

# Climate Modelling

## The Energy Balance way

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# A slight modification

The equation of the slightly modified model would be:

$$R \frac{dT}{dt} = Q(1 - \alpha) - (A + BT)$$

which can also be rewritten as:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} + \frac{B}{R} T = \frac{Q}{R}(1 - \alpha) - \frac{A}{R}$$

Let's take  $k = \frac{Q}{R}(1 - \alpha) - \frac{A}{R}$ .

This turns our equation to:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} + \frac{B}{R} T = k$$

The integrating factor for this equation is  $e^{\int \frac{B}{R} dt} = e^{\frac{B}{R} t}$ .

Using this integration factor gives us:

$$T(t)e^{\frac{B}{R} t} = k \frac{R}{B} e^{\frac{B}{R} t} + c$$

which can be written as:

$$T(t) = k \frac{R}{B} + ce^{-\frac{B}{R} t}$$

or, if we replace  $k = \frac{Q}{R}(1 - \alpha) - \frac{A}{R}$ , then

$$T(t) = \frac{Q(1 - \alpha) - A}{B} + ce^{-\frac{B}{R} t}$$

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# Whatever happened to equilibrium?

The slightly modified model yields:

$$T(t) = \frac{Q(1 - \alpha) - A}{B} + ce^{-\frac{B}{R}t}$$

which, at equilibrium, ends up being:

$$T^* = \frac{Q(1 - \alpha) - A}{B}$$

which, by the way, is also the asymptotic value of the temperature. From Graves et al. [1993], we have the best current estimates of  $A$  and  $B$ .  $A = 202 \text{ W/m}^2$  and  $B = 1.90 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$ .

Now, if we take the values of  $Q$  and  $\alpha$  from previous slides, then:

$$T^* = \frac{343 \times (1 - 0.3) - 202}{1.9}$$

which then yields  $T^* = 19.7^\circ \text{C}$  or  $290.7 \text{ K}$ .

This is pretty close to the actual average of  $15.4^\circ \text{C}$ .

Makes sense? Yeah. This model attempts to take into consideration the role our atmosphere plays in determining surface temperature.

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# Nullclines and change of variables

Given the change of variables  $w = (u_0 + v_0)/2$  and  $z = u_0 - v_0$ :

$$R\dot{w} = \frac{1}{2}(R\dot{u}_0 + R\dot{v}_0)$$

$$R\dot{w} = \frac{1}{2}(Q(1-\alpha_1) - A - (B+C)u_0 + C\bar{T} + Q(1-\alpha_2) - A - (B+C)v_0 + C\bar{T})$$

$$R\dot{w} = Q(1-\alpha_0) - A - \frac{1}{2}(B+C)(u_0 + v_0) + C\bar{T}$$

$$R\dot{w} = Q(1-\alpha_0) - A - (B+C)w + C\bar{T}$$

$$\text{where } \alpha_0 = \frac{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}{2}$$

Similarly...

$$R\dot{z} = R\dot{u}_0 - R\dot{v}_0$$

$$R\dot{z} = Q(1-\alpha_1) - A - (B+C)u_0 + C\bar{T} - Q(1-\alpha_2) + A + (B+C)v_0 - C\bar{T}$$

$$R\dot{z} = Q(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) - (B+C)(u_0 - v_0) = Q(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) - (B+C)z$$



# Nullclines and change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{T} &= w + \left(\eta - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{Q(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)}{B+C} + P_2(\eta) \left( \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_1)}{B+C} - \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_2)}{B+C} \right) \\&= w + \left(\eta - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{Q(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)}{B+C} + P_2(\eta) \left( \frac{Qs_2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)}{B+C} \right) \\&= w + \left(\eta - \frac{1}{2} + s_2 P_2(\eta)\right) \frac{Q(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)}{B+C}\end{aligned}$$

Plugging  $\bar{T}$  into the expression for  $\dot{w}$ :

$$\dot{w} = \frac{1}{R} \left( Q(1 - \alpha_0) - A - Bw + \frac{CQ(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)}{B+C} \left( \eta - \frac{1}{2} + s_2 P_2(\eta) \right) \right)$$

which can be written as  $\dot{w} = -\frac{B}{R} (w - F(\eta))$ .

Here  $F(\eta)$  is the cubic polynomial:

$$F(\eta) = \frac{1}{B} \left[ Q(1 - \alpha_0) - A + \frac{CQ(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)}{B+C} \left( \eta - \frac{1}{2} + s_2 P_2(\eta) \right) \right]$$

# Nullclines and change of variables

We now consider a dynamic equation for the ice line by adding the equation:

$$\dot{\eta} = \epsilon(T(t, \eta) - T_c)$$

$$\text{where } T(t, \eta) = w + \frac{u_2 + v_2}{2} p_2(\eta).$$

Now, using  $u_{2eq} = \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_1)}{B+C}$  and  $v_{2eq} = \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_2)}{B+C}$ , we get:

$$T(t, \eta) = w + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_1)}{B+C} + \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_2)}{B+C} \right) p_2(\eta)$$

$$T(t, \eta) = w + \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_0)}{B+C} p_2(\eta) \text{ where } \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)$$

This means that  $\dot{\eta}$  depends on both  $w$  and  $\eta$ .

$$\dot{\eta} = \epsilon \left( w + \frac{Qs_2(1-\alpha_0)}{B+C} p_2(\eta) - T_c \right) = \epsilon(w - G(\eta)),$$

$$\text{where } G(\eta) = -\frac{Q}{B+C} s_2(1 - \alpha_0) p_2(\eta) + T_c$$