

Water Resources Design Task

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Design strategies.

$Q = KA \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta x}$

Schematic Only

$1 \text{ psi} = 6.895 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$

$Q = \frac{nV}{T_r} = \frac{nAL}{T_r}$

$A = \pi \cdot D^2 / 4$

$1 \text{ gal} = 3.8 \text{ liters}$

$h = z + \frac{p}{(\rho g)}$

1 psi = 70 cm water

1" white PVC pipe	\$0.49
1" clear PVC pipe	\$2.66
2" clear PVC pipe	\$5.56
3" clear PVC pipe	\$11.99
4" clear PVC pipe	\$18.06

1 Kg weighs 2.2 lb. (on earth)

Where to start?....

What's given?.... What info. do I need?

What's do I want to get out, to "size"?

Start: read the "requirements"

- pH of the water delivered at the tap is to be 7 or higher.
- Decrease in flow rate at the tap (or shower head) is to be tolerable, if not go unnoticed.
- Pressure drop is not to exceed 15% of the supply pressure.
- System should not leak
- Space needs should not be excessive

Deduce, construct a list of “specifications”

- pH of the water delivered at the tap is to be 7 or higher.

What is the pH of the water at the source? Test protocol says $pH = 5$. (See Prof. Gschwend's lecture also).

- Decrease in flow rate at the tap (or shower head) is to be tolerable, if not go unnoticed.

What does this mean? What is a household flow rate? Estimate (guess), measure, look up.

- Pressure drop is not to exceed 15% of the supply pressure.

What is an ordinary supply pressure? How high is Payson Park holding reservoir relative to Cambridge? Look up. Note that test protocol specifies 40-60 psi.

Design parameters:

Q: the flow rate $\langle L^3/T \rangle$ Specified - a user requirement, a “given”

T_r: residence time $\langle T \rangle$ Crudely Specified - a system requirement

n: material porosity Specified - a material(s) property.

K: conductivity $\langle L/T \rangle$ Specified - a material(s) property.

A: pipe xsect. area $\langle L^2 \rangle$ To be determined, chosen.

L: pipe length $\langle L \rangle$ To be determined, chosen.

D: pipe diam $\langle L \rangle$ To be determined, Note: Choose from 4 options

h: total “head” $\langle L \rangle$ Δh is specified to be less than some number.
a user requirement.

z: height of in, out. $\langle L \rangle$ To be determined, chosen.

ρg : weight density of water $\langle M/(L^2T^2) \rangle$ A given value.

p: water pressure $\langle M/(LT^2) \rangle$ Given at inlet.

“Sizing” the system.

A popular method:

Choose a material, e.g., C33. This sets the porosity, n , and residence time (roughly) T_r

With a flow rate, Q , specified, from $Q = \frac{nAL}{T_R}$ find the volume of pipe required = AL

Choose a diameter, D , one of 4 discrete options.

Determine A , then from above, the required length L .

If $L > 1000$ meters, check for errors (units?, calculations?).

If $L >$ what you think is reasonable but not outlandish, try another material, or try a smaller residence time. (Remember, only crudely specified). Or try a bigger pipe area (if available).

Not finished; need to make sure pressure drop is below 15% of source pressure.

From $Q = KA \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{L}$ determine Δh the system will experience.

If too big, check for errors, etc.

If ok, check cost. Any other options?

A more “complete” method.

From $Q = KA \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{L}$ “solve” for L . $L = KA \cdot \frac{\Delta h}{Q}$

Now specify our user friendly flow rate as some minimum value, Q_{min}

So we want $Q > Q_{min}$ and at the extreme situation when Δh is at maximum tolerable value (15% of supply pressure) Δh_{max}

This two settings and Darcy’s equation give an upper bound on the length L

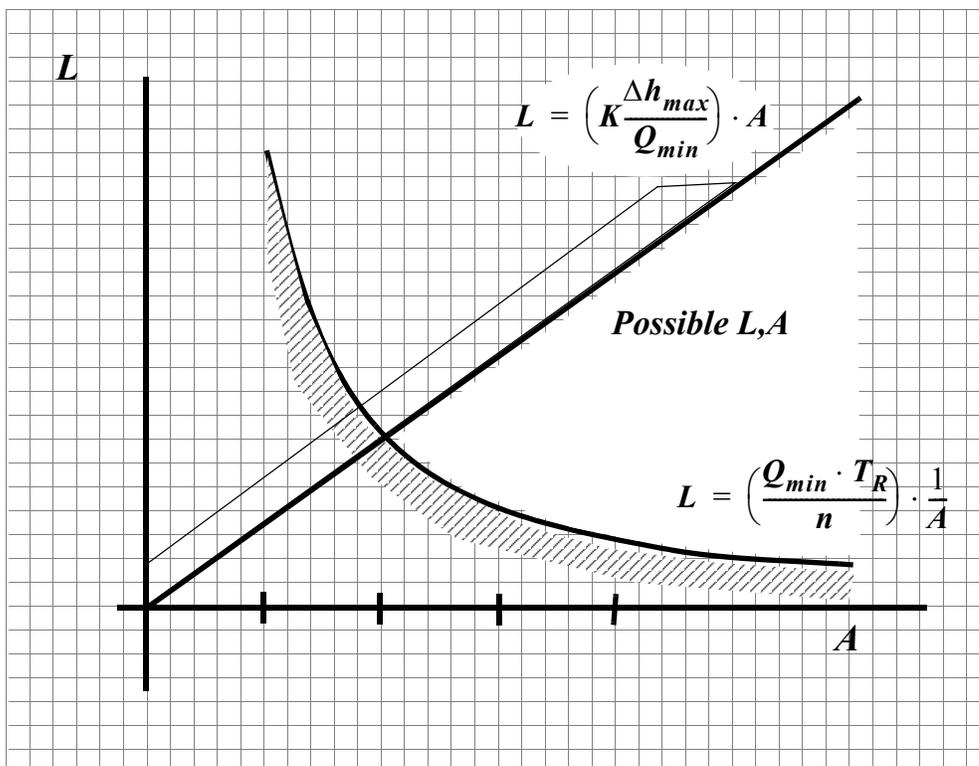
$$L \leq KA \cdot \frac{\Delta h_{max}}{Q_{min}} \quad \text{or} \quad L \leq \left(K \frac{\Delta h_{max}}{Q_{min}} \right) \cdot A \quad \text{eqn. (1)}$$

where the bracketed term is some number, once we have chosen a material.

A lower bound from the other principle relationship $Q = \frac{nAL}{T_R}$ namely

$$L \geq \frac{Q_{min} \cdot T_R}{nA} \quad \text{or} \quad L \geq \left(\frac{Q_{min} \cdot T_R}{n} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{A} \quad \text{eqn. (2)}$$

Now we plot L versus A at the limiting conditions (when the equality holds in the two equations).



For a given material, residence time, minimum Q , maximum Δh