

# Experimental investigation on the hydraulic jump in adversely sloping rectangular closed conduits

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An experimental study was carried out to investigate the characteristics of the hydraulic jump formed in adversely sloping rectangular closed conduits with a pressurized flow downstream from the jump and a submerged conduit outlet. Experiments were conducted on a closed conduit with relatively small adverse slopes to study the variation of the relative tailwater depth with the main parameters affecting the jump in adversely sloping conduits. These parameters include the channel bottom adverse slope, the initial Froude number, and the ratio of the initial depth to conduit height. Non-dimensional design curves are provided to relate the jump characteristics. Also, empirical equations are provided to determine the relative tailwater depth for different conduit adverse slopes, initial Froude numbers, and ratios of initial depth to conduit height. The results agreed well with the developed equations and with the results of other authors for horizontal conduits.

يهدف هذا البحث إلى دراسة معيانية لخصائص القفز الهيدروليكية التي تتكون داخل القنوات المستطيلة المغلقة ذات الميول العكسية والتي يكون فيها السريان خلف القفز تحت ضغط ومخرج القناة المستطيلة المغلقة ذات الميول العكسية مغمور. ولذا الغرض أجريت مجموعته من التجارب المعملية لدراسة التغير في العمق النسبي عند المخرج مع التغير في العوامل الأخرى المؤثرة في القفز الهيدروليكية داخل القناة المغلقة. وتشمل هذه العوامل الميول الطولية العكسية للقناة ورقم فرود الابتدائي وأيضا نسبة العمق الابتدائي إلى ارتفاع القناة. وقد تم إعداد مجموعة منحنيات تصميمية لإبعديه توضيح طبيعة وشكل التغير بين خصائص القفز. وتم أيضا استنباط معادله تقريبيه لإيجاد عمق المخرج النسبي كداله في الميل الطولى العكسى للقناة ورقم فرود الابتدائي ونسبة العمق الابتدائي إلى عمق القناة المغلقة وذلك باستخدام البيانات المعملية. وقد وجد أن المعادله التقريبيه تمثل العلاقة بين خصائص القفز تمثيلا جيدا. وتم أيضا مقارنة المعادله التقريبيه مع معادلات مستنتجه من دراسات سابقه.

**Keywords:** Hydraulic jump, Pressurized flow, Hydraulic structures.

## 1. Introduction

The hydraulic jump formed in closed conduits below control gates is a phenomenon which has been frequently observed [1]. In open channels, the hydraulic jump provides a natural transition from initial supercritical flow to downstream subcritical free surface flow. In closed conduits, the initial free surface supercritical flow changes to a pressurized flow downstream from the jump and the conjugate depth is confined by the conduit height. The tailwater depth in that case provides the downstream subcritical free surface flow. The jump location in the conduit is very sensitive to any slight variation in the initial depth, conduit height, tailwater depth,

or conduit adverse slope. Then, it is extremely important to investigate the interdependency of such variables. The cases of horizontal and sloping closed conduits have been earlier studied by Ezzeldin [2] and Ezzeldin et al. [3], respectively. Earlier researches carried out by Lane and Kindsvater [4] for the case of horizontal conduits followed by Kalinske and Robertson [5] for the case of sloping conduits concentrated on the air pumping capacity of the jump. The jump formation in closed conduits was studied by Haindl [6] for horizontal rectangular conduits and by Rajaratnam [7] for horizontal exponential and circular conduits. A practical case of the hydraulic jump formation in closed conduits includes the occurrence of the hydraulic jump

in the barrel of a syphon outlet Smith and Haid [8] studied the jump characteristics for the case of circular pipes. Later, Smith and Chen [9] investigated the relative height of the hydraulic jump formed in a steeply sloping square conduits without considering the tailwater depth conditions. They derived the theoretically momentum-based equation for the relative height of the hydraulic jump formed in sloping square conduits, but they could not solve it because it contained too many unknowns. Hence, they provided set of empirical equations of the form  $H_j \cdot D = aF_1^{-4} + b$  ( $H_j$  being the height of jump,  $D$  is the conduit height,  $F_1$  is the initial Froude number and  $a$  &  $b$  are coefficients that depend upon the values of the conduit slope and the ratio of the initial depth to conduit height).

In the present paper, an experimental study is carried out and the hydraulic jump is allowed to be formed in adversely sloping closed conduits of different heights. The relevant parameters were measured and non-dimensional design curves were prepared to determine the variation in the tailwater depth with the change in the adverse slopes, the initial Froude numbers, and the ratios of initial depth to conduit height. Also, empirical equations are provided to determine the relative tailwater depth in terms of the relevant parameters.

## 2. Theoretical considerations

Figure 1 shows a definition sketch for the hydraulic jump formed in sloping closed conduit with adverse slope. Although the momentum equation along with the energy equation can be written to theoretically express the relationship among the different variables describing the phenomenon, the direct solution for such equations will be somewhat difficult as there are too many unknowns [9]. These unknowns include the weight component of the jump against the direction of flow, the boundary frictional resistance, the exit losses, and the air water ratio at the end of the jump. Therefore, the theoretical solution for the jump in adversely sloping conduits is avoided in the present study.

