

Homework 3: Two-Position Nozzle

$$\mathbf{a)} \ c^* = \frac{\sqrt{RT_c}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \quad (1)$$

$$\Gamma = \sqrt{\gamma} \left(\frac{2}{\gamma+1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}} \quad (2)$$

$$\Gamma = \sqrt{1.2} \left(\frac{2}{2.2} \right)^{\frac{2.2}{2 \cdot 0.2}} = 0.6485$$

$$R = \frac{8.314 \text{ J/mol-K}}{0.018 \text{ kg/mol}} = 461.9 \text{ J/mol-K} \quad (3)$$

Solving for c^* and \dot{m} :

$$c^* = \frac{\sqrt{461.9 \cdot 3300}}{0.6485} = 1903.7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\dot{m} = \frac{P_c A_t}{c^*} = \frac{70 \cdot 1.013 \text{E}5 \cdot 0.1}{1903.7} = 372.5 \text{ kg/s}$$

For the inner bell:

$$\frac{P_{e1}}{P_{a0}} = 0.4$$

Therefore, the exit Mach number is given by:

$$\frac{70}{0.4} = \left(1 + \frac{1.2-1}{2} M_{e1}^2 \right)^{\frac{1.2}{0.2}}$$

$$M_{e1} = 3.695$$

The area ratio is then:

$$\frac{A_{e1}}{A_t} = \frac{1}{M_{e1}} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M_{e1}^2}{\frac{\gamma+1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{A_{e1}}{A_t} = 18.234$$

$$A_{e1} = 1.8234 \text{ m}^2$$

The vacuum thrust is:

$$F_{v1} = \dot{m} u_{e1} + P_{e1} A_{e1} \quad (5)$$

$$u_{e1} = \sqrt{2 \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} RT_c \left[1 - \left(\frac{P_{e1}}{P_c} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]} \quad (6)$$

$$u_{e1} = \sqrt{2 \frac{1.2}{0.2} 461.9 \cdot 3300 \left[1 - \left(\frac{0.4}{70} \right)^{\frac{0.2}{1.2}} \right]} = 3241 \text{ m/s}$$

On the ground:

$$F_0 = F_{v1} - P_{a0}A_{e1} \quad (7)$$

$$F_0 = 1.2842E6 - 1.013E5 * 1.8234 = 1.0995E6 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{v1} = \dot{m}u_{e1} + P_{e1}A_{w1} = 372.5 \times 3421 + 0.4 \times 1.013e5 \times 1.8234 = 1.2842e6 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{b) } m \frac{dv}{dt} = F - mg = F_v - P_a A_e - mg \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{F_v}{m} - g - \frac{A_e P_a}{m} \quad (9)$$

$$m = m_0 - \dot{m}t \quad (10)$$

$$dm = -\dot{m}dt \quad (11)$$

Putting equations together:

$$dv = -\frac{F_v}{m} \frac{dm}{m} - gdt - \frac{A_e P_a}{m} dt \quad (12)$$

Integrating between $t = 0$ and $t = t_1$ (with $F_v = F_{v1}$ and $A_e = A_{e1}$):

$$v_1 = \frac{F_{v1}}{\dot{m}} \ln\left(\frac{m_0}{m_1}\right) - gt_1 - A_{e1} \int_0^{t_1} \frac{P_a(t)}{m(t)} dt \quad (13)$$

Integrating between $t = t_1$ and $t = t_b$ (with $F_v = F_{v1}$ and $A_e = A_{e2}$):

$$v_b - v_1 = \frac{F_{v2}}{\dot{m}} \ln\left(\frac{m_1}{m_b}\right) - g(t_b - t_1) - A_{e2} \int_{t_1}^{t_b} \frac{P_a(t)}{m(t)} dt \quad (14)$$

Adding equations (13) and (14):

$$v_b = \frac{F_{v1}}{\dot{m}} \ln\left(\frac{m_0}{m_1}\right) + \frac{F_{v2}}{\dot{m}} \ln\left(\frac{m_1}{m_b}\right) - gt_b - A_{e1} \int_0^{t_1} \frac{P_a(t)}{m(t)} dt - A_{e2} \int_{t_1}^{t_b} \frac{P_a(t)}{m(t)} dt \quad (15)$$

Here, of course:

$$m_1 = m_0 - \dot{m}t_1 \quad (16)$$

So t_1 appears in m_1 and in the limits of integration.

