

Important Watershed and Yield Formulas PDF



Formulas Examples with Units

List of 13 Important Watershed and Yield Formulas

1) Watershed Simulation Formulas

1.1) Actual Evapotranspiration given Runoff Formula

Formula

$$E_{et} = P_{mm} - Q_V - \Delta S_m$$

Example with Units

$$9.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 35 \text{ mm} - 19.5 \text{ m}^3 - 6 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula

1.2) Change in Soil Moisture Storage given Runoff Formula

Formula

$$\Delta S_m = P_{mm} - Q_V - E_{et}$$

Example with Units

$$1.5 \text{ m}^3 = 35 \text{ mm} - 19.5 \text{ m}^3 - 14 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.3) Equation for Runoff Formula

Formula

$$Q_V = S_r + I$$

Example with Units

$$12.05 \text{ m}^3 = 0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.4) Net Groundwater Outflow given Runoff Formula

Formula

$$I = Q_V - S_r$$

Example with Units

$$19.45 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 19.5 \text{ m}^3 - 0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula

1.5) Runoff given Precipitation Formula

Formula

$$Q_V = P_{mm} - E_{et} - \Delta S_m$$

Example with Units

$$15 \text{ m}^3 = 35 \text{ mm} - 14 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 6 \text{ m}^3$$

Evaluate Formula

1.6) Surface Runoff using Runoff Formula

Formula

$$S_r = Q_V - I$$

Example with Units

$$7.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 19.5 \text{ m}^3 - 12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula

2) Yield of Catchment Formulas

2.1) Abstraction in Time given Yield of Catchment Formula

Formula

$$A_b = Y - R_o - \Delta S_v$$

Example with Units

$$116 = 186 - 50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 20$$

Evaluate Formula



2.2) Change in Storage Volumes given Yield of Catchment Formula

Formula

$$\Delta Sv = Y - R_o - A_b$$

Example with Units

$$21 = 186 - 50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} - 115$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.3) Natural Flow given Yield of Catchment Formula

Formula

$$R_N = Y - V_r$$

Example with Units

$$176 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 186 - 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.4) Observed Runoff Volume at Terminal Gauging Station given Yield of Catchment Formula

Formula

$$R_o = Y - A_b - \Delta Sv$$

Example with Units

$$51 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 186 - 115 - 20$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.5) Volume of Return Flow given Yield of Catchment Formula

Formula

$$V_r = Y - R_N$$

Example with Units

$$12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 186 - 174 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.6) Yield of Catchment by Water Balance Equation Formula

Formula

$$Y = R_N + V_r$$

Example with Units

$$184 = 174 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

2.7) Yield of Catchment given Observed Runoff Volume at Terminal Gauging Station Formula

Formula

$$Y = R_o + A_b + \Delta Sv$$

Example with Units

$$185 = 50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 115 + 20$$




Evaluate Formula 



Variables used in list of Watershed and Yield Formulas above

- **A_b** Abstraction in Time
- **E_{et}** Actual Evapotranspiration (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **I** Net Ground Water Flowing Outside Catchment (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **P_{mm}** Precipitation (Millimeter)
- **Q_v** Runoff Volume (Cubic Meter)
- **R_N** Natural Flow Volume (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **R_o** Observed Flow Volume (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **S_r** Surface Runoff (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **V_r** Volume of Return Flow (Cubic Meter per Second)
- **Y** Yield of Catchment
- **ΔS_m** Change in Soil Moisture Storage (Cubic Meter)
- **ΔS_v** Change in Storage Volumes

Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of Watershed and Yield Formulas above


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



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