

# Important Most Efficient Section of Channel Formulas PDF



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**Examples**  
**with Units**

## List of 38 Important Most Efficient Section of Channel Formulas

### 1) Circular Section Formulas

#### 1.1) Chezy Constant given Discharge through Channels Formula

Formula

$$C = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{\left(A^3\right) \cdot \frac{S}{p}}}$$

Example with Units

$$22.4 = \frac{14 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{\sqrt{\left(25 \text{ m}^2\right)^3 \cdot \frac{0.0004}{16 \text{ m}}}}$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 1.2) Depth of Flow in most Efficient Channel for Maximum Discharge Formula

Formula

$$D_f = 1.876 \cdot r'$$

Example with Units

$$5.628 \text{ m} = 1.876 \cdot 3 \text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 1.3) Depth of Flow in most Efficient Channel for Maximum Velocity Formula

Formula

$$D_f = 1.626 \cdot r'$$

Example with Units

$$4.878 \text{ m} = 1.626 \cdot 3 \text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 1.4) Depth of flow in most Efficient Channel in circular channel Formula

Formula

$$D_f = 1.8988 \cdot r'$$

Example with Units

$$5.6964 \text{ m} = 1.8988 \cdot 3 \text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 1.5) Diameter of Section given Depth of Flow in most Efficient channel for Maximum Velocity Formula

Formula

$$d_{\text{section}} = \frac{D_f}{0.81}$$

Example with Units

$$6.4198 \text{ m} = \frac{5.2 \text{ m}}{0.81}$$

Evaluate Formula

#### 1.6) Diameter of Section given Depth of flow in most Efficient Channel section Formula

Formula

$$d_{\text{section}} = \frac{D_f}{0.95}$$

Example with Units

$$5.4737 \text{ m} = \frac{5.2 \text{ m}}{0.95}$$

Evaluate Formula



### 1.7) Diameter of Section given Flow Depth in most Efficient Channel Formula

Formula

$$d_{\text{section}} = \frac{D_f}{0.938}$$

Example with Units

$$5.5437\text{ m} = \frac{5.2\text{ m}}{0.938}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.8) Diameter of Section given Hydraulic Radius in most Efficient Channel for Maximum Velocity Formula

Formula

$$d_{\text{section}} = \frac{R_H}{0.3}$$

Example with Units

$$5.3333\text{ m} = \frac{1.6\text{ m}}{0.3}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.9) Diameter of Section when Hydraulic Radius is at 0.9D Formula

Formula

$$d_{\text{section}} = \frac{R_H}{0.29}$$

Example with Units

$$5.5172\text{ m} = \frac{1.6\text{ m}}{0.29}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.10) Discharge through Channels Formula

Formula

$$Q = C \cdot \sqrt{\left(A^3\right) \cdot \frac{S}{p}}$$

Example with Units

$$25\text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 40 \cdot \sqrt{\left(25\text{ m}^2\right)^3 \cdot \frac{0.0004}{16\text{ m}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.11) Hydraulic Radius in most Efficient channel for Maximum Velocity Formula

Formula

$$R_H = 0.6806 \cdot r'$$

Example with Units

$$2.0418\text{ m} = 0.6806 \cdot 3\text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.12) Radius of Section given Depth of flow in Efficient Channel Formula

Formula

$$r' = \frac{D_f}{1.8988}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7386\text{ m} = \frac{5.2\text{ m}}{1.8988}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.13) Radius of Section given Depth of Flow in most Efficient Channel for Maximum Velocity Formula

Formula

$$r' = \frac{D_f}{1.626}$$

Example with Units

$$3.198\text{ m} = \frac{5.2\text{ m}}{1.626}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 1.14) Radius of Section given Depth of Flows in most Efficient Channel Formula

Formula

$$r' = \frac{D_f}{1.876}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7719\text{ m} = \frac{5.2\text{ m}}{1.876}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 1.15) Radius of Section given Hydraulic Radius Formula

Formula

$$r' = \frac{R_H}{0.5733}$$

Example with Units

$$2.7909\text{ m} = \frac{1.6\text{ m}}{0.5733}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 1.16) Radius of Section given Hydraulic Radius in most Efficient Channel for Maximum Velocity Formula

