

# Chapter 9

## Reservoir and Stream Flow Routing

### 9.1 ROUTING

Figure 9.1.1 illustrates how stream flow increases as the *variable source area* extends into the drainage basin. The variable source area is the area of the watershed that is actually contributing flow to the stream at any point. The variable source area expands during rainfall and contracts thereafter.

*Flow routing* is the procedure to determine the time and magnitude of flow (i.e., the flow hydrograph) at a point on a watercourse from known or assumed hydrographs at one or more points upstream. If the flow is a flood, the procedure is specifically known as flood routing. Routing by lumped system methods is called *hydrologic (lumped) routing*, and routing by distributed systems methods is called *hydraulic (distributed) routing*.

For hydrologic routing, input  $I(t)$ , output  $Q(t)$ , and storage  $S(t)$  as functions of time are related by the continuity equation (3.3.10)

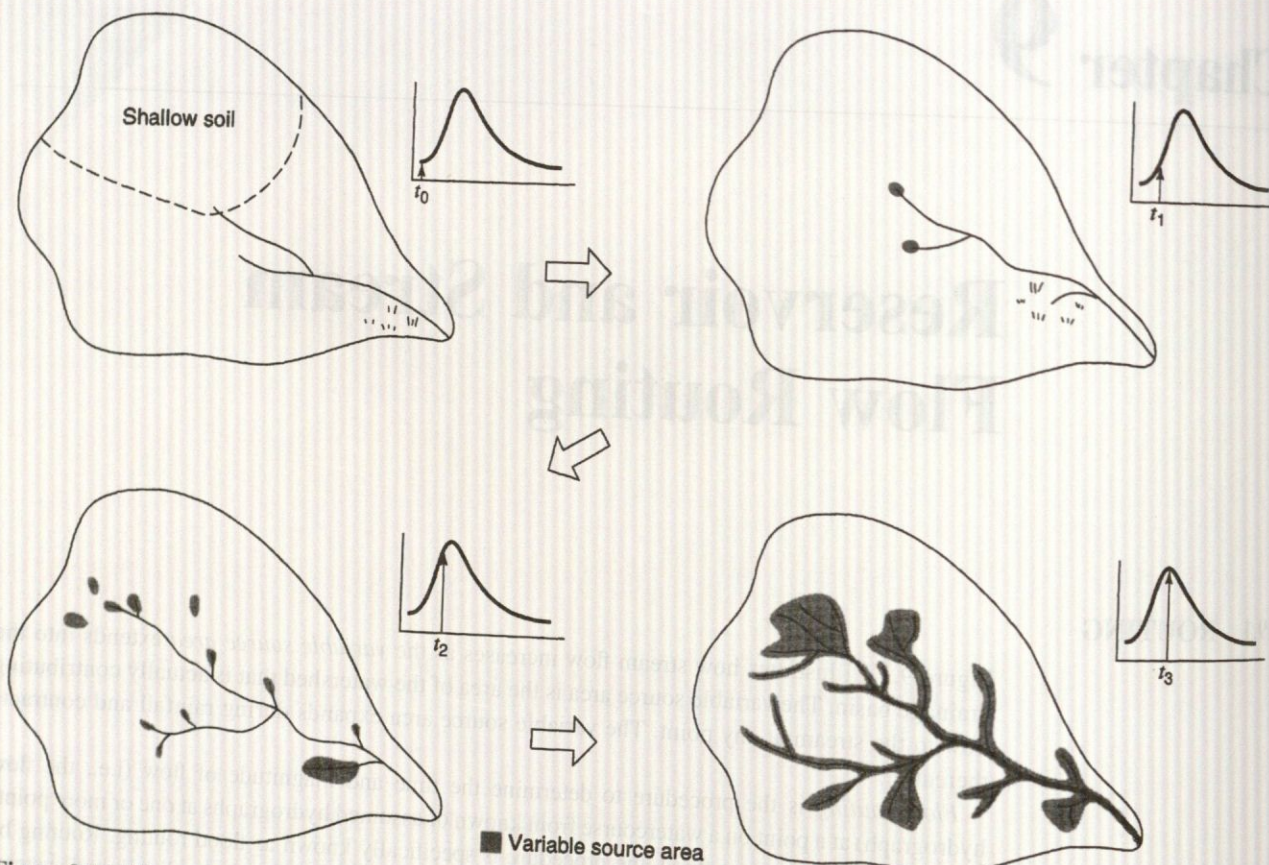
$$\frac{dS}{dt} = I(t) - Q(t) \quad (9.1.1)$$

Even if an inflow hydrograph  $I(t)$  is known, equation (9.1.1) cannot be solved directly to obtain the outflow hydrograph  $Q(t)$ , because, both  $Q$  and  $S$  are unknown. A second relationship, or storage function, is required to relate  $S$ ,  $I$ , and  $Q$ ; coupling the storage function with the continuity equations provides a solvable combination of two equations and two unknowns.

The specific form of the storage function depends on the nature of the system being analyzed. In reservoir routing by the level pool method (Section 9.2), storage is a nonlinear function of  $Q$ ,  $S = f(Q)$ , and the function  $f(Q)$  is determined by relating reservoir storage and outflow to reservoir water level. In the Muskingum method (Section 9.3) for flow routing in channels, storage is linearly related to  $I$  and  $Q$ .

The effect of storage is to redistribute the hydrograph by shifting the centroid of the inflow hydrograph to the position of the outflow hydrograph in a *time of redistribution*. In very long channels, the entire flood wave also travels a considerable distance, and the centroid of its hydrograph may then be shifted by a time period longer than the time of redistribution. This additional time may be considered the *time of translation*. The total time of flood movement between the centroids of the inflow and outflow hydrographs is equal to the sum of the time of redistribution and the time of translation. The process of redistribution modifies the shape of the hydrograph, while translation changes its position.





**Figure 9.1.1** The small arrows in the hydrographs show how streamflow increases as the variable source extends into swamps, shallow soils, and ephemeral channels. The process reverses as streamflow declines (from Hewlett (1982)).

## 9.2 HYDROLOGIC RESERVOIR ROUTING

*Level pool routing* is a procedure for calculating the outflow hydrograph from a reservoir assuming a horizontal water surface, given its inflow hydrograph and storage-outflow characteristics. Equation (9.1.1) can be expressed in the infinite-difference form to express the change in storage over a time interval (see Figure 9.2.1) as

$$S_{j+1} - S_j = \frac{I_j + I_{j+1}}{2} \Delta t - \frac{Q_j + Q_{j+1}}{2} \Delta t \quad (9.2.1)$$

The inflow values at the beginning and end of the  $j$ th time interval are  $I_j$  and  $I_{j+1}$ , respectively, and the corresponding values of the outflow are  $Q_j$  and  $Q_{j+1}$ . The values of  $I_j$  and  $I_{j+1}$  are prespecified. The values of  $Q_j$  and  $S_j$  are known at the  $j$ th time interval from calculations for the previous time interval. Hence, equation (9.2.1) contains two unknowns,  $Q_{j+1}$  and  $S_{j+1}$ , which are isolated by multiplying (9.2.1) through by  $2/\Delta t$ , and rearranging the result to produce:

$$\left[ \frac{2S_{j+1}}{\Delta t} + Q_{j+1} \right] = (I_j + I_{j+1}) + \left[ \frac{2S_j}{\Delta t} - Q_j \right] \quad (9.2.2)$$



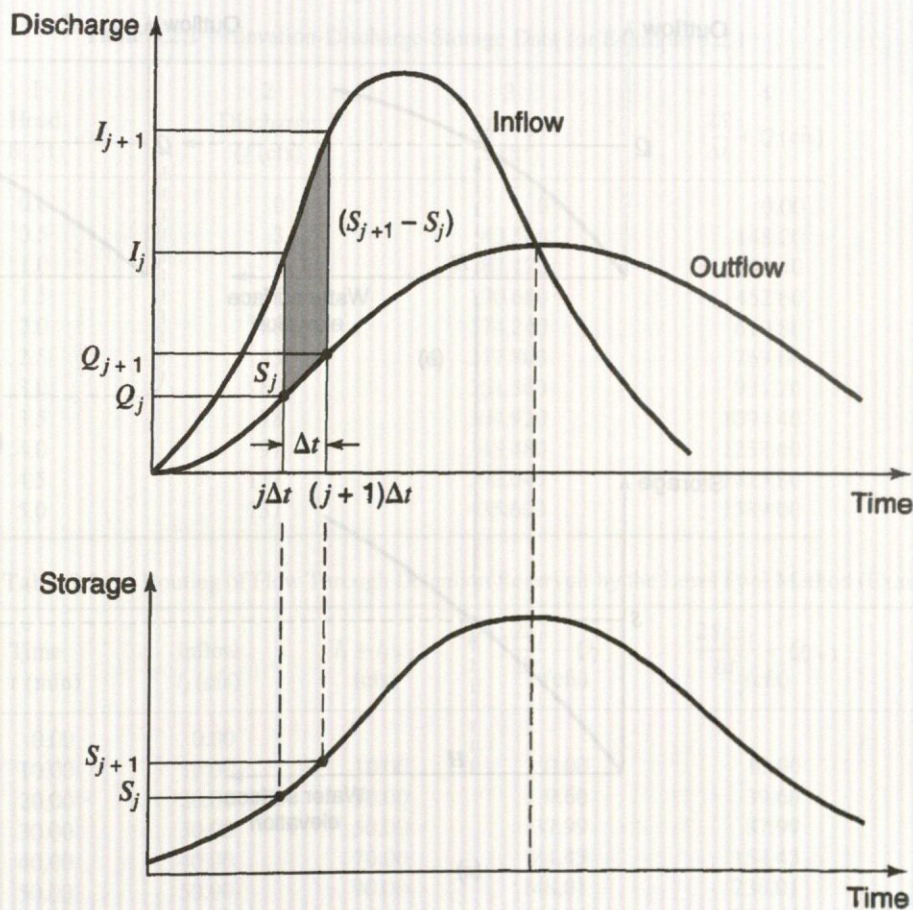


Figure 9.2.1 Change of storage during a routing period  $\Delta t$ .

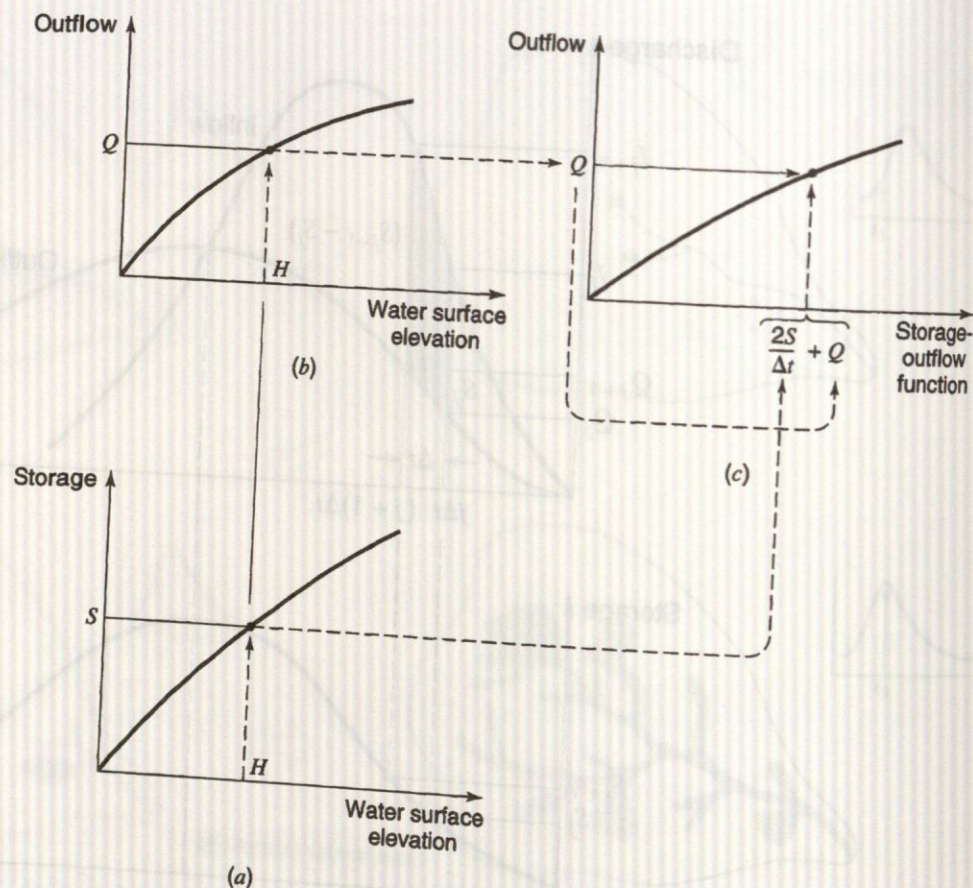
In order to calculate the outflow  $Q_{j+1}$ , a storage-outflow function relating  $2S/\Delta t + Q$  and  $Q$  is needed. The method for developing this function using elevation-storage and elevation-outflow relationships is shown in Figure 9.2.2. The relationship between water surface elevation and reservoir storage can be derived by planimetry of topographic maps or from field surveys. The elevation-discharge relation is derived from hydraulic equations relating head and discharge for various types of spillways and outlet works. (See Chapter 17.) The value of  $\Delta t$  is taken as the time interval of the inflow hydrograph. For a given value of water surface elevation, the values of storage  $S$  and discharge  $Q$  are determined (parts (a) and (b) of Figure 9.2.2), and then the value of  $2S/\Delta t + Q$  is calculated and plotted on the horizontal axis of a graph with the value of the outflow  $Q$  on the vertical axis (part (c) of Figure 9.2.2).

