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Open channel flow

obj (1) Introduction

obj + conv (2) Uniform flow

(3) Energy depth relationship \rightarrow obj + conv**

(4) Gradually varied flow \rightarrow obj + conv**

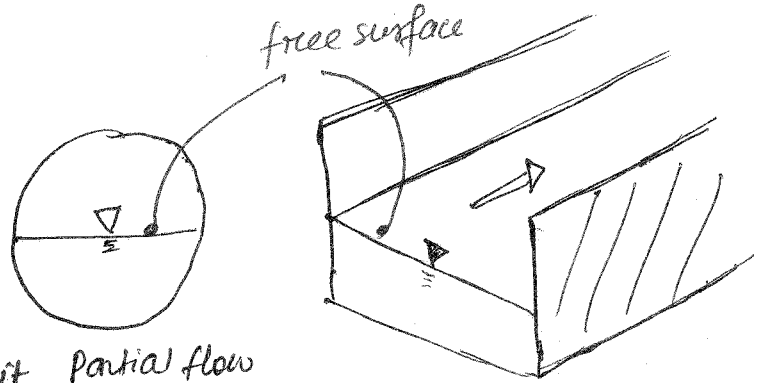
(5) Rapidly varied flow (Hydraulic flow) \rightarrow obj + conv

(6) Surges \rightarrow obj + conv**

① Introduction

- Open channel flow (OCF)

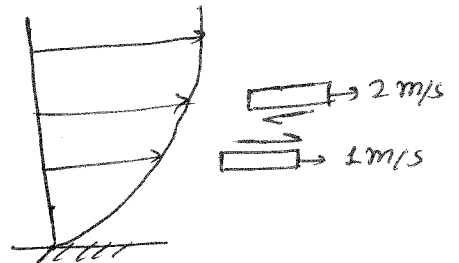
refers to flow of liquid in channel open to atmosphere or in a partially filled closed conduit. Partial flow



- open channel is characterized by a liquid-gas interface called free surface.

Free surface will have no shear stress on it.

In case of open channel flow, the driving force for the flow is gravity.



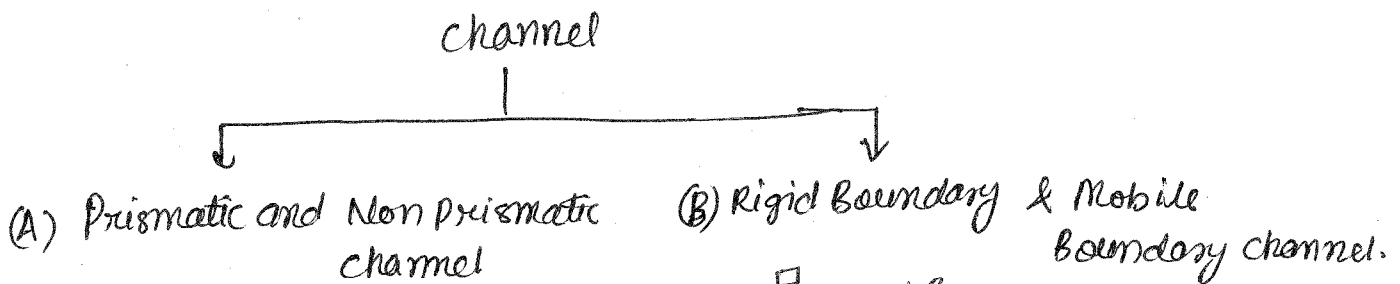
in pipe \rightarrow difference in pressure is driving force

- close conduit flow will always be pressure flow \rightarrow False.

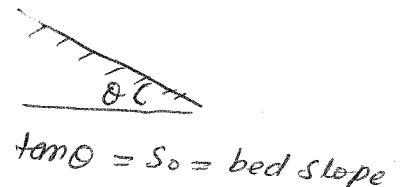
loss of PE = gain in KE

flow occurs only when fluids are in relative motion

Classification of channels



- A channel in which cross sectional shape, size and bed slope are constant throughout the channel length is termed as Prismatic
Exp \rightarrow Man made channel
- Natural channels are non prismatic.