The relative tailwater depth,  $D_t/d_1$ , can be expressed in non-dimensional form to be a function of the initial Froude number,  $F_1$ , the ratio of the initial depth to conduit height,  $d_1/D$  and the conduit adverse slope  $S_o$  as

$$D_t/d_1 = f(F_1, d_1/D, S_o). \quad (1)$$

Where  $D_t$  is the depth just downstream the outlet of the conduit and is termed in this paper as the tailwater depth,  $d_1$  is the initial depth of the jump,  $S_o$  is the conduit adverse slope, and  $F_1$  is the initial Froude number ( $= Q \cdot b d \sqrt{gd}$ ) with  $Q$  being the discharge,  $b$  is the conduit width, and  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration. Eq. (1) could be defined and evaluated using the experimental data. The experimental data can be plotted on several planes to completely understand the phenomenon. Such planes may include  $[D_t/d_1, F_1]$ ,  $[D_t/d_1, S_o]$ , or  $[D_t/d_1, d_1/D]$ . In each plane, for a constant value of one of the two remaining parameters, a family of curves is drawn for different values of the other one.

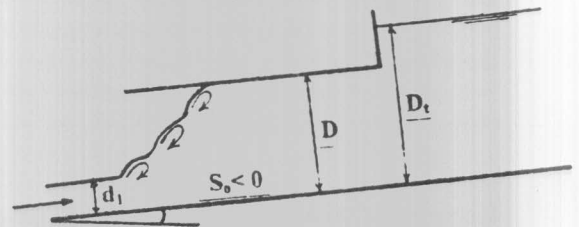


Fig. 1 Definition sketch.

## 3. Experimental setup and procedure

The experiments were conducted in the hydraulics laboratory of Zagazig university in a tilting glass sided flume 3.0 m long, 10 cm wide, and 31 cm deep as shown in Fig. 2. The discharge was measured using a pre-calibrated orifice meter. An in-line valve fitted into the main supplying pipeline is used to regulate the flow rate. Depth measurements were taken using a needle point gauge with a reading accuracy of  $\pm 0.1$  mm. Uniform flow conditions were reached using a carefully designed inlet tank. The adverse slope was adjusted using a screw jack located at the upstream end of the flume while at the

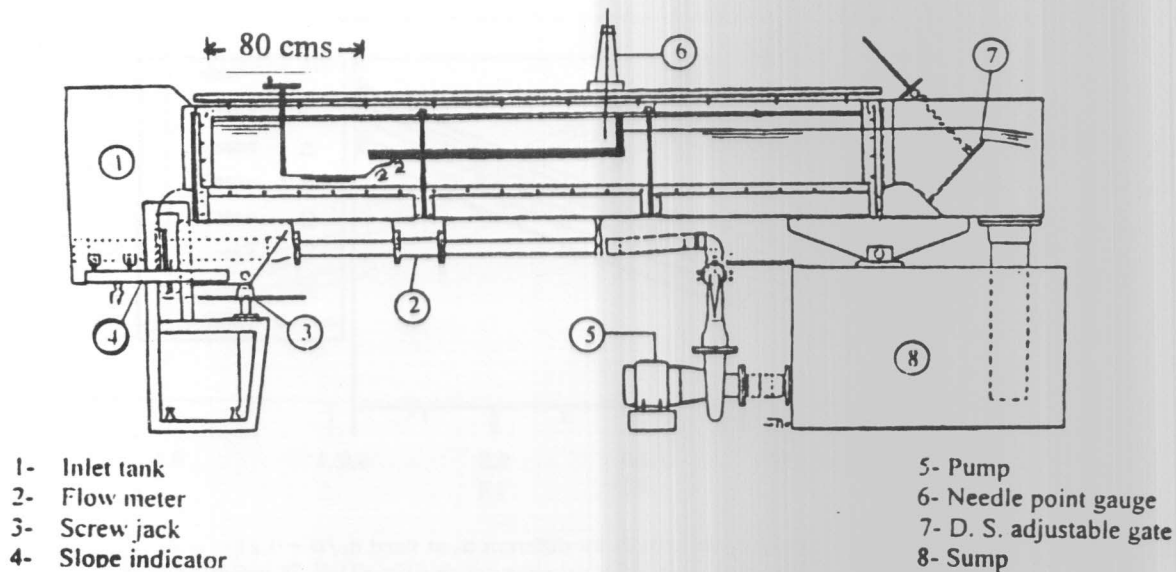


Fig. 2. Experimental apparatus.

downstream end, the flume is allowed to rotate freely about a hinged pivot. The slope was directly determined using a slope indicator. A downstream adjustable gate was used to regulate the tailwater surface elevation.

The experiments were carried out using five different conduit heights,  $D$ , of 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 cm. Six different channel bottom adverse slopes,  $S_0$ , of 0.002, 0.004, 0.005, 0.0067, 0.01, and 0.02 were used to illustrate the effect of conduit adverse slope on the jump formed in adversely sloping conduit. The adverse slopes were selected based on the flume facilities.

For each combination of adverse slope and conduit height, five different flow rates ranging from 342 L/min to 234 L/min were used. The initial Froude number ranges from 4 to 6. For each conduit height, the upstream control gate was so adjusted to produce an initial supercritical depth,  $d_1$ , and the downstream adjustable gate was adjusted to control the tailwater depth,  $D_t$ , and which enabled the jump to be formed at a certain location in the

conduit such that the jump toe is always located at the beginning of the conduit roof in order to make measurement of the initial supercritical depth,  $d_1$ , using the needle point gauge possible. The jump location was kept fixed throughout the course of the experiments. For each combination of adverse slope and conduit height, the flow rate and the tailwater depth just downstream the conduit outlet were measured.

