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# AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR ANALYSIS OF RUNOFF HYDROGRAPHS

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## INTRODUCTION

Hydrologists often utilize dimensionless hydrographs to predict simple hydrographs (single peak with the recession not sustained by rainfall or return flow). The dimensionless hydrograph as introduced in this paper has a discharge scale of  $(q/q_p)$  and a time scale of  $(t/t_p)$  where

$q$  = runoff rate

$q_p$  = peak runoff rate

$t$  = time

$t_p$  = time to peak rate

By using the assumptions of superposition and linearity, hydrologists develop complex hydrographs from a summation of simple hydrographs.

Hydrographs for simple runoff events have been noted to be similar in shape to skewed statistical frequency functions. Gray<sup>2</sup> and Reich<sup>3</sup> utilized this justification for fitting a gamma function to a number of observed hydrographs. Relating the fitted function parameters to hydrologic and geomorphic variables makes it possible to predict hydrographs for ungaged watersheds.

This study considers a function similar to the gamma function, except that it has only one parameter. Even though the function is a one-parameter function, it is used in a two-parameter fashion, that is, two values of the parameter are estimated, one for the rising and one for the falling side of the hydrograph. A computer program was written to automate the fitting procedure. A program listing and example are presented in the appendix.

The function was fitted to 100 hydrographs and the quality of fit was evaluated from the deviation of the estimated hydrographs from the observed hydrographs.

## HYDROGRAPH FUNCTION

As in any instance of curve fitting, only empirical justification can be presented for the fitting function. The function developed for this study is written as

$$q/q_p = \text{EXP} \left( -n \left( \ln(t/t_p) + 2 \left( 1/\sqrt{t/t_p} - 1 \right) \right) \right) \quad [1]$$

<sup>1</sup> Soil and Water Conservation Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at Beltsville, Md.

<sup>2</sup> Gray, Don M. Deviation of Hydrographs for Small Watersheds from Measurable Physical Characteristics. Iowa State Univ. Science and Tech., Dept. Agr. Engin., Res. Bul. 506, pp. 515-570. 1960.

<sup>3</sup> Reich, B. M. Design Hydrographs for Very Small Watersheds from Rainfall. Colo. State Univ., Civil Engin. Sect. Unnumb. Pub. 57 pp. 1962.

or, if we define a transformed time scale as

$$T = \ln (t/t_p) + 2 (1/\sqrt{t/t_p} - 1)$$

then equation 1 is written as

$$q/q_p = \text{EXP} (-nT) \quad [2]$$

where  $n$  is the parameter to be estimated. Equation 2 is now similar to the usual exponential recession function. The function 1 is fitted to the rising and falling side of the dimensionless hydrograph. Hence, a two-parameter system is fitted. Of course, estimates of  $q_p$  and  $t_p$  are required to recapture the natural hydrograph.

## FUNCTION FITTING

The Fortran II source program is listed in Appendix I. It was written for an IBM 1620<sup>4</sup> computer (40 K memory with indirect addressing). The program performs essentially four types of calculations.

- (1) The tabulated time scale (civil or military time) of the natural hydrograph is converted to decimal hours. The decimal hour scale is then converted to an accumulated hourly time scale.
- (2) A search is made for the peak rate and time-to-peak rate of the natural hydrograph. The time and discharge scales of the natural hydrograph are then converted to dimensionless scales.
- (3) The dimensionless hydrograph scales are transformed in accordance with the fitting function:

(a) Discharge scale =  $\ln (q/q_p)$

(b) Time scale =  $\ln (t/t_p) + 2 (1/\sqrt{t/t_p} - 1)$

- (4) The rising and falling side parameters are estimated by the usual least squares formula applied to

$$\ln(q/q_p) = -nT.$$

It was apparent from manual fitting trials that a closer fit is more important in high-flow parts of the hydrograph than in the extreme tail parts of the hydrograph. To incorporate this into the fitting program, a cutoff constant was utilized. By varying its value, the portion of the hydrograph contributing to estimation of the parameter is controlled. Values of this constant were from 3.0 in decrements of 0.5 down to 0.5. In terms of cutoff of the  $(q/q_p)$  - scale, the equivalence is, for example,

C = 1.           ,  $(q/q_p) = 0.367$

C = 2.           ,  $(q/q_p) = .135$

C = 3.           ,  $(q/q_p) = .049$

Thus, using a cutoff of 2.0, the function is fitted to values of  $(q/q_p)$  between 0.135 and 1.00. The program simply selects the closest fit on the basis of minimum sums of squares of observed minus calculated from the sequence of C-values.

