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OPEN CHANNEL FLOW

CIVIL ENGINEERING

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ANSWER KEY ➤

1. (d)	7. (a)	13. (a)	19. (b)	25. (c)
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4. (a)	10. (b)	16. (a)	22. (d)	28. (a)
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DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (d)

As some flow is taken out from system it will spatially varied flow.

2. (c)

Neglecting variation in transverse direction.

3. (b)

Given,

$$Q = 40 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}, B = 4 \text{ m}$$

$$q = \left(\frac{Q}{B} \right) = 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Critical depth} = \left(\frac{q^2}{g} \right)^{1/3} = 2.168 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{For rectangular channel, } E_C = 1.5 y_c = 3.25 \text{ m}$$

5. (b)

as for triangular channel,

$$E_C = 1.25 y_c$$

9. (a)

Strickler formula,

$$n = \frac{d_{50}^{1/6}}{21.1}, d_{50} \text{ in meter}$$

Given,

$$d_{50} = 2 \text{ mm} = 0.002 \text{ m}$$

$$n = \frac{(0.002)^{1/6}}{21.1} = 0.017$$

10. (b)

As,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S_b}{1 - \frac{Q^2 T}{g A^3}}$$

For wide rectangular channel

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} (B y) R^{2/3} \sqrt{S_b}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} B R^{5/3} \sqrt{S_b} \quad (\text{for wide rectangular channel, } R = y)$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} B y^{5/3} \sqrt{S_b}$$

 $\therefore$

$$S_p \propto \frac{1}{y^{10/3}}$$

(a)

$$y_0 = \text{Normal depth } S_b = S_0$$

$$\frac{S_b}{S_0} = \left(\frac{y_0}{y_1} \right)^{10/3} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{Q^2 T}{A^3 g} = \frac{Q^2 T}{B^3 y^3 g} \quad \text{for rectangular channel, } T = B$$

$$= \left(\frac{y_c}{y} \right)^3$$

as $\left(\frac{q^2}{g} \right)^{1/3} = y_c$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = S_0 \left[\frac{1 - \frac{S_b}{S_0}}{1 - \frac{Q^2 T}{g A^3}} \right] = S_0 \left[\frac{1 - \left(\frac{y_0}{y} \right)^{10/7}}{1 - \left(\frac{y_c}{y} \right)^3} \right]$$

11. (b)

$$Q_1(\text{upstream discharge}) = ?$$

$$Q_2(\text{downstream discharge}) = 25 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

We know the for unsteady flow, continuity equation

$$\frac{dQ}{dx} + T \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{Q_2 - Q_1}{dx} + T \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$T = 20 \text{ m (given)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 0.5 \text{ m/hr} = 1.388 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\therefore \frac{25 - Q_1}{2000} + 20 \times 1.388 \times 10^{-4} = 0$$

$$Q_1 = 30.55 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

12. (a)

$$\text{Specific energy} = \frac{y_1^2 + y_1 y_2 + y_2^2}{(y_1 + y_2)} = \frac{(2)^2 + 2 \times 3 + (3)^2}{(2 + 3)} = 3.8 \text{ m}$$

13. (a)

$$\text{Section factor (Z)} = A \sqrt{\frac{A}{T}}$$

A = area, T = top width

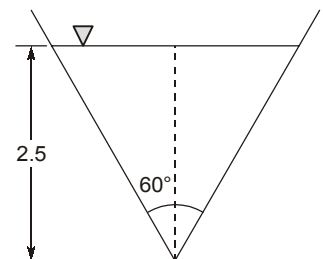
$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{T}{2.5}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$T = 2.88 \text{ m}$$

$$A = \left[\frac{1}{2} \times 2.88 \times 2.5 \right] = 3.6 \text{ m}^2$$

$$Z = A \sqrt{\frac{A}{T}} = 3.6 \times \sqrt{\frac{3.6}{2.88}} = 4.02$$



14. (b)

