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resistances specified by loss

coefficient

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Annular Orifice Simulate hydraulic variable orifice

created by circular tube and round

insert

Fixed Orifice Simulate hydraulic orifice with

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Simulate hydraulic variable orifice shaped as set of round holes drilled

in sleeve

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shaped as rectangular slot

Variable Orifice Simulate generic hydraulic variable

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properties

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hydraulic pump

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hydraulic motor

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reversible hydraulic motor

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2-way directional valve

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3-way directional valve

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4-way directional valve

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insert

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flow in one direction only

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Pressure-Compensated Flow Control
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compensating valve

Pressure Control Valves

Pressure Compensator Simulate hydraulic pressure

compensating valve

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maintaining reduced pressure in

portion of system

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maintaining preset pressure in

system

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Actuator

Simulate double-acting hydraulic

valve actuator

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Actuator

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exerted on spool

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exerted on valve

Blocks — Alphabetical List

2-Position Valve Actuator

Purpose Simulate actuator for two-position valves

Library Valve Actuators

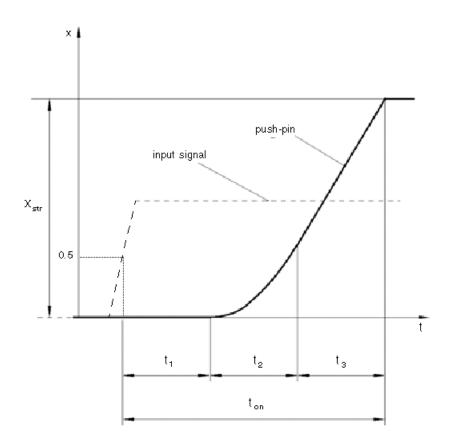
Description



The 2-Position Valve Actuator block represents an actuator that you can use with directional valves to control their position. This actuator can drive a two-position valve. The block is developed as a data-sheet-based model and all its parameters are generally provided in catalogs or data sheets. The key parameters are the stroke, switch-on, and switch-off times.

The block accepts a physical input signal and produces a physical output signal that can be associated with a mechanical translational or rotational push-pin motion. Connect the block output to the directional valve control port.

The actuator is represented as an ideal transducer, where output does not depend on the load exerted on the push-pin and the push-pin motion profile remains the same under any loading conditions. The motion profile represents a typical transition curve for electromagnetic actuators and is shown in the following figure:



The push-pin is actuated when the input signal value crosses the threshold of 50% of the nominal input signal, where **Nominal signal value** is a block parameter. The motion is divided into three phases, equal in time: delay (t_1) , motion at constant acceleration (t_2) , and motion at constant velocity (t_3) . The motion stops when the switch-on time (t_{on}) elapses. At this moment, the push-pin reaches the specified stroke value (x_{str}) . To return the push-pin into initial position, the control signal must be removed, which causes the push-pin to retract. The retract motion follows exactly the same profile but "stretches" over

2-Position Valve Actuator

the switch-off time. **Switching-on time** and **Switching-off time** are the block parameters.

The transition in any direction can be interrupted at any time by changing the input signal. If motion is interrupted, the switch-on or switch-off times are proportionally decreased depending on the instantaneous push-pin position.

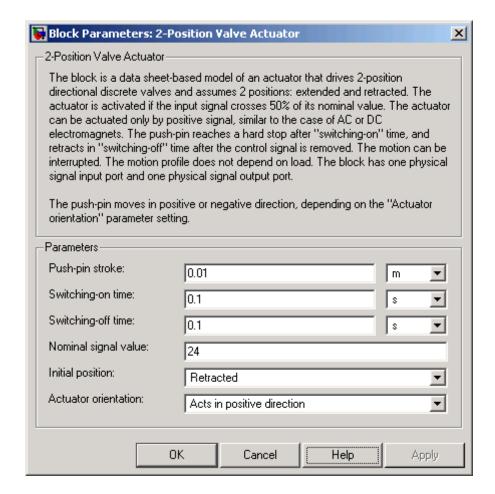
The push-pin is actuated only by positive signal, similar to the AC or DC electromagnets. The direction of push-pin motion is controlled by the **Actuator orientation** parameter, which can have one of two values: Acts in positive direction or Acts in negative direction.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

 Push-pin loading, such as inertia, spring, hydraulic forces, and so on, is not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Push-pin stroke

The push-pin stroke. The default value is $0.01\ m.$

Switching-on time

Time necessary to fully extend the push-pin after the control signal is applied. The default value is 0.1 s.

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Switching-off time

Time necessary to retract push-pin from fully extended position after the input signal is removed. The default value is 0.1 s.

Nominal signal value

Sets the value of the nominal input signal. The output motion is initiated as the input signal crosses 50% value of the nominal signal. Other than that, the input signal has no effect on the motion profile. This parameter is meant to reproduce the rated voltage feature of an electromagnet. The default value is 24.

Initial position

Specifies the initial position of the push-pin. The parameter can have one of two values: Extended or Retracted. The default value is Retracted.

Actuator orientation

Parameter controls the direction of the push-pin motion and can have one of two values: Acts in positive direction or Acts in negative direction. The first value causes the push-pin to move in positive direction, similarly to the action of electromagnet A attached to a directional valve. If the parameter is set to Acts in negative direction, the control signal causes the push-pin to move in negative direction from the initial position. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Initial position
- Actuator orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

2-Position Valve Actuator

Ports

The block has one physical signal input port, associated with the input signal, and one physical signal output port, associated with the output signal (push-pin displacement).

Examples

In the 2-Position Valve Actuator demo (sh_2_pos_valve_actuator), the hydraulic circuit contains two actuators. The first one is set to start from the retracted position, while the second one starts from the extended position. Both actuators are driven with a Pulse Generator. The actuators start extending at 1 s, but the second actuator first retracts from 0.01 m to zero, since it was initially extended and there was no signal keeping it there.

In the Hydraulic Circuit with Single-Acting Cylinder demo (sh_circuit_sa_cylinder), the 2-Position Valve Actuator block is used along with a 3-Way Directional Valve block to simulate an electrically operated 3-way directional valve.

See Also

3-Position Valve Actuator

Hydraulic Double-Acting Valve Actuator

Hydraulic Single-Acting Valve Actuator

Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic continuous 2-way directional valve

Library

Directional Valves

Description



The 2-Way Directional Valve block represents a continuous, 2-way directional valve, also referred to as a shut-off valve. It is the device that controls the connection between two lines. The block has two hydraulic connections, corresponding to inlet port (P) and outlet port (A), and one physical signal port connection (S), which controls the spool position. The block is built based on a Variable Orifice block, where the **Orifice orientation** parameter is set to Opens in positive direction. This means that positive signal x at port S opens the orifice, and its instantaneous opening h is computed as follows:

$$h = x_0 + x$$

where

h Orifice opening

 x_o Initial opening

X Control member displacement from initial position

Because the block is based on a variable orifice, you can choose one of the following model parameterization options:

- By maximum area and opening Use this option if the data sheet provides only the orifice maximum area and the control member maximum stroke.
- By area vs. opening table Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a table of the orifice passage area based on the control member displacement A=A(h).
- By pressure-flow characteristic Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a two-dimensional table of the pressure-flow characteristics q=q(p,h).

In the first case, the passage area is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the orifice is assumed to be closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. In the second case, the passage area is determined by one-dimensional interpolation from the table A=A(h). Flow rate is determined analytically, which additionally requires data such as flow discharge coefficient, critical Reynolds number, and fluid density and viscosity. The computation accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number. See the Variable Orifice block reference page for details. In both cases, a small leakage area is assumed to exist even after the orifice is completely closed. Physically, it represents a possible clearance in the closed valve, but the main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation.

In the third case, when an orifice is defined by its pressure-flow characteristics, the flow rate is determined by two-dimensional interpolation. In this case, neither flow regime nor leakage flow rate is taken into account, because these features are assumed to be introduced through the tabulated data. Pressure-flow characteristics are specified with three data sets: array of orifice openings, array of pressure differentials across the orifice, and matrix of flow rate values. Each value of a flow rate corresponds to a specific combination of an opening and pressure differential. In other words, characteristics must be presented as the Cartesian mesh, i.e., the function values must be specified at vertices of a rectangular array. The argument arrays (openings and pressure differentials) must be strictly monotonically increasing. The vertices can be nonuniformly spaced. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential

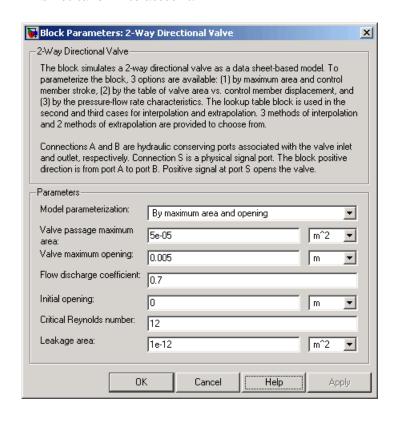
is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens the valve.

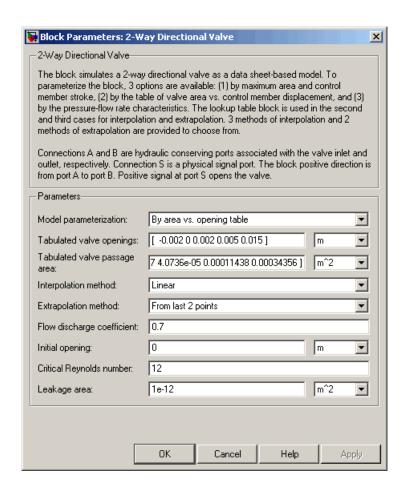
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

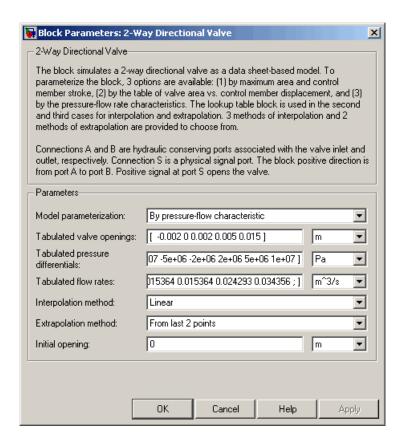
The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- Spool loading, such as inertia, spring, hydraulic forces, and so on, is not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters







Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for specifying the valve:

 By maximum area and opening — Provide values for the maximum valve passage area and the maximum valve opening. The passage area is linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the valve is closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. This is the default method.

- By area vs. opening table Provide tabulated data of valve openings and corresponding valve passage areas. The passage area is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.
- By pressure-flow characteristic Provide tabulated data of valve openings, pressure differentials, and corresponding flow rates. The flow rate is determined by two-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

Valve passage maximum area

Specify the area of a fully opened valve. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-5 m². This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Valve maximum opening

Specify the maximum displacement of the control member. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-3 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Tabulated valve openings

Specify the vector of input values for valve openings as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-0.002 0 0.002 0.005 0.015]. If **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table, the **Tabulated valve openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated valve passage area** values for one-dimensional table lookup. If **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic, the **Tabulated valve openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated valve openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated pressure differentials** and **Tabulated flow rates** for two-dimensional table lookup.

Tabulated valve passage area

Specify the vector of output values for valve passage area as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The valve passage area vector must be the same size as the valve openings vector. All the values must be positive. The default values, in m^2, are [1e-09 2.0352e-07 4.0736e-05 0.00011438 0.00034356]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table.

Tabulated pressure differentials

Specify the vector of input values for pressure differentials as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in Pa, are [-1e+07 -5e+06 -2e+06 2e+06 5e+06 1e+07]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Tabulated flow rates

Specify the output values for flow rates as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the function values at the input grid vertices. Each value in the matrix specifies flow rate taking place at a specific combination of valve opening and pressure differential. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the input vectors. The default values, in m^3 s, are:

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[-1e-07 -7.0711e-08 -4.4721e-08 4.4721e-08 7.0711e-08 1e-07;

-2.0352e-05 -1.4391e-05 -9.1017e-06 9.1017e-06 1.4391e-05 2.0352e-05;

-0.0040736 -0.0028805 -0.0018218 0.0018218 0.0028805 0.0040736;

-0.011438 -0.0080879 -0.0051152 0.0051152 0.0080879 0.011438;

-0.034356 -0.024293 -0.015364 0.015364 0.024293 0.034356;]
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This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses a linear interpolation function.
 For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses a bilinear interpolation algorithm, which is an extension of linear interpolation for functions in two variables.
- Cubic For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP). For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic interpolation algorithm.
- Spline For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm. For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

- From last 2 points Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.
- From last point Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last

specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the valve, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Initial opening

Orifice initial opening. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

S Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

Examples

In the Hydraulic Closed-Loop Circuit with 2-Way Valve demo (sh_closed_loop_circuit_2_way_valve), the 2-Way Directional Valve

block is used to control the position of a double-acting cylinder. At the start of simulation, the valve is open by 0.42 mm to make the circuit initial position as close as possible to its neutral position.

See Also

- 3-Way Directional Valve
- 4-Way Directional Valve

3-Position Valve Actuator

Purpose

Simulate actuator for three-position valves

Library

Valve Actuators

Description

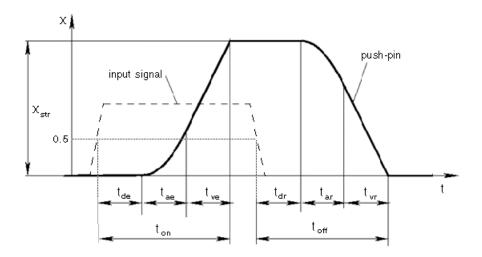


The 3-Position Valve Actuator block represents an actuator that you can use with directional valves to control their position. This actuator can drive a three-position valve. The block is developed as a data-sheet-based model and all its parameters are generally provided in catalogs or data sheets. The key parameters are the stroke, switch-on, and switch-off times.

The block has two signal inputs associated with the activation signals for electromagnets A or B. It produces a physical output signal that can be associated with a mechanical translational or rotational push-pin motion. Connect the block output to the directional valve control port.

The actuator is represented as an ideal transducer, where output does not depend on the load exerted on the push-pin and the push-pin motion profile remains the same under any loading conditions. The motion profile represents a typical transition curve for electromagnetic actuators. The following figure shows the motion profile for a case when the input signal is applied long enough for the push-pin to reach the end of the stroke (x_{str}) , and then the input signal is removed, causing the push-pin to return to initial position:

3-Position Valve Actuator



The push-pin is actuated when the input signal value crosses the threshold of 50% of the nominal input signal, where **Nominal signal value** is a block parameter. The motion is divided into three phases, equal in time: delay (t_{de}) , motion at constant acceleration (t_{ae}) , and motion at constant velocity (t_{ve}) . The motion stops when the switch-on time (t_{on}) elapses. At this moment, the push-pin reaches the specified stroke value (x_{str}) . To return the push-pin into initial position, the control signal must be removed, which causes the push-pin to retract. The retract motion also consists of three phases, equal in time: delay (t_{dr}) , motion at constant acceleration (t_{ar}) , and motion at constant velocity (t_{vr}) . It follows exactly the same profile but "stretches" over the switch-off time. **Switching-on time** and **Switching-off time** are the block parameters.

The signal applied to port A causes the output to move in positive direction. To shift the push-pin in negative direction, you must apply the signal to port B. Only one control signal can be applied at a time. This means that if the actuator is being controlled by the signal at port A, the push-pin must be allowed to return to initial position before the control signal at port B can be processed. The transition in any direction can be interrupted at any time by changing the input signal. If motion

3-Position Valve Actuator

is interrupted, the switch-on or switch-off times are proportionally decreased depending on the instantaneous push-pin position.

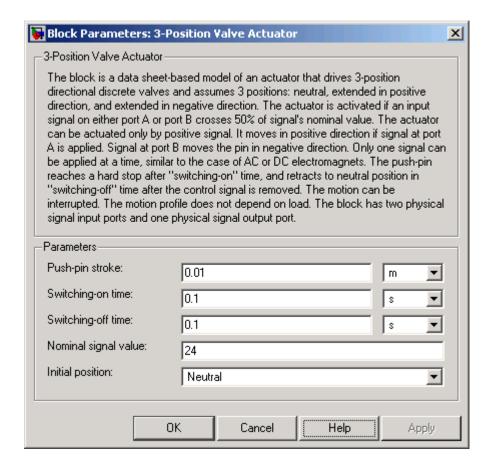
Only positive signals activate the actuator. In other words, negative signals at ports A and B have no effect on the actuator, which is similar to the behavior of electromagnetically controlled 3-position directional valves.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

• Push-pin loading, such as inertia, spring, hydraulic forces, and so on, is not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Push-pin stroke

The push-pin stroke. The default value is 0.01 m.

Switching-on time

Time necessary to fully extend the push-pin after the control signal is applied. The default value is $0.1\ s.$

Switching-off time

Time necessary to retract push-pin from fully extended position after the input signal is removed. The default value is 0.1 s.

Nominal signal value

Sets the value of the nominal input signal. The output motion is initiated as the input signal crosses 50% value of the nominal signal. Other than that, the input signal has no effect on the motion profile. This parameter is meant to reproduce the rated voltage feature of an electromagnet. The default value is 24.

Initial position

Specifies the initial position of the push-pin. The parameter can have one of three values: Extended positive, Extended negative, or Neutral. The default value is Neutral.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Initial position

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Physical signal input port associated with the port A input signal.

B Physical signal input port associated with the port B input signal.

The block also has one physical signal output port, which is associated with the output signal (push-pin displacement).

Examples

In the 3-Position Valve Actuator demo (sh_3_pos_valve_actuator), all three actuators are set to different strokes, switch-on and switch-off times, and initial positions. If the initial position is not Neutral and the control signal at the beginning of simulation equals zero, the push-pin starts moving towards neutral position, as the actuators A and C show in the demo.

3-Position Valve Actuator

See Also 2-Position Valve Actuator

Hydraulic Double-Acting Valve Actuator Hydraulic Single-Acting Valve Actuator Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic continuous 3-way directional valve

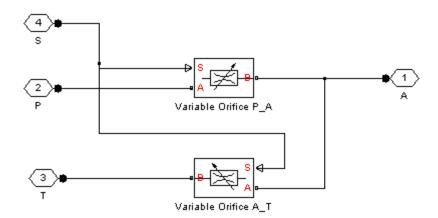
Library

Directional Valves

Description



The 3-Way Directional Valve block represents a continuous, symmetrical, 3-way directional valve. The fluid flow is pumped in the valve through the inlet line and is distributed between an outside pressure line (usually connected to a single-acting actuator) and the return line. The block has three hydraulic connections, corresponding to inlet port (P), actuator port (A), and return port (T), and one physical signal port connection (S), which controls the spool position. The block is built of two Variable Orifice blocks, connected as shown in the following diagram.



One Variable Orifice block, called orifice_PA, is installed in the P-A path. The second Variable Orifice block, called orifice_AT, is installed in the A-T path. Both blocks are controlled by the same position signal, provided through the physical signal port S, but the **Orifice orientation** parameter in the block instances is set in such a way that positive signal at port S opens orifice_PA and closes orifice_AT. As a result, the openings of the orifices are computed as follows:

$$h_{PA} = h_{PA0} + x$$

$$h_{AT} = h_{AT0} - x$$

where

 h_{PA} Orifice opening for the orifice_PA block h_{AT} Orifice opening for the orifice_AT block h_{PAO} Initial opening for the orifice_PA block h_{ATO} Initial opening for the orifice_AT block x Control member displacement from initial position

The valve simulated by the 3-Way Directional Valve block is assumed to be symmetrical. This means that both orifices are of the same shape and size and are parameterized with the same method. You can choose one of the following block parameterization options:

- By maximum area and opening Use this option if the data sheet provides only the orifice maximum area and the control member maximum stroke.
- By area vs. opening table Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a table of the orifice passage area based on the control member displacement A=A(h).
- By pressure-flow characteristic Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a two-dimensional table of the pressure-flow characteristics q=q(p,h).

In the first case, the passage area is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the orifice is assumed to be closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. In the second case, the passage area is determined by one-dimensional interpolation from the table A=A(h). Flow rate is determined analytically, which additionally requires data such as flow discharge

coefficient, critical Reynolds number, and fluid density and viscosity. The computation accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number. See the Variable Orifice block reference page for details. In both cases, a small leakage area is assumed to exist even after the orifice is completely closed. Physically, it represents a possible clearance in the closed valve, but the main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation.

In the third case, when an orifice is defined by its pressure-flow characteristics, the flow rate is determined by two-dimensional interpolation. In this case, neither flow regime nor leakage flow rate is taken into account, because these features are assumed to be introduced through the tabulated data. Pressure-flow characteristics are specified with three data sets: array of orifice openings, array of pressure differentials across the orifice, and matrix of flow rate values. Each value of a flow rate corresponds to a specific combination of an opening and pressure differential. In other words, characteristics must be presented as the Cartesian mesh, i.e., the function values must be specified at vertices of a rectangular array. The argument arrays (openings and pressure differentials) must be strictly monotonically increasing. The vertices can be nonuniformly spaced. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

If you need to simulate a nonsymmetrical 3-way valve (i.e., with different orifices), use any of the variable orifice blocks from the Building Blocks library (such as Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes, Orifice with Variable Area Slot, or Variable Orifice) and connect them the same way as the Variable Orifice blocks in the schematic diagram of this 3-Way Directional Valve block.

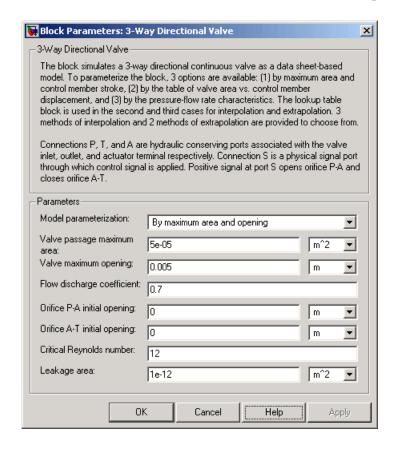
Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens the orifice in the P-A path and closes the orifice in the A-T path. The directionality of nested blocks is clear from the schematic diagram.

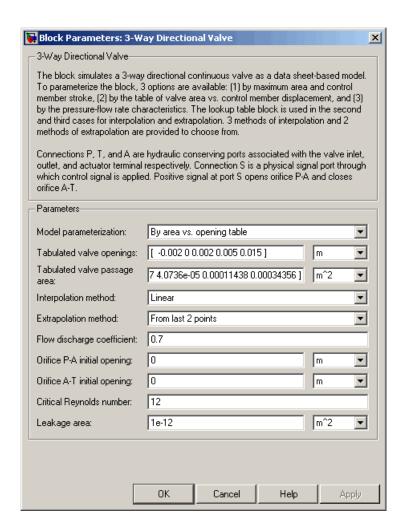
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

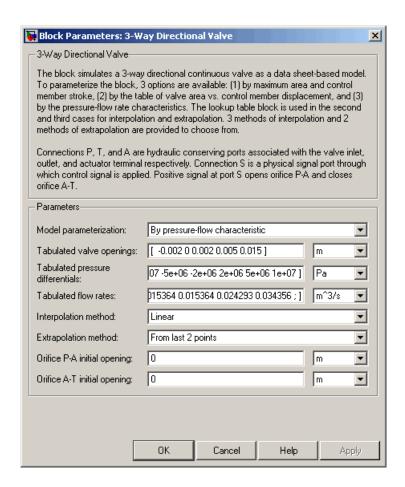
The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- Spool loading, such as inertia, spring, hydraulic forces, and so on, is not taken into account.
- Only symmetrical configuration of the valve is considered. In other words, both orifices are assumed to have the same shape and size.

Dialog Box and Parameters







Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for specifying the valve:

• By maximum area and opening — Provide values for the maximum valve passage area and the maximum valve opening. The passage area is linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the valve is closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum

opening takes place at the maximum displacement. This is the default method.

- By area vs. opening table Provide tabulated data of valve openings and corresponding valve passage areas. The passage area is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.
- By pressure-flow characteristic Provide tabulated data of valve openings, pressure differentials, and corresponding flow rates. The flow rate is determined by two-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

Valve passage maximum area

Specify the area of a fully opened valve. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-5 m². This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Valve maximum opening

Specify the maximum displacement of the control member. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-3 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Tabulated valve openings

Specify the vector of input values for valve openings as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-0.002 0 0.002 0.005 0.015]. If **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table, the **Tabulated valve openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated valve passage area** values for one-dimensional table lookup. If **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic, the **Tabulated valve openings** values will

be used together with **Tabulated pressure differentials** and **Tabulated flow rates** for two-dimensional table lookup.

Tabulated valve passage area

Specify the vector of output values for valve passage area as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The valve passage area vector must be the same size as the valve openings vector. All the values must be positive. The default values, in m^2, are [1e-09 2.0352e-07 4.0736e-05 0.00011438 0.00034356]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table.

Tabulated pressure differentials

Specify the vector of input values for pressure differentials as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in Pa, are [-1e+07 -5e+06 -2e+06 2e+06 5e+06 1e+07]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Tabulated flow rates

Specify the output values for flow rates as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the function values at the input grid vertices. Each value in the matrix specifies flow rate taking place at a specific combination of valve opening and pressure differential. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the input vectors. The default values, in m^3/s, are:

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[-1e-07 -7.0711e-08 -4.4721e-08 4.4721e-08 7.0711e-08 1e-07;

-2.0352e-05 -1.4391e-05 -9.1017e-06 9.1017e-06 1.4391e-05 2.0352e-05;

-0.0040736 -0.0028805 -0.0018218 0.0018218 0.0028805 0.0040736;

-0.011438 -0.0080879 -0.0051152 0.0051152 0.0080879 0.011438;

-0.034356 -0.024293 -0.015364 0.015364 0.024293 0.034356;]
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This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses a linear interpolation function.
 For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses a bilinear interpolation algorithm, which is an extension of linear interpolation for functions in two variables.
- Cubic For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP). For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic interpolation algorithm.
- Spline For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm. For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

 From last 2 points—Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the

two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.

From last point—Uses the last specified output value at the
appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last
specified output value for all input values greater than the last
specified input argument, and the first specified output value
for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the valve, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Orifice P-A initial opening

Initial opening for the orifice in the P-A path. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Orifice A-T initial opening

Initial opening for the orifice in the A-T path. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Р

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pressure supply line inlet.

T
Hydraulic conserving port associated with the return line connection.

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the actuator connection port.

S Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

Examples The 3-Way Directional Valve block is demonstrated in the

Hydraulic Circuit with 3-Way Valve and Differential Cylinder demo (sh_circuit_3_way_valve_diff_cylinder), where it is used to switch between a conventional and differential connection of the cylinder.

See Also 2-Way Directional Valve

4-Way Directional Valve

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic continuous 4-way directional valve

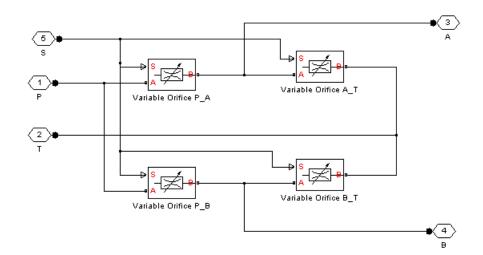
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Directional Valves

Description



The 4-Way Directional Valve block represents a continuous, symmetrical, 4-way directional valve. The fluid flow is pumped in the valve through the inlet line and is distributed between two outside pressure lines (usually connected to a double-acting actuator) and the return line. The block has four hydraulic connections, corresponding to inlet port (P), actuator ports (A and B), and return port (T), and one physical signal port connection (S), which controls the spool position. The block is built of four Variable Orifice blocks, connected as shown in the following diagram.



The Variable Orifice blocks are installed as follows: orifice_PA is in the P-A path, orifice_PB is in the P-B path, orifice_AT is in the A-T path, and orifice_BT is in the B-T path. All blocks are controlled by the same position signal, provided through the physical signal port S, but the **Orifice orientation** parameter in the block instances is set in such a way that positive signal at port S opens orifice PA and

orifice_BT and closes orifice_PB and orifice_AT. As a result, the openings of the orifices are computed as follows:

$$h_{PA} = h_{PA0} + x$$

$$h_{PB} = h_{PB0} - x$$

$$h_{AT} = h_{AT0} - x$$

$$h_{BT} = h_{BT0} + x$$

where

| h_{PA} | Orifice opening for the orifice_PA block |
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| h_{PB} | Orifice opening for the orifice_PB block |
| h_{AT} | Orifice opening for the orifice_AT block |
| h_{BT} | Orifice opening for the orifice_BT block |
| h_{PAO} | Initial opening for the orifice_PA block |
| h_{PBO} | Initial opening for the orifice_PB block |
| h_{ATO} | Initial opening for the orifice_AT block |
| h _{BTO} | Initial opening for the orifice_BT block |
| X | Control member displacement from initial position |

The valve simulated by the 4-Way Directional Valve block is assumed to be symmetrical. In other words, all four orifices are of the same shape and size and are parameterized with the same method. You can choose one of the following block parameterization options:

 By maximum area and opening — Use this option if the data sheet provides only the orifice maximum area and the control member maximum stroke.

- By area vs. opening table Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a table of the orifice passage area based on the control member displacement A=A(h).
- By pressure-flow characteristic Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a two-dimensional table of the pressure-flow characteristics q=q(p,h).

In the first case, the passage area is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the orifice is assumed to be closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. In the second case, the passage area is determined by one-dimensional interpolation from the table A=A(h). Flow rate is determined analytically, which additionally requires data such as flow discharge coefficient, critical Reynolds number, and fluid density and viscosity. The computation accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number. See the Variable Orifice block reference page for details. In both cases, a small leakage area is assumed to exist even after the orifice is completely closed. Physically, it represents a possible clearance in the closed valve, but the main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation.

In the third case, when an orifice is defined by its pressure-flow characteristics, the flow rate is determined by two-dimensional interpolation. In this case, neither flow regime nor leakage flow rate is taken into account, because these features are assumed to be introduced through the tabulated data. Pressure-flow characteristics are specified with three data sets: array of orifice openings, array of pressure differentials across the orifice, and matrix of flow rate values. Each value of a flow rate corresponds to a specific combination of an opening and pressure differential. In other words, characteristics must be presented as the Cartesian mesh, i.e., the function values must be specified at vertices of a rectangular array. The argument arrays

(openings and pressure differentials) must be strictly monotonically increasing. The vertices can be nonuniformly spaced. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

If you need to simulate a nonsymmetrical 4-way valve (i.e., with different orifices), use any of the variable orifice blocks from the Building Blocks library (such as Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes, Orifice with Variable Area Slot, or Variable Orifice) and connect them the same way as the Variable Orifice blocks in the schematic diagram of this 4-Way Directional Valve block.

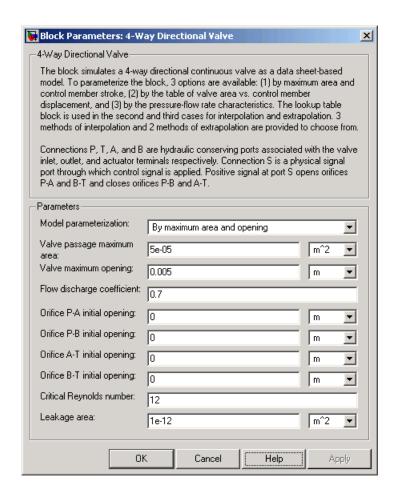
Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens the orifices in the P-A and B-T paths and closes the orifices in the P-B and A-T paths. The directionality of nested blocks is clear from the schematic diagram.

