

Quiz HD102 Hydraulic Structures & Design of Open Channels Lucas Montogue

Problems

Problem 1

A trapezoidal irrigation canal has a bottom width of b = 1.6 m, side slopes of m = 2 (2H:1V), and a longitudinal bottom slope of $S_0 = 0.0008$. A rectangular sharp-crested weir is installed in this channel. The structure has a crest height of p= 0.80 m and a crest length of $L_w = 1.04$ m. The water surface elevation at the approach section is $h_0 = 0.96$ m above the weir crest. Determine the discharge in the canal.



A) Q = 0.26 m³/s
B) Q = 0.78 m³/s
C) Q = 1.73 m³/s
D) Q = 2.24 m³/s

Problem 2

A 45° V-notch weir is installed in a 1.2-m wide rectangular laboratory flume. The crest height is 0.6 m and the water surface elevation at the approach section is 0.23 m above the crest. Determine the discharge in the weir.



A) Q = 9.42 L/s
B) Q = 14.6 L/s
C) Q = 19.1 L/s
D) Q = 24.7 L/s

Problem 3

A broad-crested weir has a crest length L_b = 0.85 m, crest width L_w = 1.2 m, and crest height *P* = 0.30 m. The water surface is at a height of 0.26 m above the crest. Find the discharge.



A) Q = 202 L/s
B) Q = 273 L/s
C) Q = 347 L/s
D) Q = 396 L/s

Problem 4

A circular concrete culvert has diameter D = 1 m and slope S = 0.0025. The culvert has a groove end with headwall, as illustrated below. The inlet is not mitered to an embankment slope. Determine the headwater depth, *HW*, when the culvert conveys Q = 0.8 m³/s under inlet control conditions.



A) HW = 0.34 m
B) HW = 0.73 m
C) HW = 1.12 m
D) HW = 1.47 m

Problem 5

A rectangular box culvert has the following properties: flow depth D = 1.0 m, width b = 1.5 m, length L = 60 m, and slope S = 0.0035. The culvert is made of reinforced concrete. The inlet is square-edged on three edges with a headwall parallel to the embankment, and the outlet is submerged with tailwater depth *TW* = 1.3 m. Determine the headwater depth, *HW*, when the culvert is flowing full at $Q = 3.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$.

A) HW = 1.67 m
B) HW = 2.13 m
C) HW = 2.65 m
D) HW = 3.16 m

Problem 6

Design a spillway section for a design discharge of 1200 m³/s, assuming that the upstream water surface level is at elevation 320 m, and the upstream channel floor is at an elevation of 280 m. The spillway has a vertical face and is 65-m long.



Problem 7

An unlined channel to be excavated in gravelly soil overlain by Bermuda grass will convey a discharge of 125 m³/s over a slope of 0.001. Proportion the channel dimensions using the maximum permissible velocity method. Assume the channel to be straight.

Problem 8

Using the tractive force approach, design a slightly sinuous channel in fine gravel that conveys a discharge of 65 m³/s. The bottom slope is 0.0002, and the particle size is 7.5 mm. Assume that the soil particles are slightly rounded.

Problem 9

Design a trapezoidal roadside channel lined with very coarse gravel mulch. The following data are given: discharge $Q = 0.42 \text{ m}^3$ /s, bottom width b = 0.4 m, side slope m = 3, longitudinal slope $S_0 = 0.008 \text{ m/m}$, and $d_{50} = 50 \text{ mm}$.

Problem 10

A trapezoidal grass-lined channel section has a bottom width of 6 m and side slopes of 3:1. The channel slope is 0.009 and the proposed channel lining is good stand 45-cm lespedeza sericea. What is the maximum allowable discharge for this lining?



A) Q = 26.7 m³/s
B) Q = 37.8 m³/s
C) Q = 48.3 m³/s
D) Q = 58.2 m³/s

Additional Information

▶ Theory for weirs and culverts (probs. 1 to 5) can be obtained in Chapter 6 of Akan's *Open Channel Hydraulics* (2006), pp. 200 to 209 and 212 to 224.

Theory for spillways (prob. 6) can be obtained in Part 7 of the Lecture Notes prepared by Prof. Atil Bulu of Istanbul Technical University

(<u>https://web.itu.edu.tr/~bulu/water_resources_files/lecture_notes_07.pdf</u>, retrieved 09/23/19).

