

Streamflow-Routing Package

The Streamflow-Routing Package (Prudic, 1989) has been modified for use in MODFLOW-2000 (Harbaugh and others, 2000, and Hill and others, 2000). Streambed conductance can be defined using parameters, and streamflow observations can be specified.

Ground-Water Flow Process Input Instructions

Input to the modified version of the Streamflow-Routing (STR) Package is read from the file that has file type "STR" in the MODFLOW name file. Optional variables are shown in brackets. All variables are read with fixed format except as noted.

FOR EACH SIMULATION

0. [#Text]

Item 0 is optional -- “#” must be in column 1. Item 0 can be repeated multiple times.

1. [**PARAMETER** NPSTR MXL]

This optional record is read with free format; it must start with the word “PARAMETER”.

2. MXACTS NSS NTRIB NDIV ICALC CONST ISTCB1 ISTCB2

3. [PARNAM PARTYP Parval NLST]

Item 3 is read with free format.

4. Layer	Row	Col	Seg	Reach	Flow	Stage	Condfact	Sbot	Stop
I5	I5	I5	I5	I5	F15.0	F10.0	F10.0	F10.0	F10.0

NLST Item 4 records are read.

Repeat Items 3 and 4 for each NPSTR parameter.

FOR EACH STRESS PERIOD

5. ITMP	IRDFLG	IPTFLG
I10	I10	I10

6. Layer	Row	Col	Seg	Reach	Flow	Stage	Cond	Sbot	Stop
I5	I5	I5	I5	I5	F15.0	F10.0	F10.0	F10.0	F10.0

Item 6 is repeated ITMP times if NPSTR=0. If ITMP<0, Item 6 records are used from the previous stress period.

7. [Pname]

Item 7 is repeated ITMP times if NPSTR>0. Free format is used.

[Note that either Item 6 or Item 7 may be read, but not both.]

8. Width	Slope	Rough
F10.0	F10.0	F10.0

Item 8 is read only if ICALC > 0, in which case Item 8 is repeated for every stream reach. The records must be in the same order as the stream reaches.

9. Itrib(NTRIB)
10I5

Item 9 is read only if NTRIB > 0, in which case Item 9 is repeated NSS times in sequential order of the segments. Each record contains NTRIB values.

10. Iupseg
I10

Item 10 is read only if $NDIV > 0$, in which case Item 10 is repeated NSS times in sequential order of the segments.

Explanation of Variables Read by the STR Package

Text - is a character variable (199 characters) that starts in column 2. Any characters can be included in Text. The “#” character must be in column 1. Except for the name file, lines beginning with # are restricted to the first lines of the file. Text is printed when the file is read.

NPSTR - is the number of stream parameters that will be defined.

MXL - is the maximum number of stream reaches that will be defined using parameters.

MXACTS - is the maximum number of stream reaches that will be in use during any stress period.

NSS - is the number of stream segments

NTRIB - is the number of stream tributaries that can connect to one segment. The program is currently dimensioned so that NTRIB cannot exceed 10.

NDIV - is a flag, which when positive, specifies that diversions from segments are to be simulated.

ICALC - is a flag, which when positive, specifies that stream stages in reaches are to be calculated.

CONST - is a constant value used in calculating stream stage in reaches. It is specified whenever ICALC is greater than 0. This constant is 1.486 for flow units of cubic feet per second and 1.0 for units of cubic meters per second. The constant must be multiplied by 86,400 when using time units of days in the simulation.

ISTCB1 - is a flag and a unit number for the option to write seepage between the stream reaches and model cells into the list file or an unformatted (binary) file.

If $ISTCB1 > 0$, it is the unit number to which seepage between each stream reach and the corresponding model cell will be saved whenever the variable ICBCFL in the Output Control Option is set.

If $ISTCB1 = 0$, seepage between each stream reach and the corresponding model cell will not be written into any file.

If $ISTCB1 < 0$, streamflow for each reach and seepage between each stream reach and the corresponding models cell will be written into the LIST file whenever the variable ICBCFL in the Output Control Option is set.

ISTCB2 - is a flag and a unit number for the option to store streamflow out of each reach in an unformatted (binary) file.