In routing the flow through time interval  $j$ , all terms on the right side of equation (9.2.2) are known, and so the value of  $2S_{j+1}/\Delta t + Q_{j+1}$  can be computed. The corresponding value of  $Q_{j+1}$  can be determined from the storage-outflow function  $2S/\Delta t + Q$  versus  $Q$ , either graphically or by linear interpolation of tabular values. To set up the data required for the next time interval, the value of  $(2S_{j+1}/\Delta t - Q_{j+1})$  is calculated using

$$\left[ \frac{2S_{j+1}}{\Delta t} - Q_{j+1} \right] = \left[ \frac{2S_{j+1}}{\Delta t} + Q_{j+1} \right] - 2Q_{j+1} \quad (9.2.3)$$

The computation is then repeated for subsequent routing periods.





**Figure 9.2.2** Development of the storage-outflow function for level pool routing on the basis of storage-elevation-outflow curves (from Chow et al. (1988)).

### EXAMPLE 9.2.1

Consider a 2-acre stormwater detention basin with vertical walls. The triangular inflow hydrograph increases linearly from zero to a peak of 60 cfs at 60 min and then decreases linearly to a zero discharge at 180 min. Route the inflow hydrograph through the detention basin using the head-discharge relationship of the basin. Assuming the basin is initially empty, use the level pool routing procedure with a 10-min time interval to determine the maximum depth in the detention basin.

### SOLUTION

The inflow hydrograph and the head-discharge (columns (1) and (2)) and discharge-storage (columns (2) and (3)) relationships are used to determine the routing relationship in Table 9.2.1. A routing interval of 10 min is used to determine the routing relationship  $2S/\Delta t + Q$  vs.  $Q$ , which is columns (2) and (4) in Table 9.2.1. The routing computations are presented in Table 9.2.2. These computations are carried out using equation (9.2.3). For the first time interval,  $S_1 = Q_1 = 0$  because the reservoir is empty at  $t = 0$ ; then  $(2S_1/\Delta t - Q_1) = 0$ . The value of the storage-outflow function at the end of the time interval is

$$\left[ \frac{2S_2}{\Delta t} + Q_2 \right] = (I_1 + I_2) + \left[ \frac{2S_1}{\Delta t} - Q_1 \right] = (0 + 10) + 0 = 10$$

The value of  $Q_2$  is determined using linear interpolation, so that

$$Q_2 = 0 + \frac{(3 - 0)}{(148.2 - 0)}(10 - 0) = 0.2 \text{ cfs}$$



**Table 9.2.1** Elevation-Discharge-Storage Data for Example 9.2.1

1 Head $H$ (ft)	2 Discharge $Q$ (cfs)	3 Storage $S$ (ft <sup>3</sup> )	4 $\frac{2S}{\Delta t} + Q$ (cfs)
0.0	0	0	0.00
0.5	3	43,500	148.20
1.0	8	87,120	298.40
1.5	17	130,680	452.60
2.0	30	174,240	610.80
2.5	43	217,800	769.00
3.0	60	261,360	931.20
3.5	78	304,920	1094.40
4.0	97	348,480	1258.60
4.5	117	392,040	1423.80
5.0	137	435,600	1589.00

**Table 9.2.2** Routing of Flow Through Detention Reservoir by the Level Pool Method (Example 9.2.1)

Time $t$ (min)	Inflow $I_j$ (cfs)	$I_j + I_{j+1}$ (cfs)	$\frac{2S_j}{\Delta t} - Q_j$ (cfs)	$\frac{2S_{j+1}}{\Delta t} + Q_{j+1}$ (cfs)	Outflow (cfs)
0.00	0.00				0.00
10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.20
20.00	20.00	30.00	9.60	39.60	0.80
30.00	30.00	50.00	37.99	87.99	1.78
40.00	40.00	70.00	84.43	154.43	3.21
50.00	50.00	90.00	148.01	238.01	5.99
60.00	60.00	110.00	226.04	336.04	10.20
70.00	55.00	115.00	315.64	430.64	15.72
80.00	50.00	105.00	399.21	504.21	21.24
90.00	45.00	95.00	461.72	556.72	25.56
100.00	40.00	85.00	505.61	590.61	28.34
110.00	35.00	75.00	533.93	608.93	29.85
120.00	30.00	65.00	549.24	614.24	30.28
130.00	25.00	55.00	553.67	608.67	29.83
140.00	20.00	45.00	549.02	594.02	28.62
150.00	15.00	35.00	536.78	571.78	26.79
160.00	10.00	25.00	518.19	543.19	24.44
170.00	5.00	15.00	494.30	509.30	21.66
180.00	0.00	5.00	465.98	470.98	18.51
190.00	0.00	0.00	433.96	433.96	15.91
200.00	0.00	0.00	402.14	402.14	14.05
210.00	0.00	0.00	374.03	374.03	12.41
220.00	0.00	0.00	349.20	349.20	10.97
230.00	0.00	0.00	327.27	327.27	9.69
240.00	0.00	0.00	307.90	307.90	8.55

With  $Q_1 = 0.2$ , then  $2S_2/\Delta t - Q_2$  for the next iteration is

$$\left[ \frac{2S_2}{\Delta t} - Q_2 \right] = \left[ \frac{2S_2}{\Delta t} + Q_2 \right] - 2Q_2 = 10 - 2(0.2) = 9.6 \text{ cfs}$$

The computation now proceeds to the next time interval. Refer to Table 9.2.2 for the remaining computations.



### 9.3 HYDROLOGIC RIVER ROUTING

The *Muskingum method* is a commonly used hydrologic routing method that is based upon a variable discharge-storage relationship. This method models the storage volume of flooding in a river channel by a combination of wedge and prism storage (Figure 9.3.1). During the advance of a flood wave, inflow exceeds outflow, producing a wedge of storage. During the recession, outflow exceeds inflow, resulting in a negative wedge. In addition, there is a prism of storage that is formed by a volume of constant cross-section along the length of prismatic channel.

Assuming that the cross-sectional area of the flood flow is directly proportional to the discharge at the section, the *volume of prism storage* is equal to  $KQ$ , where  $K$  is a proportionality coefficient (approximate as the travel time through the reach), and the *volume of wedge storage* is equal to  $KX(I - Q)$ , where  $X$  is a weighting factor having the range  $0 \leq X \leq 0.5$ . The total storage is defined as the sum of two components,

$$S = KQ + KX(I - Q) \quad (9.3.1)$$

which can be rearranged to give the storage function for the Muskingum method

$$S = K[XI + (I - X)Q] \quad (9.3.2)$$

and represents a linear model for routing flow in streams.

The value of  $X$  depends on the shape of the modeled wedge storage. The value of  $X$  ranges from 0 for reservoir-type storage to 0.5 for a full wedge. When  $X = 0$ , there is no wedge and hence no backwater; this is the case for a level-pool reservoir. In natural streams,  $X$  is between 0 and 0.3, with a mean value near 0.2. Great accuracy in determining  $X$  may not be necessary because the results of the method are relatively insensitive to the value of this parameter. The parameter  $K$  is the time of travel of the flood wave through the channel reach. For hydrologic routing, the values of  $K$  and  $X$  are assumed to be specified and constant throughout the range of flow.

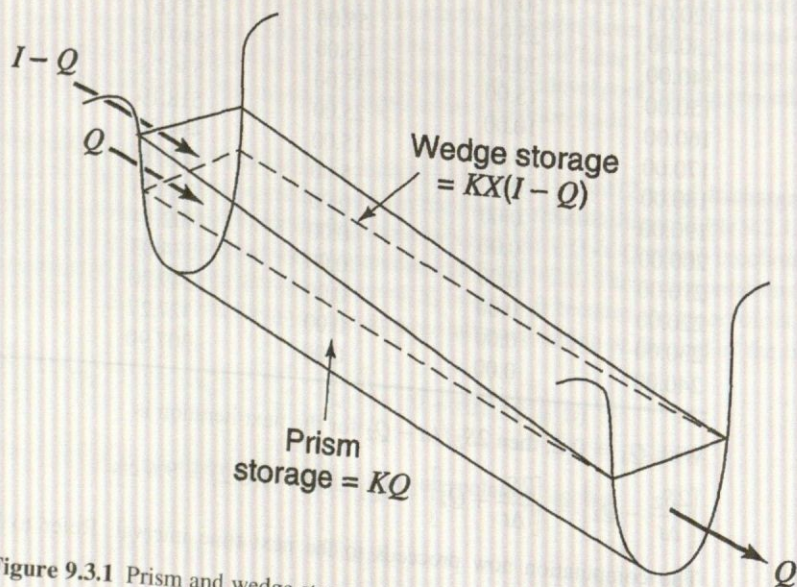


Figure 9.3.1 Prism and wedge storages in a channel reach.



The values of storage at time  $j$  and  $j + 1$  can be written, respectively, as

$$S_j = K[XI_j + (1 - X)Q_j] \quad (9.3.3)$$

$$S_{j+1} = K[XI_{j+1} + (1 - X)Q_{j+1}] \quad (9.3.4)$$

Using equations (9.3.3) and (9.3.4), the change in storage over time interval  $\Delta t$  is

$$S_{j+1} - S_j = K\{[XI_{j+1} + (1 - X)Q_{j+1}] - [XI_j + (1 - X)Q_j]\} \quad (9.3.5)$$

The change in storage can also be expressed using equation (9.2.1). Combining equations (9.3.5) and (9.2.1) and simplifying gives

$$Q_{j+1} = C_1I_{j+1} + C_2I_j + C_3Q_j \quad (9.3.6)$$

which is the routing equation for the Muskingum method, where

$$C_1 = \frac{\Delta t - 2KX}{2K(1 - X) + \Delta t} \quad (9.3.7)$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\Delta t + 2KX}{2K(1 - X) + \Delta t} \quad (9.3.8)$$

$$C_3 = \frac{2K(1 - X) - \Delta t}{2K(1 - X) + \Delta t} \quad (9.3.9)$$

Note that  $C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 1$ .

The routing procedure can be repeated for several sub-reaches ( $N_{\text{steps}}$ ) so that the total travel time through the reach is  $K$ . To insure that the method is computationally stable and accurate, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1990) uses the following criterion to determine the number of routing reaches:

$$\frac{1}{2(1 - X)} \leq \frac{K}{N_{\text{steps}}\Delta t} \leq \frac{1}{2X} \quad (9.3.10)$$

If observed inflow and outflow hydrographs are available for a river reach, the values of  $K$  and  $X$  can be determined. Assuming various values of  $X$  and using known values of the inflow and outflow, successive values of the numerator and denominator of the following expression for  $K$ , derived from equations (9.3.5) and (9.2.1), can be computed using

$$K = \frac{0.5\Delta t[(I_{j+1} + I_j) - (Q_{j+1} + Q_j)]}{X(I_{j+1} - I_j) + (1 - X)(Q_{j+1} - Q_j)} \quad (9.3.11)$$

The computed values of the numerator (storage) and denominator (weighted discharges) are plotted for each time interval, with the numerator on the vertical axis and the denominator on the horizontal axis. This usually produces a graph in the form of a loop, as shown in Figure 9.3.2. The value of  $X$  that produces a loop closest to a single line is taken to be the correct value for the reach, and  $K$ , according to equation (9.3.11), is equal to the slope of the line. Since  $K$  is the time required for the incremental flood wave to traverse the reach, its value may also be estimated as the observed time of travel of peak flow through the reach.



