Command Reference: AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow()

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

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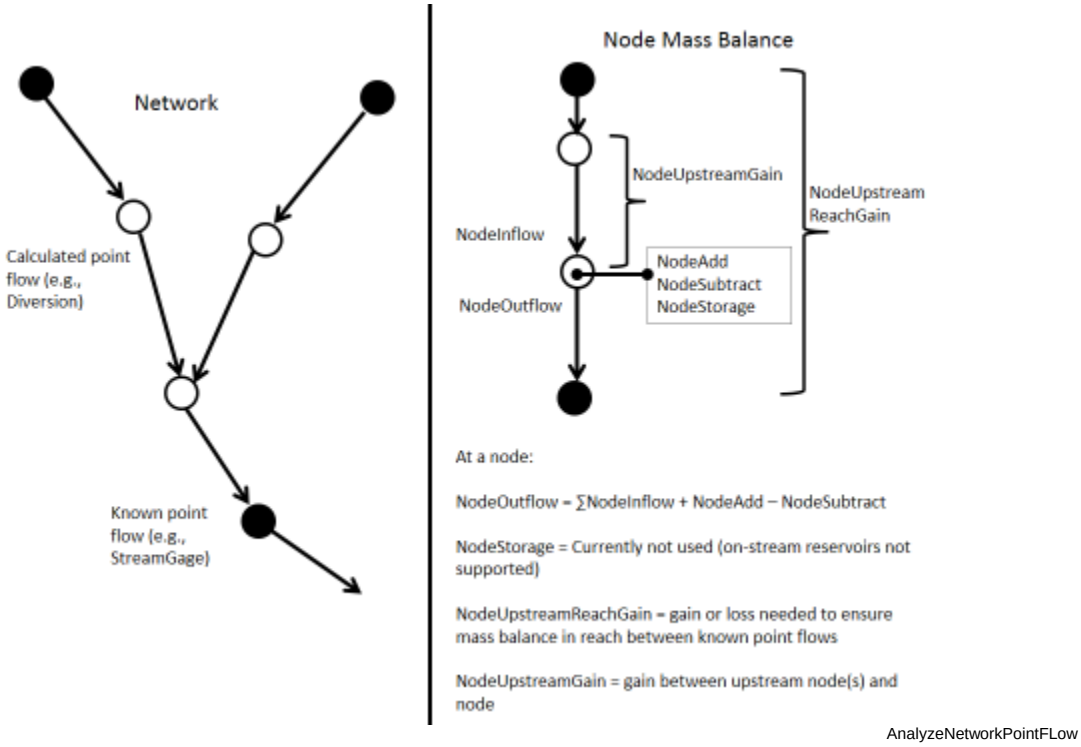
The `AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow()` command takes as input information to define a "flow network", associates input time series with each node in the network, and computes mass balance time series at each node. Although the network is intended to represent a physical network such as a stream system, it also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



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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.

	A	B	C	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 Column	Description
`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 command parameters (`NodeAddTypes`, `NodeSubtractTypes`, `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

