How to prepare your article for the International Marine Energy Journal (January 2018)

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Abstract—*[[1]](#footnote-1)*These instructions give you guidelines for preparing papers for IMEJ. Use this document as a template if you are using Microsoft Word 2010 or later. Otherwise, use this document as an instruction set. The electronic file of your paper may be formatted further at IMEJ. Paper titles should have only the first letter and proper nouns in capitals, not each word capitalized or all uppercase. Avoid writing long formulas with subscripts in the title. Initials and surname are required. Put a space between authors’ initials. The abstract must be a concise yet comprehensive reflection of what is in your article. In particular, the abstract must be self-contained, without abbreviations, footnotes, or references. It should be a microcosm of the full article. The abstract must be between 150–250 words. Be sure that you adhere to these limits; otherwise, you will need to edit your abstract accordingly. The abstract must be written as one paragraph, and should not contain displayed mathematical equations or tabular material. The abstract should include three or four different keywords or phrases, as this will help readers to find it. Ensure that your abstract reads well and is grammatically correct.

Keywords—Enter at least three key words or phrases in alphabetical order, separated by commas.

1. Introduction

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Section and subsection headings should have only the first letter and proper nouns in capitals, not each word capitalized or all uppercase. The first word of the first section is capitalized, with the first letter as a “drop cap” spanning two lines.

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1. Abbreviations and acronyms

Define abbreviations and acronyms the first time they are used in the text, even after they have already been defined in the abstract. Abbreviations such as IMEJ, 3D, and GIS do not have to be defined. Abbreviations that incorporate periods should not have spaces: write “C.N.R.S.,” not “C. N. R. S.” Do not use abbreviations in the title unless they are unavoidable.

1. Other recommendations

Use one space after periods and colons. Hyphenate complex modifiers: “cube-root-mean-cube.” Avoid dangling participles, such as, “Using (1), the power was calculated.” [It is not clear who or what used (1).] Write instead, “The potential was calculated by using (1),” or “Using (1), we calculated the potential.”

Use a zero before decimal points: “0.25,” not “.25.” Use “m3,” not “cumec.” Indicate dimensions as “0.1 km × 0.2 km,” not “0.1 × 0.2 km2.” The abbreviation for “seconds” is “s,” not “sec.” Use “kW/m2” or “kilowatts per square meter,” not “kilowatts/m2.” When expressing a range of values, write “7 to 9” or “7-9,” not “7~9.”

A parenthetical statement at the end of a sentence is punctuated outside of the closing parenthesis (like this). (A parenthetical sentence is punctuated within the parentheses.) Avoid contractions; for example, write “do not” instead of “don’t.” The serial (or “Oxford”) comma is not required in lists.

If you wish, you may write in the first person singular or plural and use the active voice (“I observed that ...” or “We observed that ...” instead of “It was observed that ...”). Remember to check spelling. If your first language is not English, please get an appropriate person to carefully proofread your paper.

1. Mathematical formulae
2. Equations

If you are using *Word 2010* or later*,* copy and paste the table below and edit the equation as required. It is a borderless three-column table, with the first and last columns measuring 10 mm and with top and bottom margins of 4 mm.

Number equations consecutively with equation numbers in parentheses flush with the right margin, as in (1). First use the equation editor to edit the equation. Then add an un-labelled caption, which must then be cut and paste into the final column. To make your equations more compact, you may use the solidus ( / ), the exp() function, or appropriate exponents. Use parentheses to avoid ambiguities in denominators.

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|  |  | (1) |

Be sure that the symbols in your equation have been defined before the equation appears or immediately following. Italicize symbols (*T* might refer to temperature, but T is the unit tesla). Refer to “(1),” not “Eq. (1)” or “equation (1),” except at the beginning of a sentence: “Equation (1) is ... .”

