This result should remind you of the simple example of complete conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy of a mass m at height z,  $mgz = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ , which solves  $v = \sqrt{2gz}$ .

Bernoulli's equation can be normalized using the concept of *energy head* or energy per unit weight. Dividing Equation 12.1 by  $\rho g$ , which is *weight density*, we obtain

$$\frac{p}{\rho g} + z + \frac{v^2}{2g} = \frac{\text{constant}}{\rho g} = H$$
 (12.2)

where the constant, which was energy density in  $\frac{Nm}{m^3}$ , is now total energy head H in m. We can see

this by looking at the units  $\frac{\frac{18111}{m^3}}{\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}} = \text{m}$ . In Equation 12.2, we have separated what we considered

static and dynamic terms. The term  $\frac{p}{\varrho g} + z = h$  is the hydraulic head or static head, or the sum of

elevation and pressure head. Using these terms, we can rewrite Bernoulli's equation succinctly as

$$\frac{p}{\varrho g} + z + \frac{v^2}{2g} = h + \frac{v^2}{2g} = H$$
 (12.3)

Stating that the sum of static head and dynamic head is the total head H, which remains constant. In this parameterization of Bernoulli's equation, the units of head are m.

## Example 12.2

Consider another simple analogy of hydroelectric generation consisting of a large tank full of water as in Figure 12.8 and water flowing out of the bottom. The tank is 3 m tall and both points 1 and 2 are open to atmospheric pressure. What is the water velocity flowing out of the bottom of the tank? Answer: We can solve this problem using Equation 12.1, but let us apply Equation 12.3 to practice calculations using hydraulic head. At points 1 and 2, we have  $\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + z_1 + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + z_2 + \frac{v_2^2}{2g}$ . Both pressure values are the same and cancel. We take the tank bottom as datum, and therefore  $z_2 = 0$ ,  $z_1 = 3$  m, thus head at 1 is  $h_1 = z_1$  and  $h_2 = 0$ . At point 1, we can assume that velocity  $v_1 = 0$  is zero

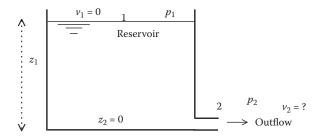


FIGURE 12.8 Illustration of Bernoulli's equation applied to water flowing out of a tank.

## 12.2.8 TURBINE: CONVERTING PRESSURE TO KINETIC ENERGY AND FORCE

Let us look a little closer at what happens at the turbine. The water at the inlet of the turbine is at pressure  $p_i$  and velocity  $v_i$ . We can apply Bernoulli's equation assuming water at the surface of the reservoir is at atmospheric pressure  $p_a$  and zero velocity. Then,

$$p_i \simeq p_a + \rho g h - \frac{1}{2} \rho v_i^2 \tag{12.11}$$

Any pressure drop along the turbine  $dp = p_i - p$  will produce an increase in kinetic energy given by Bernoulli's equation. This increased kinetic energy is an increased velocity that can exert a force on the turbine blades and cause rotational movement. To simplify the discussion, we will derive the equations for a specific type of turbine (impulse turbines) where the relationship between water velocity, and force and power is easy to see. In these turbines, pressure drop is converted to a water jet with constant velocity v.

First, recall from Chapter 1 that momentum is  $\mathbf{p} = mv$  and  $F = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = m\frac{dv}{dt}$ , which is to say that force is rate of change of momentum, or product of mass and rate of change of velocity for constant mass. The letter  $\mathbf{p}$  is the usual symbol for momentum; we are using  $\mathbf{p}$  boldface to avoid confusion with  $\mathbf{p}$  for pressure. A water jet of constant velocity v (product of the pressure drop) applies a force to a turbine blade given by  $F = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = \frac{dm}{dt}v = \dot{m}v$ , or the product of mass flow rate and velocity. Recall that  $\dot{m} = \rho Av$  and therefore  $F = \rho Av^2$ .

But the blade is moving at velocity u, therefore the force applied to the blade is  $F = 2\rho A (v - u)^2$ . The factor 2 occurs in these turbines because the water jet returns at the same velocity but in opposite direction. Power given to the blade is the product of force and its velocity  $P = Fu = 2\rho A(v - u)^2 u$ . At u = v (freewheeling) and at u = 0 (blade at rest), the power is zero. For a blade velocity between 0 and v, we should have maximum power. Taking the derivative of power  $\frac{dP}{du} = 2\rho A \left( (v - u)^2 - 2(v - u)u \right)$  and making it equal to zero, we obtain  $u = \frac{1}{2}v$  for maximum power. The rotational speed v in rad/s will be v = v where v is the radius of the turbine, or v = v in Hz. Also, power is v = v0, where v1 is torque.

### Example 12.8

Consider a turbine as described in this section. Assume a net high head such that velocity is 30 m/s from a nozzle of area  $A = 10^{-3}$  m<sup>2</sup>. The turbine has 2 m of radius. What is the mechanical power of the turbine, its angular velocity, and the torque if we achieve maximum power in the turbine? Answer:

At maximum power, we have 
$$u = \frac{1}{2}v$$
, therefore power is  $P = Fu = 2\rho A(v/2)^2(v/2) = \frac{12}{4\rho}Av^3$ .  
Substitute values  $P = \frac{12}{4\rho}1000 \times 10^{-3} \times 30^3 = \frac{6.00}{25}$  kW. The angular velocity is  $\omega = \frac{15}{2} = \frac{7.5}{25}$  rad/s, and torque is  $\tau = P/\omega = \frac{6750}{7.5} = \frac{900}{200}$  Nm.

