

At a finite distance from the entrance, the boundary layers merge and the inviscid core disappears. The flow is then entirely viscous, and the axial velocity adjusts slightly further until at  $x = L_e$  it no longer changes with  $x$  and is said to be fully developed,  $v = v(r)$  only. Downstream of  $x = L_e$  the velocity profile is constant, the wall shear is constant, and the pressure drops linearly with  $x$ , for either laminar or turbulent flow.

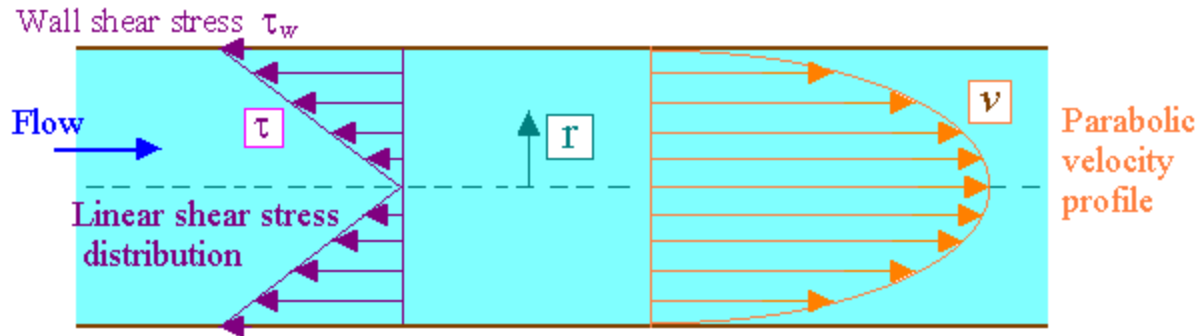
$$L_e/D = 0.06 \, \text{Re}_D \text{ for laminar}$$

$$L_e/D = 4.4 \, \text{Re}_D^{1/6} \text{ Where } L_e \text{ is the entry length; and } \text{Re}_D \text{ is the Reynolds number based on Diameter.}$$

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## Flow of incompressible fluid in pipes:

### Laminar flow



Shear stress and Velocity distributions in pipe, fully developed flow of Newtonian fluid, for Laminar flow

### Pressure drop in turbulent flow

The head loss in turbulent flow in a circular pipe is given by,

$$h_f = 2fLv^2 / D = \Delta p / \rho$$

where  $f$  is the friction factor, defined as

$$f = \tau_w / (\rho v^2 / 2)$$

where  $\tau_w$  is wall shear stress.

The value of friction factor  $f$  depends on the factors such as velocity ( $v$ ), pipe diameter ( $D$ ), density of fluid ( $\rho$ ), viscosity of fluid ( $\mu$ ) and absolute roughness ( $k$ ) of the pipe.

These variables are grouped as the dimensional numbers  $NRe$  and  $k/D$

Where  $NRe = Dv\rho/\mu$  = Reynolds number

and  $k/D$  is the relative roughness of the pipe.

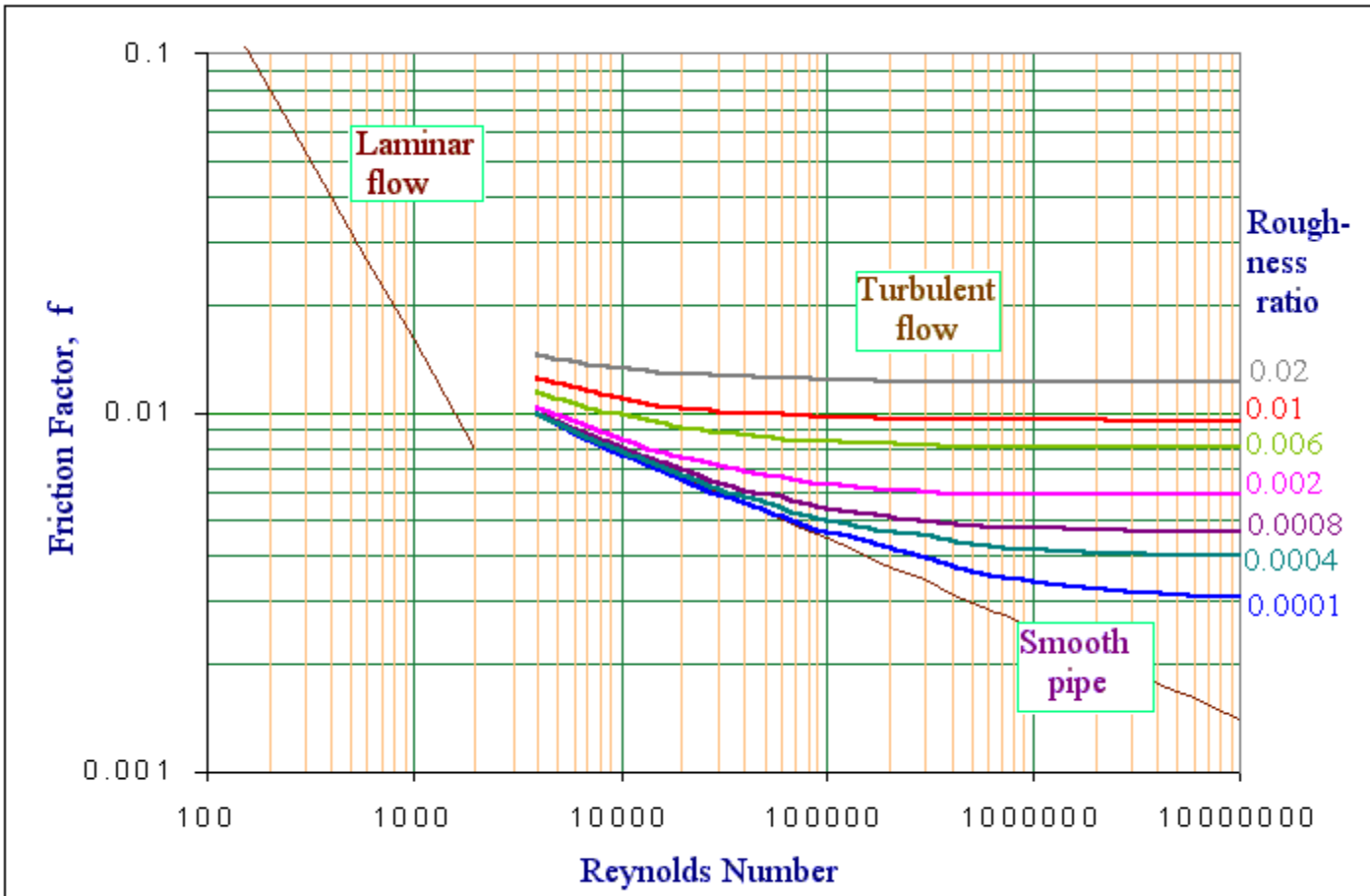
Blasisus, in 1913 was, the first to propose an accurate empirical relation for the friction factor in turbulent flow in smooth pipes, namely

$$f = 0.079 / NRe^{0.25}$$

This expression yields results for head loss to  $\pm 5$  percent for smooth pipes at Reynolds numbers up to 100000.

For rough pipes, Nikuradse, in 1933, proved the validity of  $f$  dependence on the relative roughness ratio  $k/D$  by investigating the head loss in a number of pipes which had been treated internally with a coating of sand particles whose size could be varied.

Thus, the calculation of losses in turbulent pipe flow is dependent on the use of empirical results and the most common reference source is the *Moody chart*, which is a logarithmic plot of  $f$  vs.  $NRe$  for a range of  $k/D$  values. A typical Moody chart is presented as figure.



Fanning Friction Factor for Flow in Pipes.

There are a number of distinct regions in the chart.

1. The straight line labeled 'laminar flow', representing  $f = 16/NRe$ , is a graphical representation of the Poiseuille equation. The above equation plots as a straight line of slope -1 on a log-log plot and is independent of the pipe surface roughness.
2. For values of  $k/D < 0.001$  the rough pipe curves approach the Blasius smooth pipe curve.

#### Velocity Distribution for turbulent flow

No exact mathematical analysis of the conditions within a turbulent fluid has yet been developed, though a number of semi-theoretical expressions for the shear stress at the walls of a pipe of circular cross-section have been suggested.

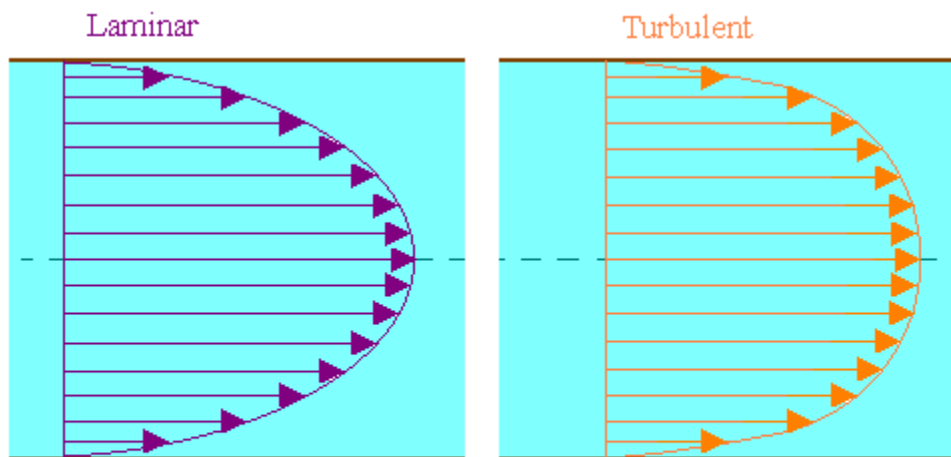
The velocity at any point in the cross-section will be proportional to the one-seventh power of the distance from the walls. This may be expressed as follows:

$$\frac{u_x}{u_{CL}} = \left( \frac{y}{r} \right)^{1/7}$$

Where  $u_x$  is the velocity at a distance  $y$  from the walls,  $u_{CL}$  the velocity at the centerline of pipe, and  $r$  the radius of the pipe.

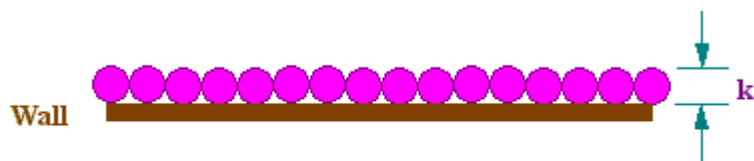
This equation is referred to as the *Prandtl one-seventh power law*.

By using Prandtl one-seventh power law, the mean velocity of flow is found to be equal to 0.817 times the centerline velocity.



Laminar and Turbulent Velocity Profiles

Surface roughness



Artificially roughened wall

### Values of surface roughness for various materials:

<i>Material</i>	<i>Surface Roughness k, inch</i>
Drawn tubing	0.00006
Commercial steel	0.0018
Galvanized iron	0.006
Cast iron	0.010
Wood stave	0.0072 - 0.036
Concrete	0.012 - 0.12
Riveted steel	0.036 - 0.36

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### [Flow through non-circular pipes](#)

For turbulent flow in a duct of non-circular cross-section, the *hydraulic mean diameter* may be used in place of the pipe diameter and the formulae for circular pipes can then be applied without introducing a large error. This method of approach is entirely empirical.

The hydraulic mean diameter  $D_H$  is defined as four times the *hydraulic mean radius*  $r_H$ . Hydraulic mean radius is defined as the flow cross-sectional area divided by the wetted perimeter: some examples are given. For circular pipe:

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

For an annulus of outer dia  $D_o$  and inner dia  $D_i$  :

$$D_H = 4 ( (\pi D_o^2 / 4) - (\pi D_i^2 / 4) ) / ( \pi(D_o + D_i) ) = (D_o^2 - D_i^2) / (D_o + D_i) = D_o - D_i$$

For a duct of rectangular cross-section  $D_a$  by  $D_b$  :

$$D_H = 4 D_a D_b / ( 2(D_a + D_b) ) = 2D_a D_b / (D_a + D_b)$$

For a duct of square cross-section of size  $D_a$  :

$$D_H = 4 D_a^2 / (4D_a) = D_a$$

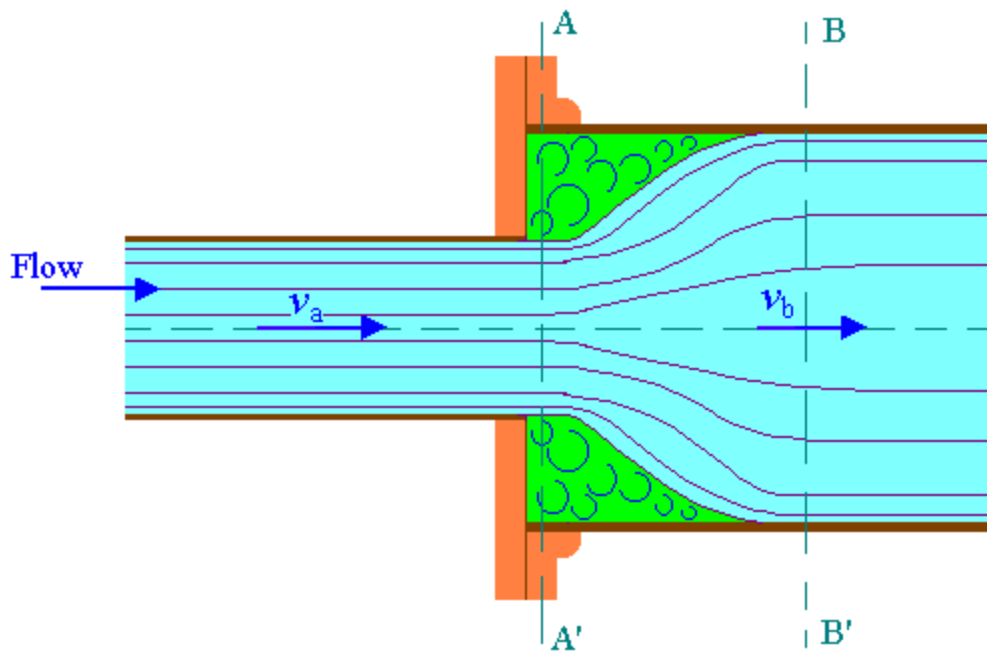
For laminar flow this method is not applicable, and exact expressions relating the pressure drop to the velocity can be obtained for ducts of certain shapes only.

### Flow through curved pipes

If the pipe is not straight, the velocity distribution over the section is altered and the direction of flow of fluid is continuously changing. The frictional losses are therefore somewhat greater than for a straight pipe of the same length. If the radius of the pipe divided by the radius of the bend is less than about 0.002 however, the effects of the curvature are negligible.

It has been found that stable streamline flow persists at higher values of the Reynolds number in coiled pipes. Thus for instance, when the ratio of the diameter of the pipe to the diameter of the coil is 1 to 15, the transition occurs at a Reynolds number of about 8000.

