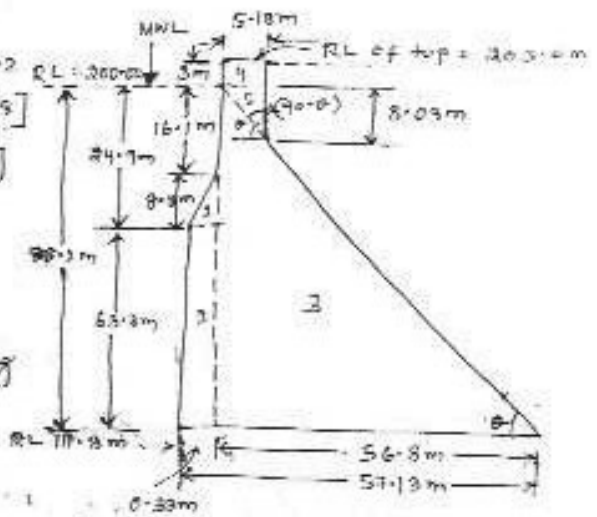


Length of the top = 5.18m  
 Height of dam = 20.5m  
 Height of 1st strip = 3.8m  
 Height of 2nd strip = 4m  
 Height of 3rd strip = 4m  
 Weight of dam section upto RL 111.8m (i.e. weight of low dam)

$$= 24 \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \times 5.18 \times 0.33 + 6.3 \times 0.33 + \frac{1}{2} \times 5.68 \times 8.09 + 3 \times 5.18 + \frac{1}{2} \times 8.03 \times 5.19 \right]$$

$$= 24 [1.5 + 20.9 + 23.505 + 15.5 + 20.8]$$

$$= 24 [82.205] = 1972.92 \text{ kN}$$



Approximate width of bottom of 1st strip (say  $B_2'$ ) is obtained by drawing a horizontal line at RL 108m & by producing the already provided d/s face & u/s face of low dam.

$B_2'$  = Approximate width of bottom of 1st strip (say  $B_2'$ ).

$$B_2' = 57.13 + \cot \theta \times 3.8$$

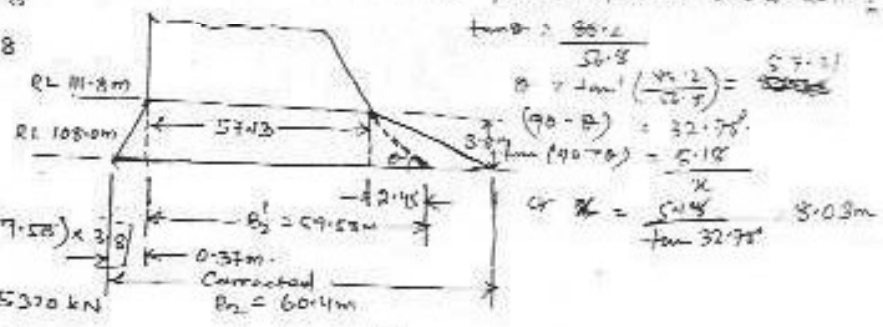
$$= 57.13 + \left( \frac{56.8}{8.09} \right) \times 3.8$$

$$= 57.58 \text{ m}$$

Approximate weight of 1st strip =

$$= 24 \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} (57.13 + 57.58) \times 3.8 \right]$$

$$= 24 \times 58.35 \times 3.8 = 5320 \text{ kN}$$



Weight of water resting on u/s face =  $10 \times \left[ 16.7 \times 0.33 + \frac{1}{2} \times 8.8 \times 0.33 \right]$   
 $= 10 \times 0.33 \times 20.5 = 67.7 \text{ say } 68 \text{ kN}$

Total weight of dam & water at top of 1st strip i.e. at base of small dam =  $W_1 = 61.600 + 68 = 61668 \text{ kN}$ ; say  $61670 \text{ kN} = W_1$

Total approximate weight of dam & water at base of 3rd strip =  $(61670 + 5320) = 66990 \text{ kN} = W_2$

