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# Prediction of Coefficient of Discharge for Oblique Sharp Crested Weir using ANN Model

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**Abstract:** The application of artificial neural networks for solving complex civil engineering problems is of huge importance. This paper presents some of the positive aspects of the neural network's model that are used for the determination of the coefficient of discharge of oblique sharp crested weir. Sharp crested weirs are used to measure flow rate and control upstream water surface in irrigation canals and laboratory flumes. The main advantages of such weirs are ease of construction and capability of measuring a wide range of flows with sufficient accuracy. ANN models have been developed to predict the discharge coefficients of oblique sharp-crested weirs for free flow cases using Borgheiet al.'s experimental data.

**Keywords:** Oblique sharp crested weir; ANN; Discharge coefficient; Discharge measurement.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Especially in the field of irrigation and drainage engineering, sharp-crested weirs are widely used for measuring flow. In case of limited channel width when higher discharge is required at a relatively lower head use of an oblique weir is advantageous over the normal weir. Oblique alignment of the weir increases the effective weir length beyond the channel width which consequently increases the efficiency of the weir. A weir is basically an obstruction in an open channel flow path. When the water level downstream of the weir is above the crest level of the weir, then the weir is said to be submerged weir, the accuracy of measurement should not be expected at this point.

A range of measurement techniques was developed by Boss (1989) and USBR (1997). Thin-plate weirs are commonly used as measuring devices enabling an accurate discharge measurement with simple instruments. The commonly used cross sections of sharp-crested weirs are rectangular, trapezoidal, and triangular. Because of the large loss of accuracy, designing thin-plate weirs for submergence should be deliberately avoided. However, submergence may happen unexpectedly or may be temporarily necessary.

Rectangular sharp-crested weirs are of three types: (a) fully contracted, (b) partially contracted and (c) full width. If the channel width is restricted, different types of weir change from type (a) to (c). With the limitation of channel width, when the amount of discharge increases, the head of water upstream of the weir increases. However, there is a disadvantage to this kind of weir, because the higher water head means higher channel walls which are more expensive.

Borghei et al. (2003) conducted an experiment in a rectangular concrete channel of length 6600mm, width 520mm, and height 800mm. The bed slope of the channel was taken as 0.005. A standard sharp-crested weir made up of plexiglass of different heights and lengths were used. Discharge was kept between the range  $0.00845 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , and  $0.037 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The experimental data set comprises a total number of 95 runs for free flow. Experiments for free flow cases were conducted on weirs of different weir lengths (520, 595, 672, 728, 801, 876, 1030, 1175mm) in eight sets. Each set corresponds to a weir height (511, 505, 506, 503, 505, 460, mm) have been used to conduct experiments in seven sets. Oblique weir is the most general case in which the weir is aligned at an angle of  $\theta$  with respect to the channel axis (Fig.1).

Ayaz and Mansoor (2018) developed ANN model to predict the discharge coefficient of oblique sharp-crested rectangular weir by using Borghei et al. (2003) experimental data. In the present study, ANN models have been developed to predict the discharge coefficient of oblique sharp-crested weir for free flow.

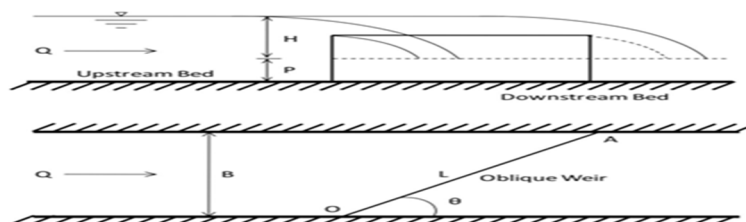


Fig.1 Sectional elevation and plan of oblique weir (free flow)

TABLE I.

Ranges of geometric and flow variables (Borghei et al., 2003).

