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## ABSTRACT

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Improved official equations are presented for the 1984 version of the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System. The most recent mathematical refinements serve to further rationalize the Fine Fuel Moisture Code and render it more compatible with other developments in the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System. The effect of these changes is so slight that no problems are anticipated in converting from the previous version to this new one. Also given is a FORTRAN program intended as a standard for processing the equations in their most accurate mathematical form.

## RÉSUMÉ

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Ce rapport présente, en complément au système de l'Indice canadien forêt-météo, des équations connues qu'on a retouchées. Ces précisions mathématiques veulent rendre l'indice du combustible léger plus rationnel et davantage compatible avec les nouveaux développements que connaît la Méthode canadienne d'évaluation des dangers d'incendie de forêt. Il s'agit de changements mineurs qui ne devraient pas faire problème advenant qu'une équation de la version antérieure soit à convertir. Le programme FORTRAN se veut une base pour traiter des équations dans le plus pur langage mathématique.



# INTRODUCTION

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The present report is a companion to the fourth edition of the Tables for the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System (Canadian Forestry Service 1984). The equations on which this new edition is based are presented here. Also included is a computer program incorporating the mathematical routines leading to the Fire Weather Index (FWI). It is written in FORTRAN 77 to run on a DEC PDP-11/44. With proper modification it could be handled by many smaller computers.

The report is a replacement of Information Report PS-X-58 (Van Wagner and Pickett 1975<sup>1</sup>), which listed equations for the 1976 version of the Fire Weather Index (FWI) System. The development and structure of the FWI System were described originally by Van Wagner (1974) in Canadian Forestry Service Publication 1333, but the mathematics in that paper are partly obsolete. A revised version of Publication 1333 will soon be available.

The 1976 version of the FWI System listed the following mathematical changes from the original 1970 version:

1. Change in equation giving the equilibrium moisture content (EMC) during a wetting cycle in the Fine Fuel Moisture Code (FFMC), to eliminate an anomaly at very high relative humidity (RH);
2. Replacement of the original temperature correction in the FFMC with separate temperature effects on EMC and drying rate;
3. Increase in the amount of rain discarded in the Drought Code (DC) from 1.524 mm to 2.8 mm;
4. Change in the buildup function,  $f(D)$ , at Buildup Index (BUI) values over 80, in order to cause the FWI to level off in extreme drought.

Note: Further acronyms and symbols are defined in accompanying lists.

The additional mathematical changes in the present version further rationalize the structure of the FFMC. This code has worked adequately, but new developments in the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System (CFFDRS), of which the FWI System is a part, create a need for a) realistic conversions from code value to actual fuel moisture, b) a common basis for the standard daily FFMC and its round-the-clock hourly version (Van Wagner 1977) and, c) ready modification for special purposes. Accordingly, the new FFMC incorporates the following alterations:

1. A new moisture scale, the FF-scale, with a higher maximum possible moisture content (250% instead of 101%);
2. A new rain-effect equation that operates on moisture content rather than on code value;
3. An adjusted drying rate that operates on the moisture content as expressed by the new moisture scale, but results in the same rate of change in code value as before;
4. A variable wetting rate when the EMC is higher than the initial moisture content, in place of the fixed rate used previously, and;
5. An adjustment of the fine fuel moisture function,  $f(F)$ , in the Initial Spread Index (ISI), to fit the new higher moisture conversion scale.

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These changes have been accomplished with very little difference in the output of the system of equations. That is, the resulting codes and indexes will be sufficiently similar for daily use of the system to continue uninterrupted and for the statistical continuity of annual records to be preserved.

As before, the computer program is set up for the calculation at one time of an entire season's output for one station only. Its primary purpose is to illustrate the programming of the equations in order to give the purest possible mathematical output, with no artificial constraints or limits other than those required by the nature of the equations. It is intended to serve as a standard of comparison by which the output of any other program may be tested.

This 1984 version (as well as the previous version) includes the computation of the Daily Severity Rating (DSR), as described by Van Wagner (1970). The DSR is a function of the FWI specifically designed for averaging, either for any desired period of time at a single location, or as an area average of any number of locations. The FWI itself, on the other hand, is not considered suitable for averaging, and should be used as its single daily value only. The DSR averaged over a whole season, for example, would be called the Seasonal Severity Rating (SSR) and could be used for comparing fire weather from year to year, or fire climate from place to place.



## SYMBOLS IN THE EQUATIONS

All quantities used in the numbered equations are represented in the following list by single letters, sometimes with subscripts. The symbols are arranged in groups according to their place in the whole. All moisture contents are percentages based on dry weight. Noon refers to standard time.

### WEATHER

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| $T$   | – noon temperature, °C                              |
| $H$   | – noon relative humidity, %                         |
| $W$   | – noon wind speed, km/h                             |
| $r_o$ | – rainfall in open, measured once daily at noon, mm |
| $r_f$ | – effective rainfall, FFMC                          |
| $r_e$ | – effective rainfall, DMC                           |
| $r_d$ | – effective rainfall, DC                            |

### FINE FUEL MOISTURE CODE (FFMC)

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| $m_o$ | – fine fuel moisture content from previous day   |
| $m_r$ | – fine fuel moisture content after rain          |
| $m$   | – fine fuel moisture content after drying        |
| $E_d$ | – fine fuel EMC for drying                       |
| $E_w$ | – fine fuel EMC for wetting                      |
| $k_o$ | – intermediate step in calculation of $k_d$      |
| $k_d$ | – log drying rate, FFMC, $\log_{10}m/\text{day}$ |
| $k_i$ | – intermediate step in calculation of $k_w$      |
| $k_w$ | – log wetting rate, $\log_{10}m/\text{day}$      |
| $F_o$ | – previous day's FFMC                            |
| $F$   | – FFMC   |

