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for many years now professor aron's course of lectures at the sorbonne on les grandes doctrines de l'histoire sociologique has been a mecca for students from the united states europe and the rest of the world these lectures now serve as the basis for this major work to be completed in succeeding volumes on the history of man's understanding of his social order book jacket

how has reason believed since the enlightenment to be the ally of freedom in the search for a better more humanly satisfying world been reduced to a technical rationality that has actually impoverished the bases of human freedom what might be the

options and obligations for sociologists who wish to restore reason to its proper status working within the tradition of c wright mills and jurgen habermas frank hearn sets out to answer these questions he surveys the treatment of the relation between reason and freedom in both the classical tradition especially the writings of saint simon comte durkheim marx weber and freud and an increasingly significant segment of social thought and criticism and for example in the contrasting visions of daniel bell and christopher lasch he then analyses both the concrete social and historical forms of expression taken by what mills calls rationality without reason and their impact on individual autonomy and the freedoms associated with democratic politics finally he develops mills s and habermas s claims that the cultivation of democratic publics and a critical social theory committed to a vibrant public life are indispensable to the protection and revitalization of the values of reason and freedom and of the practices they entail this book updates and enriches mills s influential argument by demonstrating its affinity with critical theory by showing its contributions to a critical understanding of the classical tradition and by showing its implications for contemporary social political and economic developments

designed as a first line introductory text to the study of sociological thought this book is now considered a classic in the field and is a top seller in the third world for university courses in sociological theory the perspective is cross cultural the main currents of sociological thought says the authors advanced by the founders and the later masters represent different times various cultural contexts and the many intellectual cross current representatives of each s time period rigorously defined and not necessarily appropriately these early thoughts were merely ideas rather than soundly constructed theories for building blocks of theoretical development they provide insights into and perspectives on the structure and functioning of social systems and the conceptual frameworks for their systematic analysis the history of sociology then is the history of social thought this volume provides a carefully constructed look into the emerging social thought of the twentieth century as reflected in the emerging discipline of sociology

current sociological theories appear to have lost their general persuasiveness in part because unlike the theories of the classical era

they fail to maintain an integrated stance toward society and the practical role that sociology plays in society the authors explore various facets of this failure and possibilities for reconstructing sociological theories as integrated wholes capable of conveying a moral and political immediacy they discuss the evolution of several concepts for example the social structure and self and address the significant disputes for example structuralism versus humanism and individual versus society that have dominated twentieth century sociological thought their ideas and analyses are directed towards an audience of students and theorists who are coming to terms with the project of sociological theory and its relationship with moral discourses and political practice the authors of these essays are sociological theorists from the united states the united kingdom and canada they are all established but not establishment authors the book contains no orthodoxies and no answers however the essays do contribute to identifying the range of issues that will constitute the agenda for the next generation of sociological theorists

this textbook explores the emergence of sociology as a distinct social science focusing on the evolution of social theories movements and ideas through history it analyses the dynamic relationship between the individual and the larger social forces around them this volume examines the definitive aspects of societies communities and social groups and their intersections with culture political and economic movements and religious institutions it establishes the connections between sociology and other disciplines such as philosophy history political science economics psychology and anthropology to explore the interdependence between different realms of social life the chapters in this book explain and highlight the significance of quantitative and qualitative methods of research in understanding the dynamics of social life drawing from the works of classical social theorists such as auguste comte herbert spencer karl marx emile durkheim and max weber this book traces the development of sociological perspectives and theories and their relevance in the history of ideas lucid and comprehensive this textbook will be useful for undergraduate and postgraduate students of sociology development studies history of ideas sociological thought social theory research methods political science and anthropology

introduces readers to the key figures and founders of sociological theory including marx weber durkheim and martineau locating

each thinker within their own social political and historical context and helping readers use these ideas to understand the contemporary world

