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Theory

The main objective of this lab is to know how to calculate Manning's coefficient in a Flume and understand the behavior of a hydraulic jump. There are two types of open channels natural and man-made, the equation that control open channel flow is Manning's.

Manning Equation:

$$Q = \frac{K_n}{n} AR^{\frac{2}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

K_n is a conversion factor

n is Manning's roughness coefficient

A is cross sectional area.

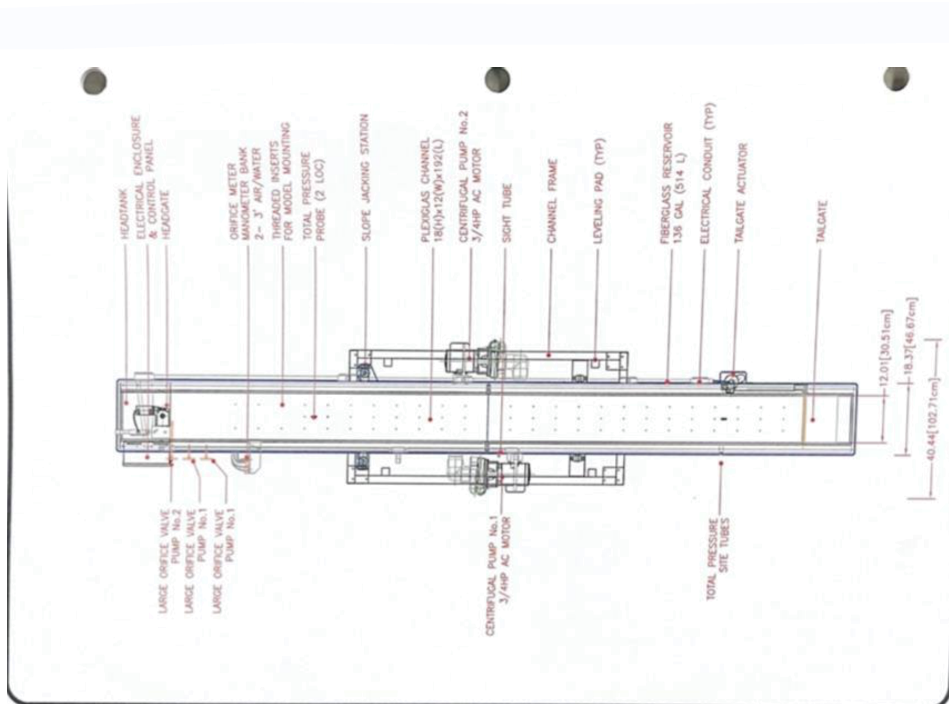
For Wetted Perimeter:

$$R = \frac{A}{W_p}$$

W_p - is wetted Perimeter

Apparatus

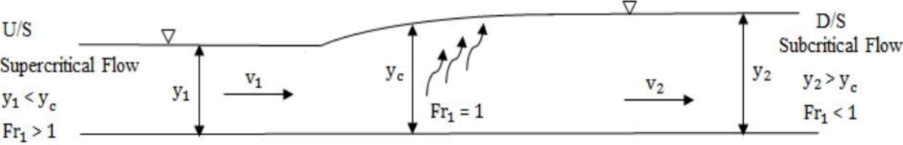
Figure 1: The figure below is the Open Channel Flume that was used in lab.

