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Modification of the Rousean Formulation for stratification effects

- River flows carrying suspended sediment are self-stratifying.
- The Rousean profile predicts a concentration of suspended sediment that decreases with increasing elevation above the bed.
- The stable stratification inhibits turbulent mixing of both flow momentum and suspended sediment concentration..
- Stratification effects lead to a streamwise velocity profile that increases more rapidly in the vertical than the logarithmic profile,
- and a suspended sediment profile that decreases more rapidly in the vertical than the Rousean profile



Modification of the Rousean Formulation for stratification effects

- Stratification effects consideration.
- The kinematic eddy diffusivity D_d is not denoted D_{do} , where the subscript “o” denotes the absence of stratification effects.
- The values of D_d in the presence of stratification effects is given as

$$D_d = D_{do} F_{strat} (Ri_g)$$

$$D_{do} = \kappa u_* z \left(1 - \frac{z}{H} \right)$$

$$Ri_g = \frac{-Rg(d\bar{c} / dz)}{(d\bar{u} / dz)^2}$$

- Ri_g denotes a gradient Richardson number



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- F_{strat} is a function that decreases with increasing gradient Richardson number, thus capturing the effect of damping of the turbulence due to flow stratification.

$$F_{strat} (Ri_g) = 1 - 4.7 Ri_g$$

- Note that F_{strat} equals unity for a gradient Richardson number of zero (no stratification effects) and decreases to zero as Ri_g increases to a value of 0.21, at which turbulent mixing is extinguished.



Modification of the Rousean Formulation for stratification effects

- Smith and McLean (1977) approximate the equation of stream wise momentum balance for the case of equilibrium flow in a wide channel to the form

$$D_d \frac{d\bar{u}}{dz} = u_*^2 \left(1 - \frac{z}{H} \right)$$

- An appropriate near-bed boundary condition at $z=b$ is obtained matching the velocity profile to the logarithmic law

$$\frac{\bar{u}|_{z=b}}{u_*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(30 \frac{b}{k_c} \right)$$

- The corresponding boundary condition

$$-D_d \left. \frac{d\bar{c}}{dz} \right|_b = v_s E_s$$



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- Therefore

$$D_d = D_{do} F_{strat} (Ri_g) = \kappa u_* z \left(1 - \frac{z}{H} \right) F_{strat} (Ri_g)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{c}}{dz} = - \frac{v_s E_s}{D_d}$$

$$\bar{c} = E_s \exp \int_b^z \left[- \frac{v_s}{\kappa u_* z \left(1 - \frac{z}{H} \right) F_{strat} (Ri_g)} dz \right]$$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{u_*}{\kappa} \left[\ln \left(\frac{b}{z_0} \right) + \int_b^z \frac{1}{z F_{st} (Ri_g)} dz \right]$$



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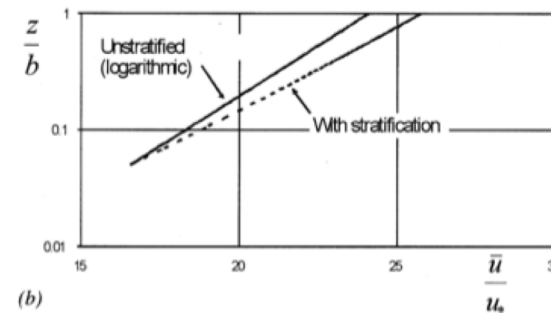
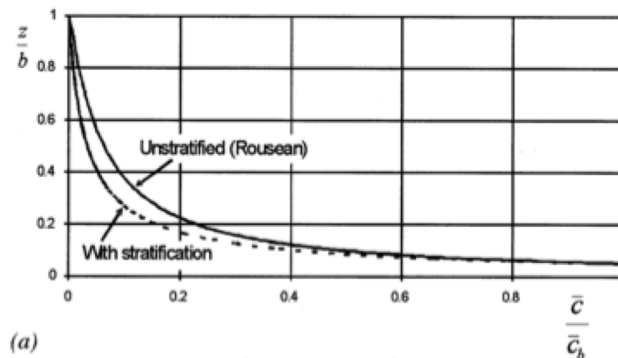
$$= \frac{u_*^2}{D_{do} F_{strat} (Ri)} \left(1 - \frac{z}{H} \right)$$

$$= \frac{u_*^2}{\kappa u_* z F_{strat} (Ri)}$$



Modification of the Rousean Formulation for stratification effects

- The previous two equations do not constitute an explicit solution for the concentration and velocity profiles, because Ri is a function of the concentration gradient.
- In the limit, as Ri goes to zero, the concentration equation converges to the Rousean solution and velocity equation converges to the logarithmic profile.
- These two unstratified profiles can be used as base forms for an iterative solution.





