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# Modeling the Changes in Water Balance Components of Highly Irrigated Western Part of Bangladesh

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Abstract. The objectives of the study are to explore the changes in water balance components (WBC) by co-

16 utilizing discrete wavelet transformation (DWT) and different forms of Mann-Kendal (MK) test; and to develop 17 wavelet autoregressive moving average (ARIMA) models for forecasting the WBC. Trend test results reveal that 18 the most of the trends (about 73%) identified in potential evapotranspiration ( $P_{\rm ET}$ ) show decreasing tendency 19 during the hydrological year 1981-82 to 2012-13 in the western part of Bangladesh, however most of the 20 changes (about 82%) are insignificant at 5% significant level. Actual evapotranspiration ( $A_{\rm FT}$ ), annual deficit 21 and annual surplus also show the almost similar tendency. Rainfall and temperature show increasing trends, but 22 WBC show inverse of this tendency and suggesting that traditional concept of changes in  $P_{\rm ET}$  associated with 23 changes in temperature cannot explain the changes in WBC. Moreover, it is found that generally 8-years (D3) to 16-years (D4) periodic components are the effective components and are responsible for trends found in original 24 25 data of WBC in western part of Bangladesh. Wavelet denoising of WBC time series has been done to improve 26 the performance of models as actual data affected by noise and show unsatisfactory performances. The quality 27 of denoised data has been ensured by relevant statistical analysis. Performance of wavelet ARIMA models have 28 been assessed by Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE) coefficient and coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ). The 29 obtained results indicate that performances of wavelet ARIMA models of WBC are acceptable to very good and 30 clearly demonstrate the advantages of denoising over actual data. The models validation results reveal that the 31 forecasted values are very close to actual values with acceptable mean percentage error and residuals also follow 32 normally distribution. Performances and validation results indicate that models can be used for short term 33 forecasting of WBC. Further studies on different combinations of wavelet analysis would be facilitated to 34 develop better models for WBC in context of climate change and findings of study can be used to improve water 35 resources management in highly irrigated western part of Bangladesh.

#### 36 1. Introduction

After introducing monthly water balance by Thronthwaite (1948), followed by Thornthwaite and Mather (1957),
it has gone through modifications, development of new models and adaptation for different parts of the world
(Xu and Singh, 1998). The water balance models can be implemented for reconstruction of catchment
hydrology, climate change impact assessment, stream flow forecasting and sustainable water resources





41 management (e.g. Alley, 1985; Arnall, 1992, Xu and Halldin, 1996; Molden and Sakthivadivel, 1999; 42 Boughton, 2004; Anderson et al., 2006; Healy et al., 2007; Moriarty et al., 2007; Karimi et al., 2013; Thapa et 43 al., 2016). Two important climatic variables like rainfall and  $P_{\rm ET}$  that derives from the climatic variables are the 44 main inputs in water balance modeling (Xu and Singh, 1998). A lot of research works for different parts of the 45 world have been detected and quantified trends in historical hydro-climatic data such as rainfall, temperature, 46  $P_{\rm ET}$  and stream flow (Araghi et al., 2014; Pathak et al., 2016), and attribute the changes to global climate change 47 (Pathak et al., 2016).

48 The studies on spatio-temporal characteristics of rainfall and temperature have also attracted attention for 49 Bangladesh. Studies (e.g. Shahid and Khairulmaini, 2009; McSweeney et al., 2010; Ahasan et al., 2010; 50 Rahman and Lateh, 2016; Nury et al., 2016; Rahman et al., 2016; Syed and Al Amin, 2016) have found both 51 positive and negative trends in annual and seasonal rainfall over the entire country. Moreover, Rahman and 52 Begum (2013); Hossain et al. (2014) and Kamruzzaman et al. (2016a) studied the rainfall of Bhola, south-west 53 coast and western part of Bangladesh respectively. Almost most of the studies found number of stations having 54 increasing trends is higher than number of stations having decreasing trends in rainfall for different periods in 55 Bangladesh. Endo et al. (2016) revealed that there is no clear trend in heavy rainfall index in Bangladesh during 56 1950-2008. Some recent studies (Rahman et al., 2015; Rahman et al., 2016) have also forecasted rainfall using 57 ARIMA model. Rahman et al. (2015) showed a decrease in annual rainfall (average 153 mm/year) for the period 58 of 2011-2020, whereas Rahman et al. 2016 showed an increase (+3.26 mm/year) in annual average rainfall for 59 the entire country for the period of 2014-2020.

60 Moreover, some studies have been investigated the trends in temperature over Bangladesh; for example, 61 Jones (1995) reported that there are no visible trends in annual maximum and minimum temperature during the 62 period of 1949-1989 in Bangladesh. However, studies (Shahid, 2010; Nasher and Uddin, 2013; Rahman, 2015; 63 Rahman et al., 2015; Syed and Al Amin, 2016; Kamruzzaman et al., 2016a) detected warming trends by MK 64 test in Bangladesh and also studies (Keka, 2013; Basak et al., 2013; Bhowmik, 2013; Hasan and Rahman, 2015; Rahman and Lateh, 2016) detected raising trends by linear regression. Hasan et al. (2014) stated that though 65 66 there are a lot of studies focusing on regional changes in reference evapotranspiration  $(ET_0)$  over the world; 67 however there are no such studies for developing countries like Bangladesh. The study calculated decadal 68 reference evapotranspiration for 28 meteorological stations over Bangladesh and found that  $ET_0$  has decreased 69 during January to April, but slightly increases during July to December in recent decades. A recent study 70 (Acharjee, 2017) found decreasing trends in crop evapotranspiration and irrigation requirement in four stations 71 located in the northwest Bangladesh during the period of 1979-2013. Water balance study has not attracted 72 much attention in Bangladesh too. Kirby et al. (2015) mentioned that there are two studies on water balance- an 73 earlier study focused on rainfall and soil moisture by Khan and Islam (1966); and National Water Management 74 Plan (WARPO, 2000), but these are not comprehensive study on water balance. However, to assess the impact 75 of climate change on hydrologic cycle, it is utmost important to evaluate changes in P<sub>ET</sub> and inter-annul 76 variability (Ukkola and Prentice, 2013) since it is related to water demand, water resources planning, 77 agricultural irrigation management and crop growth (Hatch et al., 1999; Sun et al., 2016). Kirby et al. (2015) 78 studied the monthly water balance of the five hydrological regions in Bangladesh and their main results showed 79 that fall of groundwater levels in pre-monsoon is largely related to the continuous withdrawal of groundwater 80 for irrigation. So far, studies have been carried out on hydrological variables in Bangladesh have the following