Variables	Unit	Values (Free flow)
Oblique angle ( $\theta$ )	$^{\circ}$	0-64
Discharge (Q)	$m^3/s$	0.008-0.037
Weir length (L)	mm	520-1175
Channel width (B)	mm	520
Weir height (P)	mm	460-511
Water head (H)	mm	40-106
Water head (H)	mm	-
Number of runs	-	95

## II. THE FORMULA FOR FLOW MEASUREMENT

The general discharge formula for flow measurement for weirs is:

$$Q = CH^n$$

where Q is discharge, H is the head of water above the weir crest, n is a constant that depends on the weir geometric type and C is a variable depending on the weir type and flow characteristics.

For a general rectangular sharp-crested weir, n is equal to 1.5 and C is expressed as

$$C = \frac{2}{3} C_d \sqrt{2gL}$$

where  $C_d$  is the discharge coefficient, L is the effective weir length and g is the gravitational acceleration.

$$c_d = a + b \frac{H}{P}$$

in which P is the weir height, and a and b are numerical coefficients to be found experimentally.

The standard Formula for Rectangular oblique sharp- created weir for calculating discharge coefficient is given by Borghei et al. (2003).

$$Cd = 0.0611 + (0.075 - 0.611\beta) \frac{H}{p} - 0.075\beta \left(\frac{H}{P}\right)^2$$

## III. ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS (ANN) – BASIC CONCEPT

An artificial neural network (ANN) is an information-processing paradigm that is inspired by the way biological nervous systems, such as the brain, process information. It is composed of a large number of highly interconnected processing elements (neurons) working in unison to solve specific problems. Marijana Lazarevskai give detail application on ANN in civil engineering. Neurons are arranged in layers, including an input layer, hidden layers, and an output layer. There is no specific rule that dictates the number of hidden layers. The function is established largely based on the connections between the elements of the network. In the input layer, each neuron is designated for one of the input parameters. A detail description on neural computing and basic concepts of ANN is available in Zurada (1990) and Schalk off (1997).

The network learns by applying the back-propagation algorithm, which compares the neural network simulated values with the actual values and calculates the estimation errors. (Fig.2) Shows the data set in the network is divided into a learning data set, which is used to train the network, and a validation data set, which is used to test the network performance. In the present study, the neural network fitting tool of MATLAB 7.5 was used.

After training the network, verification is conducted until the success of the training can be established.

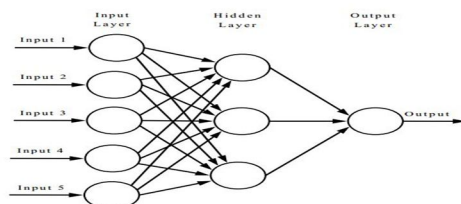


Fig.2 Model of artificial neuron

The artificial neuron receives the input signals and generates the output signals. Every data from the surrounding or an output from other neurons can be used as an input signal. The model for an artificial neuron is shown in (Fig. 3).