$$F = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy}} = 2$$

Given,

$$y = 0.63 \text{ m}$$

 $\Rightarrow$

$$V = 4.97 \text{ m/s}$$

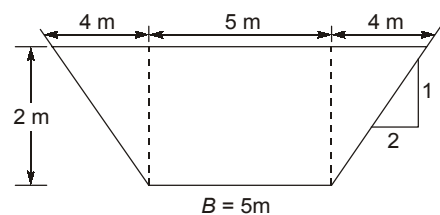
 $\Rightarrow$

$$q = Vy = 3.13$$

Critical depth

$$y_c = \left(\frac{q^2}{g} \right)^{1/3} = 1 \text{ m}$$

15. (a)



$$A = \left(\frac{5+13}{2} \right) \times 2 = 18 \text{ m}^2$$

Given,

$$Q = 20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{A} = 1.11 \text{ m/s}$$

$$T = 13 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Froude Number} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{\frac{gA}{T}}} = \frac{1.11}{\sqrt{\frac{9.81 \times 18}{13}}} = 0.301$$

16. (a)

We know that at critical flow over hump specific energy will correspond to critical specific energy.

E_1 = specific energy at upstream section

$E_2 = E_c$, OZ_m = maximum hump height

 $\Rightarrow$

$$E_1 = E_2 + OZ_m$$

 $\Rightarrow$

$$E_1 = E_c + OZ_m$$

$$E_c = 1.5 y_c, y_c = \left(\frac{q^2}{g} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\text{given, } Q = 12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}, B = 3.5 \text{ m}, y_1 = 1.2 \text{ m}$$

$$y_c = \left(\frac{q^2}{g} \right)^{1/3} = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{12}{3.5} \right)^2}{9.81} \right]^{1/3} = 1.062 \text{ m}$$

 $\Rightarrow$

$$E_c = 1.5 y_c = 1.593 \text{ m}$$

$$E_1 = y_1 + \left(\frac{v^2}{2g} \right) = 1.2 + \left[\frac{\left(\frac{12}{3.5 \times 1.2} \right)^2}{2 \times 9.81} \right] = 1.616 \text{ m}$$

$$E_1 = E_C + \Delta Z_{\max}$$

$$\Delta Z_{\max} = (1.616 - 1.593) = 0.023 \text{ m}$$

18. (a)

- Supercritical state profiles are : S_2 , S_3 and M_3
- If $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is positive, $\frac{dE}{dx}$ is positive only if $y > y_c$.

19. (b)

Discharge through channel

$$Q = (AV)$$

$$Q = (By) \left[\frac{1}{n} R^{2/3} \sqrt{s} \right]$$

For wide rectangular channel, ($R = y$)

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} B \sqrt{s} y^{5/3}$$

as normal depth increase by 20%

$$y' = 1.2 y$$

$$Q' = \frac{1}{n} B \sqrt{s} (1.2y)^{5/3} = \frac{1.355}{\left(\frac{1}{n} B \sqrt{s} y^{5/3} \right)} = 1.355 Q$$

$$\% \text{ increase in discharge} = \left(\frac{Q' - Q}{Q} \right) \times 100 = 35.5\%$$

20. (a)

For most efficient channel

$$A = \sqrt{3} y^2$$

$$R = \frac{y}{2}$$

$$R = \frac{A}{P} \Rightarrow P = 2\sqrt{3} y$$

$$T = 2l, l = \text{slant height}$$

$$l = \frac{P}{3} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} y$$

$$T = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} y$$

21. (c)

$$q = 1.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}/\text{m}$$

$$\text{Critical depth } (y_c) = \left(\frac{q^2}{g} \right)^{1/3} = 0.528 \text{ m}$$

Now for wide rectangular channel

$$q = \frac{1}{n} y^{5/3} \sqrt{s}$$

$$1.2 = \frac{1}{0.013} (y)^{5/3} \sqrt{0.004}$$

$$y = 0.43$$

as $y < y_c$, slope will be steep

23. (a)

