

# Predicting Dam-break Flood Depths using a One-Dimensional Diffusion Model

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## ABSTRACT

A one-dimensional diffusion model of unsteady flow in open channels is used to estimate the flooding depths resulting from a hypothetical failure of an earthen dam. In order to evaluate the accuracy achieved by the diffusion model in the prediction of flood depths, a well known one-dimensional model, which solves the complete coupled flow equations of momentum and continuity (K-634), is used to develop flood depths for comparison purposes. For the dam-break hydrographs and range of downstream channel slopes considered, it is concluded that the simpler diffusion modeling approach produces flood-depth estimates which are comparable to the results produced from the more complex K-634 model. The study results suggest that the diffusion modeling approach can be extended to the development of a two-dimensional diffusion model for the estimation of two-dimensional dam-break flood plains.

## KEY WORDS

Dam-Break Models; Numerical Modeling; Finite-Element Method.

## INTRODUCTION

The use of numerical methods to approximately solve the flow equations for the propagation of a flood wave due to an earthen dam failure has been the subject of several recent studies. Generally, the one-dimensional flow is modeled wherever there is no significant lateral variation in the flow. Land [7,8] examines four such dam-break models in their prediction of flooding levels and flood wave travel time, and compares the results against observed dam failure information. In dam-break analysis studies, an assumed dam-break failure mode (which may be part of the solution) is used to develop an inflow hydrograph to the downstream flood plain. Consequently, it is noted that a considerable sensitivity in modeling results is attributed to the dam-break failure rate assumptions. Ponce and Tsivoglou [13] examine the gradual failure of an earthen embankment (caused by an overtopping flooding event) and present a detailed model of the total system: sediment transport, unsteady channel hydraulics, and earth embankment failure. In this paper, the main objective is to evaluate the diffusion form of the flow equations for the estimation of flood depths (and the flood plain) resulting from a specified dam-break hydrograph. Consequently, the dam-break failure mode is not considered in this study. Rather, the dam-break failure mode may be included as part of the model solution (such as for a sudden breach) or specified as a reservoir outflow hydrograph.

In another study, Rajar [14] studies a one-dimensional flood wave propagation from an earthen dam failure. His model solves the St. Venant equations by means of either a first-order diffusive or a second-order Wendroff numerical scheme. A review of the literature indicates that the most often used numerical scheme is the method of characteristics (to solve the governing flow equations) such as described in Sakkas and Strelkoff [15] and Chen [2,3].

Although many dam-break studies involve flood flow regimes which are truly three-dimensional (in the horizontal plane), the two-dimensional case has not received much attention in the literature. Katopodes and Strelkoff [6] use

the method of bicharacteristics to solve the governing equations of continuity and momentum. The model utilizes a moving grid algorithm to follow the flood wave propagation, and also employs several interpolation schemes to approximate the nonlinearity effects. In a much simpler approach, Xanthopoulos and Koutitas [16] use a diffusion model (i.e., the inertia terms are assumed negligible in a comparison to the pressure, friction, and gravity components) to approximate a two-dimensional flow field. The model assumes that the flood plain flow regime is such that the inertia terms (local and convective acceleration) are negligible. In a one-dimensional model, Akan and Yen [1] also use the diffusion approach to model hydrograph confluences at channel junctions. In the latter study, comparisons of modeling results were made between the diffusion model, a complete dynamic wave model solving the total equation system, and the basic kinematic wave equation model (i.e., the inertia and pressure terms are assumed negligible in comparison to the friction and gravity terms). The comparisons between the diffusion model and the dynamic wave model were very favorable, showing only minor discrepancies.

The kinematic-wave flow model has been recently used in the computation of dam-break flood waves [5]. Hunt concludes in his study that the kinematic-wave solution is asymptotically valid. Since the diffusion model has a wider range of applicability of bed slopes and wave periods than the kinematic model [12], then the diffusion model approach should provide an extension to the referenced kinematic model.

Because the diffusion modeling approach leads to an economic two-dimensional dam-break model (with numerical solutions based on the usual integrated finite-difference or finite element techniques), the need to include the extra components in the momentum equation must be studied. For example, evaluating the convective acceleration terms in a two-dimensional flow model requires approximately an additional 50-percent of the computational effort required in

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solving the entire two-dimensional model with the inertia terms omitted. Consequently, including the local and convective acceleration terms increases the computer execution costs significantly. Such increases in computational effort may not be significant for one-dimensional case studies; however, two-dimensional case studies necessarily involve considerably more computational effort and any justifiable simplifications of the governing flow equations is reflected by a significant decrease in computer software requirements, costs and computer execution time.

