

# Climate indices with CDO

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Climate indices of daily temperature and precipitation extremes  
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# 1 Introduction

The Climate Data Operator (**CDO**) software is a collection of operators for standard processing of climate and forecast model data.

This document describes additional **CDO** operators to compute climate indices of daily temperature and precipitation extreme. The definition of these climate indices are from the European Climate Assessment (ECA) project.

The climate indices were implemented in **CDO** by Ralf Quast (Brockmann Consult) on behalf of the Service Gruppe Anpassung (SGA) in 2006. SGA was part of the Model and Data Group (M&D) at the MPI for Meteorology. In 2010, the Model and Data Group became the Data Management department at DKRZ (Deutsches Klimarechenzentrum) and the SGA was disintegrated. For this reason there is no further user support available for these **CDO** operators.

## 2 Climate indices reference manual

This section gives a description of all **CDO** operators to compute the climate indices of daily temperature and precipitation extreme. Related operators are grouped to modules. For easier description all single input files are named **infile** or **infile1**, **infile2**, etc., and an arbitrary number of input files are named **infiles**. All output files are named **outfile** or **outfile1**, **outfile2**, etc. Further the following notion is introduced:

- $i(t)$       Timestep  $t$  of **infile**  
 $i(t, x)$     Element number  $x$  of the field at timestep  $t$  of **infile**  
 $o(t)$       Timestep  $t$  of **outfile**  
 $o(t, x)$     Element number  $x$  of the field at timestep  $t$  of **outfile**

Here is a short overview of all operators in this section:

<b>eca_cdd</b>	Consecutive dry days index per time period
<b>etccdi_cdd</b>	Consecutive dry days index per time period
<b>eca_cfd</b>	Consecutive frost days index per time period
<b>eca_csu</b>	Consecutive summer days index per time period
<b>eca_cwd</b>	Consecutive wet days index per time period
<b>eca_cwdi</b>	Cold wave duration index w.r.t. mean of reference period
<b>eca_cwfi</b>	Cold-spell days index w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period
<b>etccdi_csdi</b>	Cold-spell duration index
<b>eca_etr</b>	Intra-period extreme temperature range
<b>eca_fd</b>	Frost days index per time period
<b>etccdi_fd</b>	Frost days index per time period
<b>eca_gsl</b>	Growing season length index
<b>eca_hd</b>	Heating degree days per time period
<b>eca_hwdi</b>	Heat wave duration index w.r.t. mean of reference period
<b>eca_hwfi</b>	Warm spell days index w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period
<b>eca_id</b>	Ice days index per time period
<b>etccdi_id</b>	Ice days index per time period
<b>eca_r75p</b>	Moderate wet days w.r.t. 75th percentile of reference period
<b>eca_r75ptot</b>	Precipitation percent due to R75p days
<b>eca_r90p</b>	Wet days w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period

<a href="#">eca_r90ptot</a>	Precipitation percent due to R90p days
<a href="#">eca_r95p</a>	Very wet days w.r.t. 95th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">eca_r95ptot</a>	Precipitation percent due to R95p days
<a href="#">eca_r99p</a>	Extremely wet days w.r.t. 99th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">eca_r99ptot</a>	Precipitation percent due to R99p days
<a href="#">eca_pd</a>	Precipitation days index per time period
<a href="#">eca_r10mm</a>	Heavy precipitation days index per time period
<a href="#">eca_r20mm</a>	Very heavy precipitation days index per time period
<a href="#">etccdi_r1mm</a>	Precipitation days index per time period
<a href="#">eca_rr1</a>	Wet days index per time period
<a href="#">eca_rx1day</a>	Highest one day precipitation amount per time period
<a href="#">etccdi_rx1day</a>	Maximum 1-day Precipitation
<a href="#">eca_rx5day</a>	Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period
<a href="#">etccdi_rx5day</a>	Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period
<a href="#">eca_sdii</a>	Simple daily intensity index per time period
<a href="#">eca_su</a>	Summer days index per time period
<a href="#">etccdi_su</a>	Summer days index per time period
<a href="#">eca_tg10p</a>	Cold days percent w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">eca_tg90p</a>	Warm days percent w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">eca_tn10p</a>	Cold nights percent w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">eca_tn90p</a>	Warm nights percent w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">eca_tr</a>	Tropical nights index per time period
<a href="#">etccdi_tr</a>	Tropical nights index per time period
<a href="#">eca_tx10p</a>	Very cold days percent w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">eca_tx90p</a>	Very warm days percent w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period
<a href="#">etccdi_tx90p</a>	Percentage of Days when Daily Maximum Temperature is Above the 90th Percentile
<a href="#">etccdi_tx10p</a>	Percentage of Days when Daily Maximum Temperature is Below the 10th Percentile
<a href="#">etccdi_tn90p</a>	Percentage of Days when Daily Minimum Temperature is Above the 90th Percentile
<a href="#">etccdi_tn10p</a>	Percentage of Days when Daily Minimum Temperature is Below the 10th Percentile
<a href="#">etccdi_r95p</a>	Annual Total Precipitation when Daily Precipitation Exceeds the 95th Percentile of Wet Day P
<a href="#">etccdi_r99p</a>	Annual Total Precipitation when Daily Precipitation Exceeds the 99th Percentile of Wet Day P

