

ALGORITHMS USED BY ELECTRONIC LOGBOOKS FOR THE COMPUTATION OF DEW POINT TEMPERATURE

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Name of algorithm	DEWPT

Variables used as input for the computation of Dew Point Temperature		
Name	Units	Precision required
wet-bulb temperature	deg C	0.1
dry-bulb temperature	deg C	0.1

Variables returned by the algorithm		
Name	Units	Resulted precision
Dew point temperature	deg C	0.1

Pseudocode of the algorithm ¹
<p>SEAS uses the DEWPT routine benchmarked at ERL in the early 1980s. The function calculates the dew point given the water vapor pressure. The routines ESIL0 and ESLO compute the water vapor over ice and liquid respectively. Original FORTRAN code can be found at http://wahiduddin.net/calc/density_algorithms.htm. Below is the C version of the calculations performed by SEAS.</p> <pre> #include <stdio.h> #include <io.h> #include <math.h> #include <windows.h> #include <winbase.h> int true = 1; int false = 0; FILE *dpt; float dewpt(float , float); void main (argv,argc) { int i, j, k1, array[47] [23]; float W, D,dp, jj; dpt = fopen("d:\\dewptc.txt", "w"); for (i=0; i < 47; i++) { for (j = 0; j< 23; j++) array[i][j]= 909; } } </pre>

¹ : Possibly based on C++ alike syntax whenever possible; otherwise using original source language that was used

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    }

    for (i=-16; i<31; i++)
    {
        for (jj=0.0; jj < 11.5; jj +=0.5)
        {
            W = (float) i;
            D = (float) i + jj;
            dp = dewpt(D, W);
            k1 = (int)(jj*2.0);
            if(dp < 0)
                array[i +16] [k1] = (int) (dp-0.5);
            else
                array[i +16] [k1] = (int) (dp+0.5);
        }
    }

// Check WB > DB

    fprintf(dpt,"%6.2f\n", dewpt( 10.0, 12.0));

    for(i=0;i<47; i++)
    {
        fprintf(dpt,"%4d",i-16);
        for (j=0;j<23;j++)
        {
            fprintf(dpt,"%4d",array[i][j]);
        }
        fprintf(dpt,"\n");
    }

}

float dewpt( float DryBulb, float WetBulb)
{
//  Paul R. Lowe, "An Approximating Polynomial for the Computation of
//  Saturation Vapor Pressure", Journal of Applied Meterology, Vol 16, No 1
//  January 1977, pp 100-103.

//      Will return a (float) dew point when passed a drybulb and a wetbulb temperature in Degrees C.
//  Returns 999 if the dew point can not be computed

//  dew point based on casio program code
//  coefficients for saturation vapor pressure
//  with respect to ice,  with respect to water

    double coef[7][2] = {6.109177956,    6.107799961,
        5.03469897E-1,  4.436518521E-1,
        1.886013408E-2,  1.428945805E-2,
        4.176223716E-4,  2.650648471E-4,
        5.824720280E-6,  3.031240396E-6,
        4.838803174E-8,  2.034080948E-8,
        1.838826904E-10, 6.136820929E-11};

    double p,q,w,dif,deweq;
    int i;
    int ice;

    if(WetBulb <= 0)
        ice = true;
    else

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        ice = false;

w=WetBulb;
dif=DryBulb - WetBulb;
    if (dif < 0.0)
        {
            return 999.0;
        }

i=1;
if(ice)i=0;
p=coef[0][i]+w*(coef[1][i]+w*(coef[2][i]+w*(coef[3][i]+w*(coef[4][i]+
w*(coef[5][i]+w*coef[6][i])))));

// use standard atmosphere of 29.92 inches of mercury

p=p-(1013.20789*dif*(0.00066*(1.+w* 0.00115)));
if(p >= 0.0)
    {
        q=log(p);
        deweq= (243.5*q-440.8)/(19.48-q);
        return (float) deweq;
    }
else
    return 999.0;

}

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This is the algorithm that is implemented:

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BOOL CMetDataLoggerDoc::CalculateDewPoint(const double& dDryBulb,           // in, Celcius degrees
                                          const double& dWetBulb,           // in, Celcius degrees
                                          double& dDewPoint)                // out, Celcius degrees
{
    BOOL bResult = FALSE;
    double dDifference;
    dDifference = dDryBulb - dWetBulb;

    if (dDifference < 0.0)
        // 999 if the dew point can not be computed
        dDewPoint = 999.;
    else{
        // dew point based on casio program code coefficients for saturation vapor pressure
        // with respect to ice, with respect to water
        //
        // ice water
        double coef[7][2] = { 6.109177956,      6.107799961,
                              5.03469897E-1,    4.436518521E-1,
                              1.886013408E-2,    1.428945805E-2,
                              4.176223716E-4,    2.650648471E-4,
                              5.824720280E-6,    3.031240396E-6,
                              4.838803174E-8,    2.034080948E-8,
                              1.838826904E-10,   6.136820929E-11};

        int i;
        if(dWetBulb <= 0)
            i = 0;
        else
            i = 1;

        double p;
        p = coef[0][i] +
            dWetBulb*(coef[1][i] + dWetBulb*(coef[2][i] +
            dWetBulb*(coef[3][i] + dWetBulb*(coef[4][i] +
            dWetBulb*(coef[5][i] + dWetBulb*coef[6][i])))))

        // use standard atmosphere of 29.92 inches of mercury
        p = p - (1013.20789 * dDifference * (0.00066 * (1. + dWetBulb * 0.00115)));
        if(p >= 0.0){
            double q = log(p);
            dDewPoint = (243.5 * q - 440.8) / (19.48 - q);
            bResult = TRUE;
        }
        else
            dDewPoint = 999.;
    }
};

return bResult;
};

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