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# Generation of Synthetic Rainfall Data in Sekayam sub-watershed Based on TRMM Satellite Rainfall Data Correction Equation

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# 1. Introduction

Regions in the tropics are highly dependent on rainfall for various needs (Wu et al., 2018), so to support the development and management of water resources. reliable and accurate information on rainfall data is needed in any water resources planning and management (Njoroge, 2010; Sunilkumar et al., 2015; Guo & Liu, 2016; Soeryamassoeka, 2020a). The high cost of building and maintaining rain gauge infrastructure (Su et al., 2014) limits the distribution of rain gauge stations, and their performance is not optimal (Mamenun et al., 2014; Jarwanti et al., 2021), so many areas still lack rainfall data (Jarwanti et al., 2021), including the Sekavam sub-watershed (6712.10 km<sup>2</sup>) (Soervamassoeka et al., 2020a). To address a lack of rainfall data in a given area, satellite-based rainfall data is now available, including TRMM rainfall data, whose rainfall measurements can cover large areas, are available in near real-time, and have quick access.

Given the Sekayam sub-watershed area of 6712.10 km<sup>2</sup>, which is only served by four active rainfall stations, a study is required to validate Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) satellite rainfall data to obtain alternative rainfall data in addition to rainfall data recorded at observation stations, which can be used to support the development and management of water resources in the Sekayam sub-watershed.

This study generates representative synthetic TRMM daily rainfall amount data for the Sekayam sub-watershed using correction equations from a series of TRMM rainfall data validation analyses to use in water resources planning and management.

# 2. Materials and Methods

# 2.1. Theoretical Frame Work

Rain data is the information needed to predict weather conditions, floods, and droughts (Pantarini et al., 2021). It is one of the essential input data components in water resource management and development (Zad et al., 2018). TRMM data can supplement and fulfill rain data due to the lack of automatic rain data (ARR) availability.

The Sekayam sub-watershed is part of the Kapuas River Basin, with an area of  $\pm$  6712.10 km2. With such a large area, there should be many rainfall recording stations in the Sekayam sub-watershed. However, there are only four operational stations in the Sekayam sub-watershed. Therefore, TRMM data confirmed against the active rainfall posts are needed to support water resources management and development research.

# 2.2. Research Location

The research was conducted in the Sekayam subwatershed, which is included in the administrative area of Kabupaten Sanggau. Compared to Sanggau Regency, which covers 12847.70 Km<sup>2</sup>, the Sekayam sub-watershed covers 52.20% of the Kabupaten Sanggau.



Fig. 1 Sekayam Sub-Watershed

# 2.3. Data

The data used in this study are as follows;

- a) Rainfall observation stations coordinates and daily rainfall data of SGU-01 Sanggau, SGU-03 Balai Karangan, SGU-06 Entikong, SGU-19 Semuntai, and SC-01 Kembayan in the period 1998-2019 from Balai Wilayah Sungai Kalimantan (BWSK) I Kalimantan Barat.
- b) DEM, river network map, and topographic map.
- c) Make a map to place the TRMM grid to obtain the coordinates of each grid as a reference for downloading data.



Fig. 2 Position of TRMM Grid and Observation Station of Sekayam Sub-watershed

 Adjusting TRMM rainfall data with the number of TRMM\_3B42RTv7 type station/observation data.

#### 2.4. Analysis Method

This study analyzed data in these steps;

- Quality testing of observation station rainfall data with homogeneity test.
   In this study, the data used is the amount of data per month in each year of observation.
- Quality testing of observation station rainfall data and TRMM Grid rainfall data with consistency test.

This study conducted the consistency test using the Cumulative Deviation (Adjusted Partial Some) method. The test equation can be done with W statistics, whose equation is as follows;

$$S^*k = \sum_{i=1}^{k} (Y_i - \bar{Y})....(1)$$

k = 1, 2, 3,....,n.