## 2.0.1 ECACDD - Consecutive dry days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
<operator>[,R[,N[,params]]] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily precipitation amount `RR`, then the largest number of consecutive days where `RR` is less than `R` is counted. `R` is an optional parameter with default `R = 1` mm. A further output variable is the number of dry periods of more than `N` days. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<code>eca_cdd</code>	Consecutive dry days index per time period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <code>infile</code> .
<code>etccdi_cdd</code>	Consecutive dry days index per time period The default output frequency is yearly. Periods within overlapping years are accounted for the first year. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the mid of the frequency interval.

### Parameter

<code>R</code>	FLOAT	Precipitation threshold (unit: mm; default: <code>R = 1</code> mm)
<code>N</code>	INTEGER	Minimum number of days exceeded (default: <code>N = 5</code> )
<code>freq</code>	STRING	Output frequency (year, month)

### Example

To get the largest number of consecutive dry days of a time series of daily precipitation amounts use:

```
cdo eca_cdd rrfile outfile
```

## 2.0.2 ECACFD - Consecutive frost days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
eca_cfd[,N] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily minimum temperature `TN`, then the largest number of consecutive days where `TN` < 0 °C is counted. Note that `TN` have to be given in units of Kelvin. A further output variable is the number of frost periods of more than `N` days. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile`.

### Parameter

<code>N</code>	INTEGER	Minimum number of days exceeded (default: <code>N = 5</code> )
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## **Example**

To get the largest number of consecutive frost days of a time series of daily minimum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_cfd tnfile outfile
```

## 2.0.3 ECACSU - Consecutive summer days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
eca_csu[,T[,N]] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily maximum temperature TX, then the largest number of consecutive days where  $TX > T$  is counted. The number T is an optional parameter with default  $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Note that TN have to be given in units of Kelvin, whereas  $T$  have to be given in degrees Celsius. A further output variable is the number of summer periods of more than  $N$  days. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile`.

### Parameter

$T$	FLOAT	Temperature threshold (unit: $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; default: $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
$N$	INTEGER	Minimum number of days exceeded (default: $N = 5$ )

### Example

To get the largest number of consecutive summer days of a time series of daily maximum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_csu txfile outfile
```

## 2.0.4 ECACWD - Consecutive wet days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
eca_cwd[,R[,N[,params]]] infile outfile
etccdi.cwd infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily precipitation amount RR, then the largest number of consecutive days where RR is at least  $R$  is counted.  $R$  is an optional parameter with default  $R = 1$  mm. A further output variable is the number of wet periods of more than  $N$  days. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<code>eca_cwd</code>	Consecutive wet days index per time period
	The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <code>infile</code> .

