

# Open Channel Flow with Manning's Equation

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## Abstract

## 1 Theory

### 1.1 Manning's Equation

The Manning's equation for the velocity and discharge of uniform flow in open channels is [1, 2, 4, 3]:

$$v = \frac{K_u}{n} R^{\frac{2}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (1)$$

$$Q = vA = \frac{K_u}{n} A R^{\frac{2}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{K_u}{n} A^{\frac{5}{3}} P^{-\frac{2}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (2)$$

where

$v$  = Mean velocity, m/s (ft/s),

$Q$  = Discharge,  $m^3/s$  ( $ft^3/s$ ),

$n$  = Manning's coefficient of roughness,

$R$  = Hydraulic radius, m (ft).  $R = P/A$ ,

$P$  = Wetted perimeter, m (ft),

$A$  = Crossing-section area of flowing water perpendicular to the direction of flow,  $m^2$  ( $ft^2$ ),

$S$  = Energy slope, m/m (ft/ft). For steady uniform flow  $S = S_0$ , and

$K_u$  = units conversion factor, 1 for SI, 1.486 for English units.

## 1.2 Normal Depth

Depending on the geometry of the channel, both  $A$  and  $P$  are dependent on normal depth  $y$ . To calculate  $y$  for a given  $Q$ , we solve

$$f_d(y_i) = \frac{K_u}{n} A^{\frac{5}{3}} P^{-\frac{2}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}} - Q \quad (3)$$

for  $f_d(y_i) = 0$ . Analytical solutions are available in some special cases, for example, triangular channels. In general, a numerical solution is used to solve the nonlinear equation iteratively. Using Newton's method [5], the iteration starts with an initial guess  $y_0$ , and iterates with

$$y_{i+1} = y_i - \frac{f_d(y_i)}{f'_d(y_i)} \quad (4)$$

where

$$f'_d(y_i) = \frac{\partial f_d}{\partial y} = \frac{K_u}{n} S^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{5}{3} R^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} - \frac{2}{3} R^{\frac{5}{3}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) \quad (5)$$

until

$$|f_d(y_i)| \leq TOLQ, \quad (6)$$

$$|y_{i+1} - y_i| \leq TOLD, \quad (7)$$

or

$$i \geq MAXI \quad (8)$$

with

$TOLQ$  = discharge tolerance,  $m^3/s$  ( $ft^3/s$ ),

$TOLD$  = depth tolerance,  $m$  ( $ft$ ),

$MAXI$  = maximum number of iteration.

When the iteration stops with criteria Eq.(8), an error is shown to notify the user. The user may adjust  $y_0$  or  $t_0$ ,  $TOLQ$ ,  $TOLD$ , and/or  $MAXI$  to obtain a satisfactory solution. For circular, elliptical, and arch pipes, a replacement of variable  $y$  with an alternative variable  $t$  (for example) is convenient. These equations remain valid. An alternative tolerance  $TOLA$  (in lieu of  $TOLD$ ) is specified when  $t$  is an angle.

For open channel flow in closed conduits such as circular, elliptical, and arch pipes, the calculated discharge peaks before the pipe is full [1, 2, 4]. The normal depth  $y_{max}$  or  $t_{max}$  at peak discharge  $Q_{max}$  can be calculated by solving

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \frac{K_u}{n} \left( \frac{5}{3} R^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - \frac{2}{3} R^{\frac{5}{3}} \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} \right) S^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0. \quad (9)$$

or

$$f(t) = 5P \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - 2A \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = 5PA' - 2AP' = 0. \quad (10)$$

In absence of an analytical solution, Newton's method is used with

$$t_{i+1} = t_i - \frac{f(t_i)}{f'(t_i)}, \quad (11)$$

$$f'(t_i) = 5A''P + 3A'P' - 2AP'' \quad (12)$$

If  $Q > Q_{max}$ , an error is shown with  $y_{max}$  returned as normal depth.

In cases where  $Q$  is not a monotonically increasing function with  $y$ , multiple  $y$  values may result in the same  $Q$  value. The lowest value is returned as normal depth.

In summary, to calculate normal depth with Newton's method, we need  $A$ ,  $P$ ,  $A'$  and  $P'$ .  $A''$  and  $P''$  are needed when  $Q_{max}$  needs to be calculated using Newton's method.

### 1.3 Critical Depth

Critical flow occurs when the specific energy

$$E = \frac{v^2}{2g} + y = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y \quad (13)$$

reaches a minimum ( $g$  is acceleration of gravity, 32.17  $ft/s^2$  for US Customary units, 9.81  $m/s^2$  for SI). Namely,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial y} = -\frac{Q^2}{gA^3} \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} + 1 = 0. \quad (14)$$

To solve the equation with Newton's method, critical depth  $y_c$  or  $t_c$  is calculated by

$$t_{c,i+1} = t_{c,i} - \frac{f(t_{c,i})}{f'(t_{c,i})} \quad (15)$$

where

$$f_c(t) = gA^3 - Q^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \quad (16)$$

$$f'_c(t) = 3gA^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - Q^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) \quad (17)$$

The critical velocity  $v_c$  is

$$v_c = \frac{Q}{A_c} = \sqrt{g \frac{A}{\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}}} = \sqrt{gD} \quad (18)$$

where  $D = A / \frac{\partial A}{\partial y}$  is the hydraulic depth.

The Froude number,  $F = v/v_c$ . The critical slope  $S_c$  is backcalculated from Eq. (1).

