



# Fluid Mechanics & Hydraulics Overview

## Brief Overview

This note covers **Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulics** and was created from a PDF document of 147 pages (source: <https://api.turbolearn.ai/storage/v1/object/public/pdf/54b3424b-31bb-4e83-a4d1-8e31f4abf605/f62e5ba1-1b73-491d-a5ba-29bf39c1dbf3.pdf>). It introduces fluid statics, flow regimes, pressure measurement, and channel optimisation with equations and worked examples.

## 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 ( $\rho$ )

Mass per unit volume

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

- 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  $S = 0.7, 1 \text{ L}$

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

## Viscosity ( $\mu$ )

Property resisting relative motion between layers.

**Newton's relation:**

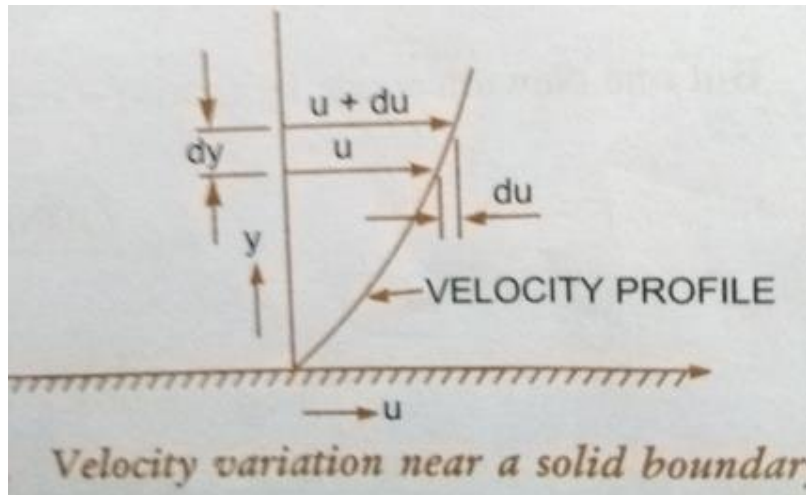
$$\tau = \mu, \frac{du}{dy}$$

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

**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,  $\tau = 2; \text{N/m}^2$

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

## 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 ( $\sigma$ )

Tensile force per unit length acting along interface.

Units: N/m (S.I.)

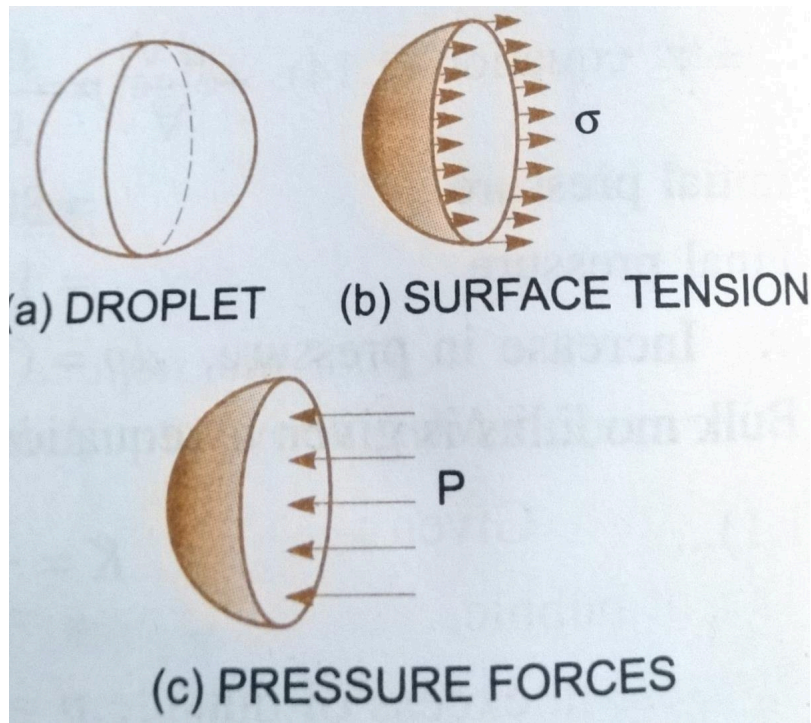
## Curved surface excess pressures

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 $\theta$	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  $\leq 0.2$  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:  $\text{N/m}^2$  (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  $p_{\text{vap}}$  extremely low → used in barometers & thermometers