#### 4. Experimental results

The variation of  $D_t/d_1$  with  $F_1$  for different tested adverse slopes are presented in Figs. 3 to 7 for  $d_1/D=0.21, 0.233, 0.2625, 0.30,$  and  $0.35$ , respectively. From these figures it can be observed that for a fixed  $d_1/D$ , the trend of variation between  $D_t/d_1$  and  $F_1$  is increasing with a nonlinear trend according to Eq. (2). Also, at a particular  $F_1$ ,  $D_t/d_1$  decreases as the adverse slope of the conduit increases.

$$D_t / d_1 = a_0 + a_1 F_1 + a_2 F_1^2 \quad (2)$$

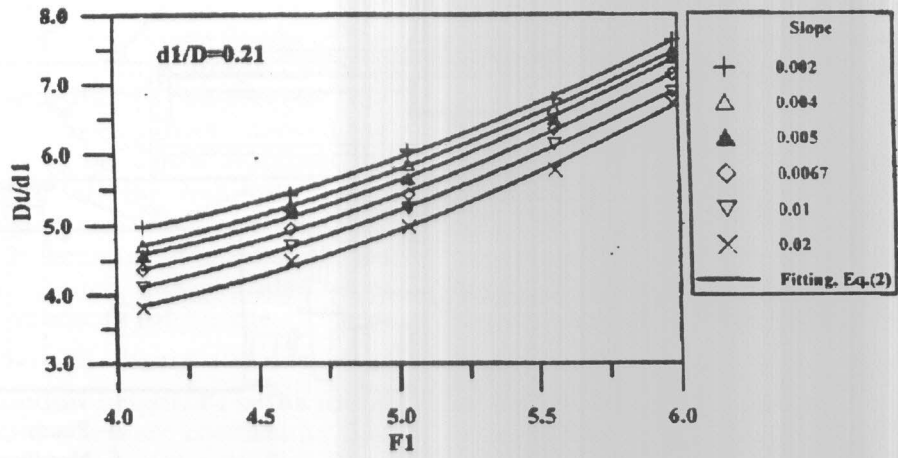


Fig. 3. Variation of  $D_t/d_1$  with  $F_1$  for different  $S_0$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.21$ .

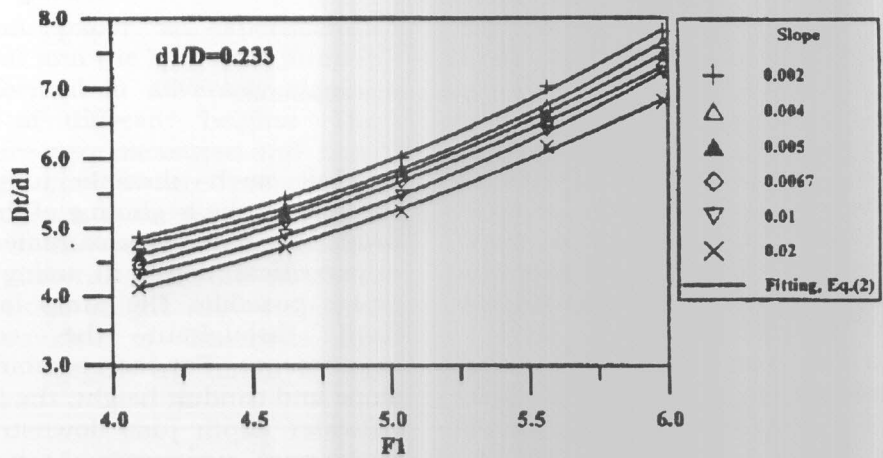


Fig. 4. Variation of  $D_t/d_1$  with  $F_1$  for different  $S_0$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.233$ .

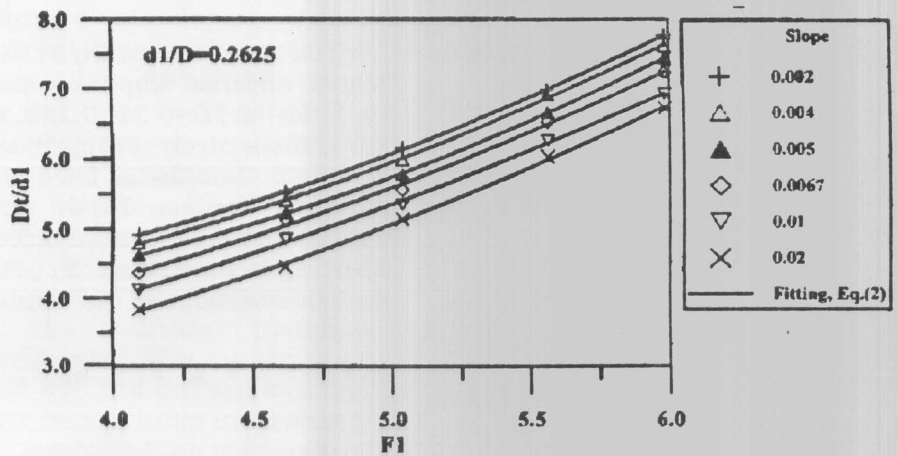


Fig. 5. Variation of  $D_t/d_1$  with  $F_1$  for different  $S_0$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.2625$ .

