

BIE 5300/6300 Assignment #5 Open-Channel Constriction Calibrations

06 Oct 04 (due 12 Oct 04)

Show your calculations in an organized and neat format. Indicate any assumptions or relevant comments.

You have measured data in a spreadsheet file (attached) for an open-channel constriction (non-orifice flow). One data set is for free-flow conditions, the other for submerged-flow.

- I. Develop a free-flow rating for this constriction using the following equation:

$$Q_f = C_f h_u^{n_f}$$

- (a) Determine C_f and n_f .
- (b) Make a graph with plotted symbols for $(Q_f)_{\text{measured}}$ vs. $(Q_f)_{\text{calculated}}$. The ordinate range should be the same as the abscissa range, with a diagonal line representing $(Q_f)_{\text{measured}}/(Q_f)_{\text{calculated}} = 1.0$.
- (c) Comment on the data fit, using correlation or other such indices, as appropriate.

- II. Develop a submerged-flow rating for this constriction using the following equation:

$$Q_s = \frac{C_s (h_u - h_d)^{n_f}}{(-\log_{10} S)^{n_s}}$$

- (a) Determine C_s and n_s , using n_f from the free-flow rating.
- (b) Make a graph with plotted symbols for $(Q_s)_{\text{measured}}$ vs. $(Q_s)_{\text{calculated}}$. The ordinate range should be the same as the abscissa range, with a diagonal line representing $(Q_s)_{\text{measured}}/(Q_s)_{\text{calculated}} = 1.0$.
- (c) Comment on the data fit, using correlation or other such indices, as appropriate.

- III. Solve for transition submergence, S_t , for the above calibration.

- (a) Determine S_t .
- (b) Make a graph of S_t (from 0.1 to 0.99 on the abscissa) vs. the function value ($Q_f - Q_s = 0$) and indicate where the solution(s) exist, if any.
- (c) If you don't get any solution for S_t , try adjusting C_s slightly so that you get a solution. If you do this, show the adjusted C_s value.

IV. Re-do the submerged-flow rating using the following equation:

$$Q_s = \frac{C_s (h_u - h_d)^{n_{s1}}}{(-\log_{10} S)^{n_{s2}}}$$

- (a) Determine C_s , n_{s1} and n_{s2} based only on the submerged-flow data.
- (b) Make a graph with plotted symbols for $(Q_s)_{\text{measured}}$ vs. $(Q_s)_{\text{calculated}}$. The ordinate range should be the same as the abscissa range, with a diagonal line representing $(Q_s)_{\text{measured}} / (Q_s)_{\text{calculated}} = 1.0$.
- (c) Comment on the data fit, using correlation or other such indices, as appropriate.
- (d) Comment on the data fit using this equation, as opposed to using the Q_s equation from (II) above.

Solutions:

- I. Develop a free-flow rating for this constriction using the following equation:

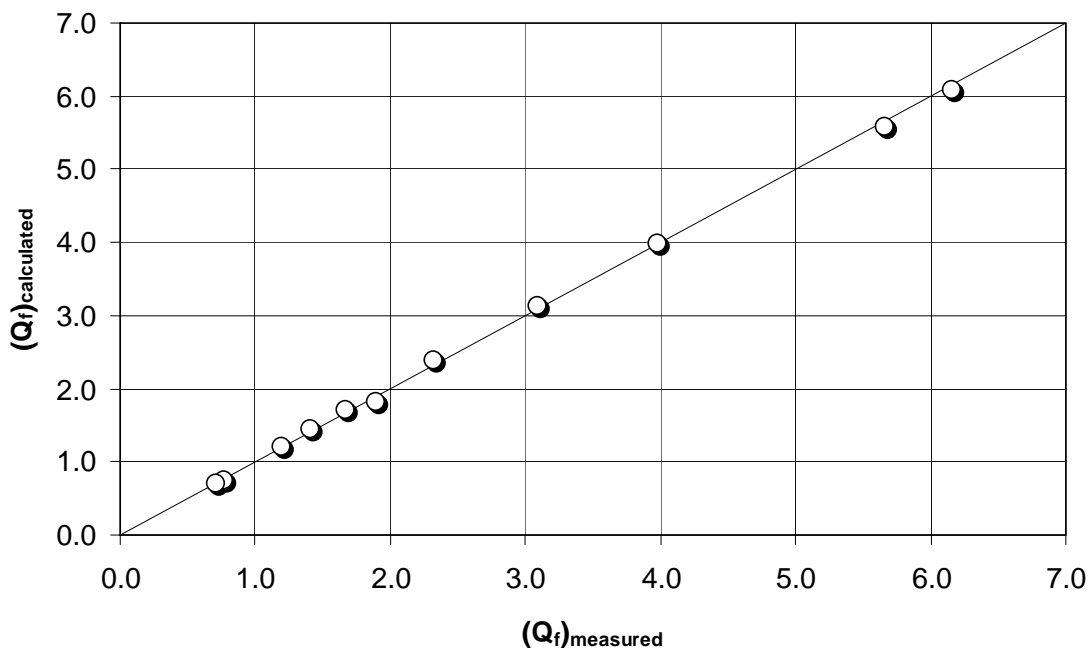
$$Q_f = C_f h_u^{n_f}$$

Make two new columns for $\ln(Q_f)$ and $\ln(h_u)$ in the spreadsheet. Do a linear regression using the LINEST spreadsheet function. The regression gives:

$$C_f = 5.57$$
$$n_f = 1.61$$

for Q_f in cfs; and h_u in ft.

The R^2 value is 0.999, indicating a very good fit, and this is also seen in the comparison graph:



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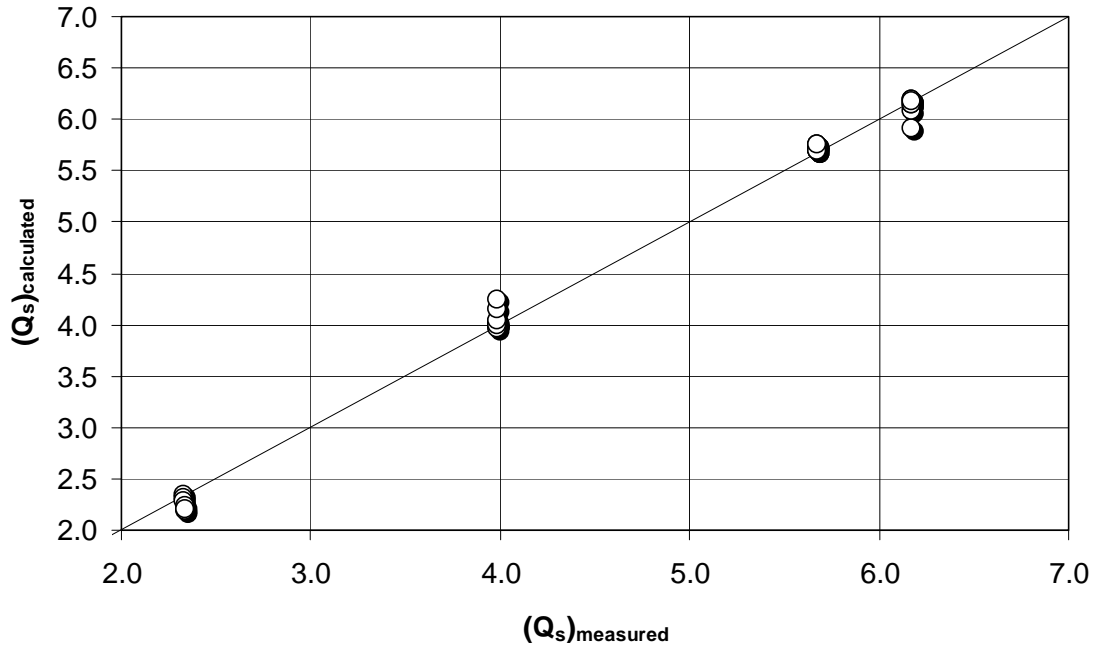
$$Q_s = \frac{C_s (h_u - h_d)^{n_f}}{(-\log_{10} S)^{n_s}}$$

Make two new columns for $\ln(Q_s/(h_u - h_d)^{n_f})$ and $\ln(-\log_{10} S)$ in the spreadsheet. Do a linear regression using the LINEST spreadsheet function. The regression gives:

$$C_s = 2.62$$
$$n_s = 1.43$$

for Q_s in cfs; and h_u & h_d in ft.