### Parameter

$R$	FLOAT	Precipitation threshold (unit: mm; default: $R = 1$ mm)
$N$	INTEGER	Minimum number of days exceeded (default: $N = 5$ )
<code>freq</code>	STRING	Output frequency (year, month)



## **Example**

To get the largest number of consecutive wet days of a time series of daily precipitation amounts use:

```
cdo eca_cwd rrfile outfile
```

## 2.0.5 ECACWDI - Cold wave duration index w.r.t. mean of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_cwdi[,nday[,T]] infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily minimum temperature `TN`, and let `infile2` be the mean `TNnorm` of daily minimum temperatures for any period used as reference. Then counted is the number of days where, in intervals of at least `nday` consecutive days,  $TN < TNnorm - T$ . The numbers `nday` and `T` are optional parameters with default `nday = 6` and `T = 5°C`. A further output variable is the number of cold waves longer than or equal to `nday` days. `TNnorm` is calculated as the mean of minimum temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both `TN` and `TNnorm` have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Parameter

<code>nday</code>	INTEGER	Number of consecutive days (default: <code>nday = 6</code> )
<code>T</code>	FLOAT	Temperature offset (unit: °C; default: <code>T = 5°C</code> )

### Example

To compute the cold wave duration index of a time series of daily minimum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_cwdi tnfile tnnormfile outfile
```

## 2.0.6 ECACWFI - Cold-spell days index w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
<operator>[,nday[,params]] infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily mean temperature `TG`, and `infile2` be the 10th percentile `TGn10` of daily mean temperatures for any period used as reference. Then counted is the number of days where, in intervals of at least `nday` consecutive days,  $TG < TGn10$ . The number `nday` is an optional parameter with default `nday = 6`. A further output variable is the number of cold-spell periods longer than or equal to `nday` days. `TGn10` is calculated as the 10th percentile of daily mean temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both `TG` and `TGn10` have to be given in the same units.

### Operators

<code>eca_cwfi</code>	Cold-spell days index wrt 10th percentile of reference period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <code>infile</code> .
<code>etccdi_csd</code>	Cold-spell duration index The default output frequency is yearly. Periods within overlapping years are accounted for the first year. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the mid of the frequency interval.

## Parameter

<i>nday</i>	INTEGER	Number of consecutive days (default: <code>nday = 6</code> )
<i>freq</i>	STRING	Output frequency (year, month)

## Example

To compute the number of cold-spell days of a time series of daily mean temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_cwfi tgfile tgn10file outfile
```

## 2.0.7 ECAETR - Intra-period extreme temperature range

### Synopsis

```
eca_etr infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` and `infile2` be time series of the maximum and minimum temperature TX and TN, respectively. Then the extreme temperature range is the difference of the maximum of TX and the minimum of TN. Note that TX and TN have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timesteps in `infile1` and `infile2`.

### Example

To get the intra-period extreme temperature range for two time series of maximum and minimum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_etr txfile tnfile outfile
```

## 2.0.8 ECAFD - Frost days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
<operator>[,parameter] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily minimum temperature TN, then the number of days where  $TN < 0^{\circ}\text{C}$  is counted. Note that TN have to be given in units of Kelvin. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=value" pairs.

### Operators

<code>eca_fd</code>	Frost days index per time period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <code>infile</code> .
<code>etccdi_fd</code>	Frost days index per time period The default output frequency is yearly. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the mid of the frequency interval.

### Parameter

`freq`    STRING    Output frequency (year, month)

### Example

To get the number of frost days of a time series of daily minimum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_fd tnfile outfile
```

## 2.0.9 ECAGSL - Thermal Growing season length index

### Synopsis

```
eca_gsl[,nday[,T[,fland]]] infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile1** be a time series of the daily mean temperature TG, and **infile2** be a land-water mask. Within a period of 12 months, the thermal growing season length is officially defined as the number of days between:

- first occurrence of at least *nday* consecutive days with  $TG > T$
- first occurrence of at least *nday* consecutive days with  $TG < T$  within the last 6 months

On northern hemisphere, this period corresponds with the regular year, whereas on southern hemisphere, it starts at July 1st. Please note, that this definition may lead to weird results concerning values  $TG = T$ : In the first half of the period, these days do not contribute to the gsl, but they do within the second half. Moreover this definition could lead to discontinuous values in equatorial regions.