Vertically Averaged Concentration Suspended load

- Assuming that a value of near-bed elevation b is selected can be used to evaluate a depth-averaged volume sediment concentration C defined by

$$\bar{C} = \frac{1}{H} \int_b^H \bar{c}(z) dz$$

- Using Rousean distribution

$$\bar{c} = \bar{c}_b \left[\frac{(H-z)/z}{(H-b)/b} \right]^{Z_R}$$

$$\bar{C} = \bar{c}_b J_1 = \bar{c}_b \int_{\delta_b}^1 \left[\frac{(1-\delta)/\delta}{(1-\delta_b)/\delta_b} \right]^{Z_R} d\delta \quad \left(\text{where } \delta = \frac{z}{H}, \delta_b = \frac{b}{H} \right)$$



Vertically Averaged Concentration Suspended load

- Einstein (1950) proposed a relation for the depth-averaging sediment concentration as

$$\bar{C} = \bar{c}_b \frac{\delta_b}{0.216} I_1$$

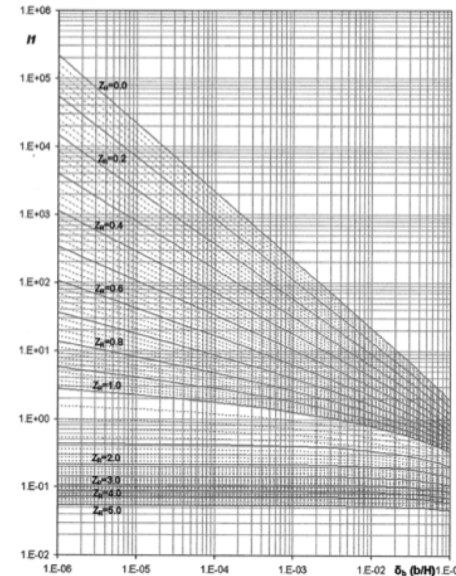
$$J_1 = \frac{\delta_b}{0.216} I_1 = \int_{\delta_b}^1 \left[\frac{(1-\delta)/\delta}{(1-\delta_b)/\delta_b} \right]^{Z_R} d\delta$$

- The streamwise suspended load q_s ,

$$q_s = \int_b^H \bar{c}_b \bar{u} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{K} \bar{c}_b u_* H \left[J_1 \ln \left(30 \frac{H}{k_c} \right) + J_2 \right]$$

- This equation indicates that to compute the rate of volumetric suspended sediment transport per unit width under uniform flow conditions.





Vertically Averaged Concentration Suspended load

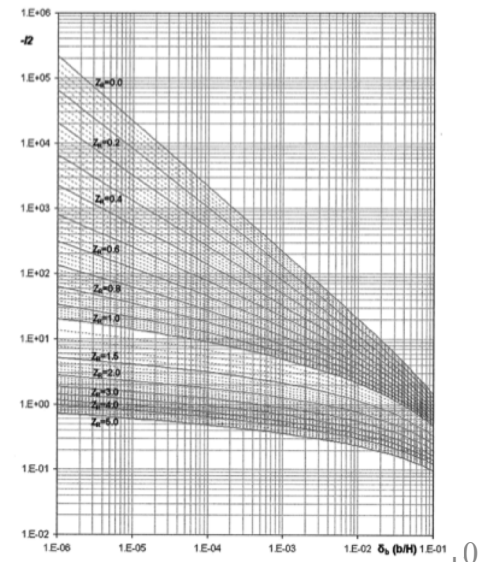
- Therefore, we need to know the near-bed concentration, the total friction velocity, the flow depth, the value of the composite roughness which can be computed as

$$k_c = 11H \exp\left(-\frac{\kappa U}{u_*}\right) \quad , \bar{c}_b, u_* = \sqrt{(\tau_{bs} + \tau_{bf}) / \rho}, H$$