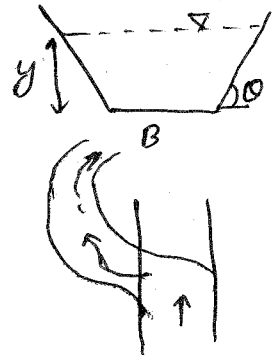


• If the boundary of channel are non deformable like lined canal or non erodible unlined canal then the channel is called rigid boundary channel. In this case the roughness and geometry is constant w.r. to time and does not vary with ~~time~~ discharge.

• In rigid boundary channel only depth of flow varies with discharge hence it is said to have single degree of freedom.

• In case of mobile boundary channel, depth, width, slope (side slope, bed slope) and layout can change [4 DOF].

• In our course will study only Prismatic Rigid boundary channel.

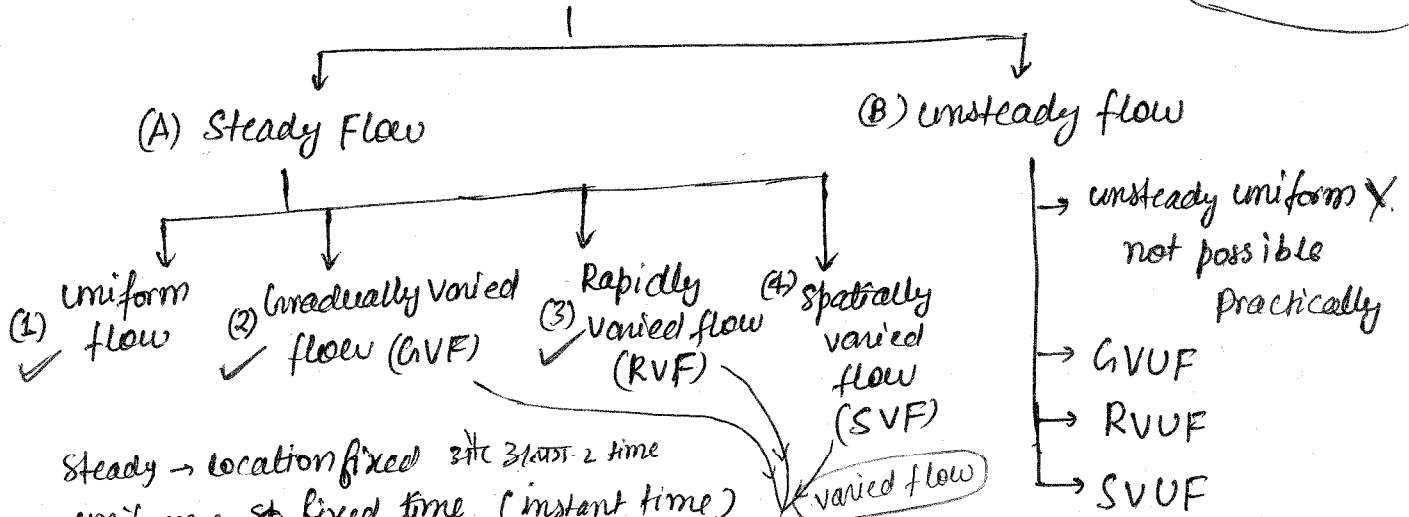


lay out

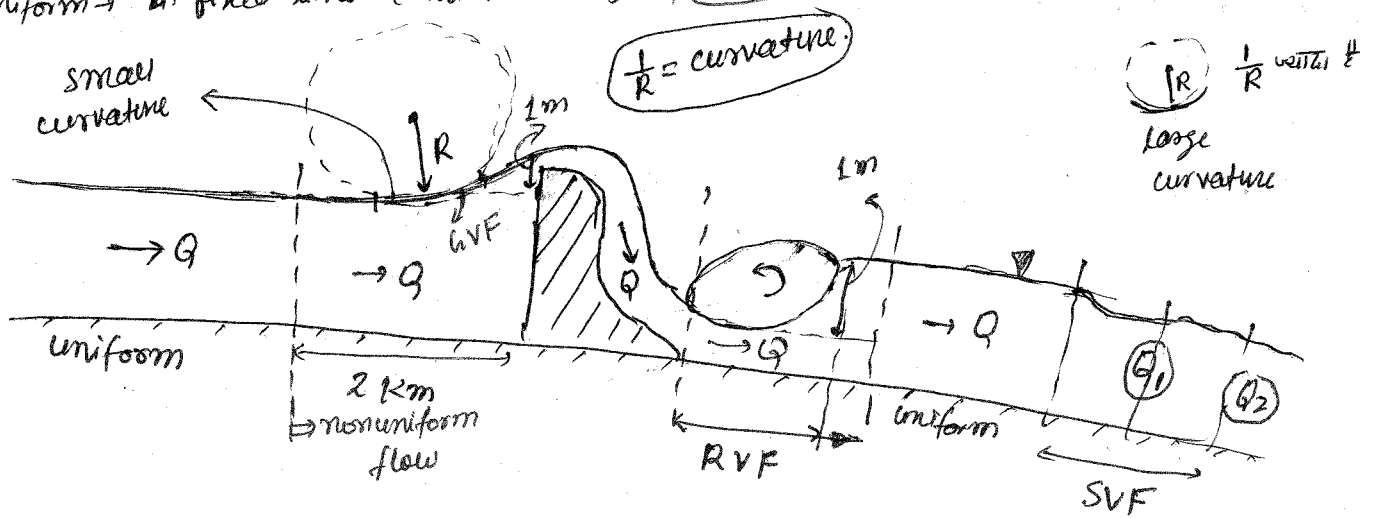
Prismatic and $Q \rightarrow$ constant (assume always in our course)

Type of Flow

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Steady \rightarrow location fixed at least 2 time
 uniform \rightarrow at fixed time (instant time)



(A) Steady and Unsteady Flow ⇒

- Steady flow occurs when the flow parameters such as depth & discharge do not change with time.

for steady flow

$$\frac{\partial F_p}{\partial t} = 0, \quad F_p = f(x, t)$$

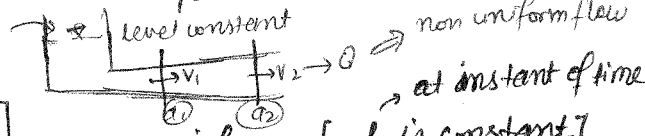
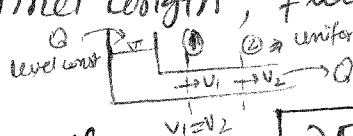
↳ flow property

Flow parameter → depth, discharge
 Fluid parameter → density, viscosity

- If $\frac{\partial F_p}{\partial t} \neq 0$; flow will be unsteady
- Steadyness and unsteadyness are not absolute property. They depend on the frame of reference also.

uniform & Non uniform flow ⇒ If the flow parameter such as depth and discharge remains constant

along the channel length, flow is called uniform otherwise non uniform.



$\frac{\partial F_p}{\partial x} = 0$; uniform $\frac{\partial F_p}{\partial x} \neq 0$; non uniform [t is constant] (varied flow)

- Normally prismatic rigid boundary channel with constant discharge will have uniform flow if the flow is unobstructed.
- We can have uniform flow setup only when we have sufficient length of unobstructed flow. (bcz if length & some depth are change at instant of time & possible ref &)
- Unsteady uniform flow is practically not possible hence uniform flow practically means steady uniform flow.

for steady for uniform

$$\frac{dF_p}{dt} = 0 = \frac{\partial F_p}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{dt}{dt} + \frac{\partial F_p}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$\frac{\partial F_p}{\partial x} = 0 \rightarrow$ possible

$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = 0, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow$ For steady uniform