The numbers *nday* and *T* are optional parameter with default *nday* = 6 and *T* = 5°C. The number *fland* is an optional parameter with default value *fland* = 0.5 and denotes the fraction of a grid point that have to be covered by land in order to be included in the calculation. A further output variable is the start day of year of the growing season. Note that TG have to be given in units of Kelvin, whereas *T* have to be given in degrees Celsius.

The date information of a timestep in **outfile** is the date of the last contributing timestep in **infile**.

### Parameter

<i>nday</i>	INTEGER	Number of consecutive days (default: <i>nday</i> = 6)
<i>T</i>	FLOAT	Temperature threshold (unit: °C; default: <i>T</i> = 5°C)
<i>fland</i>	FLOAT	Land fraction threshold (default: <i>fland</i> = 0.5)

### Example

To get the growing season length of a time series of daily mean temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_gsl tgfile maskfile outfile
```

## 2.0.10 ECAHD - Heating degree days per time period

### Synopsis

```
eca_hd[,T1[,T2]] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily mean temperature `TG`, then the heating degree days are defined as the sum of  $T1 - TG$ , where only values  $TG < T2$  are considered. If  $T1$  and  $T2$  are omitted, a temperature of  $17^{\circ}\text{C}$  is used for both parameters. If only  $T1$  is given,  $T2$  is set to  $T1$ . Note that `TG` have to be given in units of kelvin, whereas  $T1$  and  $T2$  have to be given in degrees Celsius. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile`.

### Parameter

$T1$	FLOAT	Temperature limit (unit: $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; default: $T1 = 17^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
$T2$	FLOAT	Temperature limit (unit: $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; default: $T2 = T1$ )

### Example

To compute the heating degree days of a time series of daily mean temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_hd tgfile outfile
```

## 2.0.11 ECAHWDI - Heat wave duration index w.r.t. mean of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_hwdi[,nday[,T]] infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily maximum temperature `TX`, and let `infile2` be the mean `TXnorm` of daily maximum temperatures for any period used as reference. Then counted is the number of days where, in intervals of at least `nday` consecutive days,  $TX > TXnorm + T$ . The numbers `nday` and  $T$  are optional parameters with default `nday = 6` and  $T = 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . A further output variable is the number of heat waves longer than or equal to `nday` days. `TXnorm` is calculated as the mean of maximum temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both `TX` and `TXnorm` have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Parameter

<code>nday</code>	INTEGER	Number of consecutive days (default: <code>nday = 6</code> )
$T$	FLOAT	Temperature offset (unit: $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; default: $T = 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

## 2.0.12 ECAHWFI - Warm spell days index w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_hwfi[nday[,params]] infile1 infile2 outfile
etccdi_wsdi infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile1** be a time series of the daily mean temperature TG, and **infile2** be the 90th percentile TGn90 of daily mean temperatures for any period used as reference. Then counted is the number of days where, in intervals of at least *nday* consecutive days,  $TG > TGn90$ . The number *nday* is an optional parameter with default *nday* = 6. A further output variable is the number of warm-spell periods longer than or equal to *nday* days. TGn90 is calculated as the 90th percentile of daily mean temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both TG and TGn90 have to be given in the same units. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<b>eca_hwfi</b>	Warm spell days index wrt 90th percentile of reference period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <b>outfile</b> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <b>infile</b> .
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### Parameter

<i>nday</i>	INTEGER	Number of consecutive days (default: <i>nday</i> = 6)
<i>freq</i>	STRING	Output frequency (year, month)

### Example

To compute the number of warm-spell days of a time series of daily mean temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_hwfi tgfile tgn90file outfile
```

## 2.0.13 ECAID - Ice days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
<operator>[,parameter] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile** be a time series of the daily maximum temperature TX, then the number of days where  $TX < 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  is counted. Note that TX have to be given in units of Kelvin. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<b>eca_id</b>	Ice days index per time period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <b>outfile</b> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <b>infile</b> .
<b>etccdi_id</b>	Ice days index per time period The default output frequency is yearly. The date information of a timestep in <b>outfile</b> is the mid of the frequency interval.