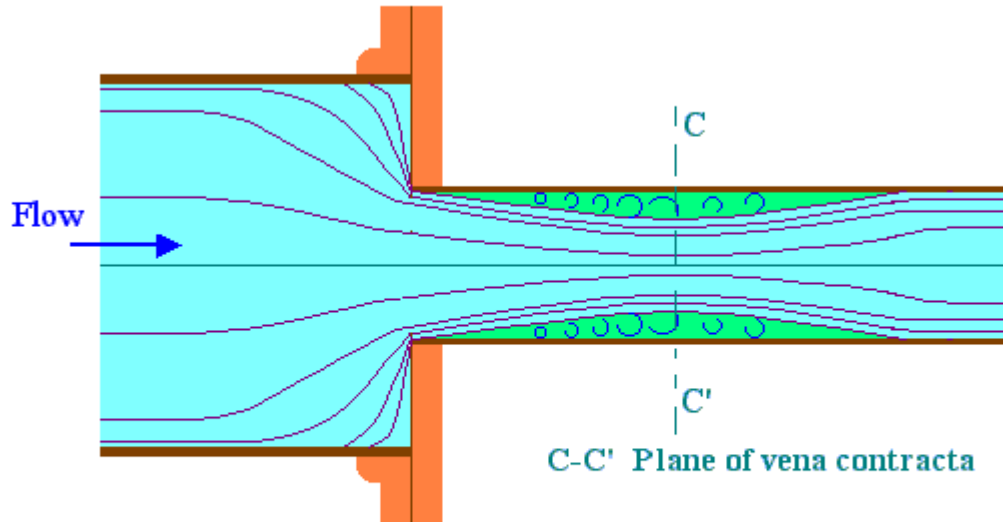
### Expansion losses



Flow at sudden enlargement of cross section

## Contraction losses

### **Sudden Contraction**



Flow at sudden contraction of cross section

## Losses for flow through fittings

<b><i>Fitting</i></b>	<b><i>Loss Coefficient, K</i></b>
Gate valve (open to 75% shut)	0.25 - 25
Globe valve	10
Pump foot valve	1.5
Return bend	2.2
90° elbow	0.9
45° elbow	0.4
Large-radius 90° bend	0.6
Tee junction	1.8
Sharp pipe entry	0.5
Radiused pipe entry	0
Sharp pipe exit	0.5



### Types of flow problems

The friction factor relates six parameters of the flow:

1. Pipe diameter
2. Average velocity
3. Fluid density
4. Fluid viscosity
5. Pipe roughness
6. The frictional losses per unit mass.

Therefore, given any five of these, we can use the friction-factor charts to find the sixth.

Most often, instead of being interested in the average velocity, we are interested in the volumetric flow rate  $Q = (\pi/4)D^2V$

The three most common types of problems are the following:

<i>Type</i>	<i>Given</i>	<i>To find</i>
1	D, k, $\rho$ , $\mu$ , Q	$h_f$
2	D, k, $\rho$ , $\mu$ , $h_f$	Q
3	k, $\rho$ , $\mu$ , $h_f$ , Q	D

Generally, type 1 can be solved directly, where as types 2 and 3 require simple trial and error.

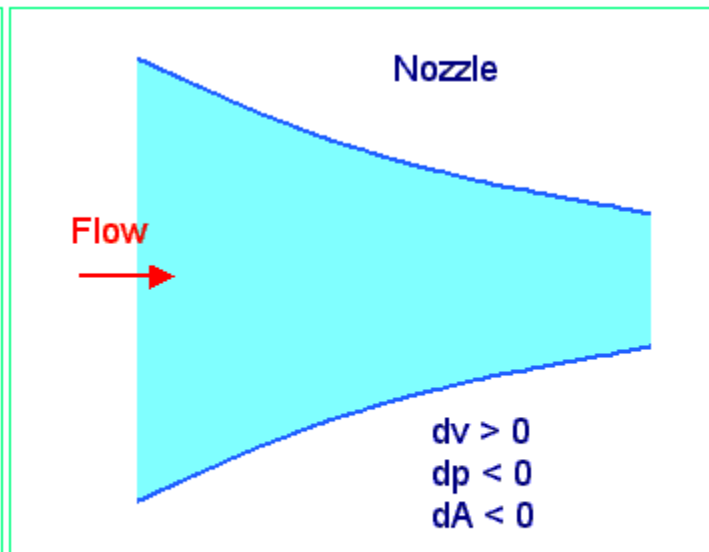
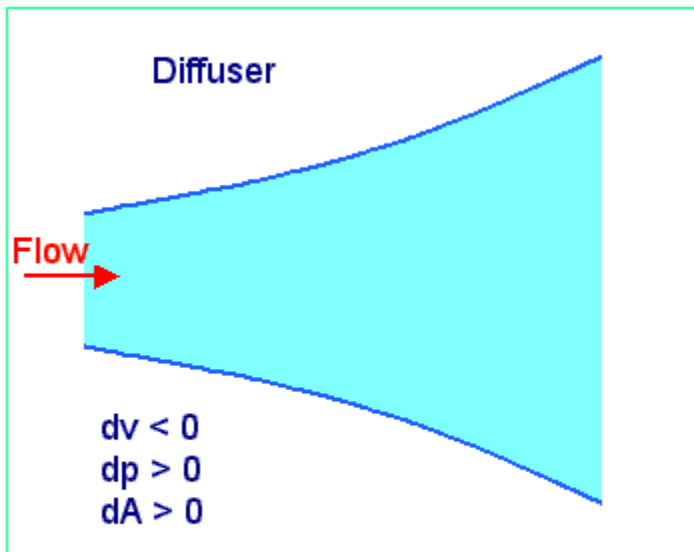
Three fundamental problems which are commonly encountered in pipe-flow calculations:

Constants:  $\rho$ ,  $\mu$ , g, L

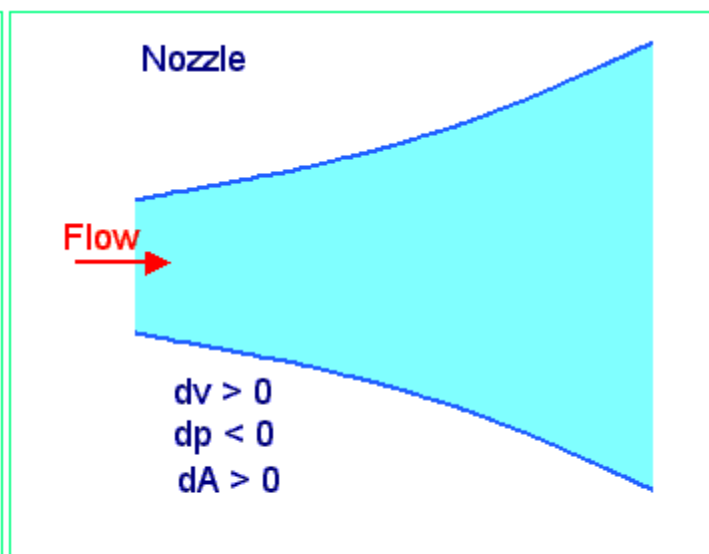
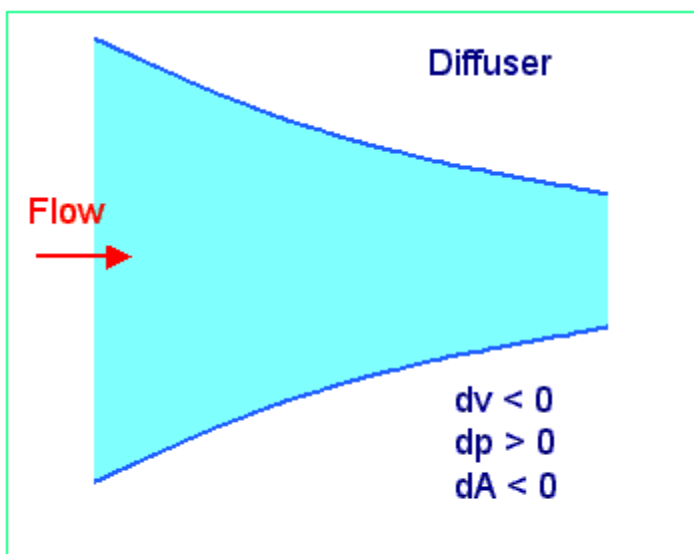
1. Given D, and v or Q, compute the pressure drop. (pressure-drop problem)
2. Given D,  $\Delta P$ , compute velocity or flow rate (flow-rate problem)
3. Given Q,  $\Delta P$ , compute the diameter D of the pipe (sizing problem)

Compressible fluid flow:

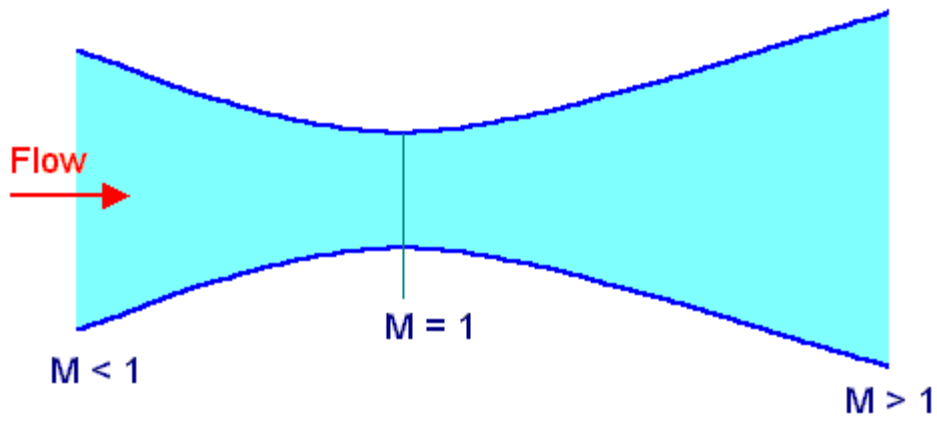
Nozzles & diffusers



Mach Number  $< 1$ , Subsonic Flow



Mach Number  $> 1$ , Supersonic Flow

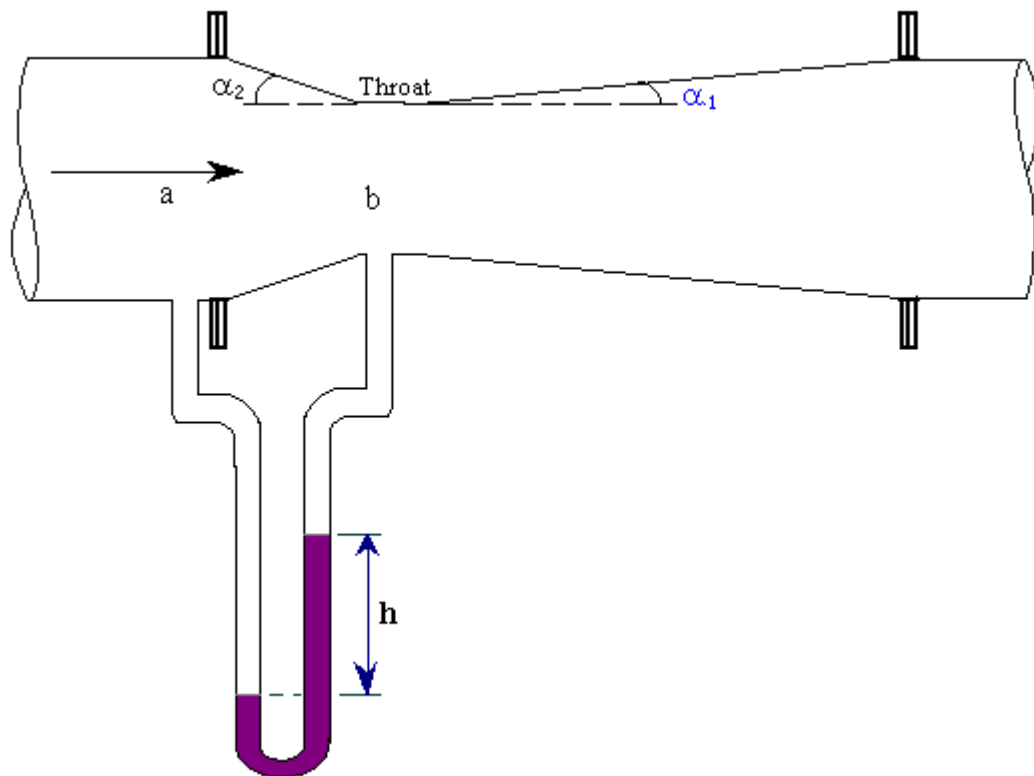


Converging-diverging Supersonic Nozzle

## Unit –III

Closed channel flow measurement:

- [Venturi meter](#)
- In this meter the fluid is accelerated by its passage through a converging cone of angle  $15-20^\circ$ . The pressure difference between the upstream end of the cone and the throat is measured and provides the signal for the rate of flow. The fluid is then retarded in a cone of smaller angle ( $5-7^\circ$ ) in which large proportion of kinetic energy is converted back to pressure energy. Because of the gradual reduction in the area there is no vena contracta and the flow area is a minimum at the throat so that the coefficient of contraction is unity.
- The attraction of this meter lies in its high energy recovery so that it may be used where only a small pressure head is available, though its construction is expensive.
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- To make the pressure recovery large, the angle of downstream cone is small, so boundary layer separation is prevented and friction minimized. Since separation does not occur in a contracting cross section, the upstream cone can be made shorter than the downstream cone with but little friction, and space and material are thereby conserved.
- Although venturi meters can be applied to the measurement of gas, they are most commonly used for liquids. The following treatment is limited to incompressible fluids.
- The basic equation for the venturi meter is obtained by writing the Bernoulli equation for incompressible fluids between the two sections a and b. Friction is neglected, the meter is assumed to be horizontal.

