

## PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES OVER GREECE DURING THE COLD PERIOD

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**Abstract:** *The distribution of monthly precipitation amounts during the cold period (November-April) for 42 selected met. stations over Greece have been investigated in an effort to determine the fit of monthly values to a normal distribution. The chi-square test has been used to determine if the assumption of the respective normal distribution is justified.*

*It was concluded with 95% certainty that the monthly precipitation data over Greece during the cold period follow the Caussian distribution.*

*Further, useful for climatological studies and forecasting, tables are obtained, giving the probability of receiving rainfall amounts  $\geq$  than a given amount of precipitation separately for each month of the cold period. Also, a series of maps of isolines of probability giving selected monthly rainfall amounts  $\geq$  25.0 mm or 50.0 mm have been introduced to characterize the regional patterns of precipitation over Greece.*

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Precipitation is undoubtedly a very important meteorological and climatological component. Apart from its theoretical interest, the study of precipitation is of the greatest significance in agricultural activities and hydrological applications as well as in tourist planning. In fact, it is the regulating or decisive factor in a vast number of human activities.

The study of the probability of obtaining a certain amount of precipitation is an important element in general forecasting. Equally important is the statistical analysis of a series of given amounts of precipitation in a given place and for a given period of time.

A large number of publications in Greek on precipitation in general is available. However, those among them concerned with the formulation of mathematical expressions or curves (which can be used in short or long-term forecasting) are very few; we are mentioning the following: MONOPOLIS<sup>9</sup>, where is examined the possibility of using the distri-

bution “Γ,, with double parameters for processing rainfall data during the warm period.

FLOCAS<sup>2</sup>, where an application of the above “Γ,, distribution is proposed for a statistical analysis of monthly rainfall data in 44 stations of the Greek area; the probability of getting precipitation  $\geq$  than a given amount in the warm period, that is from May to October, is examined. ANGOURIDAKIS<sup>4</sup>, in whose paper an application of the Polya’s method is being made for rain periods in Thessaloniki and for a long period of observations.

In the present paper precipitation data gathered in 42 meteorological stations covering the entire Greek area during a period of 25 years (1950-74)<sup>4,6,7,8,10</sup> are examined. Tables and curves are formed which can give the probability of obtaining  $\geq$  than a given amount of precipitation for the cold period, that is from November to April. The values and curves obtained are useful for climatological studies and forecasting. They also explain—by following synoptic Climatology methods—the present distribution of rain over the Greek area.

## 2. METHOD-NORMAL DISTRIBUTION-APPLICATION TO MONTHLY RAINFALL VALUES

As is well known, most meteorological data are studied by application of the normal distribution which is more or less symmetrical to the median value. There are, however, meteorological data whose values can not be normally distributed, as is the case with a variable whose natural minimum value is zero. Precipitation is a case in point. Such a variable is studied by use of the “Γ,, distribution and gives quite satisfactory results in processing precipitation values<sup>2,9</sup>, for the area under examination and for the warm period.

A statistical study of the values given in each series of monthly rainfall amounts corresponding to each of the 42 met. stations of the Greek area, led to the formation of Tables I and II. In these Tables various statistical data are given for each month of the cold period, that is from November to April. An increase of rainfall as compared to summer months is apparent in October (Flocas<sup>2</sup>) all over Greece and this can be attributed to the increase cyclonic activity over the Mediterranean as well as over higher latitudes which also affects the Greek area from this month onward. The cyclonic activity continues in growth during the next months of the cold period with an important maximum in December<sup>5</sup>. As a result, December is considered as the rainest month in Greece.

As can be seen from observations from the 42 stations of the examined area, 27 stations (64%) present a mean maximum value for precipitation in this month (Table I), while 28 stations (67%) present an absolute maximum value in this same month. The stations, however, on Crete and the islands of the Aegean, present a mean maximum value in January. As a rule, precipitation amounts present a decrease in January as compared to December, and the decrease can be important, with rainfall values smaller than those noted in November. This decrease should be attributed not a real diminution of rainfall but to the fact that an important part of precipitation is coming down as snow which can not be accurately measured by rain-gages. Maximum rainfall in December over Greece, can also be explained by the fact that Siberian high is not yet extended to the south during this month.

Maximum rainfall in January, reported from Crete and the Islands of the southern Aegean Sea, can be explained not only by depressions reaching Greece in this month, but also by northern winds due to high pressure systems which reach Crete after travelling over the Aegean and getting richer in water-vapour. We have to add that the snow over Crete and especially over the coast is rarely less frequent than over the mainland and those of the islands situated at higher latitudes. It should also be noted that in the year 1972 and specifically the two months November and December, the absolute minimum monthly rainfall values have been observed at a percentage of 86% of all observing stations (Table II).

Tucker<sup>11</sup>, in his study of rainfall distribution in Texas, which also included the calculation of the probability of observations of rainfall amounts  $\geq$  than a given precipitation value, has found out that a 84% of the examined values for monthly and a 62% for yearly rainfall values can be computed as a normal distribution.

In the present paper, each climatological series, comprising monthly rainfall values for the cold period (November-April) is examined by use of the Gaussian (normal) distribution. This distribution has the following form:

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot u^2} du \quad (1)$$

where:  $u = \frac{(X - \bar{x})}{\sigma}$ ,  $F(t)$  is the probability that the variable

is between  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ,  $X$  is the magnitude of the variable and  $x$  and  $\sigma$  are the mean and the standard deviation respectively. By using the distribution (1), and for each climatological series of monthly values of precipitation for each station of the Greek area and for each month of the cold period November-April, the parameters  $x$  and  $\sigma$  of the normal distribution have been computed and are given in Table I. Also the probabilities for receiving equal or less than selected amounts of monthly precipitation were computed from the following form (Probability density function) of the Gaussian equation<sup>3</sup>.

$$f(X) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot u^2} \quad (2)$$

while the probabilities of receiving more than selected amounts of monthly precipitation were computed from the following equation<sup>3</sup>:

$$F(X) = 1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot u^2} \right\} \quad (3)$$

In order to check good agreement of the given monthly precipitation values to normal distribution, the distribution  $X^2$  is used, with a significant level equal to 95% ( $\alpha = 0,05$ ). By application of the  $X^2$  test in a number of 27 met. stations over the Greek area, with an observational period of 21 to 25 years, and for each month separately, we find in all cases and for the corresponding degree of freedom  $X^2 < X^2_{0,05}$ . Therefore it was concluded with 95% certainty that the monthly precipitation over Greece during the cold season follows the Gaussian distribution.

### 3. MONTHLY VALUES OF PRECIPITATION PROBABILITY.

As is well known, the flora and fauna of a given region closely depend on a precipitation.

All agricultural activities, including season of sowing, irrigation, specification of crops, regulation of the fertilizing time-table, combatting of diseases, depend also on precipitation. The evaluation of precipitation amounts all over the year is of primary importance, all the more so as the precipitation deficit during the summer months and for various crops, can be met with by use of irrigation and sprinkler systems. However, the amount and extent of use of these modes of irrigation will

closely depend on natural precipitation values over the region that have been observed during the cold period. We must bear in mind, of course, that an important percentage of agricultural growth and thus of the economy depend on the use of irrigation and spinkler systems. We also bear in mind that in planning an irrigation project, the amount of precipitation is the most important factor indicating the works that will have to be realized including an irrigation net and the ground boring for better utilization of under-ground water deposits in a given area. In all these cases, financial considerations are of utmost importance because the final aim in each schedule is maximum growth in crop production with lowest cost, and in planning the above all data concerning precipitation during the cold period are of primary importance. As a result, methods of forecasting precipitation amounts are of great value in planning various land improvement works, for irrigation of large cultivated areas, for the specification of the sowing season and the time of gathering of crops. Equally important is the knowledge of precipitation distribution over a country in planning tourist and recreation activities, another instance of the importance of this weather element for human life.

Our effort aims at giving prediction methods which can be used for estimating monthly precipitation values, applicable over the whole of the Greek area and for each month of the cold period (November to April).

For this purpose, we have applied the theoretical normal distribution to monthly precipitation data for each met. station and we have computed the parameters of the distribution; by use of formula (3), we have calculated the values of precipitation probabilities for amounts  $\geq$  than a given amount of precipitation and at a different rainfall grades.

By use of Tables II to VIII and of Figures 1 to 12, we come to the following conclusions:

During the month of November (Table III), the probability of obtaining a rainfall amount  $\geq 25.0$  mm is of the order of  $> 70\%$  all over the Greek area. Usually, this percentage reaches  $71\%$  to  $95\%$  in all met. stations, with the exception of Thera, where it does not exceed a  $61\%$ . The probability of obtaining an amount  $\geq 50.0$  mm is also high, varying between  $45\%$  and  $95\%$  in all stations with the exception of Thira and Naxos where it reaches  $25\%$  and  $22\%$  respectively.

It should also be noted, that in the met. stations situated on Epirus, Acarnania and Aetolia, the Ionian Islands, on the W and NW coasts and mountainous Peloponnesus, NW Macedonia, North and Eastern

Euboea and on the islands of Rhodes, Samos and Lesbos, the probability of obtaining a monthly rainfall amount  $\geq 100.0$  mm, varies between 40% and 80%, while in the stations of the Ionian Sea, Acarnania, Aetolia and Epirus, the probability of reaching  $\geq 200.0$  mm varies between 33% and 48%.

In figures 1 and 2 a detailed configuration of equal probability curves and for precipitation grades  $\geq 25.0$  mm and  $\geq 50.0$  mm is given.

In the month of December, probability values appear greater than the respective ones in November, for all precipitation grades and all over the Greek area. More specifically, the probability of getting a precipitation amount  $\geq 25.0$  mm or  $\geq 50.0$  mm varies in all stations between 74% and 98% and 49% and 94% respectively, (Table IV, Fig. 3 and 4).

