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FLUID MECHANICS

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

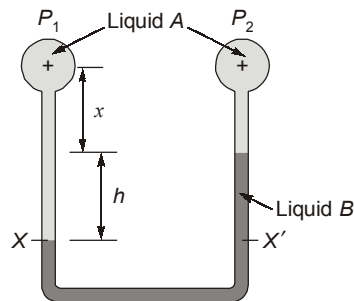
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ANSWER KEY ➤

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DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (c)

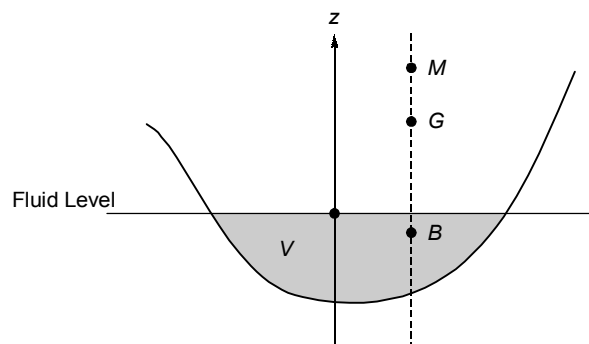


Taking point X and X' and equating the pressure on both sides

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_1 + (h + x) \times 0.88 \times 9.81 \times 10^3 &= P_2 + x \times 0.88 \times 9.81 \times 10^3 + h \times 2.95 \times 9.81 \times 10^3 \\
 \Rightarrow P_1 + h \times 0.88 \times 9.81 \times 10^3 + x \times 0.88 \times 9.81 &= x \times 0.88 \times 9.81 + P_2 + h \times 2.95 \times 9.81 \times 10^3 \\
 \Rightarrow P_1 - P_2 &= h(2.95 \times 9.81 - 0.88 \times 9.81) \times 10^3 \\
 860 &= h(2.3067 \times 10^3) \\
 42.35 \times 10^{-3} &= h \\
 h &= 42.35 \text{ mm}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. (d)

Stable equilibrium condition



3. (a)

Given: $\psi = 2y(x^2 - y^2)$

Since,

$$v = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (2y(x^2 - y^2))$$

$$v = 2y(2x) = 4xy$$

and,

$$u = \frac{-\partial \psi}{\partial y} = \frac{-\partial}{\partial y} (2y(x^2 - y^2))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u &= -[2y(-2y) + (x^2 - y^2) \cdot 2] \\
 &= 4y^2 - 2x^2 + 2y^2 \\
 &= 6y^2 - 2x^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, velocity field is

$$\vec{V} = u\hat{i} + v\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{V} = (6y^2 - 2x^2)\hat{i} + 4xy\hat{j}$$

4. (c)

$$\therefore \bar{V} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{Q}{\frac{\pi d^2}{4}} \Rightarrow \frac{4Q}{\pi d^2} = \frac{4 \times 880 \times 10^{-9}}{\pi \times 0.50^2 \times 10^{-6}} = 4.48 \text{ m/s}$$

We know, $Q = \frac{\pi \Delta p D^4}{128 \mu L}$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\pi \Delta p D^4}{128 Q L} = \frac{\pi \times 10^6 \times (0.5)^4 \times 10^{-12}}{128 \times 880 \times 10^{-9} \times 1}$$

$$\mu = 1.74 \times 10^{-3}$$

5. (c)

$$Re_{\text{critical}} = 2000 = \frac{VD}{\nu} = \frac{\rho VD}{\mu}$$

$$2000 = \frac{950 \times V \times 0.15}{8 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$V = 1.123 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Head loss} = \frac{32\mu VL}{\rho g D^2} = \frac{32 \times 8 \times 10^{-2} \times 1.123 \times 300}{950 \times 9.81 \times 0.15^2}$$

$$= 4.113 \text{ m} \Rightarrow \text{Maximum difference in oil elevations.}$$

7. (c)

8. (b)

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\sin 30^\circ} = 2$$

9. (b)

As for laminar flow,

$$\text{Boundary layer thickness } (\delta) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{Re}}$$

As the free stream, Speed $\uparrow \uparrow$, $\delta \downarrow \downarrow$

For turbulent flow,

$$\text{Boundary layer thickness } (\delta) \propto \frac{1}{(Re)^{1/5}}$$

As the free stream velocity $\uparrow\uparrow$, $\delta\downarrow\downarrow$ and it also depending on the kinematic viscosity $\delta\uparrow\uparrow$ as kinematic viscosity (ν) $\uparrow$.

