

# Modeling Fluid Systems

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Properties of Fluid and Reynolds Number Effects
- Passive Components
- Case Study: Spring-Loaded Diaphragm Actuator
- Active Learning: Pair-share Exercises, Case Study

# Introduction

- Fluid Systems
  - Operate through effects of either liquids or gases
  - Have wide range of applications, e.g., vehicle suspension systems, hydraulic servomotors, and chemical processing systems
- Hydraulics (fluid is incompressible) and pneumatic (fluid is compressible) systems
  - Common modeling principle is conservation of mass
  - Key advantages relative to electro-mechanical systems
    - Power density of pump/actuators (1 order of mag. higher 200 psi electromagnetic actuator vs. 3000-8000 psi hydraulic actuators)
    - Circulating fluid removes heat generated by actuator (instead of free or forced convection)
  - Have more nonlinearities -> challenging for modeling and simulation

# Properties of Fluid

# Fluid Density

- Incompressible: density of fluid (e.g., liquid) remains constant despite changes in fluid pressure (an approximation, but simpler modeling)
- Compressible: density of fluid (e.g., gas) changes with pressure
- Liquids have higher density, absolute viscosity, bulk modulus, and exhibits surface tension effects
- Density of a fluid: mass  $m$  per unit volume  $V$  under pressure  $P_0$  and temperature  $T_0$

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} \bigg|_{P_0, T_0}$$

# Equation of State: Liquids

- Equation of state: relationship between  $\rho, P$ , and  $T$ :

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \left. \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P} \right|_{P_0, T_0} (P - P_0) + \left. \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right|_{P_0, T_0} (T - T_0) \quad \text{Reference conditions: } \rho_0, P_0, T_0$$

- Substitute with Bulk modulus  $\beta$  and Coefficient of thermal expansion  $\alpha$

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\beta} (P - P_0) - \alpha (T - T_0) \right]$$

where

$$\beta = \rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right|_{P_0, T_0} = \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho / \rho_0} \right|_{P_0, T_0}$$

$$\alpha = - \left. \frac{1}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} \right|_{P_0, T_0}$$

# Equation of State: Liquids

- Isothermal bulk modulus: pressure changes occur at a slow enough rate during heat transfer to maintain constant temperature

$$\beta = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial V/V_0}$$

- Adiabatic bulk modulus: pressure change is significant, preventing heat transfer. Specific heats ratio  $C_p/C_v \sim 1$

$$\beta_a = \frac{C_p}{C_v} \beta$$

( $C_p$  and  $C_v$  specific heat at constant pressure and temperature)

- Thermal expansion coefficient: incremental change in volume with temperature changes  $\sim 0.5 \times 10^{-3}/^{\circ}\text{F}$  for most liquid

$$\alpha = \left. \frac{\partial V/V_0}{\partial T} \right|_{P_0, T_0}$$

# Equation of State: Gases

- Ideal gas:  $\rho = \frac{P}{RT}$
- Gas undergoing polytropic process:  $\frac{P}{\rho^n} = C = \text{constant}$

where

$n = 1.0$  for an isothermal process

$n = k$  for an adiabatic process ( $k = \text{ratio of specific heats}$ )

$n = 0.0$  for an isobaric process

$n = \infty$  for an isovolumetric process

- Bulk modulus:

$$\beta = \rho_0 \left. \frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho} \right|_{P_0, T_0} = \rho_0 [nC\rho^{n-1}] \Big|_{P_0, T_0} = \rho_0 n \frac{C\rho^n}{\rho} \Big|_{P_0, T_0} = nP_0$$

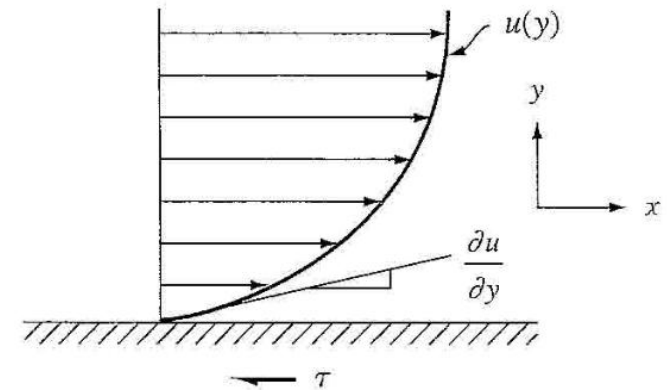
( $\beta_{\text{liquid}} \sim 5 \text{ to } 15 \text{ Kbar} \gg \beta_{\text{gas}} \sim 1 \text{ to } 10 \text{ Bar}$ )



