Command Reference: AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow()

Analyze a node/link network to calculate "point flow" for nodes

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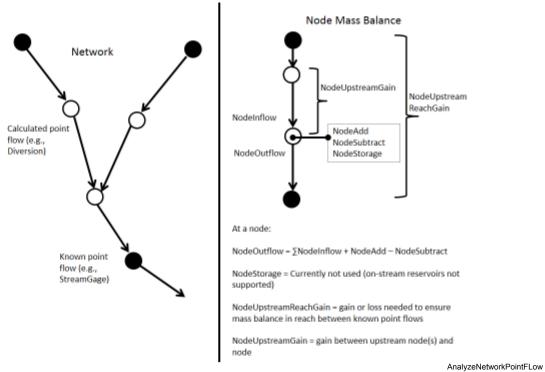
The AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() command takes as input information to define a "flow network", associates input time series with each node in the network, and computes mass balance time series at each node. Although the network is intended to represent a physical network such as a stream system, it also can represent other flow networks such as transportation or other mass/energy conservation systems.

This command differs from the functionality of other network analysis tools as follows:

- Daily administration tools, such as the State of Colorado's Colorado Water Rights Administration Tool (CWRAT) perform a point flow analysis for a single day, which only requires knowing one day's input values, whereas AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() analyzes time series for a specified period.
- More sophisticated models, such as the State of Colorado's StateMod water allocation model, perform allocation decisions within each time step for the full period, whereas AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() performs a sequence of basic time series manipulations that can be quickly configured.

It may be possible to utilize the network data from tools such as those mentioned above with the AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() command.

The following figure illustrates the network connectivity and mass balance that is performed at each node. Currently "on-channel" reservoirs with storage are not supported and gain/loss can only be computed in non-branching networks – these features and others necessary to model more complex networks will be added in the future; however, this command is not intended to replace more complex models. Consequently the command currently is suitable for analysis of a main stem river with no on-channel reservoirs.



AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Network and Node Mass Balance

The network is defined as a table containing a list of node identifiers with associated properties, as illustrated in the following figure.

1	Α	В	С	D	E	F
1	NodeID	NodeName	NodeType	NodeDist	NodeWeight	DownstreamNodeID
2	06754000	KERSEY GAGE	StreamGage	2.0		0103816
3	0103816	EMPIRE RESERVOIR INLET (at reservoir)	Diversion	3.0	1.0	0100503
4	0100503	RIVERSIDE CANAL (at reservoir)	Diversion	4.0	1.0	0100507
5	0100507	BIJOU CANAL	Diversion	5.0	1.0	0100513
6	0100513	JACKSON LAKE INLET	Diversion	6.0	1.0	0100511
7	0100511	WELDON VALLEY DITCH	Diversion	7.0	2.0	0100512
8	0100512	JACKSON LAKE OUTLET DITCH	Return	8.0	2.0	0100514
9	0100514	FT MORGAN CANAL	Diversion	9.0	3.0	Instream1
10	Instream1	Instream Flow 1	InstreamFlow	10.0	3.0	06758500
11	06758500	WELDONA GAGE	StreamGage	11.0	3.0	0102900
12	0102900	WELDON VALLEY RETURN	Return	13.0	3.0	0100517
13	0100517	DEUEL AND SNYDER	Diversion	15.0	4.0	0100515
14	0100515	UPPER PLATTE BEAVER CNL	Diversion	17.0	4.0	06759500
15	06759500	FORT MORGAN GAGE	StreamGage	19.0	4.0	0100518
16	0100518	LOWER PLATTE BEAVER D	Diversion	26.0	4.0	0100519
17	0100519	TREMONT DITCH	Diversion	37.0	5.0	0100687
18	0100687	NORTH STERLING CANAL	Diversion	38.0	5.0	0100688
19	0100688	UNION DITCH	Diversion	49.0	5.0	06760000
20	06760000	BALZAC GAGE	StreamGage	50.0	5.0	

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AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Network Input Table

In this example the network is defined in an Excel file, the ReadTableFromExcel() command is used to read the table, and the table is used as input to the AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() command. The network definition table columns from the above figure are as follows (note, however, that the column names are user defined and are specified as parameters to the AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() command:

AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Network Input Table Column Description