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<sup>4</sup> Mention of a trade name does not constitute a guaranty or warranty of the product named and does not signify that this product is approved to the exclusion of other comparable products.



The final output of the program provides the best fitting hydrograph, the observed hydrograph, time to peak, peak rate, and the rising side and falling side parameter values.

In Appendix II the data input formats are given. For each hydrograph, one parameter card is required (C is usually valued initially as 3.). One data card is required for each line of data.

Appendix III presents a sample set of input data and the corresponding program output. Experience to date indicates that 20 to 30 hydrographs can be fitted per hour, depending on the number of entries per hydrograph.

## APPLICATION

An initial study was undertaken to assess the fitting value of this hydrograph function. The study utilized 100 published hydrographs found in "Selected Runoff Events from Small Agricultural Watersheds in the United States"<sup>5</sup> and "Hydrologic Data for Experimental Agricultural Watersheds in the United States, 1956-59"<sup>6</sup>. Table 1 presents the watershed and storm identification together with the estimated values of the parameters.

Table 1.--Listing of watersheds and storms studied and fitted parameters.

Location and watershed	Storm Month-day-year	n Rise	n Fall
Bentonville, Ark.:			
W-5.....	5-25-39	-5.4313	-7.9732
W-5.....	6-9-52	-34.3306	-20.7748
Safford, Ariz.:			
W-I.....	7-19-57	-1.4565	-10.2684
W-II.....	8-20-56	-3.0521	-7.8796
W-II.....	7-16-59	-4.3990	-20.6930
W-V.....	8-28-57	-.6709	-3.3382
W-V.....	8-30-57	-.4415	-2.6094
Tombstone, Ariz.:			
W-2.....	7-20-59	-6.2263	-1.6997
Colorado Springs, Colo.:			
W-IV.....	8-13-45	-33.5999	-22.2823
Americus, Ga.:			
W-IV.....	8-19-42	-39.5155	-14.8924
W-IV.....	1-17-43	-11.8268	-7.0215

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Agricultural Research Service. Selected Runoff Events for Small Agricultural Watersheds in the United States. U.S. Dept. Agr., Agr. Res. Serv., Soil and Water Conservation Research Division, 374 pp. January 1960.

<sup>6</sup> Hobbs, Harold W., comp. Hydrologic Data for Experimental Agricultural Watersheds in the United States, 1956-59. U.S. Dept. Agr. Misc. Pub. No. 945, 672 pp. November 1963.

Table 1.--Listing of watersheds and storms studied and fitted parameters--Continued.

Location and watershed	Storm Month-day-year	n Rise	n Fall
Edwardsville, Ill.:			
W-1.....	5-27-38	-83.8372	-40.3424
W-4.....	5-27-38	-90.0152	-21.7968
Iowa City, Iowa:			
Ralston Creek.....	7-18-56	-90.6247	-10.8163
College Park, Md.:			
W-1.....	7-22-45	-46.3302	-32.6977
W-1.....	6-15-54	-11.1429	-18.2174
W-2.....	7-22-45	-9.3360	-14.5556
W-6.....	8-27-43	-5.2201	-16.5945
W-6.....	7-22-45	-15.0175	-14.3344
W-7.....	8-10-42	-31.7859	-27.0364
W-7.....	7-22-45	-13.4699	-31.3912
Oxford, Miss.:			
W-4.....	4-3-58	-21.2269	-8.2025
W-4.....	9-9-59	-3.1856	-10.1465
W-5.....	4-3-58	-8.0191	-7.8754
W-5.....	6-10-59	-10.1031	-9.7004
W-5.....	6-11-59	-4.3152	-6.4076
W-10.....	5-22-59	-113.8592	-27.1027
W-28.....	7-22-58	-25.3347	-15.0764
W-28.....	9-9-59	-4.1932	-5.9237
W-35.....	5-22-59	-19.7394	-17.0422
WC-1.....	5-26-59	-16.9993	-30.4440
WC-2.....	5-26-59	-10.0764	-19.8004
WC-3.....	5-26-59	-26.7372	-32.9694
Hastings, Nebr.:			
W-3.....	5-1-57	-45.1365	-12.8659
W-3.....	6-15-57	-13.6296	-18.5796
W-5.....	7-3-59	-9.8426	-12.9281
1-H.....	6-16-57	-31.5879	-9.4677
1-H.....	6-12-58	-5.9608	-10.9489
2-H.....	6-12-58	-8.8988	-14.8207
4-H.....	5-4-59	-11.9878	-5.7904
Albuquerque, N. Mex.:			
W-I.....	9-8-47	-20.4245	-13.0889
W-I.....	8-19-56	-18.2309	-4.6776
W-I.....	8-9-57	-3.4505	-7.7425
W-I.....	8-14-58	-32.3868	-46.9678
W-II.....	8-24-57	-25.8804	-11.8369
W-III.....	8-19-56	-5.6182	-8.4936



