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# Fluid Kinematics

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# Chapter Description

- Aims
  - Apply and analyze Fluid Mechanics theories such as Bernoulli's Theorem, Continuity Equation in Fluid Mechanics system.
- Expected Outcomes
  - Define volume flow rate, weight flow rate, and mass flow rate and their units.
  - Define steady flow and the principle of continuity.
  - Write the continuity equation, and use it to relate the volume flow rate, area, and velocity of flow between two points in a fluid flow system.
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# SYNOPSIS

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# Revise

## Fluid Static

- **Pressure**
- **Fluid pressure and depth**  
Pascal's principle
- **Buoyancy**  
Archimedes' principle

## Fluid Kinematics

- **Fluid flow**  
Reynolds number  
Continuity Equation  
Bernoulli's principle

# Ideal Fluid

Consider an IDEAL FLUID

- Fluid motion is very complicated. However, by making some assumptions, we can develop a useful model of fluid behaviour. An ideal fluid is :

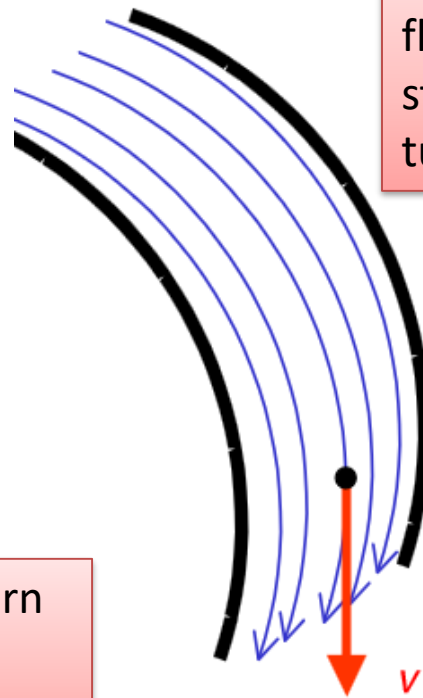
- Incompressible – the density is constant
- Irrotational – the flow is smooth, no turbulence
- Nonviscous – fluid has no internal friction
- Steady flow – the velocity of the fluid at each point is constant in time.

# Ideal fluid

Consider the average motion of the fluid at a particular point in space and time.

An individual fluid element will follow a path called a flow line

Steady flow is when the pattern of flow lines does not change with time



Streamlines - in steady flow, a bundle of streamlines makes a flow tube.

Velocity of particle is tangent to streamline

# Flow Pattern

- **Laminar** : fluid particles moving in an orderly manner and retaining the same positions in successive cross-sections.
- **Turbulent** : fluid particle occupied different relative position in successive cross sections.
- There are small fluctuation in magnitude and direction of velocity, accompanied by small fluctuation of pressure.

# Flow Pattern

- The Reynold's Number
- Criterion determines whether the flow is laminar or turbulent is the ratio of inertial force to viscous force acting on the particle, known as Reynold's Number.

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\textit{inertia force} \text{ [promotes turbulent flow]}}{\textit{viscous force} \text{ [promotes laminar flow]}}$$

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho v l}{\mu} = \frac{v l}{\nu}$$

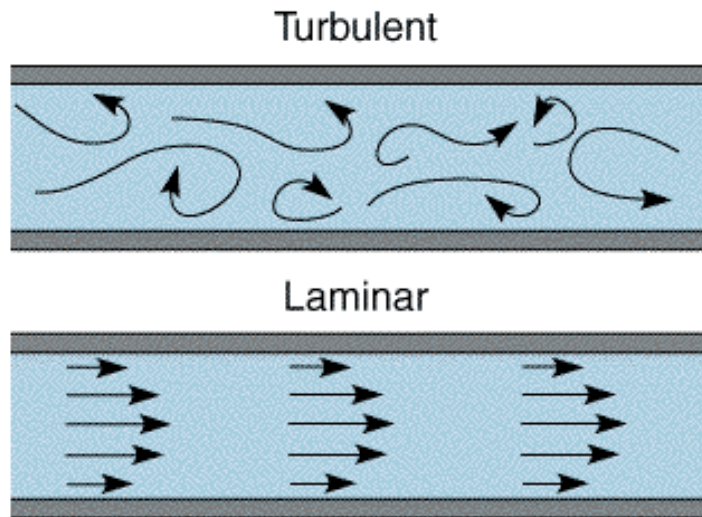
- Where  $\rho$  : density;  $\mu$  : dynamic viscosity;  $v$  : velocity;  $l$  : length;  $\nu$  : kinematic viscosity
- In pipes;  $l$  is replaced by diameter of pipe;  $d$ .

