

Basic Frictionless Compressible Nozzle Information (using air)

Air: $c_p = 1005 \text{ J/kgK}$ $c_v = 718 \text{ J/kgK}$ $R = 287 \text{ J/kgK}$ $k = 1.40$

Properties that are constant everywhere: T_0, \dot{m}

Properties that are separately constant on each side of a shock: $p_0, a_0, \rho_0, A^*, p^*, a^*, \rho^*, s$.

Subscript 0 indicates “stagnation” properties (where $v = 0$), and notation “*” means “sonic” properties (i.e., where $v = a$).

Properties that vary everywhere are $p, a, \rho, A, T, v, Ma = v/a$.

Flow is driven through the nozzle by some pressure gradient (e.g., given p_{0inlet} and $p_{0outlet} = p_{atm}$):

Will the flow ever become “sonic”? (i.e., will it reach Mach 1): Only if $p^*_{inlet \text{ side}} \geq p_{0outlet \text{ side}}$

If it becomes “sonic”, it does so at the minimum cross-sectional area A^* , called the “throat”.

The flow is subsonic prior to the throat. If it is supersonic, it is supersonic after the throat.

If it is supersonic anywhere, there will eventually be a standing shock that reduces the flow to subsonic again eventually.

Functions valid everywhere on either side of a standing shock:

$$p = \rho RT \qquad a = \sqrt{kRT}$$

$$T^* = T_0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \qquad p^* = p_0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{3.5} \qquad \rho^* = \rho_0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{2.5} \qquad a^* = a_0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{0.5}$$

$$T_0 = T(1 + 0.2Ma^2) \qquad p_0 = p \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{3.5} \qquad \rho_0 = \rho \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{2.5} \qquad a_0 = a \left(\frac{T_0}{T}\right)^{0.5}$$

Ma as a function of A: $\frac{1}{Ma} \left(\frac{(1 + 0.2Ma^2)^3}{1.728} \right) - \frac{A}{A^*} = 0$ (must know A^* , too)

$$A^*_{min} = \frac{\dot{m}_{max} \sqrt{RT_0}}{0.6847315 p_0} \qquad \dot{m} = \rho A v \qquad v_{lim} = \sqrt{2c_p T_0}$$

Property changes immediately across the shock (1 → 2):

$$Ma_2^2 = \frac{2 + 0.4Ma_1^2}{2.8Ma_1^2 - 0.4} \qquad \frac{p_2}{p_1} = \frac{2.8Ma_1^2 - 0.4}{2.4} \qquad \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{2.4Ma_1^2}{2 + 0.4Ma_1^2}$$

$$\frac{p_{02}}{p_{01}} = \frac{\rho_{02}}{\rho_{01}} = \left(\frac{2.4Ma_1^2}{2 + 0.4Ma_1^2} \right)^{3.5} \cdot \left(\frac{2.4}{2.8Ma_1^2 - 0.4} \right)^{2.5} \qquad \frac{A_2^*}{A_1^*} = \frac{Ma_2}{Ma_1} \cdot \left(\frac{2 + 0.4Ma_1^2}{2 + 0.4Ma_2^2} \right)^3$$