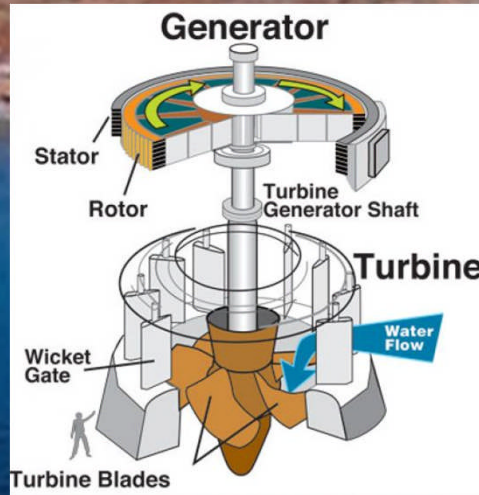


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# Turbomachinery-Problems

## Worked example 15

An 8" pump of the type described by the performance curves of Figure 6 is required to pump water at  $0.025\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ . What is the efficiency and pump power for this operation point? What differential pressure does the pump generate?

Answer: 72.1%, 23.1 kW, 673 kPa

1 US gpm = 3.79 lpm

1 litre =  $10^{-3}\text{ m}^3$

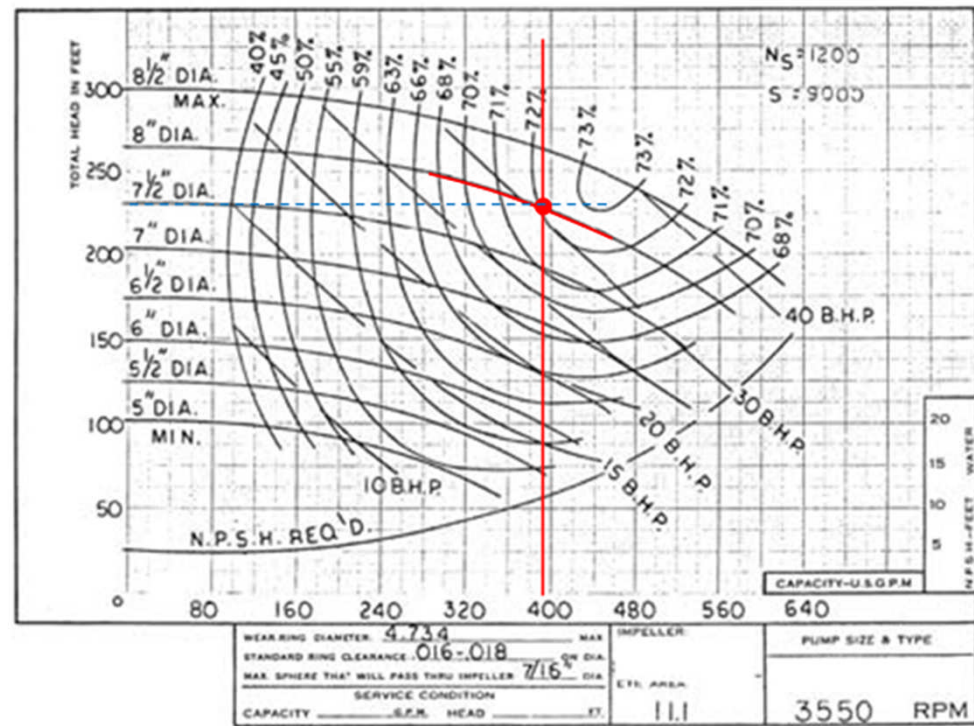
1 foot = 12 "

1" =  $25.4 \times 10^{-3}\text{ m}$

# Solution to Worked Example 15

- Convert flowrate to US gpm:
- 1 US gpm = 3.79 lpm =  $3.79 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$  per minute

$$\frac{0.025}{3.79 \times 10^{-3}} \times 60 = 396 \text{ US gpm}$$



# Solution to Worked Example 15

- Read off bhp and efficiency:
- Efficiency  $\sim 72.1\%$
- Pump power  $\sim 31$  bhp
- Convert to SI units:  $1\text{hp} = 746\text{W}$  approx

$$31 \times 746 = 23.1\text{kW}$$

- From graph, head generated  $\sim 225$  ft.
- Convert to differential pressure:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta p &= \rho g h \\ &= 1000 \times 9.81 \\ &\times (225 \times 12 \times 25.4 \times 10^{-3}) = 673\text{kPa}\end{aligned}$$