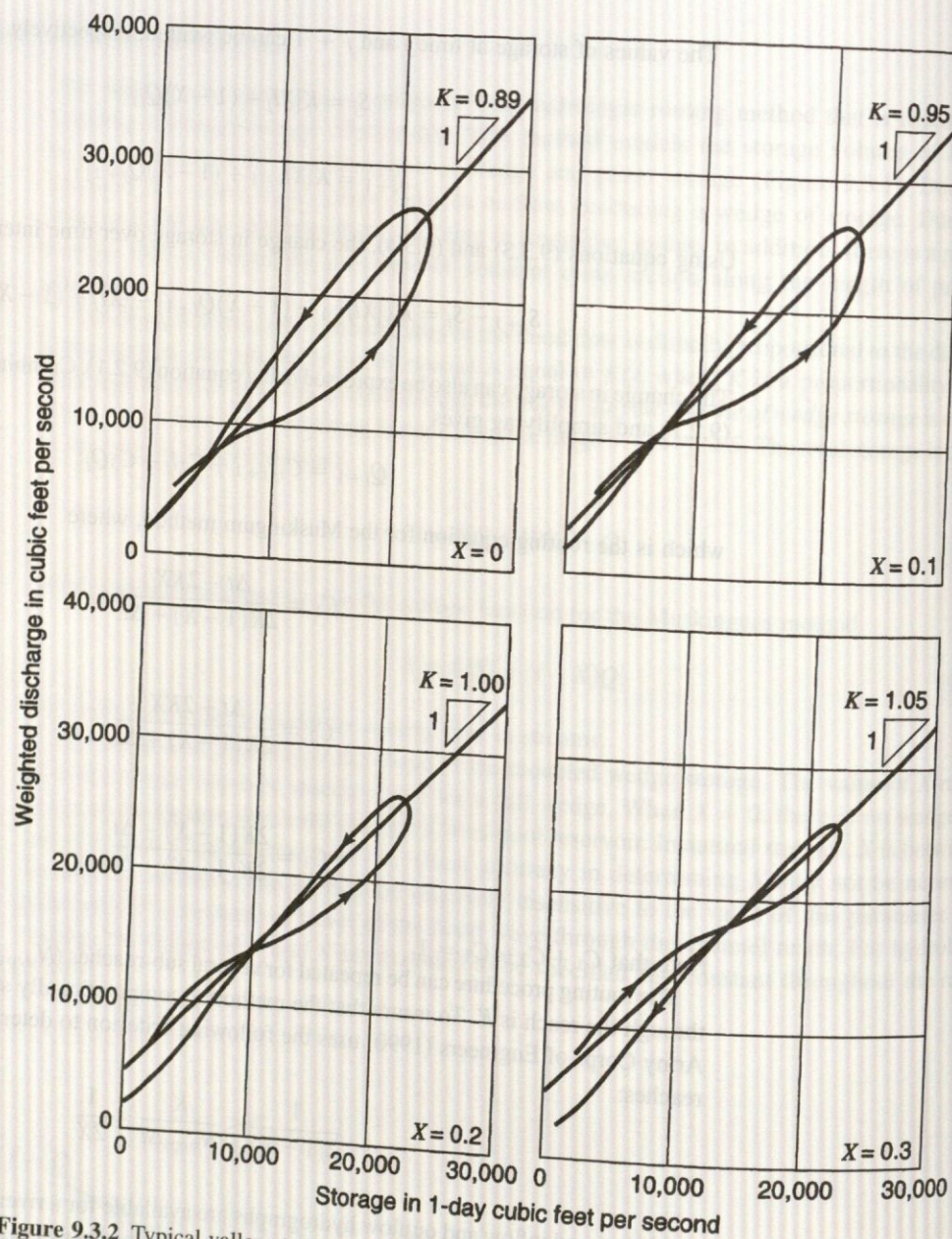


Figure 9.3.2 Typical valley storage curves (after Cudworth (1989)).

### EXAMPLE 9.3.1

The objective of this example is to determine  $K$  and  $X$  for the Muskingum routing method using the February 26 to March 4, 1929 data on the Tuscarawas River from Dover to Newcomerstown. This example is taken from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1960) as used in Cudworth (1989). Columns (2) and (3) in Table 9.3.1 are the inflow and outflow hydrographs for the reach. The numerator and denominator of equation (9.3.11) were computed (for each time period) using four values of  $X = 0, 0.1, 0.2,$  and  $0.3$ . The accumulated numerators are in column (9) and the accumulated denominators (weighted discharges) are in columns (11), (13), (15), and (17). In Figure 9.3.2, the accumulated numerator (storages) from column (9) are plotted against the corresponding accumulated denominator (weighted discharges) for each of the four  $X$  values. According to Figure 9.3.2, the best fit (linear relationship) appears to be for  $X = 0.2$ , which has a resulting  $K = 1.0$ . To perform a routing,  $K$  should equal  $\Delta t$ , so that if  $\Delta t = 0.5$  day, as in this case, the reach should be subdivided into two equal reaches ( $N_{\text{steps}} = 2$ ) and the value of  $K$  should be 0.5 day for each reach.



**Table 9.3.1** Determination of Coefficients  $K$  and  $X$  for the Muskingum Routing Method. Tuscarawas River, Muskingum Basin, Ohio Reach from Dover to Newcomerstown, February 26 to March 4, 1929

(1) Date $\Delta t = 0.5$ day	(2) In-flow <sup>1</sup> , ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(3) Out-flow <sup>2</sup> , ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(4) $I_2 + I_1$ , ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(5) $O_2 + O_1$ , ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(6) $I_2 - I_1$ , ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(7) $O_2 - O_1$ , ft <sup>3</sup> /s	(8) $\frac{I}{N}$	(9) $\Sigma N$	Values of $D$ and $\Sigma D$ for assumed values of $X$						
									$X = 0$	$X = 0.1$	$X = 0.2$	$X = 0.3$			
									${}^4D$ (10)	$D$ (12)	$\Sigma D$ (11)	$D$ (14)	$\Sigma D$ (15)	$D$ (16)	$\Sigma D$ (17)
2-26-29 a.m.	2200	2000	16,700	9000	12,300	5000	1900	1900	5000	5700	5000	6500	6500	7200	7200
p.m.	14,500	7000	42,900	18,700	13,900	4700	6100	1900	4700	5600	5000	6500	6500	7500	7200
2-27-29 a.m.	28,400	11,700	60,200	28,200	3400	4800	8000	8000	4800	4600	9700	4500	13,000	4300	14,700
p.m.	31,800	16,500	61,500	40,500	-2100	7500	5200	16,000	7500	6700	14,500	5600	17,500	4600	19,000
2-28-29 a.m.	29,700	24,000	55,000	53,100	-4400	5100	500	21,200	5100	4100	22,000	3200	23,100	2300	23,600
p.m.	25,300	29,100	45,700	57,500	-4900	-700	-2900	21,700	-700	-1100	27,100	-1500	26,300	-2000	25,900
3-01-29 a.m.	20,400	28,400	36,700	52,200	-4100	-4600	-3900	18,800	-4600	-4600	26,400	-4500	24,800	-4400	23,900
p.m.	16,300	23,800	28,900	43,200	-3700	-4400	-3600	14,900	-4400	-4300	21,800	-4300	20,300	-4200	19,500
3-02-29 a.m.	12,600	19,400	21,900	34,700	-3300	-4100	-3200	11,300	-4100	-4000	17,400	-4300	16,000	-3900	15,300
p.m.	9300	15,300	16,000	26,500	-2600	-4100	-2500	8100	-4100	-4000	13,300	-3800	12,100	-3600	11,400
3-03-29 a.m.	6700	11,200	11,700	19,400	-1700	-3000	-1900	5500	-3000	-2800	9200	-2800	8300	-2600	7800
p.m.	5000	8200	9100	14,600	-900	-1800	-1400	3600	-1800	-1700	6200	-1600	5500	-1600	5200
3-04-29 a.m.	4100	6400	7700	11,600	-500	-1200	-1000	2200	-1200	-1200	4400	-1100	3900	-900	3600
p.m.	3600	5200	6000	9800	-1200	-600	-1000	1200	-600	-600	3200	-700	2800	-800	2700
3-05-29 a.m.	2400	4600	—	—	—	—	—	200	—	—	2600	—	2100	—	1900

<sup>1</sup>Inflow to reach was adjusted to equal volume of outflow.

<sup>2</sup>Outflow is the hydrograph at Newcomerstown.

<sup>3</sup>Numerator,  $N$ , is  $\Delta t/2$ , column (4) - column (5).

<sup>4</sup>Denominator,  $D$ , is column (7) +  $X$  [column (6) - column (7)].

Note: From plottings of column (9) versus columns (11), (13), (15), and (17), the plot giving the best fit is considered to define  $K$  and  $X$ .

$$K = \frac{\text{Numerator}, N}{\text{Denominator}, D} = \frac{0.5\Delta t[(I_2 + I_1) - (O_2 + O_1)]}{X(I_2 - I_1) + (1 - X)(O_2 - O_1)}$$

Source: Cudworth (1989).



**EXAMPLE 9.3.2**

Route the inflow hydrograph below using the Muskingum method;  $\Delta t = 1$  hr,  $X = 0.2$ ,  $K = 0.7$  hr.

Time (hr)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Inflow (cfs)	0	800	2000	4200	5200	4400	3200	2500
Time (hr)	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Inflow (cfs)	2000	1500	1000	700	400	0		

$$C_1 = \frac{1.0 - 2(0.7)(0.2)}{2(0.7)(1 - 0.2) + 1.0} = 0.3396$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1.0 + 2(0.7)(0.2)}{2(0.7)(1 - 0.2) + 1.0} = 0.6038$$

$$C_3 = \frac{2(0.7)(1 - 0.2) - 1.0}{2(0.7)(1 - 0.2) + 1.0} = 0.0566$$

(Adapted from Masch (1984).)

Check to see if  $C_1 + C_2 + C_3 = 1$ :

$$0.3396 + 0.6038 + 0.0566 = 1$$

Using equation (9.3.6) with  $I_1 = 0$  cfs,  $I_2 = 800$  cfs, and  $Q_1 = 0$  cfs, compute  $Q_2$  at  $t = 1$  hr:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2 &= C_1 I_2 + C_2 I_1 + C_3 Q_1 \\ &= (0.3396)(800) + 0.6038(0) + 0.0566(0) \\ &= 272 \text{ cfs (} 7.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{s)} \end{aligned}$$

Next compute  $Q_3$  at  $t = 2$  hr:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3 &= C_1 I_3 + C_2 I_2 + C_3 Q_2 \\ &= (0.3396)(2000) + 0.6038(800) + 0.0566(272) \\ &= 1,178 \text{ cfs (} 33 \text{ m}^3/\text{s)} \end{aligned}$$

The remaining computations result in

Time (hr)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$Q$ (cfs)	0	272	1178	2701	4455	4886	4020	3009
Time (hr)	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$Q$ (cfs)	2359	1851	1350	918	610	276	16	1

## 9.4 HYDRAULIC (DISTRIBUTED) ROUTING

*Distributed routing* or *hydraulic routing*, also referred to as *unsteady flow routing*, is based upon the one-dimensional unsteady flow equations referred to as the *Saint-Venant equations*. The hydrologic river routing and the hydrologic reservoir routing procedures presented previously are lumped procedures and compute flow rate as a function of time alone at a downstream location. Hydraulic (distributed) flow routings allow computation of the flow rate and water surface elevation (or depth) as a function of both space (location) and time. The Saint-Venant equations are presented in Table 9.4.1 in both the *velocity-depth (nonconservation) form* and the *discharge-area (conservation) form*.

The momentum equation contains terms for the physical processes that govern the flow momentum. These terms are: the *local acceleration term*, which describes the change in momentum due to the change in velocity over time, the *convective acceleration term*, which describes the change in momentum due to change in velocity along the channel, the *pressure force term*,

### 9.4.1 Unsteady



**Table 9.4.1** Summary of the Saint-Venant Equations\*

<i>Continuity equation</i>				
Conservation form	$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = 0$			
Nonconservation form	$V \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0$			
<i>Momentum equation</i>				
Conservation form				
$\frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{Q^2}{A} \right) + g \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - g(S_0 - S_f) = 0$				
Local acceleration term	Convective acceleration term	Pressure force term	Gravity force term	Friction force term
Nonconservation form (unit with element)				
$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + g \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - g(S_0 - S_f) = 0$				
			_____	Kinematic wave
		_____	_____	Diffusion wave
		_____	_____	Dynamic wave

\*Neglecting lateral inflow, wind shear, and eddy losses, and assuming  $\beta = 1$ .

$x$  = longitudinal distance along the channel or river,  $t$  = time,  $A$  = cross-sectional area of flow,  $h$  = water surface elevation,  $S_f$  = friction slope,  $S_0$  = channel bottom slope,  $g$  = acceleration due to gravity,  $V$  = velocity of flow, and  $y$  = depth of flow.

proportional to the change in the water depth along the channel, the gravity force term, proportional to the bed slope  $S_0$ , and the friction force term, proportional to the friction slope  $S_f$ . The local and convective acceleration terms represent the effect of inertial forces on the flow.

Alternative distributed flow routing models are produced by using the full continuity equation while eliminating some terms of the momentum equation (refer to Table 9.4.1). The simplest distributed model is the *kinematic wave model*, which neglects the local acceleration, convective acceleration, and pressure terms in the momentum equation; that is, it assumes that  $S_0 = S_f$  and the friction and gravity forces balance each other. The *diffusion wave model* neglects the local and convective acceleration terms but incorporates the pressure term. The *dynamic wave model* considers all the acceleration and pressure terms in the momentum equation.

