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PRESSURE LOSS IN THE BRANCH AND CHANGE IN LOCAL RESISTANCE OF THE CHANNEL

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Abstract: The article examines pressure losses in a branch and the variation of local resistance within a channel during fluid flow separation. It is shown that the pressure distribution in the branching zone is non-uniform and depends on both the geometric parameters of the channel and the flow velocity. Based on Bernoulli's equation and the momentum equation, relationships are derived for calculating pressure losses and the local resistance coefficient. An expression is obtained for the optimal branch flow velocity at which pressure losses are minimized. Analysis of experimental data confirms that as the flow velocity increases, pressure losses first decrease, reach a minimum value, and then increase again. It is established that the local resistance coefficient depends on the velocity and the geometry of the channel, which must be taken into account when designing hydraulic systems with branched channels.

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Pressure losses in the branch play a significant role in changing the local resistance of the channel. Figure 1 schematically shows the positions of the fluid flow streamlines EC in a divided section of the channel. Let the channel have a cross-sectional area at the initial section F, branch F_o , and extension F_{np} .

Let 's draw a section 1-1 before the branch and 2-2 after the branch. Let's write the Bernoulli equations

$$P + \frac{\rho V_1^2}{2} = P_0 + \frac{\rho V_0^2}{2} + \Delta P_0, \tag{1}$$

$$\Delta P_0 = P - P_0 + \frac{\rho \left(V_1^2 - V_0^2\right)}{2},\tag{2}$$

the amount of motion for the allocated limited volume by the cross-sections, the channel walls and the flow line EC. The amount of motion in projections onto the branch axis will be equal to [1,2,3,9,10,11]

$$PF\cos\chi\pi + r_{1}\Phi_{1}\sin\chi\pi - r_{2}\Phi_{2}\sin\chi\pi - r_{3}\Phi_{3}\sin\chi\pi - P_{0}F_{0} = \rho_{0}F_{0}V_{0}(V_{0} - V_{1}\cos\chi\pi), \quad (3)$$



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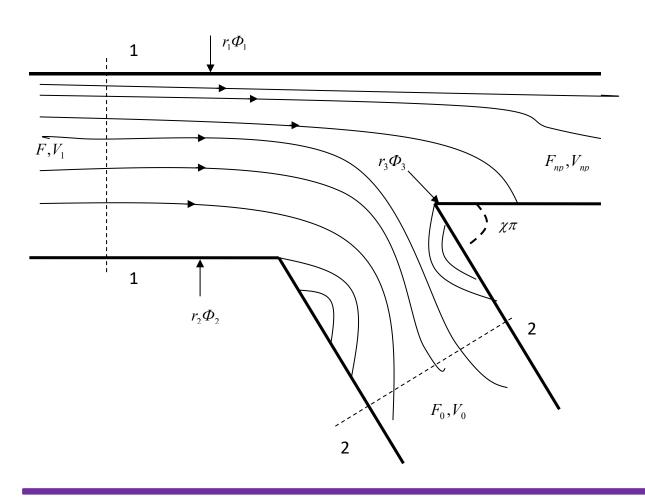
where r_1, r_2, r_3 are the reaction forces of the pressures from the areas $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 u \Phi_3$. Experiments have shown that the fluid pressure near the surface is not uniform, since the excess static pressure, expressed as a fraction of the velocity pressure of the oncoming flow, is

$$P_{i} - P_{0} = \frac{k_{i} \rho V_{0}^{2}}{2},$$

where P_i is the static pressure at a point taken on the channel surface; P_0 is the static pressure of the incoming flow; k_i is the hydrodynamic coefficient [4-11]. The resultant forces of the reaction of the wall pressures on areas Φ_1, Φ_2, Ψ_3 in the liquid will be equal to

$$R_i = r_i \Phi_i = P_0 + k_i \frac{\rho V_0^2}{2} \Phi_i$$

Flow diagram



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Fig. 1

In our case

$$r_1 = P + k_1 \frac{\rho V_1^2}{2}; \, r_2 = P + k_2 \frac{\rho V_1^2}{2}; \, r_3 = P + k_3 \frac{\rho V_1^2}{2} \,.$$

Substituting these values into (3), we obtain

$$P(F\cos\chi\pi + \Phi_{1}\sin\chi\pi - \Phi_{2}\sin\chi\pi - \Phi_{3}\sin\chi\pi) - P_{0}F_{0} =$$

$$= \rho F_{0}V_{0}(V_{0} - V_{1}\cos\chi\pi) - (k_{1}\Phi_{1} - k_{2}\Phi_{2} - k_{3}\Phi_{3})\frac{\rho V_{1}^{2}}{2}\sin\chi\pi$$
(4)

From the channel diagram we can obtain:

$$F\cos\theta + \Phi_1\sin\theta - \Phi_2\sin\theta - \Phi_3\sin\theta = F_0$$
.