► Theory for channel design by the permissible velocity (probs. 7 and 8) and tractive force

methods can be found in Chapter 9 of Chaudhry's *Open-Channel Flow* (2008), pp. 286 to 295.
Theory for design of roadside channels with small discharge (prob. 9) can be obtained in the

FHWA's publication Design of Roadside Channels with Flexible Linings (2005)

(https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/engineering/hydraulics/pubs/05114/05114.pdf, retrieved 09/23/19).
 Theory for design of channels with vegetative linings (prob. 10) can be found in Chapter 4 of Strumple Open Chapter 4 (2000), no. 122 to 126.

Sturm's Open Channel Hydraulics (2009), pp. 132 to 136.



Figure 1 Weir length correction.

Figure 2 Weir discharge coefficient for sharp-crested rectangular weirs.





Figure 3 Head correction for sharp-crested V-notch weirs.



Figure 4 Discharge coefficient for fully-contracted sharp-crested V-notches.

Shape and material	Inlet edge description	K _I	M _I	K _{II}	M _{II}	С	Y
Circular concrete	Square edge with headwall	0.3155	2.0			1.28	0.67
Circular concrete	Groove end with headwall	0.2512	2.0			0.94	0.74
Circular corrugated metal	Headwall	0.2512	2.0			1.021	0.69
Circular	Beveled ring, 45° bevels	0.1381	2.50			0.966	0.74
Rectangular box	30 – 75° wingwall flares	0.1475	1.00			1.117	0.81
Rectangular box	90° and 15° wingwall flares	0.2243	0.75			1.288	0.80
Rectangular box	0° wingwall flare	0.2243	0.75			1.362	0.82
Horizontal ellipse concrete	Square edge with headwall	0.3220	2.0			1.282	0.67
Horizontal ellipse concrete	Groove end with headwall	0.1381	2.5			0.940	0.74
Vertical ellipse concrete	Square edge with headwall	0.3220	2.0			1.282	0.67
Vertical ellipse concrete	Groove end with headwall	0.1381	2.5			0.940	0.74
Rectangular box	45° wingwall flare <i>d</i> = 0.043 <i>D</i>			1.623	0.667	1	0.8
Rectangular box	18 – 33.7° wingwall flare <i>d</i> = 0.083 <i>D</i>			1.547	0.667	0.8	0.83
Rectangular box	90° headwall with ¾" chamfers			1.639	0.667	1.21	0.79
Rectangular box	ular box 90° headwall with 45° bevels			1.576	0.667	0.8	0.83
Rectangular box	90° headwall with 33.7° bevels			1.547	0.667	0.81	0.865
Rectangular box with top	45° wingwall flares –			1.582	0.667	0.97	0.835
bevels	offset						
Rectangular box with top bevels	33./° wingwall flares – offset			1.576	0.667	0.81	0.88

Table 1 Culvert inlet control flow coefficients

Table 2 Entrance	loss coefficients
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Type of structure and design of entrance	Coefficient k _e
\rightarrow Pipe, concrete:	
Projecting from fill socket end (groove-end)	0.2
Projecting from fill, sq. cut end	0.5
Headwall or headwall and wingwalls:	0.2
socket end of pipe (groove-end)	0.2
Headwall or headwall and wingwalls:	0.5
- square edge	0.5
Mitered to conform to fill slope	0.7
End-section conforming to fill slope	0.5
Beveled edges, 33.7° or 45° bevels	0.2
\rightarrow Pipe or pipe-arch, corrugated metal:	
Projecting from fill (no headwall)	0.9
Headwall or headwall and wingwalls square-edge	0.5
Mitered to conform to fill slope, paved or unpaved slope	0.7
\rightarrow Box, reinforced concrete:	
Headwall parallel to embankment (no wingwalls)	0.5
- square-edged on three edges	0.5
Headwall parallel to embankment (no wingwalls)	
- rounded on three edges to radius of 1/12 barrel dimension, or beveled edges on	0.2
three sides	
Wingwalls at 30-75° to barrel:	0.4
- square-edged at crown	0.4
Wingwalls at 30-75° to barrel:	0.2
- crown edge rounded to radius of 1/12 barrel dimension or beveled top edge	0.2
Wingwalls at 10-25° to barrel:	0.5
- square-edged at crown	0.5
Wingwalls parallel (extension of sides):	0.7
- square-edged at crown	0.7
Side- or slope-tapered inlet	0.2

Figure 5 Coefficient of discharge for ogee crests with vertical faces.



(a) Discharge coefficient C_D versus P/H_D for design head



(b) C/C_D versus H/H_D

Table 3 Relationship between the design head and the head on the crestcorresponding to maximum reservoir level

$H_e, H_d \ge 10 \text{ m}$	<i>H_e, H_d</i> < 10 m
Without piers: $H_D = 0.43 H_e^{1.22}$	Without piers: $H_D = 0.70 H_e$
<i>With piers:</i> $H_D = 0.39 H_e^{1.22}$	With piers: $H_D = 0.74 H_e$



Figure 6 Coordinate coefficients.