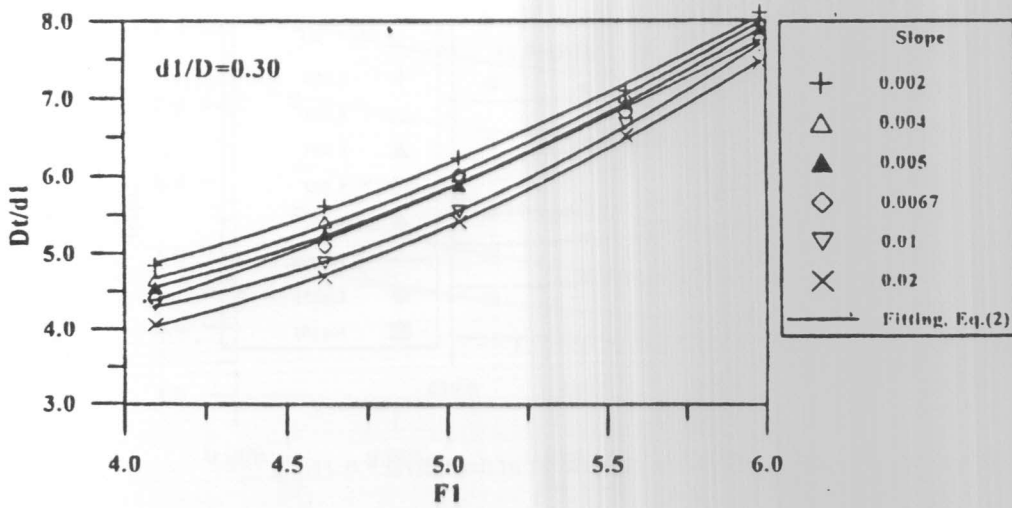


Fig. 6. Variation of  $D_t/D_1$  with  $F_1$  for different  $S_0$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.30$ .

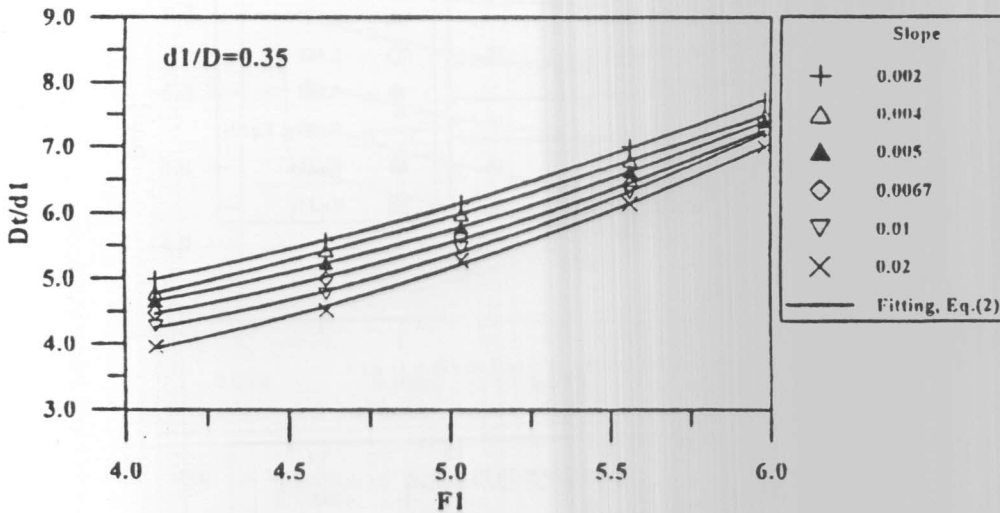


Fig. 7. Variation of  $D_t/D_1$  with  $F_1$  for different  $S_0$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.35$ .

where  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ , and  $a_2$  are regression coefficients that depend upon the conduit adverse slope and the ratio  $d_1/D$ . Similarly, the variations of  $D_t/d_1$  with  $S_0$  for different  $F_1$  are shown in Figs. 8 to 12 for  $d_1/D=0.21, 0.233, 0.2625, 0.30, \text{ and } 0.35$ , respectively. From these figures, it can be observed that for a fixed

$d_1/D$ , the trend of variation between  $D_t/d_1$  and  $S_0$  is decreasing with a nonlinear trend according to Eq. (3). Also, at a particular  $S_0$ ,  $D_t/d_1$  increases as  $F_1$  increases.

$$D_t/d_1 = b_0 + b_1 S_0 + b_2 S_0^2, \quad (3)$$

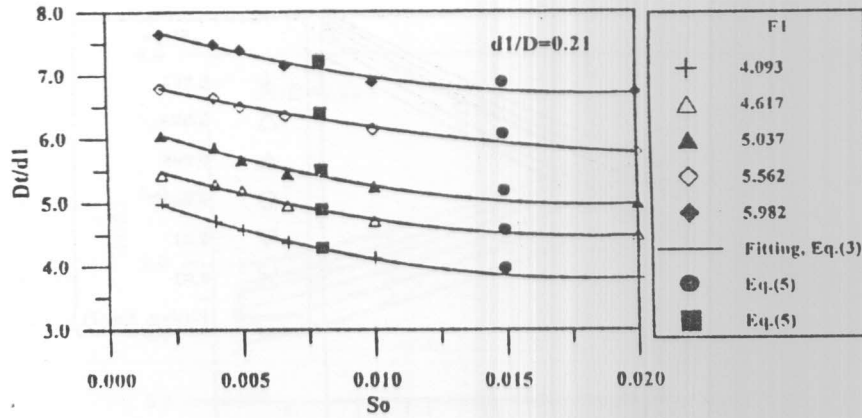


Fig. 8. Variation of  $D_t/D_1$  with  $S_o$  for different  $F_1$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.21$ .

