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ABSTRACT

Generated runoff data have been used in the past for planning and management of water resources. However, in Malaysia, runoff data is usually unavailable for long term forecasting. If the runoff data is available, the record is too short to give any statistical significance. This long term record is needed in order to estimate the long term forecasting of the future events such as flood and drought. This study intended to use stochastic rainfall-runoff model in simulation of synthetic monthly stream flow data. The main objective of this research is to generate the synthetic runoff data that preserved the statistical properties of historical data. The Lag-one Markov Chain is adopted to generate synthetic rainfall data at four selected study areas in Malaysia. Then, the parameter from the synthetic rainfall is used as an input to the stochastic rainfall-runoff model. A stochastic rainfall-runoff model has been developed to simulate monthly sequences of runoff for the selected study areas. In this method, runoff was generated using ARMAX model. The generated sequence is then used for determination of monthly risks and exceedance probability. The comparison of results indicates that the model developed satisfactorily preserves the monthly stochastic and statistical properties of the historical data sequences. Hence, the model was found able to generate monthly runoff data for the Segamat, Maran, Kuala Pilah and Besut. The generated data can be used to simulate the unavailable historical records and the same approach may also be used for other sites in Malaysia.

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