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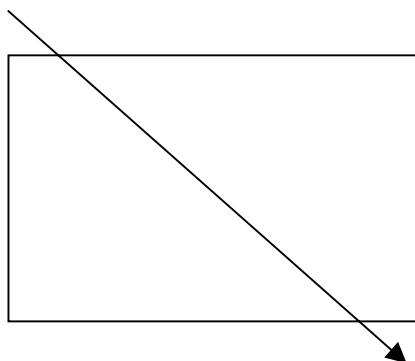


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	Left	Right	Left	Right
January 1	17.45	3.81	16.98	3.99
March 3	21.43	6.45	22.56	6.91

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Latin symbols

- a Normalized parameter, –
- b Characteristic physical quantity, unit
- c Normalizing constant, unit

Greek symbols

- α Dimensionless exponent

Subscripts

- i Position, node

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