

Flow through Open Channels.

Artificial or natural flow passages that have through which liquid flows with its free surface exposed to atmospheric pressure or a constant pressure, is called open channels. Partly-filled culverts and pipelines are also called treated as open channel.

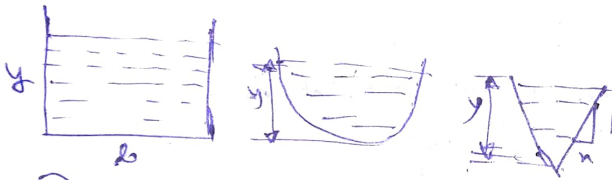
- Group
- (i) open & covered channels,
 - ii) regular & irregular c/s channels.

Open channels:- Irrigation canals, water falls, rivers, streams and flumes.

Covered channels:- Public water supply, sewage lines.

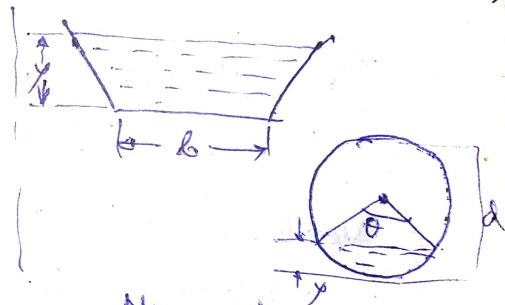
Regular (c/s) artificial channels \rightarrow Irrigation canals, sewerage pipes,

Irregular c/s (natural) channels \rightarrow Rivers & Streams.



Exponential

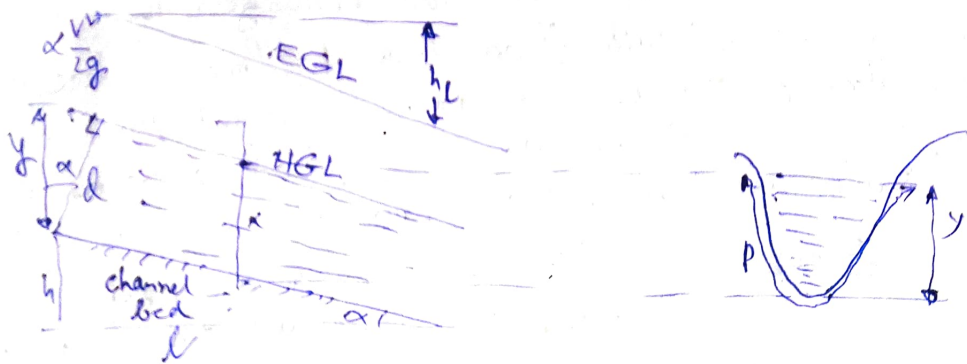
$$A = K y^m$$



Non-exponential
 $A \neq K y^m$

The relations of channel flow is derived from experiments as many variables affect the channel flow.

Terms related to channel flow



Depth of flow (y) - vertical distance from free liquid surface to channel bed.

Depth of flow section (d) - Depth of liquid measured normal to the direction of flow.

$$d = y \cos \alpha \quad \text{for very small slope} \\ \cos \alpha \approx 1 \Rightarrow d \approx y$$

or $d \approx y$

Top width (T) \rightarrow width of the channel surface section at free liquid surface

Wetted Area (A) \rightarrow c/s area of channel normal to the direction of flow.

Channel slope (α) \rightarrow Angle of channel bed and FLS with horizontal.

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{h}{L} \quad h = \text{vertical fall in length } L \text{ of channel,} \\ \alpha \text{ is small } \therefore \tan \alpha = \sin \alpha = h/L$$

$\alpha = 1$ in 5000 to 10000 in open earthen channels,
1 in 10000 in large rivers.

Wetted perimeter and Hydraulic mean depth :-

channel lining (sides and base) that comes in direct contact with the liquid stream, is called the wetted perimeter (P).

hydraulic mean depth (y_m) = $\frac{\text{Wetted area (A)}}{\text{Wetted perimeter (P)}}$



- (i) Rectangular. $y_m = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{by}{b+2y}$
- (ii) Pipe running ~~full~~ full = $\frac{(\pi/4)d^2}{\pi d} = \frac{d}{4}$
- (iii) Pipe not running full $y_m = \frac{A}{P}$
 $= \frac{(r^2/2)(2\theta - \sin 2\theta)}{2r\theta}$

Hydraulic Depth $T D = \frac{\text{Wetted area}}{\text{Top width}} = \frac{A}{T}$

Apparently it represents ~~the~~ a rectangular area ($T \times D$) equivalent to cross sectional area of the flow.

