

RUNOFF MODELLING USING HEC HMS FOR RURAL WATERSHEDSalah Ud Din¹, Noor Muhammad Khan², Muhammad Israr³, Hazrat Nabi⁴, Mansoorullah Khan⁵^{1,2,3} Department of Civil Engineering, University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar.^{4,5} Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar.**ABSTRACT**

Due to climate change it is very essential to do hydrological modelling. Reliable models are essential for planning, developmental works, prediction and safety of the population. Hydrological models are used to determine catchment discharge/flow through an efficient way. HEC-HM (Hydrological engineering centre Hydrological modelling system) is one of hydrological modelling tool developed by United States army corps of engineer (USACE) for event as well as for continuous simulations. Models, especially continuous simulations are useful for future predictions of stream flow due to land-use changes or extreme events phenomenon. In this study continuous hydrologic modelling was carried out using HEC HMS modelling tool.

Deficit and Constant Loss methods with Clark transform methods were selected. The calibrated model (period 1986-1988) was validated with data set of the period of 2009-2013. Study concluded that the model recommended and can be used for stated River as decision support tool in the design and operation.

KEYWORDS: HEC HMS, Model, Catchment, Flow, Rainfall, Temperature, Buner

I. INTRODUCTION

Among the various natural resources, water is a key component for agricultural production and power generation. The net productivity of crops and generation of power depends on the proper utilization and management of this resource. To meet the urbanization and industrialization demands, water is becoming a limited resource for agricultural production as well as for power generation almost everywhere across the world. Land-use planning, land management practices and Urbanization have adversely effect on surface runoff quantities for power generation and agricultural production as well as ground water recharge. To overcome the related problems of water, extensive attention should be given to this key component of nature. Precise estimation and quantification of river or channel flow produces from the respective catchments are essential for hydraulic design of infrastructure in any developmental interventions. The design of any hydraulic structure requires sufficient knowledge of hydrological phenomenon like variation in runoff with change in climatic, geographic or physical factors. It would be ideal to estimate the stream flows with respect to time of occurrence and extent during the construction period as well as economic life of the project. If data and information is available at the project planning design and operation stages, then an optimized output may be planned and designed accordingly.

The river or channel flow characteristics that influence hydrological system and its modelling are include the variation of flows in daily as well as longer time basis, temporal variability of flows and its spatial changeability trend, seasonal distribution and characteristics of high and low flows. The flow measured at gauging station is the surface outflow of the basin/watershed. The flow record depends on the topography, geology, climate which gives temporal and spatial distribution of the runoff. There are various methods for estimation of runoff from catchments among them one is hydrological modelling. With limited data, the estimation of runoff and prediction of the processes of runoff generation and transmission to the outlet is much serious problem in developing countries. There is need of simulation and predictions models for each part of the country.

Numerous researchers have used various methods to simulate and predict the Flow from the watersheds. [1] discussed a holistic use of HEC HMS. They check the applicability of the model for future flood prediction in basins. Two catchments were selected, 16 flood events in the seven years period were used for one catchment and 15 flood events were used for the second catchment. Initial and constant infiltration, SCS unit hydrograph, Muskingum routing model and exponential recession model for base flow and were used. Model was calibrated and verified using Nash Sutcliffe Efficiency tool for evaluation of calibration. It was concluded that, a good relation between observed and simulated flow were developed. It was proved that the complexity of the model structure does not determine its suitability and efficiency. Though the structure of HEC HMS is simple, it is a powerful tool event and continuous simulations. Other several hydrologic models have been developed for rainfall runoff modelling and flood forecasting [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7].

In Short, it is clear from the extensive review of the literature that the research on available flow models are scarce in much part of the country. No such study has been done on simulation of rainfall-flow process using any watershed software including HEC HMS model in District Buner. The aim of this study was to simulate the rainfall-runoff for long term using HEC HMS hydrological model in study catchment. The study will be useful in infrastructure development projects in the basin as well as in other basins having same characteristics.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

A. STUDY AREA

In this study hydrological modelling of Brandu river has been carried out. An important river that flow through district Buner. Location map is given in Figure 1. Most of the people of the project area depend on agricultural [8]. Catchment area is about 598 Sq.km. coordinates of gauging stations and data availability is given in Table 1.