81 limitations: most of the studies were limited to detect trends or forecasting of rainfall and temperature and few 82 studies on  $P_{\rm ET}$  and water balance. There is no attempt to identify periodicity that has effects on trend in 83 hydrological variables in Bangladesh. However, the analysis of periodicity using wavelet transformed details 84 and approximation components of hydro-meteorological time series data can better reflect insight into trends 85 and effects of time period on trend (e.g. Nalley et al., 2013; Araghi et al., 2014; Pathak et al., 2016). As a result 86 wavelet transformation of hydro-meteorological time series are gaining popularity in recent years to detect 87 periodicity (e.g. Partal and Küçük, 2006; Partal, 2009; Nalley et al., 2013; Araghi et al., 2014; Pathak et al., 88 2016) and increase the performance of models (Adamowski and Chan, 2011; Dong et al., 2015; Khalek and Ali, 89 2016) for forecasting.

Therefore, the present study has conducted to detect trends and identify periodicities in all WBC such as potential evapotranspiration ( $P_{\rm ET}$ ), actual evapotranspiration ( $A_{\rm ET}$ ), annual deficit and surplus of water by coutilizing DWT and different forms of Mann-Kendal (MK) test; and develop wavelet aided ARIMA models for forecasting the WBC after removing the noise from WBC time series data. These combinations are not well documented for all of these water balance component modeling. Hence, it is expected that the new combination will explore insight in to the water balance components.

#### 96 2. Study Area, Data and Methods

#### 97 2.1 Study area

98 Bangladesh enjoys a humid, warm and tropical climate. The geographic coordinates of the study area, western 99 part of Bangladesh that covers about 60,165 km<sup>2</sup> or 41% of the country, extend between 21°36'-26°38'N latitude 100 and 88°19'-91°01'E longitude. Annual rainfall and average temperature in the area vary from 1492 to 2766 mm 101 with an average of 1925 mm and 24.18 to 26.17°C with an average of 25.44°C respectively (Kamruzzaman et 102 al., 2016a). Bangladesh is the fourth biggest rice producing country in the world (Scott and Sharma, 2009) and 103 the livelihoods of the major of the people (about 75%, Shahid and Behrawan, 2008; Kamruzzaman et al., 2016b) 104 are related to agricultural practices. Crop calendar of Bangladesh is related to the climatic seasons. Rice which 105 cultivates in three seasons namely Aus, Aman and Boro is the main crop that cultivates in 73.94% cultivable area 106 in Bangladesh (Banglapedia, 2003). Aus and Aman are mainly rain-fed crops; however, Boro is almost 107 groundwater-fed (Ravenscroft et al., 2005) and requires about 1m of water per square meter in Bangladesh 108 (Harvey et al., 2006; Michael and Voss, 2009).

## 109 2.2 Data

National climate data base of Bangladesh prepared by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) has been used for the study. The data base is available for research and can be found in BARC website (http://climate.barcapps.gov.bd/). The data base has been prepared from the data recorded by Bangladesh Meteorological Division (BMD) and contains long-term monthly climate data such as rainfall (mm), minimum, maximum and average temperatures (°C), humidity (%), sunshine hours (hour), wind speed (km/h) and cloud cover (%). The locations of the meteorological stations in the study area are shown in Figure 1. The data has rearranged following the hydrological years, in Bangladesh, hydrological year starts in April and end in March.

#### 117 **2.3 Methods**





# 118 **2.3.1 Calculation of** *P***ET and WBC**

119 Potential evapotranspiration ( $P_{\rm ET}$ ) is the key parameter to estimate water balance components and there are 120 several approaches to estimate it. The most common approaches are temperature based models (e.g. 121 Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957; Hargreaves and Sammani, 1985; Hamon, 1963), water budget (e.g. Guitjens, 122 1982), mass-transfer (e.g. Harbeck, 1962), radiation-based (e.g. Priestley and Taylor, 1972). Moreover, there are 123 also some methods which are the combinations of these two or more (Bakundukize et al., 2011). Bakundukize et 124 al. (2011) found temperature model (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957) over estimated  $P_{\rm ET}$  and Hargreaves 125 method also shows similar problems (Trajkovic and Kolakovic, 2009; Castaneda and Rao, 2005). Rahman 126 (2016) have also found that PET value calculated from temperature model (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957) is 127 almost 20% higher than Penman-Monteith (Allen et al., 1998) for northwestern Bogra and Rajshahi district in 128 Bangladesh. Moreover, PET estimated by less data demanding methods provide unstable results in context of climate change (Sperna Weiland et al., 2012) and it is particularly true for Asian monsoon climate (Fan and 129 130 Thomas, 2012). To overcome the problems of over estimation or under estimation (Pereira and Pruitt, 2004; 131 Trajkovic and Kolakovic, 2009), Bakundukize et al. (2011) calculated WBC using the concept of water balance 132 in unsaturated zone (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957) after estimating the  $P_{\rm ET}$  from different methods 133 (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957; Hamon, 1963, Hargreaves and Sammani, 1985 modified Thornthwaite and 134 Mather (Perreira and Pruitt, 2004). The study (Bakundukize et al., 2011) concluded that estimation of WBC 135 using reference potential evapotranspiration ( $P_{\rm ET}$ ) of Penman-Monteith equation (Allen et al., 1998) can best 136 represent the reality. In the present study,  $P_{\rm ET}$  has been calculated by Penman-Monteith equation (Allen et al., 137 1998). Actual evapotranspiration ( $A_{\rm ET}$ ), Deficit and Surplus have been calculated using the concept of water balance in unsaturated zone (Thornthwaite and Mather, 1957) as these combination give the best estimation for 138 139 the real world (Bakundukize et al., 2011). Field capacity of soil in the study area has been calculated using the 140 soil texture map of Bangladesh prepared by Soil Resource Development Institute (SRDI, 1998) of Bangladesh 141 and the description of soils of Bangladesh presented by Huq and Shoaib (2013). Water holding capacity of soil 142 and rooting depth of the plants have been calculated from the Thornthwaite and Mather (1957) suggested values. 143 The first step of the calculation is the subtraction of 5% rainfall from the monthly rainfall data as this amount of 144 water has lost due to direct runoff (Wolock and McCabe, 1999). The reaming amount of rainfall has been 145 applied to calculation. When rainfall is greater than  $P_{\rm ET}$  the soil always remains full of water and a water surplus 146 (S) occurs and when it is less than  $P_{\rm ET}$  there is not enough water for the vegetation to use and moisture deficit 147 (D) occurs. The amount of actual evapotranspiration ( $A_{\rm ET}$ ) depends on the amount of water available which in 148 turn depends on the water holding capacity of the soil.  $A_{\rm ET}$  is calculated as: (1) in wet months, when there is 149 enough rain, i.e.  $P > P_{ET}$ , the  $A_{ET}$  is at its maximum value, which is equal to  $P_{ET}$ , (2) in dry months, when there 150 is not enough rain, i.e., when  $P < P_{ET}$ , rain is no longer able to meet the evapotranspiration demand and  $A_{ET}$  is 151 equal to the amount of extractable soil moisture.