Table 1.--Listing of watersheds and storms studied and fitted parameters--Continued.

Location and watershed	Storm Month-day-year	n Rise	n Fall
Mexican Springs, N. Mex.:			
W-2.....	9-5-40	-23.3866	-39.2123
W-11.....	8-26-39	-1.8471	-6.9189
High Point, N.C.:			
West Fork of Deep River....	5-2-39	-14.0067	-4.4998
	12-26-38	-6.4381	-20.8938
	2-26-39	-3.2270	-5.6469
Coshocton, Ohio:			
131.....	6-12-57	-2.7887	-10.3692
127.....	6-12-57	-184.6239	-19.9397
110.....	6-12-57	-3.0373	-25.3157
111.....	6-12-57	-50.3599	-39.2510
187.....	6-12-57	-59.3227	-11.3100
169.....	6-12-57	-83.1074	-43.8798
183.....	8-16-47	-15.9781	-15.1650
196.....	8-16-47	-313.7573	-97.4145
94.....	6-12-47	-44.8717	-32.7548
Hamilton, Ohio:			
W-1.....	5-17-43	-10.0951	-3.3781
W-1.....	7-7-43	-37.8762	-10.8566
Cherokee, Okla.:			
W-1.....	6-24-58	-29.3441	-8.7506
W-1.....	9-25-59	-7.1256	-13.5323
W-1.....	5-28-60	-14.0688	-42.1781
W-2.....	6-24-58	-36.5202	-21.4625
W-2.....	10-13-59	-29.5597	-20.0797
W-3.....	5-28-60	-8.3606	-23.3567
W-4.....	6-24-58	-5.3942	-6.3858
W-4.....	5-28-60	-4.6167	-21.8304
Guthrie, Okla.:			
W-VI.....	9-8-42	-24.4832	-7.7950
W-VI.....	6-26-45	-37.9473	-8.0815
Stillwater, Okla.:			
W-1.....	4-18-57	-93.7714	-341.2761
W-1.....	6-27-57	-38.4060	-153.5767
W-3.....	6-27-57	-4.1090	-12.6162
Riesel, Tex.:			
W-1.....	6-10-41	-33.4406	-19.3325
W-1.....	3-26-46	-195.0137	-64.3905

Table 1.--Listing of watersheds and storms studied and fitted parameters--Continued.

Location and watershed	Storm Month-day-year	n Rise	n Fall
Riesel, Tex.--Continued:			
W-1.....	4-27-49	-29.2257	-33.9124
W-1.....	4-24-57	-262.7649	-117.3924
W-2.....	6-23-59	-310.2265	-81.1602
W-6.....	4-24-57	-7.9467	-13.9224
W-6.....	6-23-59	-63.8263	-22.4897
W-10.....	4-24-57	-10.4061	-15.1351
W-10.....	6-23-59	-83.3682	-53.8528
Y-6.....	4-24-57	-17.9326	-6.6444
Y-6.....	6-4-57	-6.0614	-5.8565
Y-6.....	6-23-59	-33.0627	-27.4650
SW-12.....	6-23-59	-38.7213	-53.1431
SW-17.....	3-31-57	-24.2796	-6.5723
SW-17.....	4-24-57	-7.9012	-17.3511
Staunton, Va.:			
Bell Creek			
W-1.....	9-8-48	-22.5718	-10.8254
Fennimore, Wis.:			
W-1.....	8-5-51	-84.5015	-99.8869
W-2.....	8-5-51	-12.0619	-25.4745
W-3.....	8-12-43	-9.7027	-6.2509
W-3.....	7-11-44	-455.6838	-10.9080
W-3.....	6-28-45	-45.4637	-9.3694
W-3.....	6-24-49	-1.5383	-1.5163
LaCrosse, Wis.:			
CW.....	8-16-40	-14.1442	-10.9085
CW.....	6-29-41	-3.0925	-5.1205
CW.....	9-15-41	-21.7221	-27.1035

The fitting ability of the hydrograph function was evaluated from each of the storms listed in table 1. As mentioned, for each estimated parameter there is a sum of squares of deviation for the difference between the observed and estimated hydrograph points. This was printed out for this evaluation. All of these were grouped for the rising and falling parameters according to magnitude. In table 2 the total frequency distribution of the quality of fit is presented. Reference is made to figures 1 and 2 for quantitative measures of the quality of fit.