Properties of uniform flow

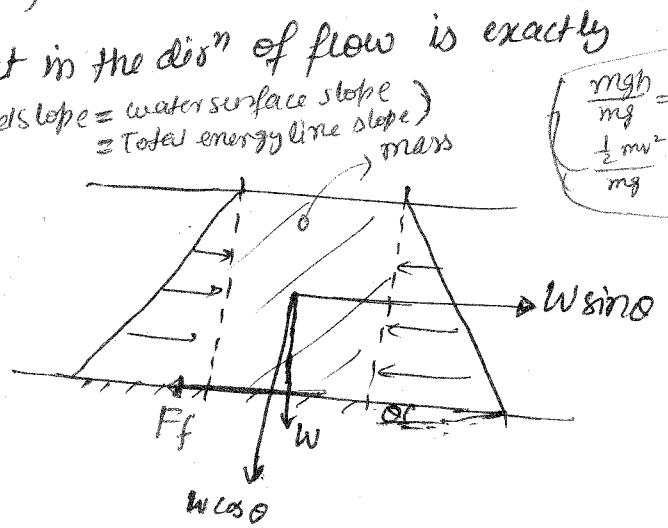
- Uniform flow, weight component in the dirⁿ of flow is exactly balanced by frictional force. (for steady-uniform)

(Bed slope = water surface slope = Total energy line slope)

$$F_f = W \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{mgh}{mg} = h$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}mv^2}{mg} = \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

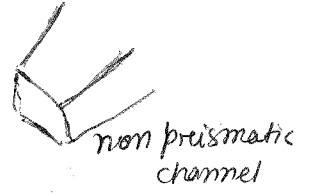


- every instant & depth change ⇒ unsteady flow
- depth of flow under uniform flow condition is called Normal depth of flow
- Total Head = $H = \frac{\text{energy (power)}}{\text{wt. of fluid}}$

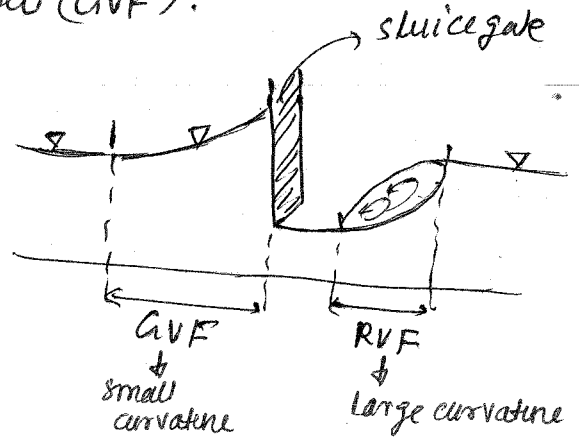
Varied flow \rightarrow depth of flow, Velocity of flow is not same along the length of channel.

Gradually Varied flow \Rightarrow Flow in mobile boundary, non prismatic channel and in flow with varying discharge / velocity will be a varied flow.

- Varied flow is called non uniform flow.
- Steady non uniform flow can be GVF, RVF and SVF.
- If depth of flow changes gradually over long distance along the channel length such that the curvature of free surface is small then the flow is called gradually varied flow (GVF).



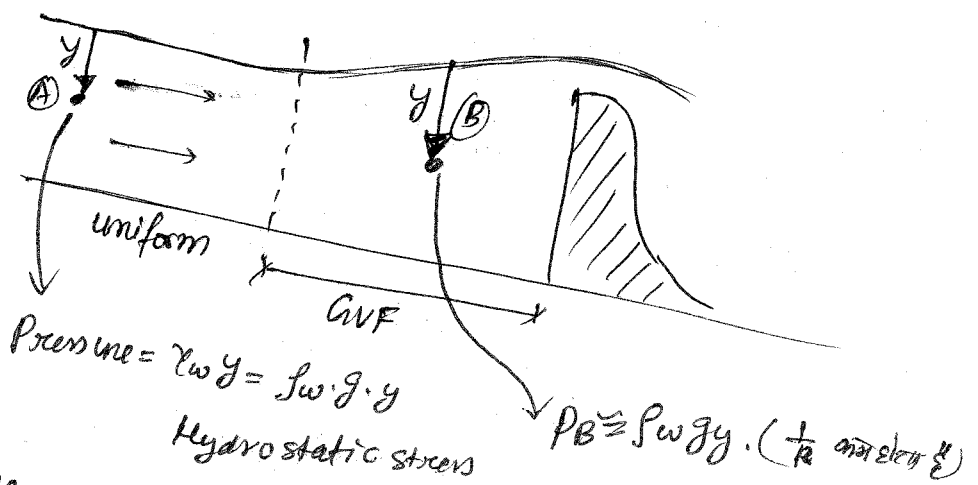
Exp of GVF \rightarrow Flow upstream of a weir or sluiceway