Table 4 Suggested side slopes

Material	Recommended Side Slope			
Rock	Nearly vertical to 0.25 : 1			
Earth with concrete lining	0.5 : 1			
Stiff clay	0.5 : 1 to 1 : 1			
Firm soil	1:1			
Loose sandy soil	2:1			
Light sand, sandy loam	3:1			

Table 5 Suggested freeboard

Discharge (m ³ /s)	< 0.75	0.75 to 1.5	1.5 to 85	> 85
Freeboard (m)	0.45	0.60	0.75	0.90

Table 6 Selected values of Manning's *n* for open channels

Surface Material	Manning's Roughness Coefficient <i>n</i>
Cement	0.011
Wood	0.012
Concrete	0.013
Soil cement	0.022
Earth channel, clean	0.022
Earth channel, firm gravel	0.023
Earth channel, gravelly	0.025
Stone masonry	0.032
Gravel mulch	0.033

Ма	terial	V (m/s)
Fine gravel		1.5
Coars	e gravel	1.8
	Sandy silt	0.6
Earth	Silt clay	1.1
	Clay	1.8
	Bermuda grass + sandy silt	1.8
Grass-lined earth	Bermuda grass + silt clay	2.4
(slopes < 5%)	Kentucky Blue grass + sandy silt	1.5
	Kentucky Blue grass + silt clay	2.1
Poor rock (usually sedimentary)	Soft sandstone	2.4
	Soft shale	1.1
Good rock (usually igneous or hard metamorphic)		6.1

 Table 7 Recommended permissible velocities

Table 8 Changes in permissible velocity

Channel type	Change permissible velocity by
Slightly sinuous	— 5%
Moderately sinuous	- 13%
Very sinuous	- 22%

Figure 7 Angles of repose for non-cohesive material.



Particle size (inches)

Figure 8 Permissible shear stress for noncohesive materials.



Figure 9 Permissible shear stress for cohesive materials (versus void ratio).



Voids ratio

Table 9 Changes in permissible shear according to channel type

Channel type	Change permissible shear by			
Slightly sinuous	- 10%			
Moderately sinuous	- 25%			
Very sinuous	- 40%			

	ining Catagony	Permissible Shear Stress			
Lining Category		N/m ²	lb/ft ²		
	Coarse gravel D ₅₀ = 25 mm	19	0.4		
Gravel Mulch	Very coarse gravel <i>D</i> ₅₀ = 50 mm	38	0.8		
Deals Dinson	<i>D</i> ₅₀ = 0.15 m	113	2.4		
коск кіргар	<i>D</i> ₅₀ = 0.30 m	227	4.8		

Table 10 Typical permissible shear stressesFor bare soil and stone linings in roadside channels

Table 11	Permissible	shear s	tresses and	constant	a_0 for	vegetative	linings ¹
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Retardance Class	Permissible τ_p ,	Permissible $ au_p$, Pa	<i>a</i> ₀ in Resistance Equation
A	3.70	177	24.7
В	2.10	100	30.7
С	1.00	48	36.4
D	0.60	29	40.0
E	0.35	17	42.7

 $^{1}a_{0}$ is a coefficient used in the computation of Manning's *n* with the formula

