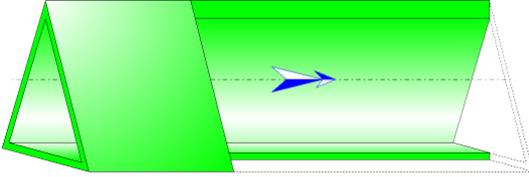




Straight Pipe Triangular Cross-Section and Uniform Roughness Walls (IDELCHIK)



Model description:

This model of component calculates the major head loss (pressure drop) of a horizontal straight pipe of triangular and constant cross-section.

In addition, the flow is assumed fully developed and stabilized.

The head loss is due to the friction of the fluid on the inner walls of the piping and is calculated with the Darcy formula. The roughness of the inner walls of the pipe is supposed uniform (pipe used by Nikuradse for its experimental data).

Darcy friction factor is determined:

- for laminar flow regime by the law of Hagen-Poiseuille (independent of the value of relative roughness),
- for turbulent flow regime by the Nikuradse equation (dependent of the value of relative roughness),
- for critical flow regime by interpolation between friction factors of laminar and turbulent flow.

Model formulation:

Half top angle (°):

$$\beta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot h}\right)$$

Hydraulic diameter (m):

$$D_h = \frac{2 \cdot h}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{\tan^2(\beta)} + 1}}$$

Cross-section area (m²):

$$F_0 = \frac{a_0 \cdot h}{2}$$

Mean velocity (m/s):

$$w_0 = \frac{Q}{F_0}$$

Mass flow rate (kg/s):

$$G = Q \cdot \rho$$

Fluid volume in the pipe (m³):

$$V = F_0 \cdot l$$

Fluid mass in the pipe (kg):

$$M = V \cdot \rho$$

Reynolds number:

$$Re = \frac{w_0 \cdot D_h}{\nu}$$

Relative roughness:

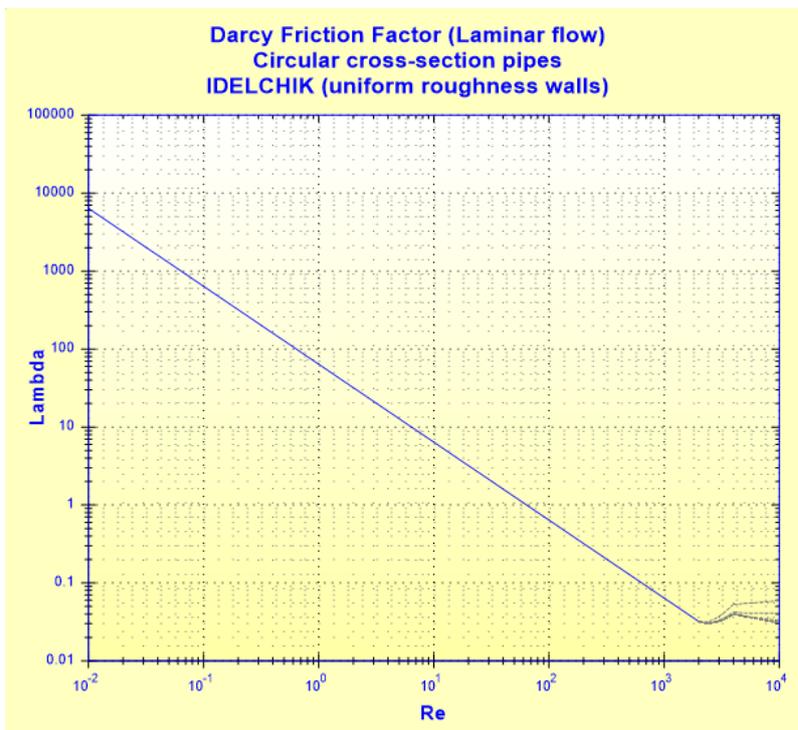
$$\bar{\Delta} = \frac{\Delta}{D_h}$$

Darcy friction factor for circular cross-section:

- laminar flow regime ($Re \leq 2000$):

Hagen-Poiseuille law

$$\lambda_{circ} = \frac{64}{Re} \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.1})$$



■ turbulent flow regime - transition region and complete turbulence region ($Re \geq 4000$):