Network Table	Description	
Column		
NodeID	The location ID for the network node, typically corresponding to the	
	location ID in time series identifiers. The column is indicated to the	
	command using the NodeIDColumn parameter.	
NodeName	The node name, useful because NodeID is generally terse and non-	
	descriptive, used in messages. The column is indicated to the command	
	using the NodeNameColumn parameter.	
NodeType	The node type, needed to define node behavior (e.g., whether time series	
	values get added, subtracted, reset at node). The node types are user-	
	defined, although types often are defined by modeling conventions. The	
	column is indicated to the command using the NodeTypeColumn	
	parameter. The behavior corresponding to node types is defined by using	
	<pre>command parameters (NodeAddTypes, NodeSubtractTypes,</pre>	
	NodeOutflowTypes, NodeFlowThroughTypes).	
NodeDist	The node distance along the flow path. Typically the distance is measured	
	relative to the lowest point on the network. The distance is used to estimate	
	gain/loss when GainMethod=Distance is specified as a command	

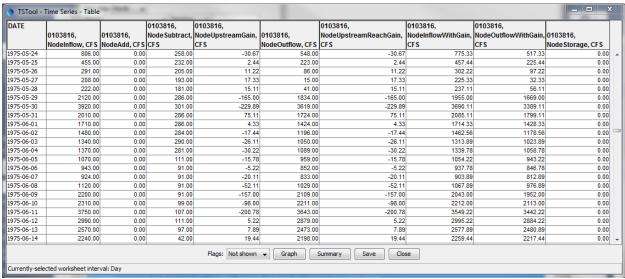
Network Table Column	Description
	parameter.
NodeWeight	Used when GainMethod=Weight. The weights indicate the relative weight of the reach gain/loss to be distributed between nodes on the reach. For example, specify a best estimate of the percentage of reach loss that occurs above each node. Or, specify as a rate of gain/loss when used with GainMethod=DistanceWeight (but in this case the distance*weight product will be normalized to ensure that the reach gain/loss is equalized between known point flows).
DownstreamNodeID	The location ID for the downstream node, needed to define network
	connectivity.

The AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() command creates output time series with the data types indicated in the following table.

AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Network Input Table Column Description

Column	Description	
NodeInflow	Sum of outflows from upstream nodes, which are consequently inflows	
	to the current node (lagged routing currently is not implemented).	
NodeAdd	Time series added at the node (for example immediately off-channel	
	reservoir release or measured return flow).	
NodeSubtract	Time series subtracted at the node (for example diversion).	
NodeUpstreamGain	Gain (positive) or loss (negative) between immediate upstream node(s)	
	and the current node (missing if gain/loss is not computed).	
NodeOutflow	Outflow from the node, which takes into account inflow and any	
	additions and subtractions at the node.	
NodeUpstreamReachGain	Gain (positive) or loss (negative) between upstream known flow	
	node(s) and the current node (missing if gain/loss is not computed).	
NodeInflowWithGain	NodeInflow + NodeUpstreamReachGain (missing if gain/loss	
	are not computed).	
NodeOutflowWithGain	NodeOutflow + NodeUpstreamReachGain (missing if gain/loss	
	are not computed).	
NodeStorage	Storage at the node after additions and subtractions (currently always	
	zero, will enhance in the future to handle on-channel reservoirs).	

The following figure illustrates the output time series corresponding to the data types listed in the above table:



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AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Output Time Series Table

The following logic is used to analyze the network. Currently this logic is performed by navigating the network from most upstream to downstream and processing all timesteps for a node before moving to the next node.

- 1. The network is navigated from top to bottom. When a confluence is found (a node with more than one upstream node), each confluence is processed from the top down to the confluence point. Of particular importance is the concept of a "stream reach", which is the reach between known flow points, because mass balance is enforced at known flow points and gain/loss can be estimated between the known flow points.
 - a. The data type for the node (see *DataType command parameters) is used to retrieve the relevant time series for the node. The first time series that matches the location ID, data type, and interval is used as input for the node. The time series must have been read prior to the AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() command. For example, use the CopyTable() command to copy a subset of the network table's NodeID values and then use the ReadTimeSeriesList() command with the list of identifiers.
 - b. Calculate the node's inflow:
 - i. Node types that set outflow, indicated by the NodeOutflowDataTypes parameter (e.g., StreamGage):
 - NodeInflow = input time series for node
 - ii. All other node types:
 - NodeInflow = sum of upstream node outflows
 - c. Calculate the node's outflow:
 - i. Node types that add, indicated by the NodeAddDataTypes parameter (e.g., Return, Import):
 - NodeOutflow = NodeInflow + added time series
 - ii. Node types that subtract, indicated by the NodeSubtractDataTypes parameter (e.g., Diversion):
 - NodeOutflow = NodeInflow subtracted time series