$$n = \frac{R^{1/6}}{a_0 + 16.4 \log(R^{1.4} S^{0.4})}$$

Table	12 Classification	of vegetal cover	as to degree	of retardance
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Vegetal	Cover and Condition	
Retardance		
Class		
	\rightarrow Weeping lovegrass - Excellent stand, tall (avg. 30 in. [76 cm])	
A	→Yellow bluestem	
	→Ischaemum – Excellent stand, tall (avg. 36 in. [91 cm])	
	→Kudzu – Very dense growth, uncut	
	→Bermuda grass – Good stand, tall (avg. 12 in. [30 cm])	
	\rightarrow Native grass mixture (little bluestem, bluestem, blue gamma, and	
	other long and short Midwest grasses) - Good stand, unmowed	
	\rightarrow Weening lovegrass – Good stand tall (avg. 24 in [61 cm])	
В	\rightarrow Lespedeza sericea – Good stand, not woody tall (avg. 19 in [48 cm])	
	\rightarrow Alfalfa - Good stand uncut (avg. 11 in [28 cm])	
	\rightarrow Wooping lovograss Good stand unmound (avg. 12 in [22 cm])	
	> Weeping lovegrass - dood stand, uninowed (dvg. 15 m. [55 cm])	
	> Ruuzu - Dense growin, uncut	
	→ Blue gamma – Good stand, uncut (avg. 13 In. [33 cm])	
	\rightarrow Crabgrass – Fair stand, uncut (10 to 48 in.) (25 to 120 cm)	
	\rightarrow Bermuda grass – Good stand, mowed (avg. 6 in. [15 cm])	
	\rightarrow Common lespedeza – Good stand, uncut (avg. 11 in. [28 cm])	
C	ightarrowGrass-legume mixture – summer (orchard grass, redtop, Italian	
	ryegrass, and common lespedeza) – Good stand, uncut (6 to 8 in. [15	
	to 20 cm])	
	→Centipede grass – Very dense cover (avg. 6 in. [15 cm])	
	→Kentucky bluegrass – Good stand, headed (6 to 12 in.) [15 to 30 cm]	
	\rightarrow Bermuda grass – Good stand, cut to 2.5 in. height (6 cm)	
	\rightarrow Common lespedeza – Excellent stand, uncut (avg. 4.5 in. [11 cm])	
	\rightarrow Buffalo grass – Good stand. uncut (3 to 6 in.) (8 to 15 cm)	
	\rightarrow Grass-legume mixture – fall spring (orchard grass redton Italian	
D	ryegrass and common lespedeza) – Good stand uncut (A to 5 in) (10	
	to 13 cm)	
	\rightarrow I as padaza sarica. After cutting to 2 in beight (5 cm) very good	
	stand before cutting	
	Normuda grass Cood stand sut to 15 in (4 mm)	
E	Berniuda grass – Good stand, cut to 1.5 ln. (4 cm)	
	→Bermuda grass – Burned stubble	

Solutions

P.1 Solution

The flow depth at the approach section is y = 0.80 + 0.96 = 1.76 m. The top width of the flow at the weir section is $B = b + 2my = 1.6 + 2 \times 2 \times 1.76 = 8.64$ m. Thus, the average channel width is $\overline{b} = (b + B)/2 = (1.6 + 8.64)/2 = 5.12$ m. With $L_w/\overline{b} = 1.04/5.12 = 0.2$, $h_0/p = 0.96/0.80 = 1.2$, we obtain $L_k = 0.0024$ and $k_w = 0.39$ from Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The effective crest length is

$$L_{ew} = L_w + L_k = 1.04 + 0.0024 = 1.0424 \,\mathrm{m}$$

and, knowing that the head correction is $h_k = 0.001$ m, the effective head follows as

$$h_{e0} = h_0 + h_k = 0.96 + 0.001 = 0.961 \,\mathrm{m}$$

Finally, substituting the available variables into the equation for weir discharge, we obtain

$$Q = k_w \sqrt{2g} L_{ew} h_{e0}^{3/2} = 0.39 \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81} \times 1.0424 \times 0.961 = 1.73 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Note that, in this case, the corrections for the crest length and the head are negligible and could have been ignored altogether.

★ The correct answer is **C**.

P.2 Solution

From the problem statement, we have B = 1.2 m, p = 0.6 m, $\theta = 45^{\circ}$, and $h_0 = 0.23 \text{ m}$. For the problem at hand, $h_0/p = 0.23/0.6 = 0.38 < 0.40$, and $h_0/B = 0.23/1.2 = 0.19 < 0.20$. Therefore, the V-notch is fully contracted. For $\theta = 45^{\circ}$, we have $h_k = 0.0015 \text{ m}$ and $k_w = 0.309$ from Figures 3 and 4, respectively. We are then ready to substitute the available data into the equation for discharge,

$$Q = k_w \sqrt{2g} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) h_{e0}^{5/2} = 0.309 \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81} \times \tan\left(\frac{45^\circ}{2}\right) (0.23 + 0.0015)^{5/2}$$

$$\therefore Q = 0.0146 \,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{s} = \boxed{14.6 \,\mathrm{L/s}}$$

★ The correct answer is **B**.