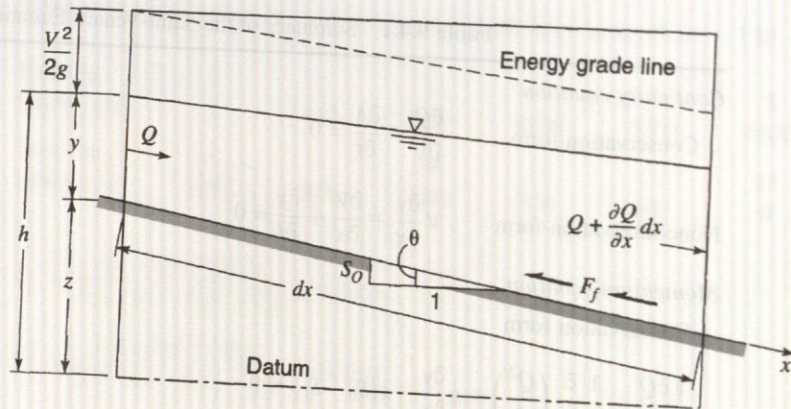
The momentum equation can also be written in forms that take into account whether the flow is steady or unsteady, and uniform or nonuniform, as illustrated in Table 9.4.1. In the continuity equation,  $\partial A / \partial t = 0$  for a steady flow, and the lateral inflow  $q$  is zero for a uniform flow.

### 4.1 Unsteady Flow Equations: Continuity Equation

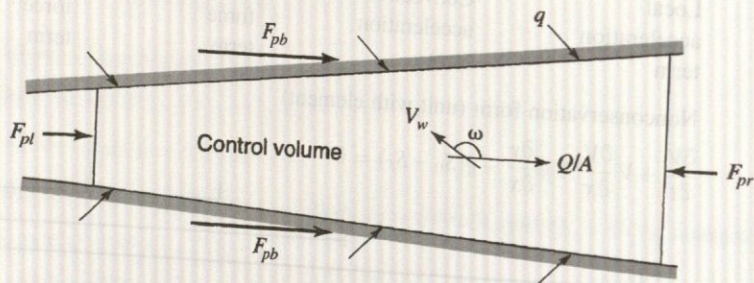
The *continuity equation* for an unsteady variable-density flow through a control volume can be written as in equation (3.3.1):

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho dV + \int_{CS} \rho \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \tag{9.4.1}$$

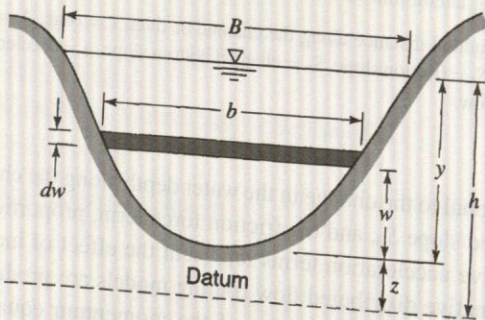




(a) Elevation view.



(b) Plan view.



(c) Cross-section.

**Figure 9.4.1** An elemental reach of channel for derivation of Sain-Venant equations.

Consider an elemental control volume of length  $dx$  in a channel. Figure 9.4.1 shows three views of the control volume: (a) an elevation view from the side, (b) a plan view from above, and (c) a channel cross-section. The inflow to the control volume is the sum of the flow  $Q$  entering the control volume at the upstream end of the channel and the lateral inflow  $q$  entering the control volume as a distributed flow along the side of the channel. The dimensions of  $q$  are those of flow per unit length of channel, so the rate of lateral inflow is  $qdx$  and the mass inflow rate is

$$\int_{\text{inlet}} \rho \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = -\rho(Q + qdx) \quad (9.4.2)$$

This is negative because inflows are considered negative in the control volume approach (Reynolds transport theorem). The mass outflow from the control volume is

$$\int_{\text{outlet}} \rho \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = \rho \left( Q + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx \right) \quad (9.4.3)$$

9.4.2 Momentum



where  $\partial Q/\partial x$  is the rate of change of channel flow with distance. The volume of the channel element is  $A dx$ , where  $A$  is the average cross-sectional area, so the rate of change of mass stored within the control volume is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \rho dV = \frac{\partial(\rho A dx)}{\partial t} \quad (9.4.4)$$

where the partial derivative is used because the control volume is defined to be fixed in size (though the water level may vary within it). The net outflow of mass from the control volume is found by substituting equations (9.4.2)–(9.4.4) into (9.4.1):

$$\frac{\partial(\rho A dx)}{\partial t} - \rho(Q + q dx) + \rho \left( Q + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx \right) = 0 \quad (9.4.5)$$

Assuming the fluid density  $\rho$  is constant, equation (9.4.5) is simplified by dividing through by  $\rho dx$  and rearranging to produce the *conservation form* of the continuity equation,

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - q = 0 \quad (9.4.6)$$

which is applicable at a channel cross-section. This equation is valid for a *prismatic* or a *non-prismatic* channel; a prismatic channel is one in which the cross-sectional shape does not vary along the channel and the bed slope is constant.

For some methods of solving the Saint-Venant equations, the *nonconservation form* of the continuity equation is used, in which the average flow velocity  $V$  is a dependent variable, instead of  $Q$ . This form of the continuity equation can be derived for a unit width of flow within the channel, neglecting lateral inflow, as follows. For a unit width of flow,  $A = y \times 1 = y$  and  $Q = VA = Vy$ . Substituting into equation (9.4.6) yields

$$\frac{\partial(Vy)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (9.4.7)$$

or

$$V \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (9.4.8)$$

## 9.4.2 Momentum Equation

Newton's second law is written in the form of Reynolds transport theorem as in equation (3.5.5):

$$\sum \mathbf{F} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{CV} \mathbf{V} \rho dV + \sum_{CS} \mathbf{V} \rho \mathbf{V} \cdot d\mathbf{A} \quad (9.4.9)$$

This states that the sum of the forces applied is equal to the rate of change of momentum stored within the control volume plus the net outflow of momentum across the control surface. This equation, in the form  $\sum F = 0$ , was applied to steady uniform flow in an open channel in Chapter 5. Here, unsteady nonuniform flow is considered.

*Forces.* There are five forces acting on the control volume:

$$\sum F = F_g + F_f + F_e + F_p \quad (9.4.10)$$

where  $F_g$  is the *gravity force* along the channel due to the weight of the water in the control volume,  $F_f$  is the *friction force* along the bottom and sides of the control volume,  $F_e$  is the *contraction*/



expansion force produced by abrupt changes in the channel cross-section, and  $F_p$  is the unbalanced pressure force (see Figure 9.4.1). Each of these four forces is evaluated in the following paragraphs.

**Gravity.** The volume of fluid in the control volume is  $A dx$  and its weight is  $\rho g A dx$ . For a small angle of channel inclination  $\theta$ ,  $S_0 \approx \sin \theta$  and the gravity force is given by

$$F_g = \rho g A dx \sin \theta \approx \rho g A S_0 dx \quad (9.4.11)$$

where the channel bottom slope  $S_0$  equals  $-\partial z / \partial x$ .

**Friction.** Frictional forces created by the shear stress along the bottom and sides of the control volume are given by  $-\tau_0 P dx$ , where  $\tau_0 = \gamma R S_f = \rho g (A/P) S_f$  is the bed shear stress and  $P$  is the wetted perimeter. Hence the friction force is written as

$$F_f = -\rho g A S_f dx \quad (9.4.12)$$

where the friction slope  $S_f$  is derived from resistance equations such as Manning's equation.

**Contraction/expansion.** Abrupt contractions or expansions of the channel cause energy losses through eddy motion. Such losses are similar to minor losses in a pipe system. The magnitude of eddy losses is related to the change in velocity head  $v^2/2g = (Q/A)^2/2g$  through the length of channel causing the losses. The drag forces creating these eddy losses are given by

$$F_e = -\rho g A S_e dx \quad (9.4.13)$$

where  $S_e$  is the eddy loss slope

$$S_e = \frac{K_e \partial(Q/A)^2}{2g \partial x} \quad (9.4.14)$$

in which  $K_e$  is the nondimensional expansion or contraction coefficient, negative for channel expansion (where  $\partial(Q/A)^2/\partial x$  is negative) and positive for channel contractions.

**Pressure.** Referring to Figure 9.4.1, the unbalanced pressure force is the resultant of the hydrostatic force on the each side of the control volume. Chow et al. (1988) provide a detailed derivation of the pressure force  $F_p$  as simply

$$F_p = \rho g A \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} dx \quad (9.4.15)$$

The sum of the forces in equation (9.4.10) can be expressed, after substituting equations (9.4.11), (9.4.12), (9.4.13), and (9.4.15), as

$$\sum F = \rho A S_0 dx - \rho g A S_f dx - \rho g A S_e dx - \rho g A \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} dx \quad (9.4.16)$$

**Momentum.** The two momentum terms on the right-hand side of equation (9.4.9) represent the rate of change of storage of momentum in the control volume, and the net outflow of momentum across the control surface, respectively.

**Net momentum outflow.** The mass inflow rate to the control volume (equation (9.4.2)) is  $-\rho(Q + q dx)$ , representing both stream inflow and lateral inflow. The corresponding momentum is computed by multiplying the two mass inflow rates by their respective velocity and a momentum correction factor  $\beta$ :

$$\int_{\text{inlet}} V \rho V dA = -\rho(\beta V Q + \beta v_x q dx) \quad (9.4.17)$$

where  $-\rho\beta V Q$  is the momentum entering from the upstream end of the channel, and  $-\rho\beta v_x q dx$  is the momentum entering the main channel with the lateral inflow, which has a velocity  $v_x$  in the  $x$



direction. The term  $\beta$  is known as the *momentum coefficient* or *Boussinesq coefficient*; it accounts for the nonuniform distribution of velocity at a channel cross-section in computing the momentum. The value of  $\beta$  is given by

$$\beta = \frac{1}{V^2 A} \int v^2 dA \quad (9.4.18)$$

where  $v$  is the velocity through a small element of area  $dA$  in the channel cross-section. The value of  $\beta$  ranges from 1.01 for straight prismatic channels to 1.33 for river valleys with floodplains (Chow, 1959; Henderson, 1966).

The momentum leaving the control volume is

$$\int_{\text{outlet}} V \rho V dA = \rho \left[ \beta V Q + \frac{\partial(\beta V Q)}{\partial x} dx \right] \quad (9.4.19)$$

The net outflow of momentum across the control surface is the sum of equations (9.4.17) and (9.4.19):

$$\int_{\text{CS}} V \rho V dA = -\rho(\beta V Q + \beta v_x q dx) + \rho \left[ \beta V Q + \frac{\partial(\beta V Q)}{\partial x} dx \right] = -\rho \left[ \beta v_x q - \frac{\partial(\beta V Q)}{\partial x} \right] dx \quad (9.4.20)$$

**Momentum storage.** The time rate of change of momentum stored in the control volume is found by using the fact that the volume of the elemental channel is  $A dx$ , so its momentum is  $\rho A dx V$ , or  $\rho Q dx$ , and then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\text{CV}} V \rho dV = \rho \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx \quad (9.4.21)$$

After substituting the force terms from equation (9.4.16) and the momentum terms from equations (9.4.20) and (9.4.21) into the momentum equation (9.4.9), it reads

$$\rho g A S_0 dx - \rho g A S_f dx - \rho g A S_e dx - \rho g A \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} dx = -\rho \left[ \beta v_x q - \frac{\partial(\beta V Q)}{\partial x} \right] dx + \rho \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} dx \quad (9.4.22)$$

Dividing through by  $\rho dx$ , replacing  $V$  with  $Q/A$ , and rearranging produces the conservation form of the momentum equation:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\beta Q^2/A)}{\partial x} + gA \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - S_0 + S_f + S_e \right) - \beta q v_x = 0 \quad (9.4.23)$$

The depth  $y$  in equation (9.4.23) can be replaced by the water surface elevation  $h$ , using

$$h = y + z \quad (9.4.24)$$

where  $z$  is the elevation of the channel bottom above a datum such as mean sea level. The derivative of equation (9.4.24) with respect to the longitudinal distance  $x$  along the channel is

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \quad (9.4.25)$$

but  $\partial z/\partial x = -S_0$ , so

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - S_0 \quad (9.4.26)$$



The momentum equation can now be expressed in terms of  $h$  by using equation (9.4.26) in (9.4.23):

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\beta Q^2/A)}{\partial x} + gA \left( \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} + S_f + S_e \right) - \beta q v_x = 0 \quad (9.4.27)$$

The Saint-Venant equations, (9.4.6) for continuity and (9.4.27) for momentum, are the governing equations for one-dimensional, unsteady flow in an open channel. The use of the terms  $S_f$  and  $S_e$  in equation (9.4.27), which represent the rate of energy loss as the flow passes through the channel, illustrates the close relationship between energy and momentum considerations in describing the flow. Strelkoff (1969) showed that the momentum equation for the Saint-Venant equations can also be derived from energy principles, rather than by using Newton's second law as presented here.

The nonconservation form of the momentum equation can be derived in a similar manner to the nonconservation form of the continuity equation. Neglecting eddy losses, wind shear effect, and lateral inflow, the nonconservation form of the momentum equation for a unit width in the flow is

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + g \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} - S_0 + S_f \right) = 0 \quad (9.4.28)$$

## 9.5 KINEMATIC WAVE MODEL FOR CHANNELS

In Section 8.9, a kinematic wave overland flow runoff model was presented. This is an implicit nonlinear kinematic model that is used in the KINEROS model. This section presents a general discussion of the kinematic wave followed by a brief description of the very simplest linear models, such as those found in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers HEC-HMS and HEC-1, and the more complicated models such as the KINEROS model (Woolhiser et al., 1990).