Ponce [1] examines the mathematical expressions of the flow equations which lead to wave attenuation in prismatic channels. It is concluded that the wave attenuation process is caused by the interaction of the local acceleration term with the sum of the terms of friction slope and channel slope. When local acceleration is considered negligible, wave attenuation is caused by the interaction of the friction slope and channel slope terms with the pressure gradient or convective acceleration terms (or a combination of both terms). Other discussions of flow conditions and the sensitivity to the various terms of the flow equations are given in Miller and Cunge [9], Morris and Woolhiser [10], and Henderson [4].

It is stressed that the ultimate objective of this research is to develop a two-dimensional diffusion model for use in estimating dam-break flood plains. Prior to finalizing such a model, however, the requirement of including the inertia terms in the unsteady flow equations needs to be ascertained.

The strategy used to check on this requirement is to evaluate the accuracy in predicted flood depths produced from a one-dimensional diffusion model with respect to the one-dimensional K-634 dam-break model which includes all of the inertia term components.

## DIFFUSION MODEL

The mathematical relationships used in a one-dimensional diffusion model dam-break formulation are based upon the flow equations of continuity and momentum [1].

$$\frac{\partial Q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(Q_x^2/A_x)}{\partial x} + gA_x \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + S_{fx} \right) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Where  $Q_x$  is the flowrate;  $x, t$  are spatial and temporal coordinates;  $A_x$  is the flow area;  $g$  is gravity;  $H$  is the water surface elevation; and  $S_{fx}$  is a friction slope. It is assumed that  $S_{fx}$  is approximated from Manning's equation for steady flow by (eg. [1])

$$Q_x = \frac{1.486}{n} A_x R^{2/3} S_{fx}^{1/2} \quad (3)$$

where  $R$  is the hydraulic radius; and  $n$  is a friction factor which may be increased to account for other energy losses such as expansions and bend losses. Letting  $m_x$  be a momentum quantity defined by

$$m_x = \left( \frac{\partial Q_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(Q_x^2/A_x)}{\partial x} \right) / gA_x \quad (4)$$

then Eq. (2) can be rewritten as

$$S_{fx} = - \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + m_x \right) \quad (5)$$

In Eq. (4), the subscript  $x$  included in  $m_x$  indicates the directional term. The expansion of Eq. (2) to the two-dimensional case leads directly to the terms  $(m_x, m_y)$  except that now a cross-product of flow velocities is included, increasing the computational effort considerably.

Rewriting Eq. (3) and including Eqs. (4) and (5), the directional flow rate is computed by

$$Q_x = - K_x \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + m_x \right) \quad (6)$$

where  $Q_x$  indicates a directional term, and  $K_x$  is a type of conduction parameter defined by

$$K_x = \frac{1.486}{n} A_x R^{2/3} / \left| \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + m_x \right|^{1/2} \quad (7)$$

In Eq. (7),  $K_x$  is limited in value by the denominator term being checked for a smallest allowable magnitude.

Substituting the flow rate formulation of Eq. (6) into Eq. (1) gives a diffusion type of relationship

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} K_x \left( \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + m_x \right) = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t} \quad (8)$$

The one-dimensional diffusion model of Akan and Yen [1] assumes  $m_x = 0$  in Eq. (7). Likewise, the two-dimensional diffusion model of Xanthopoulos and Koutitas [16] assumes  $m_x = m_y = 0$ . Thus, the one-dimensional diffusion model is given by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} K_x \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial t} \quad (9)$$

where  $K_x$  is now simplified as

$$K_x = \frac{1.486}{n} A_x R^{2/3} / \left| \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \right|^{1/2} \quad (10)$$

For a constant channel width,  $W$ , Eq. (9) reduces to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} K_x \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = W \frac{\partial H}{\partial t} \quad (11)$$

The remainder of this study considers the use of Eq. (8) as an alternative to the solution of the coupled system of Eqs. (1) and (2). However, it is noted that a family of models is given by Eq. (8) where  $m_x$  is defined by selecting from the possibilities

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$$m_x = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial(Q_x^2/A_x)}{\partial x} / gA_x, & \text{(convective acceleration model)} \\ \frac{\partial Q_x}{\partial t} / gA_x, & \text{(local acceleration model)} \\ \left( \frac{\partial Q_x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(Q_x^2/A_x)}{\partial x} \right) / gA_x, & \text{(coupled model)} \\ 0, & \text{(diffusion model)} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

