# Tutorial for Introductory Analysis of Daily Precipitation Data with hydroTSM

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#### 1 Installation

Installing hydroTSM:

> install.packages("hydroTSM")

### 2 Setting Up the Environment

- 1. Loading the *hydroTSM* library, which contains data and functions used in this analysis.
  - > library(hydroTSM)
- 2. Loading daily precipitation data at the station San Martino di Castrozza, Trento Province, Italy, with data from 01/Jan/1921 to 31/Dec/1990.
  - > data(SanMartinoPPts)
- 3. Selecting only a 6-years time-slice for the analysis
  - > x <- window(SanMartinoPPts, start = as.Date("1985-01-01"))</pre>
- 4. Monthly values of precipitation
  - > (m <- daily2monthly(x, FUN = sum))</pre>

```
1985-01-01 1985-02-01 1985-03-01 1985-04-01 1985-05-01 1985-06-01 1985-07-01
                           140.6
                                                 175.6
    141.2
                  7.0
                                      72.0
                                                            131.4
1985-08-01 1985-09-01 1985-10-01 1985-11-01 1985-12-01 1986-01-01 1986-02-01
     159.4
                 27.2
                            58.4
                                      101.8
                                                  54.8
                                                             75.8
1986-03-01 1986-04-01 1986-05-01 1986-06-01 1986-07-01 1986-08-01 1986-09-01
     59.6
               237.8
                           108.2
                                      144.8
                                                  81.2
                                                            141.0
1986-10-01 1986-11-01 1986-12-01 1987-01-01 1987-02-01 1987-03-01 1987-04-01
      38.2
                 44.4
                            20.4
                                       46.8
                                                 111.0
                                                             45.6
1987-05-01 1987-06-01 1987-07-01 1987-08-01 1987-09-01 1987-10-01 1987-11-01
     212.0
               153.8
                           221.8
                                      175.0
                                                  90.6
                                                            278.8
                                                                       164.8
1987-12-01 1988-01-01 1988-02-01 1988-03-01 1988-04-01 1988-05-01 1988-06-01
              118.0
                            49.8
                                                 100.6
      29.8
                                       22.4
                                                            187.4
                                                                       193.0
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1988-07-01 1988-08-01 1988-09-01 1988-10-01 1988-11-01 1988-12-01 1989-01-01
                                                                         0.0
     120.4
                149.2
                           61.2
                                      136.4
                                                  10.0
                                                             59.4
1989-02-01 1989-03-01 1989-04-01 1989-05-01 1989-06-01 1989-07-01 1989-08-01
     152.6
                 46.2
                           365.4
                                       77.4
                                                 241.6
                                                            302.8
                                                                       114.4
1989-09-01 1989-10-01 1989-11-01 1989-12-01 1990-01-01 1990-02-01 1990-03-01
      65.4
                 12.8
                           145.0
                                      110.6
                                                  51.6
                                                             12.4
                                                                        65.8
1990-04-01 1990-05-01 1990-06-01 1990-07-01 1990-08-01 1990-09-01 1990-10-01
                 74.4
                           175.0
                                      143.8
                                                  90.8
                                                            106.0
     127.0
1990-11-01 1990-12-01
     326.6
                106.0
```

5. Dates of the daily values of 'x'

```
> dates <- time(x)</pre>
```

6. Amount of years in 'x' (needed for computations)

```
> (nyears <- yip(from = start(x), to = end(x), out.type = "nmbr"))
[1] 6</pre>
```

## 3 Basic Exploratory Data Analysis

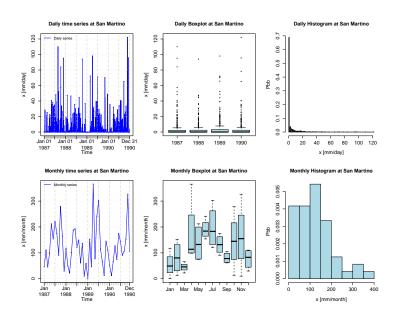
1. Summary statistics

> smry(x)

	Index	x
Min.	1985-01-01	0.0000
1st Qu.	1986-07-02	0.0000
Median	1988-01-01	0.0000
Mean	1988-01-01	3.7470
3rd Qu.	1989-07-01	2.6000
Max.	1990-12-31	122.0000
IQR	<na></na>	2.6000
sd	<na></na>	10.0428
cv	<na></na>	2.6800
${\tt Skewness}$	<na></na>	5.3512
${\tt Kurtosis}$	<na></na>	39.1619
NA's	<na></na>	0.0000
n	<na></na>	2191.0000

2. Using the *hydroplot* function, which (by default) plots 9 different graphs: 3 ts plots, 3 boxplots and 3 histograms summarizing 'x'. For this example, only daily and monthly plots are produced, and only data starting on 01-Jan-1987 are plotted.

```
> hydroplot(x, var.type = "Precipitation", main = "at San Martino",
+ pfreq = "dm", from = "1987-01-01")
```



- 3. Amount of days with information (not NA) per year
  - > dwi(x)

```
1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990
365 365 365 366 365 365
```

