

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA
Subject: Advanced Hydrology

Exercise – application of the Hymod rainfall-runoff model

In a catchment whose area is 1214 km² rainfall data have been observed at hourly time scale for a period of 1 year. The related observations of mean areal hourly rainfall in mm/s can be downloaded at the web address:

<http://distart119.ing.unibo.it/albertonew/sites/default/files/didattica/rain-evaposynt.txt>

The observed hourly river flows, in m³/s, can be downloaded at the address:

<http://distart119.ing.unibo.it/albertonew/sites/default/files/didattica/dischargesynt.txt>

By using the above data set, the Hymod model should be calibrated by using sum of squares as objective function. A comparison should be made by using the sum of absolute errors as objective function.

Furthermore, model validation should be performed by calibrating the model on the first 6 months of data and verifying the model by using the last six months.

Explain in a brief report the above elaborations with the required graphs.

An example code for the Hymod model can be downloaded at <http://distart119.ing.unibo.it/albertonew/sites/default/files/didattica/hymod.r>.

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