



2.3 : DESIGN OF OPEN CHANNEL (TYPICAL OPEN CHANNEL)

- A critical topic in the area of open channel hydraulics in the design of channels capable of transporting water between two points in a safe, cost effective manner.
- Although economics, safety and esthetics must always be considered, only the hydraulic aspects of channel design will be examined.
- The design channels for uniform flow divides by three types of channels:
 - •Lined or non erodible
 - •Unlined, earthen or erodible
 - •Grass lined

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Table 2.4 Geometry of open channel section



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	Rectangle	Trapezoid	Circle
Area, A	by	(b+xy)y	$\frac{1}{8}(\phi - \sin \phi)D^2$
Wetted perimeter, P	B + 2y	$b + 2y\sqrt{1 + x^2}$	$\frac{1}{2}\phi D$
Top width, B	b	b + 2xy	$\left(\sin\frac{\phi}{2}\right)D$
Hydraulic Radius, R	$\frac{by}{b+2y}$	$\frac{(b+xy)y}{b+2y\sqrt{1+x^2}}$	$\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{\sin \phi}{\phi} \right) D$
Hydraulic Mean depth, D_m	у	$\frac{(b+xy)y}{b+2xy}$	$\frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{\phi - \sin \phi}{\sin(1/2\phi)} \right) D$

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