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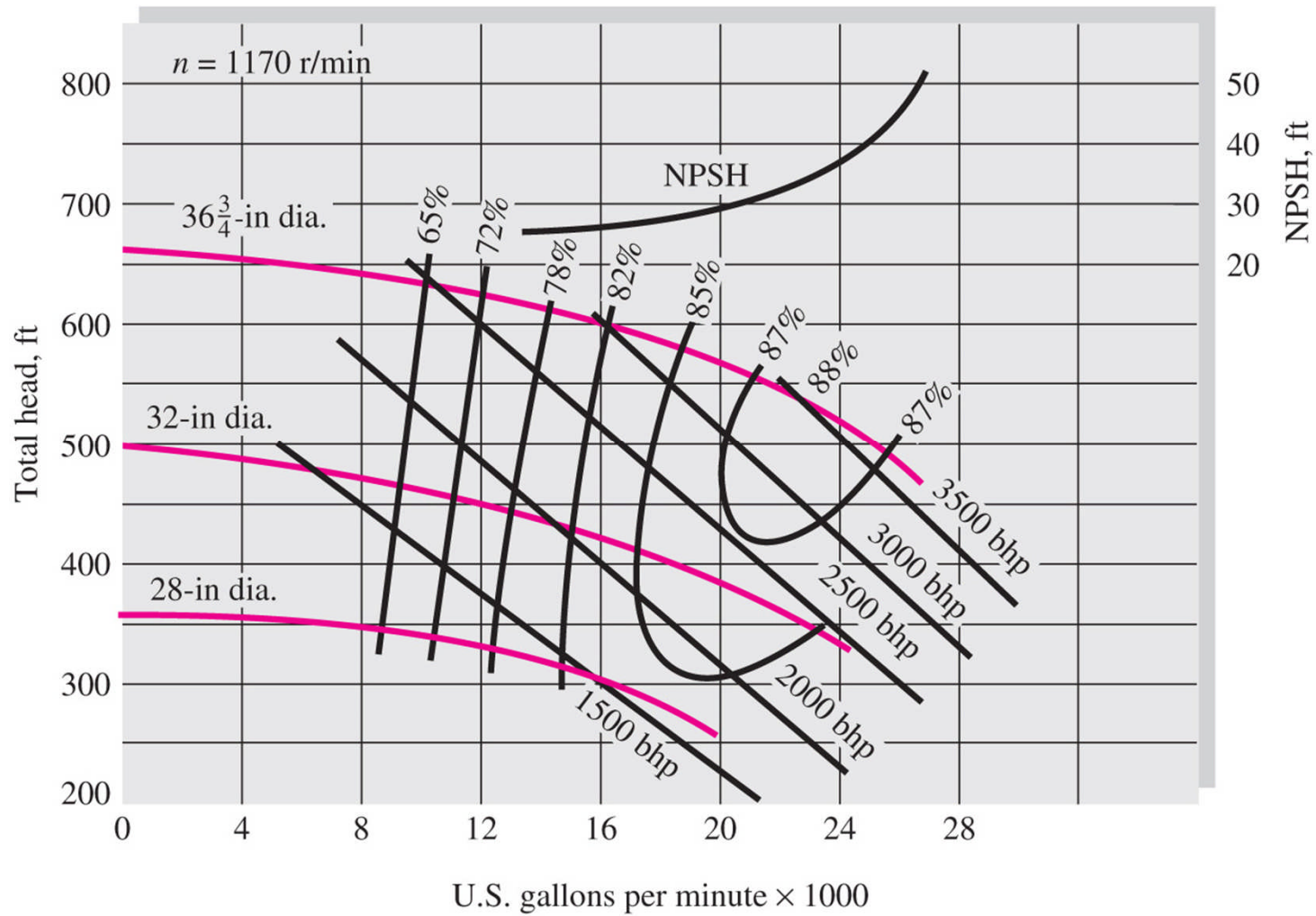


## Worked example 16

The performance data for a 32" pump is given below. The pump is to pump 24,000 US gpm of water from a reservoir where the pressure at the surface is 1.01 bar. If the head loss due to friction from reservoir to pump inlet is 6 ft, how far below the reservoir surface should the pump inlet be placed to avoid cavitation for water at 15.5°C, density 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and  $p_v = 1.8\text{kPa}$ .