Rescaled adjusted partial sums (RAPS) values, denoted by S\*\*k, using the equation.

$$S^{**}k = \frac{S^{*}k}{D_{y}}$$
.....(2)

$$Dy = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{(Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}{n}....(3)$$

The test results are consistent if the

$$\frac{Q}{\sqrt{n}}_{\text{Calculation}} \le \frac{Q}{\sqrt{n}}_{\text{Table}} \qquad (4)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{n}} \operatorname{Calculation} \leq \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{n}} \operatorname{Table}.....(5)$$

In this study, it was used with the following conditions.  $\frac{Q}{\sqrt{n}} C_{\text{alculation}} \leq \frac{Q}{\sqrt{n}} T_{\text{able.}} Q$  is found using the equation

$$Q = \frac{max}{0 < k < n} |S^{**}k|.....(6)$$

Table 1. Q and R Critique Table

n	$\frac{Q}{\sqrt{n}}$			$\frac{R}{\sqrt{n}}$		
	90%	95%	99%	90%	95%	99%
10	1.05	1.14	1.29	1.21	1.28	1.38
20	1.1	1.22	1.42	1.34	1.43	1.60
30	1.12	1.24	1.46	1.4	1.5	1.70
40	1.13	1.26	1.50	1.42	1.53	1.74
50	1.14	1.27	1.52	1.44	1.55	1.78
100	1.17	1.29	1.55	1.5	1.62	1.86
8	1.22	1.36	1.63	1.62	1.75	2.00

- Uncorrected TRMM rainfall data test (TRMM rainfall data filtering).
  - Filtering of TRMM rainfall data is intended to select TRMM rainfall data after testing the data's quality with a homogeneity test and data consistency test.

After the homogeneity and data consistency tests, the following equation is used to figure out how the rainfall at observation stations compares to the rainfall on the TRMM grid.

$$\mathsf{R}^{2} = \frac{\left[\left(n \ x \ \Sigma \ X \right) - \left(\Sigma \ X \ \Sigma \ Y\right)\right]^{2}}{\left[\left(n \ x \ \Sigma \ X^{2}\right) - \left(\Sigma \ X\right)^{2}\right] x \ \left[\left(n \ x \ \Sigma \ Y^{2}\right) - \left(\Sigma \ Y\right)^{2}\right]}....(7)$$

$$\mathsf{r} = \sqrt{R} \quad .....(8)$$

$$r = \frac{n(\Sigma XY) - (\Sigma X)(\Sigma Y)}{\sqrt{\{n(\Sigma X^2) - (\Sigma X)^2\} - \{n(\Sigma Y^2) - (\Sigma Y)^2\}}} \quad \dots \dots (9)$$

- X = X Variable, rainfall value at the observation post (mm)
- Y = Y variable, estimated rainfall value (mm)
- n = Amount of data
- r = Correlation coefficient value (lies between-1.0-1.0). Interpretation of Correlation Value (r) as the following table.

**Table 2.** Strength of Correlation (Senjaya, 2020;<br/>Soeryamassoeka, 2020)

Size of r			Interpretation		
0,9	-	1,0	Very High Correlation		
0,7	-	0,9	High Correlation		
0,5	-	0,7	Moderate Correlation		
0,3	-	0,5	Low Correlation		
0,0	-	0.3	Little if any correlation		

The following factors are considered when filtering TRMM rainfall data:

- If the analysis results of the TRMM Grid rainfall data's correlation coefficient (r) with the rainfall data of each observation station are valid if r is more significant than  $0.5 (\ge 0.5)$  and rejected if r is less than 0.5 (< 0.5).
- If the analysis of the root mean square error (RMSE) of TRMM Grid rainfall data shows that the RMSE is less than 300 (≤300), the analysis is considered valid. If the RMSE is more than 300 (>300), the analysis is not valid. The value of the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) obtained from the equation.

RMSE = 
$$\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(X-Y)^{2}\right]}$$
....(10)

Y = Y variable, TRMM value (mm)

n = Amount of data

RMSE = Root Mean Square Error.

