

8.31 Water at 20°C flows at 3 m/s in a 20-cm smooth pipe. What must be the velocity of air (standard atmospheric pressure) at 30°C in a 10-cm smooth pipe for the two flows to be dynamically similar? If the pressure change for the water flow was measured as 2.0 kPa over a given length of pipe, what pressure change should you get for the air flow with the same length of pipe?

8.31 Water 20°C $V_w = 3 \text{ m/s}$ $D_w = 20 \text{ cm} = 0.2 \text{ m}$
 Air 30°C, ρ_a $D_a = 10 \text{ cm} = 0.1 \text{ m}$

V_a for dynamic similarity

Similarity: ① $Re_a = Re_w$

$$\frac{V_a D_a}{\nu_a} = \frac{V_w D_w}{\nu_w}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_a &= \frac{V_w D_w \nu_a}{D_a \nu_w} \\ &= 3 \times \left(\frac{0.2}{0.1}\right) \times \left(\frac{1.6 \times 10^{-5}}{1 \times 10^{-6}}\right) \\ &= 96 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

② $\frac{\Delta P_a}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_a V_a^2} = \frac{\Delta P_w}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V_w^2}$

$$\Delta P_a = \Delta P_w \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \rho_a V_a^2}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_w V_w^2} = 2 \times \frac{1.17}{998} \times \frac{96^2}{3^2}$$

$$= 2.4 \text{ kPa}$$