If $ISTCB2 > 0$, it is the unit number to which streamflow in each stream reach will be saved whenever the variable ICBCFL in the Output Control Option is set.

If $ISTCB2 \leq 0$, streamflow in each stream reach will not be stored in a disk file.

PARNAM - is the name of a parameter to be defined. The value is not case sensitive. That is, any combination of the same characters with different case will be equivalent.

PARTYP - is the type of parameter to be defined. For the STR Package, the only allowed parameter type is STR, which defines values of streambed conductance.

Parval - is the parameter value. This parameter value may be overridden by a value in the Sensitivity Process input file or by a value generated by the Parameter Estimation Process.

NLST - is the number of stream reaches that are included in the parameter.

ITMP - is a flag and a counter. Its meaning depends on whether or not stream parameters are being used.

If STR parameters are being used (NPSTR>0), ITMP is the number of stream parameters being used in the current stress period.

IF STR parameters are not being used (NPSTR=0), ITMP is the number of stream reaches for which data will be read in the current stress period. If ITMP < 0, STR data from the preceding stress period will be reused.

IRDFLG - is a flag, which when positive, suppresses printing of the stream input data for a stress period. The input data are printed if IRDFLG is 0 and ICBCFL in the Output Control Option is set.

IPTF LG - is a flag, which when positive, suppresses printing of stream results for a stress period. Results are printed if IPTFLG is 0, ICBCFL in the Output Control Option is set, and ISTCB1 < 0.

Layer - is the layer number of the stream reach.

Row - is the row number of the stream reach.

Col - is the column number of the stream reach.

Seg - is a number assigned to a group of reaches. Segments must be numbered in downstream order and are read into the program in sequential order.

Reach - is a sequential number in a segment that begins with 1 for the farthest upstream reach and continues in downstream order to the last reach in the segment. Reaches must be read in sequentially because the order in which reaches are read determines the order of connection.

Flow - is the streamflow entering a segment. This value is used only for the first reach of each segment. The value should be specified as either 0 or blank when the reach number (Reach) is not 1. When the inflow to the first reach of a segment is the sum of the outflow from upstream tributary segments, Flow should be specified as -1. When the segment is a diversion, the Flow for the first reach is the amount to divert; however, there will be no diversion if the segment from which the diversion is obtained contains less than the value of Flow.

Stage - is the stream stage. The value of Stage is not used if ICALC>0.

Condfact - is the factor used to calculate streambed hydraulic conductance from the parameter value. The conductance is the product of Condfact and the parameter value.

Cond - is the streambed hydraulic conductance.

Sbot - is the elevation of the bottom of the streambed.

Stop - is the elevation of the top of the streambed. The value of Stop is used if the option to calculate stream stage is active (ICALC>0) or when the streambed has zero flow.

Pname - is the name of a parameter that is being used in the current stress period. ITMP parameter names will be read. They must be specified in an order that meets the downstream ordering requirements for Seg and Reach.

Width - is the width of the stream channel. It is read only when stream stage is calculated (ICALC>0).

Slope - is the slope of the stream channel. It is read only when stream stage is calculated (ICALC>0).

Rough - is Manning's roughness coefficient. It is read only when stream stage is calculated (ICALC>0).

Itrib - contains the segment number for each tributary that flows into a segment. NTRIB values are read for each segment. Unused values of Itrib should be set to 0. Itrib records are read only when NTRIB>0.

Iupseg - is the number of the upstream segment from which water is diverted. If the segment is not a diversion, Iupseg should be specified as 0. Iupseg records are read only when NDIV>0.

Calculation of Simulated Equivalents to the Observations

In the Streamflow-Routing Package, flow at each finite-difference cell specified is calculated using equation 8 (Hill and others, 2000), except when the hydraulic heads falls below the bottom of the streambed or if there is insufficient water in the stream. Mathematically, for finite-difference cell n, this is expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} q_n &= C_n(H_n - h_n) & h_n > \text{RBOT}_n, \text{ flow entering the reach} &\geq C_n(H_n - h_n) \\ q_n &= C_n(H_n - \text{RBOT}_n) & h_n \leq \text{RBOT}_n, \text{ flow entering the reach} &\geq C_n(H_n - \text{RBOT}_n) \\ q_n &= \text{flow entering the reach} & \text{flow entering the reach insufficient for the above} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

If a measured gain to the surface-water body is represented using more than one finite-difference cell, the calculation is summed for the cells involved, using equation 9 (Hill and others, 2000).