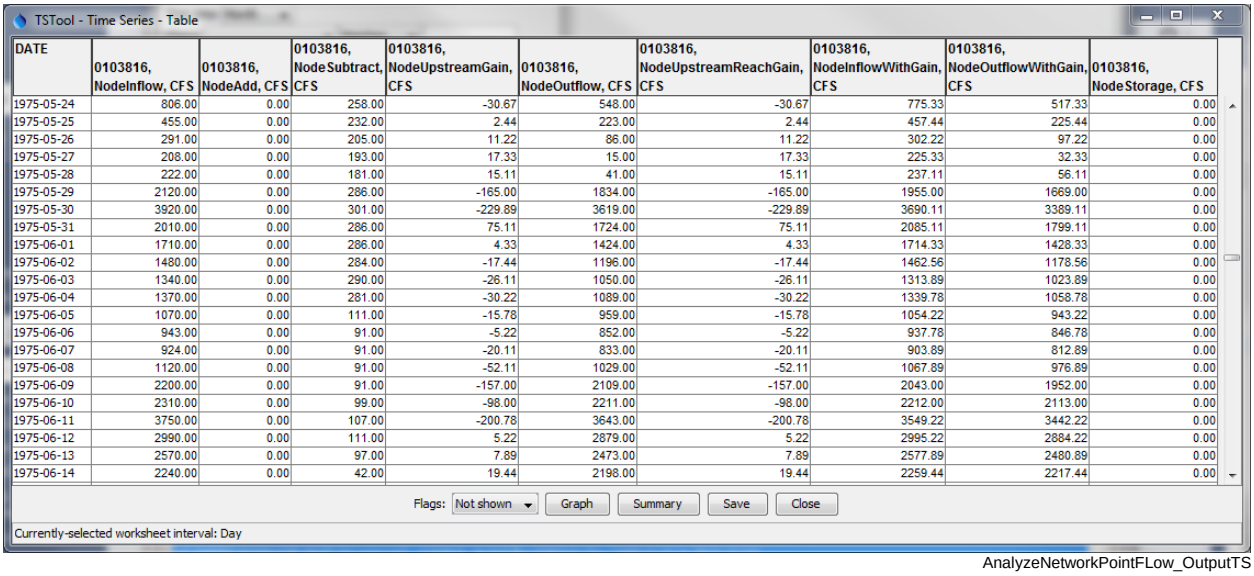
Network Table Column	Description
	gain/loss when `GainMethod=Distance` is specified as a command parameter.
`NodeWeight`	Used when `GainMethod=Weight`. The weights indicate the relative weight of the reach gain/loss to be distributed between nodes on the reach. For example, specify a best estimate of the percentage of reach loss that occurs above each node. Or, specify as a rate of gain/loss when used with `GainMethod=Rate` (but in this case the rates will be adjusted 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:


TSTool - Time Series - Table

DATE	0103816, NodeInflow, CFS	0103816, NodeAdd, CFS	0103816, NodeSubtract, CFS	0103816, NodeUpstreamGain, CFS	0103816, NodeOutflow, CFS	0103816, NodeUpstreamReachGain, CFS	0103816, NodeInflowWithGain, CFS	0103816, NodeOutflowWithGain, CFS	0103816, NodeStorage, CFS
1975-05-24	806.00	0.00	258.00	-30.67	548.00	-30.67	775.33	517.33	0.00
1975-05-25	455.00	0.00	232.00	2.44	223.00	2.44	457.44	225.44	0.00
1975-05-26	291.00	0.00	205.00	11.22	86.00	11.22	302.22	97.22	0.00
1975-05-27	208.00	0.00	193.00	17.33	15.00	17.33	225.33	32.33	0.00
1975-05-28	222.00	0.00	181.00	15.11	41.00	15.11	237.11	56.11	0.00
1975-05-29	2120.00	0.00	286.00	-165.00	1834.00	-165.00	1955.00	1669.00	0.00
1975-05-30	3920.00	0.00	301.00	-229.89	3619.00	-229.89	3690.11	3389.11	0.00
1975-05-31	2010.00	0.00	286.00	75.11	1724.00	75.11	2085.11	1799.11	0.00
1975-06-01	1710.00	0.00	286.00	4.33	1424.00	4.33	1714.33	1428.33	0.00
1975-06-02	1480.00	0.00	284.00	-17.44	1196.00	-17.44	1462.56	1178.56	0.00
1975-06-03	1340.00	0.00	290.00	-26.11	1050.00	-26.11	1313.89	1023.89	0.00
1975-06-04	1370.00	0.00	281.00	-30.22	1089.00	-30.22	1339.78	1058.78	0.00
1975-06-05	1070.00	0.00	111.00	-15.78	959.00	-15.78	1054.22	943.22	0.00
1975-06-06	943.00	0.00	91.00	-5.22	852.00	-5.22	937.78	846.78	0.00
1975-06-07	924.00	0.00	91.00	-20.11	833.00	-20.11	903.89	812.89	0.00
1975-06-08	1120.00	0.00	91.00	-52.11	1029.00	-52.11	1067.89	976.89	0.00
1975-06-09	2200.00	0.00	91.00	-157.00	2109.00	-157.00	2043.00	1952.00	0.00
1975-06-10	2310.00	0.00	99.00	-98.00	2211.00	-98.00	2212.00	2113.00	0.00
1975-06-11	3750.00	0.00	107.00	-200.78	3643.00	-200.78	3549.22	3442.22	0.00
1975-06-12	2990.00	0.00	111.00	5.22	2879.00	5.22	2995.22	2884.22	0.00
1975-06-13	2570.00	0.00	97.00	7.89	2473.00	7.89	2577.89	2480.89	0.00
1975-06-14	2240.00	0.00	42.00	19.44	2198.00	19.44	2259.44	2217.44	0.00