Table 3. RMSE Class Divission (Senjaya,<br/>Soeryamassoeka, 2020)

RMSE	Interpretation	
0-100	Very Small	
10-200	Small	
200-300	Moderate	
300-400	Large	
400-500	Very Large	

TRMM Grid rainfall data homogeneity test with observation stations and TRMM Grid rainfall data consistency test. The method used is the same as the homogeneity and consistency tests at the observation station.

# 4) Calibration

The calibration stage is the step for determining the correction equation. This study used a linear equation model to obtain the correction equation.

X = Rainfall recorded by observation station

The correlation value (r) and the root mean square error (RMSE) are used to calibrate. As with the uncorrected data, only the entered data is part of the observation station rainfall data, and the TRMM grid rainfall data needs to be tested (minimum of five years of observations, maximum of half the number of years of observations).

#### 5) TRMM Rainfall Data Validation

In this step, the calibration equation is used on each calibrated TRMM grid to test data accuracy that wasn't tested in the calibration step.

Each grid's correlation coefficient (r) and RMSE are validated under the same

conditions as the data filtering and calibration stages to see if the validation results are good enough.

6) The calculation to obtain the amount of Correction Rainfall.

After the validation stage, corrections are made to all TRMM rain data for each grid (1998–2019). Corrections are made by using the calibration equation on each calibrated TRMM grid that has the highest correlation value (r) among the different calibration equations.

#### 3. Result and Discussion

#### 3.1. Rainfall Data Filtering Analysis Results

The initial stage of validating TRMM rainfall data is to filter the rainfall data to be used, both observation station data and TRMM grid data. Before using the TRMM satellite rainfall data validation analysis, especially corrective rain data for the evaluated area, it is essential to make sure that the rainfall data meets the standards. The quality of the observed rainfall data is filtered using tests for homogeneity and consistency. The analysis results show that the rainfall data recorded at several observation stations in the Sekayam sub-watershed is homogeneous. Given that there is a low likelihood that a recording error occurred and that the data at the observation stations in the Sekayam sub-watershed used in this study are accurate, rainfall data from all of the observation stations in the Sekayam subwatershed can be used for this study. A consistency test was then carried out for each station using the Cumulative Deviation Method in order to confirm the accuracy of the observed rainfall data to be used in this study. The findings reveal that every rainfall data point is consistent, indicating good data accuracy and a low likelihood of recording errors in rainfall data recorded at various observation stations. The study can use rainfall data from all observation stations as a result.

TRMM satellite rainfall data goes through two stages of filtering: (a) correlation coefficient-based filtering and (b) homogeneity and consistency tests on the filtered TRMM rainfall data from the stage (a). The analysis shows that the TRMM Grid rainfall data that can be validated are Grid 5, Grid 6, Grid 8, and Grid 14. The four TRMM grids that meet this requirement are then tested for homogeneity and consistency to determine whether the data quality on the four grids is good.

# 3.2. Results of Analysis to Obtain Correction Rainfall

The steps taken to obtain the TRMM rainfall correction equation in the Sekayam sub-

watershed are; (a) data calibration, (b) data validation, and (c) generation of synthetic rainfall data based on the grid calibration equation that has the best correlation value during calibration.

From the results of the calibration of Grid 14 TRMM rainfall amount data using SGU-01 Sanggau rainfall amount data, parameters are obtained to be used in correlation analysis (r) and in making correction equations, such as the following table;

Table 4. Parameter Calibration Results of TRMMGrid 14 Rainfall Data Using Rainfall Dataof SGU-01 Sanggau Station

n	= 132
ΣΧΥ	= 9875136,56
ΣΧ	= 30246,16
ΣY	= 38654,00
$\Sigma X^2$	= 8448156,11
$\Sigma Y^2$	= 12816018,02
nx ΣXY	= 1303518026
ΣΧ x ΣΥ	= 1169135126
$n \ge \Sigma X^2$	= 1115156607
$(\Sigma X)^2$	= 914830329,1
$n \ge \Sigma Y^2$	= 1691714379
$(\Sigma Y)^2$	= 1494131643,29

$$\mathsf{R}^{2} = \frac{[(n \ x \ \Sigma \ X) - (\Sigma \ X \ \Sigma \ Y)]^{2}}{[(n \ x \ \Sigma \ X^{2}) - (\Sigma \ X)^{2}] \ x \ [(n \ x \ \Sigma \ Y^{2}) - (\Sigma \ Y)^{2}]}$$