*Kinematic waves* govern flow when inertial and pressure forces are not important. Dynamic waves govern flow when these forces are important, as in the movement of a large flood wave in a wide river. In a kinematic wave, the gravity and friction forces are balanced, so the flow does not accelerate appreciably.

For a kinematic wave, the energy grade line is parallel to the channel bottom and the flow is steady and uniform ( $S_0 = S_f$ ) within the differential length, while for a dynamic wave the energy grade line and water surface elevation are not parallel to the bed, even within a differential element.

### 9.5.1 Kinematic Wave Equations

A *wave* is a variation in a flow, such as a change in flow rate or water surface elevation, and the *wave celerity* is the velocity with which this variation travels along the channel. The celerity depends on the type of wave being considered and may be quite different from the water velocity. For a kinematic wave, the acceleration and pressure terms in the momentum equation are negligible, so the wave motion is described principally by the equation of continuity. The name kinematic is thus applicable, as *kinematics* refers to the study of motion exclusive of the influence of mass and force; in *dynamics* these quantities are included.

The kinematic wave model is defined by the following equations.

Continuity:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = q(x, t) \quad (9.5.1)$$

Momentum:

$$S_0 = S_f \quad (9.5.2)$$

where  $q(x, t)$  is the net lateral inflow per unit length of channel.



The momentum equation can also be expressed in the form

$$A = \alpha Q^\beta \quad (9.5.3)$$

For example, Manning's equation written with  $S_0 = S_f$  and  $R = A/P$  is

$$Q = \frac{1.49 S_0^{1/2}}{nP^{2/3}} A^{5/3} \quad (9.5.4)$$

which can be solved for  $A$  as

$$A = \left( \frac{nP^{2/3}}{1.49\sqrt{S_0}} \right)^{3/5} Q^{3/5} \quad (9.5.5)$$

so  $\alpha = [nP^{2/3}/(1.49\sqrt{S_0})]^{0.6}$  and  $\beta = 0.6$  in this case.

Equation (9.5.1) contains two dependent variables,  $A$  and  $Q$ , but  $A$  can be eliminated by differentiating equation (9.5.3):

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \alpha\beta Q^{\beta-1} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \right) \quad (9.5.6)$$

and substituting for  $\partial A/\partial t$  in equation (9.5.1) to give

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \alpha\beta Q^{\beta-1} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} \right) = q \quad (9.5.7)$$

Alternatively, the momentum equation could be expressed as

$$Q = aA^B \quad (9.5.8)$$

where  $a$  and  $B$  are defined using Manning's equation. Using

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{dQ}{dA} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} \quad (9.5.9)$$

the governing equation is

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{dQ}{dA} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = q \quad (9.5.10)$$

where  $dQ/dA$  is determined by differentiating equation (9.5.8):

$$\frac{dQ}{dA} = aBA^{B-1} \quad (9.5.11)$$

and substituting in equation (9.5.10):

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + aBA^{B-1} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = q \quad (9.5.12)$$

The kinematic wave equation (9.5.7) has  $Q$  as the dependent variable and the kinematic wave equation (9.5.12) has  $A$  as the dependent variable. First consider equation (9.5.7), by taking the logarithm of (9.5.3):

$$\ln A = \ln \alpha + \beta \ln Q \quad (9.5.13)$$

and differentiating

$$\frac{dQ}{Q} = \frac{1}{\beta} \left( \frac{dA}{A} \right) \quad (9.5.14)$$



This defines the relationship between relative errors  $dA/A$  and  $dQ/Q$ . For Manning's equation  $\beta < 1$ , so that the discharge estimation error would be magnified by the ratio  $1/\beta$  if  $A$  were the dependent variable instead of  $Q$ .

Next consider equation (9.5.12); by taking the logarithm of (9.5.8):

$$\ln Q = \ln a + B \ln A$$

$$\frac{dA}{A} = \frac{1}{B} \left( \frac{dQ}{Q} \right) \quad (9.5.15)$$

or

$$\frac{dQ}{Q} = B \left( \frac{dA}{A} \right) \quad (9.5.16)$$

In this case  $\beta > 1$ , so that the discharge estimation error would be decreased by  $B$  if  $A$  were the dependent variable instead of  $Q$ . In summary, if we use equation (9.5.3) as the form of the momentum equation, then  $Q$  is the dependent variable with equation (9.5.7) being the governing equation; if we use equation (9.5.8) as the form of the momentum equation, then  $A$  is the dependent variable with equation (9.5.12) being the governing equation.

### 9.5.2 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kinematic Wave Model for Overland Flow and Channel Routing

The HEC-1 (HEC-HMS) computer program actually has two forms of the kinematic wave. The first is based upon equation (9.5.12) where an explicit finite difference form is used (refer to Figures 9.5.1 and 8.9.2):

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_{i+1}^j}{\Delta t} \quad (9.5.17)$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = \frac{A_{i+1}^j - A_i^j}{\Delta x} \quad (9.5.18)$$

and

$$A = \frac{A_{i+1}^j + A_i^j}{2} \quad (9.5.19)$$

$$q = \frac{q_{i+1}^{j+1} + q_{i+1}^j}{2} \quad (9.5.20)$$

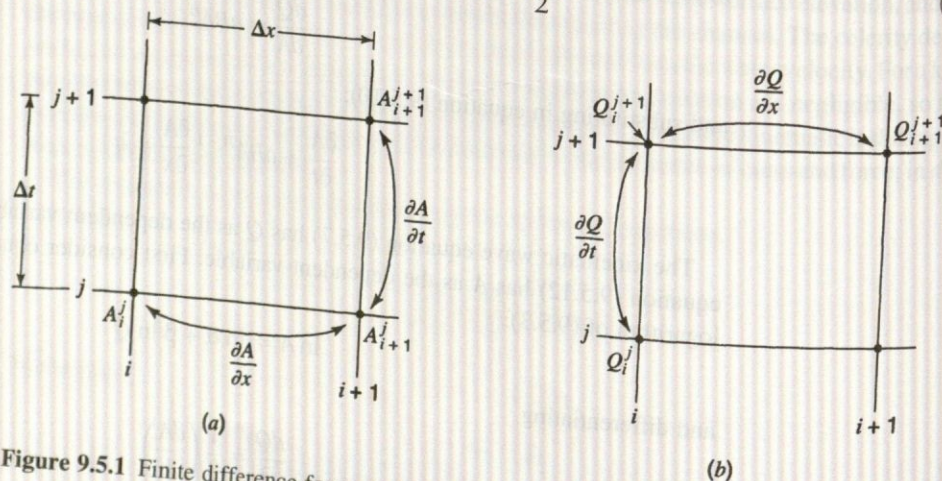


Figure 9.5.1 Finite difference forms. (a) HEC-1 "standard form;" (b) HEC-1 "conservation form."



Substituting these finite-difference approximations into equation (9.5.12) gives

$$\frac{1}{\Delta t}(A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_{i+1}^j) + aB \left[ \frac{A_{i+1}^j + A_i^j}{2} \right]^{B-1} \left[ \frac{A_{i+1}^j - A_i^j}{\Delta x} \right] = \frac{q_{i+1}^{j+1} + q_{i+1}^j}{2} \quad (9.5.21)$$

The only unknown in equation (9.5.21) is  $A_{i+1}^{j+1}$ , so

$$A_{i+1}^{j+1} = A_{i+1}^j - aB \left( \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \right) \left[ \frac{A_{i+1}^j + A_i^j}{2} \right]^{B-1} (A_{i+1}^j - A_i^j) + (q_{i+1}^{j+1} + q_{i+1}^j) \frac{\Delta t}{2} \quad (9.5.22)$$

After computing  $A_{i+1}^{j+1}$  at each grid along a time line going from upstream to downstream (see Figure 8.9.2), compute the flow using equation (9.5.8):

$$Q_{i+1}^{j+1} = a(A_{i+1}^{j+1})^B \quad (9.5.23)$$

The HEC-1 model uses the above kinematic wave model as long as a stability factor  $R < 1$  (Alley and Smith, 1987), defined by

$$R = \frac{a}{q\Delta x} \left[ (q\Delta t + A_i^j)^B - (A_i^j)^B \right] \text{ for } q > 0 \quad (9.5.24a)$$

$$R = aB(A_i^j)^{B-1} \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \text{ for } q = 0 \quad (9.5.24b)$$

Otherwise the form of equation (9.5.1) is used, where (see Figure 9.5.1)

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x} \quad (9.5.25)$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^j}{\Delta t} \quad (9.5.26)$$

so

$$\frac{Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x} + \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^j}{\Delta x} = q \quad (9.5.27)$$

Solving for the only unknown  $Q_{i+1}^{j+1}$  yields

$$Q_{i+1}^{j+1} = Q_i^{j+1} + q\Delta x - \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} (A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^j) \quad (9.5.28)$$

Then solve for  $A_{i+1}^{j+1}$  using equation (9.5.23):

$$A_{i+1}^{j+1} = \left( \frac{1}{a} Q_{i+1}^{j+1} \right)^{1/B} \quad (9.5.29)$$

The *initial condition* (values of  $A$  and  $Q$  at time 0 along the grid, referring to Figure 8.9.2) are computed assuming uniform flow or nonuniform flow for an initial discharge. The *upstream boundary* is the inflow hydrograph from which  $Q$  is obtained.

The kinematic wave schemes used in the HEC-1 (HEC-HMS) model are very simplified. Chow, et al. (1988) presented both linear and nonlinear kinematic wave schemes based upon the equation (9.5.7) formulation. An example of a more desirable kinematic wave formulation is that by Woolhiser et al. (1990) presented in the next subsection.



### 9.5.3 KINEROS Channel Flow Routing Model

The KINEROS channel routing model uses the equation (9.5.10) form of the kinematic wave equation (Woolhiser et al., 1990):

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \frac{dQ}{dA} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = q(x, t) \quad (9.5.10)$$

where  $q(x, t)$  is the net lateral inflow per unit length of channel. The derivatives are approximated using an implicit scheme in which the spatial and temporal derivatives are, respectively,

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = \theta \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x} + (1 - \theta) \frac{A_{i+1}^j - A_i^j}{\Delta x} \quad (9.5.30)$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dA} \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} = \theta \left( \frac{dQ}{dA} \right)^{j+1} \left( \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x} \right) + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{dQ}{dA} \right)^{j+1} \left( \frac{A_{i+1}^j - A_i^j}{\Delta x} \right) \quad (9.5.31)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^j}{\Delta t} + \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_{i+1}^j}{\Delta t} \right] \quad (9.5.32)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \frac{A_i^{j+1} + A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^j - A_{i+1}^j}{2\Delta t} \quad (9.5.33)$$

Substituting equations (9.5.31) and (9.5.33) into (9.5.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_{i+1}^j + A_i^{j+1} - A_i^j}{2\Delta t} + \left\{ \theta \left[ \left( \frac{dQ}{dA} \right)^{j+1} \left( \frac{A_{i+1}^{j+1} - A_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x} \right) \right] + (1 - \theta) \left[ \left( \frac{dQ}{dA} \right)^{j+1} \left( \frac{A_{i+1}^j - A_i^j}{\Delta x} \right) \right] \right\} \\ & = \frac{1}{2} (q_{i+1}^{j+1} + q_i^{j+1} + q_{i+1}^j + q_i^j) \end{aligned} \quad (9.5.34)$$

The only unknown in this equation is  $A_{i+1}^{j+1}$ , which must be solved for numerically by use of an iterative scheme such as the Newton-Raphson method (see Appendix A).

Woolhiser et al. (1990) use the following relationship between channel discharge and cross-sectional area, which embodies the kinematic wave assumption:

$$Q = \alpha R^{m-1} A \quad (9.5.35)$$

where  $R$  is the hydraulic radius and  $\alpha = 1.49 S^{1/2} / n$  and  $m = 5/3$  for Manning's equation.

### 9.5.4 Kinematic Wave Celerity

Kinematic waves result from changes in  $Q$ . An increment in flow  $dQ$  can be written as

$$dQ = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} dt \quad (9.5.36)$$

Dividing through by  $dx$  and rearranging produces:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{dt}{dx} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \frac{dQ}{dx} \quad (9.5.37)$$



Equations (9.5.7) and (9.5.37) are identical if

$$\frac{dQ}{dx} = q \quad (9.5.38)$$

and

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta Q^{\beta-1}} \quad (9.5.39)$$

Differentiating equation (9.5.3) and rearranging gives

$$\frac{dQ}{dA} = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta Q^{\beta-1}} \quad (9.5.40)$$

and by comparing equations (9.5.39) and (9.5.40), it can be seen that

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dQ}{dA} \quad (9.5.41)$$

or

$$c_k = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dQ}{dA} \quad (9.5.42)$$

where  $c_k$  is the kinematic wave celerity. This implies that an observer moving at a velocity  $dx/dt = c_k$  with the flow would see the flow rate increasing at a rate of  $dQ/dx = q$ . If  $q = 0$ , the observer would see a constant discharge. Equations (9.5.38) and (9.5.42) are the *characteristic equations* for a kinematic wave, two ordinary differential equations that are mathematically equivalent to the governing continuity and momentum equations.

