

MEE1004 – Fluid Mechanics

Revision – losses in pipes

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$$h_L = h_{L-major} + h_{L-minor}$$

MAJOR LOSSES

$$h_{L-major} = f \frac{\ell}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad f = \frac{64}{\text{Re}}$$

where f is friction factor.

laminar flow

It is because, in turbulent flow, Reynolds number and relative roughness influence the friction.

Reynolds number, $\text{Re} = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu}$

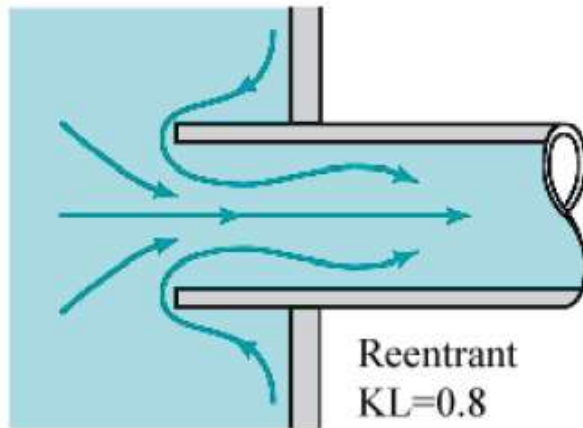
Relative roughness $= \frac{\varepsilon}{D}$

(relative roughness is not present in the laminar flow)

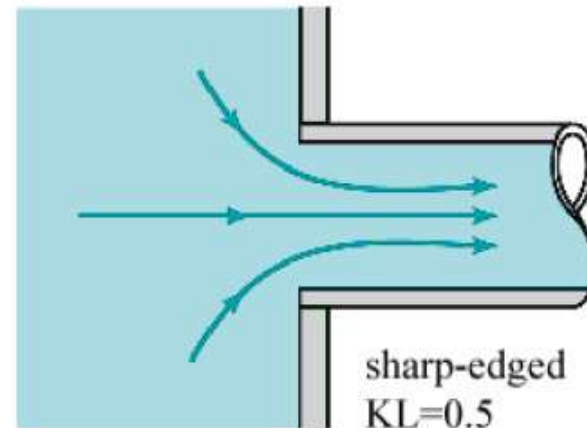
The following equation from *Colebrook* is valid for the entire non-laminar range of the *Moody* chart. It is called *Colebrook formula*.

$$\frac{1}{f} = -2.0 \log \left(\frac{\varepsilon/D}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{\text{Re} \sqrt{f}} \right)$$

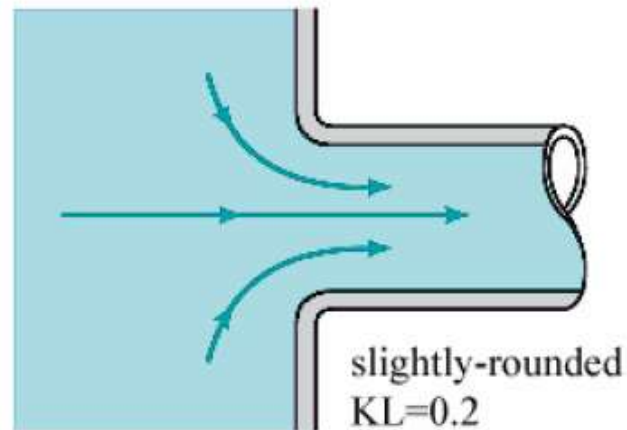
Head Loss at the Entrance of a Pipe (flow leaving a tank)



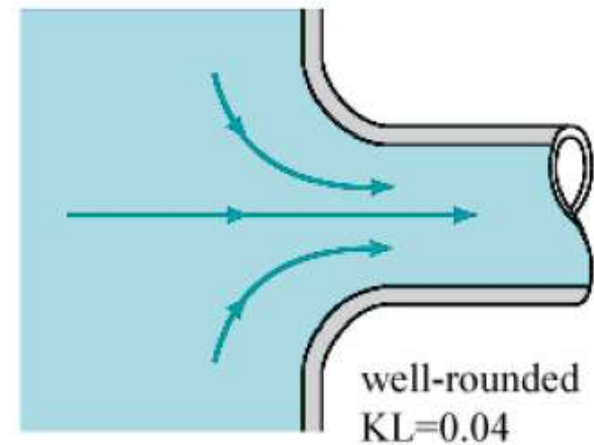
(a)



