

# CHEN.3030 Fluid Mechanics

## VIII. Pipe Flow Applications

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See **Chapter 10** (all sections)  
+ **Chapter 14** (sections 14.6-14.8) in your text by Hibbeler

## Major and Minor Losses

This lesson makes practical use of the relationships and concepts developed in the previous lesson on **Viscous Internal Flows**.

In particular, the head loss term is broken into two components:

**Major Losses:**

$$h_{L_{\text{major}}} = f \frac{L}{D_h} \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

**Darcy Eqn.**  
with **f** as the  
**friction factor**

$h_{L_{\text{major}}}$  accounts for **friction loss** along a pipe of length **L**.

**Minor Losses:**

$$h_{L_{\text{minor}}} = \left( \sum_i K_i \right) \frac{v^2}{2g} = K \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

**K** is the  
**resistance or**  
**loss coefficient**

$h_{L_{\text{minor}}}$  accounts for **friction loss** in **pipe bends, fittings, valves, exits and entrances, etc.** (anything that causes acceleration changes).

# The Friction Factor -- $f$

$$h_L = f \frac{L}{D_h} \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

**Darcy Eqn.**

**Laminar Flow:**  $f = 64/Re$  (discussed in previous lesson)

**Turbulent Flow:**  $f = \phi(\epsilon/D, Re)$  where  $\epsilon/D$  is the **relative roughness**

For turbulent flow, the function dependence,  $\phi(\epsilon/D, Re)$ , is given as:

**Colebrook Eqn.**  
(implicit eq.)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -2.0 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\epsilon/D}{3.7} + \frac{2.51}{Re \sqrt{f}} \right)$$

This is used to create the Moody Chart

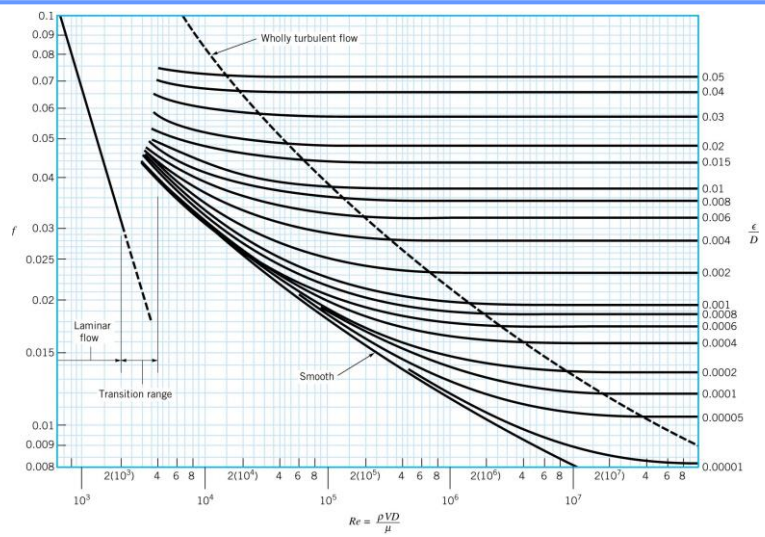
$$f = \frac{0.25}{\left[ \log_{10} \left( \frac{\epsilon/D}{3.7} + \frac{5.74}{Re^{0.9}} \right) \right]^2}$$