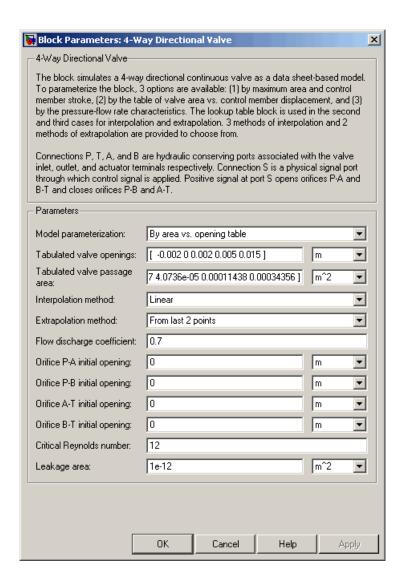
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

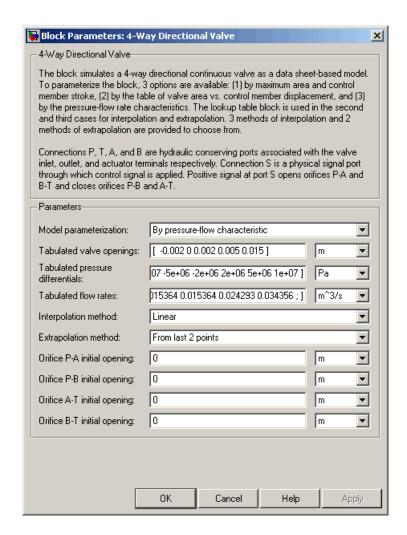
The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- Spool loading, such as inertia, spring, hydraulic forces, and so on, is not taken into account.
- Only symmetrical configuration of the valve is considered. In other words, all four orifices are assumed to have the same shape and size.

Dialog Box and Parameters







Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for specifying the valve:

• By maximum area and opening — Provide values for the maximum valve passage area and the maximum valve opening. The passage area is linearly dependent on the control member

displacement, that is, the valve is closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. This is the default method.

- By area vs. opening table Provide tabulated data of valve openings and corresponding valve passage areas. The passage area is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.
- By pressure-flow characteristic Provide tabulated data of valve openings, pressure differentials, and corresponding flow rates. The flow rate is determined by two-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

Valve passage maximum area

Specify the area of a fully opened valve. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-5 m². This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Valve maximum opening

Specify the maximum displacement of the control member. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-3 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Tabulated valve openings

Specify the vector of input values for valve openings as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-0.002 0 0.002 0.005 0.015]. If **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table, the **Tabulated valve openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated valve passage area** values for one-dimensional table lookup. If **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow

characteristic, the **Tabulated valve openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated pressure differentials** and **Tabulated flow rates** for two-dimensional table lookup.

Tabulated valve passage area

Specify the vector of output values for valve passage area as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The valve passage area vector must be the same size as the valve openings vector. All the values must be positive. The default values, in m^2, are [1e-09 2.0352e-07 4.0736e-05 0.00011438 0.00034356]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table.

Tabulated pressure differentials

Specify the vector of input values for pressure differentials as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in Pa, are [-1e+07 -5e+06 -2e+06 2e+06 5e+06 1e+07]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Tabulated flow rates

Specify the output values for flow rates as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the function values at the input grid vertices. Each value in the matrix specifies flow rate taking place at a specific combination of valve opening and pressure differential. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the input vectors. The default values, in m^3/s, are:

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[-1e-07 -7.0711e-08 -4.4721e-08 4.4721e-08 7.0711e-08 1e-07;
-2.0352e-05 -1.4391e-05 -9.1017e-06 9.1017e-06 1.4391e-05 2.0352e-05;
-0.0040736 -0.0028805 -0.0018218 0.0018218 0.0028805 0.0040736;
-0.011438 -0.0080879 -0.0051152 0.0051152 0.0080879 0.011438;
-0.034356 -0.024293 -0.015364 0.015364 0.024293 0.034356;]
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This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear—For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses a linear interpolation function. For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses a bilinear interpolation algorithm, which is an extension of linear interpolation for functions in two variables.
- Cubic—For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP). For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic interpolation algorithm.
- Spline—For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.
 For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

 From last 2 points—Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the

two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.

• From last point—Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the valve, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Orifice P-A initial opening

Initial opening for the orifice in the P-A path. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Orifice P-B initial opening

Initial opening for the orifice in the P-B path. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Orifice A-T initial opening

Initial opening for the orifice in the A-T path. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Orifice B-T initial opening

Initial opening for the orifice in the B-T path. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m^2.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Ρ

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pressure supply line inlet.

Т

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the return line connection.

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the actuator connection port.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the actuator connection port.

S

Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

Examples

The 3-Way Directional Valve block in the Closed-Loop Circuit with 4-Way Valve demo (sh_closed_loop_circuit_4_way_valve_cust_cyl) is an open-center, symmetrical valve controlling a double-acting cylinder.

See Also

2-Way Directional Valve

3-Way Directional Valve

Annular Orifice

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic variable orifice created by circular tube and round insert

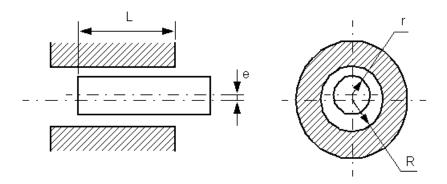
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Orifices

Description



The Annular Orifice block models a variable orifice created by a circular tube and a round insert, which may be eccentrically located with respect to the tube. The radial gap between the tube and the insert and its axial length are assumed to be essentially smaller than the insert diameter, causing the flow regime to be laminar all the time. A schematic representation of the annular orifice is shown in the following illustration.



The flow rate is computed using the Hagen-Poiseuille equation (see [1]):

$$q = \frac{\pi R(R-r)^3}{6v\rho L} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon^2\right) p$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{e}{R - r}$$

where

Annular Orifice

- q Flow rate
- p Pressure differential
- R Orifice radius
- r Insert radius
- L Overlap length
- ε Eccentricity ratio
- e Eccentricity
- ρ Fluid density
- V Fluid kinematic viscosity

Use this block to simulate leakage path in plungers, valves, and cylinders.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential

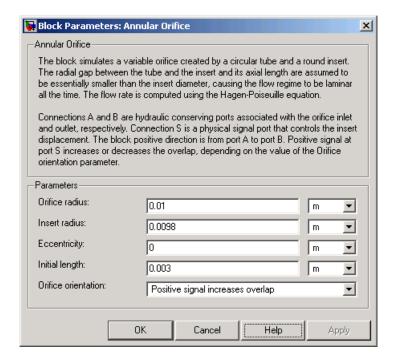
is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal port S increases or decreases the overlap, depending on the value of the parameter **Orifice orientation**.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

• Fluid inertia is not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Orifice radius

The radius of the tube. The default value is 0.01 m.

Insert radius

The radius of the insert. The default value is 0.0098 m.

Eccentricity

The distance between the central axes of the insert and the tube. The parameter can be a positive value, smaller than the difference between the radius of the tube and the radius of the insert, or equal to zero for coaxial configuration. The default value is 0.

Initial length

Initial overlap between the tube and the insert. The parameter must be positive. The value of initial length does not depend on the orifice orientation. The default value is 0.003 m.

Orifice orientation

The parameter is introduced to specify the effect of the control signal on the orifice overlap. The parameter can be set to one of two options: Positive signal increases overlap or Negative signal increases overlap. The default value is Positive signal increases overlap.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Orifice orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice outlet.

S Physical signal port that controls the insert displacement.

Annular Orifice

References [1] Noah D. Manring, *Hydraulic Control Systems*, John Wiley & Sons,

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See Also Constant Area Orifice

Fixed Orifice

Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes

Orifice with Variable Area Slot

Variable Area Orifice

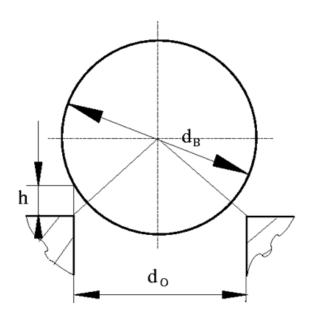
Variable Orifice

Purpose Simulate hydraulic ball valve

Library Flow Control Valves

Description The Ball Valve block models a variable orifice created by a spherical ball and a round sharp-edged orifice.





The flow rate through the valve is proportional to the valve opening and to the pressure differential across the valve. The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re $_{cr}$). The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

Ball Valve

$$q = \begin{cases} C_{D} \bullet A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} \bullet sign\left(p\right) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \bullet A \frac{D_{H}}{\mathsf{V} \bullet \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$h = x_0 + x$$

$$A(h) = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } h <= 0 \\ \pi \bullet r_O \left(1 - \frac{r_B}{D^2}\right) \bullet D & \text{for } 0 < h < h_{\max} \\ A_{\max} + A_{leak} & \text{for } h >= h_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$D = \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{r_B^2 - r_O^2} + h^2\right)^2 + r_O^2}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(h) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(h)}{\pi}}$$

$$A_{\text{max}} = \frac{\pi d_O^2}{4}$$

where

| q | Flow rate |
|----------------------------|---|
| p | Pressure differential |
| ρ_{A}, ρ_{B} | Gauge pressures at the block terminals $$ |
| C_D | Flow discharge coefficient |
| A(h) | Instantaneous orifice passage area |
| x_o | Initial opening |
| X | Ball displacement from initial position |
| h | Valve opening |
| d_0 | Orifice diameter |
| r_{o} | Orifice radius |
| $d_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$ | Ball diameter |
| $r_{_B}$ | Ball radius |
| ρ | Fluid density |
| D_H | Valve instantaneous hydraulic diameter |
| V | Fluid kinematic viscosity |
| A _{leak} | Closed valve leakage area |
| A_{max} | Maximum valve open area |
| | |

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential is determined as $p=p_A-p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens the valve.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

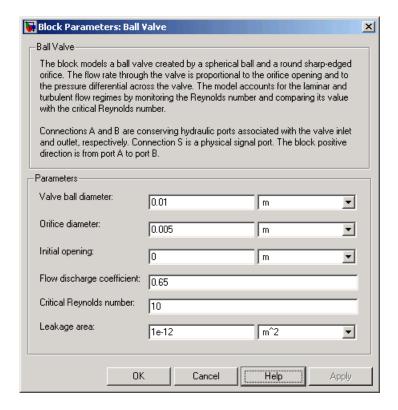
The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Ball Valve

• The flow passage area is assumed to be equal to the side surface of the frustum of the cone located between the ball center and the orifice edge.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Valve ball diameter

The diameter of the valve ball. It must be greater than the orifice diameter. The default value is $0.01\ m.$

Orifice diameter

The diameter of the orifice of the valve. The default value is 0.005 m.

Initial opening

The initial opening of the valve. Its value must be nonnegative. The default value is 0.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.65.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 10.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Ball Valve

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

S Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

See Also Needle Valve

Poppet Valve

Pressure-Compensated Flow Control Valve

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic cartridge valve insert

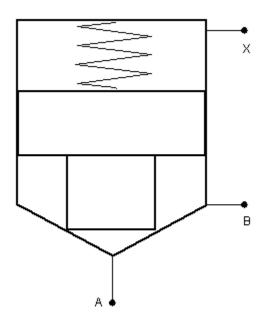
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Directional Valves

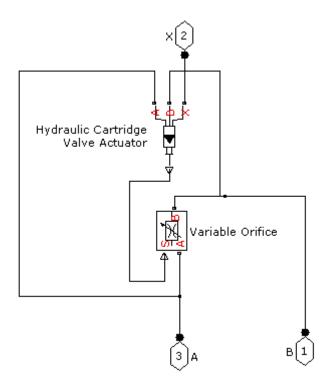
Description



The Cartridge Valve Insert block represents an insert of a hydraulic cartridge valve consisting of a poppet interacting with the seat. The poppet position is determined by pressures at ports A, B, and X and force of the spring. A schematic diagram of the cartridge valve insert is shown in the following illustration.



The Cartridge Valve Insert block is a structural model consisting of a Hydraulic Cartridge Valve Actuator block and a Variable Orifice block, as shown in the next illustration.



Pressures at port A and port B tend to open the valve, while pressure at the control port X, together with the spring, acts to close it. The model does not account for flow rates caused by poppet displacement and any loading on the poppet, such as inertia and friction. The valve remains closed as long as the aggregate pressure force is lower than the spring preload force. The poppet is forced off its seat as the preload force is reached and moves up proportionally to pressure increase until it passes the full stroke. Hydraulic properties of the gap between the poppet and the seat are simulated with the Variable Orifice block.

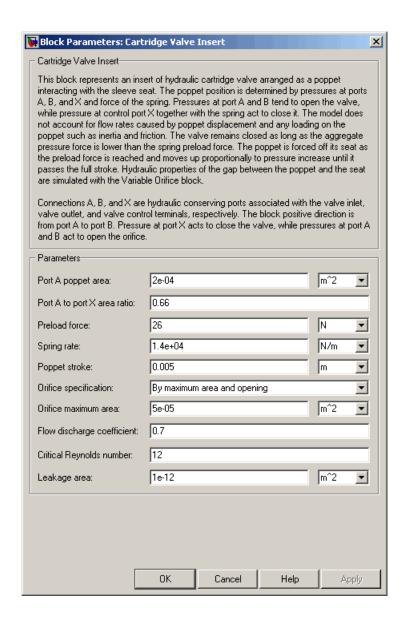
Connections A, B, and X are hydraulic conserving ports associated with the valve inlet, valve outlet, and valve control terminal, respectively. The block positive direction is from port A to port B. Pressure at port X acts to close the valve, while pressures at port A and port B act to open the orifice.

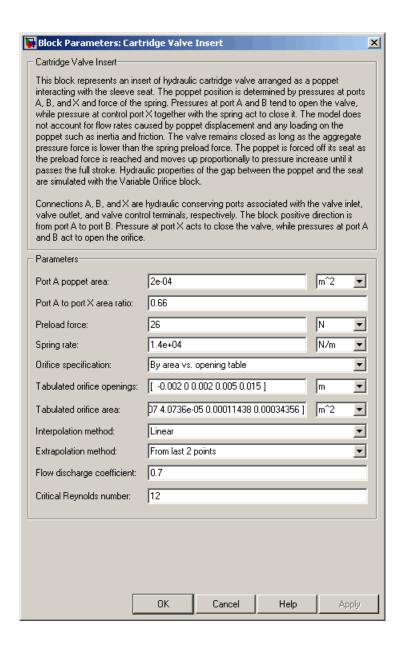
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

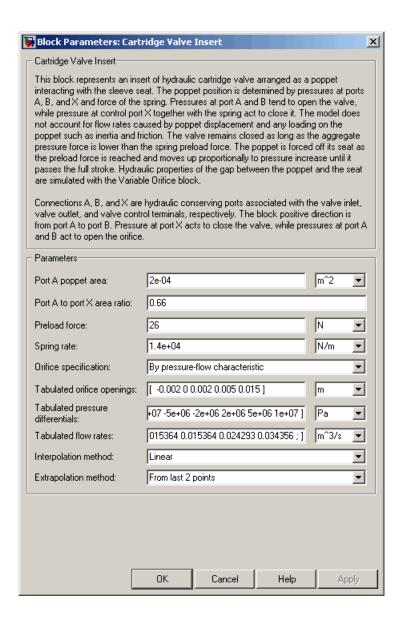
The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Valve opening is linearly proportional to the pressure differential.
- No loading on the poppet, such as inertia or friction, is considered.
- The model does not account for flow rates caused by poppet displacement.
- For orifices specified by the passage area (the first two parameterization options), the transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at Re=Re_{cr}.
- For orifices specified by pressure-flow characteristics (the third parameterization option), the model does not explicitly account for the flow regime or leakage flow rate because the tabulated data is assumed to account for these characteristics.

Dialog Box and Parameters







Port A poppet area

Effective poppet area at port A. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 2e-4 m².

Port A to port X area ratio

Ratio between poppet areas at port A and port X. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 0.66.

Preload force

Spring preload force. The default value is 26 N.

Spring rate

Spring rate. The default value is 1.4e4 N/m.

Poppet stroke

Maximum poppet stroke. The parameter value must be greater than or equal to zero. The default value is 5e-3 m. This parameter is used if **Orifice specification** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Orifice specification

Select one of the following methods for specifying the hydraulic properties of the gap between the poppet and the seat:

- By maximum area and opening Provide values for the maximum orifice area and the maximum orifice opening. The passage area is linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the orifice is closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. This is the default method.
- By area vs. opening table Provide tabulated data of orifice openings and corresponding orifice areas. The passage area is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.
- By pressure-flow characteristic Provide tabulated data of orifice openings, pressure differentials, and corresponding flow rates. The flow rate is determined by two-dimensional

table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

For more information on these options, see the Variable Orifice block reference page.

Orifice maximum area

Specify the area of a fully opened orifice. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-5 m². This parameter is used if **Orifice specification** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Tabulated orifice openings

Specify the vector of input values for orifice openings as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-0.002 0 0.002 0.005 0.015]. If **Orifice specification** is set to By area vs. opening table, the **Tabulated orifice openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated orifice area** values for one-dimensional table lookup. If **Orifice specification** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic, the **Tabulated orifice openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated orifice openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated pressure differentials** and **Tabulated flow rates** for two-dimensional table lookup.

Tabulated orifice area

Specify the vector of output values for orifice area as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The orifice area vector must be the same size as the orifice openings vector. All the values must be positive. The default values, in m^2, are [1e-09 2.0352e-07 4.0736e-05 0.00011438 0.00034356]. This parameter is used if **Orifice specification** is set to By area vs. opening table.

Tabulated pressure differentials

Specify the vector of input values for pressure differentials as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values,

in Pa, are [-1e+07 -5e+06 -2e+06 2e+06 5e+06 1e+07]. This parameter is used if **Orifice specification** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Tabulated flow rates

Specify the output values for flow rates as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the function values at the input grid vertices. Each value in the matrix specifies flow rate taking place at a specific combination of orifice opening and pressure differential. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the input vectors. The default values, in m^3/s, are:

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[-1e-07 -7.0711e-08 -4.4721e-08 4.4721e-08 7.0711e-08 1e-07;

-2.0352e-05 -1.4391e-05 -9.1017e-06 9.1017e-06 1.4391e-05 2.0352e-05;

-0.0040736 -0.0028805 -0.0018218 0.0018218 0.0028805 0.0040736;

-0.011438 -0.0080879 -0.0051152 0.0051152 0.0080879 0.011438;

-0.034356 -0.024293 -0.015364 0.015364 0.024293 0.034356;]
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This parameter is used if **Orifice specification** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses a linear interpolation function. For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses a bilinear interpolation algorithm, which is an extension of linear interpolation for functions in two variables.
- Cubic For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP). For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic interpolation algorithm.

Spline — For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.
 For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

- From last 2 points Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.
- From last point Uses the last specified output value at the
 appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last
 specified output value for all input values greater than the last
 specified input argument, and the first specified output value
 for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Orifice specification
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Orifice specification** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

X
Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve control terminal.

See Also

Check Valve

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Hydraulic Cartridge Valve Actuator

Pilot-Operated Check Valve

Purpose

Simulate centrifugal pump

Library

Pumps and Motors

Description



The Centrifugal Pump block represents a centrifugal pump of any type as a data-sheet-based model. Depending on data listed in the manufacturer's catalogs or data sheets for your particular pump, you can choose one of the following model parameterization options:

- By approximating polynomial Provide values for the polynomial coefficients. These values can be determined analytically or experimentally, depending on the data available. This is the default method.
- By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q Provide tabulated data of pressure differential and brake power versus pump delivery characteristics. The pressure differential and brake power are determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.
- By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W Provide tabulated data of pressure differential and brake power versus pump delivery characteristics at different angular velocities. The pressure differential and brake power are determined by two-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

These parameterization options are further described in greater detail:

- "Parameterizing the Pump by Approximating Polynomial" on page 2-74
- "Parameterizing the Pump by Pressure Differential and Brake Power Versus Pump Delivery" on page 2-78
- "Parameterizing the Pump by Pressure Differential and Brake Power Versus Pump Delivery at Different Angular Velocities" on page 2-79

Connections P and T are hydraulic conserving ports associated with the pump outlet and inlet, respectively. Connection S is a mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the pump driving shaft. The block positive direction is from port T to port P. This means that the pump transfers fluid from T to P as its driving shaft S rotates in the globally assigned positive direction. The model can be used if the shaft rotates in positive direction only.

Parameterizing the Pump by Approximating Polynomial

If you set the **Model parameterization** parameter to By approximating polynomial, the pump is parameterized with the polynomial whose coefficients are determined, analytically or experimentally, for a specific angular velocity depending on the data available. The pump characteristics at other angular velocities are determined from the affinity laws.

The approximating polynomial is derived from the Euler pulse moment equation [1, 2], which for a known pump can be represented as the following:

$$p = k \cdot p_E - p_{HL} - p_D$$

where

- p Pressure differential across the pump
- k Correction factor. The factor is introduced to account for dimensional fluctuations, blade incongruity, blade volumes, fluid internal friction, and so on. The factor should be set to 1 if the approximating coefficients are determined experimentally.
- p_E Euler pressure
- p_{HL} Pressure loss due to hydraulic losses in the pump passages
- p_D Pressure loss caused by deviations of the pump delivery from its nominal value

The Euler pressure, p_E , is determined with the Euler equation for centrifugal machines [1, 2] based on known pump dimensions. For an existing pump, operating at constant angular velocity and specific fluid, the Euler pressure can be approximated with the equation

$$p_E = \rho_{ref} \left(c_0 - c_1 \cdot q_P \right)$$

where

 ρ_{ref} Fluid density

 c_0c_1 Approximating coefficients. They can be determined either analytically from the Euler equation [1, 2] or experimentally.

 q_P Pump volumetric delivery

The pressure loss due to hydraulic losses in the pump passages, $p_{H\!L}$, is approximated with the equation

$$p_{HL} = \rho_{ref} \cdot c_2 \cdot q_P^2$$

where

ρ_{ref} Fluid density

 c_2 Approximating coefficient

 q_P Pump volumetric delivery

The blade profile is determined for a specific fluid velocity, and deviation from this velocity results in pressure loss due to inconsistency between the fluid velocity and blade profile velocity. This pressure loss, p_D , is estimated with the equation

$$p_D = \rho_{ref} \cdot c_3 \left(q_D - q_P \right)^2$$

where

 ρ_{ref} Fluid density

 c_3 Approximating coefficient

 q_P Pump volumetric delivery

 q_D Pump design delivery (nominal delivery)

The resulting approximating polynomial takes the form:

$$p = \rho_{ref} \left(k(c_0 - c_1 q) - c_2 q^2 - c_3 (q_D - q_P)^2 \right)$$
(2-1)

The pump characteristics, approximated with four coefficients c_0 , c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 , are determined for a specific fluid and a specific angular velocity of the pump's driving shaft. These two parameters correspond, respectively, to the **Reference density** and **Reference angular velocity** parameters in the block dialog box. To apply the characteristics for another velocity ω or density ρ , the affinity laws are used. First, the new reference delivery is computed with the expression

$$q_{ref} = q \frac{\omega_{ref}}{\omega} \tag{2-2}$$

where q and ω are the instantaneous values of the pump delivery and angular velocity. Then the pressure differential across the pump at a different angular velocity and density is determined with the formula

$$p = p_{ref} \cdot \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{ref}}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{\rho}{\rho_{ref}}$$

where p_{ref} is the pressure differential computed with Equation 2-1 at pump delivery determined according to Equation 2-2.

The pump efficiency is assumed to be the same as it is at the reference parameters. It is computed with the following equations:

$$\eta = \frac{N_{ref.hyd}}{N_{ref.br}}$$

$$N_{ref.hyd} = p_{ref} \cdot q_{ref}$$

$$N_{ref.br} = p_{Eref} \cdot q_{ref} + N_{mech.loss}$$

where

η Pump efficiency

 $N_{\it ref.hyd}$ Power of the flow at the pump's outlet

 $p_{\it ref}$ Pressure differential across the pump at delivery q = $q_{\it ref}$

 $q_{\it ref}$ Pump reference delivery

 $p_{\it Eref}$ Euler pressure at reference parameters

 $N_{\it ref.br}$ Mechanical brake power at the pump's driving shaft

 $N_{\it mech.loss}$ Power of mechanical losses in the pump drive train

Assuming that the efficiency remains the same at similar regimes, the torque at the driving shaft is determined from the following equation:

$$T = \frac{N_{ref.br}}{\omega_{ref}} \cdot \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{ref}}\right)^{2} \cdot \frac{\rho}{\rho_{ref}}$$

The hydraulic power at the pump outlet is computed with the equation

$$N_{hvd} = p \cdot q$$

where p and q are the current values of the pump pressure differential and delivery, respectively.

Parameterizing the Pump by Pressure Differential and Brake Power Versus Pump Delivery

If you set the **Model parameterization** parameter to By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q, the pump characteristics are computed by using two one-dimensional table lookups: for the pressure differential based on the pump delivery and for the pump brake power based on the pump delivery. Both characteristics are specified at the same angular velocity ω_{ref} (**Reference angular velocity**) and the same fluid density ρ_{ref} (**Reference density**).

To compute pressure differential at another angular velocity, affinity laws are used, similar to the first parameterization option. First, the new reference delivery q_{ref} is computed with the expression

$$q_{ref} = q \frac{\omega_{ref}}{\omega}$$

where q is the current pump delivery. Then the pressure differential across the pump at current angular velocity ω and density ρ is computed as

$$p = p_{ref} \cdot \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{ref}}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{\rho}{\rho_{ref}}$$

where $p_{\it ref}$ is the pressure differential determined from the P-Q characteristic at pump delivery $q_{\it ref}$

Brake power is determined with the equation

$$N = N_{ref} \cdot \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{ref}}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{\rho}{\rho_{ref}}$$

where $N_{\it ref}$ is the reference brake power obtained from the N-Q characteristic at pump delivery $q_{\it ref}$

The torque at the pump driving shaft is computed with the equation $T = N / \omega$.

Parameterizing the Pump by Pressure Differential and Brake Power Versus Pump Delivery at Different Angular Velocities

If you set the **Model parameterization** parameter to By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W, the pump characteristics are read out from two two-dimensional table lookups: for the pressure differential based on the pump delivery and angular velocity and for the pump brake power based on the pump delivery and angular velocity.

Both the pressure differential and brake power are scaled if fluid density ρ is different from the reference density $\rho_{\rm ref}$, at which characteristics have been obtained

$$p = p_{ref} \bullet \frac{\rho}{\rho_{ref}}$$

$$N = N_{ref} \cdot \frac{\rho}{\rho_{ref}}$$

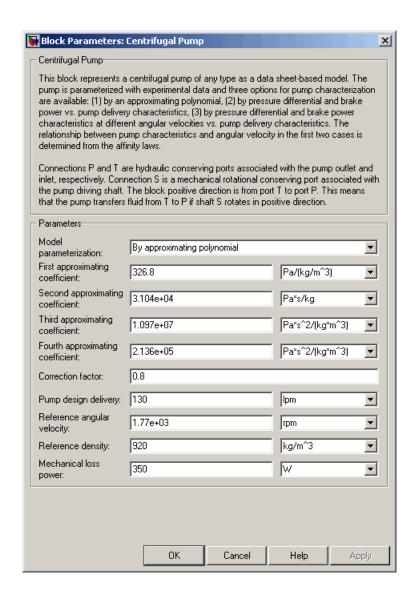
where $p_{\it ref}$ and $N_{\it ref}$ are the pressure differential and brake power obtained from the plots.

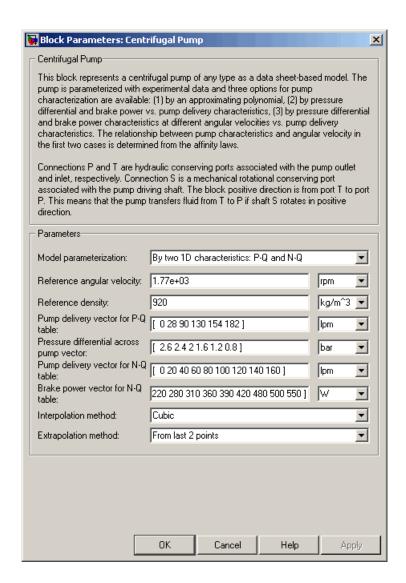
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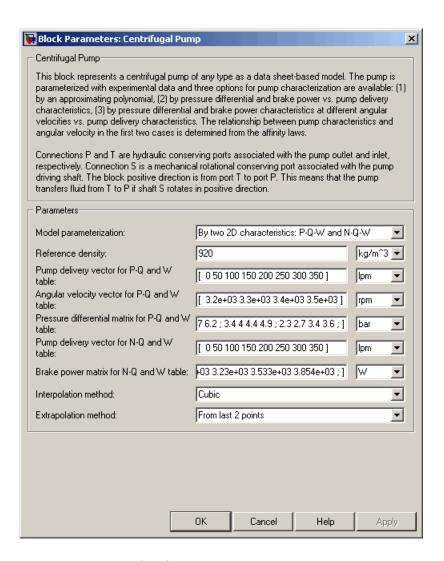
The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid compressibility is neglected.
- The pump rotates in positive direction only.
- No reverse flow through the pump is allowed.
- The pump efficiency remains the same at similar regimes.

Dialog Box and Parameters







Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for specifying the pump parameters:

- By approximating polynomial Provide values for the polynomial coefficients. These values can be determined analytically or experimentally, depending on the data available. The relationship between pump characteristics and angular velocity is determined from the affinity laws. This is the default method.
- By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q Provide tabulated data of pressure differential and brake power versus pump delivery characteristics. The pressure differential and brake power are determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods. The relationship between pump characteristics and angular velocity is determined from the affinity laws.
- By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W Provide tabulated data of pressure differential and brake power versus pump delivery characteristics at different angular velocities. The pressure differential and brake power are determined by two-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

First approximating coefficient

Approximating coefficient c_0 in the block description preceding. The default value is 326.8 Pa/(kg/m^3). This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By approximating polynomial.

Second approximating coefficient

Approximating coefficient c_I in the block description preceding. The default value is 3.104e4 Pa*s/kg. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By approximating polynomial.

Third approximating coefficient

Approximating coefficient c_2 in the block description preceding. This coefficient accounts for hydraulic losses in the pump. The default value is 1.097e7 Pa*s^2/(kg*m^3). This parameter is

used if **Model parameterization** is set to By approximating polynomial.

Fourth approximating coefficient

Approximating coefficient c_3 in the block description preceding. This coefficient accounts for additional hydraulic losses caused by deviation from the nominal delivery. The default value is 2.136e5 Pa*s^2/(kg*m^3). This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By approximating polynomial.

Correction factor

The factor, denoted as k in the block description preceding, accounts for dimensional fluctuations, blade incongruity, blade volumes, fluid internal friction, and other factors that decrease Euler theoretical pressure. The default value is 0.8. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By approximating polynomial.

Pump design delivery

The pump nominal delivery. The blades profile, pump inlet, and pump outlet are shaped for this particular delivery. Deviation from this delivery causes an increase in hydraulic losses. The default value is 130 lpm. This parameter is used if **Model** parameterization is set to By approximating polynomial.

Reference angular velocity

Angular velocity of the driving shaft, at which the pump characteristics are determined. The default value is 1.77e3 rpm. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By approximating polynomial or By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q.

Reference density

Fluid density at which the pump characteristics are determined. The default value is 920 kg/m^3 .

Mechanical loss power

Power of mechanical loss in the pump drive train at reference parameters. The default value is 350 W. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By approximating polynomial.

Pump delivery vector for P-Q table

Specify the vector of pump deliveries, as a tabulated 1-by-n array, to be used together with the vector of pressure differentials to specify the P-Q pump characteristic. The vector values must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in lpm, are [0 28 90 130 154 182]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q.

Pressure differential across pump vector

Specify the vector of pressure differentials across the pump as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The vector will be used together with the pump deliveries vector to specify the P-Q pump characteristic. The vector must be of the same size as the pump deliveries vector for the P-Q table. The default values, in bar, are [2.6 2.4 2 1.6 1.2 0.8]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q.

Pump delivery vector for N-Q table

Specify the vector of pump deliveries, as a tabulated 1-by-n array, to be used together with the vector of the pump brake power to specify the N-Q pump characteristic. The vector values must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in lpm, are [0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q.

Brake power vector for N-Q table

Specify the vector of pump brake power as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The vector will be used together with the pump deliveries vector to specify the N-Q pump characteristic. The vector must be of the same size as the pump deliveries vector for the N-Q table. The default values, in W, are [220 280 310 360 390 420 480

500 550]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q.

Pump delivery vector for P-Q and W table

Specify the vector of pump deliveries, as a tabulated 1-by-m array, to be used together with the vector of angular velocities and the pressure differential matrix to specify the pump P-Q-W characteristic. The vector values must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in lpm, are [0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W.

