

Water Resources Engineering

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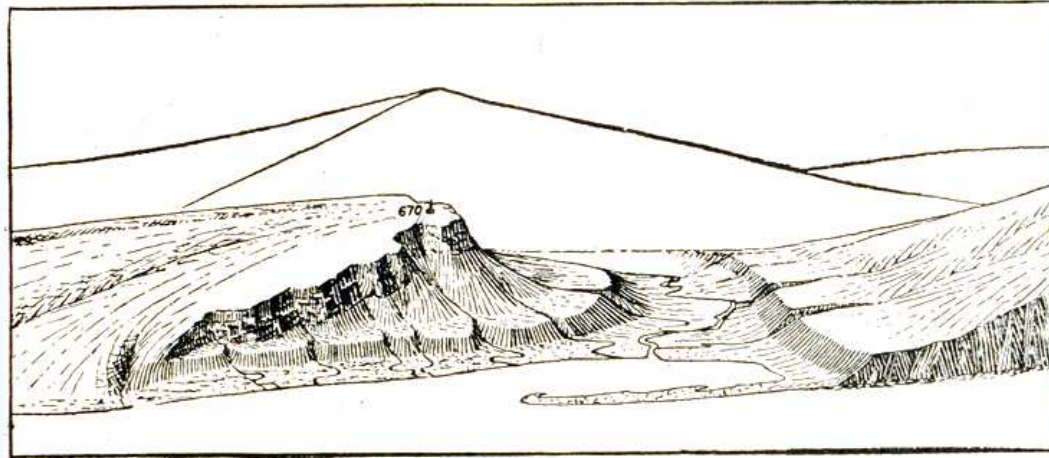
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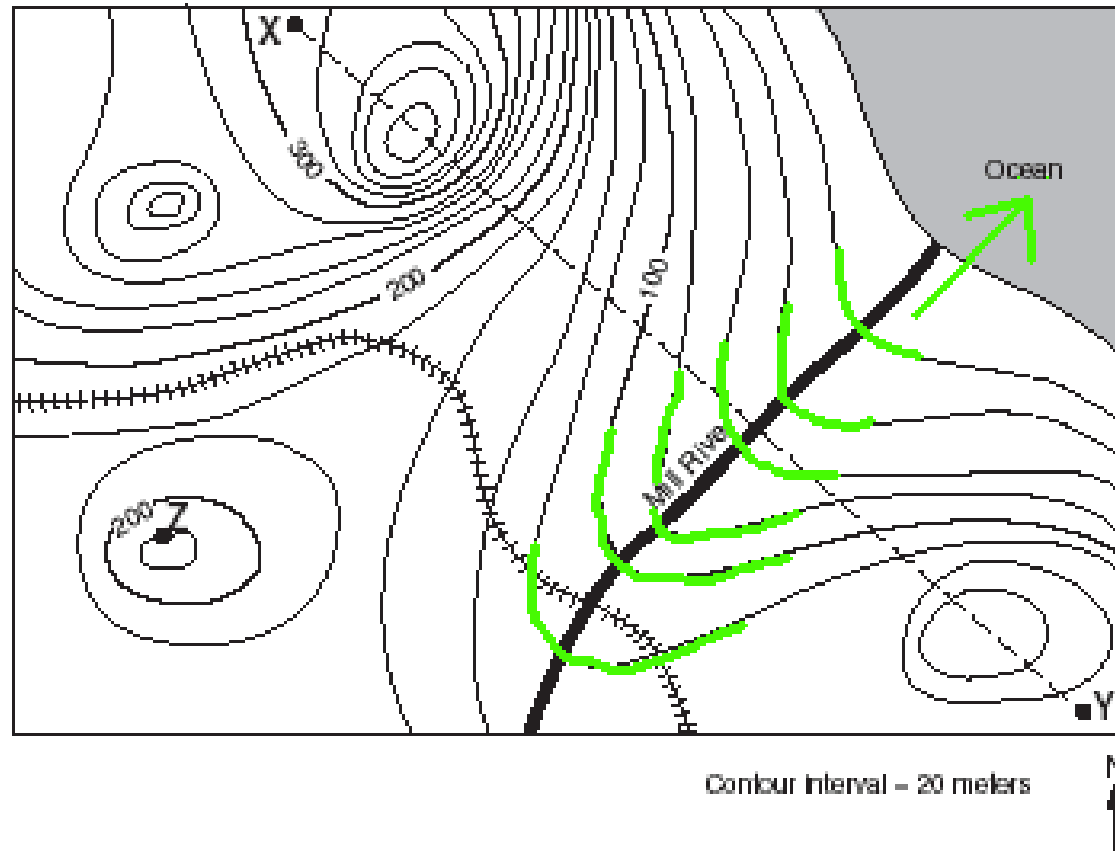
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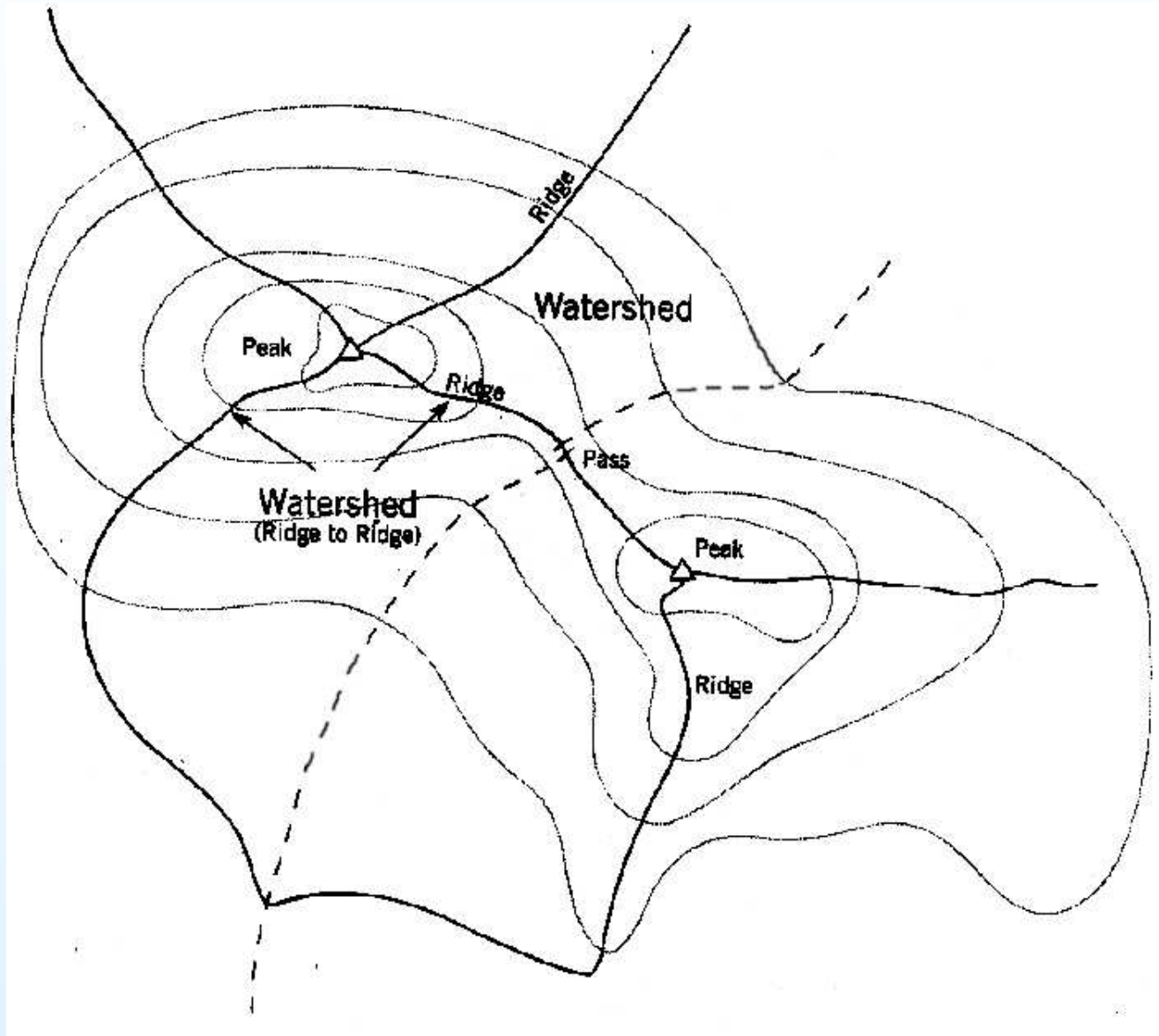
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1. Mark the contour levels.
2. Identify all convex upward points and mark them.
3. Join the points and draw the valley lines, i.e, the streams.
4. Identify ridge lines.
5. Make sure no valley line crosses ridge line.
6. In case of more than one possible flow paths, take the steepest one.
7. Identify the main stream.
8. The main stream should pass through the outlet.
9. To draw the catchment boundary, start from the outlet. Move along the ridge lines of the rightmost streams. Take the boundary over the beginning of any stream.
10. Complete the boundary, come to the outlet and close the path.