

1 Part A Background and Theory

a. Symbol Directory:

| Experimental Quantities: | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|
| d | Pipe Diameter | m |
| L | Length of Tube across which Head Loss is Measured | m |
| Q | Volumetric Flow Rate | $\frac{m^3}{s}$ |
| h_1 | Upstream Head | m |
| h_2 | Downstream Head | m |
| T | Fluid Temperature | $^{\circ}C$ |

| Computed Quantities: | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------|
| V_{av} | Average Fluid Velocity | $\frac{m}{s}$ |
| [Re] | Reynold's Number | |
| h_K | Empirical Minor Head Loss | m |
| f | Friction Factor | |
| K | Minor Head Loss (Accessory) Coefficient | |
| L_{eq} | Equivalent Tube Length | m |

| Constants and Thermophysical Properties: | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| g | Acceleration due to Gravity | $9.807 \frac{m}{s^2}$ |
| ρ | Fluid Density | $\frac{kg}{m^3}$ |
| μ | Fluid Dynamic Viscosity | $\frac{N}{m^2 s}$ |
| ν | Fluid Kinematic Viscosity | $\frac{m^2}{s}$ |
| ε | Surface Roughness of Pipe | m |
| $\varepsilon_s = \varepsilon_{smooth,ideal}$ | Surface Roughness of Ideal Smooth Pipe | $0m$ |

**All non-standard values extracted from relevant sections of assignment.
Values not provided were either not needed or were determined as
a function of some other variable.*

b. Basic Calculations:

Average Velocity Assuming an incompressible fluid, for flow through a given tube, the average velocity, V_{av} at any cross-section can be determined from the volumetric flow rate, Q , anywhere in the stream and the diameter of the tube, d at the cross-section of interest as:

$$V_{av} = \frac{Q}{A_c} = \frac{4Q}{\pi d^2} \quad (1)$$

Reynold's Number As given in equation 8 of the assignment, the Reynold's Number can be determined by:

$$[Re] = \frac{\rho V_{av} d}{\mu} = \frac{V_{av} d}{\nu} \quad (2)$$

Head Loss By definition, head loss can be computed as:

$$h_k = h_1 - h_2 \quad (3)$$

c. System Calculations:

Minor Head Loss Coefficient and Equivalent Tube Length As given in equation 5 of the assignment, the minor head loss coefficient can be determined if only the head loss and average fluid velocity at the inlet are known as:

$$K = \frac{2gh_K}{V_1^2} \quad (4)$$

This value can then be used to determine the equivalent tube length as given by equation 6 of the assignment:

$$L_{eq} = \frac{Kd}{f} \quad (5)$$

As the assignment notes, the friction factor used here should be that of a smooth tube; so from equations 7 and 10 of the assignment:

$$f_c = \begin{cases} \frac{64}{Re} & Re \leq 2500 \\ \left[-1.8 \ln \left(\frac{6.9}{Re} + \left(\frac{\varepsilon/d}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} \right) \right]^{-2} & Re > 2500 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Where $\varepsilon_{smooth,ideal} = 0m$.

Uncertainties: Since all values were sampled 5 times, uncertainty in any given parameter can be calculated using $\delta X = 2\sigma_X$, where σ_X is the standard deviation in X, given by:

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_X - 1} \sum_i (X_i - \mu_X)^2} \quad | \quad \mu_x = \frac{1}{N_X} \sum_i X_i \quad (7)$$

Note: In plots, this process is applied to the Y *and* X values around certain target values to create X and Y error bars.

For example in the plot of h_e vs Q , this is used to create error bars for each set of $\{Q, h_e\}$ where the flow rate was within $0.03^L/s$ of the desired test values $0.75^L/s, 0.65^L/s$, etc.