Calculation of Observation Sensitivities

In the Streamflow-Routing Package, sensitivities are calculated as they are for the General-Head Boundary Package, except as noted by the second and third situations noted in eq. 1. For cells in which these conditions occur, the contribution to eq. 10 (Hill and others, 2000) is replaced by:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial q_n}{\partial b_\ell} &= \frac{\partial C_n}{\partial b_\ell} (H_n - \text{RBOT}_n) & h_n < \text{RBOT}_n, \text{ flow entering the reach} &\geq C_n(h_n - \text{RBOT}_n) \\ \frac{\partial q_n}{\partial b_\ell} &= 0.0 & \text{flow entering the reach insufficient for the above.} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Observation sensitivities are used in sensitivity analysis and regression as discussed by Hill (1998, p. p. 14-16, 38-42, 58).

Observation Process Input Instructions

Input for the Observation Process STR Package is read from a file that is specified with "STOB" as the file type listed in the name file. Free format is used throughout.

0. [#Text]
Item 0 is optional and can include as many lines as desired. Each line needs to begin with the “#” character in the first column.
1. NQST NQCST NQTST (free format)
2. TOMULTST EVFST IOWTQST (free format)
Read items 3, 4, and 5 for each of NQST groups of reaches for which streamflow-routing observations are to be specified.
3. NQOBSST NQCLST (free format)
Read item 4 for each of NQOBSST observation times for this group of reaches. STATISTIC and STAT-FLAG are ignored if IOWTQST is greater than zero.
4. OBSNAM IREFSP TOFFSET HOBS STATISTIC STAT-FLAG PLOT-SYMBOL
Read item 5 for each of |NQCLST| reaches in this group.
5. SEGMENT REACH FACTOR (free format)
Read items 6 and 7 if IOWTQST is greater than 0.
6. FMTIN IPRN (free format)
7. WTQ(1,1), WTQ(1,2), WTQ(1,3), . . . , WTQ(1,NQTST) (format: FMTIN)
WTQ(2,1), WTQ(2,2), WTQ(2,3), . . . , WTQ(2,NQTST)
. . .
WTQ(NQTST,1), WTQ(NQTST,2), WTQ(NQTST,3), . . . , WTQ(NQTST,NQTST)

Explanation of Variables

Text—is a character string (maximum of 79 characters) that starts in column 2. Any characters can be included in Text. The “#” character needs to be in column 1. Text is printed when the file is read and provides an opportunity for the user to include information about the model both in the input file and the associated output file.

NQST—is the number of reach groups for which streamflow-routing observations are listed. A group consists of the reaches needed to represent one flow measurement (eq. 9, Hill and others, 2000).

NQCST—is greater than or equal to the total number of reaches in all reach groups. NQCST must be greater than or equal to the sum of all |NQCLST|.

NQTST—is the total number of streamflow-routing observations for all reach groups. NQTST must equal the sum of all NQOBSST, which are specified in repetitions of item 3 in the input file.

TOMULTST—is the time-offset multiplier for streamflow-routing observations [-- or T/T]. The product of TOMULTST and TOFFSET must produce a time value in units consistent with other model input. TOMULTST can be dimensionless or can be used to convert the units of TOFFSET to the time unit used in the simulation.

EVFST—is the error variance multiplier for observations represented using the Streamflow-Routing Package, and is used to calculate the weights as described below in the explanation of STATISTIC. EVFST makes it easy to change the weights uniformly for all flow observations represented using the Streamflow-Routing Package.

IOWTQST—is a flag that indicates that the variance-covariance matrix on STR-Package flow observations is to be read into array WTQ of item 7. If IOWTQST equals zero, weights are calculated using STATISTIC of item 4; if it is greater than zero, items 6 and 7 are read and used to calculate the weights.