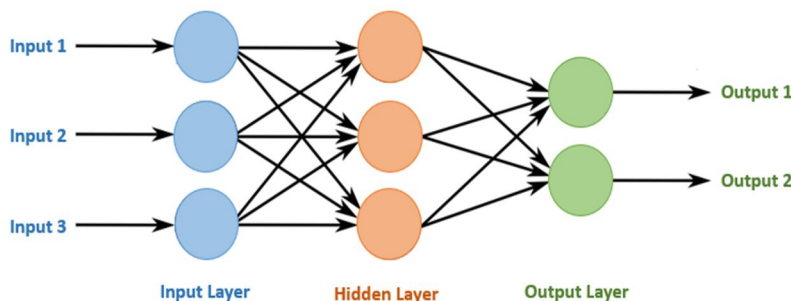


Fig. 3 Model of one layered artificial neural network

#### IV. DEVELOPMENT OF ANN MODEL

Weir length (L), Weir height (P), and Water Head (H) are the three main factors that affect the Coefficient of Discharge ( $C_d$ ) of an oblique sharp-crested weir. The primary goal of this research is to develop of ANN models using three different networks Levenberg Marquardt, Bayesian Regularization, Scaled Conjugate Gradient to predict the Coefficient of discharge ( $C_d$ ) for an oblique sharp-crested weir. A detailed description about the training of neural networks using Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm is available in Hagan et al. (1996) and Hagan and Menhaj (1994). Every model consists of three layers input layer, hidden layer, and output layer. There are three neurons in the input layer and one neuron in the output layer. Fitting tool further randomly divided the experimental data as 70% for training 15% for validation and 15% for testing. Water head (H), weir height (P), and weir length (L) have been used as inputs corresponding to three neurons of input layer while the discharge coefficient ( $C_d$ ) as output to the ANN models. A flow chart explaining execution of work is shown below in (Fig. 5). The performance results of all three models are shown in Table 2,3 and 4.

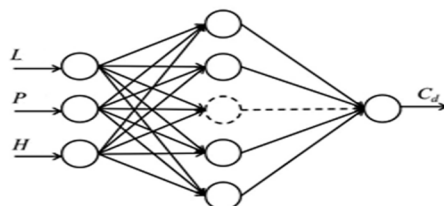


Fig. 4 ANN model (free flow)

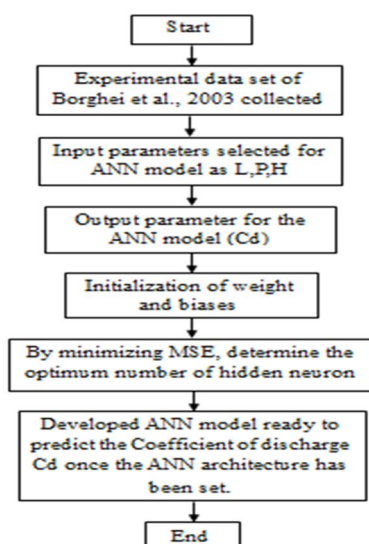


Figure. 5 Flow chart for ANN model for prediction of coefficient of discharge,



**Table 2.** Prediction of Coefficient of discharge by ANN model developed by Lavenberg Marquardt Method algorithm and percentage error between  $C_d$  &  $C_{d_{ann}}$ :

$L=520\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=511\text{mm}$					$L=595\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=505\text{mm}$					$L=672\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=506\text{mm}$				
$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error
106.2	0.033	0.634	0.634	0.000	100.3	0.035	0.645	0.644	-0.155	94.7	0.036	0.625	0.622	-0.482
100.2	0.030	0.632	0.631	0.00	93.9	0.032	0.644	0.645	-0.311	91.0	0.033	0.623	0.627	0.637
95.1	0.028	0.631	0.629	-0.32	90.6	0.030	0.640	0.640	0	88.1	0.032	0.622	0.622	0
84.7	0.023	0.629	0.628	-0.16	87.1	0.028	0.638	0.637	0	82.9	0.029	0.620	0.618	-0.323
78.3	0.021	0.627	0.627	0.00	82.3	0.026	0.636	0.635	-0.157	74.6	0.025	0.620	0.618	-0.323
72.2	0.018	0.626	0.626	0.00	76.1	0.023	0.634	0.632	-0.157	71.0	0.023	0.621	0.617	-0.648
68.3	0.017	0.625	0.625	0.00	70.4	0.020	0.630	0.629	-0.158	67.8	0.021	0.618	0.617	-0.162
62.4	0.014	0.625	0.623	-0.32	65.6	0.018	0.629	0.627	-0.159	62.4	0.019	0.617	0.617	0
57.4	0.01	0.622	0.622	0.000	61.6	0.016	0.627	0.625	-0.159	59.3	0.017	0.616	0.616	0
50.6	0.010	0.621	0.620	-0.11	57.5	0.015	0.626	0.623	-0.481	50.3	0.013	0.615	0.614	0
47.7	0.009	0.621	0.619	-0.21	49.7	0.012	0.621	0.620	0	45.8	0.011	0.614	0.613	-0.163
44.0	0.008	0.621	0.619	-0.32	42.8	0.009	0.618	0.619	0.165	41.3	0.010	0.613	0.612	-0.163