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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=Rate`, 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.

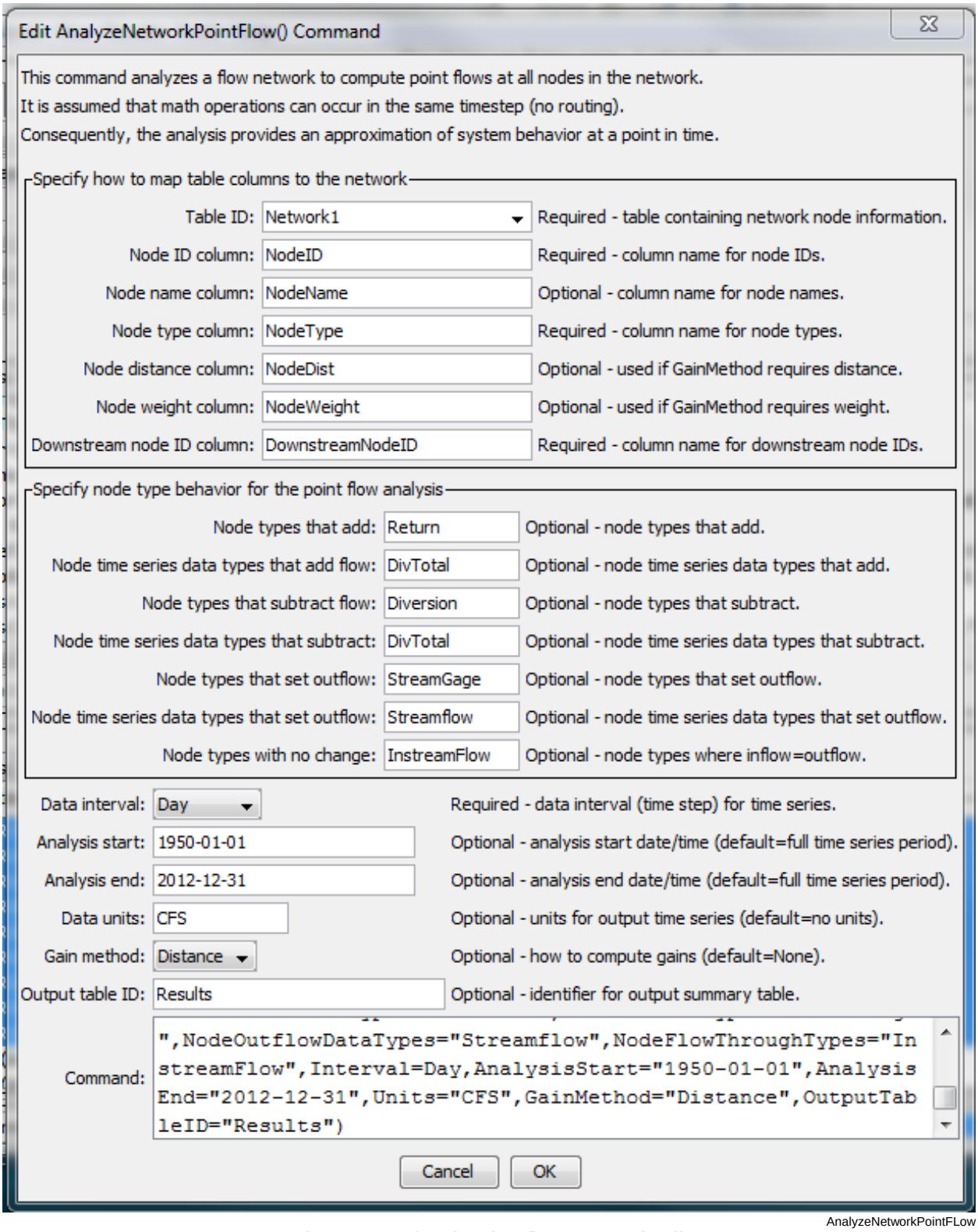
2. Analysis statistics optionally are written to an output table, which contains a row for each network node. Statistics include information such as the number of missing values in the input time series. This information can be used to evaluate the quality of the analysis. **This feature has not yet 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:



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AnalyzeNetworkPointFlow() Command Editor

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 containing node identifiers. Node identifiers will be used for the location ID part of time series identifiers.	None – must be specified.
NodeNameColumn	The name of the column in the network table containing node names.	
NodeTypeColumn	The name of the column in the network table containing node types. The node type is used to specify what calculations will occur for the node.	None – must be specified.
NodeDistanceColumn	The name of the column in the network table containing node distance. The distance is the measure from the most downstream node and is used when GainMethod=Distance or GainMethod=Rate.	Must be specified when GainMethod=Distance or GainMethod=Rate.
NodeWeightColumn	The name of the column in the network table containing node weights, which is used to distribute gain/loss when GainMethod=Weight or GainMethod=Rate (in the latter case the weight is the rate to use).	If not specified when GainMethod=Weight, gain/loss will be distributed evenly for the nodes. Must be specified when GainMethod=Rate.
DownstreamNodeIDColumn	The name of the column in the network table containing downstream node identifiers. This information defines the connectivity of the network.	None – must be specified.
NodeAddTypes	Node types for which time series are added to the 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.	No additions will occur.

Parameter	Description	Default
NodeAddDataType	The time series data type to match for the node. 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.	No additions will occur.
NodeSubtractTypes	Node types for which time series are subtracted from the node's inflow, for example the Diversion node type in the above table example. The NodeTypeColumn table column is checked to determine the type for each node in the network.	No subtractions will occur.
NodeSubtractDataType	The time series data type to match for the node. 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 to a TSID pattern like %L-DivTotal, to allow more flexibility in matching time series.	No subtractions will occur.
NodeOutflowTypes	Node types for which time series outflows are set to the node's time input time series, for example the Streamflow node type in the above table example. The NodeTypeColumn table column is checked to determine the type for each node in the network.	No known flows will be set – gain/loss cannot be computed.
NodeOutflowDataType	The time series data type to match for the node. 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-Streamflow, to allow more flexibility in matching time series.	No subtractions will occur.
NodeFlowThroughTypes	Node types for which time series outflows are set to the node's inflow, for example the InstreamFlow node type in the above table example. The NodeTypeColumn table column is checked to determine the type for each node in the network.	No known flows will be set – gain/loss cannot be computed.

Parameter	Description	Default
`Interval`	The time series interval to process. The interval is used with the node identifier and data type to match input time series.	None – must be specified.
`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. • `Rate` – prorate the gain/loss using rate*distance 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 weights specified for each node. Use this method if the gain/loss fraction in a reach is explicitly specified.	`None`
`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,
  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.Day.*")
# 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.*")
```

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.

```
# 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")
```