4. Amount of days with information (not NA) per month per year

```
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
1985
       31
           28
                31
                     30
                          31
                               30
                                   31
                                        31
                                             30
                                                 31
                                                      30
                                                           31
           28
                                                 31
1986
       31
                31
                     30
                          31
                               30
                                   31
                                        31
                                             30
                                                      30
                                                           31
1987
       31
           28
                31
                     30
                          31
                               30
                                   31
                                        31
                                             30
                                                 31
                                                      30
                                                           31
1988
       31
           29
                31
                     30
                          31
                               30
                                   31
                                        31
                                             30
                                                 31
                                                      30
                                                           31
           28
1989
       31
                31
                     30
                          31
                               30
                                   31
                                        31
                                             30
                                                 31
                                                      30
                                                           31
1990
           28
                     30
                          31
                               30
                                   31
                                        31
                                             30
                                                 31
                                                           31
```

5. Plotting the monthly precipitation values for each year, useful for identifying dry/wet months.

```
> m <- daily2monthly(x, FUN = sum, na.rm = TRUE)
```

<sup>&</sup>gt; M <- matrix(m, ncol = 12, byrow = TRUE)

<sup>&</sup>gt; colnames(M) <- month.abb</pre>

<sup>&</sup>gt; rownames(M) <- unique(format(time(m), "%Y"))</pre>

<sup>&</sup>gt; require(lattice)

<sup>&</sup>gt; matrixplot(M, ColorRamp = "Precipitation", main = "Monthly precipitation at San Mar

#### 4 Annual Analysis

1. Annual values of precipitation

```
> daily2annual(x, FUN = sum, na.rm = TRUE)
1985    1986    1987    1988    1989    1990
1154.8 1152.8 1628.4 1207.8 1634.2 1432.4
```

2. Average annual precipitation

Obvious way:

```
> mean(daily2annual(x, FUN = sum, na.rm = TRUE))
```

[1] 1368.4

Another way (more useful for streamflows, where FUN=mean):

The function annual function is applied FUN twice over x: (i) firstly, over all the elements of x belonging to the same year, in order to obtain the corresponding annual values, and (ii) secondly, over all the annual values of x previously obtained, in order to obtain a single annual value.

```
> annualfunction(x, FUN = sum, na.rm = TRUE)/nyears
value
1368.4
```

## 5 Monthly Analysis

1. Median of the monthly values at station 'x'. Not needed, just for looking at these values in the boxplot.

```
> monthlyfunction(m, FUN = median, na.rm = TRUE)

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec
63.7 80.4 52.9 113.8 141.9 164.4 132.1 145.1 67.6 97.4 123.4 57.1
```

2. Vector with the three-letter abbreviations for the month names

```
> cmonth <- format(time(m), "%b")</pre>
```

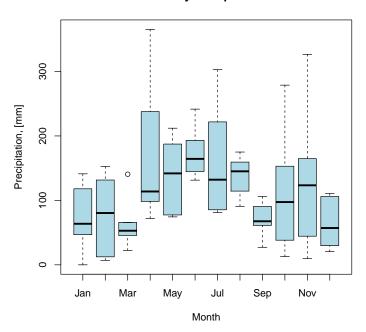
3. Creating ordered monthly factors

```
> months <- factor(cmonth, levels = unique(cmonth), ordered = TRUE)
```

4. Boxplot of the monthly values

```
> boxplot(coredata(m) ~ months, col = "lightblue", main = "Monthly Precipitation",
+ ylab = "Precipitation, [mm]", xlab = "Month")
```

#### **Monthly Precipitation**



## Seasonal Analysis

1. Average seasonal values of precipitation

```
> seasonalfunction(x, FUN = sum, na.rm = TRUE)/nyears
     DJF
               \mathsf{MAM}
                         JJA
                                   SON
213.1333 369.4000 470.8000 315.0667
```

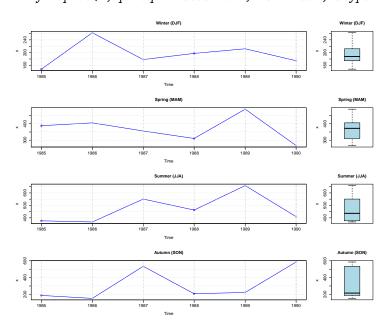
2. Extracting the seasonal values for each year

```
> (DJF <- dm2seasonal(x, season = "DJF", FUN = sum))</pre>
 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990
148.2 262.2 178.2 197.6 212.0 174.6
> (MAM <- dm2seasonal(m, season = "MAM", FUN = sum))</pre>
 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990
388.2 405.6 356.0 310.4 489.0 267.2
> (JJA <- dm2seasonal(m, season = "JJA", FUN = sum))
 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990
376.2 367.0 550.6 462.6 658.8 409.6
```

> (SON <- dm2seasonal(m, season = "SON", FUN = sum))</pre>

1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 187.4 152.4 534.2 207.6 223.2 585.6

- 3. Plotting the time evolution of the seasonal precipitation values
  - > hydroplot(x, pfreq = "seasonal", FUN = sum, stype = "default")



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