1. Units

Use SI (MKS) as primary units. Imperial units may be used as secondary units (in parentheses). An exception is when Imperial units are used as identifiers in trade, such as “3½-in pipe.” Avoid combining SI and CGS units, such as flow in cm/s. This often leads to confusion because equations do not balance dimensionally. If you must use mixed units, clearly state the units for each quantity in an equation.

Table i

Example variables and units for marine renewable energy

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| Symbol | Quantity | Unit |
| *U* | Flow speed | 1 m/s = 0.514 kna |
| *p* | Pressure | Pa |
| *μ* | Dynamic viscosity | Pa·s |
| *ν* | Kinematic viscosity | m2/s |
| *L* | Distance | 1000 m = 1 km = (250/463) nmia |
| *E* | Energy | 1 kJ = 0.27 kWh |
| *a* | Acceleration | m·s-2 |
| *F* | Force | N |
| *P* | Power | W |
| *M* | Mass | 1000 kg = 1 t |
| *Q* | Flow rate | m3/s |

Vertical lines in tables are deprecated. Statements that serve as captions for the entire table do not need footnote letters.

aThe Admiralty measured mile and Admiralty knot should not be used to avoid confusion.

1. Some common mistakes

The word “data” is plural, not singular. A graph within a graph is an “inset,” not an “insert.” The word “alternatively” is preferred to the word “alternately” (unless you really mean something that alternates). Use the word “whereas” instead of “while” (unless you are referring to simultaneous events). Do not use the word “essentially” to mean “approximately” or “effectively.” Do not use the word “issue” as a euphemism for “problem.”

Be aware of the different meanings of the homophones “affect” (usually a verb) and “effect” (usually a noun), “complement” and “compliment,” “discreet” and “discrete,” “principal” (e.g., “principal investigator”) and “principle” (e.g., “principle of measurement”). Do not confuse “imply” and “infer.”

Prefixes such as “non,” “sub,” “micro,” “multi,” and “ultra” are not independent words; they should be joined to the words they modify, usually without a hyphen. There is no period after the “et” in the Latin abbreviation “et al.” (it is also not italicized). The abbreviation “i.e.,” means “that is,” and the abbreviation “e.g.,” means “for example” (these abbreviations are not italicized).

The suffix “-ize” is correct, both phonetically and etymologically, in both British and American English and there is no reason to use “-ise.” For further information, please see the relevant entry in the Oxford English Dictionary.