EXCELLENT

Figure 1, rising and falling side, is an excellent fit.

GOOD

Figure 2, rising side, is at the lower end of the good fit scale.

FAIR TO POOR

Figure 2, falling side, is a poor fit.

Such hydrographs as figure 2 should really not be fitted, since the rising side is characteristic of an initial runoff period followed by the main runoff period, and the recession side is somewhat sustained by a late occurrence of rainfall or return flow. Some evidence of better fitting ability on the falling limb of the hydrograph is shown in table 2.

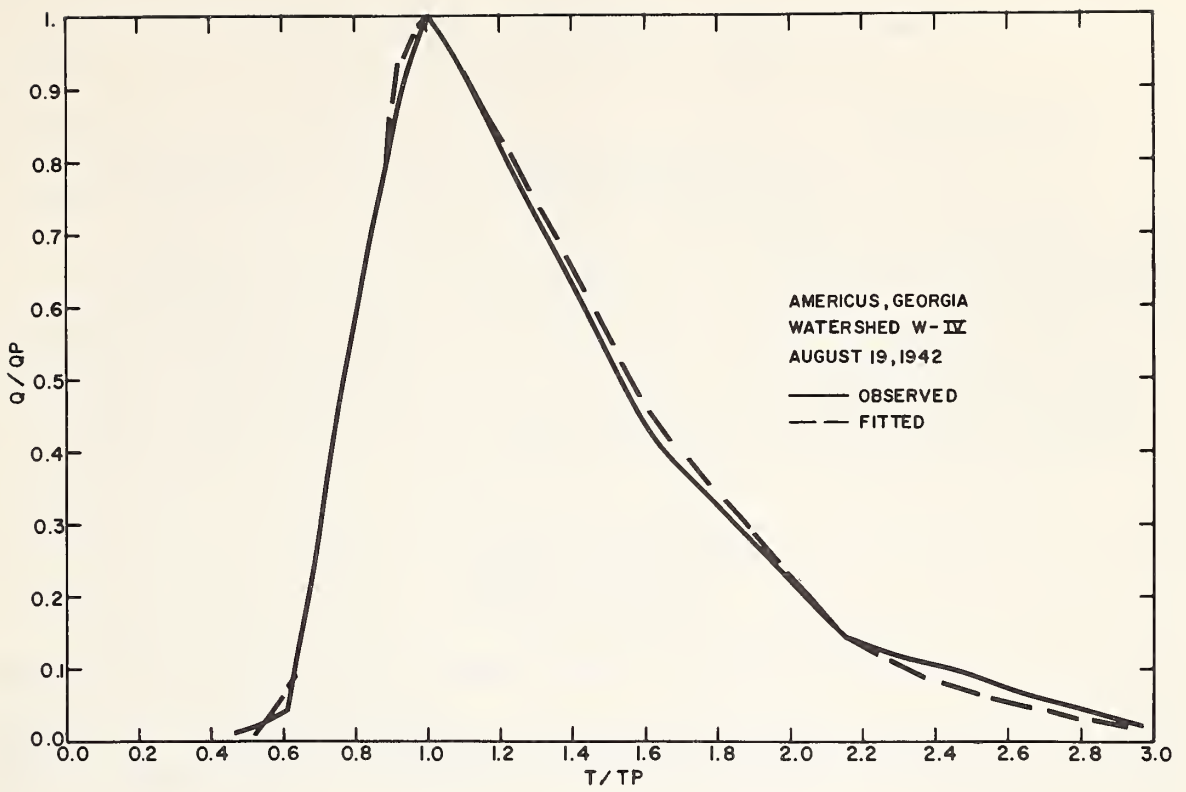


Figure 1.--Hydrograph fit.