In January the probability for getting precipitation amounts  $\geq 25.0$  mm or  $\geq 50.0$  mm are also high, more specifically, they vary from 87% to 100% and 62% to 90% respectively in most stations (Table V, Figures 5 and 6) with the exception of those of Volos, Thessaloniki (University and Sedes airport), Larissa and Kozani where values are lower. For the same month, in the stations of Acarnania and Aetolia, Epirus, the Ionian Islands, eastern Euboea and the islands of the Eastern Aegean Sea, the probability of getting amounts  $\geq 200.0$  mm varies between 16% and 48%.

In February, the probabilities present decreasing values for all grades of precipitation and for all stations of the area under examination. More specifically, the probability of precipitation  $\geq 25.0$  mm varies between 70% and 95% in all stations. That of getting  $\geq 50.0$  mm reaches 21% to 45% in the met. stations of Athens (National Observatory, Philadelphia, Hellinikon airport), Larissa, Volos, Thessaloniki (University and Sedes airport), Kozani, Corinthos, Milos, Syros and Chalkis while in the rest of the stations it reaches 54% to 94%. The probability values for getting  $\geq 200.0$  mm appear equally diminished varying between 10% and 37% in the met. stations of Epirus, Ionian islands, Eastern Euboea, Rhodes and Samos, (Table VI, Fig. 7 and 8).

In the month of March, the probabilities of getting precipitation amounts  $\geq 25.0$  mm and  $\geq 50.0$  mm remain more or less the same as those of February (Table VII, Fig. 9 and 10) and in almost all stations, while those for  $\geq 100.0$  mm are markedly lower.

In April, probability values for all amounts of precipitation appear lower in all stations. More specifically, the probability of getting rainfall

amounts  $\geq 25.0$  mm varies between 50% and 92% in the stations of Epirus, Ionian islands, the coast and mountains of Peloponnesus (with the exception of the station of Corinthos), Macedonia, Thrace, N. and E. Euboea, Acarnania and Aetolia and NW and NE Crete. The other stations present probabilities varying between 26% and 55%. Only amounts of monthly rainfall  $\geq 15.0$  mm present probabilities from 58% to 98% in all stations.

The probability of getting rainfall amounts  $\geq 50.0$  mm varies between 41% and 79% in the met. stations of Epirus, Acarnania and Aetolia, Ionian islands, Eastern Euboea, NW coasts and mountains of Peloponnesus and NW Thessaly, while the rest of the stations present much lower values varying from 0.0% to 38%. Finally, we should also note that the probability of rainfall amounts  $\geq 100.0$  mm, varies between 10% and 43% only in the stations of Argostolion, Arta, Yannina, Kerkyra and Tripoli, while in certain met. stations and especially those of Crete and the islands of the Southern Aegean probabilities are very small even for getting 0.0 mm, (Table VIII, Fig. 11 and 12).

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## ΠΕΡΙΛΗΨΗ

### ΠΙΘΑΝΟΤΗΤΕΣ ΒΡΟΧΟΠΤΩΣΕΩΝ ΣΤΟΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΙΚΟ ΧΩΡΟ ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΔΙΑΡΚΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΨΥΧΡΗΣ ΠΕΡΙΟΔΟΥ

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Στὴν ἐργασία αὐτὴ ἐλέγχεται ἡ κατανομὴ τῶν μηνιαίων βροχομετρικῶν ὑψῶν κατὰ τὴν διάρκειά τῆς ψυχρῆς περιόδου (Νοέμβριος-Ἀπρίλιος), μετὰ βᾶσιν τὰ βροχομετρικὰ στοιχεῖα 42 μετεωρολογικῶν σταθμῶν, τῆς περιόδου 1950-74, ποὺ καλύπτουν τὸν Ἑλλαδικὸ χῶρο καὶ μετὰ σκοπὸ τὴν προσαρμογὴ τῶν μηνιαίων τιμῶν βροχοπτώσεως σὲ μιὰ κανονικὴ κατανομή.

Ἐφαρμόστηκε τὸ  $\chi^2$ -test καὶ συνάγεται τὸ συμπέρασμα ὅτι—σὲ ἐπίπεδο ἐμπιστοσύνης 95%—τὰ βροχομετρικὰ στοιχεῖα στὸν Ἑλλαδικὸ χῶρο κατὰ τὴν διάρκειά τῆς ψυχρῆς περιόδου, ἀκολουθοῦν τὴν κατανομὴ Gauss.

Συνάγονται πίνακες, ποὺ εἶναι χρήσιμοι γιὰ κλιματολογικὰς μελέτες καὶ ποὺ ἔχουν προγνωστικὴ ἀξία, γιὰ προγνώσεις μεγάλης διάρκειας ὅπου δίνονται οἱ πιθανότητες ἐμφάνισης βροχοπτώσεως  $\geq$  δεδομένου ὕψους, ξεχωριστὰ γιὰ κάθε μῆνα τῆς ψυχρῆς περιόδου.

Ἐπίσης δίνεται σειρά χαρτῶν ὅπου χαράχτηκαν οἱ καμπύλες ἴσης πιθανότητας ἐμφάνισης βροχοπτώσεως  $\geq 25.0$  ἢ  $\geq 50.0$  mm, καὶ οἱ ὁποῖες χαρακτηρίζουν τὴν βροχομετρικὴ συμπεριφορὰ στὸν Ἑλλαδικὸ χῶρο.



TABLE II

Absolute maxima ( $\bar{H}$ ) and minima ( $\underline{H}$ ) monthly rainfall (in mm) over Greece during the cold period (November-April) and for years 1950-1974.

MET. STATIONS	NOVEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL				
	$\bar{H}$	Year	$\underline{H}$	Year	$\bar{H}$	Year	$\underline{H}$	Year	$\bar{H}$	Year	$\underline{H}$	Year	$\bar{H}$	Year	$\underline{H}$	Year	$\bar{H}$	Year		
1. Ath. Gessary.	112.9	1955	2.7	1972	170.7	1962	5.4	1958	117.4	1951	22.5	1950	136.6	1965	0.9	1959	86.5	1950	10.6	1962
2. Paliokleophia	144.7	1955	5.0	1972	150.0	1969	6.5	1955	114.7	1951	30.0	1950	134.2	1965	5.5	1958	88.4	1950	10.6	1962
3. Larvaton of Hellinikon	106.5	1952	5.9	1972	143.1	1962	4.6	1958	114.2	1958	26.2	1963	124.5	1965	0.7	1959	87.3	1973	11.0	1962
4. Artaion	427.0	1952	21.4	1967	429.4	1967	2.9	1955	42.6	1964	267.4	1956	4.1	1959	315.0	1971	1.2	1953	315.4	1963
5. Alexandroupolis	231.2	1966	2.1	1951	198.3	1960	0.0	1962	150.5	1955	11.7	1974	189.6	1956	2.4	1959	128.3	1963	1.9	1957
6. Argostolion	401.9	1952	6.3	1972	464.2	1968	24.2	1955	248.3	1966	69.2	1964	334.3	1965	14.1	1959	198.6	1956	13.0	1953
7. Volos	470.9	1965	49.8	1965	583.4	1968	152.4	1961	308.9	1966	25.0	1960	421.6	1960	32.0	1967	270.3	1971	19.4	1967
8. Voves	164.2	1966	0.3	1971	102.6	1968	13.5	1972	117.7	1976	14.5	1963	54.0	1970	22.2	1966	180.3	1971	31.7	1976
9. Zariptios	339.9	1966	0.6	1967	436.4	1969	84.8	1974	289.5	1972	117.0	1964	222.6	1972	22.8	1966	180.3	1971	31.7	1976
10. Zariptios	113.7	1965	7.7	1965	134.1	1961	16.5	1970	221.1	1957	54.0	1970	186.5	1961	1.4	1958	130.4	1950	5.6	1962
11. Zariptios	121.0	1956	3.6	1970	146.0	1960	0.8	1970	111.0	1951	11.8	1964	114.4	1954	1.5	1958	83.1	1969	7.4	1967
12. Zariptios	101.4	1955	8.7	1972	152.7	1969	0.2	1972	94.6	1951	13.4	1964	96.7	1956	5.6	1958	95.2	1969	5.0	1963
13. Zariptios	144.2	1968	4.0	1965	149.0	1966	18.0	1964	144.0	1965	28.5	1974	154.8	1963	17.5	1975	126.0	1967	12.2	1962
14. Zariptios	303.0	1962	4.3	1967	373.0	1969	37.0	1972	248.3	1973	60.4	1970	245.4	1971	9.7	1965	223.8	1962	33.6	1957
15. Kavala	309.1	1966	7.1	1972	412.9	1969	2.7	1972	188.5	1951	0.0	1964	166.4	1972	1.1	1959	179.2	1971	0.7	1957
16. Katerina	176.0	1968	9.7	1972	335.4	1969	19.8	1973	203.1	1968	43.8	1964	229.8	1971	47.7	1967	146.9	1971	25.0	1967
17. Korinthos	475.4	1958	6.8	1972	503.7	1969	48.9	1965	314.4	1974	14.9	1964	292.5	1963	4.1	1959	246.9	1971	5.0	1967
18. Kozani	166.8	1962	9.0	1970	178.5	1969	3.7	1965	79.6	1960	14.0	1961	85.6	1964	2.0	1950	123.0	1962	1.8	1962
19. Larissa	190.2	1953	3.4	1972	209.1	1962	3.4	1965	166.0	1972	19.5	1957	121.2	1974	2.6	1958	96.4	1961	3.4	1962
20. Lefkara	162.2	1954	03.9	1970	332.5	1966	17.1	1963	217.1	1953	67.6	1968	161.1	1956	5.5	1957	149.8	1950	13.6	1959
21. Lythara	183.5	1967	9.5	1972	412.3	1962	64.8	1965	366.6	1971	48.3	1962	383.1	1970	11.2	1966	311.7	1970	13.0	1962
22. Mytilene	119.1	1953	2.2	1960	121.9	1962	5.3	1972	118.2	1951	7.0	1953	101.5	1956	2.2	1959	86.7	1950	1.0	1967
23. Larissa	130.3	1954	8.0	1967	233.1	1962	6.4	1972	260.7	1951	43.2	1972	130.4	1956	10.9	1959	124.0	1950	22.3	1962
24. Larissa	227.2	1954	7.3	1972	268.0	1969	63.1	1964	205.1	1954	79.9	1950	244.4	1956	3.0	1957	96.9	1961	3.7	1961
25. Meloni	167.3	1954	0.7	1972	241.5	1962	20.9	1972	217.7	1953	33.3	1952	136.0	1971	8.5	1959	217.9	1965	5.0	1959
26. Mytilene	314.0	1955	18.4	1969	345.2	1962	2.2	1972	318.4	1968	15.8	1974	231.6	1965	4.2	1957	151.2	1972	33.7	1961
27. Mytilene	50.0	1974	2.4	1969	156.2	1962	31.7	1973	152.3	1973	14.2	1974	117.2	1974	12.5	1969	116.3	1972	16.1	1966
28. Mytilene	231.7	1966	5.0	1967	332.3	1969	1.5	1972	114.0	1966	13.2	1972	144.9	1963	6.8	1959	145.2	1971	12.0	1967
29. Mytilene	290.5	1962	29.1	1972	362.3	1969	20.7	1972	271.4	1968	16.7	1964	219.0	1956	3.9	1959	167.4	1956	18.0	1961
30. Mytilene	456.2	1955	22.3	1969	460.2	1962	36.5	1972	428.4	1953	43.1	1964	381.0	1961	4.7	1959	245.9	1951	28.6	1961
31. Mytilene	151.1	1966	6.9	1967	105.6	1969	7.1	1972	118.7	1966	14.0	1966	135.1	1963	5.0	1967	301.0	1969	11.3	1962
32. Mytilene	171.2	1962	17.9	1965	194.2	1974	13.7	1973	154.2	1974	50.7	1972	126.6	1971	18.6	1969	95.7	1965	16.6	1973
33. Mytilene	171.2	1962	17.9	1965	194.2	1974	13.7	1973	154.2	1974	50.7	1972	126.6	1971	18.6	1969	95.7	1965	16.6	1973
34. Mytilene	60.4	1962	10.3	1960	82.5	1962	16.5	1972	103.5	1963	27.1	1967	266.0	1963	0.2	1957	102.3	1952	20.5	1959
35. Mytilene	120.2	1972	20.7	1968	140.0	1965	48.9	1974	103.5	1963	27.1	1967	266.0	1963	0.2	1957	102.3	1952	20.5	1959
36. Mytilene	266.4	1962	16.7	1972	345.3	1968	14.0	1965	329.5	1968	48.9	1974	244.5	1966	3.2	1966	153.5	1964	19.1	1967
37. Mytilene	159.7	1962	17.8	1970	237.9	1966	6.0	1965	134.6	1951	21.1	1963	122.3	1974	22.6	1966	131.4	1969	13.4	1962
38. Mytilene	140.4	1955	4.0	1972	203.8	1963	3.1	1968	138.9	1953	28.1	1953	104.5	1956	23.0	1958	81.0	1971	6.9	1972
39. Mytilene	279.9	1953	6.3	1956	236.9	1967	40.3	1963	315.4	1957	63.0	1972	278.7	1956	12.1	1950	159.8	1950	31.3	1959
40. Mytilene	153.6	1974	18.0	1972	304.5	1969	7.0	1972	215.1	1968	30.9	1972	231.3	1965	14.0	1967	122.8	1968	26.2	1972
41. Mytilene																				
42. Mytilene																				