# Viscosity

- Absolute viscosity  $\mu$

$$\mu = \frac{\text{shear stress}}{\text{shear rate}} = \frac{\tau}{\partial u / \partial y}$$



- Kinematic viscosity:  $\nu = \mu / \rho$
- Liquids:  $\lambda_L$  constant depends on liquid

$$\mu = \mu_0 e^{-\lambda_L (T - T_0)}$$

- Gases:  $\lambda_G$  constant depends on gas

$$\mu = \mu_0 + \lambda_G (T - T_0)$$

# Speed of Sound, Specific Heat Ratio, and Reynolds Number

- Speed of sound or propagation

$$c_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{\rho}} \sim 1370 \text{ m/s in oil at } 25^\circ\text{C}, \quad c_0 = \sqrt{kRT} \sim 347 \text{ m/s in air at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

- Specific ratio  $k = \frac{C_p}{C_v} \sim 1.4$  for gases and 1.04 for liquids

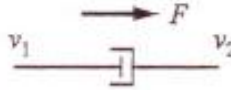



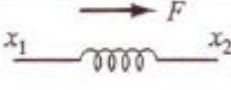
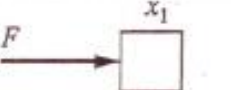
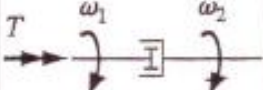
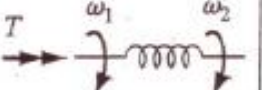
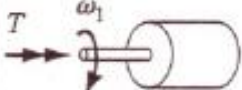
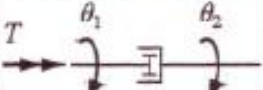
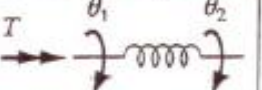
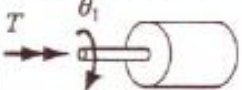



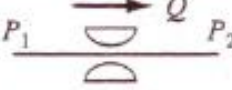




- Reynolds Number: inertial forces / viscous forces

$$N_r = \frac{(\rho d^2 v^2)}{(\mu d v)} = \frac{v d}{\nu}$$

Laminar:  $N_r < 1400$ , transition:  $1400 < N_r < 3000$ , turbulent:  $N_r > 3000$

# Passive Components: Capacitance, Inductance, Resistance

BASIC ELEMENTS IN ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES.

	Dissipative (Resistive)	Effort Storage (Capacitive)	Flow Storage (Inductive)
<p>Mechanical Translation</p> <p>Effort = Force Flow = Velocity</p>	 $F = b(v_1 - v_2)$	 $F = \frac{k}{D}(v_1 - v_2)$	 $F = mDv_1$
<p>(Alternative Form)</p> <p>Effort = Force Flow = Position</p>	 $F = bD(x_1 - x_2)$	 $F = k(x_1 - x_2)$	 $F = mD^2x_1$
<p>Mechanical Rotation</p> <p>Effort = Torque Flow = Speed</p>	 $T = b(\omega_1 - \omega_2)$	 $T = \frac{k}{D}(\omega_1 - \omega_2)$	 $T = JD\omega_1$
<p>(Alternative Form)</p> <p>Effort = Torque Flow = Angle</p>	 $T = bD(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$	 $T = k(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$	 $T = JD^2\theta_1$
<p>Electrical</p> <p>Effort = Voltage Flow = Current</p>	 $e_1 - e_2 = Ri$	 $e_1 - e_2 = \frac{1}{CD}i$	 $e_1 - e_2 = LDi$
<p>Fluid</p> <p>Effort = Pressure Flow = Volume Flow Rate</p>	 $P_1 - P_2 = RQ$	 $P_1 = \frac{1}{CD}Q$	 $P_1 - P_2 = LDQ$
<p>Thermal</p> <p>Effort = Temperature Flow = Heat Flow</p>	 $T_1 - T_2 = RQ_h$	 $T_1 = \frac{1}{CD}Q_h$	Does Not Exist