$L=728\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=506\text{mm}$					$L=801\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=503\text{mm}$					$L=876\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=505\text{mm}$				
$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error
91.2	0.035	0.608	0.612	0.653	89.1	0.036	0.580	0.58	0	95.0	0.036	0.569	0.568	-0.176
85.2	0.032	0.609	0.608	-0.164	82.4	0.032	0.586	0.586	0	82.2	0.035	0.578	0.571	-1.225
79.2	0.029	0.610	0.607	-0.494	77.2	0.029	0.588	0.588	0	79.7	0.033	0.577	0.574	-0.522
75.2	0.026	0.608	0.607	-0.164	72.6	0.027	0.591	0.586	0.853	76.4	0.031	0.577	0.577	0
71.1	0.024	0.609	0.607	-0.329	67.7	0.024	0.593	0.593	0	70.2	0.027	0.581	0.581	0
67.6	0.023	0.609	0.607	-0.164	64.9	0.023	0.595	0.594	-0.168	66.0	0.025	0.583	0.584	0.171
63.7	0.021	0.609	0.608	0	61.9	0.021	0.597	0.595	-0.336	59.8	0.022	0.587	0.587	0
57.1	0.017	0.610	0.609	0	56.5	0.018	0.598	0.598	0	58.4	0.021	0.591	0.589	-0.339
54.2	0.016	0.610	0.609	0	55.3	0.018	0.599	0.599	0	54.3	0.019	0.592	0.592	0
50.1	0.014	0.610	0.609	0	50.0	0.015	0.602	0.601	-0.166	53.1	0.018	0.593	0.593	0
46.0	0.012	0.610	0.608	0	46.7	0.014	0.603	0.603	0	46.1	0.015	0.598	0.598	0
40.9	0.010	0.610	0.608	0	41.4	0.012	0.606	0.606	0	40.9	0.012	0.599	0.600	0.166

$L=1030\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=505\text{mm}$					$L=1175\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=460\text{mm}$				
$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error
77.3	0.036	0.555	0.554	-0.180	69.6	0.034	0.542	0.542	0
75.6	0.035	0.558	0.558	0	68.0	0.033	0.544	0.544	0
74.4	0.034	0.561	0.560	-0.178	65.7	0.031	0.547	0.547	0
72.0	33.24	0.566	0.564	-0.354	62.8	0.030	0.552	0.552	0
67.8	0.030	0.569	0.570	0.175	60.7	0.028	0.554	0.555	0.180
64.9	0.028	0.573	0.573	0	57.4	0.026	0.559	0.559	0
61.1	0.026	0.576	0.576	0	55.1	0.025	0.562	0.567	0.881
57.2	0.024	0.582	0.579	-0.518	52.6	0.023	0.566	0.566	0
52.5	0.021	0.583	0.583	0	50.3	0.022	0.571	0.570	-0.175
50.4	0.020	0.586	0.585	-0.170	47.1	0.020	0.575	0.575	0
46.8	0.018	0.588	0.588	0	42.9	0.017	0.582	0.581	-0.175
41.1	0.015	0.594	0.593	-0.168	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 3. Prediction of Coefficient of discharge by ANN model developed by Bayesian Regularization Method algorithm and percentage error between  $C_d$  &  $C_{d_{ann}}$ :**

