Fundamentals of Hydraulic Engineering Systems

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Chapter 5c

Water Pumps



Pump Combinations – Large Flow Range (1 of 2)

Concepts and Visualization

Design Objective: Operate pumps at their peak efficiency.

Q: What is the flow range for operating this pump at an 80% or better efficiency?

A: 520 to 890 gpm.





Pump Combinations – Large Flow Range (2 of 2)

Q: A project requires a pump head of 60 ft but Q varies (250-1000 gpm). Will this pump work? \rightarrow

A: Yes, but inefficiently for some flows (250 gpm)





Using Pumps in Parallel

Concepts and Visualization

Pumps in Parallel: Flows are additive for a given pump head.

Q: A project requires a pump head of 60 ft, but Q varies (250 to 1000 gp m). Design an efficient pump system.

A: Use two pumps in parallel: Pump $1 \rightarrow$ high efficiency for Q=250 to 500 gpm & Pump $2 \rightarrow$ high "e" for Q=300 to 550 gpm. Use both pumps for high flows.

Figure 5.11 Pumb Characteristics for two pumps in paralel





Pump Combinations – Large Head Range (1 of 2)

Concepts and Visualization

Design Objective: Operate pumps at their peak efficiency.

Q: What is the pump head range for operating this pump at efficiencies greater than 80%.

A: From 90 to 140 feet.





Pump Combinations – Large Head Range (2 of 2)

Q: A project requires a flow of 200 gpm, but H_p varies (60 to 155 feet). Will this pump work? \rightarrow

Ans. Yes, but inefficiently for some heads (155 ft)





Using Pumps in Series

Concepts and Visualization

Pumps in Series: Heads are additive for a given pump flow.

Q: A project requires a flow of 200 g pm, but H_p varies (60 to 155 feet). Design an efficient pump system.

A: Use two pumps in series: Pump $1 \rightarrow \text{high efficiency for } H_p = 40$ to 80 ft & Pump 2 \rightarrow high "e" for $H_p = 45$ to 90 ft. Use both pumps for high heads.





Analysis of Pumps in Series and Parallel

Example Problem 5.4 (use pump of Fig. 5.13 characteristics)

For a pump-pipeline system; $E_B = 90m$, $E_A = 80m$, L = 300m, D = 40cm, e = 0.12mm, v = 1.31' 10⁻⁶m² / sec. Find the Q, e, and H_p for 1 pump, 2 pumps in series, & 2 pumps in parallel.

Solution: From an energy balance:
$$E_A + H_p = E_B + h_L$$

or $H_p = H_S + \frac{\left(\left(\frac{fL}{D}\right) + \Sigma K\right)V^2}{2g}$; where $H_s = E_B - E_A = 10 \text{ m}$

Note: The pump adds energy to overcome static lift (H_s), friction loss, and minor losses. Note that $\Sigma K = 1.65$

Determine the system head curve for this pipeline.





Pumps in Series and Parallel

Fill in the solution table \rightarrow

Q(L/sec)	V(m/sec)	N _R	f	<i>H_{sн}</i> (m)
0	0	—	—	10.0
100	0.80	2.44×10^{5}	0.0175	10.5
300	2.39	7.30×10^{5}	0.0160	14.0
500	3.98	1.22×10 ⁶	0.0155	20.7
700	5.57	1.70×10 ⁶	0.0155	31.0

Plot **the** system head curve on the pump's characteristic curves. Find the Q, e, and H_p for 1 pump, 2 pumps in series, & 2 in parallel.





Cavitation in Water Pumps

Visualization and Energy Conservation Principles

(See Example 5.8)

Q: Balance energy between points 1 and 2 (figure below). **A**: $h_1 = h_2 + \frac{P_2}{\gamma} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_L$ where $h_2 - h_1 = h_p$ = ht. of pump **Q:** Solve for $\frac{P_2}{\gamma}$: **A**: $\frac{P_2}{\gamma} = -h_p - \frac{V_2^2}{2g} - h_L$

High negative pressure may cause water to vaporize & cavitation is to be avoided.

Q: How does a designer avoid cavitation problems?

A: Pump placement (h_p)





Selection of a Pump (1 of 3)

Visualization and Design Concepts

Q: What is the best type of pump for high heads and low flows? ...for low heads and high flows? What is the best type for a broad range of flow and head conditions?



Selection of a Pump (2 of 3)

Design Concepts and Example Problem 5.11

The required flow for a pipeline is 70 L/sec. Based on the energy equation, the required pump head is 40 m. Based on the manufacture's pump selection chart, either Pump I or Pump II will work. The characteristic curves for each pump are shown on the next slide.







Selection of a Pump (3 of 3)

Q: Choose the best pump and state its operating conditions.



Water Pumps in Parallel



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