

8.51 Gasoline flows in a smooth pipe of 40-mm diameter at a rate of $0.001 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. If it were possible to prevent turbulence from occurring, what would be the ratio of the head loss for the actual turbulent flow compared to that if it were laminar flow?

Let $()_t$ denote the turbulent flow and $()_l$ the laminar flow.
Thus, $h_{L_t} = f_t \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$ and $h_{L_l} = f_l \frac{L}{D} \frac{V^2}{2g}$ (1)

where $V = V_t = V_l = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{0.001 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}}{\frac{\pi}{4} (0.04 \text{ m})^2} = 0.796 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$

From Table 1.6 $\rho = 680 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$ and $\mu = 3.1 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{s}}{\text{m}^2}$ so that

$$Re = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} = \frac{(680 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3})(0.796 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}})(0.04 \text{ m})}{3.1 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\text{N}\cdot\text{s}}{\text{m}^2}} = 6.98 \times 10^4$$

Hence, from Fig. 8.20, for a smooth pipe $f_t = 0.0192$
while for laminar flow $f_l = \frac{64}{Re} = \frac{64}{6.98 \times 10^4} = 9.16 \times 10^{-4}$
Thus, from Eq. (1)

$$\frac{h_{L_t}}{h_{L_l}} = \frac{f_t}{f_l} = \frac{0.0192}{9.16 \times 10^{-4}} = \underline{\underline{21.0}}$$