## 2 Triangular

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(z_1 + z_2)y^2 \quad (19)$$

$$P = \left( \sqrt{1 + z_1^2} + \sqrt{1 + z_2^2} \right) y \quad (20)$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(z_1 + z_2)}{\sqrt{1 + z_1^2} + \sqrt{1 + z_2^2}} y \quad (21)$$

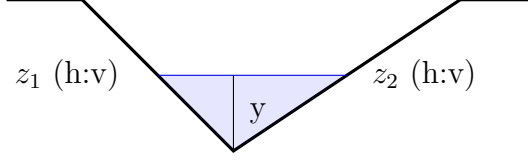


Figure 1: Triangular Section

Eq. (2) becomes

$$Q = \frac{K_u}{n} \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{z_1 + z_2}{\sqrt{1 + z_1^2} + \sqrt{1 + z_2^2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} y^{\frac{8}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (22)$$

Note this equation can be used to backcalculate  $y$  from  $Q$ .

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = (z_1 + z_2)y \quad (23)$$

Eq. (16) becomes

$$f_c(y) = \frac{g}{8}(z_1 + z_2)^3 y^6 - Q^2(z_1 + z_2)y = 0. \quad (24)$$

$$y_c^5 = \frac{8Q^2}{g(z_1 + z_2)^2} \quad (25)$$

### 3 Rectangular

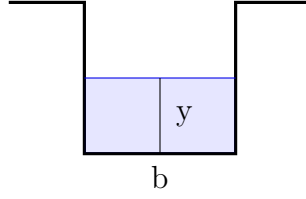


Figure 2: Rectangular Section

$$A = by \quad (26)$$

$$P = b + 2y \quad (27)$$

$$R = \frac{by}{b + 2y} \quad (28)$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = b \quad (29)$$

$$f_c(y) = gb^3y^3 - Q^2b = 0 \quad (30)$$

$$y_c^3 = \frac{Q^2}{gb^2} \quad (31)$$

## 4 Trapezoidal

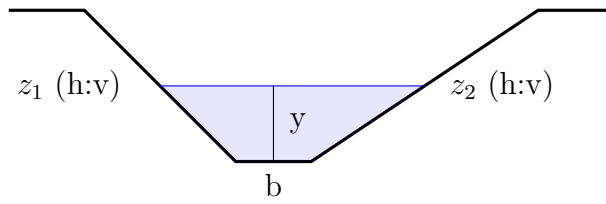


Figure 3: Trapezoidal Section

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(z_1 + z_2)y^2 + by \quad (32)$$

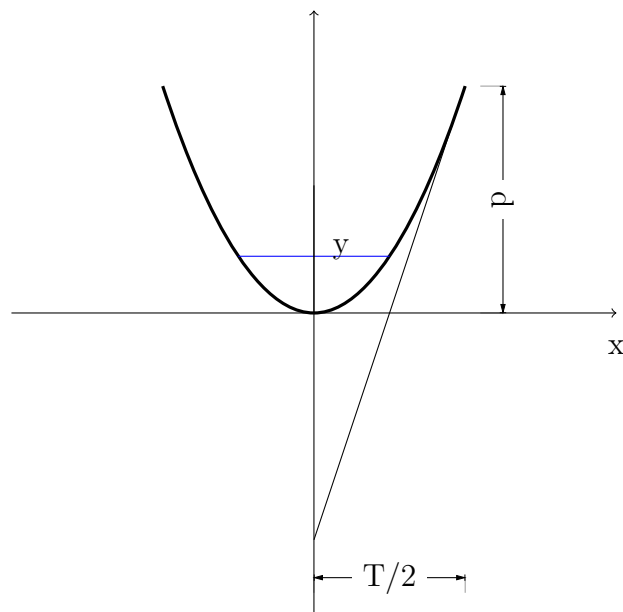
$$P = \left( \sqrt{1 + z_1^2} + \sqrt{1 + z_2^2} \right) y + b \quad (33)$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = (z_1 + z_2)y + b \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial y^2} = z_1 + z_2 \quad (35)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dy} = \sqrt{1 + z_1^2} + \sqrt{1 + z_2^2} \quad (36)$$

## 5 Parabolic



For a parabola with top width  $T$  and depth  $d$ ,

$$y = 4\frac{d}{T^2}x^2 \quad (37)$$

$$A = 2xy - \int_{-x}^x 4\frac{d}{T^2}x^2 dx = \frac{16}{3}\frac{d}{T^2}x^3 = \frac{2}{3}\frac{T}{\sqrt{d}}y^{\frac{3}{2}} \quad (38)$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = T\sqrt{\frac{y}{d}} \quad (39)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial y^2} = \frac{T}{2\sqrt{yd}} \quad (40)$$

To calculate  $P$  and  $P'$ ,

$$P = 2 \int_0^y \sqrt{1 + (dx/dy)^2} dy \quad (41)$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = 8\frac{d}{T^2}x \quad (42)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)^2 = 16\frac{d}{T^2}y = \frac{y}{a} \quad (43)$$

with  $a = T^2/16d$

$$\int \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{t}} dt = \frac{a}{2} \ln \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{t}} + 1 \right) - \frac{a}{2} \ln \left( \left| \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{t}} - 1 \right| \right) + x\sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{t}} + c \quad (44)$$

$$\int \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{t}} dx = \frac{a}{2} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{t}} + 1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{t}} - 1} \right| + \sqrt{t^2 + at} + c = \frac{a}{2} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{t^2 + at} + t}{\sqrt{t^2 + at} - t} \right| + \sqrt{t^2 + at} + c \quad (45)$$

$$P = 2 \int_0^y \sqrt{1 + (dx/dy)^2} dy = 2 \int_0^y \sqrt{1 + \frac{a}{y}} dy = a \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{y^2 + ay} + y}{\sqrt{y^2 + ay} - y} \right| + 2\sqrt{y^2 + ay} \quad (46)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dy} = a \frac{\frac{2y+a}{\sqrt{y^2+ay}} + 1}{\sqrt{y^2+ay} + y} - a \frac{\frac{2y+a}{\sqrt{y^2+ay}} - 1}{\sqrt{y^2+ay} - y} + \frac{2y+a}{\sqrt{y^2+ay}} \quad (47)$$