To optimize, set $\frac{dv_b}{dt_1} = 0$, using $\frac{dm_1}{dt_1} = -\dot{m}$

$$\frac{-F_{v1}}{m} \frac{1}{m_1} (-m) + \frac{F_{v2}}{m} \frac{1}{m_1} (-m) - A_{e1} \frac{P_a(t_1)}{m_1} + A_{e2} \frac{P_a(t_1)}{m_1} = 0$$

$$F_{v1} - F_{v2} + (A_{e2} - A_{e1})P_a(t_1) = 0$$

$$P_a(t_1) = \frac{F_{v2} - F_{v1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} \text{ (for optimum } t_1)$$

If this t_1 is chosen, the thrust is:

Just before the transition:

$$F_1(t_1 - \varepsilon) = F_{v1} - \frac{F_{v2} - F_{v1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} A_{e1} = \frac{F_{v1}A_{e2} - F_{v2}A_{e1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} \quad (17)$$

Just after the transition:

$$F_2(t_1 + \varepsilon) = F_{v2} - \frac{F_{v2} - F_{v1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} A_{e2} = \frac{F_{v1} A_{e2} - F_{v2} A_{e1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} \quad (18)$$

Therefore,

$$F_1(t_1 - \varepsilon) = F_2(t_1 + \varepsilon) \text{ There is no discontinuity in the thrust.}$$

c) If we impose now $P_{e2} = 0.4 P_a(t_1)$ (incipient separation on the extended nozzle), we must have:

$$P_{e2} = 0.4 \frac{F_{v2} - F_{v1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} = 0.4 \frac{(\dot{m} u_{e2} + P_{e2} A_{e2}) - F_{v1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} \quad (19)$$

Here, \dot{m} , F_{v1} , and A_{e1} are already known (from part a), and all the other quantities (u_{e2} , P_{e2} , A_{e2}) depend on a single parameter like M_{e2} . Hence the equation above determines M_{e2} , and all other quantities. Equation (19) can be solved by trial and error as follows:

a) Guess M_{e2}

$$b) \text{ Calculate } A_{e2} = \frac{A_t}{M_{e2}} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M_{e2}^2}{\frac{\gamma+1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma+1}{2(\gamma-1)}}$$

$$c) \text{ Calculate } T_{e2} = \frac{T_c}{1 + \frac{\gamma-1}{2} M_{e2}^2}, \text{ then } u_{e2} = M_{e2} \sqrt{\gamma R T_{e2}}$$

$$d) \text{ Calculate } P_{e2} = P_c \left(\frac{T_{e2}}{T_c} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

e) Calculate the right hand side of equation (19), compare to P_{e2} from the left hand side.

Results of this process are plotted in [Figures 1a](#) and [1b](#), and the solution is seen to be $M_{e2} = 4.815$.

From this, we find:

$$\frac{A_{e2}}{A_t} = 90.13$$

$$A_{e2} = 9.013 \text{ m}^2$$

$$u_{e2} = 3,575 \text{ m/s}$$

$$P_{e2} = 0.05236 \text{ atm}$$

$$F_{v2} = \dot{m} u_{e2} + P_{e2} A_{e2} = 1.3795 E6 \text{ N}$$

$$P_a(t_1) = \frac{F_{v2} - F_{v1}}{A_{e2} - A_{e1}} = 0.1308 \text{ atm}$$

$$z_1 = 6.8 \ln \left(\frac{1}{0.1308} \right) = 13.83 \text{ km}$$

The **thrust at transition** (from either nozzle 1 or 2) is:

$$F(t_1) = F_{v1} - P_a(t_1) A_{e1} = 1.2570 E6 \text{ N}$$

c) For the ideally expanded ("rubber") nozzle, $P_e = P_a(z)$, and then:

$$u_e = \sqrt{2 \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} R T_c \left[1 - \left(\frac{P_a(z)}{P_c} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]}$$

$$F = \dot{m} u_e$$

For $z = 0$, $z = z_1$, and $z \rightarrow \infty$ ($P_a = 0$), and for the three types of nozzles, Table 1 collects the values of thrust:

Table 1: Thrust calculations for three nozzles at varying altitudes.

| Thrust (MN) | | | |
|------------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Nozzle | $z = 0$ | $z = z_1 = 13.83 \text{ km}$ | $z \rightarrow \infty$ |
| Fixed Geometry | 1.0995 | 1.2570 | 1.2842 |
| Two-Position | 1.0995 | 1.2570 | 1.3795 |
| Ideally Expanded | 1.1348 | 1.2836 | 1.5931 |

Notice:

- a) Thrust increases with altitude in all cases.
- b) The two-position nozzle is equivalent to the fixed nozzle at z_1 , but clearly superior at the vacuum condition.
- c) The ideally expanded nozzle outperforms the others at all altitudes.

Figure 2 compares the thrust profiles of the thrust nozzles. The two-position nozzle would follow the curve for nozzle 1 up to $z = z_1$, then follow the nozzle 2 curve.

Notice how the ideally expanded curve touches that for nozzle 1 at $z \approx 6.23 \text{ km}$; that is where this nozzle is matched ($6.8 \ln \left(\frac{1}{0.4} \right) = 6.23$). It also touches that of nozzle 2 at $z = 6.8 \ln \left(\frac{1}{0.05236} \right) = 20.1 \text{ km}$, where nozzle 2 is matched.

