

Solution by trial and error

$$\begin{array}{lll} v_2 \text{ Assumed} & 10 \times 10^{-3} & 7.5 \times 10^{-3} \\ v_2 \text{ Calculated} & 7.5 \times 10^{-3} & 7.46 \times 10^{-3} \end{array}$$

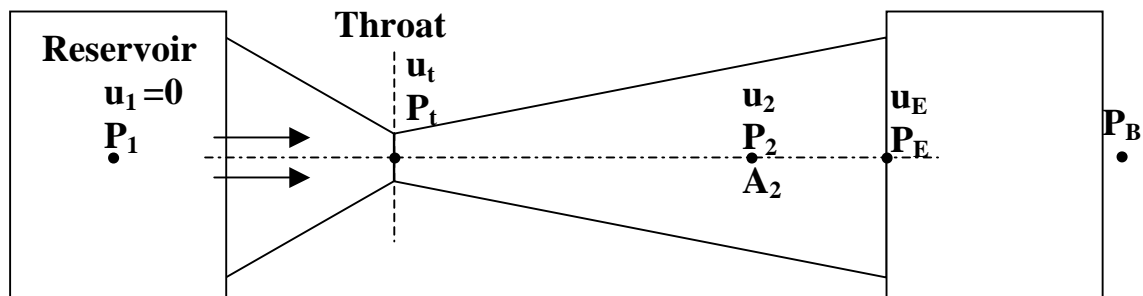
$$\Rightarrow v_2 = 7.46 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{P_1 v_1}{v_2} + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2\gamma} \frac{G^2}{v_2} (v_1^2 - v_2^2) \Rightarrow P_2 = 11.94 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$$

This value of  $P_2$  in adiabatic conditions is very close to the value in isothermal condition since the actual heat flux is very small.

## 8.4 Converging-Diverging Nozzles for Gas Flow

Converging-diverging nozzles, sometimes known as “Laval nozzles”, are used for expansion of gases where the pressure drop is large.



$P_1$ : the pressure in the reservoir or initial pressure.

$P_2$ : the pressure at any point in diverging section of the nozzle.

$P_E$ : the pressure at exit of the nozzle.

$P_B$ : the back pressure or the pressure at end.

$P_{\text{critical}}$ : the pressure at which the velocity of the gas is sonic velocity.

Because the flow rate is large for high-pressure differentials, there is **little time** for heat transfer to take place between the gas and surroundings and the expansion is effectively **isentropic** [adiabatic + reversible].

In these conditions,

$$\frac{v_2}{v_1} = \left( \frac{P_1}{P_2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \Rightarrow v_2 = v_1 \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{-\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta u^2}{2} + g \Delta z + \int_{P_1}^{P_2} v dP + W_s + F = 0 \text{ the genral energy equation for any type of fluid.}$$

for gas flow from reservoir ( $u_1 = 0$ ) at pressure ( $P_1$ ) in a horizontal direction, with no shaft work, and by assuming  $F=0$  this equation becomes

$$\frac{u_2^2}{2} + \int_{P_1}^{P_2} v dP = 0 \text{ and the pressure energy term is,}$$

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} v dP = v_1 P_1^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \int_{P_1}^{P_2} P^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} dP = v_1 P_1^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left[ \frac{P^{1-\frac{1}{\gamma}}}{1-\frac{1}{\gamma}} \right]_{P_1}^{P_2} = v_1 P_1^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right) \left[ P_2^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - P_1^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right] \dots \times \frac{P_1^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}}{P_1^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{P_1}^{P_2} v dP = \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right) P_1 v_1 \left[ \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2^2 = -2 \int_{P_1}^{P_2} v dP = \left( \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right) P_1 v_1 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]$$

To estimate the velocity at any point downstream

we have,

$$G_2 = \frac{\dot{m}}{A_2} = \frac{u_2}{v_2} \Rightarrow A_2 = \dot{m} \frac{v_2}{u_2}$$