# Fluid Capacitance

Conservation of mass for a control volume (cv)

$$\dot{m}_{net} = \frac{d}{dt}(M_{cv}) = \frac{d}{dt}(\rho_{cv} V_{cv})$$

$$\dot{m}_{net} = \rho Q_{net} = \rho_{cv} \dot{V}_{cv} + V_{cv} \dot{\rho}_{cv}$$

If all densities (inlet, outlet, cv) are constant and equal to  $\rho$ ,

$$Q_{net} = \dot{V} + \frac{V}{\rho} \dot{\rho}$$

but  $\rho = \rho(P, T)$  and  $\beta = \rho_0 \partial P / \partial \rho |_{P_0, T_0}$ ,

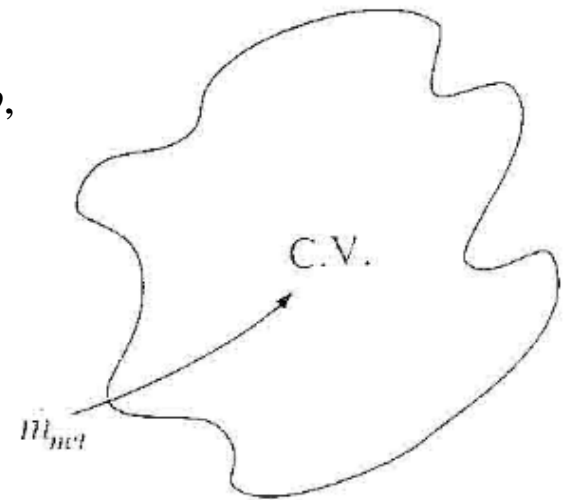
$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{\rho_0}{\beta} \dot{P}$$

Substitute into the flow equation,

$$Q = \dot{V} + \frac{V}{\beta} \dot{P}_{cv} \quad \text{or} \quad \dot{P}_{cv} = \frac{\beta}{V} (Q - \dot{V}) \quad (\text{continuity equation})$$

$$\text{when } \dot{V} = 0, \quad Q = \frac{V}{\beta} \dot{P}_{cv}$$

$$Q = C_f \dot{P}_{cv}, \quad \text{where } C_f = \frac{V}{\beta} = \text{capacitance for large volume of compressible fluid.}$$



# Example 1: Spring-Loaded Piston Capacitance

- Find total capacitance for this system

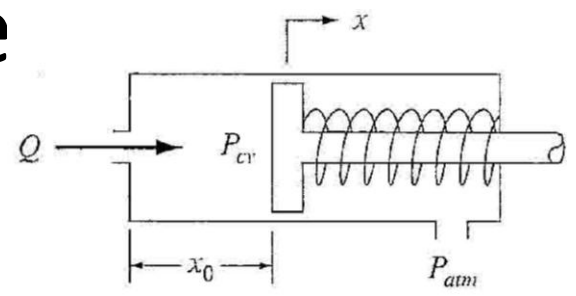
Assume inertial and frictional effects are negligible ,  
(Is this a good assumption?)

Force balance :  $A \delta P - kx = 0$ , where  $\delta P = P_{cv} - P_{atm}$

$$\dot{x} = A \delta \dot{P} / k$$

Cylinder volume  $V = A(x + x_0)$  or  $\dot{V} = A\dot{x} = A^2 \delta \dot{P} / k$

$$Q = \dot{V} + \frac{V}{\beta} \dot{P}_{cv} = \left( \frac{V}{\beta} + \frac{A^2}{k} \right) \delta \dot{P} = C_f \delta \dot{P}$$



$$Q = \left( \frac{V}{\beta} + \frac{A^2}{k} \right) \delta \dot{P}$$

Mechanical capacitance      Compressibility capacitance  
 $(\beta_{\text{liquid}} \sim 10 \text{ Kbar} \gg \beta_{\text{gas}} \sim 10 \text{ Bar})$