= 0,4562

$$r = \sqrt{R} = \sqrt{0,4562} = 0,6755$$

As for the RMSE value, the amount is

RMSE 
$$=\sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(X-Y)^{2}\right]} = 107,09 \text{ mm.}$$

Y = bX + a

$$a = \frac{(\sum Y x \sum X^{2}) - (\sum X x \sum XY)}{(n x \sum X^{2}) - (\sum X)^{2}} = 139,123$$
$$b = \frac{(n x \sum XY) - (\sum X x \sum Y)}{(n x \sum X^{2}) - (\sum X)^{2}} = 0,6708$$

So the linear equation before correction is Y = 0.6708 X + 139.123. In the same way, the correlation magnitude and correction equation for each TRMM Grid are obtained.

Following calibration, each grid is put through a validation process to check the accuracy of the calibration results.

TRMM rainfall amount data not used during calibration is used for validation. TRMM rainfall amount data from January 2009 to December 2019 is used in this study.

The correction equation developed at the calibration stage for each TRMM rainfall pair is then used to factor in the TRMM rainfall amount data. Variable Y is the observation station's rainfall amount data, and variable Y' is the generated TRMM rainfall amount data.

With the most significant correlation value of rainfall amount on Grid 14 TRMM calibrated with SGU-01 Sanggau rainfall amount data, it is clear from the analysis results shown in Tables (7) and (8) that the magnitude of the correlation will be better after calibration and validation

Table 5.Correlation (r) Values of Calibration<br/>Results of Filtered TRMM Rainfall Data<br/>Using Rainfall Data of Each<br/>Observation Station in the Sekayam<br/>Sub-Watershed

Observation station	SGU-01 Sanggau		SGU-03 Balai Karangan			
Grid TRMM	Before Correction	Calibration	Validation	Before Correction	Calibration	Validation
5				0,626	0,617	0,696
6				0,522	0,527	0,531
8				0,519	0,523	0,588
14	0,673	0,675	0,700			
Observation	Observation SGU-06 Entikong		ng	SGU-19 Semuntai		
station	Deferre	Oslibustian	Validadian	Defens	Oslibustian	Validadian
	Correction	Calibration	validation	Correction	Calibration	validation
5	0,545	0,614	0,617			
6	0,504	0,533	0,546			
8						
14				0,635	0,649	0,658
Observation station	SC	SC-01 Kembayan				
Grid TRMM	Before	Calibration	Validation			
	Correction					
5						
6						
8	0,603	0,605	0,611			
14						

Table 6. RMSE Values of Calibration Results of<br/>Filtered TRMM Rainfall Data Using<br/>Rainfall Data of Each Observation<br/>Station in the Sekayam Sub-Watershed

Observation station	SGU-01 Sanggau			SGU-03 Balai Karangan		
Grid TRMM	Before Correction	Calibration	Validation	Before Correction	Calibration	Validation
5				133,00	114,84	95,55
6				137,86	126,26	101,80
8				141,98	125,28	97,26
14	101,65	107,09	106,36			
Observation station	SG	SGU-06 Entikong		SGU-19 Semuntai		
Grid TRMM	Before Correction	Calibration	Validation	Before Correction	Calibration	Validation
5	140,63	110,86	137,93			
6	146,39	122,41	132,95			
8						
14				155,77	79,83	181,37
Observation station	SC-01 Kembayan		-			
Grid TRMM	Before Correction	Calibration	Validation	-		
5						
6						
8	127,86	108,01	93,55			
14				9		

The calibration and validation results show that the correction equation for the TRMM Grid rainfall amount data in the Sekayam sub-watershed is Y = 0.6708 X + 139.123, which is the TRMM Grid 14 calibration equation calibrated with SGU-01 Sanggau Station.