$$\text{Re} = \frac{\rho v d}{\mu}$$



# Flow Pattern

- The flow is classified based on the calculated value of Reynolds number as follows:
  - $Re < 2000$  – Laminar
  - $2000 < Re < 4000$  – transitional
  - $Re > 4000$  – Turbulent



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# Fluid Flow Rate

- The quantity of fluid flowing in a system per unit time can be expressed by the following three different terms:
  - $Q$  : The volume flow rate is the volume of fluid flowing past a section per unit time.
  - $W$  : The weight flow rate is the weight of fluid flowing past a section per unit time.
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  - $m$  : The mass flow rate is the mass of fluid flowing past a section per unit time.

Symbol	Name	Definition	SI Units	US System Unit
$Q$	Volume Flow Rate	$Q = Av$	$m^3/s$	$ft^3/s$
$W$	Weight Flow Rate	$W = \gamma Q$ $W = \gamma Av$	N/s	lb/s
$M$	Mass Flow Rate	$M = \rho Q$ $M = \rho Av$	kg/s	slugs/s

# Fluid Flow Rate

- The most fundamental of these terms is the volume flow rate  $Q$ , which is calculated from

$$Q = Av$$

- The weight  $W$  is related to  $Q$  by,

$$W = \gamma Q$$

- Where  $\gamma$  is the specific weight of the fluid. The unit of  $W$  is then

$$W = \gamma Q = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{s}}$$

- The mass flow rate,  $\dot{m}$  is related to  $Q$  by;  $\dot{m} = \rho Q$

# Conservation of mass, m

- The principle of conservation of mass :

- **Matter can neither be created nor destroyed**

mass flowing in = mass flowing out

$$m_1 = m_2$$

$$\rho v_1 = \rho v_2$$

$$\rho A_1 v_1 \Delta t = \rho A_2 v_2 \Delta t$$

$$A_1 v_1 = A_2 v_2 = Q = \frac{v}{t} = \text{constant}$$

- Application of the conservation of mass to steady flow in the streamtube results in the Equation of Continuity

## 3.2 The Continuity Equation

- The conservation of mass principle for a control volume can be expressed as: “The net mass transfer to or from a control volume (CV) during a time interval  $\Delta t$  is equal to the net change (increase or decrease) in the total mass within the control volume during  $\Delta t$ ”.

Total mass entering  
the CV during  $\Delta t$

Total mass leaving  
the CV during  $\Delta t$

Net change in  
mass within the  
CV during  $\Delta t$

- For steady flow in a stream;  $m_{in} - m_{out} = \Delta m_{CV}$
- For steady incompressible flow ( $\rho_1 = \rho_2$ ) in a stream;

$$Q_1 = Q_2$$
$$[Av]_1 = [Av]_2$$

$$m_1 = m_2$$
$$[\rho Av]_1 = [\rho Av]_2$$

# 3.3 The Bernoulli's theorem

Bernoulli's principle can be derived from the principle of conservation of energy.

Pressure energy when fluid flowing under pressure

- Pressure energy ;

$$F \times \text{distance}$$

- Pressure energy per unit weight;

$$\frac{P}{\rho g}$$

Kinetic energy due to its velocity

- Kinetic energy ;  $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$

- Kinetic energy per unit weight;

$$\alpha \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

- $\alpha$  = kinetic energy correction factor

Potential energy due to height above datum,  $z$

- Potential energy;

$$mgz$$

- Potential energy per unit weight;  $z$

- In practice flows encountered turbulent thus ignore and  $\alpha$  is set equal to 1.
  - $1.04 < \alpha < 1.11$  for fully developed turbulent flow in round pipe
- However, some situation  $\alpha$  is significant especially for laminar flow.
  - $\alpha = 2.0$  for fully developed laminar pipe flow