**TABLE III**  
*Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq$  than  
 selected amounts during the month of November  
 over Greece.*

Met. Station	Rainfall amount in mm									
	0 or 0.0 (0/trace)	$\geq 5.0$	$\geq 15.0$	$\geq 25.0$	$\geq 40.0$	$\geq 50.0$	$\geq 80.0$	$\geq 100.0$	$\geq 150.0$	$\geq 200.0$
1. Athens Observ.	0	92	87	79	63	50	17	6	0	0
2. Philadelphia	0	93	88	81	67	57	25	10	0	0
3. Airport of Hellinikon	0	92	85	76	58	45	12	3	0	0
4. Agrinion	0	93	92	91	88	86	78	71	52	33
5. Alexandroupolis	0	91	88	84	78	73	54	42	15	3
6. Argostolion	0	96	95	93	91	89	81	75	56	35
7. Arta	0	94	93	91	89	88	82	77	64	48
8. Volos	0	85	79	71	58	49	24	12	1	0
9. Zakynthos	0	95	93	90	85	82	67	55	26	7
10. Hiraklion	0	87	81	72	56	45	17	6	0	0
11. Univ. of Thessaloniki	0	93	87	79	63	51	18	6	0	0
12. Sedes	0	91	85	76	59	47	15	5	0	0
13. Thera	0	86	76	61	38	25	3	0	0	0
14. Hierapetra	0	90	86	80	70	61	36	21	3	0
15. Yannina	0	97	96	95	93	92	85	80	62	41
16. Kavala	0	88	84	80	73	67	48	36	12	3
17. Kalamata	0	97	96	94	89	85	66	50	15	1
18. Kerkyra	0	97	96	95	93	92	87	82	67	48
19. Kozani	0	95	91	86	75	65	33	16	1	0
20. Korinthos	0	91	87	83	74	68	46	32	8	1
21. Kythira	0	95	92	88	80	74	49	32	6	0
22. Kyri	0	96	93	90	84	79	57	41	11	1
23. Larissa	0	92	87	79	63	51	18	6	0	0
24. Limnos	0	93	89	83	70	60	28	15	0	0
25. Methoni	0	96	95	93	89	85	72	60	29	9
26. Milos	0	88	83	77	66	58	32	18	2	0
27. Mytilini	0	89	86	83	78	75	61	52	29	13
28. Naxos	0	89	79	64	37	22	2	0	0	0
29. Orestias	0	82	78	74	66	61	44	33	12	3
30. Patrai	0	97	95	93	88	84	66	50	17	3
31. Rhodes	0	91	89	86	80	76	61	49	23	7
32. Samos	0	87	84	82	78	75	64	56	37	20
33. Serrai	0	87	82	75	63	54	28	15	2	0
34. Sitia	0	90	85	78	65	56	27	13	1	0
35. Skyros	0	94	90	85	75	66	36	19	2	0
36. Syros	0	99	98	94	81	65	15	2	0	0
37. Trikala	0	95	92	87	76	67	37	20	1	0
38. Tripolis	0	97	95	93	89	86	71	59	27	7
39. Floclna	0	95	92	89	80	77	56	40	11	1
40. Chalkis	0	95	91	85	74	64	31	15	0	0
41. Chania	0	86	82	77	67	63	44	32	10	1
42. Chios	0	91	87	82	73	66	41	26	4	0

**TABLE IV**  
*Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq$  than  
 selected amount during the month of December over Greece*

Met. Stations	Rainfall amounts in mm									
	0 or 0.0 (0/trace)	$\geq 5.0$	$\geq 15.0$	$\geq 25.0$	$\geq 40.0$	$\geq 50.0$	$\geq 80.0$	$\geq 100.0$	$\geq 150.0$	$\geq 200.0$
1. Athens Observ.	0	93	90	85	74	64	34	18	1	0
2. Philadelphia	0	95	92	87	76	67	36	19	1	0
3. Airport of Hellinikon	0	91	87	82	72	64	38	23	3	0
4. Agrinion	0	96	94	93	91	89	81	75	55	33
5. Alexandroupolis	4	95	93	90	84	79	59	44	14	0
6. Argostolion	0	96	95	94	93	91	86	82	68	52
7. Arta	0	96	96	95	93	92	88	85	73	58
8. Volos	0	93	87	79	61	49	16	5	0	0
9. Zakynthos	0	95	95	94	92	90	86	82	69	53
10. Hiraklion	0	99	98	95	87	79	40	17	0	0
11. Univ. of Thessaloniki	0	93	88	82	69	59	28	13	0	0
12. Sedes	0	91	85	78	63	52	22	9	0	0
13. Thera	0	94	91	87	78	71	43	26	4	0
14. Hierapetra	0	96	94	92	88	84	70	57	26	7
15. Yannina	0	97	97	96	94	93	87	82	64	43
16. Kavala	0	84	81	78	72	68	54	44	22	13
17. Kalamata	0	93	91	89	87	84	77	71	52	34
18. Korcyra	0	97	97	96	95	93	89	86	74	58
19. Kozani	0	89	85	79	68	60	35	20	3	0
20. Korinthos	0	90	86	81	73*	66	44	30	7	1
21. Kythira	0	94	93	90	86	83	71	61	34	13
22. Nymi	0	94	92	91	89	87	80	75	58	41
23. Larissa	0	93	89	82	69	59	26	11	0	0
24. Limnos	0	91	88	85	79	74	57	45	18	5
25. Methoni	0	99	98	97	95	93	83	74	43	16
26. Milos	0	92	89	85	78	72	51	36	10	1
27. Mytilini	0	94	93	91	89	86	78	71	50	30
28. Naxos	0	94	90	86	76	67	39	22	2	0
29. Orestias	0	96	92	87	76	67	34	17	1	0
30. Patrai	0	94	92	90	87	84	74	65	41	21
31. Rhodos	0	58	97	96	95	94	89	84	67	46
32. Samos	0	83	85	83	91	90	83	78	61	41
33. Serrai	0	91	88	83	74	72	43	28	6	0
34. Sitia	0	96	96	91	81	71	32	13	0	0
35. Skyros	0	93	90	86	79	74	53	39	12	1
36. Syros	0	100	99	95	82	66	14	2	0	0
37. Trikala	0	96	94	91	85	80	59	43	12	1
38. Tripolis	0	94	93	91	88	86	76	69	47	26
39. Florina	0	93	91	88	84	76	58	44	16	3
40. Chalkis	0	86	80	74	62	53	28	15	2	0
41. Chania	0	96	94	92	87	83	68	55	23	6
42. Chios	0	94	93	91	88	85	76	68	46	26

