

QUIZ 2

CE 412/512 Hydrology - Spring 2013

Quiz is closed book and closed notes. For all problems, **write the equations used, show your calculations, include units, and box your answer.**

1. (30 pts) The initial rate of infiltration of a watershed is estimated as 2.1 in/hr, the final capacity is 0.2 in/hr, and the time constant, k, is 0.4 hr⁻¹. Use Horton's Equation to find:
- The infiltration capacity at t = 2 hr and t = 6 hr; and
 - The total volume of infiltration over the 6-hr period.

Horton's Equation: $f = f_c + (f_0 - f_c)e^{-kt}$

$$F = f_c t + \frac{(f_0 - f_c)}{-k} (e^{-kt})$$

Should have been: $F = f_c t + \frac{(f_0 - f_c)}{k} (1 - e^{-kt})$

SOLUTION

A. $f = f_c + (f_0 - f_c)e^{-kt}$ (15 pts)

$$f = 0.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} + (2.1 - 0.2) \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} * e^{-0.4t}$$

$$f = 0.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} + 1.9(e^{-0.4t}) \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}}$$

At t = 2 hr:

$$f = 0.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} + 1.9(e^{-0.4*2}) \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} = \boxed{1.05 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}}}$$

At t = 6 hr:

$$f = 0.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} + 1.9(e^{-0.4*6}) \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} = \boxed{0.37 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}}}$$

B. $Volume = \int f dt = \int 0.2 + 1.9(e^{-0.4*t})dt$ (15 pts)

$$Volume = [0.2t + \left(\frac{1.9}{-0.4}\right)(e^{-0.4*t})]_0^6$$

$Volume = 5.52 \text{ in}$ Wrong equation (no points deducted for this solution)

$$Volume = \int f dt = \int 0.2 + 1.9(e^{-0.4*t})dt$$

$$Volume = [0.2t + \left(\frac{1.9}{-0.4}\right)(1 - e^{-0.4*t})]_0^6$$

$Volume = \boxed{5.52 \text{ in}}$ Correct equation/answer

NOTE: The infiltration volume (F) is calculated as the integral of the infiltration (f) equation, and it must be solved from time t = 0 to 6 hr. Simply plugging in t=6 hr into the F equation is not complete.

Due to confusion with the provided equation for F, full credit was given for the following solution as well (even though it is incomplete):

$$F = f_c t + \frac{(f_0 - f_c)}{-k} (e^{-kt}) = \left(0.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}}\right) * (6 \text{ hr}) + \frac{(2.1 - 0.2)\text{in}}{-0.4 \frac{\text{hr}}{\text{hr}}} \left(e^{-\frac{0.4}{\text{hr}} * 6 \text{ hr}}\right) = \boxed{0.769 \text{ in}}$$

2. (20 pts) Use the rainfall data below to determine the ϕ index for the watershed if the runoff depth was 6.6 in.

Time (hr)	Rainfall (in/hr)
0-1	1.1
1-3	1.8
3-5	2.6
5-8	1.3

SOLUTION

Method 1:

$$\text{Total rainfall} = 1 \text{ hr} \left(\frac{1.1 \text{ in}}{\text{hr}} \right) + 2 \text{ hr} \left(\frac{1.8 \text{ in}}{\text{hr}} \right) + 2 \text{ hr} \left(\frac{2.6 \text{ in}}{\text{hr}} \right) + 3 \text{ hr} \left(\frac{1.3 \text{ in}}{\text{hr}} \right) = 13.8 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Runoff} = 6.6 \text{ in}$$

$$\text{Infiltration} = 13.8 - 6.6 = 7.2 \text{ in}$$

$$\phi * 8 \text{ hr} = 7.2 \text{ in}$$

$$\phi = 0.9 \text{ in/hr}$$

Method 2:

$$1(1.1 - \phi) + 2(1.8 - \phi) + 2(2.6 - \phi) + 3(1.3 - \phi) = 6.6 \text{ in.}$$

By trial and error:

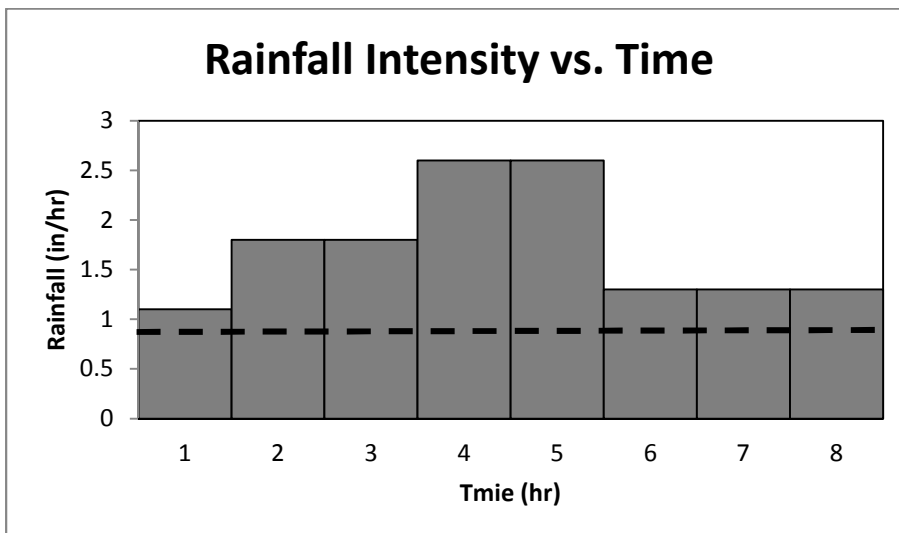
$$\text{Try } \phi = 1$$

$$1(1.1 - 1) + 2(1.8 - 1) + 2(2.6 - 1) + 3(1.3 - 1) = 5.8 \text{ in.} \neq 6.6 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{Try } \phi = 0.9$$

$$1(1.1 - 0.9) + 2(1.8 - 0.9) + 2(2.6 - 0.9) + 3(1.3 - 0.9) = 6.6 \text{ in.}$$

Therefore $\phi = 0.9 \text{ in/hr}$



3. (50 pts) A soil has the following soil properties for use in the Green-Ampt equation:

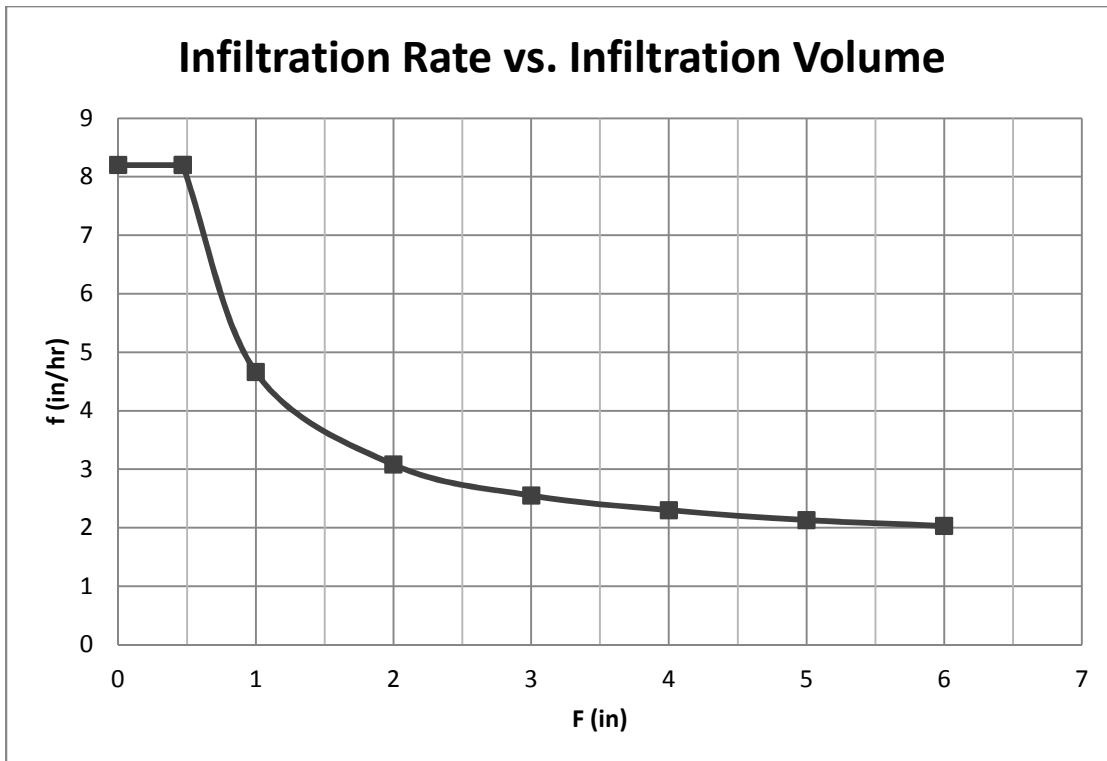
$$\begin{aligned}K_s &= 1.5 \text{ in/hr} & \theta_s &= 0.523 \\ \psi &= -9.8 \text{ in} & \theta_i &= 0.308 \\ i &= 8.2 \text{ in/hr}\end{aligned}$$

Using the Green-Ampt infiltration method:

- Calculate the initial moisture deficit, M_d .
- Find the volume of water that will infiltrate before saturation is reached, F_s .
- Find the time to saturation.
- Plot the infiltration rate, f , vs. the infiltration volume, F , on the plot provided.

Green-Ampt Equations:
$$F_s = \frac{\psi M_d}{(1 - i/K_s)}$$
$$f = K_s \left(1 - \frac{M_d \psi}{F} \right)$$

You may use the back of this page to show your calculations and solutions.



SOLUTION

A. $M_d = \theta_s - \theta_i$ (10 pts)

$$M_d = 0.523 - 0.308 = \boxed{0.215}$$

B. $F_s = \frac{\psi M_d}{(1 - i/K_s)}$ (10 pts)

$$F_s = \frac{(-9.8 \text{ in})(0.215)}{\left(1 - \frac{8.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}}}{1.5 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}}}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{F_s = 0.47 \text{ in}}$$

C. Time to saturation = $\frac{F_s}{i} = \frac{0.47 \text{ in}}{8.2 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}}} = \boxed{0.057 \text{ hr}}$ (10 pts)

D. $f = K_s \left(1 - \frac{M_d \psi}{F}\right)$ (20 pts)

$$f = 1.5 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{hr}} \left(1 - \frac{(0.215)(-9.8 \text{ in})}{F}\right)$$

$$f = 1.5 \left(1 + \frac{2.107}{F}\right)$$

F (in)	f (in/hr)
0	8.2
0.47	8.2
1	4.66
2	3.08
3	2.55
4	2.30
5	2.13
6	2.03

See final graph on previous page.