## NUMERICAL SOLUTION ALGORITHM

The following steps are taken in the computer program where the flow path is assumed initially discretized by equally spaced nodal points with a Mannings  $n$ , an elevation, and an initial flow depth (usually zero) defined:

- (1) between nodal points, compute an average Mannings  $n$ , and average geometric factors
- (2) assuming  $m_x = 0$ , estimate the nodal flow depths for the next timestep,  $(t + \Delta t)$  by using Eqs. (9) and (10) explicitly
- (3) using the flow depths at time  $t$  and  $(t + \Delta t)$ , estimate the mid-timestep value of  $m_x$  selected from Eq. (12)
- (4) recalculate the conductivities  $K_x$  using the appropriate  $m_x$  values
- (5) determine the new nodal flow depths at time  $(t + \Delta t)$  using Eq. (8)
- (6) return to Step (3) until  $K_x$  matches mid-timestep estimates.

The above algorithm steps can be used regardless of the choice of definition for  $m_x$  from Eq. (12). Additionally, the above program steps can be directly applied to a two-dimensional diffusion model with the selected  $(m_x, m_y)$  relations incorporated.

## MODEL TIMESTEP SELECTION

The sensitivity of the model to timestep selection is dependent upon the slope of the hydrograph  $(\partial Q/\partial t)$  and the grid spacing. Increasing the grid spacing size introduces additional storage to a corresponding increase in nodal point flood depth values. Similarly, a decrease in timestep size allows a refined calculation of inflow and outflow values and a smoother variation in nodal point depths with respect to time. The computer algorithm may self select a timestep by increments of halving (or doubling) the selected timestep size so that a proper balance of inflow-outflow to control volume storage variation is achieved. In order to avoid a matrix solution for flood depths, an explicit timestepping algorithm is used to solve for the time derivative term. For large timesteps or a rapid variation in the dam-break hydrograph (i.e.,  $(\partial Q/\partial t)$  large), a large accumulation of flow volume will occur at the most upstream nodal point. That is, at the dam-break reservoir nodal point, the lag in outflow from the control volume can cause unacceptable error in the computation of the flood depth. One method which offset this error is the program to self select the timestep until the difference in the rate of volume accumulation is within a specified tolerance. For the

example problems considered, a timestep of about 5 to 10 seconds was found adequate.

Due to the form of the diffusion model in Eq. (11), the model can be extended into an implicit technique. However, this extension would require a matrix solution process which may become unmanageable for two-dimensional models which utilize hundreds of nodal points.

## STUDY APPROACH

In order to evaluate the accuracy of the diffusion model of Eq. (11) in the prediction of flood depths, the fully dynamic flow model K-634 [7, 8] is used to determine channel flood depths for comparison purposes. The K-634 model solves the coupled flow equations of continuity and momentum by an implicit finite difference approach and is considered to be a highly accurate model for many unsteady flow problems. The study approach is to compare predicted flood depths predicted from both the K-634 and the diffusion (Eq. 11) model for various channel slopes and inflow hydrographs.

In this case study, two hydrographs are assumed, namely, peak flows of 120,000 cfs and 600,000 cfs. Both hydrographs are assumed to increase linearly from zero to the peak flow rate at time of 1-hour, and then decrease linearly to zero at time of 6-hours (See Fig. 1 insert). The study channel is assumed to be a uniform rectangular section of Mannings's  $n$  equal to 0.040, and various slopes  $S_0$  in the range of 0.001 to 0.01. Figure 1 shows the comparison of modeling results. From the figure, various flood depths are plotted along the channel length of up to 10 miles. Two reaches of channel lengths of up to 30 miles are also plotted in Figure 1 which correspond to a slope  $S_0 = 0.0020$ . In all tests, grid spacing was set at 1000-foot intervals.

From Figure 1, it is seen that the diffusion model provides estimates of flood depths that compare very well to the flood depths predicted from the K-634 model. Differences in predicted flood depths are less than 3-percent for the various channel slopes and peak flow rates considered.

