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List of 13 Runoff Flow and Peak Algorithm Formulas

Runoff Flow and Peak Algorithm

Flow-Duration Curve

1) Number of Data Points given Percentage Probability of Flow Magnitude



$$\text{fx } N = \left(m \cdot \frac{100}{P_p} \right) - 1$$

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$$\text{ex } 26.02703 = \left(4 \cdot \frac{100}{14.8} \right) - 1$$

2) Order Number of Discharge given Percentage Probability of Flow Magnitude

$$\text{fx } m = P_p \cdot \frac{N + 1}{100}$$

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$$\text{ex } 3.996 = 14.8 \cdot \frac{26 + 1}{100}$$



3) Percentage Probability of Flow Magnitude

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$$\text{fx } P_p = \left(\frac{m}{N + 1} \right) \cdot 100$$

$$\text{ex } 14.81481 = \left(\frac{4}{26 + 1} \right) \cdot 100$$

Natural Flow

4) Change in Storage Volumes

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$$\text{fx } \Delta S_v = R_N - R_o + V_r - V_d - E_M - F_x$$

$$\text{ex } 20 = 174\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 50\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 10\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 12\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 2 - 100$$

5) Natural Flow Volume

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$$\text{fx } R_N = (R_o - V_r) + V_d + E_M + F_x + \Delta S_v$$

$$\text{ex } 174\text{m}^3/\text{s} = (50\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 10\text{m}^3/\text{s}) + 12\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 2 + 100 + 20$$

6) Net Evaporation Losses from Reservoir on Stream

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$$\text{fx } E_M = R_N - R_o + V_r - V_d - F_x - \Delta S_v$$

$$\text{ex } 2 = 174\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 50\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 10\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 12\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 100 - 20$$



7) Net Export of Water from Basin

$$\text{fx } F_x = R_N - R_o + V_r - V_d - E_M + \Delta S_v$$

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$$\text{ex } 140 = 174\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 50\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 10\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 12\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 2 + 20$$

8) Observed Flow Volume at Terminal Site given Natural Flow Volume

$$\text{fx } R_o = R_N + V_r - V_d - E_M - F_x - \Delta S_v$$

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$$\text{ex } 50\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 174\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 10\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 12\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 2 - 100 - 20$$

9) Volume Diverted Out of Stream

$$\text{fx } V_d = R_N - R_o + V_r - E_M - F_x - \Delta S_v$$

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$$\text{ex } 12\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 174\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 50\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 10\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 2 - 100 - 20$$

10) Volume of Return Flow

$$\text{fx } V_r = -R_N + R_o + V_d + E_M + F_x + \Delta S_v$$

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$$\text{ex } 10\text{m}^3/\text{s} = -174\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 50\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 12\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 2 + 100 + 20$$

Sequent Peak Algorithm

11) Inflow Volume given Net Flow Volume

$$\text{fx } x_i = V_f + D_i$$

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$$\text{ex } 15.1\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 10.1\text{m}^3/\text{s} + 5\text{m}^3/\text{s}$$



12) Net Flow Volume

fx $V_f = x_i - D_i$

Open Calculator 

ex $10\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 15\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 5\text{m}^3/\text{s}$

13) Outflow Volume given Net Flow Volume

fx $D_i = x_i - V_f$

Open Calculator 

ex $4.9\text{m}^3/\text{s} = 15\text{m}^3/\text{s} - 10.1\text{m}^3/\text{s}$



Variables Used

- D_i Outflow Volume (Cubic Meter per Second)
- E_M Net Evaporation Losses
- F_x Net Export of Water from Basin
- m Order Number of Discharge
- N Number of Data Points
- P_p Percentage Probability
- R_N Natural Flow Volume (Cubic Meter per Second)
- R_o Observed Flow Volume (Cubic Meter per Second)
- V_d Volume Diverted Out of Stream (Cubic Meter per Second)
- V_f Net Flow Volume (Cubic Meter per Second)
- V_r Volume of Return Flow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- x_i Inflow Volume (Cubic Meter per Second)
- ΔS_v Change in Storage Volumes



Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m^3/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



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