10. (b)

For parallel pipes, head loss through the pipe is equal,

$$h_{f_1} = h_{f_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f_1 L_1 V_1^2}{2g d_1} = \frac{f_2 L_2 V_2^2}{2g d_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{500 \times (0.5)}{0.3 \times 800} \times 2 \times 9.81 \times 0.35 = V_2^2 \quad \left(\frac{V_1^2}{2g} = 0.5 \text{ m} \right)$$

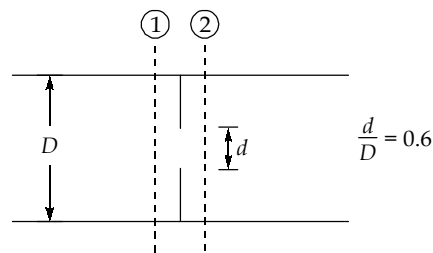
$$\Rightarrow V_2 = 2.674 \text{ m/s}$$

Discharge through pipe 2,

$$Q = A_2 V_2$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} (0.35)^2 \times 2.476 = 0.2573 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

11. (d)



Applying Bernoulli's equation across the orifice,

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + h_1 = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_2$$

$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{\rho g} = \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2g}$$

From continuity equation,

$$A_1 V_1 = A_2 V_2$$

$$\Rightarrow D^2 V_1 = d^2 V_2$$

$$V_1 = (0.6)^2 V_2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 = 0.36 V_2$$

$$\frac{43.5 \times 10^3}{10^3 \times g} = \frac{V_2^2 - (0.36 V_2)^2}{2g}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_2^2 = 99.954$$

$$V_2 = 9.997 \text{ m/s}$$

$$Q_{\text{theoretical}} = A_{\text{orifice}} \times V_2$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \times \left(\frac{20}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^2 \times 10^{-6} \times 9.997$$

$$= 9.997 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Discharge coefficient, } c_d = \frac{Q_{\text{act}}}{Q_{\text{theoretical}}} = \frac{3 \times 10^{-4}}{9.997 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$= 0.3$$

12. (d)

$$\text{Volume of cube} = a^3$$

$$a^3 = 125 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 5 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$F = p \times A$$

$$P_{\text{bottom}} = p_{\text{atm}} + h_1 g \rho_{\text{oil}} + h_2 g \rho_{\text{water}}$$

$$= 101325 + 0.5 \times 0.8 \times 1000 \times 9.81 + 0.3 \times 1000 \times 9.81$$

$$P_{\text{bottom}} = 108192 \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$F = P_{\text{bottom}} \times A = 108192 \times 0.05^2 = 270.48 \text{ N}$$

$$T = \text{Upthrust} - W$$

$$= 125 \times 10^{-6} \times 1000 \times 9.81 - 125 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.77 \times 1000 \times 9.81$$

$$= 0.282 \text{ N}$$

13. (c)

$$u = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$

$$u = 2x^2 + (x + t) 2y$$

$\therefore$ for face OB ,

$$x \Rightarrow 0$$

$$u_{OB} = 2ty$$

Discharge through OB

$$\therefore Q_{OB} = \int_0^2 u_{OB} \cdot 5 dy = \int_0^2 2ty \cdot 5 dy$$

At

$$t = 1$$

$$Q_{OB} = 20 \text{ units}$$

$\therefore$

$$V = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = -[4xy + y^2]$$

At

$$y = 0$$

$$V = 0$$

$\therefore$

$$Q_{OA} = 0$$

$\therefore$

$$Q_{AB} = Q_{OB} + Q_{OA}$$

$$= 20 + 0$$

$$= 20 \text{ units}$$

14. (d)

$$V_2 = \frac{Q}{A_2} = \frac{1.13 \times 10^{-6}}{\frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.0012)^2} \simeq 1 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{\alpha_1 V_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \alpha_2 \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 + h_f$$

$$h_f = z_1 - z_2 - \frac{\alpha_2 V_2^2}{2g}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_f = 0.6 - 0 - \frac{(2)(1)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.5 \text{ m}$$

$$h_f = \frac{32 \mu V L}{\rho g D^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.5 = \frac{32 \times \mu \times 0.3 \times 1}{9000 \times 0.0012^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = 6.75 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Pa-s}$$