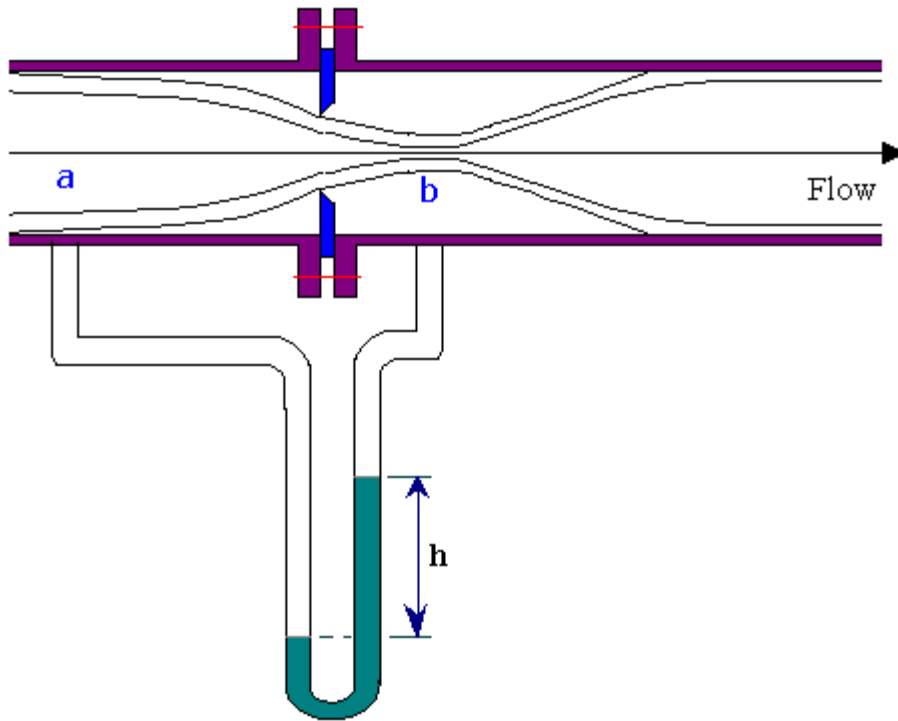
- If  $v_a$  and  $v_b$  are the average upstream and downstream velocities, respectively, and  $\rho$  is the density of the fluid,
- $v_b^2 - v_a^2 = 2(p_a - p_b)/\rho \rightarrow 1$
- The continuity equation can be written as,
- $v_a = (D_b/D_a)^2 v_b = \beta^2 v_b \rightarrow 2$
- where  $D_a$  = diameter of pipe
- $D_b$  = diameter of throat of meter
- $\beta$  = diameter ratio,  $D_b/D_a$
- If  $v_a$  is eliminated from equn.1 and 2, the result is

$$v_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^4}} \sqrt{\frac{2(p_a - p_b)}{\rho}} \rightarrow 3$$

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- For a well designed venturi, the constant  $C_v$  is about 0.98 for pipe diameters of 2 to 8 inch and about 0.99 for larger sizes.
- In a properly designed venturi meter, the permanent pressure loss is about 10% of the venturi differential ( $p_a - p_b$ ), and 90% of differential is recovered.
- **Volumetric flow rate:**
- The velocity through the venturi throat  $v_b$  usually is not the quantity desired. The flow rates of practical interest are the mass and volumetric flow rates through the meter.
- Volumetric flow rate is calculated from,
- $Q = \rho A_b v_b$  and mass flow rate from,
- Mass flow rate = volumetric flow rate x density
- **The standard dimensions for the meter are:**
- Entrance cone angle ( $2\alpha_1$ ) =  $21 \pm 2^\circ$
- Exit cone angle ( $2\alpha_2$ ) = 5 to  $15^\circ$
- Throat length = one throat diameter

#### Orifice meter:

The venturi meter described earlier is a reliable flow measuring device. Furthermore, it causes little pressure loss. For these reasons it is widely used, particularly for large-volume liquid and gas flows. However this meter is relatively complex to construct and hence expensive. Especially for small pipelines, its cost seems prohibitive, so simpler devices such as orifice meters are used.



The orifice meter consists of a flat orifice plate with a circular hole drilled in it. There is a pressure tap upstream from the orifice plate and another just downstream. There are three recognized methods of placing the taps. And the coefficient of the meter will depend upon the position of taps.

<i>Type of tap</i>	<i>Distance of upstream tap from face of orifice</i>	<i>Distance of downstream tap from downstream face</i>
Flange	1 inch	1 inch
Vena contracta	1 pipe diameter (actual inside)	0.3 to 0.8 pipe diameter, depending on $\beta$
Pipe	2.5 times nominal pipe diameter	8 times nominal pipe diameter

**The principle of the orifice meter** is identical with that of the venturi meter. The reduction of the cross section of the flowing stream in passing through the orifice increases the velocity head at the expense of the pressure head, and the reduction in pressure between the taps is measured by a manometer. Bernoulli's equation provides a basis for correlating the increase in velocity head with the decrease in pressure head.

$$v_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^4}} \sqrt{\frac{2(p_a - p_b)}{\rho}} \rightarrow 1$$

where  $\beta = D_b/D_a = (A_b/A_a)^{0.5}$

One important complication appears in the orifice meter that is not found in the venturi. The area of flow decreases from  $A_a$  at section 'a' to cross section of orifice opening ( $A_o$ ) at the orifice and then to  $A_b$  at the *vena contracta*. The area at the vena contracta can be conveniently related to the area of the orifice by the *coefficient of contraction*  $C_c$  defined by the relation:

$$C_c = A_b / A_o$$

Therefore,  $v_b A_b = v_o A_o$ , i.e.,  $v_o = v_b C_c$

Inserting the value of  $A_b = C_c A_o$  in equn.1

$$v_o = \frac{C_c}{\sqrt{1 - (C_c A_o / A_a)^2}} \sqrt{\frac{2(p_a - p_b)}{\rho}}$$

using the coefficient of discharge  $C_o$  (orifice coefficient) to take the account of frictional losses in the meter and the parameter  $C_c$ , the flow rate ( $Q$ ) through the pipe is obtained as,

$$Q = \frac{C_o A_o}{\sqrt{1 - (A_o / A_a)^2}} \sqrt{\frac{2(p_a - p_b)}{\rho}}$$

$C_o$  varies considerably with changes in  $A_o/A_a$  ratio and Reynolds number. A orifice coefficient ( $C_o$ ) of 0.61 may be taken for the standard meter for Reynolds numbers in excess of  $10^4$ , though the value changes noticeably at lower values of Reynolds number.

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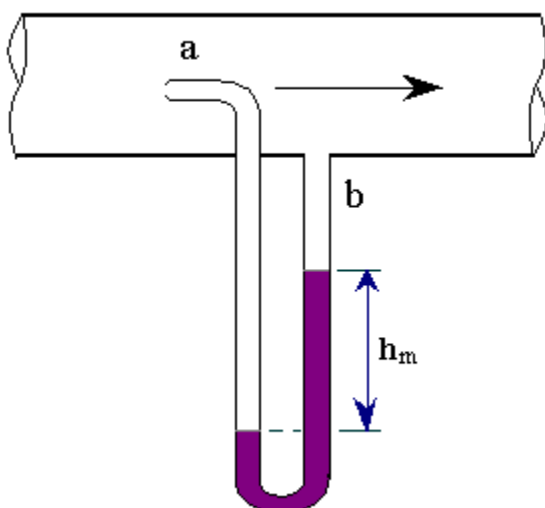
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### Venturi - Orifice Comparison

In comparing the venturi meter with the orifice meter, both the cost of installation and the cost of operation must be considered.

1. The orifice plate can easily be changed to accomodate widely different flow rates, whereas the throat diameter of a venturi is fixed, so that its range of flow rates is circumscribed by the practical limits of  $\Delta p$ .
2. The orifice meter has a large permanent loss of pressure because of the presence of eddies on the downstream side of the orifice-plate; the shape of the venturi meter prevents the formation of these eddies and greatly reduces the permanent loss.
3. The orifice is cheap and easy to install. The venturi meter is expensive, as it must be carefully proportioned and fabricated. A home made orifice is often entirely satisfactory, whereas a venturi meter is practically always purchased from an instrument dealer.
4. On the other hand, the head lost in the orifice for the same conditions as in the venturi is many times greater. The power lost is proportionally greater, and, when an orifice is inserted in a line carrying fluid continuously over long periods of time, the cost of the power may be out of all proportion to the saving in first cost. Orifices are therefore best used for testing purposes or other cases where the power lost is not a factor, as in steam lines.
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6. It should be noted that for a given pipe diameter and a given diameter of orifice opening or venturi throat, the reading of the venturi meter for a given velocity is to the reading of the orifice as  $(0.61/0.98)^2$ , or 1:2.58.(i.e. orifice meter will show higher manometer reading for a given velocity than venturi meter).

### Pitot tube



The pitot tube is a device to measure the local velocity along a streamline. The pitot tube has two tubes: one is static tube(b), and another is impact tube(a). The opening of the impact tube is perpendicular to the flow direction. The opening of the static tube is parallel to the direction of flow. The two legs are connected to the legs of a manometer or equivalent device for measuring small pressure differences. The static tube measures the static pressure,



since there is no velocity component perpendicular to its opening. The impact tube measures both the static pressure and impact pressure (due to kinetic energy). In terms of heads the impact tube measures the static pressure head plus the velocity head.

The reading ( $h_m$ ) of the manometer will therefore measure the velocity head, and

$v^2/2g$  = Pressure head measured indicated by the pressure measuring device

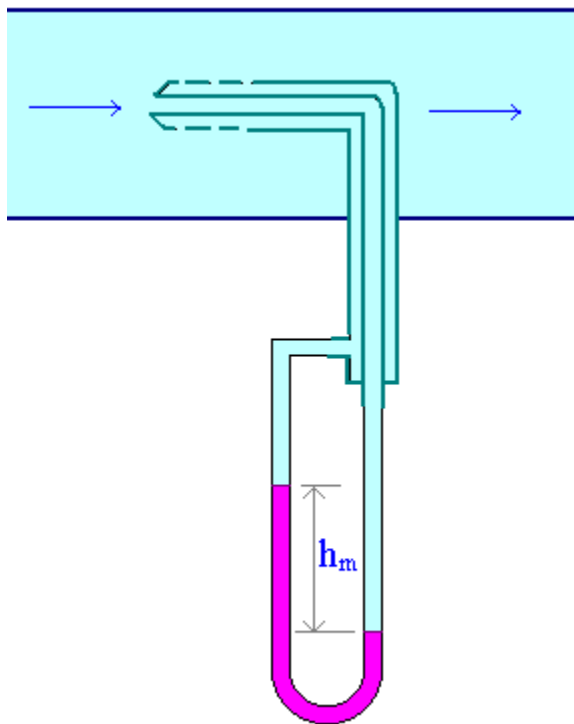
i.e.  $v^2/2 = \Delta p/\rho$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \Delta p}{\rho}} \rightarrow 1$$

Pressure difference indicated by the manometer  $\Delta p$  is given by,

$$\Delta p = h_m(\rho_m - \rho)g$$

$$v = \sqrt{2 \frac{h_m(\rho_m - \rho)g}{\rho}}$$



### Pitot tube - A convenient setup:

It consists of two concentric tubes arranged parallel to the direction of flow; the impact pressure is measured on the open end of the inner tube. The end of the outer concentric tube is sealed and a series of orifices on the curved surface give an accurate indication of the static pressure. For the flow rate not to be appreciably disturbed, the diameter of the instrument must not exceed about one fifth of the diameter of the pipe. An accurate measurement of the impact pressure can be obtained using a tube of very small diameter with its open end at right angles to the direction of flow; hypodermic tubing is convenient for this purpose.

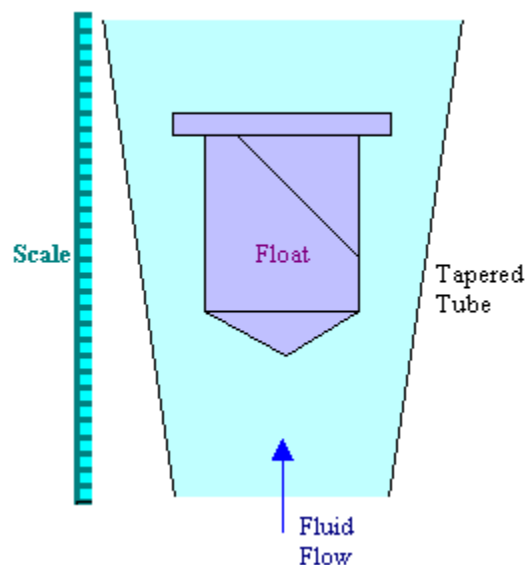
The pitot tube measures the velocity of only a filament of liquid, and hence it can be used for exploring the velocity distribution across the pipe cross-section. If, however, it is desired to measure the total flow of fluid through the pipe, the velocity must be measured at various distance

from the walls and the results integrated. The total flow rate can be calculated from a single reading only if the velocity distribution across the cross-section is already known.

A perfect pitot tube should obey eqn.1 exactly, but all actual instruments must be calibrated and a correction factor applied.

### Rotameter

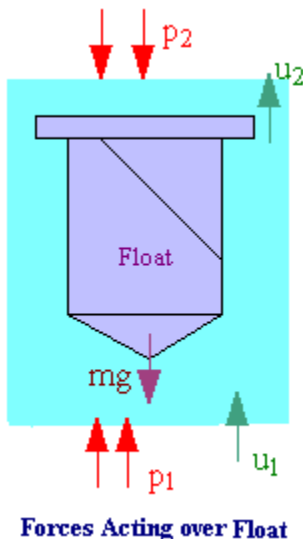
In the variable head meters the area of constriction or orifice is constant and the drop in pressure is dependent on the rate of flow. In the variable area meter, the drop in pressure is constant and the flow rate is a function of the area of constriction.



A typical meter of this kind, which is commonly known as *rotameter* consists of a tapered glass tube with the smallest diameter at the bottom. The tube contains a freely moving float which rests on a stop at the base of the tube. When the fluid is flowing the float rises until its weight is balanced by the upthrust of the fluid, the float reaches a position of equilibrium, its position then indicating the rate of flow. The flow rate can be read from the adjacent scale, which is often etched on the glass tube. The float is often stabilized by helical grooves incised into it, which introduce rotation - hence the name. Other shapes of the floats - including spheres in the smaller instruments may be employed.

The pressure drop across the float is equal to its weight divided by its maximum cross-sectional area in the horizontal plane. The area for flow is the annulus formed between the float and the wall of the tube.

This meter may thus be considered as an orifice meter with a variable aperture, and the formula derived for orifice meter / venturi meter are applicable with only minor changes.



Both in the orifice-type meter and in the rotameter the pressure drop arises from the conversion of pressure energy to kinetic energy (recall Bernoulli's equation) and from frictional losses which are accounted for in the coefficient of discharge.

$$\Delta p / (\rho g) = u_2^2 / (2g) - u_1^2 / (2g) \rightarrow 1$$

Continuity equation:

$$A_1 u_1 = A_2 u_2 \rightarrow 2$$

Where  $A_1$  is the tube cross-section, and  $A_2$  is the cross-section of annulus (area between the tube and float)

From equn.1 and 2,

$$u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (A_2/A_1)^2}} \sqrt{\frac{2 \Delta p}{\rho}} \rightarrow 3$$

The pressure drop over the float  $\Delta p$ , is given by:

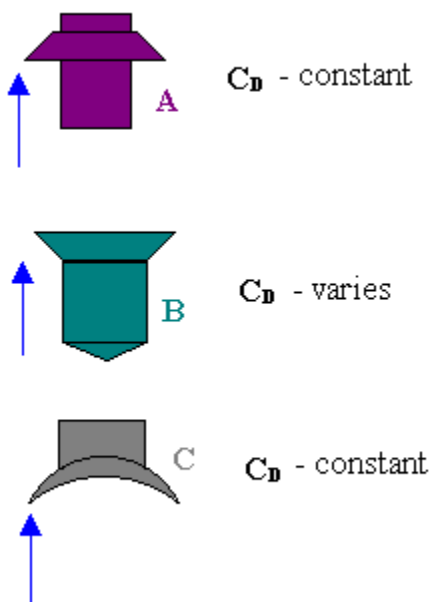
$$\Delta p = V_f(\rho_f - \rho)g / A_f \rightarrow 4$$

where  $V_f$  is the volume of the float,  $\rho_f$  the density of the material of the float, and  $A_f$  is the maximum cross sectional area of the float in a horizontal plane.