The kinematic wave celerity can also be expressed in terms of the depth  $y$  as

$$c_k = \frac{1}{B} \frac{dQ}{dy} \quad (9.5.43)$$

where  $dA = Bdy$ .

Both kinematic and dynamic wave motion are present in natural flood waves. In many cases the channel slope dominates in the momentum equation; therefore, most of a flood wave moves as a kinematic wave. Lighthill and Whitham (1955) proved that the velocity of the main part of a natural flood wave approximates that of a kinematic wave. If the other momentum terms ( $\partial V/\partial t$ ,  $V(\partial V/\partial x)$  and  $(1/g)\partial y/\partial x$ ) are not negligible, then a dynamic wave front exists that can propagate both upstream and downstream from the main body of the flood wave.

## 9.6 MUSKINGUM–CUNGE MODEL

Cunge (1969) proposed a variation of the kinematic wave method based upon the Muskingum method (see Chapter 8). With the grid shown in Figure 9.6.1, the unknown discharge  $Q_{i+1}^{j+1}$  can be expressed using the Muskingum equation ( $Q_{j+1} = C_1 I_{j+1} + C_2 I_j + C_3 Q_j$ ):

$$Q_{i+1}^{j+1} = C_1 Q_i^{j+1} + C_2 Q_i^j + C_3 Q_{i+1}^j \quad (9.6.1)$$

where  $Q_{i+1}^{j+1} = Q_{j+1}$ ;  $Q_i^{j+1} = I_{j+1}$ ;  $Q_i^j = I_j$ ; and  $Q_{i+1}^j = Q_j$ . The Muskingum coefficients are

$$C_1 = \frac{\Delta t - 2KX}{2K(1-X) + \Delta t} \quad (9.6.2)$$



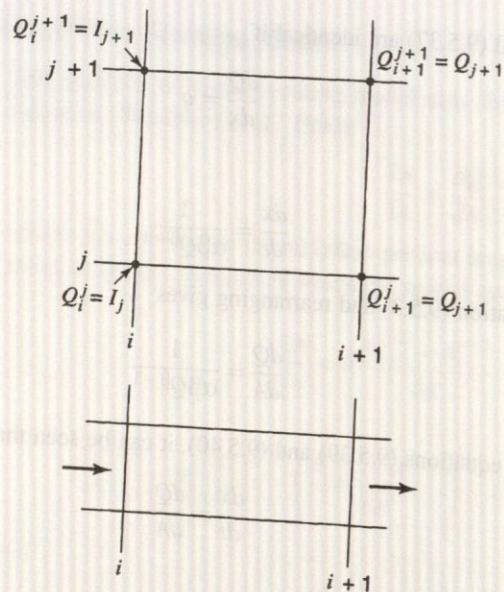


Figure 9.6.1 Finite-difference grid for the Muskingum-Cunge method.

$$C_2 = \frac{\Delta t + 2KX}{2K(1-X) + \Delta t} \quad (9.6.3)$$

$$C_3 = \frac{2K(1-X) - \Delta t}{2K(1-X) + \Delta t} \quad (9.6.4)$$

Cunge (1969) showed that when  $K$  and  $\Delta t$  are considered constant, equation (9.6.1) is an approximate solution of the kinematic wave. He further demonstrated that equation (9.6.1) can be considered an approximation of a modified diffusion equation if

$$K = \frac{\Delta x}{c_k} = \frac{\Delta x}{dQ/dA} \quad (9.6.5)$$

and

$$X = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{Q}{Bc_k S_0 \Delta x} \right) \quad (9.6.6)$$

where  $c_k$  is the celerity corresponding to  $Q$  and  $B$ , and  $B$  is the width of the water surface. The value of  $\Delta x/(dQ/dA)$  in equation (9.6.5) represents the time propagation of a given discharge along a channel reach of length  $\Delta x$ . Numerical stability requires  $0 \leq X \leq 1/2$ . The solution procedure is basically the same as the kinematic wave.

## 9.7 IMPLICIT DYNAMIC WAVE MODEL

The conservation form of the Saint-Venant equations is used because this form provides the versatility required to simulate a wide range of flows from gradual long-duration flood waves in rivers to abrupt waves similar to those caused by a dam failure. The equations are developed from equations (9.4.6) and (9.4.25) as follows.

Weighted four-point finite-difference approximations given by equations (9.7.1)–(9.7.3) are used for dynamic routing with the Saint-Venant equations. The spatial derivatives  $\partial Q/\partial x$  and  $\partial h/\partial x$  are



estimated between adjacent time lines:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \theta \frac{Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x_i} + (1 - \theta) \frac{Q_{i+1}^j - Q_i^j}{\Delta x_i} \quad (9.7.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} = \theta \frac{h_{i+1}^{j+1} - h_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x_i} + (1 - \theta) \frac{h_{i+1}^j - h_i^j}{\Delta x_i} \quad (9.7.2)$$

and the time derivatives are:

$$\frac{\partial(A + A_0)}{\partial t} = \frac{(A + A_0)_i^{j+1} + (A + A_0)_{i+1}^{j+1} - (A + A_0)_i^j - (A + A_0)_{i+1}^j}{2\Delta t_j} \quad (9.7.3)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \frac{Q_i^{j+1} + Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^j - Q_{i+1}^j}{2\Delta t_j} \quad (9.7.4)$$

The nonderivative terms, such as  $q$  and  $A$ , are estimated between adjacent time lines, using:

$$q = \theta \frac{q_i^{j+1} + q_{i+1}^{j+1}}{2} + (1 - \theta) \frac{q_i^j + q_{i+1}^j}{2} = \theta \bar{q}_i^{j+1} + (1 - \theta) \bar{q}_i^j \quad (9.7.5)$$

$$A = \theta \left[ \frac{A_i^{j+1} + A_{i+1}^{j+1}}{2} \right] + (1 - \theta) \left[ \frac{A_i^j + A_{i+1}^j}{2} \right] = \theta \bar{A}_i^{j+1} + (1 - \theta) \bar{A}_i^j \quad (9.7.6)$$

where  $\bar{q}_i$  and  $\bar{A}_i$  indicate the lateral flow and cross-sectional area averaged over the reach  $\Delta x_i$ .

The finite-difference form of the continuity equation is produced by substituting equations (9.7.1), (9.7.3), and (9.7.5) into (9.4.6):

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta \left( \frac{Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x_i} - \bar{q}_i^{j+1} \right) + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{Q_{i+1}^j - Q_i^j}{\Delta x_i} - \bar{q}_i^j \right) \\ & + \frac{(A + A_0)_i^{j+1} + (A + A_0)_{i+1}^{j+1} - (A + A_0)_i^j - (A + A_0)_{i+1}^j}{2\Delta t_j} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.7.7)$$

Similarly, the momentum equation (9.4.27) is written in finite-difference form as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{Q_i^{j+1} + Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^j - Q_{i+1}^j}{2\Delta t_j} \\ & + \theta \left[ \frac{(\beta Q^2/A)_{i+1}^{j+1} - (\beta Q^2/A)_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x_i} + g \bar{A}_i^{j+1} \left( \frac{h_{i+1}^{j+1} - h_i^{j+1}}{\Delta x_i} + (\bar{S}_f)_{i+1}^{j+1} + (\bar{S}_e)_{i+1}^{j+1} \right) - (\beta q v_x)_{i+1}^{j+1} \right] \\ & + (1 - \theta) \left[ \frac{(\beta Q^2/A)_{i+1}^j - (\beta Q^2/A)_i^j}{\Delta x_i} + g \bar{A}_i^j \left( \frac{h_{i+1}^j - h_i^j}{\Delta x_i} + (\bar{S}_f)_i^j + (\bar{S}_e)_i^j \right) - (\beta q v_x)_i^j \right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.7.8)$$

The four-point finite-difference form of the continuity equation can be further modified by multiplying equation (9.7.7) by  $\Delta x_i$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta \left( Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^{j+1} - \bar{q}_i^{j+1} \Delta x_i \right) + (1 - \theta) \left( Q_{i+1}^j - Q_i^j - \bar{q}_i^j \Delta x_i \right) \\ & + \frac{\Delta x_i}{2\Delta t_j} \left[ (A + A_0)_i^{j+1} + (A + A_0)_{i+1}^{j+1} - (A + A_0)_i^j - (A + A_0)_{i+1}^j \right] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.7.9)$$



Similarly, the momentum equation can be modified by multiplying by  $\Delta x_i$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Delta x_i}{2\Delta t_j} (Q_i^{j+1} + Q_{i+1}^{j+1} - Q_i^j - Q_{i+1}^j) \\ & + \theta \left\{ \left( \frac{\beta Q^2}{A} \right)_{i+1}^{j+1} - \left( \frac{\beta Q^2}{A} \right)_i^{j+1} + g\bar{A}_i^{j+1} [h_{i+1}^{j+1} - h_i^{j+1} + (\bar{S}_f)_i^{j+1} + (\bar{S}_e)_i^{j+1} \Delta x_i] - (\bar{\beta} q v_x)_i^{j+1} \Delta x_i \right\} \\ & + (1 - \theta) \left\{ \left( \frac{\beta Q^2}{A} \right)_{i+1}^j - \left( \frac{\beta Q^2}{A} \right)_i^j + g\bar{A}_i^j [h_{i+1}^j - h_i^j + (\bar{S}_f)_i^j \Delta x_i + (\bar{S}_e)_i^j \Delta x_i] - (\bar{\beta} q v_x)_i^j \Delta x_i \right\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9.7.10)$$

where the average values (marked with an overbar) over a reach are defined as

$$\bar{\beta}_i = \frac{\beta_i + \beta_{i+1}}{2} \quad (9.7.11)$$

$$\bar{A}_i = \frac{A_i + A_{i+1}}{2} \quad (9.7.12)$$

$$\bar{B}_i = \frac{B_i + B_{i+1}}{2} \quad (9.7.13)$$

$$\bar{Q}_i = \frac{Q_i + Q_{i+1}}{2} \quad (9.7.14)$$

Also,

$$\bar{R}_i = \bar{A}_i / \bar{B}_i \quad (9.7.15)$$

for use in Manning's equation. Manning's equation may be solved for  $S_f$  and written in the form shown below, where the  $|Q|Q$  has magnitude  $Q^2$  and sign positive or negative depending on whether the flow is downstream or upstream, respectively:

$$(\bar{S}_f)_i = \frac{\bar{n}_i^2 |\bar{Q}_i \bar{Q}_i|}{2.208 \bar{A}_i^2 \bar{R}_i^{4/3}} \quad (9.7.16)$$

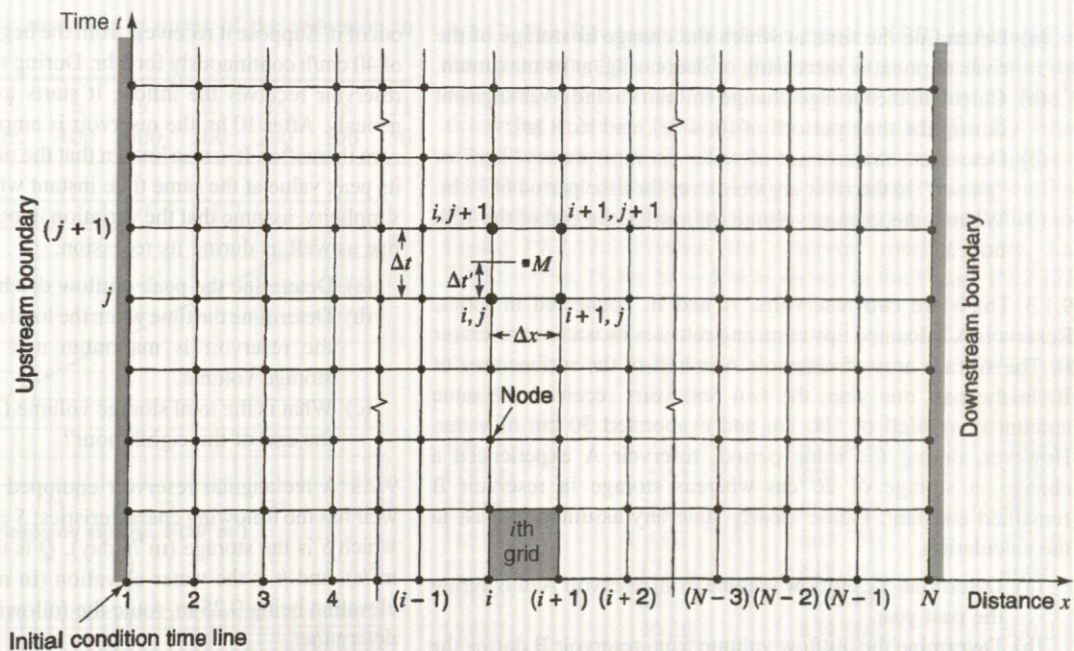
The minor headlosses arising from contraction and expansion of the channel are proportional to the difference between the squares of the downstream and upstream velocities, with a contraction/expansion loss coefficient  $K_e$ :

$$(\bar{S}_e)_i = \frac{(K_e)_i}{2g\Delta x_i} \left[ \left( \frac{Q}{A} \right)_{i+1}^2 - \left( \frac{Q}{A} \right)_i^2 \right] \quad (9.7.17)$$

The terms having superscript  $j$  in equations (9.7.9) and (9.7.10) are known either from initial conditions or from a solution of the Saint-Venant equations for a previous time line. The terms  $g$ ,  $\Delta x_i$ ,  $\beta_i$ ,  $K_e$ ,  $C_w$ , and  $V_w$  are known and must be specified independently of the solution. The unknown terms are  $Q_i^{j+1}$ ,  $Q_{i+1}^{j+1}$ ,  $h_{i+1}^{j+1}$ ,  $A_i^{j+1}$ ,  $A_{i+1}^{j+1}$ ,  $B_i^{j+1}$ , and  $B_{i+1}^{j+1}$ . However, all the terms can be expressed as functions of the unknowns  $Q_i^{j+1}$ ,  $Q_{i+1}^{j+1}$ ,  $h_i^{j+1}$ , and  $h_{i+1}^{j+1}$ , so there are actually four unknowns. The unknowns are raised to powers other than unity, so equations (9.7.9) and (9.7.10) are nonlinear equations.