## GRID SPACING SELECTION

The choice of timestep and grid size for an explicit time advancement is a relative matter and is theoretically based on the well known Courant condition. The choice of grid size usually depends on available topographic data for nodal elevation determination and the size of the problem. The effect of the grid size (for constant timestep of 7.2 seconds) on the diffusion model accuracy can be shown by example where nodal spacings of 1000, 2000 and 5000 feet are considered. The predicted flood depths varied only slightly from choosing the grid size between 1000 feet and 2000 feet. However, an increased variation in results occurs when a grid size of 5000 feet is selected. Figure 2 shows the computed flood depths in comparison to the K-634 modeling results (Figure 1) for the considered grid sizes, and the peak flow rate test hydrograph of 600,000 cfs.

Because the algorithm presented is based upon an explicit timestepping technique, the modeling results may become inaccurate should the timestep size versus grid size ratio become large. A simple procedure to eliminate this instability is to halve the timestep size until convergence in computed results is achieved. Generally, such a timestep adjustment may be directly included in the dam-break model computer program. For the cases considered in this paper, timestep sizes of 7.2 seconds were found to be adequate when using the 1000-foot to 5000-foot grid sizes.

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## CONCLUSION

For the dam-break hydrographs considered and the range of channel slopes modeled, the simple diffusion dam-break model of Eq. (11) provides estimates of flood depths which compare favorably to the flood depths determined by the well known K-634 one-dimensional dam-break model. Generally speaking, the difference between the two modeling approaches is found to be less than a 3-percent variation in predicted flood depths.

The presented diffusion dam-break model is based upon a straightforward explicit timestepping method which allows the model to operate upon the nodal points without the need to use large matrix systems. Consequently, the model can be implemented on most currently available microcomputers.

The diffusion model of Eq. (11) can be directly extended to a two-dimensional model by adding the y-direction terms which are computed in a similar fashion as the x-direction terms. The resulting two-dimensional diffusion dam-break model is tested by modeling the considered test problems in the x-direction, the y-direction, and along a 45-degree trajectory across a two-dimensional grid aligned with the x-y coordinate axis. Using a similar two-dimensional model, Xanthopoulos and Koutitas [16] conceptually verify the diffusion modeling technique by considering the evolution of a two-dimensional flood plain which propagates radially from the dam-break site.

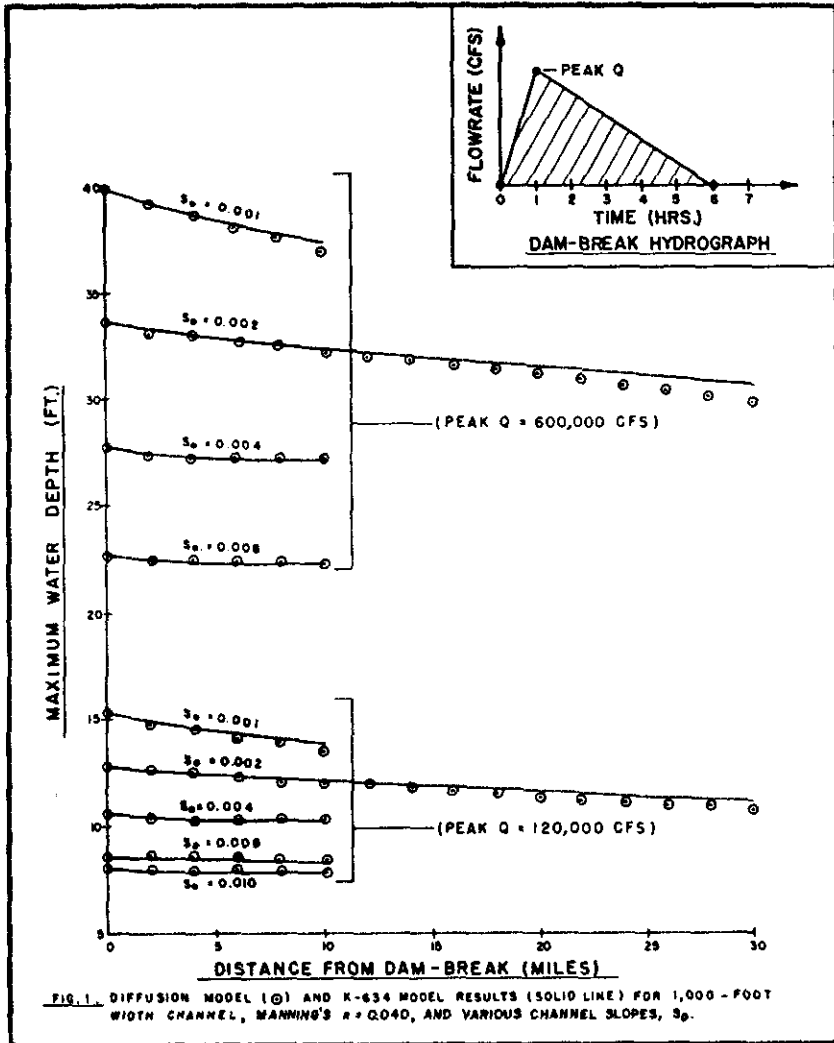
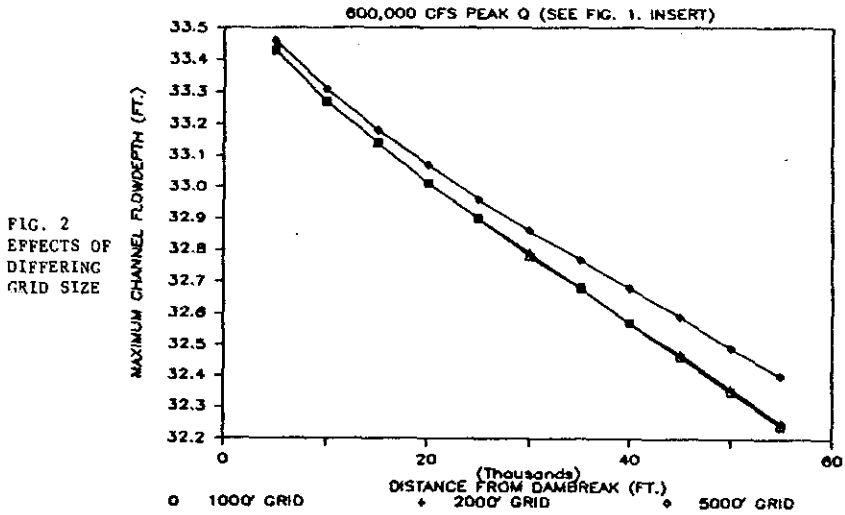
## DISCUSSION