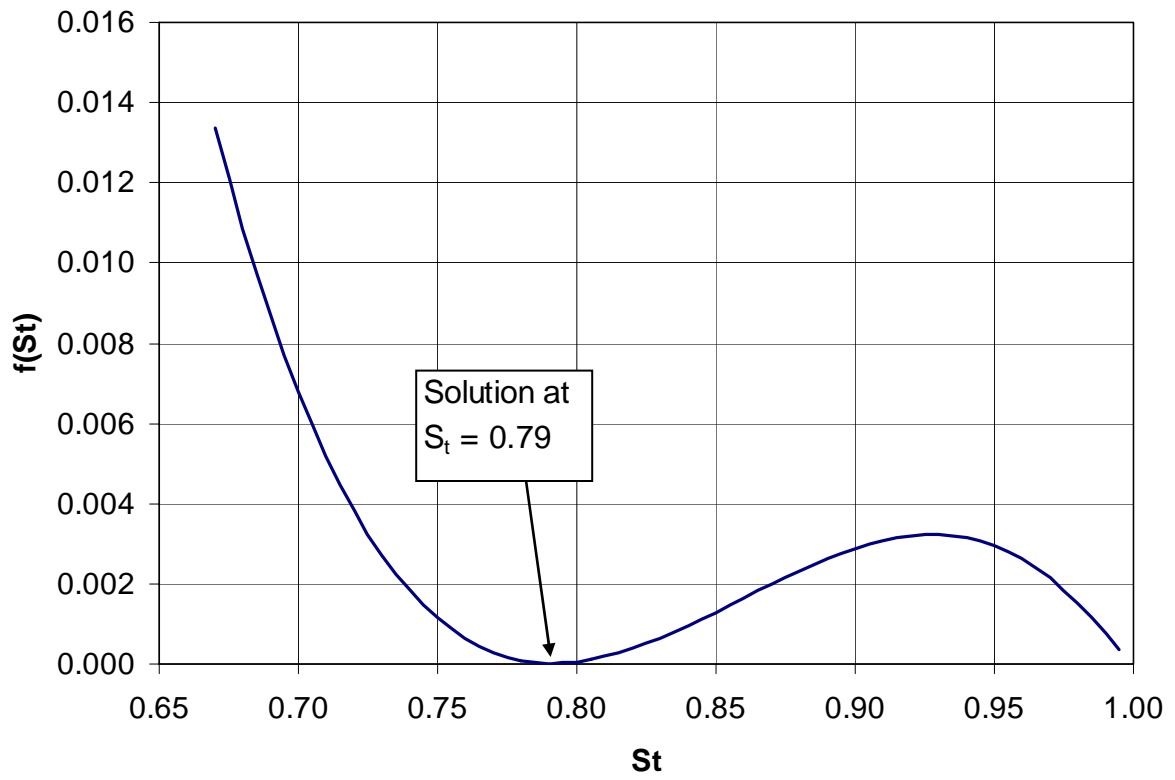
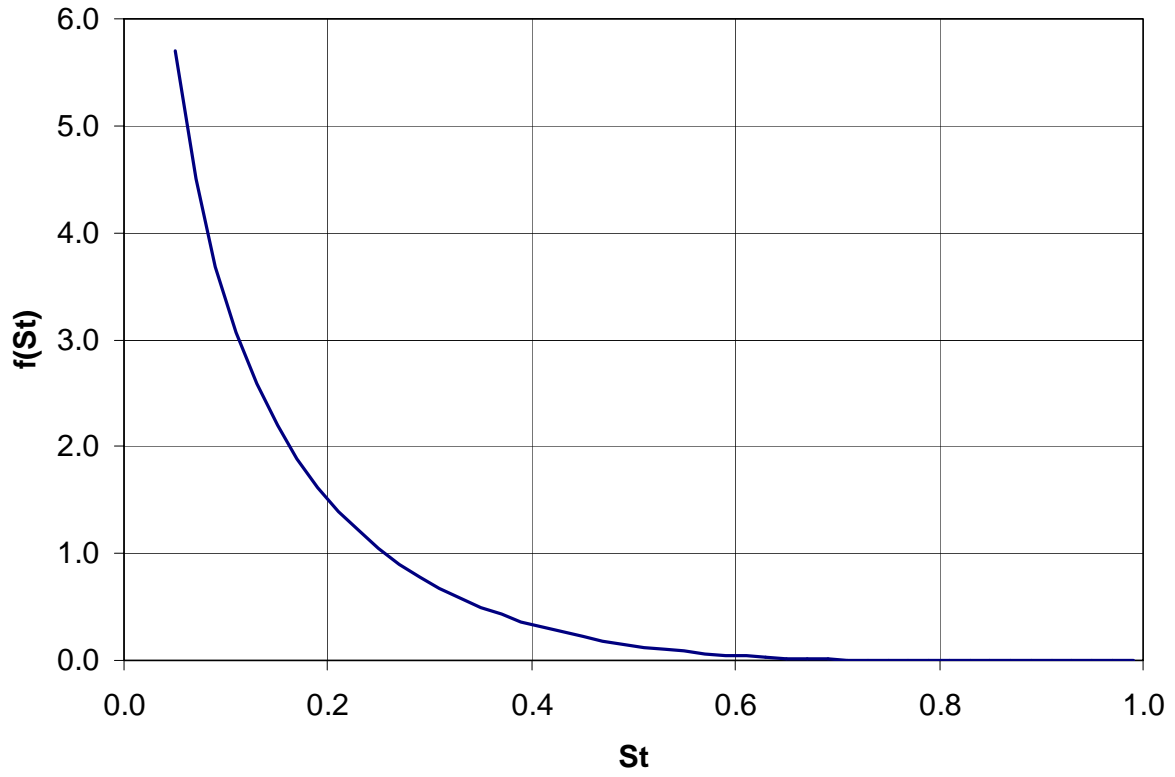
The R^2 value is 0.999, indicating a very good fit, and this is also seen in the comparison graph:



III. Solve for transition submergence, S_t , for the above calibration.

Use the equation for $f(S_t) = 0$, as shown in the lecture notes. This equation is derived by setting $Q_f = Q_s$. Make a table of S_t versus $f(S_t)$, then plot the results. The only solution is for $S_t = 1.00$, which is mathematically correct, but physically impossible.

Adjust C_s slightly, from 2.62 to 2.639, whereby a solution is found at about $S_t \approx 0.79$, as shown in the next graph.



IV. Re-do the submerged-flow rating using the following equation:

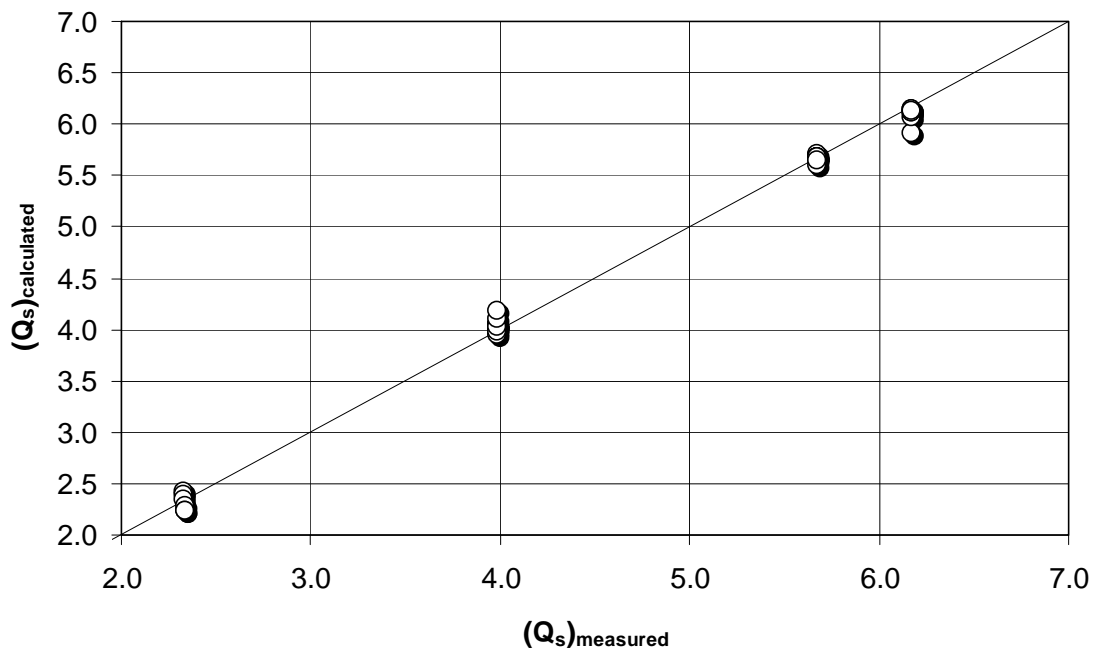
$$Q_s = \frac{C_s (h_u - h_d)^{n_{s1}}}{(-\log_{10} S)^{n_{s2}}}$$

Make three new columns for $\ln(Q_s)$, $\ln(h_u - h_d)$, and $\ln(-\log_{10} S)$ in the spreadsheet. Do a multiple linear regression using the LINEST spreadsheet function. The regression gives:

$$\begin{aligned} C_s &= 2.78 \\ n_{s1} &= 1.54 \\ n_{s2} &= 1.36 \end{aligned}$$

for Q_s in cfs; and h_u & h_d in ft.

The R^2 value is 0.996, indicating a very good fit, and this is also seen in the comparison graph, which is very similar to the previous plot:



Even though the R^2 value is slightly lower than for the previous form of the submerged-flow equation, the sum of absolute deviations in measured and calculated discharges is less in this case.