

Important Water Budget Equation for a Catchment Formulas PDF



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Important Water Budget Equation for a Catchment Formulas

1) Catchment Area given Peak Discharge in Jarvis formula Formula

Formula

$$A = \left(\frac{Q_p}{C} \right)^2$$

Example with Units

$$0.0005 \text{ m}^2 = \left(\frac{4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}}{177} \right)^2$$

Evaluate Formula

2) Change in Storage of Water in Catchment Formula

Formula

$$S = \Delta S + \Delta S_m + \Delta S_s$$

Example with Units

$$18 \text{ m}^3 = 7 \text{ m}^3 + 6 \text{ m}^3 + 5.0 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula

3) Continuity equation for water balance Formula

Formula

$$\Delta s = Q - V_o$$

Example with Units

$$5 \text{ m} = 30 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 25 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula

4) Ground Water Storage given Storage of Water in Catchment Formula

Formula

$$\Delta S = S - \Delta S_s - \Delta S_m$$

Example with Units

$$7 \text{ m}^3 = 18 \text{ m}^3 - 5.0 \text{ m}^3 - 6 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula

5) Mass Outflow given Change in Mass Storage Formula

Formula

$$V_o = Q - \Delta s$$

Example with Units

$$25 \text{ m}^3 = 30 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 5 \text{ m}$$

Evaluate Formula

6) Mass Outflow Rate given Change in Mass Storage Formula

Formula

$$Q = \Delta s + V_o$$

Example with Units

$$30 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 5 \text{ m} + 25 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula



7) Mean Annual Flood proposed by Natural Environment Research Council Formula

Formula

$$Q_{\text{mean}} = C_{\text{NERC}} \cdot A_{\text{NERC}}^{0.94} \cdot SF^{0.27} \cdot S_C^{0.16} \cdot SO^{1.23} \cdot RSMD^{1.03} \cdot (1 + a)^{-0.85}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$25.045 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 0.0315 \cdot 7.6^{0.94} \cdot 5.5^{0.27} \cdot 8.7^{0.16} \cdot 8.9^{1.23} \cdot 49.2^{1.03} \cdot (1 + 24 \text{ m}^2)^{-0.85}$$

8) Precipitation in Rainfall Runoff Relationship Formula

Formula

$$P = S_r + L$$

Example with Units

$$50 \text{ mm} = 0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 49.95 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

9) Rainfall Runoff Relationship Formula

Formula

$$S_r = P - L$$

Example with Units

$$0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 50 \text{ mm} - 49.95 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

10) Runoff Losses in Rainfall Runoff Relationship Formula

Formula

$$L = P - S_r$$

Example with Units

$$49.95 \text{ m}^3 = 50 \text{ mm} - 0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

11) Soil Moisture Storage given Storage of Water Formula

Formula

$$\Delta S_m = S - \Delta S_s - \Delta S$$

Example with Units

$$6 \text{ m}^3 = 18 \text{ m}^3 - 5.0 \text{ m}^3 - 7 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

12) Surface Water Storage given Storage of Water in Catchment Formula

Formula

$$\Delta S_s = S - \Delta S_m - \Delta S$$

Example with Units

$$5 \text{ m}^3 = 18 \text{ m}^3 - 6 \text{ m}^3 - 7 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula 

13) Hydrological Continuity Equation Formulas

13.1) Daily Groundwater Inflow Formula

Formula

$$V_{ig} = V_{os} + V_{og} + E_L + \Delta S_L + T_L \cdot P - V_{is}$$

Evaluate Formula 

Example with Units

$$5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 1958 \text{ mm} + 70 \text{ mm} + 22 \text{ mm} - 50 \text{ mm} - 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$



13.2) Daily Precipitation from Water Budget Continuity Equation Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$P = V_{os} + V_{og} + E_L + \Delta S_L + T_L - V_{is} - V_{ig}$$

Example with Units

$$50 \text{ mm} = 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 1958 \text{ mm} + 70 \text{ mm} + 22 \text{ mm} - 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