### DUFF MOISTURE CODE (DMC)

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| $M_o$ | – duff moisture content from previous day         |
| $M_r$ | – duff moisture content after rain                |
| $M$   | – duff moisture content after drying              |
| $K$   | – log drying rate in DMC, $\log_{10}M/\text{day}$ |
| $L_e$ | – effective day length in DMC, hours              |
| $b$   | – slope variable in DMC rain effect               |
| $P_o$ | – previous day's DMC                              |
| $P_r$ | – DMC after rain                                  |
| $P$   | – DMC   |

**DROUGHT CODE (DC)**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Q              | – moisture equivalent of DC, units of 0.254 mm              |
| Q <sub>o</sub> | – moisture equivalent of previous day's DC                  |
| Q <sub>r</sub> | – moisture equivalent after rain                            |
| V              | – potential evapotranspiration, units of 0.254 mm water/day |
| L <sub>r</sub> | – day length adjustment in DC                               |
| D <sub>o</sub> | – previous day's DC   |
| D <sub>r</sub> | – DC after rain   |
| D              | – DC  |

**FIRE BEHAVIOR INDEXES (ISI, BUI, FWI)**

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| f(W) | – wind function               |
| f(F) | – fine fuel moisture function |
| f(D) | – duff moisture function      |
| R    | – Initial Spread Index (ISI)  |
| U    | – Buildup Index (BUI)         |
| B    | – FWI (intermediate form)     |
| S    | – FWI (final form)            |

**SEVERITY RATING**

|     |                         |
|-----|-------------------------|
| DSR | – Daily Severity Rating |
|-----|-------------------------|

# EQUATIONS AND PROCEDURES

## FINE FUEL MOISTURE CODE (FFMC)

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| $m_o = 147.2 (101 - F_o) / (59.5 + F_o)$   | (1)                 |
| $r_f = r_o - 0.5,$   | $r_o > 0.5$ (2)     |
| $m_r = m_o + 42.5 r_f (e^{-100/(251 - m_o)})(1 - e^{-6.93/r_f}),$  | $m_o \leq 150$ (3a) |
| $m_r = m_o + 42.5 r_f (e^{-100/(251 - m_o)})(1 - e^{-6.93/r_f}) + 0.0015 (m_o - 150)^2 r_f^{0.5},$   | $m_o > 150$ (3b)    |
| $E_d = 0.942 H^{0.679} + 11e^{(H - 100)/10} + 0.18 (21.1 - T)(1 - e^{-0.115H})$  | (4)                 |
| $E_w = 0.618 H^{0.753} + 10e^{(H - 100)/10} + 0.18 (21.1 - T)(1 - e^{-0.115H})$  | (5)                 |
| $k_o = 0.424 [1 - (H/100)^{1.7}] + 0.0694 W^{0.5} [1 - (H/100)^8]$   | (6a)                |
| $k_d = k_o \times 0.581 e^{0.0365T}$   | (6b)                |
| $k_1 = 0.424 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{100 - H}{100} \right)^{1.7} \right] + 0.0694 W^{0.5} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{100 - H}{100} \right)^8 \right]$ | (7a)                |
| $k_w = k_1 \times 0.581 e^{0.0365T}$   | (7b)                |
| $m = E_d + (m_o - E_d) \times 10^{-k_d}$   | (8)                 |
| $m = E_w - (E_w - m_o) \times 10^{-k_w}$   | (9)                 |
| $F = 59.5 (250 - m) / (147.2 + m)$   | (10)                |

The FFMC is calculated as follows:

1. Previous day's F becomes  $F_o$ .
2. Calculate  $m_o$  from  $F_o$  by Equation 1.
- 3a. If  $r_o > 0.5$ , calculate  $r_f$  by Equation 2.
- b. Calculate  $m_r$  from  $r_f$  and  $m_o$  by Equation 3a or 3b.
  - (i) If  $m_o \leq 150$ , use Equation 3a.
  - (ii) If  $m_o > 150$ , use Equation 3b.
- c. Then,  $m_r$  becomes the new  $m_o$ .
4. Calculate  $E_d$  by Equation 4.
- 5a. If  $m_o > E_d$ , calculate  $k_d$  by Equations 6a and 6b.
- b. Calculate  $m$  by Equation 8.
6. If  $m_o < E_d$ , calculate  $E_w$  by Equation 5.
- 7a. If  $m_o < E_w$ , calculate  $k_w$  by Equations 7a and 7b.
- b. Calculate  $m$  by Equation 9.
8. If  $E_d \geq m_o \geq E_w$ , let  $m = m_o$ .
9. Calculate F from  $m$  by Equation 10. This is today's FFMC.

There are two restrictions in the use of these equations: 1) Equation 3 (a or b) must not be used when  $r_o \leq 0.5$  mm; that is, in dry weather the rainfall routine must be omitted. 2)  $m$  has an upper limit of 250; that is, when Equation 3 (a or b) yields  $m_r > 250$ , let  $m_r = 250$ .

