



Fluid Mechanics & Hydraulics Overview

Brief Overview

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Key Points

- Fundamentals of fluid properties (density, viscosity, surface tension)
- Pressure measurement techniques (manometers, Bourdon gauge)
- Flow regimes, Bernoulli's equation, and pump analysis
- Open-channel flow, channel optimisation, and hydraulics engineering



Unit-I: Fluid Mechanics & Hydraulics

Fluid mechanics and hydraulics is the branch of science dealing with the behavior of fluids (liquids or gases) at rest and in motion, covering statics, kinematics, and dynamics.



Classification of Fluid Studies

Aspect	Focus	Pressure Forces	Typical Quantities
Fluid Statics	Fluids at rest	✓	Pressure distribution, hydrostatic forces
Fluid Kinematics	Fluids in motion	✗	Velocity, acceleration, streamlines
Fluid Dynamics	Fluids in motion	✓	Shear stress, momentum, energy

Physical Properties of Fluids

1. Density (ρ)

Mass per unit volume

$$\rho = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$$
 units: kg/m^3

- Liquids \approx constant
- Gases vary with p, T

2. Specific Weight (w)

Weight per unit volume

$$w = \rho, g \quad \text{units: N/m}^3$$

Standard water: $w = 9810, \text{N/m}^3$

3. Specific Volume

Volume per unit mass

$$\text{sp. vol} = \frac{1}{\rho} \quad \text{m}^3/\text{kg}$$

4. Specific Gravity (S)

Ratio: fluid density to reference

- Liquids \rightarrow vs. water @4 °C
- Gases \rightarrow vs. air

$$\rho_{\text{fluid}} = S \times 1000, \text{kg/m}^3$$

Quick reference:

$$\rho_{\text{Hg}} = 13600, \text{kg/m}^3 \quad (S = 13.6)$$



Solved Density Problems

Ex-1 – 1 L liquid weighing 7 N

- $w = 7000, \text{N/m}^3$
- $\rho = \frac{w}{g} = 713.5, \text{kg/m}^3$
- $S = 0.7135$

Ex-2 – Petrol $S = 0.7, 1 \text{ L}$

- $\rho = 700, \text{kg/m}^3; w = 6867, \text{N/m}^3; W = 6.867, \text{N}$
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Viscosity (μ)

| Property resisting relative motion between layers.

Newton's relation:

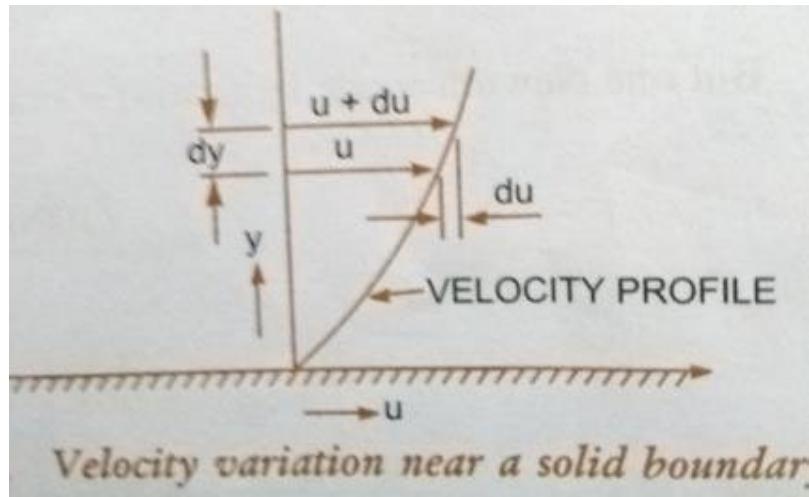
$$\tau = \mu, \frac{du}{dy}$$

Quantity	SI Unit	Common Conversion
μ	$\text{N}\cdot\text{cdotp s}/\text{m}^2$	1, poise = 0.1; $\text{N}\cdot\text{cdotp s}/\text{m}^2$
ν	m^2/s	1, stoke = 10^{-4} ; m^2/s

Temperature effect:

- Liquids $\rightarrow \mu \downarrow$ with $T \uparrow$
- Gases $\rightarrow \mu \uparrow$ with $T \uparrow$

Illustration of velocity gradient near a wall:



Shear is largest where $\frac{du}{dy}$ is steepest.

Ex-3 – Plate separated 0.025 mm, speed 0.6 m/s, $\tau = 2$; N/m²

$$\mu = \frac{\tau}{du/dy} = \frac{2 \times 0.025 \times 10^{-3}}{0.6} = 8.33 \times 10^{-5}; \text{N}\cdot\text{cdotp}\text{s}/\text{m}^2$$

■ Types of Fluids

Type	Viscous	Newtonian $\tau \propto \frac{du}{dy}$	Example
Ideal	✗	—	Theory only
Real	✓	May/may not	Water, air
Newtonian	✓	✓	Water, air, petrol
Non-Newtonian	✓	✗	Blood, paint
Ideal plastic	✓* (after yield)	✓	—

💧 Surface Tension (σ)

Tensile force per unit length acting along interface.

Units: N/m (S.I.)

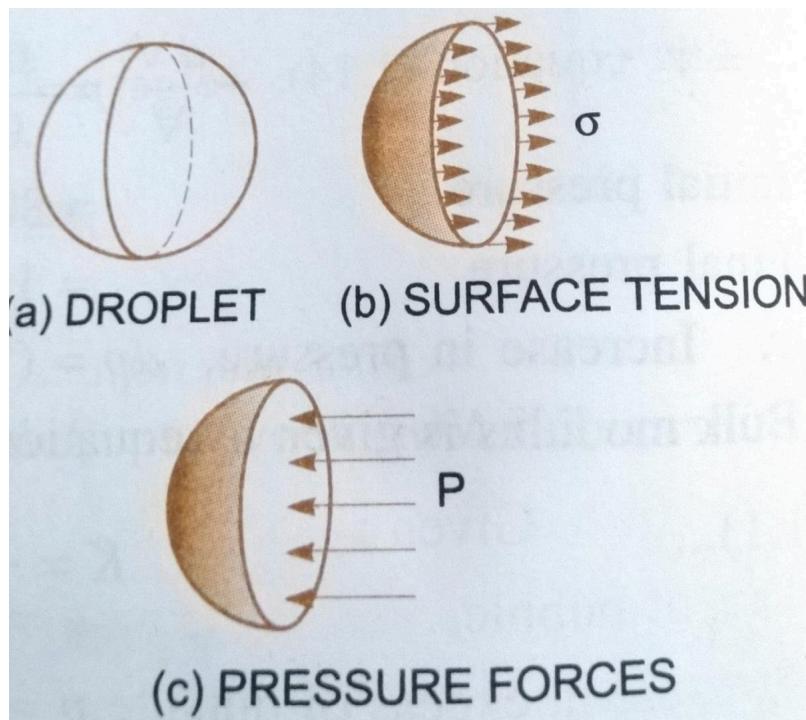
Curved surface excess pressures

1. Droplet: $p = \frac{4\sigma}{d}$
2. Soap bubble (two films): $p = \frac{8\sigma}{d}$
3. Cyl. jet: $p = \frac{2\sigma}{d}$

Example: 0.04 mm water droplet, $\sigma = 0.0725$; N/m

$$p = \frac{4 \times 0.0725}{0.04 \times 10^{-3}} = 7.25; \text{kPa (in excess)}$$

Realistic diagram of pressure balance on a droplet:



Capillarity

Rise/fall of liquid in narrow tube relative to free surface.