L=520mm B=520mm P=511mm					L=595mm B=520mm P=505mm					L= 672 mm B= 520mm P=506mm				
H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error
106.2	0.033	0.634	0.640	0.94	100.3	0.035	0.645	0.648	0.462	94.7	0.036	0.625	0.623	-0.321
100.2	0.030	0.632	0.629	-0.48	93.9	0.032	0.644	0.642	-0.311	91.0	0.033	0.623	0.618	-0.809
95.1	0.028	0.631	0.624	-1.12	90.6	0.030	0.640	0.641	0.156	88.1	0.032	0.622	0.615	-1.138
84.7	0.023	0.629	0.622	-1.13	87.1	0.028	0.638	0.641	0.468	82.9	0.029	0.620	0.617	-0.486
78.3	0.021	0.627	0.628	0.16	82.3	0.026	0.636	0.644	1.242	74.6	0.025	0.620	0.614	-0.977
72.2	0.018	0.626	0.635	1.42	76.1	0.023	0.634	0.653	2.909	71.0	0.023	0.621	0.617	-0.648
68.3	0.017	0.625	0.640	2.34	70.4	0.020	0.630	0.664	5.120	67.8	0.021	0.618	0.621	0.483
62.4	0.014	0.625	0.644	2.95	65.6	0.018	0.629	0.673	6.537	62.4	0.019	0.617	0.629	1.907
57.4	0.01	0.622	0.642	3.12	61.6	0.016	0.627	0.678	7.522	59.3	0.017	0.616	0.632	2.531
50.6	0.010	0.621	0.628	1.11	57.5	0.015	0.626	0.680	7.941	50.3	0.013	0.615	0.623	1.284
47.7	0.009	0.621	0.618	-1.80	49.7	0.012	0.621	0.668	7.035	45.8	0.011	0.614	0.622	1.286
44.0	0.008	0.621	0.600	-0.98	42.8	0.009	0.618	0.638	3.134	41.3	0.010	0.613	0.604	-1.490

L= 728mm B=520mm P= 506mm					L= 801mm B=520mm P= 503mm					L= 876 mm B=520mm P= 505mm				
H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error
91.2	0.035	0.608	0.609	0.164	89.1	0.036	0.580	0.586	1.023	95.0	0.036	0.569	0.579	1.727
85.2	0.032	0.609	0.602	-1.162	82.4	0.032	0.586	0.584	-0.342	82.2	0.035	0.578	0.578	0
79.2	0.029	0.610	0.599	-1.836	77.2	0.029	0.588	0.584	-0.684	79.7	0.033	0.577	0.578	0.173
75.2	0.026	0.608	0.598	-1.672	72.6	0.027	0.591	0.587	-0.681	76.4	0.031	0.577	0.578	0.173
71.1	0.024	0.609	0.600	-1.5	67.7	0.024	0.593	0.595	0.336	70.2	0.027	0.581	0.579	-0.345
67.6	0.023	0.609	0.603	-0.995	64.9	0.023	0.595	0.596	0.167	66.0	0.025	0.583	0.581	-0.344
63.7	0.021	0.609	0.607	-0.329	61.9	0.021	0.597	0.601	0.665	59.8	0.022	0.587	0.585	-0.341
57.1	0.017	0.610	0.614	0.651	56.5	0.018	0.598	0.609	1.806	58.4	0.021	0.591	0.587	-0.681
54.2	0.016	0.610	0.616	0.974	55.3	0.018	0.599	0.611	1.963	54.3	0.019	0.592	0.590	-0.338
50.1	0.014	0.610	0.615	0.813	50.0	0.015	0.602	0.615	2.113	53.1	0.018	0.593	0.591	-0.338
46.0	0.012	0.610	0.609	-0.164	46.7	0.014	0.603	0.614	1.791	46.1	0.015	0.598	0.593	-0.843
40.9	0.010	0.610	0.594	2.693	41.4	0.012	0.606	0.604	-0.331	40.9	0.012	0.599	0.588	-1.870