Substituting for  $\Delta p$  from equn.4 in equn.3, and for the flow rate the equation is arrived as

$$Q = C_D A_2 \sqrt{\frac{2 V_f (\rho_f - \rho) g}{\rho A_f (1 - (A_2 / A_1)^2)}}$$

The coefficient  $C_D$  depends on the shape of the float and the Reynolds number (based on the velocity in the annulus and the mean hydraulic diameter of the annulus) for the annular space of area  $A_2$ .



In general, floats which give the most nearly constant coefficient are of such a shape that they set up eddy currents and give low values of  $C_D$ .

The constant coefficient for the float C arises from turbulence promotion, and for this reason the coefficient is also substantially independent of the fluid viscosity. The meter can be made relatively insensitive to changes in the density of the fluid by the selection of the density of float,  $\rho_f$ . If the density of the float is twice that of the fluid, then the position of the float for a given float is independent of the fluid density.

Because of variable-area flowmeter relies on gravity, it must be installed vertically (with the flowtube perpendicular to the floor).

The range of a meter can be increased by the use of floats of different densities. For high pressure work the glass tube is replaced by a metal tube. When a metal tube is used or when the liquid is very dark or dirty an external indicator is required.

The advantage of rotameters are direct visual readings, wide range, nearly linear scale, and constant (and small) head loss. It requires no straight pipe runs before and after the meter.

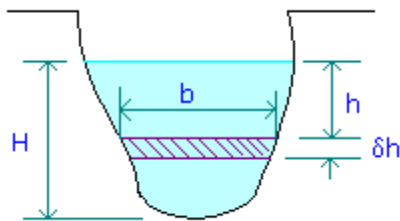
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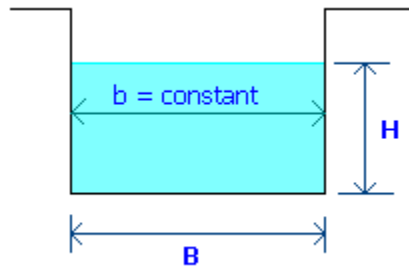
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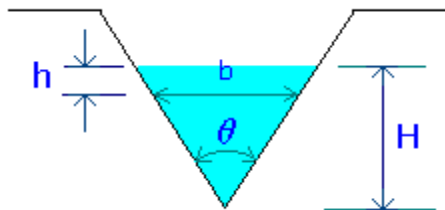
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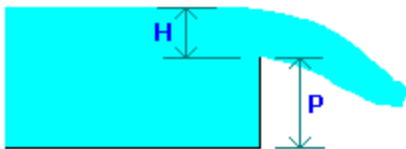
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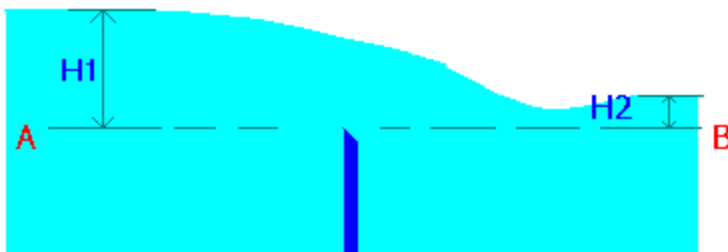
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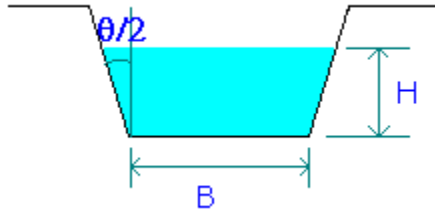
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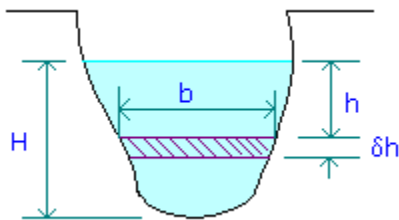
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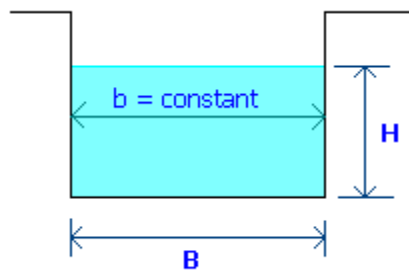
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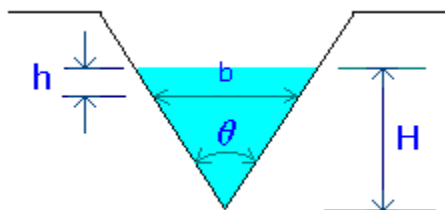
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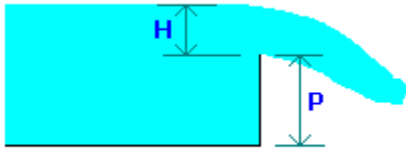
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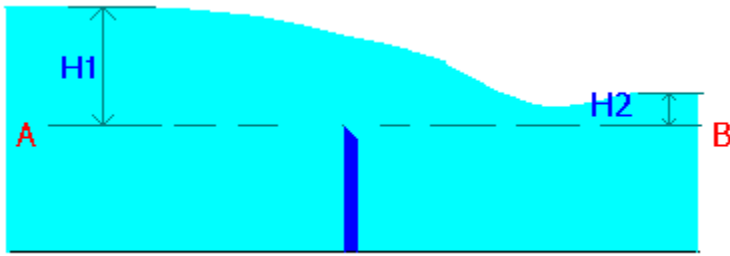
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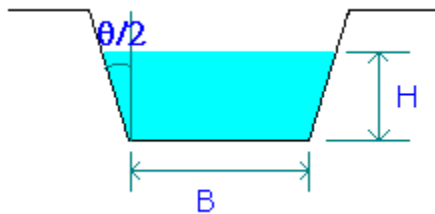
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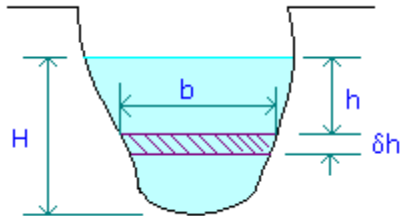
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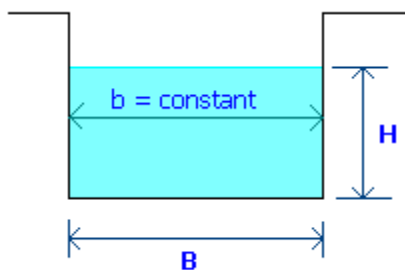
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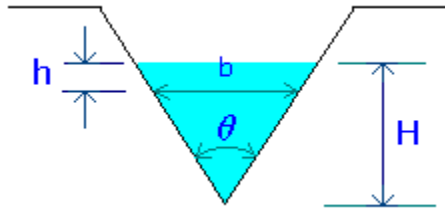
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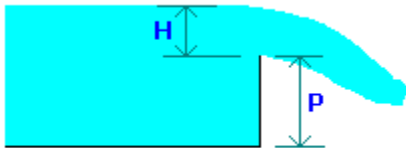
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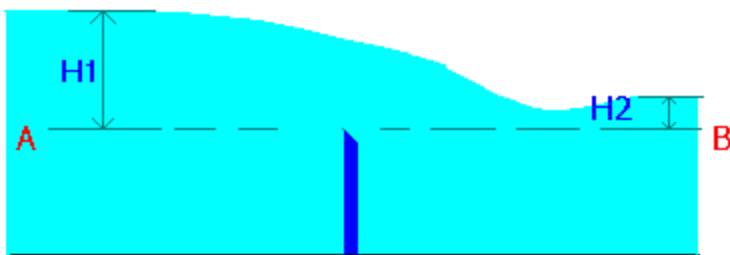
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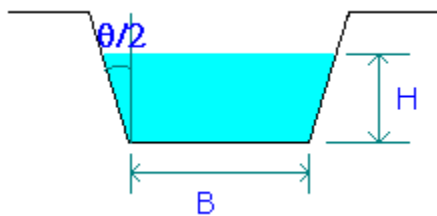
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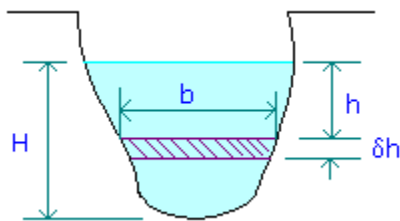
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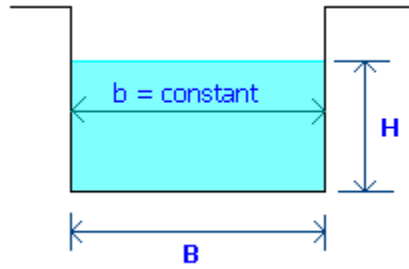
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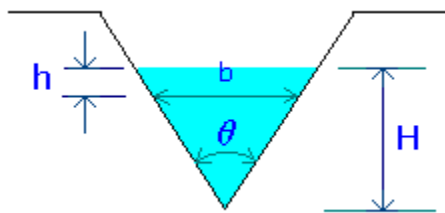
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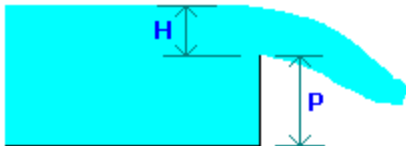
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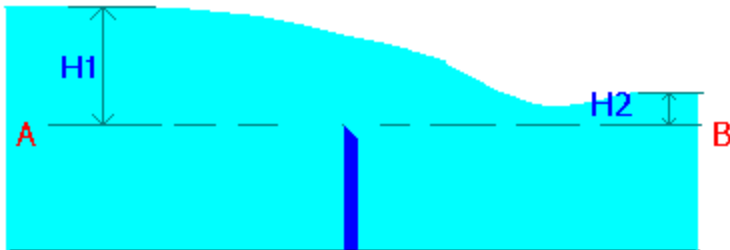
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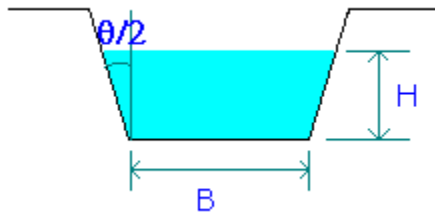
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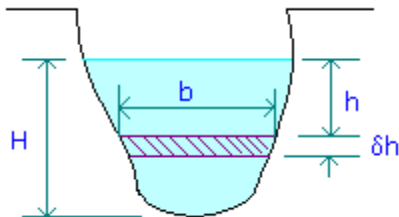
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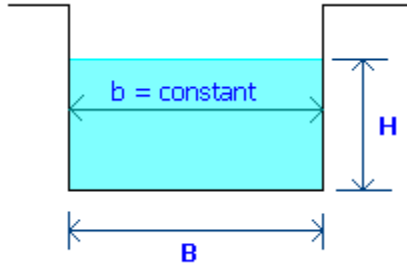
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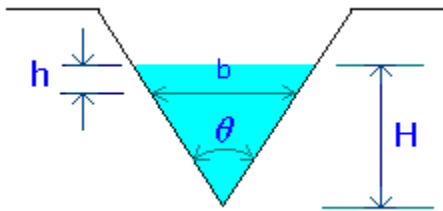
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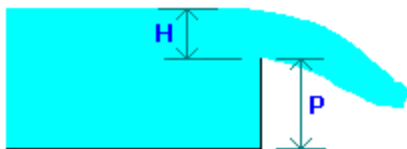
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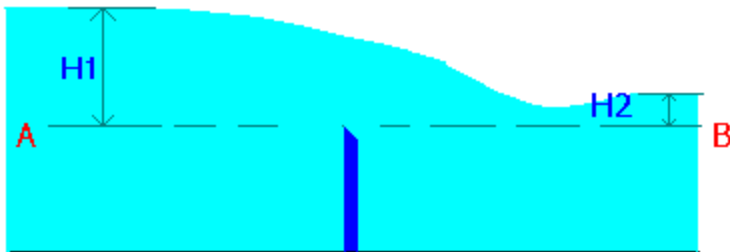
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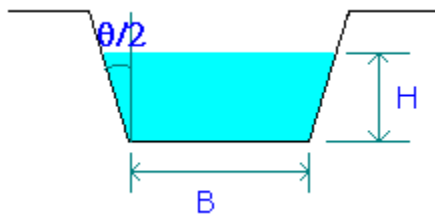
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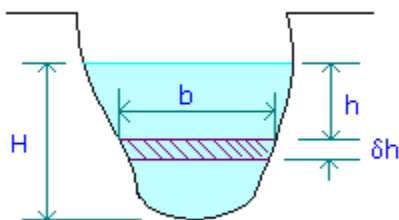
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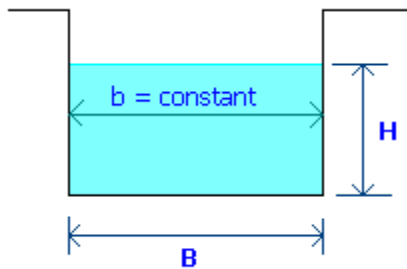
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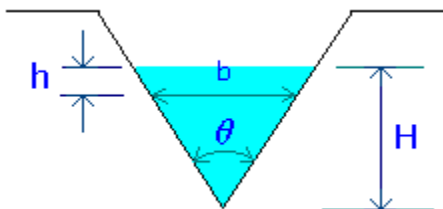
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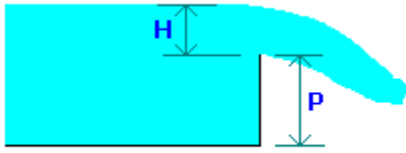
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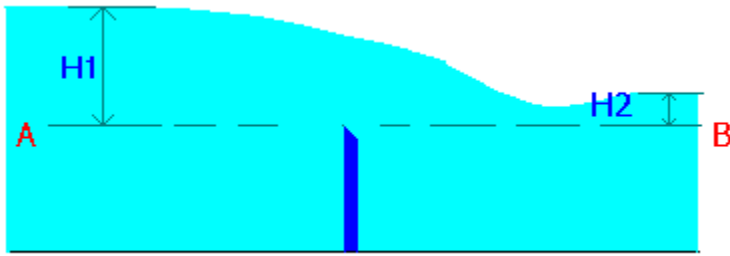
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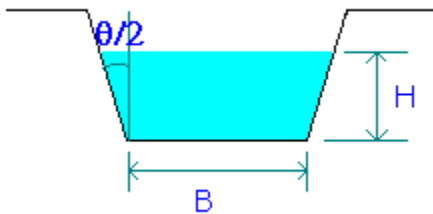
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## Unit –IV

### Flow past immersed bodies:

Force in the direction of flow exerted by the fluid on the solid is called **drag**.