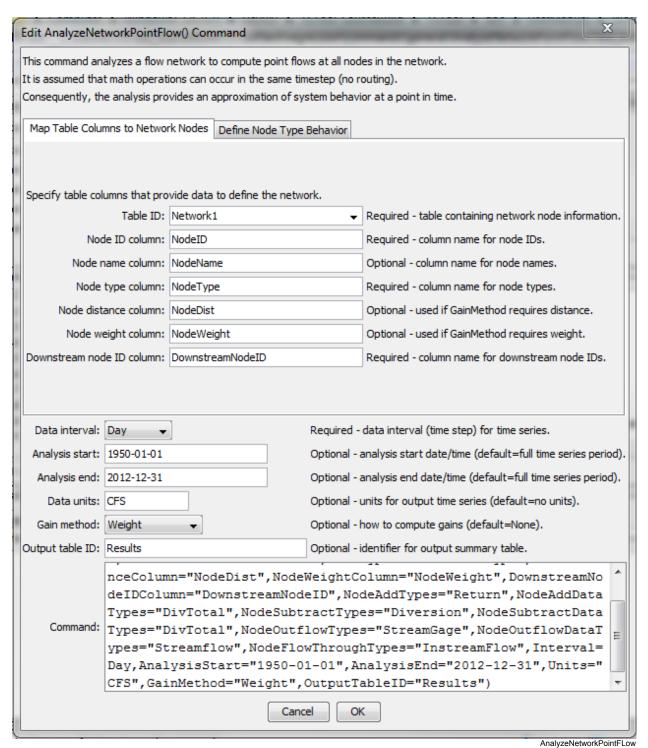
- iii. Node types that set outflow, indicated by the NodeOutflowDataTypes parameter (e.g., StreamGage):
 - NodeOutflow = NodeInflow
- iv. Node types that let flow through, indicated by the NodeFlowThroughDataTypes parameter (e.g., InstreamFlow):
 - NodeOutflow = NodeInflow.
- d. For known flow points (e.g., StreamGage node type), set the reach gain/loss:
 - i. NodeUpstreamReachGain = difference between upstream node outflow and known flow at downstream node in reach
- e. If gain/loss is being estimated and a known flow node encountered (e.g., StreamGage), gain/loss between this node and the nearest upstream node(s) is compute. This has only been implemented for the case where all intervening nodes are in a non-branching reach.
 - i. First calculate the distribution factor by which the reach gain (see previous step) will be distributed to each node in the reach:
 - If the GainMethod=None, no adjustment to flows is made and the gain/loss upstream of the know flow node will result in a discontinuous jump because no gain/loss adjustment is made.
 - If the GainMethod=Distance, use the node distance data from the network table to prorate the gain/loss in the stream reach. The difference in distance between the upstream node and the current node is set to weight for prorating the reach gain/loss. Use this method if the gain/loss rate is the same throughout the reach and therefore only the distance between nodes controls the gain/loss.
 - If the GainMethod=Weight, the gain/loss is prorated by the weights specified by the NodeWeightColumn parameter (or weight equally if the weights are not specified in the network table). The weight of the upstream known flow node is not used. Use this method if the relative gain/loss for each node within the reach can be specified.
 - If the GainMethod=DistanceWeight, the gain/loss is prorated by the product of the weights specified by the NodeWeightColumn parameter (or weight equally if the weights are not specified in the network table) and by the values from the NodeDistanceColumn. The weight of the upstream known flow node is not used. Use this method if the relative rate of gain/loss for each node can be specified, but overall gain/loss is also a function of the distance. Even though a rate is specified, the calculated gain/loss may be slightly different because the overall reach gain/loss must be balanced at known flow points for each time step.
 - Multiply NodeUpstreamReachGain by the gain/loss distribution factor to calculate NodeReadGain for each node.
 - Compute the cumulative gain/loss for the node by summing NodeUpstreamNodeGain for each upstream node and set to NodeUpstreamReachGain for the current node.
- 2. Analysis statistics optionally are written to an output table, which contains a row for each network node. Statistics include information such as the number of missing values in the input time series. This information can be used to evaluate the quality of the analysis. **This feature has not yet been implemented.**