L=1030mm B= 520mm P= 505mm					L= 1175mm B=520mm P= 460 mm				
H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error	H:mm	Q:m <sup>3</sup> /s	$C_d$	$C_{d_{ann}}$	% Error
77.3	0.036	0.555	0.557	0.359	69.6	0.034	0.542	0.531	-2.071
75.6	0.035	0.558	0.559	-5.187	68.0	0.033	0.544	0.537	-1.303
74.4	0.034	0.561	0.560	-0.178	65.7	0.031	0.547	0.540	-1.296
72.0	33.24	0.566	0.562	-0.711	62.8	0.030	0.552	0.549	-0.546
67.8	0.030	0.569	0.567	-0.352	60.7	0.028	0.554	0.556	0.359
64.9	0.028	0.573	0.570	-0.526	57.4	0.026	0.559	0.566	1.236
61.1	0.026	0.576	0.574	-0.348	55.1	0.025	0.562	0.571	1.576
57.2	0.024	0.582	0.578	-0.692	52.6	0.023	0.566	0.576	1.736
52.5	0.021	0.583	0.583	0	50.3	0.022	0.571	0.577	1.039
50.4	0.020	0.586	0.585	-0.170	47.1	0.020	0.575	0.573	-0.349
46.8	0.018	0.588	0.588	0	42.9	0.017	0.582	0.582	-4.488
41.1	0.015	0.594	0.588	-1.020	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 4. Prediction of Coefficient of discharge by ANN model developed by Scaled Conjugate Method algorithm and percentage error between  $C_d$  &  $C_{dann}$ :**

$L=520\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=511\text{mm}$					$L=595\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=505\text{mm}$					$L=672\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=506\text{mm}$				
$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error
106.2	0.03	0.634	0.646	1.86	100.3	0.035	0.645	0.637	1.883	94.7	0.036	0.625	0.624	-0.160
100.2	0.03	0.632	0.645	2.02	93.9	0.032	0.644	0.636	2.044	91.0	0.033	0.623	0.623	0
95.1	0.02	0.631	0.645	2.17	90.6	0.030	0.640	0.635	2.047	88.1	0.032	0.622	0.623	0.160
84.7	0.02	0.629	0.645	2.48	87.1	0.028	0.638	0.637	2.668	82.9	0.029	0.620	0.644	3.726
78.3	0.02	0.627	0.644	2.64	82.3	0.026	0.636	0.633	2.053	74.6	0.025	0.620	0.623	0.481
72.2	0.01	0.626	0.643	2.64	76.1	0.023	0.634	0.631	1.584	71.0	0.023	0.621	0.623	0.321
68.3	0.01	0.625	0.642	2.65	70.4	0.020	0.630	0.629	1.748	67.8	0.021	0.618	0.623	0.802
62.4	0.01	0.625	0.639	2.19	65.6	0.018	0.629	0.627	1.594	62.4	0.019	0.617	0.623	0.963
57.4	0.01	0.622	0.635	2.05	61.6	0.016	0.627	0.625	1.44	59.3	0.017	0.616	0.623	1.123
50.6	0.01	0.621	0.628	1.11	57.5	0.015	0.626	0.621	0.966	50.3	0.013	0.615	0.621	0.966
47.7	0.00	0.621	0.624	0.48	49.7	0.012	0.621	0.613	-0.163	45.8	0.011	0.614	0.620	0.967
44.0	0.008	0.621	0.619	-0.32	42.8	0.009	0.618	0.602	-1.827	41.3	0.010	0.613	0.617	0.648