Let  $z = \sqrt{y^2 + ay}$ ,

$$\frac{dP}{dy} = a \frac{\frac{2y+a}{z} + 1}{z + y} - a \frac{\frac{2y+a}{z} - 1}{z - y} + \frac{2y+a}{z} = a \frac{2y+a+z}{z^2 + yz} - a \frac{2y+a-z}{z^2 - yz} + \frac{2y+a}{z} \quad (48)$$

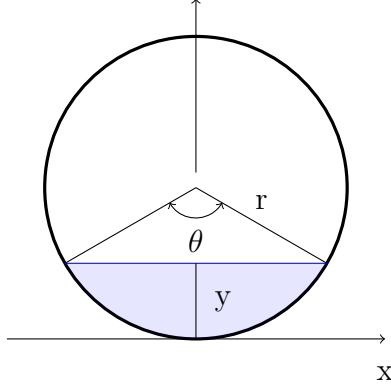


Figure 4: Circular Section

## 6 Circular

### 6.1 Basic Equations

$$y = r(1 - \cos \frac{\theta}{2}) \quad (49)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \sin \theta)r^2 \quad (50)$$

$$P = \theta r \quad (51)$$

$$R = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \right) r \quad (52)$$

$$T = 2r \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (53)$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{r}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (54)$$

$$\frac{dA}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \theta)r^2 \quad (55)$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\theta} = r \quad (56)$$

$$\frac{dT}{d\theta} = r \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (57)$$

### 6.2 Calculate Maximum Discharge Using Manning's Equation

$$Q = \frac{K_u}{n} A R^{2/3} S^{1/2} = \frac{K_u}{n} A^{5/3} P^{-2/3} S^{1/2}, \quad (58)$$

$$\frac{dQ}{d\theta} = \frac{K_u}{n} \left( \frac{5}{3} R^{2/3} \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2}{3} R^{5/3} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} \right) S^{1/2} = 0, \quad (59)$$

$$5 \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta} - 2R \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} = 0, \quad (60)$$

$$3\theta - 5\theta \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta = 0, \quad (61)$$

$$\theta_{max} = 5.27810713, \quad (62)$$

$$Q_{max} = 2.2189 \frac{K_u}{n} r^{8/3} S^{1/2}, \quad (63)$$

$$y_{max} = 1.87636243r, \quad (64)$$

### 6.3 Calculate Normal Depth

For  $Q$  less than  $Q_{max}$ ,

$$\theta_{i+1} = \theta_i - \frac{f_d(\theta_i)}{f'_d(\theta_i)} \quad (65)$$

where

$$f_d(\theta_i) = \frac{K_u}{n} A^{5/3} P^{-2/3} S^{1/2} - Q \quad (66)$$

$$f'_d(\theta_i) = \frac{K_u}{n} \left( \frac{5}{3} R^{2/3} \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2}{3} R^{5/3} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta} \right) S^{1/2} \quad (67)$$

### 6.4 Calculate Critical Depth

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(\theta) = \frac{\frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta}}{\frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta / 2} r = 2r \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (68)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) = r \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (69)$$

$$f_c(\theta) = gA^3 - Q^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = gA^3 - 2rQ^2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \quad (70)$$

$$f'_c(\theta) = 3gA^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta} - Q^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) \quad (71)$$

