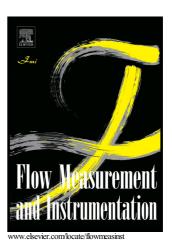
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ABSTRACT

Calibrating the coefficients of discharge formulas of gates has great significance for the simulation and control of water flow. By investigating three discharge formulas derived from the energy equation and one discharge formula derived from dimensionless analysis of radial gates, the new parameter identification models for these discharge formulas were established using the least squares method, and the coefficients of discharge formulas were obtained. Followed by that, these discharge formulas of radial gates were applied through a case study. The results showed that the mean relative errors of the four formulas were 18.99%, 34.26%, 24.10% and 21.11%, respectively; while the mean relative errors were reduced to 3.54%, 3.54%, 1.90% and 1.09% by the use of parameter identification technique, respectively, indicating that the accuracy was greatly improved. The results proved that the parameter identification method may have potential application to improve the accuracy of calculating the discharge under the radial gates, and can also be applied to the sluice gates.

Keywords: radial gates; discharge formula; parameter identification; least squares method; field data.

1 Introduction

Gates are widely used as check structures to control water level and flow discharge in the canals by adjusting the gate opening [1,2]. To date, many gates were installed in irrigation canals and water diversion projects [3, 4]. The discharge formula of the gate is the basis to determine the opening, which is of great significance to the accurate simulation of canal flow

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