## DUFF MOISTURE CODE (DMC)

|  |                    |       |
|--|--------------------|-------|
| $r_e = 0.92r_o - 1.27,$                            | $r_o > 1.5$        | (11)  |
| $M_o = 20 + e^{(5.6348 - P_o/43.43)}$              |                    | (12)  |
| $b = 100/(0.5 + 0.3 P_o),$                         | $P_o \leq 33$      | (13a) |
| $b = 14 - 1.3 \ln P_o,$                            | $33 < P_o \leq 65$ | (13b) |
| $b = 6.2 \ln P_o - 17.2,$                          | $P_o > 65$         | (13c) |
| $M_r = M_o + 1000r_e/(48.77 + br_e)$               |                    | (14)  |
| $P_r = 244.72 - 43.43 \ln (M_r - 20)$              |                    | (15)  |
| $K = 1.894 (T + 1.1) (100 - H) L_e \times 10^{-6}$ |                    | (16)  |
| $P = P_o \text{ (or } P_r) + 100K$                 |                    | (17)  |

The DMC is calculated as follows:

1. Previous day's P becomes  $P_o$ .
- 2a. If  $r_o > 1.5$ , calculate  $r_e$  by Equation 11.
  - b. Calculate  $M_o$  from  $P_o$  by Equation 12.
  - c. Calculate b by the appropriate one of Equations 13a, 13b, or 13c.
  - d. Calculate  $M_r$  by Equation 14.
  - e. Convert  $M_r$  to  $P_r$  by Equation 15.  $P_r$  becomes new  $P_o$ .
3. Take  $L_e$  from Table 1 below.
4. Calculate K by Equation 16.
5. Calculate P from  $P_o$  (or  $P_r$ ) by Equation 17. This is today's DMC.

There are three restrictions on the use of the DMC equations: 1) Equations 11 to 15 are not used unless  $r_o > 1.5$ ; that is, the rainfall routine must be omitted in dry weather. 2)  $P_r$  cannot theoretically be less than zero. Negative values resulting from Step 2e above must be raised to zero. 3) Values of T less than  $-1.1$  must not be used in Equation 15. If  $T < -1.1$ , let  $T = -1.1$ .

**Table 1**  
**Effective daylengths ( $L_e$ ) for DMC**

| Month:  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr  | May  | June | July | Aug  | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| $L_e$ : | 6.5 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 12.8 | 13.9 | 13.9 | 12.4 | 10.9 | 9.4  | 8.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 |

## DROUGHT CODE (DC)

|                                    |           |      |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------|
| $r_d = 0.83r_o - 1.27,$            | $r > 2.8$ | (18) |
| $Q_o = 800e^{-D_o/400}$            |           | (19) |
| $Q_r = Q_o + 3.937r_d$             |           | (20) |
| $D_r = 400 \ln(800/Q_r)$           |           | (21) |
| $V = 0.36 (T + 2.8) + L_r$         |           | (22) |
| $D = D_o \text{ (or } D_r) + 0.5V$ |           | (23) |

The DC is calculated as follows:

1. Previous day's D becomes  $D_o$ .
- 2a. If  $r_o > 2.8$ , calculate  $r_d$  by Equation 18.
  - b. Calculate  $Q_o$  from  $D_o$  by Equation 19.
  - c. Calculate  $Q_r$  by Equation 20.
  - d. Convert  $Q_r$  to  $D_r$  by Equation 21.  $D_r$  becomes new  $D_o$ .
3. Take  $L_r$  from Table 2 below.
4. Calculate V by Equation 22.
5. Calculate D from  $D_o$  (or  $D_r$ ) by Equation 23. This is today's DC.

There are four restrictions on the use of the DC equations: 1) Equations 18 to 21 are not used unless  $r_o > 2.8$ ; that is, in dry weather the rainfall routine must be omitted. 2)  $D_r$  cannot theoretically be less than zero. Negative values resulting from Step 2d above must be raised to zero. 3) Values of T less than  $-2.8$  must not be used in Equation 22. If  $T < -2.8$ , let  $T = -2.8$ . 4) V cannot be negative. If Equation 22 produces a negative result, let  $V = 0$ .

**Table 2**  
**Daylength factors ( $L_r$ ) for DC**

| Month:  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov  | Dec  |
|---------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|
| $L_r$ : | -1.6 | -1.6 | -1.6 | 0.9 | 3.8 | 5.8  | 6.4  | 5.0 | 2.4  | 0.4 | -1.6 | -1.6 |

#### INITIAL SPREAD INDEX (ISI)

$$f(W) = e^{0.05039W} \quad (24)$$

$$f(F) = 91.9e^{-0.1386m} [1 + m^{5.31}/(4.93 \times 10^7)] \quad (25)$$

$$R = 0.208 f(W) f(F) \quad (26)$$

#### BUILDUP INDEX (BUI)

$$U = 0.8 PD/(P + 0.4D), \quad P \leq 0.4D \quad (27a)$$

$$U = P - [1 - 0.8D/(P + 0.4D)][0.92 + (0.0114P)^{1.7}], \quad P > 0.4D \quad (27b)$$

#### FIRE WEATHER INDEX (FWI)

$$f(D) = 0.626U^{0.809} + 2, \quad U \leq 80 \quad (28a)$$

$$f(D) = 1000/(25 + 108.64 e^{-0.023U}), \quad U > 80 \quad (28b)$$

$$B = 0.1 R f(D) \quad (29)$$

$$\ln S = 2.72 (0.434 \ln B)^{0.647}, \quad B > 1 \quad (30a)$$

$$S = B, \quad B \leq 1 \quad (30b)$$

The ISI, BUI, and FWI are calculated as follows:

1. Calculate  $f(W)$  and  $f(F)$  by Equations 24 and 25.
2. Calculate  $R$  by Equation 26. This is today's ISI.
3. Calculate  $U$  by Equation 27a if  $P \leq 0.4D$ , or by Equation 27b if  $P > 0.4D$ . This is today's BUI.
4. Calculate  $f(D)$  by Equation 28a for values of  $U$  up to 80. If  $U > 80$ , use Equation 28b.
5. Calculate  $B$  by Equation 29.
6. If  $B > 1$ , calculate  $S$  from its logarithm, given by Equation 30a. If  $B \leq 1$ , let  $S = B$  according to Equation 30b.  $S$  is today's FWI.

