

Ch. 8 Varied Flow in Open Channels 8-2 Gradually Varied Flows





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Objectives

- Derive differential equation of varied flow using energy equation
- Classify water surface profiles of GVF







8.4 Gradually Varied Flow Equation

- In real situation, open channel's depth is not constant
- In the short distance, flow changes fast, then we call it as Rapid
 Varied Flow (RVF) such as hydraulic jump
- In gradually varied flow (GVF) case, energy loss mainly comes from bottom friction in the long distance.
- For the design of open channels and the analysis of their performance, the engineer must be able to <u>predict the forms</u> and <u>calculate the various types of water surface profiles</u>.



Gradually varied flow equation

- In uniform flow $S_0 = S_w = S_f$
 - Slope of the water surface = slope of bed = slope of total energy
- Typical gradually varied flow is found upstream of gates, and controls.





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Differential equation for gradually varied flow

- Assumption
- Channel is prismatic and the flow is <u>steady</u> (depth is constant with time)
- 2. The <u>bed slope (S_0) is relatively small</u>. Therefore, the <u>vertical depth of</u> <u>flow</u> is almost equal to the depth measured normal to the channel bed.
- 3. The velocity distribution in the vertical section <u>is uniform</u> and the kinetic energy correction factor is close to unity.
- 4. <u>Streamlines are straight and parallel</u> and the <u>pressure distribution is</u> <u>hydrostatic.</u>
- 5. The <u>channel roughness (Manning's *n*) is constant</u> along its length and does not depend on the depth of flow



Gradually varied flow equation

Derivation of gradually varied flow equation

dx = length of a channel segment $y \sim d = \text{depth of flow (varies by } dy);$ $V = \underline{\text{average}}$ velocity (varies by dV) $S_0 = \text{bed slope}$ S = energy (friction) slope

$$H = z + d\cos\theta + \frac{V^2}{2g} \approx z + y + \frac{V^2}{2g}$$





One-dimensional longitudinal water surface profile can be described by a simple <u>ordinary</u> <u>differential equation.</u>

The total energy per unit weight of water measured from a horizontal datum, or the total head, is given as

$$H = z + y + \frac{V^2}{2g} = z + E$$

Apply to Sec.1 and 2,

$$S_0 dx + y + \frac{V^2}{2g} = y + dy + \frac{V^2}{2g} + d\left(\frac{V^2}{2g}\right) + Sdx$$





Dividing this equation by *dx* and canceling equal terms produces

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{V^2}{2g}\right) = S_0 - S$$

Multiplying the second term by dy/dy, factoring out dy/dx, and solving for dy/dx yields

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{1 + \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{V^2}{2g}\right)}$$





The second term in the denominator can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dy}\left(\frac{V^2}{2g}\right) = \frac{1}{2g}\frac{d}{dy}\left(\frac{Q^2}{A^2}\right) = -\frac{Q^2b}{gA^3} = -Fr^2$$

Substitute into the varied flow equation

$$\frac{d}{dy}\left(\frac{Q^2}{A^2}\right) = Q^2 \frac{dA^{-2}}{dy}$$
$$= Q^2 \left(-2A^{-3} \frac{dA}{dy}\right) = Q^2 \left(-2A^{-3} b\right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{1 - F_r^2}$$

(10.27)





 Approximation: Even though Chezy-Manning equation is generally considered a <u>uniform flow</u> equation, it can be used to evaluate the <u>slope of energy line</u>, S for varied flow as long as the streamlines are <u>straight and parallel</u>.