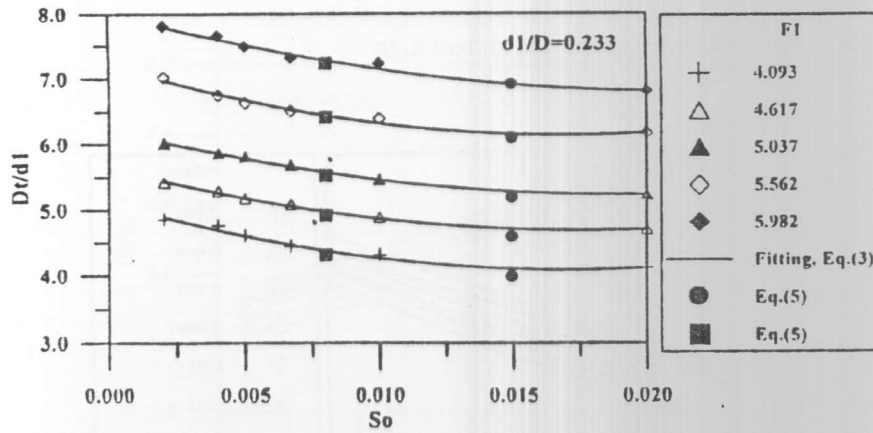


Fig. 9. Variation of  $D_t/D_1$  with  $S_o$  for different  $F_1$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.223$ .

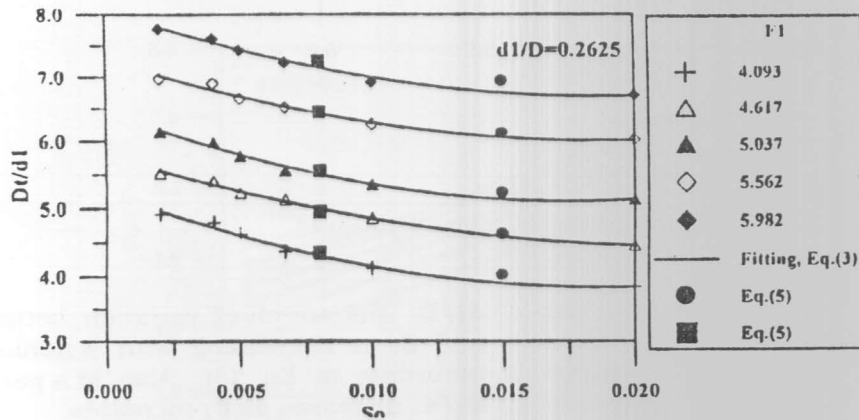


Fig. 10. Variation of  $D_t/D_1$  with  $S_o$  for different  $F_1$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.2625$ .

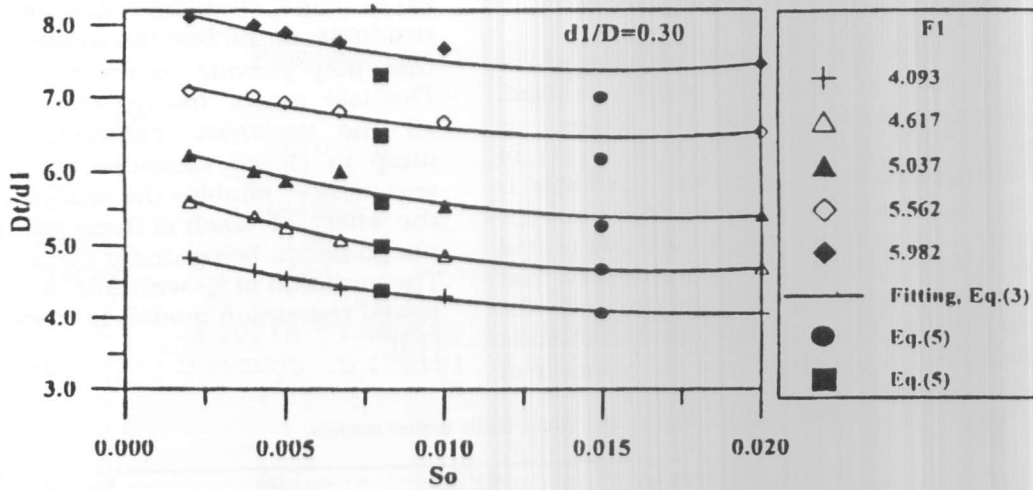


Fig. 11. Variation of  $D_t/D_1$  with  $S_o$  for different  $F_1$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.30$ .

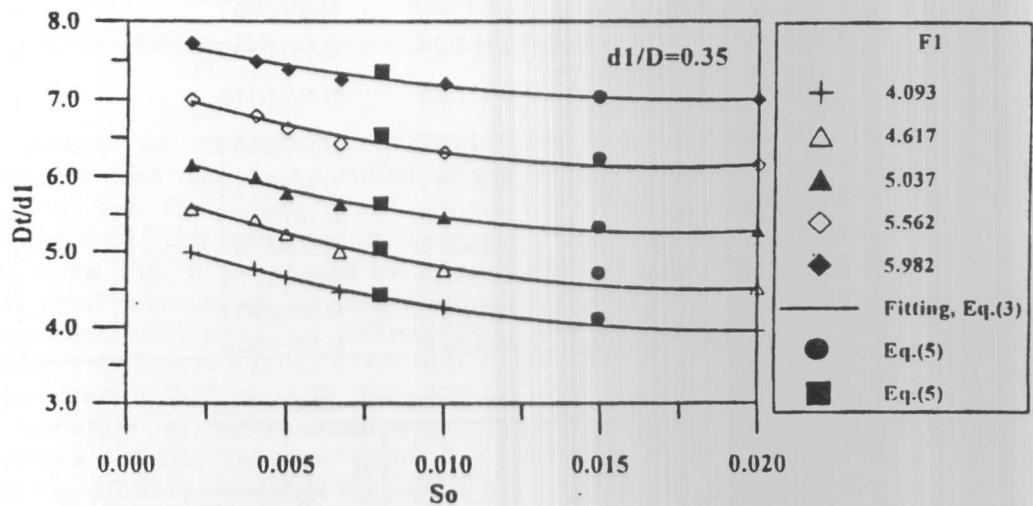


Fig. 12. Variation of  $D_t/D_1$  with  $S_o$  for different  $F_1$  at fixed  $d_1/D = 0.35$ .