Then (3.4) can be written in the form

$$P - P_0 = \rho V_0 (V_0 - V_1 \cos \chi \pi) - \frac{1}{F_0} (k_1 \Phi_1 - k_2 \Phi_2 - k_3 \Phi_3) \frac{\rho V_1^2}{2} \sin \chi \pi, \qquad (5)$$

Substituting (5) into (2) to express the pressure loss in the branch, we obtain

$$\Delta P_0 = \frac{\rho}{2} \left(V_0^2 - 2V_0 V_1 \cos \chi \pi + V_1^2 \right) - \frac{1}{F_0} \left(k_1 \Phi_1 - k_2 \Phi_2 - k_3 \Phi_3 \right) V_1^2 \sin \chi \pi \quad . \tag{6}$$

In formula (6), the last term on the right-hand side has unknown coefficients k_i . Replacing their influence with the correction coefficient η , we finally obtain

$$\Delta P_0 = \eta \frac{\rho}{2} \left(V_0^2 - 2V_0 V_1 \cos \chi \pi + V_1^2 \right). \tag{7}$$

To determine the optimal flow rate in a branch, we take the first derivative of the pressure loss with respect to velocity ${\cal V}_0$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta P_0}{\partial V_0} = \eta \frac{\rho}{2} (2V_0 - 2V_1 \cos \chi \pi). \tag{8}$$

By equating the right side of this expression to zero, we obtain the value of the optimal fluid velocity in the branch

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$$V_{onm} = V_1 \cos \chi \pi \,. \tag{9}$$

To determine the minimum pressure loss on a branch of a flow, instead of formula (7), we substitute the expression for the optimal speed.

Then

$$\Delta P_{0_{\text{\tiny MALM}}} = \eta \frac{\rho V_1^2}{2} \sin^2 \chi \pi \,. \tag{10}$$

The results of the analysis of experimental data provide grounds to assert that pressure losses in a channel branch with an increase in flow velocity initially decrease and reach the lowest value, and then increase again.

The coefficient of local resistance, related to the velocity in the channel branch , is equal to

$$\xi = \frac{2\Delta P_0}{\rho V_0^2} = \eta \ 1 - 2\frac{V_1}{V_0} \cos \chi \pi + \frac{V_1^2}{V_2^2}$$
 (11)

or

$$\xi = \eta \ 1 - 2\frac{F}{F_0} \cos \chi \pi + \frac{F^2}{F_0^2} \ . \tag{12}$$

Now let's consider the change in local resistance to fluid flow given the channel's extension. For this, we'll use the flow equation.

$$Q_1 = Q_0 + Q_{nn}$$

or

$$V_1 F = V_0 F_0 + V_{np} F_{np}, (13)$$

where Q_1 is the fluid flow rate at the initial section of the channel; Q_0 is the flow rate in the branch section; Q_{np} is the flow rate in the continuation of the channel; V_{np} is the velocity of the continuation of the channel; F_{np} is the cross-sectional area of the continuous section of the channel.

Substituting expression (13) into (7), we obtain the following equation:

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$$\Delta P_0 = \eta \frac{\rho}{2} V_0^2 - 2V_0 \frac{V_0 F_0 + V_{np} F_{np}}{F} \sin \chi \pi + \frac{V_0 F_0 + V_{np} F_{np}}{F} =$$

$$= V_0^2 - 2V_0 \frac{V_0 F_0 + V_{np} F_{np}}{F} \sin \chi \pi + \frac{(V_0 F_0)^2}{F^2} + 2\frac{V_0 F_0 + V_{np} F_{np}}{F^2} + \frac{(V_{np} F_{np})^2}{F^2}$$

$$(14)$$

In this case, the local resistance coefficient is

$$\xi = \frac{2\Delta P_0}{\rho V_0^2} = \eta \ 1 - 2 \ \frac{F_0}{F} + \frac{V_{np}}{V_0} \frac{F_{np}}{F} \sin \chi \pi + \frac{F_0^2}{F^2} + 2 \frac{F_0 F_{np}}{F^2} \frac{V_{np}}{V_0} + \frac{V_{np}}{V_0^2} \frac{F_{np}^2}{F^2}$$
(15)

strongly depends on the speed of channel extension and the change in the cross-sectional area in all sections of the channel.