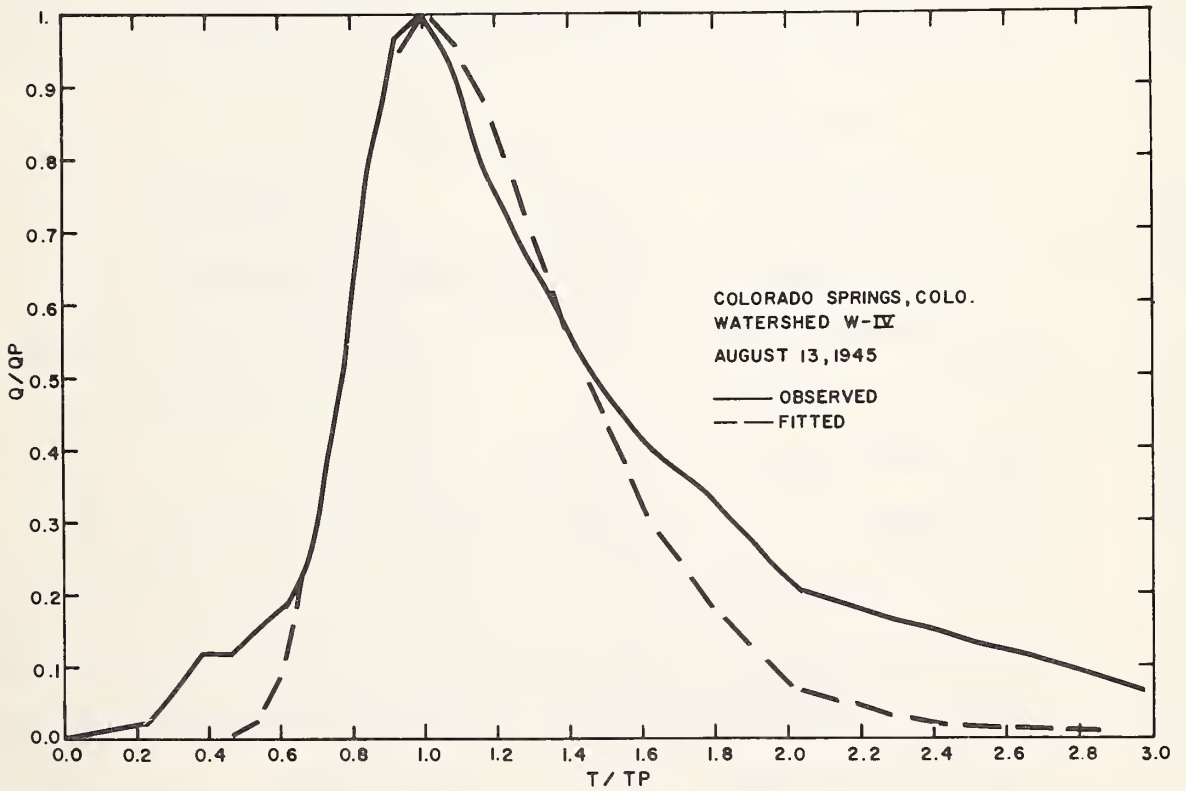


Figure 2.--Hydrograph fit.

Table 2.--Evaluation of the fitting system.

Quality of fit	Percent of cases	
	Rising side	Falling side
Excellent <sup>1</sup> .....	28.0	30.0
Good <sup>2</sup> .....	46.0	53.0
Fair to poor <sup>3</sup> .....	26.0	17.0

<sup>1</sup>Both sides of Figure 1.

<sup>2</sup>Rising side of Figure 2 is at the lower end of the good fit scale.

<sup>3</sup>Falling side of Figure 2 is a poor fit.

## CONCLUSIONS

To date no particular difficulties have been encountered in the application of the computer program.

The function presented in this study for fitting dimensionless hydrographs has performed satisfactorily when applied to strictly simple hydrographs. The poor fits often resulted from using complex hydrographs.

The success of this study has made it feasible to examine a much larger population of simple hydrographs. Development of parameter prediction equations can then proceed. Once these are developed, it would be possible to estimate simple hydrographs much in the same fashion as unit hydrographs are estimated.

