

Hydraulics

Tutorial Sheet 10 – Pipe networks

1. Aviation fuel flows from tank A to tank B through two pipes connected in series. Determine the discharge, given the data:

	Pipe 1	Pipe 2
Length L	300 m	240 m
Diameter D	600 mm	1 m
Roughness	2 mm	0.3 mm
Total head loss ΔH	6 m	
Kinematic viscosity ν	$3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$	
K_{entry}	0.5	
$\Delta H_{\text{expansion}}$	$(U_1 - U_2)^2 / 2g$	
$K_{\text{exit}} = \alpha$	1.3	

Use the Haaland approximation for the friction coefficient λ . (Ans: $0.79 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$).

2. A new reservoir supplies water to a service reservoir 10 km away with a total supply head of 100 m. It is required to supply 200 L s^{-1} , at 20°C ($\nu = 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$). Initially allow for an entry loss of $K = 0.5$ and an exit loss of $\alpha = 1.3$. Use the Haaland approximation for λ .
- Justify your decision to ignore entry and exit losses.
 - Design the pipeline, namely calculate the diameter necessary, if it is to be made of galvanised iron with a roughness of $d = 0.03 \text{ mm}$, and round up to the nearest multiple of 25 mm.
 - What is the unregulated discharge in the pipeline?
 - Calculate the head loss to be provided by a valve to regulate the flow to 200 L s^{-1} .

(Ans: 350 mm, 217 L s^{-1} , 15 m).

3. Three reservoirs are connected by pipelines which meet at a junction. The data for the reservoirs and corresponding pipelines are

Reservoir/pipeline	1	2	3
Surface elevation H	30 m	18 m	9 m
Pipe diameter D	1 m	0.45 m	0.6 m
Area = $\pi D^2 / 4$	0.785 m^2	0.159 m^2	0.283 m^2
Relative roughness d/D	0.0002	0.002	0.001
Pipeline length L	3000 m	600 m	1000 m

Calculate the discharge in each of the three pipes, assuming a viscosity of $\nu = 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, and neglecting all local losses.

Use formulae given in the lecture notes which automatically allow for changes in flow direction:

$$Q_{iJ} = A \text{ sign}(H_i - H_J) \sqrt{\frac{2g|H_i - H_J|}{\lambda L/D}},$$

where Q_{iJ} is the flow from reservoir i to junction J.

(Ans: Pipeline 1: $1.20 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ from the reservoir to the junction, Pipeline 2: $0.33 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ from junction to the reservoir, and Pipeline 3: $0.873 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ from junction to reservoir).

4. Repeat Question 3 using *Excel Solver*. Was it easier?