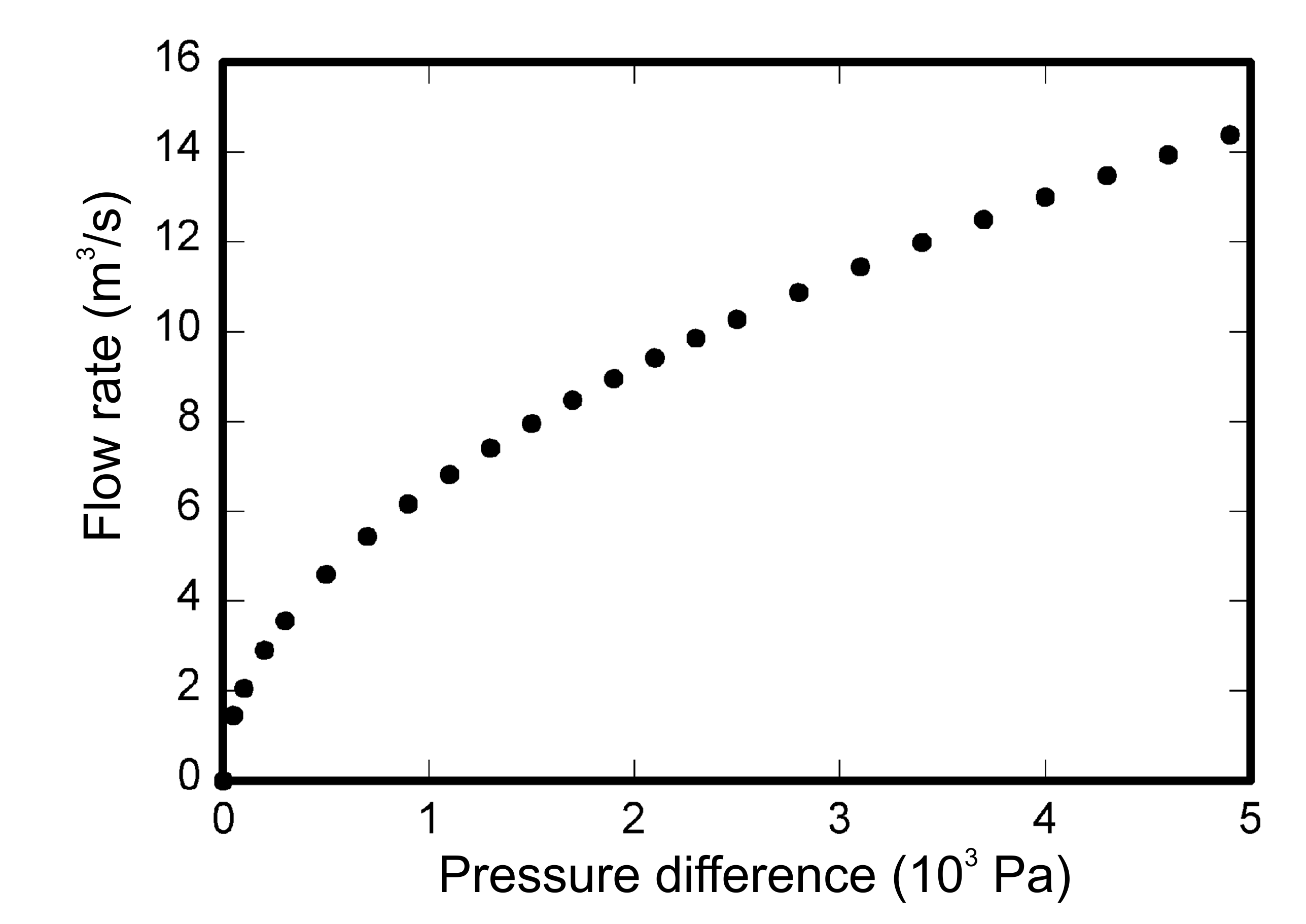


Fig. 1. Flow rate as a function of pressure difference. Note that “Fig.” is abbreviated. There is a period after the figure number, followed by two spaces. It is good practice to explain the significance of the figure in the caption.

1. Guidelines for graphics preparation   
   and submission
2. Types of graphics

The following list outlines the different types of graphics published in IMEJ journals. They are categorized based on their construction, and use of colour / shades of grey:

1. *Colour/grey-scale figures*

Figures that are meant to appear in colour, or shades of black/grey. Such figures may include photographs, illustrations, multicolour graphs, and flowcharts.

1. *Line art figures*

Figures that are composed of only black lines and shapes. These figures should have no shades or half-tones of grey, only black and white.

1. Tables

Data charts which are typically black and white, but sometimes include colour.

1. Multipart figures

Figures compiled of more than one sub-figure presented side-by-side, or stacked. If a multipart figure is made up of multiple figure types (one part is line-art, and another is grey-scale or colour) the figure should meet the stricter guidelines.

1. File formats for graphics

Format and save your graphics using a suitable graphics processing program that will allow you to export images as PostScript (PS), Encapsulated PostScript (.EPS), Tagged Image File Format (.TIFF), Portable Network Graphics (.PNG) or JPEG (.JPG) at suitable resolution (see below). It is strongly recommended that graphics be saved in PNG format rather than DOC, XLS, or PPT native formats. Doing so will protect your figures from common problems that occur when working on the files across multiple platforms. When submitting your final paper, your graphics should all be submitted individually in one of these formats along with the manuscript.