- Accumulators: liquid capacitors
  - Spring-loaded pistons, bellows, gas-filled bladders
  - Use mechanical capacitors when  $\beta$  is large for incompressible fluids
  - Use large V to get large compressibility capacitance

# Capacitance for Gases

For a gas with significant temperature or pressure difference between inlet gas and cv, energy equation is used (neglect kinetic and potential energy)

$$q_{net} + C_p (\dot{m}_{in} T_{in} - \dot{m}_{out} T_{out}) - \dot{W} = \frac{d}{dt} (U_{cv})$$

where  $q_{net}$  = heat transfer between surroundings and cv;

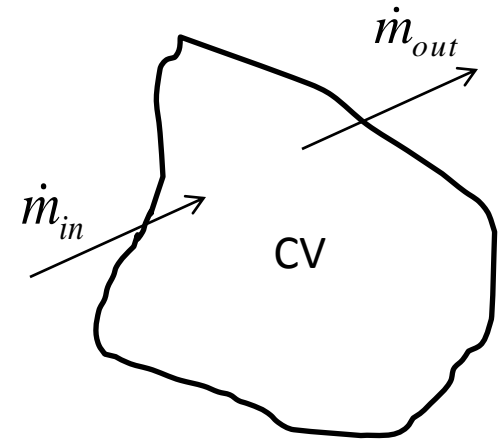
$U$  = internal energy;  $W$  = work

Algebraic manipulations result in

$$\dot{P}_{cv} = \frac{n P_{cv}}{V_{cv}} \left[ \sum \frac{\dot{m}_{in}}{\rho_{cv}} \left\{ \frac{k(1-r) \frac{T_{in}}{T_{cv}} + r}{k(1-r) + r} \right\} - \frac{\dot{m}_{out}}{\rho_{cv}} - \dot{V}_{cv} \right]$$

where  $n = k(1-r) + r$ ;  $r = \frac{q_{net}}{q_{max}}$ ;  $\rho_{cv} = \frac{P_{cv}}{RT_{cv}}$

$q_{max}$  = maximum heat transfer required to make inlet flow temperature equal cv temperature;



## Example 2: Capacitance of Thin-Walled Tube

- A circular tube of length  $l$  is used to hold fluid pressure. If the tube has an internal diameter  $d_i$ , a wall thickness  $t$ , and a Young's modulus  $E$ ,
  - Derive the capacitance of the tube, using an incompressible fluid,
  - Derive the total capacitance  $C_T$ , which includes the volume capacitance of the fluid,  $C_F$  (with a fluid of bulk modulus  $\beta$ ), and the mechanical capacitance,  $C_M$ .



# Example 2: Capacitance of Thin-Walled Tube

The Hoop stress in a thin-walled tube of finite length is given by the following.

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{d_i \ell \delta P_i}{2 t \ell}$$

From Hooke's equation, the strain (change in circumference divided by original circumference) is related to the stress.

$$\sigma = E \varepsilon = E \frac{\pi \delta d_i}{\pi d_i}$$

Thus, by equating these last two equations for stress, we can see that the pressure is proportional to the change in diameter as follows.

$$\frac{\delta d_i}{d_i} = \frac{1}{E} \frac{d_i \delta P_i}{2 t} \quad \text{or} \quad \delta d_i = \frac{d_i^2 \delta P_i}{2 E t}$$

The volume inside the tube can be expressed as follows.

$$V = \frac{\pi}{4} (d_i + \delta d_i)^2 \ell$$

where the initial volume is

$$V_0 = \frac{\pi}{4} d_i^2 \ell$$

The derivative of the volume is

$$\dot{V} = \frac{2 \pi \ell}{4} (d_i + \delta d_i) \delta \dot{d}_i$$

## Example 2: Capacitance of Thin-Walled Tube

From a previous equation for  $\delta d_i$

$$\delta \dot{d}_i = \frac{d_i^2}{2 E t} \delta \dot{P}_i$$

Thus, the volume derivative is

$$\dot{V} = (d_i + \delta d_i) \frac{\pi d_i^2 \ell}{4 E t} \delta \dot{P}_i = (d_i + \delta d_i) \frac{V_0}{E t} \delta \dot{P}_i$$