15. (c)

$$\mu = 0.97 \text{ poise} = 0.097 \text{ Ns/m}^2$$

$$\rho = 0.9 \times 998 = 898.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\dot{m} = \text{mass rate of flow} = \frac{100}{30} = 3.333 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$Q = \text{Volume rate of flow}$$

$$= \frac{3.333}{898.2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3.711 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 3.711 \text{ L/s}$$

$$\text{Area of flow} = A = \frac{\pi}{4} (0.1)^2 = 0.007854 \text{ m}^2.$$

$$\bar{U} = \frac{3.711 \times 10^{-3}}{0.007854} = 0.4725 \text{ m/s}$$

$$-\Delta P = \frac{32 \mu \bar{U} L}{D^2} = \frac{32 \times 0.097 \times 0.4725 \times 10.0}{(0.1)^2}$$

$$-\Delta P = 1467 \text{ Pa}$$

16. (b)

$$Re_L = \frac{UL}{\nu} = \frac{1.75 \times 5}{1.475 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$Re_L = 5.932 \times 10^5$$

$$C_f = \frac{0.074}{Re_L^{1/5}} = \frac{0.074}{(5.932 \times 10^5)^{1/5}} = 5.183 \times 10^{-3}$$

Drag force on one side of the plate,

$$F_d = C_f \times \text{area} \times \frac{1}{2} \rho U^2$$

$$= 5.183 \times 10^{-3} \times (1.8 \times 5) \times 1.22 \times \frac{(1.75)^2}{2}$$

$$F_d = 0.0871 \text{ N}$$

17. (d)

∴ Continuity equation holds,

$$\therefore \frac{\pi}{4} \times (5)^2 \times 2 = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 3^2 \times x$$

$$x = 5.55 \text{ m/s}$$

Mass flow rate

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m} = \int \rho A_1 V_1 = 1000 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times 0.05^2 \times 2 = 3.9269 \text{ kg/s}$$

Let f_x and f_y be the force in Right and vertically upward directions respectively to hold the box in position.

∴ Now, $\Sigma f_x = 0$ [Box is stationary after applying force]

$$-\dot{m} \times V_1 \cos 65^\circ + f_x = -\dot{m} \times V_2 \cos 0^\circ$$

$$-3.9269 \times 2 \times \cos 65^\circ + f_x = -3.9269 \times 5.55 \times 1$$

$$f_x = -18.475 \text{ N.}$$

f_x must be in left as f_x comes out to be negative.

Similarly for vertical direction $\Sigma f_y = 0$

$$f_y - 3.9269 \times 2 \times \sin 65^\circ = 0$$

$$f_y = 7.11 \text{ N}$$

∴ It is towards vertically upward direction.

18. (a)

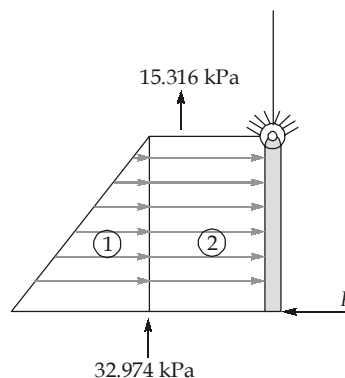
Gauge pressure at the upper end of the gate

$$= 80 + 0.9 \times 9.81 \times 4 - 100$$

$$= 15.316 \text{ kPa}$$

Gauge pressure at the lower end of the gate

$$= 80 + 0.9 \times 9.81 \times 6 - 100 = 32.974 \text{ kPa}$$



Using pressure diagram

For equilibrium,

Net moment about the hinge = 0

$$M_1 + M_2 = F \times 2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times (32.974 - 15.316) \times 2 \times 4 \times \left(\frac{2}{3} \times 2\right) + 15.316 \times 2 \times 4 \times \frac{2}{2} = F \times 2$$

On solving $F = 108.352 \text{ kN}$

19. (b)

For dynamic similarity,

$$(Re)_m = (Re)_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\rho VD}{\mu}\right)_m = \left(\frac{\rho VD}{\mu}\right)_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1000 \times 3 \times 0.15}{0.001} = \frac{1.2 \times V \times 2}{1.7 \times 10^{-5}}$$

$$V = 3.187 \text{ m/s}$$

For dynamic similarity,

C_D will be same.

$$\left(\frac{F_D}{\rho AU^2}\right)_m = \left(\frac{F_D}{\rho AU^2}\right)_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5}{1000 \times (0.15)^2 \times 3^2 \times \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{F_p}{1.2 \times (2)^2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times (3.187)^2}$$

$$F_p = 1.203 \text{ N}$$

20. (d)