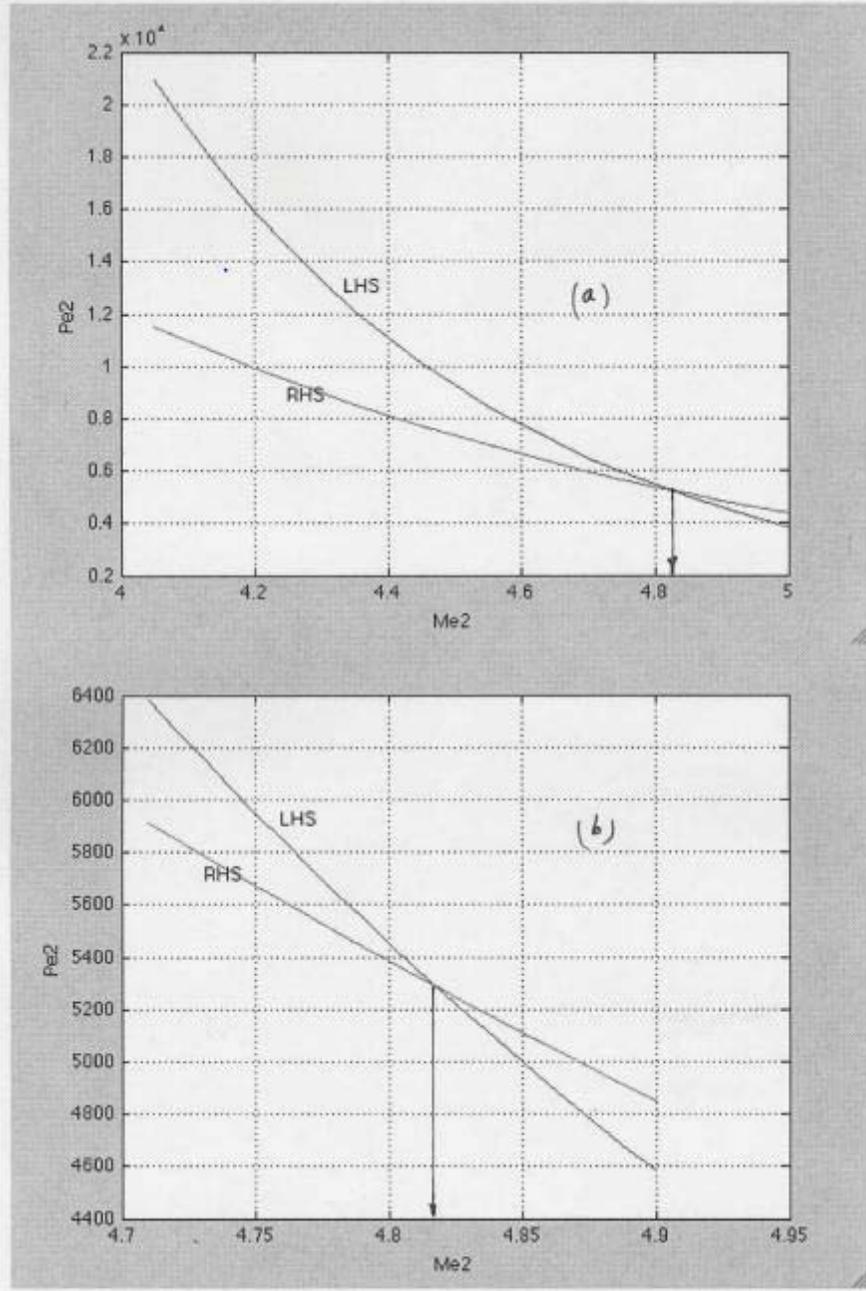


Figure 1a) Solving equation (19).

Figure 1b) Solving equation (19) at a higher resolution. Solution is $M_{e2} = 4.815$.

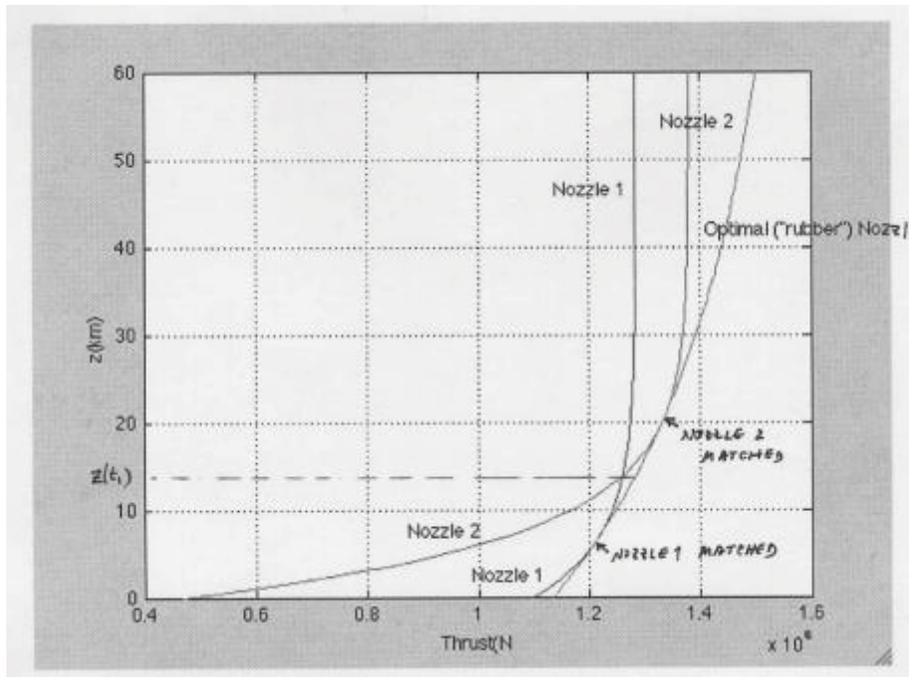


Figure 2: Thrust profiles for the three nozzles.

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