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Description Robust statistical techniques are required to estimate the trend in meteorological data, where data are available only for a limited period with too many missing observations. We examined the application of a dynamic linear model (DLM) for estimating changes in time series meteorological data. For this purpose, we used maximum and minimum monthly temperatures recorded over 36 yr at 6 meteorological stations representing 3 physiographic regions in the Central Himalayas. Temperature changes over time may be influenced by hidden processes, such as seasonality. To elucidate such processes, we estimated a Fourier-form seasonal model with 12 seasons with 2 harmonics. The DLM model fit was evaluated based on the distribution of standardized residuals and the p-value of Ljung-Box statistics. We reported the level of temperature change from 1980 to 2015. The DLM results were compared with more ...

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