Substitute Chezy-Manning equation into (10.27)



(10.28)

$$V = \frac{1}{n} R_h^{2/3} S^{1/2}$$
$$S = \frac{n^2 V^2}{R_h^{4/3}}$$
$$Q = \frac{1}{n} A R_h^{2/3} S^{1/2}$$
$$S = \frac{Q^2 n^2}{A^2 R_h^{4/3}}$$





Review of Critical Slope

- The critical slope (S_c) is the bed slope of the channel that produces <u>critical uniform flow</u> for a given discharge.
- The Manning equation is applicable to the case of uniform assuming that the <u>normal depth is equal to the critical depth</u>,
- For wide rectangular channel, $R_h \sim y$

$$q = \sqrt{gy_c^3} = \frac{1}{n} y_c^{5/3} S_c^{1/2}$$

$$S_c = \frac{gn^2}{y_c^{1/3}}$$
(10.17)

 $y_c = \sqrt[3]{\frac{q^2}{q}}$



- 1. Classification of channels according to bed slope
- The information of <u>normal depth, critical depth and current</u> <u>depth</u> can be used for <u>classification of flow type</u>.
- First, classify the type of channel slope





Classification of channels according to bed slope





Classification of channels according to bed slope

1. The mild slope (*M-profile*): The bed slope S_0 is less than the critical slope S_c . In this category, the <u>normal depth y_0 , is located</u> above the critical depth y_c and the Froude number, \overline{F}_r will be less than unity under normal flow condition

 $S_0 < S_c \quad y_0 > y_c \quad V_0 < V_c$

2. The steep slope (*S*-profile): The bed slope S_0 is steeper than the critical slope. The <u>normal depth is less than the critical</u> <u>depth y_c and the Froude number</u>, F_r will be greater than unity under normal flow condition

 $S_0 > S_c \quad y_0 < y_c \quad V_0 > V_c$

3. The critical slope (*C-profile***)**: The bed slope is exactly equal to the critical slope. The Froude number will be exactly equal to unity under normal flow conditions.

$$S_0 = S_c \quad y_0 = y_c \quad V_0 = V_c$$

$$S_c = \frac{gn^2}{y_c^{1/3}}$$



Classification of channels according to bed slope

4. Horizontal slope (*H-profile***)**: The bed slope is equal to zero. The critical depth can be evaluated while the <u>normal depth will be</u> equal to infinity. Substituting S_0 as zero in the Chezy or Manning equation will give infinite value for the normal depth.

5. Adverse slope (*A-profile***)**: The bed slope is less than zero. <u>Normal depth is not defined</u>.



2. Stage zone according to normal and critical depths

Classify three zones that are defined according to the <u>current depth, y</u> with respect to normal and critical depths for a given discharge.

Zone 1: *y* is located above both
$$y_0$$
 and y_c
i.e. $y > y_0 > y_c$ or $y > y_c > y_0$
Zone 2: *y* is located between y_0 and y_c
i.e. $y_0 > y > y_c$ or $y_c > y > y_0$
Zone 3: *y* is located below both y_0 and y_c
i.e. $y_0 > y_c > y$ or $y_c > y_0 > y$





3. Classification of profiles according to (dy/dx)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{1 - F_r^2}$$

According to the rate of change of the flow depth with distance, dy/dx the trend of the water surface in gradually varied flow is divided into regimes:

- 1. dy/dx > 0: This means that the depth of flow is increasing with distance. The water surface forms a <u>rising curve</u>.
- 2. dy/dx<0: This means that the depth of flow is decreasing with distance. The water surface forms a <u>falling curve</u>.
- 3. dy/dx = 0: This means that the <u>flow is uniform and the water surface</u> is parallel to the bottom of the channel.





4. dy/dx is equal to <u>negative infinity</u>. This means that the water surface forms a <u>right angle with the channel bed</u>. This condition can never be exactly encountered in nature. This type of profile may occur at the <u>free fall</u> of a mild channel or at the transition between a mild reach to a steep or critical reach





4. Graphical representation of the gradually varied flow equation(1) Mild slope curves

Zone 1. $y > y_0 > y_c$ $M1 \rightarrow rising$ Zone 2. $y_0 > y > y_c$ $M2 \rightarrow falling$ Zone 3. $y_0 > y_c > y$ $M3 \rightarrow rising$



(a) Mild slope M

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M1 curve: $y > y_0 > y_c$



Thus, the <u>depth is increasing in the positive direction</u>. Indicating that this is case 1 of the mild slope situation, we denote this case as the *M1* profile. <u>"backwater profile (배수곡선)</u>" occurs when <u>dam or hump exist at the downstream.</u>

As we move upstream the depth decreases, approaching the normal depth asymptotically. Thus, the *M1* curve tends to be <u>parallel to the</u> <u>bottom</u> at infinity.



