

Problem5

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1 Water Balance for an Irrigation Water Supply Reservoir

An irrigation water supply reservoir draining flows from the Rocky Mountains has a capacity of 750,000 acre-feet. At the end of the water year, the reservoir is full. Over the next water year, the following net inflows Q_i into the reservoir occurred:

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In [41]: inflows = {
    'Oct': 68887.00,
    'Nov': 46851.00,
    'Dec': 38120.00,
    'Jan': 36363.00,
    'Feb': 32312.00,
    'Mar': 42380.00,
    'Apr': 62097.00,
    'May': 256676.00,
    'Jun': 604743.00,
    'Jul': 327718.00,
    'Aug': 155511.00,
    'Sep': 58421.00
}

demand = 120000.00 # for agriculture
nature = 1000.00   # for the fishes
res_max = 750000 #acre feet
```

A) Predict the reservoir storage and spilled flow volume for each month.

Storage volume, V , at the end of a month, i , can be defined as:

$$V_i = \max \begin{cases} V_{i-1} - D_i - N_i + Q_i \\ V_{max} \end{cases}$$

Where: - V_{i-1} is the volume of the reservoir at the end of the month prior, - D_i is the withdrawal demand, - N_i is the required releases for nature (Fishes!), - Q_i is the inflow to the reservoir, and - V_{max} is the maximum capacity of the reservoir.

For the month of October, this equation would be:

$$V_{Oct} = \max \begin{cases} V_{Sep} - D_{Oct} - N_{Oct} + Q_{Oct} \\ V_{max} \end{cases}$$

The reservoir volume at the end of the month can be calculated by stepping through a for loop. Code below.

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In [48]: # Instantiate our lists for reservoir volume and release volumes
        reservoir_v = [res_max]
        release = [0]

        # Step through the inflows dictionary we defined above
        for i in inflows.keys():

            # Subtract Demand from last months total
            # Add supply
            # Assign value as new end of list
            reservoir_v.append(reservoir_v[-1] - demand - nature + inflows[i])

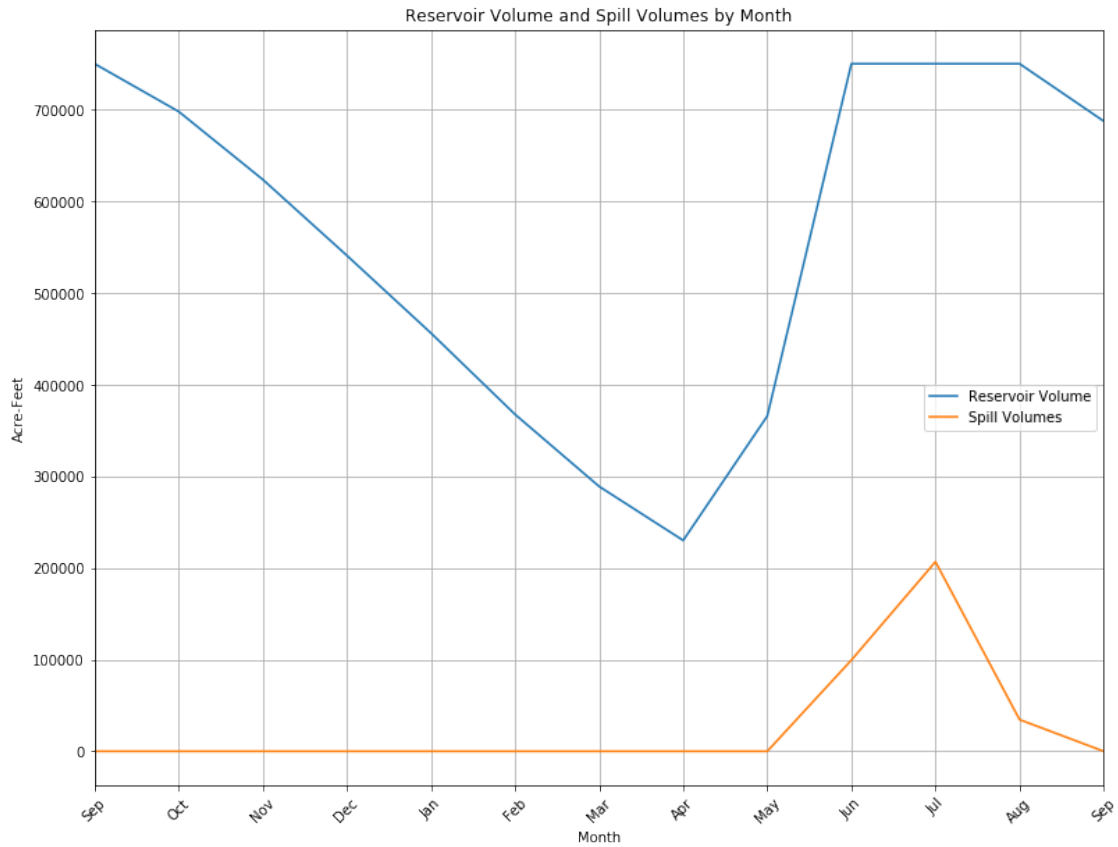
            # if theoretical total greater than capacity, release
            if reservoir_v[-1] > res_max:
                print("release in month: " + i)
                release.append(reservoir_v[-1] - res_max)
                reservoir_v[-1] = res_max

            # else, release = 0
            else:
                release.append(0)

release in month: Jun
release in month: Jul
release in month: Aug
```

B) Plot the reservoir storage (in acre-feet) at the end of each time step.

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In [49]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import numpy as np
        labels = ['Sep', 'Oct', 'Nov', 'Dec', 'Jan', 'Feb', 'Mar', 'Apr', 'May', 'Jun', 'Jul', 'Aug', 'Sep']
        fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(13,10))
        plt.plot(reservoir_v)
        plt.plot(release)
        plt.xticks(np.arange(len(release)), labels, rotation=45)
        plt.legend(['Reservoir Volume', 'Spill Volumes'])
        plt.title("Reservoir Volume and Spill Volumes by Month")
        plt.ylabel("Acre-Feet")
        plt.xlabel("Month")
        plt.grid(True)
        plt.xlim([0,12])
        plt.savefig("ReservoirStorageAndSpillVolumes.png")
        plt.show()
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C) Does the reservoir refill and spill flow? If so, when and for how long?

Yes, the reservoir refills and release do occur. During June, July, and August the reservoir experiences releases.