**TABLE V**  
*Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq$  than  
 selected amounts during the month of January over Greece.*

Met. Stations	Rainfall amounts in mm									
	0 or 0.0 (0/trace)	$\geq 5.0$	$\geq 15.0$	$\geq 25.0$	$\geq 40.0$	$\geq 50.0$	$\geq 80.0$	$\geq 100.0$	$\geq 150.0$	$\geq 200.0$
1. Athens Observ.	0	99	97	92	79	66	21	5	0	0
2. Philadelphia	0	99	97	93	83	73	33	12	0	0
3. Airport of Hellinikon	0	98	95	90	76	62	20	5	0	0
4. Agrinion	0	99	98	97	96	94	87	80	54	26
5. Alexandroupolis	0	97	94	91	84	77	50	32	25	0
6. Argostolion	0	100	100	100	99	99	96	91	64	27
7. Arta	0	98	97	97	95	94	88	83	65	43
8. Volos	0	92	86	77	60	47	15	4	0	0
9. Zakynthos	0	100	100	100	99	99	97	94	77	47
10. Iraklion	0	99	98	97	94	90	71	52	11	1
11. Univ. of Thessaloniki	0	96	92	83	63	53	9	2	0	0
12. Sedes	0	94	88	78	57	41	8	1	0	0
13. Thera	0	99	98	94	85	76	37	16	0	0
14. Hierapetra	9	98	97	96	92	89	76	64	29	7
15. Yannina	0	99	98	97	96	95	89	83	62	37
16. Kavala	4	96	94	90	81	73	44	25	3	0
17. Kalamata	8	100	99	99	97	95	82	67	21	1
18. Korcyra	0	100	100	99	99	98	95	91	72	44
19. Kozani	0	99	95	85	56	33	1	0	0	0
20. Korinthos	0	96	93	90	78	68	34	16	0	0
21. Kythira	0	100	100	99	98	96	84	69	24	3
22. Kymi	0	99	99	99	98	97	93	89	72	48
23. Larissa	0	92	85	74	53	37	7	1	0	0
24. Lannos	0	95	93	90	84	79	60	45	15	2
25. Methoni	0	100	100	100	100	99	95	85	31	2
26. Milos	0	97	95	92	85	79	54	36	6	0
27. Mytilani	0	95	94	92	89	87	77	68	44	21
28. Navos	0	96	93	89	80	72	44	26	3	0
29. Orestias	0	96	92	87	74	63	28	12	0	0
30. Patrai	0	98	97	95	91	88	73	60	24	5
31. Ριζώνες	0	96	95	94	92	90	84	78	61	42
32. Samos	0	97	96	95	93	92	86	83	63	43
33. Serrai	0	98	95	91	81	72	36	17	0	0
34. Sitia	0	100	100	99	98	95	77	55	8	0
35. Skyros	0	96	94	92	84	82	64	50	18	3
36. Syros	0	98	97	93	85	76	41	19	0	0
37. Trikala	0	95	92	89	82	76	53	37	8	1
38. Tripolis	0	98	97	96	93	90	79	68	37	13
39. Florina	0	99	97	94	85	77	41	19	0	0
40. Chalkis	0	97	94	89	76	64	26	9	0	0
41. Chania	0	98	98	96	94	92	82	73	42	16
42. Chios	0	99	96	97	94	92	80	69	35	10

*TABLE VI*  
*Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq$  than*  
*selected amounts during the month of February over Greece.*

Met. Stations	Rainfall amounts in mm									
	0 or 0.0 (0/trace)	$\geq 5.0$	$\geq 15.0$	$\geq 25.0$	$\geq 40.0$	$\geq 50.0$	$\geq 80.0$	$\geq 100.0$	$\geq 150.0$	$\geq 200.0$
1. Athens Observ.	0	89	80	70	50	37	9	2	0	0
2. Philadelphia	0	92	84	74	54	40	9	2	0	0
3. Airport of Hellinikon	0	87	80	70	52	40	12	4	0	0
4. Agrinion	0	93	91	89	85	82	69	60	34	15
5. Alexandroupolis	0	88	84	79	69	62	39	26	5	0
6. Argostolion	0	93	91	89	88	83	73	64	41	21
7. Arta	0	96	95	94	91	89	82	75	55	33
8. Volos	0	98	92	77	43	21	0	0	0	0
9. Zakynthos	0	99	98	97	95	94	86	77	49	21
10. Hiraklion	0	86	82	76	67	60	37	25	5	1
11. Univ. of Thessaloniki	0	90	82	72	52	39	9	2	0	0
12. Sedes	0	88	77	64	40	26	3	0	0	0
13. Théra	0	95	92	86	76	66	35	17	1	0
14. Hieraupetra	0	89	85	81	73	67	48	25	11	1
15. Yannina	0	95	93	92	89	86	77	69	46	25
16. Kavala	0	85	79	73	61	54	31	18	3	0
17. Kalamata	0	98	97	95	92	89	76	64	31	9
18. Kerkyra	0	95	94	92	89	87	78	70	48	26
19. Kozani	0	92	83	71	47	31	4	0	0	0
20. Korinthos	0	85	77	67	50	37	11	3	0	0
21. Kythira	0	90	85	82	80	69	60	34	19	2
22. Kymi	0	94	93	92	89	87	80	74	56	37
23. Larissa	0	92	83	71	47	31	4	0	0	0
24. Limnos	0	92	86	80	66	56	26	12	0	0
25. Methoni	0	93	90	86	79	73	53	39	12	2
26. Milos	4	88	81	72	56	45	16	6	0	0
27. Mytilini	0	93	91	88	83	79	63	51	23	7
28. Naxos	0	95	91	84	68	55	18	6	0	0
29. Orestias	0	93	89	83	71	61	32	16	1	0
30. Patrai	0	94	92	89	83	79	61	44	18	4
31. Rhodes	0	94	92	89	85	81	67	56	28	10
32. Samos	0	93	91	89	85	81	69	60	36	16
33. Serrai	0	91	87	81	69	61	33	18	2	0
34. Sitia	0	97	94	90	80	71	37	18	1	0
35. Skyros	0	94	91	86	76	68	39	22	2	0
36. Syros	0	83	72	60	39	26	5	1	0	0
37. Trikala	0	91	88	84	78	70	53	40	14	3
38. Tripolis	0	95	93	91	86	81	66	53	22	6
39. Florina	0	98	95	91	79	67	27	9	0	0
40. Chalkis	0	91	84	71	50	35	6	1	0	0
41. Chania	0	89	85	82	76	72	57	47	23	8
42. Chania	0	95	93	90	85	81	66	54	25	7

TABLE VII

*Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq$  than selected amounts during the month of March over Greece.*

Met. Stations	Rainfall amounts in mm									
	0 or 0.0 (0/trace)	$\geq 5.0$	$\geq 15.0$	$\geq 25.0$	$\geq 40.0$	$\geq 50.0$	$\geq 80.0$	$\geq 100.0$	$\geq 150.0$	$\geq 200.0$
1. Athens Obs.	0	92	85	74	52	37	6	1	0	0
2. Philadelphia	0	95	89	78	54	37	5	1	0	0
3. Airport of hellinikon	0	93	85	73	50	35	5	1	0	0
4. Agrinion	0	91	88	84	78	73	56	44	18	5
5. Alexandroupolis	0	92	88	81	67	57	25	11	0	0
6. Argostolion	0	96	94	92	87	83	66	52	20	4
7. Arta	0	94	92	90	86	82	69	59	32	12
8. Volos	0	100	99	97	79	55	2	0	0	0
9. Zakynthos	0	96	94	92	86	81	63	48	16	3
10. Hiraclion	0	93	89	82	68	56	23	9	0	0
11. Univ. of Thessaloniki	0	96	91	82	58	41	6	1	0	0
12. Sedes	0	97	91	80	54	35	3	0	0	0
13. Thera	0	97	94	89	76	64	26	10	0	0
14. Hierapetra	0	99	95	89	71	54	11	2	0	0
15. Yannina	0	91	91	89	83	79	63	50	22	6
16. Kavala	4	90	85	79	67	57	29	15	1	0
17. Kalamata	0	99	98	96	91	85	55	31	2	0
18. Kerkyra	4	96	94	92	87	83	68	55	23	6
19. Kozani	0	88	82	74	60	50	22	9	0	0
20. Korinthos	0	97	91	82	69	43	6	1	0	0
21. Kythira	0	98	95	91	78	66	25	8	0	0
22. Kyri	0	95	93	92	88	85	73	63	36	15
23. Larissa	0	98	93	83	58	39	4	0	0	0
24. Limnos	0	90	85	78	66	56	28	15	1	0
25. Methoni	0	99	98	96	89	81	44	20	0	0
26. Milos	0	99	96	90	71	53	8	1	0	0
27. Mytilini	0	95	92	88	79	72	44	27	3	0
28. Navos	0	95	92	82	68	50	14	3	0	0
29. Orostias	0	93	89	83	71	61	31	15	1	0
30. Patrai	0	96	93	88	78	70	39	21	2	0
31. Rhodes	0	93	89	85	78	73	53	39	12	1
32. Samos	0	94	92	90	85	81	64	52	22	6
33. Serrai	0	98	94	88	73	58	17	4	0	0
34. Siglia	0	99	96	91	75	59	15	3	0	0
35. Skyros	0	99	96	92	79	67	24	7	0	0
36. Syros	0	91	84	76	60	48	17	6	0	0
37. Trikala	0	95	92	90	85	80	63	50	20	3
38. Tripolis	0	98	97	94	88	82	54	33	4	0
39. Florina	0	99	97	94	85	76	36	15	0	0
40. Chalkis	0	95	89	79	56	39	6	1	0	0
41. Chania	0	98	97	95	89	83	56	35	5	0
42. Chios	0	100	99	98	94	88	51	24	0	0