#### **DAILY SEVERITY RATING (DSR)**

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|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| $DSR = 0.0272 (FWI)^{1.77}$ | (31) |
|-----------------------------|------|

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## DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

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The computer program presented here descends from one written by Simard (1970) at the former Forest Fire Research Institute. That program was designed to process weather data from many stations for a whole season. There was provision for missing data and for limits to guard against abnormal weather data. It was a complex program requiring, at the time, considerable computer capacity.

Simard's program was simplified by Engisch and Walker (1971) to handle one season's verified weather data for one station only, eliminating all unnecessary limits. Kean (1975) subsequently revised this program, incorporating several newly developed mathematical changes. However, the decision to convert to metric weather measurements rendered his version obsolete. Information Report PS-X-58 (Van Wagner and Pickett 1975) included the metric successor to Kean's program. The program listed in this report incorporates the mathematical changes described earlier, but is similar in usage to the one in PS-X-58.

To operate this program, enter first the starting month and the number of days of data in that month. For example, if the starting month is April and the first day is April 13, there will be data for 18 days in month 4, and the entry will be 418. Then enter the daily weather observations in order: temperature (°C), relative humidity (%), wind (km/h), and rain (mm). Temperature and rain are entered to the first decimal place; relative humidity and wind are entered in whole numbers. The option of entering weather data in Imperial units is provided, but the output converts them to metric.

The standard starting values of the three fuel moisture codes, namely FFMF 85, DMC 6, and DC 15, are incorporated in the program. However, the option of entering any desired starting values is also provided.

The output is listed in twelve columns: date (month and day), the four kinds of weather data, the three fuel moisture codes (FFMC, DMC, DC), the three fire behavior indexes (ISI, BUI, FWI), and the Daily Severity Rating (DSR). The computer stops automatically after the last day's weather. The program includes no limits on the input data other than those needed to prevent mathematical anomalies. All moisture codes are carried from day to day in precise floating-point format, as are all intermediate quantities leading to the daily FWI. The output is thus in the purest possible mathematical form and constitutes a reference against which calculations from other computer programs or from the FWI System Tables (Canadian Forestry Service 1984) may be compared.

The main uses of this standard program<sup>1</sup> are for development work on the FWI System, and for reference purposes as described previously. Operational programs designed for processing daily weather observations from many stations throughout a fire season will naturally have different input and output arrangements.

Two points warrant comment. The first is the degree of precision necessary when printing out the daily codes and indexes. The standard program rounds all codes and indexes to the nearest tenth, and prints them out to one decimal place. However, whole-number (i.e., integer) output is, no doubt, adequate for most operational purposes. In certain cases, the first decimal may be desirable for the FFMF (especially above 90), and for the ISI (especially below 10). The DSR is given to two decimal places, and is best used in that form.

The second comment refers to the precision with which the three moisture codes (FFMC, DMC, and DC) are carried over from day to day. The standard program carries over each day's code values in full floating-point format, equivalent to about seven significant figures (four or five decimal places). However, if computer storage capacity is a limiting factor, something less than perfect accuracy in output may be acceptable in operational use. Trials were made at three reduced levels of the precision to which the three moisture codes are carried over from day to day: 1) two decimals, 2) one decimal, and 3) integers. The results of two seasons' tests, as percentage of error-days in the output of each code and index, are listed in Table 3.

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<sup>1</sup>Designated Program F-32 (August 30, 1984). Enquiries may be directed to the Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Canadian Forestry Service, Chalk River, Ontario K0J 1J0



**Table 3**

**Percent of days in which whole-number output of the FWI System components is in error at three levels of precision in the carryover of moisture codes from day to day. Compared with standard floating-point precision.**

| Component | 2-decimal<br>carryover        | 1-decimal<br>carryover        | Integer carryover<br>(no decimals) |     |     |              |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|
|           | % of days<br>in error<br>by 1 | % of days<br>in error<br>by 1 | % of days in error by              |     |     |              |
|           |                               |                               | 1                                  | 2   | 3   | 1<br>or more |
| FFMC      | —                             | 1.9                           | 6.2                                | —   | —   | 6.2          |
| DMC       | 0.5                           | 4.3                           | 41.8                               | 4.9 | —   | 46.7         |
| DC        | 8.1                           | 5.2                           | 41.3                               | 1.4 | 1.6 | 44.3         |
| ISI       | —                             | 0.5                           | 3.3                                | —   | —   | 3.3          |
| BUI       | —                             | 3.5                           | 36.1                               | 8.2 | 1.4 | 45.7         |
| FWI       | —                             | 0.5                           | 9.5                                | —   | —   | 9.5          |

Conclusions to be drawn from Table 3 are:

1. Carrying over the moisture codes with two decimal places provides nearly perfect accuracy of output except for occasional one-integer errors in the DC, which are of little consequence.
2. Carrying over one decimal place may be precise enough for some operational use. For example, one-integer errors would occur in the DMC on about one day in 25, in the FFMC on about one day in 50, and in the FWI on about one day in 200.
3. Carrying over the moisture codes as integers produces a generally inaccurate output, and is not recommended.

Of all the six components, the DC is the only one to exhibit an anomalous pattern in Table 3. Because the DC has limited power of self-correction in the mathematical sense compared with the FFMC and DMC, it tends to slip out of tune by one digit and to remain so for days on end. Considerably more sampling would be needed to establish its average pattern.

The standard program for the FWI System is listed in the following pages, followed by samples of input and output.