1. Sizing of graphics

Most charts, graphs, and tables are one column wide (86 mm) or page wide (178 mm). The maximum depth a graphic can be is 250 mm. When choosing the depth of a graphic, please allow space for a caption. Figures can be sized between column and page widths if the author chooses, however it is recommended that figures are not sized less than column width unless when necessary.

IMEJ uses page size A4 with a column measurement of 86 mm. The column spacing is 6 mm. The left and right margins are 16 mm, top margin 22 mm (including header) and bottom margin 14 mm. The header height is 10 mm.

1. Raster graphics

The proper resolution of your figures will depend on the type of figure it is as defined in the “Types of Figures” section. Photographs, and colour and grey-scale figures should be at least 300dpi. Line art, including tables should be a minimum of 600dpi. The JPEG format should only be used for photographs; PNG format should be used for diagrams as it preserves sharp boundaries.

1. Vector graphics

In order to preserve the integrity of figures across multiple computer platforms, we accept vector graphics in the following formats: .EPS/.PDF/.PS. All fonts must be embedded or text converted to outlines in order to achieve the best-quality results.

1. Colour space

The term colour space refers to the entire sum of colours that can be represented within the said medium. For our purposes, the three main colour spaces are: grey-scale, RGB (red/green/blue) and CMYK (cyan/magenta/yellow/black). RGB is generally used with on-screen graphics, whereas CMYK is used for printing purposes.

Colour figures should be generated all in RGB or all in CMYK colour space. grey-scale images should be submitted in grey-scale colour space. Line art may be provided in grey-scale OR bitmap colour space. Note that “bitmap colour space” and “bitmap file format” are not the same thing. When bitmap colour space is selected, .PNG or .TIFF are the recommended file formats.

1. Accepted fonts within figures

When preparing your graphics IMEJ suggests that you use of one of the following fonts: Palatino, Times New Roman, Helvetica, Arial, Cambria, and Symbol. If you are supplying EPS, PS, or PDF files all fonts must be embedded. Some fonts may only be native to your operating system; without the fonts embedded, parts of the graphic may be distorted or missing.

A safe option when finalizing your figures is to strip out the fonts before you save the files, creating “outline” type. This converts fonts to artwork what will appear uniformly on any screen.

1. Using labels within figures
2. Figure axis labels

Figure axis labels are often a source of confusion. Use words rather than symbols. As an example, write the quantity “Power,” or “Power *P*,” not just “*P*.” Put units in parentheses. Do not label axes only with units. As in Fig. 1, for example, write “Flow speed (m/s)” or “Flow speed (ms−1),” not just “m/s.” Do not label axes with a ratio of quantities and units. For example, write “Pressure (Pa),” not “Pressure/Pa.”

Multipliers can be especially confusing. Write “Pressure (kPa)” or “Pressure (103 Pa).” Do not write “Pressure Pa × 1000” because the reader would not know whether the top axis label in Fig. 1 meant 16000 Pa or 0.016 Pa. Figure labels should be legible, approximately 8 to 10 point type.

1. Subfigure labels in multipart figures and tables

Multipart figures should be combined and labelled before final submission. Labels should appear centred below each subfigure in 8 point Palatino font in the format of (a) (b) (c).

1. File naming

Figures (line artwork or photographs) should be named with the first author’s surname, followed by the number that represents the sequential location of this image in your article. For example, in author “Smirnov’s” paper, the first three figures would be named smirnov1.tif, smirnov2.tif, and smirnov3.ps.

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1. Referencing a figure or table within your paper

When referencing your figures and tables within your paper, use the abbreviation “Fig.” even at the beginning of a sentence. Do not abbreviate “Table.” Tables should be numbered with Roman numerals.

1. Submitting your graphics

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1. Colour printing in IMEJ

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1. Conclusion

A conclusion section is not required. Although a conclusion may review the main points of the paper, do not replicate the abstract as the conclusion. A conclusion might elaborate on the importance of the work or suggest applications and extensions.

Appendix

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