P.3 Solution

that

Initially, we neglect the velocity head of the approach flow. This implies

$$E_0 = h_0$$

Then, since $C_V = (E_0/h_0)^{3/2}$, we initially have $C_V = 1$. This coefficient accounts for the approach velocity head. We proceed to obtain coefficient k_d , which is given by

$$k_d = 0.358 + 0.038 \frac{E_0}{L_b} = 0.358 + 0.038 \times \frac{0.26}{0.85} = 0.370$$

 k_d is related to the discharge coefficient k_w by

$$k_w = k_d C_v = 0.370 \times 1 = 0.370$$

We may then determine the discharge Q,

$$Q = k_w \sqrt{2gL_w h_0^{3/2}} = 0.370 \times \sqrt{2} \times 9.81 \times 1.2 \times 0.26^{3/2} = 0.261 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 261 \text{ L/s}$$

Next, we shall refine this solution by taking the approach velocity head into account. The total depth at the approach section is 0.30 + 0.26 = 0.56 m, and the velocity is

$$V = \frac{0.261}{0.56 \times 1.2} = 0.388 \text{ m/s}$$

The corresponding velocity head is

$$\frac{V_0^2}{2g} = \frac{0.388^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.0077 \text{ m}$$

Thus, E₀ is actually

$$E_0 = 0.26 + 0.0077 = 0.2677$$
 m

Let us update coefficient C_{ν} , which is no longer equal to unity,

$$C_{v} = \left(\frac{E_{0}}{h_{0}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \left(\frac{0.2677}{0.26}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 1.045$$

 k_d is then updated as well,

$$k_d = 0.358 + 0.038 \times \frac{0.2677}{0.85} = 0.370$$

Note that k_d is unchanged relative to its previous value. Finally, the discharge coefficient k_w is given by

$$k_w = C_v k_d = 1.045 \times 0.370 = 0.387$$

Having found k_w , we can return to the expression for the discharge Q, which is determined to be

$$Q = 0.387 \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81} \times 1.2 \times 0.26^{3/2} = 0.273 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 273 \text{ L/s}$$

This is the updated discharge, which now accounts for the approach velocity head as well.

★ The correct answer is **B**.

P.4 Solution

Before anything else, we need to verify whether the culvert is submerged or unsubmerged.

$$\frac{Q}{AD^{1/2}g^{1/2}} = \frac{0.8}{\left(\frac{\pi \times 1^2}{4}\right) \times 1^{1/2} \times 9.81^{1/2}} = 0.325 \le 0.62$$

Thus, it is safe to conclude that the culvert is unsubmerged. Next, we establish the value of the critical depth. We first require angle θ ,

$$A\sqrt{D_H} = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{g}} \rightarrow \frac{(\theta - \sin\theta)D^2}{8} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{(\theta - \sin\theta)D^2}{8}}{D\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)}} = \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{9.81}}$$

Substituting D = 1 m, we have

$$\left(\frac{\theta - \sin\theta}{8}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{9.81}}$$

This can be solved in Mathematica with the FindRoot function, namely,

FindRoot
$$\left[\left(\frac{\theta - \operatorname{Sin}[\theta]}{8} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\operatorname{Sin}\left[\frac{\theta}{2}\right]} - \frac{0.8}{\sqrt{9.81}}, \{\theta, 1\} \right]$$

which returns 3.18 for θ . The critical depth can be obtained with the relation

$$\theta = 2\cos^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{2y}{D}\right)$$

To obtain *y*, we apply the command *Solve*,

Solve
$$\left[3.18 = 2 \operatorname{ArcCos}\left[1 - \frac{2y}{1}\right], y\right]$$

The critical depth is found as y = 0.51 m. Next, we find the velocity V_c from the relation

$$V_{c} = \frac{Q}{\left[\frac{(\theta - \sin\theta)D^{2}}{8}\right]} = \frac{0.8}{\left[\frac{(3.18 - \sin 3.18) \times 1^{2}}{8}\right]} = 1.99 \text{ m/s}$$

We may then apply the form I equation for inlet control flow,

$$\frac{HW}{D} = \frac{E_c}{D} + K_I \left(\frac{Q}{AD^{0.5}g^{0.5}}\right)^{M_I} + k_s S$$

where *HW* is the headwater depth above the upstream invert of the culvert, E_c is the specific energy at critical conditions, k_s is a constant equal to 0.7 for mitered inlets and -0.5 for non-mitered inlets, *S* is the culvert barrel slope, and K_l and M_l are empirical constants. Using Table 1, we see that the pertaining coefficients are $K_l = 0.2512$ and $M_l = 2.0$. Substituting these and other appropriate variables in the equation above gives

$$\frac{HW}{D} = \frac{y_c}{D} + \frac{V_c^2}{2gD} + 0.2512 \left(\frac{Q}{AD^{0.5}g^{0.5}}\right)^2 + k_s S$$
$$\therefore \frac{HW}{D} = \frac{0.51}{1} + \frac{1.99^2}{2 \times 9.81} + 0.2512 \left(\frac{0.8}{\frac{\pi \times 1^2}{4} \times 1^{0.5} \times 9.81^{0.5}}\right)^2 - 0.5 \times 0.025 = 0.726$$

Thus, the headwater depth equals

$$HW = 0.726 \times 1 \approx 0.73 \text{ m}$$

★ The correct answer is **B**.

