

## Solutions to Hydrology Problems

1. **Problem 1:** A storm produces 25 mm of rainfall over a 5-hour period. Determine the average rainfall intensity.

**Solution:** The average rainfall intensity  $I$  is calculated by dividing the total rainfall by the duration. Here,  $I = \frac{25 \text{ mm}}{5 \text{ hours}} = 5 \text{ mm/hour}$ .

**Video Solution:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzAsamRqVk0>

2. **Problem 2:** A watershed has an area of 2 km<sup>2</sup>. Using the Rational Method with a runoff coefficient of 0.6 and a rainfall intensity of 50 mm/hr, determine the peak runoff.

**Solution:** The Rational Method calculates peak runoff  $Q$  using  $Q = 0.0028 \times C \times I \times A$ , where  $C$  is the runoff coefficient,  $I$  is the rainfall intensity in mm/hr, and  $A$  is the area in hectares. Converting 2 km<sup>2</sup> to hectares gives 200 hectares. Thus,  $Q = 0.0028 \times 0.6 \times 50 \times 200 = 16.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

**Video Solution:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brNpLh21UCg>

3. **Problem 3:** A soil sample has an infiltration rate of 5 mm/hr. If a rainfall event lasts for 3 hours with a constant intensity of 12 mm/hr, determine the total infiltration volume over a 500 m<sup>2</sup> area.

**Solution:** The infiltration volume  $V$  is calculated by multiplying the infiltration rate by the duration and the area. Here,  $V = 5 \text{ mm/hr} \times 3 \text{ hours} \times 500 \text{ m}^2 = 7500 \text{ liters}$ .

**Video Solution:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKJZs1N1BC4>

4. **Problem 4:** A groundwater well draws water from an unconfined aquifer with a hydraulic conductivity of 10 m/day. If the water table drops by 3 m over a horizontal distance of 500 m, determine the Darcy velocity.

**Solution:** Darcy's Law states that the velocity  $v$  is  $v = K \times i$ , where  $K$  is the hydraulic conductivity and  $i$  is the hydraulic gradient. Here,  $i = \frac{\Delta h}{L} = \frac{3 \text{ m}}{500 \text{ m}} = 0.006$ . Thus,  $v = 10 \text{ m/day} \times 0.006 = 0.06 \text{ m/day}$ .

**Video Solution:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvTV5TmtQOU>

5. **Problem 5:** A river section has a base flow of 2 m<sup>3</sup>/s. After a storm event, the peak runoff contribution from a watershed is 8 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Determine the total river discharge during the peak event.

**Solution:** The total river discharge during the peak event is the sum of the base flow and the peak runoff. Therefore, the total discharge is  $2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} + 8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .

**Video Solution:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4dGEL1YCDPM>