## 7 Elliptical

### 7.1 Basic Equations

$$u = b \cos \alpha \quad (72)$$

$$v = a \sin \alpha$$

$$\tan \beta = \frac{a}{b} \tan \alpha \quad (73)$$



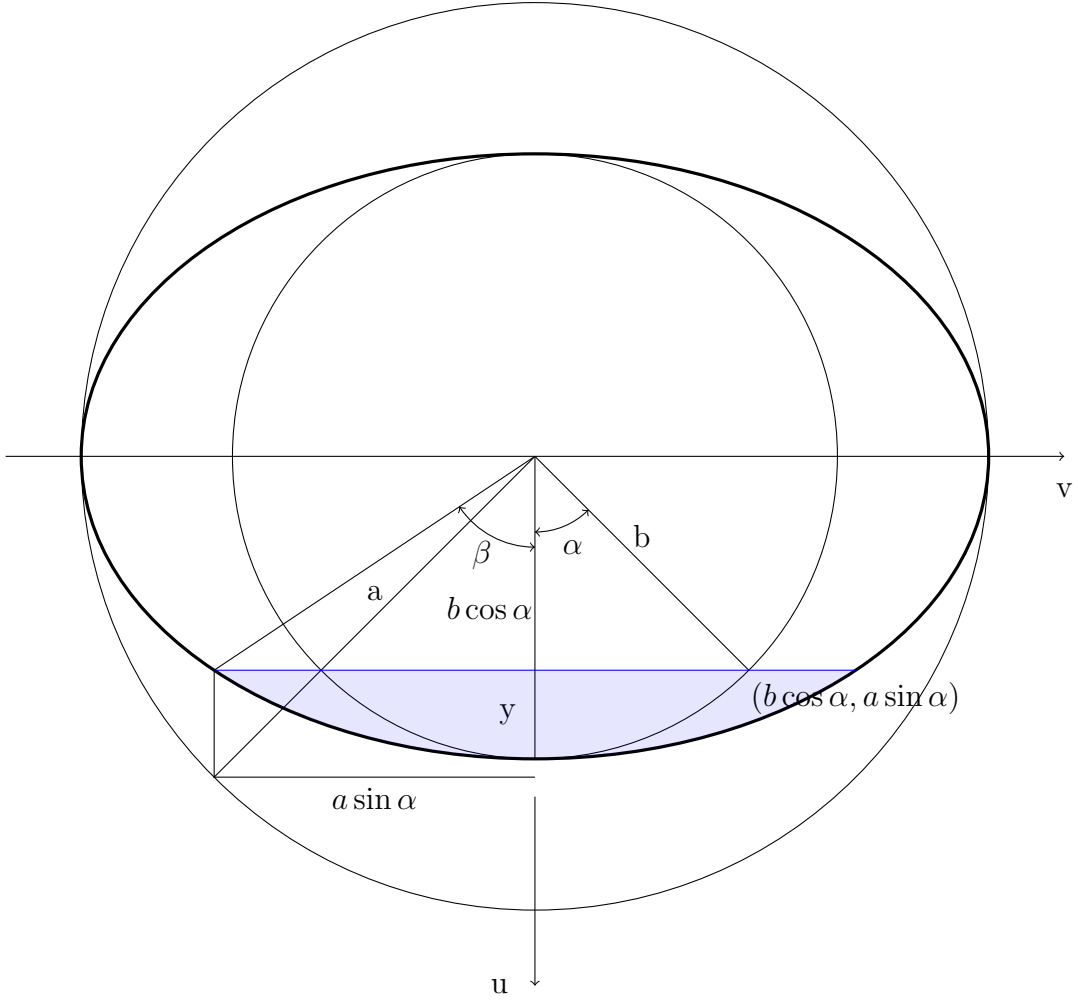


Figure 5: Elliptical Section ( $a \geq b$ )

$$\sin^2 \alpha = \frac{\tan^2 \alpha}{1 + \tan^2 \alpha} = \frac{b^2 \tan^2 \beta}{a^2 + b^2 \tan^2 \beta} \quad (74)$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 \alpha} = \frac{a^2}{a^2 + b^2 \tan^2 \beta} \quad (75)$$

$$r^2 = a^2 \sin^2 \alpha + b^2 \cos^2 \alpha \quad (76)$$

## 7.2 Wet Perimeter

### 7.2.1 $a \geq b$

In the case of  $a \geq b$  (Figure 5), the wet perimeter is

$$P = 2 \int_0^\alpha \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t} dt = 2a \int_0^\alpha \sqrt{1 - (1 - b^2/a^2) \sin^2 t} dt = 2aE(\alpha, \eta) \quad (77)$$

with  $\eta^2 = 1 - b^2/a^2$ ,  $E(\alpha, \zeta)$  as the Legendre elliptical integral of the second kind.

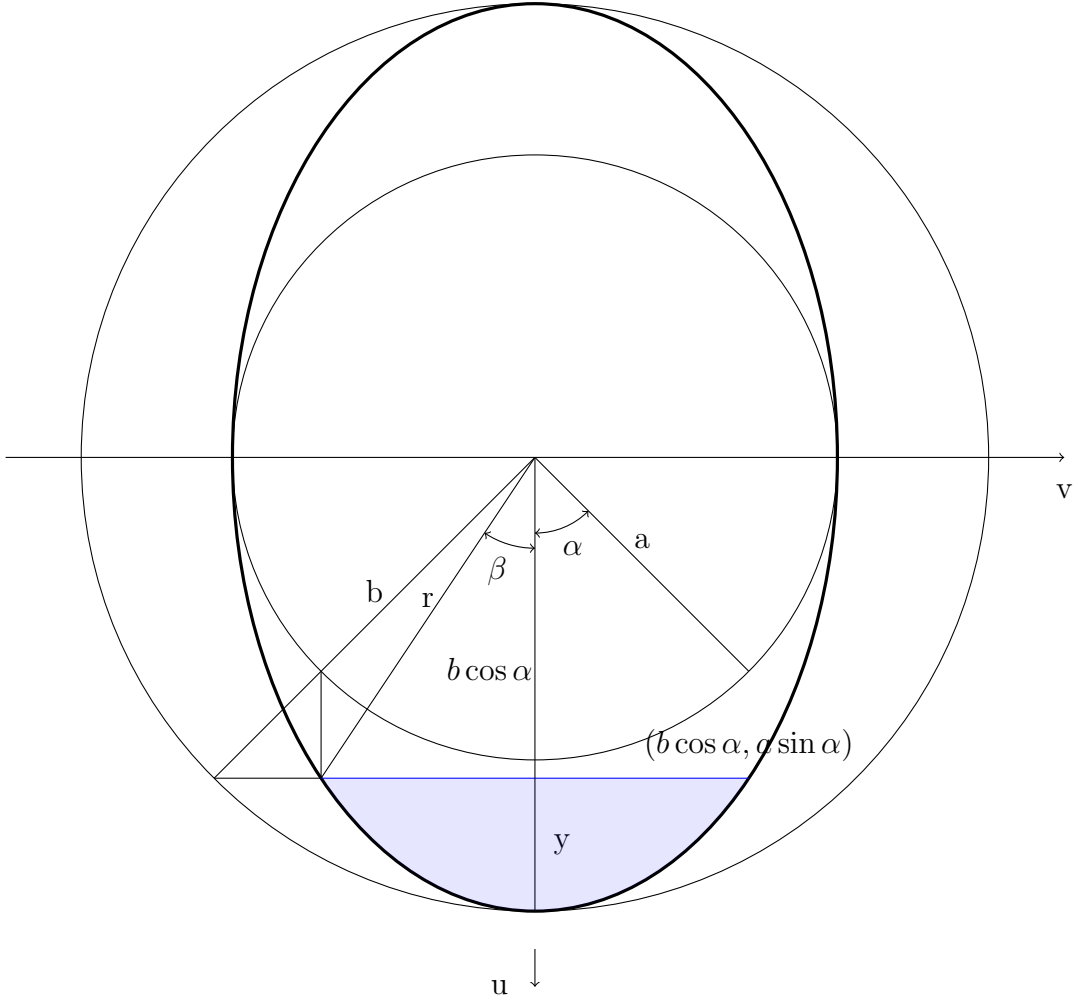


Figure 6: Elliptical Section ( $a < b$ )