Angular velocity vector for P-Q and W table

Specify the vector of angular velocities, as a tabulated 1-by-n array, to be used for calculating both the pump P-Q-W and N-Q-W characteristics. The vector values must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in rpm, are [3.2e+03 3.3e+03 3.4e+03 3.5e+03]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W.

Pressure differential matrix for P-Q and W table

Specify the matrix of pressure differentials across pump, as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the pump P-Q-W characteristic together with the pump delivery and angular velocity vectors. Each value in the matrix specifies pressure differential for a specific combination of pump delivery and angular velocity. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the pump delivery and angular velocity vectors. The default values, in bar, are:

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[ 8.3 8.8 9.3 9.9 ; 7.8 8.3 8.8 9.4 ; 7.2 7.6 8.2 8.7 ; 6.5 7 7.5 8 ;
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5.6 6.1 6.6 7.1;
4.7 5.2 5.7 6.2;
3.4 4 4.4 4.9;
2.3 2.7 3.4 3.6;
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This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W.

Pump delivery vector for N-Q and W table

Specify the vector of pump deliveries, as a tabulated 1-by-m array, to be used together with the vector of angular velocities and the brake power matrix to specify the pump N-Q-W characteristic. The vector values must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in lpm, are [0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W.

Brake power matrix for N-Q and W table

Specify the matrix of pump brake power, as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the pump N-Q-W characteristic together with the pump delivery and angular velocity vectors. Each value in the matrix specifies brake power for a specific combination of pump delivery and angular velocity. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the pump delivery and angular velocity vectors. The default values, in W, are:

```
[ 1.223e+03 1.341e+03 1.467e+03 1.6e+03 ;
1.414e+03 1.551e+03 1.696e+03 1.85e+03 ;
1.636e+03 1.794e+03 1.962e+03 2.14e+03 ;
1.941e+03 2.129e+03 2.326e+03 2.54e+03 ;
2.224e+03 2.439e+03 2.66e+03 2.91e+03 ;
2.453e+03 2.691e+03 2.947e+03 3.21e+03 ;
2.757e+03 3.024e+03 3.307e+03 3.608e+03 ;
2.945e+03 3.23e+03 3.533e+03 3.854e+03 ; ]
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This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear For one-dimensional table lookup (By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q), uses a linear interpolation function. For two-dimensional table lookup (By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W), uses a bilinear interpolation algorithm, which is an extension of linear interpolation for functions in two variables.
- Cubic For one-dimensional table lookup (By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q), uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP). For two-dimensional table lookup (By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W), uses the bicubic interpolation algorithm.
- Spline For one-dimensional table lookup (By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q), uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm. For two-dimensional table lookup (By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W), uses the bicubic spline interpolation algorithm.

This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q or By two By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W. For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

• From last 2 points — Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on

the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.

 From last point — Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By By two 1D characteristics: P-Q and N-Q or By two By two 2D characteristics: P-Q-W and N-Q-W. For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Т

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump suction, or inlet.

Ρ

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump outlet.

S

Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the pump driving shaft.

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See Also

Fixed-Displacement Pump

Variable-Displacement Pressure-Compensated Pump

Variable-Displacement Pump

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic valve that allows flow in one direction only

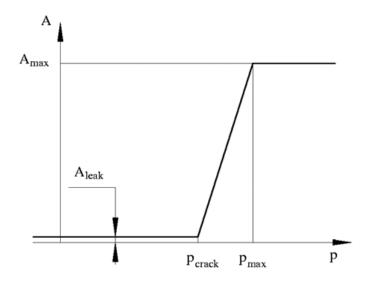
Library

Directional Valves

Description



The Check Valve block represents a hydraulic check valve as a data-sheet-based model. The purpose of the check valve is to permit flow in one direction and block it in the opposite direction. The following figure shows the typical dependency between the valve passage area A and the pressure differential across the valve $p = p_A - p_B$.



The valve remains closed while pressure differential across the valve is lower than the valve cracking pressure. When cracking pressure is reached, the value control member (spool, ball, poppet, etc.) is forced off its seat, thus creating a passage between the inlet and outlet. If the flow rate is high enough and pressure continues to rise, the area is further increased until the control member reaches its maximum. At this moment, the valve passage area is at its maximum. The valve

maximum area and the cracking and maximum pressures are generally provided in the catalogs and are the three key parameters of the block.

In addition to the maximum area, the leakage area is also required to characterize the valve. The main purpose of the parameter is not to account for possible leakage, even though this is also important, but to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Theoretically, the parameter can be set to zero, but it is not recommended.

The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}) . The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_D \cdot A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} \cdot sign\left(p\right) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \cdot A \frac{D_H}{v \cdot \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$A(p) = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } p <= p_{crack} \\ A_{leak} + k \cdot \left(p - p_{crack}\right) & \text{for } p_{crack} < p < p_{\max} \\ A_{\max} & \text{for } p >= p_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$k = \frac{A_{\max} - A_{leak}}{p_{\max} - p_{crack}}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(p) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(p)}{\pi}}$$

where

q Flow rate through the valve

p Pressure differential across the valve

 p_{A} , p_{B} Gauge pressures at the block terminals

 C_D Flow discharge coefficient

A(p) Instantaneous orifice passage area

 A_{max} Fully open valve passage area

A_{leak} Closed valve leakage area

 p_{crack} Valve cracking pressure

 p_{max} Pressure needed to fully open the valve

 D_{H} Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameter

ρ Fluid density

v Fluid kinematic viscosity

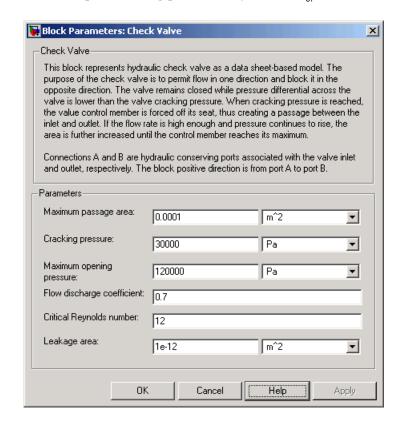
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Valve opening is linearly proportional to the pressure differential.
- No loading on the valve, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Maximum passage area

Valve passage maximum cross-sectional area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Cracking pressure

Pressure level at which the orifice of the valve starts to open. The default value is 3e4 Pa.

Maximum opening pressure

Pressure differential across the valve needed to fully open the valve. Its value must be higher than the cracking pressure. The default value is 1.2e5 Pa.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m^2.

Check Valve

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

Examples

The Graetz Flow Control Circuit demo (sh_Graetz_circuit) illustrates the use of check valves to build a rectifier that keeps the flow passing through a flow control valve always in the same direction, and to select an appropriate orifice depending on the flow direction.

See Also

Pilot-Operated Check Valve

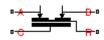
Purpose

Simulate friction in hydraulic cylinders

Library

Hydraulic Cylinders

Description



The Cylinder Friction block simulates friction in the contact between moving bodies in hydraulic cylinders and is intended to be used primarily as a building block in combination with both the double- and single-acting cylinders to develop a cylinder model with friction. The friction force is simulated as a function of relative velocity and pressure, and is assumed to be the sum of Stribeck, Coulomb, and viscous components. The Coulomb friction force consists of the preload force, caused by the seal squeeze during assembly, and the force proportional to pressure. The sum of the Coulomb and Stribeck friction forces at zero velocity is often referred to as the breakaway friction force. For more information, see the Translational Friction block reference page.

The friction force is approximated with the following equations:

$$F = F_{C} \cdot (1 + (K_{brk} - 1) \cdot \exp(-c_{v} \mid v \mid)) sign(v) + f_{vfr} \cdot v$$

$$F_C = F_{pr} + f_{cfr} \left(p_A + p_B \right)$$

where

F Friction force

 F_C Coulomb friction

 F_{pr} Preload force

 $f_{\it cfr}$ Coulomb friction coefficient

 $p_A p_B$ Pressures in cylinder chambers

 K_{brk} Breakaway friction force increase coefficient

 c_{v} Transition coefficient

Cylinder Friction

v Relative velocity in the contact

 f_{vfr} Viscous friction coefficient

To avoid discontinuity at v = 0, a small region $|v| \le v_{th}$ is introduced around zero velocity, where friction force is assumed to be linearly proportional to velocity:

$$F = K \cdot v$$

$$K = \frac{F_C \left(1 + \left(K_{brk} - 1\right) \cdot \exp\left(-c_v v_{th}\right)\right) + f_{vfr} \cdot v_{th}}{v_{th}}$$

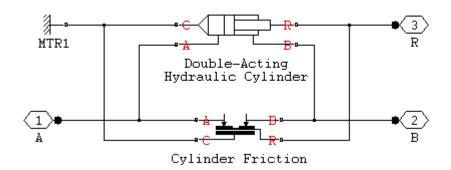
where

K Proportionality coefficient

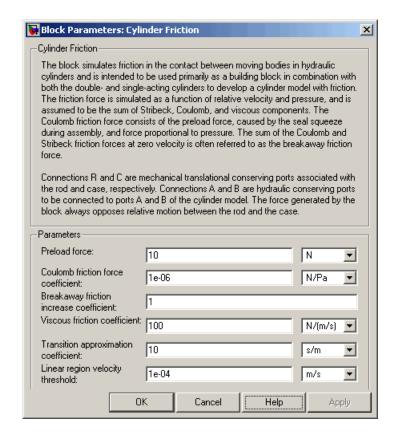
 v_{th} Velocity threshold

Connections R and C are mechanical translational conserving ports associated with the rod and case, respectively. Connections A and B are hydraulic conserving ports to be connected to ports A and B of the cylinder model, as shown in the following illustration. The force generated by the block always opposes relative motion between the rod and the case.

Cylinder Friction



Dialog Box and Parameters



Preload force

The preload force, caused by the seal squeeze during assembly. The default value is 10 N_{\cdot}

Coulomb friction force coefficient

Coulomb friction coefficient, which defines the proportionality between the Coulomb friction force and the pressure in cylinder chambers. The default value is 1e-6 N/Pa.

Breakaway friction increase coefficient

The friction force increase over the Coulomb friction. The Coulomb friction force, multiplied by this coefficient, is referred to as breakaway friction force. The default value is 1.

Viscous friction coefficient

Proportionality coefficient between the viscous friction force and the relative velocity. The parameter value must be greater than or equal to zero. The default value is 100 N/(m/s).

Transition approximation coefficient

The parameter sets the value of coefficient c_v , which is used for the approximation of the transition between the breakaway and the Coulomb frictions. Its value is assigned based on the following considerations: the Stribeck friction component reaches approximately 5% of its steady-state value at velocity $3/c_v$, and 2% at velocity $4/c_v$, which makes it possible to develop an approximate relationship $c_v \sim 4/v_{min}$, where v_{min} is the relative velocity at which friction force has its minimum value. By default, c_v is set to 10 s/m, which corresponds to a minimum friction at velocity of about 0.4 m/s.

Linear region velocity threshold

The parameter sets the small vicinity near zero velocity, within which friction force is considered to be linearly proportional to the relative velocity. The MathWorks recommends that you use values in the range between 1e-6 and 1e-4 m/s. The default value is 1e-4 m/s.

Ports The block has the following ports:

В

A Hydraulic conserving port connected to the cylinder inlet.

Hydraulic conserving port connected to the cylinder outlet.

Cylinder Friction

R Mechanical translational conserving port associated with the cylinder rod.

C Mechanical translational conserving port associated with the cylinder clamping structure.

See Also Double-Acting Hydraulic Cylinder

Single-Acting Hydraulic Cylinder

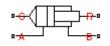
Purpose

Simulate hydraulic actuator exerting force in both directions

Library

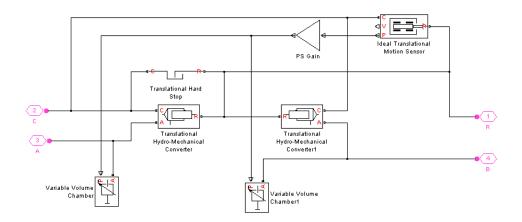
Hydraulic Cylinders

Description



The Double-Acting Hydraulic Cylinder block models a device that converts hydraulic energy into mechanical energy in the form of translational motion. Hydraulic fluid pumped under pressure into one of the two cylinder chambers forces the piston to move and exert force on the cylinder rod. Double-acting cylinders transfer force and motion in both directions.

The model of the cylinder is built of Simscape™ Foundation library blocks. The schematic diagram of the model is shown below.



Connections R and C are mechanical translational conserving ports corresponding to the cylinder rod and cylinder clamping structure, respectively. Connections A and B are hydraulic conserving ports. Port A is connected to chamber A and port B is connected to chamber B.

The energy through hydraulic port A or B is directed to the appropriate Translational Hydro-Mechanical Converter block and Variable Volume Chamber block. The converter transforms hydraulic energy into mechanical energy, while the chamber accounts for the fluid

compressibility in the cylinder chamber. The rod motion is limited with the mechanical Translational Hard Stop block in such a way that the rod can travel only between cylinder caps. The Ideal Translational Motion Sensor block in the schematic is introduced to determine an instantaneous piston position, which is necessary for the Variable Volume Chamber blocks.

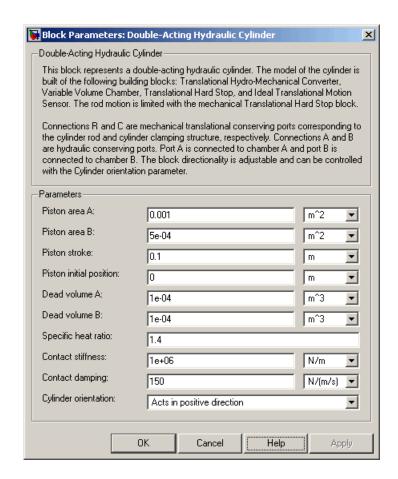
The block directionality is adjustable and can be controlled with the **Cylinder orientation** parameter.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- No leakage, internal or external, is taken into account.
- No loading on piston rod, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is taken into account. If necessary, you can easily add them by connecting an appropriate building block to cylinder port R.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Piston area A

Chamber A effective piston area. The default value is 0.001 m².

Piston area B

Chamber B effective piston area. The default value is 5e-5 m².

Piston stroke

Piston maximum travel between caps. The default value is 0.1 m.

Piston initial position

The distance that the piston is extended at the beginning of simulation. You can set the piston position to any point within its stroke. The default value is 0, which corresponds to the fully retracted position.

Dead volume A

Fluid volume in chamber A that remains in the chamber after the rod is fully retracted. The default value is 1e-4 m³.

Dead volume B

Fluid volume in chamber B that remains in the chamber after the rod is fully extended. The default value is 1e-4 m³.

Specific heat ratio

Gas-specific heat ratio for the Variable Volume Chamber blocks. The default value is 1.4.

Contact stiffness

Specifies the elastic property of colliding bodies for the Translational Hard Stop block. The greater the value of the parameter, the less the bodies penetrate into each other, the more rigid the impact becomes. Lesser value of the parameter makes contact softer, but generally improves convergence and computational efficiency. The default value is 1e6 N/m.

Contact damping

Specifies dissipating property of colliding bodies for the Translational Hard Stop block. At zero damping, the impact is close to an absolutely elastic one. The greater the value of the parameter, the more energy dissipates during an interaction. Keep in mind that damping affects slider motion as long as the slider is in contact with the stop, including the period when slider is pulled back from the contact. For computational efficiency and convergence reasons, The MathWorks recommends that you assign a nonzero value to this parameter. The default value is 150 N*s/m.

Cylinder orientation

Specifies cylinder orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. The cylinder can be installed in two different ways, depending upon whether it exerts force in the positive or in the negative direction when pressure is applied at its inlet. If pressure applied at port A exerts force in negative direction, set the parameter to Acts in negative direction. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Cylinder orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid bulk modulus

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

- A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the cylinder chamber A.
- B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the cylinder chamber B.
- R Mechanical translational conserving port associated with the cylinder rod.
- C Mechanical translational conserving port associated with the cylinder clamping structure.

Examples

The Double-Acting Hydraulic Cylinder with Flexible Clamping demo (sh_cylinder_da_flexible_clamping) illustrates simulation of a cylinder whose clamping is too flexible to be neglected. The structure compliance is represented with a spring and a damper, installed between the cylinder case and reference point. The cylinder performs forward and return strokes, and is loaded with inertia, viscous friction, and constant opposing load of 400 N.

See Also

Single-Acting Hydraulic Cylinder

Ideal Translational Motion Sensor

Translational Hard Stop

Translational Hydro-Mechanical Converter

Variable Volume Chamber

Purpose

Simulate double-acting hydraulic rotary actuator

Library

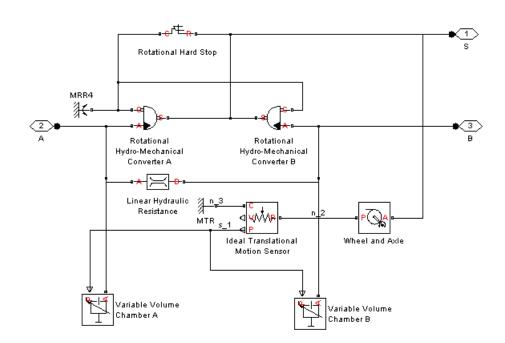
Hydraulic Cylinders

Description



The Double-Acting Rotary Actuator block models a double-acting hydraulic rotary actuator, which directly converts hydraulic energy into mechanical rotational energy without employing intermediary transmissions such as rack-and-pinion, sliding spline, chain, and so on. Hydraulic fluid pumped under pressure into one of the two actuator chambers forces the shaft to rotate and generate torque. Double-acting actuators generate torque and motion in both directions.

The model of the actuator is built of $Simscape^{TM}$ Foundation library blocks. The schematic diagram of the model is shown below.



The blocks in the diagram perform the following functions:

Rotational Converts hydraulics energy into
Hydro-Mechanical mechanical rotational energy when fluid
is pumped into actuator chamber A.

Rotational Converts hydraulics energy into

Hydro-Mechanical mechanical rotational energy when fluid is pumped into actuator chamber B.

Rotational Hard Stop Imposes limits on shaft rotation.

Linear Hydraulic Accounts for leakages. Resistance

Variable Volume Accounts for fluid compressibility in

Chamber A actuator chamber A.

Variable Volume Accounts for fluid compressibility in

Chamber B actuator chamber B.

Ideal Translational Determines an instantaneous shaft motion Sensor position, which is necessary for the

Variable Volume Chamber block.

Wheel and Axle Converts shaft rotation into translational

motion to provide input to the Ideal Translational Motion Sensor block

Connections A and B are hydraulic conserving ports. Port A is connected to chamber A and port B is connected to chamber B. Connection S is a mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the actuator shaft.

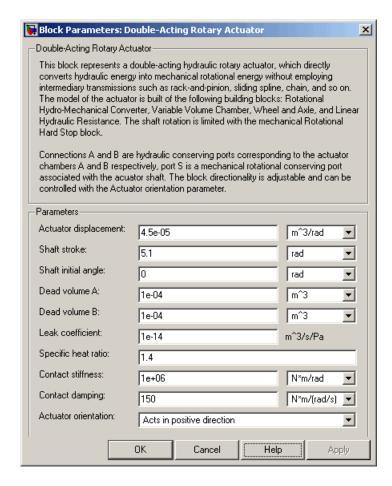
The block directionality is adjustable and can be controlled with the **Actuator orientation** parameter.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

Dialog
Box and
Parameters

The model is based on the following assumption:

 No loading, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is taken into account. If necessary, you can easily add them by connecting an appropriate building block to port S.



Actuator displacement

Effective displacement of the actuator. The default value is 4.5e-5 m³/rad.

Shaft stroke

Shaft maximum travel between stops. The default value is 5.1 rad.

Shaft initial angle

The position of the shaft at the beginning of simulation. You can set the shaft position to any angle within its stroke. The default value is 0, which corresponds to the shaft position at the very beginning of the stroke.

Dead volume A

Fluid volume in chamber A that remains in the chamber when the shaft is positioned at the very beginning of the stroke. The default value is 1e-4 m³.

Dead volume B

Fluid volume in chamber B that remains in the chamber when the shaft is positioned at the end of the stroke. The default value is 1e-4 m³.

Leak coefficient

Leak coefficient for the Linear Hydraulic Resistance block. The default value is 1e-14 (m^3/s)/Pa.

Specific heat ratio

Gas-specific heat ratio for the Variable Volume Chamber block. The default value is 1.4.

Contact stiffness

Specifies the elastic property of colliding bodies for the Rotational Hard Stop block. The greater the value of the parameter, the less the bodies penetrate into each other, the more rigid the impact becomes. Lesser value of the parameter makes contact softer, but generally improves convergence and computational efficiency. The default value is 1e6 N*m/rad.

Contact damping

Specifies dissipating property of colliding bodies for the Rotational Hard Stop block. At zero damping, the impact is close to an absolutely elastic one. The greater the value of the parameter, the more energy dissipates during an interaction. Keep in mind that damping affects slider motion as long as the slider is in contact with the stop, including the period when slider is pulled back from the contact. For computational efficiency and convergence reasons, The MathWorks recommends that you assign a nonzero value to this parameter. The default value is 150 N*m/(rad/s).

Actuator orientation

Specifies actuator orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. The actuator can be installed in two different ways, depending upon whether it generates torque in the positive or in the negative direction when pressure is applied at its inlet. If pressure applied at port A generates torque in the negative direction, set the parameter to Acts in negative direction. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

Actuator orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid bulk modulus

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the actuator chamber A.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the actuator chamber B

S Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the actuator shaft.

See Also Ideal Translational Motion Sensor

Linear Hydraulic Resistance

Rotational Hard Stop

Rotational Hydro-Mechanical Converter

Variable Volume Chamber

Wheel and Axle

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic resistance in elbow

Library

Local Hydraulic Resistances

Description



The Elbow block represents an elbow as a local hydraulic resistance. The pressure loss is computed with the semi-empirical formula based on pressure loss coefficient, which is determined in accordance with the Crane Co. recommendations (see [1], p. A-29). Two types of elbow are considered: smoothly curved (standard) and sharp-edged (miter). The block covers elbows in the 5–100 mm and 0–90 degrees range.

The block is based on the Local Resistance block. It computes the pressure loss coefficient and passes its value, as well as the critical Reynolds number value, to the Local Resistance block, which computes the pressure loss according to the formulas explained in the reference documentation for that block.

The pressure loss for turbulent flow regime is determined according to the following formula:

$$p = K \frac{\rho}{2A^2} q \mid q \mid$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure loss

K Pressure loss coefficient

A Elbow cross-sectional area

ρ Fluid density

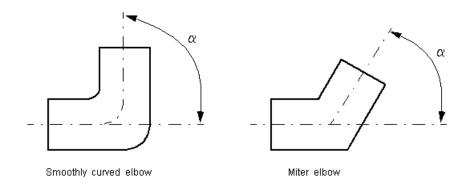
The flow regime is checked in the underlying Local Resistance block by comparing the Reynolds number to the specified critical Reynolds number value. For laminar flow regime, the formula for pressure loss computation is modified, as described in the reference documentation for the Local Resistance block. The core data for the pressure loss coefficient computation is the table-specified relationship between the friction factor f_{τ} and the internal diameter for clean commercial steel pipes, with flow in the zone of complete turbulence (see [1], p. A-26). For smoothly curved, standard 90° elbows, the pressure loss coefficient is determined with the formula

$$K = 30 f_T$$

For elbows with different angles, the coefficient is corrected with the relationship presented in [2], Fig.4.6:

$$K_{corr} = \alpha (0.0142 - 3.703 \cdot 10^{-5} \alpha)$$

where α is the elbow angle in degrees $(0 \le \alpha \le 90)$.



Therefore, the pressure loss coefficient for smoothly curved, standard elbows is determined with the formula

$$K_{SCE} = 30 f_T \cdot \alpha (0.0142 - 3.703 \cdot 10^{-5} \alpha)$$

For sharp-edged, miter bends the pressure loss coefficient is determined according to the table provided in [1], p. A-29, as a function of the elbow diameter and angle

$$K_{ME} = f(d, \alpha)$$

where $5 \le d \le 100$ mm and $0 \le \alpha \le 90$ degrees.

Connections A and B are conserving hydraulic ports associated with the block inlet and outlet, respectively.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if fluid flows from A to B, and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

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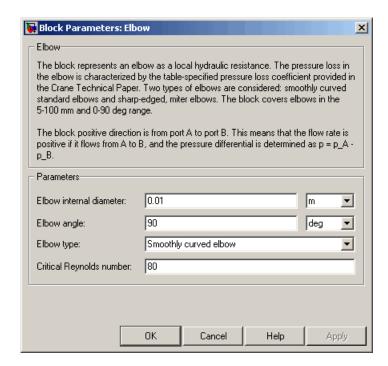
The formulas used in the Elbow block are very approximate, especially in the laminar and transient flow regions. For more accurate results, use the Local Resistance block with a table-specified K=f(Re) relationship.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.
- The elbow is assumed to be made of a clean commercial steel pipe.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Elbow internal diameter

The internal diameter of the pipe. The value must be in the range between 5 and 100 mm. The default value is 0.01 m.

Elbow angle

The angle of the bend. The value must be in the range between 0 and 90 degrees. The default value is 90 deg.

Elbow type

The parameter can have one of two values: Smoothly curved elbow or Miter bend. The default value is Smoothly curved elbow.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place

when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 80.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Elbow type

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the elbow inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the elbow outlet.

References

[1] Flow of Fluids Through Valves, Fittings, and Pipe, Crane Valves North America, Technical Paper No. 410M

[2] George R. Keller, *Hydraulic System Analysis*, Published by the Editors of Hydraulics & Pneumatics Magazine, 1970

Elbow

See Also

Gradual Area Change

Local Resistance

Pipe Bend

Sudden Area Change

T-junction

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic orifice with constant cross-sectional area

Library

Orifices

Description



The Fixed Orifice block models a sharp-edged constant-area orifice, flow rate through which is proportional to the pressure differential across the orifice. The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}). The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_{D} {\scriptstyle \bullet} A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} {\scriptstyle \bullet} sign \left(p \right) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} {\scriptstyle \bullet} A \frac{D_{H}}{v {\scriptstyle \bullet} \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}}$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure differential

 $p_{A,}p_{B}$ Gauge pressures at the block terminals

Fixed Orifice

- C_D Flow discharge coefficient
- A Orifice passage area
- D_{H} Orifice hydraulic diameter
- ρ Fluid density
- V Fluid kinematic viscosity

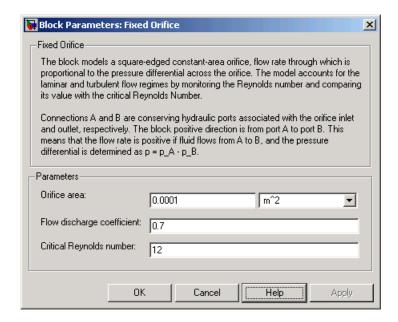
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Orifice area

Orifice passage area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for orifice capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12, which corresponds to a round orifice in thin material with sharp edges.

Fixed Orifice

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice outlet.

See Also

Annular Orifice

Constant Area Orifice

Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes

Orifice with Variable Area Slot

Variable Area Orifice

Variable Orifice

Purpose

Simulate fixed-displacement hydraulic pump

Library

Pumps and Motors

Description



The Fixed-Displacement Pump block represents a positive, fixed-displacement pump of any type as a data-sheet-based model. The key parameters required for this block are pump displacement, volumetric and total efficiencies, nominal pressure, and angular velocity. All these parameters are generally provided in the data sheets or catalogs. The fixed-displacement pump is represented with the following equations:

$$q = D \cdot \omega - k_{leak} \cdot p$$

$$T = D \cdot p / \eta_{mech}$$

$$k_{leak} = k_{HP} / v \cdot \rho$$

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D {\bullet} \omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_{V}\right) {\bullet} v_{nom} {\bullet} \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

$$p = p_P - p_T$$

where

q Pump delivery

p Pressure differential across the pump

 p_{P,P_T} Gauge pressures at the block terminals

Torque at the pump driving shaft

D Pump displacement

 ω Pump angular velocity

 $k_{{\scriptscriptstyle 1eak}} \quad \text{ Leakage coefficient}$

 k_{HP} Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient

 η_V Pump volumetric efficiency

 η_{mech} Pump mechanical efficiency

V Fluid kinematic viscosity

ρ Fluid density

 ρ_{nom} Pump nominal pressure

 ω_{nom} Pump nominal angular velocity

 V_{nom} Nominal fluid kinematic viscosity

The leakage flow is determined based on the assumption that it is linearly proportional to the pressure differential across the pump and can be computed by using the Hagen-Poiseuille formula

$$p = \frac{128\mu l}{\pi d^4} q_{leak} = \frac{\mu}{k_{HP}} q_{leak}$$

where

q_{leak} Leakage flow

d, 1 Geometric parameters of the leakage path

 μ Fluid dynamic viscosity, $\mu = v \cdot \rho$

The leakage flow at $p = p_{nom}$ and $v = v_{nom}$ can be determined from the catalog data

$$q_{leak} = D\omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_V\right)$$

which provides the formula to determine the Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D\omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_V\right) \bullet v_{nom} \bullet \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

The pump mechanical efficiency is not usually available in data sheets, therefore it is determined from the total and volumetric efficiencies by assuming that the hydraulic efficiency is negligibly small

$$\eta_{mech} = \eta_{total} / \eta_V$$

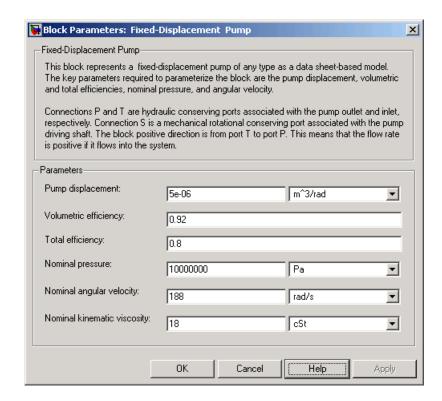
The block positive direction is from port T to port P. This means that the pump transfers fluid from T to P provided that the shaft S rotates in the positive direction. The pressure differential across the pump is determined as $p = p_P - p_T$.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid compressibility is neglected.
- No loading on the pump shaft, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- Leakage inside the pump is assumed to be linearly proportional to its pressure differential.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Pump displacement

Pump displacement. The default value is 5e-6 m³/rad.

Volumetric efficiency

Pump volumetric efficiency specified at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.92.

Total efficiency

Pump total efficiency, which is determined as a ratio between the hydraulic power at the pump outlet and mechanical power at the driving shaft at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.8.

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Nominal pressure

Pressure differential across the pump, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 1e7 Pa.

Nominal angular velocity

Angular velocity of the driving shaft, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 188 rad/s.

Nominal kinematic viscosity

Working fluid kinematic viscosity, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 18 cSt.

Global Parameters

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Т

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump suction, or inlet.

P Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump outlet.

Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the pump driving shaft.

Examples

S

The Power Unit with Fixed-Displacement Pump demo (sh_power_unit_fxd_dspl_pump) contains a fixed-displacement pump, which is driven by a motor through a compliant transmission, a pressure-relief valve, and a variable orifice, which simulates system fluid consumption. The motor model is represented as an Ideal Angular Velocity Source block, which rotates the shaft at 188 rad/s at zero torque. The load on the shaft decreases the velocity with a slip coefficient of 1.2