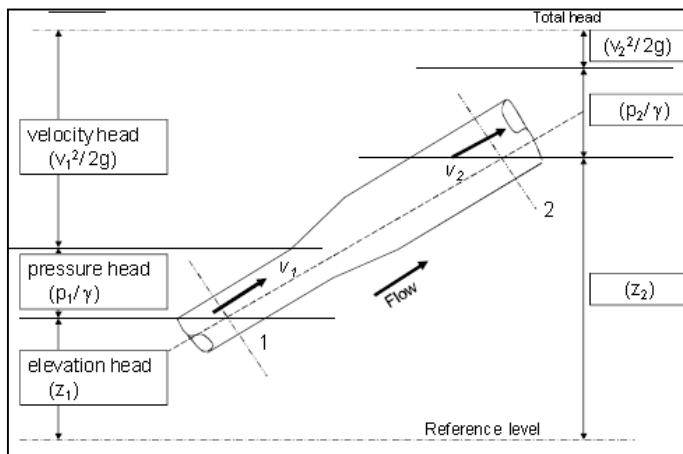
The total energy;

$$H = \frac{P}{\rho g} + \alpha \frac{v^2}{2g} + z$$

$$H = \frac{P}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g} + z$$

# The Bernoulli's Theorem

- In a steady flow, the sum of all forms of energy in a fluid along a streamline is the same at all points on that streamline.
- Energy before = energy after
- Bernoulli's equation accounts for the changes in elevation head, pressure head, and velocity head between two points in a fluid flow system. It is assumed that there are no energy losses or additions between the two points, so the total head remains constant.



Total head before ( $H$ ) = Total head after ( $H$ )

$$\left[ \frac{P}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g} + z \right]_1 = \left[ \frac{P}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g} + z \right]_2$$

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + z_2$$

Pressure energy per unit weight + Kinetic energy per unit weight + Potential energy per unit weight = Total energy per unit weight ( $H$ ) = Constant

# Bernuolli's Equation - Restriction

Valid only for incompressible fluids

- because the specific weight of the fluid is assumed to be the same at the two sections of interest.

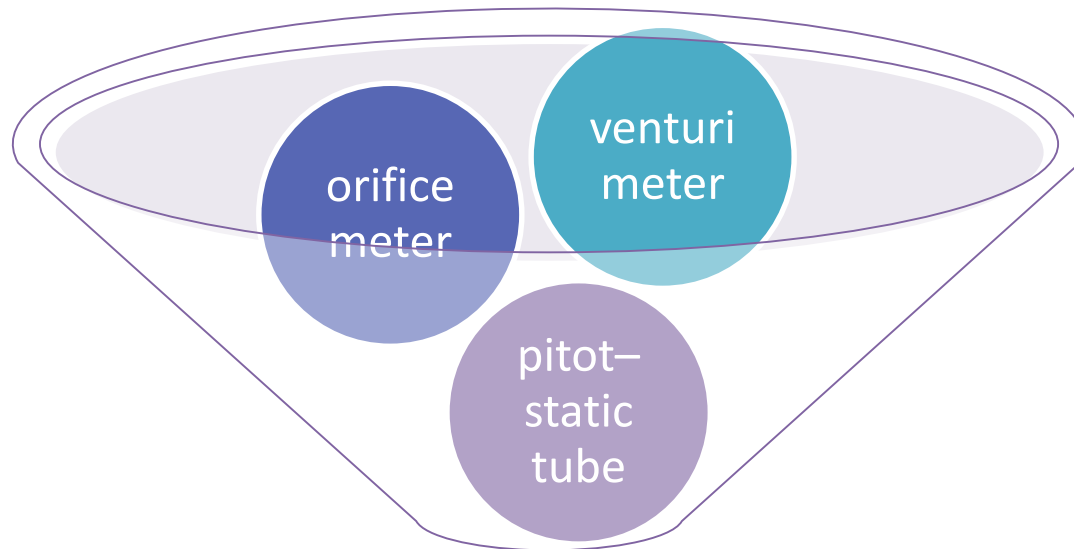
There can be no mechanical devices between the two sections

- that would add energy to or remove energy from the system, because the equation states that the total energy in the fluid is constant.