General rise/fall formula (vertical tube)

$$h = \frac{4, \sigma, \cos \theta}{\rho, g, d}$$

Contact angle θ	Liquid-solid	Observed h
$\approx 0^\circ$	Water-clean glass	Rise

$\approx 128^\circ$	Hg-glass	Fall
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Design limit: Capillary rise ≤ 0.2 mm water

→ Requires $d \geq 14.8$; cm



Compressibility & Bulk Modulus

K: ratio of pressure increment to volumetric strain

$$K = -\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta V/V}; \text{ Compressibility} = 1/K$$

Units: N/m² (Pa)

Typical water $K \approx 2 \times 10^9$; Pa



Vapour Pressure

- Molecules leave liquid → exert partial pressure
 - ↑ with temperature; high for volatile fluids
 - Practical note:** Mercury's p_{vap} extremely low → used in barometers & thermometers
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Fluid Pressure & Pascal's Law

Pressure at a point: $p = \frac{dF}{dA}$

For uniform force: $p = \frac{F}{A}$

Pascal's principle: Pressure at any point in static fluid is **isotropic**

→ Basis of hydraulic jack, lift, brake, crane, press.



Absolute vs Gauge vs Vacuum

Relations:

$$p_{\text{abs}} = p_{\text{atm}} + p_{\text{gauge}}$$

$$p_{\text{vac}} = p_{\text{atm}} - p_{\text{abs}}$$

Reference values

- Sea-level standard $p_{\text{atm}} = 101.3 \text{ kPa} = 10.33 \text{ m H}_2\text{O} = 760 \text{ mm Hg}$



Pressure Measurement & Manometers

Simple Manometers

Simple manometer: A glass tube with one end connected to the measurement point and the other open to atmosphere.

Three main types:

1. **Piezometer** - simplest form for gauge pressure
2. **U-tube Manometer** - U-shaped tube with heavy liquid (typically mercury)
3. **Single Column Manometer** - modified U-tube with large reservoir



Piezometer

Measures **gauge pressure** directly through liquid column height.

Working principle:

- Pressure at point A: $p = w \times h$ where h is the liquid rise
- Limited to moderate pressures (cannot measure vacuum)



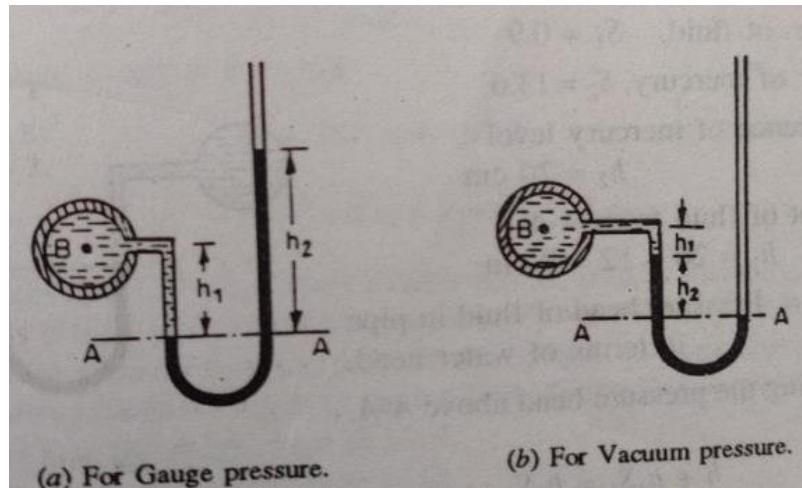
U-tube Manometer

Configuration:

- Contains **heavy liquid** (usually mercury, $S = 13.6$)
- Heavy liquid specific gravity must exceed fluid being measured

Two applications:

(a) Gauge Pressure Measurement



Pressure balance equation: $h + h_1 S_1 = h_2 S_2$

Solving for pressure head: $h = h_2 S_2 - h_1 S_1$

In terms of pressure: $p = \rho_2 g h_2 - \rho_1 g h_1$

(b) Vacuum Pressure Measurement

Resulting equation: $h = -(h_2 S_2 + h_1 S_1)$

In terms of pressure: $p = -(\rho_2 g h_2 + \rho_1 g h_1)$

Worked Examples

Problem 1: U-tube with mercury measuring fluid ($S = 0.9$), pipe center 12 cm below mercury level, mercury difference = 20 cm.

Solution:

- $h_1 = 20 - 12 = 8 \text{ cm}$
- $h + (8)(0.9) = (20)(13.6)$
- $h = 264.8 \text{ cm of water}$
- $p = 2648 \text{ kg/m}^2 = 2.597 \text{ N/cm}^2$

Problem 2: Vacuum measurement with fluid ($S = 0.8$), mercury difference = 40 cm, fluid height = 15 cm.

Solution:

- $h = -[(40)(13.6) + (15)(0.8)]$
- $p = -54543.6 \text{ N/m}^2 = -0.5454 \text{ N/cm}^2$

Single Column Manometers

Modified U-tube with large reservoir ($\approx 100 \times$ tube area) for enhanced sensitivity.

Key advantage: Reservoir level change is negligible, pressure determined solely by height in measuring limb.

Types:

1. **Vertical Single Column**
2. **Inclined Single Column** (more sensitive due to longer measurement scale)

Mathematical Analysis

Basic principle: $A \times \Delta h = a \times h_2$ therefore $\Delta h = \frac{ah_2}{A}$

Final pressure equation (simplified): $h = h_2 S_2 - h_1 S_1$

Inclined version: $h = L \sin \theta \times S_2 - h_1 S_1$

Worked Example

Problem: Single column manometer with reservoir area = 100 \times tube area, measuring fluid ($S = 0.9$), mercury ($S = 13.6$), $h_2 = 40$ cm, $h_1 = 20$ cm.

Solution:

- Using full equation: $h = \frac{1}{100}(0.4)(13.6 - 0.9) + (0.4)(13.6) - (0.2)(0.9)$
 - $p = 52134 \text{ N/m}^2 = 5.21 \text{ N/cm}^2$
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Differential Manometers

Measures **pressure difference** between two points using U-tube with heavy liquid.

1. U-tube Differential Manometer

Two cases:

(a) Different Levels & Different Fluids

Pressure difference: $p_A - p_B = hg(\rho_g - \rho_1) + \rho_2 gy - x\rho_1 g$

(b) Same Level & Same Fluid

Simplified equation: $p_A - p_B = hg(\rho_g - \rho_1)$

Worked Example: Two pipes with different fluids, given pressures. Mercury level difference calculated as **18.1 cm**.

2. Inverted U-tube Differential Manometer

Used for **low pressure differences** with light liquid.

Pressure equation: $p_A - p_B = h_1\rho_1 g - h_2\rho_2 g - h\rho_{sg}$

Worked Example: Water pipes with oil manometer ($S = 0.8$), height difference = 20 cm.

- Result: $p_A - p_B = 1569.6 \text{ N/m}^2$
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Bourdon Gauge

Mechanical pressure gauge using elliptical tube that straightens under pressure.