Fixed-Displacement Pump

(rad/s)/Nm. The load on the driving shaft is measured with the torque sensor. The shaft between the motor and the pump is assumed to be compliant and simulated with rotational spring and damper.

The simulation starts with the variable orifice open, which results in a low system pressure and the maximum flow rate going to the system. The orifice starts closing at 0.5 s, and is closed completely at 3 s. The output pressure builds up until it reaches the pressure setting of the relief valve (75e5 Pa), and is maintained at this level by the valve. At 3 s, the variable orifice starts opening, thus returning the system to its initial state.

See Also Centrifugal Pump

Variable-Displacement Pressure-Compensated Pump

Variable-Displacement Pump

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic accumulator with gas as compressible medium

Library

Accumulators

Description



This block models a gas-charged accumulator. The accumulator consists of a precharged gas chamber and a fluid chamber connected to a hydraulic system. The chambers are separated by a bladder, piston, or any kind of elastic diaphragm.

If the fluid pressure at the accumulator inlet becomes higher than the precharge pressure, fluid enters the accumulator chamber and compresses the gas, thus storing hydraulic energy. A drop in the fluid pressure at the inlet forces the stored fluid back into the system.

Normally, pressure in the gas chamber is equal to that of the fluid chamber. But if pressure at the accumulator inlet (p) drops below the accumulator's precharge value (p_{pr}) , the gas chamber gets isolated from the system with the inlet valve. In this case, pressure in the gas chamber remains constant and equal to the precharge value, while pressure at the inlet depends on pressure in the system to which the accumulator is connected. If pressure at the inlet builds up to the precharge value or higher, the chambers start interacting again. The accumulator is described with the following equations:

$$q = \frac{dV_F}{dt}$$

$$V_F = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for p}_{\text{inl}} <= p_{\text{pr}} \\ V_A \bullet \left(1 - \left(\frac{p_{pr}}{p} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \right) & \text{for p}_{\text{inl}} > p_{\text{pr}} \end{cases}$$

where

Gas-Charged Accumulator

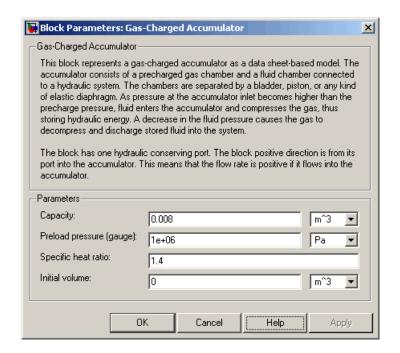
| V_F | Fluid volume |
|-------------|----------------------|
| V_A | Accumulator capacity |
| р | Inlet gauge pressure |
| ρ_{pr} | Precharge pressure |
| k | Specific heat ratio |
| q | Volumetric flow rate |
| t | Time |

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- The gas compression is determined on the basis of the thermodynamics of ideal gases.
- The process is assumed to be polytropic.
- No loading on the separator, such as inertia, friction, and so on, is considered.
- Fluid compressibility is not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Capacity

Accumulator capacity. The default value is 0.008 m³.

Preload pressure (gauge)

Precharge gauge pressure. The default value is 1e6 Pa.

Specific heat ratio

Specific heat ratio (adiabatic index). No units. The default value is 1.4. To account for heat exchange, you can set it within a range between 1 (isothermal process) and 1.4 (adiabatic process).

Initial volume

Initial volume of fluid in the accumulator. This parameter specifies the initial condition for use in computing the block's initial state at the beginning of a simulation run. For more information, see "Computing Initial Conditions". The default value is 0.

Gas-Charged Accumulator

Global Atmospheric pressure

Parameters Absolute pressure of the environment. The default value is

101325 Pa.

Ports The block has one hydraulic conserving port associated with the

accumulator inlet.

The flow rate is positive if fluid flows into the accumulator.

See Also Spring-Loaded Accumulator

Purpose

Simulate gradual enlargement or contraction

Library

Local Hydraulic Resistances

Description



The Gradual Area Change block represents a local hydraulic resistance, such as a gradual cross-sectional area change. The resistance represents a gradual enlargement (diffuser) if fluid flows from inlet to outlet, or a gradual contraction if fluid flows from outlet to inlet. The block is based on the Local Resistance block. It determines the pressure loss coefficient and passes its value to the underlying Local Resistance block. The block offers two methods of parameterization: by applying semi-empirical formulas (with a constant value of the pressure loss coefficient) or by table lookup for the pressure loss coefficient based on the Reynolds number.

If you choose to apply the semi-empirical formulas, you provide geometric parameters of the resistance, and the pressure loss coefficient is determined according to the A.H. Gibson equations (see [1] and [2]):

$$K_{GE} = \begin{cases} K_{cor} \left(1 - \frac{A_s}{A_L}\right)^2 \cdot 2.6 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} & \text{for } 0 < \alpha <= 45^o \\ K_{cor} \left(1 - \frac{A_s}{A_L}\right)^2 & \text{for } 45^o < \alpha < 180^o \end{cases}$$

$$K_{GC} = \begin{cases} K_{cor} \cdot 0.5 \left(1 - \frac{A_s}{A_L}\right)^{0.75} \cdot 1.6 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} & \text{for } 0 < \alpha <= 45^o \\ K_{cor} \cdot 0.5 \left(1 - \frac{A_s}{A_L}\right)^{0.75} \cdot \sqrt{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}} & \text{for } 45^o < \alpha < 180^o \end{cases}$$

where

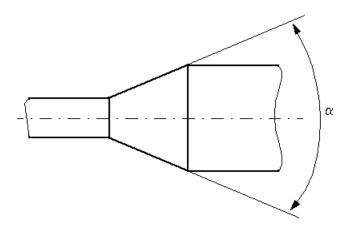
 K_{GE} Pressure loss coefficient for the gradual enlargement, which takes place if fluid flows from inlet to outlet

 K_{GC} Pressure loss coefficient for the gradual contraction, which takes place if fluid flows from outlet to inlet

 K_{cor} Correction factor

 A_{S} Small area A_{L} Large area

α Enclosed angle



If you choose to specify the pressure loss coefficient by a table, you have to provide a tabulated relationship between the loss coefficient and the Reynolds number. In this case, the loss coefficient is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

The pressure loss coefficient, determined by either of the two methods, is then passed to the underlying Local Resistance block, which computes the pressure loss according to the formulas explained in the reference documentation for that block. The flow regime is checked in the underlying Local Resistance block by comparing the Reynolds number

to the specified critical Reynolds number value, and depending on the result, the appropriate formula for pressure loss computation is used.

The Gradual Area Change block is bidirectional and computes pressure loss for both the direct flow (gradual enlargement) and return flow (gradual contraction). If the loss coefficient is specified by a table, the table must cover both the positive and the negative flow regions.

Connections A and B are conserving hydraulic ports associated with the block inlet and outlet, respectively.

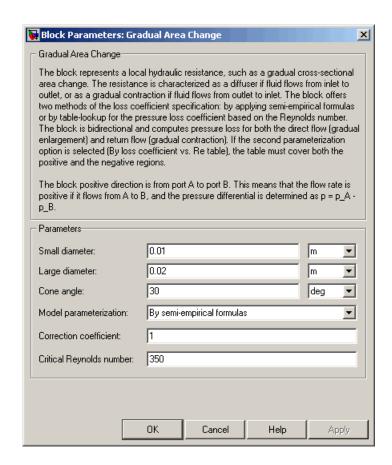
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if fluid flows from A to B, and the pressure loss is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

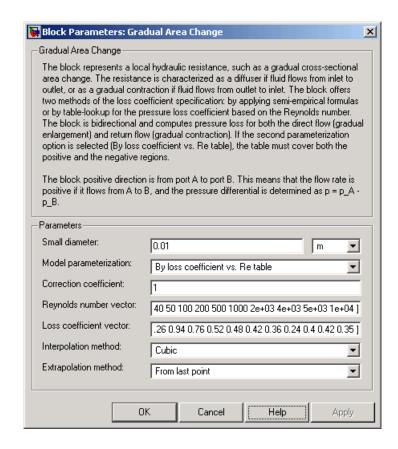
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- If you select parameterization by semi-empirical formulas, the transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at Re=Re_{cr}.
- If you select parameterization by the table-specified relationship K=f(Re), the flow is assumed to be turbulent.

Dialog Box and Parameters





Small diameter

Resistance small diameter. The default value is 0.01 m.

Large diameter

Resistance large diameter. The default value is 0.02 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Cone angle

The enclosed angle. The default value is 30 deg. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for block parameterization:

- By semi-empirical formulas Provide geometrical parameters of the resistance. This is the default method.
- By loss coefficient vs. Re table Provide tabulated relationship between the loss coefficient and the Reynolds number. The loss coefficient is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods. The table must cover both the positive and the negative flow regions.

Correction coefficient

Correction factor used in the formula for computation of the loss coefficient. The default value is 1. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 350. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Reynolds number vector

Specify the vector of input values for Reynolds numbers as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values are [-4000, -3000, -2000, -1000, -500, -200, -100, -50,

-40, -30, -20, -15, -10, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 4000, 5000, 10000]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Loss coefficient vector

Specify the vector of output values for the loss coefficient as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The loss coefficient vector must be the same size as the Reynolds numbers vector. The default values are [0.25, 0.3, 0.65, 0.9, 0.65, 0.75, 0.90, 1.15, 1.35, 1.65, 2.3, 2.8, 3.10, 5, 2.7, 1.8, 1.46, 1.3, 0.9, 0.65, 0.42, 0.3, 0.20, 0.40, 0.42, 0.25]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear Uses a linear interpolation function.
- Cubic Uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP).
- Spline Uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

• From last 2 points — Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range.

That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.

• From last point — Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the resistance inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the resistance outlet.

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See Also

Elbow

Local Resistance

Pipe Bend

Sudden Area Change

T-junction

Purpose

Simulate double-acting hydraulic actuator for cartridge valves

Library

Valve Actuators

Description



Use the Hydraulic Cartridge Valve Actuator block as a pilot actuator for cartridge valves, as well as pilot-operated pressure and control valves in applications where all the forces, except spring and pressure forces, and flow consumption can be neglected. This block represents a double-acting hydraulic valve actuator driven by three pressures. The actuator drives a valve (spool, poppet, etc.) whose position depends on pressures at ports A, B, and X and the force of the spring. Pressures at ports A and B tend to open the valve, while pressure at control port X together with the spring force act to close it.

The valve remains closed as long as the aggregate pressure force is lower than the spring preload force. The poppet is forced off its seat as the preload force is reached and moves up proportionally to pressure increase until it passes the full stroke.

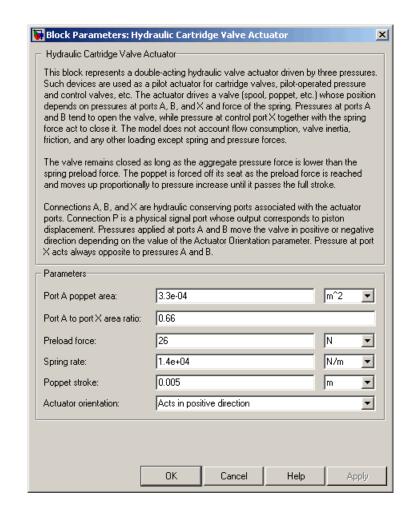
Connections A, B, and X are hydraulic conserving ports associated with the actuator ports. Connection P is a physical signal port whose output corresponds to piston displacement. Pressures applied at ports A and B move the piston in the positive or negative direction, depending on the value of the **Actuator orientation** parameter, with pressure at port X acting in the opposite direction.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- The flow consumption associated with the valve motion is assumed to be negligible.
- The inertia, friction, and hydraulic axial forces are assumed to be small and are not taken into account.
- The clearances between the valve and the washers are not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Port A poppet area

Effective poppet area at port A. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 3.3e-4 m².

Port A to port X area ratio

Ratio between poppet areas at port A and port X. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 0.66.

Preload force

Spring preload force. The default value is 26 N.

Spring rate

Spring rate. The default value is 1.4e4 N/m.

Poppet stroke

Maximum poppet stroke. The parameter value must be greater than or equal to zero. The default value is 5e-3 m.

Actuator orientation

Specifies actuator orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. The actuator can be installed in two different ways, depending upon whether it moves the piston in the positive or in the negative direction when pressure is applied at its inlet. If pressures applied at ports A and B move the poppet in the negative direction, set the parameter to Acts in negative direction. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

Actuator orientation

Χ

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve control terminal.

Ρ

Physical signal port that outputs poppet displacement.

See Also

2-Position Valve Actuator

3-Position Valve Actuator

Cartridge Valve Insert

Hydraulic Double-Acting Valve Actuator Hydraulic Single-Acting Valve Actuator

Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator

Purpose

Simulate double-acting hydraulic valve actuator

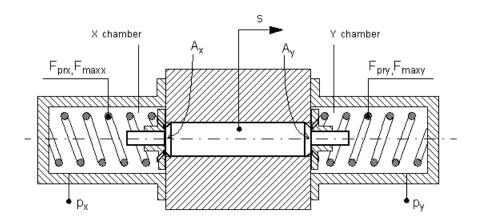
Library

Valve Actuators

Description



Use the Hydraulic Double-Acting Valve Actuator block as a pilot actuator for directional, pressure, or flow control valves in applications where all the forces, except spring force, and flow consumption can be neglected. The actuator consists of two single-acting actuators acting against each other. Each single-acting actuator consists of a piston, centering spring, and centering washer. When control pressure is applied to either hydraulic port, only one centering spring is compressed by its washer while the other butts against the valve body and exerts no force on the spool. When both control pressures are released, the springs force the washers against the valve body, and the spool centers between them. This design allows each actuator to have a different spring, preload force, and piston area.



As pressure applied to the piston develops enough force to overcome the spring preload, the piston moves to the opposite position until it reaches its maximum stroke. Pressure applied at port X shifts the valve in the x-direction, overcoming the spring located in the Y chamber. Pressure

applied at port Y shifts the valve in the y-direction, overcoming the spring located in the X chamber.

The actuator is simulated according to the following equations:

$$F = p_x \cdot A_x - p_y \cdot A_y$$

$$L_x = \frac{str_x}{F_{\max x} - F_{prx}}$$

$$L_y = \frac{str_y}{F_{\text{max } y} - F_{pry}}$$

If F >= 0,

$$s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } F \leq F_{pry} \\ L_y \cdot (F - F_{pry}) \cdot or & \text{for } F_{pry} \leq F \leq F_{\max y} \\ str_y \cdot or & \text{for } F >= F_{\max y} \end{cases}$$

If F < 0,

$$s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } |F| \leq F_{prx} \\ -L_x \bullet (|F| - F_{prx}) \bullet or & \text{for } F_{prx} < |F| < F_{\max x} \\ -str_x \bullet or & \text{for } |F| >= F_{\max x} \end{cases}$$

where

F Force acting on the valve

s Piston displacement

 p_x Pressure in the actuator X chamber

 p_{y} Pressure in the actuator Y chamber

 A_r Valve face area in the X chamber

 A_{ν} str_{r} Valve stroke in x-direction str_{v} Valve stroke in y-direction Chamber X spring preload force

Valve face area in the Y chamber

 \boldsymbol{F}_{maxx} Chamber X spring maximum force

 F_{prv} Chamber Y spring preload force

 F_{maxy} Chamber Y spring maximum force

Actuator orientation with respect to the globally assigned orpositive direction. If pressure applied at port X moves the piston in positive direction, or equals 1. If pressure applied at port X moves the piston in negative direction, *or* equals -1.

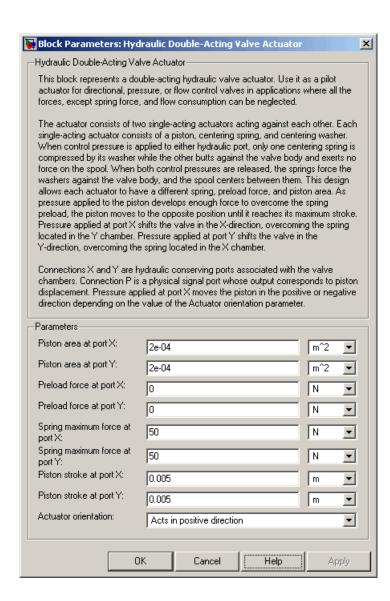
Connections X and Y are hydraulic conserving ports associated with the valve chambers. Connection P is a physical signal port whose output corresponds to piston displacement. Pressure applied at port X moves the piston in the positive or negative direction depending on the value of the **Actuator orientation** parameter.

Basic **Assumptions** and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- The flow consumption associated with the valve motion is assumed to be negligible.
- The inertia, friction, and hydraulic axial forces are assumed to be small and are not taken into account.
- The clearances between the valve and the washers are not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Piston area at port X

Effective piston area at port X. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 2e-4 m².

Piston area at port Y

Effective piston area at port Y. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 2e-4 m².

Preload force at port X

Spring preload force at port X. The default value is 0.

Preload force at port Y

Spring preload force at port Y. The default value is 0.

Spring maximum force at port X

Chamber X spring maximum force. The parameter value must be greater than the spring preload force. The default value is 50 N.

Spring maximum force at port Y

Chamber Y spring maximum force. The parameter value must be greater than the spring preload force. The default value is 50 N.

Piston stroke at port X

Piston stroke in chamber X. The parameter value must be greater than or equal to zero. The default value is 5e-3 m.

Piston stroke at port Y

Piston stroke in chamber Y. The parameter value must be greater than or equal to zero. The default value is 5e-3 m.

Actuator orientation

Specifies actuator orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. The actuator can be installed in two different ways, depending upon whether it moves the piston in the positive or in the negative direction when pressure is applied at its inlet. If pressure applied at port X moves the piston in the negative direction, set the parameter to Acts in negative direction. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Actuator orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

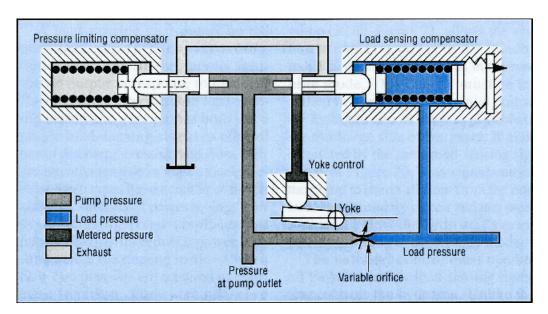
X Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve X chamber.

Y
Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve Y chamber.

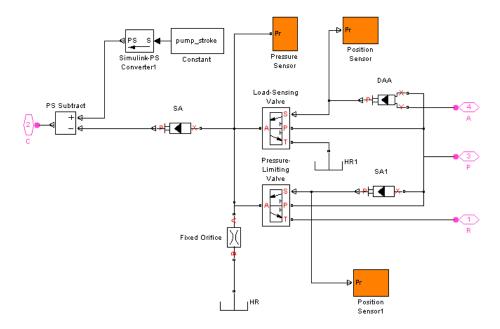
P Physical signal port that outputs piston displacement.

Examples

The following illustration shows a typical control unit of a variable-displacement pump that provides load sensing and pressure limiting (see [1]). In the unit, the load-sensing compensator varies the pump displacement to maintain a preset pressure differential across the variable orifice, while the pressure-limiting compensator does not allow the pump pressure to exceed the pressure limit.



The Hydraulic Actuator with Load-Sensing Variable-Displacement Pump demo (sh_hydraulic_actuator_load_sensing_pump) implements this type of control. The next illustration shows the schematic of the Load-Sensing and Pressure-Limiting Control block in the demo.



There are three hydraulic valve actuators in the model:

- SA1 A single-acting actuator that controls the Pressure-Limiting Valve.
- SA A single-acting valve actuator that acts on the pump displacement control device (yoke control).
- DAA A double-acting valve actuator that controls the Load-Sensing Valve. Its output is proportional to the difference between the pump pressure (port P) and the load pressure (port A).

Open the demo model to see the parameter settings for the blocks.

References

[1] F. Yeapple, Fluid Power Design Handbook, Marcel Dekker, Inc., 1995

See Also

2-Position Valve Actuator

3-Position Valve Actuator

Hydraulic Single-Acting Valve Actuator

Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator

Purpose

Set working fluid properties by selecting from list of predefined fluids

Library

Hydraulic Utilities

Description



The Hydraulic Fluid block lets you specify the type of hydraulic fluid used in a loop of hydraulic blocks. It provides the hydraulic fluid properties, such as kinematic viscosity, density, and bulk modulus, for all the hydraulic blocks in the loop. These fluid properties are assumed to be constant during simulation time. The density is determined by the type of fluid, while kinematic viscosity additionally requires that the temperature is specified.

The bulk modulus value shown in the block dialog box is the bulk modulus of pure liquid, and is determined by the type of fluid and by the temperature. When the fluid properties are used in hydraulic blocks, such as Constant Volume Chamber or Variable Volume Chamber, the fluid is represented as a mixture of liquid and a small amount of entrained, nondissolved gas, which is specified in the Hydraulic Fluid block as **Relative amount of trapped air**. The mixture bulk modulus in these blocks is determined as:

$$E = E_l \frac{1 + \alpha \left(\frac{p_a}{p_a + p}\right)^{1/n}}{1 + \alpha \frac{p_a^{1/n}}{n \cdot (p_a + p)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} E_l}$$

where

 E_1 Pure liquid bulk modulus

 ρ_{α} Atmospheric pressure

 α Relative gas content at atmospheric pressure, $\alpha = V_g/V_L$

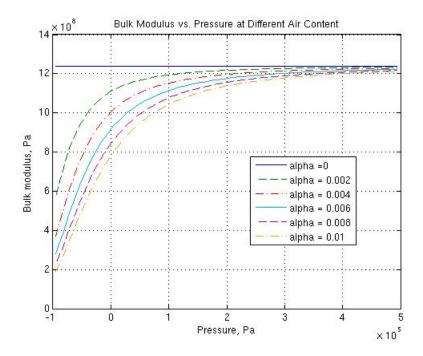
V₆ Gas volume at atmospheric pressure

- V_L Volume of liquid
- n Gas-specific heat ratio

The main objective of representing fluid as a mixture of liquid and gas is to introduce an approximate model of cavitation, which takes place in a chamber if pressure drops below fluid vapor saturation level. As it is seen in the graph below, the bulk modulus of a mixture decreases

at $p \to p_a$, thus considerably slowing down further pressure change.

At high pressure, $p>>p_a$, a small amount of nondissolved gas has practically no effect on the system behavior.



Cavitation is an inherently thermodynamic process, requiring consideration of multiple-phase fluids, heat transfers, etc., and as such cannot be accurately simulated with SimHydraulics® software. But the

simplified version implemented in the block is good enough to signal if pressure falls below dangerous level, and to prevent computation failure that normally occurs at negative pressures.

If it is known that cavitation is unlikely in the system under design, you can set the relative gas content in the fluid properties to zero, thus increasing the speed of computations.

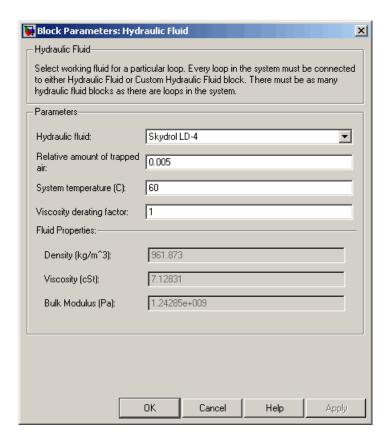
The Hydraulic Fluid block offers a selection of predefined fluids. See "Examples" on page 2-162 for how you can get information on the fluid properties used in the block. Once you select a fluid name, you can also specify the temperature of the fluid and the relative amount of entrained, nondissolved gas.

The Hydraulic Fluid block has one port. You can connect it to a hydraulic diagram by branching a connection line off the main line and connecting it to the port. When you connect the Hydraulic Fluid block to a hydraulic line, the software automatically identifies the hydraulic blocks connected to the particular loop and propagates the hydraulic fluid properties to all the hydraulic blocks in the loop.

Each topologically distinct hydraulic loop in a diagram requires a Hydraulic Fluid block or Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to be connected to it. Therefore, there must be as many Hydraulic Fluid blocks (or Custom Hydraulic Fluid blocks) as there are loops in the system.

Note If no Hydraulic Fluid block or Custom Hydraulic Fluid block is attached to a loop, the hydraulic blocks in this loop use the default fluid, which is Skydrol LD-4 at 60°C and with a 0.005 ratio of entrapped air.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Hydraulic fluid

Hydraulic fluid type. Select one of the predefined fluids:

- Skydrol LD-4 (default)
- Skydrol 500B-4
- Skydrol-5
- HyJet-4A
- Fluid MIL-F-83282

- Fluid MIL-F-5606
- Fluid MIL-F-87257
- 0il-10W
- 0il-30W
- 0il-50W
- 0il SAE-30
- 0il SAE-50
- Transmission fluid ATF (Dexron III)
- ISO VG 22 (ESSO UNIVIS N 22)
- ISO VG 32 (ESSO UNIVIS N 32)
- ISO VG 46 (ESSO UNIVIS N 46)
- Brake fluid DOT3
- Brake fluid DOT4
- Brake fluid DOT5
- Gasoline
- Diesel fuel
- Jet fuel
- Water-Glycol 60/40
- Water

Relative amount of trapped air

Amount of entrained, nondissolved gas in the fluid. The amount is specified as the ratio of gas volume at normal conditions to the fluid volume in the chamber. The default value is 0.005.

System temperature

Fluid temperature (C). The default value is 60.

Viscosity derating factor

Proportionality coefficient that you can use to adjust fluid viscosity, if needed. Specify a value between 0.5 and 1.5. The default value is 1.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Hydraulic fluid

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Ports

The block has one hydraulic conserving port.

Examples

You can get information on the fluids and their properties through the MATLAB® command line. In the following example, the first command brings you the list of available fluids, and the second command plots the properties of a selected fluid from the list, in this case, Skydrol LD-4.

1 In the MATLAB Command Window, type:

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props = sh stockfluidproperties
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The system responds with a list of available fluids:

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props =

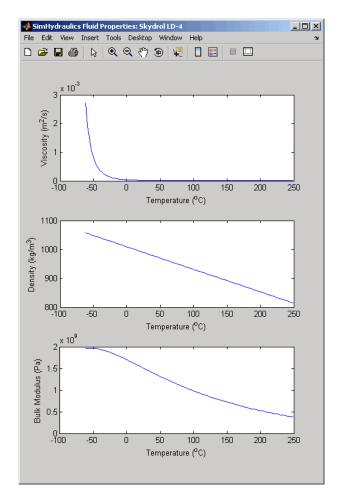
skydrol_ld_4: [1x1 struct]
skydrol_500_4: [1x1 struct]
skydrol_5: [1x1 struct]
hy_jet: [1x1 struct]
f_83282: [1x1 struct]
f_5606: [1x1 struct]
f_87257: [1x1 struct]
oil 10w: [1x1 struct]
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oil_30w: [1x1 struct]
    oil_50w: [1x1 struct]
    oil_sae_30: [1x1 struct]
    oil_sae_50: [1x1 struct]
    atf_dexron: [1x1 struct]
    iso_vg_32: [1x1 struct]
    gasoline: [1x1 struct]
    diesel_fuel: [1x1 struct]
    jet_fuel: [1x1 struct]
water_glycol: [1x1 struct]
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2 To plot the properties of the first fluid in the list, Skydrol LD-4, type:

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props.skydrol_ld_4.plot()
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The plot window opens:



Fluid properties for the Skydrol family of hydraulic fluids were obtained from literature provided by the manufacturer, Solutia, Inc. More information is available on their website at: http://www.skydrol.com.

See Also Custom Hydraulic Fluid

Purpose

Simulate fixed-displacement hydraulic motor

Library

Pumps and Motors

Description



The Hydraulic Motor block represents a positive, fixed-displacement hydraulic motor of any type as a data-sheet-based model. The key parameters required to parameterize the block are motor displacement, volumetric and total efficiencies, nominal pressure, and angular velocity. All these parameters are generally provided in the data sheets or catalogs. The motor is represented with the following equations:

$$q = D \cdot \omega + k_{leak} \cdot p$$

$$T = D \cdot p \cdot \eta_{mech}$$

$$k_{leak} = k_{HP} / v \cdot \rho$$

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D {\bullet} \omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_{V}\right) {\bullet} v_{nom} {\bullet} \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

where

q Flow rate through the motor

p Pressure differential across the motor

 $p_{A,}p_{B}$ Gauge pressures at the block terminals

7 Torque at the motor output shaft

D Motor displacement

ω Output shaft angular velocity

 k_{leak} Leakage coefficient

Hydraulic Motor

 k_{HP} Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient

 η_V Motor volumetric efficiency

 η_{mech} Motor mechanical efficiency

V Fluid kinematic viscosity

ρ Fluid density

 ρ_{nom} Motor nominal pressure

 ω_{nom} Motor nominal angular velocity

 V_{nom} Nominal fluid kinematic viscosity

The leakage flow is determined based on the assumption that it is linearly proportional to the pressure differential across the motor and can be computed by using the Hagen-Poiseuille formula

$$p = \frac{128\mu l}{\pi d^4} q_{leak} = \frac{\mu}{k_{HP}} q_{leak}$$

where

q_{leak} Leakage flow

d, 1 Geometric parameters of the leakage path

μ Fluid dynamic viscosity, $μ = v \cdot ρ$

The leakage flow at $p = p_{nom}$ and $v = v_{nom}$ can be determined from the catalog data

$$q_{leak} = D\omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_V\right)$$

which provides the formula to determine the Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D\omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_V\right) \bullet v_{nom} \bullet \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

The motor mechanical efficiency is not usually available in data sheets, therefore it is determined from the total and volumetric efficiency by assuming that the hydraulic efficiency is negligibly small

$$\eta_{mech} = \eta_{total} / \eta_V$$

The block hydraulic positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and rotates the output shaft in the globally assigned positive direction. The pressure

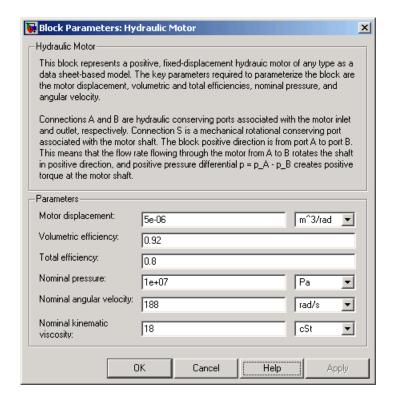
differential across the motor is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$, and positive pressure differential accelerates the shaft in the positive direction.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid compressibility is neglected.
- No loading on the motor shaft, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- Leakage inside the motor is assumed to be linearly proportional to its pressure differential.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Motor displacement

Motor displacement. The default value is 5e-6 m³/rad.

Volumetric efficiency

Motor volumetric efficiency specified at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.92.

Total efficiency

Motor total efficiency, which is determined as a ratio between the mechanical power at the output shaft and hydraulic power at the motor inlet at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.8.

Nominal pressure

Pressure differential across the motor, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 1e7 Pa.

Nominal angular velocity

Angular velocity of the output shaft, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 188 rad/s.

Nominal kinematic viscosity

Working fluid kinematic viscosity, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 18 cSt.

Global Parameters

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

- A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the motor inlet.
- B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the motor outlet.
- S Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the motor output shaft.

See Also

Variable-Displacement Motor

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic pipeline with resistive and fluid compressibility properties

Library

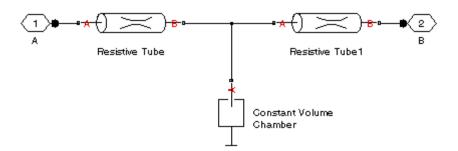
Pipelines

Description



The Hydraulic Pipeline block models hydraulic pipelines with circular and noncircular cross sections. The block accounts for friction loss along the pipe length and for fluid compressibility. The block does not account for fluid inertia and cannot be used for predicting effects like water hammer or changes in pressure caused by fluid acceleration.

The model is built of $Simscape^{TM}$ Foundation library building blocks and its schematic diagram is shown below.



The Resistive Tube blocks account for friction losses, while the Constant Volume Chamber block accounts for fluid compressibility. By using the block parameters, you can set the model to simulate pipeline with rigid or compliant walls, including simulation of hydraulic hoses with elastic and viscoelastic properties.

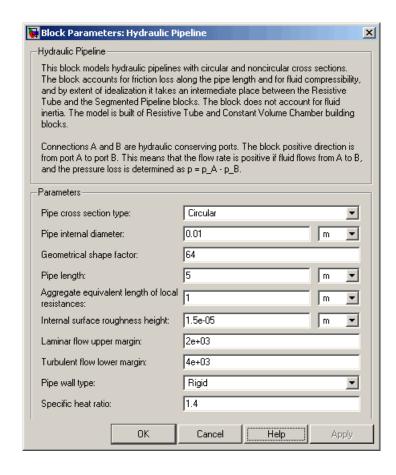
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure loss is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

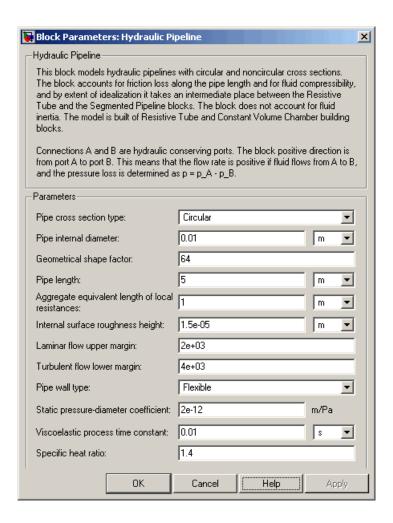
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

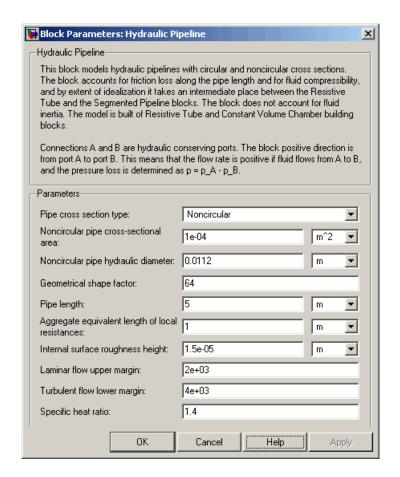
Dialog Box and Parameters

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Flow is assumed to be fully developed along the pipe length.
- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.







Pipe cross section type

The parameter can have one of two values: Circular or Noncircular. For a circular pipe, you need to specify its internal diameter. For a noncircular pipe, you need to specify its hydraulic diameter and pipe cross-sectional area. The default value of the parameter is Circular.

Pipe internal diameter

Pipe internal diameter. The parameter is used if **Pipe cross section type** is set to Circular. The default value is 0.01 m.

Noncircular pipe cross-sectional area

Pipe cross-sectional area. The parameter is used if **Pipe cross section type** is set to Noncircular. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Noncircular pipe hydraulic diameter

Hydraulic diameter of the pipe cross section. The parameter is used if **Pipe cross section type** is set to Noncircular. The default value is 0.0112 m.

Geometrical shape factor

The parameter is used for computing friction factor at laminar flow and depends of the shape of the pipe cross section. For a pipe with noncircular cross section, you must set the factor to an appropriate value, for example, 56 for a square, 96 for concentric annulus, 62 for rectangle (2:1), and so on (see [1]). The default value is 64, which corresponds to a pipe with a circular cross section.

Pipe length

Pipe geometrical length. The default value is 5 m.

Aggregate equivalent length of local resistances