my initial interest in sociology stemmed from the desire to see specific social change in certain areas of my native united states of america my rather naive assumption at that time was that if the truth is known about social phenomena and presented to rational and educated persons public opinion will bring about the desirable social change that is i assumed some automatic linkage between truth rationality and social progress certainly some of the so called pioneers of sociology also assumed this automatic linkage thus the opportunity to study in europe on the soil of some of these pioneers heightened my interest and desire to learn more about the relationship between sociology and social progress after living and studying several years in various parts of western europe england germany france holland one finds that european sociology has remained very closely associated with social philosophy and history has often been resisted by the universities and is not as empirical as american sociology the european sociologist still quite conscious of the mistakes of the early fathers comte spencer marx among others is extremely cautious concerning problems of social progress and social action he is aware that his science is still young and suspect he is also less sure than his predecessors about the exact role of sociology

what can sociological theory tell us about the basic forces that shape our world with clarity and authority leading theorist jonathan h turner seeks to answer this question through a brief yet in depth examination of twelve major sociological theories readers are given an opportunity to explore the foundational premise of each theory and key elements that make it distinctive the book draws on biographical background analysis of important works historical influences and other critical insights to help readers make the important connections between these monumental sociological theories and the social world in which we live this concise resource is a perfect complement to any course that seeks to examine both classic and contemporary sociological theory

this is the first of raymond aron's magisterial two volume treatment of the sociological tradition perhaps the definitive work of its kind the second volume treating durkheim pareto and weber is scheduled to appear in spring 1998 more than a work of

reconstruction aron's study is at its deepest level an engagement with the question of modernity what constitutes the essence of the new modern order that having emerged in the eighteenth century still forms the categories of our experience sweeping us along toward an unknown destination with his usual scrupulous fairness aron looks to the major social thinkers to discern how they answered this pressing question volume 1 explores three traditions the french liberal school of political sociology represented by montesquieu and toqueville the comtean tradition anticipating durkheim in its deemphasis of the political and its elevation of social unity and consensus and the marxists who posited the struggle between classes and placed their faith in historical necessity a foreword by the eminent french philosopher pierre manent highlights main currents as a unique contribution to political philosophy as well as the history of sociological thought while daniel j mahoney and brian c anderson provide an introduction situating main currents within the corpus of aron's work as a whole this work is essential reading for philosophers historians sociologists and political scientists

essential writings from classical and contemporary sociological theorists engagingly introduced and brought to life for students this concise reader in sociological theory contains excerpts from the writings of a wide range of key theorists who represent the dynamic breadth of classical and contemporary macro and micro sociological theory the selected writings elaborate on the core concepts and arguments of sociological theory and along with the commentary explore topics that resonate today such as crisis and change institutions and networks power and inequality race gender difference and much more the text contains editorial introductions to each section that clearly explain the intellectual context of the theorists and their arguments and reinforce their relevance to sociological analysis and society today the excerpts include writings from the classicists karl marx max weber emile durkheim w e b du bois to the contemporary patricia hill collins dorothy smith raewyn connell this indispensable book offers a concise review of the diverse field of sociological theory includes contributions from a wide range of noted classical and contemporary theorists incorporates engaging empirical examples from contemporary society demonstrates the relevance and significance of the ideas presented in the theorists writings designed for undergraduate and graduate students in sociology and in social and political theory concise reader in sociological theory is an engaging and accessible guide to the most relevant

sociological theorists

annotation in this fundamental contribution to the study and application of sociological theory wallace examines a wide range of theories within a framework that clarifies their interrelationships and illustrates their implications for empirical research wallace is able to point out the symbiotic relationships among these theories which at first may appear to be in direct opposition or at least discord sociological theory begins with an original essay by the editor that introduces the reader to eleven general theoretical viewpoints he calls these ecologism demographism materialism psychologism technologism functional structuralism exchange structuralism conflict structuralism symbolic interactionism social actionism and functional imperativism to do this wallace assembles selected readings by major theorists that provide detailed examples of each of the theoretical viewpoints discussed the selections are keyed to the framework developed in the introduction so as to enable the reader to work back and forth between the general and the particular statements offering far more than a mere survey or an abstract critical analysis in this way sociological theory provides a learning matrix that facilitates comprehension and enables the reader systematically to expand his knowledge of sociological theory in developing his analytical framework wallace points out how these different types of theory complement rather than conflict with one another through this approach he is able to show the distinctive level and scope of analysis of each theory to demonstrate why the sociologist must draw upon and integrate several viewpoints for interpreting research results and formulating hypotheses a useful guide and reference work for researchers and teachers the book is an excellent basic or supplementary text for all theory courses as robert k merton noted at the time of the original publication sociological theory is a beautiful piece of work