Key features:

- Metallic tube of elliptical section
- Closed at one end, connected to measurement point at other
- Tube straightens → pointer movement via mechanical linkage
- Calibrated** against known pressures

Applications:

- High pressures (steam boilers, water mains)
 - Vacuum pressures** (compound gauge)
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Hydrostatic Forces on Submerged Surfaces

Fundamental Concepts

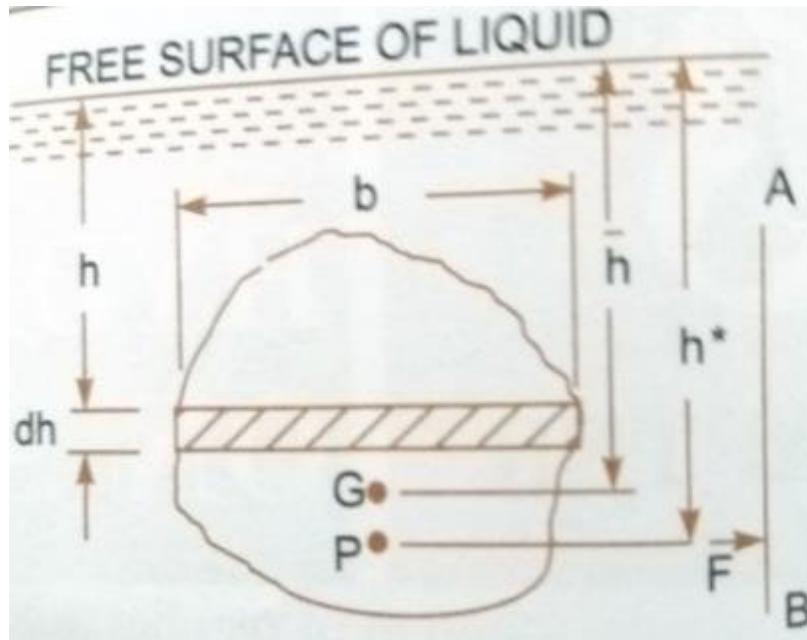
Total Pressure (F): Force exerted by static fluid on submerged surface, always acts **normal** to surface.

Centre of Pressure: Point of application of total pressure force.

Four cases:

1. Vertical plane surface
2. Horizontal plane surface
3. Inclined plane surface
4. Curved surface

△ **Vertical Plane Surface**



(a) **Total Pressure**

$$F = wA\bar{h}$$

Where:

- $w = \rho g$ = specific weight of liquid
- A = total area of surface
- \bar{h} = distance of centroid from free surface

(b) **Centre of Pressure**

Using principle of moments:

$$h^* = \frac{I_O}{A\bar{h}}$$

Parallel axis theorem: $I_O = I_G + A\bar{h}^2$

Final equation:
$$h^* = \frac{I_G}{A\bar{h}} + \bar{h}$$

Key insights:

- Centre of pressure **always lies below centroid**
 - Position is **independent** of liquid specific weight
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Geometric Properties Table

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The moment of inertia & other geometric properties of some important plane surfaces.

Plane Surface	Distance from the base	Area	Moment of Inertia about an axis passing through G and parallel to base (I_G)	Moment of Inertia about base
1. Rectangle	$x = \frac{d}{2}$	bd	$bd^3/12$	$bd^3/3$
2) Triangle	$x = \frac{h}{3}$	$\frac{bh}{2}$	$bh^3/36$	$bh^3/12$
3 Circle	$x = \frac{d}{2}$	$\frac{\pi d^2}{4}$	$\frac{\pi d^4}{64}$	-
4) Trapezium	$x = \frac{(2a+b)h}{3(a+b)}$	$\frac{(a+b)h}{2}$	$\frac{(a^2 + 4ab + b^2)h^3}{36(a+b)}$	-

Common shapes:

- **Rectangle:** $I_G = \frac{bd^3}{12}$
- **Triangle:** $I_G = \frac{bh^3}{36}$
- **Circle:** $I_G = \frac{\pi d^4}{64}$

Worked Examples

Rectangular Plate (2m × 3m):

(a) Upper edge at water surface:

- $F = 88290 \text{ N}$
- $h^* = 2.0 \text{ m}$

(b) **Upper edge 2.5m below surface:**

- $F = 235440 \text{ N}$
- $h^* = 4.1875 \text{ m}$

Circular Plate (Diameter 1.5m, center 3m deep):

- $F = 52000 \text{ N}$ (approx.)
- $h^* = 3.07 \text{ m}$

Trapezoidal Channel:

- Area = 3 m^2
 - $\bar{h} = 0.444 \text{ m}$
 - $F = 13079.87 \text{ N}$
 - $h^* = 0.625 \text{ m}$
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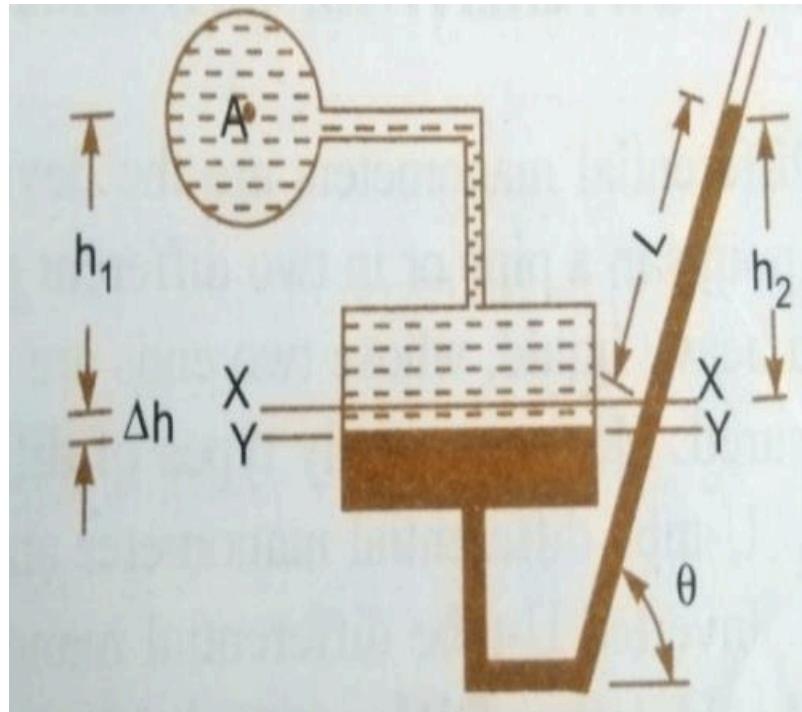
Horizontal Plane Surface

Special case: All points at same depth

- Pressure intensity: $p = wh$
 - Total force: $F = whA = wAh$
 - **Centre of pressure = Centroid** ($h^* = \bar{h} = h$)
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Inclined Plane Surface

Surface making angle θ with free surface.



Same formulas apply as vertical case, but:

- \bar{h} = vertical distance from free surface to centroid
- All distances measured perpendicular to free surface

Inclined Plane Surface Submerged in Liquid

Inclined surface: A plane surface making angle θ with the free liquid surface, where the depth varies along the surface.