NQOBST—is the number of times at which flows are observed for the group of reaches.

NQCLST—is a flag, and the absolute value of NQCLST is the number of reaches in the group. If NQCLST is less than zero, FACTOR = 1.0 for all reaches in the group.

OBSNAM—is a string of 1 to 12 nonblank characters used to identify the observation.

IREFSP—is the reference stress period to which observation times are referenced. The reference point is the beginning of the stress period.

TOFFSET—is the time offset of the observation, from the beginning of stress period IREFSP [T]. TOFFSET must be in units such that the product of TOMULTST and TOFFSET is in time units consistent with other model input. TOFFSET and TOMULTST from the STOB file and values of PERLEN, NSTP, and TSMULT from the DIS file are used to determine the stress period, time step, and time during the time step for the observation. To specify that an observation is for a steady-state model solution, specify IREFSP as the stress-period number of the steady-state stress period, and specify TOFFSET such that TOMULTST×TOFFSET is less than or equal to PERLEN for the stress period; if PERLEN is zero, set TOFFSET to zero. If the observation falls within a time step, the simulated equivalent is calculated by linearly interpolating between values for the beginning and end of the time step. If the first stress period is transient and the observation falls within the first time step, the simulated equivalent from the end of the time step is used because no flow from the beginning of the time step is available for interpolation.

HOBS—is the observed streamflow-routing-boundary gain (if HOBS is negative) or loss (if HOBS is positive) [L^3/T]. The terms ‘gain’ and ‘loss’ are from the perspective of the surface-water body, so that gains occur when water leaves the ground-water system, and losses occur when water flows into the ground-water system.

STAT—is the value from which the weight for the observation is calculated, as determined using STAT-FLAG. STATISTIC is ignored if IOWTQST is greater than zero, in which case WTQ of item 7 is used to define the weighting.

STAT-FLAG—is a flag identifying what STATISTIC is and how the weight is calculated. STAT-FLAG is ignored if IOWTQST is greater than zero.

STAT-FLAG = 0, STATISTIC is a scaled variance [$(L^3/T)^2$], weight = $1/(\text{STATISTIC} \times \text{EVFST})$

STAT-FLAG = 1, STATISTIC is a scaled standard deviation [L^3/T], weight = $1/(\text{STATISTIC}^2 \times \text{EVFST})$

STAT-FLAG = 2, STATISTIC is a scaled coefficient of variation [--], weight = $1/[(\text{STATISTIC} \times \text{HOBS})^2 \times \text{EVFST}]$

PLOT-SYMBOL—is an integer that will be written to output files intended for graphical analysis to allow control of the symbols used when plotting data.

SEGMENT—is the segment number of a streamflow-routing cell included in the cell group.

REACH—is the reach number of a streamflow-routing cell included in the cell group.

FACTOR—is the portion of the simulated gain or loss in the reach that is included in the total simulated gain or loss for this reach group (f_n of eq 9, Hill and others, 2000).

FMTIN—is the Fortran format to be used in reading each line of the variance-covariance matrix used to calculate the weighting. The format needs to be enclosed in parentheses and needs to accommodate real numbers.

IPRN—is a flag identifying the format in which the variance-covariance matrix is printed. If IPRN is less than zero, the matrix is not printed. Permissible values of IPRN and corresponding formats are:

Output requires more than 80 columns		Output fits in 80 columns	
IPRN	FORMAT	IPRN	FORMAT
1	10G12.3	6	5G12.3
2	10G12.4	7	5G12.4
3	9G12.5	8	5G12.5
4	8G13.6	9	4G13.6
5	8G14.7	10	4G14.7

WTQ—is an NQTST by NQTST array containing the variance-covariance matrix on STR-Package flow observations $[(L^3/T)^2]$. For elements $WTQ(I,J)$, if $I \neq J$, $WTQ(I,J)$ is the covariance between observations I and J; if $I = J$, $WTQ(I,J)$ is the variance of observation I. Note that the variance-covariance matrix is symmetric, but the entire matrix (upper and lower parts) must be entered.

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