Water and Development Part 3a: Watersheds

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Objective



- Supply, demand and Allocation
- Surface water, groundwater, reservoirs and other structures.
- Complex domain with multitude of interactions.
- How do we simplify the domain for better analysis?

Structural decomposition



Domain Decomposition-By surface flows



- The watershed W(x) of a point x is
 W(x) = {all points y from where surface water flows to x}.
- For any two points x, y either W(x) ⊆ W(y) or W(x) ∩ W(y) is a thin set.
- Decomposition of Domain into disjoint union of watersheds.

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The Watershed



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Thane Watersheds



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Ridgelines, flowlines, drainlines



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How does water flow on a slope?



Elevation e(x, y), then flow direction is $\nabla e = \left(-\frac{\partial e}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial e}{\partial y}\right)$ and normal is $\left[-\frac{\partial e}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial e}{\partial y}, 1\right]$. Direction of steepest descent. Enough to check when e(x, y) = ax + by + c

The Siddhagad Area



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Its Contour Map



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Contours and contour-flows



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A sample Topo-sheet

Gudwanwadi reservoir.



A close-up



Notice (i) the point data which is used to build the curves, and (ii) the drainage lines.

Decomposition



- Objective: Divide the domain into sub-domains, each of reasonable size.
- Select suitable points and prepare differential watersheds.

Image: Image:

- Reservoirs R_1 and R_2 . Special points p_1 and p_2 .
- $A_1 = WS(p_1)$, $A_2, A_3 = WS(R_1) A_1$ and so on.
- Catchment of $R_1 = A_1 + A_2 + A_3$. Catchment $R_2 = WS(R_2) Catchment(R_1)$.
- Attributes of each A_i area, crops, soil, rainfall and so on.

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Watersheds



A Watershed decomposition



The Watershed

- a small *volumetric* unit for analysis.
- includes static data such as
 - geology
 - wells and discharges
- dynamic data such as:
 - weather data
- Iand and water use.
 - farms, factories, wells etc.

Demarcation

- Along ridge lines
- enclosing surface water flow.



Objective

Water Balance, Sustainable use, Planning Intervention design.





The mathematics data entities and quantities



- The DTM or DEM: terrain model/elevation model is a representation of the terrain in a particular area.
- Grids are where the base division in 2D is a grid of squares/triangles with a certain resolutions.

The Digital Terrain/Elevation model



- Basic grid in the 2D-plane as an index set, with adjacency
- association of z-values for each point, to define 3D points, edges, triangles and adjacency.

The Attributes and Computation

- The DTM or DEM: terrain model/elevation model is a representation of the terrain in a particular area.
- Attributes of the DTM-soil, geology, land-use, land-cover.
- Regions-subsets of the DTM, to represent watersheds, flows, etc.
- Functions and Computations: to simulate various physical quantities and their dynamics.
 - Infiltration : the process of rainwater moving down to groundwater.
 - Drainage lines : The development of streams due to rainfall.
 - Surface flow : a composite model of surface flow of water and infiltration which may include time to flow, movement of solids etc.

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Lets Compute Drainage

- If a drop falls at point (*i*, *j*) then how does it move?
- We consider the 8-neighbours of the point.



8-way adjacency

 The flow gets distributed relative to the height differences. • Here is an example:

1.1	1.5	1.6
1.3	1.4	1.7
1.3	1.3	1.5

• Hypothesis: Only lower, and in proportion to the height differences.



• And this continues recursively downwards.

and Infiltration



• The slope values ($\times 10^{-3}$).

2.1	2.5	2.6
7.3	9.1	8.0
1.3	1.3	1.5

• Hypothesis: Infiltration depends on slope.

0.1	0.09	0.09
0	0	0
0.2	0.2	0.15

 More complicated models: moisture, daily rainfall, soil-thickness.

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Coming back-mywatershed



- Suppose that we have installed appropriate rain-gauges and V-notch weirs.
- Suppose that we have good geological and GW data.
- Can we achieve stating a water-budget for mywatershed?
- Likely not. Most natural phenomena too complicated to model.

A good model will always have predictive value.

• Short-term: floods, crops. Long term: health of watershed.

Thanks