Hydraulic gradient line (HGL) & Energy gradient line (EGL)

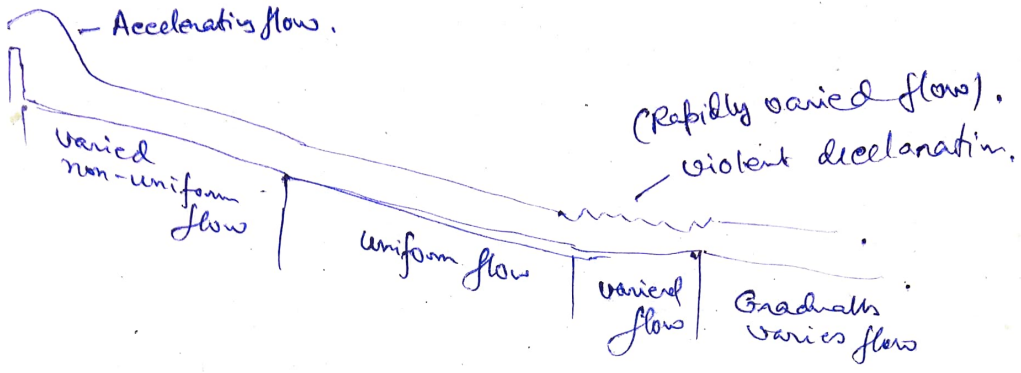
HGL represents pressure at various c/s of the channel. For open channels it ^{coincides.} is equal to the FLS.

EGL indicates total energy of the liquid. It lies above HGL and the distance is

$\alpha \cdot \frac{v^2}{2g}$ $\alpha = \text{K.E. correction factor} = 1.1 \text{ to } 1.2$

The slope of EGL = $\frac{h_f}{L} = \frac{\text{head lost due to friction}}{\text{length of channel in which loss occurs}}$
 (hydraulic slope)

Type of flow



Laminar and turbulent flow. → Depends on Reynolds number.

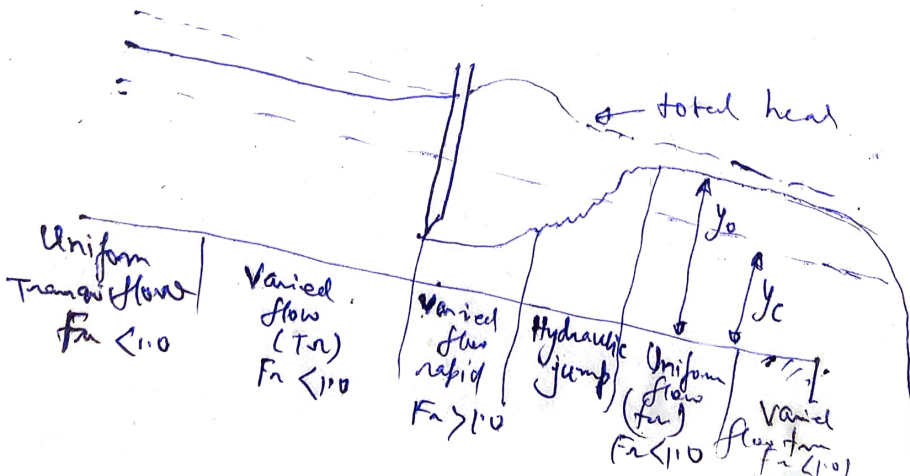
$$Re = \frac{\rho \cdot V \cdot y_m}{\mu}$$

- $Re < 500$ laminar
- $500 < Re < 2000$ transitional
- $Re > 2000$ turbulent.

Tranquil & rapid flow. → Flow is due to gravity.

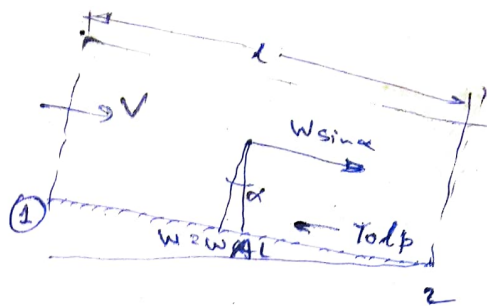
∴ Froude number $Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{g y_m}}$ for analysis of open channel flow.