# 3.4 Application of Bernoulli and Continuity Equations – Flow measurement

- Differential pressure devices :



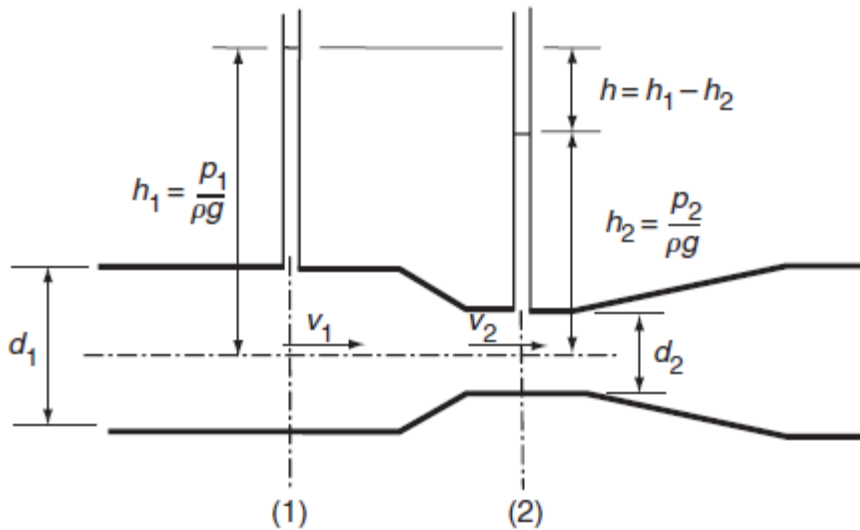
Make use of the pressure difference between two points in the flow to give an indication of the flow rate.

Bernoulli's equation is applied to obtain expressions for flow rate

# 3.4.1 Venturi Meter

- Consists of a section of pipe which converges to a throat section and then diverges back to the original pipe diameter
- Piezometers at sections (1) and (2) record the pressure heads  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ . The difference in the pressure heads  $h$  varies with the rate of flow.

If the fluid is an incompressible liquid, then the density will be constant and  $\rho_1 = \rho_2$ , thus :  $Q = A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$



$$A_1v_1 = A_2v_2$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi d_1^2}{4}\right)v_1 = \left(\frac{\pi d_2^2}{4}\right)v_2$$

$$d_1^2v_1 = d_2^2v_2$$

$$\frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{d_2^2}{d_1^2}$$

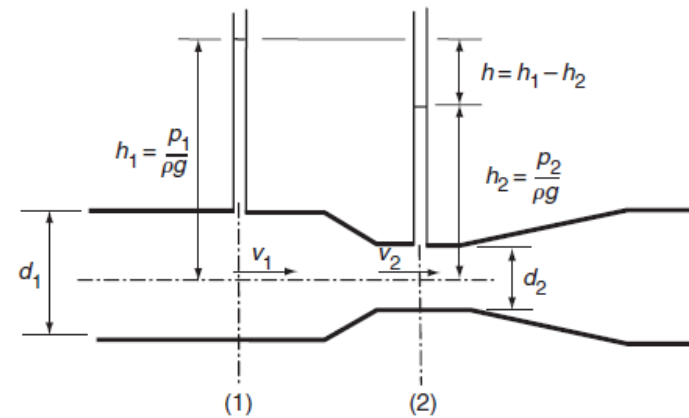
$$\frac{v_1}{v_2} = \left(\frac{d_2}{d_1}\right)^2 \quad \text{or} \quad v_2 = \left(\frac{d_1}{d_2}\right)^2 v_1$$

- Applying Bernoulli's equation to sections (1) and (2) gives:

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + z_2$$

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

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} - \frac{P_2}{\rho g} = \frac{v_2^2}{2g} - \frac{v_1^2}{2g}$$



- As  $\frac{P_1}{\rho g} = h_1$  and  $\frac{P_2}{\rho g} = h_2$  thus,  $\Delta P = h$

