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5.108 What is the maximum possible power output of the hydroelectric turbine shown in Fig.P5.108?

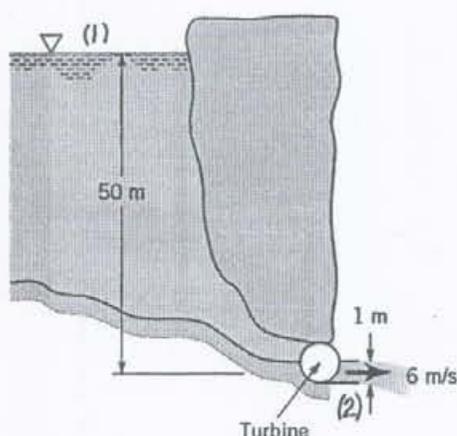


FIGURE P5.108

For flow from section (1) to section (2), Eq. 5.82 yields

$$\frac{P_2}{\rho} + \frac{V_2^2}{2} + gz_2 = \frac{P_1}{\rho} + \frac{V_1^2}{2} + gz_1 + w_{\text{shaft net in}} - \text{loss} \quad (1)$$

Since $P_1 = P_2 = P_{\text{atm}}$ $w_{\text{shaft net in}} = -w_{\text{shaft net out}}$ Eq. 1 can be expressed as

$$w_{\text{shaft net out}} = g(z_1 - z_2) - \frac{V_2^2}{2} - \text{loss}$$

The maximum work or power output is achieved when $\text{loss} = 0$.

Thus

$$\dot{W}_{\text{shaft net out maximum}} = \dot{m} w_{\text{shaft net out maximum}} = \dot{m} \left[g(z_1 - z_2) - \frac{V_2^2}{2} \right]$$

Now

$$\dot{m} = \rho V_2 A_2 = \rho V_2 \frac{\pi D_2^2}{4} = (999 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}) (6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}) \frac{\pi (1 \text{ m})^2}{4} = 4710 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}$$

and

$$\dot{W}_{\text{shaft net out maximum}} = (4710 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}}) \left[(9.81 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}) (50 \text{ m}) - \frac{(6 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})^2}{2} \right] \left(1 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{kg} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}} \right)$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{shaft net out maximum}} = \underline{\underline{2.22 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{N} \cdot \text{m}}{\text{s}}}} = \underline{\underline{2.22 \times 10^6 \text{ W}}} = \underline{\underline{2.22 \text{ MW}}}$$