## 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)



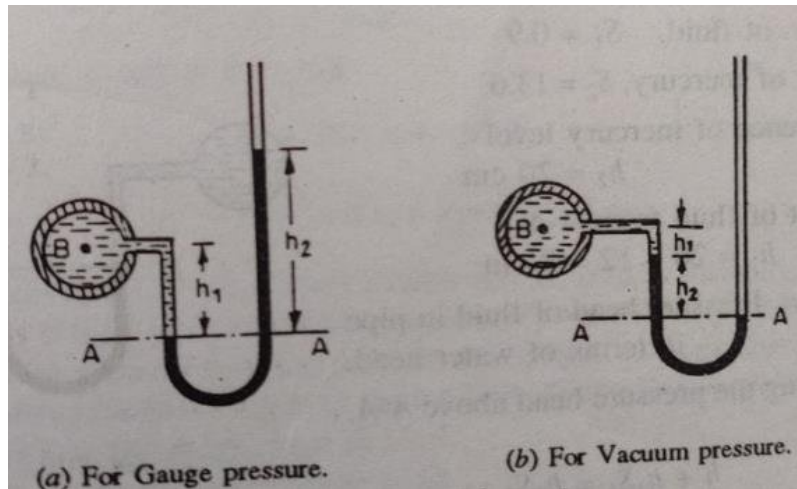
### U-tube Manometer

#### 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:**

- $h_1 = 20 - 12 = 8$  cm
- $h + (8)(0.9) = (20)(13.6)$
- $h = 264.8$  cm of water
- $p = 2648$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> = **2.597 N/cm<sup>2</sup>**

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

**Solution:**

- $h = -[(40)(13.6) + (15)(0.8)]$
- $p = -54543.6$  N/m<sup>2</sup> = **-0.5454 N/cm<sup>2</sup>**



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## 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:**  $h = L \sin \theta \times S_2 - h_1 S_1$

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## 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:  $h = \frac{1}{100}(0.4)(13.6 - 0.9) + (0.4)(13.6) - (0.2)(0.9)$
  - $p = 52134 \text{ N/m}^2 = \mathbf{5.21 \text{ N/cm}^2}$
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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:**  $p_A - p_B = h_1\rho_1 g - h_2\rho_2 g - h\rho_S g$

**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

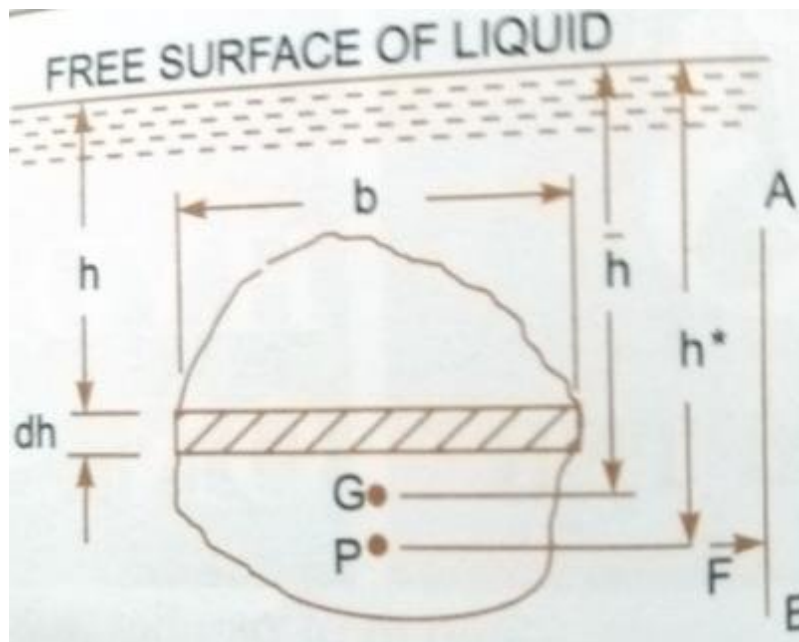
**Total Pressure (F):** Force exerted by static fluid on submerged surface, always acts **normal** to surface.