P.5 Solution

From Table 2, we obtain $k_e = 0.5$. For a box culvert such as the one considered in this problem, we have $A = bD = 1.5 \times 1.0 = 1.5 \text{ m}^2$, P = 2(b + D) = 2(1.5 + 1.0) = 5 m, and R = A/P = 1.5/5 = 0.3 m. Since the culvert is made of reinforced concrete, we have n = 0.013 from Table 6. Finally, we resort to the equation for a culvert under outlet control flow with full-flow conditions,

$$HW = TW - S \times L + \left(1 + k_e + \frac{2gn^2L}{k_n^2 R^{4/3}}\right) \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2}$$

Substituting the pertaining variables, we find that

$$HW = 1.3 - 0.0035 \times 60 + \left(1 + 0.5 + \frac{2 \times 9.81 \times 0.013^2 \times 60}{1^2 \times 0.3^{4/3}}\right) \times \frac{3.2^2}{2 \times 9.81 \times 1.5^2} = \boxed{1.67 \text{ m}}$$

★ The correct answer is **A**.

P.6 ■ Solution

Assuming a high overflow spillway section, for $P/H_D \ge 3$, the discharge coefficient $C_D = 0.49$ (Figure 5). The head on the crest controls the discharge through the equation

$$Q = C_D \sqrt{2g} L H_e^{\frac{3}{2}} \to H_e^{3/2} = \frac{Q}{C_D \sqrt{2g} L}$$

$$\therefore H_e = \left(\frac{1200}{0.49 \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81} \times 65}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 4.17 \text{ m}$$

The depth of water upstream is 320 - 280 = 40 m. The approach velocity can be found from the definition of discharge,

$$Q = VA \rightarrow V = \frac{Q}{A}$$
$$\therefore V = \frac{1200}{40 \times 65} = 0.46 \text{ m/s}$$

which is a quite small approach velocity, thus suggesting that our assumption of a high overflow spillway was correct. The velocity head is

V. Head
$$=\frac{V^2}{2g} = \frac{0.46^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.011 \text{ m}$$

The maximum water head, therefore, is

Maximum water head = 4.17 - 0.011 = 4.16 m

The height of the crest, in turn, is designed to be

$$P = 40 - 4.16 = 35.84 \,\mathrm{m}$$

Now, because H_e is smaller than 10 m and there are no piers, we shall take the following equation among the relations presented in Table 3,

$$H_D = 0.70 H_e \rightarrow H_D = 0.70 \times 4.17 = 2.92 \text{ m}$$

Our design head is 2.92 m. Next, we compute the ratio P/H_D to ensure ourselves that its value is greater than 1.33 and the high overflow assumption is correct.

$$\frac{P}{H_D} = \frac{35.84}{2.92} = 12.27 > 1.33$$

Thence, let us calculate the shape of the downstream quadrant, which follows from the equation

$$X^{1.85} = 2H_D^{0.85}Y = 2 \times 2.92^{0.85}Y = 4.97Y$$

Then, to find the point of tangency, we resort to the formula

by

$$x_{DT} = 0.485 H_D (K_{sp} \alpha)^{1.176} \rightarrow x_{DT} = 0.485 \times 2.92 \times (2 \times 2)^{1.176} = 7.23 \text{ m}$$

Finally, we find the ellipse that fits the upstream quadrant, which is given

$$\frac{x^2}{A^2} + \frac{(B-y)^2}{B^2} = 1$$

To find this shape, we use the graphs presented in Figure 6. For P/H_D = 12, the ratio A/H_D equals 0.28. Therefore,

$$\frac{A}{H_D} = 0.28 \rightarrow A = 0.28 \times 2.92 = 0.818 \text{ m}$$

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Similarly, coefficient *B* can be obtained from the other graph, noting that $B/H_D = 0.165$ for $P/H_D = 12$. Hence,

$$\frac{B}{H_D} = 0.165 \rightarrow B = 0.165 \times 2.92 = 0.482 \text{ m}$$

Finally, the ellipse that describes the upstream quadrant is

$$\frac{x^2}{0.818^2} + \frac{\left(0.482 - y\right)^2}{0.482^2} = 1$$



P.7 Solution

First, we select the Manning *n*, which has a value of 0.025 for a coarse gravel. Let us set the side slope as m = 2. Using Table 7, we take 1.8 m/s as the permissible velocity. Since the channel is going to convey a relatively large discharge, however, it is reasonable to assume that the flow depth will be greater than 1 m, and hence we may increase V_{max} by 0.15 m/s; it follows that $V_{max} = 1.8 + 0.15 = 1.95$ m/s. Because the channel is straight, there is no need to reduce the permissible velocity (as would be prescribed by Table 8). We then determine the hydraulic radius with the Manning formula,

$$R = \left(\frac{nV_{\text{max}}}{k_n S_0^{1/2}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \left(\frac{0.025 \times 1.95}{1.0 \times 0.001^{1/2}}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 1.91 \,\mathrm{m}$$