Which, if the change in diameter is small, reduces to

$$\dot{V}_i = \frac{V_0 d_i}{E t} \delta \dot{P}_i$$

The continuity equation is

$$Q = \dot{V} + \frac{V_0}{\beta} \delta \dot{P}_i$$

Substituting the volume derivative expression

$$Q = \frac{V_0 d_i}{E t} \delta \dot{P}_i + \frac{V_0}{\beta} \delta \dot{P}_i$$

After rearrangement, yields the final result

$$Q = \frac{V_0}{\beta} \left[ 1 + \frac{\beta d_i}{E t} \right] \delta \dot{P}_i$$

The total capacitance from this result is

$$C_t = \frac{V_0}{\beta} \left[ 1 + \frac{\beta d_i}{E t} \right]_i$$

If the tube had been extremely stiff, then the capacitance of the fluid alone is  $C_f = \frac{V_0}{\beta}$

The mechanical capacitance is the term

$$C_m = \frac{V_0 d_i}{E t}$$

## Example 3: Pair-Share: Capacitance of a Balloon

The radius expansion,  $R - R_0$ , of a balloon filled with a gas is directly proportional to the internal pressure of the gas. Let us write this proportionality as  $\delta P = K(R - R_0)$ . Derive an expression for the total capacitance of the balloon that considers the change in volume of the balloon and the effect of compressibility of the gas. (Volume =  $4\pi R^3/3$ )

## Example 3: Pair-Share: Capacitance of a Balloon

If we assume that air is introduced at approximately the same temperature of the air inside the balloon, then we can use the simplified equation for the continuity equation, Eq. 5.27.

$$Q = \dot{V} + \frac{V}{\beta} \dot{P}_{cv}$$

The volume of a spherical balloon is

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \quad \text{thus,} \quad \dot{V} = 4 \pi R^2 \dot{R}$$

The internal pressure of the balloon is

$$\delta P_i = k(R - R_0) \quad \text{thus,} \quad \delta \dot{P}_i = k \dot{R}$$

from the continuity equation

$$Q = 4 \pi R^2 \dot{R} + \frac{V}{\beta} k \dot{R} = \left[ \frac{3}{R} V + \frac{V}{\beta} k \right] \dot{R}$$

rearranging

$$Q = \frac{V}{\beta} \left[ \frac{3\beta}{R} + k \right] \dot{R} = \frac{V}{\beta} \left[ 1 + \frac{3\beta}{k R} \right] \delta \dot{P}_i$$

Therefore, the total capacitance is

$$C_{total} = \frac{V}{\beta} \left[ 1 + \frac{3\beta}{k R} \right]$$

# Fluid Inductance

Consider cv with constant mass ( $\dot{m} = 0$ )

$$\sum F_{\text{ext}} = \frac{d}{dt}(mv)_{cv} = m\dot{v} + \dot{m}v = m\dot{v}$$

$$\sum F_{\text{ext}} = P_1 A_1 - P_2 A_2 = m\dot{v}$$

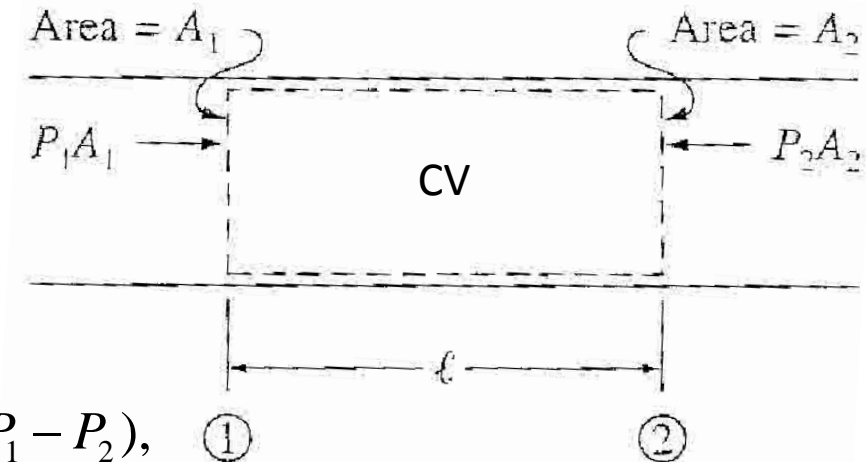
Let  $A = A_1 = A_2$ ;  $m = \rho A l$ ;  $Q = Av$ ;  $\delta P = (P_1 - P_2)$ ,