**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 geometrical properties of some important plane surfaces.

Plane Surface

cg from the base

Area

Moment of Inertia about an axis passing through G and parallel to base ( $I_G$ )

Moment of Inertia about base ( $I_o$ )

1. Rectangle

$$x = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$bd$$

$$\frac{bd^3}{12}$$

$$\frac{bd^3}{3}$$

2. Triangle

$$x = \frac{h}{3}$$

$$\frac{bh}{2}$$

$$\frac{bh^3}{36}$$

$$\frac{bh^3}{12}$$

3. Circle

$$x = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$\frac{\pi d^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{\pi d^4}{64}$$

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4. Trapezium

$$x = \frac{(2a+b)h}{3}$$

$$\frac{(a+b)h}{2}$$

$$\frac{(a^2 + 4ab + b^2)h^3}{36(a+b)}$$

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

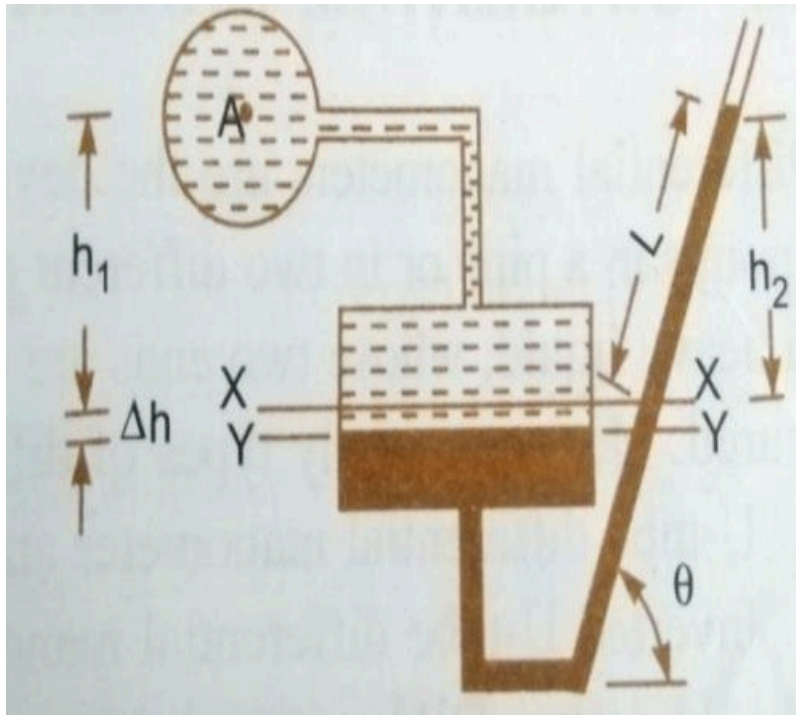
**Special case:** All points at same depth

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

Surface making angle  $\theta$  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  $\theta$  with the free liquid surface, where the depth varies along the surface.



### Key Parameters

Symbol	Meaning
$A$	<b>Total area</b> of inclined surface
$\bar{h}$	<b>Depth of C.G.</b> from free liquid surface
$h^*$	<b>Depth of centre of pressure</b> from free surface
$\theta$	<b>Angle</b> 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 × 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
<b>Steady</b>	Properties constant at fixed point	$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = 0$
<b>Unsteady</b>	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
- $\nu$  = 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
- $\nu$  = 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<sup>3</sup>/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):  $V_1 \rho_1 A_1 = V_2 \rho_2 A_2$

**For incompressible fluids** ( $\rho_1 = \rho_2$ ):  $V_1 A_1 = V_2 A_2$

### Worked Example 1: Pipe Contraction

**Given:**  $D_1 = 10$  cm,  $D_2 = 15$  cm,  $V_1 = 5$  m/s

**Solution:**

- $A_1 = \frac{\pi}{4}(0.1)^2 = 0.007854 \text{ m}^2$
- $Q = A_1 V_1 = 0.03927 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- $A_2 = \frac{\pi}{4}(0.15)^2 = 0.01767 \text{ m}^2$
- $V_2 = \frac{A_1 V_1}{A_2} = 2.22 \text{ m/s}$

### Worked Example 2: Pipe Branching

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

**Solution:**

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

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## 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
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## 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 =  $30 + 0.204 + 5 = 35.204 \text{ m}$**

