

ES476 Hydrology Mid-Term Study Guide – Winter 2018 (Final - Feb. 8, 2018)

Mid-term Exam Tuesday Feb.13

Study Tips

- complete all labs and worksheets before exam
- use study guide in combination with notes and online powerpoint slide shows
- go back through the in class / lab exercises, make sure you can work the math / units; review map skills
- spend a couple days studying, the exam will be short answer / essay and there is much material.
- don't wait until the last minute!
- carefully go through the notes, some of the material we briefly discussed, but did not spend much time on in class... but the notes will give you the detail.

Exam Procedures: (1) Midterm exam will be 100 points; (2) Part 1 – Closed book, short answer/essay questions. See key-word/review recommendations below; (3) Part 2 Open Book- lab-style quantitative questions.

Key Terms and Concepts

Introductory Notes

<http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es476/hydro/intro.pdf>

hydrology
spatial scale
temporal scale
mass
energy
flux
mass transfer functions
evaporation
condensation
precipitation
runoff
infiltration
transpiration
~~deterministic vs. stochastic~~
processes
hydrologic cycle (sketch it)
convection
advection
groundwater
surface water
global water storage
residence time
compartments
oceans
groundwater
lakes
glaciers
ice caps
transpiration
evapotranspiration
runoff
infiltration

vegetative interception
ice sheets
oceans
springs
soil moisture
atmospheric moisture
fresh water storage

Global Water Budget

<http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es476/hydro/budgfigs.pdf>

- Sketch hydro cycle in detail
- understand global precip. distribution
- know the basic distribution of water resources
- why is there high runoff in PNW?

Water Budget Equations:

Input-Output = change in Storage

$$I - O = \Delta S$$

$$P = R + E + \Delta S$$

I = input, O = output, ΔS = change in storage, P = precipitation, R = stream runoff, E = evapotranspiration (all expressed as water volume equivalents over unit time)

Water Chemistry

http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es476/hydro/watr_chem.pdf

atoms
isotopes

oxygen isotopes
carbon isotopes
ion
cation
anion
complex ion
dissolved ions in water molecules
compounds
mixtures
atomic forces
bonding forces
octet rule
stable-8 configuration
valence shell
electron shells
lewis dot model
atomic no.
atomic mass
no. protons
no. neutrons
no. electrons
ionic bonding
metallic bonding
covalent bonding
dot-model reactions
aqueous solutions
solute
solvent
saline solution
salinity
sheath of hydration
dissolution
concentration
~~mass percent~~
~~parts per thousand~~

~~parts-per-million~~

~~parts-per-billion~~

density

hydrogen bonds

polar covalent bonds

viscosity

weight density

Hydro - Physics Overview

<http://www.wou.edu/las/phyci/taylor/es476>

[hydro/physrevw.pdf](#)

Know how to define and quantify the following...

mass

length

time

temperature

force

angle (degrees)

area

volume

velocity

acceleration

discharge

pressure

force

energy/work

~~power~~

~~momentum~~

mass density

weight density

viscosity

other physics concepts to consider:

heat

heat flow

heat capacity

volume expansion/contraction

density-driven rise / fall

"hot air balloon model"

heat transfer

conduction

convection

radiation

material phases

solid

liquid

gas

Heat

Molecular kinetic energy

states / phase changes

condensation

evaporation

melting

freezing

(consider these in terms of heat

loss and heat gain)

physical properties of water

liquid / fluid

heat capacity

polar molecule

solvent

covalent bonds

density-viscosity-temp relations

Hydrometeorology

<http://www.wou.edu/las/phyci/taylor/es476>

[hydro/meteor.pdf](#)

meteorology

weather

climate

temperature

humidity

precipitation

rain-snow-sleet

clouds

air pressure

water vapor

heat capacity

latent heat

particulate matter

dust

Troposphere Structure

condensating nuclei

altitude vs. temp variation

altitude vs. press. variation

Earth-Sun Relation

rotational axis

north pole

south pole

equator

axial tilt (23.5 deg.)

global solar radiation budget

water vapor

precipitation

solid, liquid, gas

heat energy

evaporation

condensation

freezing

~~sublimation~~

humidity

specific humidity

relative humidity

vapor saturation

saturation capacity

temperature vs. humidity

temperature vs. air volume

hot air balloon model

dew point / vapor saturation

dew

fog

clouds

rain

condensating nuclei

cloud droplets

adiabatic heating

stable vs. unstable air

rising air mass

sinking air mass

forceful lifting

convergent lifting

orographic lifting

frontal wedging

air pressure

force / unit area = pressure

altitude vs. air pressure

millibar – psi- pascal

pounds per sq. inch

barometer

Trenberth et al Reading 2007

Global Water Budget

<http://www.wou.edu/las/phyci/taylor/es476>

[hydro/trenberth_etal_2007_global_water_budget.pdf](#)

P = precipitation

E = evapotranspiration

E – P

Hydrologic cycle

Reservoirs

Storage

Exchanges

Flux

Surface flow

Groundwater flow

Ocean-ice

Vapor transport

Permafrost
Soil moisture
Solar radiation
Latent heating
Soil moisture storage
Sea surface temperatures
Atmospheric moisture
Climate change
 $P = R + E + \Delta S$
 $E - P = \text{runoff}$
PRISM models
Climate models
Ice volumes
Cryosphere
Energy supply
Precipitation network