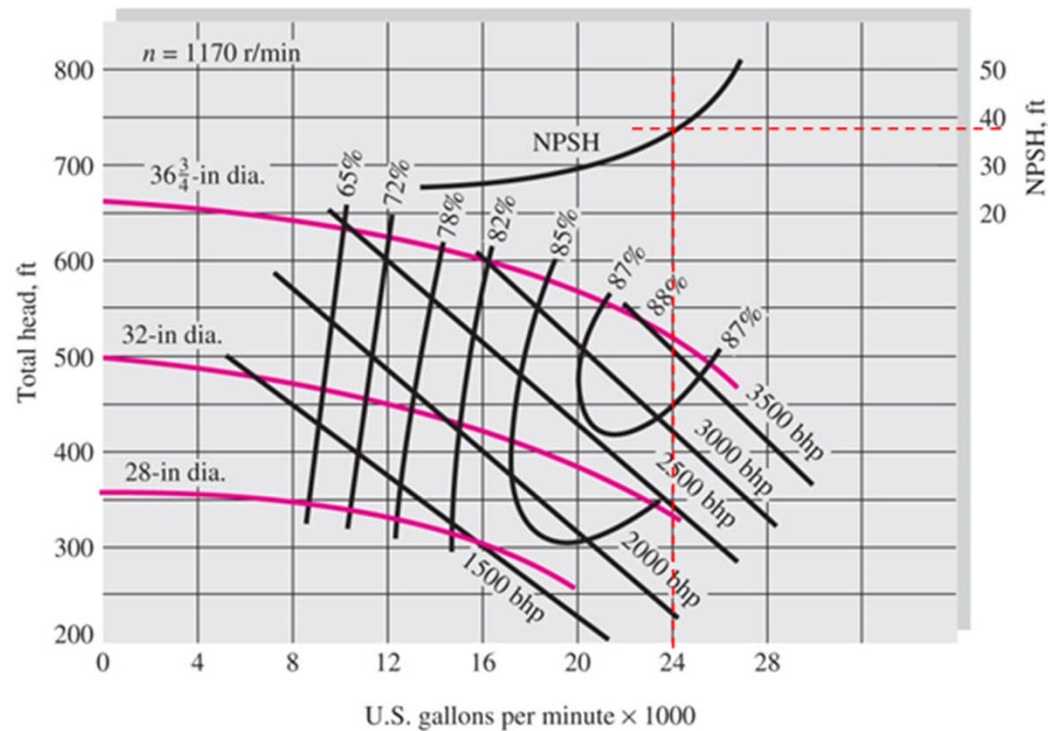
Answer: 3.3m minimum

# Worked Example 16



# Solution to Worked Example 16

- From the graph, at 24,000 US gpm the NPSH required is 38 ft.

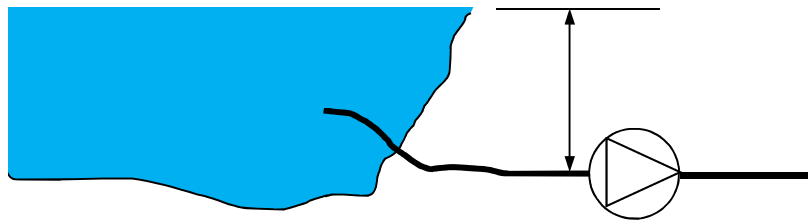


- Convert to metres:

$$38 \times 12 \times 25.4 \times 10^{-3} = 11.58m$$

# Solution to Worked Example 16

- Apply EBE between reservoir surface and pump inlet:



$$\frac{p_a}{\rho g} + z = \frac{p_i}{\rho g} + \frac{v_i^2}{2g} + H_f$$

- From Eq 6, for no cavitation we need

$$NPSH \leq \frac{p_i}{\rho g} + \frac{v_i^2}{2g} - \frac{p_v}{\rho g}$$

- Combine to give: 
$$NPSH \leq \frac{p_a}{\rho g} + z - H_f - \frac{p_v}{\rho g}$$