this book expands the sociological canon by introducing non western and female voices and subjects the existing canon itself to critique including chapters on both the founding fathers of sociology and neglected thinkers it highlights the biases of eurocentrism and androcentrism while also offering much needed correctives to them the authors challenge a dominant account of the development of sociological theory which would have us believe that it was only western european and later north american white

males in the nineteenth and early twentieth century who thought in a creative and systematic manner about the origins and nature of the emerging modernity of their time this integrated and contextualised account seeks to restructure the ways in which we theorise the emergence of the classical sociological canon this book s global scope fills a significant lacuna and provides a unique teaching resource to students of classical sociological theory

stephen kalberg s the social thought of max weber the newest volume of the sage social thinkers series provides a concise introduction to the work life and influence of max weber considered to be one of three most important founders along with marx and durkheim of sociology the book serves as an excellent introduction to the full range of weber s major themes and explores in detail the extent to which they are relevant today it is ideal for use as a self contained volume or in conjunction with other sociological theory textbooks

the first historical account of raymond aron s role in the reconfiguration of liberal thought in the short twentieth century

this is the second of raymond aron s classic two volume survey of the sociological tradition arguably the definitive work of its kind aron explores the work of three figures who profoundly shaped sociology as it entered the twentieth century Émile durkheim who continued auguste comte s quest for a science of society and a scientific validation of morality vilfredo pareto the italian neo machiavellian who emphasized the oligarchic or elitist character of all societies and the german sociologist max weber who reflected critically on the prospects for human freedom in an age marked by bureaucratization and rationalization aron presents rich portraits of these three thinkers drawing out the enduring insights that remain in their work at the same time he reflects critically on durkheim s project for a science of society pareto s critique of humanitarianism and weber s tragic pessimism above all the book is remarkable for demonstrating aron s lifelong indebtedness to and divergence from the thought of max weber the sociologist par excellence in aron s view this routledge classics edition includes an introduction by daniel j mahoney and brian c anderson

what is the role of sociological theory in the information age what kinds of theories are best suited to analyzing the social uses of digital technologies and for using digital technologies in new ways to study the social this book contributes to several ongoing conversations on how the social sciences can best adapt to contemporary information technologies and information societies focusing on practical or usable theory it surveys the challenges and opportunities of conducting social science in the information age as well as the theoretical solutions that sociologists have developed and applied over the last two decades with specific attention to three theoretical approaches in digital social research critical theory forensic theory and bourdieusian theory the author provides an overview of the history and main tenets of each surveys its use in sociological research and evaluates its successes and limitations taking a long term view of theoretical development in evaluating schools of thought and considering their productivity in analyzing and using contemporary digital communication technologies this book thus treats theory as a tool for empirical research and the development of theory as inseparable from research practice as such it will appeal to scholars of sociology and social theory with interests in research methods the development of theory and digital technologies

a sweeping history of social theories about war and peace from hobbes to the twenty first century this book the first of its kind provides a sweeping critical history of social theories about war and peace from hobbes to the present distinguished social theorists hans joas and wolfgang knöbl present both a broad intellectual history and an original argument as they trace the development of thinking about war over more than 350 years from the premodern era to the period of german idealism and the scottish and french enlightenments and then from the birth of sociology in the nineteenth century through the twentieth century while focusing on social thought the book draws on many disciplines including philosophy anthropology and political science joas and knöbl demonstrate the profound difficulties most social thinkers including liberals socialists and those intellectuals who could be regarded as the first sociologists had in coming to terms with the phenomenon of war the most obvious form of large scale social violence with only a few exceptions these thinkers who believed deeply in social progress were unable to account for war because they regarded it as marginal or archaic and on the verge of disappearing this overly optimistic picture of the modern world persisted in social theory even in the twentieth century as most sociologists and social theorists either ignored war and violence in their

theoretical work or tried to explain it away the failure of the social sciences and especially sociology to understand war joas and knöbl argue must be seen as one of the greatest weaknesses of disciplines that claim to give a convincing diagnosis of our times

professor john rex was one of britain s most eminent sociologists and a teacher of a whole generation of sociology students in this book he presents a stimulating introduction to the major issues of sociological theory and gives an account of the perspective which has informed his thinking and writing he deals with the objectives of sociological investigation the methods it uses and how in these respects it resembles or differs from natural science and history he goes on to discuss the work of weber durkheim marx engels mills and other important theorists and concludes with a convincing demonstration of the continuing relevance of the weberian tradition to the study of sociology