Nikuradse equation

$$\lambda_{circ} = \frac{1}{\left[a_1 + b_1 \cdot \log(Re \cdot \sqrt{\lambda}) + c_1 \cdot \log(\bar{\Delta}) \right]^2} \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.2})$$

where the values of a_1 , b_1 and c_1 are given below:

$\bar{\Delta} \cdot Re \cdot \sqrt{\lambda}$	a_1	b_1	c_1
3.6 - 10	-0.800	2.000	0.000
10 - 20	0.068	1.130	-0.870
20 - 40	1.538	0.000	-2.000
40 - 191.2	2.471	-0.588	-2.588
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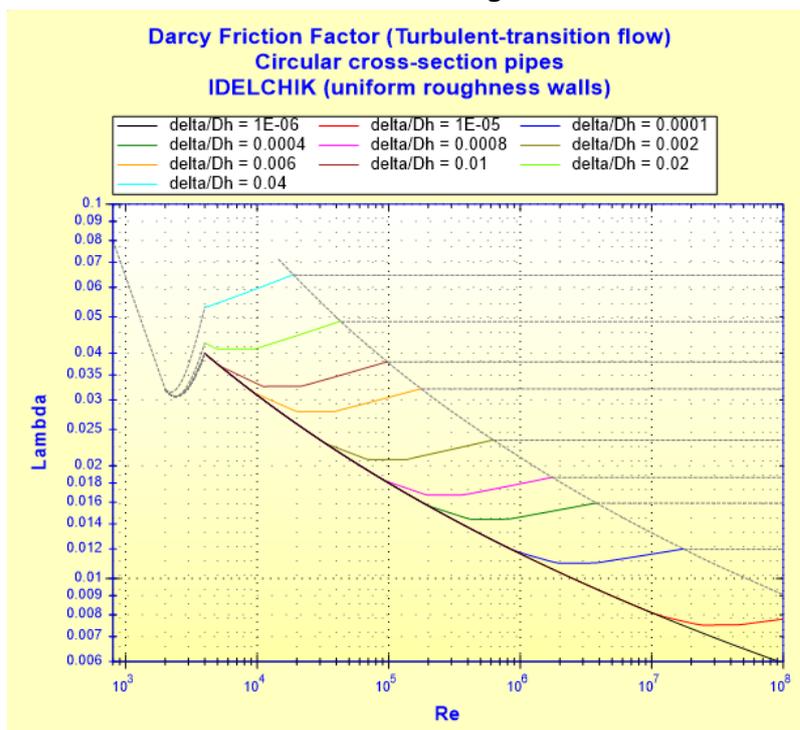
Reynolds number at which pipe cease to be hydraulically smooth:

$$Re'_{lim} = \frac{26.9}{\bar{\Delta}^{-1.143}} \quad ([1] \text{ §2.17})$$

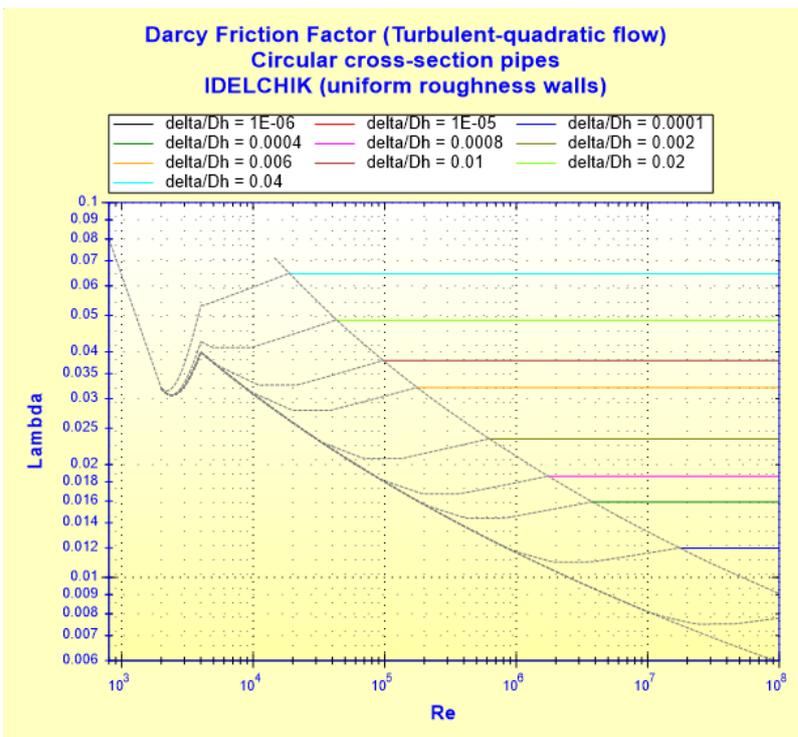
Reynolds number corresponding to the beginning of complete turbulence:

$$Re''_{lim} = \frac{217.6 - 382.4 \cdot \log(\bar{\Delta})}{\bar{\Delta}} \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.2})$$