This parameter represents total equivalent length of all local resistances associated with the pipe. You can account for the pressure loss caused by local resistances, such as bends, fittings, armature, inlet/outlet losses, and so on, by adding to the pipe geometrical length an aggregate equivalent length of all the local resistances. This length is added to the geometrical pipe length only for hydraulic resistance computation. The fluid volume depends on pipe geometrical length only. The default value is 1 m.

Internal surface roughness height

Roughness height on the pipe internal surface. The parameter is typically provided in data sheets or manufacturer's catalogs. The default value is 1.5e-5 m, which corresponds to drawn tubing.

Laminar flow upper margin

Specifies the Reynolds number at which the laminar flow regime is assumed to start converting into turbulent. Mathematically, this is the maximum Reynolds number at fully developed laminar flow. The default value is 2000.

Turbulent flow lower margin

Specifies the Reynolds number at which the turbulent flow regime is assumed to be fully developed. Mathematically, this is the minimum Reynolds number at turbulent flow. The default value is 4000.

Pipe wall type

The parameter is available only for circular pipes and can have one of two values: Rigid or Flexible. If the parameter is set to Rigid, wall compliance is not taken into account, which can improve computational efficiency. The value Flexible is recommended for hoses and metal pipes where wall compliance can affect the system behavior. The default value is Rigid.

Static pressure-diameter coefficient

Coefficient that establishes relationship between the pressure and the internal diameter at steady-state conditions. This coefficient can be determined analytically for cylindrical metal pipes or experimentally for hoses. The parameter is used if the **Pipe wall type** parameter is set to Flexible. The default value is 2e-10 m/Pa.

Viscoelastic process time constant

Time constant in the transfer function that relates pipe internal diameter to pressure variations. By using this parameter, the simulated elastic or viscoelastic process is approximated with the first-order lag. The value is determined experimentally or provided by the manufacturer. The parameter is used if the **Pipe wall type** parameter is set to Flexible. The default value is 0.008 s.

Specific heat ratio

Gas-specific heat ratio for the Constant Volume Chamber block. The default value is 1.4.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Pipe cross section type
- Pipe wall type

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the values of the **Pipe cross section type** and **Pipe wall type** parameters at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pipe inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pipe outlet.

References

[1] White, F.M., Viscous Fluid Flow, McGraw-Hill, 1991

See Also Linear Hydraulic Resistance

Resistive Tube

Segmented Pipeline

Purpose

Simulate single-acting hydraulic valve actuator

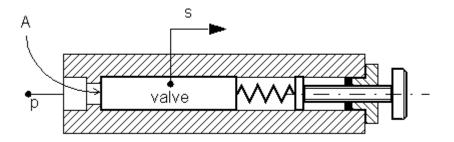
Library

Valve Actuators

Description



Use the Hydraulic Single-Acting Valve Actuator block as a pilot actuator for directional, pressure, or flow control valves in applications where all the forces, except spring force, and flow consumption can be neglected.



The actuator consists of a piston and a spring. The spring, which can be preloaded, tends to keep the piston at the initial position. As pressure applied to the piston develops enough force to overcome the spring preload, the piston moves to the opposite position until it reaches its maximum stroke.

The actuator is simulated according to the following equations:

$$F = p \cdot A$$

$$L = \frac{stroke}{F_{\text{max}} - F_{pr}}$$

$$s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } F <= F_{pr} \\ L \cdot (F - F_{pr}) \cdot or & \text{for } F_{pr} < F < F_{\max} \\ stroke \cdot or & \text{for } F >= F_{\max} \end{cases}$$

where

p

or

s Piston displacement A Piston area F Instantaneous spring force F_{pr} Spring preload force F_{max} Spring force at maximum piston displacement stroke Piston stroke

Actuator orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. If pressure applied at port X moves the piston in positive direction, or equals 1. If pressure applied at port X moves the piston in negative direction, or equals -1.

Connection X is a hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve chamber. Connection P is a physical signal port whose output corresponds to piston displacement. Pressure applied at port X moves the piston in the positive or negative direction, depending on the value of the **Actuator orientation** parameter.

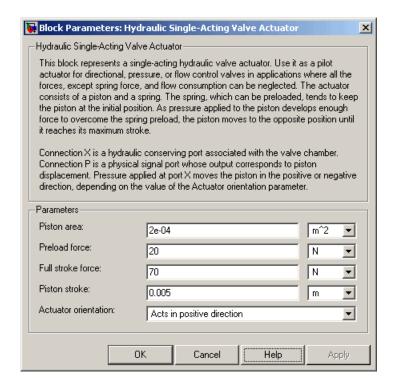
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

Pressure applied to the piston

- No loading, such as inertia, friction, hydraulic force, and so on, is taken into account. The only force considered is a spring force.
- No flow consumption associated with the piston motion, leakage, or fluid compressibility is taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Piston area

Effective piston area. The default value is 2e-4 m².

Preload force

Spring preload force. The default value is 20 N.

Full stroke force

Force necessary to move the piston to maximum stroke. The default value is 70 N.

Piston stroke

Piston stroke. The default value is 5e-3 m.

Actuator orientation

Specifies actuator orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. The actuator can be installed in two different

ways, depending upon whether it moves the piston in the positive or in the negative direction when pressure is applied at its inlet. If pressure applied at port X moves the piston in the negative direction, set the parameter to Acts in negative direction. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Actuator orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Ports

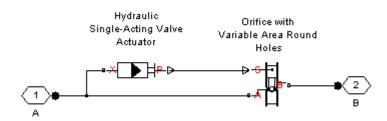
The block has the following ports:

X
Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve chamber.

P Physical signal port that outputs piston displacement.

Examples

The following example shows a model of a pressure-relief valve built using the Hydraulic Single-Acting Valve Actuator and Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes blocks.



See Also

2-Position Valve Actuator

3-Position Valve Actuator

Hydraulic Double-Acting Valve Actuator

Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator

Purpose

Simulate all kinds of hydraulic resistances specified by loss coefficient

Library

Local Hydraulic Resistances

Description



The Local Resistance block represents a generic local hydraulic resistance, such as a bend, elbow, fitting, filter, local change in the flow cross section, and so on. The pressure loss caused by resistance is computed based on the pressure loss coefficient, which is usually provided in catalogs, data sheets, or hydraulic textbooks. The pressure loss coefficient can be specified either as a constant, or by a table, in which it is tabulated versus Reynolds number.

The pressure loss is determined according to the following equations:

$$p = \begin{cases} K \frac{\rho}{2A^2} q \mid q \mid & \text{for } Re > Re_{\text{cr}} \\ K \cdot \text{Re}_{cr} \frac{\nu \cdot \rho}{2D_H \cdot A} q & \text{for } Re <= Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$K = \begin{cases} \text{const} \\ K(\text{Re}) \end{cases}$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A \cdot v}$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}}$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure loss

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 $p_A p_B$ Gauge pressures at the block terminals

K Pressure loss coefficient, which can be specified either as a constant, or as a table-specified function of the Reynolds number

Re Revnolds number

 Re_{cr} Reynolds number of the transition from laminar to turbulent flow

D_H Orifice hydraulic diameter

A Passage area

ρ Fluid density

V Fluid kinematic viscosity

Two block parameterization options are available:

- By semi-empirical formulas The pressure loss coefficient is assumed to be constant for a specific flow direction. The flow regime can be either laminar or turbulent, depending on the Reynolds number.
- By table-specified K=f(Re) relationship The pressure loss coefficient is specified as function of the Reynolds number. The flow regime is assumed to be turbulent all the time. It is your responsibility to provide the appropriate values in the K=f(Re) table to ensure turbulent flow.

The resistance can be symmetrical or asymmetrical. In symmetrical resistances, the pressure loss practically does not depend on flow direction and one value of the coefficient is used for both the direct and reverse flow. For asymmetrical resistances, the separate coefficients are provided for each flow direction. If the loss coefficient is specified by a table, the table must cover both the positive and the negative flow regions.

Connections A and B are conserving hydraulic ports associated with the block inlet and outlet, respectively.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if fluid flows from A to B, and the pressure loss is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

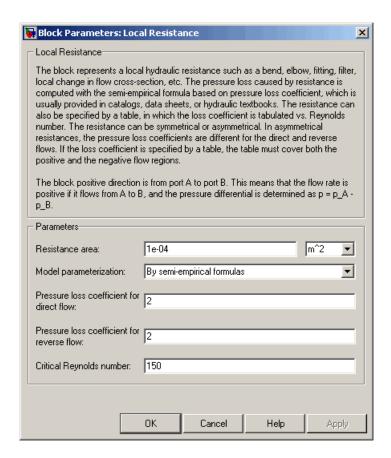
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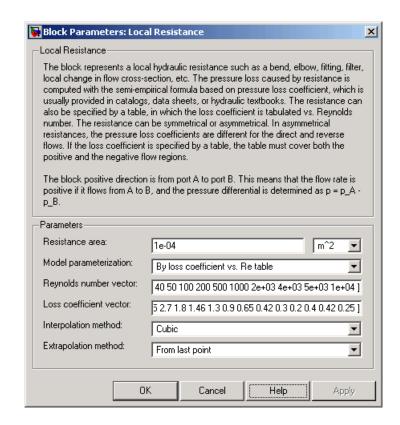
The model is based on the following assumption:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- If you select parameterization by semi-empirical formulas, the transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at Re=Re_{cr}.
- If you select parameterization by the table-specified relationship K=f(Re), the flow is assumed to be completely turbulent.

Local Resistance

Dialog Box and Parameters





Resistance area

The smallest passage area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for specifying the pressure loss coefficient:

• By semi-empirical formulas — Provide a scalar value for the pressure loss coefficient. For asymmetrical resistances, you have to provide separate coefficients for direct and reverse flow. This is the default method. By loss coefficient vs. Re table — Provide tabulated data of loss coefficients and corresponding Reynolds numbers.
 The loss coefficient is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods. For asymmetrical resistances, the table must cover both the positive and the negative flow regions.

Pressure loss coefficient for direct flow

Loss coefficient for the direct flow (flowing from A to B). For simple ideal configurations, the value of the coefficient can be determined analytically, but in most cases its value is determined empirically and provided in textbooks and data sheets (for example, see [1]). The default value is 2. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Pressure loss coefficient for reverse flow

Loss coefficient for the reverse flow (flowing from B to A). The parameter is similar to the loss coefficient for the direct flow and must be set to the same value if the resistance is symmetrical. The default value is 2. This parameter is used if **Model** parameterization is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 150. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Reynolds number vector

Specify the vector of input values for Reynolds numbers as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values are [-4000, -3000, -2000, -1000, -500, -200, -100, -50, -40, -30, -20, -15, -10, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, 200,

500, 1000, 2000, 4000, 5000, 10000]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Loss coefficient vector

Specify the vector of output values for the loss coefficient as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The loss coefficient vector must be the same size as the Reynolds numbers vector. The default values are [0.25, 0.3, 0.65, 0.9, 0.65, 0.75, 0.90, 1.15, 1.35, 1.65, 2.3, 2.8, 3.10, 5, 2.7, 1.8, 1.46, 1.3, 0.9, 0.65, 0.42, 0.3, 0.20, 0.40, 0.42, 0.25]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear Uses a linear interpolation function.
- Cubic Uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP).
- Spline Uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

• From last 2 points — Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output

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values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.

 From last point — Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the resistance inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the resistance outlet.

References

[1] Idelchik, I.E., $Handbook\ of\ Hydraulic\ Resistance,\ CRC\ Begell\ House,\ 1994$

Local Resistance

See Also Elbow

Gradual Area Change

Pipe Bend

Sudden Area Change

T-junction

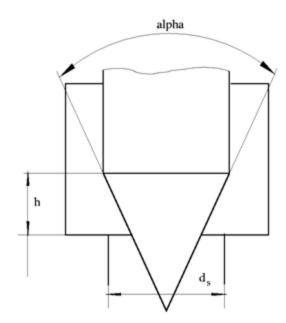
Needle Valve

Purpose Simulate hydraulic needle valve

Library Flow Control Valves

DescriptionThe Needle Valve block models a variable orifice created by a conical needle and a round sharp-edged orifice in thin material.





The flow rate through the valve is proportional to the valve opening and to the pressure differential across the valve. The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}). The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_{D} \cdot A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} \cdot sign(p) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \cdot A \frac{D_{H}}{\mathsf{V} \cdot \mathsf{\rho}} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$h = x_0 + x$$

$$h_{\max} = \frac{d_s}{\tan\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}$$

$$A(h) = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } h <= 0 \\ (d_s - h\cos\alpha \cdot \sin\alpha) \cdot h\sin\alpha + A_{leak} & \text{for } 0 < h < h_{\max} \\ A_{\max} + A_{leak} & \text{for } h >= h_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(h) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{rac{4A(h)}{\pi}}$$

$$A_{\max} = \frac{\pi d_s^2}{4}$$

where

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| q | Flow rate |
|---------------------|---|
| p | Pressure differential |
| $\rho_{A,}\rho_{B}$ | Gauge pressures at the block terminals |
| C_D | Flow discharge coefficient |
| A(h) | Instantaneous orifice passage area |
| x_o | Initial opening |
| X | Needle displacement from initial position |
| h | Valve opening |
| h_{max} | Maximum needle stroke |
| d_s | Orifice diameter |
| α | Needle angle |
| ρ | Fluid density |
| D_H | Valve instantaneous hydraulic diameter |
| ٧ | Fluid kinematic viscosity |
| A_{leak} | Closed valve leakage area |
| A_{max} | Maximum valve open area |

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential is determined as $p=p_A-p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens the valve.

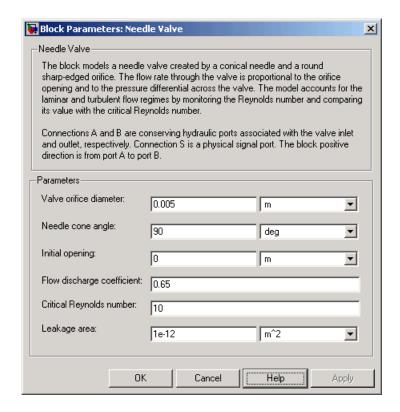
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

 The flow passage area is assumed to be equal to the frustum side surface area.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Valve orifice diameter

The diameter of the orifice of the valve. The default value is 0.005 m.

Needle cone angle

The angle of the valve conical needle. The parameter value must be in the range between 0 and 180 degrees. The default value is 90 degrees.

Initial opening

The initial opening of the valve. You can specify both positive and negative values. The default value is 0.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.65.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 10.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Needle Valve

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

S Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

See Also Ball Valve

Poppet Valve

Pressure-Compensated Flow Control Valve

Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic variable orifice shaped as set of round holes drilled

in sleeve

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Orifices

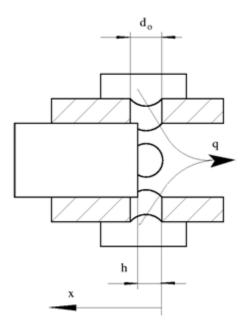
Description



The block models a variable orifice created by a cylindrical spool and a set of round holes drilled in the sleeve. All the holes are of the same diameter, evenly spread along the sleeve perimeter, and their center lines are located in the same plane. The flow rate through the orifice is proportional to the orifice opening and to the pressure differential across the orifice. The following schematic shows the cross section of an orifice with variable round holes, where

- q Flow rate
- *h* Orifice opening
- X Spool displacement from initial position
- d_0 Orifice hole diameter

Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes



The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}) . The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_D \cdot A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} \cdot sign(p) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \cdot A \frac{D_H}{v \cdot \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$h = x_0 + x \cdot or$$

Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes

$$A(h) = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } h <= 0 \\ \left(\frac{1}{8}z \cdot d_0^2 \left(2 \arccos\left(1 - \frac{2h}{d_0}\right) - \sin\left(2 \arccos\left(1 - \frac{2h}{d_0}\right)\right)\right)\right) + A_{leak} & \text{for } 0 < h < d_0 \\ A_{\max} + A_{leak} & \text{for } h >= d_0 \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(h) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(h)}{\pi}}$$

$$A_{\text{max}} = \frac{\pi d_0^2}{4}$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure differential

 p_A, p_B Gauge pressures at the block terminals

 C_0 Flow discharge coefficient

A(h) Instantaneous orifice passage area

 d_o Hole diameter

z Number of holes

 x_0 Initial opening

- x Spool displacement from initial position
- *h* Orifice opening
- or Orifice orientation indicator. The variable assumes +1 value if a spool displacement in the globally assigned positive direction opens the orifice, and -1 if positive motion decreases the opening.
- ρ Fluid density
- D_H Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameter
- v Fluid kinematic viscosity
- A_{leak} Closed orifice leakage area
- A_{max} Fully open orifice passage area

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential

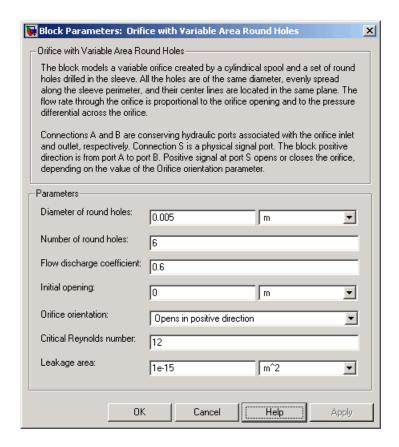
is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens or closes the orifice depending on the value of the parameter **Orifice orientation**.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Diameter of round holes

Diameter of the orifice holes. The default value is 5e-3 m.

Number of round holes

Number of holes. The default value is 6.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for orifice capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.6.

Initial opening

Orifice initial opening. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The value of initial opening does not depend on the orifice orientation. The default value is 0.

Orifice orientation

The parameter is introduced to specify the effect of the orifice control member motion on the valve opening. The parameter can be set to one of two options: Opens in positive direction or Opens in negative direction. The value Opens in positive direction specifies an orifice whose control member opens the valve when it is shifted in the globally assigned positive direction. The parameter is extremely useful for building a multi-orifice valve with all the orifices being controlled by the same spool. The default value is Opens in positive direction.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 10.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-15 m².

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Orifice orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice outlet.

S

Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

The flow rate is positive if fluid flows from port A to port B. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens or closes the orifice depending on the value of the parameter **Orifice orientation**.

See Also

Annular Orifice

Constant Area Orifice

Fixed Orifice

Orifice with Variable Area Slot

Variable Area Orifice

Variable Orifice

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic variable orifice shaped as rectangular slot

Library

Orifices

Description



The block models a variable orifice created by a cylindrical sharp-edged spool and a rectangular slot in a sleeve. The flow rate through the orifice is proportional to the orifice opening and to the pressure differential across the orifice. The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}). The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_D {\cdot} A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} {\cdot} sign(p) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} {\cdot} A \frac{D_H}{v {\cdot} \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$h = x_0 + x \bullet or$$

$$A(h) = \begin{cases} b \cdot h + A_{leak} & \text{for } h > 0 \\ A_{leak} & \text{for } h <= 0 \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$\mathrm{Re} = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(h) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(h)}{\pi}}$$

 A_{leak}

where a Flow rate Pressure differential Gauge pressures at the block terminals $p_A p_B$ C_D Flow discharge coefficient A(h)Instantaneous orifice passage area Width of the orifice slot b \boldsymbol{x}_{o} Initial opening Х Spool displacement from initial position h Orifice opening or Orifice orientation indicator. The variable assumes +1 value if a spool displacement in the globally assigned positive direction opens the orifice, and -1 if positive motion decreases the opening. ρ Fluid density Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameter D_{H} v Fluid kinematic viscosity

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential is determined as $p=p_A-p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal port

S opens or closes the orifice depending on the value of the parameter **Orifice orientation**.

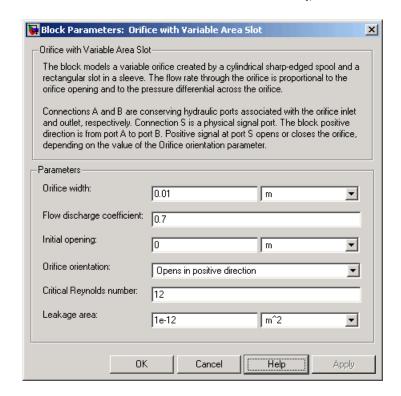
Closed orifice leakage area

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Orifice width

The width of the rectangular slot. The default value is 1e-2 m.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for orifice capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and

usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Initial opening

Orifice initial opening. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The value of initial opening does not depend on the orifice orientation. The default value is 0.

Orifice orientation

The parameter is introduced to specify the effect of the orifice control member motion on the valve opening. The parameter can be set to one of two options: Opens in positive direction or Opens in negative direction. The value Opens in positive direction specifies an orifice whose control member opens the valve when it is shifted in the globally assigned positive direction. The parameter is extremely useful for building a multi-orifice valve with all the orifices being controlled by the same spool. The default value is Opens in positive direction.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

Orifice orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice outlet.

S Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

The flow rate is positive if fluid flows from port A to port B. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens or closes the orifice depending on the value of the parameter **Orifice orientation**.

See Also

Annular Orifice

Constant Area Orifice

Fixed Orifice

Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes Variable Area Orifice Variable Orifice

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic check valve that allows flow in one direction, but can be disabled by pilot pressure

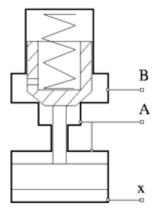
Library

Directional Valves

Description



The Pilot-Operated Check Valve block represents a hydraulic pilot-operated check valve as a data-sheet-based model. The purpose of the check valve is to permit flow in one direction and block it in the opposite direction, as shown in the following figure.



Unlike a conventional check valve, the pilot-operated check valve can be opened by inlet pressure p_A , pilot pressure p_X , or both. The force acting on the poppet is determined as

$$F = p_A \bullet A_A + p_X \bullet A_X - p_B \bullet A_B$$

where

 $p_{A,}p_{B}$ Gauge pressures at the valve terminals

p_X Gauge pressure at the pilot terminal

 A_A Area of the spool in the A chamber

 A_B Area of the spool in the B chamber

 A_{χ} Area of the pilot chamber

This equation is commonly used in a slightly modified form

$$p_e = p_A + p_X \cdot k_p - p_B$$

where $k_p = A_\chi/A_A$ is usually referred to as pilot ratio and p_e is the equivalent pressure differential across the poppet. The valve remains closed while this pressure differential across the valve is lower than the valve cracking pressure. When cracking pressure is reached, the value control member (spool, ball, poppet, etc.) is forced off its seat, thus creating a passage between the inlet and outlet. If the flow rate is high enough and pressure continues to rise, the area is further increased until the control member reaches its maximum. At this moment, the valve passage area is at its maximum. The valve maximum area and the cracking and maximum pressures are generally provided in the catalogs and are the three key parameters of the block.

In addition to the maximum area, the leakage area is also required to characterize the valve. The main purpose of the parameter is not to account for possible leakage, even though this is also important, but to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Theoretically, the parameter can be set to zero, but it is not recommended.

The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}) . The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_{D} \cdot A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} \cdot sign(p) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \cdot A \frac{D_{H}}{v \cdot \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$p_e = p_A + p_X \cdot k_p - p_B$$

$$A(p) = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } p_e <= p_{crack} \\ A_{leak} + k \cdot \left(p_e - p_{crack}\right) & \text{for } p_{crack} < p_e < p_{\max} \\ A_{\max} & \text{for } p_e >= p_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$k = \frac{A_{\text{max}} - A_{leak}}{p_{\text{max}} - p_{crack}}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(p) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(p)}{\pi}}$$

where

- *q* Flow rate through the valve
- p Pressure differential across the valve
- $p_{\rm e}$ $\,$ $\,$ Equivalent pressure differential across the control member

 p_{A} , p_{B} Gauge pressures at the valve terminals

p_X Gauge pressure at the pilot terminal

 k_p Pilot ratio, $k_p = \rho_X/\rho_A$

k Valve gain coefficient

 C_D Flow discharge coefficient

A(p) Instantaneous orifice passage area

 A_{max} Fully open valve passage area

 A_{leak} Closed valve leakage area

p_{crack} Valve cracking pressure

 ρ_{\max} Pressure needed to fully open the valve

 D_{H} Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameter

ρ Fluid density

V Fluid kinematic viscosity

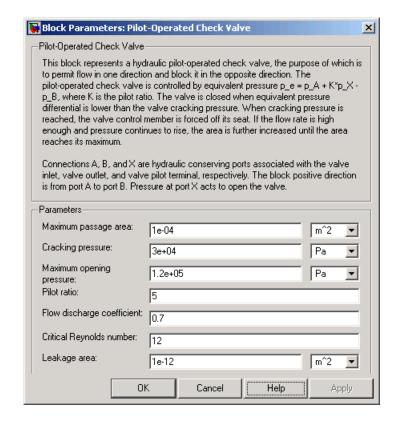
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- $\bullet\,$ Valve opening is linearly proportional to the pressure differential.
- No loading on the valve, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- No flow consumption is associated with the pilot chamber.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Maximum passage area

Valve passage maximum cross-sectional area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Cracking pressure

Pressure level at which the orifice of the valve starts to open. The default value is 3e4 Pa.

Maximum opening pressure

Pressure differential across the valve needed to fully open the valve. Its value must be higher than the cracking pressure. The default value is 1.2e5 Pa.

Pilot ratio

Ratio between effective area in the pilot chamber to the effective area in the inlet chamber. The default value is 5.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m^2.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

- A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.
- B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.
- X Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve pilot terminal.

See Also Check Valve

Pipe Bend

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic resistance in pipe bend

Library

Local Hydraulic Resistances

Description

The Pipe Bend block represents a pipe bend as a local hydraulic resistance. The pressure loss in the bend is assumed to consist of



- Loss in the straight pipe
- Loss due to curvature

The loss in a straight pipe is simulated with the Resistive Tube block. The loss due to curvature is simulated with the Local Resistance block, and the pressure loss coefficient is determined in accordance with the Crane Co. recommendations (see [1], p. A-29). The flow regime is checked in the underlying Local Resistance block by comparing the Reynolds number to the specified critical Reynolds number value.

The pressure loss due to curvature for turbulent flow regime is determined according to the following formula:

$$p = K \frac{\rho}{2A^2} q \mid q \mid$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure loss

K Pressure loss coefficient

A Bend cross-sectional area

ρ Fluid density

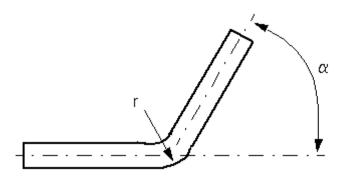
For laminar flow regime, the formula for pressure loss computation is modified, as described in the reference documentation for the Local Resistance block.

The pressure loss coefficient is determined according to the table provided in [1], p. A-29:

$$K = f(r, d, \alpha)$$

where

- d Pipe internal diameter
- *r* Curvature radius $(d \le r \le 20d)$
- α Bend angle in degrees $(0 \le \alpha \le 180)$



Correction for non- 90° bends is performed with the empirical formula (see [2], Fig. 4.6):

$$K_{corr} = \alpha (0.0142 - 3.703 \cdot 10^{-5} \alpha)$$

Connections A and B are conserving hydraulic ports associated with the block inlet and outlet, respectively.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if fluid flows from A to B, and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

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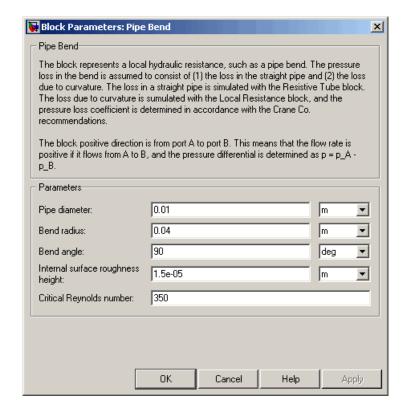
The formulas used in the Pipe Bend block are very approximate, especially in the laminar and transient flow regions. For more accurate results, use a combination of the Local Resistance block with a table-specified K=f(Re) relationship and the Resistive Tube block.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia, fluid compressibility, and wall compliance are not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cc}$.
- The bend is assumed to be made of a clean commercial steel pipe.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Pipe diameter

The internal diameter of the pipe. The default value is $0.01\ m.$

Bend radius

The radius of the bend. The default value is 0.04 m.

Bend angle

The angle of the bend. The value must be in the range between 0 and 180 degrees. The default value is 90 deg.

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Internal surface roughness height

Roughness height on the pipe internal surface. The parameter is typically provided in data sheets or manufacturer's catalogs. The default value is 1.5e-5 m, which corresponds to drawn tubing.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 350.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the bend inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the bend outlet.

References

[1] Flow of Fluids Through Valves, Fittings, and Pipe, Crane Valves North America, Technical Paper No. 410M

[2] George R. Keller, Hydraulic System Analysis, Published by the Editors of Hydraulics & Pneumatics Magazine, 1970

See Also Elbow

Gradual Area Change

Local Resistance

Resistive Tube

Sudden Area Change

T-junction

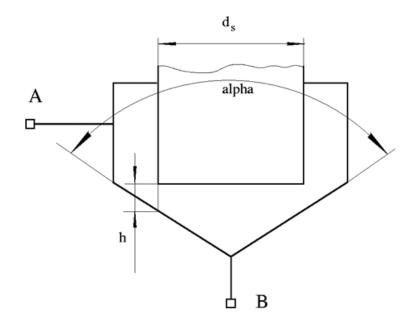
Poppet Valve

Purpose Simulate hydraulic poppet valve

Library Flow Control Valves

Description The Poppet Valve block models a variable orifice created by a cylindrical sharp-edged stem and a conical seat.





The flow rate through the valve is proportional to the valve opening and to the pressure differential across the valve. The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}). The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_{D} \cdot A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} \cdot sign(p) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \cdot A \frac{D_{H}}{\mathsf{v} \cdot \mathsf{p}} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$h = x_0 + x$$

$$A(h) = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } h <= 0 \\ (d_s + h \cos \alpha \cdot \sin \alpha) \cdot h \sin \alpha + A_{leak} & \text{for } 0 < h < h_{\max} \\ A_{\max} + A_{leak} & \text{for } h >= h_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$\operatorname{Re} = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(h) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(h)}{\pi}}$$

$$A_{\max} = \frac{\pi d_s^2}{4}$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure differential

 $p_{A,}p_{B}$ Gauge pressures at the block terminals

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| C_D | Flow discharge coefficient |
|----------------------|--|
| A(h) | Instantaneous orifice passage area |
| \boldsymbol{x}_{o} | Initial opening |