Flood Climatology

Hirschboeck Readings

http://www.wou.edu/las/phyci/taylor/es476_hydro/hirschboeck_etal_2001_flood_hydroclimatology.pdf

Flood causing weather
-convective thunderstorms
-tropical storms/hurricanes
-extratropical cyclones
-frontal systems
rapid snowmelt
runoff
antecedent soil moisture
snow cover

Air Uplift Mechanisms

-Thermal convection
-large-scale frontal convergence
-orographic lifting

Convictional Processes

-Thunderstorm Activity
-flashy, intense ppt
-Fla/ Gulf, highest occurrence

Mesoscale Convective Complex

-"MCC's" and MCS's
-huge, multiple celled, highly organized thunderstorm complexes

Tropical Cyclones

-largest atmospheric features
-convective processes
-tropical low press. systems
-sources: western N. Atlantic, Gulf, Caribbean
critical temps of sea-surface: >79 F

Large-Scale Atmospheric

-Convergence
-Extratropical Cyclones
-cyclone tracks as westerlies across U.S./Midwest
Orographic Lifting
Antecedent soil moisture
soil moisture content
-summer > ET, < flood potential, < soil moisture
-Snow Cover, Frozen Ground and Snowmelt
-Frozen ground = impervious surface; > flood potential
-spring rain on snow, + snow melt = flood

Surface Water Hydrology

http://www.wou.edu/las/phyci/taylor/es476_hydro/surfwatr.pdf

drainage basin
watershed
drainage divide
interfluvium
groundwater-surface water discharge
drainage area
cross-sectional area
flow velocity
channel width
channel depth
volume/time
continuity equation $Q = VA$
Mannings Equation
Roughness
Slope /gradient
stream lengths
drainage density
shreve magnitude
stream ordering
1st order, 2nd order, etc.
peak discharge
peak annual flow
peak monthly flow
rational runoff equation
rational runoff coefficient
rainfall intensity
flood recurrence interval
flood magnitude
flood frequency
flood frequency curve
flood hydrograph – what is it?
Seasonal flood climatology

GO BACK OVER THE SLIDE SHOWS ON THE CLASS WEB SITE; MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES ILLUSTRATED IN THE SLIDE IMAGES

Big Concept Ideas / Essay Question Possibilities / Lab Skills

Can you sketch and discuss the hydrologic cycle? Including all the reservoirs, exchanges, fluxes and storage values? What are the primary atmospheric processes that trigger precipitation events? Can you list, describe, and sketch the mechanisms?

What types of meteorological conditions lead to flooding in the Pacific Northwest? What about largest flood events in the U.S. as a whole?

Can you list the equations and discuss the difference between energy, force, pressure, and work?

Can you summarize the physical and chemical properties of water?

Why is water a good solvent? Sketch the water molecule.

How are density and buoyancy related to heat in the system?

Can you discuss the global distribution of water in reference to ocean, rivers, lakes, atmosphere, glaciers, etc.

Summarize the physical and chemical properties of water.

Summarize the units and equations for the following: work, pressure, force, acceleration, acceleration due to gravity, newtons, pascals, millibars, continuity equation, storage equation, newton's second law, density vs. weight density

What are the four primary lifting mechanisms related to precipitation events.

What is the general circulation model of the Earth's atmosphere? What is the influence of the Coriolis effect on the general circulation model.

Compare and contrast cyclones to anticyclones.

Can you perform simple and complex unit conversions?

Do you understand dimensional analysis and unit algebra?

Do you know how to manage positive and negative exponents with respect to unit algebra?

Can you perform the following quantitative skills: plotting a graph

re-arranging equations; solving for unknown variables in an equation; manipulating exponents and bases

convert between metric and english systems of measurement; calculate the equation for a line from a graph

write an equation if given a description of a quantitative problem; Draw Sketches from word problems

convert between mass and volume using density

Can you perform the following quantitative skills from the applied problems labs:

determine volumes of water in a reservoir

calculating rates of discharge, evaporation and input into a hydrologic system

converting between various measures of area, length, volume, and discharge

determine the total input and withdrawal from a simple hydrologic system (calculating water budgets)

determine the discharge of runoff using weir techniques

calculate the volume of lake water using the frustrum of a cone

solve the input-output conservation equation

Can you perform the following quantitative skills from the contouring exercises

draw contour lines on rainfall data (isohyets)?

- identify contour intervals and interpolate between data points

- Can you use the planimeter and cross-section paper to determine areas?

- Determine average precipitation using the arithmetic, thiessen, and isohyetal methods?

- Can you work with map scales?

Work the continuity equation for channel discharge-velocity-cross-sectional area

Work Manning's equation for streamflow velocity; calculate areas-volumes of watershed inputs and outputs

Determine evaporation loss volumes and precipitation volume gains

Lab and Class Exercises Covered by the Open Book Part of the Exam

Applied problems in hydrology

Introduction to quantitative methods in hydrology

Water budget calculations

Pressure calculations and conversions

Isohyet contouring / precipitation problems; Water in – water out book keeping problem

OTHER STUDY RESOURCES

Hydrologic Cycle Animation (NASA *.mpeg 45 Mb)

Youtube Global Water Budget Overview (~4 min)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6Tp13duE5A>

Youtube-Principles of Water Balance (Univ. Reno ~9 minutes)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9fFcjUqNyA>

Youtube-Reservoirs and Residence Times (Univ. Reno ~13 minutes)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pW7b8RaiPkg>

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