CE 3372 – Water Systems Design Exercise Set 6

Purpose: Application of Manning's equation and flow geometry in open channels;

Apply rational method; construct a design storm hyetograph;

Select and use inlet design equations, apply Excel to assist in hydraulic

calculations.

ABET Criteria 3: (a) ... apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering

(e) ... solve engineering problems

(k) ... an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering

tools necessary for engineering practice.

Exercises

- 1. Water flows at $8m^3/s$ through a rectangular channel 4 m wide and 3 m deep. If the velocity is 1m/s, calculate the flow depth in the channel. If this channel expands (downstream) to a width of 5 m and the depth decreases by 0.5 m from the upstream depth, what is the mean section velocity in the expanded section?
 - a) Sketch the two cross sections and label the width, depth, and channel wall height.
 - b) Write the relationships between velocity, depth, and discharge for each section.
 - c) Compute the depth in the narrow section.
 - d) Compute the depth in the wider section.
 - e) Compute the velocity in the wider section.
- 2. Water flows at a depth of 2.20 m in a trapezoidal, concrete-lined section with a bottom width of 3.6 m and side slopes of 2:1 (H:V). The longitudinal slope of the channel is 0.0006 and the water temperature is 293°K. Assuming uniform-flow conditions, estimate the mean section velocity (in meters per second) and the discharge (in cubic meters per second) in the channel.
 - a) Sketch the cross section and label the width, depth, and side slope.
 - b) Write the relationships between velocity, depth, and discharge for the section.
 - c) Compute the velocity in the section.
 - d) Compute the discharge in the section.

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- 3. A circular sewer is laid on a slope of 0.5%. What diameter is required if the concrete pipe is to carry 25 cubic-feet per second? If the desired design mean section velocity is between 3 and 7 feet per second, is the design acceptable?
 - a) Sketch the cross section and label the diameter and flow depth.
 - b) Write the appropriate relationships between velocity, depth, and discharge for the section.
 - c) Size the pipe; assume pipe is flowing full, but not pressurized.
 - d) Compute the actual fill depth (the pipe will flow less than full) using either the hydraulic element chart or by computation.
 - e) Compute the velocity in the section (using the actual fill depth).
 - f) Is the computed velocity within the stated criteria?
- 4. A grass-lined roadside swale (ditch) is to be built as a trapezoidal channel to carry 20 cubic-feet per second, with a 1 foot freeboard. If the desired flow depth is 1 foot, and the right of way available to fit the ditch is 12 feet, what is the required side slope and bottom width. The longitudinal slope is 1%.
 - i Sketch the cross section and label the width, depth, and side slope.
 - ii Write the appropriate relationships between velocity, depth, and discharge for the section.
 - iii Compute the required side-slope in the section.
 - iv Compute the mean section velocity in the section.

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