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this concise text covers both classical and contemporary social thought it traces the major schools of thought over the past 150 years as they appear and reappear in different chapters and looks at important new voices in social theory the treatment of individual theories and theorists is balanced with the development of key themes and ideas about social life

this book draws on the insights of critical creative thinking to guide students to a mastery of the necessary cognitive habits and skills the objective is to increase students appreciation of and enthusiasm for the field of sociology

this second edition is a thoroughly revised expanded version of the bestselling student text in classical social theory author kenneth morrison provides an authoritative accessible undergraduate guide to the three pivotal figures in the classical tradition readable and stimulating the second edition of marx durkheim weber formations of modern social thought explains the key ideas of these thinkers and situates them in their historical and philosophical contexts

sociologists tales brings together the thoughts and experiences of key uk sociologists from different generations of british sociology in reflecting on why they have chosen a career in sociology how they have managed to do it and what advice they would offer the next generation

sociological theory has typically been studied in three types of courses history of sociological thought modern sociological perspectives and philosophy of science theoretical thinking in sociology is a book that combines all three of these approaches and covers four main themes in sociological theory exchange theory functionalism symbolic interaction and ethnomethodology although each theory takes a different approach to the task of explaining social order all are presented with an emphasis on theoretical thinking in addition to outlining these theories the author describes in detail the theoretical problems faced by leading sociological theorists and their solutions to them and presents theory as a creative intellectual development the book reviews significant problems from the history of theory in sociology and discusses research literature and the relationship of this research to its theoretical field each chapter of this 1979 second edition ends with a summary topics for discussion essay questions and suggestions for further reading

this book examines individualism and holism the two interpretive perspectives that have divided sociological theory into two camps examines attempts to overcome this antinomy and sets out a new approach to resolving this dilemma via critical reconfigurationism

scientific knowledge and sociological theory centres on the problem of explaining the manifest variety and contrast in the beliefs about nature held in different groups and societies the sociological interest of such beliefs is illustrated and a sociological perspective upon scientific change is developed

in 1952 at princeton university harold garfinkel developed a sociological theory of information other prominent theories then being worked out at princeton including game theory neglected the social elements of information modeling a rational individual whose success depends on completeness of both reason and information in real life these conditions are not possible and these approaches therefore have always had limited and problematic practical application garfinkel s sociological theory treats information as a thoroughly organized social phenomenon in a way that addresses these shortcomings comprehensively although famous as a sociologist of everyday life garfinkel focuses in this new book never before published on the concerns of large scale organization and decisionmaking in the fifty years since garfinkel wrote this treatise there has been no systematic treatment of the problems and issues he raises nor has anyone proposed a theory of information like the one he proposed many of the same problems that troubled theorists of information and predictable order in 1952 are still problematic today

this is an introduction to the central concepts and arguments of the sociological theorists karl marx emile durkheim and max weber it touches on the initial turn to sociological thought through a brief discussion of the enlightenment conservative reaction comte and spencer from this sociological blend of liberal and conservative ideas the work moves to its core discussion of the varying accounts of modern society found in the works of marx durkheim and weber from marx s reading of history and analysis of capitalism it moves through durkheim s accounts of social solidarity and suicide to weber s understanding of bureaucracy and of the religious foundations of the modern work ethic

introducing sociological theory offers a comprehensive navigable and highly readable introduction to the main schools of thought in sociology along with the philosophical ideas that underpin them 8 broad theoretical traditions or perspectives are explained helping you to recognize the scope and range of sociological theory and to think sociologically and see the social world in different ways

the author skilfully and revealingly engages with each theoretical perspective showing what it actually means why it utilises certain concepts over others and how it generates and derives from evolving traditions of sociological thought introducing sociological theory is an essential text for all sociology students and of key interest more broadly within the social sciences and humanities