Formula

$$r' = \frac{R_H}{0.6806}$$

Example with Units

$$2.3509\text{ m} = \frac{1.6\text{ m}}{0.6806}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 1.17) Side Slope of Channel Bed given Discharge through Channels Formula

Formula

$$S = \frac{p}{\left(\frac{A^3}{\left(\frac{Q}{C}\right)^2}\right)^2}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0001 = \frac{16\text{ m}}{\left(\frac{25\text{ m}^3}{\left(\frac{14\text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{40}\right)^2}\right)^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 1.18) Wetted Area given Discharge through Channels Formula

Formula

$$A = \left( \left( \left( \frac{Q}{C} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{p}{S} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$16.985\text{ m}^2 = \left( \left( \left( \frac{14\text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{40} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{16\text{ m}}{0.0004} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 1.19) Wetted Perimeter given Discharge through Channels Formula

Formula

$$p = \frac{\left(A^3\right) \cdot S}{\left(\frac{Q}{C}\right)^2}$$

Example with Units

$$51.0204\text{ m} = \frac{\left(25\text{ m}^2\right)^3 \cdot 0.0004}{\left(\frac{14\text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{40}\right)^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2) Rectangular Section Formulas

### 2.1) Depth of Flow given Hydraulic Radius in most Efficient Rectangular Channel Formula

Formula

$$D_f = R_{H(\text{rect})} \cdot 2$$

Example with Units

$$5.2\text{ m} = 2.6\text{ m} \cdot 2$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 2.2) Depth of Flow in Most Efficient Channel for Rectangular Channel Formula

Formula

$$D_f = \frac{B_{\text{rect}}}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$5.2\text{ m} = \frac{10.4\text{ m}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 2.3) Hydraulic Radius in most Efficient Open Channel Formula

Formula

$$R_{H(\text{rect})} = \frac{D_f}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$2.6\text{ m} = \frac{5.2\text{ m}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 2.4) Width of Channel given Depth of flow in Most Efficient channels Formula

Formula

$$B_{\text{rect}} = D_f \cdot 2$$

Example with Units

$$10.4\text{ m} = 5.2\text{ m} \cdot 2$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 3) Trapezoidal Section Formulas

### 3.1) Depth of Flow given Hydraulic Radius in Most Efficient Trapezoidal Channel Formula

Formula

$$d_f = R_H \cdot 2$$

Example with Units

$$3.2\text{ m} = 1.6\text{ m} \cdot 2$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.2) Depth of Flow given Wetted Area in Most Efficient Channel for Bottom Width is kept Constant Formula

Formula

$$d_f = \left( z_{\text{trap}} \cdot S_{\text{Trap}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Example with Units

$$3.2988\text{ m} = \left( 0.577 \cdot 18.86\text{ m}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.3) Depth of Flow in most Efficient Channel in Trapezoidal Channel Formula

Formula

$$d_f = \frac{B_{\text{trap}}}{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

Example with Units

$$3.3\text{ m} = \frac{3.8105\text{ m}}{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.4) Depth of Flow in most Efficient Channel in Trapezoidal Channel given Channel Slope Formula

Formula

$$d_f = \frac{B_{\text{trap}} \cdot 0.5}{\sqrt{\left( z_{\text{trap}}^2 \right) + 1} - z_{\text{trap}}}$$

Example with Units

$$3.299\text{ m} = \frac{3.8105\text{ m} \cdot 0.5}{\sqrt{\left( 0.577^2 \right) + 1} - 0.577}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.5) Depth of Flow when Width of Channel in Most Efficient Channel for Bottom Width is kept Constant Formula

Formula

$$d_f = B_{\text{trap}} \cdot \frac{z_{\text{trap}}}{1 - \left( z_{\text{trap}}^2 \right)}$$

Example with Units

$$3.296\text{ m} = 3.8105\text{ m} \cdot \frac{0.577}{1 - \left( 0.577^2 \right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



### 3.6) Hydraulic Radius of Most Efficient Channel Formula

Formula

$$R_H = \frac{d_f}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$1.65\text{ m} = \frac{3.3\text{ m}}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.7) Side Slope of Section for Depth of Flow is kept Constant Formula

Formula

$$z_{\text{trap}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{d_f}{d_f}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5774 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{3.3\text{ m}}{3.3\text{ m}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.8) Side Slope of Section given Wetted Area for Bottom Width is kept Constant Formula