## SYMBOLS USED IN THE PROGRAM

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Description</u>
TIME (I)	Time in decimal hours.	QSCALE (I)	Transformed discharge scale.
TIM	Time increment in decimal hours.	SUM1	Uncorrected sum of cross products.
TIME1 (I)	Accumulated decimal hours.	SUM2	Uncorrected sum of squares.
TPEAK	Time to peak in decimal hours.	S1 and S2	Parameters.
PEAK	Peak discharge.	QC (I)	Calculated discharge scale.
R	Reciprocal of peak discharge.	SSR	Sums of squares of deviations (rising).
T	Reciprocal of time to peak.	SSF	Sums of squares of deviations (falling).
DISCH1 (I)	Dimensionless discharge scale.	DEV	Deviations, observed minus calculated.
TIME2 (I)	Dimensionless time scale.	C	Cut-off constant.
TSCALE (I)	Transformed time scale.		

## OPTIONAL SOURCE PROGRAM CHANGE

The Fortran II Source Program as listed in Appendix I may occasionally result in an underflow error message via the typewriter. This does not affect the fitting procedure as the particular hydrograph ordinate, which is set to zero, is actually near zero, i.e.,  $\text{EXP}(N)$  where  $N < -227.9$ . However, one may program around this by making the following source program changes. In place of lines 102-103 inclusive substitute the following:

```
76      E = S11*TSCALE(I)
        IF(E+200.)775,775,776
775     QC(I) = 0.0
        GO TO 80
776     QC(I) = EXPF(E)
        GO TO 80
77      E = S22*TSCALE(I)
        IF(E+200.)775,775,777
777     QC(I) = EXPF(E)
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# APPENDIX I

## FORTRAN II SOURCE PROGRAM

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C      HYDROGRAPH LAB PROGRAM NO. 1                                001
C      MATHEMATICAL FIT OF A DIMENSIONLESS HYDROGRAPH            002
C      *****                                                    003
C      *****                                                    004
C      DIMENSION TSCALE (100),QSCALE (100),DISCH1(100),QC(100)   005
C      DIMENSION TIME(100),TIME 1(100),TIME 2(100),DISCH(100)   006
C      DIMENSION S1(10),S2(10),SSR(10),SSF(10)                   007
40     FORMAT (I3,F3.1,3I2,I4)                                     008
41     FORMAT (2F10.4)                                            009
60     FORMAT (3I5,I5)                                            010
62     FORMAT (4F10.4,F12.8)                                       011
    2   FORMAT (2F2.0,I2,F7.4)                                       012
    3   FORMAT (4F10.4)                                            013
    4   FORMAT (2F10.4)                                            014
C      *****                                                    015
C      25 READ 40,N,C,YEAR,MO,DAY,WTS                               016
C      *****                                                    017
C      CLOCK TIME TO HOURS                                         018
C      DO 103 I=1,N                                               019
C      READ 2,T1,T2,T3,DISCH(I)                                    020
C      IF (T3)998,6,5                                             021
    5   IF (T1-12.)8,999,8                                         022
999   IF (T2)6,8,6                                               023
    8   T1=T1+12.                                                 024
C      GO TO 6                                                    025
998   IF (T1-12.)6,997,6                                         026
997   IF (T2)996,6,996                                           027
996   T1=T1-12.                                                 028
    6   TIME(I)=T1+T2*.016667                                       029
C      IF (I-1)101,102,101                                       030
C      *****                                                    031
C      TIME ACCUMULATION                                          032
C      101 TIM=TIME(I)-TIME(I-1)                                   033
C      IF (TIM)7,7,995                                           034
    7   TIM=TIM+24.                                               035
C      GO TO 995                                                 036
102   TIME1(I)=0.0                                               037
C      GO TO 103                                                 038
995   TIME 1(I)=TIME 1(I-1)+TIM                                   039
103   CONTINUE                                                  040
C      *****                                                    041
C      PEAK AND TIME TO PEAK                                       042
C      TPEAK=TIME 1(I)                                           043
C      PEAK=DISCH(I)                                             044
C      DO 10 I=2,N                                               045
C      IF (PEAK-DISCH(I))9,10,10                                  046
    9   PEAK=DISCH(I)                                             047
C      TPEAK=TIME 1(I)                                           048
10    CONTINUE                                                  049
C      *****                                                    050
C      OBSERVED DIMENSIONLESS HYDROGRAPH                          051
C      R=1./PEAK                                                 052
C      T=1./TPEAK                                               053
C      DO 15 I=1,N                                               054
C      DISCH 1(I)=DISCH(I)*R                                       055
15    TIME 2(I) =TIME 1 (I)*T                                       056
C      *****                                                    057
C      TIME AND DISCHARGE SCALE                                    058
C      IF (TIME1(1))400,400,401                                   059
400   I1=2                                                       060
C      GO TO 601                                                 061
401   I1=1                                                       062

