University of Bologna Subject: Sustainable Design of Water Resources Systems

Exercise - application of the linear reservoir 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 assuming that the runoff coefficient is equal to 0.5, it is required to model the rainfall-runoff transformation for the catchment by applying the linear reservoir method. Note that evapotranspiration data are included in the above file which are not necessary to apply the linear reservoir if a runoff coefficient of 0.5 is assumed.