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ABSTRACT

Steel gates are important elements in hydraulic structures. They are usually designed as 2-D problems. The present study investigates the effect of 3-D analysis on the design of miter gates which are used to retain water in navigation locks.

For important structures 3-D analysis should be used. The present study investigates the effect of loading conditions, non linear analysis and the fluid gate interaction on the design of miter gates which are used to retain water in navigation locks.

The gate is modeled as a shell element supported on horizontal girder (isoparametric beam element) on which this horizontal girder is supported on heel and miter posts, where heel post is supported on lower and upper pins.

The fluid was modeled as a 3-D fluid element on which the normal compressive stresses used in describing F.Element analysis was investigated where the modified Newton method is used in analysis and the load factor is calculated for this gate.

The study is based on using the F.E.M. through the application of F.E. program ADINA. It was found that the load factor for the failure case of the gate is about twice the existing load. The results of the fluid elements are different from those of the triangle pressure distribution of the water because the water is affected by the deformed shape and rigidity of the gate.

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