where  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$  are regression coefficients that depend upon the  $F_1$  and the ratio  $d_1/D$ . Shown also on the figures the predicted values for  $S_o=0.008$  and  $0.015$  using Eq. (5) (solid circles and squares). It is also possible to combine Eq. (2) and Eq. (3) together to determine  $D_t/d_1$  as a function of both  $F_1$  and  $S_o$  in the form:

$$D_t/d_1 = (c_0 + c_1 S_o + c_2 S_o^2) + (c_3 + c_4 S_o + c_5 S_o^2) F_1 + (c_6 + c_7 S_o + c_8 S_o^2) F_1^2 \quad (4)$$

Where the coefficients from  $c_0$  to  $c_8$  are functions of  $d_1/D$  only. In order to deduce a general equation in the form of Eq. (1), it is necessary to relate the coefficients ( $c_0$  to  $c_8$ ) to  $d_1/D$  and back substitution in Eq. (4) yields the required equation. However, such equation will be too long and will have too many coefficients. A simpler and more practical equation may be obtained via the use of statistical analysis.

### 5. Statistical analysis and predictions

In order to derive a general equation in the form of Eq. (1), the statistical analysis is used. The relative tailwater depth,  $D_t/d_1$ , is correlated with the parameters of Eq.(1) in different combinations as shown in Table 1. The standard error of estimate, SEE, and the coefficient of determination,  $R^2$ , are calculated and are given in Table 1. It is observed that the last two models give approximately the same  $R^2$ . However, the last model that include  $d_1/D$  reduces the standard error of estimate of

$D_t/d_1$  more than the other model. Testing the residuals of the last two models, it is observed that they provide an error of less than  $\pm 5\%$ . The last model has the merit that it contains all the variables controlling the hydraulic jump in closed conduits with adverse slopes and hence enables the analysis and studying the effect of each of these parameters on the phenomenon being under consideration. The variation of  $R^2$  with SEE for the different tested regression models is shown in Figure (13).

Table 1.  $R^2$  and SEE for the statistically tested models.

Model	Variable	SEE	$R^2$	No. of variables
M1	$d_1/D$	1.101308	0.002261	1
M2	$S_o$	1.064491	0.067857	1
M3	$F_1$	0.354422	0.896667	1
M4	$F_1^{1.5}$	0.346824	0.901049	1
M5	$F_1^2$	0.341586	0.904016	1
M6	$S_o^2$	1.071787	0.055034	1
M7	M3+M4	0.33934	0.905914	2
M8	M2+M4	0.195079	0.968906	2
M9	M5+M6	0.223871	0.95905	2
M10	M2+M7	0.179783	0.973771	3
M11	M6+M10	0.146929	0.982601	4
M12	M1+M11	0.137525	0.984862	5

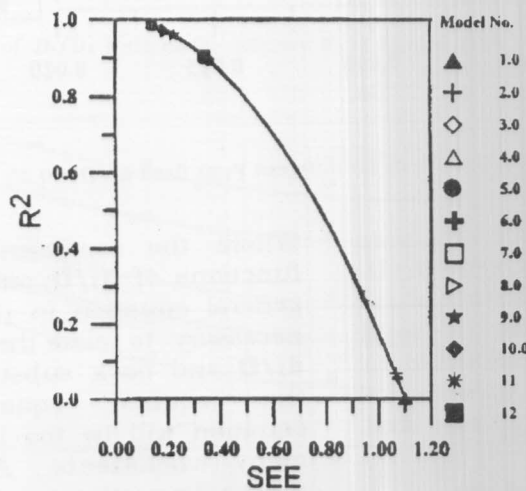


Fig. 13. Variation of  $R^2$  with SEE for the tested regression models.



The results of the last regression model are given as follows:

Regression output for model No. 12

M12 Regression Output:

Constant	7.742767				
Std. Err. of Y Est.	0.137525				
R Squared	0.984862				
No. of Observations	150				
Degrees of Freedom	144				
	$F_1$	$F_1^{1.5}$	$S_o$	$S_o^2$	$d_1/D$
X Coefficient(s)	-4.10218	1.680542	-128.058	3501.501	1.049159
Std. Err. of Coef.	0.603035	0.179181	8.92272	382.0423	0.226219

Thus, model No. 12 has the following form:

$$D_t/d_1 = 7.743 - 4.1022F_1 + 1.6805F_1^{1.5} - 128.058S_o + 3501.5S_o^2 + 1.0492(d_1/D) \quad (5)$$

The prediction of model No. 12 is presented against the measured values of  $D_t/d_1$  in Fig. 14. Also, the prediction of Eq.(5) for  $S_o=0.008$  and  $0.015$  are presented in Fig. 8 to 12. From these Fig. 8 to 12 and 14, it is observed that good agreement is observed between measured and predicted values of  $D_t/d_1$  for different  $d_1/D$  and a range of conduit adverse slopes from 0.002 to 0.02 for each  $d_1/D$ . The variation of errors versus the measured values of the tailwater depth is presented in Fig. 15. It is clear that the model predicts  $D_t/d_1$  with a maximum error of about  $\pm 5\%$  which is an acceptable error for practical design purposes.