Cross-sectional area at any point downstream

#### 8.4.1 Maximum Velocity and Critical Pressure Ratio

**Critical pressure** is the pressure at which the gas reaches sonic velocity [i.e. Ma=1.0].

In converging-diverging nozzles, if the pressure ratio ( $P_2/P_1$ ) is less than the critical pressure ratio ( $P_{\text{critical}}/P_1$ ) (usually,  $\approx 0.5$ ) and the velocity at throat is then **equal to the velocity of sound**, the effective area for flow presented by nozzle must therefore pass through a minimum. Thus in a converging section the velocity of the gas stream *will never exceed* the sonic velocity, though supersonic velocities *may be obtained in the diverging section* of the converging-diverging nozzle.

##### Case (I) [ $P_B$ high, $P_t > P_{\text{critical}}$ ]

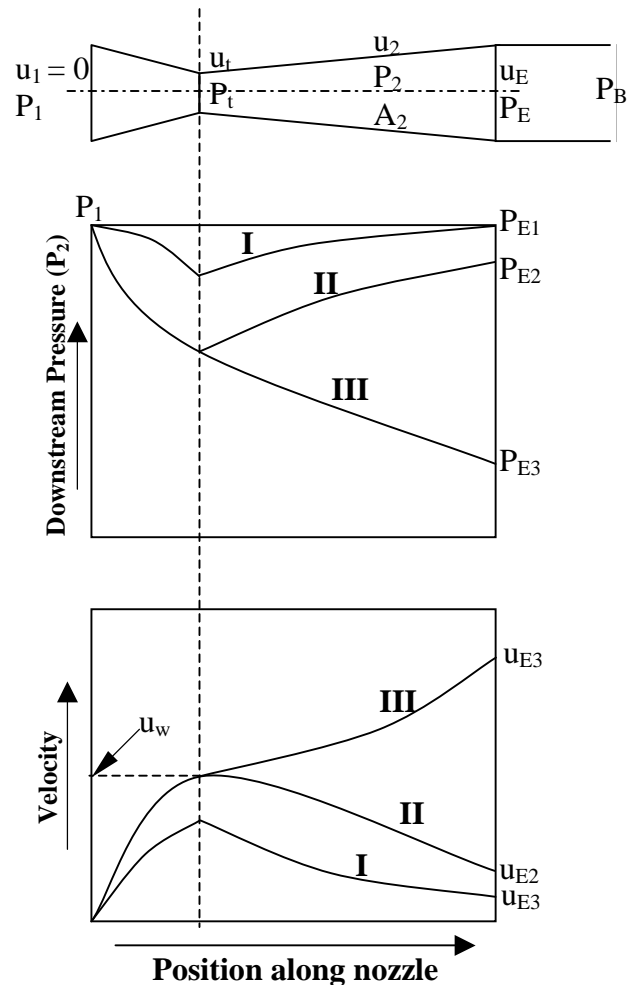
The pressure falls to a minimum at throat [larger than critical pressure] and then rises to a value ( $P_{E1}=P_B$ ). The velocity increase to the maximum at throat [less than sonic velocity] and then decreases to a value of ( $u_{E1}$ ) at the exit of the nozzle. [ Case (I) is corresponding to conditions in a venturi meter operating entirely at subsonic velocities]

##### Case (II) [ $P_B$ reduced, $P_B > (P_t = P_{\text{critical}})$ ]

The pressure falls to a critical value at throat where the velocity is sonic. The pressure then rises to a value ( $P_{E2}=P_B$ ) at the exit of the nozzle. The velocity rises to the sonic value at the throat and then falls to a value of ( $u_{E2}$ ) at the exit of the nozzle.

##### Case (III) [ $P_B$ low, $P_B < (P_t = P_{\text{critical}})$ ]

The pressure falls to a critical value at throat and continues to fall to give an exit pressure ( $P_{E3}=P_B$ ). The velocity rises to the sonic value at the throat and continues to increase to supersonic in the diverging section cone to a value ( $u_{E3}$ ) at the exit of the nozzle.