The correct base width  $B_2$ , which shall keep the maximum compressive stress within the allowable limits is given by,

$$B_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_w H_2^3}{f} \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma_w^2 H_2^4}{9 W_2^2} \right]}$$

$$H_2 = 3.8 + 2.4 = 6.2 \text{ m}$$

$$W_2 = 66,990 \text{ kN}$$

$$f = 3000 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

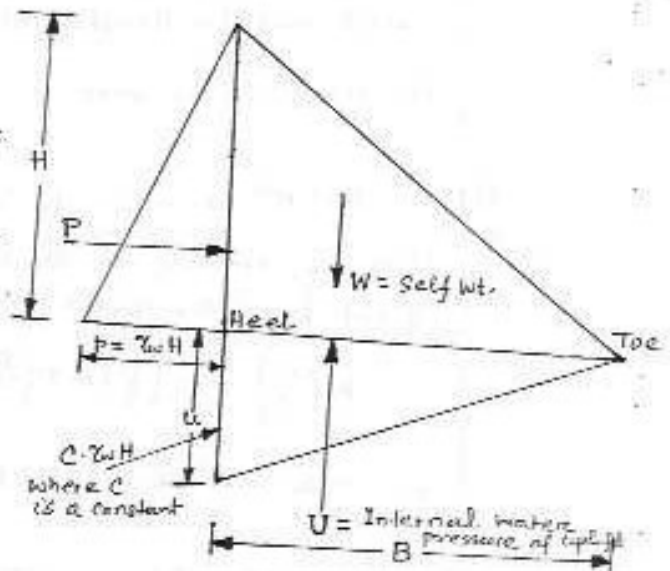
$$\gamma_w = 10 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

## ELEMENTARY PROFILE OF A GRAVITY DAM

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$C$  = a constant, called seepage coefficient.



I When the reservoir is empty.

- Single force acting on it is the self-weight ( $W$ ) of the dam.
- It acts at a distance  $B/3$  from the heel.  
(This is the maximum possible innermost position of the resultant for no tension to develop)
- Line of action of  $W$  is the most ideal, as it gives the maximum possible stabilising moment about toe without causing tension at toe, when reservoir is empty.
- The vertical stress distribution at the base is

$$P_{\max/\min} = \frac{\Sigma V}{B} \left[ 1 \pm \frac{6e}{B} \right]$$

$$\text{Here } \Sigma V = W, \text{ \& } e = \frac{B}{6}$$

$$P_{\max/\min} = \frac{W}{B} \left[ 1 \pm \frac{6}{B} \times \frac{B}{6} \right]$$

$$\text{or } P_{\max} = \frac{2W}{B} \text{ and } P_{\min} = 0$$

Hence, the maximum vertical stress =  $\frac{2W}{B}$  (will act at the heel)  
( $\because$  the resultant is nearer the heel)

the vertical stress at toe will be zero.

## II. When the reservoir is full

- The base width is governed by:

(i) Resultant of all the forces, i.e.,  $P$ ,  $W$  &  $U$  passes through the outermost middle-third point (i.e., lower middle-third point).

(ii) The dam is safe in sliding.

(i) For the 1<sup>st</sup> condition to be satisfied.

Taking moments of all the forces about the lower middle-third point (i.e., the point through which resultant is passing), we get

$$W\left(\frac{B}{3}\right) - U\left(\frac{B}{3}\right) - P\left(\frac{H}{3}\right) = R \times 0$$

$$\text{or } (W - U) \frac{B}{3} - P\left(\frac{H}{3}\right) = 0 \quad (i)$$

$$\text{But } W = \frac{1}{2} \times B \times H \times 1 \times S_c \times \gamma_w$$

where  $S_c$  = Sp. gravity of concrete,  
i.e., that of material of  
the dam.

$$\gamma_w = \text{Unit wt. of water} = 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\text{Let uplift at the heel} = C \gamma_w H,$$

where,  $C$  = Seepage coefficient  
(a constant)

[According to U.S.B.R recommendation  
is taken equal to 1.0 in calculation  
& will be equal to 0 when no uplift  
is considered.]

$$\therefore U = \left(\frac{1}{2} C \gamma_w H\right) \cdot B$$

$$\text{and } P = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w H \cdot H = \frac{\gamma_w H^2}{2}$$

Putting the values of  $W$ ,  $U$  &  $P$  in eq<sup>n</sup> (i) we get,

$$\left[ \frac{1}{2} \times B \times H \times S_c \times \gamma_w - \frac{1}{2} C \gamma_w H B \right] \frac{B}{3} - \frac{\gamma_w H^2}{2} \cdot \frac{H}{3} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{B}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times B \times H \times \gamma_w [S_c - C] = \frac{\gamma_w H^3}{6}$$

$$\text{or } B^2 (S_c - C) = H^2$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{B = \frac{H}{\sqrt{S_c - C}}} \quad (ii)$$

Hence, if  $B$  is taken equal to or greater than  $\frac{H}{\sqrt{s_c - C}}$ , no tension will be developed at the heel with full reservoir.

