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T-tube.tex Draining of a T tube

A vertical tube of constant cross sectional area A branches off at the lower end into two horontal tubes. The cross sectional area of the branches OB and OB' are both A/2. At the points of branching there are two valves.

With the values closed, the vertical tube is filled with water to the height H. At t = 0 the values are suddenly open. Find the motion in the vertical and horizontal tudes as a result of gravity. Ignoreviscosity and treat the flow as one dimensional and transient.