**Parameter**

*freq*     STRING     Output frequency (year, month)

**Example**

To get the number of ice days of a time series of daily maximum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_id txfile outfile
```



## 2.0.14 ECAR75P - Moderate wet days w.r.t. 75th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_r75p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile1** be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and **infile2** be the 75th percentile RRn75 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of wet days with  $RR > RRn75$  is calculated. RRn75 is calculated as the 75th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually **infile2** is generated by the operator `ydaypct1,75`. The date information of a timestep in **outfile** is the date of the last contributing timestep in **infile1**.

### Example

To compute the percentage of wet days with daily precipitation amount greater than the 75th percentile of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_r75p rrfile rrn75file outfile
```

## 2.0.15 ECAR75PTOT - Precipitation percent due to R75p days

### Synopsis

```
eca_r75ptot infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile1** be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and **infile2** be the 75th percentile RRn75 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the ratio of the precipitation sum at wet days with  $RR > RRn75$  to the total precipitation sum is calculated. RRn75 is calculated as the 75th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually **infile2** is generated by the operator `ydaypct1,75`. The date information of a timestep in **outfile** is the date of the last contributing timestep in **infile1**.

## 2.0.16 ECAR90P - Wet days w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_r90p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and `infile2` be the 90th percentile RRn90 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of wet days with  $RR > RRn90$  is calculated. RRn90 is calculated as the 90th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually `infile2` is generated by the operator `ydaypctl,90`. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Example

To compute the percentage of wet days where the daily precipitation amount is greater than the 90th percentile of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_r90p rrfile rrn90file outfile
```

## 2.0.17 ECAR90PTOT - Precipitation percent due to R90p days

### Synopsis

```
eca_r90ptot infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and `infile2` be the 90th percentile RRn90 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the ratio of the precipitation sum at wet days with  $RR > RRn90$  to the total precipitation sum is calculated. RRn90 is calculated as the 90th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually `infile2` is generated by the operator `ydaypctl,90`. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

## 2.0.18 ECAR95P - Very wet days w.r.t. 95th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_r95p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile1** be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and **infile2** be the 95th percentile RRn95 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of wet days with  $RR > RRn95$  is calculated. RRn95 is calculated as the 95th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually **infile2** is generated by the operator `ydaypctl,95`. The date information of a timestep in **outfile** is the date of the last contributing timestep in **infile1**.

### Example

To compute the percentage of wet days where the daily precipitation amount is greater than the 95th percentile of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_r95p rrfile rrn95file outfile
```

## 2.0.19 ECAR95PTOT - Precipitation percent due to R95p days

### Synopsis

```
eca_r95ptot infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile1** be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and **infile2** be the 95th percentile RRn95 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the ratio of the precipitation sum at wet days with  $RR > RRn95$  to the total precipitation sum is calculated. RRn95 is calculated as the 95th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually **infile2** is generated by the operator `ydaypctl,95`. The date information of a timestep in **outfile** is the date of the last contributing timestep in **infile1**.

## 2.0.20 ECAR99P - Extremely wet days w.r.t. 99th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_r99p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and `infile2` be the 99th percentile RRn99 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of wet days with  $RR > RRn99$  is calculated. RRn99 is calculated as the 99th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually `infile2` is generated by the operator `ydaypctl,99`. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Example

To compute the percentage of wet days where the daily precipitation amount is greater than the 99th percentile of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_r99p rrfile rrn99file outfile
```