When  $C = 1$   $B = \frac{H}{\sqrt{s_c - 1}}$

If uplift is not considered,  $B = \frac{H}{\sqrt{s_c}}$  ( $\because C = 0$ )

(ii) For the II condition (i.e., dam is safe in sliding) to be satisfied.

The frictional resistance =  $\mu \Sigma V = \mu (W - U) \gg$  Horizontal Forces  
( $\Sigma H = P$ )

$\therefore \mu (W - U) \gg P$

$\therefore \mu \left[ \frac{1}{2} B H s_c \gamma_w - \frac{1}{2} C \gamma_w H B \right] \gg \frac{\gamma_w H^2}{2}$

$\therefore \mu (s_c - C) \frac{1}{2} B H \gamma_w \gg \frac{\gamma_w H^2}{2}$

or  $\mu (s_c - C) B \gg H$

$\therefore B \gg \frac{H}{\mu (s_c - C)}$

If  $C = 1$  ;  $B \gg \frac{H}{\mu (s_c - 1)}$

If  $C = 0$  ; i.e., no uplift is considered, then

$B \gg \frac{H}{\mu s_c}$

Under limiting condition

$$B = \frac{H}{\mu (s_c - C)}$$

(iii)

The value of  $B$  chosen should be greater of the two values given by equations (ii) & (iii)

→ Using  $s_c = 2.4$  and  $\mu = 0.7$  and  $C = 0$ , we get

$B$  (by eqn (ii)) =  $\frac{H}{\sqrt{2.4 - 0}} = \frac{H}{\sqrt{2.4}}$

$B$  (by eqn (iii)) =  $\frac{H}{0.7(2.4 - 0)} = \frac{H}{1.68}$

$$\text{But } \frac{H}{1.68} < \frac{H}{\sqrt{2.4}}$$

∴ For all practical purposes, the base width may be taken as  $\frac{H}{\sqrt{2.4}}$

### VERTICAL STRESS

The vertical stress distribution when reservoir is full is given as:

$$P_{\text{max/min}} = \frac{\Sigma V}{B} \left[ 1 \pm \frac{6e}{B} \right]$$

$$\text{Where } \Sigma V = W - U$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cdot B \cdot H \cdot 1 \cdot \gamma_c \cdot \gamma_w - \frac{1}{2} \cdot c \cdot \gamma_w \cdot H \cdot B \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} B \gamma_w H [\gamma_c - c]$$

$$\therefore P_{\text{max/min}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot B \cdot \gamma_w \cdot H \cdot (\gamma_c - c)}{B} \left[ 1 \pm \frac{6e}{B} \right]$$

$e = B/6$

maximum stress will occur at toe, because the resultant is near the toe.

$$\therefore P_{\text{max. at toe}} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w H (\gamma_c - c) \times 2 = \gamma_w H (\gamma_c - c)$$

$$\boxed{P_v \text{ at toe} = \gamma_w H (\gamma_c - c)} \quad (iv)$$

$$P_{\text{min. at heel}} = 0$$

### PRINCIPAL STRESS

The principal stress near the toe ( $\sigma$ ) which is the maximum normal stress in the dam.

$$\sigma = P_v \sec^2 \alpha - p' \tan^2 \alpha$$

when there is no tail water i.e;  $p' = 0$

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$\sigma$  at toe, with full reservoir in elementary profile

$$\sigma = \gamma_w H (\gamma_c - c) \sec^2 \alpha = \gamma_w H (\gamma_c - c) [1 + \tan^2 \alpha]$$

$$= \gamma_w H (\gamma_c - c) \left[ 1 + \frac{B^2}{H^2} \right]$$

$$\text{But } B = \frac{H}{\sqrt{\gamma_c - c}} \quad (\text{from eqn (ii)})$$

$$\therefore \frac{B^2}{H^2} = \frac{1}{(\gamma_c - c)}$$

$$\therefore \sigma = \gamma_w H (S_c - C) \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{(S_c - C)} \right]$$

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When  $C = 1$ ,  $S_c = 2.4$

The shear stress  $\tau_0$  at a horizontal plane near the toe is given by

$$\tau_0 = (P_v - P') \tan \alpha$$

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$$\tau_0 = P_v \tan \alpha$$

$$\text{But } P_v = \gamma_w H (S_c - C)$$

$$\therefore \tau_0 = \gamma_w H (S_c - C) \tan \alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \tau_0 &= \gamma_w H (S_c - C) \frac{P_3}{H} \\ &= \gamma_w H (S_c - C) \frac{1}{\sqrt{S_c - C}} \end{aligned}$$

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### HIGH AND LOW GRAVITY DAMS.

