

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

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Name of algorithm	CalculateDewPointWMO

Variables used as input for the computation of Dew Point Temperature		
Name	Units	Precision required
t_dry	deg C	0.1
t_wet	deg C	0.1
pressure	hPa	

Variables returned by the algorithm		
Name	Units	Resulted precision
dewPoint	deg C	0.1

Pseudocode of the algorithm ¹
<pre> ; function to calculate the dewpoint from the given values for ; pressure, dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperature ; ; all used formulas are taken from ; WMO-No.8, 2008 edition, updated 2010, Part I, Annex 4.B ; ; IN: pressure - pressure of moist air in hPa ; t_dry - dry-bulb temperature in °C ; t_wet - wet-bulb temperature in °C ; iced - measurements over ice - boolean value: yes / no ; OUT: Dewpoint - dewpoint in °C ; Function Dewpoint(pressure, t_dry, t_wet, iced) ; interim values, for better readability of code ; ; pressure dependency f_p = 1.0016 + 0.00000315 * pressure - 0.074 / pressure ; psychrometric coefficients (for Assmann psychrometer) if (NOT iced)then </pre>

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

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    psychrometricCoeff = 0.000653
else
    psychrometricCoeff = 0.000575
endif

If (NOT iced) then
; saturation and actual vapour pressure
    SatVapourPressure = f_p * 6.112 * Exp(17.62 * t_wet / (243.12 + t_wet))
    VapourPressure = SatVapourPressure -
        psychrometricCoeff * (1 + 0.000944 * t_wet) * pressure * (t_dry - t_wet)
; calculation of dewpoint
    Dewpoint = (243.12 * Log(VapourPressure / (6.112 * f_p))) /
        (17.62 - Log(VapourPressure / (6.112 * f_p)))
else
    SatVapourPressure = f_p * 6.112 * Exp(22.46 * t_wet / (272.62 + t_wet))
    VapourPressure = SatVapourPressure - psychrometricCoeff * pressure *
        (t_dry - t_wet)
    Dewpoint = (272.62 * Log(VapourPressure / (6.112 * f_p))) /
        (22.46 - Log(VapourPressure / (6.112 * f_p)))
endif

; return result
return Dewpoint

End Function

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This is the algorithm that is implemented:

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// function calculates the pressure dependency of the
// saturation vapour pressure
//
// IN:  pressure - given pressure for the calculation
// OUT: f_p      - pressure dependency
double CMetDataLoggerDoc::PressureDependency(const double& pressure)
{
    return 1.0016 + 0.00000315 * pressure - 0.074 / pressure;
};

// function calculates and returns the saturation vapour pressure
// in the pure phase with regard to water (e_w) or
// with regard to ice (e_i) at the given temperature
//
// IN:  pressure      - given pressure for the calculation
//      temperature   - given temperature for the calculation
//      iced           - measurements over ice yes / no
// OUT: satVapourPressure - saturation vapour pressure
double CMetDataLoggerDoc::SatVapourPressure(const double& pressure, const double& temperature, const bool& iced)
{
    double satVapourPressure;
    double f_p = PressureDependency(pressure); // pressure dependency

    if (iced == false)
        satVapourPressure = f_p * 6.112 * exp(17.62 * temperature / (243.12 + temperature));
    else
        satVapourPressure = f_p * 6.112 * exp(22.46 * temperature / (272.62 + temperature));

    return satVapourPressure;
};

// function calculates the actual vapour pressure (e_prime)
//
// IN:  pressure      - pressure of moist air in hPa
//      t_dry         - dry-bulb temperature in °C
//      t_wet         - wet-bulb temperature in °C
//      iced          - measurements over ice yes / no
// OUT: vapourPressure - actual vapour pressure
double CMetDataLoggerDoc::VapourPressure(const double& pressure, const double& t_dry, const double& t_wet, const bool& iced)
{
    double vapourPressure;
    double satVapourPressure = SatVapourPressure(pressure, t_wet, iced);

    if (iced == false)
        vapourPressure = satVapourPressure - 0.000653 * (1 + 0.000944 * t_wet) * pressure * (t_dry - t_wet);
    else
        vapourPressure = satVapourPressure - 0.000575 * pressure * (t_dry - t_wet);

    return vapourPressure;
};

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// function to calculate the dewpoint from the given values for
// pressure, dry-bulb and wet-bulb temperature
//
// all used formulas are taken from
// WMO-No.8, 7th edition, 2008, Part I, Annex 4.B
//
// IN:  pressure   - pressure of moist air in hPa (pressure at the height of the temperature measurements.)
//      t_dry      - dry-bulb temperature in °C
//      t_wet      - wet-bulb temperature in °C
// OUT: dewpoint   - dewpoint in °C
// Returns FALSE if the dew point can not be computed.
//
//
| BOOL CMetDataLoggerDoc::CalculateDewPointWMO(const double& t_dry, const double& t_wet, const double& pressure, double& dewPoint)
| {
|     BOOL bReturn = TRUE;
|
|     try
|     {
|         // iced - measurements over ice yes / no
|         bool iced;
|         if(t_wet <= 0)
|             iced = true;
|         else
|             iced = false;
|
|         double ln_value = VapourPressure(pressure, t_dry, t_wet, iced) / (6.112 * PressureDependency(pressure)); // interim value,
|         if (ln_value <= 0)
|             ln_value = 0.00000001;
|
|         if (iced == false)
|             dewPoint = (243.12 * log(ln_value)) / (17.62 - log(ln_value));
|         else
|             dewPoint = (272.62 * log(ln_value)) / (22.46 - log(ln_value));
|
|         // Checks a given double-precision floating-point value for not a number (NaN).
|         if (_isnan(dewPoint) != 0)
|             bReturn = FALSE; // Dewpoint NaN;
|     }
|     catch (...)
|     {
|         bReturn = FALSE;
|     };
|
|     return bReturn;
| };

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