

Homework #7 Solutions

1. (10 pts) Long distance pipelines can have in-line pumps periodically spaced to step-up line pressures degraded by frictional losses. Consider a single such pump with a small approach and exit length of pipe and assume this pump does not change the flow rate, Q , in the line (Fig. 1). If the local losses due to pump friction and flow dissipation are $h_L = K V^2/2$, where V is the average flow velocity in the pipe and K is a unitless loss coefficient characteristic of this type of pump, show that the pump's power consumption is

$$\dot{W}_s = Q \left(K \frac{\rho V^2}{2} + \Delta P \right)$$

where ρ is the liquid density and ΔP is the amount of pressure step-up.

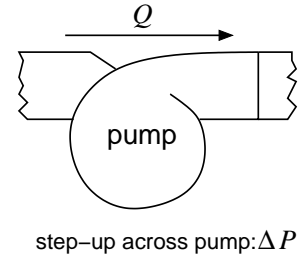


Figure 1: Step-up pump.

Solution: We can write the generalized Bernoulli equation across the pump as

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 + h_S - h_L = \frac{P_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2.$$

We assume the line pipe diameter stays the same, whereby conservation of mass implies $V_1 = V_2 = V$, so the two kinetic energy terms drop out. Elevation changes are also evidently negligible here, and if we take $\Delta P = P_2 - P_1$ and note that $h_S = \dot{W}_s/\dot{m}$, we can re-write the equation as

$$h_S = h_L + \frac{P_2 - P_1}{\rho}$$

$$\frac{\dot{W}_s}{\dot{m}} = K \frac{V^2}{2} + \frac{\Delta P}{\rho}.$$

The proposition follows directly when we substitute the $\dot{m} = \rho Q$ and solve for the power consumption, i.e.

$$\dot{W}_s = \rho Q \left(K \frac{V^2}{2} + \frac{\Delta P}{\rho} \right) = Q \left(K \frac{\rho V^2}{2} + \Delta P \right).$$

2. (10 pts) Fluid of density ρ flows from a large pressurized flask through a pipe of length L that is tilted at an angle θ (Fig. 2). If the flow exits to the atmosphere and if viscous losses in the pipe have the form $CV_2^2/2$ (where C is an empirically-based constant), show that the exit velocity is

$$V_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2(P_1 - \rho g L \sin \theta)}{\rho(1 + C)}}.$$

Gravity acts in the $-z$ direction, as shown.

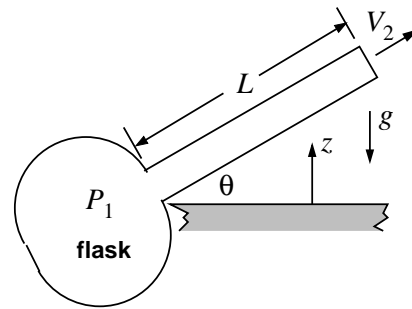


Figure 2: Angled pipe.

Solution: There is clearly no shaft work in this configuration, so let us write the generalized Bernoulli equation without this term in the following energy-per-unit-mass form

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + g z_1 - h_L = \frac{P_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g z_2.$$

Choosing the horizontal datum as our elevation reference, we take $z_1 = 0$. Also, $V_1 \approx 0$ because the flask is “large” and $P_2 = 0$, since the flow exits to the atmosphere. If we substitute the loss model, observe that $z_2 = L \sin \theta$ by trigonometry, and then simplify, we find

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho} - C \frac{V_2^2}{2} = \frac{V_2^2}{2} + g L \sin \theta.$$

We can solve algebraically for V_2 to find the result stated in the question.

3. (10 pts) Water of depth D flows at a uniform velocity of V in a uniform-width concrete drainage channel, as shown in Fig. 3. The flow encounters pipe, partially embedded in the channel-bed, that spans the channel at a right angle to the flow. The depth “necks down” to $D/2$ downstream of the pipe. Calculate the head loss h_L (in units of length) associated with this scenario. Hint: reference your calculation to the water’s surface at the “upstream” u and “downstream” d points. Comment on any constraints your solutions suggests between D and V .

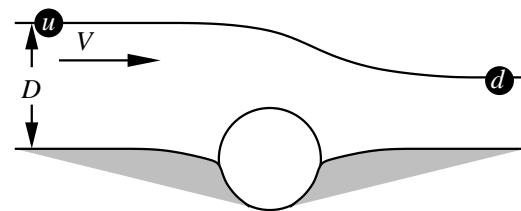


Figure 3: Flow over a pipe obstacle.