| X | Stem displacement from initial position |
| h | Valve opening |
| h _{max} | Maximum valve opening. The passage area remains constant and equal to A_{\max} after this. |
| d_s | Stem diameter |
| α | Cone angle |
| ρ | Fluid density |
| D_H | Valve instantaneous hydraulic diameter |
| ٧ | Fluid kinematic viscosity |
| A_{leak} | Closed valve leakage area |
| A_{max} | Maximum valve open area |
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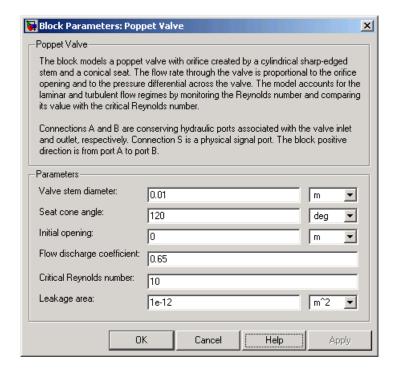
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens the valve.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.
- The flow passage area is assumed to be equal to the frustum side surface area.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Valve stem diameter

The diameter of the valve stem. The default value is 0.01 m.

Seat cone angle

The angle of the valve conical seat. The parameter value must be in the range between 0 and 180 degrees. The default value is 120 degrees.

Initial opening

The initial opening of the valve. The parameter value must be nonnegative. The default value is 0.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and

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usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.65.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 10.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

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S

Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

See Also Ball Valve

Needle Valve

Pressure-Compensated Flow Control Valve

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic pressure compensating valve

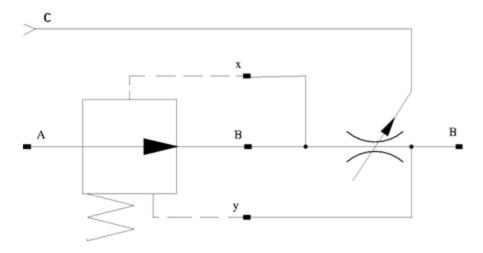
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Flow Control Valves

Description



The Pressure-Compensated Flow Control Valve block represents a pressure-compensated flow control valve as a data-sheet-based model. The valve is based on a Pressure Compensator block installed upstream from a Variable Orifice block, as shown in the following illustration.



Depending on data listed in the manufacturer's catalogs or data sheets for your particular valve, you can choose one of the following model parameterization options:

- By maximum area and opening Use this option if the data sheet provides only the orifice maximum area and the control member maximum stroke.
- By area vs. opening table Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a table of the orifice passage area based on the control member displacement A=A(h).

In the first case, the passage area is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the orifice is assumed to be closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. In the second case, the passage area is determined by one-dimensional interpolation from the table A=A(h). In both cases, a small leakage area is assumed to exist even after the orifice is completely closed. Physically, it represents a possible clearance in the closed valve, but the main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation.

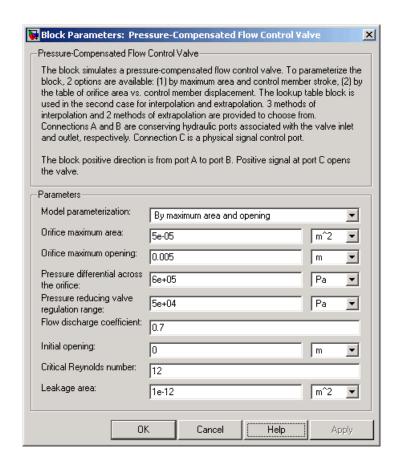
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$. Positive signal at port C opens the valve.

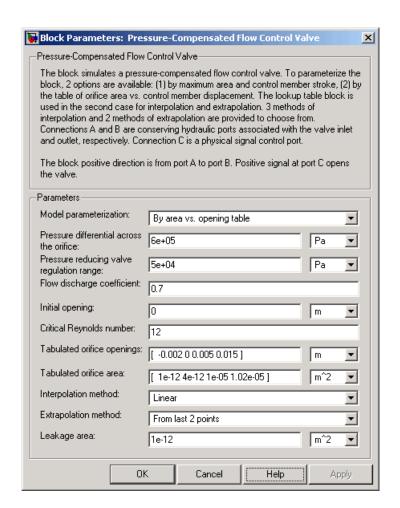
Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

Fluid inertia is not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters





Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for specifying the orifice:

 By maximum area and opening — Provide values for the maximum orifice area and the maximum orifice opening. The passage area is linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the orifice is closed at the initial position

of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. This is the default method.

 By area vs. opening table — Provide tabulated data of orifice openings and corresponding orifice areas. The passage area is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

Orifice maximum area

Specify the area of a fully opened orifice. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-5 m². This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Orifice maximum opening

Specify the maximum displacement of the control member. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-4 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Tabulated orifice openings

Specify the vector of input values for orifice openings as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-2e-3,0,5e-3,15e-3]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table. **Tabulated orifice openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated orifice area** values for one-dimensional table lookup.

Tabulated orifice area

Specify the vector of output values for orifice area as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The orifice area vector must be the same size as the orifice openings vector. All the values must be positive. The default values, in m^2 , are [1e-12,4e-12,1.e-5,1.02e-5]. This

parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table.

Interpolation method

This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table. Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear Uses a linear interpolation function.
- Cubic Uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP).
- Spline Uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page.

Extrapolation method

This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table. Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

- From last 2 points Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.
- From last point Uses the last specified output value at the
 appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last
 specified output value for all input values greater than the last
 specified input argument, and the first specified output value
 for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page.

Pressure differential across the orifice

Pressure difference that must be maintained across the element by the pressure compensator. The default value is 6e5 Pa.

Pressure reducing valve regulation range

Pressure increase over the preset level needed to fully close the valve. Must be less than 0.2 of the **Pressure differential across the orifice** parameter value. The default value is 5e4 Pa.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for orifice capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Initial opening

Orifice initial opening. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The value of initial opening does not depend on the orifice orientation. The default value is 0.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should

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be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is $1e-12 \text{ m}^2$.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

- A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.
- B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.
- C Physical signal control port.

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See Also

Ball Valve

Needle Valve

Poppet Valve

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic pressure compensating valve

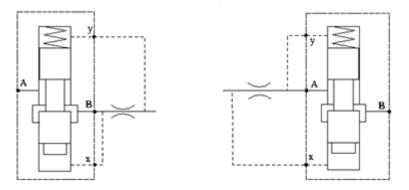
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Pressure Control Valves

Description

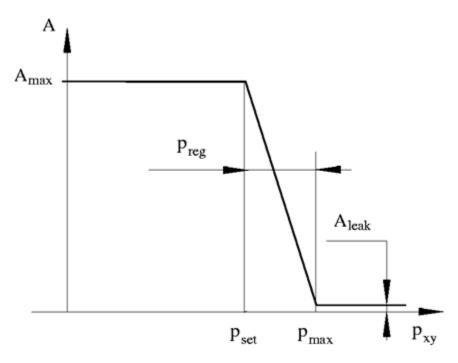


The Pressure Compensator block represents a hydraulic pressure compensating valve, or pressure compensator. Pressure compensators are used to maintain preset pressure differential across a hydraulic component to minimize the influence of pressure variation on a flow rate passing through the component. The following illustration shows typical applications of a pressure compensator, where it is used in combination with the orifice installed downstream (left figure) or upstream (right figure). The compensator can be also used in combination with metering pumps, flow dividers, and so on.



The block is implemented as a data-sheet-based model, based on parameters usually provided in the manufacturer's catalogs or data sheets.

Pressure compensator is a normally open valve. Its opening is proportional to pressure difference between ports X and Y and the spring force. The following illustration shows typical relationship between the valve passage area A and the pressure difference ρ_{xy} .



The orifice remains fully open until the pressure difference is lower than valve preset pressure determined by the spring preload. When the preset pressure is reached, the valve control member is forced off its stop and starts closing the orifice, thus trying to maintain pressure differential at preset level. Any further increase in the pressure difference causes the control member to close the orifice even more, until the point when the orifice if fully closed. The pressure increase that is necessary to close the valve is referred to as regulation range, or pressure compensator static error, and usually is provided in manufacturer's catalog or data sheets.

The main parameters of the block are the valve maximum area and regulation range. In addition, you need to specify the leakage area of the valve. Physically, it represents a possible clearance in the closed valve, but the main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical

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integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation.

The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}) . The flow rate is computed according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_{D} \cdot A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} \cdot sign(p) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \cdot A \frac{D_{H}}{v \cdot \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$h = x_0 + x \cdot or$$

$$A(h) = \begin{cases} A_{\max} & \text{for } p_{xy} <= p_{set} \\ A_{\max} - k \cdot \left(p - p_{set}\right) & \text{for } p_{set} < p_{xy} < p_{\max} \\ A_{leak} & \text{for } p_{xy} >= p_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$k = \frac{A_{\max} - A_{leak}}{p_{reg}}$$

$$p=p_A-p_B$$

$$p_{xy} = p_x - p_y$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(h) \cdot v}$$

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$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(h)}{\pi}}$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure differential across the valve

 p_{xv} Pressure differential across valve control terminals

 $\rho_A \rho_B$ Gauge pressures at the valve main terminals

p_xp_y Gauge pressures at the valve control terminals

 p_{set} Valve preset pressure

 p_{max} Pressure needed to fully close the orifice

 ρ_{reg} Regulation range

A(h) Instantaneous orifice passage area

 A_{max} Orifice maximum area

 C_D Flow discharge coefficient

 ρ Fluid density

D_H Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameter

V Fluid kinematic viscosity

 A_{leak} Closed orifice leakage area

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure differential

is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$. The control pressure differential is

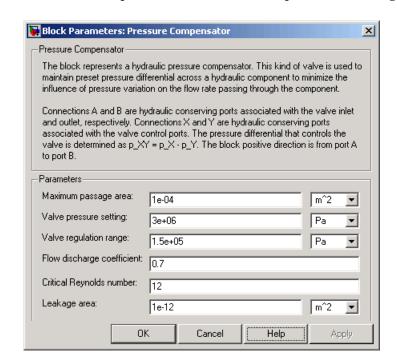
measured as $p_{xy} = p_x - p_y$, and it creates a force acting against the spring preload.

Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Valve opening is linearly proportional to the pressure differential.
- No loading on the valve, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- Flow consumption associated with the spool motion is neglected.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Maximum passage area

Valve passage maximum cross-sectional area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

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Valve pressure setting

Pressure difference that must be maintained across an element connected to ports X and Y. At this pressure the valve orifice starts to close. The default value is 3e6 Pa.

Valve regulation range

Pressure increase over the preset level needed to fully close the valve. Must be less than 0.2 of the **Valve pressure setting** parameter value. The default value is 1.5e5 Pa.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for orifice capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m^2.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

- A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.
- B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.
- X
 Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pressure control terminal that opens the orifice.
- Y
 Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pressure control terminal that closes the orifice.

See Also

Pressure Reducing Valve

Pressure Relief Valve

Purpose

Simulate pressure control valve maintaining reduced pressure in portion of system

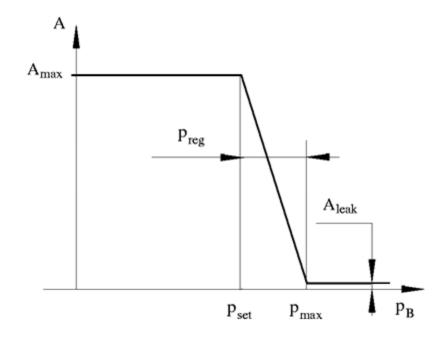
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Pressure Control Valves

Description



The Pressure Reducing Valve block represents a hydraulic pressure-reducing valve as a data-sheet-based model. Pressure-reducing valves are used to maintain reduced pressure in a portion of a system. The following figure shows the typical dependency between the valve passage area A and the pressure $\rho_{\rm B}$ downstream from the valve.

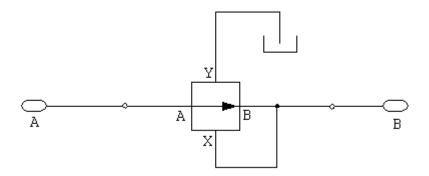


The pressure-reducing valve is a normally open valve and it remains fully open while outlet pressure is lower than the valve preset pressure. When the preset pressure is reached, the value control member (spool, ball, poppet, etc.) is forced off its stop and starts closing the orifice, thus

trying to maintain outlet pressure at preset level. Any further increase in the outlet pressure causes the control member to close the orifice even more until the point when the orifice if fully closed. The pressure increase that is necessary to close the valve is referred to as regulation range, and is generally provided in the catalogs, along with the valve maximum area. The valve maximum area and regulation range are the key parameters of the block.

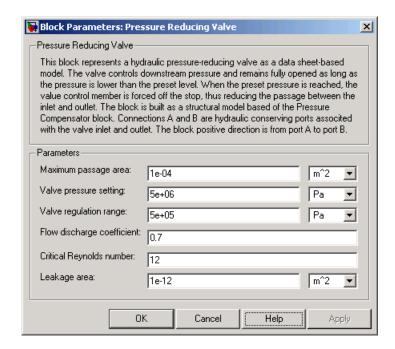
In addition to the maximum area, the leakage area is also required to characterize the valve. The main purpose of the parameter is not to account for possible leakage, even though this is also important, but to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Theoretically, the parameter can be set to zero, but it is not recommended.

The block is built as a structural model based on the Pressure Compensator block, as shown in the following schematic.



The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Maximum passage area

Valve passage maximum cross-sectional area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Valve pressure setting

Preset pressure level, at which the orifice of the valve starts to close. The default value is 5e6 Pa.

Valve regulation range

Pressure increase over the preset level needed to fully close the valve. Must be less than 0.2 of the **Valve pressure setting** parameter value. The default value is 5e5 Pa.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and

usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12m^2.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

В

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

Examples The Power Unit with Pressure Reducing Valve demo

(sh_power_unit_pressure_red_valve) illustrates the use of the Pressure Reducing Valve block in hydraulic systems. The pressure reducing valve is set to 20e5 Pa and maintains this pressure downstream, as long as the upstream pressure is higher than this

setting.

See Also Pressure Compensator

Pressure Relief Valve

Purpose

Simulate pressure control valve maintaining preset pressure in system

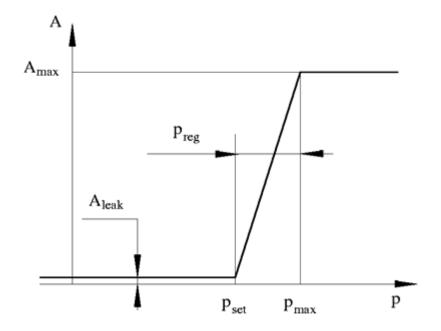
Library

Pressure Control Valves

Description



The Pressure Relief Valve block represents a hydraulic pressure relief valve as a data-sheet-based model. The following figure shows the typical dependency between the valve passage area A and the pressure differential ρ across the valve.



The valve remains closed while pressure at the valve inlet is lower than the valve preset pressure. When the preset pressure is reached, the value control member (spool, ball, poppet, etc.) is forced off its seat, thus creating a passage between the inlet and outlet. Some fluid is diverted to a tank through this orifice, thus reducing the pressure at the inlet. If

this flow rate is not enough and pressure continues to rise, the area is further increased until the control member reaches its maximum. At this moment, the maximum flow rate is passing through the valve. The value of a maximum flow rate and the pressure increase over the preset level to pass this flow rate are generally provided in the catalogs. The pressure increase over the preset level is frequently referred to as valve steady state error, or regulation range. The valve maximum area and regulation range are the key parameters of the block.

In addition to the maximum area, the leakage area is also required to characterize the valve. The main purpose of the parameter is not to account for possible leakage, even though this is also important, but to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Theoretically, the parameter can be set to zero, but it is not recommended.

The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}) . The flow rate is determined according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_D {\cdot} A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} {\cdot} sign \left(p \right) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} {\cdot} A \frac{D_H}{v {\cdot} \rho} \, p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$A(p) = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } p <= p_{set} \\ A_{leak} + k \bullet \left(p - p_{set}\right) & \text{for } p_{set} < p < p_{\max} \\ A_{\max} & \text{for } p >= p_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$k = \frac{A_{\text{max}}}{p_{reg}}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

$$Re = \frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(p) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\mathrm{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(p)}{\pi}}$$

where

q Flow rate through the valve

p Pressure differential across the valve

 ρ_{A} , ρ_{B} Gauge pressures at the block terminals

 C_D Flow discharge coefficient

A(p) Instantaneous orifice passage area

 A_{max} Fully open valve passage area

 A_{leak} Closed valve leakage area

 ρ_{reg} Regulation range

 $\rho_{set} \qquad \text{Valve preset pressure}$

 p_{max} Valve pressure at maximum opening

D_H Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameter

ρ Fluid density

v Fluid kinematic viscosity

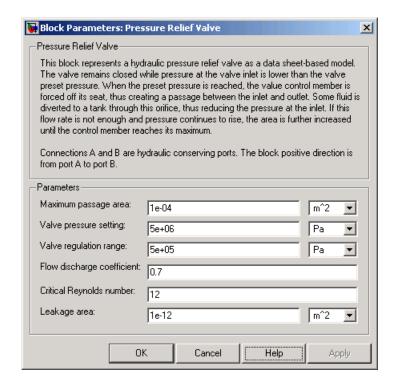
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Valve opening is linearly proportional to the pressure differential.
- No loading on the valve, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Maximum passage area

Valve passage maximum cross-sectional area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Valve pressure setting

Preset pressure level, at which the orifice of the valve starts to open. The default value is 50e5 Pa.

Valve regulation range

Pressure increase over the preset level needed to fully open the valve. Must be less than 0.2 of the **Valve pressure setting** parameter value. The default value is 5e5 Pa.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12m^2.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

Examples

The Power Unit with Fixed-Displacement Pump demo (sh_power_unit_fxd_dspl_pump) illustrates the use of the Pressure Relief Valve block in hydraulic systems. The valve is set to 75e5 Pa and starts diverting fluid to tank as soon as the pressure at its inlet reaches this value.

See Also

Pressure Compensator

Pressure Reducing Valve

Purpose

Simulate continuous valve driver with output proportional to input signal

Library

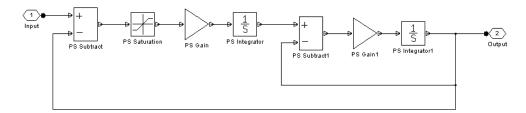
Valve Actuators

Description



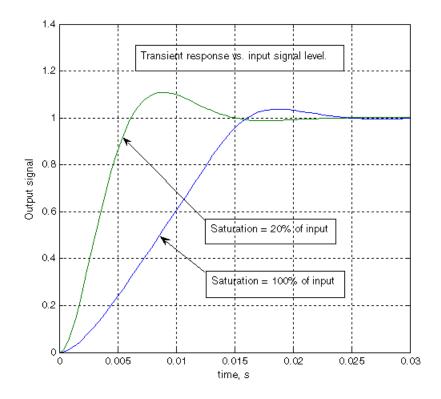
The Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator block represents an electromagnetic actuator that is used in proportional and servo-valves to drive a spool or other working member. The block is intended to work with one of the directional valve models to form a desirable configuration of a proportional or servo-valve. The block is implemented as a data-sheet-based model and reproduces only the input/output relationship, or the actuator's transient response, as presented in the catalog or data sheet.

The Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator block is built using the blocks from the Physical Signals library. Both the input and the output of the block are physical signals. The block diagram of the model is shown in the following figure.



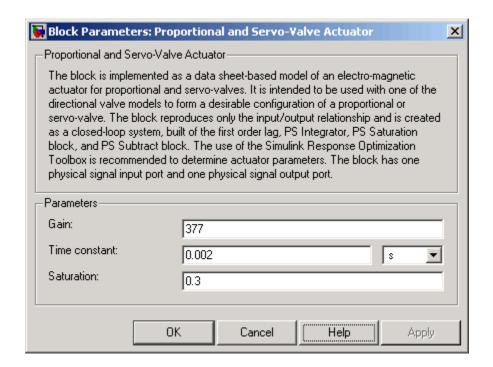
The model consists of the first-order lag, PS Integrator, PS Saturation block, and the PS Subtract block that closes the feedback. The configuration is found to be suitable to simulate behavior of servo-valves and high-quality proportional valves.

The typical transient responses of a servo-valve or a high-quality proportional valve are shown in the following figure. The only difference between the two responses in the figure is the value of the saturation. The response that corresponds to 100% of the input signal is considerable slower than that with the 20% saturation.



You can adjust the block parameters, such as saturation, gain, and time constant, to make the transient responses close enough to those provided in the data sheet. The most effective way to adjust the parameters is to use the Optimization ToolboxTM software.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Gain

Gain of the first-order lag. The default value is 377.

Time constant

Time constant of the first-order lag. The default value is 0.002 s.

Saturation

Saturation level of the Saturation block in the actuator model. The default value is 0.3.

Ports

The block has one physical signal input port and one physical signal output port.

Examples The Closed-Loop Electrohydraulic Actuator with Proportional

Valve demo (sh_closed_loop_actuator) illustrates the use of the Proportional and Servo-Valve Actuator block in hydraulic systems.

See Also 2-Position Valve Actuator

3-Position Valve Actuator

Hydraulic Double-Acting Valve Actuator Hydraulic Single-Acting Valve Actuator **Purpose**

Simulate pressurized hydraulic reservoir

Library

Hydraulic Utilities

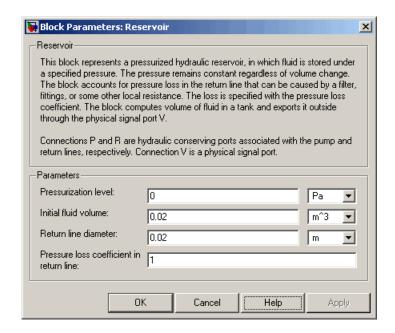
Description



The Reservoir block represents a pressurized hydraulic reservoir, in which fluid is stored under a specified pressure. The pressure remains constant regardless of volume change. The block accounts for pressure loss in the return line that can be caused by a filter, fittings, or some other local resistance. The loss is specified with the pressure loss coefficient. The block computes the volume of fluid in the tank and exports it outside through the physical signal port V.

The fluid volume value does not affect the results of simulation. It is introduced merely for information purposes. It is possible for the fluid volume to become negative during simulation, which signals that the fluid volume is not enough for the proper operation of the system. By viewing the results of the simulation, you can determine the extent of the fluid shortage.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Pressurization level

The pressure inside the reservoir. The default value is 0.

Initial fluid volume

The initial volume of fluid in the tank. The default value is 0.02 m^3 .

Return line diameter

The diameter of the return line. The default value is 0.02 m.

Pressure loss coefficient in return line

The value of the pressure loss coefficient, to account for pressure loss in the return line. The default value is 1.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Ρ

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump line.

Reservoir

R Hydraulic conserving port associated with the return line.

V Physical signal port that output the volume of fluid in the tank.

See Also Hydraulic Reference

Segmented Pipeline

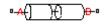
Purpose

Simulate hydraulic pipeline with resistive, fluid inertia, and fluid compressibility properties

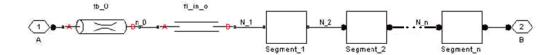
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Pipelines

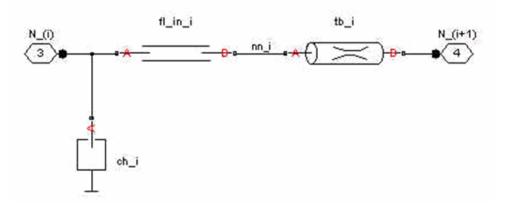
Description



The Segmented Pipeline block models hydraulic pipelines with circular cross sections. Hydraulic pipelines, which are inherently distributed parameter elements, are represented with sets of identical, connected in series, lumped parameter segments. It is assumed that the larger the number of segments, the closer the lumped parameter model becomes to its distributed parameter counterpart. The equivalent circuit of a pipeline adopted in the block is shown below, along with the segment configuration.



Pipeline Equivalent Circuit



Segment Configuration

The model contains as many Constant Chamber blocks as there are segments. The chamber lumps fluid volume equal to

$$V = \frac{\pi \cdot d^2}{4} \frac{L}{N}$$

where

V Fluid volume

d Pipe diameter

L Pipe length

N Number of segments

The Constant Chamber block is placed between two branches, each consisting of a Resistive Tube block and a Fluid Inertia block. Every Resistive Tube block lumps $(L+L_ad)/(N+1)$ -th portion of the pipe length, while Fluid Inertia block has L/(N+1) length (L_ad) denotes additional pipe length equal to aggregate equivalent length of pipe local resistances, such as fitting, elbows, bends, and so on).

The nodes to which Constant Chamber blocks are connected are assigned names N_1, N_2, ..., N_n (n is the number of segments). Pressures at these nodes are assumed to be equal to average pressure of the segment. Intermediate nodes between Resistive Tube and Fluid Inertia blocks are assigned names nn_0, nn_1, nn_2, ..., nn_n. The Constant Chamber blocks are named ch_1, ch_2, ..., ch_n, Resistive Tube blocks are named tb_0, tb_1, tb_2, ..., tb_n, and Fluid Inertia blocks are named fl_in_0, fl_in_1, fl_in_2, ..., fl_in_n.

The number of segments is the block parameter. In determining the number of segments needed, you have to find a compromise between the accuracy and computational burden for a particular application. It is practically impossible to determine analytically how many elements are necessary to get the results with a specified accuracy. The golden rule is to use as many elements as possible based on computational considerations, and an experimental assessment is perhaps the only

Segmented Pipeline

reliable way to make any conclusions. As an approximate estimate, you can use the following formula:

$$N > \frac{4L}{\pi \cdot c} \omega$$

where

N Number of segments

L Pipe length

c Speed of sound in the fluid

ω Maximum frequency to be observed in the pipe response

The table below contains an example of simulation of a pipeline where the first four true eigenfrequencies are 89.1 Hz, 267 Hz, 446 Hz, and 624 Hz.

| Number of Segments | 1st Mode | 2nd Mode | 3rd Mode | 4th Mode |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1 | 112.3 | _ | _ | _ |
| 2 | 107.2 | 271.8 | _ | _ |
| 4 | 97.7 | 284.4 | 432.9 | 689 |
| 8 | 93.2 | 271.9 | 435.5 | 628 |

As you can see, the error is less than 5% if an eight-segmented version is used.

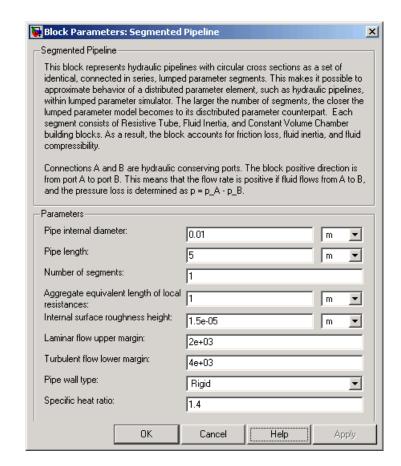
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B, and the pressure loss is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

• Flow is assumed to be fully developed along the pipe length.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Pipe internal diameter

Pipe internal diameter. The parameter is used if **Pipe cross section type** is set to Circular. The default value is 0.01 m.

Segmented Pipeline

Pipe length

Pipe geometrical length. The default value is 5 m.

Number of segments

Number of lumped parameter segments in the pipeline model. The default value is 1.

Aggregate equivalent length of local resistances

This parameter represents total equivalent length of all local resistances associated with the pipe. You can account for the pressure loss caused by local resistances, such as bends, fittings, armature, inlet/outlet losses, and so on, by adding to the pipe geometrical length an aggregate equivalent length of all the local resistances. This length is added to the geometrical pipe length only for hydraulic resistance computation. Both the fluid volume and fluid inertia are determined based on pipe geometrical length only. The default value is 1 m.

Internal surface roughness height

Roughness height on the pipe internal surface. The parameter is typically provided in data sheets or manufacturer's catalogs. The default value is 1.5e-5 m, which corresponds to drawn tubing.

Laminar flow upper margin

Specifies the Reynolds number at which the laminar flow regime is assumed to start converting into turbulent. Mathematically, this is the maximum Reynolds number at fully developed laminar flow. The default value is 2000.

Turbulent flow lower margin

Specifies the Reynolds number at which the turbulent flow regime is assumed to be fully developed. Mathematically, this is the minimum Reynolds number at turbulent flow. The default value is 4000.

Pipe wall type

The parameter can have one of two values: Rigid or Compliant. If the parameter is set to Rigid, wall compliance is not taken into account, which can improve computational efficiency. The value Compliant is recommended for hoses and metal pipes where wall

compliance can affect the system behavior. The default value is Rigid.

Static pressure-diameter coefficient

Coefficient that establishes relationship between the pressure and the internal diameter at steady-state conditions. This coefficient can be determined analytically for cylindrical metal pipes or experimentally for hoses. The parameter is used if the **Pipe** wall type parameter is set to Compliant, and the default value is 2e-10 m/Pa.

Viscoelastic process time constant

Time constant in the transfer function that relates pipe internal diameter to pressure variations. By using this parameter, the simulated elastic or viscoelastic process is approximated with the first-order lag. The value is determined experimentally or provided by the manufacturer. The default value is 0.008 s.

Specific heat ratio

Gas-specific heat ratio for the Constant Volume Chamber block. The default value is 1.4.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Pipe wall type

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Segmented Pipeline

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pipe inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pipe outlet.

See Also Hydraulic Pipeline

Linear Hydraulic Resistance

Resistive Tube

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic valve that allows flow in one direction only

Library

Directional Valves

Description

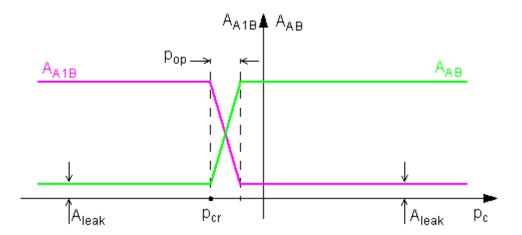


The Shuttle Valve block represents a hydraulic shuttle valve as a data-sheet-based model. The valve has two inlet ports (A and A1) and one outlet port (B). The valve is controlled by pressure differential

 $p_c = p_A - p_{A1}$. The valve permits flow either between ports A and B or between ports A1 and B, depending on the pressure differential p_c . Initially, path A-B is assumed to be opened. To open path A1-B (and close A-B at the same time), pressure differential must be less than the valve cracking pressure ($p_{cr} <=0$).

When cracking pressure is reached, the value control member (spool, ball, poppet, etc.) is forced off its seat and moves to the opposite seat, thus opening one passage and closing the other. If the flow rate is high enough and pressure continues to change, the control member continues to move until it reaches its extreme position. At this moment, one of the valve passage areas is at its maximum. The valve maximum area and the cracking and maximum pressures are generally provided in the catalogs and are the three key parameters of the block.

The relationship between the A-B, A1–B path openings and control pressure p_c is shown in the following illustration.



In addition to the maximum area, the leakage area is also required to characterize the valve. The main purpose of the parameter is not to account for possible leakage, even though this is also important, but to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Theoretically, the parameter can be set to zero, but it is not recommended.

The model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number for each orifice (Re_{AB},Re_{AIB}) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}) . The flow rate through each of the orifices is determined according to the following equations:

$$q_{AB} = \begin{cases} C_{D} {\scriptstyle \bullet A}_{AB} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho}} \mid p_{AB} \mid {\scriptstyle \bullet sign} \left(p_{AB}\right) & \text{for } Re_{AB} >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} {\scriptstyle \bullet A}_{AB} \frac{D_{HAB}}{v {\scriptstyle \bullet \rho}} p_{AB} & \text{for } Re_{AB} < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$q_{A1B} = \begin{cases} C_D \bullet A_{A1B} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho}} \mid p_{A1B} \mid \bullet sign(p_{A1B}) & \text{for } Re_{A1B} >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} \bullet A_{A1B} \frac{D_{HA1B}}{\mathsf{v} \bullet \mathsf{p}} p_{A1B} & \text{for } Re_{A1B} < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$A_{AB} = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } p_{AB} <= p_{cr} \\ A_{leak} + k \bullet \left(p_{AB} - p_{cr} \right) & \text{for } p_{cr} < p_{AB} < p_{cr} + p_{op} \\ A_{\max} & \text{for } p_{AB} >= p_{cr} + p_{op} \end{cases}$$