### 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:** 
$$v = C_v \sqrt{2gh}$$

## 1234 Hydraulic Coefficients

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

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

## 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)

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## Floats

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

**Types:**

1. **Surface Floats:** Single float (weighted bottle/wood) - measures surface velocity
    - *Conversion:* Average velocity  $\approx 0.7-0.95 \times$  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  $\times$  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

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## 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:

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

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

### Double-Acting Pump:

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

**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.

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

## Percentage Slip

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

**Formula:**  $\text{Percentage slip} = \frac{Q_{th} - Q_{act}}{Q_{th}} \times 100 = (1 - C_d) \times 100$  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**
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## 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**
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## Worked Examples

### Problem 1: Single-Acting Pump Analysis

**Given:**  $N = 50$  rpm,  $Q_{act} = 0.01$  m<sup>3</sup>/s,  $D = 200$  mm,  $L = 400$  mm

**Solution:**

- **Area:**  $A = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 0.2^2 = 0.031416$  m<sup>2</sup>

- **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:**  $P = \frac{2\rho g ALN(h_s + h_d)}{60000} = \frac{2 \times 1000 \times 9.81 \times 0.031416 \times 0.4 \times 40 \times 25}{60000} = 4.109 \text{ kW}$

## 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

## 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:**  $D = 300$  mm,  $L = 50$  m,  $V = 3$  m/s,  $\nu = 0.01$  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:**  $h_f = \frac{4 \times 0.00256 \times 50 \times 3^2}{2 \times 9.81 \times 0.3} = 0.7828$  m
- **Chezy:**  $h_f = 1.665$  m

### Problem 2: Power Requirement

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

**Solution:**

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

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### 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  $h_c = 0.5 \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$

## Worked Examples

### Problem 1: Sudden Enlargement

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

### Problem 2: Sudden Contraction

- $D_1 = 500$  mm,  $D_2 = 250$  mm
- $p_1 = 13.734$  N/cm<sup>2</sup>,  $p_2 = 11.772$  N/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Using Bernoulli's equation with contraction loss
- **Result:**  $V_2 = 5.467$  m/s,  $h_c = 0.571$  m,  $Q = 0.2683$  m<sup>3</sup>/s

## 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.

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

#### e. Loss Due to Obstruction

Head loss from area reduction and subsequent enlargement beyond obstruction.

**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.

**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.

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

Where  $k$  varies by fitting type and size.

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## Comprehensive Problem

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

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

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## Hydraulic and Energy Lines

### Hydraulic Gradient Line (HGL)

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

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

### Total Energy Line (TEL)

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

- $TEL = \frac{p}{w} + z + \frac{V^2}{2g}$
  - 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:**  $H = \frac{0.5V_1^2}{2g} + \frac{4f_1 L_1 V_1^2}{2gD_1} + \frac{0.5V_2^2}{2g} + \frac{(V_2 - V_3)^2}{2g} + \frac{4f_3 L_3 V_3^2}{2gD_3} + \frac{V_3^2}{2g}$

**Neglecting minor losses:**  $H = \frac{4f_1 L_1 V_1^2}{2gD_1} + \frac{4f_2 L_2 V_2^2}{2gD_2} + \frac{4f_3 L_3 V_3^2}{2gD_3}$

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## 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  $Q = 3$  m<sup>3</sup>/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:  $Q_1 + Q_2 = 3$  m<sup>3</sup>/s

- **Results:**  $Q_1 = 1.906$  m<sup>3</sup>/s,  $Q_2 = 1.094$  m<sup>3</sup>/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
<b>Uniform</b>	Constant depth, velocity, slope, cross-section	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial s} = 0, \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} = 0$
<b>Non-uniform</b>	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.

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

Where:

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

**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:**  $Q = 16.066 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



### Empirical Formulas for Chezy's Constant

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



### Practical Problem Solutions

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

- Rectangular channel: 2.5 m × 1.5 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 m × 1.5 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

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

**Solution:**

- For most economical:  $d = \frac{b}{2} = 2$  m
- $A = 4 \times 2 = 8$  m<sup>2</sup>



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

## 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:**  $m = \frac{d}{2}$

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## 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.