

Given:

A 4 ft high, 3 ft diameter cylindrical water tank whose top is open to the atmosphere is being drained. The diameter of the water jet that streams out the bottom is 0.5 in.

$$h_0 := 4 \text{ ft} \quad D_{\text{tank}} := 3 \text{ ft} \quad D_{\text{jet}} := 0.5 \text{ in}$$

Required:

Determine the velocity of the water leaving the tank and the time it takes to drain half of the tank.

Solution:

If a particular particle that flows from the top surface (state 1) through the jet (state 2) is analyzed, the first law is

$$\Delta E_{\text{sys}} = \Sigma E_{\text{in}} - \Sigma E_{\text{out}}$$

Assuming there is no heat or work being done on that particular particle, and there is no change in internal energy, the first law becomes

$$\Delta KE + \Delta PE = 0$$

$$m \cdot \left(\frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2} \right) + m \cdot g_e \cdot (z_2 - z_1) = 0$$

The first law can be solved for V_2 as shown below.

$$V_2 = \sqrt{2 \cdot g_e \cdot z_1} \quad \text{This assumes that } V_1 \text{ is negligible and } z_2 \text{ is zero.}$$

The velocity at the jet when the tank is full is then

$$V_2 := \sqrt{2 \cdot g_e \cdot h_0} = 4.89 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

The mass conservation equation may now be used on the entire body of water (the dashed line in the diagram)

$$\frac{d}{dt} m_{\text{cv}} = \Sigma m'_{\text{in}} - \Sigma m'_{\text{out}}$$

There is no mass entering the system, and the mass leaving the system is given by

$$m'_{\text{out}} = \rho \cdot V'_{\text{out}}$$

where $\rho := 1000 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ is the density of water.

$$m'_{\text{out}} = \rho \cdot A \cdot V_{\text{out}}$$

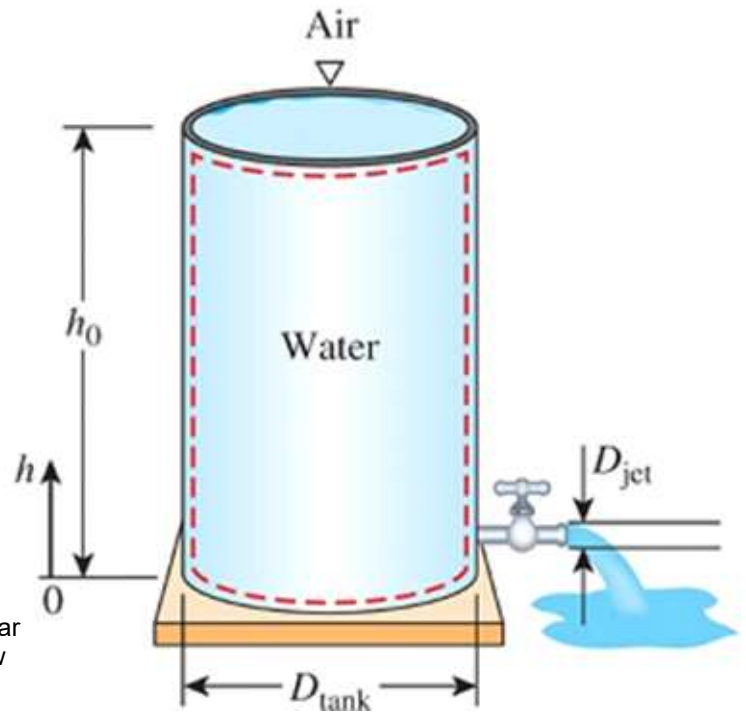
$$m'_{\text{out}} = \rho \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot D_{\text{jet}}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot g_e \cdot z_1}$$

The mass in the control volume is given by

$$m_{\text{cv}} = \rho \cdot V$$

$$m_{\text{cv}} = \rho \cdot A \cdot H$$

$$m_{\text{cv}} := \rho \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot D_{\text{tank}}^2 \cdot z_1$$



Solution (cont.):

The mass conservation equation is then

$$\frac{d}{dt} m_{cv} = -m'_{out} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \left(\rho \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot D_{tank}^2 \cdot z_1 \right) = (-\rho) \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot D_{jet}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 g_e \cdot z_1}$$

The density of water, and tank diameter remain constant so z_1 (the height of the water in the tank) is the only thing that is dependent on time. This is shown below.

$$\rho \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot D_{tank}^2 \cdot \frac{d}{dt} z_1 = -\rho \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot D_{jet}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 g_e \cdot z_1}$$

Rearranging shows

$$dt = \frac{-D_{tank}^2}{D_{jet}^2} \cdot \frac{dz_1}{\sqrt{2 g_e \cdot z_1}}$$

Integrating from 0 to t and 4 ft to 2 ft yield

$$\int_0^t 1 \, dt = \frac{-D_{tank}^2}{D_{jet}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 g_e}} \cdot \int_{h_0}^{\frac{h_0}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z_1}} \, dz_1$$

$$\Delta t := - \frac{D_{tank}^2}{D_{jet}^2 \cdot \sqrt{2 g_e}} \cdot \int_{h_0}^{\frac{h_0}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z_1}} \, dz_1 = 12.62 \, \text{min}$$