τ_1 = shear stress at bottom

$$= \mu_1 \times \frac{V}{x}$$

$$\tau_2 = \text{shear stress at top} = \mu_2 \frac{V}{a-x}$$

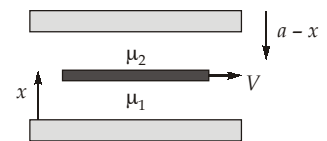
$$\text{drag force} = (\tau_1 + \tau_2) \times A = F_D$$

$$= F_D = A \times \left[\frac{\mu_1 V}{x} + \frac{\mu_2 V}{a-x} \right]$$

$$\frac{dF_D}{dx} = 0 = \frac{-\mu_1 V}{x^2} + \frac{\mu_2 V}{(a-x)^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\mu_1}{x^2} = \frac{\mu_2}{(a-x)^2}$$

$$a-x = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}} x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a\sqrt{\mu_1}}{\sqrt{\mu_1} + \sqrt{\mu_2}} = x$$



21. (c)

Given: $u = 2xy^2$, $v = 3xyt$

$$a_x = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 2xy^2 \times 2y^2 + 3xyt \times 4xy$$

At (1, 1) and $t = 1$ s, $a_x = 2 \times 2 + 12 = 16 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$a_y = u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = 2xy^2 \times 3yt + 3xyt \times 3yt + 3xy$$

At (1, 1) and $t = 1$ s, $a_y = 6 + 9 + 3 = 18 \text{ m/s}^2$

$$a = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2} = \sqrt{16^2 + 18^2} = 24.08 \text{ m/s}^2$$

22. (a)

(1) $u = x^2 \cos y$
 $v = -2x \sin y$

Continuity equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 \cos y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-2x \sin y) \end{aligned}$$

$$(2x) \cos y - (2x) \cos y = 0$$

hence satisfy the continuity equation.

(2) $u = x + 2$
 $v = 1 - y$

Continuity equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x+2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(1-y) = 1 - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

hence satisfy the continuity equation.

(3) $u = xyt$
 $v = x^3 - y^2 \frac{t}{2}$

Continuity equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(xyt) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(x^3 - \frac{y^2 t}{2}\right) = yt - yt = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(4) $u = \ln(x+y)$
 $v = xy - \frac{y}{x}$

Continuity equation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ln(x+y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(xy - \frac{y}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{x+y} + x - \frac{1}{x} \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence, does not satisfy continuity equation.

23. (c)

Stream function and velocity potential : For a two dimensional, incompressible, irrotational flow, the velocity field can be expressed in terms of both ψ and ϕ .

$$u = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}; v = +\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}; u = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \text{ and } v = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

According to irrotationality condition,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

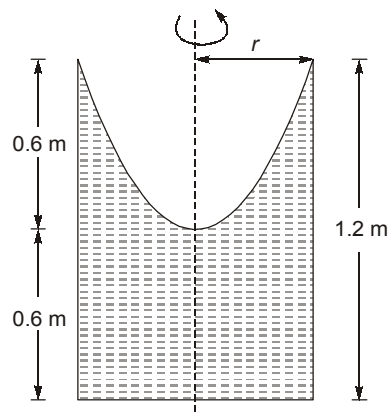
According to continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

In a flow net, equipotential lines and streamlines are mutually perpendicular to each other.

24. (a)



Original volume of

$$\text{Cylinder} = \pi r^2 h$$

$$V_1 = \pi r^2 \times 1.2$$

Volume of liquid spilled out

$$= \frac{1}{2} \pi r^2 \times h$$

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{2} \pi r^2 \times 0.6$$

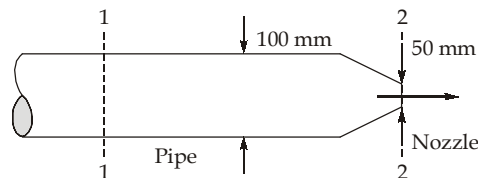
$$\therefore \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 0.6 \pi r^2}{\pi r^2 \times 1.2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

25. (b)

$$V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2$$

$$5 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.1)^2 = V_2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.05)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_2 = 20 \text{ m/s}$$



From force balance in x -direction

$$P_1 A_1 + R_x - P_2 A_2 = \rho Q (V_2 - V_1)$$

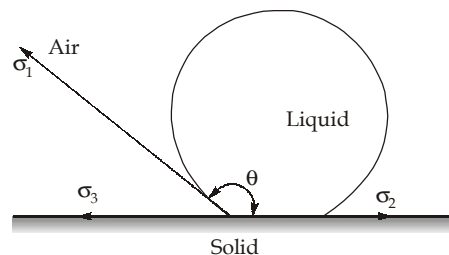
$$\Rightarrow R_x = \rho Q (V_2 - V_1) + P_2 A_2 - P_1 A_1$$

$$= 1000 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.1)^2 \times 5 (20 - 5) + 100 \times 10^3 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.05)^2 - 500 \times 10^3 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (0.1)^2$$