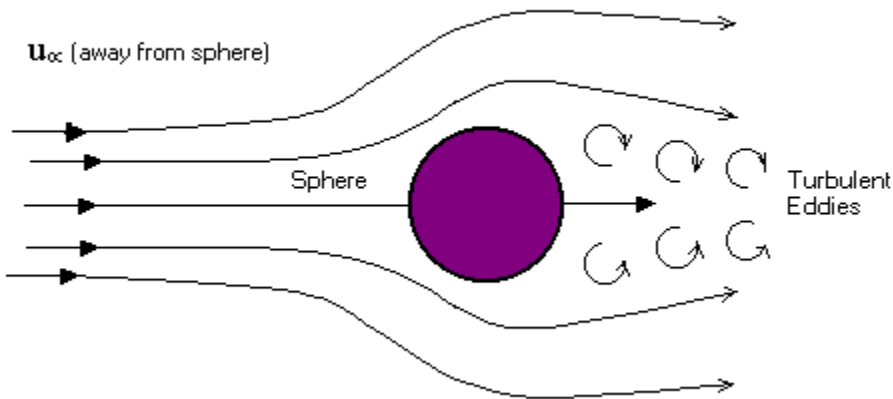
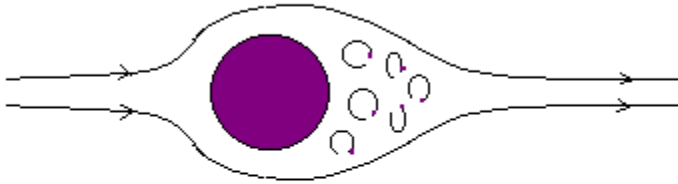


Figure shows a stationary smooth sphere of diameter  $D_p$  situated in a stream, whose velocity far away from the sphere is  $u_{\infty}$  to the right. Except at very low velocities, when the flow is entirely laminar, the wake immediately downstream from the sphere is unstable, and turbulent vortices will constantly be shed from various locations round the sphere. Because of turbulence, the pressure on the downstream side of the sphere will never fully recovered to that on the upstream side, and there will be a **form drag** to the right of the sphere. (For purely laminar flow, the pressure recovery is complete, and the form drag is zero.)

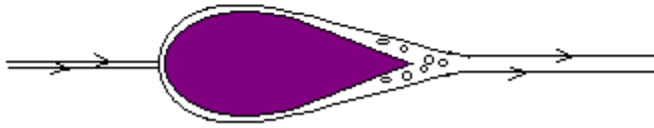
In addition, because of the velocity gradients that exist near the sphere, there will also be a net **viscous drag** (also called as **wall drag**) to the right (In potential flow there is no wall drag). The sum of these two effects is known as the (total) drag force,  $F_D$ . A similar drag occurs for spheres and other objects moving through an otherwise stationary fluid - it is the relative velocity that counts.

Form drag can be minimized by forcing separations toward the rear of the body. This is accomplished by stream lining. (see figure)

Flow around a sphere



Flow around a streamlined object

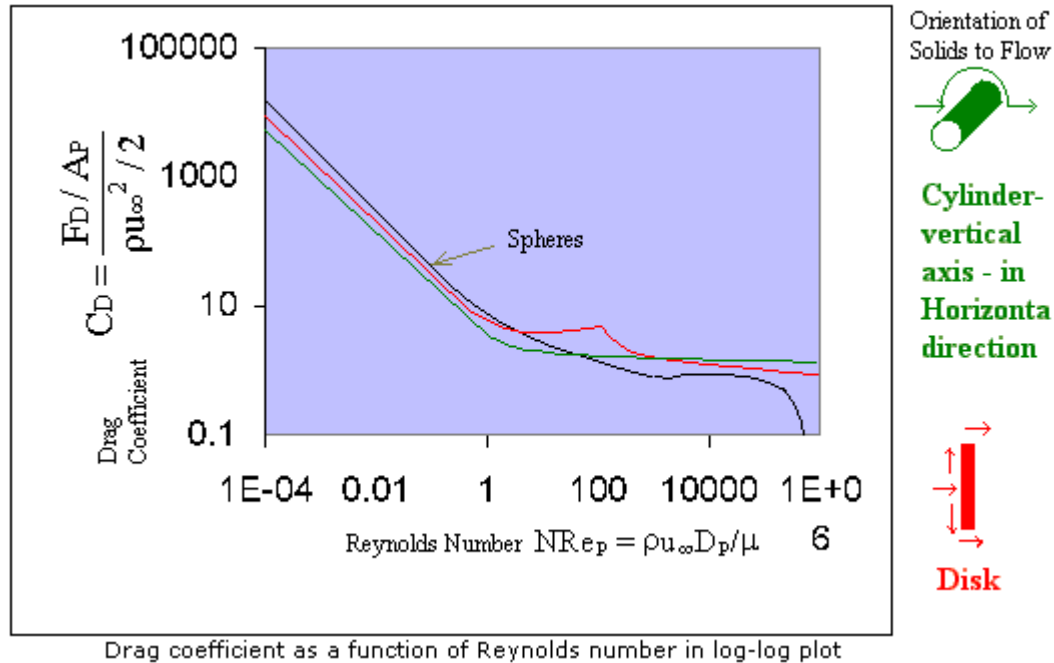


The experimental results of the drag on a smooth sphere may be correlated in terms of two dimensionless groups - the *drag coefficient*  $C_D$  and *particles Reynolds number*  $N_{ReP}$ :

$$C_D = \frac{F_D / A_P}{\rho u_\infty^2 / 2}$$

$$N_{ReP} = \rho u_\infty D_P / \mu$$

In which  $A_P = \pi D_P^2 / 4$  is the *projected area* of the sphere in the direction of motion, and  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  are the properties of the fluid.



There are at least three distinct regions, for flow around a sphere.

1. For  $NRe_p$  less than 1 (laminar),  $C_D$  vs.  $NRe_p$  is a straight line, and is given by the relation

$$C_D = 24/NRe_p \text{ (given by Stoke's law, } F_D = 3\pi\mu u_\infty D_p \text{)}$$

2.  $1 < NRe_p < 1000$ ,  $C_D = 18 NRe_p^{-0.6}$  (transition)
3.  $1000 < NRe_p < 2 \times 10^5$ ,  $C_D = 0.44$  (turbulent)

For cylinders and disks, for  $NRe_p$  up to 1,  $C_D = 24/NRe$  and in other regimes  $C_D$  varies with  $NRe_p$  in the manner as shown in figure. Here the flow orientation is much important. Drag coefficients varies with orientation of solid to the flow direction.

In all these curves the transition from laminar to turbulent flow is more gradual than that for pipe flow (f vs.  $NRe$  curve).

#### Friction in flow through bed of solids:

Consider a porous medium consisting of sand or some porous rock or glass beads or cotton cloth contained in a pipe. At any one cross section perpendicular to the flow, the average velocity may be based on the entire cross sectional area of pipe, in which case it is called the *superficial velocity*  $V_s$

$$V_s = \frac{Q}{A_{pipe}} = \frac{\dot{m}}{\rho A_{pipe}}$$



Or it may be based on the area actually open to the flowing fluid, in which case it is called the interstitial velocity  $V_I$

$$V_I = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon A_{\text{pipe}}} = \frac{\dot{m}}{\varepsilon \rho A_{\text{pipe}}}$$

Where  $\varepsilon$  is the porosity or void fraction.

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\text{total volume of system} - \text{volume of solids in the system}}{\text{total volume of system}}$$

Previously it was indicated that for non-circular ducts, the friction factor plot could be used if we replaced the diameter in both the friction factor and the Reynolds number with 4 times the hydraulic radius ( $r_H$ )

The hydraulic radius ( $r_H$ ) is the cross sectional area perpendicular to flow divided by the wetted perimeter. For a uniform duct this is a constant. For a packed bed it varies from point to point. But if we multiply both the cross sectional area and the perimeter by the length of the bed, it becomes,

$r_H$  for porous medium = volume open to flow / total wetted surface

$$r_H = \frac{\text{volume of bed} \times \varepsilon}{\text{No of spherical particles} \times \text{surface area of one particle}}$$

i.e.

$$r_H \text{ for porous medium} = \frac{\text{volume open to flow}}{\text{total wetted surface}}$$

But,

$$\text{No. of particles} = \frac{\text{Volume of bed} \times (1 - \varepsilon)}{\text{Volume of one particle}}$$

Therefore,

$$r_H = \frac{\text{volume of bed} \times \varepsilon}{\text{volume of bed} \times (1 - \varepsilon) \times \frac{\text{surface area}}{\text{volume}}}$$

i.e.

$$r_H = \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 - \varepsilon)(\pi D_p^2 / \frac{\pi}{6} D_p^3)}$$

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$$r_H = \frac{D_p}{6} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon} \right)$$

$$h_f = \Delta p / \rho = 2fLV_I^2 / D_e$$

$$f = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho} \frac{D_e}{2LV_I^2} = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho} \frac{4D_p}{6} \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon} \right) \frac{1}{2LV_I^2}$$

substituting for  $V_I$  in terms of  $V_S$

$$\text{i.e. } V_I = V_S / \varepsilon$$

$$f = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho} \frac{D_p}{3} \left( \frac{\varepsilon^3}{1 - \varepsilon} \right) \frac{1}{LV_S^2}$$

$$\text{NRe} = D_e V_I \rho / \mu$$

Substituting for  $D_e$  and  $V_I$

$$\text{NRe} = \frac{2D_p V_S \rho}{3\mu(1 - \varepsilon)}$$

$$f_{\text{porous medium}} = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho} \frac{D_p}{L} \left( \frac{\varepsilon^3}{1 - \varepsilon} \right) \frac{1}{V_S^2} = f_{\text{PM}}$$

As in the case of flow in pipes, there are several different friction factors in common usage for flowing in porous media, all differing by a constant.

$$\text{NRe}_{\text{porous medium}} = \frac{D_p V_s \rho}{\mu(1 - \epsilon)} = \text{NRe}_{\text{PM}}$$

i.e.  $f_{\text{PM}} = 3f$

and  $\text{NRe}_{\text{PM}} = 3\text{NRe} / 2$

For laminar flow,  $f = 16 / \text{NRe}$

Therefore,

$$f_{\text{PM}} / 3 = 16 / (2\text{NRe}_{\text{PM}} / 3)$$

$$f_{\text{PM}} = 72 / \text{NRe}_{\text{PM}}$$

There is one obvious error in this derivation, namely the tacit assumption that the flow is in the  $x$  direction.

Actually, the flow is zigzag; it must pass around one particle and then through another. If we assume that this zigzag proceeds with an average angle  $45^\circ$  to the  $x$  axis, then the actual flow path is  $\sqrt{2}$  times as long as the flow path, and the actual interstitial velocity is  $\sqrt{2}$  times the interstitial velocity used in the above equation. If we make these changes, we conclude that to agree with the friction factor plot, laminar flow in a porous medium made of uniformly sized spheres should be described by  $f_{\text{PM}} = 144 / \text{NRe}_{\text{PM}}$

Experimental data indicate that the constant is about 150, so that for laminar flow we find experimentally,

$$f_{\text{PM}} = 150 / \text{NRe}_{\text{PM}}$$

$$\frac{150}{\frac{D_p V_s \rho}{\mu(1 - \epsilon)}} = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho} \frac{D_p}{L} \left( \frac{\epsilon^3}{1 - \epsilon} \right) \frac{1}{V_s^2}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho} = \frac{150 \mu V_s (1 - \epsilon)^2 L}{D_p^2 \epsilon^3} \frac{1}{\rho}$$

This equation is called as Blake-Kozeny equation or as Kozeny-Carman equation. It is valid for  $NRe_{PM}$  less than about 10.

Turbulent flow:

$$f_{PM} = 1.75 \text{ (experimental value)}$$

$$f_{PM} = \frac{\Delta p}{\rho} \frac{D_p}{L} \left( \frac{\epsilon^3}{1 - \epsilon} \right) \frac{1}{V_s^2} = 1.75$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho} = \frac{1.75 V_s^2 L (1 - \epsilon)}{D_p \epsilon^3}$$

This is the Burke-Plummer equation, valid for  $NRe_{PM}$  greater than 1000

Since there is a smooth transition from all-laminar to all-turbulent flow, Ergun showed that if we add the friction factor term,

$$f_{PM} = 1.75 + 150 / NRe_{PM}$$

the transition regions data are predicted reasonably well.

i.e.

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\rho} = \frac{1.75 V_s^2 L (1 - \epsilon)}{D_p \epsilon^3} + \frac{150 \mu V_s (1 - \epsilon)^2 L}{D_p^2 \epsilon^3} \frac{1}{\rho}$$

This is the Ergun's equation.

For non-spherical particles instead of diameter an equivalent diameter is defined.

The equivalent diameter of a non-spherical particle is defined as a sphere having the same volume as the particle. Sphericity is the ratio of surface area of this sphere to the actual surface area of particle.

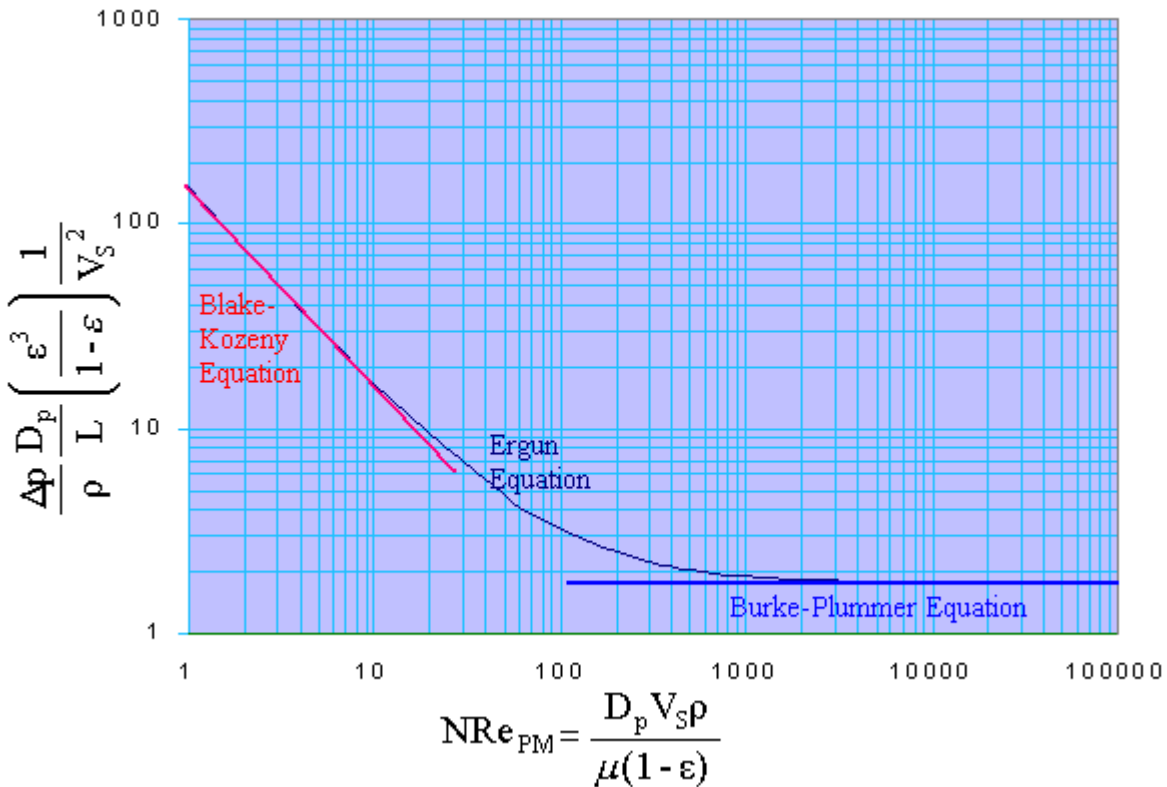
The formula for sphericity is reduced to

$$\text{Sphericity } (\Phi_s) = 6v_p / (D_p S_p)$$

Where  $v_p$  is the volume of particle,  $D_p$  is the characteristic dimension of particle, and  $S_p$  is the surface area of particle.

