

Survey on modeling of spatial soil moisture variability in the Xinanjiang model and its derivatives

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Xinanjiang model, Zhao R. J., 1980



- Widely used in the humid and semi-humid regions of China as a basic tool for rainfall-runoff simulation and flood forecasting
- Runoff occurs only when on repletion of the soil moisture storage at a particular point
- Structure of the Xinanjiang model has been divided into four modules
 - Evapotranspiration
 - Runoff production
 - Runoff separation
 - Routing











Evapotranspiration Module

Evaporation occurs at the potential rate until the storage of the first layer is exhausted

$$EU = K \times EM$$

- After exhaustion of the upper layer remaining potential evapotranspiration is applied to the lower layer, but the efficiency is modified $EL = (K \times EM EU) \times \frac{WL}{WLM}$
- When the total evapotranspiration in the upper and lower layers is less than a pre-set threshold, evapotranspiration continues to the deep layer to keep the pre-set minimum value.

$$ED = C \times (K \times EM - EU) - EL$$







Runoff Production Module



 F_F = Proportion of the pervious area of the basin whose soil moisture storage capacity is less than or equal to W'M

$$R = P - PET - Loss$$

$$R = \begin{cases} P - PET - \int_{A}^{P - PET + A} \left(1 - \frac{W'M}{WMM}\right)^{b} dW'M, & \text{for } P - PET + A < WMM \\ P - PET - (WM - W), & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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Separation of Runoff Component



$$RS = \begin{cases} P - PET - SM + S + SM \times \left[1 - \frac{P - PET + B}{MS}\right]^{1 + EX}, & \text{for } P - PET + B < MS \\ P - PET - (SM - S), & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- The sub-basin outflow is produced by an empirical Unit hydrograph or by lag and route method
- Flood routing from the sub-basin outlets to the total basin outlet is achieved by applying Muskingum method to each reaches.





Distribution of soil moisture storage capacity curve

$$\frac{f}{F} = \begin{cases} (0.5 - c)^{1-b} \left(\frac{W'M}{WMM}\right)^{b} & \text{for } 0 \le \frac{W'M}{WMM} \le (0.5 - c) \\\\ 1 - (0.5 + C)^{1-b} \left(1 - \frac{W'M}{WMM}\right)^{b} & \text{for } (0.5 - C) < \frac{W'M}{WMM} \le 1 \end{cases}$$



Runoff Generation





$$R = \int_{A}^{P-PET+A} \left(\frac{f}{F}\right) \, dW' \mathsf{M}$$



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Hu et al., 2005



- Considers both Horton and saturation overland flow mechanisms simultaneously
- Rainfall excess runoff occurs if rainfall intensity is greater than infiltration rate, while saturated overland flow occurs if the soil moisture reaches the field capacity





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Runoff Generation When, $A + i'_m \leq WMM$ ^(a) W'M ∫i' (b) Îi' ^(c)W'M i' W'M ~α W'M **W'M**~α W'M ~α i'~B **Ι'** ~β i' ~β P-PET RS RS RS 0 0 i'm i'm ο ΔW i'm P-PE 0 ∆W ∘ $_{\circ}\Delta W_{\circ}$ P-PET 0 0 0 WMM X X WM WMM W A W w А 0.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 α α 0.0 1.0 α P - PET + A < x $x \leq P - PET + A \leq i'_m$ $P - PET + A \ge W + i'_m$ $RS = \int_{0}^{P-PET} \left(\frac{f}{F}\right) di'$ $RS = P - PET - \int_{0}^{\iota_{m}} \left(1 - \frac{f}{F}\right) di'$ $RS = \int_{0}^{P-PET} \left(\frac{f}{F}\right) di'$ $RG = \int_{A}^{A+P-PET} \frac{f}{F} dW' m - \int_{0}^{P-PET} \left(\frac{f}{F}\right) di' \qquad RG = \int_{A}^{x} \frac{f}{F} dW' M - \int_{0}^{x-A} \left(\frac{f}{F}\right) di'$ $RG = \int_{A}^{x} \frac{f}{F} dW' M - \int_{0}^{x-A} \left(\frac{f}{F}\right) di'$









VIC Model., 1992



- The VIC model is a macroscale hydrologic model
- Runoff generation based on the concept of series of buckets of soil moisture storage with variable infiltration capacities
- This model and its variants use the same modular structure of the Xinanjiang model based on the variable infiltration capacity concept

$$1 - \frac{A_S}{A_T} = \left(1 - \frac{i}{i_m}\right)^b$$

 $R = P - PET - WM + (1 + K_b)W$ for $i_0 + P - PET \ge i_m$

$$R = P - PET - WM + (1 + K_b)W + WM \left(1 - \frac{i_0 + P - PET}{i_m}\right)^{b+1}$$

For $i_0 + P - PET < i_m$

Arno Model., 1996

HMG-IITM

- Semi-distributed conceptual rainfall-runoff model
- Uses the basic structure of the Xinanjiang model, with added features accounting for drainage and percolation losses
- Based on a spatial probability distribution of soil moisture capacity and of dynamically varying saturated contributing areas

$$\frac{\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{I}}}{\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{T}} - \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{I}}} = \mathbf{1} - \left(\mathbf{1} - \frac{\mathbf{W}'\mathbf{M}}{\mathbf{W}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{M}}\right)^{\mathbf{b}}$$

$$R = P - PET + \frac{S_T - S_I}{S_T} \left[(WM - W) - WM \left[\left(1 - \frac{W}{WM} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+b}} - \frac{P - PET}{(1+b)WM} \right]^{1+b} \right] + D + B_f$$

for $0 < P - PET < (b+1)WM \left(1 - \frac{W}{WM} \right)^{\frac{1}{b+1}}$
 $R = P - PET + \frac{S_T - S_I}{S_T} (WM - W) + D + B_f$

for
$$P - PET \ge (b+1)WM \left(1 - \frac{W}{WM}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+b}}$$



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Conclusions



• Many researchers have tried to modify the basic structure of the Xinanjiang model to incorporate the soil moisture dynamics in a conceptual framework

• Some models seem to be simple and flexible to represent the soil moisture water capacity curve

• However, some are having a complex modular structure with the addition of more and more conceptual component processes i.e., increasing the number of model parameters

• All these models (Xinanjiang) are not well tested in varied real world basins

• Only statistical power distribution function is used to express the model structure, however, its physical basis has not been verified yet







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