$L=728\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=506\text{mm}$					$L=801\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=503\text{mm}$					$L=876\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=505\text{mm}$				
$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error
91.2	0.035	0.608	0.613	0.815	89.1	0.036	0.580	0.593	2.192	95.0	0.036	0.569	0.576	1.215
85.2	0.032	0.609	0.613	0.652	82.4	0.032	0.586	0.592	1.013	82.2	0.035	0.578	0.576	-0.347
79.2	0.029	0.610	0.613	0.489	77.2	0.029	0.588	0.592	0.675	79.7	0.033	0.577	0.578	0.173
75.2	0.026	0.608	0.614	0.975	72.6	0.027	0.591	0.592	0.168	76.4	0.031	0.577	0.580	0.517
71.1	0.024	0.609	0.615	0.975	67.7	0.024	0.593	0.597	0.670	70.2	0.027	0.581	0.584	0.513
67.6	0.023	0.609	0.616	1.136	64.9	0.023	0.595	0.593	-0.337	66.0	0.025	0.583	0.588	0.850
63.7	0.021	0.609	0.617	1.296	61.9	0.021	0.597	0.594	-0.505	59.8	0.022	0.587	0.594	1.178
57.1	0.017	0.610	0.620	1.612	56.5	0.018	0.598	0.596	-0.335	58.4	0.021	0.591	0.596	0.838
54.2	0.016	0.610	0.621	1.771	55.3	0.018	0.599	0.597	-0.335	54.3	0.019	0.592	0.602	1.661
50.1	0.014	0.610	0.622	1.928	50.0	0.015	0.602	0.599	-0.500	53.1	0.018	0.593	0.603	1.658
46.0	0.012	0.610	0.623	2.086	46.7	0.014	0.603	0.600	-0.5	46.1	0.015	0.598	0.612	2.287
40.9	0.010	0.610	0.624	2.086	41.4	0.012	0.606	0.602	-0.664	40.9	0.012	0.599	0.613	2.283

$L=1030\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=505\text{mm}$					$L=1175\text{mm}$ $B=520\text{mm}$ $P=460\text{mm}$				
$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error	$H:\text{mm}$	$Q:\text{m}^3/\text{s}$	$C_d$	$C_{dann}$	% Error
77.3	0.036	0.555	0.543	-2.209	69.6	0.034	0.542	0.592	8.445
75.6	0.035	0.558	0.545	-2.385	68.0	0.033	0.544	0.585	7.008
74.4	0.034	0.561	0.547	-2.559	65.7	0.031	0.547	0.575	4.869
72.0	0.032	0.566	0.550	-2.909	62.8	0.030	0.552	0.563	1.953
67.8	0.030	0.569	0.558	-1.971	60.7	0.028	0.554	0.554	0
64.9	0.028	0.573	0.563	-1.776	57.4	0.026	0.559	0.540	-3.518
61.1	0.026	0.576	0.561	-2.673	55.1	0.025	0.562	0.531	-5.838
57.2	0.024	0.582	0.580	0	52.6	0.023	0.566	0.520	-8.846
52.5	0.021	0.583	0.591	1.353	50.3	0.022	0.571	0.511	-11.74
50.4	0.020	0.586	0.596	1.677	47.1	0.020	0.575	0.497	-15.69
46.8	0.018	0.588	0.605	2.809	42.9	0.017	0.582	0.479	-21.50
41.1	0.015	0.594	0.617	3.727	-	-	-	-	-

Percentage error is determined between  $C_d$  and  $C_{dann}$  will determined for all the three ANN models shown which in Table 4,5 and 6.

TABLE 4.

Percentage error between theoretical coefficient of discharge and predicted coefficient of discharge by (Levenberg Marquard algorithm).

L:mm	B:mm	P:mm	Maximum Error: %	Minimum Error: %
520	520	511	-0.32	0.00
595	520	506	-0.48	0
672	520	506	0.63	0
728	520	506	0.65	0
801	520	503	-0.853	0
876	520	505	-0.522	0
1030	520	505	-0.518	0
1175	520	460	0.881	0

TABLE 5.

Percentage error between theoretical coefficient of discharge and predicted coefficient of discharge by (Bayesian Regularization Method).

L:mm	B:mm	P:mm	Maximum Error: %	Minimum Error: %
520	520	511	3.12	0.16
595	520	506	7.94	0.15
672	520	506	1.90	-0.32
728	520	506	-2.69	0.162
801	520	503	2.11	0.336
876	520	505	-1.87	0
1030	520	505	-5.187	0
1175	520	460	-4.488	0.359

TABLE 6.

