



Culvert hydraulics

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Culvert hydraulics: Background

Culverts are simple structures Hydraulics are complex Six principle types of flow:

- > Weir or orifice control at inlet
- > Four cases of control at or downstream of the outlet



Inlet control

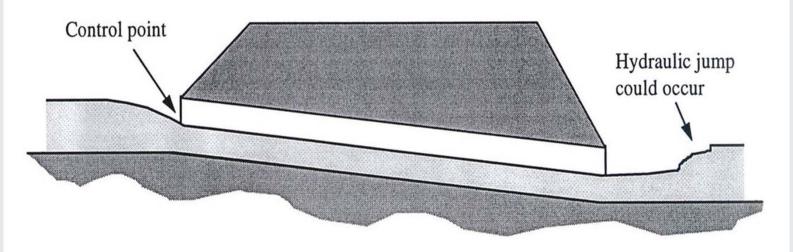


Figure 2.3 Type I flow

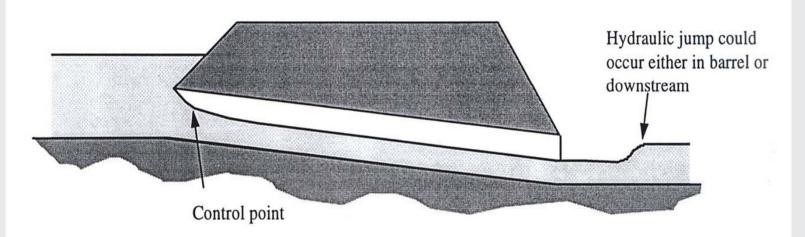
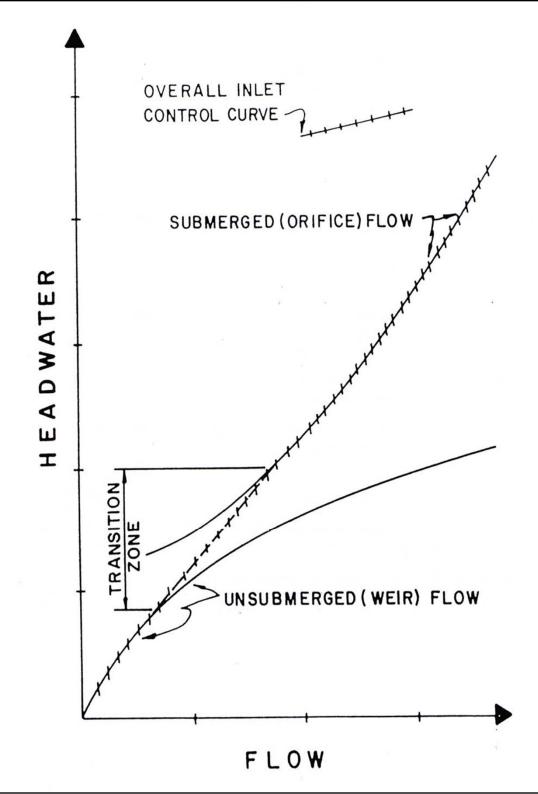


Figure 2.7 Type V flow

Inlet flow control curves



Outlet control (1)

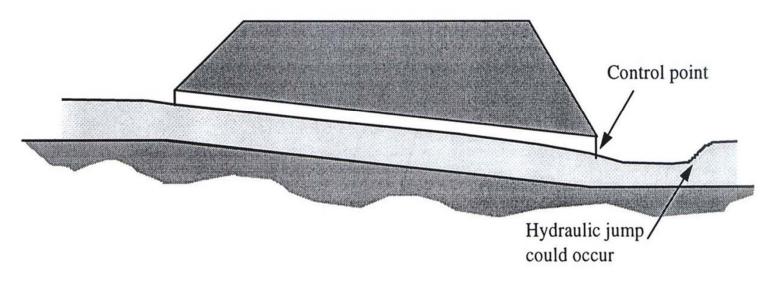


Figure 2.4 Type II flow

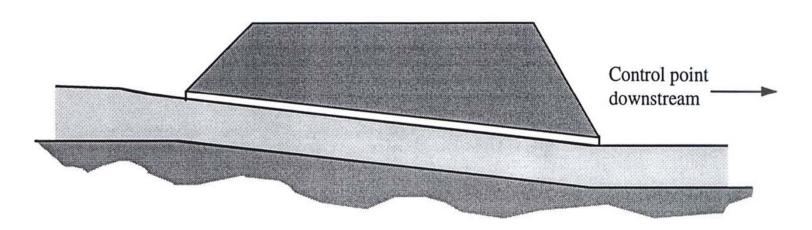


Figure 2.5 Type III flow

Outlet control (2)

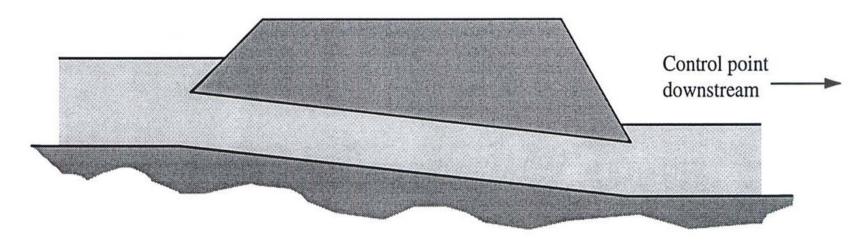


Figure 2.6 Type IV flow

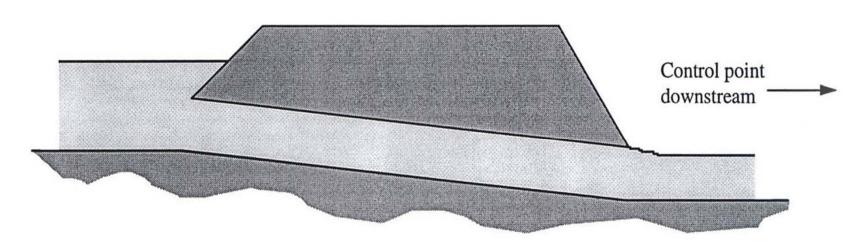
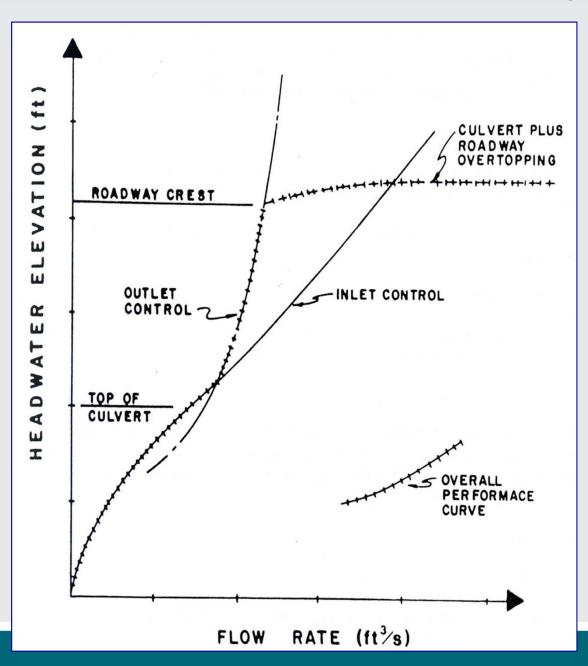


Figure 2.8 Type VI flow



Culvert performance curve with roadway overtopping







Any questions?

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