From the above conclusions, use of the diffusion approach of Eq. (11) in a two-dimensional dam-break model may be justifiable due to the low variation in predicted flooding depths (one-dimensional) with the exclusion of the inertia terms. Generally speaking, a two-dimensional model would be employed when the expansive nature of flood flows over a broad plain is anticipated. Otherwise, one of the available one-dimensional models would suffice for the analysis. Assuming a two-dimensional diffusion dam-break model is applied to such a broad plain, the deviation in predicted flood depths by not including the inertia terms may be considerably offset by the uncertainty associated with an assumed dam-break failure rate, and the assumed deterioration shape of the dam (e.g., [16]). An additional major uncertainty is the assumed friction factors assigned to the nodal points. Because such uncertainties remain with a predictive dam-break analysis, further refinement of the diffusion modeling approach by including the inertia terms may not be needed.

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## APPENDIX

### One-Dimensional Diffusion Dam-Break Model

#### DATA PREPARATION

Data is entered into file DAMID.DAT and the program solutions are contained in file DAMID.ANS. Data entry is as follows:

Line #	Variables
1	NNOD, DELT, TIME, TOUT, KOUT
2	B, XLEN, SO, CN
3	Z1
4	NUH
5	Q(I), HR(I)
.	.
.	.
5 + (NUH-1)	.
5 + NUH	JOUT.

### DESCRIPTION OF VARIABLES

NNOD	= Total number of nodes (evenly spaced)
DELT	= Time interval (hours)
TIME	= Total simulation time (hours)
TOUT	= Output time interval (hours)
KOUT	= 1: Summary of maximum nodal depth values 0: Detailed results at each output interval
B	= Rectangular channel width (feet)
XLEN	= Constant distance between nodal points (feet)
SO	= Slope of the channel bottom (ft/ft)
CN	= Manning's friction coefficient
Z1	= Channel bottom elevation at Node 1
NUH	= Number of data pairs for inflow hydrograph
Q(I), HR(I)	= Inflow rate in cfs and its corresponding time in hours
JOUT	= 1: Critical depth assumption for the downstream nodal point 0: Normal depth assumption for the downstream nodal point