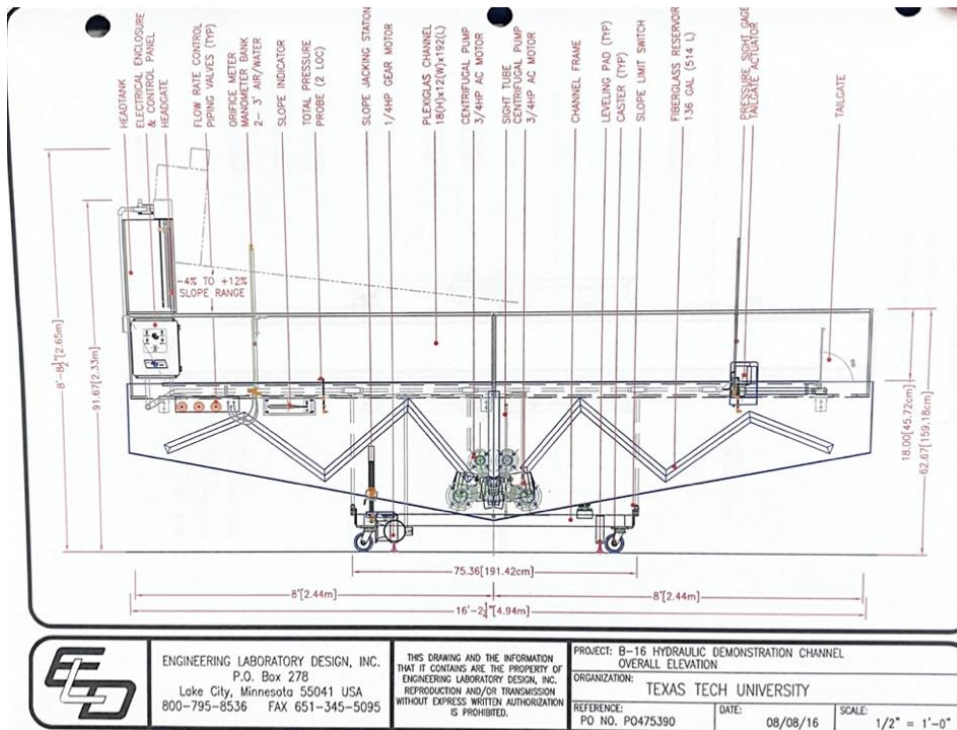


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Figure 4: The figure below shows a recurring flume.



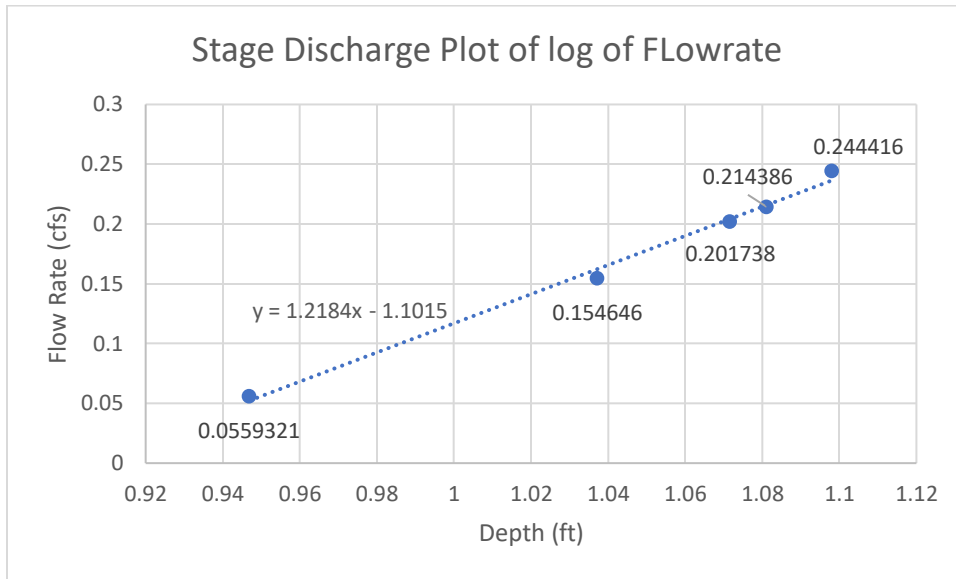


Parameter Measured

1. Q, Flowrate ($\frac{ft^3}{s}$)
2. A, Cross-sectional Area (ft^2)
3. R, Hydraulic Radius (ft)
4. S, Channel Slope (dim)
5. n, Manning's roughness coefficient
6. Wp, Wetted Perimeter (ft)
7. b, Width of Channel (= 1 ft)
8. Δ Difference of the manometers (ft)
9. h, Depth (in or cm)