Formula

$$z_{\text{trap}} = d_f \cdot \frac{d_f}{S_{\text{Trap}}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5774 = 3.3\text{ m} \cdot \frac{3.3\text{ m}}{18.86\text{ m}^2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.9) Wetted Area in Most Efficient Channel for Bottom Width is kept Constant Formula

Formula

$$S_{\text{Trap}} = d_f \cdot \frac{d_f}{z_{\text{trap}}}$$

Example with Units

$$18.8735\text{ m}^2 = 3.3\text{ m} \cdot \frac{3.3\text{ m}}{0.577}$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.10) Width of Channel given Depth of Flow in Efficient Channel Formula

Formula

$$B_{\text{trap}} = \left( \sqrt{\left( z_{\text{trap}}^2 \right) + 1} \right) \cdot 2 \cdot d_f - 2 \cdot d_f \cdot z_{\text{trap}}$$

Example with Units

$$3.8117\text{ m} = \left( \sqrt{\left( 0.577^2 \right) + 1} \right) \cdot 2 \cdot 3.3\text{ m} - 2 \cdot 3.3\text{ m} \cdot 0.577$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.11) Width of Channel in most Efficient Channel sections Formula

Formula

$$B_{\text{trap}} = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot d_f$$

Example with Units

$$3.8105\text{ m} = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot 3.3\text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula 



### 3.12) Width of Channel in Most Efficient Channel when Bottom width is kept constant Formula

Formula

$$B_{\text{trap}} = d_f \cdot \left( \frac{1 - (z_{\text{trap}})^2}{z_{\text{trap}}} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$3.8151\text{m} = 3.3\text{m} \cdot \left( \frac{1 - (0.577^2)}{0.577} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 3.13) Width of Channel in most Efficient Channels section Formula

Formula

$$B_{\text{trap}} = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot d_f$$

Example with Units

$$3.8105\text{m} = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \cdot 3.3\text{m}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 4) Triangular Section Formulas

### 4.1) Depth of Flow given Hydraulic Radius in Most Efficient Triangular channel Formula

Formula

$$d_{f(\Delta)} = R_{H(\Delta)} \cdot (2 \cdot \sqrt{2})$$

Example with Units

$$3.3008\text{m} = 1.167\text{m} \cdot (2 \cdot \sqrt{2})$$

Evaluate Formula 

### 4.2) Hydraulic Radius in Efficient channel Formula

Formula

$$R_{H(\Delta)} = \frac{d_{f(\Delta)}}{2 \cdot \sqrt{2}}$$

Example with Units

$$1.1773\text{m} = \frac{3.33\text{m}}{2 \cdot \sqrt{2}}$$




Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of Most Efficient Section of Channel Formulas above




















- **A** Wetted Surface Area of Channel (Square Meter)
- **B<sub>rect</sub>** Width of Section of Rect Channel (Meter)
- **B<sub>trap</sub>** Width of Trap Channel (Meter)
- **C** Chezy's Constant
- **d<sub>f</sub>** Depth of Flow (Meter)
- **D<sub>f</sub>** Depth of Flow of Channel (Meter)
- **d<sub>f(Δ)</sub>** Depth of Flow of Triangle Channel (Meter)
- **d<sub>section</sub>** Diameter of Section (Meter)
- **p** Wetted Perimeter of Channel (Meter)
- **Q** Discharge of Channel (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **r'** Radius of Channel (Meter)
- **R<sub>H</sub>** Hydraulic Radius of Channel (Meter)
- **R<sub>H(rect)</sub>** Hydraulic Radius of Rectangle (Meter)
- **R<sub>H(Δ)</sub>** Hydraulic Radius of Triangular Channel (Meter)
- **S** Bed Slope
- **S<sub>Trap</sub>** Wetted Surface Area of Trapezoidal Channel (Square Meter)
- **Z<sub>trap</sub>** Side slope of Trapezoidal Channel

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Most Efficient Section of Channel Formulas above







- **Functions:** **sqrt**, sqrt(Number)  
*A square root function is a function that takes a non-negative number as an input and returns the square root of the given input number.*
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Area** in Square Meter (m<sup>2</sup>)  
*Area Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m<sup>3</sup>/s)  
*Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion* 



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