Give,

$$Q = 7.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}, B = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$y_1 = 0.32 \text{ m}$$

$$F_1 = \frac{V_1}{\sqrt{gy_1}}$$

$$V_1 = \left(\frac{Q}{A} \right) = \frac{7.8}{(5 \times 0.32)} = 4.875 \text{ m/s}$$

$$F_1 = \frac{4.875}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 0.32}} = 2.751$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y_2}{y_1} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8F_1^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8 \times 2.751^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2 = 1.095 \text{ m}$$

24. (a)

$$y_2 = 2.5 \text{ m}, V_2 = 1.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{y_1}{y_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8F_2^2} \right]$$

$$F_2 = \frac{V_2}{\sqrt{gy_2}} = \frac{1.5}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 2.5}} = 0.303$$

$$\frac{y_1}{2.5} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8 \times 0.303^2} \right]$$

$$y_1 = 0.396 \text{ m}$$

from continuity equation, $V_1 y_1 = V_2 y_2$

$$V_1 = 9.46 \text{ m/s}$$

25. (c)

If,

$y_2 < y_t$ = submerged jump will occur

$y_2 > y_t$ = repelled jump

$y_t = y_2 \Rightarrow$ free jump

26. (b)

We know that,

$$\frac{q^2}{g} = \frac{1}{2}[y_1 y_2 (y_1 + y_2)]$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$y_1 = 0.2, y_2 = 2 \text{ m}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{q^2}{9.81} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.2 \times 2 \times 2.2$$

$$q = 2.078 \text{ m}^3/\text{s/m}$$

27. (a)

Given, $y_1 = 0.5\text{m}$, $V_1 = 5 \text{ m/s}$

$$F_1 = \frac{V_1}{\sqrt{gy_1}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 0.5}} = 2.26$$

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \frac{1}{2}[-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8 \times 2.26^2}]$$

$$y_2 = 1.371$$

$$\text{Length of jump} = 6.9 (y_2 - y_1) = 6.9 \times (1.31 - 0.5) = 6\text{m}$$

29. (b)

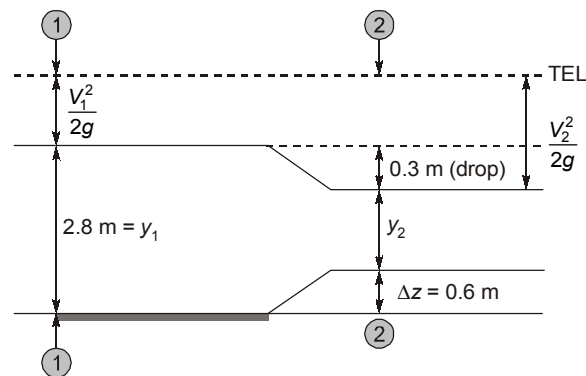
We know that

$$\text{Celerity} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} g \frac{y_2}{y_1} (y_1 + y_2)}$$

$$\text{given, } y_1 = 2, y_2 = 2.8$$

$$\text{Celerity} = \sqrt{\frac{9.81}{2} \times \frac{2.8}{2} (2 + 2.8)} = 5.74 \text{ m/s}$$

30. (c)



$$y_1 = y_2 + \Delta z + 0.3$$

Given,

$$y_1 = 2.8 \text{ m}, \Delta z = 0.6 \text{ m}, \text{ drop in water level} = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

 $\therefore$

$$y_2 = 2.8 - 0.6 - 0.3 = 1.9 \text{ m}$$

As there is no loss

$$\text{Total energy at (1) - (1)} = \text{Total energy at (2) - (2)}$$

$$y_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = y_2 + \Delta z + \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$$

$$2.8 + \frac{Q^2}{2g(A_1)^2} = y_2 + \Delta z + \frac{Q^2}{2(A_2)^2 g}$$

$$2.8 + \frac{Q^2}{2 \times 9.8 (2.8 \times 4.8)^2} = 1.9 + 0.6 + \frac{Q^2}{2 \times 9.8 (3.6 \times 1.9)^2}$$

$$2.8 + \frac{Q^2}{3544.03} = 2.5 + \frac{Q^2}{917.93}$$

$$Q = 19.278 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

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