For non-spherical particle Ergun equation is given by,

$$\Delta p \Phi_s D_p \varepsilon^3 / (L \rho V_o^2 (1 - \varepsilon)) = 150(1 - \varepsilon) / (\Phi_s D_p V_o \rho / \mu) + 1.75$$



#### Packed Towers:

Packed towers are finding applications in adsorption, absorption, ion-exchange, distillation, humidification, catalytic reactions, regenerative heaters etc.,

The packing is to provide a good contact between the contacting phases.

Based on the method of packing, packings are classified as (a) Random packings and (b) Stacked packings

There are a variety of materials that are being used as random packings. The packings are made with clay, porcelain, plastics or metals. The following table gives the different packing materials and their approximate void fraction.

<b><i>Packing</i></b>	<b><i>Void fraction <math>\varepsilon</math></i></b>
<i>Berl saddle</i>	0.6 - 0.7
<i>Intalox saddle</i>	0.7 - 0.8
<i>Rasching ring</i>	0.6 - 0.7
<i>Pall ring</i>	0.9 - 0.95

Principal requirements of a tower packing are:

1. It must be chemically inert to the fluids in the tower.
2. It must be strong without excessive weight.
3. It must contain adequate passages for the contacting streams without excessive pressure drop.
4. It must provide good contact between the contacting phases.
5. It should be reasonable in cost.

### **Two-phase counter current flow of liquid and gas:**

Normally, the denser fluid (e.g. water) runs down the surface of the packings by gravity, while the less dense fluid flows upward because it is introduced at the bottom of the tower at a higher pressure than it is with drawn from the top.

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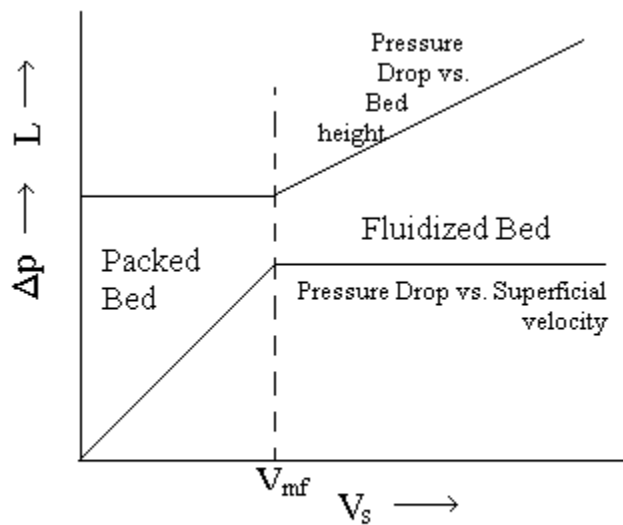
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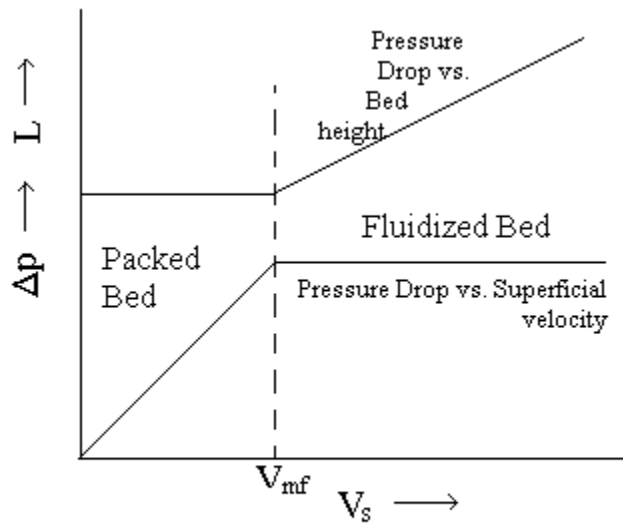
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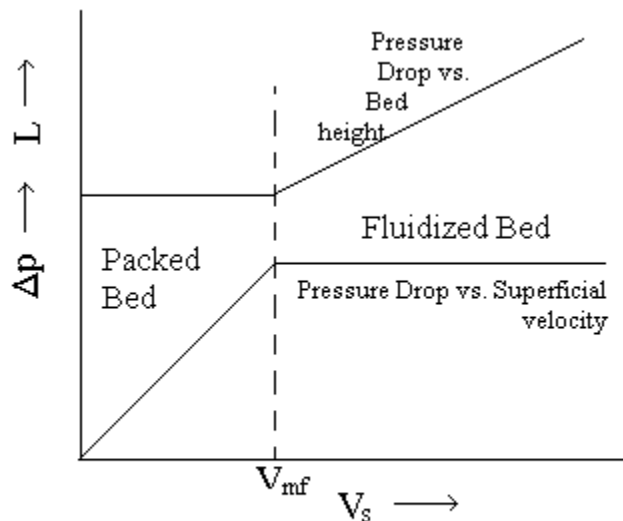
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- [Pneumatic transport](#)

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The successful operation of a pneumatic conveyor may well depend much more on the need to achieve reliable operation, by removing the risks of blockage and of damage by erosion, than on achieving conditions which optimize the performance of the straight sections of the pipeline. It is important to keep changes in direction of flow as gradual as possible, to use suitable materials of construction (polyurethane lining is frequently employed) and to use velocities of flow sufficiently high to keep the particles moving, but not so high as to cause serious erosion.

In hydraulic conveying the densities of the solids and the fluid are of the same order of magnitude, with the solids usually having a somewhat higher density than the liquid. Practical flow velocities are commonly in the range of 1 to 5 m/sec.

In pneumatic transport, the solids may have a density two to three orders of magnitude greater than the gas and velocities will be considerably greater - up to 20-30 m/sec.

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## Unit –V

Transportation of fluids:

### Pump classifications:

The liquids used in the chemical industries differ considerably in physical and chemical properties. And it has been necessary to develop a wide variety of pumping equipment.

The two main forms are the *positive displacement type* and *centrifugal pumps*.

In the former, the volume of liquid delivered is directly related to the displacement of the piston and therefore increases directly with speed and is not appreciably influenced by the pressure. In this group are the *reciprocating piston pump* and the *rotary gear pump*, both of which are commonly used for delivery against high pressures and where nearly constant delivery rates are required.

The centrifugal type depends on giving the liquid a high kinetic energy which is then converted as efficiently as possible into pressure energy.

For some applications, such as the handling of liquids which are particularly corrosive or contain abrasive solids in suspension, compressed air is used as the motive force instead of a mechanical pump.

### specific speed

For geometrically similar pumps, the quantity  $NQ^{1/2} / (gh)^{3/4}$  is a constant. It is called as the specific speed ( $N_s$ ) of the pump.

$$N_s = \frac{NQ^{1/2}}{(gh)^{3/4}}$$

Specific speed may be defined as the speed of the pump which will produce unit flow  $Q$  against unit head  $h$  under conditions of maximum efficiency. Specific speed is a dimensionless quantity.

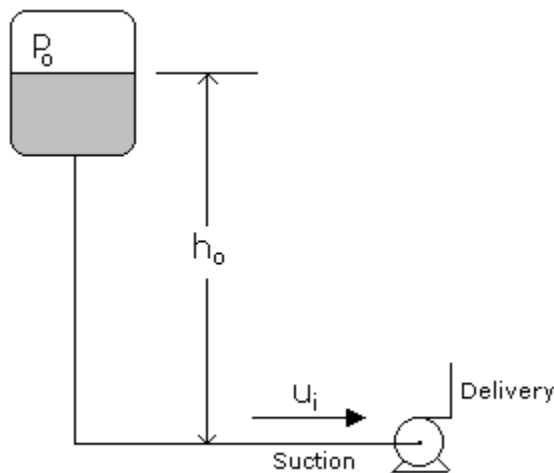
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### NPSH

Pumps may be arranged so that the inlet is under a suction head or the pump may be fed from a tank.

For any pump, the manufacturers specify the minimum value of the *net positive suction head* (NPSH) which must exist at the suction point of the pump. The NPSH is the amount by which the pressure at the suction point of the pump, expressed as the head of the liquid to be pumped, must exceed the vapor pressure of the liquid. For any installation this must be calculated, taking into account the absolute pressure of the liquid, the level of the pump, and the velocity and friction heads in the suction line. The NPSH must allow for the fall in pressure occasioned by the further acceleration of the liquid as it flows on to the impeller and for irregularities in the flow pattern in the pump. If the required value of NPSH is not obtained, partial vaporization is liable to occur, with the result that both the suction head and delivery head may be reduced. The loss of suction head is more important because it may cause the pump to be starved of liquid.

If the vapor pressure of liquid is  $P_v$ , the NPSH is the difference between the total head at the suction inlet and the head corresponding to the vapor pressure of the liquid at the pump inlet.



$$\text{NPSH} = \frac{P_0}{\rho g} + h_0 + \frac{u_i^2}{2g} - h_f - \frac{P_v}{\rho g}$$

where  $P_v$  is the vapor pressure of the liquid being pumped.

If cavitation and loss of suction head does occur, it can sometimes be cured by increasing the pressure in the system, either by alteration of the layout to provide a greater hydrostatic pressure or a reduced pressure drop in the suction line. Sometimes, slightly closing the valve on the pump delivery or reducing the pump speed by a small amount may be effective. Generally a small fast-running pump will require a larger NPSH than a larger slow-running pump.

[Characteristics](#) and [constructional details of centrifugal pumps](#)

The fluid quantities involved in all hydraulic machines are the flow rate ( $Q$ ) and the head ( $H$ ), whereas the mechanical quantities associated with the machine itself are the power ( $P$ ), speed ( $N$ ), size ( $D$ ) and efficiency ( $\eta$ ). Although they are of equal importance, the emphasis placed on

certain of these quantities is different for different pumps. The output of a pump running at a given speed is the flow rate delivered by it and the head developed. Thus, a plot of head and flow rate at a given speed forms the fundamental performance characteristic of a pump. In order to achieve this performance, a power input is required which involves efficiency of energy transfer. Thus, it is useful to plot also the power  $P$  and the efficiency  $\eta$  against  $Q$ .

Overall efficiency of a pump ( $\eta$ ) = Fluid power output / Power input to the shaft =  $\rho g H Q / P$

Type number or Specific speed of pump,  $n_s = N Q^{1/2} / (g H)^{3/4}$  (it is a dimensionless number)

### Centrifugal pump Performance

In the volute of the centrifugal pump, the cross section of the liquid path is greater than in the impeller, and in an ideal frictionless pump the drop from the velocity  $V$  to the lower velocity is converted according to Bernoulli's equation, to an increased pressure. This is the source of the discharge pressure of a centrifugal pump.

If the speed of the impeller is increased from  $N_1$  to  $N_2$  rpm, the flow rate will increase from  $Q_1$  to  $Q_2$  as per the given formula:

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

The head developed ( $H$ ) will be proportional to the square of the quantity discharged, so that

$$\frac{H_1}{H_2} = \frac{Q_1^2}{Q_2^2} = \frac{N_1^2}{N_2^2}$$

The power consumed ( $W$ ) will be the product of  $H$  and  $Q$ , and, therefore

$$\frac{W_1}{W_2} = \frac{Q_1^3}{Q_2^3} = \frac{N_1^3}{N_2^3}$$

These relationships, however, form only the roughest guide to the performance of centrifugal pumps.

### Characteristic curves:

Pump action and the performance of a pump are defined in terms of their *characteristic curves*. These curves correlate the capacity of the pump in unit volume per unit time versus discharge or differential pressures. These curves usually supplied by pump manufacturers are for water only.

These curves usually show the following relationships (for centrifugal pump).

- A plot of capacity versus differential head. The differential head is the difference in pressure between the suction and discharge.
- The pump efficiency as a percentage versus capacity.
- The break horsepower of the pump versus capacity.
- The net positive head required by the pump versus capacity. The required NPSH for the pump is a characteristic determined by the manufacturer.

Centrifugal pumps are usually rated on the basis of head and capacity at the point of maximum efficiency.

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The centrifugal pump is by far the most widely used type in the chemical and petroleum industries. It will pump liquids with very wide ranging properties and suspensions with a high solids contents including, for example, cement slurries, and may be constructed from a wide range of corrosion resistant materials. The whole pump casing may be constructed from plastics such as polypropylene or it may be fitted with a corrosion resistant lining. Because it operates at high speed, it may be directly coupled to an electric motor and will give a high flow rate for its size.

In this type of pump, the fluid is fed to the center of the rotating impeller (eye of the impeller) and is thrown outward by centrifugal action. As a result of high speed of rotation the liquid acquires a high kinetic energy and the pressure difference between the suction and delivery sides arises from the conversion of kinetic energy into pressure energy.