Results

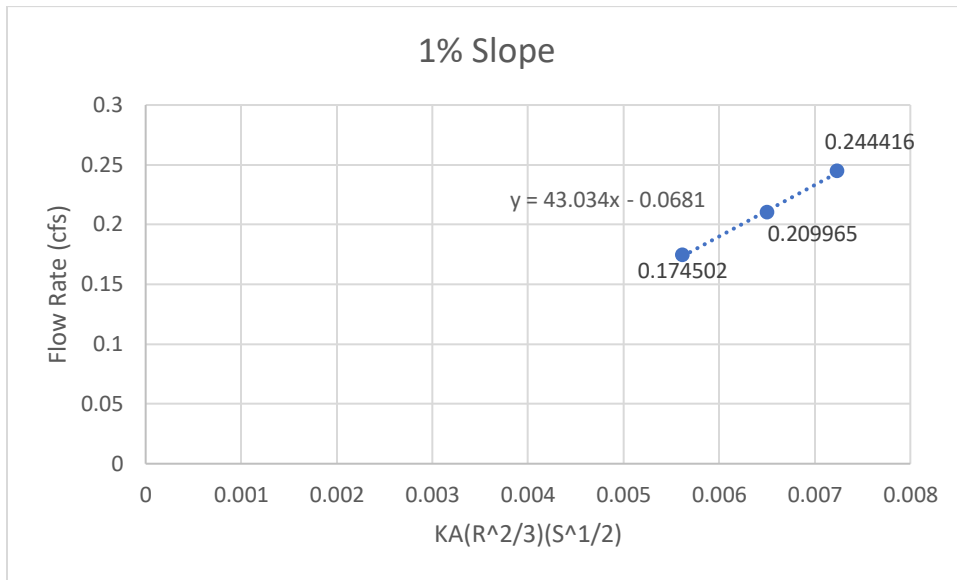
Part 1



Trial	Depth (feet)	ΔH (feet)	Q (cfs)
1	0.946875	0.07	0.055932
2	1.03725	0.59	0.154646
3	1.07171	1.03	0.201738
4	1.081125	1.17	0.214386
5	1.098042	1.54	0.244416