- i) $Fr < 1.0$ - tranquil or stream flow. Velocity low. Disturbance can propagate to upstream. The nature of flow is governed by downstream conditions.
- ii) $Fr = 1.0$ → Critical flow. Flow vel. is equal to the vel of an elementary wave.
- iii) $Fr > 1.0$ Rapid or shooting flow where flow vel is very high. Disturbance in downstream can't travel upstream.



CHEZY EQUATION

Pressure P_1 & P_2 acts at
 two ends.
 depth of liquid is constant.
 Pressure distribution is
 hydrostatic.



Force producing motion is the component of wt.
 $= \rho g A l \sin \alpha$. $\rho = \text{sp. gravity}$.

Frictional resistance is $T_0 l P$

$T_0 =$ boundary
 shear stress
 per unit area

For steady flow the friction force
 $=$ wt. of liquid mass acting along the fluid motion.
 $T_0 l P = \rho g A l \sin \alpha$.

$$T_0 \propto v^2 \Rightarrow T_0 = f v^2$$

$$f v^2 l P = \rho g A l \sin \alpha$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{f}} \times \sqrt{\frac{A}{P} \sin \alpha}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}} \sqrt{y_m \sin \alpha}$$

$$= C \sqrt{y_m \sin \alpha}$$

$C = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{f}}$ is a variable depends on roughness
 of channel surface and flow the
 flow Reynolds number.

So, $v = C \sqrt{y_m \sin \alpha}$ is known as Chezy equation.

developed by Antoine
~~de~~ Chezy
 (French Eng'r 1735)

Discharge, $Q = A \cdot v = A \cdot C \sqrt{y_m \sin \alpha} = K \sqrt{\sin \alpha}$

where $K = A C \sqrt{y_m}$

The factor K is the conveyance of the channel
 section. It is a measure of carrying capacity
 of the channel. For a channel of constant
 slope, the conveyance is directly proportional
 to discharge.

Empirical relations for Chezy Constant c .

c is a variable. Its value depends on Re , and surface roughness. c has a dimension of $L^{1/2}/T$ so its numerical value depends on units employed.

Some empirical relations of Chezy coefficient are as follows. (These are based on experimental evidences).

* The Manning formula $c = y_m^{1/6}/N$.

y_m = hydraulic mean depth N = Manning Const (depends on roughness)

Application is wide, best for turbulent fully developed flow. (It is the case of most channel flow).

* The Bazin formula $c = \frac{87}{1 + (K/\sqrt{y_m})}$

K = Bazin constant. (depends on roughness)

Not accurate for large channels.

* The Kutter formula $c = \frac{23 + (0.00155/s) + (1/N)}{1 + [23 + 0.00155/s] (N/\sqrt{y_m})}$

N = Kutter constant (depends on type of the channel).

* Give ratio's factory result for variety of flow situation. (Tables & charts are available).

Problem: Calculate flow rate and conveyance for a rectangular channel of 5 m wide for uniform flow at a depth of 1.5 m. The bed slope is 1 vertical to 1000 horizontal. Comment on state of flow. $C = 50 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\text{s}$.

Soln: Flow area $A = by = 5 \times 1.5 = 7.5 \text{ m}^2$.

$P = b + 2y = 5 + 2 \times 1.5 = 8 \text{ m}$.

$y_m = \frac{A}{P} = 0.9375 \text{ m}$.

$V = C \sqrt{y_m S} = 50 \sqrt{0.9375 \times (1/1000)} = 1.53 \text{ m/s}$.

Discharge $Q = AV = 7.5 \times 1.53 = 11.48 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

Conveyance $K = CA \sqrt{y_m} = 50 \times 7.5 \times \sqrt{0.9375} = 363.09$ (m^{3/2}/s) ??

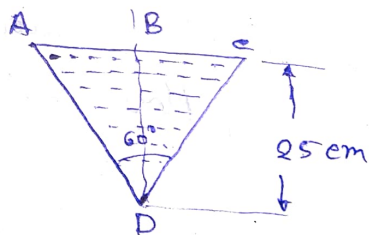
Froude number $Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy}} = \frac{1.53}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 1.5}} = 0.399$.

$Fr < 1.0 =$ Flow is tranquil.

2: A triangular gutter, whose sides include an angle of 60° , conveys water at a uniform depth of 25 cm. If the discharge is $0.04 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, work out the bed gradient of the trough. $C = 52 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\text{sec}$.