$$E(\alpha, \eta) = \alpha - \frac{1}{2}\eta^2 \int_0^\alpha \sin^2 t dt - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}\eta^4 \int_0^\alpha \sin^4 t dt - \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}\eta^6 \int_0^\alpha \sin^6 t dt + \dots \quad (78)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^n t dt &= -\frac{1}{n} \sin^{n-1} \cos t + \frac{n}{n-1} \int \sin^{n-2} t dt \\ \int_0^\alpha \sin^2 t dt &= -\frac{1}{2} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \\ \int_0^\alpha \sin^4 t dt &= -\frac{1}{4} \sin^3 \alpha \cos \alpha + \frac{3}{4} \int_0^\alpha \sin^2 t dt \\ \int_0^\alpha \sin^6 t dt &= -\frac{1}{6} \sin^5 \alpha \cos \alpha + \frac{5}{6} \int_0^\alpha \sin^4 t dt \\ \int_0^\alpha \sin^{2n} t dt &= -\frac{1}{2n} \sin^{2n-1} \alpha \cos \alpha + \frac{2n-1}{2n} \int_0^\alpha \sin^{2n-2} t dt \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

### 7.2.2 $a < b$

For  $a < b$ , the wet perimeter is (Figure 6)

$$P = 2 \int_0^\alpha \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t} dt = 2b \int_0^\alpha \sqrt{1 - (1 - a^2/b^2) \cos^2 t} dt = 2bF(\alpha, \zeta) \quad (80)$$

with  $\zeta^2 = 1 - a^2/b^2$ .

$$F(\alpha, \eta) = \alpha - \frac{1}{2}\zeta^2 \int_0^\alpha \cos^2 t dt - \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 2!}\zeta^4 \int_0^\alpha \cos^4 t dt - \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2^3 \cdot 3!}\zeta^6 \int_0^\alpha \cos^6 t dt - \dots \quad (81)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \cos^n t dt &= \frac{1}{n} \sin t \cos^{n-1} t + \frac{n}{n-1} \int \cos^{n-2} t dt \\ \int_0^\alpha \cos^2 t dt &= \frac{1}{2} \sin \alpha \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \\ \int_0^\alpha \cos^4 t dt &= \frac{1}{4} \sin \alpha \cos^3 \alpha + \frac{3}{4} \int_0^\alpha \cos^2 t dt \\ \int_0^\alpha \cos^6 t dt &= \frac{1}{6} \sin \alpha \cos^5 \alpha + \frac{5}{6} \int_0^\alpha \cos^4 t dt \\ \int_0^\alpha \cos^{2n} t dt &= \frac{1}{2n} \sin \alpha \cos^{2n-1} \alpha + \frac{2n-1}{2n} \int_0^\alpha \cos^{2n-2} t dt \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

For both cases,

$$P' = 2\sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 \alpha + b^2 \sin^2 \alpha} \quad (83)$$

$$P'' = -\frac{(a^2 - b^2) \sin 2\alpha}{\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 \alpha + b^2 \cos^2 \alpha}} \quad (84)$$

## 7.3 Flow Area

The flow area is

$$A = 2 \int_{b \cos \alpha}^b v du = -2ab \int_\alpha^0 \sin^2 t dt = ab \int_0^\alpha (1 - \cos 2t) dt = ab(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\alpha) \quad (85)$$

$$A' = ab(1 - \cos 2\alpha) \quad (86)$$

$$A'' = 2ab \sin 2\alpha \quad (87)$$

$$T = 2a \sin \alpha \quad (88)$$

$$y = b(1 - \cos \alpha) \quad (89)$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \alpha} = b \sin \alpha \quad (90)$$

$$\cos \alpha = 1 - y/b \quad (91)$$

## 7.4 Calculate Maximum Discharge Using Manning's Equation

To reach maximum capacity, the  $\alpha$  is solved using Newton-Raphson method

$$\alpha_{i+1} = \alpha_i - \frac{f(\alpha_i)}{f'(\alpha_i)}, \quad (92)$$

with Eq. 60,

$$f(\alpha) = 5A'P - 2AP' = 0, \quad (93)$$

and

$$f'(\alpha) = 3A'P' + 5A''P - 2AP''. \quad (94)$$

## 7.5 Calculate Normal Depth

For  $Q$  less than  $Q_{max}$ ,

$$\alpha_{i+1} = \alpha_i - \frac{f_d(\alpha_i)}{f'_d(\alpha_i)} \quad (95)$$

where

$$f_d(\alpha_i) = \frac{K_u}{n} A^{5/3} P^{-2/3} S^{1/2} - Q \quad (96)$$

$$f'_d(\alpha_i) = \frac{K_u}{n} \left( \frac{5}{3} R^{2/3} A' - \frac{2}{3} R^{5/3} P' \right) S^{1/2} \quad (97)$$

## 7.6 Calculate Critical Depth

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(\alpha) = \frac{\frac{\partial A}{\partial \alpha}}{\frac{\partial y}{\partial \alpha}} = \frac{ab(1 - \cos 2\alpha)}{b \sin \alpha} = 2a \sin \alpha \quad (98)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) = 2a \cos \alpha \quad (99)$$

$$f_c(\alpha) = gA^3 - Q^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} = gA^3 - 2aQ^2 \sin \alpha \quad (100)$$

$$f'_c(\alpha) = 3gA^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial \alpha} - Q^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) \quad (101)$$