Issues that need to be considered include:

- 1. Missing data in input result in missing data in calculated values. Use TSTool features to fill missing data in time series before using as input to the analysis. Because this may be a major effort, especially for a long analysis period, it may be appropriate to read time series from model data sets. It is envisioned that the output table will provide feedback on how much missing data there is and how it impacts the analysis.
- 2. TSTool's graphing tool currently does not allow graphing lines as a step function in the case where no gain/loss is computed. Instead, the line connects the data points. An enhancement to the graphing tool is needed.
- 3. TSTool does not provide a way to graph a stream reach where the graph values are pulled from each time series for a point in time. Ideally a visualization tool would allow "scrolling" through dates and showing the river reach with flow on the Y axis and node distance on the X axis, although it would be tedious to have to scroll through the period.
- 4. There may be cases where a subtraction at the node takes all of the flow resulting in a zero or negative value, essentially causing the node to be a known zero point flow. For example, in Colorado, a river call may result in a river drying up during the call. It is possible to estimate when this occurs, but the data quality may be low. Currently TSTool allows negative flows in this case, which indicates that input time series or the simple gain method calculations do not accurately represent the system. One option in this case is to use the TSTool AdjustExtremes() command, which maintains mass balance around the extreme values.

It is important to understand that such a point flow analysis represents a snapshot of the system at any point in time, but does not route flows through the network. Known flows at stream gages are used as fixed values from which other data are estimated. Gains and losses are representative of the network system, essentially interpolating over time and distance. This type of analysis introduces errors in cases where the lag time between nodes would result in significant differences if lagging were considered. In the physical system, changing an upstream flow would result in lagged impacts due to routing; however, the point flow analysis shows the impacts to downstream nodes in the same time step. A more sophisticated model with routing would be needed to represent actual conditions. However, the point flow analysis will be reasonably accurate if gains and losses are occurring because of fairly static phenomena (e.g., groundwater interactions that do not change rapidly within the network travel time). One way to work around these limitations is to use a longer interval, for example monthly instead of daily, in input time series or convert the point flow analysis results.

The following dialog is used to edit the command and illustrates the syntax of the command.



AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Command Editor

۱	Map Table Columns to Network Nodes Defin	e Node Type Behavior		ı		
	Specify node type behavior for the point flow analysis. Each node type indicates how mass balance is calculated for the type.					
١	Time series for each node are matched as follo	Time series for each node are matched as follows:				
ı	Location ID - match Node ID column			ı		
ı	Data source - currently not matched			ı		
ı	Data type - match data types listed below,	specific to node type		ı		
	Interval - match Interval parameter			ı		
	Node types that add:	Return	Optional - node types that add.			
۱	Node time series data types that add flow:	DivTotal	Optional - node time series data types that add.			
ı	Node types that subtract flow:	Diversion	Optional - node types that subtract.			
	Node time series data types that subtract:	DivTotal	Optional - node time series data types that subtract.			
	Node types that set outflow:	StreamGage	Optional - node types that set outflow.			
	Node time series data types that set outflow:	Streamflow	Optional - node time series data types that set outflow.			
	Node types with no change:	InstreamFlow	Optional - node types where inflow=outflow.			

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AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Command Editor – "Define Node Type Behavior" Tab

The command syntax is as follows:

AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow(Parameter=Value,...)

Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
TableID	The identifier for the table defining the network.	None – must be specified.
NodeIDColumn	The name of the column in the network table	None – must be specified.
	containing node identifiers. Node identifiers will	_
	be used for the location ID part of time series	
	identifiers.	
NodeNameColumn	The name of the column in the network table	
	containing node names.	
NodeTypeColumn	The name of the column in the network table	None – must be specified.
	containing node types. The node type is used to	
	specify what calculations will occur for the node.	
NodeDistance	The name of the column in the network table	Must be specified when
Column	containing node distance. The distance is the	GainMethod=
	measure from the most downstream node and is	Distance or
	used when GainMethod=Distance or	GainMethod=
	GainMethod=	DistanceWeight.
	DistanceWeight.	
NodeWeight	The name of the column in the network table	If not specified when
Column	containing node weights, which is used to	GainMethod=Weight,
	distribute gain/loss when	gain/loss will be
	GainMethod=Weight or GainMethod=	distributed evenly for the
	DistanceWeight (in the latter case the	nodes. Must be specified
	weight is the rate to use).	when GainMethod=
		DistanceWeight.