- Thus, the pressure difference between (1) and (2),

$$h = \frac{v_2^2}{2g} - \frac{v_1^2}{2g} \text{ rearrange gives :}$$

$$v_2^2 - v_1^2 = 2gh \rightarrow v_2 - v_1 = \sqrt{2gh}$$

- Substituting  $v_2 = \left(\frac{d_1}{d_2}\right)^2 v_1$  into  $v_2 - v_1 = \sqrt{2gh}$  gives :

$$\left(\frac{d_1}{d_2}\right)^2 v_1 - v_1 = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$v_1 \left[ \left(\frac{d_1}{d_2}\right)^2 - 1 \right] = \sqrt{2gh}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2gh}}{\left[ \left(\frac{d_1}{d_2}\right)^2 - 1 \right]}$$

thus,

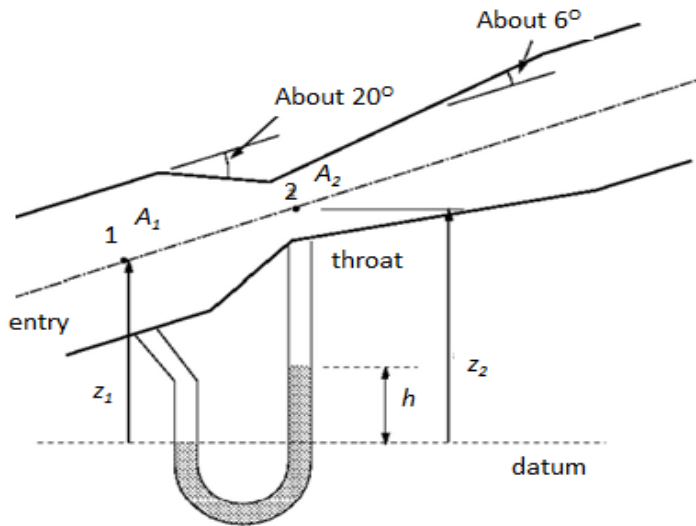
$$Q = A_1 \times \frac{\sqrt{2gh}}{\left[ \left(\frac{d_1}{d_2}\right)^2 - 1 \right]}$$

This is the theoretical volume-flow rate ( $Q_{\text{theory}}$ ).

- The  $Q_{\text{actual}}$  is always slightly lesser than  $Q_{\text{theory}}$  due to viscous drag and turbulence.
- The actual flowrate is obtained by :  $Q_{\text{act}} = C_d \times Q_{\text{theory}}$
- The discharge coefficient  $C_d$  for venturi meter normally range between 0.95–0.97.

# Venturi meter

- Venturi meter (inclined) with the derived equations to calculate the velocity and discharge at the throat section.



$$v_2 = \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{A_1^2 - A_2^2}} \sqrt{2gh \left( \frac{\rho_{man}}{\rho} - 1 \right)}$$

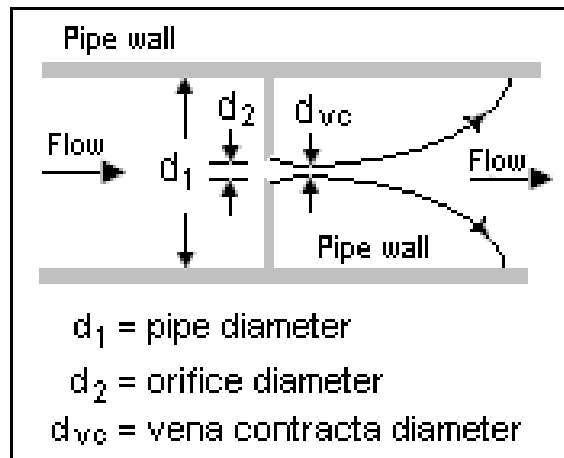
$$Q = \frac{A_2 A_1}{\sqrt{A_1^2 - A_2^2}} \sqrt{2gh \left( \frac{\rho_{man}}{\rho} - 1 \right)}$$

- The discharge formula given above is the theoretical discharge. Thus in order to get the actual discharge, the discharge coefficient  $C_d$  must be known.