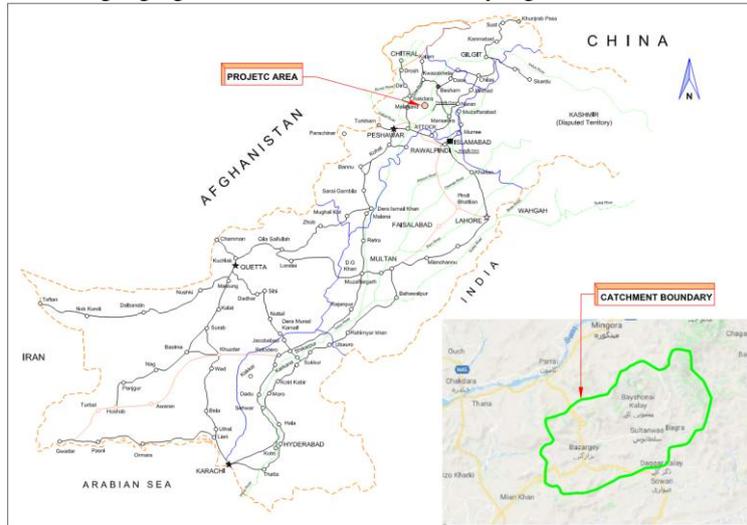


Figure 1: Location Map of Buner

Table 1.
Coordinated of gauging stations

Sr. No	Station	Longitude	Latitude	Parameter	Period
1	Daggar	34°29'	72°39'	Daily rainfall and Flow	1986-2013
2	Saidu Sharif	34°44'	72°02'	Daily rainfall	

The catchment areas analyzed for altitude variations through Arc-GIS. Altitude wise the catchment is divided into five (05) numbers of bands of various elevations. Highest and lowest elevations are 2872m (A.M.S.L) and 687m (A.M.S.L), respectively. Catchment area map along with altitude wise variation is shown in Figure 2. Catchment was also divided in five sub basins. Sub basin 1 (S.B1), Sub basin 2 (S.B2), Sub basin 3 (S.B3), Sub basin 4 (S.B4), Sub basin 5 (S.B5).

There are six (06) streams originate from springs at high altitudes of the catchment. These streams change their name with change of locality and ultimately adopted name Brandu near Dagger village. All names are taken from GT Sheet map of Pakistan. Among six streams, five stream flows from north towards south and one from south towards north. At gauge point the flow direction is almost from West towards East.

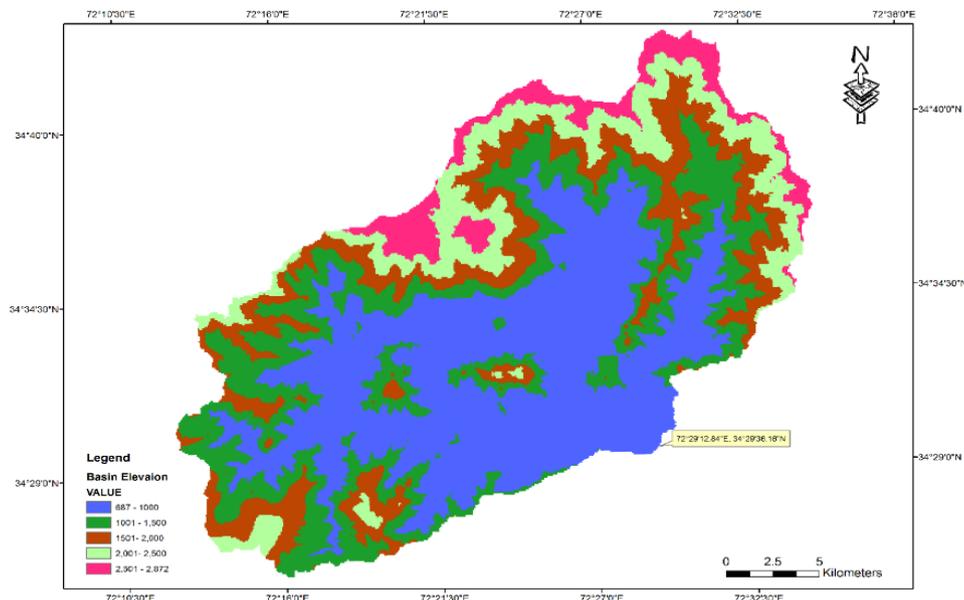


Figure 2: Catchment/ Altitude wise variation in Catchment

All these streams at the origination point are named as 1). KotKhwar 2). Malang Khwar 3). BurjokanraiKhwar 4). SabagaKhwar 5). ChuranoKhwar and 6).CharaiKhwar. While going into detail:

1. KotKhwar ultimately named as SundusKhwar near gauge location. Ja Khwar, KadatakKhwar, ToghnanKhwar, JabaKhwar, BaridreKhwar and HissarKhwar join SundusKhwar at various locations during its course of flow. Catchment of these Khwars are named as S.B1.
2. Malang Khwar join by SiparaiKhwar, Koga khwar, Tanta Khwar, GogaiKhwar, LoeKhwar and GogaKhwar during its course of flow.
3. Burjokanraikhwar join by GogaiKhwar and KajazangKhwar during its course of flow. Malang and Burjokanraikhwar joins each other near Towda china and then join Brandu River at downstream location. Catchment of these streams is named as S.B2.
4. ChuranoKhwar on the extreme north side stream in the catchment (this Khwar also has a tributary name as giraraikhwar) combine with Pao Khwar during its course of flow. This stream adopted the name of wuchkhwar near NikanaiGhar. Catchment is named as S.B3.
5. SabagaKhwar join by KuhafKhwar which adopt the name of Pao Khwar at downstream side. Catchment is termed as S.B4.
6. CharaiKhwar Joins WuchKhwar near Tor Warsak. Before joining BranduKhwar this Khwar adopt the name of sangrai Khwar. Catchment is named as Sub Catchment. River/khwar along with name of its tributaries are shown in Figure 3.

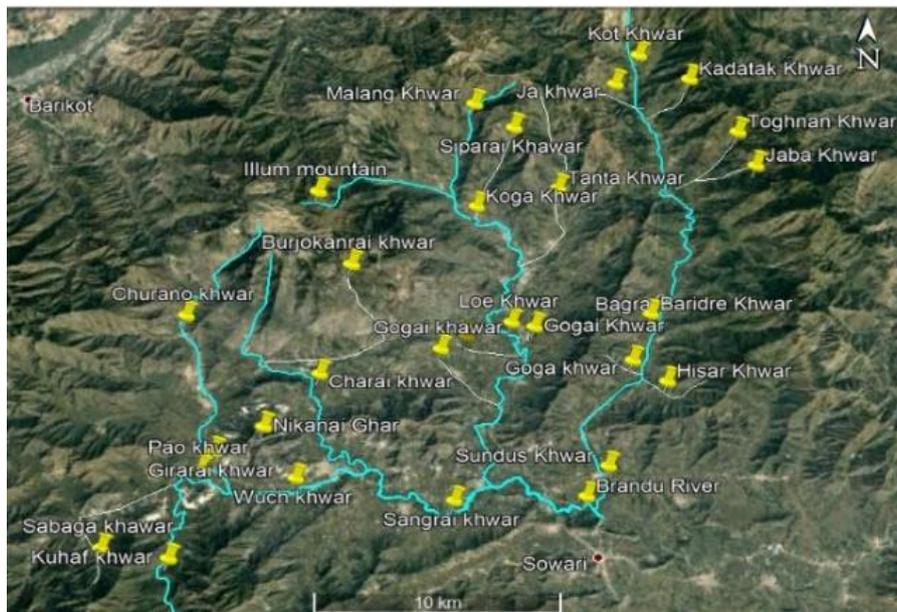


Figure 3: Catchment channel tributaries

Catchments were divided into five sub catchments as detailed in the aforementioned paras. In modelling, two rain gauge stations were used. i.e. Daggar and Saidu Sharif.