# 152 2.3.2 Trend Test

In the present study, the trends in WBC have been detected by non-parametric Mann–Kendall (Mann, 1945; Kendal, 1975) (MK) test as it shows the best performance to identify trends in hydrological variable in comparison to parametric test (Nalley et al., 2012). However, MK test cannot appropriately calculate the test statistic due to underestimate the variance (Hamed and Rao, 1998) if there is a significant serial correlation in





157 the time series data (Yue et al., 2002). The lag-1 auto-correlation has been checked before analyzing the time 158 series data if there is a significant lag-1 auto-correlation at 5% level, the Modified MK (MMK) (Hamed and 159 Rao, 1998) has been applied instead of MK test. The calculated 'Z' values have been evaluated at 5% level of 160 significance (Z = 1.96). Moreover, the sequential values of u(t) statistic of MK test derived from the progressive 161 analysis of MK test (Sneyers, 1990), u(t) is similar to the Z statistic (Partal and Küçük, 2006), have been 162 calculated in order to investigate the change point detection. The magnitude of trend has been calculated by Sen's slope estimator (Sen, 1968). There are many good explanations (notably Nalley et al., 2012) of the 163 164 methods mentioned in this section and details regarding these, furthermore, can be referred to Mann (1945); Sen 165 (1968); Kendall (1971); Hamed and Rao (1998); Sneyers (1990); Yue et al. (2002).

### 166 2.3.3 Wavelet Transform and Periodicity

The wavelet analysis has been used to identify periodicity in hydro-climatic time series data (e.g., Smith et al., 167 1998; Azad et al., 2015; Nalley et al., 2012; Araghi et al., 2014; Pathak et al., 2016) for different parts of the 168 169 world. Wavelet transform (WT), a multi-resolution analytical approach, can be applied to analyze time series 170 data as it offers flexible window function that can be changed over time (Nievergelt, 2001; Percival and Walden, 171 2000). It can be applied to detect the periodicity in hydro-climatic time series data (Smith et al., 1998; Pišoft et 172 al., 2004; Sang, 2012; Torrence and Compo, 1998; Araghi et al., 2014; Pathak et al., 2016) and produces better 173 performances in comparison to traditional approaches (Sang, 2013). There are two main kinds of wavelet 174 transform and these are continuous wavelet transform (CWT) and discrete wavelet transform (DWT). The 175 application CWT is complex as it produces a lot of coefficients (Torrence and Compo, 1998; Araghi et al., 176 2014), whereas DWT is simple and useful for hydro-climatic analysis (Partal and Küçük, 2006; Nalley et al., 177 2012). The wavelet coefficients following the DWT with dyadic format can be calculated as follows equation 178 (1) (Mallat, 1989):

179 Where  $\psi$  is the mother wavelet; the integers *m* and *n* control wavelet dilation (scale) and translation (time) 180 respectively; specified fixed dilation step ( $S_0$ ) is greater than 1 and  $\tau_0$  is location parameter. For the practical 181 application, the values of parameters  $S_0$  and  $\tau_0$  are considered as 2 and 1 respectively (Partal and Küçük, 2006; 182 Pathak 2016). After substituting these values in equation (1), the DWT for a time series *x*(*i*) becomes:

183 Where W indicates wavelet coefficient at scale  $s_0 = 2^m$  and location  $\tau_o = 2^m n$ .

In the DWT, details (D) and approximations (A) can be emerged from the original time series after passing through low-pass and high-pass filters respectively. While approximations are the high scale and low frequency components, details are the low scale and high frequency components. Successive, iterations have been performed to decompose the time series into their several lower resolution components (Mallat, 1989; Misiti et al., 1997). In the present study, four levels (D1-D4) of decompositions have been performed following the dyadic scales (2<sup>j</sup>, J=2, 4, 8 and 16) and referred as D1, D2, D3 and D4 which are corresponds to 2, 4, 8 and 16





190 years periodicity. Daubechies wavelet has been used in the present study as it performs better in
hydro-meteorological studies (Nalley et al., 2012, 2013; Venkata Ramana et al., 2013; Araghi et al., 2014). To
192 confirm about the periodicity present in the time series, correlation coefficient (*Co*) between u(t) of original
data, u(t) of decomposition time series and different models of decompositions (such as decomposition
194 (D1+A......D4+D3+A) has been calculated and the obtained results have been compared (Partal and Küçük,
2006; Partal, 2009).

## 196 2.3.4 ARIMA models

To identify complex pattern in data and to project the future scenario, autoregressive integrated moving average method (Box and Jenkins, 1976) has been used in hydrological science (e.g. Adamowski and Chan, 2011; Valipour et al., 2013; Nury et al., 2017; Khalek and Ali, 2016). The method includes three terms: (1) an autoregressive process (AR) represented by order-p, (2) non seasonal differences for non-stationary data termed as order-d and (3) moving average process (MA) represented by order-q. ARIMA model of order (p, d, q) can be written as:

203 Where,  $\theta_0$  and  $U_t$  are the intercept and white process with zero mean and constant variance 204 respectively.  $\phi_p(L)$  stands for AR term  $(1 - \phi_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p)$  and  $\theta_q(L)$  represents MA term  $(1 - \theta_1 L - \dots - \phi_p L^p)$ .