- In GVF, loss of energy is mainly due to boundary friction [generally eddy loss is neglected]

** In case of GVF, pressure distribution across the depth is hydrostatic.

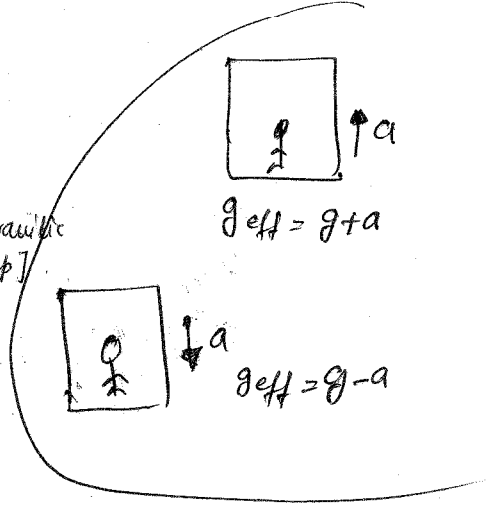
- If the depth of flow varies rapidly along the channel length then the flow is called RVF i.e. rapidly varied flow.



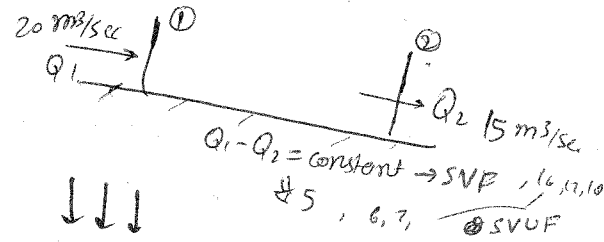
- In this case free surface will have large curvature [for RVF].

Exp of RVF \rightarrow It generally occurs at the downstream of weir or spillway or sluiceway. [ie Hydraulic jump]

- ** Since the RVF stretch is small, frictional resistance is insignificant.
- The flow is also assume no flow is externally added to or taken out of channel [in GVF also]



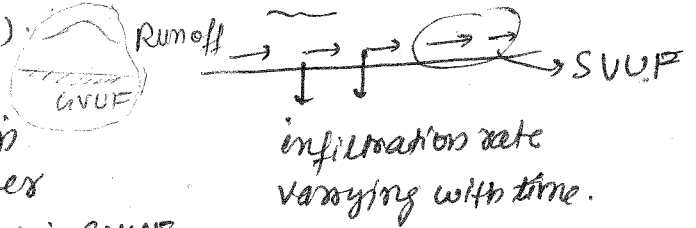
- If some flow is added or extracted from the system along the channel length the flow is called spatially varied flow (SVF).
- SVF can be steady or unsteady.
- Uniform extraction of flow along the channel length like flow over side weir can be called SVF.
- Flow over the bottom rack is SVF.
- surface runoff due to rainfall is SVUF



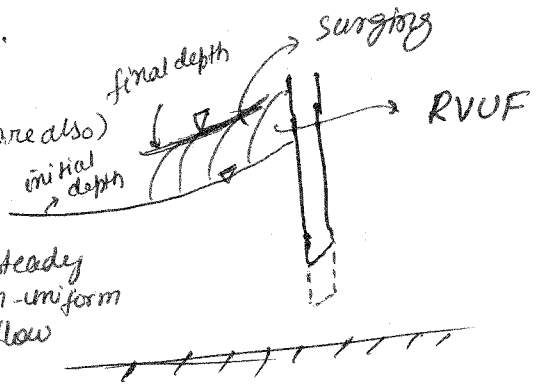
(Spatially varied unsteady flow)

GVUF → passage of flood way in a river when the river bank are not breached is GVUF

If river ^{bank are} breached then SVUF.