$$(P_1 - P_2)A = \rho A l \frac{d}{dt}(v)_{cv}$$

$$\text{or } \delta P = \frac{\rho l}{A} \dot{Q}$$

Fluid inductance is  $\frac{\rho l}{A}$ , valid for liquids and

gases (for gases, density must be evaluated at upstream conditions)



# Fluid Resistance

- Laminar flow: viscous-dominated flow
  - Low enough flow rates or pressure drop in long capillary tubes -> viscous flow
  - Viscous terms dominate -> Reynolds is low ( $N_r < 1000$ )
- Orifice-type or head loss resistance: inertia-dominated flow
  - Orifice with short length in direction of flow
  - Head loss with turbulent flow
- Compressible flow resistance
  - Similar to orifice type, but includes density variation of gas
  - Flow equations have high degree of nonlinearity

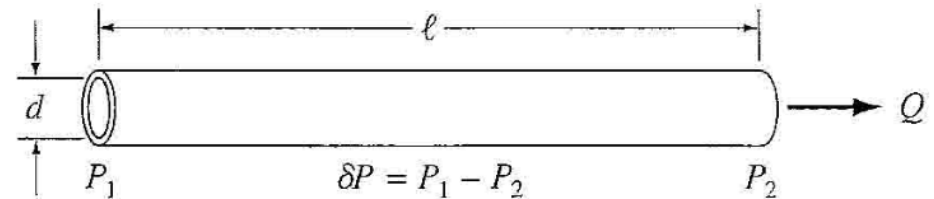
# Laminar Flow Resistance

$$\delta P = RQ$$

with hydraulic diameter  $d_h$ ; absolute viscosity  $\mu$ ; length  $l$ ; area  $A$

$$R = \frac{32\mu l}{Ad_h^2} \quad (\text{General resistance})$$

$$d_h = \frac{4 \text{ area}}{\text{perimeter}}$$



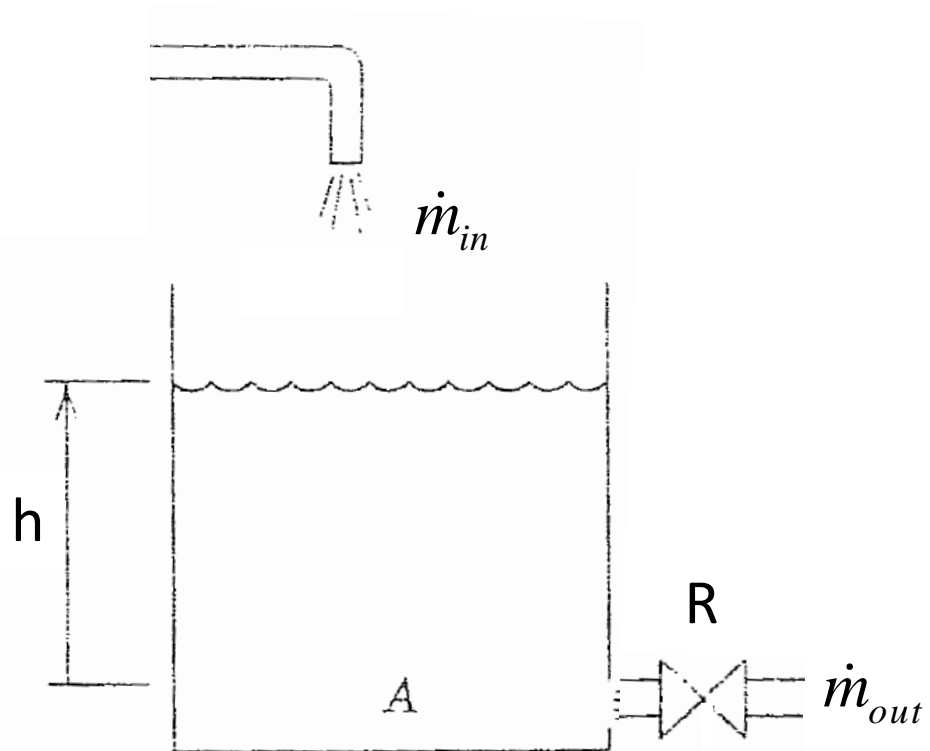
$$R = \frac{128\mu l}{\pi d^4} \quad (\text{Circular section})$$