Key Parameters

Symbol	Meaning
A	Total area of inclined surface
\bar{h}	Depth of C.G. from free liquid surface
h^*	Depth of centre of pressure from free surface
θ	Angle made by surface plane with free liquid surface

\bar{y}	Distance of C.G. from reference axis O-O
y^*	Distance of centre of pressure from reference axis O-O

Pressure Distribution Analysis

For a **small strip** of area dA at depth h and distance y from axis O-O:

- **Pressure intensity**: $p = wh = wy \sin \theta$
- **Force on strip**: $dF = p \times dA = wh \times dA = wy \sin \theta \times dA$

Total Pressure Force

Building on the vertical surface approach from previous sections, the **total force** on inclined surface:

$$F = \int dF = \int wy \sin \theta \times dA = w \sin \theta \int y \times dA$$

Since $\int y \times dA = A\bar{y}$ (moment of area about O-O):

$$F = wA\bar{y} \sin \theta$$

Using $\bar{h} = \bar{y} \sin \theta$:

$$F = wA\bar{h}$$

Or equivalently:

$$F = \rho g A \bar{h}$$

Centre of Pressure Location

Applying the **principle of moments** about axis O-O:

Moment of total force: $F \times y^*$

Sum of moments of all forces: $\int w \sin \theta y^2 dA = w \sin \theta I_O$

Where $I_O = \int y^2 dA$ is the **moment of inertia** about axis O-O.

Equating moments:

$$F \times y^* = w \sin \theta I_O$$

Substituting $F = wA\bar{h}$ and using $y^* = \frac{h^*}{\sin \theta}$:

$$h^* = \frac{\sin^2 \theta I_O}{A\bar{h}}$$

Applying **parallel axis theorem**: $I_O = I_G + A\bar{y}^2 = I_G + A\frac{\bar{h}^2}{\sin^2 \theta}$

Final formula for **centre of pressure depth**:

$$h^* = \frac{I_G \sin^2 \theta}{A\bar{h}} + \bar{h}$$



Worked Example: Rectangular Inclined Surface

Given: 2 m wide \times 3 m deep rectangular plate, $\theta = 30^\circ$, upper edge 1.5 m below water surface.



Step-by-Step Solution

Distance of C.G. from surface:

$$\bar{h} = 1.5 + \frac{3}{2} \sin 30^\circ = 1.5 + 1.5 \times 0.5 = 2.25 \text{ m}$$

Total pressure force:

$$F = \rho g A \bar{h} = 1000 \times 9.81 \times (2 \times 3) \times 2.25 = 132435 \text{ N}$$

Centre of pressure:

$$I_G = \frac{bd^3}{12} = \frac{2 \times 3^3}{12} = 4.5 \text{ m}^4$$

$$h^* = \frac{4.5 \times \sin^2 30^\circ}{(6 \times 2.25)} + 2.25 = 2.333 \text{ m}$$



Unit-II: Types of Fluid Flow

(i) Steady vs Unsteady Flow

Flow Type	Time Dependence	Mathematical Condition
Steady	Properties constant at fixed point	$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$
Unsteady	Properties vary with time	$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \neq 0, \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} \neq 0$

(ii) Uniform vs Non-Uniform Flow

Flow Type	Space Dependence	Mathematical Condition
Uniform	Velocity constant along flow direction	$\frac{\partial v}{\partial s} = 0$
Non-uniform	Velocity varies along flow direction	$\frac{\partial v}{\partial s} \neq 0$

(iii) Laminar vs Turbulent Flow

Laminar flow: Fluid particles move along well-defined parallel paths in smooth layers without mixing.

Turbulent flow: Fluid particles move in irregular zig-zag patterns creating eddies and high energy loss.

Key distinction: Determined by **Reynolds number**:

$$Re = \frac{VD}{\nu}$$

Where:

- V = mean velocity
- D = pipe diameter
- ν = kinematic viscosity

(iv) Compressible vs Incompressible Flow

- **Compressible:** Density varies significantly ($\rho \neq \text{constant}$)
- **Incompressible:** Density essentially constant ($\rho \approx \text{constant}$)

(v) Rotational vs Irrotational Flow

- **Rotational:** Fluid particles rotate about their own axis
- **Irrotational:** Fluid particles don't rotate (zero vorticity)

(vi) Flow Dimensionality

Type	Variables	Description
One-dimensional	1 spatial variable	Flow varies only along flow direction

Two-dimensional	2 spatial variables	Flow varies in plane
Three-dimensional	3 spatial variables	Flow varies in all directions

Reynolds Number & Flow Regimes

Reynolds Number Definition

Reynolds number determines the flow regime and is calculated as: $Re = \frac{VD}{\nu}$

where:

- V = mean velocity
- D = pipe diameter
- ν = kinematic viscosity

Flow Classification by Reynolds Number

Flow Type	Reynolds Number Range	Characteristics
Laminar	$Re < 2000$	Smooth, parallel layers
Transitional	$2000 < Re < 4000$	May be laminar or turbulent
Turbulent	$Re > 4000$	Irregular, mixing motion

Rate of Flow (Discharge)

Discharge (Q) is the quantity of fluid flowing per second through a section

For incompressible fluids: Volume per second $Q = A \times V$ (units: m^3/sec or litres/sec)

For compressible fluids: Weight per second (units: kgf/sec or N/sec)

Continuity Equation

Continuity equation states that for steady flow, mass flow rate is constant throughout the pipe

General form (compressible/incompressible): $V_1\rho_1A_1 = V_2\rho_2A_2$

For incompressible fluids ($\rho_1 = \rho_2$): $V_1A_1 = V_2A_2$

Worked Example 1: Pipe Contraction

Given: $D_1 = 10\text{ cm}$, $D_2 = 15\text{ cm}$, $V_1 = 5\text{ m/s}$

Solution:

- $A_1 = \frac{\pi}{4}(0.1)^2 = 0.007854\text{ m}^2$
- $Q = A_1V_1 = 0.03927\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- $A_2 = \frac{\pi}{4}(0.15)^2 = 0.01767\text{ m}^2$
- $V_2 = \frac{A_1V_1}{A_2} = 2.22\text{ m/s}$

Worked Example 2: Pipe Branching

Given: 30 cm pipe branches to 20 cm and 15 cm pipes, $V_1 = 2.5\text{ m/s}$, $V_2 = 2\text{ m/s}$

Solution:

- $Q_1 = 0.1767\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- $Q_2 = 0.0628\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- $Q_3 = Q_1 - Q_2 = 0.1139\text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- $V_3 = 6.44\text{ m/s}$

Energy Forms in Fluid Flow

A fluid body possesses three types of energy:

1. **Pressure Energy**: Energy due to pressure
2. **Kinetic Energy**: Energy due to motion
3. **Potential Energy**: Energy due to position/elevation

Bernoulli's Theorem

Bernoulli's theorem states that for steady, ideal, incompressible, irrotational flow, total energy is constant

Per unit weight:

- Pressure head: $\frac{p}{\rho g}$
- Kinetic head: $\frac{v^2}{2g}$
- Potential head: z

Bernoulli's equation:
$$\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{v_1^2}{2g} + z_1 = \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{v_2^2}{2g} + z_2 = \text{constant}$$

Assumptions:

1. Ideal fluid (zero viscosity)
2. Steady flow
3. Incompressible flow
4. Irrotational flow

Worked Example: Total Head Calculation

Given: $D = 5 \text{ cm}$, $p = 29.43 \text{ N/cm}^2$, $v = 2.0 \text{ m/s}$, $z = 5 \text{ m}$

Solution:

- Pressure head = $\frac{29.43 \times 10^4}{1000 \times 9.81} = 30 \text{ m}$
- Kinetic head = $\frac{2^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.204 \text{ m}$
- **Total head = 30 + 0.204 + 5 = 35.204 m**

Worked Example: Velocity Change in Constriction

Given: $D_1 = 20 \text{ cm}$, $D_2 = 10 \text{ cm}$, $V_1 = 4.0 \text{ m/s}$

Solution:

- $V_1^2/2g = 0.815 \text{ m}$
- $V_2 = 16 \text{ m/s}$
- $V_2^2/2g = 13.047 \text{ m}$
- $Q = 0.1256 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



Practical Applications of Bernoulli's Equation

Bernoulli's equation is applied to measuring devices:

1. Venturi meter
2. Orifice meter
3. Pitot tube

1. Venturi Meter

Measures flow rate using a converging-diverging section

Components:

- Converging part (21° angle)
- Throat ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of pipe diameter)
- Diverging part

Flow rate equation:

$$Q_{act} = C_d \frac{a_1 a_2 \sqrt{2gh}}{\sqrt{a_1^2 - a_2^2}}$$

2. Orifice Meter

Cheaper alternative using flat plate with sharp-edged hole

Discharge equation:

$$Q_{act} = C_d \frac{a_1 a_0 \sqrt{2gh}}{\sqrt{a_1^2 - a_0^2}}$$

3. Pitot Tube

Measures local velocity by converting kinetic to pressure energy

Velocity equation:

$$v = C_v \sqrt{2gh}$$

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Coefficient	Definition	Typical Range
C_v	$\frac{\text{actual velocity}}{\text{theoretical velocity}}$	0.95-0.99

C_c	$\frac{\text{area at vena contracta}}{\text{orifice area}}$	0.61-0.69
C_d	$C_v \times C_c$	0.61-0.65

Notches and Weirs

Definitions

Notch: Metallic opening in tank side for measuring small discharge

Weir: Concrete/masonry structure in open channels for large discharge

Key Terms

- **Nappe/Vein:** Sheet of water flowing through
- **Crest/Sill:** Bottom edge of opening

Discharge Equations

Rectangular notch/weir: $Q = \frac{2}{3}C_d L \sqrt{2gH^{3/2}}$

Triangular notch/weir: $Q = \frac{8}{15}C_d \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sqrt{2gH^{5/2}}$

Velocity of Approach

Velocity of approach is defined as the velocity with which water approaches or reaches the weir or notch before it flows over it.

When velocity of approach V_a is considered, an additional head $h_a = \frac{V_a^2}{2g}$ acts on water flowing over the weir.

Modified rectangular weir equation with velocity of approach:

$$Q = \frac{2}{3}C_d \times L \times \sqrt{2g}[(H + h_a)^{3/2} - h_a^{3/2}]$$

Worked Example

Given: Rectangular channel 1 m wide \times 0.75 m deep, weir length = 60 cm, head H = 20 cm, $C_d = 0.62$

Solution:

- $A = 1.0 \times 0.75 = 0.75 \text{ m}^2$
 - Initial discharge (neglecting velocity of approach): $Q = 0.0982 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$
 - $V_a = \frac{0.0982}{0.75} = 0.1309 \text{ m/s}$
 - $h_a = \frac{0.1309^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.00087 \text{ m}$
 - Final discharge: $Q = 0.09881 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$
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▲ Cipolletti Weir

| **Cipolletti weir** is a trapezoidal weir with side slopes of 1 horizontal to 4 vertical.

Key feature: No end contraction factor required due to designed side slopes.

Discharge equation: $Q = \frac{2}{3}C_d \times L \times \sqrt{2g}H^{3/2}$

With velocity of approach: $Q = \frac{2}{3}C_d \times L \times \sqrt{2g}[(H + h_a)^{3/2} - h_a^{3/2}]$

Worked Example

Given: Cipolletti weir $L = 60 \text{ cm}$, $H = 360 \text{ mm}$, channel = $80 \text{ cm} \times 50 \text{ cm}$, $C_d = 0.6$

Solution:

- Initial discharge: $Q = 0.2296 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$
 - $V_a = \frac{0.2296}{0.4} = 0.574 \text{ m/s}$
 - $h_a = \frac{0.574^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.0168 \text{ m}$
 - Final discharge: $Q = 0.2435 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$
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Broad-Crested Weir

| **Broad-crested weir:** Weir with wide crest where $2L > H$

Maximum discharge equation: $Q_{max} = 1.705 \times C_d \times L \times H^{3/2}$

Worked Example

Given: Broad-crested weir $L = 50 \text{ m}$, $H = 50 \text{ cm} = 0.5 \text{ m}$, $C_d = 0.6$

Solution:

- **Without velocity of approach:** $Q_{max} = 1.705 \times 0.6 \times 50 \times (0.5)^{3/2} = 18.084 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$
 - **With velocity of consideration** ($A = 50 \text{ m}^2$): $Q_{max} = 18.412 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$
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Submerged or Drowned Weir

| **Submerged weir:** When downstream water level is above the crest of the weir

Total discharge: $Q = Q_1 + Q_2$

Where:

- $Q_1 = \frac{2}{3} C_d \times L \times \sqrt{2g}(H - h)^{3/2}$ (free portion)
 - $Q_2 = C_d \times L \times h \times \sqrt{2g(H - h)}$ (drowned portion)
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Current Meters

| **Current meter:** Device for measuring velocity of flow at a point in flowing stream

Working principle: Rotating element speed \propto flow velocity

Types:

1. **Price Current Meter:** Cup-shaped vanes on vertical spindle
2. **Propeller Type:** 3-blade propeller rotating about horizontal axis

Application: Propeller type preferred for slow-moving water (higher RPM at same velocity)

Floats

| **Floats:** Simple instruments for measuring flow velocity

Types:

1. **Surface Floats**: Single float (weighted bottle/wood) - measures surface velocity
 - *Conversion*: Average velocity $\approx 0.7\text{-}0.95 \times$ surface velocity
 2. **Double Floats**: Two connected spherical floats - gives direct average velocity
 3. **Rod Floats**: Weighted rod/tube - gives direct average velocity when properly sized
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Area-Velocity Method for Discharge Measurement

Discharge = Area of flow × Average velocity of flow

Area Determination Methods:

(i) Simple Segment Method

Area calculation: $A = x_1d_1 + x_2d_2 + x_3d_3 + \dots = \sum(x \times d)$

Where:

- x_1, x_2, x_3 = lengths of segments
 - d_1, d_2, d_3 = mean depths of segments
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Centrifugal Pumps

Centrifugal pump: Hydraulic machine converting mechanical energy to hydraulic energy using centrifugal force

Working principle: Based on forced vortex flow - pressure rise \propto square of tangential velocity

Main parts:

1. **Impeller**: Rotating part with backward-curved vanes
2. **Casing**: Airtight passage surrounding impeller (3 types: volute, vortex, guide blade)
3. **Suction pipe**: With foot valve (non-return) and strainer
4. **Delivery pipe**: Delivers water to required height

Energy conversion: Kinetic energy \rightarrow pressure energy in casing and discharge nozzle

Reciprocating Pumps

Reciprocating pump: Mechanical energy converted to hydraulic energy by piston reciprocating in cylinder

Main parts:

1. Cylinder with piston, piston rod, connecting rod, crank
2. Suction pipe with valve
3. Delivery pipe with valve

Working cycle:

- **Suction stroke** (0° - 180°): Creates vacuum, liquid enters through suction valve
- **Delivery stroke** (180° - 360°): Pressure increases, liquid forced through delivery valve

Single-Acting Pump Calculations:

$$\text{Discharge: } Q = \frac{ALN}{60}$$

$$\text{Power required: } P = \frac{\rho g ALN(h_s + h_d)}{60000} \text{ kW}$$

Double-Acting Pump:

$$\text{Discharge (twice single-acting): } Q = \frac{2ALN}{60}$$

$$\text{Power: } P = \frac{2\rho g ALN(h_s + h_d)}{60000} \text{ kW}$$

Slip Definition:

Slip = Theoretical discharge - Actual discharge

Slip in Reciprocating Pumps

Definition

Slip is the difference between theoretical discharge and actual discharge of the pump.

$$\text{Mathematical expression: } \text{Slip} = Q_{th} - Q_{act}$$

Percentage Slip

Percentage slip expresses the slip as a percentage of theoretical discharge.

Formula: Percentage slip = $\frac{Q_{th} - Q_{act}}{Q_{th}} \times 100 = (1 - C_d) \times 100$ where $C_d = \frac{Q_{act}}{Q_{th}}$ is the coefficient of discharge.

Negative Slip

Negative slip occurs when actual discharge exceeds theoretical discharge.

Conditions for negative slip:

- Delivery pipe is **short**
- Suction pipe is **long**
- Pump running at **high speed**

Classification of Reciprocating Pumps

Based on Piston Contact

1. **Single-acting pump:** Water contacts **one side** of piston
2. **Double-acting pump:** Water contacts **both sides** of piston

Based on Number of Cylinders

1. **Single cylinder pump**
2. **Double cylinder pump**
3. **Triple cylinder pump**

Worked Examples

Problem 1: Single-Acting Pump Analysis

Given: $N = 50$ rpm, $Q_{act} = 0.01 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, $D = 200 \text{ mm}$, $L = 400 \text{ mm}$

Solution:

- **Area:** $A = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 0.2^2 = 0.031416 \text{ m}^2$

- **Theoretical discharge:** $Q_{th} = \frac{ALN}{60} = \frac{0.031416 \times 0.4 \times 50}{60} = 0.01047 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- **Coefficient of discharge:** $C_d = \frac{0.01}{0.01047} = 0.955$
- **Slip:** $0.01047 - 0.01 = 0.00047 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- **Percentage slip:** $(1 - 0.955) \times 100 = 4.5$

Problem 2: Double-Acting Pump

Given: $N = 40 \text{ rpm}$, $Q_{act} = 1.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$, $D = 200 \text{ mm}$, $L = 400 \text{ mm}$, $h_s = 5 \text{ m}$, $h_d = 20 \text{ m}$

Solution:

- **Theoretical discharge:** $Q_{th} = \frac{2ALN}{60} = \frac{2 \times 0.031416 \times 0.4 \times 40}{60} = 0.01675 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - **Slip:** $0.01675 - 0.01666 = 0.00009 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 - **Power required:** $P = \frac{2\rho g ALN(h_s + h_d)}{60000} = \frac{2 \times 1000 \times 9.81 \times 0.031416 \times 0.4 \times 40 \times 25}{60000} = 4.109 \text{ kW}$
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⚡ Turbines: Basic Concepts

Turbine: Hydraulic machine that converts **hydraulic energy** (water energy) into **mechanical energy**

Classification by Energy Type

1. **Impulse turbine:** Only **kinetic energy** at inlet (e.g., Pelton wheel)
 2. **Reaction turbine:** Both **kinetic and pressure energy** at inlet
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🎯 Pelton Wheel Turbine

Pelton wheel: Tangential flow impulse turbine for **high heads**

Key Features

- Water strikes buckets **tangentially**
- **Atmospheric pressure** throughout
- Named after L.A. Pelton, American engineer

Main Components

1. **Nozzle and flow regulating arrangement** (spear)
2. **Runner and buckets**
3. **Casing**
4. **Breaking jet**

Working Principle

- Nozzle converts pressure to **kinetic energy**
 - Jet strikes **splitter** dividing flow equally
 - Deflection angle: **160°-170°**
 - Generator converts mechanical to electrical energy
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Radial Flow Reaction Turbines

Radial flow turbines: Water flows in **radial direction**

Types

1. **Inward radial flow:** Outer → Inner diameter
2. **Outward radial flow:** Inner → Outer diameter

Main Components

1. **Spiral casing** (decreasing cross-section)
 2. **Guide mechanism** (stationary vanes)
 3. **Runner** (moving vanes)
 4. **Draft tube** (pressure recovery)
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Francis Turbine

Francis turbine: **Inward radial flow reaction turbine** with **mixed flow** (radial inlet, axial outlet)

Main Components

1. **Spiral casing** - maintains uniform pressure
2. **Stay vanes** - reduces swirling
3. **Guide vanes** (wicket gates) - controls flow angle
4. **Runner blades** - converts energy
5. **Draft tube** - recovers pressure

Working Process

1. Water enters **spiral casing**
 2. Passes through **stay vanes** and **guide vanes**
 3. Strikes **runner blades** at controlled angle
 4. Exits through **draft tube** to tailrace
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🌀 Axial Flow Reaction Turbines

Axial flow turbines: Water flows **parallel to shaft axis**

Types

1. **Propeller turbine:** **Fixed vanes** on hub
2. **Kaplan turbine:** **Adjustable vanes** on hub

Kaplan Turbine Components

1. **Scroll casing**
2. **Guide vanes mechanism**
3. **Hub with adjustable vanes** (runner)
4. **Draft tube**

Key Equations

- **Peripheral velocity:** $u = \frac{\pi D_0 N}{60}$
 - **Flow area:** $A = \frac{\pi}{4}(D_0^2 - D_b^2)$
 - **Velocity of flow:** $V_{f1} = V_{f2}$ (inlet = outlet)
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Reynolds Number & Flow Regimes

Reynolds number: Dimensionless quantity determining flow regime

Formula: $Re = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} = \frac{V D}{\nu}$

Flow Classification

Flow Type	Reynolds Number	Characteristics
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Laminar	$Re < 2000$	Smooth, parallel layers
Transitional	$2000 < Re < 4000$	Mixed behavior
Turbulent	$Re > 4000$	Irregular, mixing

Critical Velocities

- **Lower critical velocity**: Transition from laminar to mixed flow
 - **Upper critical velocity**: Transition from mixed to turbulent flow
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Velocity Distribution

Laminar Flow

- **Parabolic profile**
- **Maximum velocity** = $2 \times$ mean velocity
- **Zero velocity** at pipe walls