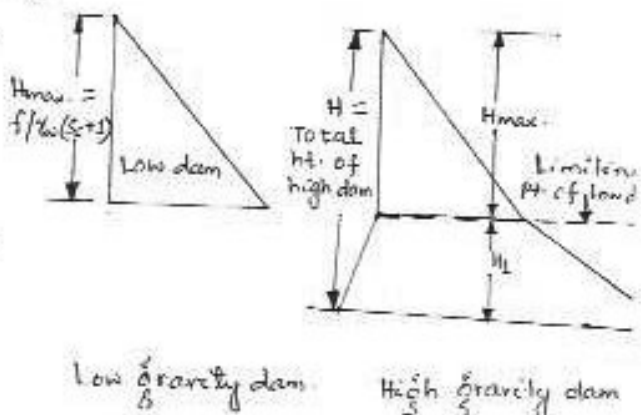
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$$f = \gamma_w H (S_c - C + 1)$$

$$\therefore H = \frac{f}{\gamma_w (S_c - C + 1)}$$



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$H_{\max}$ , i.e., maximum possible height is given as:

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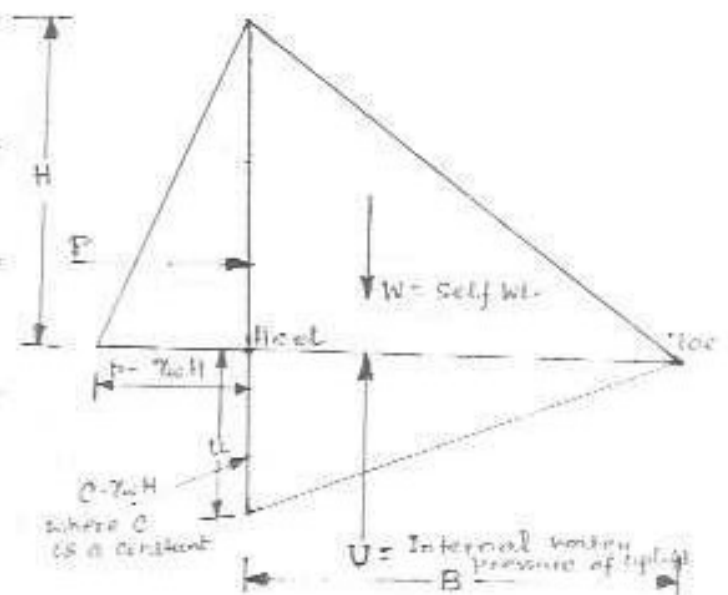


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II. When the reservoir is full.

- The base width is governed by:

(i) Resultant of all the forces, i.e.,  $P$ ,  $W$  &  $U$  passes through the outer most middle third point (i.e., lower middle third point).

(ii) The dam is safe in sliding.

(i) For the 1<sup>st</sup> condition to be satisfied.

Taking moments of all the forces about the lower middle third point (i.e., the point through which resultant is passing), we get

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Putting the values of  $W$ ,  $U$  &  $P$  in eq<sup>n</sup> (i) we get,

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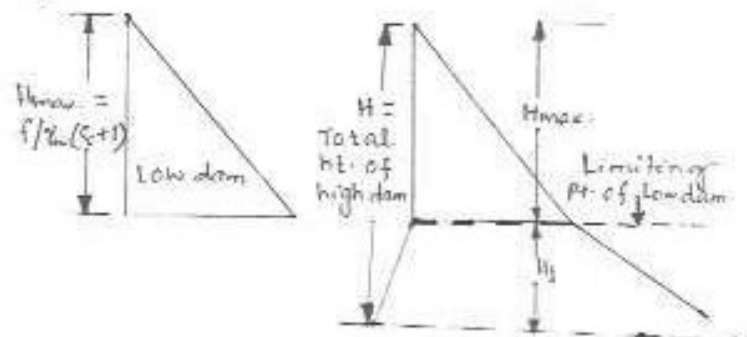
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Low  $\frac{1}{3}$  gravity dam. High  $\frac{2}{3}$  gravity dam

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