# 8 Arc

## 8.1 Geometry

$$\begin{aligned} r_b &= AB = BO = BE \\ r_t &= AC = CG \\ r_c &= DE = DF = DG \\ c &= BC = BO - CO = BO - (OG - CG) = r_b + r_t - rise \end{aligned} \quad (102)$$

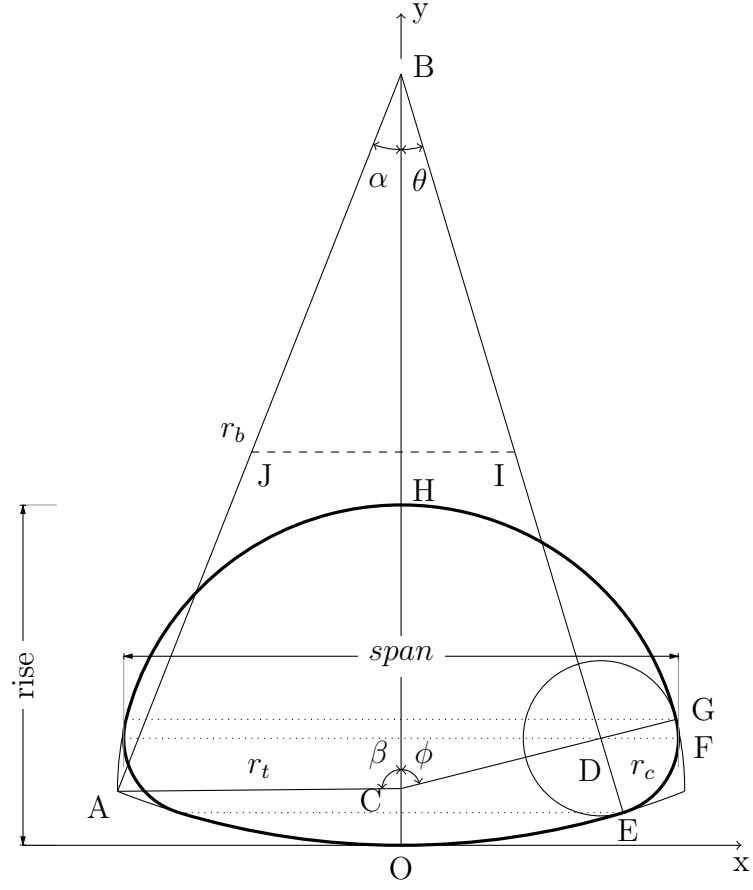


Figure 7: Arc Section

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos \alpha &= \frac{r_b^2 + c^2 - r_t^2}{2r_b c} \\
 \cos \beta &= \frac{r_t^2 + c^2 - r_b^2}{2r_t c} \\
 \cos \theta &= \frac{(r_b - r_c)^2 + c^2 - (r_t - r_c)^2}{2(r_b - r_c)c} \\
 \cos \phi &= \frac{(r_t - r_c)^2 + c^2 - (r_b - r_c)^2}{2(r_t - r_c)c}
 \end{aligned} \tag{103}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
x_A &= r_b \sin \alpha \\
y_A &= r_b(1 - \cos \alpha) \\
y_B &= r_b \\
y_C &= rise - r_t = OG - CG \\
x_D &= (r_b - r_c) \sin \theta = (r_t - r_c) \sin \phi \\
y_D &= r_b - (r_b - r_c) \cos \theta = y_F \\
x_E &= r_b \sin \theta \\
y_E &= r_b(1 - \cos \theta) \\
x_F &= x_D + r_c \\
x_G &= r_t \sin \phi \\
y_G &= y_C + r_t \cos \phi = rise - r_t(1 - \cos \phi) \\
y_H &= rise
\end{aligned} \tag{104}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A_E &= r_b^2(\theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta) \\
P_E &= 2r_b\theta \\
T_E &= 2r_b \sin \theta \\
A_F &= A_E + r_c^2(\pi/2 - \theta) + (x_E + x_D)(y_D - y_E) \\
P_F &= P_E + 2r_c(\pi/2 - \theta) \\
T_F &= 2(x_D + r_c) \\
A_G &= A_F + r_c^2(\pi/2 - \phi) + (x_D + x_G)(y_G - y_D) \\
P_G &= P_F + 2r_c(\pi/2 - \phi) \\
T_G &= 2r_t \sin \phi \\
A_T &= A_G + r_t^2(\phi - \sin \phi \cos \phi) \\
P_T &= P_G + 2r_t\phi
\end{aligned} \tag{105}$$

For  $0 \leq y \leq y_E$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= r_b \sin t \\
y &= r_b(1 - \cos t) \\
y' &= r_b \sin t = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \\
A &= r_b^2(t - \sin t \cos t) \\
A' &= r_b^2(1 - \cos 2t) = \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \\
\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(t) &= 2r_b \sin t \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) &= 2r_b \cos t \\
P &= 2r_b t \\
T &= 2r_b \sin t
\end{aligned} \tag{106}$$