- And the values of the integral parameter J_1 and J_2 .

$$J_2 = \int_{\delta_b}^1 \left[\frac{(1-\delta)/\delta}{(1-\delta_b)/\delta_b} \right] \ln(\delta) d\delta$$

$$J_2 = \frac{\delta_b}{0.216} I_2$$





Relation for Sediment Entrainment

- The entrainment rate of sediment into suspension E .
- The equations are in text book, can be selected for determining entrainment.
- Measuring sediment concentration directly at some near-bed elevation $z=b$, and to equate the result to E .
- The data consisted of some 64 sets from ten different sources, all pertaining to laboratory suspensions of uniform sand with a submerged specific gravity R near 1.65.
- Information about the bedforms was typically not sufficient to allow for a partition of boundary shear stress in accordance with Nelson and Smith.



Relation for Sediment Entrainment

- As a result, the shear stress due to skin friction alone and the associated shear velocity due to skin friction, given by

$$\tau_{bs} = \rho u_{*s}^2$$

- Were computed using with

$$C_{fs} = \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(11 \frac{H_s}{k_s} \right) \right]$$

- The roughness height $k_s = 2D_{50}$.
- The data covered the following ranges:

$$E_s : \quad 0.0002 \text{ to } 0.06$$

$$u_s / v_s : \quad 0.70 \text{ to } 7.50$$

$$H / D : \quad 240 \text{ to } 2400$$

$$R_{ep} : \quad 3.50 \text{ to } 37.00 \quad (\text{Grain size } 0.09 \sim 0.44)$$



Relation for Sediment Entrainment

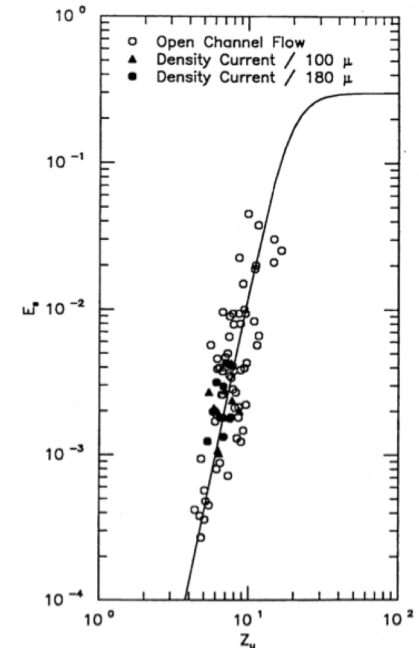
- The range of values of Reynolds number corresponds to a grain size range from 0.09 mm to 0.44 mm. Except for the some what small values of H/D , the values cover a range that includes typical field sand-bed streams.
- Garcia & Parkers (1991)
 - The reference level is taken to be five percent of the depth; that is

$$S, \quad \frac{b}{H} = \zeta_b = 0.05$$

- The relation takes the form

$$E_s = \frac{AZ_u^5}{\left(1 + \frac{A}{0.3} Z_u^5\right)}$$

$$A = 1.3 \cdot 10^{-7} \quad Z_u = \frac{u_{*s}}{v_s} R_{ep}^{0.6}$$





Relation for Sediment Entrainment

- Van Rijn (1984)

$$E = 0.015 \frac{D}{b} \left(\frac{\tau_s^*}{\tau_c^*} - 1 \right)^{1.5} D_*^{-0.3}$$

$$\text{where } D_* = D \left(\frac{gR}{v^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

- Where τ_s^* denotes the Shields stress due to skin friction. And Van Rijn's relations are

$$C_{fs} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(12 \frac{H}{k_s} \right)^{-2}$$

- Where for uniform material

$$k_s = 3 \cdot D$$

- The above equation use H not H_s .