## 2.0.21 ECAR99PTOT - Precipitation percent due to R99p days

### Synopsis

```
eca_r99ptot infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series RR of the daily precipitation amount at wet days (precipitation  $\geq 1$  mm) and `infile2` be the 99th percentile RRn99 of the daily precipitation amount at wet days for any period used as reference. Then the ratio of the precipitation sum at wet days with  $RR > RRn99$  to the total precipitation sum is calculated. RRn99 is calculated as the 99th percentile of all wet days of a given climate reference period. Usually `infile2` is generated by the operator `ydaypctl,99`. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

## 2.0.22 ECAPD - Precipitation days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
eca_pd,x infile outfile
eca_r10mm infile outfile
eca_r20mm infile outfile
etccdi_r1mm[,parameter] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily precipitation amount `RR` in [mm] (or alternatively in [kg m<sup>-2</sup>]), then the number of days where `RR` is at least  $x$  mm is counted. `eca_r10mm` and `eca_r20mm` are specific ECA operators with a daily precipitation amount of 10 and 20 mm respectively. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile` except for the `etccdi` operator. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<b>eca_pd</b>	Precipitation days index per time period Generic ECA operator with daily precipitation sum exceeding $x$ mm.
<b>eca_r10mm</b>	Heavy precipitation days index per time period Specific ECA operator with daily precipitation sum exceeding 10 mm.
<b>eca_r20mm</b>	Very heavy precipitation days index per time period Specific ECA operator with daily precipitation sum exceeding 20 mm.
<b>etccdi_r1mm</b>	Precipitation days index per time period The default output frequency is yearly. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the mid of the frequency interval.

### Parameter

<code>x</code>	FLOAT	Daily precipitation amount threshold in [mm]
<code>freq</code>	STRING	Output frequency (year, month)

### Note

Precipitation rates in [mm/s] have to be converted to precipitation amounts (multiply with 86400 s). Apart from metadata information the result of `eca_pd,1` and `eca_rr1` is the same.

### Example

To get the number of days with precipitation greater than 25 mm for a time series of daily precipitation amounts use:

```
cdo eca_pd,25 infile outfile
```

## 2.0.23 ECARR1 - Wet days index per time period

### Synopsis

```
eca_rr1[,R] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily precipitation amount `RR` in [mm] (or alternatively in [kg m-2]), then the number of days where `RR` is at least `R` is counted. `R` is an optional parameter with default `R = 1 mm`. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile`.

### Parameter

`R`      FLOAT      Precipitation threshold (unit: mm; default: `R = 1 mm`)

### Example

To get the number of wet days of a time series of daily precipitation amounts use:

```
cdo eca_rr1 rrfile outfile
```

## 2.0.24 ECARX1DAY - Highest one day precipitation amount per time period

### Synopsis

```
<operator>[,parameter] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily precipitation amount `RR`, then the maximum of `RR` is written to `outfile`. If the optional parameter `mode` is set to 'm' the maximum daily precipitation amounts are determined for each month. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<code>eca_rx1day</code>	Highest one day precipitation amount per time period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <code>infile</code> .
<code>etccdi_rx1day</code>	Maximum 1-day Precipitation The default output frequency is yearly. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the mid of the frequency interval.

### Parameter

`freq`      STRING      Output frequency (year, month)

## Example

To get the maximum of a time series of daily precipitation amounts use:

```
cdo eca_rx1day rrfile outfile
```

If you are interested in the maximum daily precipitation for each month, use:

```
cdo eca_rx1day,freq=month rrfile outfile
```

Apart from metadata information, both operations yield the same as:

```
cdo timmax rrfile outfile  
cdo monmax rrfile outfile
```

## 2.0.25 ECARX5DAY - Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period

### Synopsis

```
<operator>[,x[,params]] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile** be a time series of 5-day precipitation totals **RR**, then the maximum of **RR** is written to **outfile**. A further output variable is the number of 5 day period with precipitation totals greater than  $x$  mm, where  $x$  is an optional parameter with default  $x = 50$  mm. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<b>eca_rx5day</b>	Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <b>outfile</b> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <b>infile</b> .
<b>etccdi_rx5day</b>	Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period The default output frequency is yearly. Periods within overlapping years are accounted for the first year. The date information of a timestep in <b>outfile</b> is the mid of the frequency interval.