## SYMBOLS IN THE PROGRAM

### WEATHER

|      |                        |
|------|------------------------|
| T    | – temperature, °C      |
| H    | – relative humidity, % |
| W    | – wind, km/h           |
| R,RA | – rain, mm             |

### FINE FUEL MOISTURE CODE (FFMC)

|     |                                  |
|-----|----------------------------------|
| FO  | – starting or yesterday's FFMC   |
| WMO | – starting moisture content      |
| WM  | – today's final moisture content |
| ED  | – EMC for drying                 |
| EW  | – EMC for wetting                |
| Z   | – intermediate value of X        |
| X   | – log drying or wetting rate     |
| FFM | – today's FFMC                   |

### DUFF MOISTURE CODE (DMC)

|       |                                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| PO    | – starting or yesterday's DMC     |
| RK    | – drying factor                   |
| EL(J) | – effective daylength for month J |
| RW    | – effective rain                  |
| PR    | – DMC after rain                  |
| WMI   | – initial moisture content        |
| WMR   | – moisture content after rain     |
| B     | – function in rain effect         |

### DROUGHT CODE (DC)

|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| DOT   | – starting or yesterday's DC   |
| PE    | – drying factor                |
| FL(J) | – daylength factor for month J |
| RW    | – effective rain               |
| SMI   | – moisture equivalent of DC    |
| DR    | – DC after rain                |

### FIRE BEHAVIOR INDEXES (ISI, BUI, FWI)

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| FM  | – today's fine fuel moisture content               |
| SF  | – fine fuel moisture function                      |
| SI  | – ISI  |
| P   | – ratio function to correct BUI when less than DMC |
| CC  | – DMC function to correct BUI when less than DMC   |
| BB  | – intermediate form of FWI                         |
| SL  | – logarithm of final FWI                           |
| DSR | – Daily Severity Rating                            |

## PROGRAM F-32

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C      PROGRAM NO.: F-32
C
C      STANDARD 1984 VERSION OF CANADIAN FOREST FIRE WEATHER INDEX SYSTEM
C      AS OF 30-AUGUST-1984.
C
C      WRITTEN IN FORTRAN 77 FOR DEC-PDP-11/44 AT PNFI.
C
C      READS WEATHER DATA IN EITHER ENGLISH OR METRIC UNITS AND PRINTS
C      OUT IN METRIC ONLY.
C
C      CODES AND INDEXES OUTPUT ALL TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE.
C      DAILY SEVERITY RATING OUTPUT TO TWO DECIMAL PLACES.
C
C      LMON = LENGTH OF MONTHS
C      EL = DMC DAY LENGTH FACTORS
C      FL = DC DAY LENGTH FACTORS
C
C      DIMENSION LMON(12), EL(12), FL(12),AST(2),TITLE(20)
C      LOGICAL*1 DAT(9),YES,YES1,ANS,ANS1
C      LOGICAL *1 INFMT(40)
C      TYPE 5
5      FORMAT(' INPUT FILENAME: eg: SAMPLE.DAT  ', $)
      ACCEPT 10, INFMT
10     FORMAT(40A1)
      INFMT(40)=0
      OPEN(UNIT=1,NAME=INFMT,TYPE='OLD',READONLY)
      OPEN(UNIT=2,STATUS='NEW',NAME='F32OUT.DAT')
      DATA LMON /31,28,31,30,31,30,31,31,30,31,30,31/
      DATA EL /6.5,7.5,9.0,12.8,13.9,13.9,12.4,10.9,9.4,8.0,7.0,
*6.0/
      DATA FL /-1.6,-1.6,-1.6,.9,3.8,5.8,6.4,5.0,2.4,.4,-1.6,-1.6/
      DATA AST /' ','*' /
      DATA ANS /'Y' /
      TYPE 15
15     FORMAT(//1X,'ENTER VIA KEYBOARD EITHER 0 OR 1 '/1X'.....0
* IF DATA IS IN METRIC UNITS'/1X' OR 1 IF DATA IS IN
* ENGLISH UNITS')
      READ(5,*) IUNIT
C
C      20 - METRIC FORMAT, 25 - ENGLISH FORMAT.
C
20     FORMAT(F4.1,2I4,F5.1)
25     FORMAT(F4.0,2I4,F5.2)
C
C      READS IN STATION & YEAR.
C
      READ(1,30) TITLE
30     FORMAT(20A4)
C
C      THIS SECTION ALLOWS FOR INITIAL VALUES OF FFMC, DMC, DC TO BE OPTIONAL.
C
      FO=85.0
      PO=6.0
      DOT=15.0
      TYPE 35
35     FORMAT(' FFMC=85.0, DMC=6.0, DC=15.0; DO YOU WISH TO USE THESE
* INITIAL STANDARD VALUES? [Y/N] '$)
      ACCEPT 10,ANS1
      IF(ANS1.EQ.ANS) GO TO 55
      TYPE 40
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40 FORMAT(' FPMC (F4.1): ', $)
   ACCEPT 20,FO
   TYPE 45
45 FORMAT(' DMC (F4.1): ', $)
   ACCEPT 20,PO
   TYPE 50
50 FORMAT(' DC (F4.1): ', $)
   ACCEPT 20,DOT
C
C   READS STARTING MONTH OF THE YEAR AND NUMBER OF DAYS IN STARTING
C   MONTH.
C
55 READ(1,60) M, NDAYS
60 FORMAT(I1,I2)
   WRITE(2,65)
65 FORMAT(1H1'PROGRAM NO.: F-32')
   CALL DATE(DAT)
   WRITE(2,70) DAT,TITLE
70 FORMAT(1X,9A1//1X,20A4//)
   WRITE(2,75) FO,PO,DOT
75 FORMAT(' INITIAL VALUES FOR FPMC:',F5.1,',', DMC:',F5.1,',', DC:',F5.1,
*//)
   DO 290 J=M,12
   NN=LMON(J)
   IF(J.EQ.M) GO TO 80
   IDAYS=1
   GO TO 85
80 IDAYS=LMON(J)-NDAYS+1
C
C   READS DAILY WEATHER DATA
C
85 IAST=1
   DO 290 I=IDAYS,NN
   IF(IUNIT.EQ.0) GO TO 90
   READ(1,25,END=295) T,IH,IW,R
   W=IW
   GO TO 95
90 READ(1,20,END=295) T,IH,IW,R
   W=IW
95 IF(IUNIT.EQ.0) GO TO 100
   T=(T-32.)*5./9.
   W=W*1.609
   R=R*25.4
100 TX=T
   H=IH