$$R = \frac{8\mu l}{wh^3} \quad (\text{Rectangular section})$$

$$(1 + h/w)^2$$

# Example 4: A Liquid-Level System

The tank shown has a mass inflow rate of  $\dot{m}_{in}$ . The liquid height above the orifice is  $h$ . Compute the time constant of the system, assuming that the flow is laminar. The tank contains fuel oil at 70°F with a mass density  $\rho$  of 1.82 slug/ft<sup>3</sup> and a viscosity  $\mu = 0.02$  lb-sec/ft<sup>2</sup>. The outlet pipe diameter  $D$  is 1 in., and its length  $L$  is 2 ft. The tank is 2 ft in diameter.





# Example 4: A Liquid-Level System

From conservation of mass and the laminar flow resistance relation,

$$\dot{m}_{\text{tank}} = \dot{m}_{\text{in}} - \dot{m}_{\text{out}}$$

$$\rho A \frac{dh}{dt} = \dot{m}_{\text{in}} - \rho Q_{\text{out}} \text{ or } \rho A \frac{dh}{dt} = \dot{m}_{\text{in}} - \rho \frac{\delta P}{R}$$

$$\text{but } \delta P = \rho gh \text{ and } R = \frac{128\mu l}{\pi D^4},$$

$$\rho A \frac{dh}{dt} = \dot{m}_{\text{in}} - \frac{\rho^2 gh}{R} \text{ or } \frac{dh}{dt} + \frac{\rho g}{RA} h = \frac{1}{\rho A} \dot{m}_{\text{in}}$$

$$\text{but } \rho \frac{1}{R} g \frac{1}{A} = (1.82) \frac{\pi(1/12)^4}{128(0.02)(2)} (32.2) \frac{1}{\pi} = 1812 \text{ sec}$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} + 1812h = \frac{1}{\rho A} \dot{m}_{\text{in}}$$

$$\tau = 1812 \text{ sec} \sim 30 \text{ minutes}$$

# Orifice Flow Resistance

Apply Bernoulli's equation for streamlines between 1 and 2, 2 and 3,

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho} + \frac{v_1^2}{2} = \frac{P_2}{\rho} + \frac{v_2^2}{2} = \frac{P_3}{\rho} + \frac{v_3^2}{2}$$

Equating volume flow rate at all cross sections,

$$Q = A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 = A_3 v_3 = A_4 v_4$$

Assume sudden expansion between 2 and 4, then there is a velocity head loss and pressures are same at 3 and 4, hence  $P_3 = P_4$  (easy to measure)

Assume  $A_1 > A_2$  and  $A_1 > A_3$ , then  $v_1 < v_3$  and  $v_4 < v_3$ , so  $v_1$  and  $v_4$  are negligible