Percentage error between theoretical coefficient of discharge and predicted coefficient of discharge by (Scaled Conjugate Method).

L:mm	B:mm	P:mm	Maximum Error: %	Minimum Error: %
520	520	511	2.65	-0.32
595	520	506	2.66	-0.16
672	520	506	3.72	0
728	520	506	2.08	0.48
801	520	503	2.19	-0.5
876	520	505	2.287	-0.34
1030	520	505	3.727	0
1175	520	460	-21.503	0



## V. COMPARISON BETWEEN $C_D$ AND $C_{DANN}$ PREDICTED BY LAVENBERG MARQUARDT METHOD

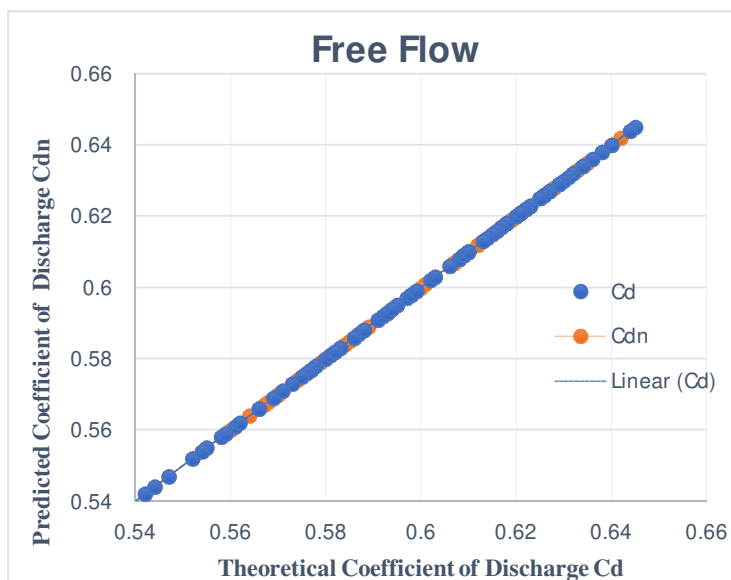


Fig 5. Graph between theoretical coefficient of discharge and predicted coefficient of discharge.

## VI. DISCUSSION ON PERFORMANCE RESULTS

Using experimental data of free flow, we developed ANN model's by using three algorithms available in matlab, Levenberg Marquardt, Bayesian Regularization, Scaled Conjugate Gradient.

ANN model developed by above three algorithm, model developed by Levenberg Marquardt algorithm is the best to predict the  $C_{Dann}$ , as seen in following table percentage error of Levenberg Marquardt algorithm is between  $\pm 0.881\%$ .

Method's	% Error
Levenberg Marquardt	0.881 to 0
Bayesian Regularization	7.94 to 0.15
Scaled Conjugate Gradient	-21.50 to 0

## VII. CONCLUSIONS

- 1) The Levenberg Marquardt, Bayesian Regularization, Scaled Conjugate gradient algorithms are used in this study to develop the ANN models to predict the coefficient of discharge for oblique sharp crested weir's for free flow using experimental data of Borghei et al.(2003). The percentage error between the theoretical coefficient of discharge and predicted coefficient of discharge is between  $\pm 0.881\%$ .
- 2) It is concluded that the ANN model developed by Levenberg Marquardt method is accurate and recommended for prediction of coefficient of discharge as percentage error between theoretical coefficient and predicted coefficient of discharge is in the range of  $\pm 0.881\%$ .
- 3) Modern multidisciplinary fields like artificial neural networks are a good illustration of how to solve a variety of engineering challenges that conventional modelling and statistical approaches were unable to address.



## NOTATION

$C_d$	Theoretical coefficient of oblique weir.
$C_{dann}$	Predicted coefficient of discharge
$H$	Head over weir.
$L$	Oblique weir length
$P$	Oblique weir height
$B$	Channel width
$Q$	Discharge
$\theta$	Oblique weir angle

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