**TABLE VIII**  
*Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq$  than  
 selected amounts during the month of April over Greece.*

Met. Stations	Rainfall amount in mm									
	0 or 0.0 (0/trace)	$\geq 5.0$	$\geq 15.0$	$\geq 25.0$	$\geq 40.0$	$\geq 50.0$	$\geq 80.0$	$\geq 100.0$	$\geq 150.0$	$\geq 200.0$
1. Athens Observ.	0	82	66	46	19	8	0	0	0	0
2. Philadelphia	0	84	70	49	20	9	0	0	0	0
3. Airport of Hellinikon	0	85	58	26	3	0	0	0	0	0
4. Agrinion	0	95	90	83	66	52	16	5	0	0
5. Alexandroupolis	0	91	82	69	44	28	3	0	0	0
6. Argostolion	0	90	85	78	64	54	24	10	0	0
7. Arta	0	92	89	86	80	75	56	43	15	3
8. Volos	0	83	68	48	23	11	0	0	0	0
9. Zakynthos	0	92	86	76	57	43	11	3	0	0
10. Hiraklion	4	79	66	53	32	20	3	0	0	0
11. Univ. of Thessaloniki	0	90	81	68	44	29	4	0	0	0
12. Sedes	0	92	81	63	32	16	0	0	0	0
13. Thera	6	79	65	48	24	13	1	0	0	0
14. Hierapetra	0	87	75	59	33	19	1	0	0	0
15. Yannina	0	97	95	92	85	79	54	35	6	0
16. Kavala	0	90	81	68	44	28	4	0	0	0
17. Kalamata	0	89	81	70	51	38	10	2	0	0
18. Kerkyra	0	92	88	83	73	64	37	21	2	0
19. Kozani	0	93	86	74	51	34	5	0	0	0
20. Korinthos	0	81	69	55	33	21	2	0	0	0
21. Kythira	4	82	82	62	39	12	4	0	0	0
22. Kymi	0	86	80	72	58	47	20	8	0	0
23. Larissa	0	83	69	52	26	14	0	0	0	0
24. Limnos	0	85	70	50	21	9	0	0	0	0
25. Methoni	0	86	76	62	40	26	4	0	0	0
26. Milos	4	80	63	44	19	9	0	0	0	0
27. Mytilini	0	83	76	67	52	42	16	7	0	0
28. Naxos	0	73	53	33	11	4	0	0	0	0
29. Orestias	0	98	94	84	58	37	3	0	0	0
30. Patrai	0	95	89	80	60	44	8	1	0	0
31. Rhodis	4	84	67	47	20	8	0	0	0	0
32. Samos	0	83	76	67	53	43	18	8	0	0
33. Serrai	0	93	85	72	46	30	3	0	0	0
34. Sitia	0	88	71	48	16	5	0	0	0	0
35. Skyros	0	76	61	44	22	11	0	0	0	0
36. Syros	11	68	68	43	21	4	1	0	0	0
37. Trikala	0	84	77	68	57	41	15	6	0	0
38. Tripolis	0	92	87	80	66	56	24	10	0	0
39. Florina	0	96	92	84	67	53	15	4	0	0
40. Chalkis	0	88	74	55	26	12	0	0	0	0
41. Chania	4	82	72	61	44	30	7	2	0	0
42. Chios	0	88	77	63	39	24	2	0	0	0

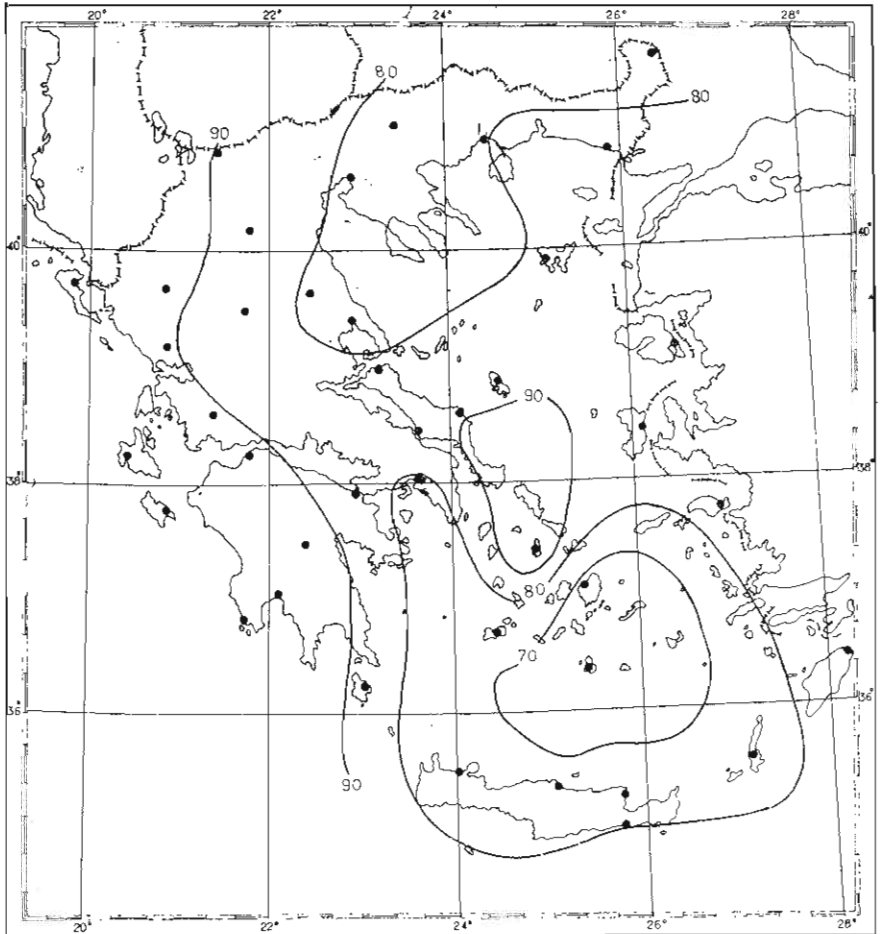


Fig. 1. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 25.0$  mm in November over Greece.

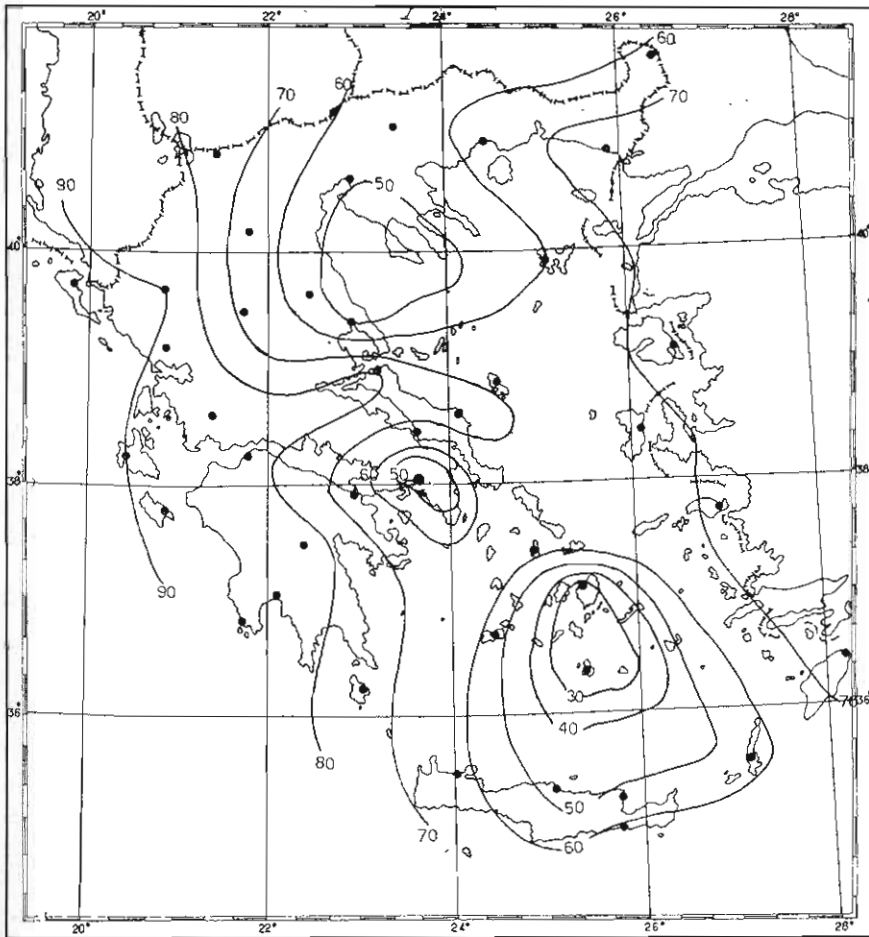


Fig. 2. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 50.0$  mm in November over Greece