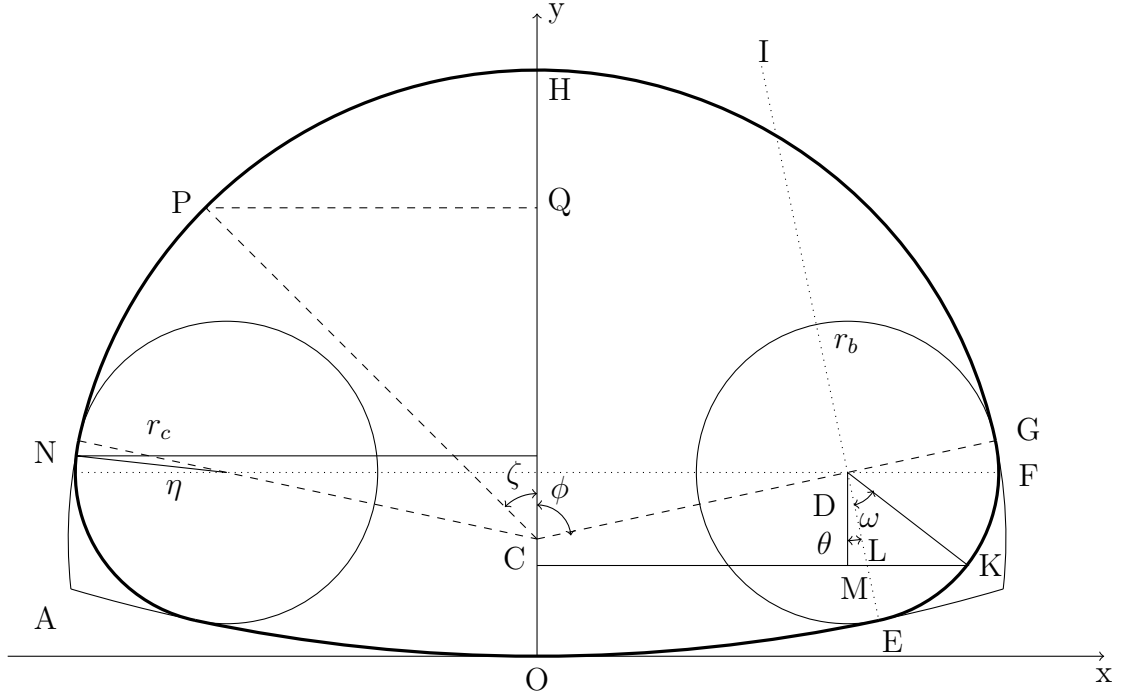


Figure 8: Arc Section

For  $y_E \leq y \leq y_F$ ,  $0 \leq w \leq \pi/2 - \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= x_D + r_c \sin(\omega + \theta) \\
x_L &= x_D + r_c \cos(\omega + \theta) \tan \theta \\
x'_L &= -r_c \sin(\omega + \theta) \tan \theta \\
x''_L &= -r_c \cos(\omega + \theta) \tan \theta \\
y &= y_D - r_c \cos(\omega + \theta) \\
y' &= r_c \sin(\omega + \theta) \\
y'' &= r_c \cos(\omega + \theta) \\
A &= A_E + r_c^2 \omega - r_c^2 \sin(\omega + \theta) \cos(\omega + \theta) + r_c^2 \cos^2(\omega + \theta) \tan \theta + (x_E + x_L)(y - y_E) \\
A' &= r_c^2 - r_c^2 \cos[2(\omega + \theta)] - r_c^2 \sin[2(\omega + \theta)] \tan \theta + (x_E + x_L)y' + x'_L(y - y_E) \\
A'' &= 2r_c^2 \sin[2(\omega + \theta)] - 2r_c^2 \cos[2(\omega + \theta)] \tan \theta + (x_E + x_L)y'' + x'_L y' + x''_L(y - y_E) + x'_L y' \\
\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(t) &= \frac{A'}{y'} \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{A'' y' - A' y''}{y'^2} \\
P &= P_E + 2r_c \omega \\
T &= 2x_D + 2r_c \sin(\omega + \theta)
\end{aligned}
\tag{107}$$

For  $y_F \leq y \leq y_G$ ,  $0 \leq \eta \leq \pi/2 - \phi$

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= x_D + r_c \cos \eta \\
y &= y_D + r_c \sin \eta \\
A &= A_F + r_c^2 \eta + (2x_D + r_c \cos \eta) r_c \sin \eta \\
P &= P_F + 2r_c \eta \\
T &= 2x_D + 2r_c \cos \eta \\
y' &= r_c \cos \eta \\
y'' &= -r_c \sin \eta \\
A' &= r_c^2 + 2x_D r_c \cos \eta + r_c^2 \cos(2\eta) \\
A'' &= -2x_D r_c \sin \eta - 2r_c^2 \sin(2\eta) \\
\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(t) &= \frac{A'}{y'} \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{A'' y' - A' y''}{y'^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{108}$$

For  $y_G \leq y \leq y_H$ ,  $0 \leq \zeta \leq \phi$

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= y_G + r_t \cos \zeta \\
A &= A_T - r_t^2 (\zeta - \sin \zeta \cos \zeta) \\
P &= P_T - 2r_t \zeta = P_G + 2r_t (\phi - \zeta) \\
T &= 2r_t \sin \zeta \\
y' &= -r_t \sin \zeta \\
y'' &= -r_t \cos \zeta \\
A' &= -r_t^2 [1 - \cos(2\zeta)] \\
A'' &= -2r_t^2 \sin(2\zeta) \\
P'(\zeta) &= -2r_t \\
P''(\zeta) &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(t) &= \frac{A'}{y'} = 2r_t \sin \zeta \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) &= 2r_t \cos \zeta
\end{aligned} \tag{109}$$

## 8.2 Calculate Maximum Discharge Using Manning's Equation

Maximum discharge occurs close to the top of arch, the  $\zeta$  is solved using Newton-Raphson method

$$\zeta_{i+1} = \zeta_i - \frac{f(\zeta_i)}{f'(\zeta_i)}, \tag{110}$$

with Eq. 60,

$$f(\zeta) = 5A'P - 2AP', \tag{111}$$



and

$$f'(\zeta) = 3A'P' + 5A''P - 2AP'' \quad (112)$$

### 8.3 Calculate Normal Depth

For  $Q$  less than  $Q_{max}$ ,

$$\alpha_{i+1} = \alpha_i - \frac{f_d(\alpha_i)}{f'_d(\alpha_i)} \quad (113)$$

where

$$f_d(\alpha_i) = \frac{K_u}{n} A^{5/3} P^{-2/3} S^{1/2} - Q \quad (114)$$

$$f'_d(\alpha_i) = \frac{K_u}{n} \left( \frac{5}{3} R^{2/3} A' - \frac{2}{3} R^{5/3} P' \right) S^{1/2} \quad (115)$$