#### 206 2.3.5 Wavelet Denoising

Wavelet de-noising based on thresholds introduced by Donoho et al. (1995) has been applied to the hydrometeorological analysis (Wang et al., 2005 and 2014; Chou, 2011). Three steps of denoising in the study are as follows:

Decomposing the time series data x(t) into M resolution level for obtaining the detail coefficients (W<sub>j,k</sub>)
 and approximation coefficients using DWT.

212 2. The detail coefficients obtained from DWT (1 to *M* levels) have been treated with threshold
213 (*T<sub>j</sub>*)selection. There are soft threshold and hard threshold to deal with detail coefficients to get
214 decomposed coefficient. In the study, soft threshold has been selected as it's performs better than hard
215 (Wang et al., 2014; Chou, 2011):

216 Soft threshold processing: 
$$\hat{W}_{j,k} = \begin{cases} sgn(W_{j,k}), (|W_{j,k}| - T_j)|W_{j,k}| > T_j \\ 0, |W_{j,k}| < T_j \end{cases}$$

217 3. Details coefficients from 1 to *M* level and approximate coefficients at level *M* have been reconstructed
218 to get denoised data.

It is also necessary to select the threshold value for denoising the data. There are many approaches such as universal threshold (UT), SURE or MINMAX and so on. Universal threshold (UT) proposed by (Donoho and Johnstone, 1994) and this method is satisfies the requirements in most application as the risk of thresholding is enough small (Luo and Zhang, 2012). In the study, UT has been used as it shows good performance in analyzing hydro-meteorological data (Wang et al., 2005; Chou, 2011).





# 224 2.3.6 Assessment of Model Performance

There are several indicators to assess the performance of models. Among these Nash–Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE)
(Nash and Sutcliffe, 1970) coefficient which is a normalized goodness-of-fit statistics is the most powerful and
popular method for measuring the performance of hydrological models (McCuen et al., 2006; Moussa, 2010;
Ritter and Muñoz-Carpena, 2013). To evaluate and make comparison between ARIMA and wavelet aided
ARIMA model, NSE has been used in the study. NSE can be calculated as (Nash and Sutcliffe, 1970):

Where, *N*,  $O_i$  and  $P_i$  are the sample size, number of observation and  $P_i$  model estimates respectively and  $\overline{O}$  and *SD* are the mean and standard deviation of the observed values. Performance of a model can be evaluated based on NSE value as: very good (NSE  $\geq 0.90$ ); good (NSE = 0.80-0.90); acceptable (NSE  $\geq 0.65$ ); and unsatisfactory (NSE<0.65) (Ritter and Muñoz-Carpena, 2013).  $E_{\text{RMS}}$  is the root mean square error that can be calculated as:

The coefficient of determination  $(R^2)$  is another goodness of fit test to measures the performance of the model. The perfect fit of the model draws a line between the actual values and fitted values with  $R^2$  value is 1. If  $y_i$  is the observations data and  $\bar{y}_i$  is the mean value taken over *N*, *N* is the number of data point used and  $\hat{y}_i$  is the model forecasted values of  $y_i$ . The  $R^2$  can be given as (Sreekanth et al., 2009):

239 Moreover mean percentage error  $(E_{MP})$  and mean error  $(E_M)$  have also been calculated and evaluated for 240 validation of model.  $E_{MP}$  reveals the percentage of bias (larger or smaller) of forecasted data over the actual 241 counterparts (Khalek and Ali, 2016).  $E_{MP}$  and  $E_M$  can be calculated as follows:

$$E_{\rm MP} = \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{t=1}^{n}\frac{Y_t(actual) - Y_t(forecasted)}{Y_t(actual)}\right) \times 100\% \dots \dots (7)$$
$$E_{\rm M} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{t=1}^{n}[Y_t(actual) - Y_t(forecasted)]^2 \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

#### 242 2.3.7 Programming and Mapping

In the present study, the open sources programming platform "R" (R 3.4.0) (R Core Development Team, 2016) has been used for relevant analysis. 'R' code for MK test, MMK test and Sen's Slope can be found in electronically supplementary material (ESM). Moreover, mapping has been done in ArcGIS version 10.2. The spatial distribution maps have been prepared using geostatistical analyst tool integrated into ArcMap following the inverse distance weighting (IDW) technique and details about the method can be found in Burrough and McDonnell (1998).





## 249 **3. Results of Analysis**

### 250 3.1 Exploratory Statistics of WBC

251 Mean annual  $P_{\rm ET}$  for hydrological year during the period of 1981-82 to 2012-2013 in the study area varies from 252 1228 to 1460 mm (Figure 2) with an average of 1338 mm. The higher  $P_{\rm ET}$  values are found in the central part of 253 the area where the annual rainfall is lower, but temperature is higher (Kamruzzaman et al., 2016). The standard 254 deviations of  $P_{\rm ET}$  vary from 205 mm (in Jessore station) to 41 mm (in Bhola station). The  $A_{\rm ET}$  value (annual 255 average 925 mm) is almost 31% less than the  $P_{\rm ET}$  value as during the dry months (Dec-May), soil moisture 256 condition reaches in critical stage and  $A_{\rm ET}$  value is much lower than  $P_{\rm ET}$ . Annual surplus of water varies from 257 515 to 1277 mm with an average for the area is 838 mm. According to Wolock and McCabe (1999), 50% of 258 surplus water can be considered as runoff for the major parts of the world. The higher surplus amount of water 259 has been found in the northern part of the area and along the coastal area. The annual deficit of water that 260 mainly occurs during dry season form Dec to May vary from 329 to 556 mm with an average of 416 mm (Figure 261 2). The highest annual deficit of water found in Rajshahi which is located in northwest central part of the area 262 where the depth of groundwater below the ground surface increases rapidly (Shamsudduha et al., 2009; Rahman 263 et al., 2016).