## PROGRAM LISTING

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C
C ONE DIMENSIONAL DIFFUSION DAM BREAK MODEL
C
COMMON/BLK 1/ELE(100)
COMMON/BLK 2/WAT(100)
COMMON/BLK 3/Q(10),HR(10)
COMMON/BLK 4/DMAX(100)
C
C INPUT DATA
C
NRD=1
OPEN(UNIT=NRD,NAME='DAMID.DAT',TYPE='OLD')
C...NODE NUMBER,TIME STEP,TOTAL SIMULATION TIME
C AND OUTPUT INTERVAL
READ(NRD,*)NNOD,DELT,TIME,TOUT,KOUT
C...CHANNEL INFORMATION: WIDTH,LENGTH OF ELEMENT,SLOPE,
C AND MANNING'S COEFFICIENT.
READ(NRD,*)B,XLEN,SO,CN
C...CHANNEL ELEVATION FOR NODE #1
READ(NRD,*)Z1
C...INFLOW HYDROGRAPH
READ(NRD,*)NUH
READ(NRD,*)((Q(I),HR(I)),I=1,NUH)
C...OUTFLOW CONDITION
C JOUT=1 INDICATES CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMPTION
C JOUT=2 INDICATES NORMAL DEPTH ASSUMPTION
READ(NRD,*)JOUT
C
CLOSE(UNIT=NRD)
C
C OUTPUT DATA
C
C...FORMATS
1 FORMAT(/,3X,'ONE DIMENSIONAL DIFFUSION DAM BREAK MODEL',
1//,5X,'TIME STEP = ',F8.6,' HOUR',/,5X,'TOTAL SIMULATION',
2' TIME = ',F8.2,' HOURS',/,5X,'TOTAL NODE NUMBER = ',I3,
3/,5X,'ELEMENT LENGTH = ',F8.2,' FT')
2 FORMAT(5X,'CHANNEL WIDTH = ',F8.2,' FT',/,5X,'CHANNEL',
1' SLOPE = ',F8.6,/,5X,'MANNING COEFFICIENT = ',F8.6)
3 FORMAT(5X,'INFLOW HYDROGRAPH :',/,6X,'INFLOW(CFS) HOUR')
4 FORMAT(7X,F8.0,F8.2)

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5  FORMAT(/,80(' '),/)
6  FORMAT(/,5X,'TIME = ',F5.2,' HOUR',/,5X,
1  'NODE DEPTH ELEVATION')
7  FORMAT(5X,I3,2X,F8.4,3X,F8.2)
8  FORMAT(/,80(' '),/)
9  FORMAT(2X,'MAXIMUM DEPTH (FT)',/,2X,18(' '),/)
10 FORMAT(3X,'DEPTH',10F7.2,/)
11 FORMAT(4X,'NODE',3X,I3,9(4X,I3))
C
      NWT=2
      OPEN(UNIT=NWT,NAME='DAMID.ANS',TYPE='NEW')
      WRITE(NWT,1)DELT,TIME,NNOD,XLEN
      WRITE(NWT,2)B,SO,CN
      WRITE(NWT,3)
      WRITE(NWT,4)((Q(I),HR(I)),I=1,NUH)
      WRITE(NWT,5)
C
C  COMPUTE THE CHANNEL ELEVATION, AND WATER SURFACE ELEVATION
C
      ELE(1)=Z1
      WAT(1)=ELE(1)
      DMAX(1)=0.
      DO 20 I=2,NNOD
      ELE(I)=ELE(I-1)-SU*XLEN
      WAT(I)=ELE(I)
      DMAX(I)=0.
20  CONTINUE
C
C  MAIN LOOP
C
      NIT=IFIX(TIME/DELT)
      IQUT=IFIX(TOUT/DELT)
      KK=0
      XTIME=0.
      DO 100 J=1,NIT
      KK=KK+1
      XTIME=XTIME+DELT
C...COMPUTE THE FLUX THROUGH THE FIRST CONTROL VOLUME
      GRADE=(WAT(2)-WAT(1))/XLEN
      DE=(WAT(2)-ELE(2)+WAT(1)-ELE(1))*S
      CALL FLUX(GRADE,DE,B,QE,CN)
C...COMPUTE THE INFLOW RATE
      CALL INFLOW(XTIME,NUH,QIN)
C...COMPUTE THE NEW WATER SURFACE FOR NODE '1'
      WAT(1)=WAT(1)+(QIN-QE)*DELT*3600./(XLEN*B)
      IF(WAT(1).LT,ELE(1))WAT(1)=ELE(1)
      D1=WAT(1)-ELE(1)
      IF(D1.GT,DMAX(1))DMAX(1)=D1
      DO 30 I=2,NNOD-1
C...COMPUTE THE FLUX THROUGH THE WEST SIDE OF THE CONTROL VOLUME
      GRADW=(WAT(I)-WAT(I-1))/XLEN
      DW=(WAT(I)-ELE(I)+WAT(I-1)-ELE(I-1))*S
      CALL FLUX(GRADW,DW,R,QW,CN)
C...COMPUTE THE FLUX THROUGH THE EAST SIDE OF THE CONTROL VOLUME
      GRADE=(WAT(I+1)-WAT(I))/XLEN
      DE=(WAT(I+1)-ELE(I+1)+WAT(I)-ELE(I))*S
      CALL FLUX(GRADE,DE,B,QE,CN)
C...COMPUTE THE NEW WATER SURFACE FOR NODE 'I'
      WAT(I)=WAT(I)+(QW-QE)*DELT*3600./(XLEN*B)
      IF(WAT(I).LT,ELE(I))WAT(I)=ELE(I)
      DI=WAT(I)-ELE(I)
      IF(DI.GT,DMAX(I))DMAX(I)=DI
      IF(QW.EQ.0. .AND. QE.EQ.0.)GO TO 60
30  CONTINUE
C...COMPUTE THE FLUX THROUGH THE LAST CONTROL VOLUME
      GRADW=(WAT(NNOD)-WAT(NNOD-1))/XLEN
      DW=(WAT(NNOD)-ELE(NNOD-1)+WAT(NNOD)-ELE(NNOD))*S
      CALL FLUX(GRADW,DW,B,QW,CN)
      DN=WAT(NNOD)-ELE(NNOD)
      IF(QOUT.EQ.1)GO TO 60
C...COMPUTE THE NEW WATER SURFACE BY NORMAL DEPTH ASSUMPTION
      IF(DN.GT.0.)CALL FLUX(SO,DN,R,QOUT,CN)
      IF(DN.LE.0.)QOUT=0.
      GO TO 70