Relation for Sediment Entrainment

- Smith and McLean

$$\bar{c}_b = E = 0.65 \frac{\gamma_0 (\tau_s^* / \tau_c^* - 1)}{1 + \gamma_0 (\tau_s^* / \tau_c^* - 1)} \quad \text{where } \gamma_0 = 0.0024$$

- The value b at which E is to be evaluated is given by the relation below:

$$b = 26.3 (\tau_s^* / \tau_c^* - 1) D + k_s$$



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load

- At bankfull flow, the stream width is 75m. For flows below bankfull, the following sample relation is assumed

$$\frac{B}{B_{bf}} = \left(\frac{Q}{Q_{bf}} \right)^{0.1}$$

- Assume that the stream is wide enough to equate the hydraulic radius R_h with the cross-sectionally averaged depth H .
- Compute depth-discharge relations for flows up to bank-full (lower regime only) using the Engelund-Hansen method. Plot H versus Q . Use the results of the Engelund-Hansen method to compute values of skin shield shear stress.
- Use the value of skin shield stress to compute the bed load discharge $Q_b = q_b B$ using the Ashida-Michiue formula. For each value of H and U , back calculate the composite roughness k_c .
- Then compute the suspended load $Q_s = q_s B$ from the Einstein formulation and the relation for E_s due to Garcia & Parker. Plot Q_s , Q_b , and $Q_T = Q_b + Q_s$ as functions of water discharge Q .



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load

- $S=0.0004$, $D_s=0.35\text{mm}$, $R=1.65$, $B=75\text{m}$ at bankfull, $H=2.9\text{m}$ at bankfull.
- For flows below bank-full, the following relation is used to calculate the stream width:
- Depth-Discharge calculation
 - The first step is to compute the resistance coefficient

$$C_{fs} = \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(11 \frac{H_s}{k_s} \right) \right]^{-2} \quad k_s = 2.5 D_s = 2.5 \times 0.35 \cdot 10^{-3} = 8.75 \times 10^{-4}$$

- U can be found

$$U = \sqrt{\frac{g H_s S}{C_{fs}}}$$



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load

- The shields stress due to skin friction is

$$\tau_s^* = \frac{\tau_{bs}}{\rho g R D_s} = \frac{H_s S}{R D_s}$$

- According to Engelund-Hansen, the total Shields stress for the lower regime can be found from the following relations

$$\tau^* = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_s^* - 6}{0.4}}$$

- The flow depth can be calculated from the total Shields stress as

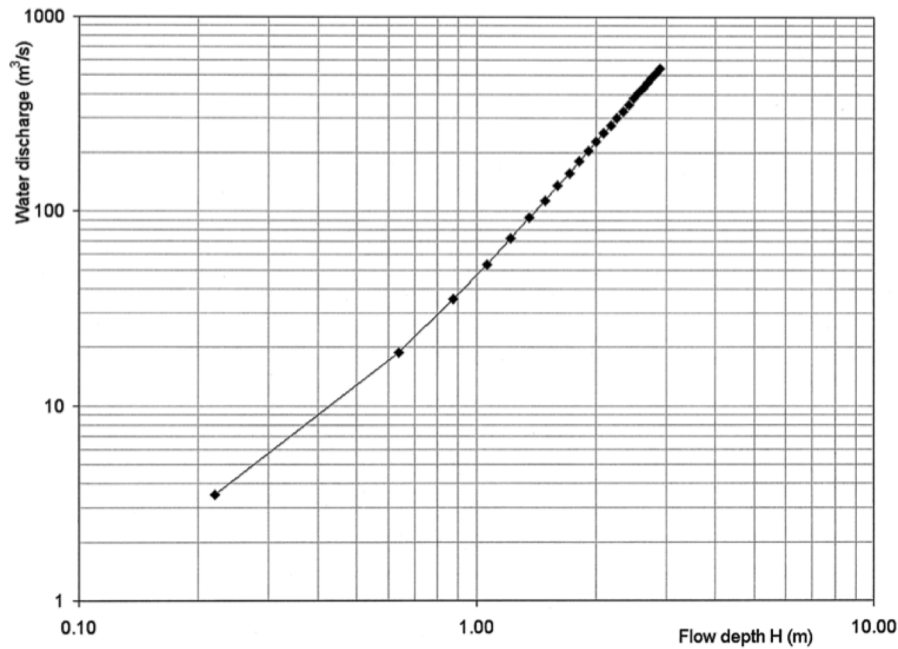
$$H = \frac{\tau^* R D_s}{S}$$

- Finally, the discharge can be calculated from the results as

$$Q = UHB \quad \frac{B}{B_{bf}} = \left(\frac{Q}{Q_{bf}} \right)^{0.1} \Rightarrow B = \left[B_{bf} \left(\frac{UH}{Q_{bf}} \right)^{0.1} \right]^{1/0.9}$$