6. Sensitivity analysis

Model No. 12 is used to study the effect of the different parameters on  $D_t/d_1$ . Fig. 16 shows the typical effect of  $d_1/D$  for different  $F_1$  of 4, 4.5, 5, and 5.5 at fixed conduit adverse slope of 0.015. It is clear that for the investigated range of the adverse slopes, the ratio of the initial depth to conduit height  $d_1/D$  has insignificant effect on  $D_t/d_1$  as  $D_t/d_1$  is increasing very slightly with the increase of  $d_1/D$ . The figure indicates also that  $D_t/d_1$  increases as  $F_1$  increases. Fig. 17 presents the

effect of the initial Froude number  $F_1$  at fixed  $d_1/D$  and different conduit adverse slopes. It is observed that the effect of  $F_1$  on  $D_t/d_1$  is significant. The relative tailwater depth,  $D_t/d_1$ , increases non-linearly with the increase of  $F_1$ . Also, the higher the adverse slope, the less the ratio  $D_t/d_1$  is, which proves that the adverse slope has a decreasing effect on  $D_t/d_1$ . This result is confirmed by observing the sign of the coefficient of  $S_o$  in Eq.(5). Also, Fig. 18 shows that the adverse slope has a major effect on  $D_t/d_1$  which is comparable with the effect of  $F_1$  on  $D_t/d_1$  where  $D_t/d_1$  decreases non-linearly with the increase of the conduit adverse slope. Also, confirmed the increase of  $D_t/d_1$  with the increase of  $F_1$  at a fixed  $d_1/D$ .

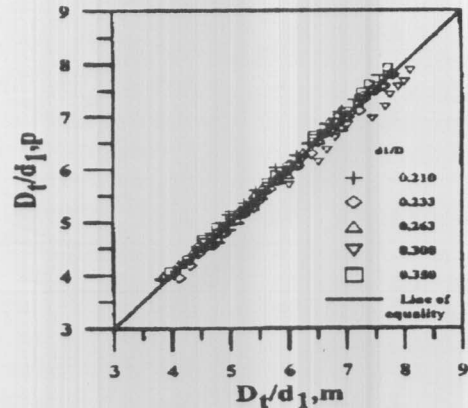


Fig. 14. Measured values of  $D_t/d_1$  versus prediction of Model No.12 (Eq.(5)).

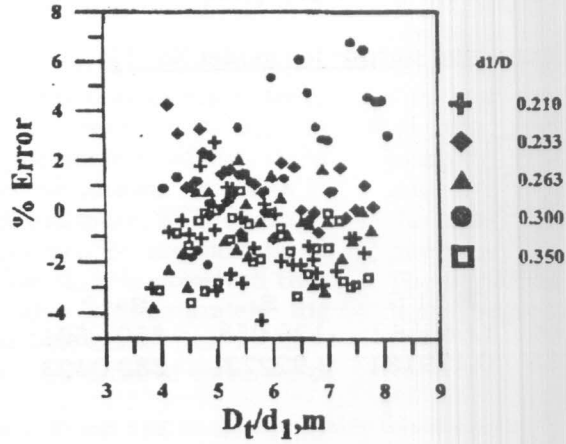


Fig. 15. Variation of % error with  $D_t/d_1$  using model No. 12 (Eq.(5)).

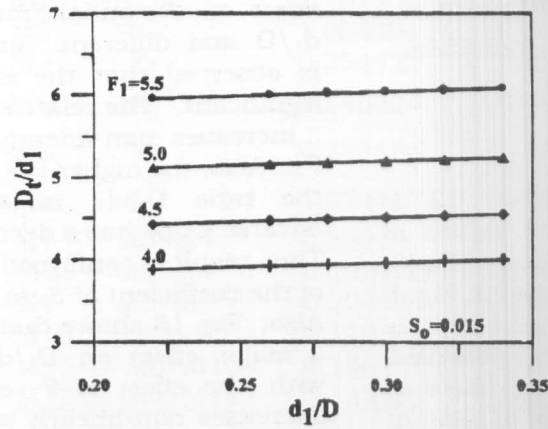


Fig. 16. Effect of  $d_1/D$  on  $D_t/d_1$  for different  $F_1$  at a fixed adverse slope of 0.015.

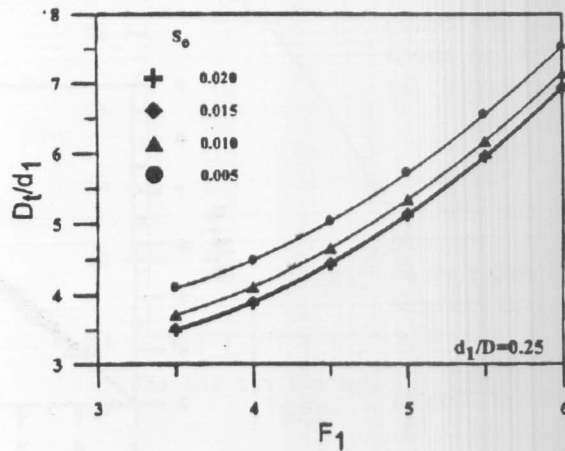


Fig. 17. Effect of  $F_1$  on  $D_t/d_1$  for different adverse slopes at fixed  $d_1/D$ .