$$A_{A1B} = \begin{cases} A_{leak} & \text{for } p_{A1B} >= p_{cr} + p_{op} \\ A_{\max} - k \bullet \left(p_{A1B} - p_{cr}\right) & \text{for } p_{cr} < p_{A1B} < p_{cr} + p_{op} \\ A_{\max} & \text{for } p_{A1B} <= p_{cr} \end{cases}$$

$$k = \frac{A_{\max} - A_{leak}}{p_{op}}$$

$$p_{AB} = p_A - p_B$$

$$p_{A1B} = p_{A1} - p_B$$

$$\operatorname{Re}_{AB} = \frac{q_{AB} \cdot D_{HAB}}{A_{AB} \cdot v}$$

$$Re_{A1B} = \frac{q_{A1B} \cdot D_{HA1B}}{A_{A1B} \cdot V}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_{HAB} = \sqrt{\frac{4A_{AB}}{\pi}}$$

$$D_{HA1B} = \sqrt{\frac{4A_{A1B}}{\pi}}$$

where

| Flow rates through the AB and A1B orifices |
|---|
| Pressure differentials across the AB and A1B orifices |
| Gauge pressures at the block terminals |
| Flow discharge coefficient |
| Instantaneous orifice AB and A1B passage areas |
| Fully open orifice passage area |
| Closed valve leakage area |
| Valve cracking pressure differential |
| Pressure differential needed to fully shift the valve |
| Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameters |
| Fluid density |
| Fluid kinematic viscosity |
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The block positive direction is from port A to port B and from port A1 to port B. Control pressure is determined as $p_c = p_A - p_{A1}$.

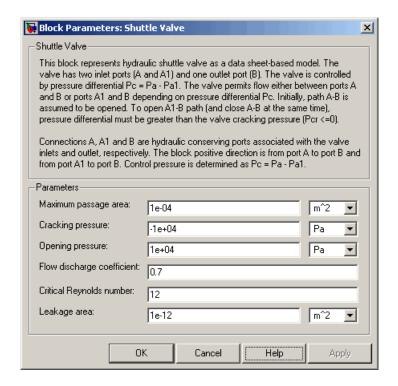
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- $\bullet\,$ Valve opening is linearly proportional to the pressure differential.
- No loading on the valve, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.

• The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Maximum passage area

Valve passage maximum cross-sectional area. The default value is 1e-4 m².

Cracking pressure

Pressure differential level at which the orifice of the valve starts to open. The default value is -1e4 Pa.

Opening pressure

Pressure differential across the valve needed to shift the valve from one extreme position to another. The default value is 1e4 Pa.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for valve capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

Shuttle Valve

A1

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the valve outlet.

See Also Check Valve

Pilot-Operated Check Valve

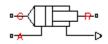
Purpose

Simulate hydraulic actuator exerting force in one direction

Library

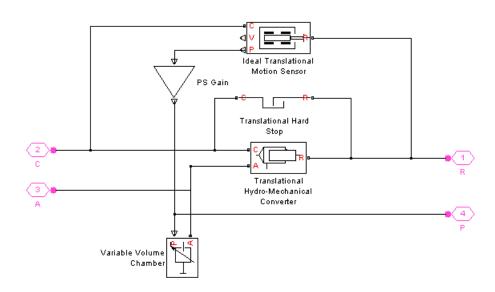
Hydraulic Cylinders

Description



The Single-Acting Hydraulic Cylinder block models a device that converts hydraulic energy into mechanical energy in the form of translational motion. Hydraulic fluid pumped under pressure into the cylinder chamber forces the piston to move and exert force on the cylinder rod. Single-acting cylinders transfer force and motion in one direction only. Use an external device, such as a spring, weight, or another opposite installed cylinder, to move the rod in opposite direction.

The model of the cylinder is built of SimscapeTM Foundation library blocks. The schematic diagram of the model is shown below.



Connections R and C are mechanical translational conserving ports corresponding to the cylinder rod and cylinder clamping structure, respectively. Connection A is a hydraulic conserving port associated

with the cylinder inlet. The physical signal output port provides rod displacement.

The energy through port A is directed to the Translational Hydro-Mechanical Converter block and the Variable Volume Chamber block. The converter transforms hydraulic energy into mechanical energy, while the chamber accounts for the fluid compressibility in the cylinder chamber. The rod motion is limited with the mechanical Translational Hard Stop block in such a way that the rod can travel only between cylinder caps. The Ideal Translational Motion Sensor block in the schematic is introduced to determine an instantaneous piston position, which is necessary for the Variable Volume Chamber block.

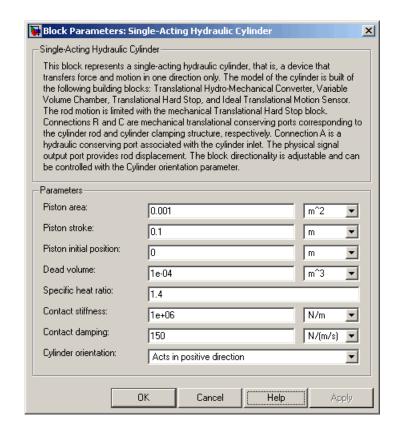
The block directionality is adjustable and can be controlled with the **Cylinder orientation** parameter.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- No leakage, internal or external, is taken into account.
- No loading on piston rod, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is taken into account. If necessary, you can easily add them by connecting an appropriate building block to cylinder port R.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Piston area

Effective piston area. The default value is 0.001 m².

Piston stroke

Piston maximum travel between caps. The default value is 0.1 m.

Piston initial position

The distance that the piston is extended at the beginning of simulation. You can set the piston position to any point within its stroke. The default value is 0, which corresponds to the fully retracted position.

Dead volume

Fluid volume that remains in the chamber after the rod is fully retracted. The default value is 1e-4 m³.

Specific heat ratio

Gas-specific heat ratio for the Variable Volume Chamber block. The default value is 1.4.

Contact stiffness

Specifies the elastic property of colliding bodies for the Translational Hard Stop block. The greater the value of the parameter, the less the bodies penetrate into each other, the more rigid the impact becomes. Lesser value of the parameter makes contact softer, but generally improves convergence and computational efficiency. The default value is 1e6 N/m.

Contact damping

Specifies dissipating property of colliding bodies for the Translational Hard Stop block. At zero damping, the impact is close to an absolutely elastic one. The greater the value of the parameter, the more energy dissipates during an interaction. Keep in mind that damping affects slider motion as long as the slider is in contact with the stop, including the period when slider is pulled back from the contact. For computational efficiency and convergence reasons, The MathWorks recommends that you assign a nonzero value to this parameter. The default value is 150 N*s/m.

Cylinder orientation

Specifies cylinder orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. The cylinder can be installed in two different ways, depending upon whether it exerts force in the positive or in the negative direction when pressure is applied at its inlet. If pressure applied at port A exerts force in negative direction, set the parameter to Acts in negative direction. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Cylinder orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid bulk modulus

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the cylinder inlet.

R

Mechanical translational conserving port associated with the cylinder rod.

С

Mechanical translational conserving port associated with the cylinder clamping structure.

The block also has a physical signal output port, which outputs rod displacement.

See Also

Double-Acting Hydraulic Cylinder

Ideal Translational Motion Sensor

Translational Hard Stop

Translational Hydro-Mechanical Converter

Variable Volume Chamber

Purpose

Simulate single-acting hydraulic rotary actuator

Library

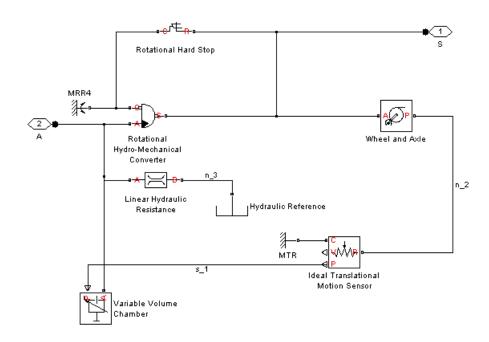
Hydraulic Cylinders

Description



The Single-Acting Rotary Actuator block models a single-acting hydraulic rotary actuator, which directly converts hydraulic energy into mechanical rotational energy without employing intermediary transmissions such as rack-and-pinion, sliding spline, chain, and so on. Single-acting actuators generate torque and motion in a single direction only. Use an external device, such as a spring or another opposite installed actuator, to move the shaft in opposite direction.

The model of the actuator is built of $Simscape^{TM}$ Foundation library blocks. The schematic diagram of the model is shown below.



The blocks in the diagram perform the following functions:

Rotational Converts hydraulics energy into
Hydro-Mechanical mechanical rotational energy and vice
Converter versa.

Rotational Hard Stop Imposes limits on shaft rotation.

Linear Hydraulic Accounts for leakages.
Resistance

Variable Volume Accounts for fluid compressibility.

Chamber

Ideal Translational Determines an instantaneous shaft position, which is necessary for the Variable Volume Chamber block.

Wheel and Axle Converts shaft rotation into translational

motion to provide input to the Ideal Translational Motion Sensor block

Connection A is a hydraulic conserving port corresponding to the actuator chamber. Connection S is a mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the actuator shaft.

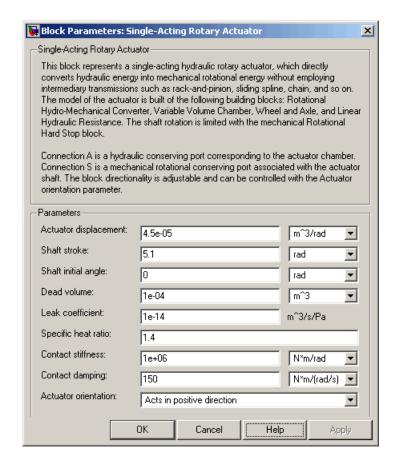
The block directionality is adjustable and can be controlled with the **Actuator orientation** parameter.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

• No loading, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is taken into account. If necessary, you can easily add them by connecting an appropriate building block to port S.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Actuator displacement

Effective displacement of the actuator. The default value is 4.5e-5 m³/rad.

Shaft stroke

Shaft maximum travel between stops. The default value is 5.1 rad.

Shaft initial angle

The position of the shaft at the beginning of simulation. You can set the shaft position to any angle within its stroke. The default value is 0, which corresponds to the shaft position at the very beginning of the stroke.

Dead volume

Fluid volume that remains in the chamber when the shaft is positioned at the very beginning of the stroke. The default value is 1e-4 m³.

Leak coefficient

Leak coefficient for the Linear Hydraulic Resistance block. The default value is 1e-14 (m^3/s)/Pa.

Specific heat ratio

Gas-specific heat ratio for the Variable Volume Chamber block. The default value is 1.4.

Contact stiffness

Specifies the elastic property of colliding bodies for the Rotational Hard Stop block. The greater the value of the parameter, the less the bodies penetrate into each other, the more rigid the impact becomes. Lesser value of the parameter makes contact softer, but generally improves convergence and computational efficiency. The default value is 1e6 N*m/rad.

Contact damping

Specifies dissipating property of colliding bodies for the Rotational Hard Stop block. At zero damping, the impact is close to an absolutely elastic one. The greater the value of the parameter, the more energy dissipates during an interaction. Keep in mind that damping affects slider motion as long as the slider is in contact with the stop, including the period when slider is pulled back from the contact. For computational efficiency and convergence reasons, The MathWorks recommends that you assign a nonzero value to this parameter. The default value is 150 N*m/(rad/s).

Actuator orientation

Specifies actuator orientation with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. The actuator can be installed in two different ways, depending upon whether it generates torque in the positive or in the negative direction when pressure is applied at its inlet. If pressure applied at port A generates torque in the negative direction, set the parameter to Acts in negative direction. The default value is Acts in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

Actuator orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Global Parameters

Fluid bulk modulus

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the actuator inlet.

S

Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the actuator shaft.

See Also

Ideal Translational Motion Sensor

Linear Hydraulic Resistance

Rotational Hard Stop

Rotational Hydro-Mechanical Converter

Variable Volume Chamber Wheel and Axle

Purpose

Simulate axial hydraulic force exerted on spool

Library

Valve Forces

Description



The Spool Orifice Hydraulic Force block simulates the steady-state axial hydraulic force exerted on the spool by fluid flowing through the orifice. The orifice is supposed to be rectangular with the width considerably larger than the radial clearance between the spool and the sleeve.

The force is simulated according to the following equations:

$$F = p \frac{q^2}{A} \cos \theta \cdot or$$

$$\theta = 0.3663 + 0.8373(1 - \exp(-x/1.848))$$

$$x = x_0 + s \cdot or$$

$$A = \begin{cases} b \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + \delta^2} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ b \cdot \delta & \text{for } x <= 0 \end{cases}$$

where

F Axial hydraulic force

q Flow rate through the orifice

ρ Fluid density

A Orifice area

Θ Jet angle (rad)

 x_0 Orifice initial opening

s Spool displacement

b Orifice width

- δ Radial clearance
- or Orientation parameter with respect to the globally assigned positive direction. If the orifice is opened while the spool is shifted in positive direction, or equals 1. If the orifice is opened while the spool is shifted in negative direction, or equals -1.

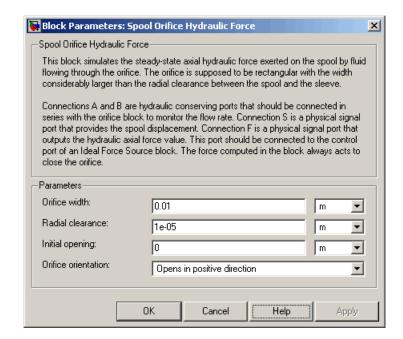
Connections A and B are hydraulic conserving ports that should be connected in series with the orifice block to monitor the flow rate. Connection S is a physical signal port that provides the spool displacement. Connection F is a physical signal port that outputs the hydraulic axial force value. This port should be connected to the control port of an Ideal Force Source block. The force computed in the block always acts to close the orifice.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- The transient effects are assumed to be negligible.
- The jet angle approximation is based on the Richard von Mises equation.
- The block can be used with rectangular orifices whose width is considerably larger than the axial opening.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Orifice width

Orifice width. The parameter must be greater than zero. The default value is 0.01 m.

Radial clearance

The radial clearance between the spool and the sleeve. The default value is 1e-5 m.

Initial opening

Orifice initial opening. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Orifice orientation

The parameter is introduced to specify the effect of the force on the orifice opening. The parameter can be set to one of two options: Opens in positive direction or Opens in negative direction. The value Opens in positive direction specifies

an orifice that opens when the spool moves in the globally assigned positive direction. The default value is Opens in positive direction.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameter:

• Orifice orientation

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with an orifice inlet.

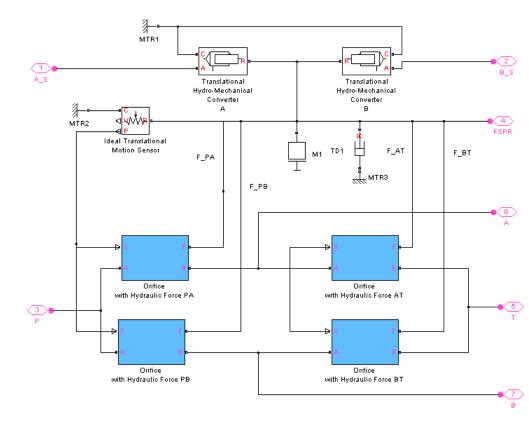
B Hydraulic conserving port associated with an orifice outlet.

S Physical signal port that provides the spool displacement.

F Physical signal port that outputs hydraulic axial force.

Examples

The following example shows a model of a 4-way, 3-position, hydraulically-operated directional valve where the hydraulic axial forces acting on the spool are being taken into consideration.



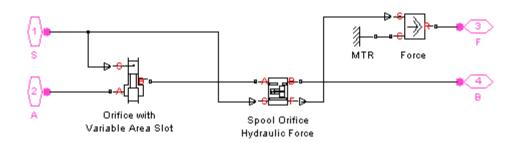
The spool (mass M1, viscous friction TD1) is shifted by the servo-actuator simulated by two Translational Hydro-Mechanical Converter blocks. Connections A_S and B_S are hydraulic ports for applying pilot control pressure.

Four variable orifices are represented by subsystems:

- Orifice with Hydraulic Force PA
- Orifice with Hydraulic Force PB
- Orifice with Hydraulic Force AT

• Orifice with Hydraulic Force BT

The structure of a subsystem is shown in the following illustration.



It consists of an Orifice with Variable Area Slot block, which simulates hydraulic properties of the orifice, connected in series with a Spool Orifice Hydraulic Force block. The force value computed in the block is exported through its port F and passed to the Force block.

The forces on all four orifices (F_PA, F_PB, F_AT, F_BT) are applied to the valve spool as it is shown in the first schematic.

For more details and for parameter settings, see the Hydraulic System with Servo-Valve demo (sh_hydraulic_system_with_servo_valve).

See Also

Valve Hydraulic Force

Spring-Loaded Accumulator

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic accumulator with spring used for energy storage

Library

Accumulators

Description



This block represents a spring-loaded accumulator, where fluid entering the accumulator compresses the spring, thus storing hydraulic energy. Since the spring compression increases as fluid enters the chamber and decreases as the accumulator is discharged, the pressure is not constant. The spring is preloaded. Therefore, fluid starts entering the chamber only after the inlet pressure crosses over this threshold. The accumulator is described with the following equations:

$$q = \frac{dV_F}{dt}$$

$$V_F = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } p <= p_{pr} \\ k \left(p - p_{pr} \right) & \text{for } p_{pr} < p < p_{\max} \\ V_{\max} & \text{for } p >= p_{\max} \end{cases}$$

$$k = \frac{V_{\text{max}}}{p_{\text{max}} - p_{pr}}$$

where

p Pressure at the accumulator inlet

q Flow rate into accumulator

V_{max} Accumulator capacity (maximum volume)

V_E Instantaneous volume of fluid in the accumulator

 ρ_{pr} Preload pressure

 ρ_{max} Pressure needed to fully fill the accumulator

The block positive direction is from port A into the accumulator. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows into the accumulator.

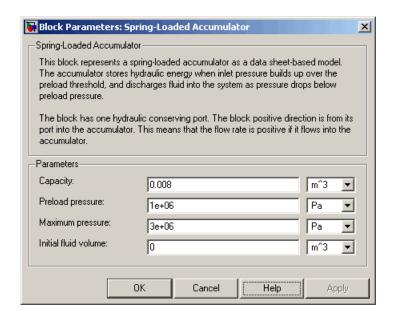
Spring-Loaded Accumulator

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- The spring has linear characteristics.
- No loading on the separator, such as inertia, friction, and so on, is considered.
- Fluid compressibility is not taken into account.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Capacity

Accumulator volumetric capacity. The default value is 0.008 m^3.

Preload pressure

Pressure at which fluid starts entering the chamber. The default value is 1e6 Pa.

Maximum pressure

Pressure at which the accumulator is fully charged. The default value is 3e6 Pa.

Spring-Loaded Accumulator

Initial fluid volume

Initial volume of fluid in the accumulator. This parameter specifies the initial condition for use in computing the block's initial state at the beginning of a simulation run. For more information, see "Computing Initial Conditions". The default value is 0.

Ports

The block has one hydraulic conserving port associated with the accumulator inlet.

The flow rate is positive if fluid flows into the accumulator.

See Also

Gas-Charged Accumulator

Sudden Area Change

Purpose

Simulate sudden enlargement or contraction

Library

Local Hydraulic Resistances

Description



The Sudden Area Change block represents a local hydraulic resistance, such as a sudden cross-sectional area change. The resistance represents a sudden enlargement if fluid flows from inlet to outlet, or a sudden contraction if fluid flows from outlet to inlet. The block is based on the Local Resistance block. It determines the pressure loss coefficient and passes its value to the underlying Local Resistance block. The block offers two methods of parameterization: by applying semi-empirical formulas (with a constant value of the pressure loss coefficient) or by table lookup for the pressure loss coefficient based on the Reynolds number.

If you choose to apply the semi-empirical formulas, you provide geometric parameters of the resistance, and the pressure loss coefficient is determined automatically according to the following equations (see [1]):

$$K_{SE} = K_{cor} \left(1 - \frac{A_S}{A_L} \right)^2$$

$$K_{SC} = K_{cor} \cdot 0.5 \left(1 - \frac{A_S}{A_L} \right)^{0.75}$$

where

 K_{SE} Pressure loss coefficient for the sudden enlargement, which takes place if fluid flows from inlet to outlet

 K_{SC} Pressure loss coefficient for the sudden contraction, which takes place if fluid flows from outlet to inlet

 K_{cor} Correction factor

A_s Small area

A, Large area

If you choose to specify the pressure loss coefficient by a table, you have to provide a tabulated relationship between the loss coefficient and the Reynolds number. In this case, the loss coefficient is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

The pressure loss coefficient, determined by either of the two methods, is then passed to the underlying Local Resistance block, which computes the pressure loss according to the formulas explained in the reference documentation for that block. The flow regime is checked in the underlying Local Resistance block by comparing the Reynolds number to the specified critical Reynolds number value, and depending on the result, the appropriate formula for pressure loss computation is used.

The Sudden Area Change block is bidirectional and computes pressure loss for both the direct flow (sudden enlargement) and return flow (sudden contraction). If the loss coefficient is specified by a table, the table must cover both the positive and the negative flow regions.

Connections A and B are conserving hydraulic ports associated with the block inlet and outlet, respectively.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if fluid flows from A to B, and the pressure

loss is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$.

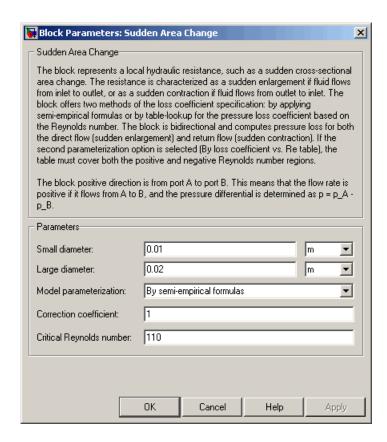
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

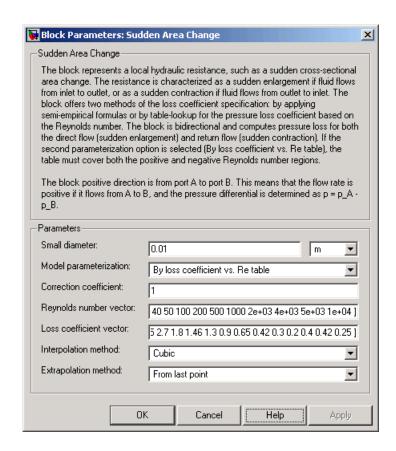
The model is based on the following assumption:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- If you select parameterization by semi-empirical formulas, the transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at Re=Re_{cc}.
- If you select parameterization by the table-specified relationship K=f(Re), the flow is assumed to be turbulent.

Sudden Area Change

Dialog Box and Parameters





Small diameter

Resistance small diameter. The default value is 0.01 m.

Large diameter

Resistance large diameter. The default value is 0.02 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for block parameterization:

Sudden Area Change

- By semi-empirical formulas Provide geometrical parameters of the resistance. This is the default method.
- By loss coefficient vs. Re table Provide tabulated relationship between the loss coefficient and the Reynolds number. The loss coefficient is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods. The table must cover both the positive and the negative flow regions.

Correction coefficient

Correction factor used in the formula for computation of the loss coefficient. The default value is 1. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 110. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By semi-empirical formulas.

Revnolds number vector

Specify the vector of input values for Reynolds numbers as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values are [-4000, -3000, -2000, -1000, -500, -200, -100, -50, -40, -30, -20, -15, -10, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 4000, 5000, 10000]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Loss coefficient vector

Specify the vector of output values for the loss coefficient as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The loss coefficient vector must be the same size as the Reynolds numbers vector. The default values are [0.25, 0.3, 0.65, 0.9, 0.65, 0.75, 0.90, 1.15, 1.35, 1.65, 2.3, 2.8, 3.10, 5, 2.7, 1.8, 1.46, 1.3, 0.9, 0.65, 0.42, 0.3, 0.20, 0.40, 0.42, 0.25]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear Uses a linear interpolation function.
- Cubic Uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP).
- Spline Uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if $\bf Model\ parameterization$ is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

 From last 2 points — Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.

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• From last point — Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By loss coefficient vs. Re table.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Sudden Area Change

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the resistance inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the resistance outlet.

References [1] Idelchik, I.E., *Handbook of Hydraulic Resistance*, CRC Begell House,

1994

See Also Elbow

Gradual Area Change

Local Resistance

Pipe Bend

T-junction

T-junction

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic resistance of T-junction in pipe

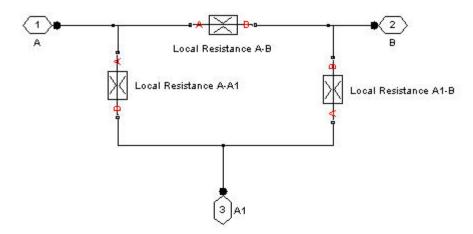
Library

Local Hydraulic Resistances

Description

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The T-junction block represents a T-junction (wye connection) consisting, in general, of a main run and a branch merging to the main run. The junction as a hydraulic resistance is built of three Local Resistance blocks, as shown in the following diagram.



To specify pressure loss for all possible flow directions, you have to provide six pressure loss coefficients. The flow regime is checked in the underlying Local Resistance blocks by comparing the Reynolds number to the specified critical Reynolds number value, and depending on the result, the appropriate formula for pressure loss computation is used. For more information, see the reference documentation for the Local Resistance block.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B, from port A to port A1, and from port A1 to port B.

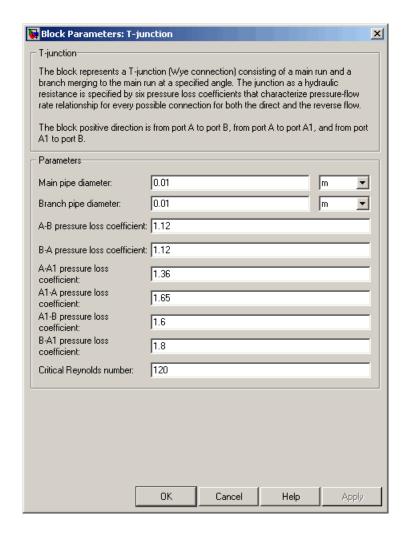
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- The transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at $Re=Re_{cr}$.

T-junction

Dialog Box and Parameters



Main pipe diameter

The internal pipe diameter of the main run. The default value is 0.01 m.

Branch pipe diameter

The internal pipe diameter of the branch. The default value is 0.01 m.

A-B pressure loss coefficient

The pressure loss coefficient between ports A and B when fluid flows in the direction from A to B. The default value is 1.12.

B-A pressure loss coefficient

The pressure loss coefficient between ports A and B when fluid flows in the direction from B to A. The default value is 1.12.

A-A1 pressure loss coefficient

The pressure loss coefficient between ports A and A1 when fluid flows in the direction from A to A1. The default value is 1.36.

A1-A pressure loss coefficient

The pressure loss coefficient between ports A and A1 when fluid flows in the direction from A1 to A. The default value is 1.65.

A1-B pressure loss coefficient

The pressure loss coefficient between ports A1 and B when fluid flows in the direction from A1 to B. The default value is 1.6.

B-A1 pressure loss coefficient

The pressure loss coefficient between ports A1 and B when fluid flows in the direction from B to A1. The default value is 1.8.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 120.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

T-junction

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the main run inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the main run outlet.

Α1

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the branch inlet.

See Also

Elbow

Gradual Area Change

Local Resistance

Pipe Bend

Sudden Area Change

Purpose

Simulate axial hydraulic static force exerted on valve

Library

Valve Forces

Description



The Valve Hydraulic Force block simulates axial hydraulic static force exerted on a valve by fluid flowing through the orifice. The relationship between the valve opening, the pressure drop, and the force is provided as a two-dimensional table, which is processed by the PS Lookup Table (2D) block. The table can be obtained experimentally or analytically and can represent both the hydraulic static axial force and pressure forces. The force matrix must be rectangular and contain as many rows as there are pressure differential measurements and as many columns as there are valve openings. The pressure differential and opening vectors must be arranged in strictly ascending order and cover the whole range of valve operation. Connect the block in parallel with the orifice whose flow induces the force.

Connections A and B are hydraulic conserving ports that should be connected to the valve block ports in such a way as to monitor the pressure differential across the valve. Connection S is a physical signal port that provides the valve control member displacement. Connection F is a physical signal port that outputs the hydraulic axial force value. This port should be connected to the control port of an Ideal Force Source block. The pressure differential inside the block is determined

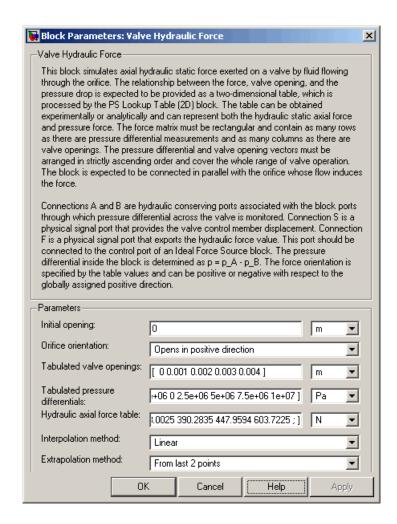
as $p = p_A - p_B$. The force orientation is specified by the table values and can be positive or negative with respect to the globally assigned positive direction, depending on the value of the **Orifice orientation** parameter.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumption:

• No transient effects can be simulated.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Initial opening

Orifice initial opening. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The default value is 0.

Orifice orientation

The parameter is introduced to specify the effect of the valve opening on the valve force. The parameter can be set to one of two options: Opens in positive direction or Opens in negative direction. The value Opens in positive direction specifies an orifice that opens when the valve is shifted in the globally assigned positive direction. The default value is Opens in positive direction.

Tabulated valve openings

Specify the vector of input values for valve openings as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [0,1e-3,2e-3,3e-3,4e-3]. The **Tabulated valve openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated pressure differentials** for two-dimensional table lookup in the **Hydraulic axial force table**.

Tabulated pressure differentials

Specify the vector of input values for pressure differentials as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in Pa, are [-100e5, -75e5, -50e5, -25e5, 0, 25e5, 50e5, 75e5, 100e5].

Hydraulic axial force table

Specify the output values for the hydraulic axial force as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the function values at the input grid vertices. Each value in the matrix specifies an axial force corresponding to a specific combination of valve opening and pressure differential. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the input vectors. The default values, in N, are:

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-27.8944,
                           227.2513,
[0, -127.3576,
                                      575.3104; ...
    -95.5182,
                -20.9208,
                           170.4385.
                                      431.4828; ...
    -63.6788,
                -13.9472,
                           113.6256,
                                      287.6552;
     -31.8394,
                -6.9736,
                            56.8128,
                                      143.8276; ...
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Valve Hydraulic Force

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196.3495.
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           241.5013,
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                                 223.9797,
                                            301.8613; ...
589.0486.
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                      292.7126,
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785.3982, 483.0025,
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Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear Uses a bilinear interpolation algorithm, which is an extension of linear interpolation for functions in two variables.
- Cubic Uses the bicubic interpolation algorithm.
- Spline Uses the bicubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference page.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

- From last 2 points Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.
- From last point Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference page.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Orifice orientation
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with a valve port.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with another valve port to monitor the pressure differential.

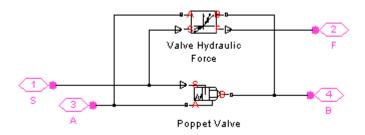
S Physical signal port that provides the valve control member displacement.

F Physical signal port that outputs hydraulic axial force.

Examples

The following example shows a model of a poppet valve built of a Poppet Valve block and a Valve Hydraulic Force block. The Valve Hydraulic Force block is connected in parallel and provides tabulated data to compute hydraulic force acting on the valve. The force value is exported through the F port.

Valve Hydraulic Force



See Also Spool Orifice Hydraulic Force

Purpose

Simulate generic hydraulic variable orifice

Library

Orifices

Description



The block represents a variable orifice of any type as a data-sheet-based model. Depending on data listed in the manufacturer's catalogs or data sheets for your particular orifice, you can choose one of the following model parameterization options:

- By maximum area and opening Use this option if the data sheet provides only the orifice maximum area and the control member maximum stroke.
