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## **Control Laboratory**

### **Experiment No. 3** Flow Measurement by Orifice Method

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#### Number of Experiment: 3

Name of Experiment: Flow Measurement by Orifice Method

**Purpose of Experiment:** Determination of flow measurement by orifice method

Equipment of Experiment: Flow Measurement Training by Orifice Method

device which consist of:

- 1. Orifice plate.
- 2. Power supply.
- 3. Voltmeter.
- 4. Pressure gauge.
- 5. Pressure sensor.
- 6. Pump.
- 7. Rotameter.
- 8. U-tube manometer.
- 9. Sump tank.
- 10.Measuring flow tank.



#### **Theory of Experiment:**

There are many situations in the engineering field where it is necessary to know the flowrate in a pipe. There are various flow-measuring devices that all determine the flow rate in a pipe but the most common is the obstruction-type flowmeter. Obstruction flowmeters operate on the idea that a decrease in flow area in a pipe causes an increase in velocity that in turn decreases pressure. This correlation of pressure difference and velocity provides the means of measuring flowrate. The different obstruction-type flowmeters consist of the orifice meter, the nozzle meter, and the Venturi meter. In this lab we will be measuring the flow through an orifice meter. A schematic of a standard orifice meter can be seen below in Figure 1.

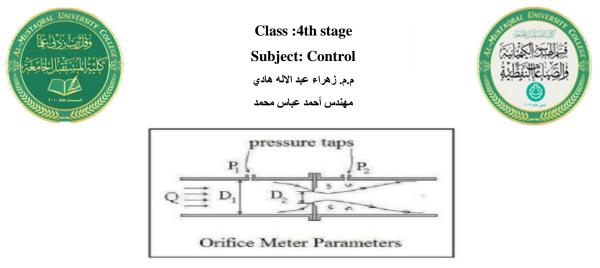


Figure 1. Schematic of Standard Orifice Meter

An orifice meter is defined to be a plate having a central hole that is placed across the flow of a liquid, usually between flanges in a pipeline. The pressure difference generated by the flow velocity through the hole enables the flow quantity to be measured. As seen in Figure 1 the fluid flows through the left side of the pipe at the pipe diameter  $D_1$  and it is restricted down to  $D_2$  as it flows through the restricting plates, this is known as the orifice. The pressure difference is measured at  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . This pressure can be measured using any different measurement devices such as piezometer tubes or pressure gages.

#### **Procedure:**

- 1. Fill the tank with water.
- 2. Open the device.
- 3. By the pump the water will rise toward the rotameter.
- 4. Control manually the valve of rotameter and change it from 0 to 200 LPH.
- 5. Record voltage with LPH.
- 6. Draw curve between voltage and LPH.

#### **Discussion:**

- 1. What is orifice plate?
- 2. Explain how does the flow measurement device work.
- 3. What is the manometer?
- 4. What is the rotameter?

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