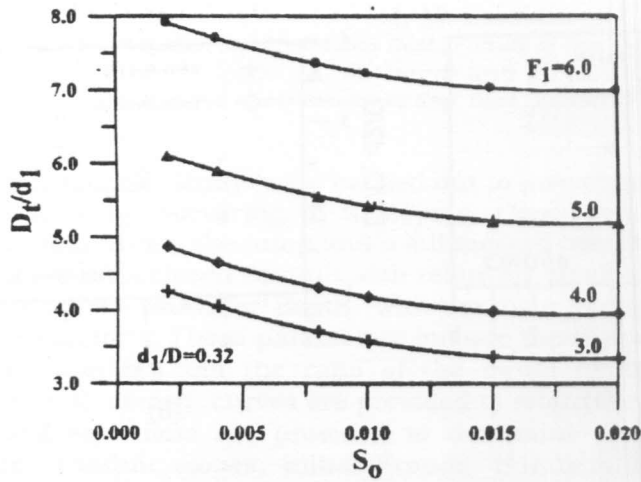


Fig. 18. Effect of adverse slope on  $D_t/d_1$  for different  $F_1$  at fixed  $d_1/D$ .

### 7. Comparisons

Although Smith and Chen [9] analyzed only the height of jump ratio and no data on the relative tailwater depth are available in their paper, it is possible to compare the present results with their results for horizontal conduits. Assuming that  $d_2$  is the sequent depth of jump and  $H_j$  is the height of jump in horizontal conduit. The empirically developed equations for horizontal conduit are used to generate  $d_2/D$ . It is known that  $H_j/D = (d_2 - d_1)/D$  and  $d_1$  is calculated from  $d_1/D$  knowing the conduit height and hence  $d_2/D$  can be obtained. It is also assumed that  $d_2$  is approximately equal to  $D_t$  if the exit and other conduit losses are neglected. Fig. 19-a and 19-b present the comparison between  $D_t/D$  and  $d_2/D$  for  $d_1/D=0.2$  and  $d_1/D = 0.3$ , respectively.  $D_t/D$  is obtained by computing  $D_t/d_1$  using Eq (5) and then multiplied by  $d_1/D$  assuming the effect of small slope can be neglected. The deviation between the present results and Smith and Chen [9] can be attributed to be mainly due to the absence of the effect of small slope when Eq. (5) is used and also due to the exit and other losses which are contained in  $D_t/D$ .

### 8. Conclusions

The hydraulic jump in closed conduits with adverse slopes considering the tailwater depth at the outlet is analyzed with the aid of experimentally collected data. It is concluded that the relative tailwater depth is a function of the initial Froude number, the conduit adverse slope and the ratio of the initial depth to conduit height. Both of the initial Froude number and the conduit adverse slope have major effect on the jump characteristics while the ratio of the initial depth to conduit height is of minor effect when the adverse slope is relatively small. In all cases, the relative tailwater depth increases nonlinearly with the increase of the initial Froude number and/or the decrease of the conduit adverse slope. Set of equations are presented in terms of the initial Froude number and conduit adverse slope. Statistical methods are used to analyze the experimental data and to derive empirical prediction equation. The developed prediction equation provides the calculation of the relative tailwater depth with a maximum percent error of about  $\pm 5\%$  and it can be used to study the effect of the different parameters on the relative tailwater depth as indicated in Figs. 16-18. The present results are compared with other authors published results for the same slope and  $d_1/D$  as indicated in Fig. 19.

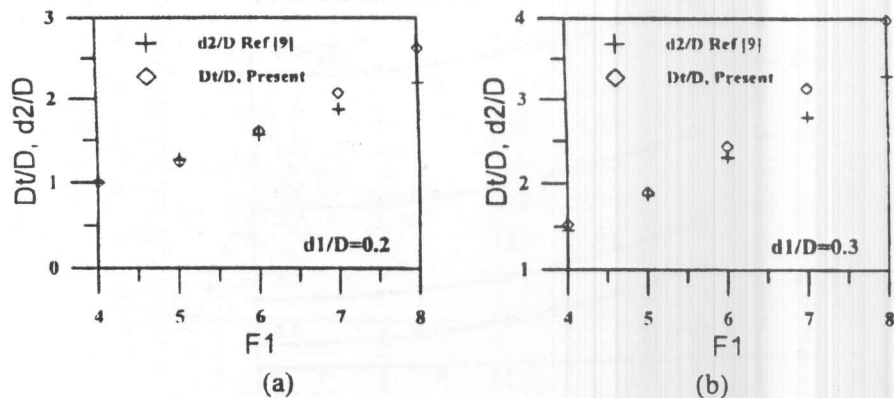


Fig. 19. Comparison between results of present study and results of Smith and Chen [9] for horizontal conduit, (a) for  $d_1/D=0.2$  and (b) for  $d_1/D=0.3$ .

**Nomenclature**

- $a_0-a_2$  coefficients of Eq.(2),
- $b_0-b_2$  coefficients of Eq.(3),
- $c_0-c_3$  coefficients of Eq.(4),
- $d_1$  initial depth of supercritical flow =  $d_1$  on the figures,
- $D$  conduit height,
- $D_t$  tailwater depth, =  $D_t$  on the figures,
- $S_0$  conduit adverse slope,
- $F_1$  initial Froude number,
- $D_t/d_1$  relative tailwater depth= $D_t/d_1$  on the figures,
- $d_1/D$  ratio of initial depth to conduit height, and
- $d_2$  sequent depth of jump according to Ref. [9].

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