

**Solution to Homework 7**  
**ABE 457**  
**Spring 2017**

**Problem 1 : Plot the characteristic curves of the metering zone and the die vs P**

*The dimensions of the metering section of the single screw extruder*

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &:= 5 \cdot 10^{-2} \quad \text{m} & e &:= 4.52 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \text{m} & N &:= \frac{100}{60} & L &:= 0.20 \quad \text{m} \\
 H &:= 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \text{m} & \theta &:= 18 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} & \delta &:= 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad \text{m} & \pi &:= 3.14
 \end{aligned}$$

*Cooked corn dough:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &:= 25 \quad \% & t &:= 40 \quad ^\circ\text{C} \\
 \sin(\theta) &= 0.309 & T &:= 273 + t & n &:= 0.7 \\
 \cos(\theta) &= 0.951 & W &:= \pi \cdot D \cdot \sin(\theta) - e
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu := 60.0 \left( \frac{\pi \cdot D \cdot N}{H} \right)^{n-1} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2500}{T}\right) \cdot \exp(-0.06M)$$

$$\mu\delta := 60.0 \left( \frac{\pi \cdot D \cdot N}{\delta} \right)^{n-1} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2500}{T}\right) \cdot \exp(-0.06M)$$

$$\mu = 1.355 \times 10^4 \quad \text{Pa.s}$$

$$\mu\delta = 5.827 \times 10^3 \quad \text{Pa.s}$$

$$G1 := \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot D^2 \cdot H \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{e}{\pi \cdot D \cdot \sin(\theta)} \right) \cdot \sin(\theta) \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$G2 := \frac{\pi}{12} \cdot D \cdot H^3 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{e}{\pi \cdot D \cdot \sin(\theta)} \right) \cdot \sin(\theta)^2$$

$$G3 := \left( \frac{\delta}{H} \right)^3 \cdot \frac{e}{W} \qquad G4 := 1 + \frac{e}{W}$$

$$G5 := \frac{-6 \cdot \pi \cdot L \cdot D \cdot (H - \delta)}{H^3 \cdot \tan(\theta)}$$

$$G6 := \frac{1 + \frac{e}{W}}{\tan(\theta)^2}$$

$$G7 := \left(\frac{H}{\delta}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{e}{W}$$

$$Q(P) := G1 \cdot N \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{H}\right) - \frac{G2}{\mu} \left(\frac{P}{L}\right) \cdot \left[1 + G3 \cdot \frac{\mu}{\mu \delta} + G4 \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{-G5 \cdot \mu \cdot N}{P}\right) + G6}{1 + G7 \cdot \frac{\mu \delta}{\mu}}\right]$$

$$Ld := 1.0 \cdot 10^{-2} \quad \text{r} \quad \text{Length of die}$$

$$Dd := 2.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \text{r} \quad \text{Diameter of cylindrical die}$$

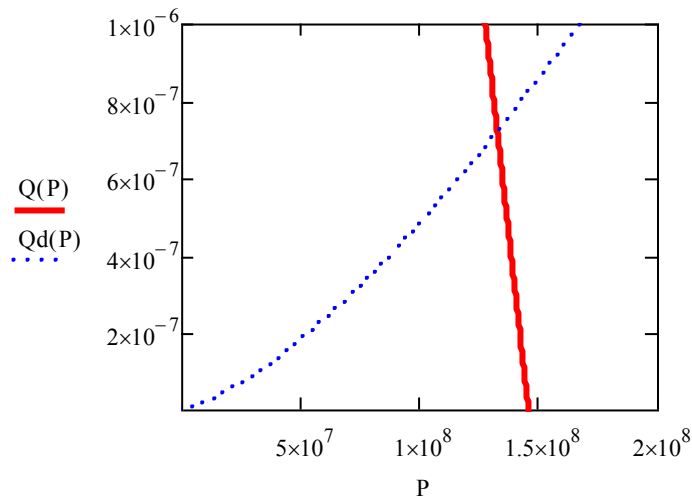
$$Rd := \frac{Dd}{2}$$

$$Qd(P) := \frac{\pi^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot Rd^{\frac{4}{n}}}{8^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot Ld^{\frac{1}{n}}} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{P^{\frac{1}{n}}}}{78.5^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \left(\frac{3 \cdot n + 1}{\pi \cdot n \cdot Rd^3}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2500}{n \cdot T}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-0.06 \cdot M}{n}\right)}$$