Let us perform calculations using the Bernoulli formula to determine the pressure losses in the branch and the local resistance related to the velocity in the channel outlet using formulas (2) and (12).

The results are given in engineering units at $\rho = 102 \frac{\kappa \Gamma}{M^4}$ and $\gamma = 1000 \frac{\kappa \Gamma}{M^3}$. Here V_1, V_0 are the velocities at the initial and outlet sections of the channel.

As can be seen from Table 1, ΔP_0 according to formula (10) has a more overestimated value than according to the calculation formula (14). This is due to the fact that the coefficient η in formula (14) depends on the channel outlet velocity. In the work [3] it is indicated that $\eta = 0.55$, meanwhile, actually η changes with the flow velocity. This is evidenced by the data in Table 2 on the change in the coefficient η .

Table 1

Changes in kinematic and dynamic quantities for different angles of departure

Calculation using formulas (2) and (12)	According to formula (14)
$B/B_0 = 1 \text{ And } \chi \pi = 30^0$	

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$\gamma (H_1 - H_2)$	$V_1, \frac{M}{c}$	$V_1^2, \frac{M^2}{c^2}$	$V_0, \frac{M}{c}$	$V_0^2, \frac{M^2}{c^2}$	$\frac{V_0^2}{V_1^2}$	$1 - \frac{V_0^2}{V_1^2}$	ΔP_0	ξ	ΔP_0
7	0.507	0.257	0.205	0.042	0.163	0.837	17.97	8,384	5,862
4	0.397	0.158	0.131	0.017	0.108	0.892	11.16	12,751	3,645
2	0.294	0.086	0.093	0.0086	0.099	0.901	5.97	13,534	2,0075
2	0.214	0.045	0.099	0.009	0.214	0.786	3.84	7,682	1,052
$B/B_0 = 1 \mathrm{And}$	$B/B_0 = 1 \text{ And } \chi \pi = 60^{\circ}$								
9	0.486	0.236	0.168	0.028	0.119	0.881	19,604	13,728	5,115
6	0.394	0.155	0.132	0.017	0.109	0.891	13,043	15,044	3,366
2	0.294	0.086	0.112	0.012	0.139	0.861	5,776	9,434	1,825
2	0.214	0.046	0.079	0.0062	0.135	0.865	4,029	12.75	1,188
$B/B_0 = 1 \text{ And } \chi \pi = 90^0$									
14	0.5	0.25	0.185	0.034	0.136	0.75	23.56	13,589	7.95
5	0.378	0.143	0.133	0.018	0.126	0.874	11.37	12,389	4.51
4	0.342	0.117	0.136	0.0185	0.158	0.842	9,024	9,564	3,815
4	0.336	0.113	0.141	0.0199	0.176	0.824	8,749	8,621	3,728

Note: B, B_0 - width of the channel at its beginning and branch.

Table 2 Changes in the coefficient η from the angle of the bend and dimensionless flow velocity

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$\gamma(H_1-H_2)$	$\frac{V_1}{V_0}$	η	η_{cp}			
$B/B_0 = 1$ And	$\chi \pi = 30^{0}$	1	1			
7	2.73	3,066				
4	3,031	3,062	3,188			
2	3,161	2,974	3,188			
2	2,162	3,650				
$B/B_0 = 1$ And	$\chi \pi = 60^{0}$		1			
9	2,893	3,833				
6	2,985	3,875	3,619			
2	2,625	3,165	3,017			
2	2,709	3,604				
$B/B_0 = 1$ And	$\chi\pi = 90^{\circ}$	1				
14	2,703	1,424				
5	2,842	2,519	2,164			
4	2,514	2,365	2,104			
4	2,383	2,342				
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