The continuity and momentum equations are considered at each of the  $N-1$  rectangular grids shown in Figure 9.7.1 between the upstream boundary at  $i = 1$  and the downstream boundary at





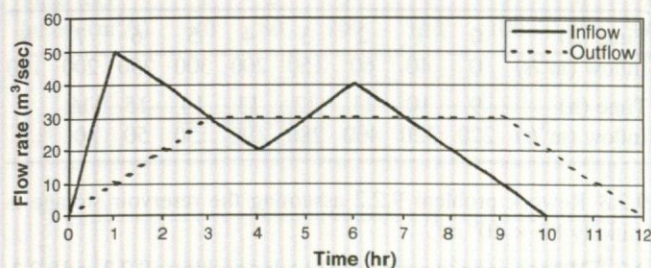
**Figure 9.7.1** The  $x$ - $t$  solution plane. The finite-difference forms of the Saint-Venant equations are solved at a discrete number of points (values of the independent variables  $x$  and  $t$ ) arranged to form the rectangular grid shown. Lines parallel to the time axis represent locations along the channel, and those parallel to the distance axis represent times (from Fread (1974)).

$i = N$ . This yields  $2N-2$  equations. There are two unknowns at each of the  $N$  grid points ( $Q$  and  $h$ ), so there are  $2N$  unknowns in all. The two additional equations required to complete the solution are supplied by the upstream and downstream boundary conditions. The upstream boundary condition is usually specified as a known inflow hydrograph, while the downstream boundary condition can be specified as a known stage hydrograph, a known discharge hydrograph, or a known relationship between stage and discharge, such as a rating curve. The U.S. National Weather Service FLDWAV model ([hsp.nws.noaa.gov/oh/hrl/rvmec](http://hsp.nws.noaa.gov/oh/hrl/rvmec)) uses the above to describe the implicit dynamic wave model formulation.

## PROBLEMS

9.1.1 Consider a river segment with the surface area of  $5 \text{ km}^2$ . For a given flood event, the measured time variation of inflow rate (called inflow hydrograph) at the upstream section of the river segment and the outflow hydrograph at the downstream section are shown in Figure P9.1.1. Assume that the initial storage of water in the river segment is 10 mm in depth.

- Determine the time at which the change in storage of the river segment is increasing, decreasing, and at its maximum.
- Calculate the storage change (in mm) in the river segment during the time periods of  $[0, 4 \text{ hr}]$ , and  $[6, 8 \text{ hr}]$ .
- Determine the amount of water (in mm) that is 'lost' or 'gained' in the river segment over the time period of 12 hours.
- What is the storage volume (in mm) at the end of the twelfth hour?



**Figure P9.1.1**

9.1.2 Consider a river segment with the surface area of  $5 \text{ km}^2$ . For a given flood event, the measured time variation of inflow rate (called inflow hydrograph, in  $\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$ ) at the upstream section of the river segment and the outflow hydrograph at the downstream section are shown in Figure P9.1.1. Assume that the initial storage of water in the river segment is 10 mm in depth.



- (a) Determine the time at which the change in storage of the river segment is increasing or decreasing, at its maximum.
- (b) Calculate the storage change (in mm) in the river segment during the time periods of [0, 4 hr], and [6, 8 hr].
- (c) Determine the amount of water (in mm) that is "lost" or "gained" in the river segment over the time period of 12 hr.
- (d) What is the storage volume (in mm) at the end of the 12th hour?

9.1.3 There are two reservoirs, A and B, connected in series. Reservoir A is located upstream and releases its water to reservoir B. The surface area of reservoir A is half of the surface area of B. In the past one year, the two reservoirs received the same amount of rainfall of 100 cm and evaporated 30 cm of water. However, during the same period, reservoir A experienced a change in storage of 20 cm whereas storage in reservoir B remained constant. Please clearly state any assumption used in the calculation.

- (a) Determine the outflow volume from reservoir A to B during the past year.
- (b) Determine the outflow volume from reservoir B during the past year.
- (c) How big is the flow rate from reservoir B as compared with that of reservoir A?

9.2.1 The storage-outflow characteristics for a reservoir are given below. Determine the storage-outflow function  $2S/\Delta t + Q$  versus  $Q$  for each of the tabulated values using  $\Delta t = 1.0$  hr. Plot a graph of the storage-outflow function.

Storage ( $10^6$ m <sup>3</sup> )	70	80	85	100	115
Outflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0	50	150	350	700

9.2.2 Route the inflow hydrograph given below through the reservoir with the storage-outflow characteristics given in problem 9.2.1 using the level pool method. Assume the reservoir has an initial storage of  $70 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup>.

Time (h)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0	40	60	150	200	300	250	200	180
Time (h)	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	220	320	400	280	190	150	50	0	

9.2.3 Rework problem 9.2.2 assuming the reservoir storage is initially  $80 \times 10^6$  m<sup>3</sup>.

9.2.4 Write a computer program to solve problems 9.2.2 and 9.2.3.

9.2.5 Rework example 9.2.2 using a 1.5-acre detention basin.

9.2.6 Rework example 9.2.2 using a triangular inflow hydrograph that increases linearly from zero to a peak of 90 cfs at 120 min and then decreases linearly to a zero discharge at 240 min. Use a 30-min routing interval.

9.2.7 Consider a reservoir with surface area of 1 km<sup>2</sup>. Initially, the reservoir has a storage volume of 500,000 m<sup>3</sup> with no flow coming

out of it. Suppose it receives, from the beginning, a uniform inflow of 40 cm/h continuously for 5 hr. During the time instant when the reservoir receives the inflow, it starts to release water simultaneously. After 10 hr, the reservoir is empty and outflow becomes zero thereafter. It is also known that the outflow discharge reaches its peak value at the same time instant when the inflow stops. For simplicity, assume that the variation in outflow is linear during its rise as well as during its recession.

- (a) Determine the peak outflow discharge in m<sup>3</sup>/s.
- (b) Determine the time when the total storage volume (in m<sup>3</sup>) in the reservoir is maximum and its corresponding total storage volume.
- (c) What is the total storage volume (in m<sup>3</sup>) in the reservoir at the end of the eighth hour?

9.2.8 A rectangular reservoir equipped with an outflow-control weir has the following characteristics:  $S = 5 \times h$  and  $Q = 2 \times h$ , in which  $S$  is the storage (m<sup>3</sup>/s-day),  $Q$  is the outflow discharge (in m<sup>3</sup>/s), and  $h$  is the water elevation (in m). With an initial water elevation being 0.25 m, route the following inflow hydrograph to determine:

- (a) the percentage of reduction in peak discharge by the reservoir; and
- (b) the peak water surface elevation.

Time	6:00 am	9:00 am	12:00 nn	3:00 pm	6:00 pm
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	30	120	450	300	30

9.2.9 A rectangular detention basin is equipped with an outlet. The basin storage-elevation relationship and outflow-elevation relationship can be described by the following simple equations:

Storage-elevation relation:  $S = 10 \times h$ ;  
 Outflow-elevation relation:  $Q = 2 \times h^2$

in which  $S$  is the storage (in m<sup>3</sup>/s-hr),  $Q$  is the outflow discharge (in m<sup>3</sup>/s), and  $h$  is the water elevation (in m). With an initial water elevation being 0.25 m, route the following inflow hydrograph to determine:

- (a) the percentage of reduction in peak discharge by the reservoir; and
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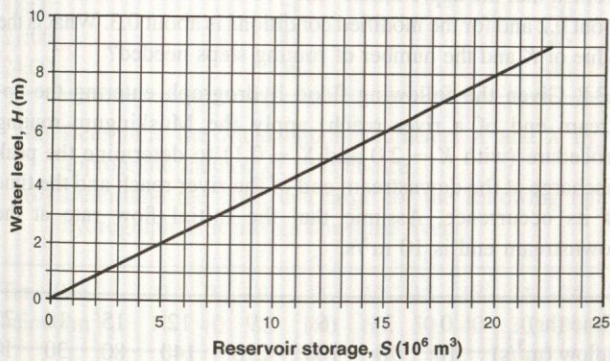
Time	1:00 pm	2:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	5	20	75	50	15	5

9.2.10 To investigate the effectiveness of a flood control reservoir, a 100-year design flood hydrograph is used as an input in the routing exercise. The reservoir has a surface area of 250 hectares and its only outlet is an uncontrolled spillway located 5 m above the datum. The design flood hydrograph is given in the following table and other physical characteristics of the reservoir are provided in the Figures P9.2.10a and b. Assuming that the initial reservoir level is 4 m above the datum, determine

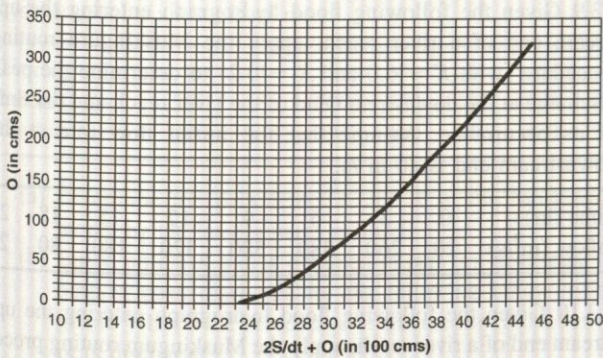


the effectiveness of the reservoir in terms of the reduction in inflow peak discharge.

Time (hr)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	50	200	400	600	300	200	100	50



(a)



(b)

Figure P9.2.10 (a) Reservoir water level storage curve; (b) Reservoir routing curve.

9.2.11 To investigate the effectiveness of a flood control reservoir, a 100-year design flood hydrograph is used as input in the routing exercise. The reservoir has only one flow outlet located on the spillway crest with the elevation of 104 m. The reservoir has the elevation-storage-discharge relationship shown in Table 9.2.11(a). Given the design flood hydrograph as shown in Table 9.2.11(b) and assuming that the initial reservoir elevation level is at 103 m, determine the effectiveness of the reservoir in terms of the reduction in inflow peak discharge. (Note: 1 hectare = 0.01 km<sup>2</sup>)

Table 9.2.11(a) Reservoir Elevation-Storage-Outflow Relation

Elevation (m)	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107
Storage ( $\times 10^5$ m <sup>3</sup> )	50	60	70	80	92	105	120	140
Outflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	0	0	0	0	8	17	27	40

Table 9.2.11(b) Inflow Hydrograph

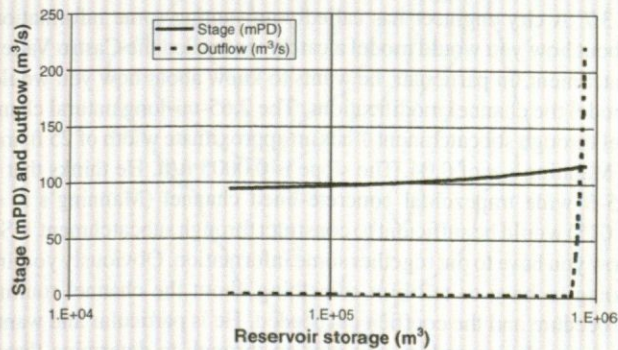
Time (hr)	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	10	20	30	40	30	25	15	10

9.2.12 The Kowloon Bywash Reservoir (KBR) is located on the upstream of the Lai Chi Kok area. It is a small reservoir equipped with a tunnel with a maximum capacity of 2 m<sup>3</sup>/s delivering reservoir water to the downstream Tai Po Road water treatment plant. There is an uncontrolled spillway with the crest elevation at 115 m. The stage-volume-outflow relationships of KBR are shown in the attached table and Figure P9.2.12a. Further, the reservoir routing curve, i.e.,  $2S/\Delta t + O$  vs.  $O$ , for  $\Delta t = 1$  hr is shown in the Figure P9.2.12b.