Combine above equations with assumptions,

$$P_1 - P_4 = \frac{\rho}{2} v_3^2$$

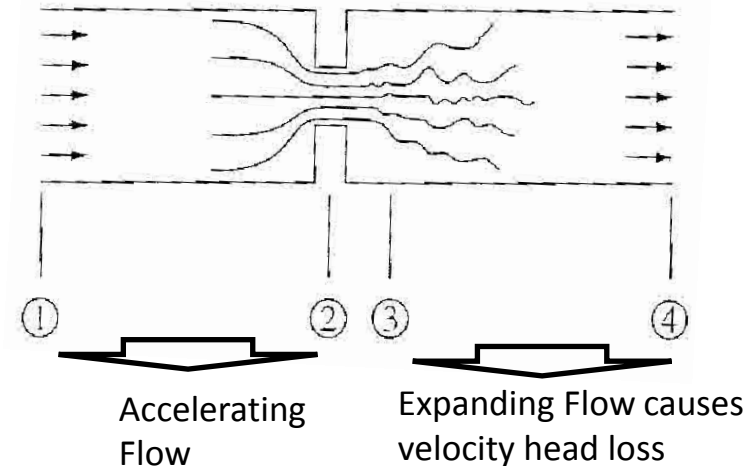
Use discharge coefficient  $C_d$  (combined effects of losses between 1 and 3, and representing  $A_3$  in term of  $A_2$ )

$$\delta P = P_1 - P_4 = \frac{\rho}{2 C_d^2 A_2^2} Q^2 \quad (\text{orifice flow relation})$$

$$\text{or } Q = C_d A_2 \sqrt{\frac{2 \delta P}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{|\delta P|}{K}} \text{sign}(\delta P)$$

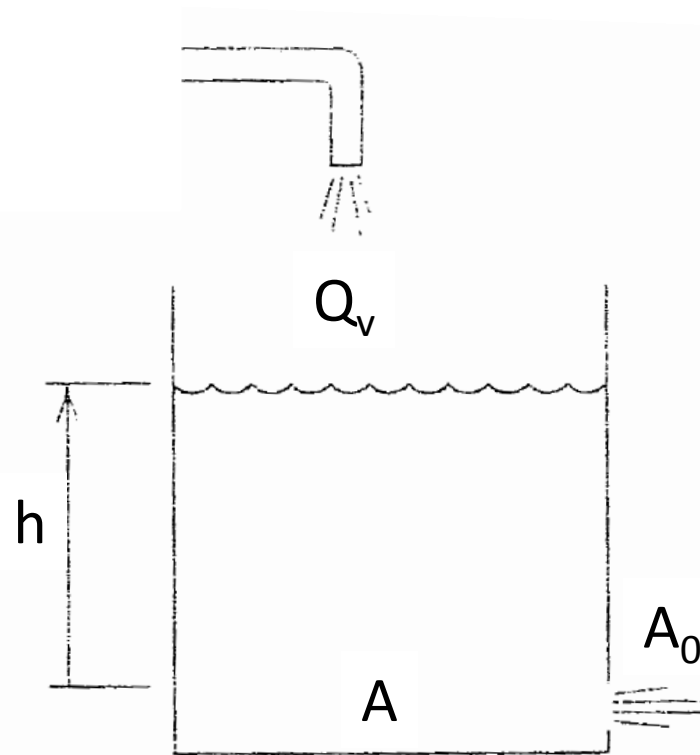
$$\text{where } K = \frac{\rho}{2 C_d^2 A_2^2}; \text{sign}(x) = 1 \text{ if } x > 0; \text{sign}(x) = -1 \text{ if } x < 0$$

$$C_d = C_d(\text{geometry, roughness, orifice configuration}, N_r) \sim .5 \text{ to } 1$$



# Example 5: Tank with an Orifice

- The tank shown has an orifice in its side wall. The orifice area is  $A_0$  and the bottom area of the tank is  $A$ . The liquid height above the orifice  $h$ . The volume inflow rate is  $Q_v$ . Develop a model of the height  $h$  with  $Q_v$  as the input.



# Example 5: Tank with an Orifice

From conservation of mass and the orifice flow relation,

$$\dot{m}_{\text{tank}} = \dot{m}_{in} - \dot{m}_{out}$$

$$\rho A \frac{dh}{dt} = \rho Q_v - \rho C_d A_0 \sqrt{\frac{2\delta P}{\rho}}$$

$$\text{but } \delta P = \rho gh,$$

$$\rho A \frac{dh}{dt} = \rho Q_v - \rho C_d A_0 \sqrt{2gh}$$

This is a nonlinear equation, how can it be analyzed?