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C...COMPUTE THE NEW WATER SURFACE BY CRITICAL DEPTH ASSUMPTION
60  IF(DN.GT.0.)QOUT=5.6745*B*(DN)**1.5
    IF(DN.LE.0.)QOUT=0.
70  WAT(NNOD)=WAT(NNOD)+(QW-QOUT)*DELTA*3600./(XLEN*B)
    IF(WAT(NNOD).LT.ELE(NNOD))WAT(NNOD)=ELE(NNOD)
    DL=WAT(NNOD)-ELE(NNOD)
    IF(DL.GT.DMAX(NNOD))DMAX(NNOD)=DL
C...OUTPUT THE RESULTS
90  IF(KK.NE.IOUT)GO TO 100
    KK=0
    IF(KOUT.EQ.1)GO TO 100
    WRITE(NWT,6)XTIME
    DO 40 I=1,NNOD
    DEPTH=WAT(I)-ELE(I)
    WRITE(NWT,7)I,DEPTH,ELE(I)
40  CONTINUE
    WRITE(NWT,8)
100 CONTINUE
    WRITE(NWT,9)
    K=1
    II=1
    JJ=10
200 WRITE(NWT,11)(J,J=II,JJ)
    WRITE(NWT,10)(DMAX(J),J=II,JJ)
    IF(JJ.EQ.NNOD)GO TO 300
    K=K+1
    II=II+10
    JJ=10*K
    IF(JJ.LT.NNOD)GO TO 200
    IF(JJ-NNOD.GT.10)GO TO 300
    JJ=NNOD
    GO TO 200
300 WRITE(NWT,5)
    CLOSE(UNIT=NWT)
    STOP
    END

```

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C
C  SUBROUTINE FLUX
C
C  SUBROUTINE FLUX(GRAD,D,B,Q,CN)
C
C  THIS SUBROUTINE COMPUTES THE MEAN FLUX THROUGH THE CONTROL VOLUME
C
C  IF(D.LT.0.01)GO TO 10
    A=D*B
    RH=A/(2.*D+B)
    Q=1.486*A*(RH**0.6667)*SQRT(ABS(GRAD))/CN
    RETURN
10  Q=0.
    RETURN
    END

```

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C
C  SUBROUTINE INFLOW
C
C  SUBROUTINE INFLOW(TIME,NUH,QIN)
C
C  THIS SUBROUTINE USES A LINEAR INTERPOLATION FUNCTION
C  FOR INFLOW HYDROGRAPH
C
C  COMMON/BLK 3/Q(10),HR(10)
C
C  IF(TIME.EQ.0.)GO TO 1000
    DO 100 I=2,NUH
    IF(TIME.GT.HR(I))GO TO 100
    QIN=Q(I-1)+(Q(I)-Q(I-1))*(TIME-HR(I-1))/(HR(I)-HR(I-1))
    GO TO 200
100 CONTINUE
1000 QIN=Q(1)
200 RETURN
    END

```



### EXAMPLE PROBLEM INPUT