B. SOIL TYPE IN THE CATCHMENT

For soil type identification of the project area FAO soil data base was used. The stated soil database shows that the catchment has soil type Haplic yermosols or simply yermosols. pH values for this type of soil varies from 6.6 to 7.0. Land slopes in the upper areas were more than lower portion of the catchments. The soil texture of the study area is loam with sand, silt and clay percentages are 70.5, 16.5 and 13 respectively. Average value of bulk density is 1.4 gm/cc. Average electrical conductivity and organic carbon are 0.1dS/m and 1.0%, respectively. The watershed comes under VI Agroclimatic Zone. The areas are composed of undulating topography and surrounded by Peak Mountains. The general drainage pattern is dendrites. Brandu River is right tributary of Indus river and join Indus river upstream of Tarbela dam.

C. LAND USE

Land use has a very elementary role in calculating Flow. Changing land use could change infiltration and percolation significantly. Anthropogenic activities have significant role in land use. Forest, grass land, wood land and imperviousness could change the runoff process. Catchment area has been divided into paved or urban area, forest and grass land. Brief description of each land use is as follow. And detail of land use is given in Table 2 and Figure 4.

C 1. PAVED LAND

Paved land included roads, houses, hospitals, Rocky Mountains, bare exposed rocks and permanent wet lands.

C 2. FOREST LAND

Forest comprises of dense and thick canopy of trees. It included ever green needle, mixed forest and woody savannas etc.

C 3. GRASS LAND

Grass land include closed shrub lands, open shrub lands, grass lands and crop lands. Due to sub humid region the area most part covered by this type of land cover.

Table 2

Illustrates different land uses and percentage area covered by each land use in all five sub catchments.

Basin			S.B1	S. B2	S.B3	S.B4	S. B5
	Area*	%	%	%	%	%	%
Paved	92.0	15.4	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.5	3.7
Forest	83.8	14.0	7.7	2.5	0.2	2.5	1.1
Grass	422.2	70.6	10.6	29.3	8.9	8.1	13.7
Total	598.0	100.0	21.3	35.0	12.1	13.1	18.5

*Area is Sq. Km

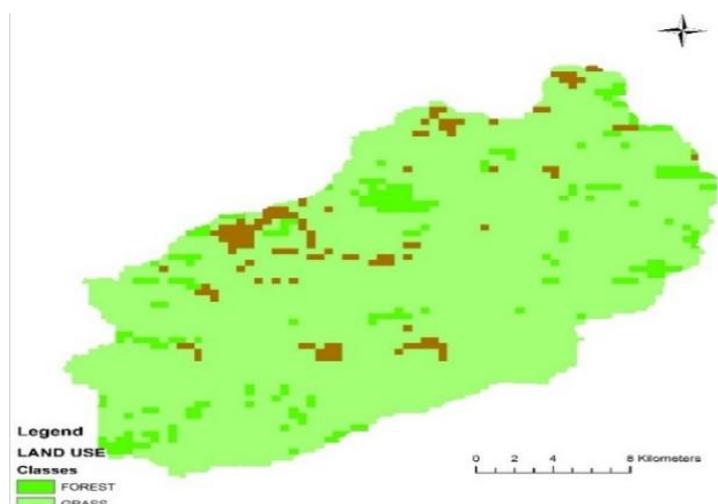


Figure 4: Land use map of the study catchment

D.SUB CATCHMENTS CLIMATOLOGY

D 1.RAINFALL

Dailyobserved flow of Brandu river at gauge near Daggarand rainfall data of Dagggar and Saidusharif station has been used in this study for modelling. Before modelling data has been analysed using Mean, Maximum, Coefficient of Variation, Kurtosis and Skewness etc. Coefficient of variation is used to classify the level of variability of Flow, rainfall or any other variable under consideration. It is the ratio of standard deviation (S) to mean (X) $Cv=S/X*100$. Coefficient of variation is termed to be “less” when $Cv<20\%$, “moderate” when $20\%<Cv<30\%$, and “high” when $Cv>30\%$ [9]. Therefore, to check degree of variability, Coefficient of variation is used. Kurtosis is a measure of, whether the data are heavy tailed, or light tailed with reference to a normal distribution. Values less than 3 has been termed as low Kurtosis, Long tailed and vice versa [10]. Skewness is a measure of symmetry with respect to normal plot. Values -0.5-0, and 0-0.5 termed to be fair; -1-(-0.5), and 0.5-1 moderate and $<-1,>1$ show high skewness.Detail is given as follow:

D 2. RAINFALL OF DAGGAR GAUGE STATION

Annual total rainfall of Dagggar gauge fluctuates 149%-72% with an annual mean of 1065.1 mm. Rainfall Kurtosis values are in the range of 2.9 to -1.1 except month of January with kurtosis value of 5.0. thus, most the data is long tail and lack of outlier. Skewness values of Dagggar gauge varies 1.8 to -0.1. Rainfall of this Station is skewed to the right except the month of March which skewness is to the left. It means that, data is right tail long than left tail. Annual total rainfall is “high” coefficient of variation as it varies 118.6% to 47.1% with mean of 71.42%.