**Swamee-Jain Eqn.**  
(explicit eqn.)

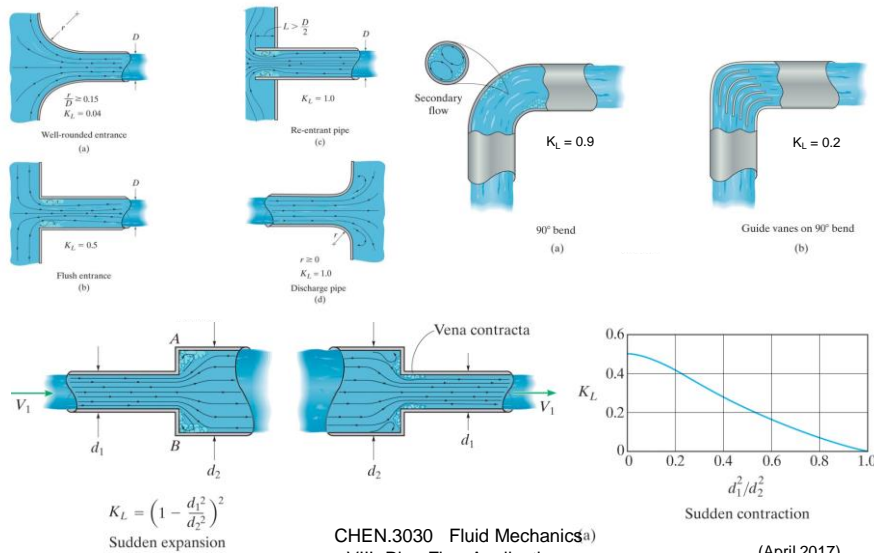
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -1.8 \log_{10} \left( \left( \frac{\epsilon/D}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} + \frac{6.9}{Re} \right)$$

**Haaland Eqn.**  
(explicit eqn.)  
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# The Moody Chart



# Minor Losses (due to acceleration changes)

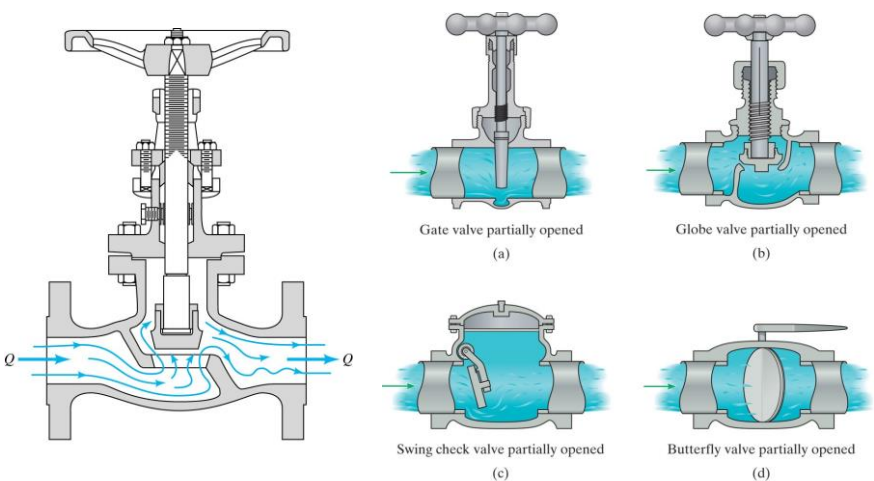


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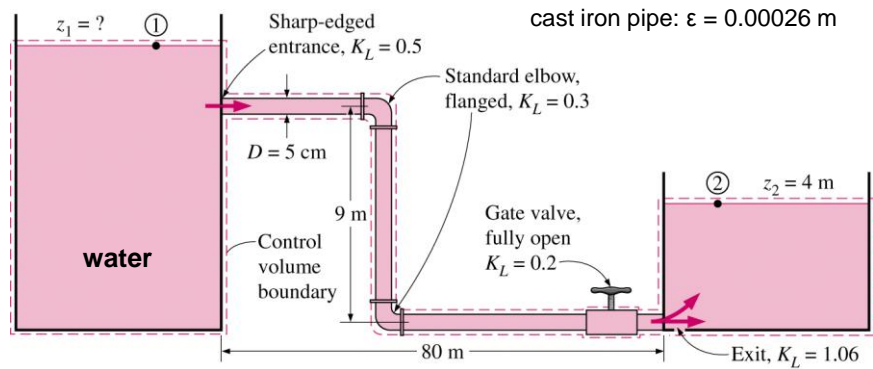


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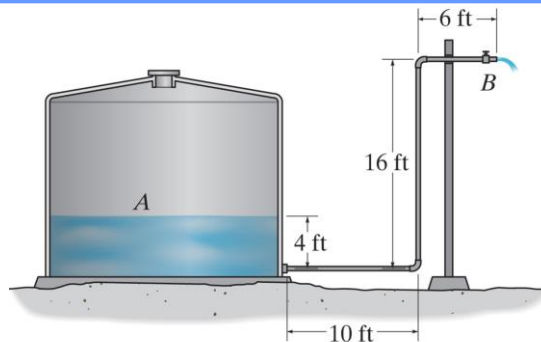
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## Ex. #1 -- Type I (Q and D given)



