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8.85 When water flows from the tank shown in Fig. P8.85, the water depth in the tank as a function of time is as indicated. Determine the cross-sectional area of the tank. The total length of the 0.60-in.-diameter pipe is 20 ft, and the friction factor is 0.03. The loss coefficients are: 0.50 for the entrance, 1.5 for each elbow, and 10 for the valve.

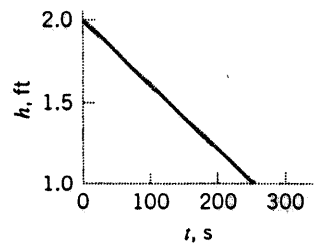
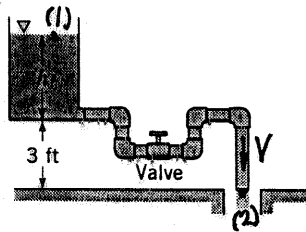


FIGURE P8.85

$$\frac{p_1}{\rho} + z_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} - h_L = \frac{p_2}{\rho} + z_2 + \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$$

where

$$p_1 = p_2 = 0, z_2 = 0, z_1 = 3 \text{ ft} + h, V_1 = 0, V_2 = V \text{ and}$$

$$h_L = \left( f \frac{L}{D} + \sum_i K_{L_i} \right) \frac{V^2}{2g} \text{ with } \sum_i K_{L_i} = 0.5 + 5(1.5) + 10 = 18$$

Thus,

$$z_1 = h_L + \frac{V^2}{2g} = \left( f \frac{L}{D} + \sum_i K_{L_i} + 1 \right) \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

Consider the flow when  $h = 1.5 \text{ ft}$  so that  $z_1 = 4.5 \text{ ft}$

Hence,

$$4.5 \text{ ft} = \left( 0.03 \frac{20 \text{ ft}}{\left( \frac{0.6 \text{ ft}}{12} \right)} + 18 + 1 \right) \frac{V^2}{2 \left( 32.2 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}^2} \right)}$$

or

$$V = 3.06 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \text{ so that } Q = AV = \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{0.6 \text{ ft}}{12} \right)^2 \left( 3.06 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \right) = 0.00601 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}}$$

$$\text{But } Q = A_{\text{tank}} \left( -\frac{dh}{dt} \right)$$

where from the graph

$$\frac{dh}{dt} \approx \frac{(-1 \text{ ft})}{250 \text{ s}} = -0.004 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}}$$

Hence,

$$0.00601 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{s}} = A_{\text{tank}} \left( 0.004 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{s}} \right)$$

or

$$A_{\text{tank}} = \underline{\underline{1.50 \text{ ft}^2}}$$