With converging-diverging nozzle, the velocity increases beyond the sonic velocity [i.e. reach supersonic velocity] only if the velocity at the throat is sonic [i.e. critical pressure at throat] and the pressure at outlet is lower than the throat pressure.

#### 8.4.2 The Pressure and Area for Flow

In converging-diverging nozzles, the area required at any point depend upon the ratio of the downstream to upstream pressure ( $P_2/P_1$ ), and **it is helpful to establish the minimum value of ( $A_t = A_2$ )**.

$$A_2 = \dot{m} \frac{v_2}{u_2} \Rightarrow A_2^2 = \dot{m}^2 \left( \frac{v_2}{u_2} \right)^2$$

$$\text{but } v_2 = v_1 \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \quad \text{and} \quad u_2^2 = \left( \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right) P_1 v_1 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2^2 = \dot{m}^2 \left( \frac{\gamma-1}{2\gamma} \right) \left[ \frac{v_1^2 (P_2/P_1)^{\frac{2}{\gamma}}}{P_1 v_1 \left\{ 1 - (P_2/P_1)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}} \right] \Rightarrow A_2^2 = \left( \frac{\dot{m}^2 v_1 (\gamma-1)}{2\gamma P_1} \right) \left[ \frac{(r)^{-\frac{2}{\gamma}}}{\left\{ 1 - (r)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}} \right]; \quad r = \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

In the flow stream  $P_1$  falls to  $P_2$  at which minimum  $A_2$  which could be obtain by;

$$\left( \frac{dA_2^2}{dr} \right)_{r=r_c} = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{dA_2^2}{dr} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\dot{m}^2 v_1 (\gamma-1)}{2\gamma P_1} \right) \left[ \frac{\left( 1 - r_c^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right) \left( -\frac{2}{\gamma} \right) \left( r_c^{-\frac{2+\gamma}{\gamma}} \right) - \left( r_c^{-\frac{2}{\gamma}} \right) \left( -\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} r_c^{-\frac{1}{\gamma}} \right)}{\left\{ 1 - (r)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( 1 - r_c^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right) \left( -\frac{2}{\gamma} \right) \left( r_c^{-\frac{2+\gamma}{\gamma}} \right) + \left( r_c^{-\frac{2}{\gamma}} \right) \left( \frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma} \right) \left( r_c^{-\frac{1}{\gamma}} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \left( -\frac{2}{\gamma} \right) \left( r_c^{-\frac{2+\gamma}{\gamma}} \right) + \left( \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma} \right) \left( r_c^{-\frac{3}{\gamma}} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_c = \left( \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}; \quad \gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}; \quad r_c = \frac{P_{critical}}{P_1} \quad \text{if } \gamma = 1.4 \Rightarrow r_c = 0.528$$

$$\therefore A_2^2 = \dot{m}^2 \frac{(\gamma-1)}{2\gamma} \left( \frac{v_1}{P_1} \right) \left[ \frac{(P_2/P_1)^{-\frac{2}{\gamma}}}{\left\{ 1 - (P_2/P_1)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right\}} \right] \quad \text{The area at any point downstream}$$

$$\text{and } \Rightarrow \dot{m}^2 = A_2^2 \frac{2\gamma}{(\gamma-1)} \frac{P_1}{v_1} \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{2/\gamma} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \right] \quad \text{The mass flow rate}$$

$$\text{and } \Rightarrow G_2^2 = \frac{\dot{m}^2}{A_2^2} \frac{2\gamma}{(\gamma-1)} \frac{P_1}{v_1} \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{2/\gamma} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} \right] \quad \text{The mass velocity}$$

To find the maximum value of ( $G_2$ ) i.e. ( $G_2$ )<sub>max</sub>, set ( $dG_2^2/dr = 0$ ) where,  $r = P_2/P_1$  to get the following equation  $G_{max} = \sqrt{\gamma P_2 / v_2}$ .