#### 264 **3.2 Trend and Periodicity in WBC**

#### 265 **3.2.1** *P*<sub>ET</sub>

266 The MK test or MMK test based on the lag-1 auto-correlation has been applied to detect the trend in  $P_{\rm ET}$ . Table-1 shows the Z statistic of MK or MMK test of original time series data of  $P_{\rm ET}$  along with the values of the 267 268 decomposition time series (D1-D4), approximation (A) and their different combinations (D1+A....D3+D4+A). 269 The estimated Z statistic of original data ranges from -2.07 (Satkhira station) to 2.37 (Bhola station). These two 270 stations out of total eleven stations show significant trends in  $P_{\rm ET}$ . The plot of sequential values of u(t) statistic 271 of SMK test of these two stations are shown in Figure 3 where the dashed lines corresponds to 5% significance 272 level ( $\pm 1.96$ ). The decreasing mode of  $P_{\rm ET}$  in Satkhira station started during 1985-86 hydrological year and 273 significant decreasing tendency started during 1993-94 hydrological year; and trend becomes reverse after 2007-274 08. However, the significant increasing trend in  $P_{\rm ET}$  of Bhola station has been started very recently after some 275 fluctuation.

276 Most of the trends (73%) in the study are negative and statistically insignificant at 95% confidence level or 277 5% significance level. Moreover, Z values of approximation (A) time series obtained by DWT indicate 278 decreasing trends in  $P_{\rm ET}$  for all stations and the calculated 'Z' value is about -1.80 after rounding the figure for 279 all stations. The individual time series values are different, but the similarity in the patterns in approximation 280 (A) time series data of P<sub>ET</sub> (Electronic Supplementary Material (ESM) Fig. S1) are the main reason for almost 281 same values of 'Z' statistic. The magnitude of changes ranges from -10.89 mm/year in Satkhira station to 1.67 282 mm/year in Bhola station (Figure 4). A recent study has also found negative trend in  $ET_0$  in four stations located 283 in northwest Bangladesh (Acharjee et al., 2017). However, annual rainfall and temperature of the most of the 284 stations in the western part of Bangladesh show increasing trends (e.g. Shahid and Khairulmaini, 2009; 285 Kamruzzaman et al., 2016a). Though annual rainfall and temperature of Satkhira station show positive trends





286 (Kamruzzaman et al., 2016a),  $P_{\rm ET}$  shows significant downward trend. The trends in  $P_{\rm ET}$ , therefore, cannot explain by trends obtained in rainfall and temperature time series, though the temperature is the primary driver 287 288 of changes in P<sub>ET</sub> (IPCC, 2007). Increasing trends in temperature found in Yunnan Province of South China; but 289 PET shows decreasing trend (Fan and Thomas, 2012). McVicar et al. (2012) have also found decreasing trends in 290  $P_{\rm ET}$  in the different parts of the world. The MK or MMK test has also been applied to the decomposition time 291 series and model time series generates from the combination of approximation and decomposition time series 292 data (Table 1 represent results of four stations based on alphabetic order and the full Table can be found in ESM 293 Table S1). To find out the dominant periodicity affecting the trends in PET, two steps of analysis have been 294 done. First, we have compared the Z statistic of original data and estimated from different models 295 (decomposition time series, D+A and D+A+A component combinations) and found out the nearest Z statistic of 296 the model and original data. We have also estimated the correlation coefficient (Co) of u(t) statistic of SMK 297 between the original and model time series data. For example, the Z statistic of sub series D4 of Barisal is 0.76 298 which is the nearest to Z statistic (0.72) of original data among the different models (Table 1). Moreover, Z 299 statistic of D3+D4+A combination is 0.56 which is the second nearest value to original time series with high 300 correlation coefficient (Co = 0.85) between the u(t) time series of original data and D3+D4+A combination time 301 series. Again D4 is present, hence D4 (16-years) is the dominant periodic components on the trend in original 302 data. However, D3 have also effect on the trend in the data. Therefore, D4 (16-years) is the basic periodic 303 component, but 8-years (D3) periodicity has also effect on the trend. An additional example, original time series 304 Z (2.47) statistic of Bhola station is closest to Z (2.36) statistic of D2+D4+A combination, however when we 305 look separately we found that no individual component is responsible for trend in data as D2 (Z = 0.61 with Co 306 = 0.21), D4 (1.20 with Co = 0.81), D2+ A (Z = 0.48) and D4+A (0.90). It is also notable that trend in original 307 time series is statistically significant, trend in D2+D4+A combination is significant among different model of 308 DWT data and Z statistic is also closest to the original. Moreover, Z statistic values of D4 components are higher 309 than D2 components and Co values of SMK are also higher. It is, therefore, clear that D4 is main periodic 310 components responsible for trend in data, however D2 has also effect on the trend as after adding this trend 311 become significant similar to the original time series. Almost half of the stations show the harmoniousness 312 between the Z statistic of D3+D4+A combination and original data. When we have done research separately in 313 subseries D3 and D4, it is found that the higher relationship exists between D4 and original data based on 314 correlation coefficient of SMK. Again, three stations (Dinajpur, Ishurdi and Jessore) show the similarity of 315 estimated Z statistic of original data and D1+D4+A combination with higher Co values of u(t) statistic of SMK 316 between D4 subseries and original data except Ishurdi. However, only the two stations (Bhola and Satkhira) 317 show significant trends in original data and the closest Z statistic between original data and model data is found 318 in D2+D4+A combination model for both the cases. Again, D4 (16-years periodicity) is the dominant periodic 319 component based Co for both stations. Therefore, 16-years periodicity is main periodic components over the 320 study area. Moreover, D3 (8-years) periodicity have also some effect on the trends and present almost in some 321 stations (Table 1 and also see ESM Table S1). Partal and Küçük (2006) found 16-years periodicity is dominant 322 in annual rainfall in Marmara region in Turkey. Araghi et al. (2016) found that 8 to 16 years periodicity is 323 responsible for trends in annual temperature in Iran.