Soln: $AD = CD = \frac{BD}{\cos 30^\circ} = \frac{0.25}{0.866} = 0.288 \text{ m}$

$AC = 2BD \tan 30^\circ = 2 \times 0.025 \times 0.5774 = 0.288 \text{ m}$.



Area of flow $A = \frac{1}{2} AC \times BD = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.288 \times 0.25 = 0.036 \text{ m}^2$.

$P = AD + CD = 0.576 \text{ m}$

$y_m = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{0.036}{0.576} = 0.0626 \text{ m}$.

$Q = AV = AC \sqrt{y_m S} \Rightarrow S = \frac{Q^2}{A^2 C^2 y_m} = \frac{0.04}{0.036^2 \times 52^2 \times 0.0626} = \frac{1}{137} \text{ Ans.}$

Q.3 A channel having ~~semicircular~~ ^{semicircular} bottom of 1.2 m diameter and two sides as vertical when depth of flow is 1.2 m. $C = 68 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\rho$. $\rho = 1$ in 950. Calculate discharge.

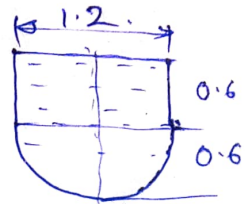
Soln:

$$A = 1.2 \times 0.6 + \frac{1}{2} \times \pi \times (0.6)^2 = 1.285 \text{ m}^2$$

$$P = 0.6 \times 2 + \pi \times 0.6 = 3.085 \text{ m}$$

$$y_m = \frac{A}{P} = 0.4165 \text{ m}$$

$$Q = AV = AC\sqrt{y_m \rho} = 1.83 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$



Q.4 An irrigation canal of trapezoidal channel has ~~the bed depth~~ ^{width} of 3.5 m and bed slope of 1 in 1600. depth of flow = 1.5 m and the side ~~slope~~ slope of the channel is $\frac{1}{2}$ (ie 1 vertical to 2 horizontal). Determine the average flow velocity and the discharge carried by the channel. [Use Bazin formula with $K = 1.54$. Also compute the average shear stress at the channel boundary.]

Soln:

$$AB = b, \quad DE = y$$

Horizontal distance

$$EA = BF = ny$$

$$n = \text{slope } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Top width } CD = AB + 2BF = b + 2ny$$

$$\text{Slant height } AD = BC = \sqrt{y^2 + n^2 y^2} = y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$$

$$P = DA + AB + BC = b + 2y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$$

$$= 3.5 + 2 \times 1.5 \sqrt{2^2 + 1} = 10.21 \text{ m}$$

$$A = \frac{\text{top width} + \text{bottom width}}{2} \times \text{height}$$

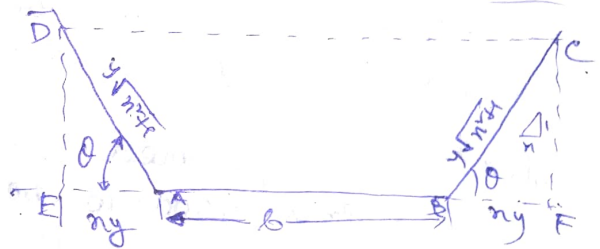
$$= \frac{(b + 2ny) + b}{2} \times y = y(b + ny) = 1.5(3.5 + 2 \times 1.5) = 9.75 \text{ m}^2$$

$$y_m = \frac{A}{P} = 0.955 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Bazin formula for chezy coeff. } C = \frac{87}{1 + K/\sqrt{y_m}}$$

$$= \frac{87}{1 + (1.54/\sqrt{0.955})} = 33.77$$

$$\text{Flow velocity } V = C\sqrt{y_m \rho} = 33.77 \times \sqrt{0.955 \times (1/1600)} = 0.825 \text{ m/sec}$$



$$\text{Discharge } Q = AV = 9.75 \times 0.825 = 8.04 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec.}$$

ii) Under equilibrium. $\gamma_0 l p = \gamma A l \sin \alpha$.

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_0 &= \gamma \frac{A}{P} \sin \alpha = \gamma \cdot y_m \cdot \sin \alpha \\ &= 9810 \times 0.955 \times \frac{1}{1600} \\ &= 0.596 \text{ N/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Prob: A district has a drainage area of 10 sq. km with a population of 4000 per sq. km. The daily water supply is 175 l per head. During dry weather, it is found that 8% of total water supply passes along the sewer between the hours 12 noon & 1 PM.