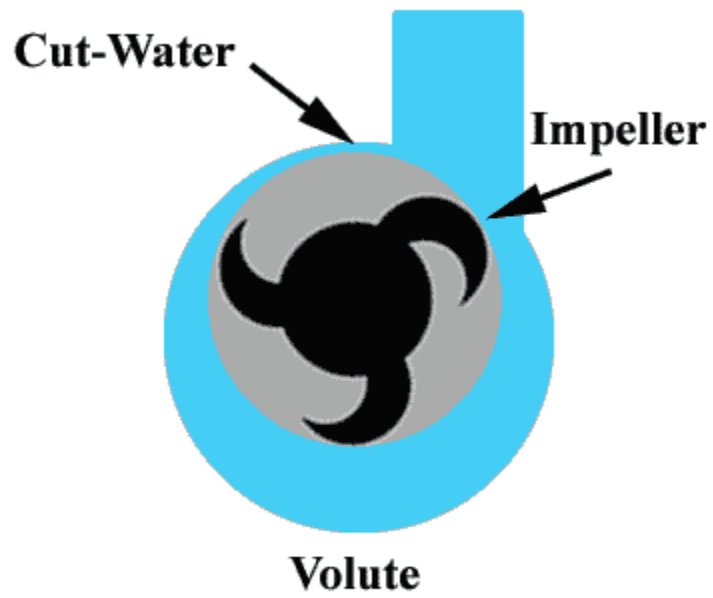
The impeller consists of a series of curved vanes so shaped that the flow within the pump is as smooth as possible. The greater the number of vanes on the impeller, the greater is the control over the direction of motion of liquid and hence smaller are the losses due to turbulence and circulation between the vanes.

The liquid enters the casing of the pump, normally in an axial direction, and is picked up by the vanes of the impeller. In the simple type of centrifugal pump, the liquid discharges into a volute, a chamber of gradually increasing cross-section with a tangential outlet

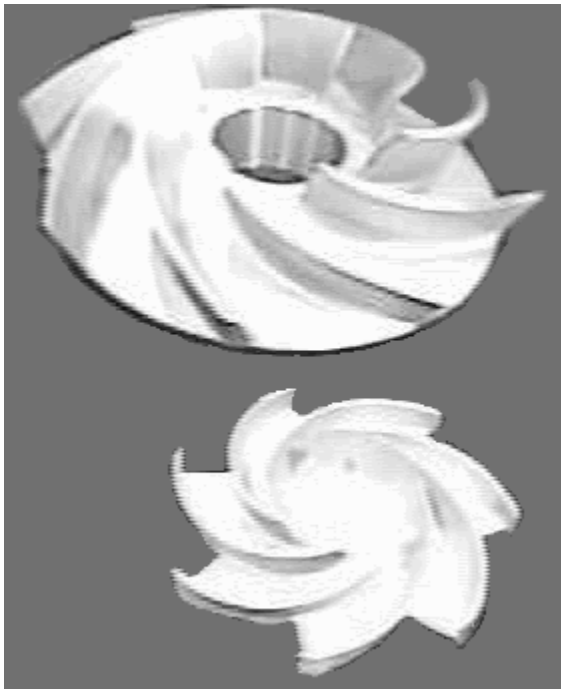


The direction of rotation of impeller:





Various Impellers:



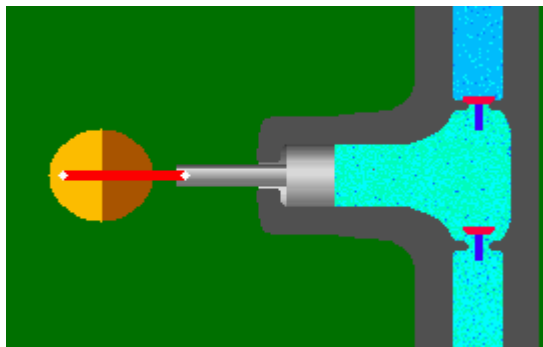
Centrifugal pumps are made in a wide range of materials, and in many cases the impeller and casing are covered with resistant material. Thus stainless steel, nickel, rubber, polypropylene, stoneware, and carbon are all used.

- [Cavitation](#)

In designing any installation in which a centrifugal pump is used, careful attention must be paid to check the minimum pressure which will arise at any point. If this pressure is less than the vapor pressure at the pumping temperature, vaporization will occur and the pump may not be capable of developing the required suction head. Moreover, if the liquid contains gases, these may come out of solution giving rise to packets of gas. This phenomenon is known as *cavitation* and may result in mechanical damage to the pump as the bubbles collapse. The onset of cavitation is accompanied by a marked increase in noise and vibration as the bubbles collapse, and a loss of head.

### Positive displacement pumps:

#### [Piston pumps](#) - single and double acting



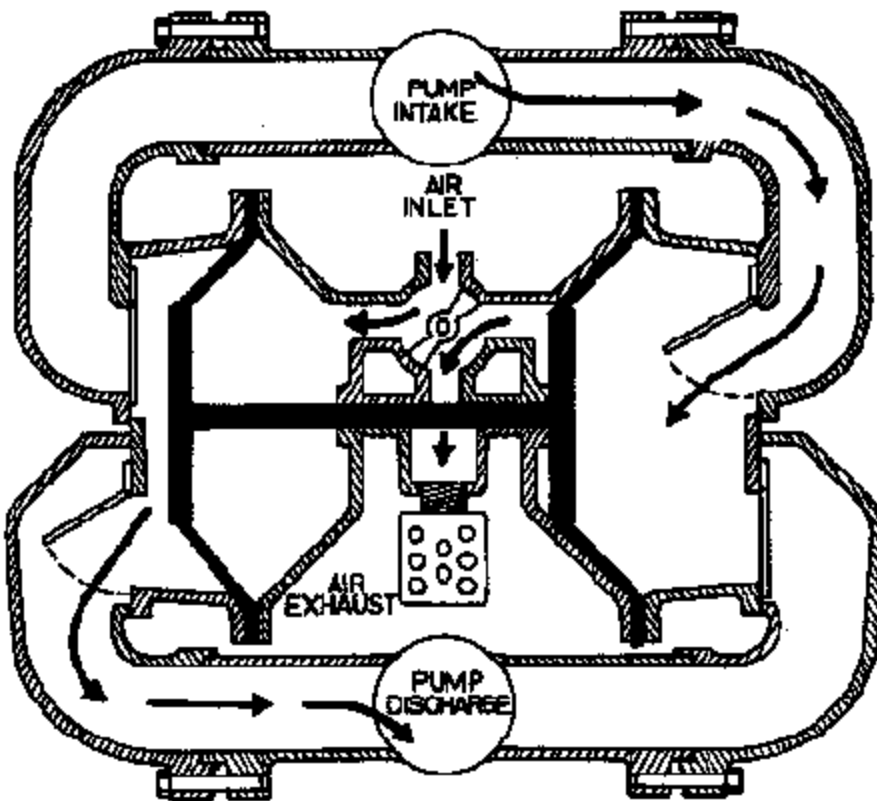
#### [Plunger pumps](#)

Plunger pump consists of a heavy walled cylinder of small diameter contains a close-fitting plunger, which is merely an extension of the piston rod. At the limit of its stroke the plunger fills nearly all the space in the cylinder. Plunger pumps are single-acting and can discharge against a pressure of 1500 atm or more.

A plunger pump is differentiated from a piston in that a plunger moves past stationary packing, whereas a piston carries packing with it.

#### [Diaphragm pump](#)

The diaphragm pump has been developed for handling corrosive liquids and those containing suspensions of abrasive solids. It is in two sections separated by a diaphragm of rubber, leather, or plastics material. In one section a piston or plunger operates in a cylinder in which a non-corrosive fluid is displaced. The movement of the fluid is transmitted by means of flexible diaphragm to the liquid to be pumped. The only moving parts of the pump that are in contact with the liquid are the valves, and these can be specially designed to handle the material. In some cases the movement of the diaphragm is produced by direct mechanical action, or the diaphragm may be air actuated.

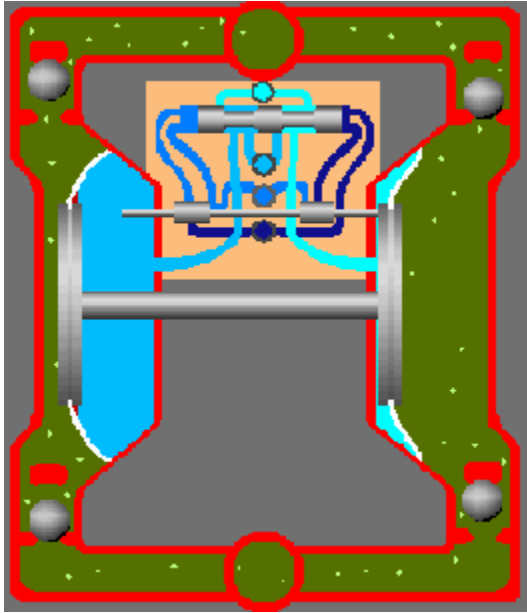


Pneumatically actuated diaphragm pumps require no other power source other than plant compressed air. This is of course limited to the available air pressure. Because of the slow speed and large valves, they are well suited to the gentle handling of liquids for which degradation of suspended solids should be avoided.

By virtue of their construction, diaphragm pumps cannot be used for high pressure applications. A major consideration in the application of diaphragm pump is the realization that diaphragm failure will occur eventually.

Diaphragm pumps handle small to moderate amounts of liquid, up to about 100 gal/min, and can develop pressures in excess of 100 atm.

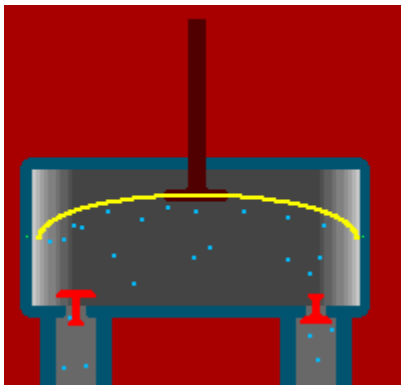
The following figure shows the working of a double diaphragm pump.



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Liquid inlet is from bottom to top.

The following is the action of single diaphragm pump.

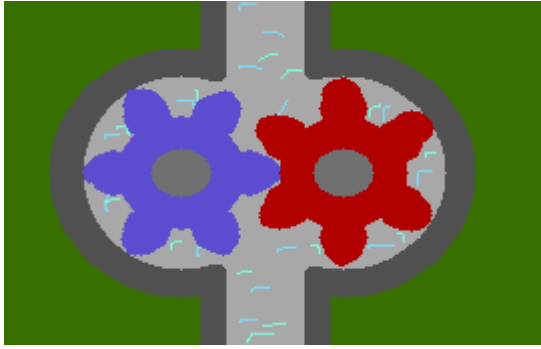


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. [Rotary pumps.](#)

[Gear pumps](#)

**Spur Gear or External-gear pump**

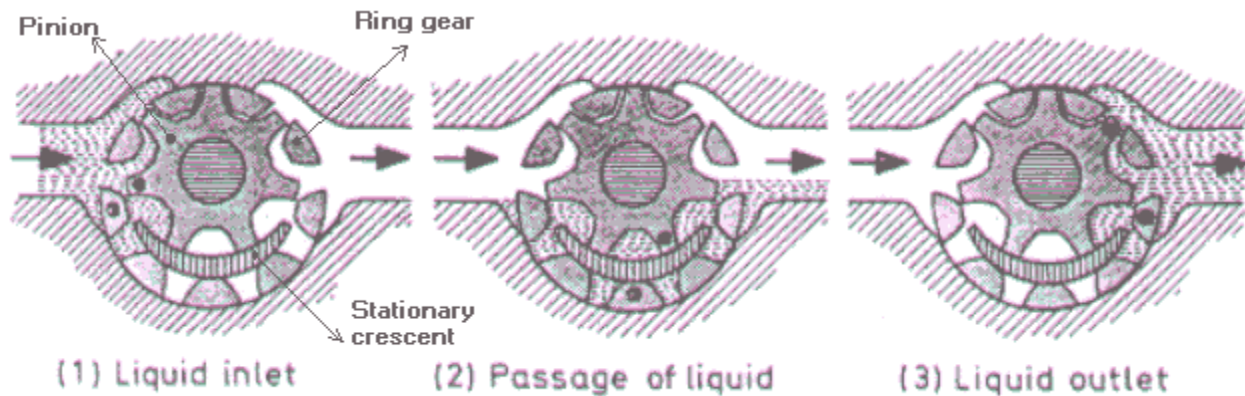


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An external-gear pump (called as gear pump) consists essentially of two intermeshing gears which are identical and which are surrounded by a closely fitting casing. One of the gears is driven directly by the prime mover while the other is allowed to rotate freely. The fluid enters the spaces between the teeth and the casing and moves with the teeth along the outer periphery until it reaches the outlet where it is expelled from the pump.

External-gear pumps are used for flow rates up to about  $400 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$  working against pressures as high as 170 atm. The volumetric efficiency of gear pumps is in the order of 96 percent at pressures of about 40 atm but decreases as the pressure rises.

### Internal-gear Pump



The above figure shows the operation of an internal gear pump. In the internal-gear pump a spur gear, or pinion, meshes with a ring gear with internal teeth. Both gears are inside the casing. The ring gear is coaxial with the inside of the casing, but the pinion, which is externally driven, is mounted eccentrically with respect to the center of the casing. A stationary metal crescent fills the space between the two gears. Liquid is carried from inlet to discharge by both gears, in the spaces between the gear teeth and the crescent.

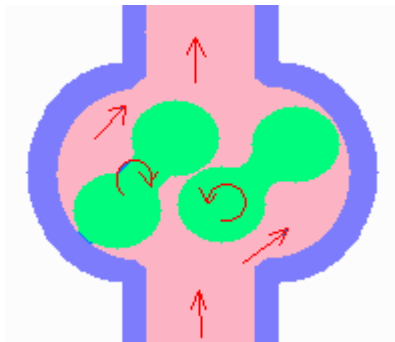
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## Lobe pumps

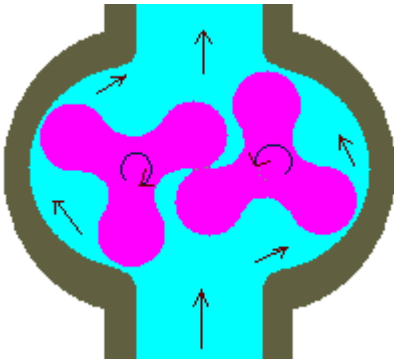
In principle the lobe pump is similar to the external gear pump; liquid flows into the region created as the counter-rotating lobes unmesh. Displacement volumes are formed between the surfaces of each lobe and the casing, and the liquid is displaced by meshing of the lobes. Relatively large displacement volumes enable large solids (nonabrasive) to be handled. They also tend to keep liquid velocities and shear low,

making the pump type suitable for high viscosity, shear-sensitive liquids.

