

Let's start from the discrete definition of the SR2009 model in their SM, section 2. Let's ignore controlling variables and error terms throughout. The original formula has subscripts i , for location, and t , for year. We will also drop those since we'll need to dissect time inside a year.

$$Y = \sum_{h=-5}^{49} g(h+0.5) [\Phi(h+1) - \Phi(h-1)] \quad \text{eq. 1}$$

Here, Y is the log yield and h means heat, a certain temperature level. They confusingly used T for something else in their definitions. $g(h)$ is the impact function they are trying to estimate, which will be piecewise linear on h in our case, but more on that later. The function $\Phi_{it}(h)$ is "the cumulative distribution function of heat". The other document I sent, SR2006, defines it a little better in the context of our eq 1: "Using $\Phi(h)$ as the cumulative distribution of time with temperatures less than or equal to h , the time temperatures fall in a 1deg heat interval $(h, h + 1]$ becomes $\Phi(h + 1) - \Phi(h)$ ".

So the term within brackets essentially means the total time temperatures fall within the 1deg interval starting in h . The $g(h+0.5)$ is merely centering the impact function in the middle of that temperature interval. We will need to define Φ a little more in depth and will be carrying the h argument around a lot, so let's just assume their intervals were centered on the actual h instead. This is of course not exactly of what they did but we are shifting everything by a mere half degree. Our working equation will then look like:

$$Y = \sum_{h=-5}^{49} g(h) [\Phi(h+0.5) - \Phi(h-0.5)] \quad \text{eq. 2}$$

Now, let's define the term in brackets in a more tractable way, retaining the meaning of being the "time temperatures fall in a 1deg heat interval", now centered on h . This will be easier if we consider we are evaluating this on a discrete interval of time dt , in days. The value of dt we are actually using is 0.01 days. So, at a certain time t , the time temperatures fall in an interval centered around h will depend of the temperature variation with time $T(t)$ will be:

$$\theta_t(h) = \begin{cases} dt & \text{if } [h-0.5] < T(t) < [h+0.5] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{eq. 3}$$

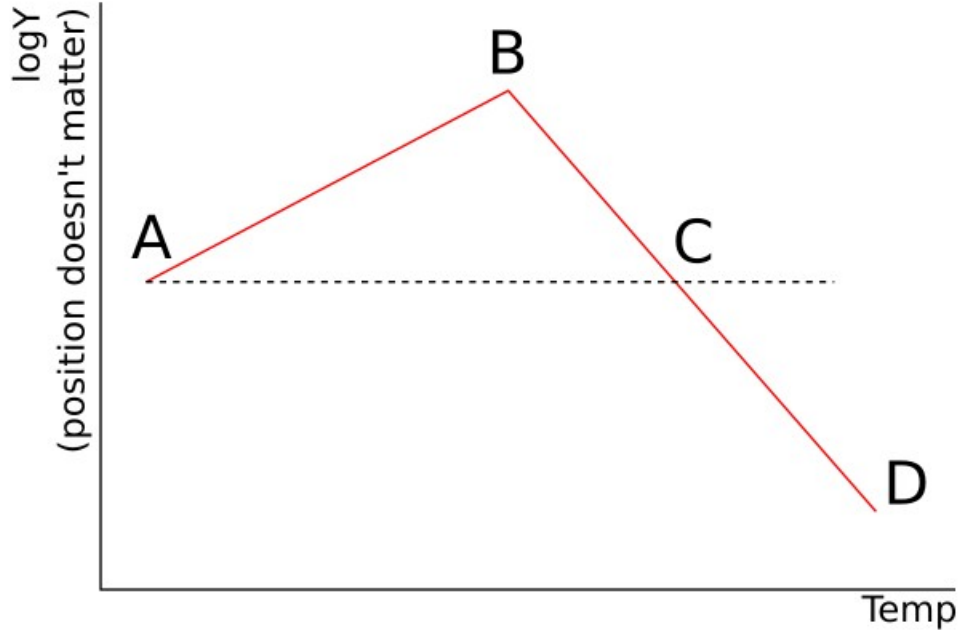
The total time temperatures fall in a 1deg heat interval centered in h will be the sum of θ over all time steps in a certain growing season GS :

$$\Theta(h) = \sum_{t \in GS} \theta_t(h) \quad \text{eq. 4}$$

So, our eq. 2 becomes:

$$Y = \sum_{h=-5}^{49} g(h) \Theta(h) \quad \text{eq. 5}$$

Now, let's look into the piecewise specification of $g(h)$.



We will ignore any flat parts before or after these points for the moment

So, in a piecewise portion between T_1 and T_2 , $g(h)$ is a simple slope and intercept function of h . Note that this is only evaluated for h above K :

$$Y = \sum_{T_1}^{T_2} (\beta_0 + \beta_1 h) \Theta(h) \quad \text{Eq. 6}$$

If we have both values of β_1 , namely β_R in the rising part from A-B and β_F in the falling part from B-D, we can infer expressions for each segment

Segment AB

$$Y(A) = 0, \text{ so: } \beta_0 + \beta_R A = Y(K) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_0 = -\beta_R A$$

Substituting Eq.6:

$$Y_{AB} = \sum_A^B (\beta_R h - \beta_R A) \Theta(h) \quad \text{Eq 7}$$

$$Y_{AB} = \sum_A^B \beta_R (h - A) \Theta(h)$$

Segment BC

$$Y(C) = 0, \text{ so: } \beta_0 + \beta_F C = Y(K) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_0 = -\beta_F C$$

Substituting Eq.6:

$$Y_{BC} = \sum_B^C \beta_F(h-C)\Theta(h) \quad \text{Eq 8}$$

Segment CD

Again, $Y(C) = 0$, so: $\beta_0 + \beta_F C = Y(K) = 0 \rightarrow \beta_0 = -\beta_F C$

Substituting Eq.6:

$$Y_{BC} = \sum_C^D \beta_F(h-C)\Theta(h) \quad \text{Eq 9}$$

General equation

Combining the equations for the segments we have:

$$Y_{AD} = \sum_A^B \beta_R(h-A)\Theta(h) + \sum_B^C \beta_F(h-C)\Theta(h) + \sum_C^D \beta_F(h-C)\Theta(h)$$

The terms for BC and CD are essentially the same, except that in BC (h-C) is always negative and in CD (h-C) is always positive. Aggregating:

$$Y_{AD} = \sum_A^B \beta_R(h-A)\Theta(h) + \sum_B^D \beta_F(h-C)\Theta(h)$$

Alternative form without considering point C

Segment BD

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_0 + \beta_F B &= Y(B) = \beta_R(B-A) \\ \beta_0 &= \beta_R(B-A) - \beta_F B \end{aligned}$$

$$\beta_0 + \beta_F h = \beta_R(B-A) - \beta_F B + \beta_F h = \beta_R(B-A) + \beta_F(h-B)$$

$$Y_{BD} = \sum_B^D \beta_R(B-A) + \beta_F(h-B)\Theta(h)$$

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General equation

$$Y_{AD} = \sum_A^B \beta_R(h-A)\Theta(h) + \sum_B^D \beta_R(B-A)\Theta(h) + \sum_B^D \beta_F(h-B)\Theta(h)$$

GDD and EDD equations

$$GDD^B_A=\sum^B_A(h-A)\Theta(h)+\sum^D_B(B-A)\Theta(h)$$

$$EDD_B=\sum^D_B(h-B)\Theta(h)$$

General equation, GDD/EDD form

$$Y_{AD}=\beta_RGDD^B_A+\beta_FEDD_B$$