Run-off Analysis using Storage Function Method

1. Equations for analysis

Storage Function Method is framed by following equations.

1.1 Basic equations

$\frac{dS}{dt} = r_e(t - T_L) - q_c(t)$	Equation of continuity	(1)
$S(t) = k \cdot \{q_c(t)\}^p$ $r_e(t) = f \cdot R(t)$	Relationship between Storage and Direct run-off Effective rainfall	(2) (3)
$\begin{array}{lll} S(t) & : \mbox{ Storage (mm/hr)} \\ r_e(t) & : \mbox{ Effective rainfall (mm/} \\ T_L & : \mbox{ Delay time (hr)} \\ q_c(t) & : \mbox{ Direct run-off (mm/hr)} \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{ll} k & : \mbox{Constant for storage function} \\ p & : \mbox{Constant for storage function} \\ f & : \mbox{Rate of flow (constant)} \\) & R(t) & : \mbox{Observed rainfall (mm/hr)} \end{array} $	

1.2 Equations for Direct run-off

$$q_{c}(t) = q(t) - q_{B}(t) \qquad \text{Direct run-off} \qquad (4)$$

$$q(t) = \frac{3.6 \cdot Q(t)}{A} \qquad \text{Total run-off} \qquad (5)$$

$$q_{B}(t) = q_{1} + (i - n_{1})\frac{q_{2} - q_{1}}{n_{2} - n_{1}} \qquad \text{Base run-off} \qquad (6)$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} q_c(t) & : \mbox{ Direct run-off(mm/hr)} & Q(t) & : \mbox{ Observed discharge } (m^3/s) \\ q_B(t) & : \mbox{ Base run-off(mm/hr)} & A & : \mbox{ Catchment area } (km^2) \\ q(t) & : \mbox{ Total run-off(mm/hr)} & & & \\ n_1 & : \mbox{ Start point of direct run-off} & q_1 & : \mbox{ Run-off at start point of direct run-off} \\ n_2 & : \mbox{ End point of direct run-off} & q_2 & : \mbox{ Run-off at end point of direct run-off} \\ i & : \mbox{ Integer from } n_1 \mbox{ until } n_2 \end{array}$$

1.3 Equation for the rate of flow

$$f = \frac{\sum q_c}{\sum R_T} \tag{7}$$

f: Rate of flow q_c : Direct run-off (mm/hr) R_T : Observed rainfall (mm/hr) where, observed rainfall means that it is shifted one for same times as the times counted direct run-off.

2. Estimation of parameters and reproduction of Hydrograph

Equation of continuity is approximated into following finite difference approximation.

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = r_e(t - T_L) - q_c(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad S(t + \Delta t) = S(t) + \Delta t \cdot r_e(t + \Delta t - T_L) - \frac{\Delta t}{2} \{q_c(t + \Delta t) + q_c(t)\}$$
(8)

In above, since $q_c(t)$ and $r_e(t)$ are known for whole times, the values of S(t) can be obtained successively by setting the initial value of S(0) = 0 at t = 0.

About delay time T_L , the proper value of it can be obtained by trial changing the value of L_T from zero.

There is following relationship between storage S and direct run-off q_c .

$$S = k \cdot \{q_c\}^p \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ln S = \ln k + p \cdot \ln q_c \tag{9}$$

Practically, by comparison with the relations between the storage S and direct run-off q_c on log-log graph while changing T_L , the value of T_L can be established when an agreement degree of the behavior is the highest during flow increase time and flow decrease time.

The value of k and p can be obtained by a regression analysis on log-log graph using established T_L .

After obtaining the constant values of k, p and T_L , the time history of q_c can be obtained by the numerical integration of following differential equation using such as Runge-Kutta mathod.

$$\frac{dq_c}{dt} = \frac{1}{k \cdot p} \cdot (r_e - q_c) \cdot {q_c}^{1-p} \tag{10}$$

Where, the time history of q_c in above equation is not related the values which were used for obtaining storage S. At this time, the values of r_e , p and k are known and the time history of q_c is unknown. Therefore, it is necessary to set the small initial value of q_c at the equivalent time of starting point of separation n_1 . After this, the time history of q_c can be calculated successively using numerical integration.

If the time history of q_c can be known, Hydrograph can be re-producted using following equation.

$$Q = \frac{1}{3.6} \cdot A \cdot (q_c + q_B) \tag{11}$$

Where, please take care of units. The unit of discharge Q is 'm³/s', the unit for direct run-off q_c and base run-off q_B is 'mm/hr', the unit of catchment area is 'km²'.

3. Programing

○ The command for execution of Fortran program is shown below:

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> f90_SFM fnameR fnameW n1 m md
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Where, 'fnameR' is a input file name and 'fnameW' is a output file name.

 \bigcirc Start point of direct run-off n_1 is inputted as a command line argument.

- \bigcirc About the treatment of the end point of direct run-off n_2 , is inputted as a command line argument.
 - In case of m = 0, the value of base run-off q_B is constant and the value of it is equal to the value at the start point of direct run-off.
 - In case of m = 1, the value of base run-off q_B is variable from the value at n_1 to the value at n_2 . The end point of direct run-off n_2 is estimated automatically.
 - The condition of estimation of n_2 is the minimum difference between observed from and re-producted flow in Hydrograph.
 - In practical calculation, n_2 is changed from large value to small value.
 - Since the value of direct run-off q_c shall be greater than or equal to zero, the values of direct run-off q_c are amended to zero if they are less than zero.
- \bigcirc The estimation method of delay time is shown below.
 - Although it is known that the relationship between direct run-off q_c and storage S becomes like a loop shape, the parameters of p and k can be calculated using a regression analysis on log-log graph.
 - By shifting the time for effective rainfall, the delay time T_L can be obtained when the residual error between observed data and estimated data by regression analysis becomes minimum value.
 - For the regression analysis to calculate the constants p and k, special method is adopted to consider the loop shape of q_c -S relationship. The data selection method is shown below:
 - \Box Divide the area in horizontal axis q_c to some small areas.
 - \Box Chose the maximum and minimum values of S from each area.
 - □ Do the regression analysis using the total datasets which are selected from each small area.
 - The upper limit of value of p is set as 1.0. If the value of p exceed 1.0 is obtained by calculation, p is set by 1.0 and k is re-calculated under the condition of p = 1.0.
- \bigcirc The number of devision of time increment for numerical integration cam be changeable. It is inputted as a number of md of a command line argument. Discharge data is interpolated by Spline interpolation, and rainfall data is set as same value during one hour because the unit of rainfall is 'mm/h'.
- \bigcirc After obtaining the values of T_L , k and p, Runge-Kutta method is used as a numerical integration method in order to re-product Hydrograph.

4. Examples of analysis

Trial calculation for following cases were done.

- Case 1 : Mukawa-river (09/Aug/1992)
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- Case 2 : Sample data from textbook
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- Case 3 : Tyuuruigawa-river (05/Aug/1975) (Source: 北海道開発局土木試験所河川研究室:実用的な洪水流出計算法,昭和 62 年 3 月 in Japanese character)
- Case 4 : Otoshibegawa-river (29/Jun/1960)
 (Source: 実用的な洪水流出計算法 (洪水データ集) in Japanese character)
- \bigcirc Case 5 : Otoshibegawa-river (03/Apr/1961)
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After this, the relationship between direct run-off and storage, and re-producted Hydrograph using analized parameters are shown for each case.

4.1 Case 1: Mukawa-river (09/August/1992)



Fig.1 q_c - S relationship





Fig.4 Hydrograph for Case 2









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