## 325 **3.2.2** A<sub>ET</sub>

326 All of the stations except Bogra station show decreasing trends in  $A_{\rm ET}$  and the calculated Z statistic rages from -2.90 in Bogra station to 0.31 in Ishurdi station. Similar to the trends in PET, trends in AET are also insignificant at 327 328 5% significance level except Ishurdi station which shows significant (5%) decreasing trend in  $A_{\rm ET}$ . The 329 magnitudes of the trends of original data vary from -5 mm/year in Faridpur station to 0.75 mm/year in Bogra 330 station. Distribution of the magnitude of trend is shown in Figure 4b. The periodicity in  $A_{\rm ET}$  is slightly different 331 from  $P_{\text{ET}}$  (see ESM Table S2). Almost half of the (five) stations show that D2 (4-year) is the dominant periodic 332 component and D4 (16-years) has also effects on trend as Z statistic of D2+D4+A is the nearest to original series 333 for Khulna and Ishurdi stations. Moreover, D4 is dominant periodicity for Rangpur and Rajshahi stations. In 334 addition, D1 is the dominant periodicity in Barisal, Bhola and Bogra stations. AET depends on climatic factors 335 such as  $P_{\rm ET}$  and rainfall as well as on soil moisture conditions. The variations in periodicity of  $A_{\rm ET}$  from  $P_{\rm ET}$ , 336 hence, are mainly related to soil moisture conditions of the area.

## 337 3.2.3 Surplus

Almost 82% stations show insignificant decreasing trends in annual surplus of water. The magnitude of trends of original data ranges from -11.63 mm/year to 6.71 mm/year (Figure 4c). There is a similarity in periodicity characteristics of  $P_{\text{ET}}$  and surplus (See EMS Table S3). D4 (16-years) is the main periodic component presents in seven stations and most of the cases D2 is also present (D2+D4+A) except Rajshahi. D3 (8-years) is mainly responsible for trend in surplus in three stations. Surplus mainly occurs during the rainy season (Jun-Oct) in the study area when soil moisture almost full and  $A_{\text{ET}}$  is equal to  $P_{\text{ET}}$ . Surplus mainly depends on rainfall. Therefore, it also provides idea about the periodicity in rainfall.

#### 345 3.2.4 Deficit

Approximately 73% stations show increasing trends in annual deficit of water. The increasing trends are significant in two stations at 95% confidence level (see ESM Table S4). However, Satkhira station shows significant decreasing trend (Z = -2.08) in deficit. The magnitude of trends of original data rages from -8.1 to 7.7 mm/year (Figure 4b). The periodicity analysis reveals that D4 (16-years) periodicity is the main responsible factor for trends in deficit and the Z statistic of D2+D4+A combination is close to the Z statistic of original time series data (ESM Table S4). D3 (8-years periodicity) is also responsible for two stations.

#### 352 **3.3 Model Selection and Forecasting Ability**

353 Firstly, ARIMA model has been selected for forecasting the WBC time series. Four steps have been taken 354 during the time series modeling: (1) stationarity of the data checked by Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test, 355 (2) auto-correlation function (ACF) for selecting the order of MA process (see ESM Fig. S2-S5), (3) partial 356 auto-correlation (PACF) for order of AR process (see ESM Fig. S2-S5) and (4) finally, selecting the appropriate 357 model based on several trials, model estimation criteria of Akaike information criterion (AIC) and Bayesian 358 information criterion (BIC). During the trails for selecting the model, besides the manual models selection based 359 on ACF, PACF, AIC and BIC, auto ARIMA function of 'forecast' package (Hyndman et al., 2017) of R (R 3.4.0 language developed by R Development Core Team, 2016) has been used to get reasonable information 360 about the nature of the data for modeling. The best model has been selected based on lower values of AIC, BIC, 361





362 and higher value of  $R^2$ . The Q-Q plot has been prepared to check the normality of residual. The performance of 363 ARIMA (model parameters can be found in ESM Table S5) model has been evaluated by NSE and  $R^2$  (Table 2). 364 The estimated values of NSE of ARIMA model of PET time series vary from -0.60 for Bhola station to 0.81 for 365 Jessore station (Table 2). ARIMA models for almost all stations show unsatisfactory performance as the average 366 NSE value of eleven stations is 0.38 and  $R^2$  values range from 0.10 to 0.81 with an average of 0.38. Moreover, 367 NSE value of Bhola station indicates that ARIMA model is not suitable for forecasting the PET. ARIMA model has also been applied to  $A_{\rm ET}$ , surplus and deficit. After carefully checking the ACF and PACF (see ESM Figure 368 369 S2-S5), it is found that there is no significant spikes in ACF and PACF. Moreover, results obtained from auto 370 ARIMA functions also show similar results. Therefore, ARIMA model is not satisfactory for forecasting the 371 variability or changing pattern in AET. For other two WBC such as, the performance of ARIMA model is almost 372 similar except few cases. As the hydro-meteorological data are affected by noise from different hydro-physical 373 processes (Wang et al., 2014) as a result ARIMA models show the unsatisfactory performances. To improve the 374 model performance, it is necessary to remove the noise from the data. DWT denoising has been applied to the 375 WBC data in the present study and the qualities of the denoised data have been checked before further 376 processing. The important criterions to select a method for denoising the time series using wavelet 377 transformation are the mean of the original series and wavelet denoised series should be close; however standard 378 deviation of denoised series should be less than the original series (Wang et al., 2014). Figure 5(a) displays 379 mean of the actual time series of PET and mean of wavelet denoised time series of PET. It is seen that there are no 380 visible differences between the mean of original series and DWT wavelet denoised series. However, the 381 standard deviation of  $P_{\rm ET}$  of denoised series is lower than original series (Figure 5b).  $A_{\rm ET}$ , surplus and deficit 382 time series also show the similar results (see ESM Figure S4-S5). Moreover, lag-1 auto-correlation of denoised 383 time series must be higher than the original time series (Wang et al., 2014) for hydro-meteorological data. For 384 this consideration, wavelet denoised series also shows that lag-1 absolute value of auto-correlation is higher than 385 that of original series value (see ESM Figure S2 (b), S3 (b), S4 (b) and S5 (b)).