Elevation (mPD)	Outflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Storage (m <sup>3</sup> )	$2S/\Delta t + O$ (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
109.73	2.00	531,000	297.0
112.78	2.00	679,182	379.3
115.06	2.00	801,442	447.2
115.22	4.02	809,759	453.9
115.37	12.11	818,107	466.6
115.52	22.21	826,488	481.4
115.67	36.36	834,901	500.2
115.83	51.50	843,347	520.0
115.98	69.72	851,824	543.0
116.13	89.93	860,333	567.9
116.28	114.20	868,874	596.9
116.44	136.43	877,447	623.9
116.59	162.72	886,051	655.0
116.74	193.03	894,688	690.1
116.89	228.40	903,355	730.3

Consider the inflow hydrograph given in the table below. Determine the peak outflow discharge from the KBR and the corresponding water surface elevation and the storage volume. Assume that the initial storage in the reservoir is 500,000 m<sup>3</sup>.

Time (hr)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	10	80	200	150	100	60	20



(a)



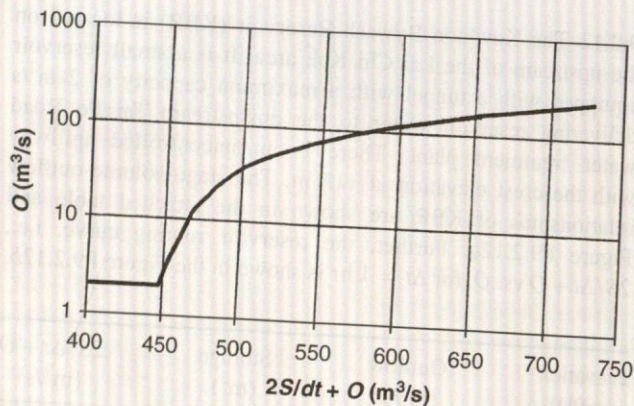


Figure P9.2.12 (a) Stage-Storage-Outflow relationship; (b) Reservoir routing curve

- 9.3.1 Rework example 9.3.4 using  $\Delta t = 2$  hr.  
 9.3.2 Rework example 9.3.4 assuming  $X = 0.3$ .  
 9.3.3 Rework example 9.3.4 assuming  $K = 1.4$  hr.  
 9.3.4 Calculate the Muskingum routing  $K$  and number of routing steps for a 1.25-mi long channel. The average cross-section dimensions for the channel are a base width of 25 ft and an average depth of 2.0 ft. Assume the channel is rectangular and has a Manning's  $n$  of 0.04 and a slope of 0.009 ft/ft.  
 9.3.5 Route the following upstream inflow hydrograph through a downstream flood control channel reach using the Muskingum method. The channel reach has a  $K = 2.5$  hr and  $X = 0.2$ . Use a routing interval of 1 hr.

Time (h)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Inflow (cfs)	90	140	208	320	440	550	640
Time (h)	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Inflow (cfs)	680	690	630	570	470	390	360
Time (h)	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Inflow (cfs)	330	250	180	130	100	90	

- 9.3.6 Use the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers HEC-HMS computer program to solve Problem 9.3.5.  
 9.3.7 A city engineer has called you wanting some information about how you would model a catchment called the Castro Valley catchment. In particular, he wants to know about how you would model the channel modifications. The 2.65-mi-long natural channel through subcatchment 1 has an approximate width of 25 ft and a Manning's  $n$  of 0.04. The slope is 0.0005 ft/ft. He thinks that a 25-ft wide trapezoidal concrete-lined channel (Manning's  $n = 0.015$ ) would be sufficient to construct through subcatchment 1. So now you have to put together some information. Obviously you are going to have to tell him something about the channel routing procedure and the coefficients needed. He is particular and wants to know the procedure you will go through to determine these, including the number of routing steps. The natural and the concrete channels can be considered as wide-rectangular channels for your

calculations so that the hydraulic radius can be approximated as the channel depth. At this time you don't know any peak discharges because you have not done any hydrologic calculations but yet you still need to approximate the  $X$  and  $K$  for the  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$  and the number of steps for the routing method. You have decided that the approximate value of  $X$  for natural conditions is about 0.2 and for the modified conditions is about 0.3. What is the value of  $K$  and the number of routing steps needed?

9.3.8 Given the following flood hydrograph entering the upstream end of a river reach, apply the Muskingum routing procedure (with  $K = 2.0$  and  $X = 0.1$ ) to determine the peak discharge at the downstream end of the river reach and the time of its occurrence. Assume that the initial flow rate at the downstream end is  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

Time (hr)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Inflow ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	10	70	160	210	140	80	30	10

9.3.9 Given the following flood hydrograph entering the upstream end of a river reach, apply the Muskingum routing procedure (with  $K = 6.0$  and  $X = 0.2$ ) to determine the peak discharge at the downstream end of the river reach and the time of its occurrence. Assume that the initial flow rate at the downstream end is  $20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

Time (hr)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Inflow ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	20	260	380	580	320	180	80	20

9.3.10 Given the following flood hydrograph entering the upstream end of a river reach, apply the Muskingum routing procedure (with  $K = 5.0$  hr and  $X = 0.2$ ) to determine the peak discharge at the downstream end of the river reach and the time of its occurrence. Assume that the initial flow rate at the downstream end is  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

Time (hr)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Inflow ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )	10	150	400	350	200	80	10

9.3.11 The table given below lists the inflow hydrograph.

Time (hr)		1	2	3	4	5	6
Instantaneous discharge ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )		5	40	100	75	30	10

- (a) Determine the percentage of attenuation in peak discharge as the hydrograph travels a distance of 10 km downstream using the Muskingum method with  $X = 0.1$  and  $K = 2.0$  hr. Assume that the initial outflow rate is  $5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .  
 (b) Also, it is known that the channel bank-full capacity 10 km downstream is  $50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , determine the overflow volume (in  $\text{m}^3$ ) of outflow hydrograph exceeding  $50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .  
 9.3.12 From a storm event, the flood hydrographs at the upstream end and downstream end of a river reach were observed and are tabulated below.



Problems

Time (hr)	Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Outflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
09:00	15	15
12:00	35	30
15:00	63	42
18:00	54	56
21:00	42	45
24:00	36	40

- (a) Determine the Muskingum parameters  $K$  and  $X$  by an appropriate method of your choice.
- (b) Determine the peak discharge for the following inflow hydrograph as it travels down the river.

Time (hr)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	10	40	80	100	60	50	40	30	20	10

9.3.13 The following table contains observed inflow and outflow hydrographs for a section of river.

Time (hr)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	200	400	700	550	400	300	200
Outflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	200	215	290	410	440	420	380

- (a) Determine the parameters  $K$  and  $X$  in the Muskingum model by the least-squares method.
- (b) Based on the  $K$  and  $X$  obtained in part (a), determine the outflow peak discharge for the following inflow hydrograph. What is the percentage of attenuation (reduction) in peak discharge?

Time (hr)	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	100	400	300	200	100	100	100

9.3.14 From a storm event, the flood hydrographs at the upstream end and downstream end of a river reach are tabulated below.

Time (hr)	Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	Outflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)
09:00	15	15
12:00	35	30
15:00	63	42
18:00	54	56
21:00	42	45

- (a) Determine the Muskingum parameters  $K$  and  $X$  by the least-squares method of your choice.
- (b) Based on the estimated values of  $K$  and  $X$  from part (a), determine the outflow peak discharge at the downstream end of the river reach for the following inflow hydrograph.

Time (hr)	0	2	4	6	8
Flow rate (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	20	70	50	40	30

9.3.15 Given the following flood hydrograph entering the upstream end of a river reach, apply the Muskingum routing procedure (with  $K = 4.0$  hr and  $X = 0.2$ ) to determine:

- (a) the peak discharge at the downstream end of the river reach;
- (b) the time of its occurrence; and
- (c) the percentage of peak flow attenuation.

Assume that the initial flow rate at the downstream end is 10 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

Time (hr)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	10	250	570	320	180	70	10

9.3.16 Consider the following flood hydrograph entering the upstream end of a river reach. Apply the Muskingum routing procedure (with  $K = 6.0$  and  $X = 0.2$ ) to:

- (a) determine the peak discharge at the downstream end of the river reach; and
- (b) find the time to peak at the downstream section.

Assume that the initial flow rate at the downstream end is 50 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

Time (hr)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Inflow (m <sup>3</sup> /s)	50	150	300	500	300	150	100	50

9.3.17 The Castro Valley watershed has a total watershed area of 5.51 mi<sup>2</sup> and is divided into four subcatchments as shown in Figure P9.3.17. The following table provides existing characteristics of the subcatchments.

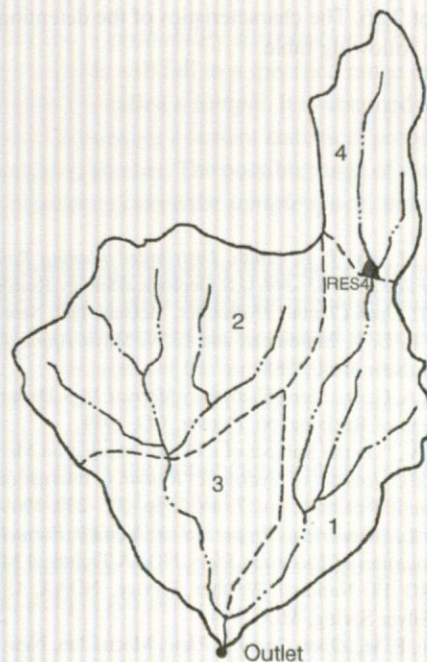


Figure P9.3.17 Castro Valley watershed



Subcatchment number	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Watershed length (L) (mi)	Length to centroid (L <sub>CA</sub> ) (mi)	SCS curve number
1	1.52	2.65	1.40	70
2	2.17	1.85	0.68	84
3	0.96	1.13	0.60	80
4	0.86	1.49	0.79	70

Parameters for Snyder's synthetic unit hydrograph for existing conditions are  $C_p = 0.25$  and  $C_t = 0.38$ . The Muskingum  $K = 0.3$  hr for area 3 and  $K = 0.6$  hr for area 1. The Muskingum  $X$  for each stream reach is 0.2. The rainfall to be used is the 100-year return period SCS type I storm pattern with a total rainfall of 10 in. Use the HEC-HMS model to determine the runoff hydrograph at the outlet of the watershed.

9.3.18 For the watershed described in problem 9.3.17, a residential development will be considered for area 4. This development will increase the impervious area so that the SCS curve number will be 85. The unit hydrograph parameters will change to  $C_t = 0.19$  and  $C_p = 0.5$ . The natural channel through area 1 will be modified so that the Muskingum routing parameters will be  $K = 0.4$  hr and  $X = 0.3$ . Use the HEC-HMS model to determine the change in the runoff hydrographs for area 4 and for the entire watershed.

9.3.19 Refer to problems 9.3.17 and 9.3.18. A detention basin is to be constructed at the outlet of area 4 with a low-level outlet and an overflow spillway (ogee type). The low-level outlet is a 5-ft-diameter pipe (orifice coefficient = 0.71) at a center line elevation of 391 ft above mean sea level (MSL). The overflow spillway has a length of 30 ft, crest elevation of 401.8 ft (above MSL), and a weir coefficient of 2.86. The characteristics of the detention basin are given in the following table.

Reservoir capacity (ac-ft)	Elevation (ft above MSL)
0	388.5
6	394.2
12	398.2
18	400.8
23	401.8
30	405.8

Use the HEC-HMS model to determine the runoff hydrograph at the watershed outlet for the developed conditions with the detention basin. Graphically show a comparison of the runoff hydrograph for the undeveloped, developed, and developed conditions with the detention basin.

9.3.20 Use the HEC-HMS model to solve problems 9.3.17, 9.3.18, and 9.3.19 considering the three as plans 1, 2, and 3 and solve through one simulation.

9.5.1 Determine the  $\partial Q/\partial x$  on the time line  $j+1$  for the linear kinematic wave model. Consider a 100-ft-wide rectangular channel with a bed slope of 0.015 ft/ft and a Manning's  $n = 0.035$ . The distance between cross-sections is 3000 ft and the routing time interval is 10 min.  $Q_i^{j+1} = 1000$  cfs,  $Q_i^j = 800$  cfs, and  $Q_{i+1}^j = 700$  cfs. Use the linear kinematic wave (conservation form) approach to compute  $\partial Q/\partial x$  on time line  $j+1$ .

9.5.2 Develop a flow chart of the linear kinematic wave (conservation form) method.

9.6.1 Determine the  $\partial Q/\partial A$  using  $Q_i^{j+1}$  and  $Q_{i+1}^j$  for the Muskingum-Cunge model. Consider a 100-ft-wide rectangular channel with a bed slope of 0.015 ft/ft and a Manning's  $n = 0.035$ . The distance between cross-sections is 2000 ft and the routing time interval is 10 min. Given are  $Q_i^{j+1} = 1000$  cfs,  $Q_i^j = 800$  cfs, and  $Q_{i+1}^j = 700$  cfs. Next compute  $K$  and  $x$  and then the routing coefficients.

9.6.2 Develop a flowchart of the Muskingum-Cunge method.

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