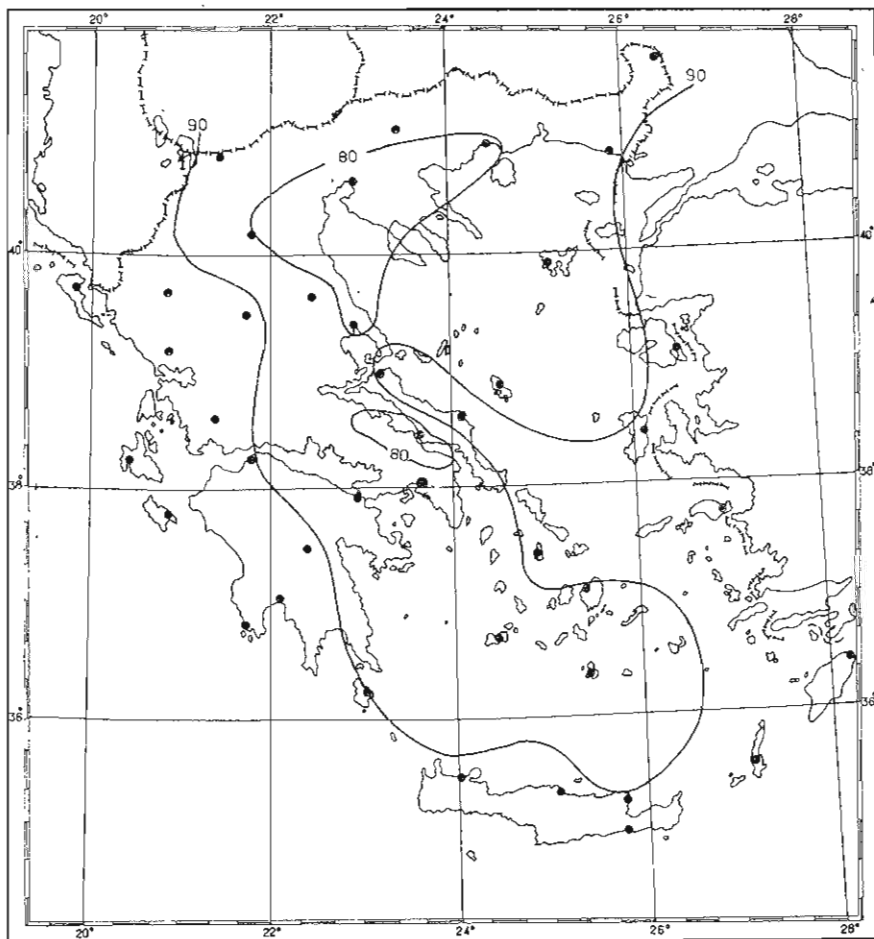


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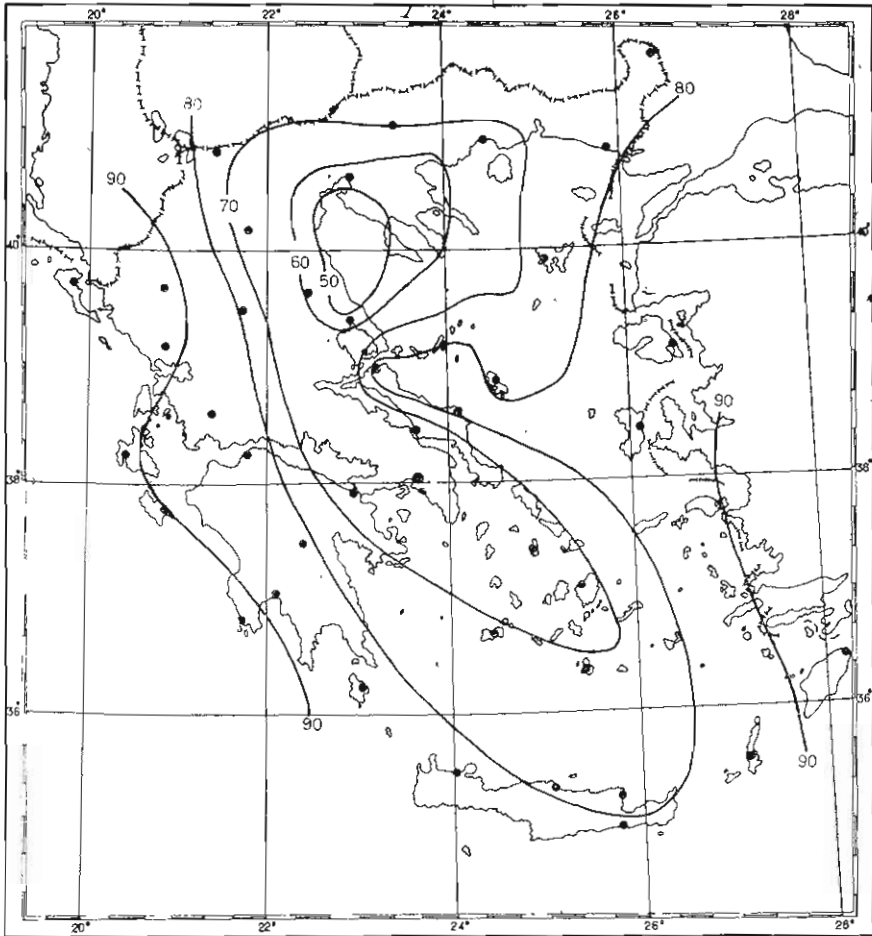


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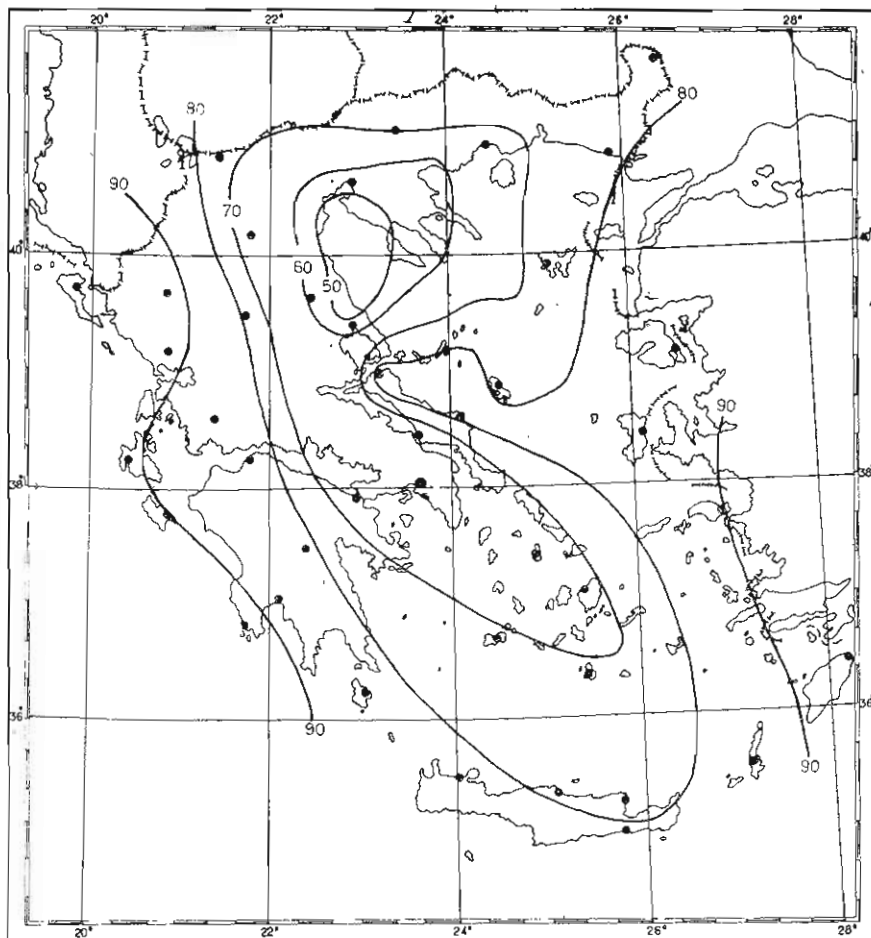


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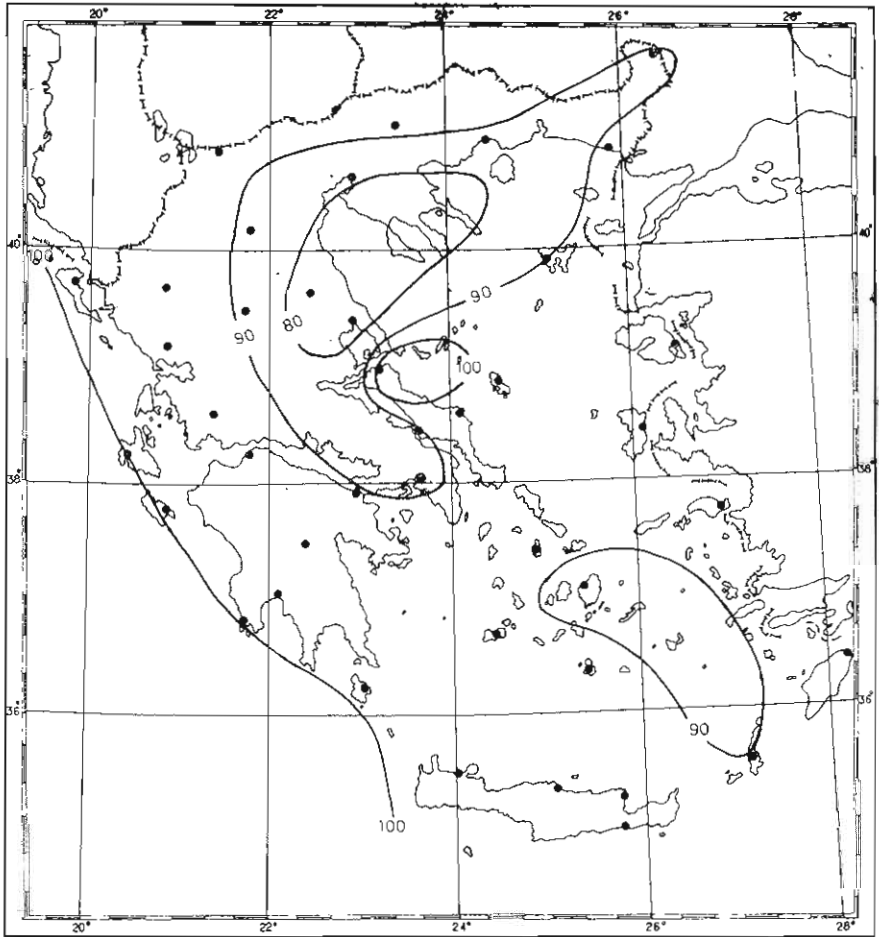