```

## APPENDIX I

## FORTRAN II SOURCE PROGRAM--Continued

601	IF (DISCH1(N))500,500,501	063
500	M=N-1	064
	GO TO 402	065
501	M=N	066
402	DO 18 I=I1,M	067
	A=LOGF(TIME 2(I))	068
	B=SQRTF(TIME 2(I))	069
	B=1./B	070
	B=(B-1.)*2.	071
	TSCALE(I)=A+B	072
18	QSCALE(I)=LOGF(DISCH 1(I))	073
21	CONTINUE	074
C	*****	075
C	PARAMETER ESTIMATION	076
	KK1=1	077
	J1=0	078
807	J1=J1+1	079
	SUM1=0.	080
	SUM2=0.	081
	DO 58 I=I1,M	082
	IF (QSCALE(I)+C)58,51,51	083
51	SUM1=TSCALE(I)*QSCALE(I)+SUM1	084
	SUM2=TSCALE(I)*TSCALE(I)+SUM2	085
	IF(TSCALE(I)-.000001) 56,58,58	086
56	S11=SUM1/SUM2	087
	SUM1=0.	088
	SUM2=0.	089
58	CONTINUE	090
	S22=SUM1/SUM2	091
	S1(J1)=S11	092
	S2(J1)=S22	093
C	*****	094
C	CALCULATED DIMENSIONLESS HYDROGRAPH	095
900	QC(1)=0.	096
	J=1	097
	DO 80 I=I1,M	098
	IF(TSCALE(I)-.000001) 75,74,74	099
75	J=J+1	100
74	GO TO (76,77),J	101
76	QC(I)=EXPF(S11*TSCALE(I))	102
	GO TO 80	103
77	QC(I)=EXPF(S22*TSCALE(I))	104
80	CONTINUE	105
	IF(N-M)820,820,802	106
802	QC(N)=0.	107
820	GO TO(801,16),KK1	108
801	SSR1=0.	109
	SSF1=0.	110
	DO 803 I=1,N	111
	DEV=DISCH1(I)-QC(I)	112
	DEV=DEV*DEV	113
	SSR1=SSR1+DEV	114
	IF (QC(I)-QC(I+1))803,803,804	115
803	CONTINUE	116
804	DO 805 K=I,N	117
	DEV=DISCH1(K)-QC(K)	118
	DEV=DEV*DEV	119
	SSF1=SSF1+DEV	120
805	CONTINUE	121
	SSR(J1)=SSR1	122
	SSF(J1)=SSF1	123
	C=C-.5	124
	IF(C)806,806,807	125

## APPENDIX I

## FORTRAN II SOURCE PROGRAM--Continued

806	J1=1	126
	JR=1	127
	XR=SSR(J1)	128
	DO 810 J1=2,6	129
	IF(SSR(J1)-XR)811,810,810	130
811	XR=SSR(J1)	131
	JR=J1	132
810	CONTINUE	133
	J1=1	134
	JF=1	135
	XF=SSF(J1)	136
	DO 850 J1=2,6	137
	IF(SSF(J1)-XF)851,850,850	138
851	XF=SSF(J1)	139
	JF=J1	140
850	CONTINUE	141
	PUNCH 72	142
72	FORMAT (1X,5H YEAR,1X,3H MO,1X,4H DAY,2X,4H WTS)	143
	PUNCH 60,YEAR,MO,DAY,WTS	144
	PUNCH 71	145
71	FORMAT (3X,5H PEAK,3X,6H TPEAK)	146
	PUNCH 41,PEAK,TPEAK	147
	PUNCH 70	148
70	FORMAT (5X,5H RISE,5X,5H FALL)	149
	PUNCH 41,S1(JR) ,S2(JF)	150
	S11=S1(JR)	151
	S22=S2(JF)	152
	KK1=2	153
	GO TO 900	154
16	PUNCH 73	155
73	FORMAT (3X,6H HOURS,5X,5H T/TP,5X,2H Q,6X,5H Q/QP,5X,6H QCALC)	156
90	PUNCH 62,(TIME1(I),TIME2(I),DISCH(I),DISCH1(I),QC(I),I=1,N)	157
	GO TO 25	158
	END	159