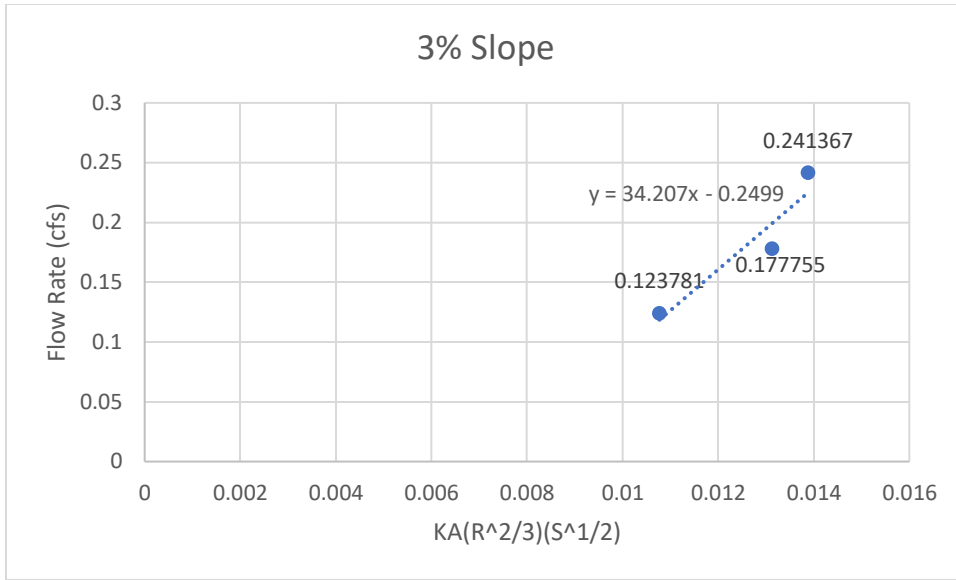
Part 2

1% Slope



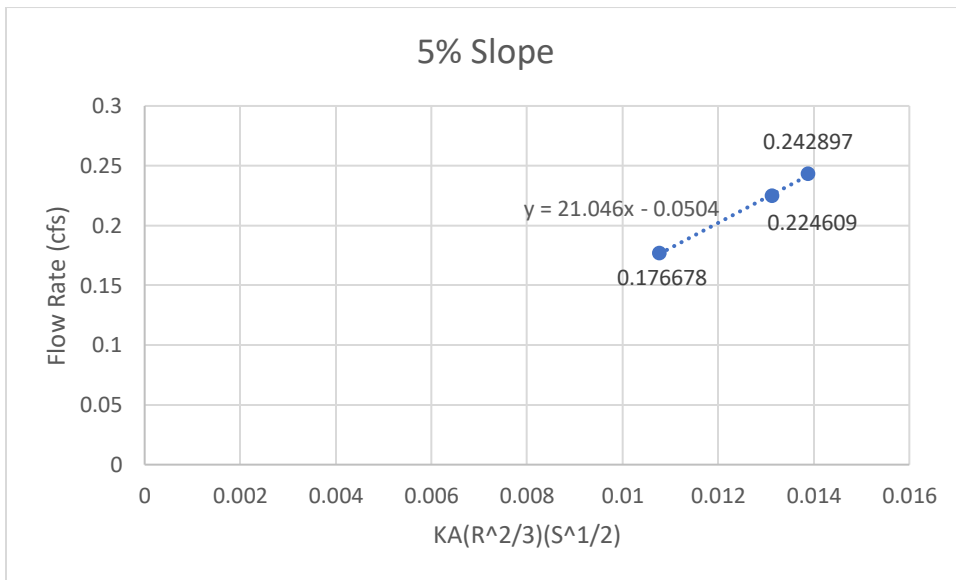
Trial	Wetted Perimeter (ft)	Hydraulic Radius (ft)	ΔH (ft)	Flow Rate (cfs)	Manning n
1	1.40758	0.14478	0.76	0.174502	0.0322004
2	1.45042	0.15527	1.12	0.209965	0.0309859
3	1.48475	0.163243	1.54	0.244416	0.0296197
Mean Manning n			Standard Deviation of n		
0.0309353			1.05404e-3		

3% Slope



Trial	Wetted Perimeter (ft)	Hydraulic Radius (ft)	ΔH (ft)	Flow Rate (cfs)	Manning n
1	1.31700	0.120349	0.37	0.123781	0.054063
2	1.39675	0.142026	0.79	0.177755	0.052618
3	1.45633	0.156673	1.50	0.241367	0.047584
Mean Manning n			Standard Deviation of n		
0.0514218			4.80957e-3		

5% Slope



Trail	Wetted Perimeter (ft)	Hydraulic Radius (ft)	ΔH (ft)	Flow Rate (cfs)	Manning n
1	1.36733	0.134325	0.78	0.176678	0.0609685
2	1.420	0.147887	1.29	0.224609	0.0584652
3	1.43625	0.151871	1.52	0.242897	0.0571592
Mean Manning n			Standard Deviation of n		
0.0588643			1.580506e-3		

Discussion

- The Manning's coefficient for a bed rock channel owing partially full is in the range of 0.035 - 0.050. How do your values compare to this reported range?

The 1% slope falls into this range with an average coefficient of 0.03094, while the 3% and 5% slightly exceed this range with an average coefficient of 0.05142 and 0.5886, respectively.
- Why is it important to know the channel bed material in a river or a stream?

Different material has a different Manning coefficient. Knowing this coefficient, you can better design an open channel flow such as a canal or hydraulic dam because with the coefficient, the flow rate can be calculated. This in turn allows engineers to estimate the power output of a hydraulic dam.
- Many rivers and streams have submerged vegetation. How would these vegetation affect Manning's n?

