Example Problem – Matching a Pump to a Piping System

Given: Water ($\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $\mu = 1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m} \cdot \text{s}$) is pumped from one large reservoir to another large reservoir that is at a higher elevation. The free surfaces of both reservoirs are exposed to atmospheric pressure, as sketched. The dimensions and minor loss coefficients are provided in the figure. The pipe is 2.2 cm I.D. cast iron pipe. The total pipe length is 150.0 m. The entrance and exit are sharp. There are three regular threaded 90-degree elbows, and one fully open threaded globe valve. The pump's performance (supply curve) is approximated by the expression

$$H_{\text{available}} = h_{\text{pump, u supply}} = H_0 - a\dot{V}^2$$

where shutoff head $H_0 = 20.0$ m of water column, coefficient a = 0.072 m/Lpm², available pump head $H_{\text{available}}$ is in units of meters of water column, and volume flow rate \dot{V} is in units of liters per minute (Lpm).



To do: Calculate the volume flow rate through this piping system.

Solution:

- First we draw a control volume, as shown by the dashed line. We cut through the pump shaft and through the surface of both reservoirs (inlet 1 and outlet 2), where we know that the velocity is nearly zero and the pressure is atmospheric. The rest of the control volume simply surrounds the piping system.
- We apply the head form of the energy equation from the inlet (1) to the outlet (2):



The rest of this problem will be solved in class.