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Prob. 1  $\Delta P = RQ$

Hagen-Poiseuille ~~est~~

$$Q = \frac{\pi}{128 \mu} \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta x} D^4$$

a) 
$$\frac{\Delta P}{Q} = R = \frac{128 \mu L}{\pi D^4} \quad (5)$$

Tube 1.  $R_1 = \frac{128 \mu}{\pi} \left( \frac{L_1}{D_1^4} + \frac{L_2}{D_2^4} \right)$

Tube 2.  $R_2 = \frac{128 \mu (L_1 + L_2)}{\pi D_1^4}$

a. know  $\Delta P$  find  $Q$

$$Q_1 = \frac{\Delta P}{R_1} = \frac{\Delta P \cdot \pi}{128 \mu \left( \frac{L_1}{D_1^4} + \frac{L_2}{D_2^4} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{\Delta P \cdot \pi \cdot D_1^4 D_2^4}{128 \mu (L_1 D_2^4 + L_2 D_1^4)} \quad (5)$$

$$Q_2 = \frac{\Delta P}{R_2} = \frac{\Delta P \cdot \pi \cdot D_1^4}{128 \mu (L_1 + L_2)}$$

$Q_2 > Q_1 \Rightarrow \frac{Q_1}{Q_2} < 1$

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{\Delta P \cdot \pi \cdot D_1^4 D_2^4}{128 \mu (L_1 D_2^4 + L_2 D_1^4)} \cdot \frac{128 \mu (L_1 + L_2)}{\Delta P \cdot \pi \cdot D_1^4}$$

$$= \frac{D_1^4 D_2^4 (L_1 + L_2)}{D_1^4 (L_1 D_2^4 + L_2 D_1^4)} \quad +$$

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if  $L_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = 1$  makes sense

if  $L_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{D_2^4 L_2}{D_1^4 L_2} = \frac{D_2^4}{D_1^4}$

know  $D_2 < D_1 \Rightarrow \frac{Q_1}{Q_2} \leq 1$

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(5)

b. given  $\Delta P$  which tube has a higher  $v_{max}$

$v_{max} \approx \bar{v}$

$\bar{v} = \frac{4Q}{\pi D_2^2}$

$\bar{v}_1 = \frac{4Q_1}{\pi D_2^2} = \frac{4}{\pi D_2^2} \frac{\Delta P \pi D_1^4 D_2^4}{128 \mu (L_1 D_2^4 + L_2 D_1^4)}$   
 $= \frac{\Delta P}{32 \mu} \frac{D_1^4 D_2^2}{(L_1 D_2^4 + L_2 D_1^4)}$  (5)

$\bar{v}_2 = \frac{4Q_2}{\pi D_1^2} = \frac{\Delta P}{32 \mu} \frac{D_1^2}{(L_1 + L_2)}$

as  $L_2 \rightarrow 0$

$\bar{v}_1 = \frac{\Delta P}{32 \mu} \frac{D_1^4 D_2^2}{L_1 D_2^4} = \frac{\Delta P}{32 \mu} \frac{L}{L_1} \frac{D_1^4 D_2}{D_2^2}$

$\bar{v}_2 = \frac{\Delta P}{32 \mu} \frac{D_1^2}{L_1}$

$\frac{\bar{v}_1}{\bar{v}_2} = \frac{D_1^4}{D_2^2} \frac{L}{D_1^2} = \frac{D_1^2}{D_2^2} > 1$  (5)  
 $D_2 < D_1$

if  $L_1 \rightarrow 0$

$$\bar{v}_1 = \frac{\Delta P}{32\mu} \frac{D_1^4 D_2^2}{L_2 D_1^4} = \frac{\Delta P}{32\mu} \frac{1}{L_2} D_2^2$$

$$\bar{v}_2 = \frac{\Delta P}{32\mu} \frac{D_1^2}{L_2}$$

$$\frac{\bar{v}_1}{\bar{v}_2} = \frac{D_2^2}{D_1^2} \quad D_2 < D_1$$

$$\frac{\bar{v}_1}{\bar{v}_2} < 1 \quad \text{At some } L_1 \text{ \& } L_2$$

$$\bar{v}_1 = \bar{v}_2$$

$$1 = \frac{D_1^4 D_2^2}{L_1 D_2^4 + L_2 D_1^4} \cdot \frac{(L_1 + L_2)}{D_1^2}$$