introducing the founders of sociological theory from marx weber durkheim and martineau through to simmel dubois mead and others this accessible textbook locates each thinker within their own social political and historical context by doing so it helps readers to understand the development of central sociological concepts and how they can help us understand the contemporary world the book includes lively biographical sections to help readers get to know each thinker clear and easy to understand accounts of each theorist s arguments and the most common criticisms key concept boxes highlighting the most influential ideas this comprehensive enlightening text brings the rich and diverse field of classical sociological theory to life

this innovative new reader on contemporary sociological theory has a canadian emphasis this volume unites 21 influential european and american social theorists with 13 canadian thinkers and writers to offer a strong canadian interpretation of international theoretical currents spanning almost 80 years ideally designed for undergraduate courses as an introduction to modern sociological theory the first section masterfully introduces the major theoretical offerings of the 20th century structural functionalism symbolic interaction and feminist analysis it also profiles themes of class conflict and the state and modernism culture and change the second section is devoted to critical themes for the 21st century this includes postmodernity and its critics society subjects and the self globalization and global consciousness and postcolonialism diaspora citizenship and identity unique features of the book are its provocative presentation of 21st century themes and the inclusion of many of today s most influential social thinkers such as edward said stuart hall jurgen habermas ulrich beck jean baudrillard and pierre bourdieu the canadian content includes readings from key canadian scholars and social critics such as dorothy smith naomi klein mariana valverde leo panitch john porter charles taylor david lyon and will kymlicka this book will be an essential text for modern sociological theory courses offered in sociology departments across canada

the book deals with all aspects of sociological theories in detail from auguste comte to arnold j toynbee in the introductory chapter 1 various aspects of social thought have been described in an excellent manner in the following chapters the contributions of great sociologists like auguste comte karl marx herbert spencer sorokin max weber cooley talcott parsons vilfredo pareto emile durkheim ferdinand tonnies george simmel thorstein veblen robert k merton and arnold j toynbee have been discussed in a clear and lucid way special importance has been given to karl marx and emile durkheim in chapter 3 and 10 respectively and their various theories have been given in a graphic manner so as to meet the requirements of the students of political science and public administration in particular and other students in general

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Gear Pumps vs. Screw Pumps: Unraveling the Differences for Optimal Fluid Handling

Choosing the right pump for a specific application can be a daunting task. The world of fluid handling boasts a vast array of pumping technologies, each with unique strengths and weaknesses. Two prominent contenders often compared are gear pumps and screw pumps. While both are positive displacement pumps capable of handling viscous fluids, their internal mechanisms, operating principles, and performance characteristics differ significantly, impacting their suitability for diverse applications. This article dives deep into these differences, helping you make informed decisions when selecting the appropriate pump for your needs.

1. Operating Principles: The Heart of the Matter

The fundamental distinction between gear pumps and screw pumps lies in their pumping mechanism. **Gear Pumps:** These pumps utilize interlocking gears, typically spur gears or helical gears, rotating within a close-fitting casing. As the gears rotate, fluid is trapped in the cavities between the gear teeth and the casing. This trapped fluid is carried around the casing, progressively moving from the suction side to the discharge side, creating a continuous flow. The meshing of the gears ensures a positive displacement – a fixed volume of fluid is moved per revolution, regardless of pressure fluctuations. **Screw Pumps:** Screw pumps, also known as progressive cavity pumps, employ one or more helical rotors (screws) rotating within a similarly shaped stator. The rotors' rotation creates pockets of fluid within the channels formed between the rotor and the stator. These pockets progressively move the fluid along the pump's axis, resulting in a continuous flow. The fluid is squeezed and transported along the screw channels, ensuring a smooth and pulsation-free flow.

2. Flow Characteristics: Smooth vs. Pulsating

Gear pumps, particularly spur gear pumps, tend to produce a pulsating flow. The discrete nature of the gear teeth transferring fluid leads to fluctuations in discharge pressure and flow rate. This pulsation can be mitigated using multiple gear stages or employing helical gears, which provide a smoother flow compared to spur gears. Screw pumps, conversely, are renowned for their exceptionally smooth and pulsation-free flow. The continuous engagement of the rotors and stator results in a consistent, even discharge, ideal for applications sensitive to flow fluctuations. This smooth operation also contributes to lower noise levels compared to gear pumps.

