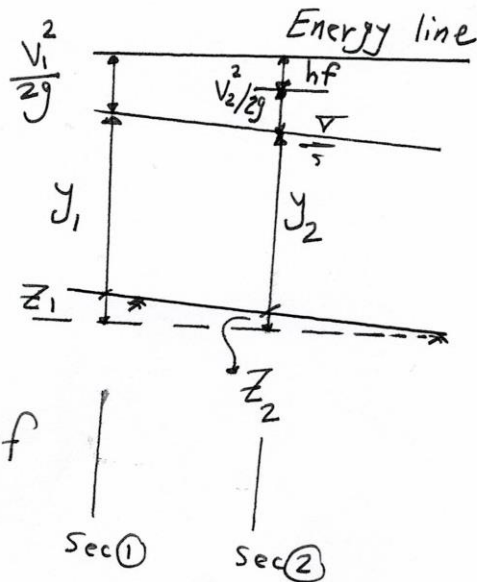


# Energy Equation for steady Flow and Specific

## Energy (Critical flow)

Considering Sections 1 and 2 in the flow as shown in Fig.

Bernoulli eq. is written as:



$$\frac{V_1^2}{2g} + y_1 + z_1 = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + y_2 + z_2 + hf$$

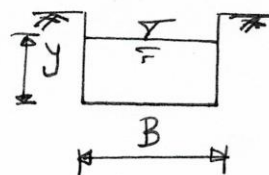
- The term  $\frac{V^2}{2g} + y$  is found to be an important

Parameter in open channel flow, This quantity is defined as **Specific Energy** الطاقة النوعية OPEN CHANNELS ONLY and, symbol used is  $E$ .

$$\therefore \text{Specific energy} = E = y + \frac{V^2}{2g} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

- The case of rectangular section:

$$E = y + \frac{Q^2}{2g B^2 y^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



in this Process the value of minimum energy for a given flow is found as:

$$E_{\min} = \frac{y}{c} + \frac{y_c^3}{2y_c^2} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{y}{c} \quad \text{--- (3) Min. Energy with critical flow only}$$

The value of  $y$  for minimum energy is called critical depth ( $y_c$ ).

$$y_c = \sqrt[3]{q^2/g} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

where,  $q = \frac{Q}{B}$   $m^2/sec$  (flow rate for unit width)

The flow rate at this condition (Min. specific energy and critical depth) is:

$$q_{\max} = \sqrt{g y_c^3} \quad \text{--- (5) at } y_c : \text{ the energy is Min. the discharge is Max.}$$

المعادلات من (1 ← 5) تظهر المقاطع المستطيلة ويمكن

مناقشتها من خلال المخططين التاليين وكالاتي :

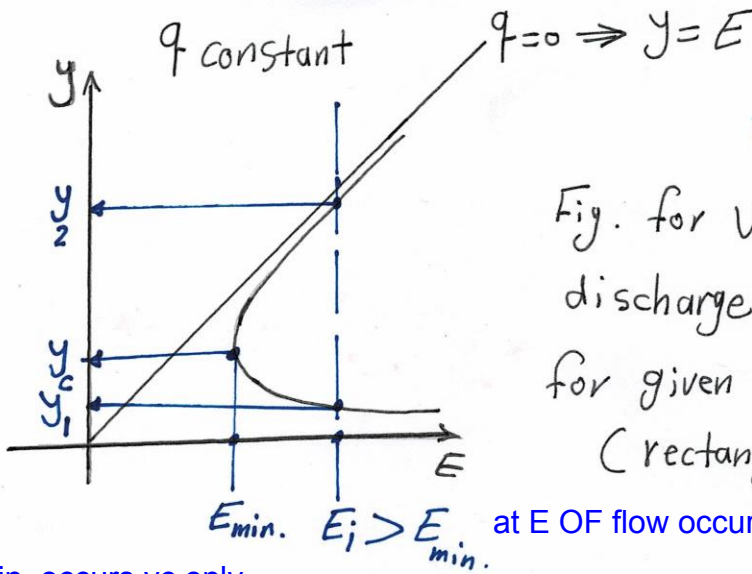


Fig. for Variation of discharge with depth for given Specific Energy. (rectangular section)

at Emin. occurs yc only

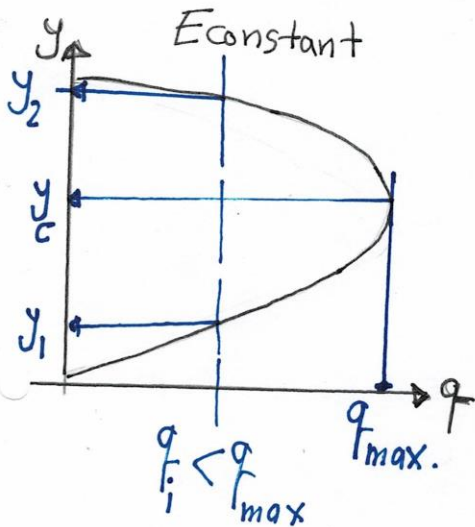


Fig. Variation of depth with Specific Energy for given flow rate (rectangular section)

● ملاحظة في السكينة اعلاه نلاحظ ان عمق  $(y_1, y_2)$  والثاني يسمى (alternate depth) او (sequent depth) ويجب من خلال المعادلات الاتية:

$$y^3 - Ey^2 + \frac{q^2}{2g} = 0 \quad \text{--- (6) (rectangular sec.)}$$

1 or 2

Ex13 water flow in a rectangular channel at the rate of  $(3 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec})$  per m width, the depth being  $(1.5 \text{ m})$ . Determine whether the flow is subcritical or supercritical. Also determine the alternate depth and critical depth?

Soln  
 ①  $E = \frac{V^2}{2g} + y$

$$V = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{3}{1.5 \times 1} = 2 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\therefore E_i = \frac{4}{2g} + 1.5 = 1.704 \text{ m}$$

وهذه تبقى فيه ثابتة حتى لو تغيرت السرعة فقد تتغير عند حاله الجريان الحرفه.  $E_i = E_1 = E_2$

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{gy}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 1.5}} = 0.52 < 1 \text{ The flow is subcritical}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y_c = \sqrt[3]{q^2/g} \quad q = \frac{Q}{B} = \frac{3}{1} = 3 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$$

$$\therefore y_c = \sqrt[3]{3^2/9.81} = 0.972 \text{ m}$$

$$E_{\min} = \frac{3}{2} y_c = \frac{3}{2} (0.972) = 1.458 \text{ m}$$

③ alternate depth  $y_2$ :

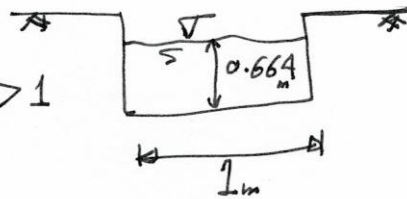
$$\frac{y_2^3}{2} - E y_2^2 + \frac{q^2}{2g} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{y_2^3}{2} - 1.703 y_2^2 + \frac{3^2}{2g} = 0$$

Solving by trail,  $y_2 = 0.6643m$

وكما كان للمقعد الأول (1.5m) حساب: حاله الجريان يمكنه الان  
 حساب حاله الجريان للمقعد الثاني والذي قطره (0.664m)  
 وكالاتي:

$$V = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{3}{1 \times 0.664} = 4.52 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$Fr = \frac{V}{\sqrt{g y_2}} = \frac{4.52}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 0.664}} = 1.8 > 1$$



The flow is super critical.