Parameter	Description	Default
Downstream	The name of the column in the network table	None – must be specified.
NodeIDColumn	containing downstream node identifiers. This	
	information defines the connectivity of the	
	network.	
NodeAddTypes	Node types for which time series are added to the	No additions will occur.
	node's inflow to compute outflow, for example	
	the Return node type in the above table	
	example. The NodeTypeColumn table column	
	is checked to determine the type for each node in	
	the network.	
NodeAddDataType	The time series data type to match for the node.	No additions will occur.
11	The data type is used with the NodeID as the	
	location ID to match available time series to use	
	as input. This may be enhanced to allow a TSID	
	pattern like %L-DivTotal, to allow more	
	flexibility in matching time series.	
NodeSubtract	Node types for which time series are subtracted	No subtractions will
Types	from the node's inflow, for example the	occur.
-11-00	Diversion node type in the above table	occur.
	example. The NodeTypeColumn table column	
	is checked to determine the type for each node in	
	the network.	
NodeSubtract	The time series data type to match for the node.	No subtractions will
DataType	The data type is used with the NodeID as the	occur.
Datalype	location ID to match available time series to use	occur.
	as input. This may be enhanced to allow to a	
	TSID pattern like %L-DivTotal, to allow	
	more flexibility in matching time series.	
NodeOutflow	Node types for which time series outflows are set	No known flows will be
Types	to the node's time input time series, for example	set – gain/loss cannot be
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	the Streamflow node type in the above table	computed.
	- 1	computed.
	example. The NodeTypeColumn table column	
	is checked to determine the type for each node in the network.	
NodeOutflow		No subtractions will
DataType	The time series data type to match for the node.	occur.
Datalype	The data type is used with the NodeID as the	occur.
	location ID to match available time series to use	
	as input. This may be enhanced to allow a TSID	
	pattern like %L-Streamflow, to allow more	
NodeFlow	flexibility in matching time series.	No known flows will be
	Node types for which time series outflows are set	
ThroughTypes	to the node's inflow, for example the	set – gain/loss cannot be computed.
	InstreamFlow node type in the above table	Computed.
	example. The NodeTypeColumn table column	
	is checked to determine the type for each node in	
T + 1	the network.	NT 41 '0' 1
Interval	The time series interval to process. The interval	None – must be specified.
	is used with the node identifier and data type to	

Parameter	Description	Default
	match input time series.	
AnalysisStart	The analysis start, which defines the period for output time series. Specify to a precision consistent with Specify to a precision consistent with Interval.	Global output period.
AnalysisEnd	The analysis end, which defines the period for output time series. Specify to a precision consistent with Interval.	Global output period.
Units	Units for output time series. Warnings will be generated if input time series for the analysis are not consistent with these units.	
GainMethod	 The method used to prorate the gain/loss between known point flow nodes to other nodes in the reach. Currently this can be used only on non-branching networks. Distance – prorate the gain/loss using distance between nodes (as a portion of the total distance). Use this method if a constant gain/loss rate applies over each reach in the network. None – no gain/loss is estimated, resulting in a discontinuity in an outflow jump above each known point flow. DistanceWeight – prorate the gain/loss using distance*weight as the weight for each node, where the rate is specified in the weight network table column. Use this method when the gain/loss rate varies by location and should be represented as a rate. Weight – prorate the gain/loss using the 	None
	weights specified for each node. Use this method if the gain/loss fraction in a reach is explicitly specified.	
OutputTable	The identifier for the output table to receive analysis results statistics.	No output table will be created.