Next, we find the required flow area from conservation of mass,

$$A = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{125}{1.95} = 64.10 \text{ m}^2$$

We then obtain the wetted perimeter,

$$P = \frac{A}{R} = \frac{64.10}{1.91} = 33.56 \text{ m}$$

Thence, we want to find a bottom width and a flow depth that satisfy the equations for area and wetted perimeter simultaneously. For a trapezoidal channel, the former is

$$A = (b + my) y$$

$$\therefore (b + 2y) y = 64.10$$

while the latter is

$$P = b + 2y\sqrt{1 + m^2}$$

$$\therefore b + 2y\sqrt{1 + 2^2} = P$$

$$\therefore b + 4.47y = 33.56$$

Using Mathematica, the two equations can be solved simultaneously with the command *Solve*,

Solve[$(b + 2 * y)y == 64.1\&b + 4.47y == 33.56, \{b, y\}$]

This returns {b = 23.3, y = 2.30} and {b = -16.9, y = 11.3}. The latter solution is impossible, which leaves us with a width b = 23.3 m and a depth y = 2.30 m. Note that we have confirmed our assumption that the flow depth was going to be greater than 1 m, which we considered to justify the increase in the permissible velocity. Finally, because the discharge is greater than 85 m³/s, we can prescribe a freeboard of 0.9 m (Table 5). It follows that the total depth of the channel will be 2.30 + 0.90 = 3.20 m.

P.8 Solution

The average particle size in inches is 0.75/2.54 = 0.3 in. We shall adopt a roughness coefficient of 0.023 and a slope of 3 H : 1 V, which corresponds to a side slope angle of

$$\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3} = 18.4^{\circ}$$

Using the graph of angle of repose versus particle size (Figure 7), we find that ϕ for this material is approximately 26.5°. We then find the tractive force ratio, *K*,

$$K = \sqrt{1 - \frac{\sin^2 18.4^\circ}{\sin^2 26.5^\circ}} = 0.71$$

To find the maximum allowable stress, we make use of the graph in Figure 8, which gives the permissible stress as a function of particle diameter. For a particle diameter of 7.5 mm, the allowable stress is 6.5 N/m². Since the channel is slightly sinuous, the permissible shear must be reduced by 10% (Table 9). The result is

$$\tau_n = 0.90 \times 6.5 = 5.85 \text{ N/m}^2$$

The permissible tractive force on the channel sides is

$$\tau_{p,s} = 0.71 \times 5.85 = 4.15 \text{ N/m}^2$$

The actual unit tractive force on the side is

$$\tau_s = 0.76\gamma yS_0 = 0.76 \times 9810 \times 0.0002 y = 1.49 y$$

Equating this to the permissible stress on the sides, we find

$$\tau_s = \tau_{p,s} \to 1.49 \, y = 4.15$$

 $\therefore y = \frac{4.15}{1.49} = 2.79 \, \mathrm{m}$

The channel bottom width can be found by solving the Manning equation

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$$Q = \frac{k_n \sqrt{S_0}}{n} \times \frac{\left[\left(b + my\right)y\right]^{\frac{5}{3}}}{\left(b + 2y\sqrt{1 + m^2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

$$\therefore 65 = \frac{\sqrt{0.0002}}{0.023} \times \frac{\left[\left(b + 3 \times 2.79\right) \times 2.79\right]^{\frac{5}{3}}}{\left(b + 2 \times 2.79 \times \sqrt{1 + 3^2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

In Mathematica, we make use of the *NSolve* command with the *Reals* option activated,

NSolve
$$\begin{bmatrix} 65 = \frac{\sqrt{0.0002}}{0.023} \frac{((b+3*2.79)*2.79)^{\frac{5}{3}}}{(b+2*2.79\sqrt{1+3^2})^{\frac{2}{3}}}, b, \text{ Reals} \end{bmatrix}$$

This yields the solution b = 15.44 m. Finally, we must verify whether the channel bed will be scoured or not. To do so, we compare $\tau = \gamma y S_0$ with the maximum permissible value τ_p ; that is,

$$\tau = 9810 \times 2.79 \times 0.0002 = 5.47 < \tau_p = 5.85 \text{ N/m}^2$$

The result is below the permissible limit of 5.85 N/m^2 , which implies that the channel bottom will not be eroded. Our design is stable for the channel sides and for the channel bed. Finally, we could predict a freeboard for the channel; using Table 5, we conclude that 0.75 m is an adequate value. The channel depth will be 2.79 + 0.75 = 3.54 m.