**setting up equations 30 points**

$$Qd(10^7) = 1.774 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$Q(10^8) = 2.538 \times 10^{-6}$$

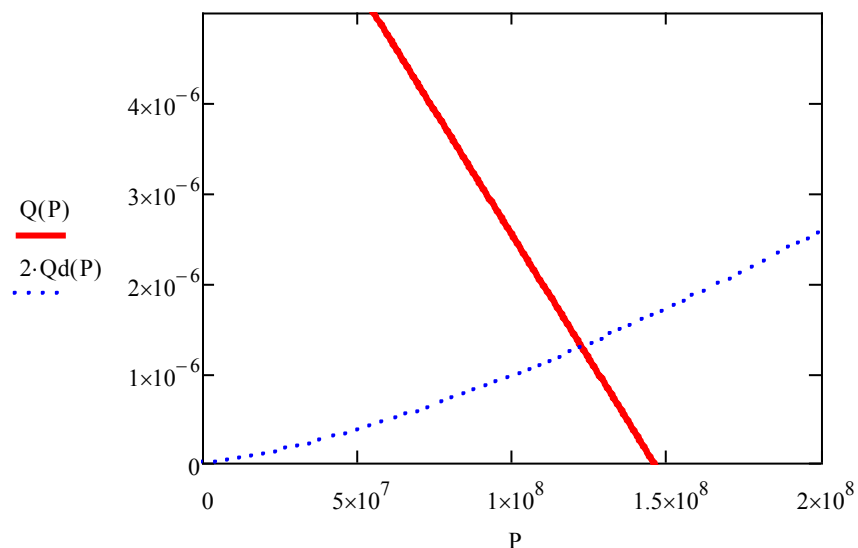


**10 points for plot**  
**5 point for discussion**

### Problem 2: Different numbers of die

5. If there are two dies at the end of the metering zone, the flow rate through a die is one half the flow rate through the metering zone. Alternatively, the flow rate through the metering zone is twice the flow rate through the die. In order to find out the operating condition of the extruder, we need to plot  $Q$  vs  $\Delta P$  and  $2Q_{die}$  versus  $\Delta P$  and determine the point of intersection. A sample calculation for a die of 2 mm dia is shown below. Similar plots can be made for the other two die diameters.

**10 points for plot**  
**5 point for discussion**



Comparing this figure with the earlier figure, one can see that the flow rate through the extruder has increased to  $10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  with a corresponding decrease in pressure drop compared to the case of a single die. For a maximum shear stress of  $5 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  one can calculate the corresponding maximum shear rate and flow rate.

$$\tau_{\max} := 5 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa} \quad M = 23 \%$$

$$T = 313 \text{ K}$$

$$K := 60.0 \exp\left(\frac{2500}{T}\right) \cdot \exp(-0.06 M)$$

$$K = 4.443 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}^n$$

$$\gamma_{\max} := \left(\frac{\tau_{\max}}{K}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

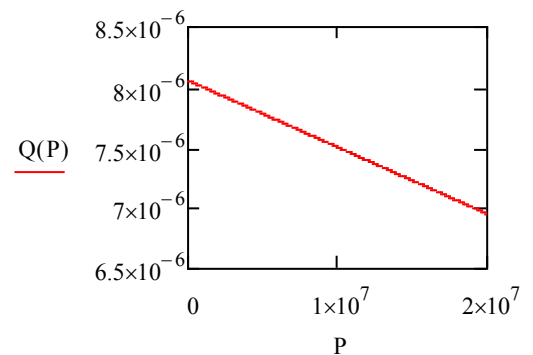
$$\gamma_{\max} = 31.762 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$\gamma = (4Q/\pi R^3)^{1/n} (3n+1)/4n$ . Therefore,

$$Q_{\max} := \gamma_{\max} \cdot \left(\frac{4 \cdot n}{3 \cdot n + 1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\pi \cdot R^3}{4}\right)$$

$$Q_{\max} = 2.252 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$R_d = 1 \times 10^{-3}$$