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      RAIN=R
      IF(IAS.T.GT.1) GO TO 110
      WRITE(2,105)
105  FORMAT(///,1X,' DATE TEMP RH WIND RAIN
      * FPMC DMC DC
      * ISI BUI FWI DSR'/)
C
C FINE FUEL MOISTURE CODE
C
110 WMO=(147.2*(101-FO))/(59.5+FO)
      IF(R.GT.0.5) GO TO 115
      GO TO 125
115 RA=R-.5
      IF(WMO.GT.150.) GO TO 120
      WMO=WMO+42.5*RA*EXP(-100./(251.-WMO))*(1.-EXP(-6.93/RA))
      GO TO 125
120 WMO=(WMO+42.5*RA*EXP(-100./(251.-WMO))*(1.-EXP(-6.93/RA)))+
      *(0.0015*(WMO-150.)**2)*RA**.5
125 IF(WMO.GT.250.) WMO=250.
      ED=0.942*(H**0.679)+(11.*EXP((H-100.)/10.))+0.18*(21.1-T)
      *(1.-1./EXP(0.115*H))
      IF(WMO-ED) 130,135,140
130 EW=.618*(H**.753)+(10.*EXP((H-100.)/10.))+.18*(21.1-T)
      *(1.-1./EXP(0.115*H))
      IF(WMO.LT.EW) GO TO 145
135 WM=WMO
      GO TO 150
140 Z=0.424*(1.-(H/100.)**1.7)+(0.0694*(W**0.5))*(1.-(H/100.)**8)
      X=Z*(0.581*(EXP(0.0365*T)))
      WM=ED+(WMO-ED)/10.**X
      GO TO 150
145 Z=.424*(1.-((100.-H)/100.)**1.7)+(.0694*(W**.5))*(1.-((100.-H)
      */100.)**8)
      X=Z*(.581*(EXP(.0365*T)))
      WM=EW-(EW-WMO)/10.**X
150 FFM=(59.5*(250.-WM))/(147.2+WM)
      IF(FFM.GT.101.) GO TO 155
      IF(FFM) 160,165,165
155 FFM=101.
      GO TO 165
160 FFM=0.0
C
C DUFF MOISTURE CODE
C
165 IF(T+1.1.GE.0.) GO TO 170
      T=-1.1
170 RK=1.894*(T+1.1)*(100.-H)*(EL(J)*0.0001)
175 IF(R.GT.1.5) GO TO 180
      PR=PO
      GO TO 205
180 RA=R
      RW=0.92*RA-1.27
      WMI=20.0+280./EXP(0.023*PO)
      IF(PO.LE.33.) GO TO 185
      IF(PO-65.) 190,190,195
185 B=100./(0.5+0.3*PO)
      GO TO 200
190 B=14.-1.3*ALOG(PO)
      GO TO 200
195 B=6.2*ALOG(PO)-17.2
200 WMR=WMI+(1000.*RW)/(48.77+B*RW)
      PR=43.43*(5.6348-ALOG(WMR-20.))
205 IF(PR.GE.0.) GO TO 210
      PR=0.0
210 DMC=PR+RK
C

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C      DROUGHT CODE
C
      IF(T+2.8.GE.0.) GO TO 215
      T=-2.8
215    PE=(.36*(T+2.8)+FL(J))/2.
      IF(R.LE.2.8) GO TO 225
      RA=R
      RW=0.83*RA-1.27
      SMI=800.*EXP(-DOT/400.)
      DR=DOT-400.*ALOG(1.+((3.937*RW)/SMI))
      IF(DR.GT.0.) GO TO 220
      DR=0.0
220    DC=DR+PE
      GO TO 230
225    DR=DOT
      GO TO 220
230    IF(DC.GE.0.) GO TO 235
      DC=0.0

C
C      INITIAL SPREAD INDEX, BUILDUP INDEX, FIRE WEATHER INDEX
C
235    FM=(147.2*(101.-FFM))/(59.5+FFM)
      SF=19.115*EXP(FM*(-.1386))*(1.+(FM**5.31)/4.93E07)
      SI=SF*EXP(0.05039*W)
240    IF(DMC.EQ.0.0.AND.DC.EQ.0.0) GO TO 245
      BUI=(0.8*DC*DMC)/(DMC+0.4*DC)
      GO TO 250
245    BUI=0.
250    IF(BUI.GE.DMC) GO TO 255
      P=(DMC-BUI)/DMC
      CC=0.92+(0.0114*DMC)**1.7
      BUI=DMC-(CC*P)
      IF(BUI.LT.0.) BUI=0.
255    IF(BUI.GT.80.) GO TO 260
      BB=0.1*SI*(0.626*BUI**0.809+2.)
      GO TO 265
260    BB=0.1*SI*(1000./(25.+108.64/EXP(0.023*BUI)))
265    IF(BB-1.0.LE.0.) GO TO 270
      SL=2.72*(0.434*ALOG(BB))**0.647
      FWI=EXP(SL)
      GO TO 275
270    FWI=BB
275    DSR = 0.0272*FWI**1.77
280    WRITE(2,285) J,I,IX,IH,IW,RAIN,FFM,DMC,DC,SI,BUI,FWI,DSR
285    FORMAT(1X,2I3,F6.1,I4,I6,F7.1,F7.1,F6.1,F7.1,3F6.1,F8.2)
      FO=FFM
      PO=DMC
      DOT=DC
      IAST=IAST+1
290    CONTINUE
295    WRITE(5,300)
300    FORMAT(/1X'OUTPUT IN F32OUT.DAT AND MUST BE SPOOLED
      * TO THE LINE PRINTER.'//)
305    STOP
      END