Mechanical power output  $P_t$ , after discounting the energy losses in the turbine, is  $P_t = \eta_t P_w$ , where  $\eta_t$  is the turbine efficiency. Mechanical power output of the turbine is then used to spin the generator, which itself has an efficiency  $\eta_e$ . It is typical to include combined efficiency of the turbine and generator as a combined parameter  $\eta = \eta_t \eta_e$  to obtain generated power as

$$P_e = \eta P_w = \eta \rho g(h - h_L)Q \tag{12.12}$$

# Example 12.9

Suppose we have a reservoir with h = 15 m that can sustain flow of Q = 1000 m<sup>3</sup>/s at constant head. The combined efficiency of the turbine and generator is 90%. What is the power in the fluid assuming that loss has been designed to yield maximum power? What is the power generated? Answer:

```
> Pe.Pw(x)
GrossHead(m) NetHead(m) Flow(m3/s) Press(kPa) Eff PowWater(MW) PowGen(MW)
1 15 10 1000 98 0.9 98 88.2
```

## **12.2.9 P**UMPING

A centrifugal pump works by rotating an *impeller* and forcing water through a *volute*, which is a widening spiraling channel around an impeller. The water acquires exit velocity and thus kinetic energy. The impeller has curved vanes pointing out from the center or suction eye, and moves water radially outward from the suction eye due to centrifugal force. The displaced water creates lower pressure in the suction side of the pump; the liquid slows down in the volute, and then increases pressure at the discharge side.

The exit velocity needed to overcome a given net head h can be calculated using Bernoulli's equation as  $v = \sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 10} = 14 \text{ m/s}$ . The displacement x per revolution at a given rotational speed (rpm) is  $x = v/\omega$ . For instance, at 1800 rpm  $\omega = \frac{1800 \text{ r/m}}{60 \text{ s/m}} = 30 \text{ rad/s}$  and then  $x = v/\omega$  for 14 m/s, we have  $x = \frac{14 \text{ m/s}}{30 \text{ rad/s}} = 0.46 \text{ m/rad}$ . which means an impeller with diameter  $D = \frac{x}{\pi} = 0.14 \text{ m}$ . In other words, an impeller of 14 cm at 1800 rpm would lift water to a head of 10 m.

This is a simplistic model, but illustrates that tidal power of a cycle is increased by tidal basin surface area  $\overline{A}$  and density, and very significantly as the square of the cycle's tidal range H.

# Example 12.14

Assume you have a tidal basin of 1 km<sup>2</sup> with the center of mass at half the tidal range, a = 0.5. Take a tidal cycle with range of 6 m and lasting 12 h and 24 min. What is the tidal power available in this cycle? What is the electrical power generated if the facility is 40% efficient?

```
Answer: The tidal power in this cycle is P = \frac{a}{T} \rho g \bar{A} H^2 = \frac{0.5}{(12 \times 3600 + 24 \times 60)s} 1025 \times 9.8 \times 1000 + 1000
```

 $1 \times (1000)^2 \times 6^2 \simeq 4.05$  MW. At 40% efficiency, we would generate 1.62 MW in a cycle corresponding to 1.6 MW  $\times$  12.4h = 20.09 MWh. Function power.barrage.cycle expedites this calculation:

```
> power.barrage.cycle(list(a=0.5,Abasin=1,nu=0.4,z=6))
$pow.tide.MW
[1] 4.05
$pow.gen.MW
[1] 1.62
$gen.MWh
[1] 20.09
```

This function becomes time saving when calculating power over many cycles.

When we look at plots such as the ones in Figure 12.22, we realize that the tidal range varies significantly during a month, in particular when reaching neap and spring tides. Therefore, we should account for these differences when performing power calculations such as the one we just did in Example 12.14. A comprehensive approach would be to input the values from the tidal model to the calculation, along with accounting for a decrease in surface area following the area—capacity curve of the basin. Let us assume for simplicity of illustration that surface area does not change significantly, and focus on the variation of tidal range.

#### **Example 12.15**

Function find.peaks of renpow facilitates obtaining all values of range, and power.cycle calculates power in a cycle using Equation 12.16. To demonstrate, we model a one-year time series for a hypothetical series, which is based on the constituents at Eastport, Maine, in the Bay of Fundy area (there is not a barrage there, this is just a hypothetical example).

```
x <- read.tide("extdata/ElevationTide.csv")
y <- harmonics.tide(x,days=29)
y <- harmonics.tide(x,days=365, plot=FALSE)
z <- find.peaks(y, band=c(0,1))
pp <- power.barrage.cycle(list(a=0.5,Abasin=1,z=z$xp,nu=0.4))

Alternatively, we could have used
x <- read.tide(system.file("extdata", "ElevationTide.csv",package="renpow"))</pre>
```

The plots in Figure 12.24 show a monthly pattern beginning with spring tides (top panel), and the all peaks found in a year (bottom panel). Those peaks multiplied by 2 are an estimate of tidal range for those cycles. The results for power in MW and energy in MWh are