- RVUF → surges are example of RVUF (Bore also)
 - GVUF → gradually varied unsteady flow
 - RVUF → Rapidly varied unsteady flow
 - SVUF → spatially varied unsteady flow.
- eg Breaking of wave on the sea shore



Laminar and Turbulent Flow

- When flow is occurring in such a way that one layer of fluid slides past the other layer without their being any intermixing b/w different layers, the flow is said to be laminar.
- If how ever there is intermixing b/w diff layers, flow is said to be turbulent.

$$Re = \text{Reynold number} = \frac{VR}{\nu} = \frac{\rho VR}{\mu}$$

$$Re = \frac{F_L}{F_v} = \frac{\rho V^2 L^2}{\mu L}$$

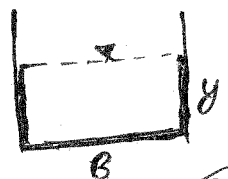
viscous force

V = avg velocity of flow

R = hydraulic radius = $\frac{\text{area of flow}}{\text{wetted perimeter}}$

μ = dynamic viscosity

ν = kinematic viscosity



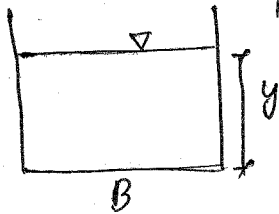
$$\text{Hydraulic radius (R)} = \frac{B \cdot y}{B + 2y}$$

- Obj
- In open channel flow, flow will be laminar if $Re < 500$ and turbulent if $Re > 2000$. In b/w cases will be Transition (500 < $Re < 2000$)
- OCF will generally be generally turbulent (if $Re > 2000$).

critical, sub critical and super-critical flow

Froude No = $\frac{\text{Inertial force}}{\text{gravity force}} = \frac{\rho L^3 \cdot \frac{L}{T^2}}{\rho L^3 \cdot g} = \frac{gL^2 v^2}{\rho L^3 g} = \frac{v}{\sqrt{gL}} = \text{Froude No.}$

In OCF, flow is under gravity therefore gravity force plays imp. role. Hence Froude no is more imp than Reynolds no.



$A = B \cdot y$
 $T = \text{Top surface width} = B$

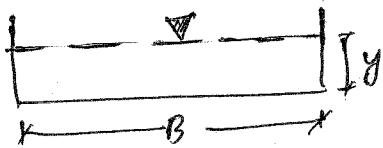
$\frac{A}{T} = \text{hydraulic depth} = y$

avg velocity
 characteristic length
 In OCF
 Hydraulic Depth
 & area
 Top surface width

In Rectangular channel $F_r = \frac{v}{\sqrt{gy}}$

in general channel $F_r = \frac{v}{\sqrt{g \cdot \frac{A}{T}}}$

For wide rectangular channel



$R = \text{Hydraulic radius} = \frac{By}{B+2y}$

$y \ll B$
 $R \approx \frac{B \cdot y}{B} = y \Rightarrow \boxed{R=y}$

*** Note In wide rectangular channel, hydraulic radius is taken as depth of flow = y

$F_r = \frac{v}{\sqrt{g \cdot \frac{A}{T}}} = \frac{v}{C_0}$ (C₀ = celerity)

$C_0 = \text{celerity} = \sqrt{g \cdot \frac{A}{T}}$
 it is wave of velocity &

Celerity (C₀) is the speed of small disturbance wave w.r. to water.

$C_0 = \text{m/s}$