Solution: Head loss should be calculated in units of length, so we start with the extended Bernoulli equation in the form

$$\frac{P_u}{\rho g} + \frac{V_u^2}{2g} + z_u - h_L = \frac{P_d}{\rho g} + \frac{V_d^2}{2g} + z_d,$$

where we have dropped the term associated with shaft work, since that does not apply in this problem. According to the problem statement, we have $V_u = V$, $z_u = D$, and $z_d = D/2$.

Atmospheric conditions imply $P_u = P_d = 0$. Conservation of mass implies $V_u A_u = V_d A_d$, so that $V_d = 2V$. Substituting these quantities and solving, we find

$$\begin{aligned} h_L &= \frac{V_u^2 - V_d^2}{2g} + z_u - z_d \\ &= \frac{V^2 - (2V)^2}{2g} + D - \frac{D}{2} \\ &= \frac{D}{2} - \frac{3V^2}{2g}. \end{aligned}$$

We know that h_L cannot be negative, i.e. $h_L \geq 0$, which suggests the physical constraint $D \geq 3V^2/g$.

4. (10 pts) A pump at an elevation of $h_1 = 5\text{ m}$ above the bottom of a very large reservoir of depth $d = 2\text{ m}$ lifts water of density $\rho = 1000\text{ kg/m}^3$ over a dam, pumping it into a piping system at an elevation of $h_2 = 3\text{ m}$ (Fig. 4). The pipe diameter is $D = 0.1\text{ m}$ and the pipe flow velocity is $V = 1\text{ m/s}$. A pressure gauge in the pipe reads $P = 15,000\text{ Pa}$ above atmospheric. Calculate the amount of work added to the water in units of J/kg that produces a useful mechanical effect, i.e. the difference between the “shaft work” input by the pump and the overall losses associated with this flow.

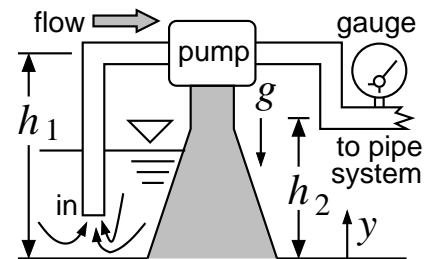


Figure 4: Reservoir pumping.

Solution: We can imagine a streamline connecting a point on the reservoir surface “ R ” to a point in the pipe system “ S ”, for which we can write the generalized Bernoulli equation in the following energy-per-unit-mass form

$$\frac{P_R}{\rho} + \frac{V_R^2}{2} + g z_R - h_L + h_S = \frac{P_S}{\rho} + \frac{V_S^2}{2} + g z_S.$$

In the suggested coordinate system in the figure, $z_R = d = 2$ and $z_S = h_2 = 3$. Also, since the reservoir is said to be very large, we assume that the associated velocity is small enough to be neglected, i.e. $V_R = 0$, and we also observe that the surface is at atmospheric pressure so that $P_R = 0$. Static pressure and velocity in the pipe are as stated in the problem, i.e. $P_S = 15,000$ and $V_S = 1$. These substitutions, along with a little rearrangement yields

$$\begin{aligned} \text{work that produces useful effect} &= h_S - h_L = \frac{P_S}{\rho} + \frac{V_S^2}{2} + g(z_S - z_R) \\ &= \frac{15000}{1000} + \frac{1^2}{2} + 9.8 \cdot (3 - 2) = 15 + 0.5 + 9.8 \\ &= 25.3 \frac{J}{kg}. \end{aligned}$$

Evidently, the elevation of the pump, h_1 , does not play a role in this issue.

5. (10 pts) If the overall losses due to entrance effects, flow friction, pump losses, etc. in the flow in Problem 4 are $h_L = 5 \text{ J/kg}$, calculate the power consumption of the pump \dot{W}_s in units of Watts.

Solution: We concluded in Problem 4 that $h_S - h_L = 25.3 \text{ J/kg}$, whereby

$$h_S = 25.3 + h_L = 25.3 + 5 = 30.3 \text{ J/kg}.$$

The form of the mechanical “shaft work” term is $h_S = \dot{W}_s/\dot{m}$, whereby $\dot{W}_s = \dot{m} \cdot h_S$. The mass flow rate is calculated as

$$\dot{m} = \rho V_S A_S = \rho V_S \frac{\pi \cdot D^2}{4} = 1000 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{\pi \cdot 0.1^2}{4} \approx 7.85 \text{ kg/s},$$

so that $\dot{W}_s = 7.85 \cdot 30.3 \approx 238 \text{ W}$.