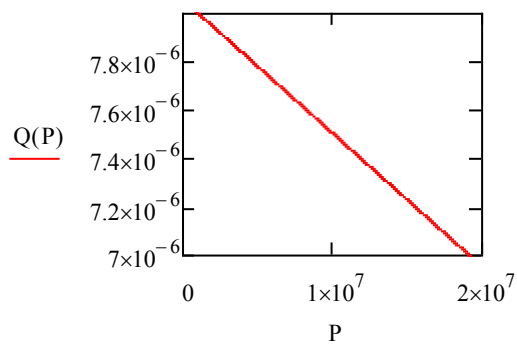


5 points

Corresponding to maximum wall shear stress, one can calculate the maximum pressure drop through the die as,

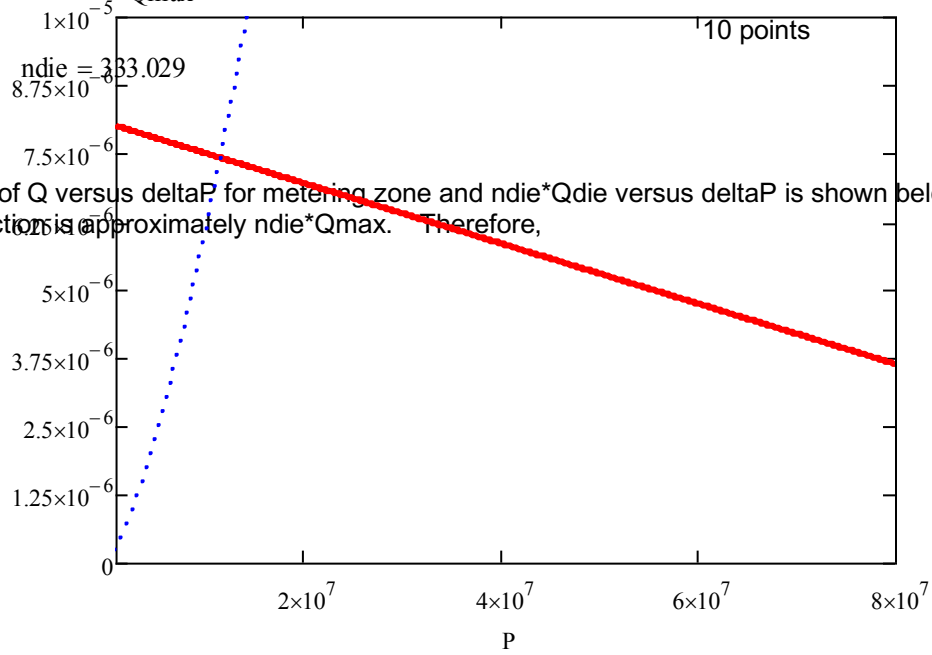
$$\Delta P_{\max} := \frac{\tau_{\max} \cdot 2 \cdot L_d}{R_d}$$

$$\Delta P_{\max} = 1 \times 10^7 \text{ Pa}$$



From the characteristic curve of extruder, as shown above, the corresponding flow rate through the extruder is  $7.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Therefore, the minimum number of dies can be calculated as,

$$n_{\text{die}} := \frac{7.5 \cdot 10^{-6}}{Q_{\max}}$$



The plot of  $Q$  versus  $\Delta P$  for metering zone and  $n_{\text{die}} \cdot Q_d$  versus  $\Delta P$  is shown below. The point of intersection is approximately  $n_{\text{die}} \cdot Q_{\max}$ . Therefore,

$$Q_{\text{die}} := \frac{3.6 \cdot 10^{-6}}{n_{\text{die}}}$$

5 points

$$Q_{\text{die}} = 1.081 \times 10^{-8}$$

7. derivation - 20  
 Plot for extruder-10  
 Plot for die-5