Transition region



Complete turbulence region



■ critical flow regime (2000 < Re < 4000):

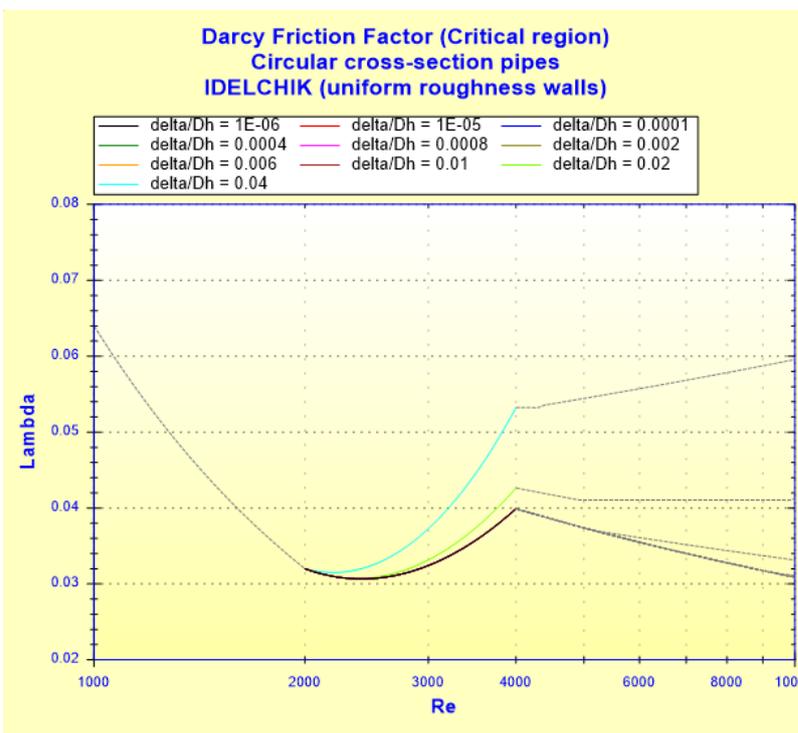
linear interpolation

$$\lambda_{circ} = \lambda_L \cdot \left(1 - \frac{Re - 2000}{2000}\right) + \lambda_T \cdot \left(\frac{Re - 2000}{2000}\right)$$

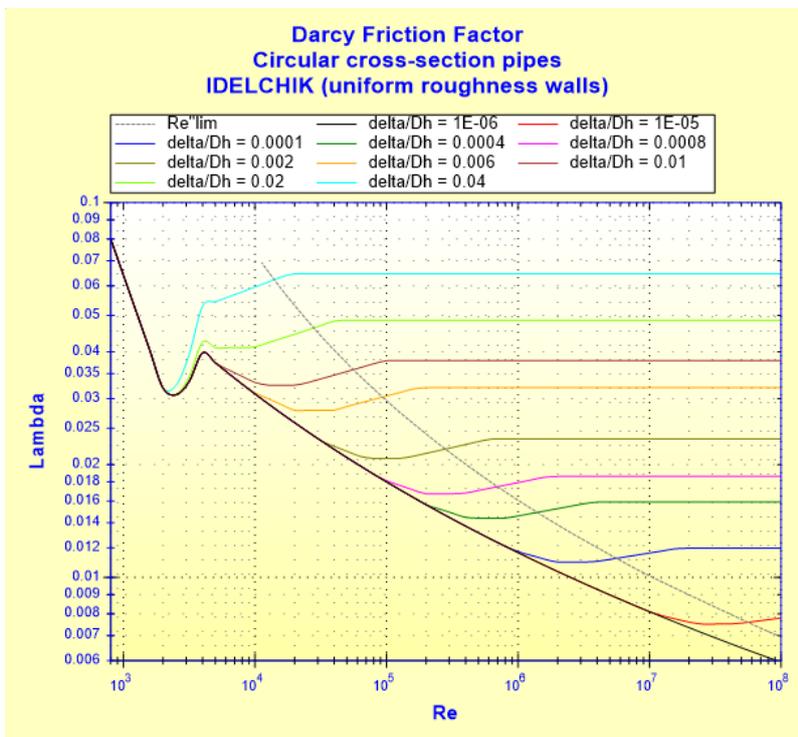
with:

λ_L = laminar friction coefficient obtained with Re = 2000

λ_T = turbulent friction coefficient obtained with Re = 4000



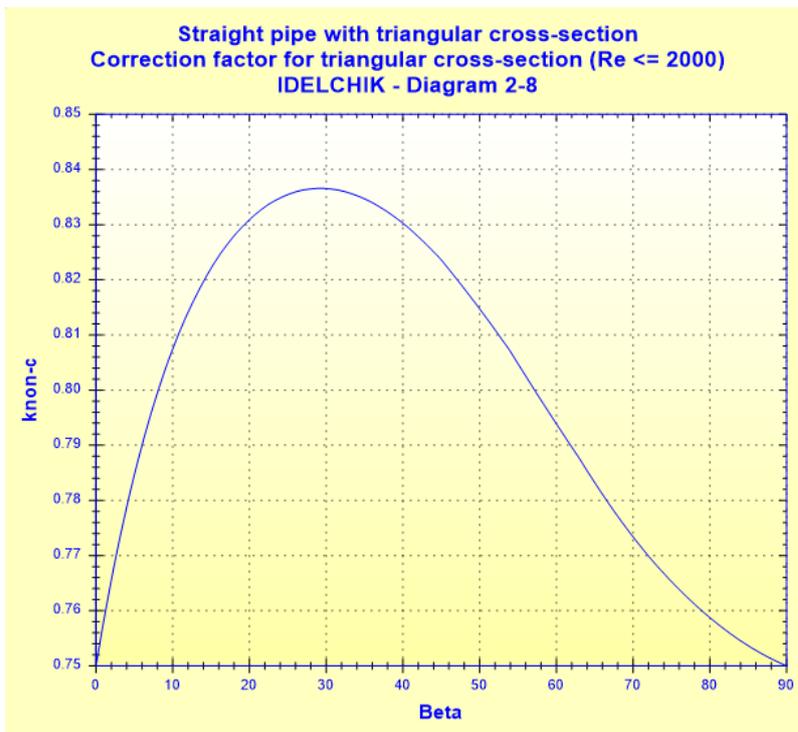
■ all flow regimes:



Correction for Darcy friction factor for triangular cross-section:

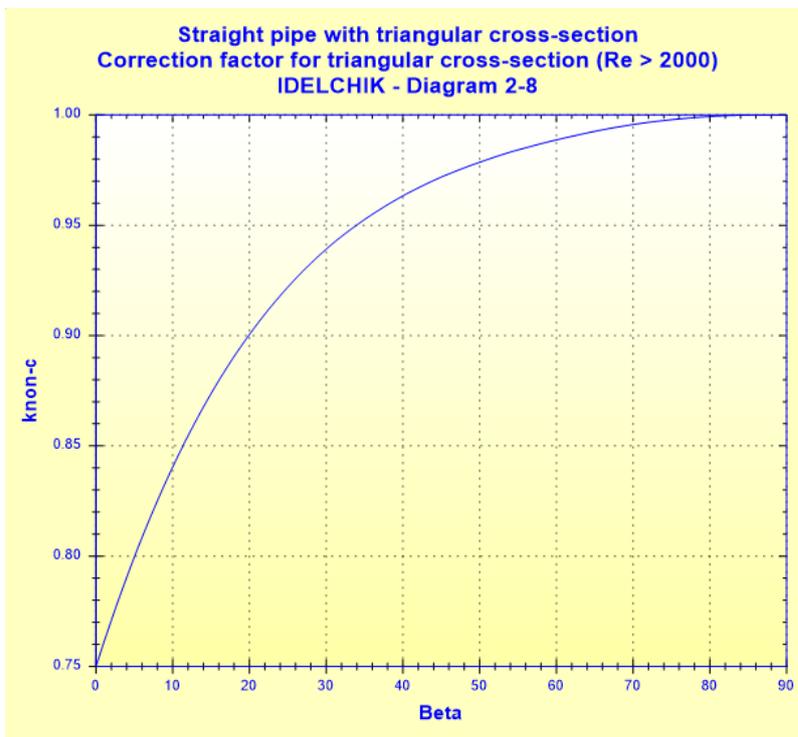
- laminar flow ($Re \leq 2000$):

$$k_{non-c} = f(\beta) \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.8})$$