13.3) Daily Seepage Outflow Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$V_{og} = P + V_{ig} + V_{is} - V_{os} - E_L - \Delta S_L - T_L$$

Example with Units

$$4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 50 \text{ mm} + 5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 1958 \text{ mm} - 70 \text{ mm} - 22 \text{ mm}$$

13.4) Daily Surface Inflow into Lake Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$V_{is} = V_{og} + V_{os} + E_L + \Delta S_L + T_L - P - V_{ig}$$

Example with Units

$$3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 1958 \text{ mm} + 70 \text{ mm} + 22 \text{ mm} - 50 \text{ mm} - 5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

13.5) Daily Surface Outflow from Lake Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$V_{os} = P + V_{is} + V_{ig} - V_{og} - E_L - \Delta S_L - T_L$$

Example with Units

$$2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 50 \text{ mm} + 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 1958 \text{ mm} - 70 \text{ mm} - 22 \text{ mm}$$

13.6) Daily Transpiration Loss Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$T_L = P + V_{is} + V_{ig} - V_{os} - V_{og} - E_L - \Delta S_L$$

Example with Units

$$22 \text{ mm} = 50 \text{ mm} + 3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 1958 \text{ mm} - 70 \text{ mm}$$

13.7) Equation for Daily Lake Evaporation Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$E_L = P + (V_{is} - V_{os}) + (V_{ig} - V_{og}) - T_L - \Delta S_L$$

Example with Units

$$1958 \text{ mm} = 50 \text{ mm} + (3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}) + (5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}) - 22 \text{ mm} - 70 \text{ mm}$$



13.8) Increase in Lake Storage in day Formula

Formula

Evaluate Formula 

$$\Delta S_L = P + V_{is} + V_{ig} - V_{os} - V_{og} - E_L - T_L$$

Example with Units

$$70_{\text{mm}} = 50_{\text{mm}} + 3_{\text{m}^3/\text{s}} + 5_{\text{m}^3/\text{s}} - 2_{\text{m}^3/\text{s}} - 4_{\text{m}^3/\text{s}} - 1958_{\text{mm}} - 22_{\text{mm}}$$



Variables used in list of Water Budget Equation for a Catchment Formulas above

- **a** Area of Lakes or Reservoirs (Square Meter)
- **A** Catchment Area (Square Meter)
- **A_{NERC}** Area
- **C** Coefficient
- **C_{NERC}** Constant C
- **E_L** Daily Lake Evaporation (Millimeter)
- **L** Runoff Losses (Cubic Meter)
- **P** Precipitation (Millimeter)
- **Q** Outflow Rate (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Q_{mean}** Mean Annual Flood (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Q_p** Peak Discharge (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **RSMD** RSMD
- **S** Storage of Water (Cubic Meter)
- **S_C** Slope of the Catchment
- **S_r** Surface Runoff (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **SF** Stream Frequency
- **SO** Soil Type Index
- **T_L** Daily Transpiration Loss (Millimeter)
- **V_{ig}** Daily Groundwater Inflow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **V_{is}** Daily Surface Inflow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **V_o** Mass Outflow (Cubic Meter)
- **V_{og}** Daily Seepage Outflow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **V_{os}** Daily Surface Outflow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Δs** Change in Mass Storage (Meter)
- **ΔS** Change in Groundwater Storage (Cubic Meter)
- **ΔS_L** Increase in Lake Storage in a Day (Millimeter)

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Water Budget Equation for a Catchment Formulas above

- **Measurement: Length** in Meter (m), Millimeter (mm)
Length Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volume** in Cubic Meter (m³)
Volume Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Area** in Square Meter (m²)
Area Unit Conversion 
- **Measurement: Volumetric Flow Rate** in Cubic Meter per Second (m³/s)
Volumetric Flow Rate Unit Conversion 



- **ΔS_m** Change in Soil Moisture Storage (*Cubic Meter*)
- **ΔS_s** Change in Surface Water Storage (*Cubic Meter*)



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