

HYDROLOGICAL RECIPES

ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES IN
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ERRATA FOR HYDROLOGICAL RECIPES

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The following errors have been discovered to date. We are thankful to those who have made us aware of their existence. Please notify the CRC for Catchment Hydrology (crcch@eng.monash.edu.au) if you are aware of other errors.

- Page 16** In the definition of terms for equation 4.2.7, the reference for the computation of N (total day length) should refer to equation 4.2.3.
- Page 16** In equation 4.2.9, e_a should read e_d , the actual vapour pressure [kPa] – see equation 4.6.3.
- Page 17** Example Last line, $R_{nl} = 3.88 \text{ MJm}^{-2}\text{d}^{-1}$ (Small difference, therefore no change to R_n)
- Page 19** Section 4.3 has now been superseded by similar analysis over the whole of Australia, published by the Bureau of Meteorology as “Climatic Atlas of Australia: Evapotranspiration”.
- Page 33** The psychrometric constant γ should be 0.066.
- Page 34** An additional method for computing e_d from climate data is to use pairs of wet and dry bulb temperature (i.e. not requiring RH data) using:

$$e_d = 0.611 \exp\left(\frac{17.27T_{\text{wet}}}{T_{\text{wet}} + 237.3}\right) - \gamma[T_{\text{dry}} - T_{\text{wet}}]$$

Where γ is the psychrometric constant (≈ 0.066).

As many pairs of T_{dry} and T_{wet} as are available from throughout the 24 hour period should be used to calculate a range of e_d values, which can then be averaged to give a daily value. However, because e_d does not vary a lot over a day (compared to other variables), if only one pair of T_{dry} and T_{wet} is available, it may be used as a reasonable estimate for e_d for the day.

- Page 34** The constant 409.8 in equation 4.6.4 should be 4098, and the denominator should be squared. Therefore Equation 4.6.4 should read:

$$\Delta = \frac{4098e_a}{(T + 237.3)^2}$$

- Page 35** In the example, γ should be 0.066, and Δ should be 0.108 kPaC^{-1} . These changes do not affect the answer because, in this case, ET_0 is not sensitive to γ and Δ .
- Page 62** Equation 5.6.3 should read $\text{Var}(r_1) = (n^3 - 3n^2 + 4) / [n^2(n^2 - 1)]$. The z-statistic for the Autocorrelation test in the example on page 69 should therefore have a value of 1.523. The conclusion remains the same.
- Page 63** Note that equation 5.6.13 is correct, but the equivalent equation in Chiew and McMahon 1993 is wrong.
- Page 70** The K-W statistic of 9.21 is statistically significant at the 10% level but not the 5% level.
- Page 103** In Table 7.4.1, the exponent in the equation for q_{smaf} should be +1.0202 and in the line above, q_{maf} should read q_{smaf}
- Page 106** In the example, $S = 9.577$ million m^3 or approximately 10,000 ML.