The following command files illustrate how to implement a point flow analysis. In this case the first command file prepares daily time series using the network as input. The time series could similarly be provided by other processing procedures, or read from other model input files.

```
# Read time series needed to perform the AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() tests.

# Use data from HydroBase to provide realistic input.

# First read the network table

ReadTableFromExcel(TableID="Network1",InputFile="Network1.xlsx",ExcelColumnNames=FirstRowInRange)

# Get the list of streamflow gages and associated time series

# Free()

CopyTable(TableID="Network1",NewTableID="StreamflowStationList",IncludeColumns="NodeID",

ColumnMap="NodeID:StreamGageID",ColumnFilters="NodeType:StreamGage")

ReadTimeSeriesList(TableID="StreamflowStationList",LocationColumn="StreamGageID",DataSource="DWR,USGS",

DataType="Streamflow",Interval="Day",DataStore="HydroBase",IfNotFound=Warn)

WriteDateValue(OutputFile="Network1-StreamGage-Streamflow.dv",MissingValue=NaN,TSList=AllMatchingTSID,
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TSID="*.*.Streamflow.Day.*")
# Get the list of diversion stations and associated time series
Free()
CopyTable (TableID="Network1", NewTableID="DiversionStationList", IncludeColumns="NodeID",
  ColumnMap="NodeID:DiversionID", ColumnFilters="NodeType:Diversion")
ReadTimeSeriesList(TableID="DiversionStationList", LocationColumn="DiversionID", DataSource="DWR",
  DataType="DivTotal", Interval="Day", DataStore="HydroBase", IfNotFound=Warn)
WriteDateValue(OutputFile="Network1-Diversion-DivTotal.dv", MissingValue=NaN, TSList=AllMatchingTSID,
 TSID="*.*.DivTotal.Dav.*")
# Get the list of diversion return stations and associated time series
Free()
CopyTable (TableID="Network1", NewTableID="DiversionReturnStationList", IncludeColumns="NodeID",
  ColumnMap="NodeID:DiversionID", ColumnFilters="NodeType:Return")
ReadTimeSeriesList(TableID="DiversionReturnStationList",LocationColumn="DiversionID",DataSource="DWR",
  DataType="DivTotal", Interval="Day", DataStore="HydroBase", IfNotFound=Warn)
WriteDateValue (OutputFile="Network1-Return-
DivTotal.dv", MissingValue=NaN, TSList=AllMatchingTSID, TSID="*.*.DivTotal.Day.*")
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The second command file performs the point flow analysis. This example is from a TSTool test and fills missing data with a simple approach in order to ensure that no missing values are included in the analysis. A single command file that combines the two command file examples also could be used.

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# Test analyzing a simple network for point flows
StartLog(LogFile="Results/Test_AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow.TSTool.log")
# Read the network
ReadTableFromExcel(TableID="Network1", InputFile="Data\Network1.xlsx", Worksheet="Network1",
 ExcelColumnNames=FirstRowInRange)
# Read the time series associated with network nodes (pregenerated)
# Fill diversion time series with zeros so there is something to analyze
# Fill stream gage time series with repeat forward and backward
SetInputPeriod(InputStart="1950-01-01",InputEnd="2013-12-31")
ReadDateValue(InputFile="Data\Network1-Diversion-DivTotal.dv")
ReadDateValue(InputFile="Data\Network1-Return-DivTotal.dv")
FillConstant(TSList=AllMatchingTSID, TSID="*.*.DivTotal.*.*",ConstantValue=0)
ReadDateValue(InputFile="Data\Network1-StreamGage-Streamflow.dv")
FillRepeat(TSList=AllMatchingTSID, TSID="*.*.Streamflow.*.*",FillDirection=Backward)
FillRepeat(TSList=AllMatchingTSID, TSID="*.*.Streamflow.*.*",FillDirection=Forward)
CheckTimeSeries(CheckCriteria="Missing")
# Analyze the network point flow.
AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow(TableID="Network1", NodeIDColumn="NodeID", NodeNameColumn="NodeName",
  NodeTypeColumn="NodeType", NodeDistanceColumn="NodeDist", NodeWeightColumn="NodeWeight"
  DownstreamNodeIDColumn="DownstreamNodeID", NodeAddTypes="Return", NodeAddDataTypes="DivTotal",
  NodeSubtractTypes="Diversion", NodeSubtractDataTypes="DivTotal", NodeOutflowTypes="StreamGage",
  NodeOutflowDataTypes="Streamflow", NodeFlowThroughTypes="InstreamFlow", Interval=Day,
  AnalysisStart="1950-01-01", AnalysisEnd="2012-12-31", Units="CFS", GainMethod="Distance",
  OutputTableID="Results")
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