Force required to hold the nozzle, $R_x = -3141.6 \text{ N}$

26. (c)

From force balance at point of contact,



$$\sigma_1 \cos(180 - \theta) + \sigma_3 = \sigma_2$$

$$\text{or } \cos(180 - \theta) = \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_3}{\sigma_1} = -\cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \sigma_1 = 0.0720 \text{ N/m (liquid and air)}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 0.0418 \text{ N/m (liquid and solid)}$$

$$\sigma_3 = 0.0008 \text{ N/m (air and solid)}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{0.0008 - 0.0418}{0.072} = -0.56944$$

$$\theta = 124.7^\circ$$

27. (a)

Difference between stream function

$$(\Delta \psi) = \text{Discharge per unit width}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta\psi &= \int_0^{h/2} U dy = U_{\max} \int_0^{h/2} \left(1 - \frac{y^2}{h^2}\right) dy \\
 &= U_{\max} \left[y - \frac{y^3}{3h^2} \right] = U_{\max} \left[\frac{h}{2} - \frac{h^3}{24h^2} \right] \\
 &= U_{\max} \frac{h}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{12} \right] = \frac{U_{\max} h}{2} \times \frac{11}{12} \\
 &= \frac{100 \times 48}{2} \times \frac{11}{12} = 2200 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

28. (a)

$$(\text{Re})_{\text{critical}} = 2000 = \frac{VD}{\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{2000 \times 0.0098 \times 10^{-4}}{0.02} = 0.098 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Now, } f = \frac{64}{\text{Re}} = \frac{64}{2000} = 0.032$$

$$u^* = V \sqrt{\frac{f}{8}} = 0.098 \times \sqrt{\frac{0.032}{8}} = (6.198 \times 10^{-3})^2$$

$$\tau_{\text{wall}} = \rho u^{*2} = 1000 \times (6.198 \times 10^{-3})^2 = 0.0383 \text{ Pa}$$

29. (a)

$$\text{Re}_L \leq 2000$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\rho VD}{\mu} \leq 2000$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(0.92 \times 1000) \times \frac{Q}{A} \times (10 \times 10^{-2})}{0.9 \times 10^{-1}} \leq 2000$$

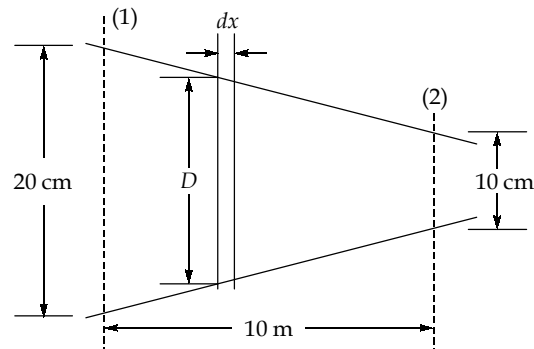
$$\Rightarrow Q \leq \frac{2000 \times 0.9 \times 10^{-1} \times A}{(0.92 \times 1000) \times (10 \times 10^{-2})}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q \leq 1.95652 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times \left\{ \frac{10}{100} \right\}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow Q \leq 0.015366 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q \leq 15.36 \simeq 15.4 \text{ L/s}$$

30. (b)



For the elemental length dx , head loss

$$dh_{fx} = \frac{f dx v^2}{2g D_x} = \frac{f Q^2 dx}{2g \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 \times D_x^5}$$

Where,

$$D_x = \left[0.2 - \frac{(0.2 - 0.1)}{10} x \right] = \frac{2 - 0.1x}{10} \text{ or } \left(\frac{20 - x}{100} \right)$$

Hence,

$$dh_{fx} = 0.08263 \times f Q^2 \times \frac{10^{10}}{(20 - x)^5} dx \quad [f = 0.02, Q = 0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}]$$

$$= 41313 \frac{dx}{(20 - x)^5}$$

Total head loss, $h_f = \int_x^{10} dh_{fx} = 41313 \times \int_0^{10} (20 - x)^{-5} dx$

$$= 41313 \times \left[\frac{1}{4(20 - x)^4} \right]_0^{10} = 0.968 \text{ m}$$

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