P.9 Solution

We use the design approach presented in the FHWA's *Design of Roadside Channels with Flexible Linings*. We begin by assuming a depth of flow y = 0.5 m. The area and wetted perimeter are, respectively,

$$A = (b + my)y = (0.4 + 3 \times 0.5) \times 0.5 = 0.95 \text{ m}^2$$
$$P = b + 2y\sqrt{m^2 + 1} = 0.4 + 2 \times 0.5 \times \sqrt{3^2 + 1} = 3.56 \text{ m}$$

The hydraulic radius is R = 0.95/3.56 = 0.267 m. From Table 6, we note that Manning's *n* for a channel lined with gravel mulch is 0.033. The discharge is calculated with the Manning equation,

$$Q = \frac{k_n}{n} A R^{2/3} S_0^{1/2} = \frac{1.0}{0.033} \times 0.95 \times 0.267^{2/3} \times 0.008^{1/2} = 1.07 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

This value is more than 5 percent greater than the design flow, and thus another iteration is needed. The new supposed flow depth can be established with the simple relation

$$y_2 = y_1 \left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_0}\right)^{0.4} = 0.5 \left(\frac{1.07}{0.42}\right)^{0.4} = 0.34 \,\mathrm{m}$$

We proceed to compute the new flow area and wetted perimeter,

$$A = (b + my)y = (0.4 + 3 \times 0.34) \times 0.34 = 0.48 \text{ m}^2$$
$$P = b + 2y\sqrt{m^2 + 1} = 0.4 + 2 \times 0.34 \times \sqrt{3^2 + 1} = 2.55 \text{ m}$$

The hydraulic radius, in turn, is R = 0.48/2.55 = 0.188 m. The new discharge follows as

$$Q = \frac{k_n}{n} A R^{2/3} S_0^{1/2} = \frac{1.0}{0.033} \times 0.48 \times 0.188^{2/3} \times 0.008^{1/2} = 0.43 \,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{s}$$

This result is within 5 percent of the initially supposed discharge. We may then determine the shear stress at maximum depth with the usual relation

$$\tau_d = \gamma y S_0 = 9810 \times 0.34 \times 0.008 = 26.7 \text{ N/m}^2$$

From Table 10, the permissible shear stress for very coarse gravel mulch is τ_d = 38 N/m². We take a safety factor *SF* = 1.0. Comparing the calculated shear with the permissible shear, we have

$$\text{SF} \times \tau_d \leq \tau_p \rightarrow 1.0 \times 26.7 \leq 38$$

The equality checks, and we conclude that the lining is stable. The design process is complete.

P.10 Solution

From Table 12, the Vegetal Retardance Class is B, and, from Table 11, the permissible shear is 100 Pa. The maximum allowable depth comes from setting $\tau_{max} = \gamma y_0 S = \tau_p$ and solving for y_0 ,

$$y_0 = \frac{\tau_p}{\gamma S} = \frac{100}{9810 \times 0.009} = 1.13 \text{ m}$$

The area and wetted perimeter of the cross-section for this depth are

$$A = (bm + y) y = (6 \times 3 + 1.13) \times 1.13 = 21.62 \text{ m}^2$$
$$P = b + 2y\sqrt{1 + m^2} = 6 + 2 \times 1.13 \times \sqrt{1 + 3^2} = 13.15 \text{ m}$$

Then, the hydraulic radius is R = 21.62/13.15 = 1.64 m. Noting that $a_0 = 30.7$ for a cover belonging to the retardance class in question, the Manning *n* becomes

$$n = \frac{R^{1/6}}{a_0 + 16.4 \log(R^{1.4} S^{0.4})} = \frac{1.64^{1/6}}{30.7 + 16.4 \log(1.64^{1.4} 0.009^{0.4})} = 0.049$$

Finally, the allowable discharge can be calculated with the Manning equation,

$$Q = \frac{k_n}{n} A R^{2/3} S_0^{1/2} = \frac{1.0}{0.049} \times 21.62 \times 1.64^{2/3} \times 0.009^{0.5} = 58.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

★ The correct answer is **D**.

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