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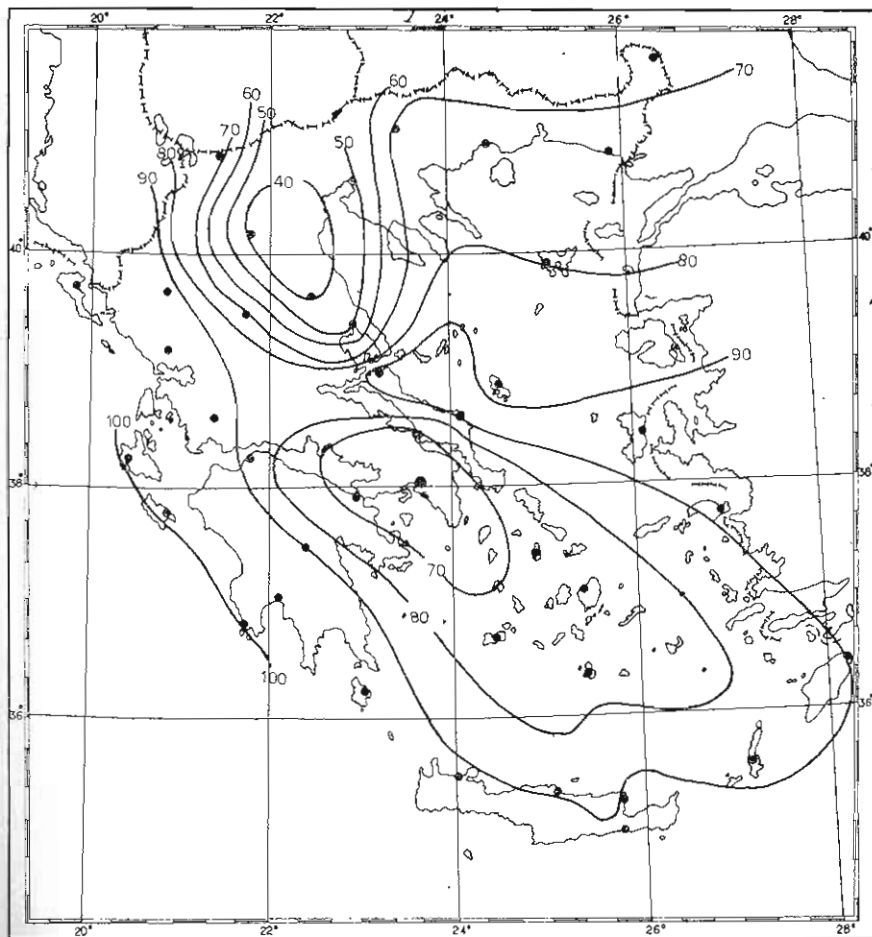


Fig. 6. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 50.0$  mm in January over Greece



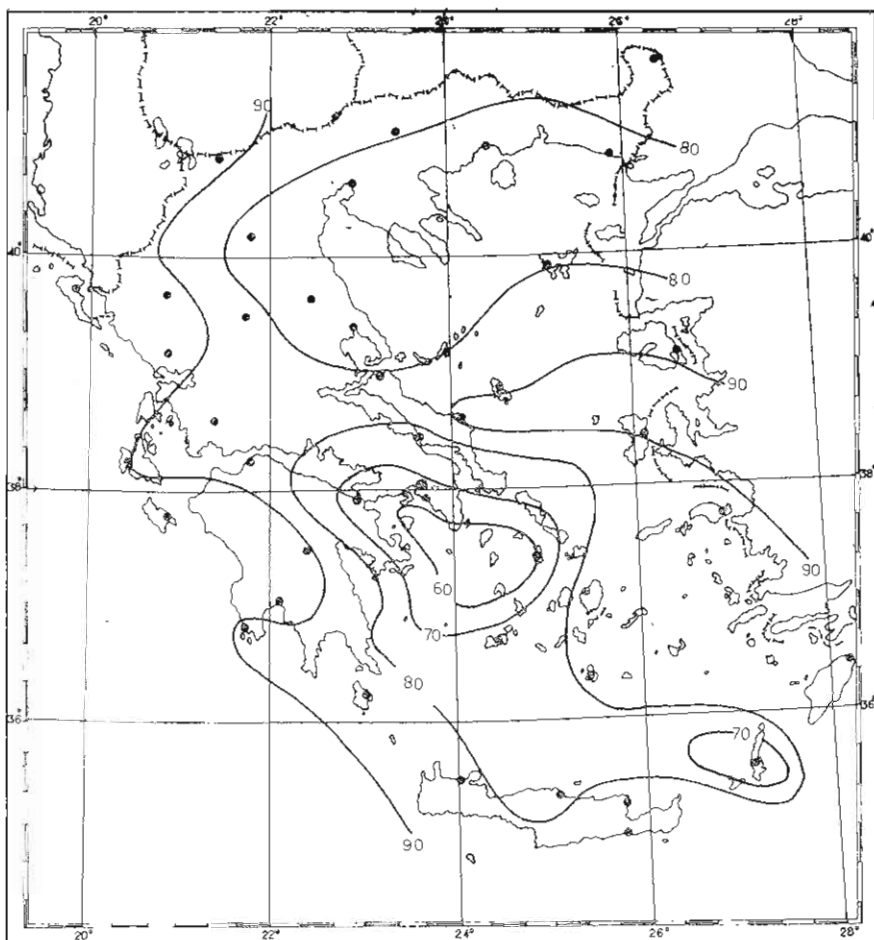


Fig. 7. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 25.0$  mm in February over Greece

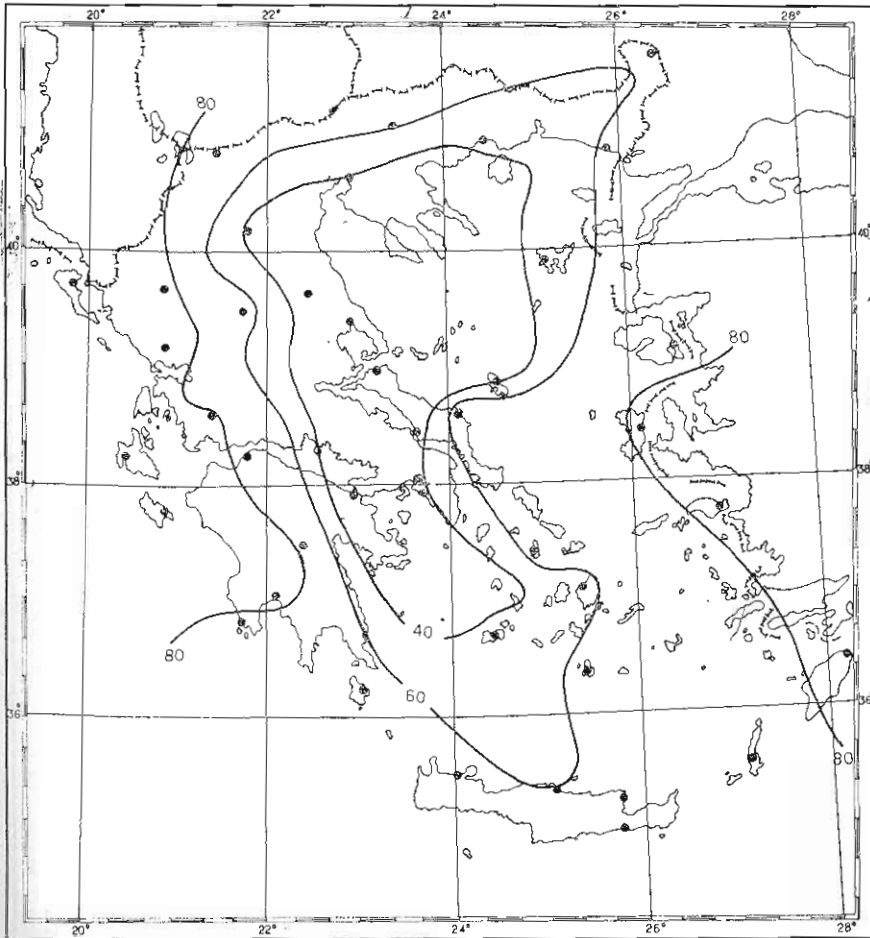


Fig. 8. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 50.0$  mm in February over Greece

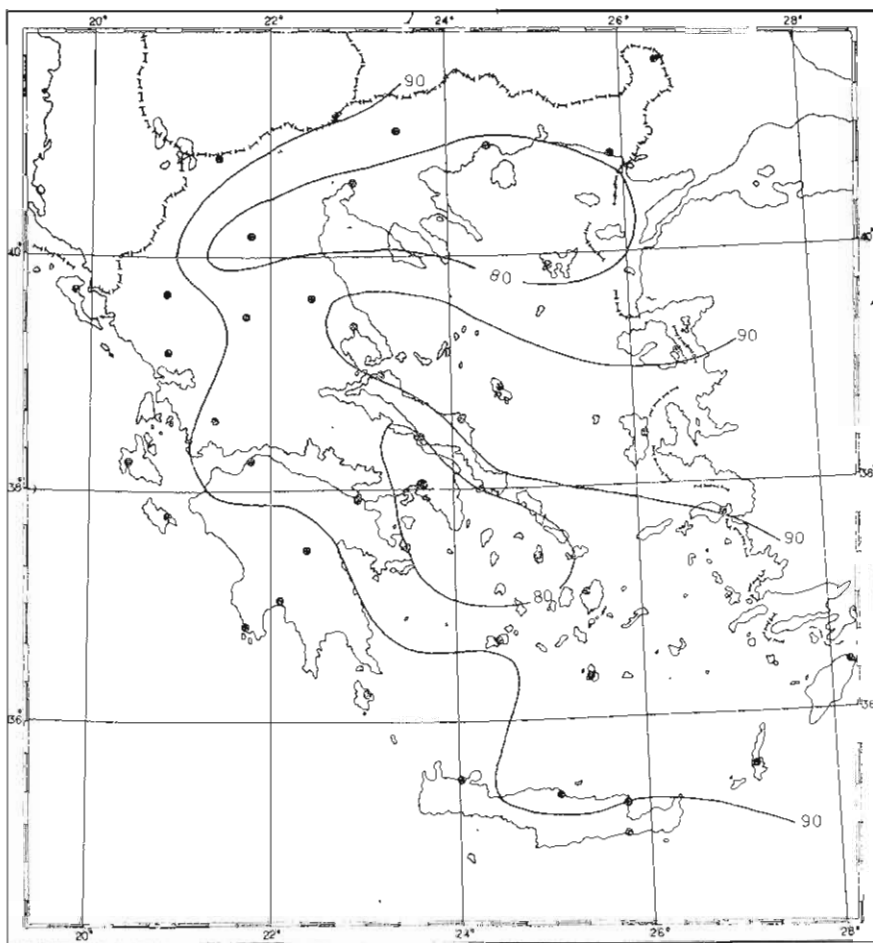


Fig. 9. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 25.0$  mm in March over Greece.