(b)

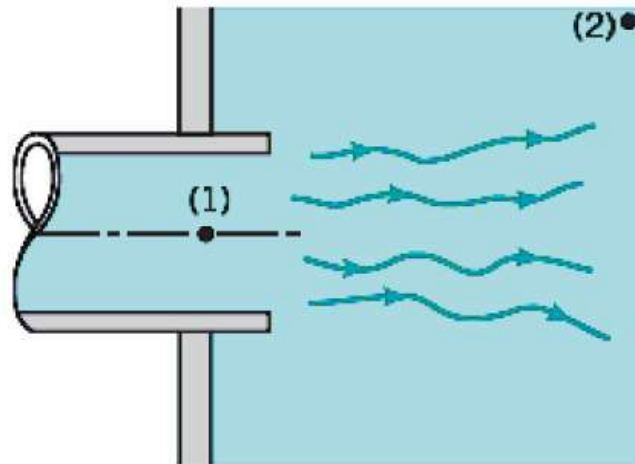


(c)

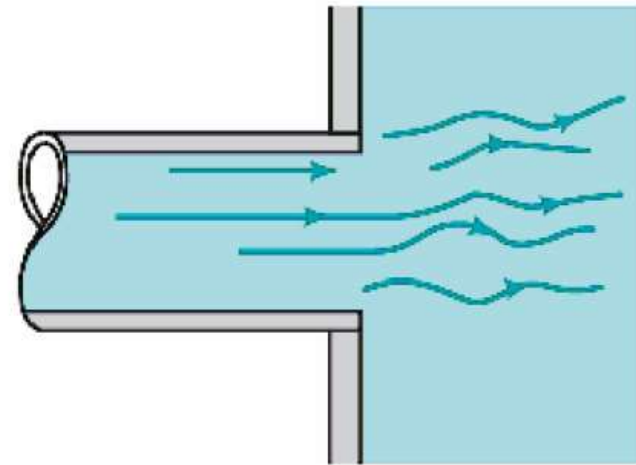


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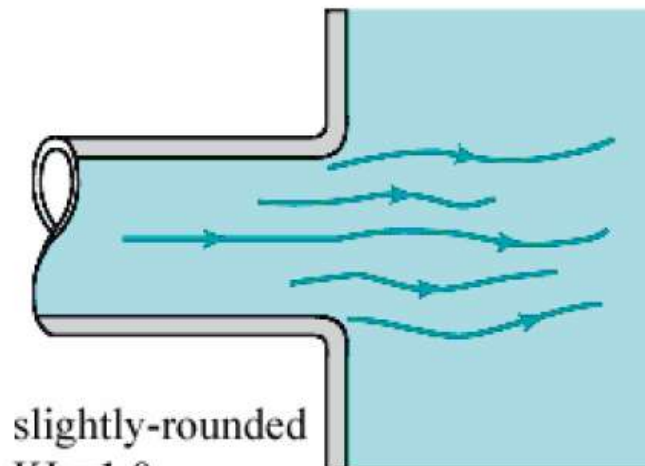
Exit flow conditions and loss coefficient.



