Seminar 5

Flow Measurements

1. Hydrodynamics II

Problem 1 - Venturi Meter

Water flows along a horizontal pipeline of 100 mm diameter at an unknown rate. A Venturi meter installed in the pipeline indicates a piezometric head (pressure head) of 950 mm at the entrance and 200mm at the throat. The throat diameter is 60 mm. If the $C_D=0.97$, what is the discharge through the pipeline?

Solution of Problem 1

The relevant equations can be found in slides L5 - slides 6-7

The main equation is:

$$Q_A = C_D A_1 \sqrt{rac{2gH}{[(A_1/A_2)^2-1]}}$$

with $H=P_1-P_2$ and $A=\pi D^2/4$

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#Solution problem 1

# Given are:

D1 = 100 # mm, diameter of pipe

D2 = 60 # mm, thraot diameter

P1 = 950 # mm, pressure head at inlet

P2 = 200 # mm, pressure head at throat

CD1 = 0.97# [], coeff. of discharge.

g1 = 9.81 # m/s^2, gravity

# Interim calculation

A1 = np.pi*D1**2/4*(1/1E6) # m^2, area at inlet, unit converted

A2 = np.pi*D2**2/4*(1/1E6) # m^2, area at throat, unit converted

H = (P1-P2)*1/1000 # m, difference in pressure head between inlet and throat.
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# calculation (see equation above for Q_A)
QA = CD1*A1*np.sqrt(2*g1*H/((A1/A2)**2 -1 ))

#output
print("The resulting discharge is: {0:1.4f}".format(QA),
"m\u00b3/s")
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The resulting discharge is: 0.0113 m³/s

Assignment problems - Next week

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