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Problem 336A

Compressed air ($\gamma=1.4$) is supplied from a reservoir to a pipe, 1cm in diameter and 5~m long. It is estimated that the average friction factor, f, of the flow in the pipe is 0.02. At the end of this long pipe is a short nozzle whose opening to the atmosphere has one half of the cross-sectional area of the pipe. Assuming that frictional effects in the nozzle can be neglected find the following information pertaining to conditions when the flow through the pipe/nozzle combination is choked:

- [A] The Mach number of the flow entering the pipe.
- [B] The ratio of the pressure in the reservoir to the pressure in the exit (throat) from the nozzle.