



Module 04: Surface Water Hydraulics

Unit 03: Steady Channel Flow: Single/ Series

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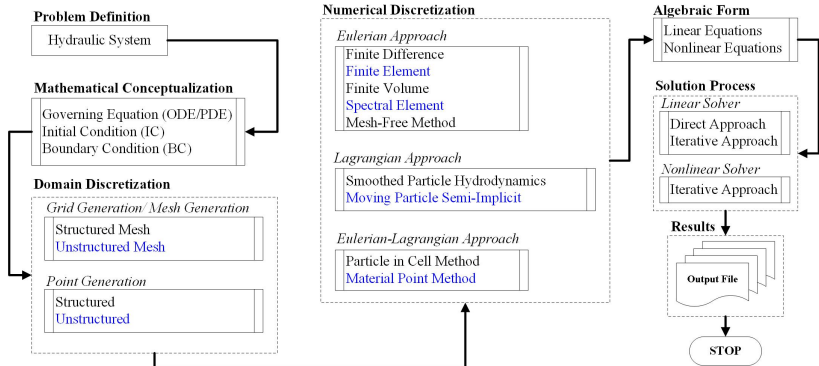


Learning Objective

- To solve steady channel flow problem (single or in series) using implicit method.



Problem Definition to Solution





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y = depth of flow

S_f = friction slope $\left(= \frac{n^2 Q^2}{R^{4/3} A^2} \right)$

A = cross-sectional area

R = hydraulic radius

z = elevation of the channel bottom w.r.t. datum

x = coordinate direction

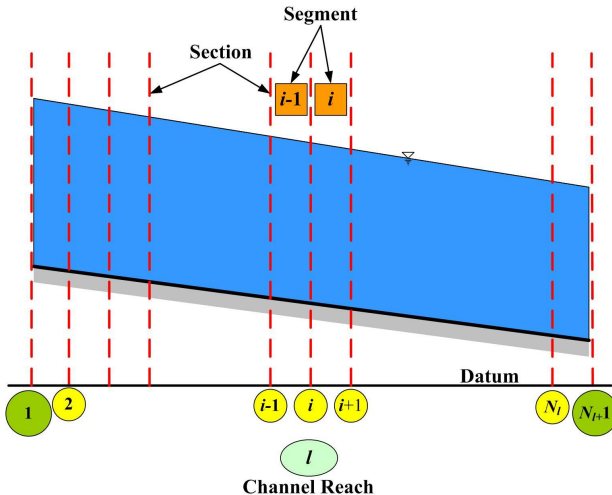
α = momentum correction factor

Q = discharge

g = acceleration due to gravity

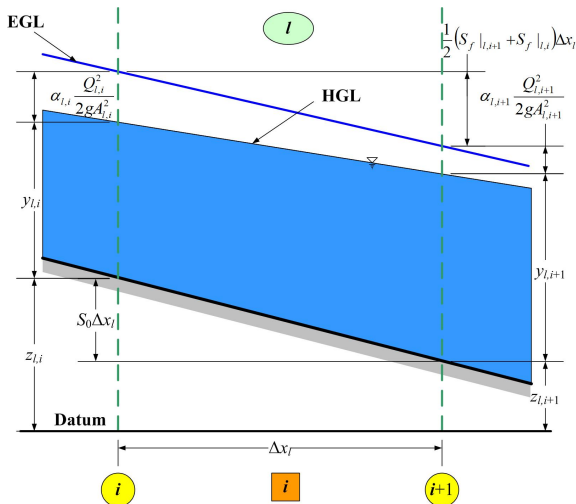


Channel Reach





Channel Flow





Discretization

Continuity Equation

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For single channel,

$$Q_{l,1} = Q_{l,2} = \dots = Q_{l,N_l+1} = Q_l$$

N_l = number of segments for l^{th} channel reach.



Discretization

Momentum Equation

Momentum equation for i^{th} segment of the l^{th} channel reach can be discretized as,

$$\frac{d\mathbb{E}}{dx} = -S_f$$

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In expanded form,

$$\frac{\left(y + z + \frac{\alpha Q^2}{2gA^2} \right)_{l,i+1} - \left(y + z + \frac{\alpha Q^2}{2gA^2} \right)_{l,i}}{\Delta x_l} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{n^2 Q^2}{R^{4/3} A^2} \right)_{l,i+1} + \left(\frac{n^2 Q^2}{R^{4/3} A^2} \right)_{l,i} \right]$$



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N_l non-linear equations with $N_l + 1$ unknown flow-depths