Find the elevation  $z_1$  needed for a flow rate of  $6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

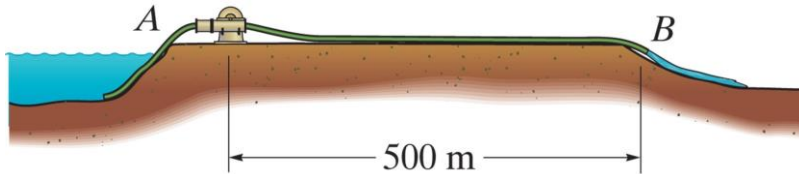
## Ex. #2 -- Type II (D given, Q is unknown)



The pressure at A is 40 psi and the 2" pipe is galvanized iron.  
The minor losses include the 2 elbows, a flush entrance, and an open gate valve.

Estimate the water flow rate (gpm) under these conditions.

### Ex. #3 -- Type III (Q given, D is unknown)



Water is to be delivered at  $0.04 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  to point B along the ground.

The pump supplies  $40 \text{ kW}$  of power to the fluid.

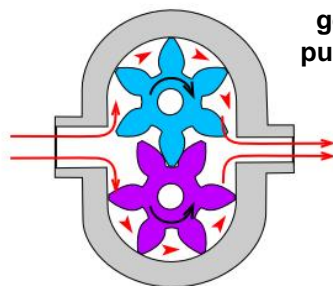
Assuming minimal elevation change, determine the smallest diameter flexible tubing that can be used for this application (use  $\epsilon = 0.00002 \text{ m}$ ).

water properties:

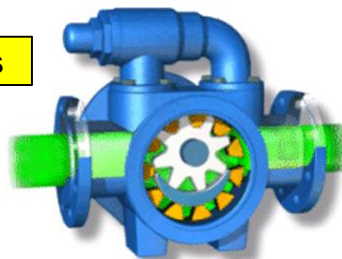
$$\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = 1.15 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N-s/m}^2$$