(a) Reentrant
 $KL=1.0$

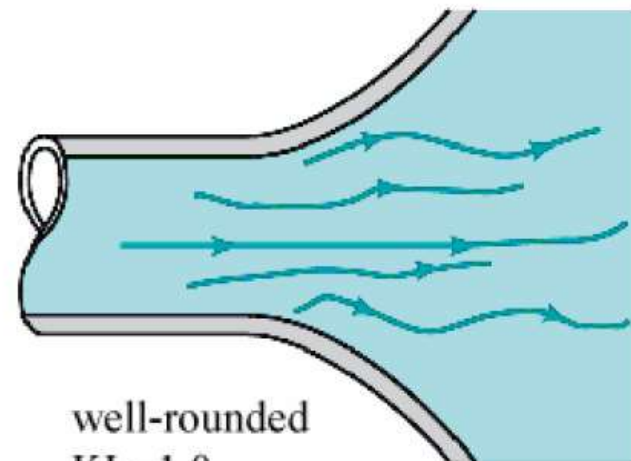


(b) sharp-edged
 $KL=1.0$



slightly-rounded
 $KL=1.0$

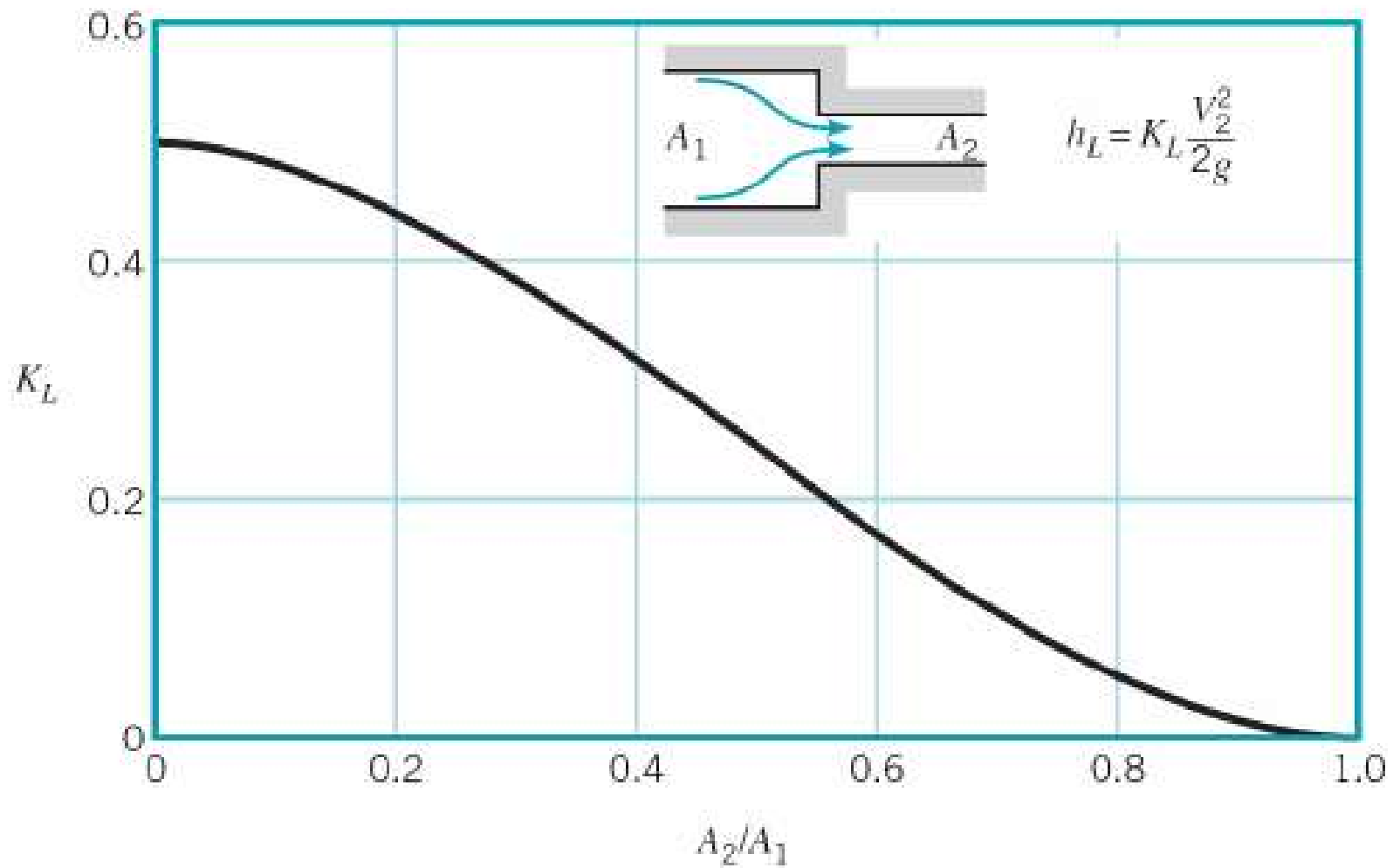
(c)