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Boundary Condition

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For supercritical flows,

$$y_{l,1} = y_u$$

$$UB_{l,N_l+1} = y_{l,1} - y_u = 0$$



Discretization

Momentum Equation

In functional form for i^{th} segment of the l^{th} channel reach,

$$M_{l,i}(y_{l,i+1}, y_{l,i}) = (y_{l,i+1} - y_{l,i}) + (z_{l,i+1} - z_{l,i}) + \frac{\alpha_l Q_l^2}{2g} \left(\frac{1}{A_{l,i+1}^2} - \frac{1}{A_{l,i}^2} \right) \\ + \frac{Q_l^2 n_l^2 \Delta x_l}{2} \left[\frac{1}{R_{l,i+1}^{4/3} A_{l,i+1}^2} + \frac{1}{R_{l,i}^{4/3} A_{l,i}^2} \right]$$



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Algebraic Form

Momentum Equation

Elements of Jacobian Matrix can be calculated as,

$$\frac{\partial M_{l,i}}{\partial y_{l,i}} = -1 + C_1 \frac{2}{A_{l,i}^3} \frac{dA}{dy} \Big|_{l,i} - C_2 \left[\frac{2}{A_{l,i}^3 R_{l,i}^{\frac{4}{3}}} \frac{dA}{dy} \Big|_{l,i} + \frac{4}{3 A_{l,i}^2 R_{l,i}^{\frac{7}{3}}} \frac{dR}{dy} \Big|_{l,i} \right]$$



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For general channel cross-section,

$$\frac{dR}{dy} = \frac{T}{P} - \frac{R}{P} \frac{dP}{dy}$$



Algebraic Form

Boundary Conditions

For subcritical flows,

$$\frac{\partial DB_{l,N_l+1}}{\partial y_{l,N_l}} = 0$$

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For supercritical flows,

$$\frac{\partial UB_{l,N_l+1}}{\partial y_{l,1}} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial UB_{l,N_l+1}}{\partial y_{l,2}} = 0$$



Algebraic Form

Subcritical flow

In general form, governing equation including boundary condition can be written as,

$$\frac{\partial M_{l,i}}{\partial y_{l,i}} \Delta y_{l,i} + \frac{\partial M_{l,i}}{\partial y_{l,i+1}} \Delta y_{l,i+1} = -M_{l,i}, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N_l\}$$

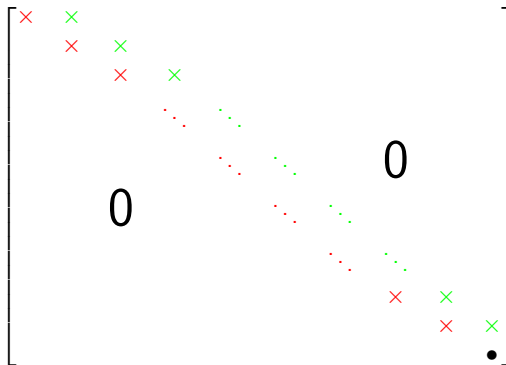
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Jacobian Matrix Structure

Subcritical flow





Algebraic Form

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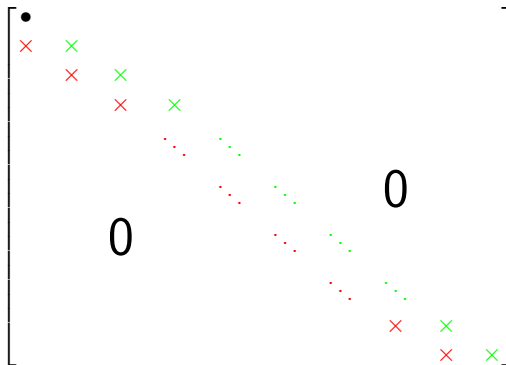
For supercritical flow,

$$\Delta y_{l,1} = -U B_{l,N_l+1}$$



Jacobian Matrix Structure

Supercritical flow





Channel Series

Junction Condition

Continuity

$$Q_{l,N_l+1} = Q_{l+1,1}$$

Energy

Neglecting losses,

$$y_{l,N_l+1} + z_{l,N_l+1} = y_{l+1,1} + z_{l+1,1}$$



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Single Channel

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$$B = 15m$$

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$$L_x = 200m$$



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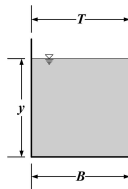
$$y_d = 0.60m$$

Required

Estimate the flow depth across the channel reach.



Rectangular Cross-section



$$A = By$$

$$P = B + 2y$$

$$R = \frac{A}{P}$$

$$T = B$$

$$\frac{dR}{dy} = \frac{B^2}{(B + 2y)^2}$$



Problem Statement

Channels in Series

Given

Channel Cross-Section Type: **Rectangular**



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$$S_{02} = 0.0008$$



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$$y_d = 0.60m$$

Required

Estimate the flow depth across the channels in series.



List of Source Codes

Gradually Varied Flow-Implicit Approach

- Single Channel
 - [steady_1D_channel_single.sci](#)
- Channels in Series
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