## Two Main Types of Pumps

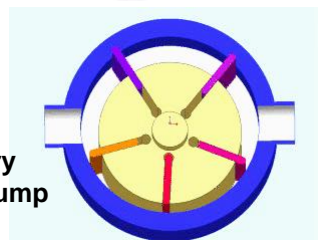
### Positive Displacement Pumps



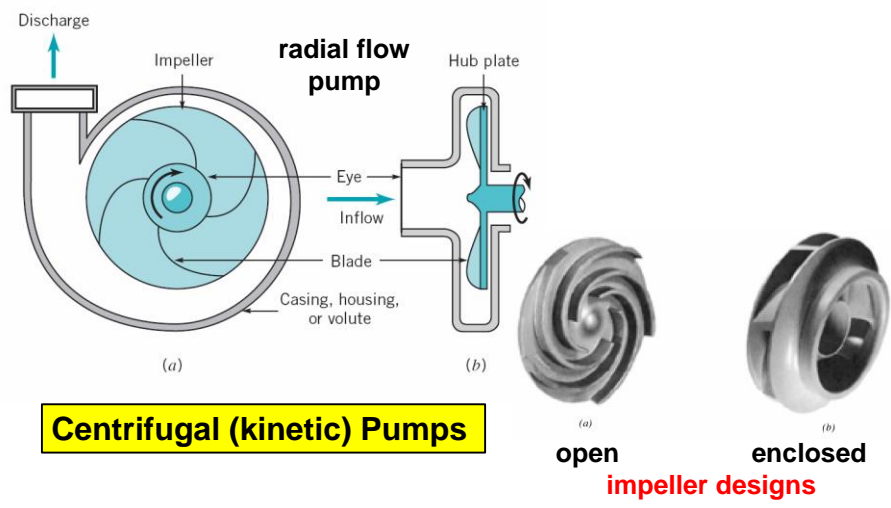
gear  
pumps



rotary  
vane pump

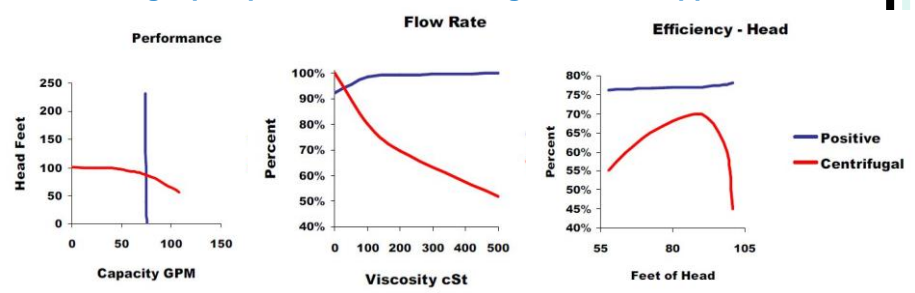


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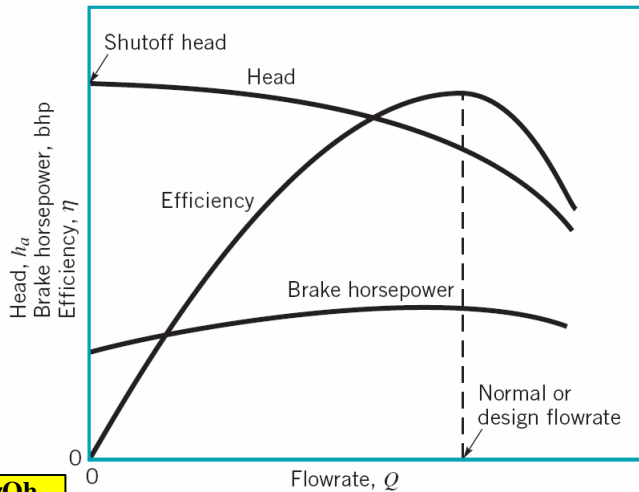


## PD vs Centrifugal Pumps

PD pumps have **nearly constant capacity (flow rate) vs head**  
 PD pumps **work nicely with high viscosity fluids**  
 The **efficiency of PD pumps is nearly constant vs head**, but  
 They only allow **relatively low to moderate flow rates (< 100 gpm)**  
**Centrifugal pumps are used for all high flow rate applications**



# Typical Centrifugal Pump Curves



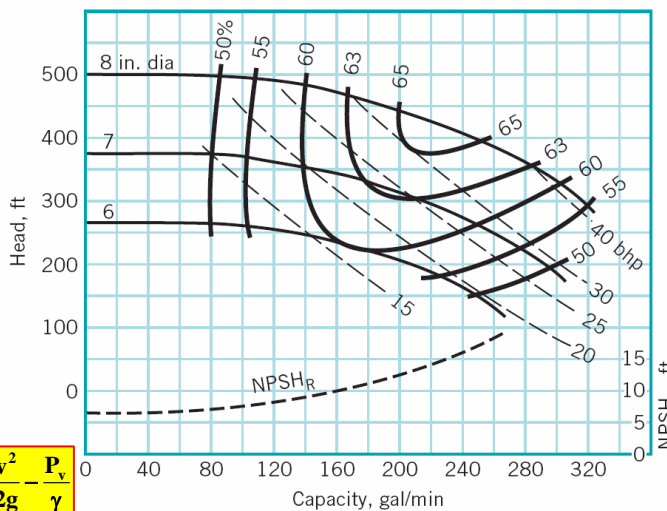
$$\eta = \frac{P_A}{P_I} = \frac{\gamma Q h_A}{P_I}$$

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# Actual Centrifugal Pump Curves



$$NPSH|_{\text{avail}} = \frac{P}{\gamma} + \frac{v^2}{2g} - \frac{P_v}{\gamma}$$

(at pump inlet)

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## Example #4 -- The Operating Point

Water is pumped from the lake to the tank through a 5 cm diameter galvanized iron pipe.

The pipe length is 50 m. Also include the minor loss associated with 5 90° elbows.

With the pump performance curve given, determine the flow rate that will develop in this system.

**water properties:**

$\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and  $\mu = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N-s/m}^2$