386 The performances of ARIMA models of wavelet denoised WBC time series data are given in Table 2. After 387 denoising the data, the model performance, in generally, is satisfactory for all WBC time series data (Table 2). 388 The average NSE value of wavelet ARIMA model for  $P_{\rm ET}$  time series of eleven stations located in the western part of Bangladesh is 0.76 with an average of  $R^2$  is 0.67. Both of these performance indicators reveal that 389 390 wavelet ARIMA models perform better than ARIMA model of actual data (Table 2). Moreover, the average 391 NSE value of wavelet ARIMA models of AET time series of these stations is 0.92 that indicates the performance of the model is very good and the average  $R^2$  value is 0.89 that indicates the model can explain almost 89% 392 393 variance of the data (Table 2). Results obtained from wavelet ARIMA models of annual surplus and annual 394 deficit also indicate very good performances of the models (Table 2). The average NSE value of eleven stations 395 of wavelet ARIMA models for annual surplus is about 0.92 with average  $R^2$  value is 0.90 that also indicates very 396 good performance of the models. Wavelet ARIMA models for annual deficit (average NSE=0.88) show good 397 performance. The comparative study of wavelet ARIMA models of WBC reveals that model performances are very good or good for  $A_{\rm ET}$ , annual surplus and deficit; however performance is acceptable for  $P_{\rm ET}$ . This 398 deviation may arises from the variability of the  $P_{\rm ET}$  is higher than others WBC or may related to the variability 399 400 of climatic variables.





401 Moreover, validations of the models have been done to explore the forecasting ability of the fitted models. 402 The mean percentage error  $(E_{\rm MP})$  of the forecasted values for the four year period from 2008-09 to 2012-13 has 403 been calculated to know the percentage bias of the forecasted data (Table 3). The average  $E_{MP}$  of eleven stations 404 of wavelet ARIMA model for  $P_{\rm ET}$  is -0.6 (with ranges from 0.75 to -3.34) that indicates the forecasted values for 405 the hydrologic year 2009-10 to 2012-13 are slightly lower than the actual values. The typical plots of the actual 406 time series data versus fitted model data, normal Q-Q plot of residuals of the models; and actual and observed 407 values of WBC (plots for all stations can be found in ESM Fig. S6-S9) are shown in Figure 6. The plot of actual 408 versus forecasted values (Figure 6) indicate that generally the actual verses forecasted values are very close for 409 the hydrologic years 2009-10 and 2010-11, however the differences are generally increases after these periods 410 for all WBC (also see ESM Figure S5). Moreover, the actual versus model calculated fitted values are very close 411 to each other's and the normal Q-Q plots reveals that residuals of the models are near normal. The  $E_{\rm MP}$  values 412 for wavelet denoised ARIMA models for  $A_{\rm ET}$  range from -0.7 to 0.2 with an average of -0.09 that also indicates 413 forecasted values are slightly lower than actual  $A_{\rm ET}$  values. The  $E_{\rm MP}$  values for annual surplus (average = -0.75) 414 and annual deficit (average = -0.12) are almost similar to the  $A_{\rm ET}$  and  $P_{\rm ET}$ . It is also notable that the average  $E_{\rm MP}$ 415 values for all WBC are negative which indicate that the forecasted values of WBC are slightly lower than the 416 actual values for most of stations.

## 417 **4. Summary and Conclusions**

418 The study explores the changes in WBC using wavelet aided various forms of MK test and develop wavelet 419 aided ARIMA models for forecasting the WBC. The results obtained from trends analysis indicate that 420 decreasing trends are dominant in all WBC in the western part of Bangladesh during the period of 1982-83 to 421 2012-13. However, most of the trends are insignificant at 95% confidence level. One positive and one negative 422 significant trend in  $P_{\rm ET}$  have been found in Satkhira and Bhola stations respectively. The study analyzed 423 different combinations of D and A (i.e. D+A and D+A+A) components of DWT with Co of u(t) statistic of 424 SMK test that provides details information about the dominant periodicity that clearly affects the trend in 425 original data and the time period which has also effect on trend in data (see section trend and periodicity or for 426 example of Bhola station). These findings of the study reveal that to get details about the time period responsible 427 for trends in data; it is necessary to analyze different combinations of D+A and D+A+A components rather than 428 only details component (D) or approximation of wavelet transform data. Moreover, study explored that changes 429 in temperature or rainfall or both of these are not only associated with changes in  $P_{\rm ET}$ . Before concluding the 430 attribute of changes in  $P_{\rm ET}$ , it is necessary to do details analysis of all the climatic variables and climate controlling phenomena like El Niño Southern Oscillations (ENSO). In the western part of Bangladesh, D3 (8-431 432 years) and D4 (16-years) components have dominant effects on trends in original WBC time series data. D2 (4-433 years) periodicity are also present in some cases especially for AET. As surplus occurs during the rainy season 434 and most of the rainfall occurs during this season; it may point out that rainfall pattern may have similar 435 periodicity (D3 to D4).

436 Modeling of the study reveals that WBC are affected by noises from different hydro-physical interactions as a 437 results classic ARIMA models show unsatisfactory performance for most of the cases (for example  $P_{\rm ET}$ ) or 438 unable to model the variability and changes in  $A_{\rm ET}$ , surplus and deficit. The study showed that ARIMA model 439 can be used to model the WBC time series after the denoising the WBC time series using DWT with universal





440 threshold. The quality of wavelet denoised time series data has been evaluated and found satisfactory results for 441 WBC denoising. The performances of the models evaluated statistically (average NSE values with  $R^2$  of eleven stations located in western part of Bangladesh are 0.76 with  $R^2$  is 0.67 for  $P_{\rm ET}$ ; 0.92 with  $R^2$  is 0.89 for  $A_{\rm ET}$ ; 0.92 442 443 with  $R^2$  is 0.90 for annual surplus; and 0.88 with  $R^2$  is 0.88 respectively) show that performances of the wavelet 444 ARIMA models are acceptable to very good for the short term forecasting of WBC as the validation for the 445 period of 2009-10 to 2012-13 shows acceptable  $E_{MP}$  values, however the gap between the actual data and 446 forecasted data increases with increasing time period. The obtained results are encouraging for further studies to 447 find out a realistic model for real world application under the changing climate. The results of the study can be 448 incorporated to water resources management plans for highly irrigated western part of Bangladesh where 449 groundwater resources at critical stage. Further studies, therefore, denoising of hydrological time series data 450 using different wavelet such as haar, coiflet and determination of thresholds using MINMAX, SURE or entropy 451 based adaptive denoising approaches; comparisons of different combinations, would be helpful for developing 452 the better models for hydro-climatic time series in context of climate change and would be beneficial for 453 managing water resources in sustainable manner.