Vegetation would cause an increase in the present friction forces. Therefore, the water would have a lesser flow rate than if it were to be a rock only bed. A lower flow rate would result in a higher Manning's coefficient due to their inversely proportional relationship.
- What is the purpose of a Hydraulic Jump and where might it occur?

Hydraulic jump often happens at the output of a system. Where a hydraulic jump were not to occur, the high output velocity could destroy the downstream ecosystem and make the area prone to flooding. A Hydraulic jump dissipates energy as high velocity streams are dampened by lower velocity water downstream.
- Errors between experiment and theory have 3 possible sources; (a) inadequate theory (assumptions violated) (b) errors in experimental measurement (c) calculation errors Which do you think are most significant in your experiment, and why?

Either errors in experimental measurement or calculation errors could be the cause of significant error. Inaccurate measurements would result in inaccurate results, regardless of whether or not calculations are done properly. However, accurate measurements could have been misused due to error in the calculations.

Data Appendix

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Experiment: Open Channel Hydraulics – Manning’s n Data Sheet EXP #8

Date of Experiment: 03 AUGUST 2022

Name: _____

Temperature of water, T = 20 °Celsius Water density, $\rho =$ _____ (lb/ft³)

Gravity, g = 32.2 (ft/s²)

TRIAL - TEAMS	H ₁	H ₂	Manual Depth	Digital Depth
Team #1	1.51	1.44	2.8625	
Team #2	1.69	1.10	3.4470	
Team #3	1.81	0.79	2.8625	
Team #4	1.84	0.67	3.915	
Team #5	1.91	0.37	4.0765	

PART 2: Slope = _____			
TRIAL	H ₁	H ₂	Depth
#1	1.72	0.91	2.775
#2	1.89	0.7	2.775
#3	1.9	0.32	2.9

PART 2: Slope = _____			
TRIAL	H ₁	H ₂	Depth
#1	1.81	1.24	1.905
#2	1.72	0.94	2.3615
#3	1.84	0.89	2.7280

PART 2: Slope = _____			
TRIAL	H ₁	H ₂	Depth
#1	1.77	0.9	1.104
#2	1.85	0.8	1.58
#3			1.5

Instructor's Signature: _____

Error Analysis

Slope	1%	3%	5%
1/n	32.33	19.45	16.99
m	43.03	34.21	21.05
Error Percentage	24.87%	43.15%	19.24%

Sample Calculations

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Wetted Perimeter (W_p)

$$W = 1 \text{ ft} \quad D = .1585 \text{ ft}$$

$$W_p = 2D + W \rightarrow \underline{W_p = 1.317 \text{ ft}}$$

Area (A)

$$D = .1585 \text{ ft} \quad W = 1 \text{ ft}$$

$$A = D \cdot W \rightarrow \underline{A = .1585 \text{ ft}^2}$$

Hydraulic Radius (R)

$$W_p = 1.317 \text{ ft} \quad A = 0.1585 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$R = \frac{A}{W_p} \rightarrow \underline{R = 0.120349 \text{ ft}}$$

Flow Rate (Q)

$$R = 0.120349 \text{ ft}$$

$$\log(Q) = \frac{\log(R) - 1.47}{2.096} \rightarrow \underline{Q = 0.123781 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s}}$$

Manning's Coefficient (n)

$$Q = 0.123781 \text{ ft}^3/\text{s} \quad A = 0.1585 \text{ ft}^2 \quad R = 0.120349 \text{ ft} \quad S = .03$$

$$n = \frac{1}{Q} A R^{4/3} S^{1/2} \rightarrow \underline{n = 0.054063}$$

Mean

$$n_1 = .0540627 \quad n_2 = .0526184 \quad n_3 = 0.047554 \quad x = 3$$

$$\bar{n} = \frac{\sum n}{x} \rightarrow \underline{\bar{n} = .051422}$$

Standard Deviation (n)

$$\bar{n} = .051422 \quad x = 3$$

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (\bar{n} - n)^2}{x}} \rightarrow \underline{SD = 4.20957e^{-3}}$$