$$= \frac{D_1^2 D_2^2 (L_1 + L_2)}{L_1 D_2^4 + L_2 D_1^4}$$

There are multiple solutions for various  $D_1$  &  $D_2$

c. if  $Q$  is fixed

$\Rightarrow Q_1 = Q_2$  so they both have the same flow rate

d. Tube 1 has a higher  $v_{max}$

by a factor  $\frac{D_1^2}{D_2^2}$

cons. of mass

pressure  $\Rightarrow Q_2 > Q_1$

$v_{max,1}$  &  $v_{max,2}$  are not

unique

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Hi Dorian!

So the shortest cut for problem 1 b) a. is knowing that  $\bar{u}_z = \frac{1}{2} u_{z \max}$ . This can be derived as follows:

The reduces NV-equation for the round pipe case on polar cylinder coordinates is:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}$$

The solution (integrate twice) of which is given by:  $u_z = \frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} r^2 + c_1 \ln r + c_2$

Since at  $r = 0$  (middle of the tube) the velocity cannot diverge  $c_1 = 0$ . The no-slip boundary conditions

at  $r = R$  (pipe wall) lead to  $c_2 = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} R^2$ .

$$\Rightarrow u_z = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} (R^2 - r^2)$$

The velocity is obviously highest in the middle at  $r = 0$ :  $u_{z \max} = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} R^2$

The average velocity can be simply obtained by integration over the pipe radius and dividing by the cross-sectional area of the pipe:

$$\bar{u}_z = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R u_z \cdot 2\pi r dr = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R \left[ -\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} (R^2 - r^2) \right] \cdot 2\pi r dr = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{4\mu} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} R^2 \right] = \frac{u_{z \max}}{2}$$

Many students remembered actually from their basic fluid mechanics course that  $\bar{u}_z = \frac{1}{2} u_{z \max}$  ... This

makes the problem really simple since  $\bar{u}_z = \frac{Q}{\pi R^2}$  where  $Q$  is given by  $Q = \frac{\Delta P}{\mathcal{R}}$  from Ohm's law of fluid mechanics (an expression  $\mathcal{R}$  was to be derived in 1a) from Hagen-Poiseuille equation).

Combine all this and you'll get:  $u_{z \max} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \cdot \Delta P$

Thus, deciding in which tube the maximum exit velocity is higher comes down to evaluating for which tube the product of the above expression is larger as a function of parameters. Please note:

- For the simple tube an expression for  $\mathcal{R}$  is just the result of 1a).
- One has to treat the composite tube simply as two resistors in series by analogy to electronics.
- When evaluating  $u_{z\text{exit}}$  using the above expression for the simple tube  $\Delta P$  is just the “given pressure drop”. For the composite tube one has to use the pressure drop across the second segment *only*. This pressure drop can be calculated from the pressure drop across the entire system by using the “voltage divider rule” by analogy to electronics:  $\Delta P_2 = \frac{\mathcal{R}_2}{\mathcal{R}_1 + \mathcal{R}_2}$ .

+ Problem 3

params

$$u \text{ (m/s)}$$

$$h \text{ (m)}$$

$$l \text{ (m)}$$

$$\rho \text{ (m}^2/\text{s)}$$

2 units, m & s

⇒ 2  $\Pi$  groups (5)

$$\Pi_1 = \frac{u \text{ (m/s)} \cdot h \text{ (m)}}{\rho \text{ (m}^2/\text{s)}} = \frac{u h}{\rho} \quad (5)$$

$$\Pi_2 = \frac{h}{l} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{u h}{\rho} = g \left( \frac{h}{l} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$= f \left( \frac{l}{h} \right)$$

assume  $f$  is linear ⇒  $l$  increases  $u$  increases (5)

$$\frac{u h}{\rho} = c \frac{l}{h} \quad (5)$$

$$u = c \frac{l \rho}{h^2}$$