### Parameter

<i>x</i>	FLOAT	Precipitation threshold (unit: mm; default: $x = 50$ mm)
<i>freq</i>	STRING	Output frequency (year, month)

### Example

To get the maximum of a time series of 5-day precipitation totals use:

```
cdo eca_rx5day rrfile outfile
```

Apart from metadata information, the above operation yields the same as:

```
cdo timmax rrfile outfile
```

## 2.0.26 ECASDII - Simple daily intensity index per time period

### Synopsis

```
eca_sdii[,R] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let **infile** be a time series of the daily precipitation amount **RR**, then the mean precipitation amount at wet days ( $RR \geq R$ ) is written to **outfile**.  $R$  is an optional parameter with default  $R = 1$  mm. The date information of a timestep in **outfile** is the date of the last contributing timestep in **infile**.



## Parameter

*R*      FLOAT      Precipitation threshold (unit: mm; default:  $R = 1$  mm)

## Example

To get the daily intensity index of a time series of daily precipitation amounts use:

```
cdo eca_sdii rrfile outfile
```

## 2.0.27 ECASU - Summer days index per time period

### Synopsis

`<operator> [T[,params]] infile outfile`

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily maximum temperature `TX`, then the number of days where  $TX > T$  is counted. The number  $T$  is an optional parameter with default  $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Note that `TX` have to be given in units of Kelvin, whereas  $T$  have to be given in degrees Celsius. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<b>eca_su</b>	Summer days index per time period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <code>infile</code> .
<b>etccdi_su</b>	Summer days index per time period The default output frequency is yearly. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the mid of the frequency interval.

### Parameter

*T*      FLOAT      Temperature threshold (unit:  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; default:  $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ )  
*freq*    STRING      Output frequency (year, month)

## Example

To get the number of summer days of a time series of daily maximum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_su txfile outfile
```

## 2.0.28 ECATG10P - Cold days percent w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_tg10p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily mean temperature TG, and `infile2` be the 10th percentile TGn10 of daily mean temperatures for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of time where  $TG < TGn10$  is calculated. TGn10 is calculated as the 10th percentile of daily mean temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both TG and TGn10 have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Example

To compute the percentage of timesteps with a daily mean temperature smaller than the 10th percentile of the daily mean temperatures for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_tg10p tgfile tgn10file outfile
```

## 2.0.29 ECATG90P - Warm days percent w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_tg90p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily mean temperature TG, and `infile2` be the 90th percentile TGn90 of daily mean temperatures for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of time where  $TG > TGn90$  is calculated. TGn90 is calculated as the 90th percentile of daily mean temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both TG and TGn90 have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Example

To compute the percentage of timesteps with a daily mean temperature greater than the 90th percentile of the daily mean temperatures for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_tg90p tgfile tgn90file outfile
```

## 2.0.30 ECATN10P - Cold nights percent w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_tn10p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily minimum temperature `TN`, and `infile2` be the 10th percentile `TNn10` of daily minimum temperatures for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of time where  $TN < TNn10$  is calculated. `TNn10` is calculated as the 10th percentile of daily minimum temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both `TN` and `TNn10` have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Example

To compute the percentage of timesteps with a daily minimum temperature smaller than the 10th percentile of the daily minimum temperatures for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_tn10p tnfile tnn10file outfile
```

## 2.0.31 ECATN90P - Warm nights percent w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_tn90p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily minimum temperature `TN`, and `infile2` be the 90th percentile `TNn90` of daily minimum temperatures for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of time where  $TN > TNn90$  is calculated. `TNn90` is calculated as the 90th percentile of daily minimum temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both `TN` and `TNn90` have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Example

To compute the percentage of timesteps with a daily minimum temperature greater than the 90th percentile of the daily minimum temperatures for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_tn90p tnfile tnn90file outfile
```

## 2.0.32 ECATR - Tropical nights index per time period

### Synopsis

```
<operator>[,T[,params]] infile outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile` be a time series of the daily minimum temperature `TN`, then the number of days where  $TN > T$  is counted. The number  $T$  is an optional parameter with default  $T = 20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Note that `TN` have to be given in units of Kelvin, whereas  $T$  have to be given in degrees Celsius. Parameter is a comma-separated list of "key=values" pairs.

### Operators

<code>eca_tr</code>	Tropical nights index per time period The operator counts over the entire time series. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the date of the last contributing timestep in <code>infile</code> .
<code>etccdi_tr</code>	Tropical nights index per time period The default output frequency is yearly. The date information of a timestep in <code>outfile</code> is the mid of the frequency interval.

### Parameter

$T$	FLOAT	Temperature threshold (unit: $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; default: $T = 20^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
<code>freq</code>	STRING	Output frequency (year, month)

### Example

To get the number of tropical nights of a time series of daily minimum temperatures use:

```
cdo eca_tr tnfile outfile
```

## 2.0.33 ECATX10P - Very cold days percent w.r.t. 10th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_tx10p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily maximum temperature `TX`, and `infile2` be the 10th percentile `TXn10` of daily maximum temperatures for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of time where  $TX < TXn10$  is calculated. `TXn10` is calculated as the 10th percentile of daily maximum temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both `TX` and `TXn10` have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

## **Example**

To compute the percentage of timesteps with a daily maximum temperature smaller than the 10th percentile of the daily maximum temperatures for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_tx10p txfile txn10file outfile
```

## 2.0.34 ECATX90P - Very warm days percent w.r.t. 90th percentile of reference period

### Synopsis

```
eca_tx90p infile1 infile2 outfile
```

### Description

Let `infile1` be a time series of the daily maximum temperature TX, and `infile2` be the 90th percentile TXn90 of daily maximum temperatures for any period used as reference. Then the percentage of time where  $TX > TX_{n90}$  is calculated. TXn90 is calculated as the 90th percentile of daily maximum temperatures of a five day window centred on each calendar day of a given climate reference period. Note that both TX and TXn90 have to be given in the same units. The date information of a timestep in `outfile` is the date of the last contributing timestep in `infile1`.

### Example

To compute the percentage of timesteps with a daily maximum temperature greater than the 90th percentile of the daily maximum temperatures for a given reference period use:

```
cdo eca_tx90p txfile txn90file outfile
```

## 2.0.35 ECAETCCDI - ETCCDI conform index for a reference periode calculated with bootstrapping

### Synopsis

```
<operator>,n,startboot,endboot[,m] infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
```

### Description

This module enables to compute Climate Extremes Indices according to the method recommended by the Expert Team on Climate Change Detection and Indices. It differs from the corresponding `eca.*` indices by applying bootstrapping for a reference period (see Zhang et al. 2005) given by `startboot` and `endboot` and using the R-type 8 method for percentile calculation. A requirement for correct percentile calculation is that `CDO_PCTL_NBINS`  $\geq$  `window*(endboot-startboot+1)*(sizeof(double)/sizeof(int))+2`. This demands for high working storage since the entire data of the bootstrapping interval need to be hold in storage. Otherwise, a histogram is used to calculate the percentile. `infile2` (`infile3`) contains the daily minimum (maximum) of the bootstrapping interval. If `m=m`, the output variable will be saved monthly, otherwise with yearly frequency.

### Operators

<b>etccdi_tx90p</b>	Percentage of Days when Daily Maximum Temperature is Above the 90th Percentile
<b>etccdi_tx10p</b>	Percentage of Days when Daily Maximum Temperature is Below the 10th Percentile
<b>etccdi_tn90p</b>	Percentage of Days when Daily Minimum Temperature is Above the 90th Percentile
<b>etccdi_tn10p</b>	Percentage of Days when Daily Minimum Temperature is Below the 10th Percentile
<b>etccdi_r95p</b>	Annual Total Precipitation when Daily Precipitation Exceeds the 95th Percentile of Wet Day Precipitation
<b>etccdi_r99p</b>	Annual Total Precipitation when Daily Precipitation Exceeds the 99th Percentile of Wet Day Precipitation

### Parameter

<i>n</i>	INTEGER	Window days, number of timesteps
<i>startboot</i>	INTEGER	First year of bootstrapping interval
<i>endboot</i>	INTEGER	Last year of bootstrapping interval
<i>m</i>	CHARACTER	Output frequency

### Environment

<code>CDO_PCTL_NBINS</code>	Sets the number of histogram bins. The default number is 101.
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## Example

To compute the percentage of timesteps of each month with a daily maximum temperature greater than the 90th percentile of the daily maximum temperatures for a reference period 1960-1989 and a 5 consecutive days window use:

```
cdo etccdi_tx90p,5,1960,1989,m txfile -ydrunmin,5 txfile -ydrunmax,5 txfile outfile
```



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