Uniform flow equation

$$S = \frac{Q^2 n^2}{A^2 R_h^{4/3}}$$

For uniform flow of a given discharge and bed slope, we have a depth y_0 which satisfy the equation given below

$$S_0 = \frac{Q^2 n^2}{A_U^2 R_{h_U}^{4/3}}$$

If the depth increases over the normal depth y_0 , then $A^2 R_h^{4/3}$ also increases causing S to decrease below S_o

Therefore, from varied flow equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{\left(1 - F_r^2\right)}$$

 $y > y_{0}$, then $S < S_0$



 $M2 \text{ curve: } y_0 > y > y_c$ $y < y_0, \text{ then } S > S_0$ $y > y_c, \text{ then } F_r < 1$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{1 - F_r^2} = \frac{-}{+} = -$ (a) Mild slope M

- The M2 curve is thus falling curve in which the <u>depth decreases</u> in the flow (downstream) direction.
- At the critical depth *Froude number* will be equal to 1. Therefore as the *M*2 approaches y_c, dy/dx tends to infinite. Thus the *M*2 profile tends to be perpendicular to the critical depth line. It approaches the normal depth asymptotically in the upstream direction.
- M2 profile: <u>drawdown curve (저하곡선)</u>.



Graphical representation of the Gradually varied flow equation

M3 curve: $y_0 > y_c > y$ $y < y_{0}$, then $S > S_0$ $y < y_c$, then $F_r > 1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{\left(1 - F_r^2\right)}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{1 - F_r^2} = \frac{-}{-} = +$$

- The curve is <u>rising.</u>
- Approaches the critical depth with a right angle and approaches the channel bed with an <u>acute angle</u>





 M3 profile cannot end in either the normal depth or critical depth down stream. The profile is rising toward y_c since there must be a transition (hydraulic jump) between the supercritical flow of the M3 profile and the subcritical flow downstream. **Seoul National University**

Graphical representation of the Gradually varied flow equation

(2) Steep slope curvesS1 profile (y>y_c>y_o)

 $y > y_{0,}$ then $S < S_0$ $y > y_c$, then $F_r < 1$



 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{1 - F_r^2} = \frac{+}{+} = + \quad \rightarrow \text{rising curve}$

- Downstream control must be a choke by dam, while, at the upstream boundary, it approaches the critical depth with an <u>acute angle</u>.
- Transition between the <u>subcritical flow downstream</u> and the <u>supercritical</u> <u>normal depth upstream</u> must be present. Thus <u>S1 profile must be led by</u> <u>a hydraulic jump</u>

 $S_{\alpha} > S_{\alpha}$

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Graphical representation of the Gradually varied flow equation

S2 profile $(y_c > y > y_o)$ $y > y_{0}$, then $S < S_0$ $y < y_c$, then $F_r > 1$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{S_0 - S}{1 - F_r^2} = \frac{+}{-} = -$$





 <u>Drawdown curve</u> since it provides the transition between a critical section upstream and the <u>supercritical normal depth</u> associated with the steep downstream slope.



Graphical representation of the Gradually varied flow equation



- In the case of the horizontal and adverse slopes, <u>the normal</u> <u>depth does not exist</u> and thus <u>there can be no type 1 (y>y_o)</u>. In these cases the <u>type 2 profile must exist</u> approach the horizontal boundary for y is infinite upstream.
- In the critical slope case y_o=y_c and thus there can be no type 2
 profile.



IP 10-8 (p. 467): Identify the water surface profiles

a) I.P. 10.5: If the hump were made higher, the flow would not have enough specific energy to flow over the hump and the hump would become <u>a dam</u>. This will cause the depth of the flow upstream of the hump to increase. Then, water surface profile on a mild slope at a depth greater than the normal is M_1 curve.



Subcritical flow upstream



b) Upstream and downstream of the brink





c) Just upstream of the hydraulic jump on the mild slope channel





d) Upstream of the free outfall