D 3.SAIDU SHARIF GAUGE STATION

Rainfall of Saidu Sharif gauge station shows that annual total rainfall varies148%-65%. While mean annual rainfall for recorded period is 1116.3 mm. Kurtosis values of annual total are 3.9 to -0.6. Most of the data is long tailed relative to normal distribution. Similarly, Skewness are varying from 1.6 to 0.6. All the rainfall data is skew to the right. Coefficient of variation values are in the range of 106.1% to 53.7% with mean of 74.41%. Hence the degree of variability of this gauge station rain termed to be “high”. Monthly averages ofprecipitation of Dagggar and Saidu Sharif is shown in Figure 5.

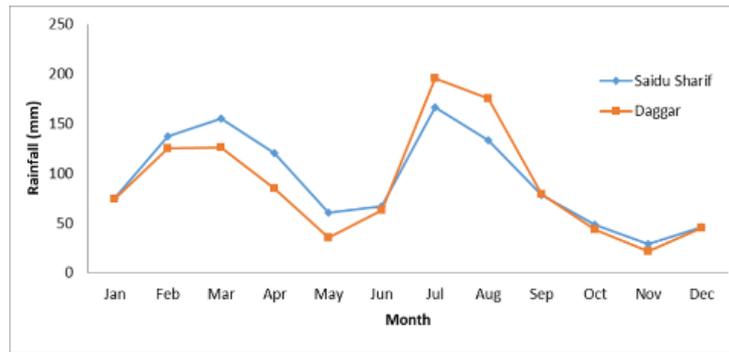


Figure 5: Mean monthly precipitation

D 4. TEMPERATURE

Temperature has an important role in simulating the rainfall runoff in catchments. Temperature has a main function in evaporation and evapotranspiration in basins as it is strongly coupled to energy available. Mean of the Dagggar temperature is same as that of Tarbela, that is why Temperature of Dagggar station is used in the model. Figure 6 shows monthly average temperatures of both Saidu Sharif and Dagggar.



Figure 6: Mean Monthly Temperature

D 5. FLOW AT BRANDU RIVER

There is perennial flow in the Brandu river. Mean annual total flow is 2219 Cumec and varied annually from 56% to 165% of the annual mean. Kurtosis values of January, February, April, June, October and December are more than 5. Data was also checked for skewness. The recorded data shows that most of the data is skewed to the right except for the month of November, which skewness is to the left. The coefficient of variations varies between 72% - 16.2%. These values indicate that the degree of variability term to be "high". Monthly mean maximum, mean, mean minimum flow shown in Figure 7.

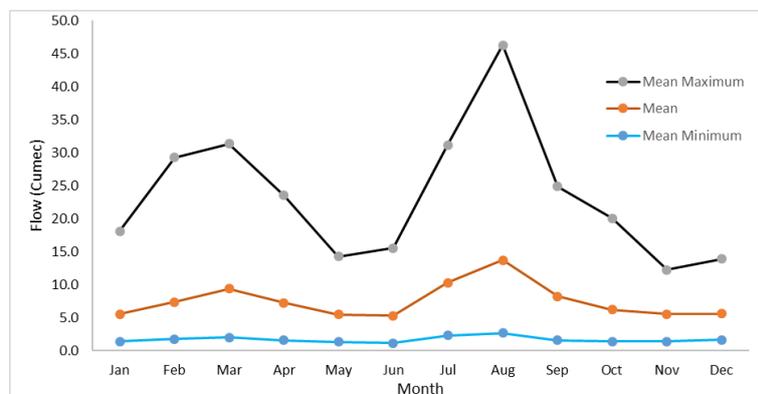


Figure 7: Mean Maximum, Mean, Mean Minimum observed Flow of Brandu river

E. PARAMETERS OF HEC HMS

E 1. BASIN MODEL

HEC HMS is hydrologic modelling software developed by the US Army Corps of Engineers-Hydrologic Engineering Centre (USACE). This modelling tool consists of Basin, Meteorological data, Time series and control specification. The loss method used in the study was Deficit and Constant with Clark unit hydrograph transform method.