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747 Figure 3: Sequential values of the statistics *u*(*t*) of (a) Satkhira station and (b) Bhola station.













795Figure 6: Plot of best wavelet ARIMA model first panel represents actual versus fitted values for the<br/>period of 1981-82 to 2012-2013, second panel is normal Q-Q plot of residuals of the model, and third<br/>panel shows actual, fitted and forecasted values for 2009-2010 to 2012-13 (a)  $P_{\rm ET}$  of Rangpur station<br/>located in north; (b)  $A_{\rm ET}$  of Ishurdi station located in the central part, (c) deficit of Rajshahi station<br/>located in NW Bangladesh and (d) surplus of Bhola station located in south of the study area.800





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802	Table 1: Z statistic of MK or MMK of original time series, approximation and different models PET of DWT
803	(the dominant components are bold and asterisk for significant at 5% level)

Stations	Barisal			Bhola				Bogra		Dinajpur		
Models	Ζ	Со	MSE	Ζ	Со	MSE	Ζ	Со	MSE	Ζ	Со	MSE
Original	0.72			2.37*			-0.20			-0.98		
А	-1.80	0.24	11.56	-1.80	-0.15	17.15	-1.80	0.83	4.66	-1.80	0.83	3.47
D1	0.91	0.50	0.50	2.02*	0.25	0.68	1.16	-0.42	5.10	-		
D2	-0.03	0.17	1.51	0.61	0.21	0.94	0.16	0.60	3.70	0.43	0.63	8.82
D3	0.45	0.17	1.51	0.46	0.21	0.94	1.08	0.60	3.70	0.90	0.63	8.82
D4	0.76	0.37	3.93	1.20	0.80	7.28	1.14	0.13	3.76	2.10*	-0.03	13.35
D1+A	-0.89	0.35	0.71	1.58	0.11	0.72	-2.35*	0.90	0.54	-1.70	0.95	0.44
D2+A	-1.51	0.14	2.75	0.48	0.13	1.05	-1.54	0.89	0.62	-2.05*	0.93	1.25
D3+A	-0.66	0.50	1.90	0.31	0.14	1.23	-1.91	0.89	5.72	-1.56	0.95	3.03
D4+A	0.06	0.53	9.99	0.90	0.77	8.71	-0.34	0.58	7.32	-1.79	0.85	2.41
D1+D2+A	-0.89	0.35	0.82	0.73	0.39	0.68	-1.12	0.88	0.77	-1.76	0.97	0.18
D1+D3+A	-0.81	0.58	0.88	0.79	0.31	0.69	-1.33	0.87	0.89	-1.51	0.98	0.38
D1+D4+A	0.91	0.63	1.16	2.29*	0.83	0.35	0.24	0.87	0.53	-1.15	0.97	0.20
D2+D3+A	-0.46	0.43	1.24	1.01	0.08	2.42	-1.33	0.89	1.10	-1.37	0.96	1.35
D2+D4+A	0.54	0.50	2.84	2.36*	0.77	0.68	0.10	0.88	0.60	-1.27	0.94	0.85
D3+D4+A	0.56	0.85	2.04	1.83	0.90	0.74	-0.30	0.87	1.37	-1.54	0.96	2.10

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805 Table 2: Comparison of performance of ARIMA model and wavelet ARIMA model

		Р	ET		Α	ET	Surp	olus	Deficit		
Stations	ARIMA		Wavelet ARIMA		Wavelet ARIMA		Wavelet ARIMA		Wavelet ARIMA		
	NSE	$R^2$	NSE	$R^2$	NSE	$R^2$	NSE	$R^2$	NSE	$R^2$	
Barisal	0.42	0.43	0.95	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.99	0.99	0.87	0.87	
Bhola	-0.57	0.10	0.95	0.61	0.98	0.59	0.99	0.99	0.56	0.67	
Bogra	0.52	0.50	0.68	0.63	0.97	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.95	0.95	
Dinajpur	0.54	0.52	0.99	0.79	0.98	0.98	0.84	0.95	0.95	0.94	
Faridpur	0.32	0.30	0.65	0.50	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.87	0.88	
Ishurdi	0.34	0.31	0.39	0.57	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.56	0.88	0.89	
Jessore	0.81	0.81	0.76	0.67	0.82	0.82	0.96	0.96	0.82	0.77	
Khulna	0.31	0.29	0.45	0.41	0.98	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.94	0.94	
Rajshahi	0.58	0.56	0.60	0.61	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.97	
Rangpur	0.19	0.20	0.98	0.98	0.84	0.92	0.47	0.49	0.86	0.84	
Satkhira	0.77	0.20	0.95	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	
Avg.	0.38	0.38	0.76	0.67	0.92	0.89	0.92	0.90	0.88	0.88	

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	Stationa	Р	ET	Α	ET	Sur	plus	Def	ficit	
	Stations	ME	F	ME	F	ME	F	ME	F	

Stations	1	EI	11	EI	Duij	pius	Denen		
Stations	ME	$E_{\rm MP}$							
Barisal	0.07	-0.02	-5.36	-0.70	-0.70	-0.10	0.80	0.29	
Bhola	0.75	0.06	-0.10	-0.01	-0.80	-0.10	0.80	0.29	
Bogra	-0.75	-0.19	0.19	0.02	-1.10	-0.10	-0.07	-0.03	
Dinajpur	-0.16	-0.01	-0.19	-0.02	-0.10	0.00	-0.17	-0.10	
Faridpur	-2.22	-0.25	-0.77	-0.07	-0.10	0.00	1.05	0.39	
Ishurdi	0.34	-0.16	-0.45	-0.05	-0.20	0.00	0.72	0.25	
Jessore	0.11	-0.02	0.26	0.02	0.70	0.00	1.52	-2.42	
Khulna	-1.56	-0.22	-0.53	-0.05	0.60	0.10	0.01	-0.01	
Rajshahi	-3.34	-0.35	-0.11	-0.01	-0.60	-0.10	-0.14	0.08	
Rangpur	-0.11	-0.01	-0.40	-0.05	-8.50	-7.90	-0.05	-0.14	
Satkhira	0.54	0.04	-0.36	-0.04	0.50	0.10	-0.43	0.12	
Avg.	-0.57	-0.10	-0.71	-0.09	-0.95	-0.75	0.37	-0.12	

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