### 8.4 Critical Flow

Critical flow occurs when the specific energy of the cross-section

$$E = \frac{v^2}{2g} + y = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2} + y \quad (116)$$

reaches a minimum. Namely,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial y} = -\frac{Q^2}{gA^3} \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} + 1 = 0 \quad (117)$$

Newton-Raphson method is used to calculate critical depth as

$$y_{c,i+1} = y_{c,i} - \frac{f(y_{c,i})}{f'(y_{c,i})} \quad (118)$$

where

$$f_c(y) = gA^3 - Q^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \quad (119)$$

$$f'_c(y) = 3gA^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} - Q^2 \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial y^2} \quad (120)$$

for  $A$  and  $y$  are parameterized as a function of  $t$  with  $A = A(t)$ ,  $A' = \frac{\partial A(t)}{\partial t}$ ,  $y = y(t)$ ,  $y' = \frac{\partial y(t)}{\partial t}$ ,

$$t_{c,i+1} = t_{c,i} - \frac{f(t_{c,i})}{f'(t_{c,i})} \quad (121)$$

$$f_c(t) = gA^3(t) - Q^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial y}(t) \quad (122)$$

$$f'_c(t) = 3gA^2 \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - Q^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial y} \right) \quad (123)$$

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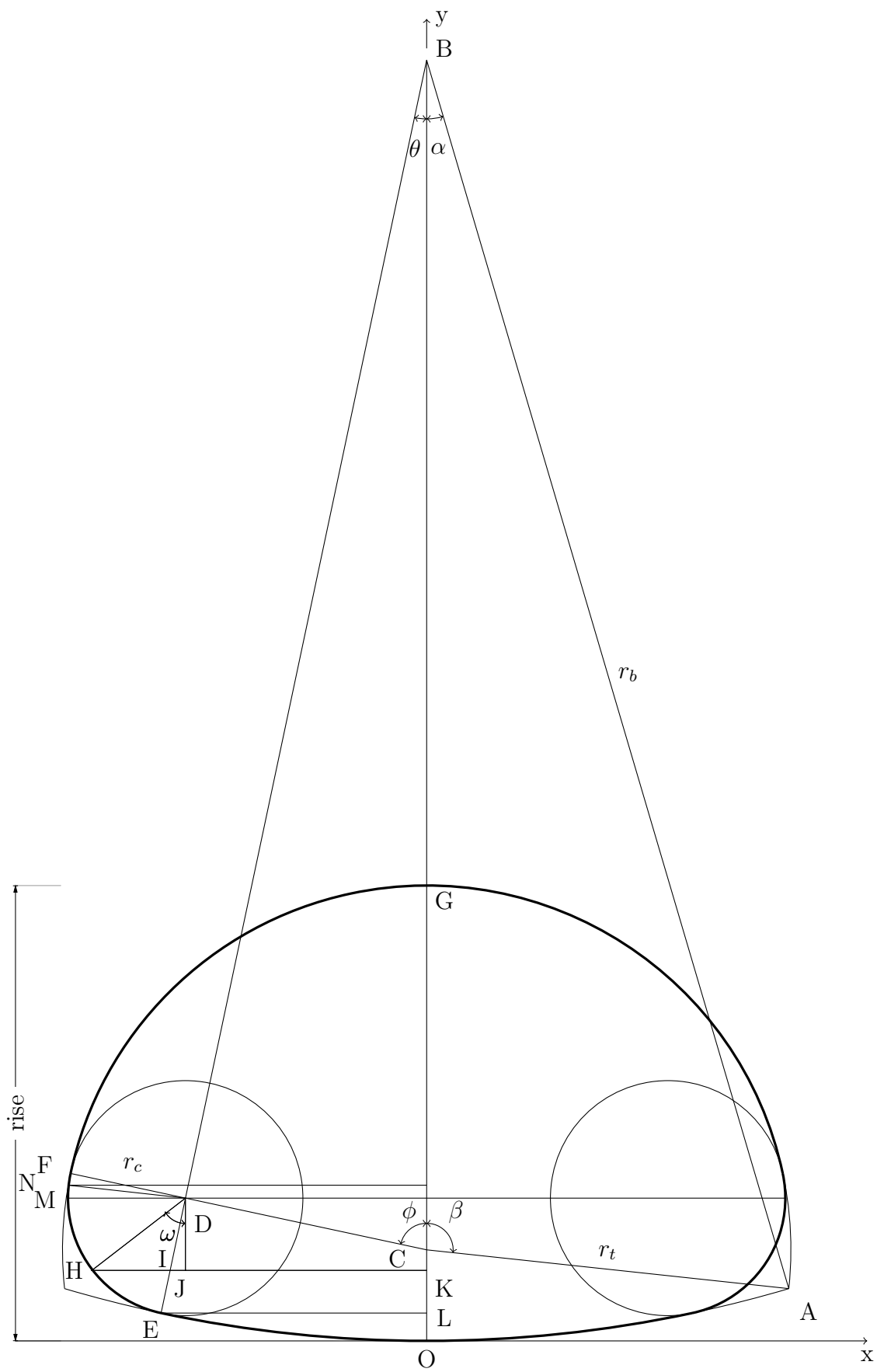


Figure 9: Arc Section  
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