3. Viscosity Handling: A Tale of Two Strengths

Both gear pumps and screw pumps excel at handling viscous fluids. However, their strengths lie in different viscosity ranges. Gear Pumps: Gear pumps are generally more suitable for moderately viscous fluids. While they can handle high-viscosity fluids, excessive viscosity can lead to increased wear and tear on the gears, requiring more power consumption. Screw Pumps: Screw pumps are champions in handling highly viscous fluids, even those with non-Newtonian characteristics. The gentle squeezing action of the rotors within the stator minimizes shear stress, making them ideal for sensitive fluids such as polymers, slurries, and food products.

4. Shear Sensitivity: Gentle Handling vs. Potential Damage

The way fluids are handled impacts their integrity. Gear Pumps: The meshing action of the gears in gear pumps can generate significant shear forces, especially at high speeds. This can be detrimental to shear-sensitive fluids, potentially altering their

properties or damaging them. Screw Pumps: The gentle squeezing action of screw pumps minimizes shear stress, making them exceptionally suitable for shear-sensitive fluids. This characteristic makes them a preferred choice in industries like food processing and pharmaceuticals, where preserving fluid integrity is paramount.

5. Applications: Real-World Examples

The choice between a gear pump and a screw pump is heavily influenced by the specific application. Gear Pumps: Gear pumps find widespread applications in lubricating systems, hydraulic power units, chemical processing, and fuel transfer. Their ability to handle moderate viscosities and their relatively simple design contribute to their popularity and cost-effectiveness in these scenarios. Screw Pumps: Screw pumps are commonly used in applications requiring gentle handling of high-viscosity fluids. This includes industries such as wastewater treatment (handling sludge), food processing (pumping pastes and sauces), and the pharmaceutical industry (transporting delicate suspensions). Their smooth flow and low shear rates make them crucial in these applications.

6. Maintenance and Cost: A Comparative Perspective

Gear Pumps: Gear pumps generally have a simpler design, leading to lower initial costs. Maintenance involves routine lubrication and occasional gear replacement. However, excessive wear and tear can occur if the pump is mishandled or used with highly abrasive fluids. Screw Pumps: Screw pumps tend to have higher initial costs due to their more complex design. Maintenance typically involves stator and rotor replacements. However, their long operational life and suitability for high-viscosity fluids can compensate for the higher initial investment in the long run.

Conclusion

The selection between a gear pump and a screw pump hinges on the specific requirements of the application. Gear pumps are a cost-effective and versatile choice for handling moderately viscous fluids, while screw pumps excel in handling highly viscous, shear-sensitive fluids, justifying their higher initial cost with their robust performance and gentler handling. Understanding their operational principles, flow characteristics, and viscosity handling capabilities is critical for optimal fluid handling.

FAQs: Addressing Common Queries

1. Q: Can a gear pump handle abrasive fluids? A: Gear pumps can handle some abrasive fluids, but excessive abrasiveness can lead to rapid wear and tear on the gears, shortening the pump's lifespan. Special materials might be needed for increased durability. 2. Q: What is the maximum pressure capability of gear and screw pumps? A: Both gear and screw pumps can achieve high pressure capabilities, but the maximum pressure varies greatly depending on pump design, size, and fluid properties. Consult the manufacturer's specifications for precise pressure limits. 3. Q: Are gear pumps self-priming? A: Generally, gear pumps are not self-priming; they require a separate priming system to fill the pump casing with fluid before operation. However, certain designs might incorporate features to aid self-priming. 4. Q: Can screw pumps handle solids in suspension? A: Screw pumps can handle a limited amount of solids in suspension, but the concentration of solids and their size greatly affect the pump's performance and longevity. Excessive solids can lead to increased wear and blockages. 5. Q: Which pump is more efficient? A: Efficiency depends heavily on the specific application and pump design. In general, screw pumps tend to be more efficient at handling high-viscosity fluids, while gear pumps might be more efficient for lower-viscosity applications. Detailed analysis of each pump's performance curves is crucial for accurate efficiency comparison.

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