- turbulent flow ($Re > 2000$):

$$k_{non-c} = f(\beta) \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.8})$$



Darcy friction factor for triangular cross-section:

$$\lambda_{tria} = \lambda_{circ} \cdot k_{non-c} \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.8})$$

Pressure loss coefficient (based on the mean pipe velocity):

$$\zeta = \lambda_{tria} \cdot \frac{l}{D_h} \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.8})$$

Total pressure loss (Pa):

$$\Delta P = \zeta \cdot \frac{\rho \cdot w_0^2}{2} \quad ([1] \text{ diagram 2.8})$$

Total head loss of fluid (m):

$$\Delta H = \zeta \cdot \frac{w_0^2}{2 \cdot g}$$

Hydraulic power loss (W):

$$Wh = \Delta P \cdot Q$$

Symbols, Definitions, SI Units:

a_0	Cross-section base (m)
h	Cross-section height(m)
β	Half top angle (°)
D_h	Hydraulic diameter (m)
F_0	Cross-sectional area (m ²)
Q	Volume flow rate (m ³ /s)
w_0	Mean velocity (m/s)

G	Mass flow rate (kg/s)
l	Pipe length (m)
V	Fluid volume in the pipe (m^3)
M	Fluid mass in the pipe (kg)
Re	Reynolds number ()
Δ	Absolute roughness of walls (m)
$\bar{\Delta}$	Relative roughness of walls ()
λ_{circ}	Darcy friction factor for circular cross-section ()
Re'_{lim}	Limiting Reynolds number for hydraulically smooth law ()
Re''_{lim}	Limiting Reynolds number for quadratic law ()
k_{non-c}	Correction for Darcy friction factor for triangular cross-section ()
λ_{tria}	Darcy friction factor for triangular cross-section ()
ζ	Pressure loss coefficient (based on the mean pipe velocity) ()
ΔP	Total pressure loss (Pa)
ΔH	Total head loss of fluid (m)
Wh	Hydraulic power loss (W)
ρ	Fluid density (kg/m^3)
ν	Fluid kinematic viscosity (m^2/s)
g	Gravitational acceleration (m/s^2)

Validity range:

- any flow regime: laminar, critical and turbulent ($Re \leq 10^8$)
- relative roughness $\bar{\Delta} \leq 0.05$
- stabilized flow

Example of input data and results:

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Fluid characteristics

Fluid: Water @ 1 atm [HC]
Ref.: IAPWS IF97

Temperature: T 20 °C
Pressure: P 1.013 bar

Density: ρ 998.2061 kg/m³
Dynamic Viscosity: μ 0.00100159 N.s/m²
Kinematic Viscosity: ν 1.00340E-06 m²/s

Density Dyn. Visc. Kn. Visc.

Geometrical characteristics

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Complementary results

Designation	Symbol	Value	Unit
Hydraulic diameter	Dh	0.04142136	m
Top angle	2β	90	°
Pipe cross-section area	F0	0.0025	m ²
Internal pipe volume	V	0.0025	m ³
Mass of fluid in the pipe	M	2.495515	kg
Relative roughness	Δ	0.0002414213	
Reynolds number	Re	82562.24	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friction factor for circular cross-section	λ_{circ}	0.01873351	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correction factor for triangular cross-section	knon-c	0.9719	
Friction factor for triangular cross-section	λ_{tra}	0.01820709	
Pressure loss per length unit		0.00877539	bar/m
Pressure loss coefficient (based on the mean pipe velocity)	ζ	0.4395581	
Hydraulic power loss	Wh	4.387695	W

References:

[1] Handbook of Hydraulic Resistance, 3rd Edition, I.E. Idelchik (2008)