APPENDIX II  
 INPUT FORMATS  
 HYDROGRAPH LABORATORY PROGRAM NO. 1

Parameter Card

<u>Columns</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Description</u>
1 - 3	XXXX	N	Number of lines of data (max. = 100)
4 - 6	XX.X	C	Cut-off constant for QSCALE
7 - 8	XX	YEAR	Last two digits of year
9 - 10	XX	MO	Month number (1 - 12)
11 - 12	XX	DAY	Day number (1 - 31)
13 - 16	XXXX	WTS	Black Book watershed number (without decimal)

Data Cards

<u>Columns</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Description</u>
1 - 2	XX.	T1	Hour digit of time
3 - 4	XX.	T2	Minute digit of time
5 - 6	<u>±</u> X	T3	0, military time -1, A.M. and noon +1, P.M. and midnight
7 - 13	XXX.XXXX		Discharge

Note: The time interval between discharge tabulations must not exceed 24 hours.

# APPENDIX III

## EXAMPLE PROBLEMS

001 is parameter card

002 to 035 are data cards

34 3 57 524 426	001
251 1 0056	002
252 1 0144	003
256 1 1300	004
258 1 3420	005
301 1 8300	006
304 1 13000	007
307 1 16800	008
310 1 19400	009
312 1 20800	010
315 1 21800	011
317 1 22000	012
319 1 21700	013
321 1 21300	014
324 1 20200	015
327 1 18500	016
330 1 16500	017
336 1 12500	018
340 1 10000	019
345 1 8240	020
355 1 5400	021
401 1 3530	022
405 1 2990	023
410 1 2680	024
422 1 1840	025
439 1 1150	026
455 1 0756	027
515 1 0509	028
650 1 0144	029
800 1 0072	030
1159 1 0018	031
1200 1 0018	032
100-1 0015	033
200-1 0010	034
300-1 0005	035

The final hydrograph fit QCALC is presented for the rising parameter of -3.7053 and a falling parameter of -8.1642. The actual dimensionless hydrograph is presented in the 4th column.

YEAR	MO	DAY	WTS			
57	5	24	426			
	PEAK	TPEAK				
	2.2000	.4333				
	RISE	FALL				
	-3.7053	-8.1642				
	HOURS	T/TP	Q	Q/QP	QCALC	
	0.0000	0.0000	.0056	.0025	0.00000000	
	.0166	.0384	.0144	.0065	.00000001	
	.0833	.1923	.1300	.0590	.03407449	
	.1166	.2692	.3420	.1554	.13408484	
	.1666	.3845	.8300	.3772	.36848544	
	.2166	.4999	1.3000	.5909	.60572557	
	.2666	.6153	1.6800	.7636	.78885133	
	.3166	.7307	1.9400	.8818	.90837238	
	.3499	.8076	2.0800	.9454	.95714221	
	.3999	.9230	2.1800	.9909	.99400277	
	.4333	.9999	2.2000	.9999	1.00000020	
	.4666	1.0769	2.1700	.9863	.98898750	
	.4999	1.1538	2.1300	.9681	.96000113	
	.5499	1.2692	2.0200	.9181	.89444890	
	.5999	1.3846	1.8500	.8409	.81472691	
	.6499	1.5000	1.6500	.7499	.73051512	
	.7499	1.7308	1.2500	.5681	.57021832	
	.8166	1.8846	1.0000	.4545	.47729610	
	.8999	2.0769	.8240	.3745	.37951267	
	1.0666	2.4616	.5400	.2454	.23853391	
	1.1666	2.6923	.3530	.1604	.18108410	
	1.2333	2.8461	.2990	.1359	.15110291	
	1.3166	3.0385	.2680	.1218	.12095815	
	1.5166	3.5000	.1840	.0836	.07226657	
	1.7999	4.1539	.1150	.0522	.03653790	
	2.0666	4.7693	.0756	.0343	.02018948	
	2.3999	5.5385	.0509	.0231	.01020622	
	3.9833	9.1925	.0144	.0065	.00077044	
	5.1499	11.8848	.0072	.0032	.00018107	
	9.1333	21.0774	.0018	.0008	.00000547	
	9.1499	21.1158	.0018	.0008	.00000541	
	10.1499	23.4236	.0015	.0006	.00000277	
	11.1499	25.7314	.0010	.0004	.00000150	
	12.1499	28.0391	.0005	.0002	.00000085	