Turbulent Flow

- **Flatter profile**
 - **Maximum velocity** at center
 - **Non-zero velocity** at walls
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Energy Losses in Pipes

Major Losses (Friction)

1. **Darcy-Weisbach Formula:** $h_f = \frac{4fLV^2}{2gD}$ where $f = \frac{16}{Re}$ for $Re < 2000$ or $f = \frac{0.079}{Re^{1/4}}$ for $4000 < Re < 10^6$
2. **Chezy's Formula:** $V = C\sqrt{mi}$ where $m = \frac{D}{4}$ and $i = \frac{h_f}{L}$

Minor Losses

- **Sudden expansion**
- **Sudden contraction**
- **Pipe entrance/exit**
- **Bends and fittings**

- Obstructions
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Practice Problems

Problem 1: Head Loss Calculation

Given: $D = 300 \text{ mm}$, $L = 50 \text{ m}$, $V = 3 \text{ m/s}$, $\nu = 0.01 \text{ stoke}$, $C = 60$

Solution:

- $Re = \frac{3 \times 0.3}{0.01 \times 10^{-4}} = 900,000$
- $f = \frac{0.079}{(900,000)^{1/4}} = 0.00256$
- **Darcy:** $h_f = \frac{4 \times 0.00256 \times 50 \times 3^2}{2 \times 9.81 \times 0.3} = 0.7828 \text{ m}$
- **Chezy:** $h_f = 1.665 \text{ m}$

Problem 2: Power Requirement

Given: $S = 0.7$, $D = 300 \text{ mm}$, $Q = 500 \text{ L/s}$, $L = 1000 \text{ m}$, $\nu = 0.29 \text{ stokes}$

Solution:

- $V = 7.073 \text{ m/s}$, $Re = 7.316 \times 10^4$
- $f = 0.0048$, $h_f = 163.18 \text{ m}$
- **Power required:** $P = \frac{700 \times 9.81 \times 0.5 \times 163.18}{1000} = 560.28 \text{ kW}$



Minor Losses in Pipes

Minor losses are head losses occurring in pipelines due to various fittings, changes in cross-section, and other local disturbances beyond friction losses.

a. Loss of Head Due to Sudden Enlargement

When a pipe abruptly increases in diameter, eddies form causing energy dissipation.

Formula: $h_e = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2}{2g}$

Where:

- V_1 = velocity in smaller pipe
- V_2 = velocity in larger pipe
- g = acceleration due to gravity

b. Loss of Head Due to Sudden Contraction

Loss occurs when fluid flows from larger pipe into smaller pipe with flow separation at vena contracta.

Formula: $h_c = k \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$

Where:

- $k = \left[\frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right]^2$
 - If $C_c = 0.62$, then $k = 0.375$
 - If C_c unknown, use $h_c = 0.5 \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$
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Worked Examples

Problem 1: Sudden Enlargement

- $D_1 = 200 \text{ mm}$, $D_2 = 400 \text{ mm}$, $Q = 250 \text{ L/s}$
- $A_1 = 0.0314 \text{ m}^2$, $A_2 = 0.12564 \text{ m}^2$
- $V_1 = 7.96 \text{ m/s}$, $V_2 = 1.99 \text{ m/s}$
- **Head loss:** $h_e = \frac{(7.96-1.99)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 1.816 \text{ m}$

Problem 2: Sudden Contraction

- $D_1 = 500 \text{ mm}$, $D_2 = 250 \text{ mm}$
 - $p_1 = 13.734 \text{ N/cm}^2$, $p_2 = 11.772 \text{ N/cm}^2$
 - Using Bernoulli's equation with contraction loss
 - **Result:** $V_2 = 5.467 \text{ m/s}$, $h_c = 0.571 \text{ m}$, $Q = 0.2683 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
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c. Loss at Pipe Entrance

Energy loss occurs when liquid enters pipe from large tank/reservoir.

Formula: $h_i = 0.5 \frac{V^2}{2g}$ (where V = pipe velocity)

d. Loss at Pipe Exit

Kinetic energy of exiting jet is dissipated.

$$\text{Formula: } h_o = \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

e. Loss Due to Obstruction

Head loss from area reduction and subsequent enlargement beyond obstruction.

$$\text{Formula: } h_{obs} = \frac{V^2}{2g} \left[\frac{A}{C_c(A-a)} - 1 \right]^2$$

Where:

- A = pipe area
- a = maximum obstruction area
- C_c = coefficient of contraction

f. Loss Due to Pipe Bends

Separation and eddy formation in bends cause energy loss.

$$\text{Formula: } h_b = k \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

Where k depends on:

- Bend angle
- Radius of curvature
- Pipe diameter

g. Loss in Pipe Fittings (Valves, Couplings)

Expressed as coefficient times velocity head.

$$\text{General Formula: } h_{fittings} = k \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

Where k varies by fitting type and size.

Comprehensive Problem

Given: Horizontal pipe $D = 200 \text{ mm}$, $L = 50 \text{ m}$, connects tank at $H = 4 \text{ m}$, $f = 0.009$

Solution: Using Bernoulli's equation including all minor losses: $4 = \frac{V^2}{2g} [1 + 0.5 + \frac{4 \times 0.009 \times 50}{0.2}]$ $V = 2.734 \text{ m/s}$, $Q = 0.08589 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Hydraulic and Energy Lines

Hydraulic Gradient Line (HGL)

Line showing sum of pressure head and datum head at any section.

- $\text{HGL} = \frac{p}{w} + z$
- Coincides with free surface in open channels

Total Energy Line (TEL)

Line showing sum of pressure, datum, and kinetic heads.

- $\text{TEL} = \frac{p}{w} + z + \frac{V^2}{2g}$
 - Always lies above HGL by velocity head amount
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Pipes in Series (Compound Pipes)

Pipes of different lengths/diameters connected end-to-end.

Key Principles:

1. **Same discharge** through each pipe: $Q = A_1 V_1 = A_2 V_2 = A_3 V_3$
2. **Total head loss** = sum of all losses (friction + minor)

With minor losses: $H = \frac{0.5V_1^2}{2g} + \frac{4f_1L_1V_1^2}{2gD_1} + \frac{0.5V_2^2}{2g} + \frac{(V_2-V_3)^2}{2g} + \frac{4f_3L_3V_3^2}{2gD_3} + \frac{V_3^2}{2g}$

Neglecting minor losses: $H = \frac{4f_1L_1V_1^2}{2gD_1} + \frac{4f_2L_2V_2^2}{2gD_2} + \frac{4f_3L_3V_3^2}{2gD_3}$

Parallel Pipes Problem

Given: Main divides into two branches ($L_1=2000$ m, $d_1=1.0$ m; $L_2=2000$ m, $d_2=0.8$ m) with total $Q = 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, $f = 0.005$

Solution: Using equal head loss principle: $\frac{V_1^2}{d_1} = \frac{V_2^2}{d_2} \Rightarrow V_1 = \frac{V_2}{0.894}$

With continuity: $Q_1 + Q_2 = 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

- **Results:** $Q_1 = 1.906 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, $Q_2 = 1.094 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
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Water Hammer in Pipes

Pressure surge caused when flowing fluid is suddenly stopped (valve closure).