### Two lobe pump



### Three lobe pump

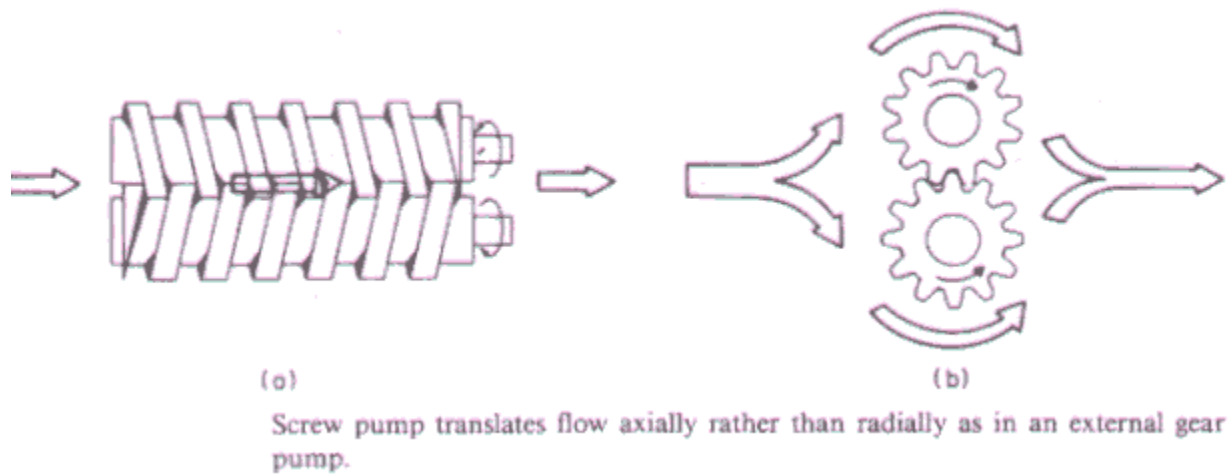


The choice of two or three lobe rotors depends upon solids size, liquid viscosity, and tolerance of flow pulsation. Two lobe handles larger solids and high viscosity but pulsates more.

Larger lobe pumps cost 4-5 times a centrifugal pump of equal flow and head.

## Screw pumps

A most important class of pump for dealing with highly viscous material is the screw pump.



Designs employing one, two and three screws are in use.

Multiple screw pumps operate as follows:

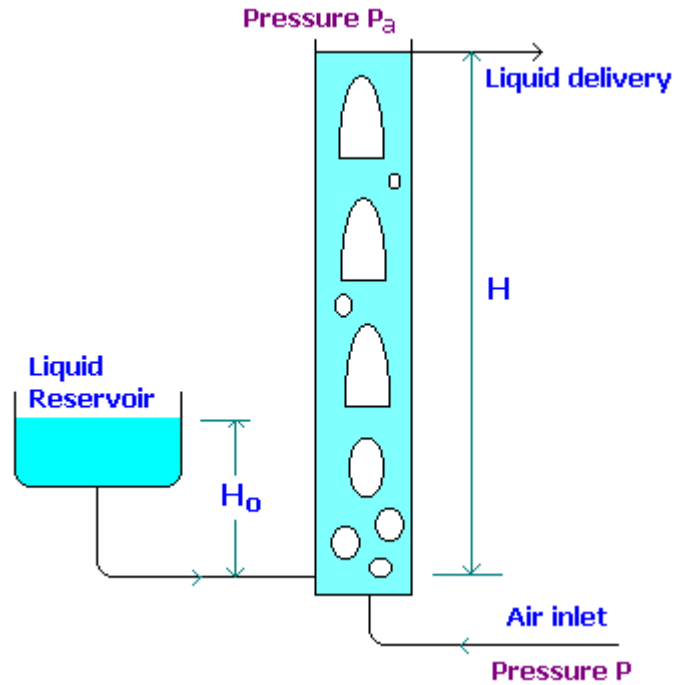
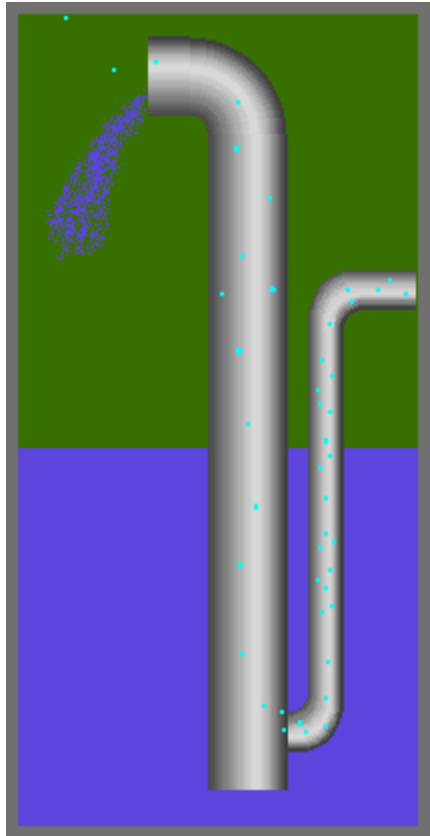
- The displacement volume is opened at the suction as the counter-rotating screws unmesh.
- Subsequent meshing of the screws produces a displacement volume bounded by the thread roots, the thread flanks, and the pump casing.
- Continued rotation of the screws translate the displacement volume to the pump discharge.
- At the pump discharge the volume is displaced by the meshing of the screw ends.

In single screw pumps, the fluid is sheared in the channel between the screw and the wall. Flow is produced as a result of viscous forces. Pressures achieved with low viscosity materials are negligible.

### Airlift pump

Compressed gas is sometimes used for transferring liquid from one position to another in a chemical plant, but more particularly for emptying vessels. It is frequently more convenient to apply pressure by means of compressed gas rather than to install a pump, particularly when the liquid is corrosive or contains solids in suspension.

Several devices have been developed to eliminate the necessity for manual operation of valves, and the automatic acid elevator is an example of equipment incorporating such a device. The *air-lift pump* makes more efficient use of the compressed air and is used for pumping corrosive liquids. Although it is not extensively used in the chemical industry, it is used for pumping oil from wells.



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From hydrostatics, the pressure at the base of the column is obtained as,

$$\rho g H_0 = \rho g H(1-\varepsilon) \rightarrow 1$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the volume fraction of air in the column of liquid of height  $H$  and  $\rho$  is the density of liquid.

If a mass ( $M$ ) of liquid is raised through a net height ( $H-H_0$ ) by a mass ( $m$ ) of air, the net work done on the liquid is  $Mg(H_0-H)$ .

If the pressure of the entering air is  $P$ , the net work done ( $W$ ) by the air in expanding isothermally to atmospheric pressure  $P_a$  is given by:

$$W = \int P dV = - \int V dP$$

For isothermal process  $PV = \text{constant}$ , and  $V = nRT/P$

Therefore,

$$W = nRT \int dP/P$$



$$= P_a V_a \ln(P/P_a)$$

where  $P_a$  is the atmospheric pressure and  $P$  is the inlet pressure of air.

substituting for  $V_a$  in terms of mass( $m$ ) and density( $\rho_a$ ) of air,

$$W = P_a(m/\rho_a)\ln(P/P_a)$$

The expansion will be almost exactly isothermal because of the intimate contact between the liquid and the air.

The efficiency ( $\eta$ ) of the pump is given by:

$$\eta = \frac{Mg(H - H_o)}{(m/\rho_a)P_a \ln(P/P_a)}$$

If all losses in the operation of the pump were neglected, the pressure at the point of introduction of the compressed air would be equal to the atmospheric pressure together with the pressure  $\rho g H_o$  (refer [equn.1](#))

writing for atmospheric pressure in terms of head of liquid,

$$P_a = H_a \rho g \text{ and}$$

$$P = (H_a + H_o)\rho g$$

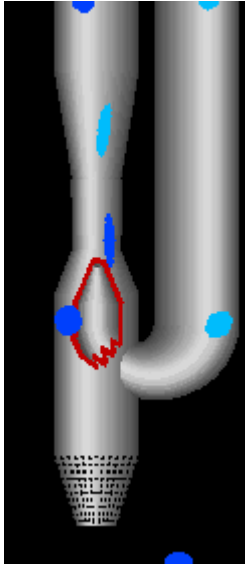
$$m/M = \frac{g(H - H_o)}{(m/\rho_a)P_a \ln(H_a + H_o)/H_a)}$$

It will be seen that mass of air required per mass of liquid raised, ( $m/M$ ) decreases as  $H_o$  increases (i.e. submergence increase). If  $H_o$  is zero, ( $m/M$ ) is infinite and therefore the pump will not work. A high submergence is therefore desirable.

The submergence, expressed as the ratio  $H_o/H$ , should vary from 0.66 for a lift of 20 feet to 0.41 for a lift of 500 feet. Thirty percent mechanical efficiency is usually obtained.

There are a number of important applications of the air-lift pump in the process industry due to its simplicity. It is particularly useful for handling radioactive materials as there are no mechanical parts in contact with the fluid, and the pump will operate virtually indefinitely without the need for maintenance which can prove very difficult when handling radioactive liquids.

## Jet pump



## Selection of pumps

The following factors influence the choice of pump for a particular operation:

1. *The quantity of liquid to be handled:* This primarily affects the size of the pump and determines whether it is desirable to use a number of pumps in parallel.
2. *The head against which the liquid is to be pumped.* This will be determined by the difference in pressure, the vertical height of the downstream and upstream reservoirs and by the frictional losses which occur in the delivery line. The suitability of a centrifugal pump and the number of stages required will largely be determined by this factor.
3. *The nature of the liquid to be pumped.* For a given throughput, the viscosity largely determines the frictional losses and hence the power required. The corrosive nature will determine the material of construction both for the pump and the packing. With suspensions, the clearance in the pump must be large compared with the size of the particles.
4. *The nature of power supply.* If the pump is to be driven by an electric motor or internal combustion engine, a high-speed centrifugal or rotary pump will be preferred as it can be coupled directly to the motor.
5. *If the pump is used only intermittently,* corrosion troubles are more likely than with continuous working.

## **Reciprocating pumps Vs centrifugal pumps**

The advantages of reciprocating pumps in general over centrifugal pumps may be summarized as follows:

1. They can be designed for higher heads than centrifugal pumps.
2. They are not subject to air binding, and the suction may be under a pressure less than atmospheric without necessitating special devices for priming.
3. They are more flexible in operation than centrifugal pumps.
4. They operate at nearly constant efficiency over a wide range of flow rates.

The advantages of centrifugal pumps over reciprocating pumps are:

1. The simplest centrifugal pumps are cheaper than the simplest reciprocating pumps.
2. Centrifugal pumps deliver liquid at uniform pressure without shocks or pulsations.
3. They can be directly connected to motor drive without the use of gears or belts.
4. Valves in the discharge line may be completely closed without injuring them.
5. They can handle liquids with large amounts of solids in suspension.

The general result of the above considerations is strongly in favor of the centrifugal pump.

### Fans, blowers, and compressors

Essentially the same basic types of mechanical equipment are used for handling gases and liquids, though the construction may be very different in two cases. Under the normal range of operating pressures, the density of a gas is considerably less than that of a liquid so that higher speeds of operation can be employed and lighter valves fitted to the delivery and suction lines. Because of the lower viscosity of a gas there is a greater tendency for leak to occur, and therefore gas compressors are designed with smaller clearances between the moving parts. Since a large proportion of the energy of compression appears as heat in the gas, there will normally be a considerable increase in temperature which may limit the operation of the compressor unless suitable cooling can be effected. For this reason, gas compression is often carried out in a number of stages and the gas is cooled between each stage.

### **Fans, Blowers, and Compressors**

Machinery for compressing and moving gases is conveniently considered from the standpoint of pressure difference produced in the equipment. This order is *fans, blowers, compressors*.

#### **Fans:**

The commonest method of moving gases under moderate pressures is by means of some type of fan. These are effective for pressures from 2 or 3 inch of water up to about 0.5 psi. Large fans are usually centrifugal, operating on exactly the same principle as centrifugal pumps. Their impeller blades, however, may be curved forward; this would lead to instability in a pump, but not in a fan. Since the change in density in a fan is small, the incompressible flow equations used in centrifugal pump calculations are often adequate.

The fans may be classified into three types: the propeller type, the plate fan, and the multi-blade type.

The propeller type is represented by the familiar electric fan and is of no great importance for moving gases in plant practice.

Plate fan consists of plate steel blades on radial arms inside a casing. These fans are satisfactory for pressures from 0 to 5 inch of water, have from 8 to 12 blades. Another variation of the steel-plate fan has blades curved like the vanes of centrifugal pump impellers and can be used for pressures up to 27 inch of water.

The multi-blade fans are useful for pressures of from 0 to 5 inch of water. It is claimed that they have much higher efficiencies than the steel-plate fan. These fans will deliver much larger volumes for a given size of drum than steel-plate fans.

### **Blowers:**

Any pump of the rotary type can be used as a blower. When so used they generally have only two or three lobes on the rotating parts. These blowers are used for pressures from 0.5 to 10 psi. Such blowers are often used for services where very large volumes must be delivered against pressures too high for a fan. They are being replaced in many cases by centrifugal blowers.

The appearance of centrifugal blower resembles a centrifugal pump, except that the casing is narrower and larger impeller diameter. The operating speed is high, 3000 rpm or more. The reason for the high speed and large impeller diameter is that very high heads, measured in meters of low-density fluid, are needed to generate moderate pressure ratios.

### **Compressors:**

Centrifugal compressors are multistage units containing a series of impellers on a single shaft, rotating at high speeds in a massive casing. These machines compress enormous volumes of air or process gas - up to  $100 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$  at the inlet - to an outlet pressure of 20 atm. Smaller capacity machines discharge at pressures up to several hundred atmospheres. Interstage cooling is needed on the high pressure units.

Axial flow machines handle even larger volumes of gas, up to  $300 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$ , but at a lower discharge pressures of 2 to 10 atm. In these units the rotor vanes propel the gas axially from one set of vanes directly to the next. Interstage cooling is normally not required.

Rotary positive displacement compressors can be used for discharge pressures to about 6 atm.

Most compressors operating at discharge pressures above 3 atm are reciprocating positive displacement machines. When the required compression ratio is greater than that can be achieved in one cylinder, multistage compressors are used. The maximum pressure ratio normally obtained in a single cylinder is 10 but values above 6 are unusual.

## Appendix

- [Key Contributors to Fluid Mechanics](#)

Archimedes	287 - 212 BC	Greek philosopher
Pascal	1623 - 1662	French philosopher
Newton, Issac	1642 - 1727	British mathematician
Bernoulli, Daniel	1700 - 1782	Swiss mathematician
Euler, Leonhard	1707 - 1783	Swiss mathematician
Hagen, Gotthilf	1797 - 1884	German engineer
Poiseuille, Jean Louis	1799 - 1869	French physiologist
Darcy, Henry	1803 - 1858	French engineer
Froude, William	1810 - 1879	British naval architect
Stokes, George	1819 - 1903	British mathematician
Reynolds, Osborne	1842 - 1912	British academic
Buckingham, Edgar	1867 - 1940	American physicist
Prandtl, Ludwig	1875 - 1953	German engineer
Moody, Lewis	1880 - 1953	American engineer
von Karman, Theodore	1881 - 1963	Hungarian engineer
Blasius, Heinrich	1883 - 1970	German academic
Nikuradse, Johann	1894 - 1979	German engineer
White, Cedric	1898 -	British engineer
Colebrook, Cyril	1910 -	British engineer
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- Torricelli
- Ergun
- Burke-Plummer
- Blake-Kozeny
- Fanning