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# SAMPLE OF INPUT

FWI TEST DATA APRIL 13 TO MAY 31

4 indicates starting month, in this case April.  
18 indicates no. of days in starting month.

418  
17. 42 25  
20. 21 25 2.4  
8.5 40 17  
6.5 25 6  
13. 34 24  
6.0 40 22 0.4  
5.5 52 6  
8.5 46 16  
9.5 54 20  
7.0 93 14 9.0  
6.5 71 17 1.0  
6.0 59 17  
13. 52 4  
15.5 40 11  
23. 25 9  
19. 46 16  
18. 41 20  
14.5 51 16  
14.5 69 11  
15.5 42 8  
21. 37 8  
23. 32 16  
23. 32 14  
27. 33 12  
28. 17 27  
23.5 54 20  
16. 50 2212.2  
11.5 58 20  
16. 54 16  
21.5 37 9  
14. 61 22 0.2  
15. 30 27  
20. 23 11  
14. 95 316.4  
20. 53 4 2.8  
19.5 30 16  
25.5 51 20 6.0  
10. 38 24  
19. 27 16  
26. 46 11 4.2  
30. 38 22  
25.5 67 1912.6  
12. 53 2811.8  
21. 38 8  
13. 70 20 3.8  
9. 78 24 1.4  
11. 54 16  
15.5 39 9  
18. 36 5