```
80 .002 6 1 1
1000 1000 .010 .04
1000
3
0 0
120000 1
0 6
0
```

### EXAMPLE PROBLEM RESULTS

#### ONE DIMENSIONAL DIFFUSION DAM BREAK MODEL

```
TIME STEP = 0.002000 HOUR
TOTAL SIMULATION TIME = 6.00 HOURS
TOTAL NODE NUMBER = 80
ELEMENT LENGTH = 1000.00 FT
CHANNEL WIDTH = 1000.00 FT
CHANNEL SLOPE = 0.004000
MANNING COEFFICIENT = 0.040000
INFLOW HYDROGRAPH :
INFLOW(CFS) HOUR
0. 0.00
120000. 1.00
0. 6.00
```

```
=====
TIME = 1.00 HOUR
NODE DEPTH ELEVATION
1 10.5581 1000.00
2 10.4755 996.00
3 10.3911 992.00
4 10.3050 988.00
5 10.2170 984.00
6 10.1271 980.00
7 10.0351 976.00
8 9.9409 972.00
9 9.8444 968.00
10 9.7454 964.00
11 9.6436 960.00
12 9.5389 956.00
13 9.4311 952.00
14 9.3198 948.00
15 9.2048 944.00
16 9.0857 940.00
17 8.9623 936.00
18 8.8345 932.00
19 8.7031 928.00
20 8.5704 924.00
21 8.4425 920.00
22 8.3347 916.00
23 8.2785 912.00
24 7.8172 908.00
25 3.1645 904.00
26 0.2136 900.00
27 0.0011 896.00
28 0.0000 892.00
29 0.0000 888.00
30 0.0000 884.00
```

# Predicting Dam-break Flood Depth using a One-Dimensional Diffusion Model

31	0.0000	880.00
32	0.0000	876.00
33	0.0000	872.00
34	0.0000	868.00
35	0.0000	864.00
36	0.0000	860.00
37	0.0000	856.00
38	0.0000	852.00
39	0.0000	848.00
40	0.0000	844.00
41	0.0000	840.00
42	0.0000	836.00
43	0.0000	832.00
44	0.0000	828.00
45	0.0000	824.00
46	0.0000	820.00
47	0.0000	816.00
48	0.0000	812.00
49	0.0000	808.00
50	0.0000	804.00
51	0.0000	800.00
52	0.0000	796.00
53	0.0000	792.00
54	0.0000	788.00
55	0.0000	784.00
56	0.0000	780.00
57	0.0000	776.00
58	0.0000	772.00
59	0.0000	768.00
60	0.0000	764.00
61	0.0000	760.00
62	0.0000	756.00
63	0.0000	752.00
64	0.0000	748.00
65	0.0000	744.00
66	0.0000	740.00
67	0.0000	736.00
68	0.0000	732.00
69	0.0000	728.00
70	0.0000	724.00
71	0.0000	720.00
72	0.0000	716.00
73	0.0000	712.00
74	0.0000	708.00
75	0.0000	704.00
76	0.0000	700.00
77	0.0000	696.00
78	0.0000	692.00
79	0.0000	688.00
80	0.0000	684.00

## MAXIMUM DEPTH (FT)

NODE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
DEPTH	10.63	10.62	10.61	10.60	10.59	10.58	10.58	10.57	10.56
NODE	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
DEPTH	10.55	10.55	10.54	10.54	10.53	10.53	10.52	10.52	10.52
NODE	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
DEPTH	10.51	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.49	10.49	10.49	10.48	10.48
NODE	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
DEPTH	10.47	10.47	10.47	10.46	10.46	10.46	10.45	10.45	10.45
NODE	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
DEPTH	10.44	10.44	10.43	10.43	10.42	10.42	10.41	10.41	10.40
NODE	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
DEPTH	10.39	10.38	10.37	10.36	10.36	10.35	10.34	10.33	10.32
NODE	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
DEPTH	10.29	10.28	10.27	10.26	10.25	10.24	10.22	10.21	10.20
NODE	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
DEPTH	10.17	10.16	10.15	10.14	10.12	10.11	10.10	10.08	10.07