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load



- Bankfull Discharge curve



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load

- Bed load discharge calculations

- The dimensionless bed load transport rate is found from the Ahida-Michie formulation

$$q^* = 17(\tau_s^* - \tau_c^*) \left[(\tau_s^*)^{0.5} - (\tau_c^*)^{0.5} \right] \quad \text{where } \tau_c^* = 0.05$$

- The bed load transport rate per unit width is

$$q_b = q^* \sqrt{gRD_s} D_s$$

- Therefore, the bedload transport rate is given by

$$Q_b = q_b B$$



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load

- Sediment load discharge calculations

- The Einstein formulation is used to compute the suspended load transport rate per unit width q_s .

$$q_s = \frac{1}{\kappa} \bar{c}_b u_* H \left[J_1 \ln \left(30 \frac{H}{k_c} \right) + J_2 \right]$$

$$u_* = \sqrt{gHS}$$

- If the suspension is assumed to be at equilibrium,

$$\bar{c}_b = E_s = \frac{AZ_u^5}{\left(1 + \frac{A}{0.3} Z_u^5 \right)} \quad \text{where } A = 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$Z_u = \frac{u_{*s}}{\nu_s} R_{ep}^{0.6}, \quad u_{*s} = \sqrt{gH_s S}, \quad R_{ep} = \frac{\sqrt{RgD_s D_s}}{\nu}$$



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load

- Determine the fall velocity and etc. The composite roughness is

$$k_c = 11H \exp\left[-\frac{\kappa U}{u_*}\right]$$

- And find some values of J_1 and J_2 with $\delta_b = 0.05$
- Finally

$$Q_s = q_s B$$

■ Determination of Bank full flow discharge

- The flow discharge at bankfull is determined by assuming that up to bankfull flow, lower regime conditions exist.
- The bankfull flow depth for this stream is assumed to be 2.9m.

$$\tau^* = \frac{HS}{RD_s} = \frac{2.9 \cdot 0.0004}{1.65 \cdot 3.5 \times 10^{-4}} = 2.01$$



Example of Depth-Discharge and Sediment Load

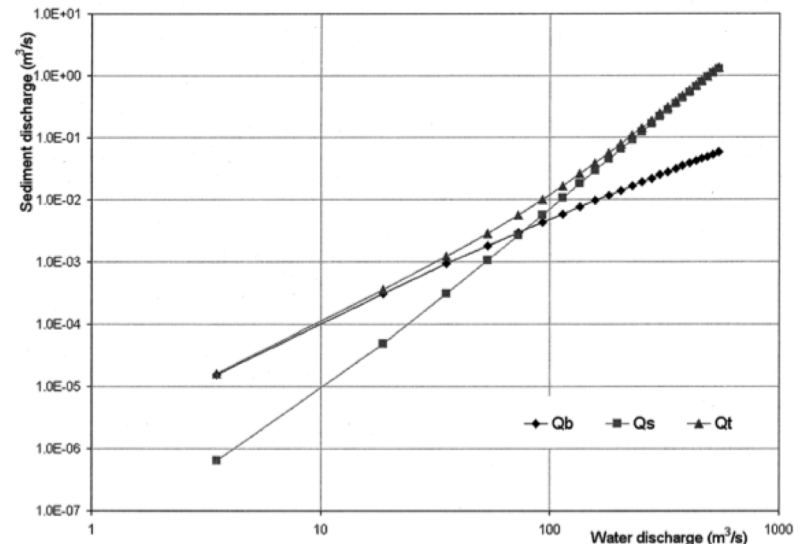
- From Engelund and Hansen

$$\tau_s^* = 0.06 + 0.4(\tau^*)^2 = 1.67$$

$$H_s = \frac{\tau_s^* R D_s}{S} = 2.42m$$

$$C_{fs} = \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left(11 \frac{H_s}{k_s} \right) \right]^{-2} = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$U = \sqrt{\frac{g H_s S}{C_{fs}}} = 2.51m / sec$$



- Upto 100cms, the bed load discharge is larger than the suspended load discharge. As the flow discharge increases, the suspended load become s much larger than the bed load all the way up to bank-full conditions.
- Notice that the composite roughness first increases with flow discharge f or low flows, but from then on it decreases monotonically as the bedform s begin washed out