- $H_f$  is 6 feet, convert to metres:

$$6 \times 12 \times 25.4 \times 10^{-3} = 1.83 \text{ m}$$



## Solution to Worked Example 16

$$NPSH \leq \frac{p_a}{\rho g} + z - H_f - \frac{p_v}{\rho g}$$

- So

$$11.58 \leq \frac{1.01 \times 10^5}{\rho g} + z - 1.83 - \frac{1.8 \times 10^3}{\rho g}$$

- Therefore need  $z \geq 3.3m$

## Worked example 17

A pump from the family of Figure 8 has a diameter of 21" and operates at 1500 rpm. Estimate the discharge and differential pressure for this pump when operating at BEP (best efficiency point) for water with density  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . What is the input power required for this pump

Answer:  $0.45 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , 835 kPa, 423 kW

# Solution to Worked Example 17

- Identify the BEP on the graph
- Reading from the graph, at BEP:

$$C_Q^* \approx 0.118$$

$$\eta \approx 0.87$$

$$C_H^* \approx 4.7$$

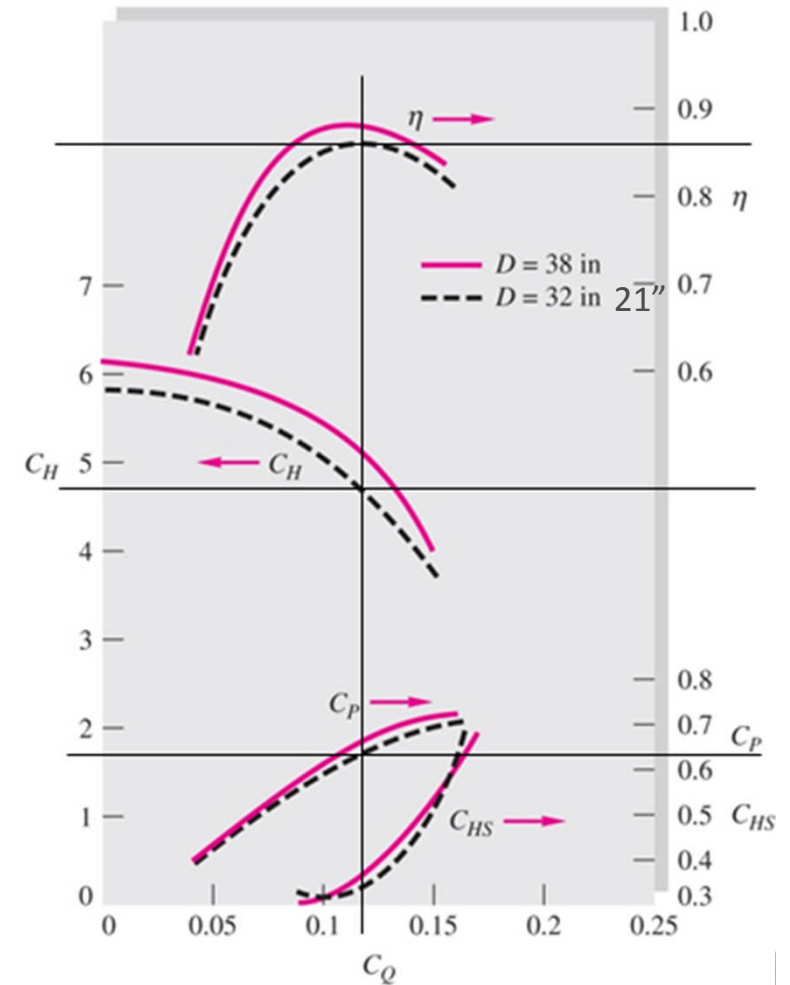
$$C_P^* \approx 0.63$$

- Find Q from Capacity coefficient

$$\text{Capacity coefficient } C_Q = \frac{Q}{nD^3}$$

- $D=21''=0.533\text{m}$ ,  $n=1500\text{rpm}=25\text{ rps}$

$$\therefore Q^* = 0.118 \times 25 \times 0.533^3 = 0.45\text{m}^3/\text{s}$$



## Solution to Worked Example 17

- Find pump head from head coefficient

$$\text{Head coefficient } C_H = \frac{gH}{n^2 D^2}$$

$$\therefore H^* = (4.7 \times 25^2 \times 0.533^2) / 9.8 = 85.1 \text{ m}$$

- Neglecting the difference between pump inlet and outlet elevations:

$$\Delta p = \rho g H = 1000 \times 9.81 \times 85.1 = 835 \text{ kPa}$$

- Find pump input power from power coefficient:

$$\text{Power coefficient } C_P = \frac{P}{\rho n^3 D^5}$$

$$\therefore P^* = 0.63 \times 1000 \times 25^3 \times 0.533^5 = 423 \text{ kW}$$

## Worked example 18

If a pump has the following values at BEP (best-efficiency point):

$$C_H^* = 0.163 \text{ and } C_Q^* = 0.0325$$

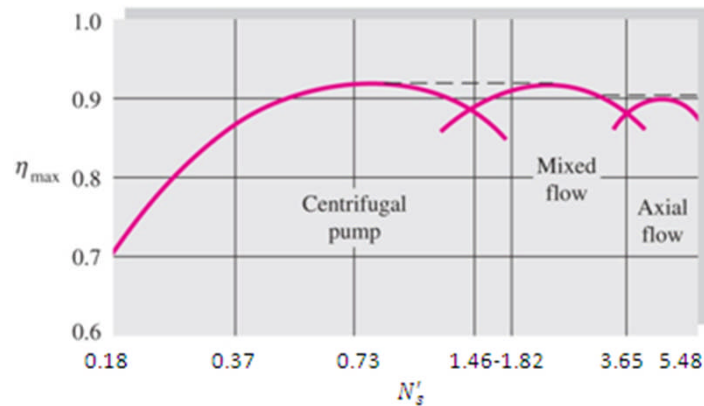
what is the non-dimensional specific speed? What rotary pump type does this correspond to?

Ans: 0.703, centrifugal (radial)

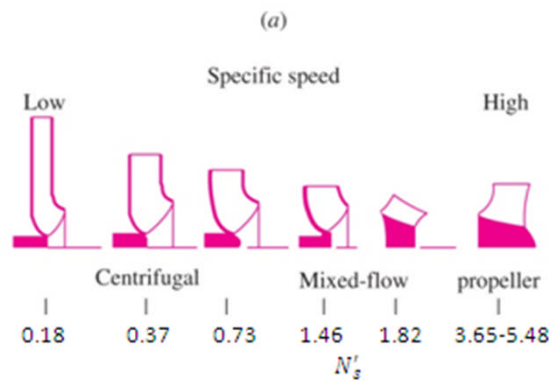



# Solution to worked example 18

$$N'_s = \frac{C_{Q^*}^{0.5}}{C_{H^*}^{0.75}} = \frac{0.0325^{0.5}}{0.163^{0.75}} = 0.703$$



Centrifugal pump



 A centrifugal pump delivers 550 gal/min of water at 20°C with horsepower is 22 and the efficiency is 71%. (a) Estimate the head rise and pressure rise in psi. (b) Also estimate the head rise and horsepower if instead is 550 gal/min of gasoline at 20°C.

**Solution:** (a) For water at 20°C, take  $\rho \approx 998 \text{ kg/m}^3 \approx 1.94 \text{ slug/ft}^3$ . The po

$$\star \text{ Power} = 22(550) = 12100 \frac{\text{ft}\cdot\text{lbf}}{\text{s}} = \frac{\rho g Q H}{\eta} = \frac{(62.4) \left( \frac{550 \text{ ft}^3}{449 \text{ s}} \right)}{0.71}$$

$$\text{or } H \approx \mathbf{112 \text{ ft}} \quad \text{Ans. (a)}$$

$$\text{Pressure rise } \Delta p = \rho g H = (62.4)(112) = 7011 \text{ psf} \div 144 \approx \mathbf{49 \text{ psi}}$$

(b) For gasoline at 20°C, take  $\rho \approx 680 \text{ kg/m}^3 \approx 1.32 \text{ slug/ft}^3$ . If viscosity (viscosity number) is not important, the operating conditions (flow rate, impeller size) are exactly the same and hence the head is the same and the power scales with

$$H \approx \mathbf{112 \text{ ft}} \text{ (of gasoline); } \text{ Power} = P_{\text{water}} \frac{\rho_{\text{gasoline}}}{\rho_{\text{water}}} = 22 \left( \frac{680}{998} \right) \approx \mathbf{15 \text{ hp}}$$

1 A pump delivers 1500 L/min of water at 20°C against a pressure rise of 270 kPa. Kinetic and potential energy changes are negligible. If the driving motor supplies 9 kW, what is the overall efficiency?