– April 13

– April 30  
– May 1

– May 31

Temperature °C    Relative Humidity %    Wind km/h    Rain mm



# SAMPLE OF OUTPUT

PROGRAM NO.: F-32  
12-FEB-85

FWI TEST DATA APRIL 13 TO MAY 31

INITIAL VALUES FOR FPMC: 85.0, DMC: 6.0, DC: 15.0

| DATE | TEMP | RH | WIND | RAIN | FPMC | DMC  | DC    | ISI  | BUI  | FWI  | DSR   |
|------|------|----|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| 4 13 | 17.0 | 42 | 25   | 0.0  | 87.7 | 8.5  | 19.0  | 10.9 | 8.5  | 10.1 | 1.63  |
| 4 14 | 20.0 | 21 | 25   | 2.4  | 86.2 | 10.4 | 23.6  | 8.8  | 10.4 | 9.3  | 1.40  |
| 4 15 | 8.5  | 40 | 17   | 0.0  | 87.0 | 11.8 | 26.1  | 6.5  | 11.7 | 7.6  | 0.98  |
| 4 16 | 6.5  | 25 | 6    | 0.0  | 88.8 | 13.2 | 28.2  | 4.9  | 13.1 | 6.2  | 0.68  |
| 4 17 | 13.0 | 34 | 24   | 0.0  | 89.1 | 15.4 | 31.5  | 12.6 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 3.22  |
| 4 18 | 6.0  | 40 | 22   | 0.4  | 88.7 | 16.5 | 33.5  | 10.7 | 16.4 | 13.5 | 2.71  |
| 4 19 | 5.5  | 52 | 6    | 0.0  | 87.4 | 17.2 | 35.4  | 4.0  | 17.1 | 5.9  | 0.62  |
| 4 20 | 8.5  | 46 | 16   | 0.0  | 87.4 | 18.5 | 37.9  | 6.6  | 18.4 | 9.7  | 1.50  |
| 4 21 | 9.5  | 54 | 20   | 0.0  | 86.8 | 19.7 | 40.6  | 7.4  | 19.6 | 11.0 | 1.89  |
| 4 22 | 7.0  | 93 | 14   | 9.0  | 29.9 | 10.1 | 29.5  | 0.0  | 10.9 | 0.0  | 0.00  |
| 4 23 | 6.5  | 71 | 17   | 1.0  | 49.4 | 10.7 | 31.6  | 0.4  | 11.6 | 0.2  | 0.00  |
| 4 24 | 6.0  | 59 | 17   | 0.0  | 67.3 | 11.4 | 33.7  | 1.3  | 12.3 | 0.9  | 0.02  |
| 4 25 | 13.0 | 52 | 4    | 0.0  | 77.8 | 13.0 | 37.0  | 1.1  | 13.9 | 0.8  | 0.02  |
| 4 26 | 15.5 | 40 | 11   | 0.0  | 85.5 | 15.4 | 40.7  | 3.9  | 15.9 | 5.5  | 0.56  |
| 4 27 | 23.0 | 25 | 9    | 0.0  | 91.5 | 19.8 | 45.8  | 8.4  | 19.8 | 12.2 | 2.27  |
| 4 28 | 19.0 | 46 | 16   | 0.0  | 89.9 | 22.5 | 50.2  | 9.5  | 22.4 | 14.3 | 3.02  |
| 4 29 | 18.0 | 41 | 20   | 0.0  | 90.0 | 25.2 | 54.4  | 11.7 | 25.1 | 17.7 | 4.40  |
| 4 30 | 14.5 | 51 | 16   | 0.0  | 88.4 | 27.0 | 57.9  | 7.7  | 27.0 | 13.3 | 2.65  |
| 5 1  | 14.5 | 69 | 11   | 0.0  | 85.7 | 28.3 | 63.0  | 4.0  | 28.2 | 8.0  | 1.08  |
| 5 2  | 15.5 | 42 | 8    | 0.0  | 87.4 | 30.8 | 68.2  | 4.4  | 30.8 | 9.1  | 1.35  |
| 5 3  | 21.0 | 37 | 8    | 0.0  | 89.4 | 34.5 | 74.3  | 5.9  | 34.4 | 12.3 | 2.30  |
| 5 4  | 23.0 | 32 | 16   | 0.0  | 91.0 | 38.8 | 80.9  | 11.1 | 38.7 | 21.0 | 5.96  |
| 5 5  | 23.0 | 32 | 14   | 0.0  | 91.2 | 43.1 | 87.4  | 10.3 | 43.0 | 21.1 | 5.99  |
| 5 6  | 27.0 | 33 | 12   | 0.0  | 91.7 | 48.1 | 94.7  | 9.9  | 47.9 | 21.7 | 6.30  |
| 5 7  | 28.0 | 17 | 27   | 0.0  | 95.2 | 54.5 | 102.1 | 34.5 | 54.3 | 52.6 | 30.20 |
| 5 8  | 23.5 | 54 | 20   | 0.0  | 89.7 | 57.4 | 108.8 | 11.3 | 57.2 | 25.9 | 8.61  |
| 5 9  | 16.0 | 50 | 22   | 12.2 | 62.2 | 29.9 | 91.8  | 1.4  | 33.0 | 3.0  | 0.19  |
| 5 10 | 11.5 | 58 | 20   | 0.0  | 76.7 | 31.3 | 96.3  | 2.3  | 34.5 | 5.4  | 0.55  |
| 5 11 | 16.0 | 54 | 16   | 0.0  | 83.5 | 33.4 | 101.6 | 3.8  | 36.7 | 8.9  | 1.31  |
| 5 12 | 21.5 | 37 | 9    | 0.0  | 88.7 | 37.1 | 107.8 | 5.6  | 39.9 | 12.8 | 2.46  |
| 5 13 | 14.0 | 61 | 22   | 0.2  | 86.7 | 38.7 | 112.8 | 8.1  | 41.6 | 17.3 | 4.24  |
| 5 14 | 15.0 | 30 | 27   | 0.0  | 89.6 | 41.7 | 117.9 | 15.9 | 44.2 | 28.8 | 10.44 |
| 5 15 | 20.0 | 23 | 11   | 0.0  | 92.1 | 45.9 | 123.9 | 10.1 | 47.7 | 21.9 | 6.40  |
| 5 16 | 14.0 | 95 | 3    | 16.4 | 21.3 | 20.1 | 97.0  | 0.0  | 26.5 | 0.0  | 0.00  |
| 5 17 | 20.0 | 53 | 4    | 2.8  | 51.0 | 18.3 | 103.0 | 0.2  | 25.3 | 0.2  | 0.00  |
| 5 18 | 19.5 | 30 | 16   | 0.0  | 82.3 | 22.1 | 108.9 | 3.3  | 29.3 | 6.8  | 0.81  |
| 5 19 | 25.5 | 51 | 20   | 6.0  | 75.4 | 16.4 | 106.4 | 2.1  | 23.7 | 3.8  | 0.29  |
| 5 20 | 10.0 | 38 | 24   | 0.0  | 84.3 | 18.2 | 110.6 | 6.4  | 25.8 | 11.3 | 1.99  |
| 5 21 | 19.0 | 27 | 16   | 0.0  | 90.3 | 22.1 | 116.4 | 10.0 | 29.9 | 17.2 | 4.19  |
| 5 22 | 26.0 | 46 | 11   | 4.2  | 77.6 | 18.7 | 117.7 | 1.6  | 26.8 | 2.9  | 0.18  |
| 5 23 | 30.0 | 38 | 22   | 0.0  | 90.2 | 23.8 | 125.5 | 13.4 | 32.3 | 22.0 | 6.49  |
| 5 24 | 25.5 | 67 | 19   | 12.6 | 65.3 | 13.1 | 108.5 | 1.4  | 20.2 | 1.9  | 0.08  |
| 5 25 | 12.0 | 53 | 28   | 11.8 | 55.4 | 7.7  | 91.6  | 1.2  | 12.8 | 0.8  | 0.02  |
| 5 26 | 21.0 | 38 | 8    | 0.0  | 80.8 | 11.3 | 97.8  | 1.9  | 17.6 | 2.6  | 0.14  |
| 5 27 | 13.0 | 70 | 20   | 3.8  | 61.7 | 8.4  | 97.9  | 1.2  | 13.8 | 0.9  | 0.02  |
| 5 28 | 9.0  | 78 | 24   | 1.4  | 64.5 | 9.0  | 101.9 | 1.7  | 14.7 | 2.0  | 0.09  |
| 5 29 | 11.0 | 54 | 16   | 0.0  | 77.6 | 10.5 | 106.3 | 2.0  | 16.8 | 2.8  | 0.17  |
| 5 30 | 15.5 | 39 | 9    | 0.0  | 85.4 | 13.1 | 111.5 | 3.5  | 20.3 | 5.8  | 0.61  |
| 5 31 | 18.0 | 36 | 5    | 0.0  | 88.5 | 16.3 | 117.1 | 4.4  | 24.2 | 7.9  | 1.06  |

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