The calibration and validation analysis results show that the TRMM Grid 14 calibration equation, calibrated with the SGU-01 Sanggau Station, is the correct equation for the TRMM Grid rainfall amount data in the Sekayam sub-watershed. Y = 0.6708 X + 139.123 is the equation. As a result, using this equation, it is possible to generate or correct TRMM rainfall data in the Sekayam subwatershed.

From the analysis that has been carried out, it can be seen the magnitude of the RMSE on the corrected rainfall in each grid RMSE

Table 7. Recapitulation of RMSE and RBiasAnalysis Results of TRMM Grid ofSekayamSub-WatershedAfterCorrection

Grid TRMM	RMSE	R <sub>Bias</sub>
5	56,65	14,11
6	55,80	13,83
8	58,52	15,85
14	60,43	16,39

Table 7 shows that the RMSE of corrected rainfall generated by the correction equation is less than the acceptable standard of 300 mm and dan  $R_{Bias}$  < 25%, which shows that the Sekayam subwatershed rainfall validation analysis results are reliable and in line with the theory for validating satellite rainfall data.

Comparison of TRMM (uncorrected TRMM rainfall) and TRMM' (corrected TRMM rainfall) rainfall amount data can be seen from the following graphs;



Fig. 3 Comparison Chart of Uncorrected and Corrected TRMM Grid 5 Rainfall Data for the Period 1998-2019



Fig. 4 Comparison Chart of Uncorrected and Corrected TRMM Grid 6 Rainfall Data for the Period 1998-2019







Fig. 6 Comparison Chart of Uncorrected and Corrected TRMM Grid 14 Rainfall Data for the Period 1998-2019

The steps taken are by the standard, based on the TRMM daily rain data correction procedure, because the corrected TRMM rainfall has a correlation coefficient with the observation station that has a minimum interpretation of moderate or good enough, whose value is at least 0.5. The TRMM Grid, on the other hand, with a correlation value of 0.5, is not corrected because the correlation with the observation station does not meet the standard criteria set. Thus, a correction cannot be made using the post.

What can be done for TRMM grids that cannot be corrected in this study is to use other observation stations. However, because the data at the Sekayam sub-watershed observation stations other than the ones used in this study needs to be completed, they are not used to correct existing TRMM rainfall data.

# 4. Conclusion

From the results of the analysis for filtering TRMM daily rainfall amount data in the Sekayam subwatershed, it can be seen that the five observation stations whose daily rainfall amount data are used as the dependent variable to filter TRMM daily rainfall amount data only correlate according to the technical standards of validation against 4 (four) grids, SGU-01 Sanggau and SGU-19 Semuntai correlate with Grid 14 TRMM, SGU-03 BalaiKarangan and SGU-06 Entikong correlate with Grid 5 and Grid 6 TRMM, SGU-03 Balai Karangan, and SC-01 Kembayan correlate with Grid 8 TRMM.

Only SGU-03 Balai Karangan and Grid 8 are far apart, but they still have a correlation that is taken into account by the technical standard, namely r = 0,519>0,5. The majority of the observation stations that correlate with the TRMM Grid are those that are nearby.

Because observation stations far from the TRMM Grid do not always correlate with the TRMM Grid, each observation station must be used as a dependent variable to validate each existing TRMM Grid and obtain a correction equation to generate synthetic data based on TRMM rainfall data.

Validation of TRMM daily rainfall amount data for the Sekayam sub-watershed reveals that when TRMM rainfall is corrected, the RMSE shrinks while the relative bias remains acceptable. This implies that the correction equation discovered in this study can be used to generate rain data for the Sekayam watershed, but additional research is required

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