Assuming max^m rainfall of 2 cm in 24 hours over the whole area, determine the dia of the circular pipe which will carry max^m dry weather flow and the rainfall without the sewer becoming more than half full. slope 1:2500, $C = 60 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\text{s}$.

Soln:- Drainage area = 10 sq. km = $10 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2$
 population = $4000 \times 10 = 40000$
 Daily water supply = 175 l/head = $0.175 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$ per head.
 Daily " " to district = $0.175 \times 10^{-3} \times 40000$
 $= 7000 \text{ m}^3$
 water consumption between 12 noon to 1 PM
 $= 0.08 \times 7000 = 560 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr} = 0.155 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

\therefore Rate of dry fl^w weather flow = $0.155 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

$$\text{Rainfall} = 2 \text{ cm in } 24 \text{ hr.} = \frac{0.02 \times 10 \times 10^6}{24 \times 3600}$$

$$= 2.315 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Total discharge which sewer to convey
 $= 0.155 + 2.315 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec.}$

$$\text{Flow Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 = \frac{\pi}{8} d^2$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \times \pi d = \frac{\pi d}{2}$$

$$y_m = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{\pi/8 d^3}{\pi d/2} = \frac{d}{4}$$

$$Q = AC \sqrt{y_m i} =$$

$$\therefore 2.47 = \frac{\pi}{8} d^2 \times 60 \times \sqrt{\frac{d}{4} \times \frac{1}{2500}} = 0.2335 d^{5/2}$$

$$\therefore d = \underline{2.56 \text{ m}} \text{ (Reqd dia of sewer.)}$$

Economic section for max^m discharge

$$Q = Ac \sqrt{\left(\frac{A}{P}\right)^{1/3}}$$

$$Q = K \sqrt{\frac{1}{P}} \quad \text{when } K = AC \sqrt{AS}$$

→ Q is max^m for P is min^m

For a given slope (S), roughness & c/s area the flow will be max^m when y_m is max^m i.e when P is min^m.

The most economic shape must simulate,

- max^m discharge for a given c/s area.
- min^m extra excavation & lining for designed amount of discharge.
- least P for min^m resistance to flow, and optimum discharge.

The channel c/s corresponding to minimum perimeter for a given flow area is called most economical.

Rectangular

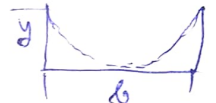
$$A = by \quad P = b + 2y$$

$$P = \frac{A}{y} + 2y$$

$$\frac{dP}{dy} = -\frac{A}{y^2} + 2 = 0 \quad ; \quad A = 2y^2 \quad by = 2y^2 \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{b = 2y}$$

or $\frac{A}{y} = 2y$ or $b = 2y$

$$y_m = \frac{A}{b + 2y} = \frac{by}{b + 2y} = \frac{2y \cdot y}{4y} = \frac{y}{2}$$



i.e inscribed circle is tangent to the bed and the sides.

FRAP Prob 13

A rectangular channel of 8 m wide and 1.5 m deep has a slope of 0.001 in 1 and lined with smooth concrete plaster. It is desired to enhance discharge by keeping the amount of lining same. Find the new dimensions, & % increase in discharge. Take Manning constant $N = 0.015$.

Original channel. $A = by = 12 \text{ m}^2 \quad P = b + 2y = 11 \text{ m}$

$$y_m = \frac{A}{P} = 1.09 \text{ m} \quad C = \frac{(y_m)^{1/6}}{N} = \frac{(1.09)^{1/6}}{0.015} = 67.64$$

$$Q = AV = 12 \times 67.64 \sqrt{1.09 \times 0.001} = 2679 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

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For new slope $y P = b' + 2y' = 4y' = 11 \text{ m}$ $y' = 2.75 \text{ m}$

$$A' = b' y' = 15.125 \text{ m}^2 \quad b' = 2 \times y' = 5.5 \text{ m}$$

$$y_m' = \frac{A'}{P} = \frac{y'}{2} = \frac{2.75}{2} = 1.375 \text{ m}$$

chezy
constant $C' = \left(\frac{y_m'}{N}\right)^{1/6} = 70.28$ $Q' = A' V' = 15.125 \times 70.28$
 $\times \sqrt{1.375 \times 0.001}$
 $= 39.42 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

$$\therefore \text{increase} = \frac{39.42 - 26.79}{26.79} = 47.1 \%$$

Most economical Trapezoidal Channel.

