## An Internet Book on Fluid Dynamics

## Problem 205E

A pump supplies cooling water to two parallel pipelines as shown in the sketch below.


The pump characteristic is such that the total pressure rise, $\Delta P$, across the pump is related to the volume flow rate through the pump, $Q$, by:

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\begin{equation*}
\frac{\Delta P}{\rho}=B-C Q^{2} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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where $\rho$ is the fluid density and $B$ and $C$ are known constants. The pipes all have the same internal cross-sectional area, $A$, and the various sections indicated in the sketch have loss coefficients as follows. The lengths $A B, E F$ and $B D E$ all have the same loss coefficient denoted by $k$. On the other hand the length $B C E$ has a loss coefficient equal to $4 k$. Find an expression for the velocity of flow in the section $B C E$.