$$Q_{act} = C_d \times Q_{theory}$$

## 3.4.2 Pipe orifice

- An orifice meter operates exactly the same as the venturi meter.
- Cheap compared to the venturi meter, however there is substantial energy losses.
- Consists of a sharp-edged orifice plate which is inserted between the connecting flanges of a pipeline.
- The arrangement : consists of flat circular plate which has a circular hole. Diameter of orifice is generally 0.5 times the diameter of the pipe ( $D$ ), although it may vary from 0.4 to 0.8 times the pipe diameter

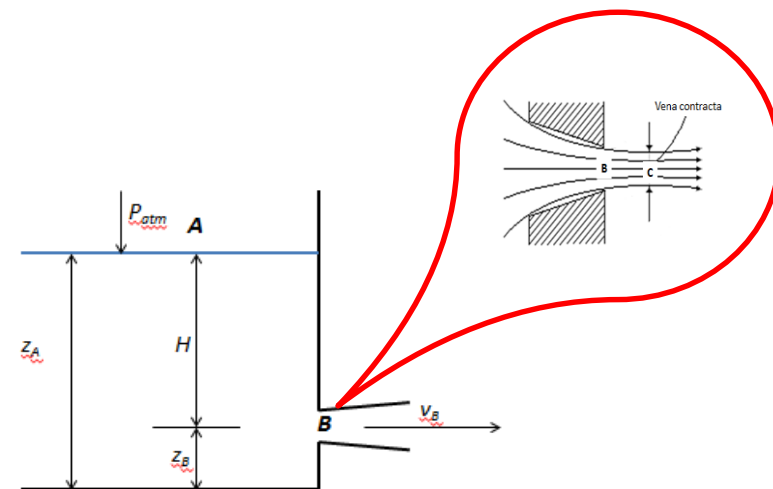


$d_1$  = pipe diameter  
 $d_2$  = orifice diameter  
 $d_{vc}$  = vena contracta diameter



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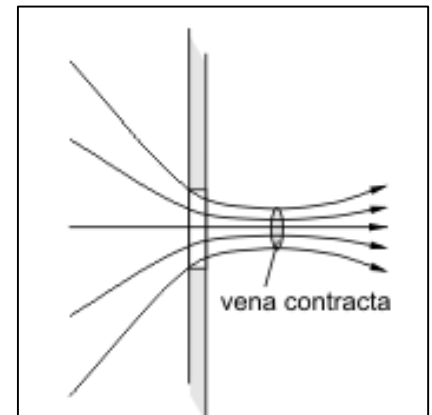


- The section at C is called Vena Contracta, and  $C_c$  is the coefficient of contraction.
- Actual area of jet at C is,  $C_c \times A$ . a sharp edge orifice has coefficient of contraction  $C_c = 0.64$ .
- The value of coefficient  $C_d$ ,  $C_v$ ,  $C_c$  are determined experimentally and normally the  $C_d$  ranges from 0.6 to 0.65 for most orifice meters.

$$C_d = \frac{\text{actual measured discharge}}{\text{theoretical discharge}} = \frac{Q_{act}}{Q_{theory}}$$

$$C_v = \frac{\text{velocity at vena contracta}}{\text{theoretical velocity}} = \frac{v_c}{v_{theory}}$$

$$C_c = \frac{\text{area of jet at vena contracta}}{\text{area of the orifice}} = \frac{A_c}{A_o}$$



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- Assuming no energy loss, thus

$$\frac{P_A}{\rho g} + \frac{v_A^2}{2g} + z_A = \frac{P_B}{\rho g} + \frac{v_B^2}{2g} + z_B$$

- As A is open to atmosphere, and water is still,  $h = z_A - z_B$ , thus:  $h = \frac{v_B^2}{2g}$
- Rearranging gives;  $v = \sqrt{2gh}$  this theory is known as Torricelli's theorem. "the velocity of the issuing jet is proportional to  $\sqrt{h}$ , where h is the head producing flow.
- As with the venturi meter, the actual flow rate Q is given by:

$$Q = A_1 \times \frac{\sqrt{2gh}}{\left[ \left( \frac{d_1}{d_2} \right)^2 - 1 \right]} \quad \text{or} \quad Q = A \sqrt{2gH}$$

- Again, the actual discharge flowing through the pipe orifice is :  $Q_{act} = C_d A \sqrt{2gH}$