Mechanism:

- Momentum destruction creates high-pressure wave
- Wave travels at sound velocity
- Creates "knocking" noise and hammering action

Factors affecting pressure rise:

1. Flow velocity (V)
2. Pipe length (L)
3. Valve closure time
4. Pipe material elasticity

Cases studied:

1. **Gradual valve closure**
2. **Sudden closure (rigid pipe)**
3. **Sudden closure (elastic pipe)**

Effects:

- Knocking/water hammer sounds
 - Enormous hoop stresses
 - Potential pipe burst
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Unit-V: Flow Through Open Channels

Open channel flow is liquid flow with **free surface** at **atmospheric pressure**.

Characteristics:

- Flow driven by **gravity** (bed slope)
- **HGL coincides with free surface**
- Examples: rivers, canals, flumes

Classification of Open Channel Flow

Flow Type	Definition	Mathematical Condition
Uniform	Constant depth, velocity, slope, cross-section	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = 0, \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} = 0$
Non-uniform	Varying flow properties	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \neq 0, \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} \neq 0$

Non-uniform flow subdivisions:

1. **Rapidly Varied Flow (R.V.F.)**: Abrupt depth changes over short length
2. **Gradually Varied Flow (G.V.F.)**: Gradual depth changes over long length

Chezy's Formula for Velocity

Empirical formula relating velocity to channel characteristics.

$$\text{Formula: } V = C\sqrt{mi}$$

Where:

- V = velocity (m/s)
- C = Chezy's constant
- m = hydraulic mean depth = $\frac{A}{P}$
- i = bed slope

$$\text{Discharge: } Q = AV = AC\sqrt{mi}$$

Worked Examples

Rectangular Channel (6 m × 3 m):

- $A = 18 \text{ m}^2, P = 12 \text{ m}, m = 1.5 \text{ m}$

- $C = 55, i = \frac{1}{2000}$
- **Results:** $V = 1.506 \text{ m/s}, Q = 27.108 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Trapezoidal Channel:

- Width = 8 m, depth = 2.4 m, side slope = 1:3
- $A = 21.12 \text{ m}^2, P = 13.058 \text{ m}, m = 1.617 \text{ m}$
- **Result:** $Q = 21.23 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

V-Shaped Channel:

- Depth = 4 m, 30° slope each side
 - $A = 9.2376 \text{ m}^2, P = 9.2375 \text{ m}, m = 1.0 \text{ m}$
 - **Result:** $Q = 16.066 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
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Empirical Formulas for Chezy's Constant

Formula	Expression	Parameters
Bazin	$C = \frac{157.6}{1.81 + \frac{k}{\sqrt{m}}}$	k = Bazin's constant (surface roughness)
Ganguillet-Kutter	$C = \frac{23 + \frac{0.00155}{i} + \frac{1}{N}}{1 + \left(23 + \frac{0.00155}{i}\right) \frac{N}{\sqrt{m}}}$	N = Kutter's roughness coefficient
Manning	$C = \frac{1}{N} m^{1/6}$	N = Manning's roughness coefficient

Practical Problem Solutions

Using Bazin's Formula ($k = 2.36$):

- Rectangular channel: $2.5 \text{ m} \times 1.5 \text{ m}, i = 1/2000$
- $m = 0.682 \text{ m}, C = 33.76$
- **Result:** $Q = 2.337 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Using Manning's Formula ($N = 0.012$):

- Rectangular channel: $2 \text{ m} \times 1.5 \text{ m}, i = 4/8000$
- $m = 0.6 \text{ m}, C = 55.12$
- **Result:** $Q = 4.74 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Most Economical Channel Sections

Most economical section: A channel section with **minimum construction cost** achieved by minimizing wetted perimeter for a given discharge.

Key principle: For constant area A , bed slope i , and resistance coefficient C , discharge Q is maximum when wetted perimeter P is minimum.

General Condition

$$Q = AC\sqrt{mi} = AC\sqrt{\frac{A}{P}i}$$

Since A , C , and i are constant: $Q \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{P}}$

Therefore: Maximum discharge occurs when wetted perimeter is minimum

Most Economical Rectangular Channel

For a rectangular channel with width b and depth d :

Area: $A = b \times d$

Wetted perimeter: $P = b + 2d$

Derivation for minimum perimeter: $\frac{dP}{dd} = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dd} \left(\frac{A}{d} + 2d \right) = -\frac{A}{d^2} + 2 = 0$$

Resulting conditions:

1. $b = 2d$ (width equals twice the depth)
 2. $m = \frac{d}{2}$ (hydraulic mean depth equals half the depth)
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Example Problems - Rectangular Channels

Problem 1: Maximum Discharge

Given: $b = 4 \text{ m}$, $i = \frac{1}{1500}$, $C = 50$

Solution:

- For most economical: $d = \frac{b}{2} = 2 \text{ m}$
- $A = 4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ m}^2$

- $m = \frac{d}{2} = 1 \text{ m}$
- $Q = 8 \times 50 \times \sqrt{1 \times \frac{1}{1500}} = 10.328 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Problem 2: Find Dimensions for Given Discharge

Given: $Q = 400 \text{ L/s} = 0.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, $i = \frac{1}{2000}$, $C = 50$

Solution:

- For most economical: $b = 2d$, $m = \frac{d}{2}$
 - $A = 2d^2$
 - $0.4 = 2d^2 \times 50 \times \sqrt{\frac{d}{2} \times \frac{1}{2000}}$
 - $d^{5/2} = 0.253$
 - $d = 0.577 \text{ m}$, $b = 1.154 \text{ m}$
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Most Economical Trapezoidal Section

For trapezoidal channel with side slope 1 vertical to n horizontal:

Area: $A = (b + nd)d$

Wetted perimeter: $P = b + 2d\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$

Optimisation condition: $\frac{b+2nd}{2} = d\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$

Key result: Half of top width equals sloping side length

Hydraulic mean depth: $m = \frac{d}{2}$



Example Problems - Trapezoidal Channels

Problem 1: Most Economical Dimensions

Given: Side slopes 1 : 2, $A = 40 \text{ m}^2$, $i = \frac{1}{1500}$, $C = 50$

Solution:

- $n = \frac{1}{2}$
- From condition: $b = 1.236d$
- $A = 1.736d^2 = 40$

- $d = 4.8 \text{ m}$, $b = 5.933 \text{ m}$
- $m = 2.4 \text{ m}$
- $Q = 40 \times 50 \times \sqrt{2.4 \times \frac{1}{1500}} = 80 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$

Problem 2: Optimum Dimensions for Given Flow

Given: Side slopes $3 : 4$, $Q = 0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, $i = \frac{1}{2000}$, $C = 80$

Approach: Apply trapezoidal optimization condition and solve for dimensions (student exercise)

Channel Optimization Summary

Channel Type	Width Condition	Depth Condition	Hydraulic Depth
Rectangular	$b = 2d$	$d = \frac{b}{2}$	$m = \frac{d}{2}$
Trapezoidal	$\frac{b+2nd}{2} = d\sqrt{n^2 + 1}$	Variable	$m = \frac{d}{2}$

Universal principle: For any channel shape, the **most economical section** occurs when the **hydraulic mean depth equals half the flow depth** for the given cross-sectional area.