**Solution:** With pressure rise given, we don't need density. Compute "water" power:


$$P_{water} = \rho g Q H = Q \Delta p = \left( \frac{1.5}{60} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}} \right) \left( 270 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^2} \right) = 6.75 \text{ kW}, \quad \therefore \eta = \frac{6.75}{9.0} = \mathbf{75\%} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

2 A pump delivers gasoline at 20°C and 12 m<sup>3</sup>/h. At the inlet, p<sub>1</sub> = 100 kPa, z<sub>1</sub> = 1 m, and V<sub>1</sub> = 2 m/s. At the exit p<sub>2</sub> = 500 kPa, z<sub>2</sub> = 4 m, and V<sub>2</sub> = 3 m/s. How much power is required if the motor efficiency is 75%?

**Solution:** For gasoline, take  $\rho g \approx 680(9.81) = 6671 \text{ N/m}^3$ . Compute head and power:

$$H = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 - \frac{p_1}{\rho g} - \frac{V_1^2}{2g} - z_1 = \frac{500000}{6671} + \frac{(3)^2}{2(9.81)} + 4 - \frac{100000}{6671} - \frac{(2)^2}{2(9.81)} - 1,$$

$$\text{or: } H \approx 63.2 \text{ m, } \text{Power} = \frac{\rho g Q H}{\eta} = \frac{6671 \left( \frac{12}{3600} \right) (63.2)}{0.75} \approx \mathbf{1870 \text{ W}} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

 In a test of the pump in the figure, the data are:  $p_1 = 100$  mmHg (vacuum),  $p_2 = 500$  mmHg (gage),  $D_1 = 12$  cm, and  $D_2 = 5$  cm. The flow rate is 180 gal/min of light oil (SG = 0.91). Estimate (a) the head developed; and (b) the input power at 75% efficiency.

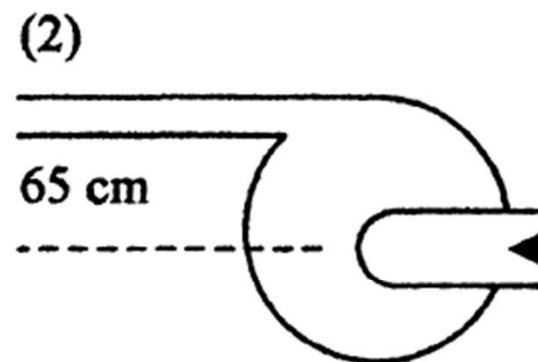


Fig. P11.12

**Solution:** Convert 100 mmHg = 13332 Pa, 500 mmHg = 66661 Pa, 0.01136 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Compute  $V_1 = Q/A_1 = 0.01136/[(\pi/4)(0.12)^2] = 1.00$  m/s. Also  $V_2 = 180 \text{ gal/min} \times 0.0000708 \text{ m}^3/\text{gal} \times 60 \text{ s/min} / [(\pi/4)(0.05)^2] = 5.79$  m/s. Calculate  $\gamma_{\text{oil}} = 0.91(9790) = 8909$  N/m<sup>3</sup>. Then the head is

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \frac{p_2}{\gamma} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + z_2 - \frac{p_1}{\gamma} - \frac{V_1^2}{2g} - z_1 \\
 &= \frac{66661}{8909} + \frac{(5.79)^2}{2(9.81)} + 0.65 - \frac{-13332}{8909} - \frac{(1.00)^2}{2(9.81)} - 0, \quad \text{or: } \mathbf{H = 11.3 \text{ m}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Power} = \frac{\gamma Q H}{n} = \frac{8909(0.01136)(11.3)}{0.75} = \mathbf{1520 \text{ W}} \quad \text{Ans. (b)}$$