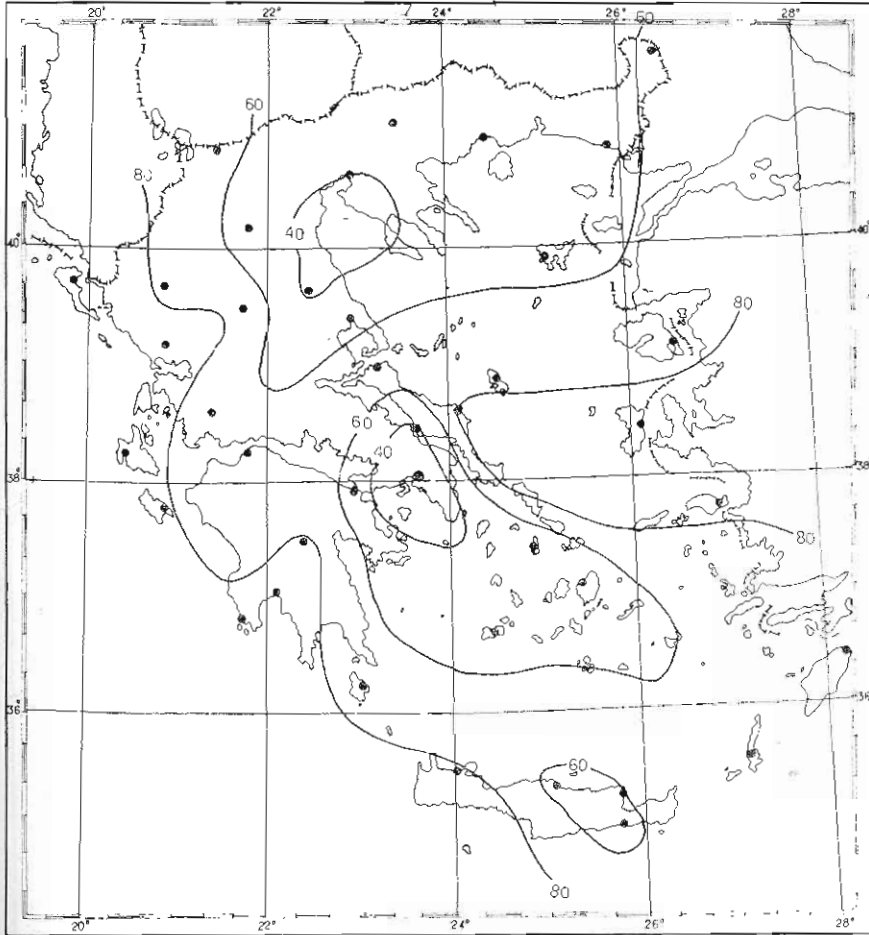


Fig. 10. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 50.0$  mm in March over Greece.

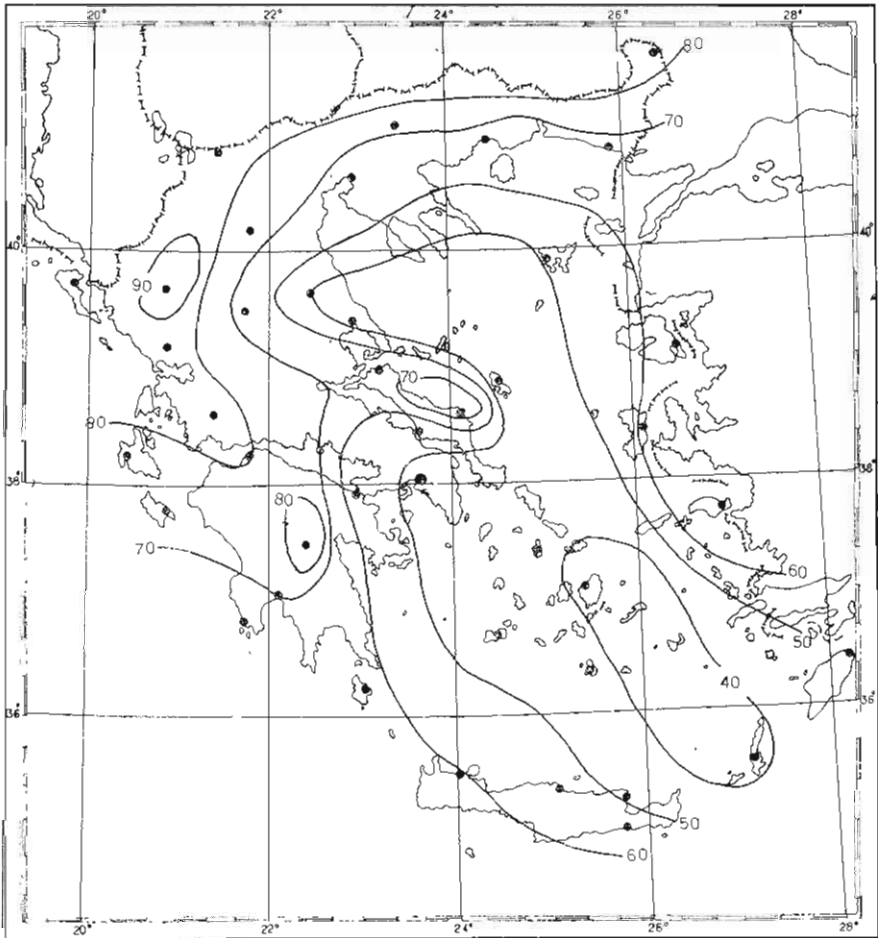


Fig. 11. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 25.0$  mm in April over Greece.

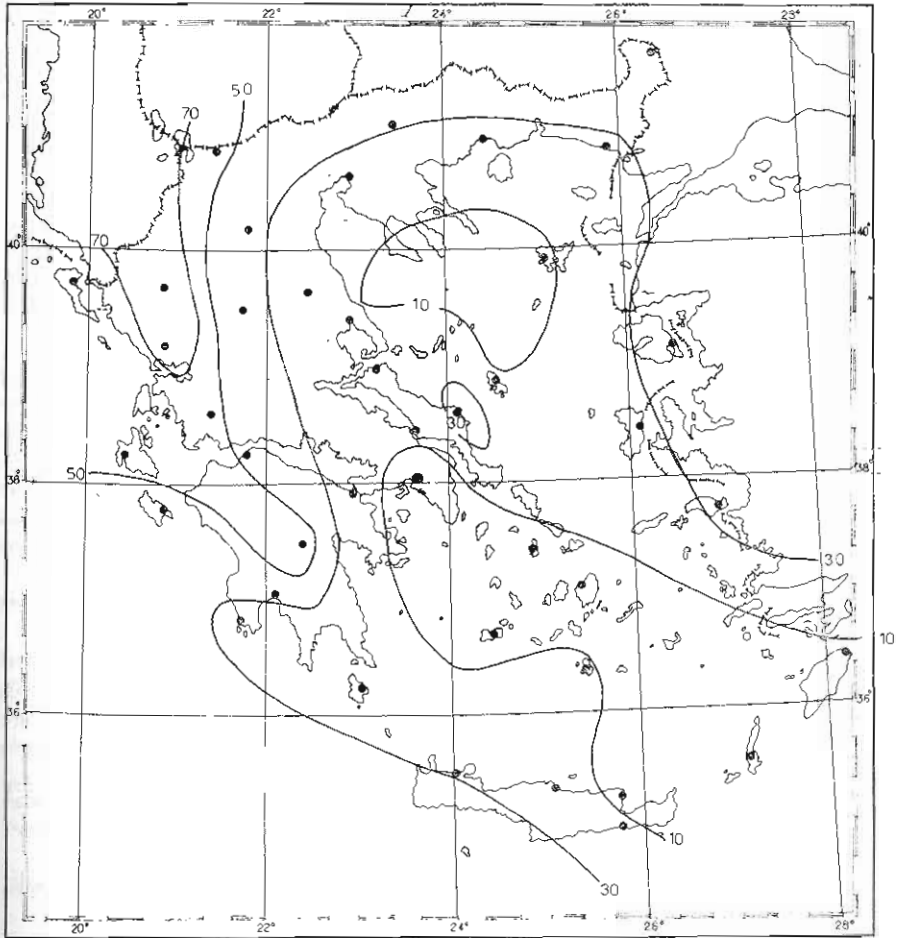


Fig. 12. Probability (%) of obtaining rainfall amount  $\geq 50.0$  mm in April over Greece