well-rounded
 $KL=1.0$

(d)

For sudden contraction:



$$K_L = \left(1 - \frac{A_2}{A_1}\right)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{A_2}{A_c}\right)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{C_c}\right)^2$$

Three pipes of 400 mm, 200 mm and 300 mm diameters have lengths of 400 m, 200 m and 300 m respectively. They are connected in series to make a compound pipe. The ends of this compound pipe are connected with tanks whose difference of water levels is 16 m. If co-efficient of friction for these pipes is same and equal to 0.005, determine the discharge

Difference of water levels,

$$H=16\text{m}$$

Length and dia. of pipe 1,

$$L_1=400\text{m and } d_1 = 400 \text{ mm} = 0.4\text{m}$$

Length and dia. of pipe 2,

$$L_2=200\text{m and } d_2 = 200 \text{ mm} = 0.2\text{m}$$

Length and dia. of pipe 3,

$$L_3=300\text{m and } d_3 = 300 \text{ mm} = 0.3\text{m}$$

Also,

$$f_1=f_2=f_3 = 0.005$$

(a) At inlet,
$$h_i = \frac{0.5V_1^2}{2g}$$

(b) Between 1st pipe and 2nd pipe, due to contraction,

$$\begin{aligned} h_c &= \frac{0.5V_2^2}{2g} = \frac{0.5(4V_1^2)}{2g} & (\because V_2 = 4V_1) \\ &= \frac{0.5 \times 16 \times V_1^2}{2g} = 8 \times \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Between 2nd pipe and 3rd pipe, due to sudden enlargement,

$$h_e = \frac{(V_2 - V_3)^2}{2g} = \frac{(4V_1 - 1.77V_1)^2}{2g} \quad (\because V_3 = 1.77 V_1)$$
$$= (2.23)^2 \times \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = 4.973 \frac{V_1^2}{2g}$$

(d) At the outlet of 3rd pipe, $h_o = \frac{V_3^2}{2g} = \frac{(1.77V_1)^2}{2g} = 1.77^2 \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = 3.1329 \frac{V_1^2}{2g}$

The major losses are

$$= \frac{4f_1 \times L_1 \times V_1^2}{d_1 \times 2g} + \frac{4f_2 \times L_2 \times V_2^2}{d_2 \times 2g} + \frac{4f_3 \times L_3 \times V_3^2}{2g}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4 \times 0.005 \times 400 \times V_1^2}{0.4 \times 2 \times 9.81} + \frac{4 \times 0.005 \times 200 \times (4V_1)^2}{0.2 \times 2 \times 9.81} + \frac{4 \times 0.005 \times 300 \times (1.77V_1)^2}{0.3 \times 2 \times 9.81} \\
 &= 403.14 \times \frac{V_1^2}{2 \times 9.81}
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Sum of minor losses and major losses

$$= \left[\frac{0.5V_1^2}{2g} + 8 \times \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + 4.973 \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + 3.1329 \frac{V_1^2}{2g} \right] + 403.14 \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = 419.746 \frac{V_1^2}{2g}$$

$$\therefore 419.746 \times \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = 16$$

$$\therefore V_1 = \sqrt{\frac{16 \times 2 \times 9.81}{419.746}} = 0.864 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Discharge, } Q = A_1 V_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} (0.4)^2 \times 0.864 = 0.1085 \text{ m}^3 / \text{s}.$$