Basin model consists of: Sub basin, reach, junction and Outlet. While sub basin required Canopy, Surface, loss, transform and base flow input data. Canopy represents the rainfall that is captured on the leaves of trees and does not reach the soil.

surface. Surface loss represents that water which is lost due to local depression and cracks in the ground. Deficit and constant method is used as a loss method. For the transformation process Clark unit hydrograph method and Constant monthly method was used as base flow method. Mean of the Monthly minimum flows were considered as the constant monthly baseflow. Reach is used to convey flow downstream. Muskingum routing method has been used for attenuation. In this method X and K parameters are used. Theoretically, K is the parameter having unit of time, and is passing of a wave in a reach length and X parameter is constant coefficient that its value varies between 0 - 0.5. Junction and outlet element require the observed flow data. In the beginning of the simulation some initial values were fixed and then adjusted in the calibration stage.

E 2. METEOROLOGICAL MODEL

Meteorological model consists of precipitation and evapotranspiration methods. For precipitation Gage weights method is used. Thiessen Polygon method is used (Table 3) to find the contribution of Daggar rainfall and Tarbela rainfall.

Table 3
Contribution of Rainfall of each gauge station

Gauge Station	S.B 1	S. B2	S.B 3	S.B 4	S. B 5
Daggar	0.76	0.65	0.65	0.100	0.01
Saidusharif	0.24	0.35	0.35	0.0	0.99

E 3. CONTROL SPECIFICATION

Control specification is used for fixing running period. Various period has been checked for running the model. The model was run for periods of 1986-1988 (calibration) and 2004-2006 (validation).

E 4. TIME SERIES DATA

Daily rainfall and daily flow are put in time data series.

F. MODEL EVALUATION

The hydro-meteorological data was grouped in parts for running the model, simulations have been run. known parameters were put in the model and the unknown has been taken on trial basis. Various trials have been made until satisfactory results obtained. Statistical indicators such as: Root mean square error P BIAS and Nash Sutcliff efficiency has been used in this study.

G. DEFICIT AND CONSTANT LOSS METHOD

The infiltration calculations in HEC HMS are performed by a loss method available within the sub basin. Deficit and Constant loss method, which was used for continuous simulation and to handle the percolation loss in all sub basins has four parameters which include; initial Deficit, Maximum storage, constant rate, and percent impervious area in the catchment.

H. CLARK UNIT HYDROGRAPH TRANSFORM METHOD

The computation of the surface runoff is performed by a transform method. various transform methods are provided by the model. The loss method was performed with Clark Unit hydrograph transform method. This is a synthetic unit hydrograph method and was originally developed to compute the peak runoff due to unit precipitation. Also, empirical methods used to calculate the width at 50% of the peak flow and the time base of the hydrograph.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

I. RUNOFF BY DEFICIT AND CONSTANT LOSS METHOD

Deficit and Constant model were applied for the study catchment. In this method, model basins have four parameters namely: Initial Deficit, Maximum deficit, Constant rate, and percent Impervious in the basin. The Initial parameters for loss method were used in the HEC HMS model on trial basis to calibrate the model. Statistical indicator for different CN numbers are given in Table 4.

Table 4
Statistical indicators

Statistical Indicator	1986-1988 (Calibration)	2004-2006 (Validation)
RMSE (Cumec)	6.35	5.13
NSE (%)	0.54	0.66
P BIAS (%)	3.31	13.71

IV. CONCLUSIONS

HEC HMS model was used for simulation for Brandu river catchment in district Buner. It is concluded that Deficit and constant loss method with Clark Transformation method has statistical indicators which are in the acceptable range. So as a loss method, Deficit and Constant method with Clark transformation and constant monthly base flow method does perform well. And hence this can be used as a decision support tool in the design and operation.

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