- By area vs. opening table Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a table of the orifice passage area based on the control member displacement A=A(h).
- By pressure-flow characteristic Use this option if the catalog or data sheet provides a two-dimensional table of the pressure-flow characteristics q=q(p,h).

In the first case, the passage area is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member displacement, that is, the orifice is assumed to be closed at the initial position of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum opening takes place at the maximum displacement. In the second case, the passage area is determined by one-dimensional interpolation from the table A=A(h). In both cases, a small leakage area is assumed to exist even after the orifice is completely closed. Physically, it represents a possible clearance in the closed valve, but the main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation.

In the first and second cases, the model accounts for the laminar and turbulent flow regimes by monitoring the Reynolds number (Re) and comparing its value with the critical Reynolds number (Re_{cr}). After the

area has been determined, the flow rate is computed according to the following equations:

$$q = \begin{cases} C_D {\scriptstyle \bullet} A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho} \mid p \mid} {\scriptstyle \bullet} sign(p) & \text{for } Re >= Re_{\text{cr}} \\ \\ 2C_{DL} {\scriptstyle \bullet} A \frac{D_H}{v {\scriptstyle \bullet} \rho} p & \text{for } Re < Re_{\text{cr}} \end{cases}$$

$$h = x_0 + x \cdot or$$

$$A(h) = \begin{cases} h \cdot A_{\text{max}} / h_{\text{max}} + A_{leak} & \text{for } h > 0 \\ A_{leak} & \text{for } h <= 0 \end{cases}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

Re =
$$\frac{q \cdot D_H}{A(h) \cdot v}$$

$$C_{DL} = \left(\frac{C_D}{\sqrt{\text{Re}_{cr}}}\right)^2$$

$$D_H = \sqrt{\frac{4A(h)}{\pi}}$$

where

q Flow rate

p Pressure differential

 p_{A} , p_{B} Gauge pressures at the block terminals

 C_D Flow discharge coefficient

A(h) Instantaneous orifice passage area

 A_{max} Orifice maximum area

 h_{max} Control member maximum displacement

 x_o Initial opening

x Control member displacement from initial position

h Orifice opening

or Orifice orientation indicator. The variable assumes +1 value if the control member displacement in the globally assigned positive direction opens the orifice, and -1 if positive motion decreases the opening.

ρ Fluid density

 D_{H} Instantaneous orifice hydraulic diameter

v Fluid kinematic viscosity

A_{leak} Closed orifice leakage area

In the third case, when an orifice is defined by its pressure-flow characteristics, the flow rate is determined by two-dimensional interpolation. In this case, neither flow regime nor leakage flow rate is taken into account, because these features are assumed to be introduced through the tabulated data. Pressure-flow characteristics are specified with three data sets: array of orifice openings, array of pressure differentials across the orifice, and matrix of flow rate values. Each value of a flow rate corresponds to a specific combination of an opening and pressure differential. In other words, characteristics must be presented as the Cartesian mesh, i.e., the function values must be specified at vertices of a rectangular array. The argument arrays (openings and pressure differentials) must be strictly monotonically increasing. The vertices can be nonuniformly spaced. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the flow rate is positive if it flows from A to B and the pressure differential is determined as $p = p_A - p_B$. Positive signal at the physical signal

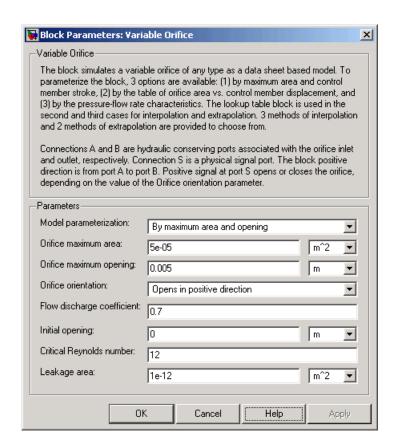
port S opens or closes the orifice depending on the value of the orifice orientation indicator.

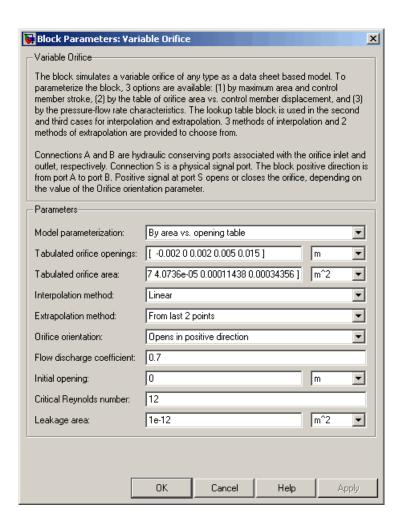
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

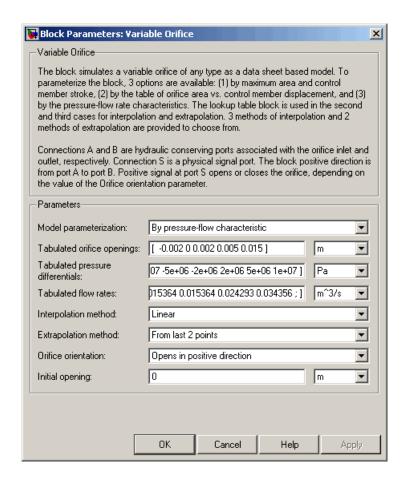
The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid inertia is not taken into account.
- For orifices specified by the passage area (the first two parameterization options), the transition between laminar and turbulent regimes is assumed to be sharp and taking place exactly at Re=Re_{cr}.
- For orifices specified by pressure-flow characteristics (the third parameterization option), the model does not explicitly account for the flow regime or leakage flow rate, because the tabulated data is assumed to account for these characteristics.

Dialog Box and Parameters







Model parameterization

Select one of the following methods for specifying the orifice:

By maximum area and opening — Provide values for the
maximum orifice area and the maximum orifice opening. The
passage area is linearly dependent on the control member
displacement, that is, the orifice is closed at the initial position
of the control member (zero displacement), and the maximum

opening takes place at the maximum displacement. This is the default method.

- By area vs. opening table Provide tabulated data of orifice openings and corresponding orifice areas. The passage area is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.
- By pressure-flow characteristic Provide tabulated data
 of orifice openings, pressure differentials, and corresponding
 flow rates. The flow rate is determined by two-dimensional
 table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods
 and two extrapolation methods.

Orifice maximum area

Specify the area of a fully opened orifice. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-5 m². This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Orifice maximum opening

Specify the maximum displacement of the control member. The parameter value must be greater than zero. The default value is 5e-4 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum area and opening.

Tabulated orifice openings

Specify the vector of input values for orifice openings as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-0.002 0 0.002 0.005 0.015]. If **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table, the **Tabulated orifice openings** values will be used together with **Tabulated orifice area** values for one-dimensional table lookup. If **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic, the **Tabulated orifice openings** values will

be used together with **Tabulated pressure differentials** and **Tabulated flow rates** for two-dimensional table lookup.

Tabulated orifice area

Specify the vector of output values for orifice area as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The orifice area vector must be the same size as the orifice openings vector. All the values must be positive. The default values, in m^2, are [1e-09 2.0352e-07 4.0736e-05 0.00011438 0.00034356]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By area vs. opening table.

Tabulated pressure differentials

Specify the vector of input values for pressure differentials as a tabulated 1-by-n array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in Pa, are [-1e+07 -5e+06 -2e+06 2e+06 5e+06 1e+07]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Tabulated flow rates

Specify the output values for flow rates as a tabulated m-by-n matrix, defining the function values at the input grid vertices. Each value in the matrix specifies flow rate taking place at a specific combination of orifice opening and pressure differential. The matrix size must match the dimensions defined by the input vectors. The default values, in m^3/s, are:

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[-1e-07 -7.0711e-08 -4.4721e-08 4.4721e-08 7.0711e-08 1e-07;
-2.0352e-05 -1.4391e-05 -9.1017e-06 9.1017e-06 1.4391e-05 2.0352e-05;
-0.0040736 -0.0028805 -0.0018218 0.0018218 0.0028805 0.0040736;
-0.011438 -0.0080879 -0.0051152 0.0051152 0.0080879 0.011438;
-0.034356 -0.024293 -0.015364 0.015364 0.024293 0.034356;]
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This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By pressure-flow characteristic.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses a linear interpolation function. For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses a bilinear interpolation algorithm, which is an extension of linear interpolation for functions in two variables.
- Cubic For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP). For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic interpolation algorithm.
- Spline For one-dimensional table lookup (By area vs. opening table), uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.
 For two-dimensional table lookup (By pressure-flow characteristic), uses the bicubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

 From last 2 points — Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.

From last point — Uses the last specified output value at the
appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last
specified output value for all input values greater than the last
specified input argument, and the first specified output value
for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) and PS Lookup Table (2D) block reference pages.

Orifice orientation

The parameter is introduced to specify the effect of the orifice control member motion on the valve opening. The parameter can be set to one of two options: Opens in positive direction or Opens in negative direction. The value Opens in positive direction specifies an orifice whose control member opens the valve when it is shifted in the globally assigned positive direction. The parameter is extremely useful for building a multi-orifice valve with all the orifices being controlled by the same spool. The default value is Opens in positive direction.

Flow discharge coefficient

Semi-empirical parameter for orifice capacity characterization. Its value depends on the geometrical properties of the orifice, and usually is provided in textbooks or manufacturer data sheets. The default value is 0.7.

Initial opening

Orifice initial opening. The parameter can be positive (underlapped orifice), negative (overlapped orifice), or equal to zero for zero lap configuration. The value of initial opening does not depend on the orifice orientation. The default value is 0.

Critical Reynolds number

The maximum Reynolds number for laminar flow. The transition from laminar to turbulent regime is supposed to take place

when the Reynolds number reaches this value. The value of the parameter depends on orifice geometrical profile, and the recommendations on the parameter value can be found in hydraulic textbooks. The default value is 12.

Leakage area

The total area of possible leaks in the completely closed valve. The main purpose of the parameter is to maintain numerical integrity of the circuit by preventing a portion of the system from getting isolated after the valve is completely closed. An isolated or "hanging" part of the system could affect computational efficiency and even cause failure of computation. Extreme caution should be exercised if the parameter is set to 0. The default value is 1e-12 m².

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Orifice orientation
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid density

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Α

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice inlet.

В

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the orifice outlet.

S

Physical signal port to control spool displacement.

The flow rate is positive if fluid flows from port A to port B. Positive signal at the physical signal port S opens or closes the orifice depending on the value of the parameter **Orifice orientation**.

Examples

The Hydraulic Flapper-Nozzle Amplifier demo (sh_hydraulic_flapper_nozzle_amplifier) illustrates the use of the Variable Orifice block in hydraulic systems.

See Also

Annular Orifice

Constant Area Orifice

Fixed Orifice

Orifice with Variable Area Round Holes

Orifice with Variable Area Slot

PS Lookup Table (1D)

PS Lookup Table (2D)

Variable Area Orifice

Purpose

Simulate variable-displacement reversible hydraulic motor

Library

Pumps and Motors

Description



The Variable-Displacement Motor block represents a variable-displacement reversible motor of any type as a data-sheet-based model. The motor displacement is controlled by the signal provided through the physical signal port C. The motor efficiency is determined based on volumetric and total efficiencies, nominal pressure, and nominal angular velocity. All these parameters are generally provided in the data sheets or catalogs.

Two block parameterization options are available:

- By the motor maximum displacement and stroke The displacement is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member position.
- By table-specified relationship between the control member position and the motor displacement The displacement is determined by one-dimensional table lookup based on the control member position. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

The variable-displacement motor is represented with the following equations:

$$q = D \bullet \omega - k_{leak} \bullet p$$

$$T = D \cdot p \cdot \eta_{mech}$$

$$D = \begin{cases} \frac{D_{\text{max}}}{x_{\text{max}}} \cdot x \\ D(x) \end{cases}$$

$$k_{leak} = k_{HP} / \nu \cdot \rho$$

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D \cdot \omega_{nom} (1 - \eta_V) \cdot v_{nom} \cdot \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

$$p = p_A - p_B$$

where

a Motor flow rate Pressure differential across the motor Gauge pressures at the block terminals p_A, p_B D Motor instantaneous displacement D_{max} Motor maximum displacement Control member displacement Х Control member maximum stroke X_{max} Τ Torque at the motor output shaft Output shaft angular velocity ω Leakage coefficient k_{leak} k_{HP} Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient Motor volumetric efficiency $\eta_{\rm v}$ Motor mechanical efficiency η_{mech} ٧ Fluid kinematic viscosity Fluid density ρ Motor nominal pressure p_{nom} $\omega_{\!_{nom}}$ Motor nominal angular velocity \mathbf{V}_{nom} Nominal fluid kinematic viscosity

The leakage flow is determined based on the assumption that it is linearly proportional to the pressure differential across the pump and can be computed by using the Hagen-Poiseuille formula

$$p = \frac{128\mu l}{\pi d^4} q_{leak} = \frac{\mu}{k_{HP}} q_{leak}$$

where

q_{leak} Leakage flow

d, 1 Geometric parameters of the leakage path

 μ Fluid dynamic viscosity, $\mu = v \cdot \rho$

The leakage flow at $p = p_{nom}$ and $v = v_{nom}$ can be determined from the catalog data

$$q_{leak} = D\omega_{nom} (1 - \eta_V)$$

which provides the formula to determine the Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D\omega_{nom} (1 - \eta_V) \cdot v_{nom} \cdot \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

The motor mechanical efficiency is not usually available in data sheets, therefore it is determined from the total and volumetric efficiencies by assuming that the hydraulic efficiency is negligibly small

$$\eta_{mech} = \eta_{total} / \eta_V$$

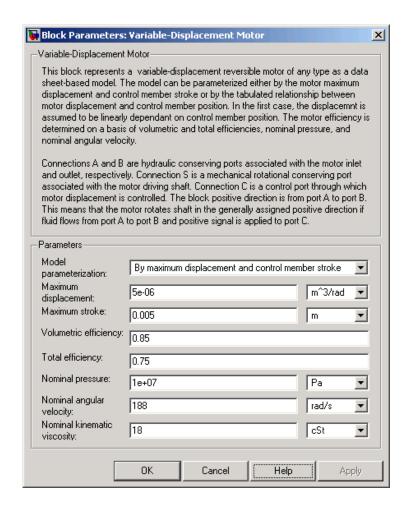
The block positive direction is from port A to port B. This means that the motor rotates its shaft in the globally assigned positive direction if the fluid flows from port A to port B and a positive signal is applied to port C.

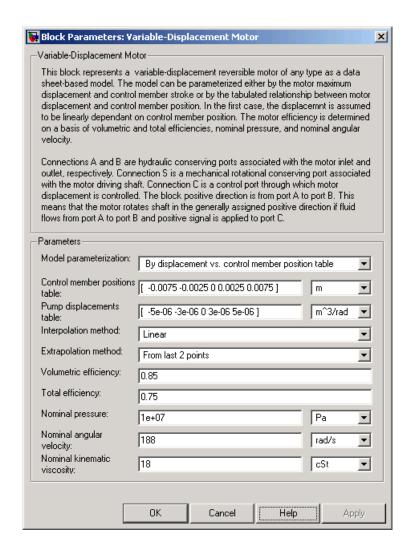
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid compressibility is neglected.
- No loading on the motor shaft, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- Leakage inside the motor is assumed to be linearly proportional to its pressure differential.

Dialog Box and Parameters





Model parameterization

Select one of the following block parameterization options:

By maximum displacement and control member stroke
 Provide values for maximum motor displacement and

maximum stroke. The displacement is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member position. This is the default method.

By displacement vs. control member position table
 — Provide tabulated data of motor displacements and control member positions. The displacement is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

Maximum displacement

Motor maximum displacement. The default value is 5e-6 m³/rad. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum displacement and control member stroke.

Maximum stroke

Maximum control member stroke. The default value is 0.005 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum displacement and control member stroke.

Control member positions table

Specify the vector of input values for control member position as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-0.0075 -0.0025 0 0.0025 0.0075]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Pump displacements table

Specify the vector of output values for the motor displacement as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The motor displacements vector must be the same size as the control member positions vector. The default values, in m^3/rad, are [-5e-06 -3e-06 0 3e-06 5e-06]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear Uses a linear interpolation function.
- Cubic Uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP).
- Spline Uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

- From last 2 points Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.
- From last point Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Volumetric efficiency

Motor volumetric efficiency specified at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.85.

Total efficiency

Motor total efficiency, which is determined as a ratio between the hydraulic power at the motor inlet and mechanical power at the output shaft at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.75.

Nominal pressure

Pressure differential across the motor, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 1e7 Pa.

Nominal angular velocity

Angular velocity of the output shaft, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 188 rad/s.

Nominal kinematic viscosity

Working fluid kinematic viscosity, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 18 cSt.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

A Hydraulic conserving port associated with the motor inlet.

B Hydraulic conserving port associated with the motor outlet.

C Physical signal port that controls motor displacement.

S Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the motor output shaft.

See Also

Hydraulic Motor

Purpose

Simulate hydraulic pump maintaining preset pressure at outlet by regulating its flow delivery

Library

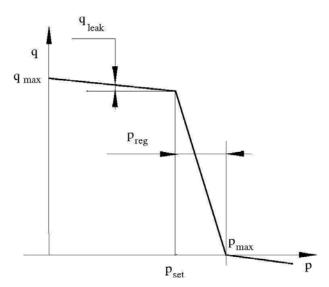
Pumps and Motors

Description



The Variable-Displacement Pressure-Compensated Pump block represents a positive, variable-displacement, pressure-compensated pump of any type as a data-sheet-based model. The key parameters required to parameterize the block are the pump maximum displacement, regulation range, volumetric and total efficiencies, nominal pressure, and angular velocity. All these parameters are generally provided in the data sheets or catalogs.

The following figure shows the delivery-pressure characteristic of the pump.



The pump tries to maintain preset pressure at its outlet by adjusting its delivery flow in accordance with the system requirements. If pressure differential across the pump is less than the setting pressure, the pump outputs its maximum delivery corrected for internal leakage. After

the pressure setting has been reached, the output flow is regulated to maintain preset pressure by changing the pump's displacement. The displacement can be changed from its maximum value down to zero, depending upon system flow requirements. The pressure range between the preset pressure and the maximum pressure, at which the displacement is zero, is referred to as regulation range. The smaller the range, the higher the accuracy at which preset pressure is maintained. The range size also affects the pump stability, and decreasing the range generally causes stability to decrease.

The variable-displacement, pressure-compensated pump is represented with the following equations:

$$q = D \cdot \omega - k_{leak} \cdot p$$

$$T = D \cdot p / \eta_{mech}$$

$$D = \begin{cases} D_{\text{max}} & \text{for } p <= p_{set} \\ D_{\text{max}} - K(p - p_{set}) & \text{for } p_{set} < p < p_{\text{max}} \\ 0 & \text{for } p >= p_{\text{max}} \end{cases}$$

$$p_{\max} = p_{set} + p_{reg}$$

$$K = D_{\max} / (p_{\max} - p_{set})$$

$$k_{leak} = k_{HP} / v \cdot \rho$$

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D {\bullet} \omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_{V}\right) {\bullet} v_{nom} {\bullet} \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

$$p = p_P - p_T$$

where

q Pump delivery

p Pressure differential across the pump

 $\rho_{P_{\tau}} \rho_{\tau}$ Gauge pressures at the block terminals

D Pump instantaneous displacement

 $D_{\scriptscriptstyle max}$ Pump maximum displacement

 ρ_{set} Pump setting pressure

 ρ_{max} Maximum pressure, at which the pump displacement is zero

Torque at the pump driving shaft

ω Pump angular velocity

 k_{leak} Leakage coefficient

 k_{HP} Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient η_V Pump volumetric efficiency

 η_{mech} Pump mechanical efficiency

V Fluid kinematic viscosity

ρ Fluid density

 ρ_{nom} Pump nominal pressure

 $\omega_{\!_{nom}}$ Pump nominal angular velocity

V_{nom} Nominal fluid kinematic viscosity

The leakage flow is determined based on the assumption that it is linearly proportional to the pressure differential across the pump and can be computed by using the Hagen-Poiseuille formula

$$p = \frac{128\mu l}{\pi d^4} q_{leak} = \frac{\mu}{k_{HP}} q_{leak}$$

where

 q_{leak} Leakage flow

d, 1 Geometric parameters of the leakage path

 μ Fluid dynamic viscosity, $\mu = v \cdot \rho$

The leakage flow at $p = p_{nom}$ and $v = v_{nom}$ can be determined from the catalog data

$$q_{leak} = D\omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_V\right)$$

which provides the formula to determine the Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient.

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D\omega_{nom} (1 - \eta_V) \cdot v_{nom} \cdot \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

The pump mechanical efficiency is not usually available in data sheets, therefore it is determined from the total and volumetric efficiencies by assuming that the hydraulic efficiency is negligibly small

$$\eta_{mech} = \eta_{total} / \eta_V$$

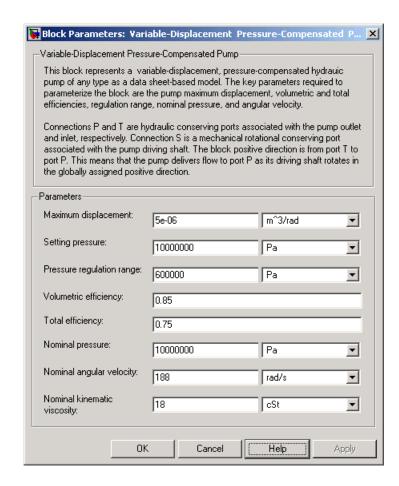
The block positive direction is from port T to port P. This means that the pump transfers fluid from T to P provided that the shaft S rotates in the positive direction. The pressure differential across the pump is determined as $p = p_P - p_T$.

Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid compressibility is neglected.
- No loading on the pump shaft, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- Leakage inside the pump is assumed to be linearly proportional to its pressure differential.

Dialog Box and Parameters



Maximum displacement

Pump displacement. The default value is 5e-6 m³/rad.

Setting pressure

Pump pressure setting. The default value is 1e7 Pa.

Pressure regulation range

Pressure range required to change the pump displacement from its maximum to zero. The default value is 6e5 Pa.

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Volumetric efficiency

Pump volumetric efficiency specified at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.85.

Total efficiency

Pump total efficiency, which is determined as a ratio between the hydraulic power at the pump outlet and mechanical power at the driving shaft at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.75.

Nominal pressure

Pressure differential across the pump, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 1e7 Pa.

Nominal angular velocity

Angular velocity of the driving shaft, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 188 rad/s.

Nominal kinematic viscosity

Working fluid kinematic viscosity, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 18 cSt.

Global Parameters

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

T
Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump suction, or inlet.

P Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump outlet.

S

Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the pump driving shaft.

Variable-Displacement Pressure-Compensated Pump

Examples The Closed-Loop Electrohydraulic Actuator with Proportional

Valve demo (sh_closed_loop_actuator) illustrates the use of the Variable-Displacement Pressure-Compensated Pump block in hydraulic

systems.

See Also Centrifugal Pump

Fixed-Displacement Pump

Variable-Displacement Pump

Purpose

Simulate variable-displacement reversible hydraulic pump

Library

Pumps and Motors

Description



The Variable-Displacement Pump block represents a variable-displacement reversible pump of any type as a data-sheet-based model. The pump delivery is proportional to the control signal provided through the physical signal port C. The pump efficiency is determined based on volumetric and total efficiencies, nominal pressure, and angular velocity. All these parameters are generally provided in the data sheets or catalogs.

Two block parameterization options are available:

- By the pump maximum displacement and stroke The displacement is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member position.
- By table-specified relationship between the control member position and pump displacement — The displacement is determined by one-dimensional table lookup based on the control member position. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

The variable-displacement pump is represented with the following equations:

$$q = D{\color{red}\bullet}\omega - k_{leak}{\color{red}\bullet}p$$

$$T = D \cdot p / \eta_{mech}$$

$$D = \begin{cases} \frac{D_{\text{max}}}{x_{\text{max}}} & x \\ D(x) & x \end{cases}$$

$$k_{leak} = k_{HP} / v \cdot \rho$$

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D {\bullet} \omega_{nom} \left(1 - \eta_V\right) {\bullet} v_{nom} {\bullet} \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

$$p = p_P - p_T$$

where

 V_{nom}

qPump delivery Pressure differential across the pump p $p_P p_T$ Gauge pressures at the block terminals DPump instantaneous displacement Pump maximum displacement D_{max} Control member displacement \boldsymbol{x} Control member maximum stroke x_{max} TTorque at the pump driving shaft ω Pump angular velocity Leakage coefficient k_{leak} Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient k_{HP} Pump volumetric efficiency $\eta_{\rm v}$ Pump mechanical efficiency $\eta_{\rm mech}$ ٧ Fluid kinematic viscosity Fluid density ρ Pump nominal pressure p_{nom} Pump nominal angular velocity ω_{nom}

Nominal fluid kinematic viscosity

The leakage flow is determined based on the assumption that it is linearly proportional to the pressure differential across the pump and can be computed by using the Hagen-Poiseuille formula

$$p = \frac{128\mu l}{\pi d^4} q_{leak} = \frac{\mu}{k_{HP}} q_{leak}$$

where

 q_{leak} Leakage flow

d, l Geometric parameters of the leakage path

 μ Fluid dynamic viscosity, $\mu = v \cdot \rho$

The leakage flow at $p=p_{nom}$ and $v=v_{nom}$ can be determined from the catalog data

$$q_{leak} = D\omega_{nom} (1 - \eta_V)$$

which provides the formula to determine the Hagen-Poiseuille coefficient

$$k_{HP} = \frac{D\omega_{nom} (1 - \eta_V) \cdot v_{nom} \cdot \rho}{p_{nom}}$$

The pump mechanical efficiency is not usually available in data sheets, therefore it is determined from the total and volumetric efficiencies by assuming that the hydraulic efficiency is negligibly small

$$\eta_{mech} = \eta_{total} / \eta_V$$

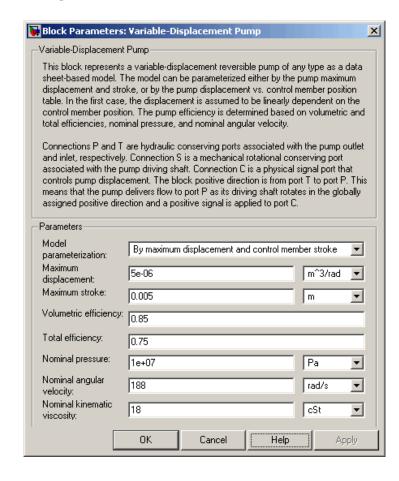
The block positive direction is from port T to port P. This means that the pump transfers fluid from T to P as its driving shaft S rotates in the globally assigned positive direction and a positive signal is applied to port C.

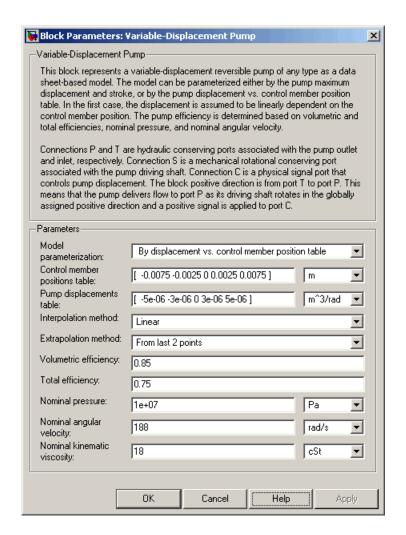
Basic Assumptions and Limitations

The model is based on the following assumptions:

- Fluid compressibility is neglected.
- No loading on the pump shaft, such as inertia, friction, spring, and so on, is considered.
- Leakage inside the pump is assumed to be linearly proportional to its pressure differential.

Dialog Box and Parameters





Model parameterization

Select one of the following block parameterization options:

• By maximum displacement and control member stroke — Provide values for maximum pump displacement and maximum

control member stroke. The displacement is assumed to be linearly dependent on the control member position. This is the default method.

By displacement vs. control member position table
 — Provide tabulated data of pump displacements and control member positions. The displacement is determined by one-dimensional table lookup. You have a choice of three interpolation methods and two extrapolation methods.

Maximum displacement

Pump maximum displacement. The default value is 5e-6 m³/rad. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum displacement and control member stroke.

Maximum stroke

Maximum control member stroke. The default value is 0.005 m. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By maximum displacement and control member stroke.

Control member positions table

Specify the vector of input values for control member position as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The input values vector must be strictly monotonically increasing. The values can be nonuniformly spaced. You must provide at least three values. The default values, in meters, are [-0.0075 -0.0025 0 0.0025 0.0075]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Pump displacements table

Specify the vector of output values for the pump displacement as a tabulated 1-by-m array. The pump displacements vector must be the same size as the control member positions vector. The default values, in m^3/rad, are [-5e-06 -3e-06 0 3e-06 5e-06]. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Interpolation method

Select one of the following interpolation methods for approximating the output value when the input value is between two consecutive grid points:

- Linear Uses a linear interpolation function.
- Cubic Uses the Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolation Polinomial (PCHIP).
- Spline Uses the cubic spline interpolation algorithm.

For more information on interpolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Extrapolation method

Select one of the following extrapolation methods for determining the output value when the input value is outside the range specified in the argument list:

- From last 2 points Extrapolates using the linear method (regardless of the interpolation method specified), based on the last two output values at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the first and second specified output values if the input value is below the specified range, and the two last specified output values if the input value is above the specified range.
- From last point Uses the last specified output value at the appropriate end of the range. That is, the block uses the last specified output value for all input values greater than the last specified input argument, and the first specified output value for all input values less than the first specified input argument.

For more information on extrapolation algorithms, see the PS Lookup Table (1D) block reference page. This parameter is used if **Model parameterization** is set to By displacement vs. control member position table.

Volumetric efficiency

Pump volumetric efficiency specified at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.85.

Total efficiency

Pump total efficiency, which is determined as a ratio between the hydraulic power at the pump outlet and mechanical power at the driving shaft at nominal pressure, angular velocity, and fluid viscosity. The default value is 0.75.

Nominal pressure

Pressure differential across the pump, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 1e7 Pa.

Nominal angular velocity

Angular velocity of the driving shaft, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 188 rad/s.

Nominal kinematic viscosity

Working fluid kinematic viscosity, at which both the volumetric and total efficiencies are specified. The default value is 18 cSt.

Restricted Parameters

When your model is in Restricted editing mode, you cannot modify the following parameters:

- Model parameterization
- Interpolation method
- Extrapolation method

All other block parameters are available for modification. The actual set of modifiable block parameters depends on the value of the **Model parameterization** parameter at the time the model entered Restricted mode.

Global Parameters

Fluid kinematic viscosity

The parameter is determined by the type of working fluid selected for the system under design. Use the Hydraulic Fluid block or the Custom Hydraulic Fluid block to specify the fluid properties.

Ports

The block has the following ports:

Т

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump suction, or inlet.

Ρ

Hydraulic conserving port associated with the pump outlet.

С

Physical signal port that controls pump displacement.

S

Mechanical rotational conserving port associated with the pump driving shaft.

See Also

Centrifugal Pump

Fixed-Displacement Pump

Variable-Displacement Pressure-Compensated Pump

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