$$A = y(b + ny)$$

$$P = b + 2y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$$

Eliminating b we get

$$P = \frac{A}{y} - ny + 2y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$$

For given A , and maximization of flow requires minimization of P

minimization of P implies that $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0$; $\frac{\partial P}{\partial n} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{A}{y^2} = n + 2\sqrt{n^2 + 1} = 0$$

$$y\sqrt{n^2 + 1} = \frac{b + 2ny}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad 2y\sqrt{n^2 + 1} = b + 2ny$$

The sloping sides equals half the top width. If this condition is applied then the side slope is fixed.

$$y_m = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{(b + ny)y}{b + 2y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} = \frac{(b + ny)y}{b + b + 2ny} = \frac{(b + ny)y}{2(b + ny)} = \frac{y}{2}$$

\therefore For max^m Discharge $y_m = y/2$

Hydraulic mean depth is equal to half of the flow depth.

O = angle of slope O = centre of the top width.

OH = a perpendicular to the sloping side BC .

$\triangle OCH$ is then right angled triangle with $\angle OCH = \theta$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{OH}{OC} \quad OH = OC \sin \theta$$

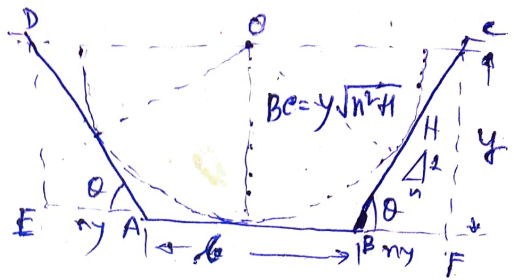
$$\triangle BFC \quad \sin \theta = \frac{y}{y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}}$$

$$OH = OC \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}}$$

For trapezoidal channel of most economic c/s half the top width OC equals length of the sloping side. i.e. $OC = \frac{b + 2ny}{2} = y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$

$$\therefore OH = \frac{y\sqrt{n^2 + 1}}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} = y = \text{depth of flow.}$$

So with centre at O and radius = y we can draw a circle. The three sides will be tangent of the circle. So most efficient trapezoidal channel is a half hexagon.



Optimum c/s of a trapezoidal channel.

Best side slopes for the most economic trapezoidal section

* The condition is $\frac{dP}{dn} = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dn} \left[\frac{A}{y} - ny + 2y\sqrt{n^2+1} \right] = 0$$

$$-y + 2y + \frac{1}{2} (n^2+1)^{-1/2} \times 2n = 0$$

$$\text{or } -y + 2ny \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \sqrt{n^2+1} = 2n \quad \text{or } n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{1}{n} = \sqrt{3} = \tan 60^\circ \quad \therefore \theta = 60^\circ$$

$$\text{Again } y\sqrt{n^2+1} = \frac{b+2ny}{2}$$

$$\text{for } n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ we get } b = \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Perimeter } P = 3b \quad \text{A.P.}$$

$$A = y(b+ny) = y \left(\frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} y \right) = \frac{2y \cdot 3y}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3} y^2$$
$$P = \sqrt{3} y$$

A trapezoidal channel having the side slope equal to 60° with horizontal and laid on a slope of 1 in 750, carries a discharge of $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. Find the width at base and depth of flow for most economic c/s. $C = 66 \text{ m}^{1/2}/\text{s}$.

Soln: for trapezoidal section of optimum c/s the relation $\frac{b+2ny}{2} = y\sqrt{n^2+1}$; $y_m = \frac{y}{2}$

$$\tan \theta = \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\frac{6 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}y}{2} = y \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \boxed{b = \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$A = (6 + ny) \cdot y = \sqrt{3} y^2$$

$$V = c \sqrt{y m \Delta} \quad Q = AV \sqrt{y m \Delta} = A c \sqrt{y m \Delta}$$

$$10 = \sqrt{3} y^2 \times 66 \sqrt{\frac{y}{2} \times \frac{1}{750}}$$

$$= 2.95 y^{5/2}$$

$$\therefore y = (10/2.95)^{2/5} = 1.63 \text{ m } \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$b = \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2 \times 1.63}{\sqrt{3}} = 1.88 \text{ m}$$